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Dallas Fed survey: energy companies more optimistic

Majority expects higher prices, balanced market by mid-2017

By Mella McEwen
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After seeing crude prices fall to 13-year lows in February, prices now close to $50 have oil and gas companies feeling more optimistic.

That was one of the main findings of the Dallas Fed Energy Survey released by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

"Business conditions improved in the second quarter, especially compared to the first quarter, which was truly dismal," said Michael Plante, senior research economist and project manager for the just-launched survey. He said the key word from the results is "stabilization."

Respondents to the survey, which covers the Eleventh District of Texas, southern New Mexico and northern Louisiana, said business activity turned to a positive 13.8 in the second quarter, up from a negative 42.1 in the first quarter.

"They're cautiously optimistic about the rest of 2016," said Plante of the companies participating in the survey. He said exploration and production companies were more optimistic than oil field service companies.

Outlooks six months out improved, with the index coming in at 19, up sharply from the -24.5 reading in the first quarter. Expected E&P capital spending for 2017 jumped 40 points to 25.4, suggesting producers have revised upward their expenditure estimates for next year, the survey said.

The companies also reported continued declines in oil and natural gas production in the second quarter but at a slower pace. The oil production index was -19.7, up from -49.4, and the natural gas production index rose 23 points to -24.7.

"For exploration and production companies, when oil and natural gas prices have come up quite a bit and to E&P companies, the benefit is almost immediate. But the prices aren't high enough to result in more activity," he said. "Executives say the outlook is better, but they're not yet ready to plunge into the pool."

While indicators suggest things looked better in the second quarter, "the slump is still here. Employment is still negative. And when we asked service companies about pricing, their outlook was still negative and they suggested prices are still depressed.

Service companies responding to the survey reported declines in equipment use largely flattened in the second quarter, with the equipment utilization index rising more than 50 points to come in just below zero, at -1.2.

Reflecting a more optimistic outlook, respondents said they expect higher commodity prices by the end of the year, with West Texas Intermediate forecast to average $54.80 per barrel. The average Henry Hub natural gas price at year-end is $2.63 per million British thermal units.

Approximately a third of respondents think the oil markets will balance by the end

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A safe Fourth of July

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Members of Midland High's JROTC, Cadet Captain Dora Perchez, Cadet 2nd Lt. Melynna Morgan, Cadet Airman 1st Class Daisy Montoya and Cadet Basic Angelina Jernigan man the Mr. W's Fireworks stand Wednesday off Rankn Highway.

Seller: Fireworks dangerous because they are 'explosives'

■ Question-and-answer provides tips for fireworks buying, firing

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With Independence Day festivities approaching, firework stands and stores have begun popping up around the city.

One such store is Mr. W Fireworks, located in south Midland. The store, run by Midland's First Assembly of God, also has a fireworks stand set up outside of the main store, with purchases from the stand going toward Midland High School's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram sat down with Mr. W Fireworks employee Jay Juarez to get his advice and input on the use and purchase of fireworks.

Midland Reporter-Telegram: What's the most important thing to keep in mind when igniting fireworks?

Juarez: Always back away. I would recommend probably 7 feet away because you never know — it is explosives.

MRT: What are your personal favorite fireworks?

Juarez: My personal favorite would have to be "The Good Stuff." It lasts for two minutes, and we will probably sell out of these because they just last so long. You just light it one time and it basically gives you a show. If anyone was doing a show for someone else, they would do this one last because it's pretty much the show-stopper.

MRT: What are the most powerful fireworks that you sell?

Juarez: That would be the "Artillery Shells." The biggest break is going to be "the Holy Smoke" and the "God's Wrath."

MRT: Are there any restrictions on when people can use their fireworks?

Juarez: I believe there's no restriction on when you have to light them. I just think that you can't light them in city limits. Anything that goes up in the air, you can't do in city limits. It has to be outside of city limits.

MRT: What kinds of fireworks would you recommend for beginners?

Juarez: We have some assorted packs with some (fireworks) for little kids and then they get increasingly bigger.

MRT: Of the fireworks available to purchase, which are the most dangerous?

Juarez: They're all, to some degree, dangerous because, again, they are explosives.

MRT: Which fireworks do people have the most accidents with?

Juarez: That would probably be the "Artillery Shells." Generally people buy a lot of these and each ("Artillery Shell") comes with their own tube, but people sometimes don't change out the tubes and so if you don't change out the tube and it gets super hot, there is a possibility that it could burst within the tube. It's recommended that if you're shooting any more than 12 ("Artillery Shells")], go on to the next tube.

MRT: When does the city require you to stop selling fireworks?

Juarez: I cannot sell past midnight on the Fourth (of July). At midnight, on the Fourth, I have to shut down.

MRT: When should people start buying fireworks?

Juarez: Now, because the third and Fourth (of July), we are going to get super busy and so we usually run out of a lot of stuff.

Gasoline prices fizzling for Fourth of July

■ Pump rally appears to have peaked earlier in June, and decline expected to continue through rest of 2016.

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Gasoline prices may have peaked for the year, already falling as the busy Fourth of July travel weekend approaches, according to analyst projections.

Gas prices in Midland

Cheapest gas: $2.06
Cheapest gas (non-membership store): $2.09
Cheapest in Odessa: $1.97
Average in Midland-Odessa: $2.18
Average last week: $2.18
Average in Texas: $2.11
Average in nation: $2.29

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Prices at the pump typically top out near the end of June — absent major swings in crude oil costs — and this year, gasoline prices likely will fall throughout the second half of 2016, according to a forecast by GasBuddy, which tracks fuel costs nationwide. Gasoline costs started decreasing just before the July 4 holiday in seven of the past 10 years.

"This defies the general consensus on Main Street that prices rise ahead of a major travel holiday," said Gregg Laskoski, senior petroleum analyst for Gas-Buddy.

Motorists will enjoy the lowest Fourth of July prices since 2005, according to GasBuddy. Nationally, pump prices fell an average of about 3 cents to $2.30.

GasBuddy predicts the national average will dip to $2.27 per gallon on July 4, down significantly from 2014, when the national average hit $3.66 per gallon.

The decision by United Kingdom voters to exit the European Union will add even more downward pressure to summer gasoline costs despite record-setting demand, Laskoski added. That's because the so-called Brexit is weakening global economies, depressing oil demand and prices. Cheaper oil — the primary feedstock of gasoline — means less expensive fuel.

GasBuddy projects that average gas price nationally will again slip below $2 a gallon as early as November as demand falls after summer and refineries begin pumping out cheaper winter-blend fuels. The average U.S. price for gasoline is expected to fall to an average of $2.21 in

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The big number
Police attempts to recapture a drug trafficker **have left 10 people dead** and caused more than a week of deadly gun-battles in the slums of Rio de Janeiro. Page 8A.

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

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Obituaries

Willie "Billie" Chappell Sewell Mills (Mimi)

Willie "Billie" Chappell Sewell Mills (Mimi) died peacefully at her home on June 26, 2016 in Midland, Texas at the age of 96.

Billie was born on May 12, 1920 in Lakeview, Texas to Valora Chappell and Thomas Chappell. She graduated from Tahoka High School in 1937. After high school graduation, she started at Draughon's Business College in Lubbock. In 1940, she was offered a civil service appointment in Ropesville, Texas where she was an office Clerk for Ropesville Farms Project until 1943.

In 1943, she traveled to California to work for Rohr Aircraft Payroll Department, where she worked for a few months until her mother became ill. When she returned home to Texas she worked as a Work Order Clerk for the Air Installation office at South Plains Army Air Field until the base was closed in 1947.

In later years, she worked various jobs to help support her family until Billie and her husband M.D. opened up D-Jax Corporation in Midland in 1972.

She married her first husband, Harold Sewell, in 1941 while he was on leave from the National Guard. They were only married one month before he was shipped out to Australia during World War II. Harold was aboard a Japanese Prison Ship as a POW which sank in November 1944 resulting in his death.

In 1947, Billie met M.D. Mills and, in August 19, 1950, they were married in Clovis, New Mexico. They lived in Midkiff, Texas at the Amerada Camp while M.D. worked for Amerada Petroleum Co. in 1952. There they raised their three children until moving to Midland in 1962. In September of 1972, Billie and M.D. started their own business D-Jax Corporation. Billie retired as the office manager in 2000.

Billie and M.D. would then enjoy retirement traveling around the country visiting all 50 states. Billie was a current member of the local Colonel Theunis Day DAR Chapter, Ladies Auxiliary, VFW Post 7208, Eastern Star, and was a lifetime member of the Texas PTA.

Billie also enjoyed her retirement with her seven "grangirls" and 11 great-grandchildren. She will be missed by many, but her memory will live on with each member of her family.

Billie is survived by her children, Marshal Mills and wife Sandy Mills of Toone, Tennessee, Joe Mills and wife Dianne Mills of Midland, and Kathy Whitaker and husband Wayne Whitaker of Midland; seven "grangirls" Stephanie Strickland and husband Todd Strickland of Midland, Jaime White and husband Andy White of Granbury, Texas, Ashlee Smith and husband Brian Smith of Bolivar, Tennessee, Heather Whitaker of Midland, Roni Manley and husband Michael Manley of Midland, Lyndsay Mills of The Colony, Texas, and Briana Welch and husband Lance Welch of Midland; and by 11 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, M.D. Mills; her mother, Valora Hamilton Morris; her father, Thomas Chappell; and by her brothers, Clyde Chappell, Colbert Chappell, and Jack Morris.

Pallbearers will be Andy White, Todd Strickland, Michael Manley, Lance Welch, Kenneth Whitaker, and Bobby Whisman.

Visitation will be held Friday, July 1, 2016, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

The funeral is scheduled for Saturday, July 2, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel, 3800 North Big Spring Street, Midland.

Graveside services will be held at Serenity Memorial Gardens, 6800 TX-349, Midland. Robert Frazier will officiate the ceremony. A reception will follow at 2808 Delano, Midland, TX 79703.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to Wounded Warrior Project at *woundedwarriorproject.org*, or Alzheimer's Association at *M.ALZ.ORG*.

The family would like to thank Home Hospice, Home Hospice nurses, aides, and Corinna for their care and dedication to our Mom and MIMI.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory
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AP Photo/John Mone

Dr. Peter Hotez, Dean of the Baylor College of Tropical Medicine, shows an Associated Press reporter and video journalist areas of Houston's 5th Ward that may be at high risk for mosquitoes capable of transmitting the Zika virus June 1 in Houston. The Aedes aegypti species is typically found anywhere standing water can accumulate.

Health officials prepare for Zika, but local efforts tight

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The poorest parts of Houston remind Dr. Peter Hotez of some of the neighborhoods in Latin America hardest hit by Zika.

Broken window screens. Limited air conditioning. Trash piles that seem to re-appear even after they're cleaned up.

On a hot, humid day this month, Hotez pointed at one pile that included old tires and a smashed-in television with water pooling inside. It was a textbook habitat for the mosquitoes that carry and transmit the Zika virus, and one example of the challenge facing public health officials.

"I'm showing you Zika heaven," said Hotez, the tropical medicine dean at Baylor College of Medicine.

Hotez and other tropical disease specialists are most concerned about impoverished urban areas and along the Gulf Coast, where the numbers of the mosquito that spreads Zika are expected to spike. Texas already has dealt with dengue fever, transmitted by the same mosquito.

Zika causes only a mild and brief illness, at worst, in most people. But it can cause fetal death and severe brain defects in the children of women infected during pregnancy.

So far, Texas officials have reported 48 people infected with Zika, all associated with travel. In one case, the virus was sexually transmitted by someone who had been infected abroad.

Public health officials have spent months preparing for what they are certain will be at least some locally transmitted cases. "It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when," said Dr. Umair Shah, the executive director of the Harris County public health department.

Florida and other states in the South where the Aedes aegypti mosquito is present also are taking steps to prepare. In Florida, for example, Gov. Rick Scott used his emergency powers last week to authorize spending up to $26.2 million for Zika.

His action comes as Congress remains stalemated on President Barack Obama's $1.9 billion proposal to fight the virus. A scaled-back $1.1 billion Republican-drafted measure was blocked in the Senate on Tuesday by Democrats opposed to its denial of new funding for Planned Parenthood clinics in Puerto Rico, where there already are more than 1,800 locally acquired cases, and to easing rules on pesticide spraying.

In Texas, major cities have sophisticated mosquito screening programs and years of dealing with other mosquito-borne illnesses like dengue and West Nile virus. But local authorities in most of the state have limited or no mosquito surveillance. The mosquitoes they do capture are typically sent to outside labs, and getting results can take weeks.

The smallest counties often have a single person driving around conducting surveillance — "Chuck in a truck," Hotez calls it.

The state health department has spent more than $400,000 since the start of the year to expand its lab capacity and to buy mosquito traps. It also launched a $2 million Zika awareness campaign.

Shah said there are cuts that can be made, "but there comes a point where you stretch people too much."

In Harris County, which encompasses Houston and is the third-most populous county in the U.S., officials aren't waiting for the federal government. They purchased their own testing machines and have retrofitted two labs to run tests only for Zika to get results faster.

Mosquito traps are set out on lawns and inside sewers in more than 250 designated areas. Thus far, no mosquitoes have tested positive for Zika.

If one does, the county will send out three-person investigative teams and use staff from other agencies and volunteers to clear any containers with water and other possible mosquito breeding grounds.

Other counties don't have the same capacity.

Hidalgo County, which covers McAllen and poor areas along the border with Mexico, is using 12 traps to collect mosquitoes for testing, county health director Eduardo Olivarez said. Officials also are trying to get residents to clean up trash and install window and door screens.

He is stymied by the problem of old tires collecting across the county, apparently on their way to and from Mexico.

The county has several "colonias," settlements with recent immigrants that often lack running water or basic infrastructure. Still, Olivarez says he's not expecting large Zika outbreaks because even the poorest parts of his county are less congested and have more air conditioning.

"Do we have poor areas? Can we look at improving our areas? Definitely," Olivarez said. "But I get people who get dengue and West Nile, and they live in air-conditioned homes."

Against the backdrop of the preparations are memories of what happened two years ago, when Texas was caught unprepared when a Liberian man arrived in Dallas carrying the Ebola virus. It wasn't until two weeks later that Texas announced a state task force of Ebola experts and agency leaders, and designated a hospital to treat more patients.

This time, a 31-member Zika task force is already in place. The state says it's better prepared to coordinate with doctors, county health officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Ebola was totally unexpected," said Carrie Williams, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of State Health Services. "No state thought it would be first and we didn't have the benefit of prior warning or having an established plan with time to practice.

"With Zika, we have been actively working on delaying or preventing it before it's really here," she said.

Texas researchers' findings factor into abortion ruling

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The biggest court ruling affirming U.S. abortion rights in a generation scolded Texas lawmakers for a lack of facts and vindicated Republicans' wonky pest: A team of university researchers so prolific in their scrutiny of Texas women's health laws that a state health official lost his job for collaborating with them.

This week's dismantling of Texas' restrictive abortion law ended a fight waged not just on ideological grounds but also in spreadsheets tabulated by a University of Texas research team that analyzed the law's impact on everything from rural abortion access to Twitter traffic. The restrictions required doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals and forced clinics to meet hospital-like standards.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer alluded to the Texas Policy Evaluation Project's findings in his data-heavy majority opinion Monday. Among some academics, the group's barrage of research published since the law passed in 2013 was unrivaled, pushing into the public arena suggestions that more women may try ending their own pregnancies or were driving farther to get abortions.

More than half of the state's 41 abortion clinics have closed since the law passed.

Texas Republicans often said the researchers' math didn't check out. When one unflattering study in February suggested that funding cuts to Planned Parenthood restricted access to women's health care, the state's head of health research resigned under pressure from GOP lawmakers, who questioned his contributions to a "deeply flawed and highly political report."

The anti-abortion group National Right to Life also said the Supreme Court justices erred in taking the research at face value. The findings did "not necessarily demonstrate as much as they thought it did, would be the charitable way to put it," said Randall O'Bannon, the group's director of education and research.

No state funding is used in the Texas research, according to one of its founders. Instead, the money has come from the Susan T. Buffet Foundation, a financial supporter of abortion-rights groups, a source that conservatives have raised when discrediting findings. Researchers say the foundation plays no role in their work.

"They have done a remarkable job — in the face, I might add, of resistance — to providing a full picture of information," said Wendy Davis, the former Democratic state senator who temporarily blocked the restrictions with an 11-hour filibuster in 2013.

Already, the high court's decision is reverberating elsewhere in the U.S., with Wisconsin and Mississippi losing their appeals to reinstate similar laws. But none of the states that have passed tough abortion laws had quite the amount of research as Texas did, arming abortion-rights groups in legal fights and giving judges data to chew on, said Elizabeth Nash, who studies state abortion laws for the New York-based Guttmacher Institute.

"There's not the volume," said Nash, whose group supports abortion rights. "This was a unique opportunity. It was this sort of clash of policy and impact happening at once, and it was great to document it."

Even with the law off the books, the tension is still there between a Republican legislative majority, which passed the laws on the grounds of protecting women's health, and researchers who say their conclusions show the opposite.

Earlier this month, the American Civil Liberties Union accused state health officials of "concealing" statewide abortion totals for 2014 in violation of open records laws. Those numbers are particularly sought-after by researchers and abortion-rights groups because it was the first full year that Texas' now-dismantled abortion clinic restrictions were in effect.

"If the data were final, we would release it," health department spokeswoman Carrie Williams told The Associated Press in an email statement.

Planned Parenthood and other clinic operators say it could take months or even years for new facilities to open in the wake of the court's ruling.

Daniel Grossman helped kick-start the research project in 2011 after the state passed a law requiring women to have a sonogram before an abortion. Grossman, who Breyer defended in his opinion as an expert witness, said getting data from the state since the project began "got more complicated and took more time," though he doesn't think the state is "particularly bad."

At some point, he said, the researchers began collecting figures directly from providers.

Remains of 2 train workers found in Texas; 1 missing

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — The remains of two crew members who had been missing since a head-on freight train collision in the Texas Panhandle were found Wednesday, officials said, and the third missing worker is presumed dead.

The bodies were found in the wreckage of the two trains near the town of Panhandle, BNSF Railway spokesman Joe Faust said.

One crew member is still missing, and a fourth jumped from one of the trains just before impact Tuesday; he is hospitalized with injuries that are not life-threatening, Faust said.

Work crews continued to pick through the tangled and smoldering wreckage of the smashed locomotives, rail cars and shipping containers near the town of Panhandle, about 40 miles northwest of Amarillo, he said.

The BNSF Railway freight trains were on the same track when they collided, triggering a fireball and causing containers and cars to tumble onto one another in a pileup.

One train had earlier stopped in Amarillo to refuel for its trip to Chicago, and that diesel fuel contributed to a fire that burned into the night, Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Dan Buesing said.

"You have two engines on each train with fuel and the eastbound train had stopped in the Amarillo yard and may have had extra fuel added for the trip out east," he said. The westbound train was headed to Los Angeles.

Freight cars and containers of consumer goods — such as paper products, clothing, television sets and computers — were strewn about 400 yards from the collision site, Buesing said.

It's not clear how fast the trains were traveling when they collided, but the speed limit in that area is 70 mph and BNSF spokesman Joe Faust said they were "traveling at less than track speed." It also wasn't clear why the trains were on the

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A driver for Uber Technologies Inc., arriving at an authorized customer pick up area at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on March 31 in Seattle. Uber will start keeping a closer eye on its drivers by tracking their speed and sudden acceleration or braking using data from the GPS and other motion sensors in their smartphones. The tests are new for Uber, which is eager to show that it's making safety a priority, at a time when authorities want to impose stricter rules on its hiring and operations.

Uber software tracks drivers for high speed, sudden stops

By Brandon Bailey
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Using smartphone sensors to peek over its drivers' shoulders, Uber is promising to keep a closer eye on their behavior — while discouraging speeding or slamming on the brakes.

The global ride-hailing company on Wednesday announced an extensive test of new software that aims to increase safety by analyzing data from individual drivers and sending them daily reports about things like sudden acceleration, braking and whether they're holding their phones when they drive.

Trucking companies and fleet operators collect similar information, while some auto insurers offer a discount to motorists who install a data-collection device in their cars. Uber, which is requiring drivers in several cities to participate, is eager to show that it's making safety a priority at a time when some jurisdictions are mulling whether to impose stricter oversight on ride-hailing businesses.

At the same time, Uber is also trying to ease some strains in its relationship with drivers, who work as independent contractors and in some cases have sued Uber over pay and working conditions. Earlier this month, Uber modified its app to give drivers more discretion to reject rides at certain times and to charge passengers who keep them waiting.

For now, Uber says it isn't using the new safety program to penalize drivers — or even to reward good driving habits — although the software measures some of the same behaviors that the company says are often cited by passengers when they give drivers a low rating. Repeated low ratings can lead to drivers being suspended from the service.

One part of the new program uses data from the same gyroscope and motion sensors that let smartphone users play games on their devices. Uber drivers already use a smartphone app to book rides and track their progress via GPS. By adding additional software to the app, Uber says it can measure a car's movement and gauge how fast the driver accelerates or brakes.

The software sends a daily summary to each driver, including a count of how often the driver has sped up or hit the brakes too abruptly. But it's an automated process: Uber says the software's not intended to trigger human intervention in the case of a driver who's dangerously erratic. Instead, the company says passengers should use the "help" button on its app.

San Francisco-based Uber will also use sensors to measure "phone movement," which may indicate the driver is clutching the phone while steering. Since that can be a distraction, Uber says it will notify drivers if it detects excessive phone movement through the day, with a reminder that it's safer to leave the phone in a mounting device. As it tests this program, Uber may also send passengers an email or text, asking if their driver was holding the phone.

A third feature will send drivers a notice immediately if they're traveling at excessive speed, although for now, the notice will only be triggered if a car is moving more than 15 miles per hour above the posted limit on highways. A fourth program will send generic reminders to drivers about the benefits of taking a rest break.

Uber says it's testing the new features in a handful of large cities. About half of its drivers in each test city will get the new software, so the company can compare their behavior with the half that don't receive the notifications. After two months, the company says it will evaluate the results and decide whether to expand the programs.

Media use in America up a full hour over just last year

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The typical American adult is using media for a full hour a day more than just last year, with smartphones accounting for most of the increase.

People spent an average of 10 hours, 39 minutes each day with smartphones, tablets, TV, radio, computers and video games during the first three months of 2016, according to a Nielsen company study released this week. It was nine hours, 39 minutes during the same period in 2015.

Even these numbers are probably underestimated, since while Nielsen measures the amount of time spent online on smartphones, it doesn't count texting, taking selfies or talking on the phone.

Most Americans can sense the increase anecdotally given the ubiquity of smartphones. People stare at screens while waiting in line for fast food, riding in elevators or walking down the street. Retail outlets post signs pleading that phones be turned off. People check messages in bed before falling asleep, and reach for the devices upon waking up.

As she waits for her 5:45 a.m. spin class to begin, Cassandra Girao of Ossining, New York, sits on a bike scrolling through her email, listening to music or solving a puzzle.

"I feel like I would be lost without it," Girao said. "My whole life is on it."

Even so, Girao said she feels better when she gives the phone a rest. She sometimes hides tablets from her 4-year-old son to give him device-free days, and said he's better behaved as a result.

An estimated 81 percent of American adults use a smartphone regularly, with the number of users growing by more than 20 million in the past year, said Glenn Enoch, senior vice president of audience insights for Nielsen.

Of the additional hour in media time that Nielsen has measured this year, smartphone usage accounts for 37 minutes and tablets 12 minutes. Online smartphone use averages an hour and 39 minutes a day — more than double what it was two years ago, Nielsen said.

Liana Sayer, director of the Time Use Laboratory at the University of Maryland, notices restaurant patrons who sit at tables staring at their phones and ignoring their companions. They might as well be eating alone.

"Young people text a lot, but they're not doing it at the expense of face-to-face contact," she said. "What I see that is more concerning is family members focusing on their phones and not sitting around the dinner table enjoying conversations."

Smartphone usage has grown so quickly that there hasn't been much research into what kind of an impact it is having on people's lives, Sayer said.

People spending more time on phones and tablets hasn't caused a corresponding drop in the use of other media, an indication that there's a lot of multi-tasking going on. People are spending 3 minutes less watching live television than they did a year ago, but they still spend 4 1/2 hours a day in front of the TV, Nielsen said.

One ominous sign for television executives is that people aged 18 to 34 spend more of their time each day online than they do watching live television, by a margin of 39 percent of their media time to 29 percent. People over 50 prefer TV by 53 to 21 percent, Nielsen said.

Nielsen noticed another media milestone this year: For the first time, as many American homes subscribe to video services like Netflix or Hulu as there are homes with digital video recorders. Nearly 30 percent of homes have both DVRs and a streaming service.

Facebook's latest news feed tweak: This time, it's personal

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facebook has once again tweaked the formula it uses to decide what people will see in their news feed — and this time, it's personal.

The social media giant says it updated the news feed so that people will see more posts from their friends and family and not, say, by the New York Times or Buzzfeed.

To try to keep people glued to Facebook, it regularly updates the algorithm that decides what posts users see.

With the latest update, the company says it's focusing on what Facebook is for — connecting with people you know.

Here's a look at some of the ways the company has changed the news feed, which launched in 2006, as well as some of the factors it uses in deciding what makes up your feed.

Down with clickbait?

Facebook tweaked its news feed in 2014 to clamp down on "clickbait," posts with grabby headlines like "you won't believe what happened next" that ultimately disappoint.

More clicks meant the posts would move higher in people's news feeds, even if people didn't really want to see them. How did Facebook decide what's clickbait? For one, it knows how much time you spend reading an article. A quick click generally means users are not really interested in the post that was shared.

Facebook's push worked. Users are much less likely to see clickbait on their news feed these days.

Your personal "newspaper"

In May 2013, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said he wanted the news feed to look more like a digital newspaper, filled with information tailored to each user.

The company gave users more ways to decide what they want to see and what

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Things to do

■ Storytime at the Library. 9:30 a.m. (babies to 2 years), 10:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library-Downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Teen Wii Tournament, 2-4 p.m., Midland County Public Library-Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Teen Snail Mail Social, 2-4 p.m., Midland County Public Library-Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ #HangoverThursdays, 7 p.m., Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

■ Prophets and Outlaws at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. Haciendamidland.com.

■ Matt Caldwell, 9 p.m., Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

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

Note: Check out the weekend entertainment calendar in the Weekender in today's edition.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30-7:30 p.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

■ PDAP meetings, 7-8 p.m.: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church

■ Bingo, 7-10 p.m., American Legion Post 19, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane, 682-5511.

Swimming pools today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, located at 900 Midland Drive, noon to 7 p.m. The lap pool will be closed from noon to 1 p.m. on weekdays for lap swimming.

■ Washington Aquatic Center, located at 1601 E. Indiana Ave., noon to 7 p.m.

The cost of entry at city of Midland pools is $3 per person, with free admission for children under the age of 2.

Source: City of Midland

Freedom run

Registration is open for 5K Freedom Run, which is planned for Friday. The chip-timed race will start at 8 a.m. from First Baptist Church north parking lot, 2104 W. Louisiana Avenue.

Proceeds from the race will benefit the Midland Municipal Employees Scholarship Fund, a non-profit organization that provides college scholarships to dependents of city employees. The entry fee is $30 through Wednesday and $35 the day of the race. The first 200 registrants will receive an event T-shirt. All registrants will be eligible for the chance to win a GoPro camera, according to a press release from the city.

To register, go to www.midlandtexas.gov/freedomrun. For more information, contact Gabe McClelland, MMESF board president, at gmcclelland@midlandtexas.gov or 685-7983.

Large item pickup

For residential customers, the city of Midland will pick up furniture and appliances at no additional charge. These items must be placed in the alley in the city right-of-way; the city will not go onto private property. Do not place your item next to the Dumpster; it needs to be behind your home, in the alley. These larger item collections must be scheduled with the Solid Waste Division. Please call 432-685-7278 to schedule this service.

Source: City of Midland

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogy@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Honor those who served

There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are:

■ Show of Support (687-2167)

■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177), Reel Thanx (528-6633)

■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)

■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)

■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)

■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

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Powerball: 23-29-37-60-64 PB: 6
Power Play: 2
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Brexit economic fallout worries Americans in Bloomberg poll

By John McCormick
Bloomberg

More than a third of U.S. voters see the U.K.'s decision to leave the European Union as damaging to the American economy and four in 10 of those who have stock market investments say it will hurt their portfolios.

A Bloomberg/Morning Consult national poll on fallout from the Brexit vote on the western side of the Atlantic also shows deep concern about damage to the global economy and a general souring on stocks of companies outside the United States.

Despite evidence of underlying anxiety about it, the British action doesn't seem to be weighing too heavily on American consumers so far, with 50 percent of voters saying it will have no impact on their purchasing decisions. About a fifth say it will have a minor influence, while a tenth say it's likely to affect their spending in a major way.

The online survey found most Americans are following Brexit news, with 28 percent of voters saying they've read, seen or heard "a lot" about the decision and another 36 percent answering "some" to that question.

"With financial markets taking a dive worldwide, U.S. voters by wide margins say the United Kingdom's decision will hurt the U.S. economy, the U.K. economy and even the global economy," said Kyle Dropp, co-founder and chief research officer at Morning Consult, a Washington-based media and technology company.

A majority of U.S. voters — 57 percent — say they don't expect the U.K. verdict will influence their vote in the presidential election. For the roughly quarter who say it will, almost half say it will make them more likely to support Democrat Hillary Clinton, while 35 percent say Republican Donald Trump.

Among U.S. voters with investments in the stock market, 41 percent say they think the Brexit decision will hurt their portfolios, while 17 percent see it as a positive.

Many in that pool of people — voters with investments who see the outcome having either good or bad consequences — are considering increasing their cash or gold positions. Both are traditional safe havens amid uncertainty.

Four in 10 of those investors say they're inclined to buy more in gold, while a third say they're likely to hold larger cash positions. After closing Monday at its highest level since July 2014, gold slipped lower on Tuesday as global markets recovered some of the ground they had lost in the previous two trading sessions.

Roughly half of investors who think Brexit will have an impact on their portfolios — 51 percent — say they're less likely to invest in international stock markets. Views on U.S. stock markets are more mixed, with a third saying they'll invest less in that asset class, 30 percent saying more and 29 percent saying about the same.

The poll was conducted Friday through Monday, starting the day the outcome of the vote became known and as the U.S. and global stock markets recorded significant drops.

Those with higher levels of education and incomes are more likely to say that the Brexit vote will hurt the U.S. economy. Democrats are also more likely than Republicans or independents to hold that view.

Opinions are mixed on whether the decision will strengthen or weaken the "special relationship" that the U.K. and U.S. have traditionally enjoyed. Just less than a third say it will strengthen it, while 26 percent say it will weaken it and 42 percent said they don't yet know or have no opinion.

America's voters generally have a favorable view of Britain, with 62 percent saying they have a very or somewhat favorable view of the island nation. That's a larger proportion than the 51 percent who say that of Germany, another close American ally.

The European Union is viewed favorably by 39 percent of voters, with 29 percent viewing it unfavorably and 31 percent having no opinion.

While almost two-thirds of U.S. voters are at least casually following Brexit news, understanding of the issue and election's outcome aren't universal. Two-thirds of those in the survey correctly selected that the U.K. had voted to leave the European Union, while 7 percent thought the outcome was the opposite of what happened and 26 percent said they didn't know.

The level of awareness jumped in the second half of the survey period. During Friday and Saturday, 57 percent said they were at least casually following the situation, while that number jumped to 68 percent by Sunday and Monday.

Robert Sciarrino/NJ Advance Media via AP, Pool

As defendant Shawn Custis, second right, hides his face with a folder while sitting in court, Essex County Assistant Prosecutor Jamel Semper, left, asks that he be given a life sentence for the brutal beating of a woman Wednesday in Newark, N.J. Custis was sentenced to life plus 5 years by Superior Court Judge Ronald Wigler for the brutal beating of a woman during a 2013 home invasion caught on a nanny-cam home security video.

Man convicted of beating caught on nanny cam gets life term

By David Porter
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — A judge sentenced a career criminal to life in prison Wednesday for a brutal home invasion beating caught on a nanny cam after listening to the victim describe how the attack left her with physical and psychological scars.

Shawn Custis said nothing during the hearing and held a folder of papers in front of his face during the proceeding to block photographers from taking his picture.

The woman, who testified against Custis during the trial, gasped and sobbed in the gallery after state Superior Court Judge Ronald Wigler pronounced the sentence and referred to the 45-year-old man as "vicious, depraved and evil."

The 2013 attack lasted several minutes and started while the woman was sitting with her daughter watching television, with her infant son sleeping upstairs. The woman was punched and kicked repeatedly and thrown down a flight of stairs. The children weren't physically injured.

Approaching the bench to describe how the crime has affected her, the woman said she suffered a fractured bone in her back and facial injuries and remains so traumatized that she has been unable to return to work and has had to move her family.

"I carry a personal alarm even when I am in the comfort of my own home," said the woman, who prosecutors asked not be identified. "I am in my own prison. I haven't opened a window in my house in two years."

A jury convicted Custis on June 1 of aggravated assault, child endangerment, robbery, burglary, criminal restraint and theft. But the panel acquitted him of the most serious charge, attempted murder.

Wigler added an additional five years to Custis' life sentence for the child endangerment conviction. Custis won't be eligible for parole for more than 60 years.

Prosecutors had sought a life sentence for the Newark resident based on a criminal past Wigler termed "rather staggering." It included 38 arrests and 17 felony convictions before the 2013 attack in Millburn, a suburban town several miles from Newark.

One of the previous convictions was for a 1990s home invasion similar to the attack in Millburn, according to Assistant Essex County Prosecutor Jamel Semper.

"Half-measures of leniency haven't worked to deter this defendant," Semper told the judge. "He has almost as many arrests as he's had birthdays."

Custis' attorney argued during the trial that the police investigation was biased because a white officer responding to the crime scene was heard on video using a racial slur. Custis is black.

Prosecutors countered that four women who knew Custis identified him after seeing the video of the attack on television, and DNA tests showed blood found on his jeans belonged to the victim.

Defense attorney John McMahon said Custis maintains his innocence and plans to appeal.

TRAIN

From 2A

same track.

The National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Railroad Administration are investigating the crash.

BNSF has pledged to meet a 2018 federal deadline to adopt technology, called positive train control or PTC, that relies on GPS, wireless radio and computers to monitor train positions and automatically slow or stop trains that are in danger of colliding, derailing due to excessive speed or about to enter track where crews are working or that is otherwise off limits.

At least three freight railroads have said they'll need an extension to 2020.

Faust said the collision is the type of accident PTC can prevent and that BNSF is "aggressively" pursuing it "across our network."

"While sections of the track operated by the eastbound train involved in this accident have PTC installed and are being tested, the section of track where the incident occurred will be installed later this year," he said in a statement released Tuesday.

In Washington, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx urged the railroad industry "to move as fast as they possibly can" to put PTC systems into operation.

"Folks don't have to wait until the deadline to get PTC compliant," he said Wednesday in response to a reporter's question about the collision.

Any collision is "a terrible event," he said. "Ones that technology could have helped us avoid remind us how critical it is to get this technology in place."

CRIME BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland police make arrest in fatal stabbing

The Midland Police Department reports officers arrested a suspect overnight who is believed to have fatally stabbed a man at an apartment complex on Tuesday evening.

Juan Carlos Lucatero, 26, has been charged with the murder of 66-year-old Paul Cytulik Sr. and is being held at Midland County Detention Center, according to a MPD press release.

Midland police and fire departments, according to the press release, responded to reports of a stabbing at approximately 7:57 p.m. Tuesday at the Summerhill Apartments, located in the 3000 block of Midland Drive. Upon arrival, they found Cytulik, a resident of the apartment complex, with multiple stab wounds in the area of the apartment's pool. He was transported with multiple stab wounds on his torso and was declared deceased at the hospital shortly after as a result of his injuries.

Lucatero, according to MPD, fled the scene on foot and matched descriptions given by several witnesses during the investigation. A bicycle left near the crime scene led police to Lucatero's nearby residence in the 4400 block of Andrews Highway, where police located and arrested him overnight. Detectives executed a search warrant and found bloodied clothing and a weapon matching descriptions given by witnesses at the apartment complex.

The investigation into the incident, including motive, is ongoing and next of kin has been notified.

Man going to prison for sexual assault of a child

A Midland County jury sentenced Alexander Martin Whitehead, 27, to seven years in prison Tuesday after finding him guilty of aggravated sexual assault of a child, according to a press release from the Midland County District Attorney's Office.

The report shows Whitehead was found guilty on Monday. The jury heard evidence that Whitehead sexually assaulted a female family member in the summer of 2011. Midland County assistant district attorneys Laura Nodolf, Whitney Griffith and Rebecca Patterson prosecuted the case.

FED

From 1A

of this year and 70 percent believe that balance will be reached by the second quarter of 2017 and 90 percent expecting a balanced market by the end of 2017.

While participation in the second quarter survey fell from that seen in the first quarter, Plante said there was a 75 percent response rate. He noted that participation is voluntary. "They take the survey because they want to participate," he said.

Data for the second quarter survey were collected June 15-23, and 152 energy firms responded to the survey. Of the respondents, 67 were E&P firms and 85 were service companies.

"I will be interested in the third quarter results and seeing if they're more positive," Plante said.

The Dallas Fed will release its third quarter results Sept. 28.

GAS

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August, $2.02 in October and $1.88 in December, according to GasBuddy.

The national average bottomed out below $1.70 a gallon in February and hit nearly $2.40 earlier in June. In the Houston area, prices dipped below $1.50 a gallon earlier in the year and rose to nearly $2.15 in mid-June.

The U.S. benchmark for crude oil settled Tuesday at $47.85 a barrel. That's up $1.52 for the day, but still well down from the $50-a-barrel oil from just prior to the Brexit vote.

Disclosures of new Clinton emails raise questions about her transparency

By Rosalind S. Helderman
The Washington Post

As Hillary Clinton tries to put to rest the controversy over her private email server that has dogged her presidential campaign, she has repeatedly cited her willingness to make her work correspondence public as evidence that she has nothing to hide.

"I have provided all of my work-related emails, and I've asked that they be made public, and I think that demonstrates that I wanted to make sure that this information was part of the official records," she told ABC News last month.

But disclosures over the past several weeks have revealed dozens of emails related to Clinton's official duties that crossed her private server and were not included in the 55,000 pages of correspondence she turned over to the State Department when the agency sought her emails in 2014.

At least 69 such emails have come to light so far, many of them through public-records lawsuits brought by the conservative group Judicial Watch.

In one email released by Judicial Watch on Monday, Clinton queried aide Huma Abedin and another staffer about how her official records were being maintained. "I have just realized I have no idea how my papers are treated at State. Who manages both my personal and official files?" she wrote on March 22, 2009.

A 2010 Clinton email, which was disclosed last month by the State Department's inspector general but had not been submitted by the former secretary, appears to show that she was concerned about ensuring privacy for her personal emails if she was given an official government account.

"Let's get separate address or device but I don't want any risk of the personal being accessible," Clinton wrote.

The newly disclosed gaps in Clinton's correspondence raise questions about the process used by the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee and her lawyers to determine which emails she turned over to the department.

Clinton has said she deleted nearly 32,000 emails from her time as secretary because they were purely personal, dealing with such matters as arrangements for her daughter's wedding and her yoga routine.

But Republicans have said there is no way to know whether Clinton also deleted potentially embarrassing work-related emails.

The State Department has released redacted copies of the emails Clinton handed over.

The newly disclosed emails have emerged as the agency has released copies of Abedin's correspondence, which in some cases includes previously undisclosed exchanges with Clinton.

Brian Fallon, a Clinton campaign spokesman, said that both Clinton and Abedin provided "all potentially work-related emails in their possession" to the State Department.

Fallon added: "We understand Secretary Clinton had some emails with Huma that Huma did not have, and Huma had some emails with Secretary Clinton that Secretary Clinton did not have."

The email controversy has haunted Clinton's candidacy for more than a year and contributed to her rising unfavorable poll numbers.

Presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump's negative ratings are higher, and Clinton has taken a solid lead in recent national surveys.

But the email disclosures come as part of ongoing litigation that is likely to cause Clinton's campaign continued discomfort in coming months.

Judicial Watch was scheduled to spend seven hours on Tuesday taking sworn testimony from Abedin, a Clinton confidante and former State Department deputy chief of staff.

A transcript of the session could be released as early as this week and is likely to provide new information about Clinton's email setup.

Another former top aide, Undersecretary for Management Patrick Kennedy, was to be interviewed Wednesday. Judicial Watch has also requested permission to interview Clinton herself.

The group will also receive hundreds of additional pages of emails sent and received by Abedin using a personal email account routed through Clinton's personal server.

Abedin turned those records over to the State Department in 2015, and the department, in turn, is under a court order requiring that they be released to Judicial Watch in monthly batches over the next year. That process could well result in the publication of additional emails that Clinton had not provided to the State Department.

Meanwhile, an FBI investigation into the security of Clinton's email server has yet to be resolved.

Clinton filed a sworn statement to a federal judge certifying that she submitted all emails in her possession that might have been federal records to the State Department in December 2014.

Her campaign has said she no longer had access to some of her emails, particularly from her first two months in office, while she was transitioning into the role and switching from an account linked to her AT&T BlackBerry to one routed through her home server. But her spokesman has not provided a full explanation for all of the gaps.

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton said that the growing number of Clinton work emails that she did not turn over undermined her vows of transparency.

"The most charitable interpretation is that the process she and her attorneys used to cull government emails from the emails she took with her didn't work," he said. "The less charitable interpretation is that these emails were not helpful to Mrs. Clinton, so they were not turned over."

In a statement Monday night, the Trump campaign cited new emails released by Judicial Watch as a sign that Clinton had "lied" about turning over all her work-related correspondence. "We now know that Clinton's repeated assertion that she turned over everything work-related from her time at the State Department is not true," the campaign said.

In a report issued last month about Clinton's email practices, the State Department inspector general's office formally concluded that Clinton's production of emails had been "incomplete."

Among the gaps, the IG found, were all emails Clinton sent and received between Jan. 21, 2009, when she took office, and March 17, 2009.

The IG said emails were also missing that Clinton sent from the start of her term until April 12, 2009.

Among those the IG said she had not turned over were 19 emails exchanged with Gen. David Petraeus in January and February 2009.

Approximately 15 additional emails that Clinton exchanged with informal adviser Sidney Blumenthal were turned over by Blumenthal to the House committee investigating the 2012 attacks on U.S. outposts in Benghazi, Libya, but did not appear among the emails she had turned over.

The State Department has not addressed the gaps in Clinton's emails other than to note that it is methodically responding to public records requests as they are received, which has included releasing all of Clinton's emails, as well as some emails from Abedin and other aides.

A steady stream of internal State Department documents released in response to public records requests promises new revelations until Election Day about Clinton's leadership of the department.

One series of documents requested by Citizens United and then published by ABC News and other news organizations appears to show that Clinton's top staff intervened to appoint a Democratic donor to a sensitive arms control advisory panel even though the donor, a Chicago securities trader, had no experience in the field.

The emails show that some State Department staffers were initially puzzled when they received questions regarding the appointment of Rajiv K. Fernando to the International Security Advisory Board in 2011. "The true answer," one official wrote at the time, explaining the inclusion of Fernando on a list of candidates, is that Clinton's chief of staff Cheryl Mills "added him."

Fernando had also been a major donor to the Clinton Foundation, the global charity started by former president Bill Clinton.

He resigned the board position shortly after ABC News inquired about the appointment in 2011.

Clinton campaign spokesman Nick Merrill noted the board was a volunteer advisory panel, its charter called for members with a diverse set of experiences, and that this was one of several foreign policy-oriented organizations with which Fernando was involved.

Fernando could not be reached for comment.

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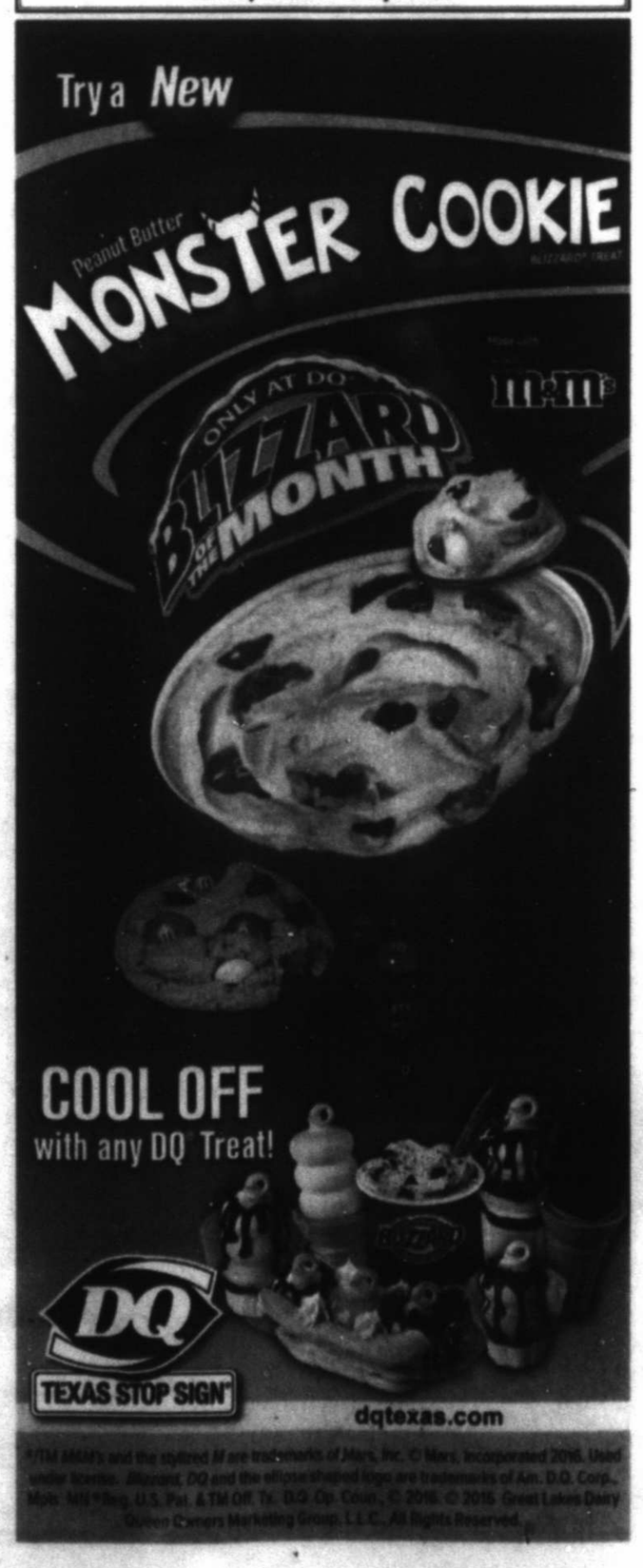

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Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., talks about his agenda for a GOP-controlled Congress during an interview with The Associated Press on Capitol Hill on Dec. 17, 2014 in Washington. McConnell faces a nearly impossible task this election year: protecting Senate Republicans from the political upheaval of Donald Trump's presidential campaign. Trump's polar opposite in almost every way, the close-mouthed, uncharismatic 74-year-old finally got his dream job just last year and is trying to keep it, even if a Trump backlash provokes a Democratic tidal wave in November.

McConnell bids to shelter GOP senators from Trump upheaval

By Erica Werner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is wrestling with an unenviable, arguably impossible task this election year: protecting Senate Republicans from the political upheaval caused by Donald Trump's presidential candidacy.

If he fails it won't be for lack of preparation, hard work and cold-blooded political calculation.

In many ways Trump's polar opposite, the close-mouthed, deliberate, uncharismatic McConnell maneuvered into his dream job as majority leader just last year, and has been working every angle to ensure he hangs onto it even if a backlash against Trump provokes a Democratic tidal wave. If they keep the presidency, Democrats need to pick up four Senate seats to take back the majority.

For McConnell, 74, avoiding that outcome means running a Senate schedule designed to assist a handful of vulnerable GOP incumbents in states such as Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Ohio. He's allowing them to take votes and stack up accomplishments on issues like opioid addiction that they can brag about to voters back home. "It's certainly helped me," said one of these lawmakers, Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin.

It means having the foresight to push for an independent super PAC run by allies that is focused solely on Senate Republicans, built on a model that helped McConnell himself to a resounding re-election win in Kentucky two years ago. The Senate Leadership Fund, run by his former chief of staff Steven Law, announced this week it was reserving nearly $40 million in air time for the fall in five states.

And it means a delicate dance with Trump, whom he was quick to endorse in May, declaring that Trump had "won the old-fashioned way — he got more votes than anybody else." The

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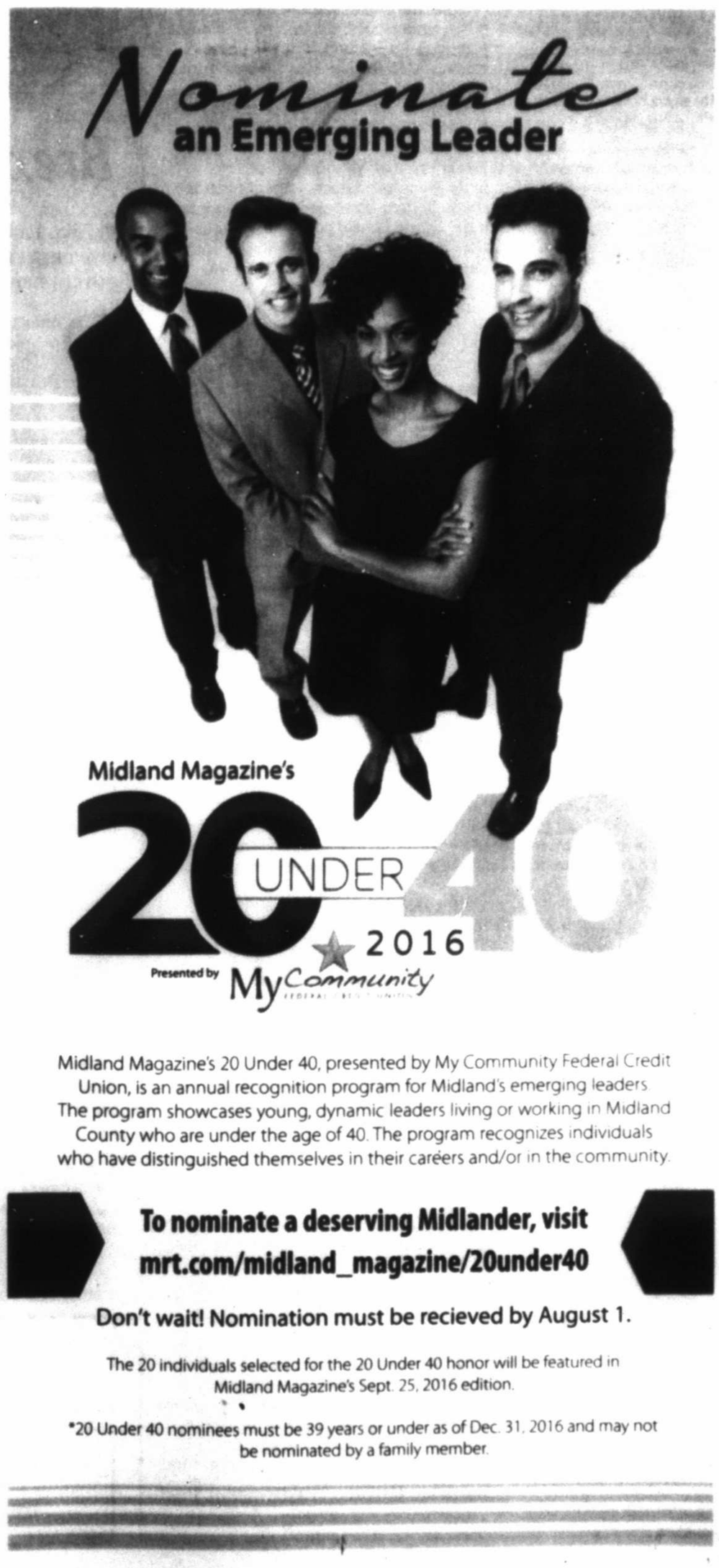

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For conservatives, this is a time for resistance

■ The business model for Trump supporters is to provide alibis for the least conservative GOP presidential nominee in history

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In his resignation speech following Great Britain's vote to divorce from the European Union, Prime Minister David Cameron claimed several achievements by his government: reforming welfare and education; increasing development assistance to "the poorest people in the world"; and "enabling those who love each other to get married, whatever their sexuality." He also mentioned "building a bigger and stronger society" — a reference to his "Big Society" ideological framework, which sought to empower local people and communities as an alternative both to centralized bureaucracies and to libertarian indifference.

What is remarkable about Cameron's definition of success is how utterly disconnected it is from the deep, visceral populist trends that have come to dominate his party and now his country. Cameron had attempted to define a post-Thatcherite conservative vision "integrating the free market with a theory of social solidarity." But this was swept away, not so much by an alternative argument — the economic case against the Brexit is overwhelming — but by powerful, ethno-nationalist instincts. In retrospect, Cameron's project of ideological renovation was hopeless, even poignant — trying to organize an outdoor tea during a hurricane.

This is the most frightening aspect for American conservatives of the British vote. Since 1955, with the founding of National Review, conservatives have attempted to make ideological arguments — involving respect for free markets and civil society — that they hoped would win influence in America's center-right party. But now that entire project seems threatened. The type of populism that Donald Trump has unleashed is not a set of arguments, but a set of tendencies and prejudices. In large portions of the Republican Party, ideology has been replaced by identity.

We are familiar with identity politics on the left, which can reduce public life to the organized appeasement of resentments. An identity politics of the right asserts that the real America — or the real England — is being diluted and corrupted by outsiders. It elevates a form of nationalism, not based on abstract ideals, but on blood and soil.

This is one reason ideological conservatives find it so frustrating to argue with Trump supporters. They are not looking for innovative policy, or reliable information, or even logical consistency. So it does not matter to them when Trump is exposed as shallow, deceptive or incoherent. They trust his instincts in defending American national identity as they have known it.

Trans-Atlantic elites have consistently underestimated the intensity of public reaction against migration, multiculturalism and globalization. When given the chance to vote, a significant and highly committed portion of the electorate wants to repudiate leaders, experts and authority figures — everyone who has been complicit in the last few decades of disorienting economic and social change.

In American politics, populism cuts across the parties. But in only one party has the establishment been (apparently) beaten. The range of reactions has been revealing. Some, particularly in the Republican foreign policy establishment, are finding more ideological overlap with Hillary Clinton and her team than they have with Republican populists. By the measure of who would more responsibly and competently defend the country and engage the world, the contest is not close. On the international stage, Trump's silliness and impulsiveness take on a more sinister aspect. Determined outreach by the Clinton campaign to Republican internationalists may have a considerable yield.

Other principled conservatives, such as my colleague George Will, have chosen to part ways with a party that, in the choice of its presidential nominee, is no longer recognizably conservative.

Still, other conservative leaders, traveling with a lighter load of principle, have chosen to make their accommodation in a remarkably cynical fashion. Commentators such as Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity spent decades on ideological purity patrol, calling out deviations from the pure Reaganite faith. Now their business model is to provide alibis for the least conservative Republican presidential nominee (presumptive, still presumptive) in history, who attacks free trade, opposes entitlement reform and seems to relish the prospect of expanded executive power.

The alternative to all these options is resistance — on the beaches, on the landing grounds, in the rules committee. Resistance at the convention, to deny Trump the nomination. If that fails, resistance in supporting a conservative third-party candidate who will carry the torch of sane Republicanism — if such a rare beast is finally sighted.

Resistance to recover nationalism from the nativists. Resistance to oppose the devaluing of political argument, to fight the end of reason. Resistance to honor the importance of character in our common life. In the Republican Party today, resistance is the evidence of principle.

OPINION EXTRA

Benghazi report should have been much better for GOP

Jury duty is not optional. Sure, there is a court-approved list of reasons why a person can be excused from performing this civic duty. However, as the Reporter-Telegram reported Wednesday, the 17.5 percent response rate this week and less than 20 percent rate over the past five years has little to do with that list. It's because there are too many people in Midland County who don't care.

There is plenty of evidence that the Obama administration less than two months before the November 2012 election tried to come up with a less damning explanation for the attack in Benghazi, Libya, that killed four Americans. Ben Rhodes was the author of a memo that sought immediately to elevate the anti-Muslim video as the official narrative. The president stuck to that cover story up through his Sept. 25 speech at the United Nations, long after we understood this was a planned attack, the outgrowth of the chaos festering in the wake of the overthrow of Moammar Gadhafi.

Republicans investigating the Benghazi attack soon got lost in the weeds of the debacle, although their basic understanding was correct: It was far better for the White House politically to attribute all this to a fluke, a video, than to acknowledge that its Libya policy was a disaster, and moreover, that Islamic jihadism was spreading, not retreating.

The Benghazi Select Committee report, as The Washington Post's Josh Rogin points out, reveals little in the way of new information other than that then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was planning a trip to Benghazi: "Republicans see the revelation that Clinton was planning a trip to Libya and that (Ambassador Christopher) Stevens wanted to make the Benghazi mission permanent as evidence that she was trying to cement her legacy as a major proponent of the intervention to topple Moammar Gadhafi, but ignored several signs that the facility was unsafe." Well, yes, but Republicans already made the point that Clinton wanted Libya to be part of her legacy. So?

The newest revelation actually suggests Clinton was unaware of how serious the security situation was. (Otherwise, why go?) And here is an illustration of how the Republicans have repeatedly missed the key failures at the heart of the Libyan episode:

■ The president had no interest in dedicating forces and preparing an after-victory plan in Libya, where he never wanted to act. This was the exact error Democrats accused Republicans of making in Iraq.

■ Clinton was at best a negligent manager, too removed from the situation in Libya and lacking a system to elevate critical issues (e.g. Ambassador Stevens' requests for help.) Her insistence on isolating herself within a close-knit cadre of advisers has its dangers, and this is a perfect illustration of the risk this management style entails.

■ The entire administration was willfully indifferent to evidence contradicting their boast about putting al-Qaida on its heels. Islamist terrorism was spreading, and the lead-from-behind notion that we could retreat and retrench without endangering our security was wrong.

That would have been hard for Democrats to dispute. It's a damning indictment of the president's policies, and Clinton should have been obliged to explain whether, as she did on Syria, she recognized at the time the developing disaster on their hands and advocated a course correction in Libya and elsewhere.

In the primary, Republicans including Sens. Rand Paul, R-Kentucky, and Ted Cruz, R-Texas, as well as Donald Trump, preaching to the neo-isolationist corner, got the argument wrong again. They rewrote the history of the Libyan civil war, leaving out the critical facts that the country was already in revolt, mass killings were underway and if Gadhafi remained, there would be no end to it, leaving the country a terrorist playground. (Some even went so far as to insist falsely Gadhafi was a good ally of the West.)

The mistake was not our minimal effort to speed up Gadhafi's ouster by his own people, but in our negligence after he was gone. Paul, Cruz and Trump were essentially playing the same lead-from-behind game as Obama. We shouldn't have gone in. Everything was fine before we got involved. Things go wrong when the U.S. acts. This had once again the effect of letting Obama and Clinton off the hook for the real mistake: Lack of follow-through and unwillingness to recognize the metastasizing Islamic threat was going to require more, not less, of an American presence.

Perhaps this was all too complicated for Republicans to explain. All of this doesn't fit nicely the requirements of a made-for-talk-radio scandal. It does not put Clinton in the role of deliberately denying support for her personnel. But it is the truth, and Republicans should have stuck closer to it, making the big-picture case about the failure of the Obama administration to deal with a growing Islamic threat that manifested itself at a politically inconvenient time.

— Jennifer Rubin, Washington Post

Brexit was a vote for self-government

■ Like Patrick Henry said, "for liberty ought to be the direct end of your government"

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

Democracy is too important to be left to the people.

That is the global elite's collective reaction to Britain's vote to exit the European Union, which is being portrayed as the work of ill-informed xenophobes who never should have been entrusted with a decision of such world-historical importance.

Judging by their dismissive tone, critics of Brexit believe that the EU's lack of basic democratic accountability is one of its institutional advantages — the better to insulate consequential decisions from backward and shortsighted voters.

The opiate of the Western political class is cosmopolitanism, making it almost impossible for elites to understand the Brexit vote on its own terms.

Britain gave us Magna Carta and such foundational thinkers on the road to democratic rule as John Locke, Algernon Sidney and John Milton. It resisted centralizing monarchs in the turbulence of the 17th century, and defeated continental threats to its sovereignty emanating from Spain (King Philip II), France (Napoleon) and Germany (Hitler). Should it be shocking that it said "no thanks" to continuing to subsume itself in a budding European superstate?

Maintaining British sovereignty, broadly construed, was the overwhelming rationale for Brexit. According to a survey by Lord Ashcroft Polls, 49 percent of leave voters said the biggest reason for exiting the EU was "that decisions about the U.K. should be taken in the U.K." Another 33 percent said it was the best way to regain power over the U.K.'s borders, and 13 percent said they worried the U.K. couldn't control how the EU "expanded its membership or its powers."

All the critics of Brexit see in the vote, though, is hostility to immigrants. There is no doubt that immigration played a large role. But a country controlling its own borders is a necessary element of sovereignty. The foreign-born population of Britain has doubled in the past 20 years, with the government powerless to stop much of the influx. It, self-evidently, should be the right of the British people to decide whether they want less or more immigration.

A constant refrain of Brexit critics is that leaving the EU was much too complex and important an issue to put to a referendum. But at bottom the question was simple: Shall parliament remain the supreme lawmaking body in Britain or not? This is a foundational decision that it makes sense to put directly before the voters.

Princeton historian David Bell is a critic of government by referenda, but has noted how referenda are appropriate when fundamental constitutional questions are at stake: "They represent instances when sovereign power, always ultimately held by the people, but mediated by constitutional structures, temporarily reverts to the people directly, so that they can modify or replace these structures."

The British people voted to reject the EU superstructure that had been hoisted on top of their traditional political institutions.

The vote roiled the markets, and another theme of Brexit critics is that leave voters now regret their temper tantrum. But a poll for the Sunday Mirror newspaper found that 92 percent of leave voters were happy with the outcome of the referendum.

There may indeed be an economic cost to Brexit, but politics isn't reducible to a stock index — something that Americans, having once made their own tumultuous exit from an offshore power, should reflexively understand. "You are not to inquire how your trade may be increased, nor how you are to become a great and powerful people, but how your liberties can be secured," Patrick Henry declared during a 1788 debate over ratifying the Constitution, "for liberty ought to be the direct end of your Government."

In the Brexit vote, a free people insisted, despite the risks, that they will govern themselves. That is an admirable thing, made even more stirring by the fact that the great and good regard the move with such bemusement and derision.

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approach was markedly different from that of House Speaker Paul Ryan, whose hesitation before finally backing Trump provoked weeks of headlines on GOP infighting, and private grumbling from some Republicans who thought Ryan should have acted more like McConnell.

Since then McConnell has picked his moments on Trump. For two weeks running at his weekly Senate press conferences he refused to engage on questions about the "the presidential candidate," as he referred to Trump. This week, nobody asked. But in a series of interviews to promote his new memoir, "The Long Game," McConnell has mostly answered directly and offered frank criticisms, declaring that Trump can't win without improving his measly fundraising numbers, needs to stop criticizing people, start reading off a script, and in short behave like a "serious candidate."

The two men have spoken privately on a number of occasions, and McConnell himself notes that Trump has started to become more scripted, whether or not that is a result of taking his advice. Allies say his handling of Trump is typical of the taciturn McConnell, who is preternaturally disciplined and focused on what he can control, tuning out what he cannot.

"I think he's been a model for how you handle the Trump phenomenon in a way that generates the least amount of daily news," said Law, his former chief of staff. "Others, either by equivocating or by alternatively feeling like they needed to respond to every news cycle, have generated more headaches for themselves than necessary."

In his new book, McConnell recounts overcoming childhood polio with his mother's help, being ordered by his father to beat up the neighborhood bully, and locking down endorsements from the popular kids to become president of his high school class. Slightly bug-eyed with multiple chins, McConnell has a demeanor that can at times be so staid as to seem comical. His staff is extremely devoted, generally a marker of a lawmaker's character.

McConnell was personally involved in getting former GOP presidential candidate Marco Rubio to agree to run for re-election to his Senate seat in Florida, urging fellow senators to lean on Rubio, who had pledged repeatedly to retire. Rubio changed his mind, a decision Republicans believe will all but ensure they hang onto his Florida seat. McConnell allies also got involved in the May GOP primary in Indiana to ensure a winner, Rep. Todd Young, heavily favored to prevail in the general election.

Allies give McConnell credit for Republicans' success this year and in 2014 in avoiding self-destructive primaries that resulted in fatally weak general election candidates for Senate, something that happened repeatedly in 2010 and 2012.

This year, Republicans face a daunting Senate map that has them defending 24 seats, including highly vulnerable incumbents around the country.

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By David Waxman
Seattle Washington:

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Clashes rage in Rio as police try to capture drug trafficker

By Adriana Gomez Licon
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Police attempts to recapture a drug trafficker who escaped from a Brazilian hospital have led to more than a week of deadly gunbattles in the slums of Rio de Janeiro, which is hosting the Olympics in August.

Ten people have been killed and about 50 schools have been shuttered over the past nine days, the newspaper O Globo reported Wednesday. Police would not confirm the death toll, but said they had deployed 27 battalions of military police to various areas, including Rio's downtown and its touristy southern area.

Nicolas Labre Pereira, nicknamed "Fat Family," escaped June 19 when assailants stormed one of the hospitals recommended for tourists traveling to the Olympic Games. The raid to free the 28-year-old suspect left a patient dead and a nurse and an off-duty policeman wounded.

The violence is adding to worries about safety in Rio during the Olympics. Officials have warned that budget shortfalls may compromise security during the games.

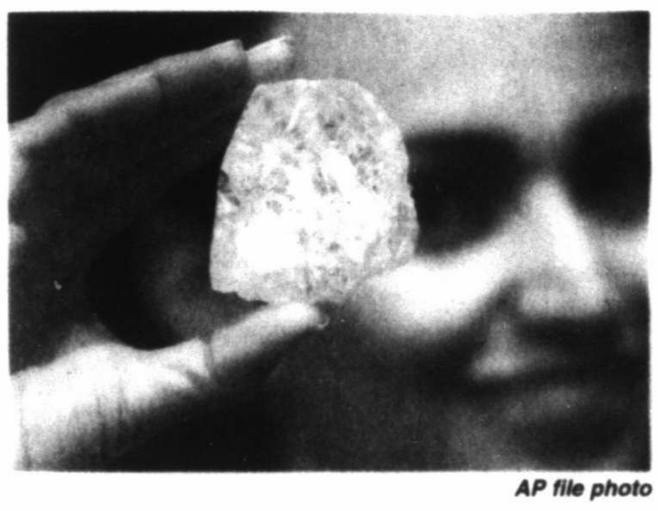
On Wednesday, police officers near the Olympic beach volleyball venue in Copacabana told The Associated Press that a foot and other body parts had been found and covered in black plastic. The officers said the parts had washed up from the sea, with had no further details to offer.

Other violence is also causing concern. Last weekend, an off-duty bodyguard for Rio's mayor was shot to death in an apparent mugging and a doctor was slain in her car on a main expressway. Earlier this month, members of the Australian Paralympic team were mugged at gunpoint.

An estimated 85,000 police officers and soldiers will be patrolling the streets during the Olympics and Paralympics, but Rio de Janeiro state's acting governor says the state is still waiting for 2.9 billion Brazilian reals ($860 million) from the federal government that is earmarked for security efforts.

"The financial aspect is the big problem of Rio's public safety strategy," said Andrei Rodrigues, a top security official at the Justice Ministry who is responsible for big events.

Killings in Rio increased to 2,036 in the first four months of the year, compared to 1,818 for the same period in 2015, according to a state tally that counts homicides, officer-involved killings and deaths as a result of robberies.



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A model poses for photographs holding up the largest gem-quality rough cut diamond discovered in over 100 years, the 1109-Carat "Lesedi La Rona" at premises of the Sotheby's auction house June 14 in London. The tennis ball-sized Lesedi la Rona failed to find a buyer Tuesday a disappointing result for a stone which had described as "the find of a lifetime" by David Bennett, chairman of Sotheby's jewelry division.

Giant diamond doesn't find buyer at Sotheby's sale in London

Associated Press

LONDON — Turns out the largest diamond discovered in over a century may not be worth all that much.

The tennis ball-sized Lesedi la Rona failed to find a buyer Tuesday, a disappointing result for a stone which had described as "the find of a lifetime" by David Bennett, chairman of Sotheby's jewelry division.

The diamond was unearthed in November in Botswana at a mine owned by Canada's Lucara Diamond Corporation. It measured 1,109 carats, the second-largest gem-quality rough diamond ever discovered. Its name means "our light" in the Tswana language.

A spokeswoman said bidding reached $61 million — below the more than $70 million Sotheby's had hoped for.

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Turkish rescue and security officers work Tuesday near an entrance of Istanbul's Ataturk airport. Suspected Islamic State group extremists have hit the international terminal of Istanbul's Ataturk airport, killing dozens of people and wounding many others, Turkish officials said Tuesday. Turkish authorities have banned distribution of images relating to the Ataturk airport attack within Turkey.

External attacks rise as Islamic State fortunes fall

By Zeina Karam
Associated Press

BEIRUT — International terror attacks seemingly inspired by the Islamic State group are increasing as its fortunes fall in Syria and Iraq.

The attack on the Istanbul airport was still unfolding Tuesday night when Turkish authorities said IS is the likely culprit, although no group has claimed responsibility so far.

If IS is behind the latest carnage, it would be in keeping with its accelerated campaign of exporting terror, a tactic which appears aimed at deflecting attention from mounting territorial losses in Syria and Iraq.

Here's a look at what the Islamic State group would hope to gain from such an attack:

Projecting strength

Two years after it declared a caliphate across large parts of Syria and Iraq, the Islamic State is in crisis. In the last few weeks, the group has suffered major territorial losses in Iraq, Syria and Libya, and is fighting hard to defend major strongholds.

Iraqi forces have retaken the key city of Fallujah west of Baghdad, and Libyan forces have swept into the IS stronghold of Sirte. In Syria, IS militants are fighting off U.S.-backed forces in Manbij, a town on a key supply line from Turkey to the group's de facto capital, Raqqa. The losses can be added to a growing list of defeats, including the historic Syrian town of Palmyra in March, the Syrian border town of Kobani and the Iraqi city of Tikrit.

The tempo of international attacks has increased with each military defeat, from the Paris attacks in November and the Brussels attacks in March to a suicide attack on the Syrian-Jordanian border last week that killed seven Jordanian soldiers, the deadliest attack in the kingdom in years.

Such attacks help the group project strength and reassure supporters who might be demoralized by the shrinking borders of its self-styled caliphate. Attacks can also give a boost to propaganda and fundraising efforts, which are increasingly important as IS loses oil wells and other sources of revenue in Syria and Iraq.

"At least in the near-term, the threat of inspired external attacks will rise as the group's fortunes fall," according to an analysis Tuesday by the Soufan Group security consultancy.

Propaganda factor

For the same reasons, IS has an interest in taking credit for attacks carried out by self-radicalized loners. Orlando gunman Omar Mateen said he acted on behalf of IS, which claimed him as a "soldier of the caliphate," but there is no evidence he was in contact with the group.

Elias Hanna, a political studies instructor at the American University of Beirut, said the Istanbul airport attack follows the group's modus operandi of using multiple suicide bombers to attack "soft targets," as it did in Brussels earlier this year. Such random attacks against civilians instill fear in the hearts of its enemies, something which the group thrives on.

The Istanbul attack also comes during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, when radicals believe "martyrdom" holds special significance. IS has ordered stepped up attacks during Ramadan, calling for its supporters to strike wherever possible.

Some of the biggest battlefield victories by Muslims in the time of the prophet Muhammad in the 7th century came during Ramadan, and hard-line clerics tout the month as a time for victory in jihad.

Striking Turkey

Turkey was long seen as a jihadi highway for allowing thousands of foreign fighters to join the war against Syrian President Bashar Assad. But it has become a target for IS in the last year, after shutting down border crossings with Syria and cracking down on smuggling.

A European security official said intelligence has indicated IS is also getting less money from oil smuggling in Turkey, and suggested that there have been growing tensions between IS and the Turkish government. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the sensitive topic publicly.

IS had not claimed responsibility for the airport attack by Wednesday evening, but it issued an infographic celebrating two years since announcing its caliphate. It claimed to have "covert units" in Turkey, among other places, according to the SITE Intelligence Group.

Interestingly, the group has not claimed responsibility for any attacks in Turkey, except for the slaying of Syrian activists there, even when the Turkish government has blamed the group.

Strategic ambiguity

Analysts say that reflects some unique dynamics between IS and Ankara.

Mohamed Noureddine, a Lebanese University professor who specializes in Turkish-Arab relations, said he does not believe IS is behind the attack unless it claims it in an official announcement.

Turkey and IS swap artillery shells across the Syrian border, "but neither side threatens the other's core interests," he said.

NATO member Turkey shares global concerns about the extremist group's ambitions, but may also see it as a counterweight to Assad's forces and Kurdish insurgents in Syria. Ankara is part of the U.S.-led coalition against IS, but may be wary of a full-scale confrontation with the group, which has thousands of fighters dug in along the border and likely has sleeper cells within Turkey.

The absence of claims of responsibility indicates that the group doesn't fully consider itself at war with Turkey yet, but it is using these attacks to give it a stronger hand in negotiations over border access and the flow of oil and other materials," said Matthew Henman, managing editor at IHS Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Centre.

Hanna said the ambiguous dynamic between IS and Turkey is governed by the push and pull of overlapping short-term interests and clashing long-term ones.

"Ambiguity is very important in war," said Hanna. "It creates chaos and anxiety."

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Customer Service calls will be taken July 4th from 7 AM to 11 AM only.

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WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

FRIDAY

MUMMERS THE WORD
Summer Mummers continues through the holiday weekend. Watch good versus bad in the bumbling saga of "Midland's Master Munchie Maker...or Are You Going to Eat That?" at the Yucca Theatre. 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

HARD LIFE
Centennial Library hosts A Revolutionary Life with early American life with spinning wheels, woodcarving and more. 1 p.m.

ONLINE

Visit mrt.com for our new guide of area food trucks many of which will be appearing throughout July 4 weekend.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "The BFG," "The Legend of Tarzan," "The Purge: Election Year."
Closing: "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows," "Warcraft," "X-Men: Apocalypse."

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "The BFG," "The Legend of Tarzan," "The Purge: Election Year."
Closing: "Now You See Me 2."

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

COMING SOON

The Tall City Blues Fest opens July 8 at Centennial Park with performances also in the DoubleTree Hotel.

MONDAY

DYNAMIC DUO
Mixing Americana, Celtic and Newgrass sounds with Christian music sensibilities, Hilary and Kate bring a unique sound to a special free holiday concert at First United Methodist. The California-based duo are on tour in support of their album "City of God." 7 p.m.

NEW WAVE SOUND

Prophets and Outlaws bring soul to country music

By Rich Lopez
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Dallas-based band Prophets and Outlaws won't bother wasting anyone's time with a full album release. With a quick hit of a handful of songs, the band is working more on making an impression rather than unloading songs people might never listen to. The plan has worked.

"The industry is trending toward getting the rid of the 10- to 12-song albums. People don't listen to them front to back anymore. They only hear what you put in front of them," singer Matt Boggs said. "So the EP format is great because they can consume the whole thing."

The band just released its fifth EP appropriately titled "V" and will perform tonight on the patio at the Hacienda.

The group has been forging its own path since debuting in 2011.

Deciding to release music the way they have been made sense on many fronts, but cost was a key factor.

WANT TO GO?

Prophets and Outlaws, 7 p.m., Thursday at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $15. Haciendamidland.com.

"It costs so much to make them, but this way we can get our material out quicker and spend less time doing so," Boggs said. "Instead, we're staying in front of people and keeping relevant. It's an economical decision but with a lot of common sense behind it."

Often labeled as Texas country, Prophets and Outlaws put its own spin on the genre. The band of five brings a variety of musical interests to the table. This has given them a unique sound that almost defies the genre.

"It's like Motown meets Texas country. That's what comes out when we play," Boggs said. "Some of us like rock, blues, jazz but when you combine all that with my vocals, it's a sound that works."

But it doesn't work for everyone.

The band's first EP had the signature hit "Soul Shop," which landed in the top 20 on the Texas Music charts. However, radio wasn't too keen on the band's fusion. This changed the band's course.

"We were told it couldn't play on radio. So for our second release, "Wanted," we went all country. That got radio play," he said.

Clearly a calculated move but one that almost worked against them, Boggs said. Fans were confused and the band was slightly derailed.

Deciding to eschew others' expectations, the musicians went back to their sound with last year's "Wolf Howl."

Boggs said that the band was back to its roots.

"We had our country lyrics and our Texas soul back. We don't fit into a genre but we'll do what's best for our band. I think when people see us live, then we got them," he said.

Artist Jacob Hicks (sort of) returns home to reopen Kamiposi

WANT TO GO?

First Friday featuring the works of Jacob Hicks, 6 p.m. at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

By Rich Lopez
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After closing its doors for a month for some interior upgrades, the art gallery and venue Kamiposi will resume its monthly First Friday art show. The exhibit will feature the works of native Midlander Jacob Hicks. The show marks something of a homecoming for the artist, though he won't be in attendance. His life in New York keeps him busy enough.

Before the show's opening, Hicks talked with the Reporter-Telegram about his roots and how his New York home is opening his eyes.

MRT: You had a quick show here in January 2015. How is it to present your art this time at Kamiposi for the entire month?

Hicks: I couldn't be more excited to have linked up with Kamiposi for this go-round. (It's) a great space bringing much needed vibrancy and culture to Midland.

MRT: Your art will be debuting at the gallery without you.

Hicks: I'm very saddened not to be able to make it down for the opening of my exhibition. Solo shows are far rarer to come by as an artist, mostly at my stage in the game. Group shows are clearly on the horizon, but the distance and my work schedule have formed unhappy barriers for me this time.

MRT: How is New York treating you?

Hicks: New York can be true beauty, and it can be a waking hell and sometimes these things simultaneously. It's a real adventure, and I am lucky to be here. That doesn't mean it is easy at all.

MRT: What is a typical day like for you?

Hicks: I am an artist assistant for multi-media maker Dustin Yellin. My weeks are devoted to helping him with his vision and work while the weekends are mine for my art and city adventures.

Dustin created an art institution called Pioneer Works located in Red Hook, Brooklyn, which hosts musicians, visual artists, writers and scientists from around the world providing them with working and exhibition space. Through him, I am exposed to an intense amount of interesting people and art. It's like nothing I have ever experienced.

MRT: What, if anything, of Midland have you kept with you as you've moved on to New York and pursued art?

Hicks: I have kept the vibrancy and beauty of Hispanic Catholicism. It lives in the art I make and influences everything from color to content. The desert is a beautiful place for an origin, like Luke Skywalker's, so I have kept that, too.

MRT: Where would you like to see the art scene in Midland go?

Hicks: I would like it if there was a flourishing of art spaces in the city to support and excite young artists who have been taught that being an artist is not a feasible form existence.

MRT: Who or what has been an influence on your work?

Hicks: My tireless hero, my mom Glenda, whom, without her steadfast love and support, this show, much less anything else in my life, could not be. My mom is a poet who could make Emily Dickinson fluster, so while I am grateful for this interview about me, she is one whose art is truest.

HEAT INDEX

Seven ways to celebrate the patriotic holiday weekend

By Rich Lopez
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Tim Kreitz Band at The Bar

Consider this a preview of next weekend's Tall City Blues Fest. The local singer and guitarist is among the lineup for the annual festival, but you can get a glimpse of him early. Kreitz will bring his brand of rock and blues to The Bar stage for two nights. If you miss him then, he is part of the live music lineup for Monday's Star Spangled Salute.

7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Firecracker Fandango in Odessa

Odessa gets a jump-start on Independence Day with their big blowout. The 21st annual event boasts the "biggest fireworks in the Permian Basin" as well as a strong lineup of music. William Clark Green, David Lee Garza and Dalton Domino all perform at the event with, of course, a finale at 10 p.m. that will light up the sky. The event, which will also include food and a children's area, kicks off at 10 a.m. with the 67th annual Independence Day Parade presented by the Odessa Jaycees.

Saturday at Lee Avenue and 2nd St. $15 adults, $8 children. odessa-tx.gov/FirecrackerFandango.

Sockers FC vs. Springfield Synergy at Grande Communications Stadium.

Cheer the home team on to a win and then enjoy a night of postgame fireworks. Be warned: forecasts call for scattered storms, but be optimistic. The weather can't seem to make up its mind anyway.

7:30 p.m. Saturday at , 5514 Champions Drive. Sockersfc.org.

Brightside at The Reserve

RYOT PM and Sound Foundation are

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

First Friday: Jacob Hicks. The gallery reopens with works by the New York-based artist originally from Midland. 6 p.m. at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

"Indian Flint: Shibusa" exhibition through Aug. 22 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Noelartmuseum.org.

"Very Eric Carle: A Very Hungry, Quiet, Lonely, Clumsy Busy Exhibit" is the summer exhibit of the children's author's works and books. Through Sept. 17. Midland County Public Library - Centennial, 2503 Loop 250. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

CAMPS, CLASSES, LECTURES & MEETINGS

A Revolutionary Life is a learning opportunity on how early Americans lived with demonstrations of spinning wheels, knot tying, woodcarving and more. 1-4 p.m. Saturday at MCPL-Centennial, 2503 Loop 250.

Little Chefs Basics for children age 6-12, 2 p.m. Tuesday at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. $1.

Building Bots: Robotics Session 1. Classes available for children in grades kindergarten through 6. Pre-registration required. 9 - 11 a.m. for grades K-2; 1 - 4 p.m. for grades 3-6. Each session is identical and includes three classes. Wednesday at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. Members $70, non-members $80. petroleummuseum.org.

EVENTS

Teen Wii Tournament, 2-4 p.m. Thursday at Midland County Public Library-Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Miss Texas US of A Benefit Show for Kloey Douglas. Support the reigning Miss Mid-Cities US of A before she represents the Permian Basin in the Miss Texas drag pageant. 9 p.m. Friday at Club 2020, 1023 S. Grant Ave., Odessa.

19th Annual Pops in the Park, features music by Jimmy and the Johnsons and the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. The Presentation of Colors, a salute to the armed forces will highlight the festivities with a finale of fireworks. Gates at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Comanche Trail Amphitheater. facebook.com/PopsinthePark.

Star-Spangled Salute, will feature food vendors, the annual Children's Parade, the Fun Zone, live music, beer garden with a fireworks finale. 9 a.m.to 10 p.m. Monday at Hogan Park, 1201 E. Wadley Ave. fourthinmidland.com.

Teen Snail Mail Social, 2-4 p.m. Thursday at Midland County Public Library-Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market. Saturdays through Oct. 29 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

FAMILY FUN

Date 'Til 8 at the Petroleum Museum. The museum will stay open until 8 p.m.on the first Tuesdays through August. The nights will feature the Building Bots Makerspace offering creative exploration for students K-6. Pre-registration required. July 5. 1500 I-20 West. $20 members for Bots, $25 for non-members. pbpetro.org.

Pretend and Play for ages 3-6, 10 a.m. Tuesday at Midland County Public Library-Downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Every other Tuesday. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Storytime at the Library. 9:30 a.m. (babies to 2 years), 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years). Wednesdays. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space. Midland County Public Library-Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Magic Show with Harlin, 2-4 p.m. Wednesday at Midland County Public Library-Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Storytime at the Library. 9:30 a.m. (babies to 2 years), 10:30 a.m. (2-6 years). Thursdays. Midland County Public Library-Downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Evening Storytime at the Library. 6:30 p.m., Thursday at Midland County Public Library-Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Every other Thursday from this date. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Pretend and Play for ages 3-6. 10 a.m. Friday at Midland County Public Library-Centennial, 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 5-8 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday noon to 6 p.m. 4305 N. County Rd. 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

GAMES

Tween Wii Tournament, 2-4 p.m. Thursday at Midland County Public Library-Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Summer Games is a pass program that allow three games of bowling per day through Sept. 5. Register online. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. $31.95 children, $36.95 adults. bowlsummergames.com.

Bingo Nights. The American Legion Auxiliary hosts weekly play throughout the week. 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 4 p.m. Sundays. 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.

Zia Park Casino Hotel and Racetrack bus trips by Midland Shuttle Services. Departs at 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays to Hobbs, New Mexico. $55 adults, $45 65 and older. RSVP by calling 432-260-5428. midlandshuttleservices.com.

Friday Night Magic at Hastings, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave. Fridays at 7 p.m. Free.

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

Senior bingo, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

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

Tabletop players group at Astral Castle, 10 Meta Drive. 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

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. permianbridgeclub.com.

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.

$2 Tuesdays bowling after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

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

MUSIC

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Big Band
Midland Community Band Patriotic Concert will feature traditional music and a salute to the armed forces. 2 p.m. July 4 at the Wagner and Brown Auditorium at Midland College. Free.

Blues
Tim Kreitz Band, 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

COUNTRY

Prophets and Outlaws, Thursday at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. Haciendamidland.com.

Matt Caldwell, 9 p.m. Thursday at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Jay Statham Band, 8 p.m. Friday at Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80.

COVERS/TRIBUTE

Texas Heat, 8 p.m. Saturday at Your Place, 3704 W Wall St.

DJ/DANCE

#HangoverThursdays, 7 p.m. Thursday at Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

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

Brightside: a music, lighting and dance experience. 8 p.m. Saturday at The Reserve, 117 W. Wall St. $5. ryotpm.com.

Revive Pool Party with DJ Shane. Bar open and food trucks on site. 3 p.m. June 26 at Hilton Garden Inn, 1301 N. Loop 250 W. hilton.com.

The Patio's Summer Bash Series 6 pm. Saturday at Hacienda Event Center, 12600 SH 191. $7. Haciendamidland.com.

KARAOKE

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

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

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Sockers FC vs. Springfield Synergy with postgame fireworks, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium, 5514 Champions Drive. Sockersfc.org.

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

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

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.

Midland RockHounds vs. Northwest Arkansas Naturals. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

2016 Nick Williams Golf Tournament with proceeds benefiting the West Texa Food Bank. 8 a.m. Thursday at Odessa Country Club, 1 Fairway Drive, Odessa.

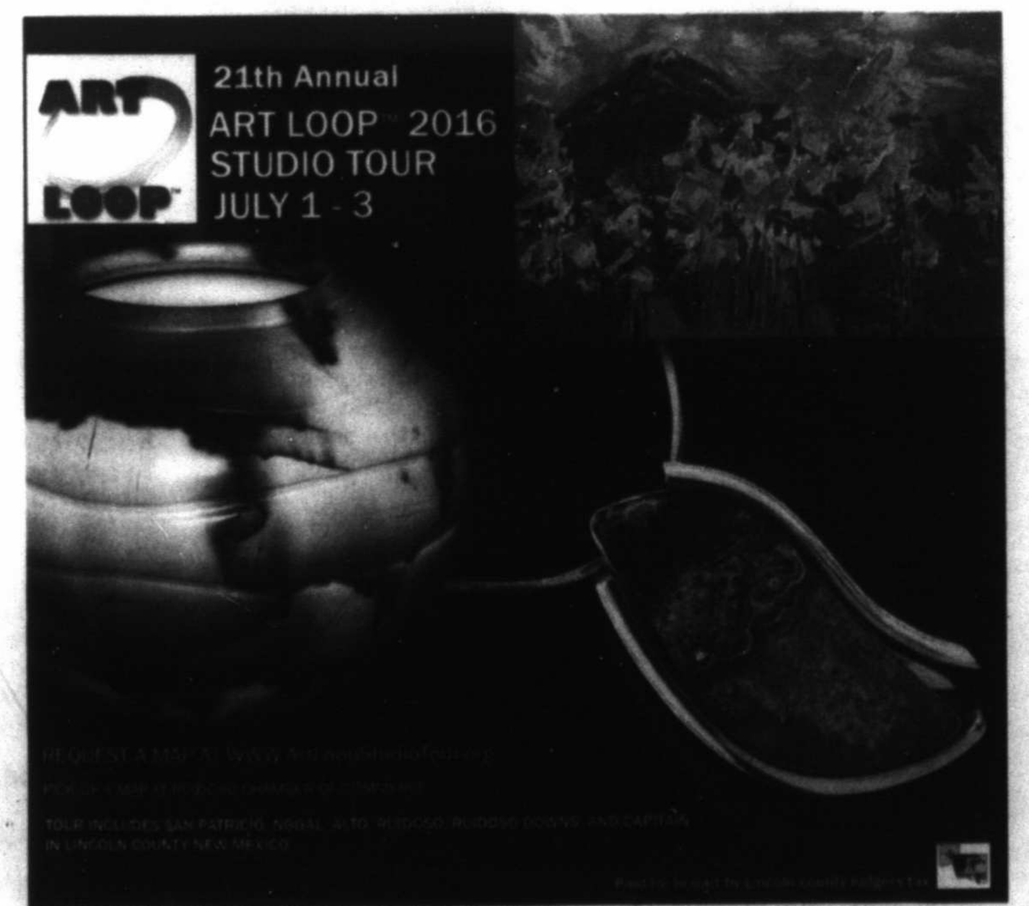
THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

Summer Mummers 2016: "Midland's Master Munchie Maker or ... Are You Going to Eat That?" Through Sept. 3 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. summermummers.com.

"The Peanuts Movie" at Summer Movie Camp, 9:30 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. Ages 5 and up. $5. Petroleummuseum.org.

MISC

Tastes Around Midland bus tours. Visit three restaurants on a Midland Shuttle Services' party bus featuring complimentary beverages. 21 and older only. 6:30 p.m. March 8. $59 per person. Discounts for groups of 10 and more. RSVP by calling 432-695-6282. midlandshuttleservices.com.



COMING SOON

JULY

Colton O'Neill, 7 p.m. July 7 at Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St. basinburgerhouse.com.

Midland RockHounds vs. Northwest Arkansas Naturals. 7 p.m. July 7-8 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

Roger Creager, 7 p.m. July 7 at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave. Odessa. $12. Dosamigos.com.

"Woody Gwyn: A Sense of Scale." The Southwestern painter Woody Gwyn was born in San Antonio and raised in Midland. This exhibition features rarely seen works from the Museum's permanent collection as well as several local collectors. Opens July 8 and runs through Sept. 18. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"The West Texas Triangle Roger Colombik: Every Beloved Object Is The Center Of A Garden of Paradise." The West Texas Triangle 2016 artist is Roger Colombik. Colombik lives in the Texas Hill Country with his wife and artistic collaborator Jerolyn. His sculptures address a range a conceptual interests that include composing environments of poetic repose in public spaces and the transformative nature of journeys, both inward and external. Opens July 8 and runs through Sept. 18. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Summer Science Class: Mysteries of Science — Mad Science/Chemistry. Second through sixth-grade students. Pre-registration required. 8 a.m. to noon July 8 at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. $25-$30. Petroleummuseum.org.

Peewee Camp includes crafts, swimming, Kids Zumba, trampolines, gymnastics and water safety for ages 3-10. All swimming abilities welcome. 9 a.m.-noon June 17 at COM Aquatics, 3003 N. A. St. $50 or $240 for all six sessions. comaquatics.com.

Family Friday: Friends Forever 10 a.m. July 8 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Junior Achievement Financial Literacy Classes, 1 p.m. (fifth grade), July 8 at Midland County Public Library-Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Children's Yoga at the Library for grades 3-5. 2 p.m. July 8 at Midland County Public Library-Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Tall City Blues Fest 2016: Jeff Jensen, Evelyn Rubio, Katy G and the Girls, In Layman Terms, with a mainstage jam. Gates at 6 p.m. July 8 at Centennial Plaza, 105 N. Main St. $25-$40. tallcitybluesfest.com.

Ramesh, 6 p.m. July 8. The night will also feature a silent art auction. Kamiposi, 310 S. Big Spring St. rameshinspace.com.

SciFriday Film Series: "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure." (PG) This screening will be Audience Participation Night. This year's theme is So Bad, They're Good. Screenings include snack bar for all ages, beer and wine for adults and general seating. Seats are first come first served. Parents should note film ratings. Doors at 7 p.m. July 8 at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Hot Summer Nights: Permian Playhouse Musical Theater Review, 7:30 p.m. (sundown) July 8 at Noel Plaza, 321 W. 5th St; Odessa. Free. In the event of inclement weather, shows will be moved to Deaderick Auditorium at Odessa College. odessaarts.org.

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" by the Pickwick Players. The famously theatrical flapper girl is on the hunt for a wealthy husband until a grifter catchers her eye. July 8-17 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

"Cinderella" Movie in the Park. Beginning at dusk July 8 at Butler Park, 3801 Bluebird Lane.

Contraband, 8 p.m. July 8 at Your Place, 3704 W Wall St.

Mark McKinney, 9 p.m. July 8 at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Walk with a Doc, sponsored by the Texas Medical Association, is a one-mile walk around Midland College to raise awareness of obesity and related diseases. Prior to the walk Dr. Manoher Gurru will give a brief lecture. 9 a.m. July 9 at Midland College Fine Arts Building, 3600 N. Garfield St.

Junior Achievement Financial Literacy Classes, 11 a.m. (junior high) July 9 at Midland County Public Library-Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Tall City Blues Fest 2016: Beale in the Ballroom Indoor Showcase with Gracie Curran and the High Falutin' Band, Jason Vivone and the Billy Bats, In Layman Terms, Michael Hornbuckle, Ben Prestage and Wendy DeWitt with Kirk Hardwood. Doors at 11 a.m. July 9 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St. $15-$40. tallcitybluesfest.com.

Library Luau, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. July 9 at Opportunity Park, 2701 N. A. St. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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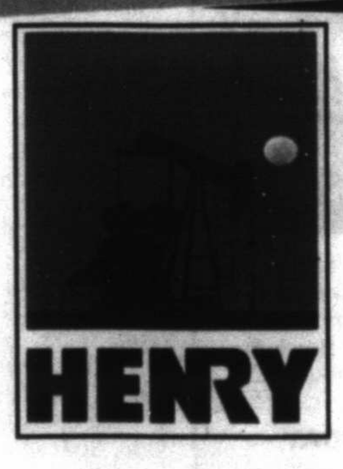

HENRY

James 1:12

"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."

ON SCREEN

In 'Tarzan,' a questionable return to the jungle

JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

Tarzan has been dusted off, his abs polished and his vocabulary spruced up in David Yates' handsome but altogether pointless "The Legend of Tarzan," a chest-thumping resurrection of the Ape Man that fails to find any reason for the iconic character's continued evolution.

On the one hand, it's easy to see why Tarzan has yet again swung back into our lives: Tarzan and Hollywood were born almost simultaneously, like conjoined twins of a new pop-culture machine. The first "Tarzan" silent came just a few years after Edgar Rice Burroughs' initial novel.

Tarzan's relevance has also drifted. He was originally conceived as a pulpy fable for a society feeling nostalgic for nature as it watched Model Ts roll off assembly lines. Burroughs' tale coincided with the National Parks movement and the creation of the Boy Scouts.

So if properly outfitted for today's back-to-the-land trends, Tarzan probably should be a thinner, bearded man who can brew a hoppy IPA and lives off-the-grid in Brooklyn coffee shops.

Can such a vestige of imperial-era imaginations — one dreamed up by a man who never set foot in Africa — be updated to today? "The Legend of Tarzan" suggests not, and the film's main source of suspense is watching it twist and contort a century-old property into something meaningful.

Craig Brewer and Adam Cozad's script sets the tale a decade after the discovery of Tarzan in West Africa; seen only in flashback is Tarzan's origin story, including a more violent version of his famously loquacious introduction to Jane. Tarzan or John Clayton III (Alexander Skarsgard) is living in London with his wife, Jane (Margot Robbie). The jungle is far behind him: he's a Lord, polished and serious but still with ape-like hands that would impress even Donald Trump.

He's coaxed back to Africa by George Washington Williams (Samuel L. Jackson), an American and veteran of the Civil War who seeks to uncover what he believes is Belgium's introduction of slavery to the Congo. The character, loosely based on a real historical figure, is the most intriguing if awkward addition. A better, more realistic movie could have been made about him.

The simplistic historical backdrop of late 19th century Congo here is more cartoonish than even Tarzan, himself. But the atmosphere is richly exotic, full of majestic vistas and vivid close-ups. Filming largely on sound stages, Yates, veteran of later "Harry Potter" films, has firm control of the film's lushly romantic imagery. You feel that Bogie and Bacall could drift down the river at any moment.

But the film, searching for a purpose and some drama, doesn't deserve the grandeur Yates gives it. Tarzan, played with sufficient muscle and smarts by Skarsgard, leads an uprising through his ability to communicate with animals and the (largely faceless) natives. He's a Jungle Jesus returned to fight colonial incursion, and among the more ridiculous white saviors you're likely to see.

The wildlife is also comically over stimulated. The CGI gorillas appear like Thanksgiving Day Parade balloons on steroids.

That this is merely another naked attempt to profit from a well-known property is visible even in the film's title. There, not even hidden by a loin cloth, is a little trademark symbol next to "Tarzan": King of the Franchise.

"The Legend of Tarzan," a Warner Bros. release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for "sequences of action and violence, some sensuality and brief rude dialogue." Running time: 102 minutes. Two stars out of four.

Spielberg weaves magic out of Dahl's 'The BFG'

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Associated Press

There's a secret about children that Steven Spielberg, Melissa Mathison and Roald Dahl have always known — that no matter how innocent, kids are as capable of understanding darkness as adults, and sometimes even more so. It's not that it's some completely unacknowledged truth, but it is one that rarely seems to permeate what we consider "children's entertainment" in any real way. It just makes adults too uncomfortable. It's also the reason why the under-10 set flocks to Dahl.

A measured embrace of the deep menace in Dahl's words is why this long-time-coming adaptation of his 1982 book "The BFG" not only succeeds, but shines. It's not just some pleasant romp into the world of giants. It's an honest-to-goodness, gut punch of a journey, crackling with heart, uncertainty, and overflowing with all-out wonder.

There's really no other way to tell a story about an orphan who is captured by a giant and taken to a land crawling with much larger giants who like the taste of human beings, or "beens" as they're called.

The orphan, Sophie, is played by the newcomer Ruby Barnhill. Sporting a Dorothy Hamill haircut and rounded glasses, this little brunette moppet is a delightful revelation who is at turns feisty, lovable and even a little annoying (in a good way). In other words, she's a believable kid — a result that Spielberg has been coaxing out of child actors since "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial."

Thankfully, Sophie has been taken not by man-eaters, but the Big Friendly Giant (Mark Rylance, who was just in Spielberg's "Bridge of Spies"), who prefers to create dreams for the children of England, not snack on them. But Sophie, who lays awake night after night, saw him gliding through the streets of London and she can't be trusted with the knowledge that giants really do exist, no matter how pure her intentions.

Back in Giant Country, things don't get off to a great start between Sophie and the BFG either. It takes some trials, some scary dreams, some danger, and some skepticism before their friendship becomes real — but it's worth the build.

Whether you've read "The BFG" a thousand times, or haven't in 30 years, or even at all, Sophie and The BFG's impossible bond is bound to break your heart.

Rylance's BFG is an astonishing meld of real life and CG animation. It's jarring at first but kids won't mind, and adults will grow accustomed to it. Thankfully, it somehow stays clear of the uncanny valley. Most importantly, it fits in the context and look of this storybook world, which truly does feel like the page come to life.

There are certain limitations to the form that hinder the full range of a Rylance performance, but what's here is sufficient, even when he's flatulent — sorry, whizz-popping — or working his way through Dahl's twisty language.

The only real misstep is when the humans are introduced. Sophie has had enough with the bullying of the other giants and decides, as in the book, to go convince the Queen of England (Penelope Wilton) and her assistants (Rebecca Hall, Rafe Spall) to help save the children of England from certain death by giant.

The pacing of this segment goes haywire and feels like too long and meandering a diversion in what is already a long movie. Not to mention the fact that a significant portion of this sequence is devoted to whizzpoppers. It just makes you long to return to Giant Country, the BFG's gadget-filled home and the land of dreams.

There's a melancholy hanging over the film, too — that it's Mathison's final screenwriting credit. It's also a lovely exit for a woman who always knew to never write down to her audience, children or not. Mathison died last November of cancer at age 65.

"The BFG," a Walt Disney Pictures release, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association of America for "action/peril, some scary moments and brief rude humor." Running time: 117 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

HEAT INDEX

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teaming up again to take Saturday night partying to the next level. Brightside is a dance, music and light experience that has begun to take over the DoubleTree by Hilton's club downtown. This week, expect them to get into the spirit of the holiday and they encourage partygoers dress to impress. Stay tuned to these guys. They have some exciting plans for Midland in the near future.

8 p.m. Saturday at The Reserve, 117 W. Wall St. $5. 21 and older. ryotpm.com.

19th Annual Pops in the Park in Big Spring

If you just can't get enough of Independence Day before the actual holiday, head east to Big Spring for the annual event that will feature performances by Jimmy and the Johnsons and the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. The Presentation of Colors, a salute to the armed forces, will highlight the festivities with, yes, fireworks.

Gates at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Comanche Trail Amphitheater, 310 Nolan St., Big Spring. facebook.com/PopsinthePark.

Star-Spangled Salute at Hogan Park

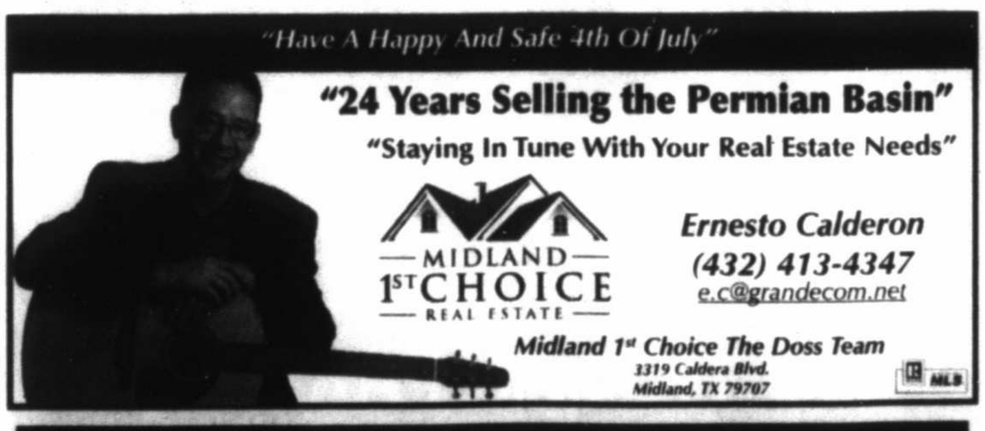
We'll brief this here and provide more information on Sunday. The celebration in Midland begins with the 54th annual Children's Sidewalk Parade. The day's events include the Fun Zone for the children, a beer garden, an all-day food court, live music and fireworks display at 10 p.m.

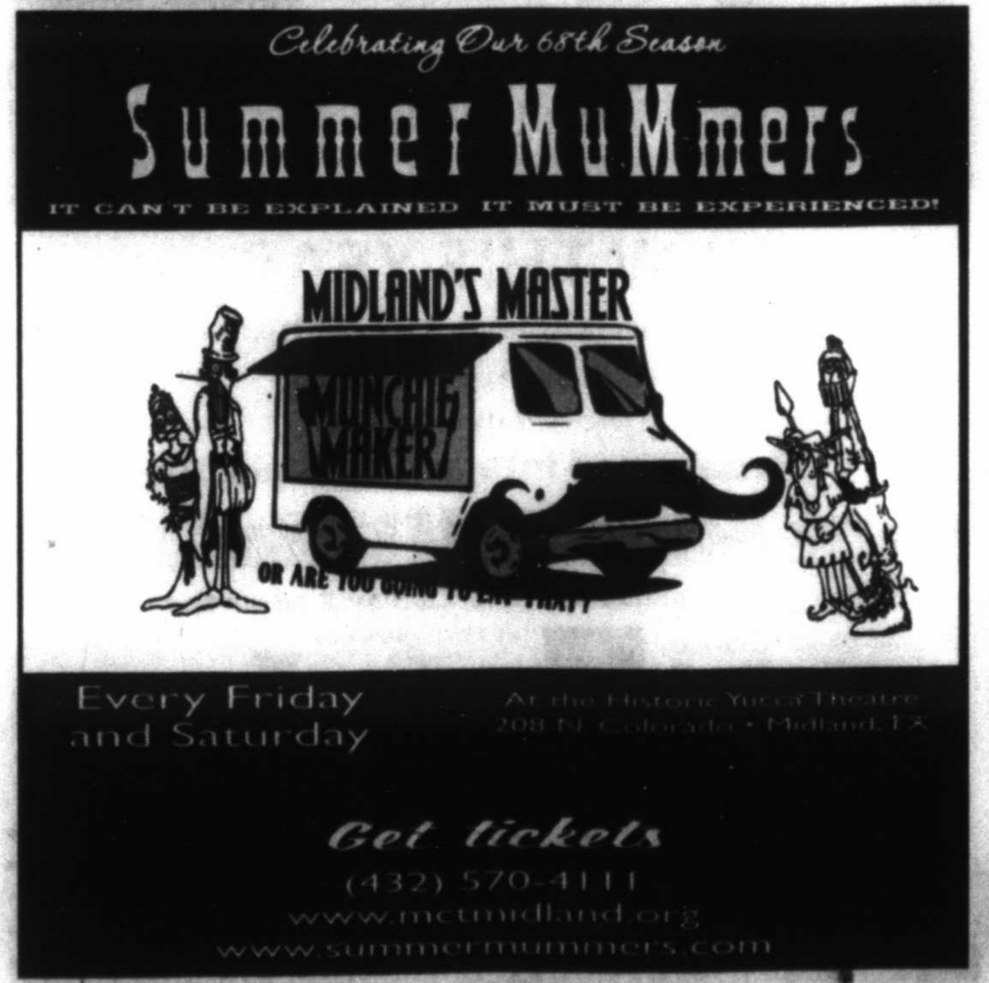
9 a.m. Monday at 1201 E. Wadley Ave. Free. starspangledmidland.com.

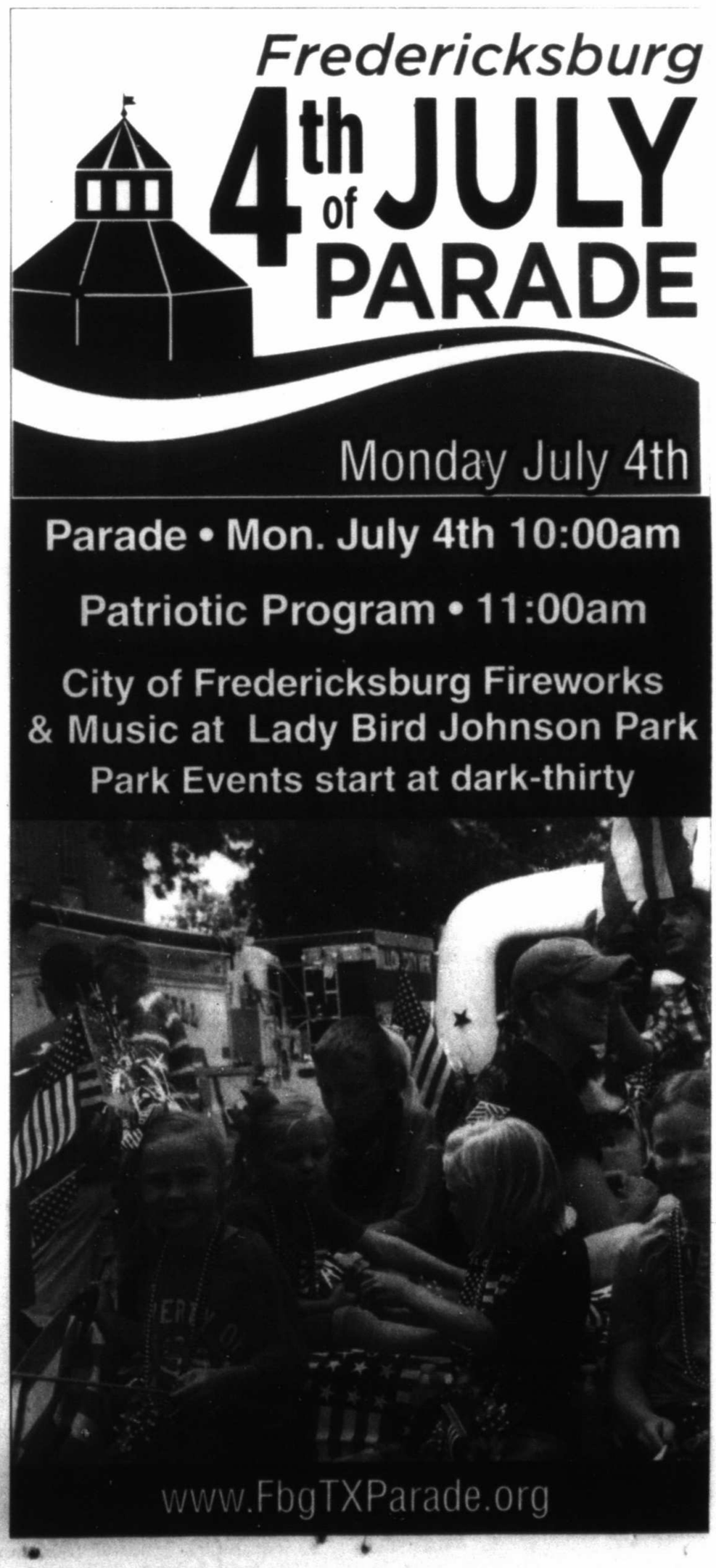
Patriotic Concert at Wagner and Brown Auditorium

Why yes, there is more Independence Day goings on but this one has air conditioning. The Midland Community Band will play its annual July 4 concert at Midland College with a salute to the armed forces. Sometimes they even serve complimentary snacks during intermission.

2 p.m. Monday at 3600 N. Garfield St.







ON SCREEN

Powerful drama 'Midnight Special' is week's best bet

Reeled & Stream

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PICK O' THE WEEK

"Midnight Special" (PG-13) You never know what to expect in this wonderfully told drama, and that's what makes it so clever. Jeff Nichols — who wrote and directed — didn't just get lucky with "Take Shelter" and "Mud." The young filmmaker is a remarkable talent with a genuine gift for storytelling. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"The Brothers Grimsby" (R) OK, to be fair, there are a couple of laughs but it's hardly worth wading through all the muck in this flick. And full disclosure: I rank Cohen's humor slightly above Tom Green and Pauly Shore's; I find their humor to be sophomoric and repulsive. **D**

MORE REVIEWS

"And Then There Were None" (TV 14) BBC update of the underrated Agatha Christie story never tips its hat as to who the murderer could be, a notable achievement for the three-hour mini-series. **A-**

"Alien Strain" (unrated) The space-time continuum wreaks havoc with the story. Distinguishing between the past and the present becomes burdensome in this interesting sci-fi thriller. **B-**

"Decay" (unrated) Many of the elements of this horror film come straight from other stories. Think Stephen King's "Carrie" but with a male version of the title character. However, that's not a necessarily a bad thing. The film marks the writing and directorial debut of Joseph Wartnerchaney, who shows a knack for the genre. **B**

"Echoes of War" (R) James Badge Dale shines in this post-Civil War era story that resembles the legend of the Hatfields and the McCoys. **C+**

"Every Thing Will Be Fine" (unrated) Character study doesn't seem to be very interested in getting to the point, which made me very interested in getting to the end so I could get it over with. **D**

"My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" (unrated Although it's been 14 years since the charming original, this sequel treats its audience as though we should remember the minute details, such as Gus' belief that Windex is a cure-all. This film won't attract any new fans but the old ones should appreciate the nostalgia. **B-**

"Street" (PG-13) Tedious story of an ambitious fighter brings nothing to the genre save for the interesting hairstyles displayed by its young star's fauxhawk-manbun. **D**

"Ticket Out" (unrated) Ray Liotta brings a depth to this movie that might otherwise be left for dead on the Lifetime channel. **B+**

"The Wave" (R) Taut Norwegian disaster film sheds a light on the country's potential tsunami problem. **B+**

'The Purge: Election Year' is the craziest Purge yet

KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

'The Purge," 2013's low-budget home invasion horror hit, found its breakout star in The Purge itself: an annual 12 hour bloodbath of government-sanctioned mayhem. In this dystopian near-future, the New Founding Fathers of America have instituted the contained lawlessness in order to keep crime, and the population, in check. The 2014 sequel, "The Purge: Anarchy," liberated audiences from the confines of a single home and let loose into the streets of murderous chaos.

That film's breakout star, the brooding Frank Grillo, an American version of a taciturn Jason Statham tough guy type, is a Purge angel of sorts. His character, Leo, is back in "The Purge: Election Year," which is the biggest, baddest, berserkest Purge so far. Writer/director James DeMonaco has written and directed all three films, maintaining a consistency of tone and style, including bits of humor and cartoonish weirdness among the grim, dark and terrifying possibilities.

The film's distributors have utilized pitch-perfect marketing for our own current rocky election year (a sticker reading "I Purged"; the tagline "Keep America Great"), and the film itself reflects the historic nomination of Hillary Clinton with a blonde upstart presidential candidate, Sen. Charlie Roan (Elizabeth Mitchell), fighting against the NFFA establishment. She's running on an anti-Purge platform, arguing that it unjustly wipes out the lower-class population, who are unable to afford the secure fortresses of the rich, while the NRA and insurance companies reap the profits. It seems so terrifyingly possible because the economic motivations and logical leaps that lead to ritual slaughter seem rather straightforward.

Leo now serves as Charlie's protective Secret Service agent and is a Purge angel once again when they find themselves outside on Purge Night, pursued by neo-Nazi special forces. There are several breakout stars alongside Leo in "Election Year": veteran actor Mykelti Williamson as Joe, a warm deli owner, and Betty Gabriel as a no-nonsense reformed purger by the nickname of "Pequena Muerte" (Little Death).

The wacko Halloween-on-steroids style of the trilogy is amplified in "Election Year." Some of the set pieces seem simply provocative, rushing by in morbid vignettes. But there's much to be enjoyed in the over-the-top imagery, especially a horde of teenage girls in blood-soaked prom dresses wielding rhinestone-encrusted weapons and driving a Christmas-light bedecked whip, blasting "Party in the USA."

These films are overtly political, "Election Year" even more so. The message here about racial and economic inequality is relevant and accessible, but not necessarily revelatory. But the heart of "The Purge" trilogy is ultimately deeply human. Our heroes fight to save individual lives among the mass death. They face a classic activist conundrum: Is it worth your values to take up the tools of the master? One can't be against the Purge and also purge, even if you're purging oppressors. The question of the film is not a political one but a moral, ethical, humane one. "The Purge: Election Year" provides all that on its wild ride of blood-soaked anarchy.

'THE PURGE: ELECTION YEAR'

3.5 out of 4 stars
Cast: Frank Grillo, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mykelti Williamson, Betty Gabriel, Terry Serpico
Directed by James DeMonaco
Running time: 1 hour, 45 minutes
Rated R for disturbing bloody violence and strong language.

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FILM CAPS

"The BFG" (PG) A Big Friendly Giant befriends a young girl from London in this adaptation of the Roald Dahl classic. With Mark Rylance, Ruby Barnhill, Penelope Wilton. Written by Melissa Mathison. Directed by Steven Spielberg.

"Finding Dory" (PG-13) Nemo, Marlin and the forgetful blue tang must cross an ocean to find her family in this sequel. Voices of Ellen DeGeneres, Albert Brooks, Ed O'Neill. Directed by Andrew Stanton; co-director Angus MacLane.

"Independence Day: Resurgence" (PG-13) Twenty years later, the aliens return with new and improved technology. With Liam Hemsworth, Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman. Written by Nicolas Wright & James A. Woods and Dean Devlin & Roland Emmerich and James Vanderbilt; story by Devlin & Emmerich and Wright & Woods. Directed by Emmerich. Imax 3D.

"The Legend of Tarzan" (PG-13) After years of being civilized, the ape-man returns to the Congo and is entangled in a conspiracy. With Alexander Skarsgård, Samuel L. Jackson, Margot Robbie. Written by Adam Cozad and Craig Brewer, based on the Tarzan stories created by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Directed by David Yates. Imax 3D.

"Now You See Me 2" (PG-13) The Four Horsemen return for more magic and tangle with an unethical tech magnate. With Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Woody Harrelson. Written by Ed Solomon. Directed by Jon M. Chu.

"The Purge: Election Year" (R) The third edition of this sci-fi horror series in which the annual government-sanctioned 12-hour period when all crime is legal comes under attack. With Frank Grillo, Edwin Hodge, Betty Gabriel. Written and directed by James DeMonaco.

"The Shallows" (PG-13) Blake Lively stars as a surfer on a secluded beach who fights for survival after encountering a Great White shark. Written by Anthony Jaswinski. Directed by Jaume Collet-Serra.

"Teenage Mutant Turtles: Out of the Shadows" (PG-13) The return of the pizza-eating, martials-arts-infused, adolescent reptiles. With Megan Fox, Will Arnett, Laura Linney. Written by Josh Appelbaum & Andre Nemec, based on characters created by Peter Laird and Kevin Eastman. Directed by Dave Green.

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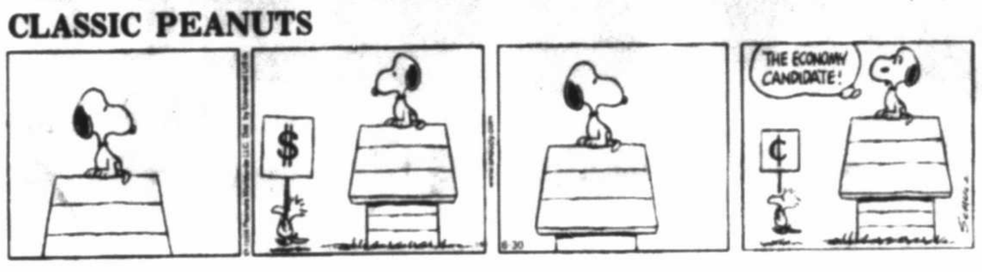

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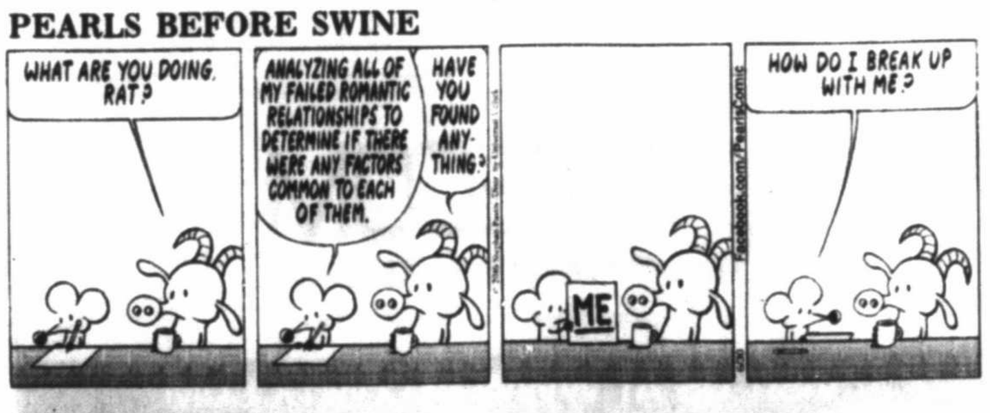

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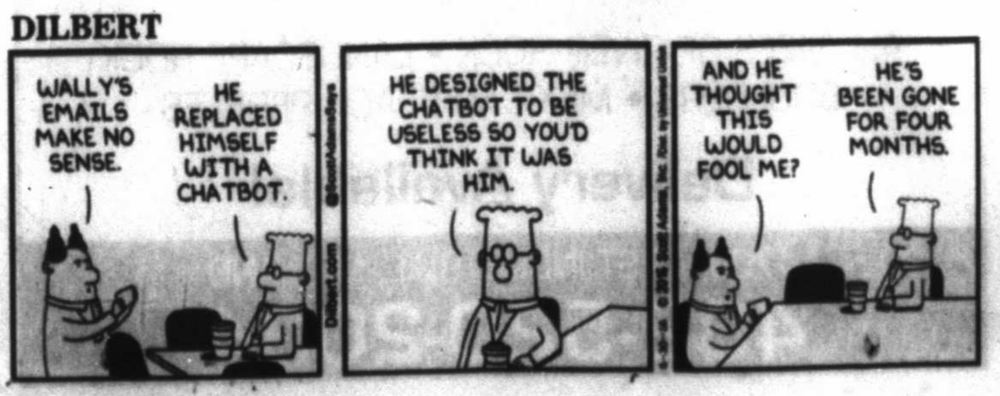

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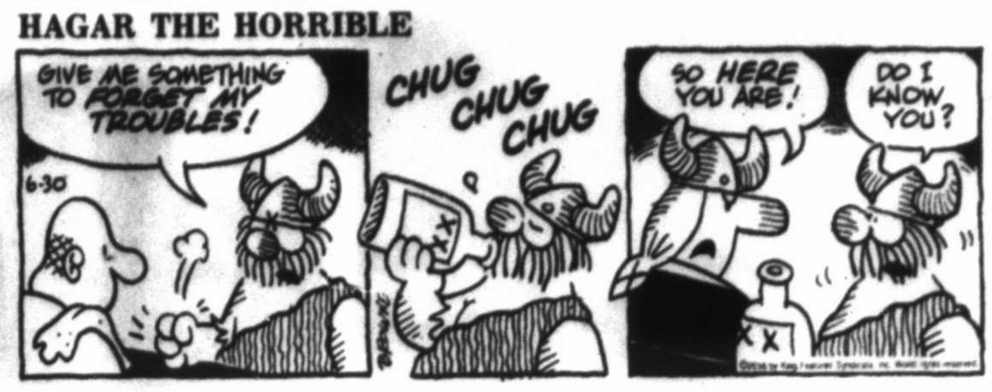

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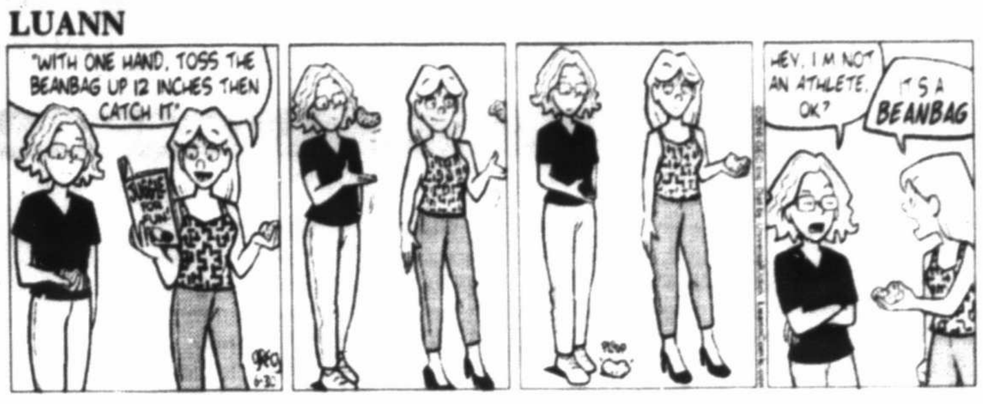

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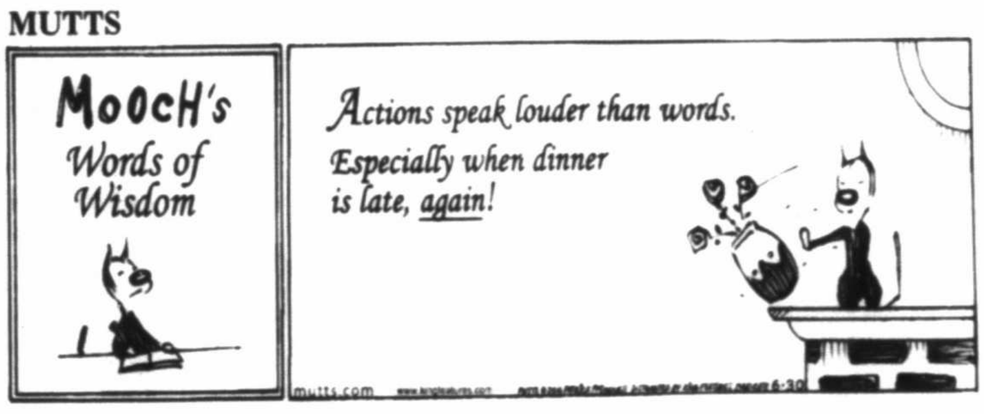

CLOSE TO HOME

Greta was determined to make it to the prom.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I HEAR DENNIS' SITTER, DOTTIE, IS RETIRING TODAY."

"NOW SHE CAN DO SOMETHING SAFE... LIKE LION TAMING."

LOCKHORNS

"GOOD WORK, LEROY... I THINK YOUR SNORING SCARED THE BURGLAR AWAY."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"I ran ... all the way ... here ... and my ... breath ... hasn't ... caught up ... with me ... yet."

DINING

WEEKENDER PUBLISHES A PORTION OF THE RESTAURANT GUIDE EACH WEEK. ENTREE PRICE RANGE IS BASED ON THE AVERAGE ENTREE PRICE ON THE MENU:
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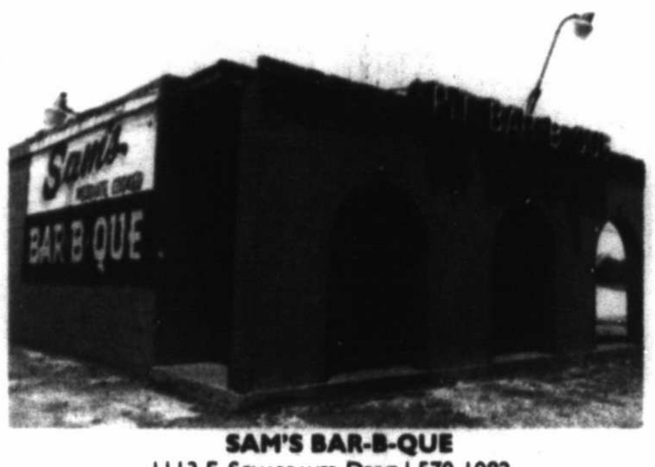
607 N. COLORADO ST. | 687-5696



SAM'S BAR-B-QUE
1113 E. SCHARBAUER DRIVE | 570-1082

BOB'S BETTER BURGER
3417 THOMASON DRIVE | 694-1561

BURGERS & BARBECUE

BASIN BURGER HOUSE With buns made in-house and creative combinations this isn't your typical burger joint. Try the black & blue burger and follow it with the Nutella & banana milkshake. Opens at 6 a.m. for breakfast. 607 N. Colorado St. 687-5696 www.basinburgerhouse.com | $$ | 4 spoons

BOB'S BETTER BURGER Step back in time as you stand outside the screen window to order some of the best burgers, fries and onion rings in town. 3417 Thomason Drive 694-1561 | $ | 4 spoons

BROOKS BAR B-Q The barbecue is great but it's hard not to order the fat burger. Whatever you decide be sure to save room for pie. Order it first — the kitchen tends to run out during the lunch rush. 501 E. Texas Ave. 685-5079 | $ | 4 spoons

DICKEY'S BARBECUE PIT Texas-based barbecue marketed as fast food. Try the pulled pork sandwich and the baked potato casserole. 5210 W. Wadley Ave. 689-4500 www.dickeys.com | $ | 4 spoons

FUDDRUCKERS Choose your burger size and add whatever toppings you want. If you're feeling adventurous, try the ostrich or bison. Located inside the mall. 4511 N. Midkiff Road 689-0448 |$ | 3 spoons

GRUB BURGER BAR The fast-casual College Station-based restaurant offers gourmet burger selections, milkshakes and a full bar. 4400 N. Midland Drive, Suite 500 789-1855 www.grubburgerbar.com | $ | 4 spoons

HOG PIT PUB & GRUB This out-of-the-way bar and barbecue joint offers all the traditional favorites plus unexpected menu items like fried sausage. Go hungry and relish the oversized portions of Texas goodness. 7400 West County Road 116 | 561-9301 | 3 spoons

JOHNNY'S BAR B-Q & DINER Downtown barbecue joint. Try the chopped beef sandwich for lunch. Look for the pig on the roof. 316 N. Big Spring St. 683-4581 | $ | 3 spoons

K-D'S BAR B-Q Pick your meat from the grill then add sides like potato salad, beans and peach cobbler. Try the sausage. Or the brisket. Or the chicken. It's all good. 3113 Garden City Highway 683-4013 | $ | 5 spoons

MAC'S B-B-Q AND CATERING Generous servings and hearty flavors are the hallmark of this local restaurant that now features live music on the weekends. Opens at 7 a.m. for breakfast. 2400 W. Indiana Ave 247-5654 | $ | 4 spoons

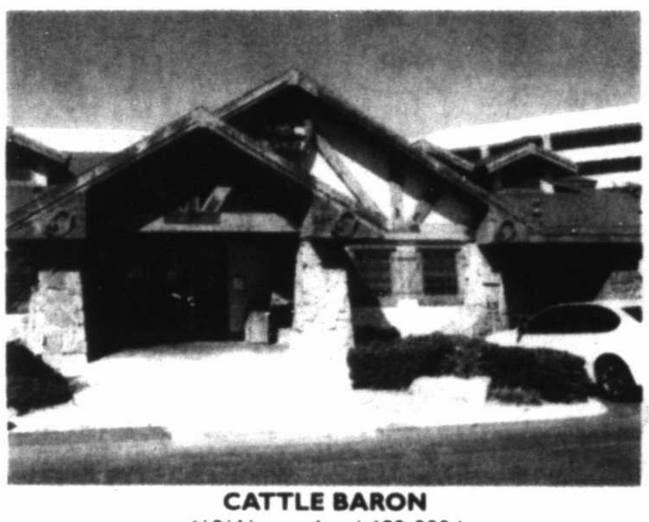
MICHAEL'S CHARCOAL GRILL Great barbecue and great burgers, including the King Kong burger. Michael's also has a great salad bar. Something for everyone. 723 W. Wadley Ave. 686-9030 | $$ | 4 spoons

SAM'S BAR-B-QUE You can smell the smoke before you get into the parking lot at this longtime Midland establishment. Whether you go for ribs, brisket or sausage be sure to save room for the peach cobbler. 1113 E. Scharbauer Drive | 570-1082 | 3 spoons

SCOTTY'S SOUL FOOD Tucked in a hole-in-the-wall location on North Big Spring Street, Scotty's offers everything comfort food. Try the ribs or the chicken fried steak. Don't leave without a helping of cornbread. 2907 N. Big Spring St. | 695-6511 | $ | 4 spoons

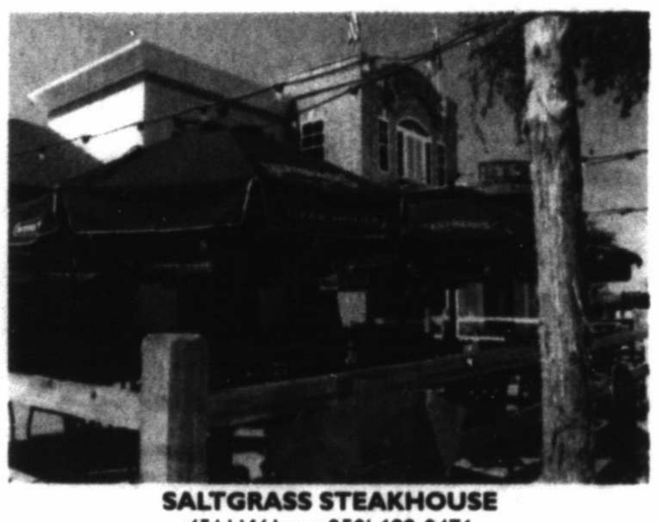
TANK'S BAR-B-QUE AND CATERING Stop by Tank's for lunch and get a full plate of barbecue with all the sides to take back to the office or enjoy at a nearby picnic table. Don't skip the potato salad. 401 East Scharbauer Drive 684-0006 | $ | 4 spoons

TEXAS BURGER Fast-food burgers with more of a local — or regional feel — than the national chains. Try the jalapeno burger and spicy fries. Don't forget the ice cream. 3306 W. Loop 250 West, 522-2177 and 500 W. Wadley Ave. 620-9838 | $ | 3 spoons



CATTLE BARON
418 WADLEY AVE. | 683-2334

CHURRASCA BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE
4610 N. GARFIELD ST. | 618-1110



SALTGRASS STEAKHOUSE
4511 W. LOOP 250| 699-0476

STEAKS & SEAFOOD

BILL'S BISTRO Locally-owned fine dining establishment featuring steaks and fresh seafood specials for dinner service and salads and burgers for lunch. Located next to The Wine Rack, diners may sit inside Bill's Bistro or The Wine Rack for lunch service. Appetizers from the restaurant are offered in the evenings at The Wine Rack. 4610 N. Garfield St. Suite D3 | 218-7383 | $$$ | 4 spoons

CATTLE BARON Western-themed steakhouse with prime rib, fresh catfish and Alaskan king crab. The salad bar is worth the trip. 418 Wadley Ave. 683-2334. cattlebaron.com | $$ | 3 spoons

CHURRASCA BRAZILIAN STEAK HOUSE Churrasca serves meat — from chicken to lamb and pork to beef — directly at the table in an all-you-can-eat style. 4610 N. Garfield St., 618-1110 | $$$ | 4 spoons

GARLIC PRESS Fine dining with menu items including hand-cut steaks, seafood and pasta. Or try something from the small plates menu. Dessert menu changes weekly. 2200 W. Wadley Ave. No. 6 Oak Ridge Square | 570-4020 | thegarlicpress.net | $$$ | 4 spoons

LOGAN's ROADHOUSE American standards like burgers, steaks and ribs, plus signature cocktails and all the peanuts you can shell and eat, the chain's Midland location has had some issues with slow service and cold food but things look to be on the mend. 609 N Loop 250 W 689-6464 | $$ | 2 spoons

RANCHLAND HILLS GOLF CLUB Renovated club restaurant doesn't require a membership. Go for breakfast or try steak seafood at dinner. 1600 E. Wadley Ave. 682-3729 www.Ranchlandhills.com | $$ | 4 spoons

SALTGRASS STEAKHOUSE Midland's only restaurant from the Landry's chain specializes in steaks. For something different, try the warm steak salad that includes grilled veggies and steak piled on top of a bed of greens. 4511 W. Loop 250 699-0476 www.saltgrass.com | $$ | 4 spoons

STEAK 42 Locally-owned steakhouse with fine dining menu and occasional live music and special events. Look for quarterly pop-up brunches. 911 S. Big Spring St. | 704-5242 | not yet reviewed

STEAK EXPRESS Surprisingly good steaks and burgers for take-out or delivery. Burgers are a meal by themselves. Steaks come with traditional sides. 3316 W. Illinois Ave. 694-4040 | $$ | 4 spoons

TEXAS ROADHOUSE Call-ahead seating is available for busy chain restaurant on Loop 250 offers steaks, burgers, sandwiches and more. 4512 W. Loop 250 N. 689-7427 | $$ | 4 spoons

WALL STREET BAR & GRILL Arguably the best steak and seafood in Midland. If you're in the mood for something else, try the chicken fried steak or the Dijon chicken. And save room for the Gold Brick dessert. 115 East Wall St. 684-8686 | $$ | 5 spoons

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Texas hires David Pierce as next baseball coach

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Tulane baseball coach David Pierce, who led the Green Wave to the American Athletic Conference regular-season title this past season, was announced Wednesday as the new coach at Texas.

Pierce replaces Augie Garrido, the winningest coach in college baseball history, who was forced out after 20 years after the Longhorns had a losing season and missed the NCAA postseason for the third time in five years.

Texas athletic director Mike Perrin searched for Garrido's replacement for a month before putting the traditional powerhouse program in the hands of Pierce, who has deep ties to the state of Texas but just five years' experience as a head coach.

"As a kid growing up in Texas, I dreamed of being a Longhorn and wearing the burnt orange," Pierce said. "Today that dream is coming true ... Texas is second to no one," Pierce said in a statement released by Texas.

Terms of Pierce's contract were not immediately released.

Pierce, 53, is just the third coach at Texas since 1968. Garrido won national titles with the Longhorns in 2002 and 2005 and had six 50-win seasons between 2002 and 2010.

Texas' recent slide — and first losing season in 20 years — pushed Garrido into a special assistant's role within the athletic department. He had one year left on a contract worth more than $1 million per year.

While Garrido racked up 1,975 victories dating back to 1969 with five national titles overall, Pierce has an overall record of 197-109. He was the head coach at Sam Houston State for three seasons before spending the last two seasons at Tulane. He also was a longtime assistant at Rice.

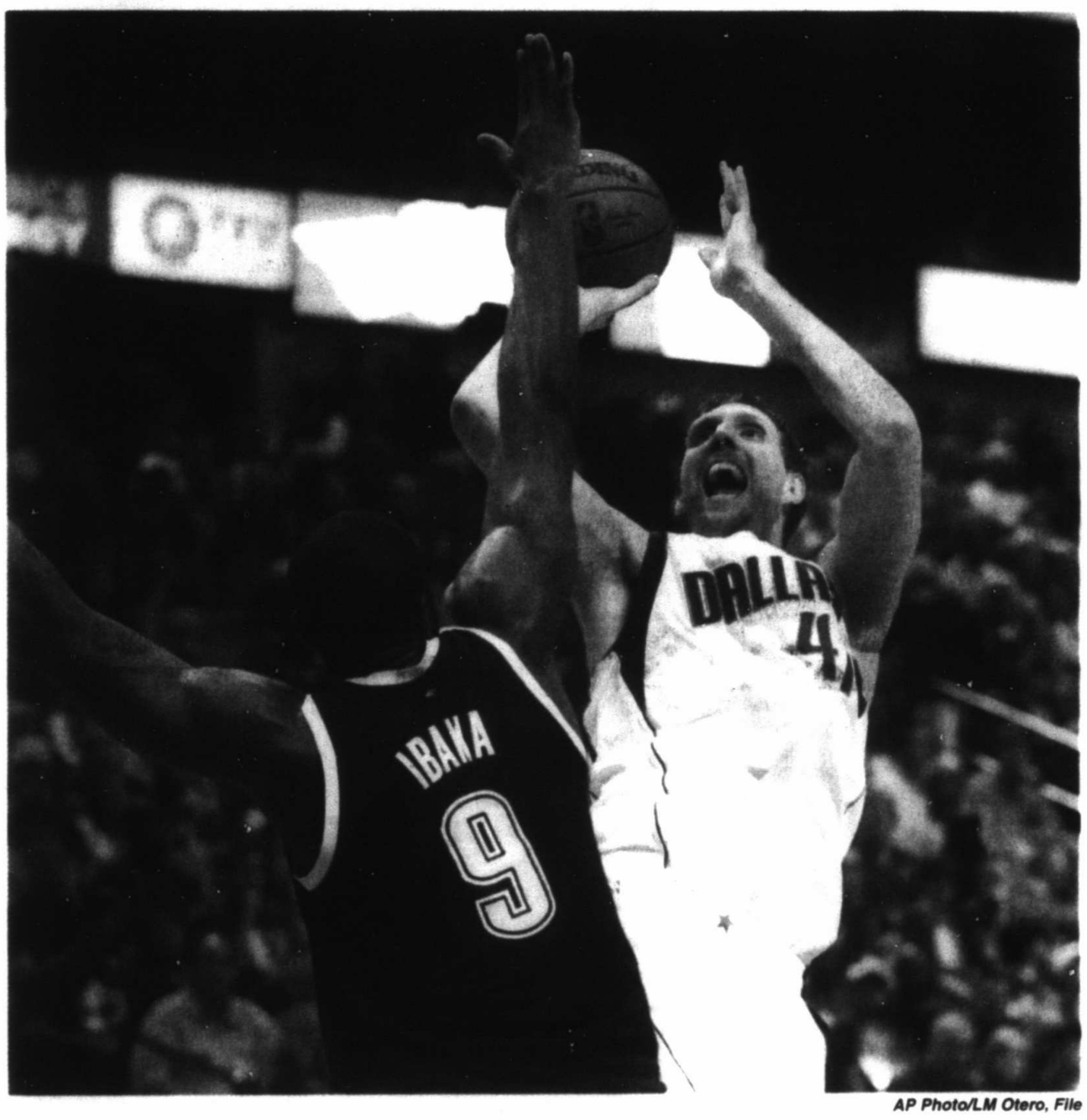
Pierce has led his teams to the NCAA postseason in every year as a head coach but has not yet advanced to a super regional.

"David has deep roots in Texas and has strong recruiting connections throughout our state and surrounding states. But beyond that, he is a great man who has a passion for leading and developing young men in all aspects of life," Perrin said. "In talking to David and visiting with others in the college baseball world, it was clear that he is highly respected."

Michael DeMocker/NOLA.com The Times-Picayune via AP

Tulane baseball coach David Pierce argues an overturned fair ball during an NCAA college baseball game against Cincinnati at Turchin Stadium in New Orleans. Texas reached an agreement Wednesday with Tulane baseball coach David Pierce to take over the Longhorns' program, a person with knowledge of the decision said.

Big fish in the crosshairs



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Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki (41) shoots against Oklahoma City Thunder forward Serge Ibaka (9) during the second half in Game 4 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, in Dallas. Nowitzki opted out of his contract with the Mavericks but is expected to return for a 19th season in Dallas. For the fifth straight year, the big German is likely to be surrounded by a new batch of starters as the Mavericks again try to revamp their roster in free agency.

Here they go again: Mavs set to chase big free agents

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks again will seek major upgrades in free agency, a year after DeAndre Jordan's jolting change of heart ruined their plans.

They're going after another center, too.

Miami's Hassan Whiteside is expected to be among the top targets for Dallas, along with Memphis point guard Mike Conley. And those pursuits are likely to jeopardize Chandler Parsons' future in Dallas after knee injuries sidelined the versatile forward during the playoffs in both his seasons after Houston declined to match owner Mark Cuban's offer sheet in 2014.

Parsons opted out of the final year of his contract, along with star forward Dirk Nowitzki and point guard Deron Williams, who played one season with his hometown team after taking a buyout from Brooklyn. Nowitzki is almost certain to return for a 19th season in Dallas, while a second for Williams seems unlikely.

This much is set when free agency opens at 11 p.m. today: For the fifth straight year, the Mavericks are trying to reshape their roster without significant help from the draft. And they don't have a playoff series victory to show for the effort since Cuban chose financial flexibility over bringing back key pieces of the franchise's only championship in 2011.

"We're always looking to have maximum impact in terms of talent," president of basketball operations Donnie

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Barham ready to lead girls soccer program

By Will Korn
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Thomas "Cooper" Barham is set to take over as the new head coach of the Midland High girls soccer team beginning next season.

Barham, who spent last year as the MHS boys assistant to head coach Warren Cottle, was officially hired by MISD as the girls team's coach on June 7 and will replace the outgoing Meagan Lasley.

Lasley spent the last two seasons as the Lady Bulldogs' head coach and accumulated a 28-17-2 record, highlighted by a District 3-6A title in 2015.

MISD Executive Director of Athletics Randy Rowe said Lasley has moved to the Metroplex to be closer to family.

Barham, 25, said he is thrilled to have the opportunity to coach the Lady Bulldogs. This will be his first varsity head coach job and being a varsity head coach is something he's long had interest in.

"I feel very blessed with all the people at MHS," Barham said. "I had great references and I'm excited. I've always dreamed of being a (varsity) head coach."

During this past season, Barham said that Lasley had discussed the prospect of coaching the MHS girls team with him on a few occasions. He said he was immediately intrigued by the opportunity. When an opening for a girls head coach became available, Barham submitted an application to MISD.

Before his one-year stint as the MHS boys assistant, Barham spent the 2014-15 campaign at Odessa Permian, where he was the girls varsity assistant to head coach Chad Peterson and was also the head coach for the Lady Panthers' JV team.

Barham said that making the jump to head coach with a girls varsity team won't require him to alter his coaching style in any way. But he said implementing new formations will be a work in progress, as there are noticeable differences between the boys' and girls' games.

He added that developing strong chemistry with the MHS players will also be key as a first-year head coach.

"There have to be some changes just because of the styles of play," Barham said. "It will be a learning experience. I have a few ideas, but it's really just what fits best for the girls. But you've got to have that special type relationship that Coach Lasley had with the girls (in order to be successful)."

Having spent time as a coach in the MHS program, Barham said he is well aware of the high expectations the program has on the field. He added that he hopes he'll be able to pick up where Lasley left off and continue to build upon a culture of success with the Lady Bulldogs.

"It's a successful program," Barham said. "The level of talent that comes out of this program, it's one of the best in the state. I think this team can play with anyone in the state."

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For Michael Phelps, the 5th Olympics may mean the most yet

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Michael Phelps surged to the wall, and then whipped around to spot his time.

That number wasn't really important.

The only thing that mattered was No. 5.

Phelps became the first male swimmer to qualify for five Olympics with a victory in the 200-meter butterfly at the U.S. swimming trials Wednesday night, another huge milestone in the water but even more significant given what's happened away from the pool.

A second drunken-driving arrest. A re-evaluation of his life. An impending marriage. And his first child.

With 7-week-old Boomer in the arms of his mother at the CenturyLink Center, Phelps cruised to a victory that meant as much personally as all those triumphs that came before.

The most decorated athlete in Olympic history is Rio bound.

"With everything that's happened and being able to come back, that was probably harder than any swim I've had in my life," Phelps said.

"Just being able to finish how I want to is so important to me. Getting on this team is what I wanted to do."

He wasn't the only one feeling a bit of redemption.

Missy Franklin turned in one of the gutsiest performances of her career to earn a spot for Rio in the 200 freestyle.

One night after she struggled to seventh in the 100 backstroke — an event she won four years ago in London — there was plenty of speculation that she'd be hard-pressed to qualify for any individual events at these games.

Franklin herself sounded as though she'd be happy just getting on the team as a relay swimmer.

Turns out, she'll be busier than that in Brazil.

While Katie Ledecky romped to victory in the 200 free, earning a second individual event at the Olympics, Franklin rallied over the second half of the race to claim the runner-up spot.

Franklin's coach, Todd Schmitz, pumped his fists and charged down the steps of the arena to congratulate his bubbly swimmer, one of the biggest stars of the London Games.

She finally had reason to smile.

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WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
No game scheduled

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at NW Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Today	Friday	Friday
Midland 3, San Antonio 0	Texas League All-Star Game	Midland at NW Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at NW Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at NW Arkansas, 6:35 p.m.

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Australian Football League
West Coasts vs. Essendon, 5 a.m., FSP
Port Adelaide vs. Richmond, 4:30 a.m., FS2
Canadian Football League
Ottawa at Montreal, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Toronto at Saskatchewan, 9 p.m., ESPN2
College Football
BYU College Football Media Day, 10 a.m., BYUtv
BYU College Football Media Day Afternoon, 3 p.m., BYUtv
Cricket
CPL T20: Guyana vs. St. Kitts & Nevis, 7 p.m., OWSPN
Golf
EPGA: 100th Open de France, 1st Round, 8:30 a.m., GOLF
PGA: WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, 1st Round, 12:30 p.m., GOLF
PGA: Barracuda Championship, 1st Round, 5:30 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: Cambia Portland Classic, 1st Round, 8 p.m., GOLF
Major League Baseball
Texas at NY Yankees, Noon, FSSW
Los Angeles at Milwaukee, 1 p.m., MLB
Chic. Cubs at NY Mets, 6 p.m., MLB
Men's Soccer
EURO 2016 Quarterfinal: Poland vs. Portugal, 2 p.m., ESPN2, ESPNDEP

Motorsports
FIA: Poland, Noon, MAVtv
XFINITY: Firecracker 250, Practice, 1 p.m., NBCSN
Sprint Cup: Coke Zero 400, Practice, 2 p.m., NBCSN
XFINITY: Firecracker 250, Final Practice, 3 p.m., NBCSN
Sprint Cup: Coke Zero 400, Final Practice, 4 p.m., NBCSN
Olympic Trials
Women's 100 Meter Freestyle, Men's 200 Meter Individual Medley; Men's 200 Meter Backstroke, Qualifying, 5:30 p.m., NBCSN
Men's 100 Meter Freestyle; Men's 200 Meter Breaststroke; Women's 200 Meter Butterfly, Finals, 7 p.m., NBC
Rugby
Super League Semifinal: Wigan vs. Hull FC, 1:30 p.m., FSP
NRL: Brisbane vs. Melbourne, 4:30 a.m., FSP
Tennis
Wimbledon, 2nd Round, 6 a.m., ESPN
WNBA
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 2:30 p.m., NBAtv
RADIO
Major League Baseball
Texas at N.Y. Yankees, Noon, KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
Texas League Baseball
Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 7 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Sent RHP Vance Worley to Frederick (Carolina) for a rehab assignment
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Placed OF Lorenzo Cain on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Brett Eibner from Omaha (PCL)
NEW YORK YANKEES — Agreed to terms with OF Blake Rutherford on a minor league contract and assigned him to the GCL Yankees
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Reinstated LHP Sean Manaea from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF/OF Arismendy Alcantara to Nashville (PCL)
SEATTLE MARINERS — Activated LHP Wade Miley from the 15-day DL. Placed RHP Nick Vincent on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 27
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed RHP Alex Colome on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 19. Designated OF Jaff Decker for assignment. Reinstated OF Brandon Guyer from the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Dana Eveland from Durham (IL)
TEXAS RANGERS — Claimed LHP Eric Surkamp off waivers from Oakland and optioned him to Round Rock (PCL). Transferred OF Drew Stubbs to the 60-day DL
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Optioned LHP Matt Marksberry to Gwinnett (IL). Recalled RHP Joel De La Cruz from Gwinnett
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned RHP J.J. Hoover to Louisville (IL). Recalled RHP Keyvius Sampson from Louisville
COLORADO ROCKIES — Sent LHP Jake McGee to Modesto (Cal) for a rehab assignment
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Selected the contract of RHP Brock Stewart from Oklahoma City (PCL). Placed INF/OF Kiki Hernandez on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 28. Transferred LHP Alex Wood to the 60-day DL
MIAMI MARLINS — Selected the contract of LHP Jo-Jo Reyes from New Orleans (PCL). Agreed RHP Willi Garcia on a minor league contract
NEW YORK METS — Sent OF Juan Lagares to Binghamton (EL) for a rehab assignment
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Sent RHP Andrew Cashner to Lake Elsinore (Cal) for a rehab assignment
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed 2B Joe Panik on 7-day concussion DL. Purchased the contract of INF Ruben Tejada from Sacramento (PCL). Recalled RHP Chris Heston from Sacramento and placed him on the 60-day DL
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Released RHP Taylor Jordan. Optioned RHP Rafael Martin to Syracuse (IL). Signed RHP Matt Latos to a minor league contract. American Association
FARGO-MOORHEAD RED HAWKS — Sold the contract of RHP Tyler Herron to the N.Y. Mets
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed INF Randy Santiesteban
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed INF Cie Arell. Released LHP Josue Montanez
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed OF Tyson Gillies. Released OF Robbie Widdall
LAREDO LEMURS — Signed LHP Joe Testa
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed RHP Alec Crawford
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Traded INF Dayner Moreno to Lincoln for cash
TEXAS AIRHOGS — Released INF Will DuPont

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS — Exercised their 2016-17 contract option on F-C Mike Muscala
DETROIT PISTONS — Named Jon Phelps general manager and Rex Walters coach of Grand Rapids (NBADL). Traded G Jodie Meeks to Orlando for a 2019 conditional second-round draft pick
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Exercised their fourth-year option on F Hollis Thompson
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed DL Carl Nassib
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed QB Andrew Luck to a contract through the 2021 season
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed WR Doug Baldwin to a contract extension through the 2020 season
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES — Signed D Casey Nelson to a two-year contract extension
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Signed D Seth Jones to a six-year contract
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Traded D P.K. Subban to Nashville for D Shea Weber
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Traded D Adam Larsson to Edmonton for LW Taylor Hall
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Signed F Kyle Brodziak to a two-year contract extension
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Re-signed F Steven Stamkos to an eight-year contract
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
LA GALAXY — Signed M Alejandro Covarrubias and D Lee Nishamian to short term agreements
NEW YORK CITY FC — Transferred M Kwadwo Poku to Miami (NASL)
PORTLAND TIMBERS — Signed G Kendall McIntosh to a short-term agreement. National Women's Soccer League
CHICAGO RED STARS — Traded an international roster spot to Boston for a 2017 second-round draft pick
COLLEGE
ARIZONA STATE — Announced junior women's basketball G Courtney Ekmark is transferring from UConn
ASSUMPTION — Announced the resignation of Ken Johnson, Jr., assistant director of athletics, communications, to become director of communications, promotions and marketing for MIT
DEPAUL — Announced sophomore men's basketball G Austin Grandstaff is transferring from Oklahoma
FLORIDA GULF COAST — Named Henry Apalco men's assistant soccer coach
HOFSTRA — Named Stephen Roche men's assistant soccer coach
ST. AUGUSTINE'S — Named Dr. Darnell J. Bethel faculty athletics representative
SAINT LEO — Announced the resignation of men's and women's tennis coach Chris Frusci so he can take a position at Baylor
SEATTLE — Named Todd Schaefer women's assistant basketball coach
TEXAS — Named David Pierce baseball coach
TULANE — Named Heather Karner women's graduate assistant basketball coach
UCLA — Announced freshman men's basketball G Kobe Paras withdrew from school

TEXAS LEAGUE GLANCE

Standings

North Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa (Dodgers)	4	2	.667	—
NW Arkansas (Royals)	4	2	.667	—
Springfield (Cardinals)	2	3	.400	1 1/2
Arkansas (Angels)	1	4	.200	2 1/2

South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi (Astros)	4	2	.667	—
Midland (Athletics)	4	2	.667	—
Frisco (Rangers)	2	4	.333	2
San Antonio (Padres)	2	4	.333	2

Scores & schedule

Wednesday's Scores
No games scheduled
Today's Games
Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Frisco at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.
Friday's Games
Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Frisco at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

TEXAS FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for June 29 and also available on the Internet at http://www.txfishing.com

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water murky; 81-85 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water murky; 78-82 degrees; 25.34' high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water murky; 79-83 degrees; 0.09' high. Black bass are good on soft plastics, buzzbaits, and spinnerbaits over grass. Hybrid striper are fair on shad. White bass are good on minnows and LTI Fishies off lighted docks at night. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

BUCHANAN: Water murky; 79-83 degrees; 0.06' high. Black bass are fair on watermelon flukes. Texas rigged watermelon worms, and topwaters off secondary points early. Striped bass are fair on small crankbaits and Zara Spooks early. White bass are fair trolling on Pink Minnows over brush piles. Crappie are good on minnows and Curt's crappie jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on live bait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines and trotlines baited with goldfish.

CANYON LAKE: Water murky; 78-82 degrees; 1.81' high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Smallmouth bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

COLEMAN: Water murky; 80-84 degrees; 0.14' low. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

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

FAYETTE: Water murky. Black bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

GRANBURY: Water murky; 79-83 degrees; 0.08' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastic worms and Red-L-Traps. Striped bass are slow. White bass are good on minnows and pet spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers, chicken livers, and stinkbait.

GRANGER: Water murky; 78-82 degrees; 4.16' high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

LBJ: Water stained; 79-83 degrees; 0.65' low. Black bass are fair on small topwaters and watermelon Curt's jigs in 8-16 feet early. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles in 15 feet. Channel catfish are fair on minnows. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

AP Photo/Tim Ireland

Eugenie Bouchard of Canada, left, goes to shake hands with Magdalena Rybarikova of Slovakia after defeating her in their women's singles match on day three of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, on Wednesday.

Loss aside, tennis teacher revels in chance to face Federer

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

LONDON — How much money might you be willing to pay for the once-in-a-lifetime chance to play tennis against Roger Federer on Centre Court at Wimbledon?

Or merely for the chance to emerge from the tunnel leading out to the green grass there and hear the full-throated yells of nearly 15,000 standing, clapping spectators pulling for you?

Or, perhaps best of all, for the chance to look up at a guest box and see your parents, sister, brother and cousin leaping out of their seats, rejoicing, after you conjured up a beautifully curled lob that floated over the man considered by many to be the sport's greatest player in history and landed in to win a 14-stroke exchange?

Marcus Willis, who lives at home with Mom and Dad and works as a tennis instructor at a club in central England, got to experience all of that and more Wednesday, and it didn't cost the 25-year-old a dime. Actually, Willis earned the biggest paycheck of his career despite winding up with the sort of result everyone expected when a guy ranked 772nd in the world somehow found himself across the net from the man who spent more weeks at No. 1 than anyone: a 6-0, 6-3, 6-4 victory for Federer in the second round at the All England Club.

"I did look up twice as I bounced the ball, and saw Roger Federer, and thought, 'Oh, haven't seen this before,'" Willis said. "Yeah, it was surreal. ... I had to get used to it and play."

He earned the right to be out there against the 17-time Grand Slam champion thanks to an improbable, straight-from-a-screenplay couple of weeks that included victories in three matches during a playoff for low-ranked British players, three more in the qualifying rounds at Wimbledon, and then another Monday in his very first tour-level match.

"It's all been incredible and a bit of a blur," said Willis, a left-hander with a strong serve who slices shots off both wings. "I've gone from one extreme to the other in a matter of days."

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

Wednesday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
London
Purse: $38.4 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
Men
First Round
Tomas Berdych (10), Czech Republic, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 7-6 (5), 5-7, 6-1, 7-6 (2)
Bernard Tomic (19), Australia, def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4
Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, def. Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (7)
Alexander Zverev (24), Germany, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2
Radu Albot, Moldova, def. Gastao Elias, Portugal, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4
Dominic Thiem (8), Austria, def. Florian Mayer, Germany, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4
Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, leads Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 6-4, 5-4, susp., rain
Donald Young, United States, leads Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 2-1, susp., rain
John Isner (18), United States, leads Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 7-6 (2), 1-3, susp., rain
Albano Olivetti, France, vs. Matthew Barton, Australia, 7-6 (7), 6-7 (5), 3-6, 7-6 (5), 3-3, susp., rain
Fabio Fognini, Italy, leads Federico Delbonis, Argentina, 6-4, 1-6, 4-1, susp., rain
Lucas Pouille (32), France, leads Marius Copil, Romania, 6-4, 4-6, 1-0, susp., rain
Second Round
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Adrian Mannarino, France, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (5)
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Marcus Willis, Britain, 6-0, 6-3, 6-4
Daniel Evans, Britain, vs. Alexandr Dolgopolov (30), Ukraine, 6-6, susp., rain
Sam Querrey (28), United States, leads Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 6-4, 5-2, susp., rain
Nicolas Mahut, France, leads David Ferrer (13), Spain, 3-1, susp., rain
Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, leads Gilles Simon (16), France, 1-0 (15-30), susp., rain
Steve Johnson, United States, leads Jeremy Chardy, France, 1-0, susp., rain
Women
First Round
Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, def. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, 6-3, 7-5
Andrea Petkovic (32), Germany, def. Nao Hibino, Japan, 3-6, 7-5, 6-2
Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, def. Kateryna Kozlova, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-1
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (21), Russia, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 7-5, 1-6, 6-1
Julia Boserup, United States, def. Tatjana Maria, Germany, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2
Johanna Konta (16), Britain, def. Monica Puig, Puerto Rico, 6-1, 7-5
Ana Konjuh, Croatia, def. Karin Knapp, Italy, 6-3, 6-3
Petra Kvitova (10), Czech Republic, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 6-0, 6-4
Belinda Bencic (7), Switzerland, def. Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, 6-2, 6-3
Eugenie Bouchard, Canada, def. Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-4
Annika Beck, Germany, leads Heather Watson, Britain, 3-6, 6-0, 1-0 (30-15), susp., rain
Sloane Stephens (18), United States, vs. Peng Shuai, China, 6-6, susp., rain
Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, leads Anna Tatishvili, United States, 5-1 (15-15), susp., rain
Anett Kontaveit, Estonia, leads Barbora Strycova (24), Czech Republic, 3-2 (15-40), susp., rain

17 COM divers to compete on national state

From staff reports

City of Midland Aquatics announced that 17 of its divers have qualified to compete at the USA Diving National Zone F Meet in Tucson, Arizona, July 7-10.

The divers who qualified are Efrain Acosta, Georgia Austin, Grace Austin, Charlye Campbell, Trever Cheung, Kathe Hepfer, Kristen Hepfer, Logan Hillman, Barrett Jacoby, Grayson Jones, Quinton Klingensmith, Ashley Marler, Garrett Martin, Chloe McKnight, Averi McQuitty, Nick Stone and Ellis Warsaw.

The divers will compete against divers from California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Texas for a chance to qualify for the USA Diving Junior National Championship in Moultrie, Georgia.

COM divers are fresh off winning the USA Diving Junior Region 11 Championship in Lubbock last month.

"Our divers have trained really hard, spending a lot of time practicing and learning new dives in preparation for Zones," COM diving coach Gabi Chereches said. "We are competing against some tough teams, many who placed in the top 10 at last year's National Championships. I think our divers will compete well and qualify for nationals."

Van Garderen leads US contingent at Tour de France

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

Tejay van Garderen was third overall in the Tour de France a year ago, just a handful of stages between him and a podium place in Paris, when he pulled to the side of the road and climbed into his team car.

A respiratory infection he had been fighting for days had forced him out of the race.

It was a bitter disappointment for van Garderen, who has twice finished fifth in cycling's marquee race, but also for American fans waiting for someone to step into the void left by Lance Armstrong.

Perhaps this is the year that finally happens.

Van Garderen will join four other Americans on the start line Saturday in Mont-Saint-Michel, all of them with enough ability to stir things up. In fact, van Garderen and Richie Porte were picked as co-leaders of the BMC Racing Team, which means the 27-year-old from Tacoma, Washington, will have plenty of support.

"I've already raced the Tour de France a couple of times with most of these guys, so I couldn't be happier to line up with them once again," van Garderen said. "I'm in great shape. I'm really motivated."

Van Garderen withdrew his name from consideration for the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, citing concerns about the Zika virus, with his wife due to give birth in October. That means the Tour is his sole priority.

As if there was any doubt, given the way last year shook out.

He'll be joined at the Tour by teammate Brent Bookwalter, who will be part of the two-man U.S. squad in Rio. Cannondale Pro Cycling also has two Americans in Lawson Craddock and Alex Howes, despite Andrew Talansky skipping the race because of family concerns and a chronic sinus infection.

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MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	47	30	.610	—
Toronto	43	37	.538	5 1/2
Boston	42	38	.538	5 1/2
New York	38	39	.494	9
Tampa Bay	33	44	.429	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	47	30	.610	—
Kansas City	40	36	.526	6 1/2
Detroit	40	38	.513	7 1/2
Chicago	39	39	.500	8 1/2
Minnesota	25	52	.325	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	51	28	.646	—
Houston	42	37	.532	9
Seattle	39	38	.506	11
Oakland	34	43	.442	16
Los Angeles	32	47	.405	19

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	47	32	.595	—
Miami	41	37	.526	5 1/2
New York	40	37	.519	6
Philadelphia	35	45	.438	12 1/2
Atlanta	28	52	.333	20 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	51	28	.662	—
St. Louis	40	36	.526	10 1/2
Pittsburgh	37	41	.474	14 1/2
Milwaukee	35	42	.455	16
Cincinnati	29	50	.367	23

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	49	30	.620	—
Los Angeles	43	37	.538	6 1/2
Colorado	37	41	.474	11 1/2
Arizona	36	45	.444	14
San Diego	33	46	.418	16

Scores & schedule

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Wednesday's Scores

Tampa Bay 4, Boston 0
Detroit 10, Miami 3
Toronto 5, Colorado 3
Houston 10, L.A. Angels 4
Baltimore 12, San Diego 6
N.Y. Yankees 9, Texas 7
Cleveland 3, Atlanta 0
Chicago White Sox 9, Minnesota 6
Kansas City at St. Louis, late
San Francisco at Oakland, late
Pittsburgh at Seattle, late

Today's Games

Texas (Griffin 3-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 3-7), 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milone 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 2-6), 1:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 3-2) at Toronto (Dickey 5-8), 6:07 p.m.
Detroit (Zimmermann 9-4) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 3-3), 6:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Young 2-7) at St. Louis (Leake 5-5), 6:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 8-4) at Oakland (Overton 1-0), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 10-1) at Seattle (Walker 3-6), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's Scores

Chicago Cubs 9, Cincinnati 2
Detroit 10, Miami 3
Toronto 5, Colorado 3
Philadelphia 9, Arizona 8, 10 innings
Baltimore 12, San Diego 6
Washington 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Cleveland 3, Atlanta 0
Milwaukee 7, L.A. Dodgers 0
Kansas City at St. Louis, late
San Francisco at Oakland, late
Pittsburgh at Seattle, late

Today's Games

L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 6-5) at Milwaukee (Davies 5-3), 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Finnegan 3-6) at Washington (Gonzalez 3-7), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lackey 7-4) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 7-3), 6:10 p.m.
Miami (Chen 4-2) at Atlanta (Teheran 3-7), 6:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Young 2-7) at St. Louis (Leake 5-5), 6:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 8-4) at Oakland (Overton 1-0), 9:05 p.m.

Texas Boxes

YANKEES 9, RANGERS 7

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	5	1	2	0	Ellsbry cf	3	1	1	0
Desmond cf	3	1	0	0	Gardner lf	5	1	1	0
Mazara lf	5	1	1	3	A.Rdrgz dh	5	0	0	0
Beltre 3b	4	1	1	1	B.McCrm c	3	3	2	4
Fielder dh	4	1	2	1	S.Cstro 2b	4	1	2	0
Odor 2b	4	1	1	1	Grgrjus ss	5	1	2	2
Andrus ss	3	0	1	1	Headley 3b	3	1	1	2
Mreland 1b	4	0	0	0	A.Hicks rf	3	0	0	0
Chrinos c	4	1	1	0	Rtlnndr 1b	3	1	1	0
Totals	**36**	**7**	**9**	**7**	**Totals**	**34**	**9**	**10**	**8**

Texas	.014	001	010	—7					
New York	.010	001	016	—9					

E—B.McCann (1). Refsnyder (2). Desmond (6). DP—Texas 1. LOB—Texas 5. New York 8. 2B—Mazara (7). Fielder (15). HR—Beltre (12). Odor (15). B.McCann 2 (12). Gregorius (7). Headley (5). SB—Desmond (14). Ellsbury (14). Refsnyder (1). CS—Andrus (6). SF—Headley (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Martinez	5	3	2	2	5	2
Ramos	2 1-3	3	1	1	0	0
Bush H,10 2-3	1	2	2	1	1	1
Dyson L,1-2 BS,2 1-3	3	4	4	1	0	1
New York						
Tanaka	6	8	6	6	1	7
Cessa W,1-0	3	1	1	1	2	2

N.Martinez pitched to 2 batters in the 6th
Bush pitched to 2 batters in the 9th
T—3:19. A—38,875 (49,642).

ASTROS 10, ANGELS 4

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Springer rf	5	2	1	1	Gvrella 2b	5	1	1	0
Ma.Grzl lf	5	1	1	0	Calhoun rf	5	0	2	2
Altuve 2b	5	4	4	1	Trout cf	3	1	2	0
Correa ss	4	1	2	2	Pujols dh	4	0	2	1
Worth ss	0	0	0	0	J.Marte 3b	4	0	0	0
Vlbuena 3b	2	2	1	2	Cron 1b	4	0	2	0
C.Gomez dh	4	0	1	1	Bandy c	5	1	1	1
A. Reed 1b	5	0	0	0	A.Simmns ss	4	1	1	0
Gattis c	5	0	2	1	S.Ribnsn lf	4	0	0	0
Mrnick cf	4	0	0	1					
Totals	**39**	**10**	**12**	**9**	**Totals**	**38**	**4**	**11**	**4**

Houston	.102	021	100	—10					
Los Angeles	.020	010	010	—4					

E—A.Simmons 2 (6). A. Reed (1). DP—Houston 1. LOB—Houston 9. Los Angeles 12. 2B—Altuve (24). Correa (15). Trout (16). Pujols (9). A.Simmons (8). 3B—Altuve (2). Calhoun (3). HR—Springer (17). Valbuena (9). Bandy (2). SB—Altuve (31). SF—Valbuena (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Keuchel W,5-9	6	6	3	2	3	4
Giles	1	1	0	0	1	1
Gregerson	1	2	1	1	0	1
Harris	1	2	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles						
Weaver L,6-7	5 1-3	7	6	6	4	3
Morin	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Salas	1	1	1	1	0	1
Bedrosian	1	0	0	0	0	0
Street	2-3	4	3	3	2	1
Alvarez	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Giles (Cron).
T—3:18. A—36,683 (43,250).

FROM LATE TUESDAY
ASTROS 7, ANGELS 1

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Springer rf	2	1	0	0	Calhoun rf	4	0	0	0
Vlbuena 3b	5	0	0	0	Trout cf	3	0	1	0
Altuve 2b	4	2	2	0	Pujols dh	4	0	2	1
Correa ss	4	2	3	4	Nava lf	4	0	2	0
Col.Rsm lf	5	0	2	0	Gvrella 2b	4	0	0	0
Ma.Grzl 1b	4	2	2	1	J.Marte 1b	4	0	0	0
C.Gomez cf	5	0	2	1	G.Petit 3b	4	0	0	0
Gattis dh	3	0	1	1	C.Perez c	4	1	2	0
J.Castro c	4	0	0	0	A.Simmns ss	4	0	1	0
Totals	**36**	**7**	**12**	**7**	**Totals**	**35**	**1**	**8**	**1**

Houston	.300	110	110	—7					
Los Angeles	.001	000	000	—1					

E—J.Ramirez (1). Valbuena (6). DP—Houston 1. LOB—Houston 9. Los Angeles 8. 2B—Correa (14). Ma.Gonzalez (13). C.Gomez (13). Nava (2). A.Simmons (7). 3B—Ma.Gonzalez (2). HR—Correa (13). SB—Altuve 2 (20). Trout (11). Pujols (3). SF—Gattis (3). S—Ma.Gonzalez (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Feldman W,5-3	5	3	1	0	0	2
Feliz	2	2	0	0	1	2
Neshek	1	2	0	0	0	0
Devenski	1	1	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles						
Lincecum L,1-2	4 1-3	7	5	5	4	7
Guerra	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Ramirez	2	3	2	2	1	3
Alvarez	1	2	0	0	0	1

T—3:07. A—38,781 (43,250)

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RAYS 4, RED SOX 0

Boston	.000	000	000	—0	5	0
Tampa Bay	.013	000	00x	—4	9	1

Price, Hembree (7) and Vazquez, Leon. Moore, E.Ramirez (8). Cobb, Cedeno (9) and Casali. W—Moore 4-5. L—Price 8-5. HRs—Tampa Bay. Guyer (7).

WHITE SOX 9, TWINS 6

Minnesota	.100	000	005	—6	11	1
Chicago	.020	010	10x	—9	13	1

Nolasco, Tonkin (6), Jepsen (7), Boshers (8) and K.Suzuki. Shields, Albers (7), Ynoa (8), Purke (9), Da.Jennings (9), N.Jones (9) and Navarro. W—Shields, 3-9. L—Nolasco, 3-6. Sv—N.Jones (2). HRs—Minnesota, Nunez (11). Chicago, Lawrie (11), Frazier (22), Saladino (5).

INTERLEAGUE
TIGERS 10, MARLINS 3

Miami	.000	000	100	—3	14	0
Detroit	.410	120	02x	—10	15	0

Koehler, McGowan (4), Wittgren (6), Reyes (7) and Mathis. Da.Norris, Wilson (6), Ryan (7), An.Sanchez (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—Da.Norris 1-0. L—Koehler 6-7. HRs—Detroit, Cabrera (18), Saltalamacchia (8), Moya (4).

BLUE JAYS 5, ROCKIES 3

Toronto	.012	000	101	—5	11	0
Colorado	.000	100	002	—3	9	1

Aa.Sanchez, Osuna (9) and Ty.Anderson. Lyles (7), Germen (8), Logan (8), Estevez (9) and Wolters. W—Aa.Sanchez 8-1. L—Ty.Anderson 0-2. HRs—Toronto, Donaldson (18).

ORIOLES 12, PADRES 6

Baltimore	.000	421	005	—12	12	0
San Diego	.000	003	003	—6	8	1

Gallardo, Despaigne (7), Brach (8), Drake (9), Givens (9) and Pena. Weiters, Friedrich, Hand (6), Maurer (8), Buchter (9), Quackenbush (9) and De.Norris. W—Gallardo, 3-1. L—Friedrich, 4-3. HRs—Baltimore, Trumbo (23). San Diego, Wallace (5).

INDIANS 3, BRAVES 0

Cleveland	.000	021	000	—3	8	0
Atlanta	.000	000	000	—0	7	1

Salazar, B.Shaw (6), Allen (9) and Gomes. De La Cruz, Kind (7), M.Cabrera (8), Kelly (9) and Flowers. W—Salazar, 10-3. L—De La Cruz, 0-1. Sv—Allen (16). HRs—Cleveland, Chisenhall (5).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CUBS 9, REDS 2

Chicago	.302	200	200	—9	12	0
Cincinnati	.000	200	000	—2	9	0

Hendricks, Grimm (7), Edwards (8) and Contreras. C.Reed, Sampson (5), Diaz (7), Chiendorf (9) and Barnhart. W—Hendricks, 6-6. L—C.Reed, 0-2. HRs—Chicago, Russell (8), Rizzo (19). Almora (1). Cincinnati, Duvall (22).

PHILLIES 9, DIAMONDBACKS 8

Philadelphia	.200	010	140	1	—9	17
Arizona	.310	000	310	0	—8	15

Eflin, S.Gonzalez (7), E.Ramos (7), Morgan (7), Neris (8), J.Gomez (8), Oberholtzer (10) and Rupp. Bradley, Clippard (7), Hudson (8), Chafin (8), Barrett (8), Ziegler (9), Brach (10) and Herrmann. W—J.Gomez, 3-2. L—Brach, 0-2. Sv—Oberholtzer (1). HRs—Philadelphia, Bourjos (3). Arizona, Lamb (17).

NATIONALS 4, METS 2

New York	.000	000	002	—2	6	1
Washington	.011	000	02x	—4	5	0

Verrett, Bastardo (6), Gilmartin (8) and Rivera. d'Arnaud, Scherzer, Perez (8), Treinen (8), Kelley (8) and W.Ramos. W—Scherzer, 9-5. L—Verrett, 3-5. Sv—Kelley (4). HRs—New York, Loney (3). Washington, Murphy 2 (14).

BREWERS 7, DODGERS 0

Los Angeles	.000	000	000	—0	2	1
Milwaukee	.000	000	20x	—2	12	0

Stewart, Howell (6), Hatcher (7) and Ellis. Guerra, Blazek (9) and Lucroy. W—Guerra, 5-1. L—Stewart, 0-1. HRs—Milwaukee, Nieuwenhuis (5), Braun (13).

HRs by McCann, Gregorius in 9th rally Yanks past Rangers 9-7

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brian McCann hit a tying, three-run homer off Sam Dyson, Didi Gregorius capped a six-run ninth inning with his two-run shot and the New York Yankees woke up late to beat the Texas Rangers 9-7 Wednesday night.

Down 7-2 and in danger of falling 10 games behind AL East-leading Baltimore, the Yankees began their comeback when McCann hit a solo homer off Cesar Ramos in the eighth.

Rob Refsnyder singled off Matt Bush leading off the ninth, Jacoby Ellsbury walked and Dyson (1-2) relieved.

Brett Gardner singled and Refsnyder came home when center fielder Ian Desmond bobbled the ball for an error. After Alex Rodriguez lined out, McCann homered into the right-field bleachers, Starlin Castro walked and Gregorius lined the ball into the right-field seats for his first career game-ending homer.

Luis Cessa (1-0) allowed one run in three innings for his first big league win.

With slugger Carlos Beltran sitting out because of a hamstring injury, Rodriguez went 0 for 5 with a double-play grounder. Fans booed when he grounded out in the eighth.

Yankees starter Masahiro Tanaka gave up six runs and eight hits in six innings, raising his ERA to 3.35. Rangers starter Nick Martinez allowed two runs, three hits and five walks in five-plus innings and threw just 38 of 84 pitches for strikes.

Nomar Mazara, a 21-year-old rookie who is the youngest position player in the majors, was in a 10-for-56 slide before his three-run double in the third. Mazara scored on Prince Fielder's single off a diving Rob Refsnyder at first for a 5-1 lead.

Rougned Odor added his 15th homer in the sixth, an opposite-field drive to left, and Adrian Beltre hit an opposite-field homer to right in the eighth off Cessa.

Chase Headley homered in the second and hit a sacrifice fly in the sixth off Ramos, who entered with two on and no outs.

Altuve's 4 hits, 4 runs lead Astros over Angels 10-4

By Abbey Mastracco
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Jose Altuve might be tired but it didn't show.

On a day where Houston manager A.J. Hinch considered giving the second baseman a day off, Altuve went 4 for 5 and scored four runs to help the Astros beat the Los Angeles Angels 10-4 on Wednesday and completed the sweep of the three-game series.

It was the second time Houston has swept Los Angeles in the last two weeks. The Astros finished the six games with 37 runs. It was Houston's eighth straight win over their AL West rivals, extending the longest winning streak against Los Angeles in franchise history.

Houston has gone 35-20 since May 1, the third-best mark in the AL in that span.

"My fastball had a lot of life on it. ... I was trying to kind of figure out where I needed to start the fastball and it took me a little bit I got it under control and finished strong."

Dallas Keuchel

Altuve, who extended his career-high on-base streak to 32 games, was a home run shy of the cycle and finished the series 8 for 14 with two RBIs and six runs.

"He and I talked late into the night last night and even a little bit this morning because he is a little tired, believe it or not, and he came in to talk about it early," Hinch said. "We didn't connect and luckily, we didn't make the decision to take him out of the lineup."

While Hinch said he may get a few days off during the next homestand, Altuve had to protest to stay in the lineup for Wednesday's series finale.

"He tried to give me the day off today and yesterday, but I didn't think that was a good idea," Altuve said. "I just said it just to try to be in the lineup."

The Angels, who left 12 men on base, finished the homestand 1-6 and went 8-18 over the month of June. The Angels are a season-high 15 games under .500 (32-47). It's the fewest wins the Angels have recorded in June since 1980.

The loss prompted a team meeting that Angels manager Mike Scioscia said was positive.

"We need to get better, and we're going to continue to work hard on that goal." Scioscia said. "There's no sense looking back. We need to start getting some games on our terms and winning situations early, and get some guy coming in out of the pen making pitches, and right now we're struggling."

Dallas Keuchel (5-9) limited the Angels to three runs and six hits over six innings to win his second straight decision.

"My fastball had a lot of life on it," Keuchel said. "I was trying to kind of figure out where I needed to start the fastball and it took me a little bit I got it under control and finished strong."

Jered Weaver (6-7) pitched into the sixth inning but left after giving up a one-out solo home run to George Springer. In his third loss in five starts, Weaver allowed six earned runs and seven hits, walked four and struck out three.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

RAYS 4
RED SOX 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Matt Moore insisted it didn't give him any extra satisfaction to outpitch David Price.

"I might be different than a lot of guys. I really don't think about it as Moore vs. Price," the Tampa Bay Rays left-hander said after stringing together seven spotless innings to beat the 2012 AL Cy Young Award winner and Boston Red Sox 4-0 on Wednesday.

"I think of it as myself vs. the Red Sox, that matchup," Moore added. "But it was a little bit different getting to square up against one of your buddies."

Moore (4-5) allowed three singles, walked two and struck out five to outperform Price (8-5), the former Rays ace who fell to 1-3 in five career starts against his old team.

WHITE SOX 9
TWINS 6

CHICAGO — James Shields broke out of a slump with 6 2/3 innings against one of baseball's worst lineups, helping the Chicago White Sox beat the Minnesota Twins 9-6 on Wednesday night.

Shields (3-9) allowed one run and eight hits in his first win since he tossed seven scoreless innings for San Diego at Milwaukee on May 12. The right-hander got hit hard after he was acquired by Chicago in a trade June 4, going 0-2 with a 15.80 ERA in his first four starts.

Todd Frazier, Brett Lawrie and Tyler Saladino homered for the White Sox, who improved to 7-1 against the Twins after losing 4-0 in the series opener on Tuesday. Saladino and Tim Anderson each had two hits and two RBIs.

Chicago carried a 9-1 lead into the ninth, but Max Kepler's two-run double got Minnesota within three with two out. Nate Jones then came in with runners on second and third and retired Eduardo Escobar on a fly ball to left for his second save.

Eduardo Nunez homered on Shields' second pitch of the game, but it was a mostly frustrating night for Minnesota at the plate. The Twins, who rank near the bottom of the majors in several offensive categories, went 2 for 14 with runners in scoring position and left 10 men on base.

National League

CUBS 9
REDS 2

CINCINNATI — Anthony Rizzo legged out his first inside-the-park homer on Wednesday — another unusual moment in a series full of oddities — and the Chicago Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds 9-2 for a three-game sweep that got them back on solid footing after a rough week.

The Cubs went 1-6 last week, hurt by an injury-depleted lineup and a balky bullpen. With thousands of Cubs fans in the stands at Great American Ball Park for each game, they pulled off an invigorating sweep.

ORIOLES 12
PADRES 6

SAN DIEGO — Wil Myers ended June with a flourish for the San Diego Padres, even if the team is mired in last place in the NL West.

Myers hit a two-run double in the ninth inning of Wednesday's 12-6 loss to the Baltimore Orioles, his 21st extra-base hit of June. That tied the franchise record for the most extra-base hits in any month, set by Greg Vaughn in May 1998.

PHILLIES 9
DIAMONDBACKS 8

PHOENIX — Philadelphia manager Pete Mackanin sat at his desk with a dazed look on his face, not sure what to say after a wild game that included 32 hits, 17 runs, great plays and bizarre sequences.

"You guys bring it up; I don't remember half the stuff that happened," Mackanin said after the Phillies beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 9-8 in 10 innings Wednesday to complete their first sweep at Chase Field in 10 years.

NATIONALS 4
METS 2

WASHINGTON — Daniel Murphy homered twice, tormenting his former team yet again, and the Washington Nationals completed a three-game sweep of the New York Mets with 4-2 victory Wednesday night.

Max Scherzer (9-5) cruised against New York's sputtering offense, allowing two hits with 10 strikeouts over 7 1/3 shutout innings. He retired 18 in a row before Brandon Nimmo's single in the eighth and finished with at least 10 strikeouts for the fourth straight outing.

BREWERS 7
DODGERS 0

MILWAUKEE — Junior Guerra allowed two hits over eight innings, Ryan Braun hit a two-run homer and a two-run double and Kirk Nieuwenhuis hit a two-run shot to carry the Milwaukee Brewers to a 7-0 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday night, spoiling the major league debut of Brock Stewart.

Braun's two-run homer off Chris Hatcher in the seventh inning gave Guerra some extra cushion, but the 31-year-old rookie right-hander didn't need it.

Interleague

TIGERS 10
MARLINS 3

DETROIT — Tom Koehler got off to another rough start, and the Miami Marlins could not recover.

The right-hander gave up four runs in the first inning, and the Detroit Tigers went on to a 10-3 win over Miami on Wednesday.

Koehler allowed four runs in the opening inning of his previous start, a 5-4 loss to the Chicago Cubs.

BLUE JAYS 5
ROCKIES 3

DENVER — Aaron Sanchez kept the Colorado Rockies' potent offense grounded Wednesday.

He induced 14 groundouts, a great idea in Coors Field.

Sanchez allowed one run in eight innings and Josh Donaldson homered to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a 5-3 victory over the Rockies.

Sanchez (8-1) allowed six hits, struck out three and walked two in extending his unbeaten streak to 12 games.

INDIANS 3
BRAVES 0

ATLANTA — Danny Salazar didn't want to be the pitcher who couldn't keep the Cleveland Indians' winning streak alive.

In the process, the right-hander extended his personal win streak.

Salazar threw seven innings, Lonnie Chisenhall hit his second homer of the series and Cleveland stretched its winning streak to 12 games by beating the Atlanta Braves 3-0 on Wednesday night.

Cleveland swept its fourth straight series to extend the majors' longest winning streak this season. The Indians began the day leading second-place Kansas City by six games in the AL Central.

Salazar (10-3) was dominant, allowing five hits with no walks and eight strikeouts.

Bad weather forces CWS final to be postponed

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The College World Series championship game between Coastal Carolina and Arizona was postponed until Thursday because of inclement weather in the Omaha area on Wednesday night.

NCAA officials waited 2 hours, 23 minutes after the scheduled start time to postpone the game. More rain and lightning were forecast for the area in the early morning hours, meaning a delay would have been likely.

The best-of-three series is tied at a game apiece.

Darvish throws simulated game, could return after break

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Yu Darvish threw 46 pitches in a simulated game Wednesday and could return to the Texas Rangers' rotation shortly after the All-Star break.

Sidelined by shoulder discomfort since a June 8 outing against Houston, Darvish threw all his pitches during the three-inning game.

"Ball came out clean. Really tight rotation on the breaking ball. Sharp," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "There were some breaking balls that were short that you'd see him kind of act out on, that he didn't get them where he wanted to, but, again, that's the perfectionist in Yu. The ball had good movement at the plate, had some really nice darting life at the plate."

Pitching coach Doug Brocail said Darvish's next step will be determined after the 29-year-old right-hander evaluates how he feels Thursday, when Texas finishes a four-game series against the New York Yankees. A minor league rehab assignment of about 60 pitches or another simulated game are both possibilities. But the Rangers won't put Darvish back in their rotation until after the All-Star break, when their schedule resumes July 15 at the Chicago Cubs.

"If he feels good enough to go on a rehab assignment, I wouldn't mind sending him on a rehab assignment. If he's reluctant, then we'll wait," Brocail said.

Rangers teammates Jurickson Profar and Ryan Rua batted against Darvish, and Profar homered over the short right-field porch.

"I told him it doesn't count, 'cause it only went 317 (feet)," catcher Bryan Holaday said.

Banister was impressed by the outing.

"I don't think there was another ball that was barreled up," he said.

Darvish missed last season following Tommy John surgery and is 2-0 with a 2.87 ERA over three starts since returning to the Rangers on May 28 after five rehab starts in the minors. He has 19 strikeouts and six walks over 15 2/3 innings with the Rangers.

"Curveball was really sharp," Holaday said. "His sinker out there was just explosive. Great downward action, and it was late."

In other news, Texas claimed left-hander Eric Surkamp off waivers from Oakland and optioned him to Triple-A Round Rock.

The 28-year-old Surkamp adds depth to a Texas team that boasts the best record in the American League despite an injury-riddled rotation. In addition to Darvish, left-hander Derek Holland and righty Colby Lewis are on the disabled list.

Surkamp is 0-5 with a 6.98 ERA in nine starts over four stints with the Athletics this season. He was designated for assignment on Monday.

Surkamp was 3-1 with a 3.07 ERA in five starts for Triple-A Nashville this year. He is 4-8 with a 6.68 ERA in 52 games (16 starts) during his big league career. He also has pitched for the Giants, White Sox and Dodgers.

"I'm sure that we'll mix him in as a reliever," Banister said. "I like the arm."

To create space for Surkamp on the 40-man roster, Texas transferred outfielder Drew Stubbs from the 15-day disabled list to the 60-day DL. Stubbs has been out since May 7 with a sprain of his left small toe.

Mavs

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Nelson said. "It'll be the same."

The Mavericks chose a center — Purdue's A.J. Hammons — with their only pick in the NBA draft last week. The 7-footer went in the middle of the second round at No. 46 overall and may or may not be a rotation player depending on what happens at center in free agency.

That position is deep and includes Houston's Dwight Howard, who was at the top of Dallas' wish list in 2013 — a year after Williams chose the Nets over coming home. The litany of misses was its most painful for the Mavericks last summer, when Jordan initially said he would join them before changing his mind and staying with the Los Angeles Clippers.

While pursuing Jordan, the Mavericks lost Tyson Chandler to Phoenix, the second time he has left in free agency since helping them win the title. But Dallas believes it has two promising centers in Dwight Powell and Salah Mejri, a 7-foot-2 Tunisian who turned 30 after his rookie season.

"I don't think there's any relation to what our strategy is going to become on July 1," Nelson said after the draft. "You can never have enough talent in your center bullpen and given the guys that we have right now, we've got shot blocking, we've got athleticism. A.J. gives us a low-post presence, a guy that's got a thicker body."

If Parsons and Williams go elsewhere, the Mavericks will be looking for three new starters for the fifth straight year. Assuming Nowitzki comes back, the other returning starter is shooting guard Wesley Matthews, a free agent who got bumped up to a max contract with Dallas last year when Jordan changed his mind.

The one constant amid the turnover has been coach Rick Carlisle, who has made the playoffs in all but one of his eight seasons in Dallas.

"I'm always excited this time of year for a lot of reasons," Carlisle said. "We'll just go full bore into this summer and into this period, and build this team back up."

And maybe put the bad memory of Jordan's reversal behind them for good.

"We're optimistic," Nelson said. "I think it's an exciting time and ... (drafting Hammons) was a good first step to what hopefully will be a great summer for the Mavericks."

LeBron a free agent after declining option on contract

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James is about to hit the free-agency market and stay right at home.

James declined his player option for next season with the NBA champion Cavaliers, but the finals MVP has made it clear he has no intention of leaving Cleveland anytime soon. He had until midnight Wednesday to pick up the option, which would have paid him $24 million next season.

The 31-year-old superstar has been a free agent the past three summers, electing each time to sign two-year contracts with a player option for the second season. It's not yet clear if he'll sign another short-term deal or a multi-year package.

His agent, Rich Paul, told The Associated Press there is no timetable on when James will re-sign or what type of contract he'll pursue.

With the league's salary cap poised to swell dramatically in 2017-18 thanks to a $24 billion TV deal, James may opt for another short-term deal and seek a maximum contract next summer.

James' decision to go year to year has allowed him to maintain flexibility while keeping pressure on Cavs ownership to continue to add quality players. The Cavs, who won their first title — and ended Cleveland's 52-year championship drought — by becoming the first team to overcome a 3-1 deficit in the finals, have Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love under contract for three more seasons. Also, forward Tristan Thompson has four years remaining on his contract.

Before a massive celebration parade last week, James told reporters he's coming back to try for a repeat title. Later, he told the crowd at a rally honoring the Cavs, "Let's get ready for next year."

Appearing in his sixth straight finals, James was a unanimous choice for MVP after leading the Cavs to three straight wins to stun the favored Golden State Warriors, who won a record 73 games during the regular season.

The three-time champion averaged 29.7 points, 11.3 rebounds and 8.9 assists in the series and posted a triple-double in Game 7. His biggest play came on defense when he chased down Warriors forward Andre Iguodala and blocked his shot in the final minutes of the last game.

James is in his second stint with the Cavs after leaving as a free agent in 2010 for Miami.

Players, coaches make pilgrimage; say goodbye to Pat Summitt

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

Dozens of Pat Summitt's former Tennessee players and coaches descended on Knoxville over the weekend, making the basketball pilgrimage to say their final goodbyes to the winningest coach in Division I college basketball history.

Summitt, who died Tuesday morning at age 64, was much more than just their coach.

She was a role model, a second mother, a friend, a mentor.

WNBA stars Candace Parker and Tamika Catchings knew they had to see her one more time.

So they flew in over the weekend between WNBA games.

Catchings said the biggest thing that Summitt taught her was integrity.

Summitt came to watch Catchings win her only WNBA title in 2012. It meant the world to Catchings as she embraced her coach after the series clinching game.

Catchings went with her mom to see Summit toward the end of last year. She knew she had to see her one more time before she died.

Basketballs, orange and white balloons and flowers were left in front of her statue on Tennessee's campus Tuesday. Summitt's family plans a private funeral and burial but will hold a celebration of her life July 14 at Thompson-Boling Arena, where the court is named after the former coach.

AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki

Brad Underwood speaks during a news conference to announce himself as the new Oklahoma State NCAA college basketball coach in Stillwater, Okla., on March 23.

3 new coaches look forward to competing in Big 12

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Brad Underwood embraces the rich history at Oklahoma State.

One of the Big 12's three new men's basketball coaches, Underwood takes over a program built by Henry Iba and Eddie Sutton. Though Oklahoma State's previous coach, Travis Ford, was successful by many standards, unhappy fans stopped coming to games, forcing the Cowboys to make a move.

Sutton, who still sometimes sits in the front row at home games, led the Cowboys to Final Fours in 1995 and 2004.

"That's why I came here," Underwood said. "That's why I wanted to be a part of this."

Underwood, Texas Tech's Chris Beard and TCU's Jamie Dixon join a conference that is coming off one of its best years, with Oklahoma having reached the Final Four and Kansas, Iowa State and West Virginia spending time in the top 10.

Beard steps into a pressure situation, too. Tubby Smith led Tech to the NCAA Tournament last season, then he took the job at Memphis. Beard said he thought Texas Tech's run last season was one of the best stories in college basketball.

"I've got so much respect for coach Smith and the job that he did here," Beard said. "The foundation is solid. Our job is to try to take it to the next level."

Dixon, who spent 13 years as head coach at Pittsburgh before heading to TCU, said he likes what TCU's administration has done to put him in position to be competitive.

"We had a lot of great coaches here over the years that I don't think had the resources put in place that we have now," Dixon said. "I think that's exciting for us. We've got a whole different amount of involvement."

Akolda Manyang

Oklahoma's 7-foot center was kicked off the team earlier this month after being accused of aggravated robbery in Minnesota.

"You hate seeing young men make decisions that don't help them moving forward," Oklahoma coach Lon Kruger said. "We're just pulling for AK in that sense. The team is way secondary to that."

Manyang was in line to fill some of the minutes vacated by Ryan Spangler, who is on the Oklahoma City Thunder's summer league roster.

Josh Jackson

Kansas' next big thing is Josh Jackson. You won't catch him acting like it.

The small forward from San Diego was the McDonald's All-American game co-MVP and was part of the FIBA U-17 World Championship team in 2014 and the U19 World Championship team in 2015.

Kansas coach Bill Self said Jackson has a good attitude and doesn't seek attention.

"The feeling that I get from Josh is that he just wants to be a college kid," he said. "Of course, he's not going to be a college kid very long. Certainly, he wants us in every way that we possibly can, to protect and shield him from all the talk that could potentially go on. He's not caught up in it."

Switcheroo

Beard left Arkansas-Little Rock for UNLV, then changed his mind a few weeks later and took the job at Texas Tech. Beard is from Texas, he was an assistant at Tech under Bobby Knight and Pat Knight, and his three daughters were already in Texas.

"It wasn't an easy decision," Beard said. "It was difficult. The timing was terrible. I had a lot of respect for the people at UNLV, and we were 100 percent committed to trying to get the job done there, but sometimes in life, you get a special opportunity."

Six drafted

Six players from the Big 12 were selected in the draft: Oklahoma's Buddy Hield and Isaiah Cousins; Iowa State's Georges Niang and Abdel Nader; Baylor's Taurean Prince and Kansas' Cheick Diallo. Among those not drafted were Kansas' Perry Ellis and Wayne Selden and Texas' Isaiah Taylor. Ellis has signed as a free agent with the Dallas Mavericks.

Giant killers

Two of the new coaches made splashes with mid-majors before taking their new jobs. Oklahoma State's Underwood led Stephen F. Austin to a win over West Virginia in this year's NCAA Tournament, while Texas Tech's Beard led Arkansas-Little Rock past Purdue.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	BattleBots (N)		Greatest Hits "1980-1985" (P) (N)		Match Game		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Life in Pieces	Big Brother (N)		Code Black "The Fog of War"		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Gilligan's Island	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Unwelcome Well"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Bones "The Brother on the Basement" (N)		Home Free "Pressure's On" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Lars Enarson	Zola Levitt Presents	Update News	HaYesod	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Hidden in Sight	Wings of Truth	Faith for Families	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Swimming Olympic Trials (L)		Spartan "Spartan vs. Ninja" (N)		Aquarius (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Daytripper	Arts in Context	Dancing on the Edge		Beyond Pyramids "The Gathering Storm"		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Sueño de amor		Un camino hacia el destino		Tres veces Ana		Por siempre Joan Sebastian		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Fam. Feud	The Mentalist		Mentalist "18-5-4"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:00) ★ Beautiful G...		★★★ Open Your Eyes (2009) Penélope Cruz.				★★★ Angela's Ashes ('99, Dra) Emily Watson.					Movie
HBO	300	550	14	14		(4:15) World	Last Week	Real Sports		★ Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials				(:15) Veep	(:45) Silicon	Wednes	Thrones
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(:15) ★ Entourage ('15, Com) Adrian Grenier.				★★ Snakes on a Plane			1stLook	Atlantic City Hooker		Suited	
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(5:15) ★ X-Men: Days of Future ...		Vice		★★★ Snatch ('01, Com)				(:45) ★★ Everest Jake Gyllenhaal.			Movie
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(:05) ★★ Run All Night Liam Neeson.				Outcast		★★ American Sniper Bradley Cooper.				(:15) ★ Crimson Tide	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:15) ★★ Mystic Pizza Julia Roberts.				★★ The Cell Jennifer Lopez.			(:50) ★ Poltergeist ('15, Hor) Sam Rockwell.				Sexcape.
PLEX			96			(5:25) ★★ The Toy		(:10) ★★★ Fletch			(:50) ★ Throw Momma From t...			(:20) ★ City Slickers II: The Legend of Cu...			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	★ Woman in Gold ('15, True) Helen Mirren.				Ray Donovan		Roadies		Gigolos	Gigolos	Roadies	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:30) ★ Mr. Hollan...		★ Pride ('07, Dra) Terrence Howard.				★★★ St. Vincent Bill Murray.			(:45) ★ Ask Me Anything		
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	First 48 "Run and Gun/ Lonesome Highway"		The First 48 "House of Cards"		The First 48 "Snapshot" (N)		The First 48 "Bloodline"		(:05) First 48 "Lying in Wait/ With This Ring"		(:05) The First 48 "House of Cards"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:30) ★★★ Bad Boys ('95, Act) Will Smith.				Preacher "Chapters 1 and 2: Bonus Edition" (N)					(:35) Preacher (N)		
BET	58	·		40		The Top 10 (N)		BET Awards The 2016 BET Awards celebrates Prince.								TBA	Wendy Williams
BRAVO	65	76	·	41		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar (N)		(:15) Housewives		(:15) Watch	(:45) Million Dollar List		
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Jay Leno's Garage		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed (N)		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		The Eighties (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		Eighties "Tech Boom"	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Sharks Among Us		Tiger Beach (N)		Nuclear Sharks (N)		Jungle Shark (N)		Shark (N)	Nuclear Sharks		Jungle
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Friends	Underc.	Bizaard.	StuckMid	Girl M.	Liv/Mad	StuckMid	Liv/Mad	Backsta.	Underc.	Girl M.	Austin
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		Battlefrog College		O.J.: Made in America "Part Four"				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	CFL Football Ottawa RedBlacks at Montreal Alouettes (L)						CFL Football Toronto Argonauts at Saskatchewan Roughriders (L)					
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:45) ★★ Failure to Launch				Dead of Summer		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Kim P.	Kim P.
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	TexansHuddle (N)	SportsDay OnAir (N)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at New York Yankees Site: Yankee Stadium - Bronx, N.Y.						OU Report	Aggies Preview	Texans Huddle	SportsDay OnAir
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★ The Amazing Spider-Man 2 ('14, Act) Andrew Garfield.						Sex&Drug	Sex&Drug	Sex&Drug	★★ Hancock Will Smith.		
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	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House	H.Hunt	House	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Alone (N)		Alone (N)		(:05) Mountain Men		(:05) Mountain Men		(:05) Alone	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	My Crazy Ex		My Crazy Ex		My Crazy Ex (N)		I Love You; "Playboy/ Cradle Robber"		I Love You "Hard Body/ Full Service"		My Crazy Ex	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				(5:30) Swimming		NASCAR Auto Racw		NASCAR Auto Race		NASCAR Auto Race		NASCAR (N)		Swimming	
NICK	55	·	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	★★ The Parent Trap ('98, Fam) Dennis Quaid, Lindsay Lohan.						Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	·	55	53	58	(5:30) ★★ Wrath of the Titans				Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★★ Friday the 13th Jared Padalecki.				★★ Resident Evil: Apocalypse				★★★★ Warm Bodies Nicholas Hoult.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Maestro"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Conan Zac Efron, Adam DeVine		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ Cabin in the...		★★★★ Cabaret ('72, Mus) Liza Minnelli.						(:15) ★★ Hair ('79, Mus) Treat Williams, John Savage.			Movie
TELE	20	·	10	20		Caso cerrado		Eva, La Trailera		La esclava blanca				El señor de los cielos	Al rojo	Titulares	La esclava blanca
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Lupe's Story"				Extreme Weight Loss "Alex"		Skin Tight Transform "Lauana and Tim" (N)		My Big Fat Fabulous Life "Losing at Love"		Skin Tight Transform "Lauana and Tim"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Countdown" Pt. 2 of 2		★ Oz the Great & Powerful A magician is forced into a struggle with three witches when he visits an enchanted land.					(:45) ★ Oz the Great & Powerful A magician is forced into a struggle with three witches when he visits an enchanted land.				
TVLAND	49	·	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.				Queen "Cuarenta Minutos" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Deadly Ambition"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Beef"	
WGN	19	85				Elementary "No Lack of Void"		Elementary "The Man With the Twisted Lip"		Elementary "Paint It Black"		Elementary "Art in the Blood"		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Mother "Swarley"

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Dustin Johnson equipped with a major and confidence

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — The U.S. Open trophy was on the kitchen table in Dustin Johnson's home in South Florida. That was by design.

"So when I came down the next morning, it was sitting right there," Johnson said Wednesday. "Gave me a smile a little bit."

For all his power, there is a subtle side to Johnson. He never got too down on himself when he was shooting 82 at Pebble Beach or grounding his club in sand without realizing it was a bunker at Whistling Straits. He played golf with friends the day after a three-putt cost him a shot at Chambers Bay.

He sure didn't go over the top when he captured his first major at Oakmont.

How to celebrate? Johnson skipped all the talk shows in New York. He waited until last Wednesday, his 32nd birthday, to head for some solitude in the Bahamas with family and friends, spending time on his boat, in the water and playing a little golf ("a couple holes here and there") at Baker's Bay.

He wasn't seen in public until he showed up on the range Wednesday at Firestone for the Bridgestone Invitational, and even then, he didn't get a lot of work in. Cleveland Cavaliers guard J.R. Smith stopped by for more than an hour, chatting with Johnson and former U.S. Open champion Justin Rose and taking a few swings with the driver.

"He's (Johnson's) arguably the most talented golfer in the world. I've been quoted saying that quite a few times."

Jordan Spieth

If his life has changed, it's mainly finding time to respond to more text messages than he can count. Johnson figures he still has more than 100 messages on his phone, and he intends to respond to all of them.

But first, he has more golf to play.

The Bridgestone Invitational is in a different spot on the calendar because of the Olympics, squeezed in between a pair of majors. It also is opposite the French Open, which angered the European Tour so much that it is not sanctioning this World Golf Championship for the first time and has offered big incentive for players who have skipped Firestone for the French Open.

That put defending champion Shane Lowry in a tough spot. The Irish is on the cusp of qualifying for his first Ryder Cup, but felt he should be at Firestone to defend.

Whatever ranking points he earns this week will not count toward the Ryder Cup, leaving him three big events — the Scottish Open, British Open and PGA Championship — to make the team.

Only 61 players are at Firestone, the smallest field since 2001, when this WGC featured a 39-man field of only Presidents Cup and Ryder Cup players.

It was a popular victory, evident by the number of messages he received. Among the most meaningful was from hockey great Wayne Gretzky, his future father-in-law, who told him it was one of the greatest performances he ever saw. "It meant a lot, because he's seen a lot of good things," Johnson said.

And it was popular with his peers, particularly having to play the last seven holes not knowing the score because of an impending USGA ruling, and mainly because of how much heartache Johnson already had endured in the majors.

"He's arguably the most talented golfer in the world. I've been quoted saying that quite a few times," Jordan Spieth said. "It was not a surprise, but personally knowing him and also knowing kind of the experiences to an extent that he's gone through, I thought it was very cool."

Johnson said he had his doubts, normal for someone who's had so many close balls in the majors.

Those appear to have been put to rest.

"I felt like I had it before, but it never worked out," Johnson said. "But now I really know I've got what it takes to get it done. I believed that I had it, but there's always that thing in the back of your head telling you, 'Do you really have what it takes?'"

He watched over the last six years as Rory McIlroy won four majors, Spieth won back-to-back majors last year, Jason Day won his first at the PGA Championship.

Johnson moved up to No. 3 in the world, and he believes he is just getting started.

"I know when I play my best I can beat them," he said. "But can you play your best all the time? The only person that's ever done that for a long period of time is Tiger (Woods) in recent years. But I know Rory and Jason and Jordan, when they play their best, they're going to be very, very difficult to beat, just like when I play my best. It's going to be hard to beat me."

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For each of the three words below, change one letter to a T, and then rearrange the letters to spell a place where distance runners might run.

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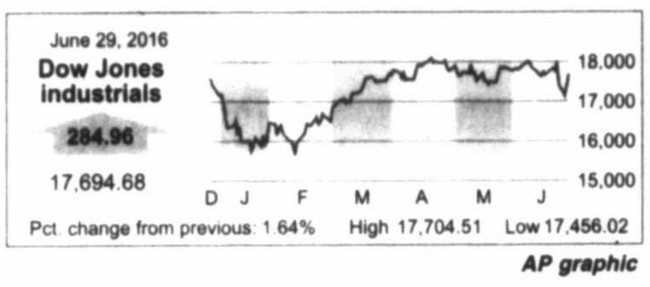
BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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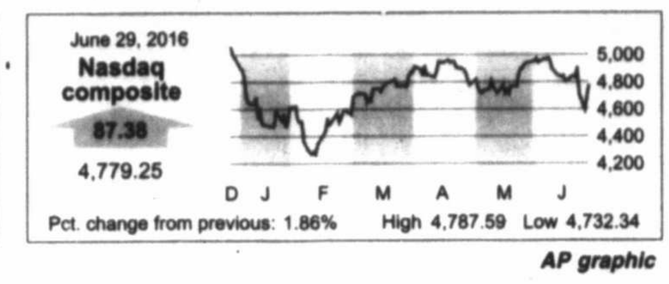

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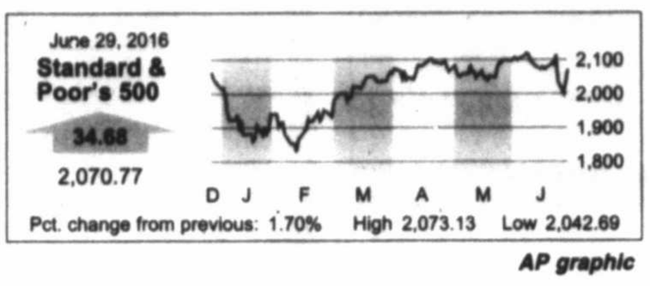

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $49.88
Previous: $47.85

POSTED

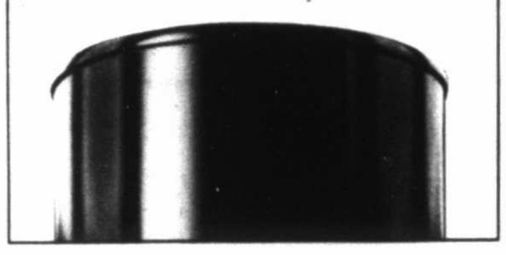
Wednesday: $46.50
Previous: $44.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $42.90
Previous: $40.65

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $2.863
Previous: $2.917



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1189786	206.66	+3.46
BkofAm	1117864	13.19	+.49
SwstnEngy	904274	13.03	-.86
iShEMkts	784544	34.02	+.84
SPDR Fncl	781800	22.50	+.50

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Twilio n	37.08	+7.16	+23.9
DiamdRsts	29.79	+5.72	+23.8
Omnova	6.90	+.95	+16.0
MaulaLand	7.41	+.79	+12.0
Navios pfG	4.50	+.47	+11.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EclipseRs	3.41	-.70	-17.0
DxBotBear	36.57	-4.89	-11.8
PUVixST rs	10.09	-1.34	-11.7
DrxRBkBear	33.44	-3.60	-9.7
CSVInvCrd	70.00	-6.95	-9.0

DIARY

Advanced	2,649
Declined	451
Unchanged	58
Total issues	3,158
New Highs	300
New Lows	11
Volume	4,123,248,053

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MGT Cap	163958	4.04	+.76
NwGold g	59342	4.33	+.02
SynergyRs	48080	6.89	+.21
92gold g	43244	2.48	+.03
ChenereEn	39034	37.03	+2.02

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MGT Cap	4.04	+.76	+23.2
Gastar pfB	15.34	+2.19	+16.7
Gastar pfA	14.27	+1.77	+14.1
Organovo	3.64	+.28	+8.3
Pfenex	8.45	+.61	+7.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NovaBay rs	2.26	-.26	-10.3
RxVmxWk	23.44	-2.56	-9.8
NTN Buzz rs	8.35	-.66	-7.3
AsteriasBio	2.35	-.15	-6.0
Sifco	9.60	-.60	-5.9

DIARY

Advanced	264
Declined	114
Unchanged	20
Total issues	398
New Highs	32
New Lows	7
Volume	130,395,297

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVixSh rs	658687	2.28	-.28
SirusXM	470428	3.92	+.09
MicronT	357297	13.19	+.20
Apple Inc	348871	94.40	+.81
PwShs QQQ	296051106	31	-1.85

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Tesaro	77.40	+40.19	+108.0
PrivateB	44.29	+8.36	+23.3
CryoPort rs	2.36	+.43	+22.3
ClovisOnc	15.06	+2.71	+21.9
FennPts rs	3.69	+.65	+21.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Lipocine	3.10	-3.17	-50.6
Esperion	9.66	-6.52	-40.3
ChinCer rs	2.19	-.65	-22.9
WashFd wt	6.40	-1.26	-16.4
JetPay	2.18	-.42	-16.2

DIARY

Advanced	2,250
Declined	597
Unchanged	145
Total issues	2,992
New Highs	57
New Lows	48
Volume	2,005,075,617

Enterprise plant blast curbs Gulf of Mexico oil, gas supply

Bloomberg

Enterprise Products Partners's natural gas processing plant in Mississippi will be shut for at least "a few days" after an explosion and fire that also closed a key gas pipeline and curbed oil output from the Gulf of Mexico.

Enterprise's fuel processing facility will be down for at least several days, spokesman Rick Rainey said, without providing a more detailed timeline. At least two oil and natural gas platforms in the Gulf halted production after the June 27 blast and the Destin pipeline, a joint venture of BP and Enbridge that sends gas to the plant from platforms in the Gulf, said it was forced to halt service.

The blast threatens to raise oil and gas prices by curbing supplies from the Gulf just as demand for the power-plant fuel increases as summer heat expands across the United States. The Gulf last year accounted for 16 percent of the nation's crude output and almost 5 percent of gas based on U.S. government data.

"It's obviously not going to be the next few days," Rainey said by phone from Houston. "It's going to be longer than that. I don't have a good estimate about when we are going to be back in service."

Meanwhile, federal investigators were set to arrive at the facility Wednesday as Enterprise officials met at the site to discuss when operations may resume. The fire overnight Monday was finally put out around 5 p.m. local time Tuesday.

Even as the Gulf's share of America's energy supply fell amid the shale boom, the government forecasts record offshore oil output this year and next as new production comes online. Total Gulf of Mexico dry gas production is down 15 percent, or 540 million cubic feet a day, since the fire was reported, according to Het Shah, a New York-based analyst for Bloomberg New Energy Finance.

Enterprise gained 1.9 percent to $28.94 at 11:39 a.m. in New York.

LLOG Exploration shut its Delta House platform, while Murphy Oil Corp. closed Thunder Hawk. Spokesmen for other operators, including Exxon Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp., said output hasn't been affected. Duke Energy has "not had to curtail any power production" at their plants, spokesman Thomas Williams said.

The pipeline disruption has the potential to "significantly" curtail Gulf of Mexico crude supply should offshore platforms fail to find another place to send their gas, Dominic Haywood, an analyst at Energy Aspects Ltd., said in a note Tuesday. The 10 platforms produced a combined 270,000 barrels a day in February, he said. BP's Na Kika and Thunder Horse platforms are particularly at risk because they lack alternatives for gas.

Thunder Horse crude's discount to West Texas Intermediate, the U.S. benchmark, narrowed 35 cents to $1.20 a barrel Tuesday, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. Gas futures on the New York Mercantile Exchange fell as much as 1.4 percent Wednesday after rising 7.4 percent Tuesday.

GE Capital wins approval to drop 'too big to fail' label

Associated Press

NEW YORK — GE Capital is no longer "too big to fail."

The financing unit of General Electric Co. won approval from federal regulators Tuesday to drop its designation as a "systematically important financial institution," a title that comes with added scrutiny and stricter rules.

GE and the Financial Stability Oversight Council — a group of top regulators charged with monitoring risks to the system — announced the decision Wednesday.

The label, which has been handed out by the council starting in 2013 to nonbank financial firms, is given to companies that the U.S. regulator deems so large that their failure could threaten the entire economy. Along with stricter supervision, being designated a "systematically important financial institution" can be costly for a company.

GE Capital was given the label three years ago. The company pushed the U.S. to drop it in March.

Shares of Fairfield, Connecticut-based General Electric were up 54 cents, or 1.8 percent, at $30.48 in late morning trading Wednesday.

Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew, who heads the council of top regulators, said the decision clearly shows "a two-way process."

"The council will remove a designation when that company no longer poses risks to U.S. financial stability," Lew said in a statement. "The council follows the facts. When it identifies a company that could threaten financial stability, it acts; when those risks change, the council also acts."

Republican lawmakers, who voted against the overhaul law that created the council, have criticized it as overreaching and making arbitrary decisions on companies.

Stocks rally

Banks and other financial companies led another broad surge in U.S. stocks Wednesday, turning the Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 index slightly positive for the year.

It was the second rally in two days for the stock market, which had been rattled since Friday by investor concerns over Britain's vote to leave the European Union.

Britain's stock market has recouped all its losses in the same stretch, but other major markets in Europe and Asia have yet to bounce back fully. Markets in France, Germany, Japan and Hong Kong have gotten back about half the ground they lost.

"The market has moved from a shock," said Erik Davidson, chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank. "The worries around 'Brexit' are now moving from short-term worries to long-term worries, and that's why we're seeing this dramatic rebound in the market."

The Dow gained 284.96 points, or 1.6 percent, to 17,694.68. The S&P 500 index rose 34.68 points, or 1.7 percent, to 2,070. The Nasdaq composite added 87.38 points, or 1.9 percent, to 4,779.25.

Metals rise

Among metals, gold rose $9 to $1,326.90 an ounce, silver gained 52 cents to $18.41 an ounce and copper added 1 cent to $2.19 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $28.60 Down 0.27

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $120.50 Up 1.69

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $7.75 Up 0.02

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $90.79 Up 2.18

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.77 Down 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.55 Down 0.08

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.44 Up 0.03

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $34.62 Up 0.93

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.14 Down 0.10

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $19.01 Up 0.56

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92	18	42.54	+.52	+23.6
Abraxas	...	...	1.14	+.05	+7.5
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.51	+.22	-2.5
AMD			5.13	+.01	+78.7
Alcoa	12	25	9.10	-.23	-7.8
AlonUSA	.60		6.44	+.23	-56.6
AmAirlines	.40	3	27.70	+.93	-34.6
Amgen	4.00	15	150.10	+1.68	-7.5
Anadarko	.20	...	53.19	+2.06	+9.5
Apache	1.00	...	55.81	+1.63	+25.5
Apple Inc	2.28f	11	94.40	+.81	-10.3
ApldMatl	.40	22	23.56	+.62	+26.2
Archrock	.38m		9.30	+.47	+23.7
ATMOS	1.68	24	78.47	+.24	+24.5
AutoData	2.12	27	89.13	+1.21	+5.2
BP PLC	2.40e	...	34.79	+1.55	+11.3
BabcoCLinv	1.20		18.10	+.32	+4.9
BakrHu	.68		45.11	+1.42	-2.3
BkofAm	.20	10	13.19	+.49	-21.6
Barclay	.39e		7.60	+.30	-41.4
B iPVixST			14.27	-.83	-29.0
BarrickG	.08	59	20.77	+.14	+181.4
BasicEnSv			1.61	+.14	-39.9
BerkHa A	...	152	12645.03	+224	5.01 +7.5
BlkHillsCp	1.68f	36	62.23	+.35	+34.0
BrMySq	1.52	51	73.00	+1.37	+6.1
BrownFA	1.36f	32	103.15	+1.31	-6.3
BrownFB	1.36f	29	95.98	+1.70	-3.3
CVS Health	1.70f	19	94.41	+.71	-3.4
Caterpillar	3.08	19	74.23	+1.71	+9.2
Celestic g		9	9.13	-.14	-17.2
Cemex	.29t		5.90	+.21	+10.2
CntryLink	2.16	15	28.45	+.61	+13.1
ChesEng			4.42	+.14	-1.8
Chevron	4.28	...	103.42	+1.79	+15.0
Chicos	.32	42	10.56	+.34	-1.0
Cimarex	.32		118.10	+2.90	+32.1
Cisco	1.04	14	28.26	+.47	+4.9
Citigroup	.20	11	42.12	+1.68	-18.6
ClayEng	...	...	28.60	-.27	-3.3
CocaCola	1.40f	25	44.44	+.26	+3.4
ColgPalm	1.56	26	71.86	+.73	+7.9
ConAgra	1.00	27	47.60	+.50	+12.9
ConchoRes	...	...	120.50	+1.69	+29.8
ConocoPhil	1.00	...	43.91	+1.96	-6.0
CrackerB	4.60f	24	171.31	+1.77	+35.1
CSVelIVST			24.33	+1.11	-5.7
CSVLgCrd rs				34.26	+2.56
CSVixSh rs				2.28	-.28
CrosTim	1.16e	11	17.99	+.29	+38.3
DCP Mid	3.12	27	35.72	+1.01	+44.8
DTE	2.92	21	97.10	+.31	+21.1
Dstaram h			64	+.06	-3.0
DeltaAir	.54	7	36.24	+1.57	-28.5
DenburyR			3.80	-.06	+88.1
DevonE	.24	...	36.69	+.70	+14.7
DiamdRsts		16	29.79	+5.72	+16.8
DirDGlBr rs			8.33	-.55	
Disney	1.42f	17	96.58	+.93	-7.7
DowChm	1.84	16	49.40	+.90	-4.0
EOG Resc	.67	...	83.44	+1.69	+17.9
EclipseRs			3.41	-.70	+87.4
EmpDist	1.04	25	33.77	+.25	+20.3
Endo Intl			15.93	-.26	-74.0
Energen	.08		47.32	+1.17	+15.4
EgyTrEq s	1.14f	13	14.70	+.29	+7.0
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	39.07	-.10	+15.8
EnPro	.84	...	43.91	+.55	+.2
EntProdPt	1.56f	22	28.90	+.50	+13.0
Ericsson	.46e		7.56	+.18	-21.3
ExxonMbl	3.00f	30	92.46	+1.55	+18.6
Facebook	...	54	114.16	+1.46	+9.1
FordM	.60a	6	12.55	+.16	-10.9
FrptMcM			10.77	+.08	+59.1
FrontierCm	.42	81	4.85	+.11	+3.9
GATX	1.80	8	43.10	+.80	+1.3
GabMultT	.94e	...	6.99	+.08	-6.8
GalenaBio	...	...	.35	-1.68	-76.2
GAInv	1.15e	...	30.63	+.57	-4.1
GenElec	.92	39	30.55	+.61	-1.9
GtPlainEn	1.05	21	29.85	+.11	+9.3
Halc0nRs rs	...	...	.48	+.02	-61.8
Hallibrtn	.72	59	44.59	+1.32	+31.0
HostHotls	.80a	19	16.05	+.90	+4.6
HuntBncsh	.28	10	8.51	+.14	-23.1
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	29.69	+1.16	+43.6
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.60	+.15	-4.3
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	33.76	+.80	-4.3
iShEMkts	.84e	...	34.02	+.84	+5.7
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	55.00	+.99	-6.3
iShBxHYB	5.09	...	84.13	+1.05	+4.4
iShR2K	1.73e	...	112.88	+2.51	+.2
Intel	1.04	14	31.93	+.74	-7.3
InterDig	.80	17	54.34	+1.41	+10.8
JPMorgCh	1.76	11	61.20	+1.68	-6.7
JohnJn	3.20f	19	119.33	+1.10	+16.2
Keycorp	.34f	10	10.82	+.15	-18.0
KimbClk	3.68	37	134.70	+1.18	+5.8
KindMorg	.50	30	18.53	+.82	+24.2
Kinross g			5.03	+.07	+176.4
LegacyRes	.60m		1.77	-.01	+1.1
Lubys	...	...	4.99	+.13	+11.6
MGT Cap			4.04	+.76	+1656.5
MarathnO	.20		15.14	+.36	+20.3
McDnlds	3.56f	23	119.49	+.99	+1.1
Merck	1.84	21	57.05	+1.47	+8.0
MeritMed	...	37	19.46	+.74	+4.8
MexcoEn			2.55	-.06	-21.1
MicronT		14	13.19	+.20	-6.9
Microsoft	1.44	36	50.54	+1.10	-8.9
Nabors	.24		9.73	+.20	+14.3
NatGrid	3.35e	...	72.19	+2.35	+3.8
NOilVarco	1.84	18	32.93	+.94	-1.7
NikeB s	.64	26	55.13	+2.04	-11.8
NvPMI	.78e	...	15.05	+.06	+10.2
NuvPI	.82e	...	15.36	+.06	+8.9
NSTFRI	.55e	...	15.77	+.07	+8.5
NTXQI	.66	...	15.71	+.11	+8.9
OcciPet	3.00	56	75.09	+1.12	+11.1
Oracle	.60	20	40.55	+1.42	+11.5
ParTech	...	48	4.79	+.20	-28.8
ParkDri	...	...	2.20	+.06	+26.4
PattUTI	.08m	...	20.82	+.97	+38.1
Penney	...	...	8.88	+.19	+33.3
PennaRE	.84	...	21.40	+.45	-2.1
Pmian	.31e	21	7.25	-.02	+43.3
Petrobras	...	...	7.18	+.40	+67.0
Pfizer	1.20	18	35.01	+.27	+8.5
PioNrl	.08	72	151.63	+1.9[illegible]	+20.9
PlainsAAP	2.80	20	27.39	+1.21	+18.8
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	106.31	+1.85	-5.0
Praxair	3.00	21	110.85	+2.17	+8.1
PrmEgy	...	...	60.60	...	+14.3
PrivateB	.04	18	44.29	+8.36	+8.0
PUVixST rs	...		10.09	-1.34	-64.4
ProctGam	2.68f	28	83.91	+1.46	+5.7
ProUShSP	...	...	18.29	-.67	-8.2
RangeRs	.08	...	43.99	-.53	+78.7
RegionsFn	.26f	12	8.42	+.19	-12.3
Rowan	.40	24	17.82	+.19	+5.1
RoyDShllA	3.76	82	54.24	+1.99	+18.5
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	176.64	+2.82	+1.5
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	206.66	+3.46	+1.4
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	35.39	+.43	+4.4
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	35.14	+.80	+16.3
SabnR	2.10e	13	33.77	+.58	+26.5
SanderFm	.88e	14	82.62	-.03	+6.6
Schlmbrg	2.00	29	77.83	+1.20	+11.6
Schwab	.24	23	25.30	+.74	-23.2
SiriusXM	...	36	3.92	+.09	-3.7
Smucker	2.68	22	149.11	+2.13	+20.9
SwstnEngy	...	...	13.03	-.86	+83.3
Sprint	...	...	4.48	+.15	+23.8
SP Engy	2.04e	...	67.70	+1.26	+12.2
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	22.50	+.50	-5.6
SunocoLog	1.92f	38	28.66	+.93	+11.5
TeleNav	1.03e	...	9.25	+.80	-18.4
Tesoro	2.00	5	75.48	+1.44	-28.4
3M Co	4.44	22	171.52	+1.93	+13.9
Torchmark	.56	14	60.23	+1.73	+6.6
Towerstm h	...	...	.18	+.03	-52.6
TriContl	.82e	...	20.37	+.34	+1.7
Twitter	...	...	16.83	+.41	-27.3
TylerTech	...	67	165.14	+5.17	-5.3
UBSI	1.32	18	36.35	+.78	-1.7
US OilFd	...	...	11.79	+.32	+7.2
Vale SA	.29e	...	4.85	+.15	+47.4
Vale SA pf	.29e	...	3.96	+.17	+55.3
ValeantPh	...	...	20.27	+.27	-80.1
ValeroE	2.40	7	51.92	+.09	-26.6
VanEGold	.12e	...	27.15	+.55	+97.9
VangEmg	1.10e	...	34.88	+.80	+6.6
VerizonCm	2.26	12	55.06	+.24	+19.1
VulcanM	.80	52	118.65	+3.05	+24.9
WEC Engy	1.98f	22	64.16	-.16	+25.0
WalgBoots	1.44	25	83.19	+3.31	-2.3
WeatherIntl	...	...	5.50	+.15	-34.4
WellsFargo	1.52f	11	46.97	+.87	-13.6
WstnRefin	1.52f	6	20.55	+.76	-42.3
WhitingPet	...	...	9.66	+.58	+2.3
WmsCos	2.56	...	20.84	+.20	-18.9
XcelEngy	1.36	21	43.86	+.10	+22.1
Xerox	.31	19	9.20	+.13	-13.5
Zynga	...	...	2.42	+.06	-9.7

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We will regularly update the Permian Basin stocks list.

INDEXES

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,167.63	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,694.68	+284.96	+1.64	+1.55	-.36
8,530.82	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,412.95	+160.32	+2.21	-1.28	-8.53
599.45	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	701.12	+1.67	+.24	+21.34	+26.65
11,032.61	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,350.53	+189.37	+1.86	+2.04	-4.68
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,779.25	+87.38	+1.86	-4.56	-4.87
2,132.82	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,070.77	+34.68	+1.70	+1.31	-.32
1,526.81	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,468.20	+25.70	+1.78	+4.98	-2.68
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TODAY: Sunny High: 96 Low: 70

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 95 Low: 71

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 96 Low: 76

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 98 Low: 78

MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 99 Low: 76

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 98 Low: 75

Local forecast

The National Weather Service is calling for dry conditions during the next seven days, except for a slight chance of showers Sunday and on Independence Day.

The record high for June 29 is 109 set in 1946. The record low is 57 set in 1985. On June 29 of last year, the high was 95 and the low was 67.

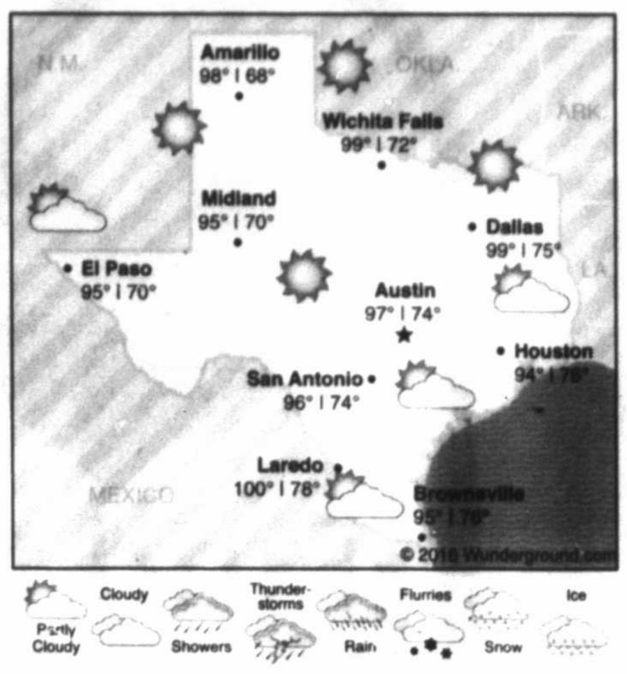
Weather brief

MONTANA

Ravalli County wildfire prompts evacuation preparations

MISSOULA — Wind and high temperatures doubled the size of a wildfire burning in southwestern Montana, prompting authorities to pull firefighters from the line and to warn residents in 200 homes to prepare for possible evacuations.

The Ravalli County Sheriff's Office issued a Stage 1 alert on Tuesday, meaning there is a high probability for evacuations. The largely rural area where the fire is burning in the Bitterroot National Forest includes the Gold Creek and Lost Horse Road areas near Lake Como.

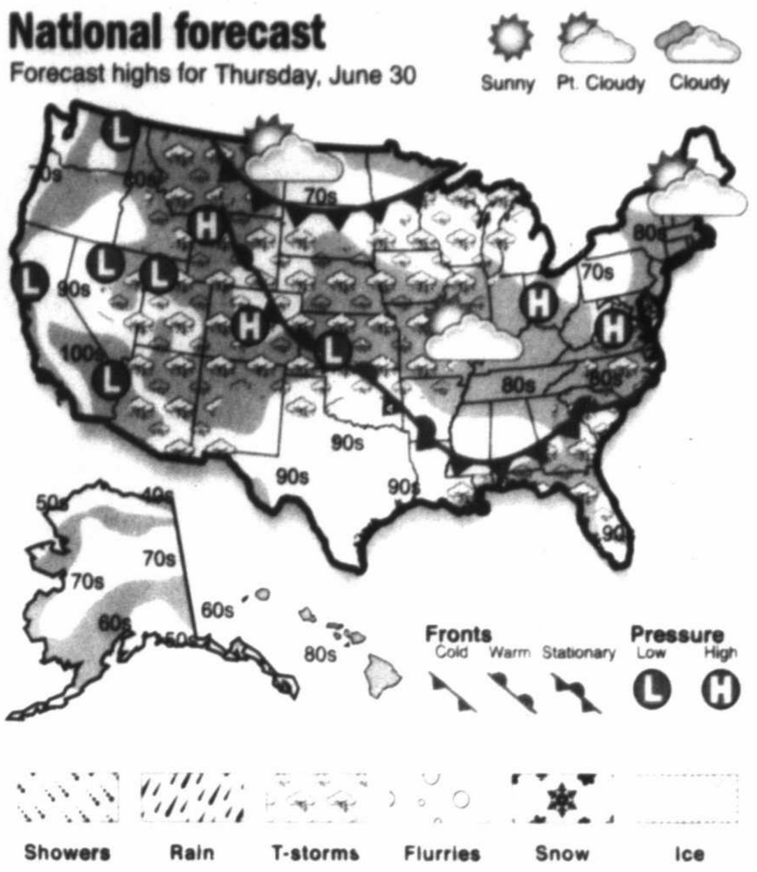


Precipitation	
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	3.17 in.
Year total	6.91 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.00 in.

Wednesday's temperatures	
High	93
Low	66
Normal high	95
Normal low	69
Sunrise	6:46 a.m.
Sunset	8:59 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, June 30



Brother with multiple issues must work them out himself

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My brother, "Chris," is going through a divorce and lost his business. He is now lashing out at our mom and me when she spends time with me.

When I tried to express my sympathy, Chris attacked me via direct message, saying I have a "charmed life and don't care about anyone — including him and our cash-strapped parents."

It started when Dad gave me a car he wasn't using before we learned about my brother's misfortune.

When I tried to return it, Dad refused.

Because I stopped responding to him on the internet, Chris is now complaining to Mom about my "selfishness." He says if the situation was reversed, he would have moved heaven and Earth to help me.

Abby, Chris has a job. He lives with our folks and pays token rent.

My husband and I work, but I have had a salary cut; we have two kids to support and a mortgage to pay. We're in no position to provide the financial assistance my brother expects.

My parents suspect that he's still giving money to his soon-to-be ex.

My husband says Chris is trying to manipulate me and that I need to go on with my life, but I'm worried that the longer this goes on, the harder it will be to heal the rift. I'm also worried about how this is affecting our parents. — GRIEVING IN NICOSIA, CYPRUS

DEAR GRIEVING: You cannot heal a rift you didn't create, and you also can't "donate away" Chris' resentment. He's unhappy for a number of reasons and is taking it out on you not because you're a bad sister, but because you are within striking distance.

Your brother needs to work out his difficulties himself. A family meeting — including your husband — might clear the air so all of you are on the same page. Your brother needs to understand why the financial help he seems to expect is unrealistic and will not be forthcoming.

DEAR ABBY: Is there any way to counter a stranger's mean or hurtful remark (racist, age-related or sexist) in a mall or store?

I feel I have to say something — without being confrontational — even if the remark isn't aimed at me. What do you suggest? — COMPELLED TO ACT IN OTTAWA, CANADA

DEAR COMPELLED: Because you don't want a confrontation, I urge you to say nothing to the person who made the offensive remark. However, you could approach the person who was the target and quietly say: "That was uncalled for. I hope you realize the person who said that is ignorant, and don't let it get to you."

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Skillful play not enough

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 7
♥ 9 3
♦ Q 10 9 6 5 3
♣ J 10 9 5

WEST
♠ 3 2
♥ A K Q 10 8 7 6 5
♦ J 2
♣ 2

EAST
♠ J 9 8 4
♥ 2
♦ A 8 7
♣ Q 8 7 6 4

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 6 5
♥ J 4
♦ K 4
♣ A K 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Ace of ♥

West's four-heart contract would have come up a trick short, but there was no way for South to know that and the push to four spades was quite reasonable. It would be even more reasonable if he could make it!

West cashed two high hearts, East shedding a low club on the second. West shifted to the jack of diamonds, queen, ace, king. East continued with another diamond, won in dummy. South had already lost three tricks and needed the rest. He knew that West had started with eight hearts and two diamonds, and therefore had only three black cards.

The club finesse seemed like a good idea, and when the jack held the trick, declarer had crossed the first hurdle. South needed West to have started with two spades, so with four spades presumed to be with East, South next played a spade to his 10, finessing against East's jack. Declarer could now draw the trumps and bring home his contract.

South had done well, using intelligent inferences to determine his winning choice of plays. Still, the defense could have defeated him. Can you spot how?

The defense would have prevailed had East covered the jack of clubs with the queen. South would be unable to return to dummy for a spade finesse and would be forced to concede down one. Is this what they meant when they told us to cover an honor with an honor? We don't think so, but it sure would have worked this time.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, June 30, 2016:

This year you tune in to your friends' thoughts. You often use your intuitive ability to bring up a key topic. If you are single, you could be illusive to a potential suitor, which will make for a strained relationship. Ask yourself what the real reason is for you being so distant. Perhaps you need to face those feelings rather than run away from them. If you are attached, the two of you have a good time discussing plans or just chatting back and forth. You value the time you spend together, as does your sweetie. TAURUS frequently invites you to join him or her.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Listen to your instincts when it comes to your finances. You are unlikely to put yourself in a position that you can't get out of. Transform your stance toward an authority figure. You could have a great idea or two that you'll want to share. Tonight: Don't let a squabble get out of hand.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You can get past various issues as long as you communicate your changing thoughts. Controversy defines your day, but you will handle each squabble individually. Don't allow a disagreement to cause a major separation. Tonight: Speak your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Allow greater give-and-take between you and others. You might feel as if you don't want to discuss your feelings or that you can't be as open as you might like. Understand what is going on within you. Your feelings could be out of whack. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ A loved one might feel as if it is the right time to initiate a long-overdue talk. However, if you feel that the timing is off for you, say so. Do not hesitate to stand up to a pushy person. Support yourself in getting more of what you want. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might be even more image-conscious than you realize. You are capable of presenting the right look necessary for various situations as you become more aware of others. Know that you can take the lead without becoming too demanding. Tonight: Head home as early as you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Allow yourself to express your imaginative qualities through revitalized communication and more self-expression. You have an unusual ability to communicate your thoughts when you want to. What is stopping you now? Do not withhold your feelings. Tonight: Follow the music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Defer to someone who seems to have more intelligence about a certain topic than you do. You might learn more about different ways of communicating if you observe more. Someone will do whatever he or she needs to in order to get your attention. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You could feel as if someone is deliberately pushing to have his or her way. You might do whatever you need to in order to support yourself and your point of view. Let laughter surround you, and keep even tough moments light and easy. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Stay levelheaded as you try to pace yourself to complete whatever you must. Be careful with funds, as someone could manipulate you into agreeing to an idea that costs much more than what he or she is claiming. Try to squeeze in a walk. Tonight: Do something just for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Touch base with others as you seek a solution. Trust your innate creativity to come forward. A friend could push very hard to get what he or she wants. You might feel cornered. Don't let the pressure or discomfort sway your decision. Tonight: How about a break?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Deal with a domestic matter that seems to occupy most of your thoughts right now. As a result, you will be able to free yourself up so that you can interact with others and be more present. Reach out to a friend or loved one for some feedback. Tonight: At home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Be forthright in a conversation. Let others give you feedback, although you might want to reconsider your stance. The logic and new facts presented could rev up your thoughts. Return calls. Express your willingness to grow past your present stance. Tonight: Get errands done.

BORN TODAY

Boxer Mike Tyson (1966), swimmer Michael Phelps (1985), singer Lena Horne (1917)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Work with dough
6 Like long shots
10 Commando weapons
14 "Bates Motel" airer
15 Third follower
16 Stereotypical spoiler
17 Imbibing no more
19 Expression of pre-weekend gratitude
20 Okay
21 Disturbance
22 Identify the source of
23 Tropical quencher
27 Text digitization meth.
30 Cut some blades
31 Singer Liz
32 Pop quiz reaction, perhaps
34 Geneva-based commerce gp.
35 Poet who wrote about shrimp, "At times, translucence / Is rather a nuisance"
38 "The Deer Hunter" ordeal
42 Parts of an old item?
43 Lively
44 For two, in Paris
45 Stocky dog
47 "Delicious!"
49 __ sequencing
50 Restaurant mascot with an electric guitar
54 Actress O'Donnell
55 Noun half?
56 "Red" hindrance
60 Hazmat-monitoring org.
61 Based on the ends of 17-, 23-, 38- and 50-Across, unwanted thing that this puzzle lacks
64 Square __
65 37-Down plus two
66 Buenos __
67 Subdue, in a way
68 Dudes
69 Check (out)

DOWN
1 "Get Smart" crime org.
2 Prefix with bot
3 Sinus docs
4 Formed for a particular purpose
5 "E.T." actress Wallace
6 It grows toward evening
7 Prepare to surf
8 Texting qualifier
9 Dudes
10 Lacking experience
11 Appraised like many big-city eateries
12 How seafood is shipped
13 Less dicey
18 Texas I-35 city
22 Grounded flier since 2001
24 Present preceder?
25 Till
26 You, once
27 Brute
28 Main point
29 Plants with stickers
33 Colleague
34 Droll
36 Leave flabbergasted
37 65-Across minus two
39 "The Morning Watch" novelist
40 One may stop traffic
41 Makes oneself scarce
46 Jaguar classic
47 Certs alternative
48 Fit well
50 "Tomb Raider" heroine Lara
51 Book after Daniel
52 Hard to hoist
53 Code of conduct
57 Flight-related prefix
58 Fledgling's sound
59 Ultimatum word
61 Magic show effect
62 Post-op place
63 "It __ a Very Good Year"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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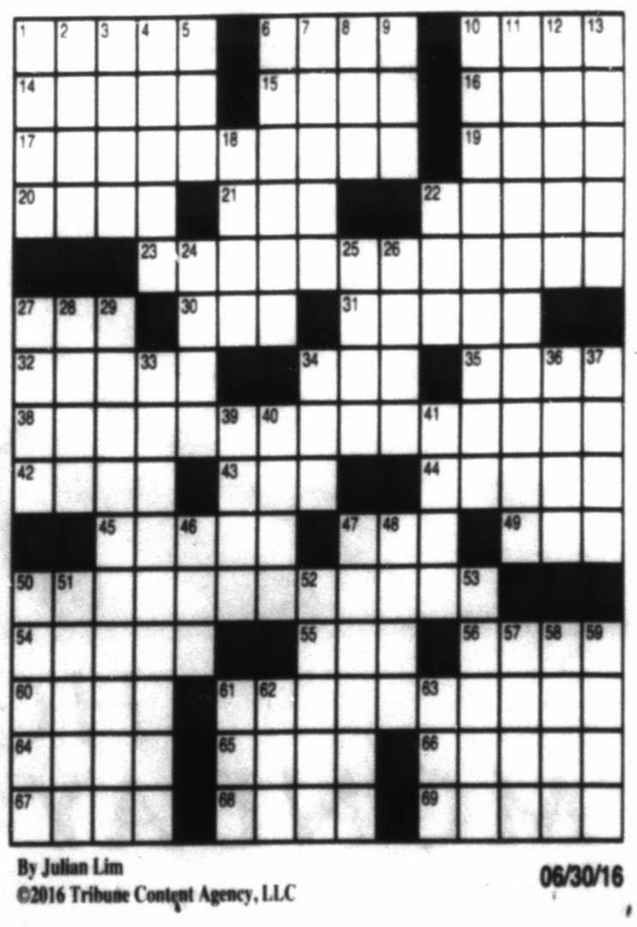

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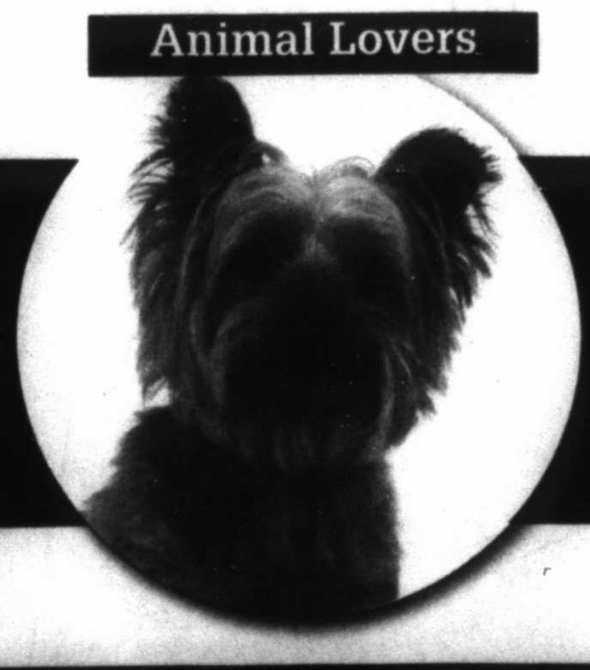

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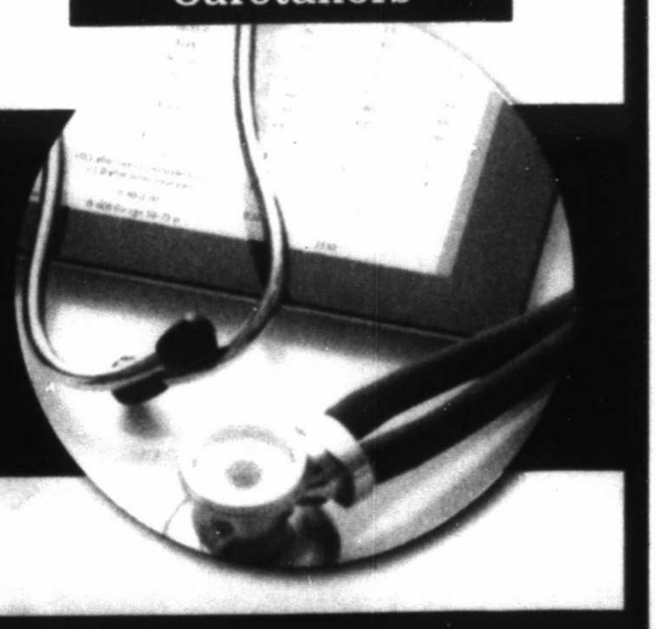

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Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

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Midland Independent School District

Procurement Services Department

Midland, Texas

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Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal for **RFP #06-015 Professional Development Support Services for Campus Instructional Staff** through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707-C, Midland, Texas at **2:00 PM C.S.T. on July 28, 2016**. Request for Proposal documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1965.

ORDINANCE NO. 9576

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR LOT 1 AND THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 2, BLOCK 3, GRAFALAND ADDITION, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED NORTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF WEST BROADWAY STREET AND WEST OHIO AVENUE), BY PERMITTING A DETACHED ACCESSORY STRUCTURE WITH OPEN SIDES HAVING A MAXIMUM HEIGHT NOT TO EXCEED 15 FEET; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); ORDERING RECORDATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY IN THE DEED RECORDS OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS; AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 9555

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 162, AND THE SOUTH 378 FEET OF LOT 1R, BLOCK 163, WILSHIRE PARK ADDITION, SECTION 9, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, IN PART, AND PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, IN PART, TO BE USED AS A PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (GENERALLY LOCATED NORTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF BEAL PARKWAY AND LEISURE DRIVE); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO DISPOSE OF OIL & GAS WASTE BY INJECTION INTO A FORMATION NOT PRODUCTIVE OF OIL & GAS.

Bold Operating, LLC, 600 N. Marienfeld, Suite 1000, Midland, TX 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to dispose of produced salt water or other oil & gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil & gas waste into the San Andres - Glorieta, Bold Hamman #2WD. The proposed disposal well will be located 4 miles East of Midland, TX, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4406' to 6100'.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Legal & Public Notices

Garney Companies, Inc. is soliciting proposals for the Crane County Water District Well Field Expansion and Water System Upgrades project.

Proposals are to be submitted to the office of Parkhill Smith and Cooper at 1700 West Wall Street, Midland TX 79701, **prior to 2:00 p.m., prevailing time on July 19th, 2016.**

Six (6) bound hard copy proposals shall be submitted prior to the above noted time. All hard copies should be in a single envelope addressed to Mr. John Sedbrook, Garney Construction and clearly denote: **"Bid Package 01: Ground and Elevated Storage Tank Rehabilitation and Pad Restoration"**

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 **July 19th, 2016** will not be considered.

Bid documents are available on the website below.

https://team.garney.com/CCWD

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on July 12th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Museum of the Southwest located at 409 South Gaston Street, Crane, TX 79731

Respondents will be required to include contact information on the Contact List. Following, respondents will be emailed a link and password to access the Proposal Documents.

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.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C Rule 37 Case No. 0299165
DATE OF ISSUANCE: June 8, 2016 Status/Permit No. 812704
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 12, 2016
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

N O T I C E O F A P P L I C A T I O N

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC [RRC Operator No. 642652] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 3, Blk. Y, GC&SF RR CO Survey, A-185, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 13.9 miles NE direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception.A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848.** If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Aug 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	ROGERS '3-40'	
Lease/Unit Well No.	4407H	
Lease/Unit Acres	642.5	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	1320.0	
Lease Lines	2271.0 F N L,	2310.0 F W L
Survey Lines	2271.0 F N L,	2310.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 2271.0 F N L
2310.0 F W L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 40 Block: Y Abstract: 719
Survey: TC RR CO/STOKER, R
Lease Lines: 15.0 F SOUTH L
2310.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 15.0 F SOUTH L
2310.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC :
GAS Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.
OIL Special Rules 330/1200, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9300 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737)7042339.

General Announcements

Mark Berryhill.com Ministering for Christ Teach the Lord's Word 1-4

Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

CADILLAC CTS-V, 4 Door 2010 Black ext and interior. Brembo brakes and Recaro seats. 45K miles. 432-553-0176

JEEP SPORT Wrangler, 2014. Black 31,000 miles. $21,000 firm. Call 432-425-4003 or 432-269-5595

MUSTANG 2014 convertible, silver, black top, 305 HP, V6,15K miles. Under Blue Book @ $18,000. 432-684-9621 leave message, see at 1705 W Washington

Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars, trucks & RVs. 432-685-4078

Antique & Vintage

MERCEDES 1991 SL 300 Roadster. Red, only 51K miles. Super nice! $12,500. (432) 661-6095

Pickup Trucks

TOYOTA TACOMA 2001 TRD 4x4 Crew Cab 4 Door, Auto, 170K miles, no accidents, clear title $3200. Please call at 347-746-8632

To advertise in Classified

Contact our Classified Department at 432-682-6222

email mrtclassifieds@mrt.com

fax 432-682-3793

Midland Reporter-Telegram

mrt.com

Recreational Vehicles

2008 NOMAD fifth wheel trailer, model 2305. Fiberglass exterior w/ rubber roof. 24 foot 10 in. exterior length. Weight: 5200 pounds empty. Queen size bed (memory foam). Sleeps 6. Super clean, one owner, non-smoker. Trailer has always been under a cover. Priced below NADA retail price. We are down sizing, our pain is your gain @ $12,500. Call or text 432-413-1204, leave a message.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is Tuesday July 12, 2016 11:30 am at 3420 Thomason Drive - Midland, TX. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash; immediate removal is required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes the contents of the following delinquent tenants: Cindy Blankenship, Household Goods; Floyd Carrell "Steve", Household Goods; Timothy Hayes, Household Goods; Anthony Haskell, Household Goods; Phillip Pye, Household Goods. Property from the above listed delinquent tenants will be sold as individual units. For further information, contact Affordable Self Storage at 432-694-4444.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is Tuesday - July 12th, 2016 - 1:00 PM at 2107 North Fairgrounds Rd. - Midland, TX. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash; immediate removal is required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes the contents of the following delinquent tenants: David Ramirez, Household Goods; Christian Hernandez, Household Goods; Sebastian Rubio, Household Goods; Margarita Lujan, Household Goods; Levi Marton, Household Goods; Raul Alvarez, Household Goods. Property from the above listed delinquent tenants will be sold as individual units. For further information, contact Affordable Self Storage at 432-684-0033.

Legal & Public Notices

Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

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Request for Proposal - Technology Equipment

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal(s) for **RFP #06-016 - Technology Equipment** through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the proposal documents in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, Texas at **2:00 PM C.S.T. on Tuesday, July 26, 2016.** Request for Proposal documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1965.

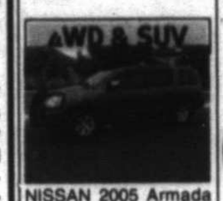
Pickup Trucks

TOYOTA TUNDRA 5.7, auto, 2010 TRD 4X4. CrewMax cab. 88,000 miles. One owner. Excellent condition. $22,000. 432-556-2228.

Vans & Minivans

2003 E150 Cargo work van with shelving 125K miles, good condition. $4,000 OBO Clear title. 432-425-8476

AWD & SUV



NISSAN 2005 Armada LE 8 Passenger SUV, 126,500 miles, Looks Great, Runs Great, Clear Title, Asking $7,200.00, Please Call 432-556-6229.

Commercial Vehicles

Heavy Equipment

HYDROTEST TRUCKS for sale, comes complete with tools. Field ready. Call Tim at 307-680-4741 for more information.

Motorcycles

2013 HARLEY DAVIDSON Street Bob, 11K miles. Custom Paint, windshield, saddle bages, custom handle bars, & more. $7500. Call 432-352-7470.

RVs

RV SPACES for rent - fenced, clean, safe, in Northeast Midland area. Utilities furnished. Free wifi & cable. Won't last long! Call 432-894-8234.

Watercraft

16' LONG 6' wide flat bottom boat. Built 2007 with extra tough bottom, 2002 175 hp Optimax Mercury with Jet unit. 300 hrs. on motor. Boat and Tandem axle trailer all aluminum. $14,000. 432-697-5417.

Recreational Vehicles

1967 CESSNA 182K Skylane. Western Skyways Gold Seal engine w/ 328 hrs. TTAF 4467. G430 WAAS., coupled HSI, GPSS SAM. Century 2000 digital AP. $69K. Call owner at 432-557-3015.

2004 HiLo 28C. Well maintained, clean intereior. White/tan graphics. $9500. 432-520-9520 or 250-0645.

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Work Wanted

Reputable trucking and land clearing company looking for work! Cheap rates - Insured and bonded - Hotshot, Heavy Haul - Land clearing, Dozer work - Call for a quote 432-254-4538

Miscellaneous for Sale

Classified Ads - For Sale
Auction #2016-005

An online auction of Midland College surplus property will be held by Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc. The auction will begin on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 and close on Monday, July 18, 2016. Items will be available for viewing and bidding on the auctioneer's website: http://www.renebates.com. The College will be auctioning a 24' flatbed trailer. For additional information, contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all auction bids. For a complete list of instructions, or to participate in the online auction go to http://www.renebates.com.

NEW TODAY!

2013 KEYSTONE RV Sprinter Series M-272BHS, 30' Bumper Pull w Stabilizer. Excellent condition, everything works like new! Great central AC&Heat, Fiberglass exterior with Extreme Thermal Insulation Package, Great family layout, sleeps 8 with large bathroom. New 15' electric awning. One owner. $21,900. Call 432.770.6370.

2013 MONTE CARLO 37' travel trailer. 2 slides, washer & dryer, 2 airs, excellent condition. No pets, non smoker. Reasonably priced. Self contained. 740-404-2211.

NEW TODAY!

TRAVEL TRAILER, 2005. Sleep's six with a new fridge and new mattress in master bedroom. If interested call Doug at (432) 212-8034.

Merchandise

Appliances

UPRIGHT FREEZER. Works well. $50. 432-697-5063.

Free Stuff

SHEPARD BLUE Heeler hound dog mix puppies. 2 males. Friendly 432-634-4458

Furniture

BEAUTIFUL LIKE NEW SOFA with 2 throw pillows. Palamino brown. Must see! $500.00 Call 432-250-1563.

BONANZA RECLINING sofa and two matching recliners from Furniture Row. Retail $4,000 asking $2,500. Only used 3 months, like brand new! 432-288-0504.

Furniture

BUNK BEDS in good condition with built-in staircase and drawers. Must be willing to disassemble. Will take best offer. Call 432-352-0605.

Miscellaneous for Sale

Beautiful rugs: $50 Large Whale painting: $35. Small Lapis table: $50. Mirrors: $15. Decor: $5. HP printer $25 432-694-2770.

WATERFORD & LENOX CRYSTAL available. Cathay Porcelain doll with Birth Certificate & Lauren Porcelain doll. 432-978-8167

Animals & Pets

Pets

LAB PUPPIES AKC & started dogs. Hips/eyes guaranteed. Training available. Pooles Labs. www.pooleslabs.com. Call (806) 633-4364.

TWO AWESOME kittens for free. 432-528-4744.

Real Estate Rentals & Sales

Residential Rentals

Apartments for Rent Unfurnished

1, 2, 3, and 4 bedroom apartments for rent at the Stanton Housing Authority located at 408 E. Carpenter Street Stanton TX. Rents from $381 to $618. Water, sewage, and trash pickup is free. Call 432-756-2812 for more information.

1BED/1BATH Apt. for rent 700/month flexible payment options. Electricity/water included. 432-816-1488

2901 W ILLINOIS, 1600sft 2BD/2BA Remodeled Executive Patio apartment with garage. $1,250 monthly. Call 432-631-8100 or 432-266-1212

2 BED/ 1 bath apt. $750/month $500/ deposit. Storage unit available. Pets welcome. 432-816-1488

APARTMENT SPECIAL!! WINDGATE, 2900 W. Illinois Ave. Midland TX, 79701. $99 sale! No application or administration fee. Studios $525, 1 Bedroom $625, 2 Bedrooms $725, Townhomes $825. If interested please call Michelle at (432) 694-4870.

APT. FOR RENT 1 BR/ 1 Bath/ Kit/ L room. 1501 W Illinois. $700.00/ mo. All bills paid except electric. Call Bill Jackson 432-557-3366.

DUPLEX FOR LEASE
2 bedroom, 2 baths, 2 car garage, large covered patio, fireplace. No pets. $1,425 month $1,000 deposit 3105 B Mark Lane. 432-557-5557

LOWEST RENT! Spacious 1 - 2 - 3 Bedroom Apartments. 432-687-4514.

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Residential Sales

House for Sale
1006 Stanolind Ave $235,000
Approx Total Sq Ft. 1894

Large 3 Bedroom /2 Bath /2 Living areas with fire place, lots of closet space, two car garage located on a huge Cul-de-sac lot with plenty of privacy. Immaculately clean with lots of updates including new flooring throughout the entire home. Spacious, beautifully landscaped backyard with trees, amenities including large patio, BBQ area, separate dog run, sprinkler system, and workshop attached to garage.

Pre-qualified buyers call or text Bob at 432-664-7492

Condo/Townhouse for Rent- Unfurnished

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

ALL real estate advertising herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to indicate any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, age, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitations of discrimination.

We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate, which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on equal opportunity basis.

To file a complaint, contact www.hud.gov or 1800-669-9777

GARAGE SALES

CALL 682-6222 TODAY!!

Estate Sales

ESTATE SALE BY JOSEPH & TEAM
727 SOLOMAN LANE (MIDLAND)
WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM - 3PM
THURSDAY 9:00 AM - 3PM
FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

This great home is packed with antique, collectible and usable items, including...- Bronze Alamo Mission Bell, Steuben, cut glass, Candlewick, American Fostoria, Fenton, Royal Doulton, sterling silver, china, costume/ sterling silver/ American Indian jewelry, painted china, Pyrex, kitchen items, records/ books, Redwing pottery, spurs, brass, silver plate, peddle car, baby grand piano, Mid Century Modern dining table with chairs/buffet/ china cabinet/ coffee table, sectional sofa, white Mid Century kitchen table with chairs/chaise lounge, grandfather clocks, armoire, king bed/ night stands, vintage rockers, bamboo furniture, office furniture, antique school desks, antique dressers, washer/ dryer, work benches, tools, patio furniture and the usual household miscellaneous.

For pictures go to... https://www.estatesales.net/TX/Midland/79705/1241502

THE ANTIQUES BARN
Saturday, July 2nd from 8am-3pm.
50% EVERYTHING
Beautiful furniture, vintage kitchen, books, tools, LP's, toys, -- you name it!
1112 East County Road 150
South on Rankin Hwy, to ECR 150, left at Cotton Flat Baptist Church, 1 mile to end of road.
Major credit cards accepted.

Yard & Garage Sales

79701

1404 MURRAY. Fri. 10am - 1pm, Sat. 8am - ?. Huge fund raiser. Lots of everything. Clothes from baby to adults (boys, girls, men, women). Furniture, home goods, camping stuff, 2 free bicycles (need a lot of tic). Come and see!

Yard & Garage Sales

79701

1116 S. Fairgrounds. Fri., Sat. & Sun. 7am-7pm, until gone! **HUGE ESTATE SALE** 50 years accumulation! Jewelry, antiques, collectibles, clothes, shoes, household & kitchen items.

79706

3 STORAGE UNITS! 3300 South County Rd. 1210. Thur.-Sat. 8:30am-Dark. Furniture, tools, fishing, tables, chairs, pocket knives, tires. Too many items to list! Some items free!

904 Candlestick Dr. Friday 8 am to ??? Baby crib, baby walker, queen headboard, TV stand, bookcase, washer, kids clothes, toys and much more.

Yard & Garage Sales

79707

4101 DAWN Circle, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8am-noon. Perfume, cologne, entertainment center, storage cabinet, sleeper sofa, Oak dining table, corner desk, futon frame, queen headboard & footboard, womens bike, large ABC rug, childrens games, puzzles & books, school supplies, tons of miscellaneous. Everything must go, we need help with medical expenses.

Classifieds Can! Call 432-682-6222

Residential Rentals

Apartments for Rent Unfurnished

ESPECIAL!!! APARTAMENTOS WINDGATE, 2900 W. Illinois Ave. Midland TX, 79701. $99 especial no pagar administracion o applicacion. Studios $525, 1 Recamara $625, 2 Recamaras $725, Townhomes $825. Si esta interesado por favor llamar a Michelle (432) 694-4870.

FOR TENT/LEASE remodeled studio apt. Water & gas paid, Walk-in closet, new carpet. $1,000 move in. $650/Mo. See at 905 1/2 W. Kentucky Avenue. 432-599-1564 or 432-214-7261

MOBILE HOME FOR Rent. 3BD/2BA. $1000/mo plus $1000 deposit. 3BR/1 BA house $1,500 mo/ $1,500 deposit. Call 432-210-4955, 432-634-4762 until 5pm, after 5pm text message only for more details. 3002 WCR 130, Midland TX 79706.

SPACIOUS 1,2 & 3 BEDROOM APT. HOMES AVAILABLE ELECTRIC, WATER, SEWER, TRASH, & EXTENDED BASIC CABLE PAID VILLA CHATEAU APTS. CALL 432-694-1112 OR COME BY at 1603 N. Midkiff Rd. & ASK ABOUT OUR MOVE-IN SPECIAL.

Townhouse/ Condo for Rent Unfurnished

CONDO FOR RENT 2/2; Covered parking; 855 sq ft; ground level Sagewood Condominiums, Midland, TX This unit is privately owned. $1200/month. 888-683-2246.

Houses for Rent Furnished

Large luxury home located in Green Tree Country Club, in quiet exclusive area with easy access to Golf course $2,500 month call 432-557-1972.

Residential Rentals

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

16930 N. Willowood
Gardendale, TX.
3 bedroom 2 baths
2 car garage, fenced yard, 2 sheds, 1/2 acres
$1,500 month
$500 S.D.
CALL 432-288-3300 for appointment.

1712 S. Marshall 3 bedroom 1 bath, fenced backyard. $1,000 month $600 deposit. Call 432-458-3245.

2501 Hoya Drive: 2 BR 2 BA home in quite well kept neighborhood, All kitchen appliances, washer and dryer hook up, 2 car garage, patio lot! Available 8/1. $1,500 month. 432-557-4735

2 BD, 2 Bath and new big kitchen. On 1 acre of land. Close enough to downtown & far enough away to enjoy the peace of **country living**! $1,500/mo. Tonya 432-770-0835.

3BD/2BTH lg bk yard. No pets/no smoking. 6301 Shawnee across from MCC. $1300/mth & $1300 deposit. Can only drive by. 432-683-2243.

4600 LANHAM, 3 bedroom 2 bath duplex. All tile floors, $1,400 month $1,400 deposit. Pets permitted with deposit. Background & credit check required. 12 month lease minimum. 432-557-0018

5106 A. Rainbow, Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 garage, 1 carport, & sprinkler system, $1,700 monthly. 432-620-9222 or 432-664-0171.

FOR LEASE - 2608 Delano Ave. 2bd, 1ba, No smoking, Pets with deposit (restrictions apply). Background / credit check, verification of employment, $875 security deposit, $875/month. Call 432-222-0794.

HOME FOR Lease near Bush Elem. Available 8/1/156 3br/2ba, rear entry garage. Security deposit required. Contact Stephanie at 432-686-2800

HOUSE FOR RENT - 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom. Located at 4605 Comanche Dr., Midland. 432-699-6791.

NEWLY RENOVATED new hardwood floors, paint & kitchen just replaced. Den/3rd bedroom. Carport, large backyard with utility shed. Close to downtown. $1,200 month. 432-699-7675.

NICE 2 AND 3 bedroom houses. $900-$1,800/mo. For responsible, quality tenants. 432-694-9853.

Residential Rentals

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

NICE AND clean 2 bedroom, washer & dryer hookups. New fridge, access through the alley. Midland High area. No pet. Background & credit check. For single or couple. $800 month for 1 year lease $800 deposit. Call 689-4241

Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

107 W. Shandon, Beautifully remodeled 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom. Hand scraped Bamboo floors, granite, stainless appliances. New throughout. View on www.zillow.com. 432-894-1152

3527 GULF, 3BD/2BA, Remodeled, fireplace, 2000+ sf. Large backyard. $219,000. Call 432-631-8100 or 432-266-1212

3608 SINCLAIR 2939sf. 4BD/3BA., fireplace. Water well, Remodeled. $249,000 Call 432-631-8100 or 432-266-1212

4010 EAST County Rd 81. 2 bedroom/ 2 bathroom, water well, septic system, on .461 acres $60,000 obo. 432-661-5846

5000 LEISURE Beautifully remodeled 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom. Non smoking,. No pets. View on Zillow.com $1,800/ month. $1,000 deposit 432-894-1152

Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

5009 HEATHER
Saddle Club South
Fabulous redo!!
+Open SAT 2-4++
4/4.5/3/2 $435,000
UP Group 889-2934

805 SHELL 3 bedroom 2 bath, carport, storage building, large backyard, sprinkler system. City water & water well. Great neighborhood. Selling as is. Asking $120,000. Call 432-634-6391.

FOR SALE by own Mockingbird Oaks, 2700 sq. ft., 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath, study, jacuzzi in master bath, master closet is 27'x 7', lusuxious kitchen, combos with open area den, dining & breakfast area. Water well with sprinkler system, tile patio with outdoor fireplace & TV outlet. Beautiful curb appeal, corner lot makes for easy access to 3 car garage, home security system with cameras. $439,000. 432-634-1111

FSBO 4003 Livingston Lots of new inside & out. 2 bedroom 1 bath. Pre-qualified buyers only! Call 432-664-5995 for an appointment.

REDUCED PRICE! 5221 CANADIAN. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas. Fireplace in master bedroom and den. Separate laundry room. Office room. 2,100 sqft. **$217,000.** Open house every Saturday-Sunday 2-4pm until sold. 432-683-2243.

Lots & Land

Ranches

36.15 AC. VAL VERDE COUNTY, NW OF COMSTOCK. W. TX BRUSH COVER, FENCE SCENIC VIEWS. DEER, TURKEY, JAVELINA, QUAIL. $1,798 DOWN, $298/ MO. CALL OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION. 800-876-9720 ranchenterprisesltd.com

Ranches

Sterling County - Bar A.T. Ranch - 640 acres, Rolling hills, nice hunting lodge; 2 nice fishing ponds and BIG underground water! Located 7 miles SW of Sterling City off of Hwy 158 to Midland. Lots of deer & turkey **PERFECT HUNTING GETAWAY!** L L & P 325-656-1225 or 325-655-6989

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The Great Newspaper Games

Usually the newspaper covers the Olympics with stories and pictures. This week, Kid Scoop brings the challenge, the thrill, the glory of the games to you. All you need is Kid Scoop and today's newspaper!

Dizzy Math Dash

Who will win the race? The runner with the highest score!

On your mark ... Get set ... GO!

1. Find 12 numbers in today's newspaper and cut them out.
2. Quickly glue the numbers onto boxes on the racetrack.
3. Next, estimate the score for each runner. Who do you think has the highest score?
4. Complete the math equation to find out who actually gets the highest score.

Standards Link: Mathematics: Number Sense: Estimate and calculate the sum of whole numbers.

FLAG HEADLINE

MIDTOWN NEWS

Dizzy Dora at the start of today's race

Newspaper Games offer big thrills for local readers

By Reed Daily

DOWNTOWN – Local readers began a day of big fun this morning as the Great Newspaper Games kicked off competition.

Local readers have been searching through the newspaper for letters and numbers to complete this week's Kid Scoop page.

Held every day, the Great Newspaper Games are a reading the newspaper since I was a child," she said.

City officials attending the events seemed very pleased with attendance levels.

"This is a real boost for our local economy and civic pride," Mayor Jones said. "Readers go far in life, and we encourage all

CUTLINE BYLINE COLUMN

Go the distance with reading!

Find and read an article in today's newspaper that is as long as the jump made by Jumping Judy. Cut out the article, lay it on its side, and paste it over the area Judy jumped.

JUDY'S JUMP

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Spelling Hurdles

1. Dash through today's newspaper and cut out the letters that spell each of these newspaper terms at left.
2. Glue the letters onto the hurdles to spell each word—one word on each hurdle. Can you clear each hurdle?

How many stars can you find on this page? How many stars can you find in other parts of the newspaper?

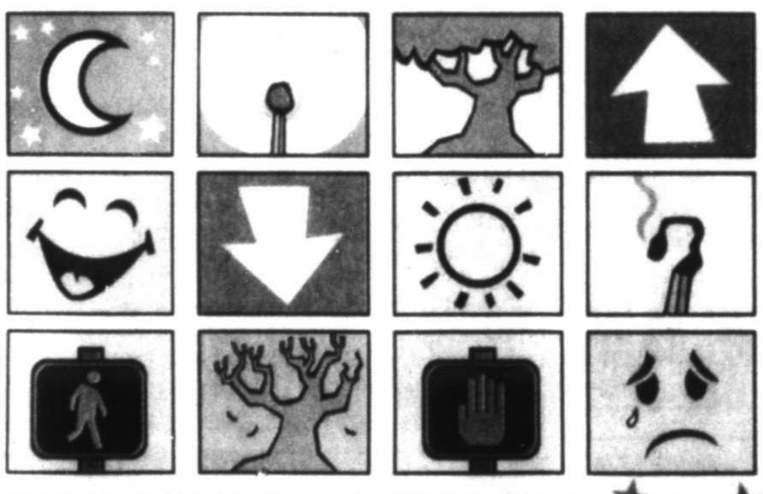
Extra! Extra! Opposite Outcome

Select a headline from the sports page in today's newspaper. Rewrite the headline so it communicates just the opposite.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Understand and explain common antonyms.

The Opposite Event

Cover each picture below with a small piece of newspaper. Have a friend lift one square, then try and guess where its opposite might be. If they match, remove those two pieces of paper. If not, replace them and try again.



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Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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GAMES
DIZZY
RACETRACK
GLORY
CLEAR
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JUMP
ESTIMATE
SCORE
GO
SIDE
THRILL
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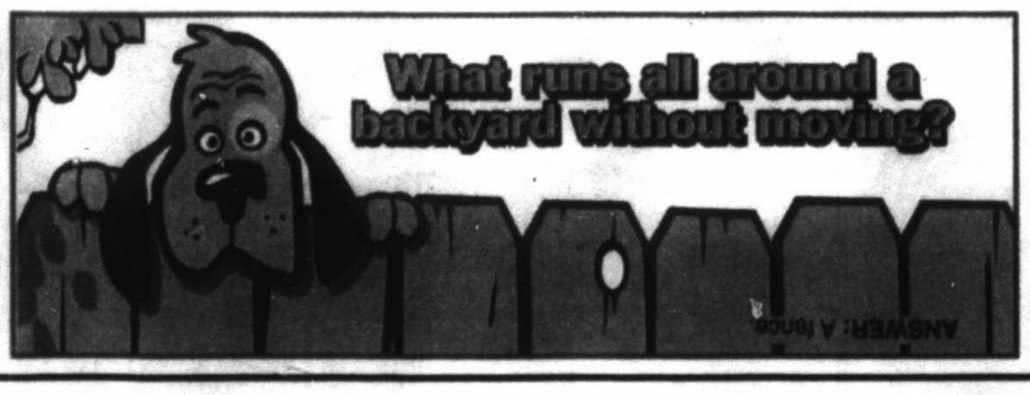
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Sports Search

Look through the newspaper and see how quickly you can find and circle the following: a distance, a time in minutes or seconds, any first place finisher, and an Olympic event you would like to see.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



Weekly Writing Corner

Summertime News

Students share stories about their summertime activities.

During the summer I skate in the best skate park ever. They have the biggest half pipe I have ever seen. I stay with my grandparents. I love skating!

Cameron, 6th grade

It was a typical summer day, hot and dry so, "Let's all go to the pool," I said. "Let's do cannon balls, back flips and front flips off the diving boards." That's what summer is all about!

Ian, 5th grade

During the summer my brother, friends and I will dig a pit in my back yard. We will fill it with water and do mud wrestling. It will be a fun way to cool off in the summer heat. We will do this with just three shovels.

Jesse, 8th grade

In June, my family has a BIG party for my sister. It is always at my house since we have a park across the street. We only have one summer birthday, we make hers the biggest. We always rent a Jolly Jump and fill it with water. We invite lots of people and we buy delicious food.

Nicole, 5th grade

Summer is my favorite time of year. We always go to visit my grandpa and grandma. We go boating, we go fishing, and we hike a lot. My grandma makes homemade ice cream and we always camp out and swim at the river all day. I love summer.

Tony, 4th grade

The think I like to do most in the summer is go to the fair. I love the rides, food, and games. Some of the rides are scary but some are just fun.

Rachel, 4th grade

Every summer I go camping with my mom, sister, and most of my friends. We swim, hike and go kayaking in the lake. We roast marshmallows and play campfire games. It is so much fun.

Sean, 3rd grade

I was taking a trip to San Diego but then the car stopped. I was asleep but when I woke up, I found that I was at Legoland. The entrance had Legos on the wall and when I looked up, it was shaped like a tunnel with pillars that were made out of real Legos! We went inside the Lego store and there were Legos everywhere. We went on lots of rides and then I wanted to do one last thing. I got a picture of me holding a light saber in a Star Wars episode!

Michael, 5th grade

This summer is going to be an excellent summer—warm air, family and family trips. We haven't seen our relatives in over a year and they are coming over, so I can't wait. Have a great summer!

Monica, 3rd grade

Write On!

Dream Interview

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