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We have the scoop on the first Midland Downtown Ice Cream Festival and the new Horseshoe Amphitheatre opening with country music star Cam. See more in Weekender.

Inside

City: Stop flushing flushable sanitary wipes

Sanitary fad clogs sewer lines, creates considerable utilities headaches

By Trevor Hawes
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You flush them down to a pipe underground, and you never see them again. The city of Midland Water & Wastewater Utilities department, however, knows that even though you've flushed and forgotten, so-called wipes don't disintegrate, even if the package states they will.

Increased marketing to adults has resulted in the rise of sanitary wipe use, Director of Utilities Laura Wilson said. She gave a department update presentation Tuesday before City Council's biweekly meeting and addressed the issue of sewer line blockages made of solidified grease mixed with wipes.

Wilson said residents might not realize how much grease they're putting down the pipes because when grease is hot, it's liquid. However, grease will turn solid at some point — when it hits cold water in the P-trap underneath the sink or elsewhere down the sewer line.

By the numbers

The city of Midland has 850 miles of water lines, 650 miles of sewer lines, 11,192 manholes, 3,940 fire hydrants and 14,260 valves.

"There's always been issues with grease in sewer lines — it's one of those things as old as time itself — but what happens is they get wrapped up and mixed in with wipes, and it creates a huge ball. Not only do they stop up our sewer lines, but they stop up the manholes and they stop up the pumps when they get to the sewer plant or lift stations," Wilson said.

One way of getting its "No Wipes in the Pipes" message out to adults is to make children more aware of the issue.

"Whenever we go out to the schools, we tell the kids because kids are the best way to get to parents," Wilson said.

Another way has been to include information on the last page of the annual water report, where a picture of a clogged sewer line makes clear just how severe the problem can be.

Wilson's advice to residents is twofold.

In addressing grease down the kitchen sink drain: "The worst problem is day-to-day stuff where people are putting stuff down the garbage disposal and not realizing how much grease is in it. Anything that can go in the trash needs to go in the trash."

When it comes to sanitary wipes: "The toilet is not a trash can," she said.

Other updates

■ **Yellow water**

The Water and Wastewater Utilities department has begun testing water daily to monitor the presence of manganese. Manganese levels started increasing slightly in May, according to Tuesday's presentation. The annual free-chlorine conversion from June 1 to June 30 oxidized the manganese. There aren't any identified health risks associated with manganese; however, an increased dosage of potassium permanganate is being implemented to correct the

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CHANGES UNDERWAY



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Valerie Rodriguez reads Wednesday during storytime at the Centennial Library branch.

County library hours to change in September

By Mary Dearen
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In an effort to eliminate confusion and to allow for expanded programming at the downtown branch, Midland County Public Library hours will be changed effective Sept. 6.

Both branches will be open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Currently, the downtown branch is open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Centennial branch is open 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The new schedule, which the Commissioners' Court approved Tuesday, is a response to the changing and growing needs of the community, Library Director John Trischitti III said Wednesday afternoon.

"We found a way to increase service to the public without adding hours and manpower," he said. "We had support from the court to be flexible with our hours."

He said that after the hours of operation were reduced at the downtown branch, staff discovered they were missing out on programming

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Panel could recommend scrapping STAAR

By Kiah Collier
Texas Tribune

A special panel recommending changes to the state's public school testing and accountability system could propose that the state scrap the controversial assessment regime known as STAAR.

The Commission on Next Generation Assessments and Accountability didn't appear ready to get rid of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness exams at its last meeting in June despite widespread frustrations with the testing program, which was implemented in 2012. But a new draft report the 15-member panel was expected to refine and vote on at its final meeting Wednesday says STAAR should be replaced by a series of computer-based assessments throughout the school year. The results would "provide useful, real-time feedback to educators, parents, and students," the report says.

The recommendation is one of nine included in the commission's report to Gov. Greg Abbott and the Legislature — and by far the most extreme. Others include reducing the number of curriculum standards covered in statewide exams, tweaking school accountability measures and extending a law, expiring next year, that allows some high schoolers to

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Energy prices

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Texas AG's $100K gift came despite agency rules

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Documents show the $100,000 that Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton accepted from the head of a company his office was investigating came despite internal agency rules that prohibit such gifts.

Ethics and legal experts say Paxton's acceptance of the money to help pay for his criminal defense on felony securities fraud charges wasn't a clear violation of Texas' loose ethics laws.

But internal policies in the Texas attorney general's office, obtained by The Associated Press, say agency employees "shall never" take gifts from an entity "the employee knows is being investigated" by the office. Last year, Paxton accepted the gift from Preferred Imaging founder James Webb, whose company was under investigation at the time for Medicaid fraud.

Webb contributed nearly one third of the $330,000 that Paxton, a Republican, reported raising in 2015 to help pay his personal legal bills. He was indicted six months after taking office last year and has pleaded not guilty.

Paxton spokesman Marc Rylander said Wednesday that Paxton was aware of the internal policy on gifts but that it wasn't violated. He did not elaborate as to why.

Paxton has claimed his office had little to do with Dallas-based Preferred Imaging's $3.5 million settlement of a whistleblower lawsuit that accused the company of violating Medicaid billing rules. The settlement was co-signed in June by the U.S. Justice Department and the head of Paxton's Texas Civil Medicaid Fraud Division.

A Justice Department spokeswoman and a Dallas attorney who represented the whistleblower have both said Paxton's office was involved in the investigation. On Tuesday, Rylander said federal prosecutors "took the lead" on the investigation and settlement and that Paxton was not involved. On Wednesday, Rylander said the state fraud unit "never received a referral" and therefore conducted no investigation into Preferred Imaging.

"As we have previously stated, there was no investigation by this office," Rylander said in an email.

Paxton cannot use taxpayer dollars or campaign funds to defend himself in his criminal case. He is instead using an exemption under Texas bribery law that allows gifts to public servants when there is a "personal, professional, or business relationship" that is independent of their official duties.

Preferred Imaging admitted no wrongdoing while settling accusations the company performed some procedures without an on-site physician present, which is in violation of Medicaid billing rules.

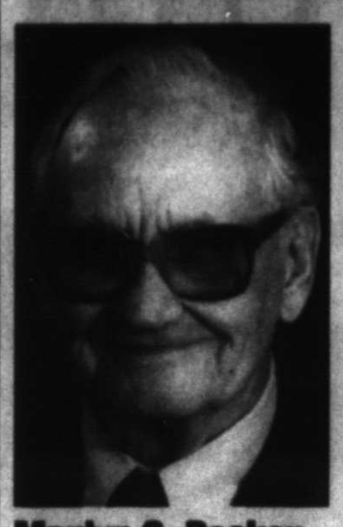
Webb, who signed the settlement with the state and Justice Department, has not returned phone messages or an email seeking comment.

No criminal trial has yet been set for Paxton, who has twice lost his attempts to have the indictments dismissed. He is also being sued by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in a separate civil lawsuit, which similarly accuses Paxton of urging people to put their money into a tech startup called Servergy Inc. without disclosing he was being paid by the company to recruit investors.

If convicted of the criminal charges, Paxton faces five to 99 years in prison.

Watchdogs say Paxton is taking advantage of vague Texas anti-bribery statutes that allow officeholders to accept gifts from friends without defining who meets that threshold.

Obituaries



Marlyn C. Rooker

Marlyn C. Rooker died on Monday, July 25, 2016 at the age of 90.

Marlyn was born in Ennis, Texas on June 16, 1926, to J.C. and Margaret Rooker. He graduated from Ennis High School in 1944 and continued his education at the University of Texas until he was called into service with the United States Air Force. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict.

He married Marjorie Bus in Ennis on November 18, 1950 and they lived in Spokane, Washington and Topeka, Kansas where he was stationed. After his discharge, they lived in Dallas, Texas and Abilene, Texas before moving to Midland, Texas. They have been Midland residents for almost 60 years.

Marlyn was employed with Crum and Forster Insurance Company as an auditor for 35 years, traveling throughout West Texas. He was considered an oilfield specialist in regard to insurance matters and retired in 1989. He has been an active member of St. Ann's Catholic Church since 1957, and has served as a Lay Leader and Eucharistic Minister to the Hospital and Homebound parishioners for many years. He is an Honorary Life Member of the Knights of Columbus.

He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and traveling many miles to watch his children and grandchildren participate in their numerous sports and musical activities. He also was an excellent cook and especially enjoyed baking kolaches, an art taught to him by his Czech mother-in-law. His children dubbed him "King of the Kolaches."

With his wife, he traveled extensively throughout the United States and the world, visiting all seven of the continents.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his brother, A. A. (Sonny) Rooker.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marjorie, and four children - his two daughters, Jeanne Bohan and her husband Charlie of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Karen Rachal and her husband Dr. Lindy Rachal of Fredericksburg, Texas, and his two sons, David Rooker and wife Kathy of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Chris Rooker and his wife Laura of Fort Worth, Texas.

Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, David Manaugh of Edmond, Oklahoma, Melissa Schmitz and husband Everett of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Garrett Rachal and wife Jessica of Oklahoma City, Matthew Rachal of Dallas, Aubrey Daly and husband Khal of Oklahoma City, Emily Rooker and Natalie Rooker, both of Austin, Texas, Caleb, Emma, and Mary Elizabeth Rooker of Fort Worth; and by seven great-grandchildren, Ammy, Bradley and Dexter Manaugh of Edmond, and Madeline, Abby, Finn, and Blake Schmitz of Broken Arrow.

Marlyn felt very grateful to have lived a long and blessed life and now awaits his family to join him in Heaven.

A rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church on Friday, July 29, 2016.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday July 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., also at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

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

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Nathan Ray Meeks

Nathan Ray Meeks, 68, of Midland passed away on July 26, 2016. Nathan was born on December, 8, 1947 in Coleman, Texas to Rosalie and Nathan Meeks.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, July 28, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland, Texas.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Savoy, Texas.

Nathan had a dry sense of humor, loved to play golf, played a mean game of pool, enjoyed woodworking, and watching baseball and football.

He was happily married to C.J. Meeks for 39 years. Their children are Amber Boswell and Eric Williams. He served in the Navy in Vietnam. His accomplishments include attending Howard Payne University and earning a Bachelor of Science degree with a Major in English Literature and a Minor in Business at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

He is survived by his mother, Rosalie Meeks of Brownwood; sister, Carolyn Berry of Midland; wife, C.J. Meeks of Midland; daughter, Amber and son-in-law John Boswell of Early; son, Eric Williams and daughter-in-law Tammy of Midland; grandchildren, Jonathan, Hayden, Hope, Lacy, and Matty; and by his niece, Shelby and husband, Cleve Thomas, and their children Mazie and Jace.

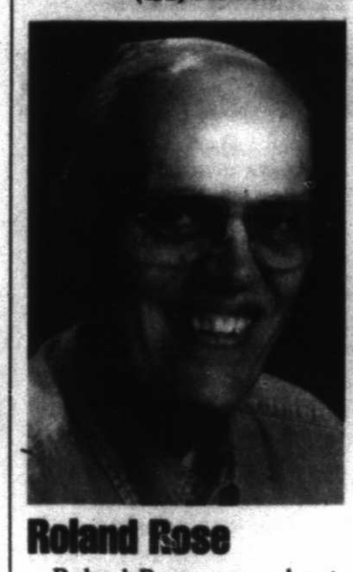
He is preceded in death by his father, Nathan Holt Meeks; nephew, Tyler Berry; and brother-in-law, Gaylan Berry.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward Hospice of Midland and all of the "old guys" at Hogan that Nathan played golf with.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be donated to The Permian Basin Area Foundation in honor of Tyler Berry.

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Roland Rose

Roland Rose, was a devoted educator for 37 years in the Andrews Independent School District, for three years in the New Castle Independent School District and served as a faithful deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas for 15 years. He continued his ministry at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in St. Petersburg, Florida until his death on July 9, 2016.

Deacon Rose is known for his faithful work with the summer camp program at Quarterman Camp and Conference Center, known later as Quarterman Ranch in Amarillo, Texas. He researched and developed Promise Camp, a summer camp program for children of the incarcerated after seeing a need for ministry to the children of those persons he served in prison ministry. He served as its chair for six years and directed the summer camp arts and crafts activities at Quarterman Ranch for 10 years.

Roland also voluntarily provided art classes for the students in the Ector County ISD Detention Center, Rays of Hope in Midland, and taught summer art classes for elementary students at Midland College Summer Programs. Roland greatly impacted the lives of many children of this area in a positive and loving way. Roland also was cartoonist for the Andrews County News for several years.

Roland is survived by his wife, Josie, of 52 years; a daughter, Laura Rose who served in the Air Force during Operation Desert Storm, and now resides in Illinois; a son, Christopher Rose and his wife Chris, and one grandson, who reside in Florida; two sisters, Wanda McChesney who resides in Oklahoma, and Mary Ann Weinacht who resides in Texas; one brother, Ronald Rose who also resides in Texas, and several nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Jubilee Center of Midland P. O. Box 7240, Midland, TX 79708; Promises for Families Foundation, P. O. Box 61578, San Angelo, TX 79556; St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 2920 26th Ave. South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712; St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250N, Midland, TX 79707, or the charity of your choice.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, Midland, Texas.



Bryce Josephine Rodriguez

Bryce Josephine Rodriguez, three months old, passed away in her parent's arms on Tuesday, July 26, 2016.

A rosary will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral mass will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 2016 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Services will be officiated by Monsignor Bernard Gully.

Bryce was born on April 27, 2016 in Midland, Texas to Gabriel and Andrea Gully Rodriquez. In her short life, she made a huge impact on so many through her amazing strength, resilience, and dignity. Her presence touched many hearts.

She is survived by her parents, Gabriel and Andrea Rodriguez; brother, Tate Rodriguez; and her extended family.

She is preceded in death by her uncle, Todd James Gully; great-grandmother, Patricia Andress; and great-grandmother, Josefina Alvarez.

Pallbearers will be Jeremy Gully, Travis Gully, Chris Rodriguez, and Jenaro Rodriguez.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards their family and numerous friends that have guided and supported them throughout this journey.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities, *www.rmhc.org*.

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Millie Gallas Stuckey

Millie Gallas Stuckey, 68, of Midland, went to be with the Lord on July 24, 2016.

She was born April 11, 1948 in Kermit, Texas to Al and Ruby (White) Gallas. She was raised in Kermit where she graduated from Kermit High School in 1965. She retired from Midland Independent School District in December of 2013.

Services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 28, 2016 at First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Monahans Memorial Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of Harkey Funeral Home.

Survivors include her sons, James Floyd and wife Dena of Wink and Jon Floyd of Midland; daughter, Dana Floyd of Midland; parents, Al and Ruby Gallas; grandchildren, Garrett Floyd and Danielle Dunlap; and great-grandson, Abraham Ortega.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Danny Gallas.

Death Notices

Charlotte D'Aun Welch

Charlotte D'Aun Welch, 55 of Midland, Texas, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, July 26, 2016.

Services will be held Saturday, July 30, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church.

She is survived by her parents, Maggie and Bill Leonard; and by four brothers and one sister.

Gerald "Jerry" Richard Wagner

Gerald "Jerry" Richard Wagner, 81, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, July 26, 2016.

The family will be accepting guests from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland.

Jerry is survived by his children, Gregory Wagner, Jeffrey Wagner, and Janeane Bullard-Bost; and by one sister.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Lead found in state home water; disabled untested for month

Toxic levels of lead have been found in drinking water at state-funded homes for disabled Texans, but their residents went untested for lead poisoning until a month after the lead was found.

Lead levels in blood usually drop by at least half after two to four weeks and by as much as 75 percent if pure water is substituted, The Dallas Morning News (http://bit.ly/2aeo5fA) reported. Residents at the state homes have been drinking bottled water since early May, the newspaper reported.

Of the 548 state home residents tested for lead exposure, 96 percent fell below two micrograms of lead per deciliter, or one-10th of a liter, of blood. However, 14 residents showed between two and four micrograms per deciliter and seven had between five and 10 micrograms per deciliter, the newspaper reported. A lead level of five micrograms or more per deciliter of blood is regarded as elevated, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

If a lead level in blood was five micrograms per deciliter when the switch was made to bottled water, it could be as low as 1.25 micrograms per deciliter a month later, said Marc Edwards, a Virginia Tech civil and environmental engineering professor who led a research team that studied the drinking water in Flint, Michigan, where lead contamination was widespread.

"The general idea of measuring everyone's blood from a month to a year after the harmful exposure has occurred is, unfortunately, a fairly standard practice employed by government agencies to downplay lead exposures occurring in public places. Claiming or implying that good blood-lead results a month after the last exposure could have occurred means that no one was hurt? That is just false," he told the newspaper.

Officials with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, which operates the state homes, are "confident that the results of the blood tests are accurate," agency spokeswoman Cecilia Cavuto told the newspaper.

The newspaper reported in May that the water at state-supported Living Centers in Brenham, El Paso and San Angelo contained high lead levels. The state agency began providing residents with bottled water a week later for drinking, cooking and brushing their teeth.

Extended exposure to high lead levels can cause brain damage, kidney and nervous system failure, and death.

HOUSTON

Circus acrobats tie the knot on tightrope during show

Two circus acrobats tied the knot on a tightrope during a performance in Houston.

Mustafa Danguir and Anna Lebedeva got married 30 feet off the ground Tuesday during a Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey show at NRG Stadium.

The groom, wearing a white tuxedo coat, arrived on a camel and climbed a side ladder to reach the tightrope.

The veiled bride rode a horse. She shed her high heels and adjusted her flowing gown to also climb a ladder to the wire.

The ringmaster presided as the pair met in the middle of the wire, then exchanged vows and rings.

The smiling newlyweds descended and waved to the cheering crowd as they walked away arm-in-arm.

LA GRULLA

South Texas Border Patrol agents save nearly 40 immigrants

Law enforcement officers have saved nearly 40 immigrants from the blistering South Texas heat but found another man dead.

Border Patrol officials on Wednesday announced two separate rescues of people believed to be in the U.S. illegally. Supervisory Agent Marlene Castro says the 39 immigrants, located Sunday and Monday, were not hurt and all were being processed.

The National Weather Service says high temperatures on both days topped 100 degrees.

Agents responded to a call from the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office about 19 immigrants abandoned by human smugglers. The immigrants were located in La Grulla (luh GROOL'-yuh) and given water and checked for medical issues.

Hours later agents working in Brooks County, tracking immigrants on a ranch, located a man's body. Castro says agents then found 20 immigrants nearby.

SAN ANTONIO

Fugitive in drug money US movie case extradited to Texas

A fugitive charged in Texas with trying to launder suspected drug money by backing Hollywood movies has been extradited from Mexico.

U.S. prosecutors say Mauricio Sanchez Garza and others conspired to steal, by force, a religious-themed script and invest in the film.

Sanchez made an initial court appearance Tuesday in San Antonio. Online records didn't immediately list an attorney to speak for Sanchez, who was extradited Monday.

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John Hinckley Jr. arrives at U.S. District Court on Nov. 18 in Washington. Hinckley, who tried to assassinate President Ronald Reagan in 1981, is in court to request to U.S. District Court Judge Paul L. Friedman to be allowed to visit his parents without supervision. Reagan's family and the government oppose the idea.

For would-be Reagan assassin, freedom is days away

By Ben Nuckols
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the past decade, the man who shot President Ronald Reagan has quietly spent a growing number of his days living with his 90-year-old mother in a gated community in Williamsburg, Virginia. On Wednesday, a judge finalized John Hinckley Jr.'s transition to freedom, ordering that Hinckley can permanently leave the psychiatric hospital where he was confined after the assassination attempt.

The order, which cannot be appealed, has been in the works for years, despite opposition by prosecutors, who sought numerous restrictions on Hinckley's freedom, most of which were agreed to by Judge Paul Friedman. Hinckley could leave St. Elizabeths Hospital as early as Aug. 5.

Hinckley, now 61, was found not guilty by reason of insanity in the March 30, 1981, shooting fueled by his obsession with the movie "Taxi Driver" and its teenage star, Jodie Foster. He used a pawn-shop revolver to fire six shots at Reagan, the president's aides and his protective detail outside a Washington hotel, wounding the president and three others.

Doctors have said for many years that Hinckley's mental illness was in remission, and Friedman concurred in his ruling. Hinckley was a "profoundly troubled 25-year-old young man" when he shot Reagan, the judge wrote, but has not exhibited symptoms of major depression or a psychotic disorder for more than 27 years.

"Mr. Hinckley, by all accounts, has shown no signs of psychotic symptoms, delusional thinking, or any violent tendencies," Friedman wrote. "The court finds that Mr. Hinckley has received the maximum benefits possible in the inpatient setting (and) that inpatient treatment is no longer clinically warranted or beneficial."

Hinckley was first allowed to leave St. Elizabeths in 2003 to visit his parents in Washington, and he began staying with them at their Williamsburg home overlooking a golf course in 2006. For the past two-plus years, he has been allowed to spend 17 days a month with his mother.

Many of the restrictions attached to Hinckley's temporary release will remain in place. He must attend individual and group therapy sessions and is barred from talking to the media. He can drive alone, but only within a 30-mile radius of Williamsburg, and the Secret Service will periodically follow him.

He also must return to Washington once a month so doctors can check on his mental state.

He will have to reside with his mother for a year. After that, he can live on his own, with roommates or in a group home in the Williamsburg area. If his mother is unable to monitor him in another setting, his brother or sister, both of whom live in the Dallas area, have agreed to stay with him until other arrangements are made. Hinckley's father died in 2008.

The government could not persuade the judge to order Hinckley to wear an electronic ankle bracelet and install a tracking device on his car.

Hinckley's longtime attorney, Barry Levine, said he and his client were gratified by the order, and that Hinckley has thrived under his new liberties.

"Mr. Hinckley recognizes that what he did was horrific. But it's crucial to understand that what he did was not an act of evil," Levine said in a statement. "It was an act caused by mental illness, an illness from which he no longer suffers."

Reagan's press secretary, James Brady, suffered debilitating injuries in the attack and died in 2014. Also wounded were police officer Thomas Delahanty and Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy.

Hinckley will be barred from trying to contact Foster, Delahanty, McCarthy or any of his victim's families.

Reaction to his release was mixed.

The late president's son, Michael Reagan, tweeted that others should forgive Hinckley the way his father did. But Reagan's daughter, Patti Davis, wrote on Facebook that "forgiving someone in your heart doesn't (mean) that you let them loose in Virginia to pursue whatever dark agendas they may still hold dear."

The foundation that honors Reagan's legacy said Hinckley should remain in custody, noting his responsibility for Brady's death, which was later ruled a homicide. Prosecutors declined to charge Hinckley with murder, in part because they would be barred from arguing he was sane at the time of the shootings.

"We believe John Hinckley is still a threat to others and we strongly oppose his release," the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute said in a statement.

Dan Gross, president of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, declined to offer an opinion on Hinckley's release but used the occasion to call for background checks for all gun sales, which Reagan supported. He noted in a statement that it would be "just as easy" for a would-be assassin to buy a gun today as it was for Hinckley.

Some of his mother's neighbors in Williamsburg have long been wary of Hinckley.

Tom Campbell, who lives in the same gated community, has seen him strolling on a nearby walking trail.

"From a mental illness perspective, I just have some reluctance about having him roam free like this," said Campbell, 77, a retired manager at NASA. "How can he be allowed to roam the streets as if nothing happened?"

His wife, Mary Margaret Campbell, added: "I don't think a lot of these mental illness issues go away. One never knows what a mentally ill person will do."

In an April 2015 story , The Associated Press delved into Hinckley's attempts to integrate himself into the gated Kingsmill community and greater Williamsburg area. The story noted that he wore a visor or cap over his graying hair when he drove around the city in a Toyota Avalon, going to movies and eating at fast-food restaurants. It also found that he plays guitar, paints and cares for feral cats.

Hinckley, for his part, has been frustrated at times by people's reaction to him. According to court records, many of his attempts to do volunteer work have been rebuffed, although he has volunteered at a church and a local mental hospital. He also has applied for jobs at Starbucks and Subway, without success, saying he was dismayed by having the Secret Service tail him as he sought employment.

"It made me feel awkward and uncomfortable," he said.

But he said he also enjoyed meeting people outside St. Elizabeths, noting of his group therapy sessions: "It's really refreshing to be in a group with people who aren't completely out of their minds."

Prosecutors cited what they called a history of deceptive behavior in arguing against more freedom for Hinckley. In July 2011, prosecutors said, Hinckley was supposed to go see a movie and instead went to a bookstore, where Secret Service agents saw him looking at shelves that contained books about Reagan and the assassination attempt, though he didn't pick any of them up.

Some of the conditions of Hinckley's leave could be eliminated or reduced within 12 to 18 months, but he still could be taken back to the hospital if he violates the remaining conditions.

Reagan died in 2004 at age 93.

Prosecutors abandon case against police in Gray's death

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — More than a year after a black man suffered a broken neck in a police van, the effort to hold six officers criminally responsible for his death collapsed Wednesday when the city dropped all charges in the case that tore Baltimore apart and exposed deep fissures between the police, prosecutors and the people.

A day before another trial was to begin, prosecutors dismissed charges against three remaining officers, blaming police for a biased investigation that failed to produce a single conviction in the death of Freddie Gray.

Gray, 25, was fatally injured in April 2015 while he was handcuffed and shackled but left otherwise unrestrained in the back of the van. His death added fuel to the growing Black Lives Matter movement, set off massive protests and led to the city's worst riots in decades.

Prosecutors suffered blow after crippling blow in the courtroom. A judge acquitted three other officers, including the van driver who prosecutors considered the most responsible and another officer who was the highest-ranking of the group. A mistrial was declared for a fourth officer after a jury deadlocked. Authorities had planned to retry him.

The case took shape soon after the rioting, when Democratic State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby confidently announced the charges atop a sweeping staircase across from City Hall.

"To the youth of the city: I will seek justice on your behalf," she said. "This is a moment. This is your moment."

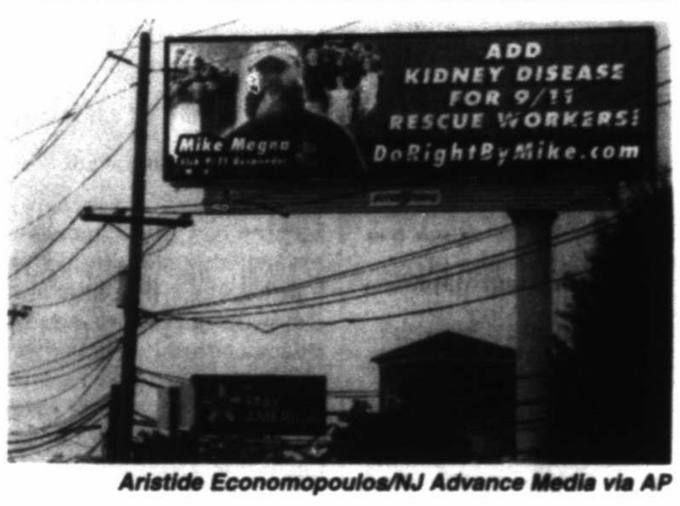
On Wednesday, she was fiery and indignant as she spoke from behind a podium across the street from the public-housing complex where Gray was arrested. She angrily blamed the outcome on an uncooperative police department and a broken criminal justice system.

Mosby outlined what prosecutors have called sabotage, saying officers who were witnesses were also part of the department's investigative team. She said "obvious questions" weren't asked during interrogations. She alleged lead detectives were slow to provide information and failed to execute search warrants for key text messages. She also accused investigators of creating notes after the case was launched to contradict the medical examiner's conclusion that Gray's death was a homicide.

"We've all borne witness to an inherent bias that is a direct result of when police police themselves," Mosby said.

Prosecutors suffered significant setbacks in nearly every trial presented before Circuit Judge Barry Williams. At several points, the judge berated them for failing to turn over evidence to the officers' attorneys.

At the trial for Lt. Brian Rice, the judge sanctioned prosecutors by preventing them from using Rice's training records as evidence. During the trial for Officer Caesar Goodson, the van driver, prosecutors said Goodson had given Gray a "rough ride," deliberately driving erratically to injure the prisoner. After the state failed to present any evidence to support that theory, prosecutors all but abandoned the notion.



Aristide Economopoulos/NJ Advance Media via AP

A billboard rented by Mike Megna is shown July 23 that includes Megna's name and picture, as well as a plea asking for kidney disease to be added to the list of covered conditions by a fund to help Ground Zero workers with health problems. The New Jersey man who spent three weeks looking for survivors in the days after the 9/11 attacks is using billboards in a push to have his kidney disease, which he believes was caused by dust from the rubble of the fallen World Trade Center towers, added to the list of covered conditions.

9/11 worker pleads for medical coverage with billboards

Associated Press

WEST MILFORD, N.J. — A New Jersey man who spent three weeks looking for survivors in the days after the 9/11 attacks is using billboards in a push to have his kidney disease added to the list of covered conditions by a fund to help Ground Zero workers with health problems.

Mike Megna has a rare kidney disease he believes was caused by dust from the rubble of the fallen World Trade Center towers.

The 44-year-old West Milford resident has rented two billboards in New Jersey near New York City that plead, "Add Kidney Disease for 9/11 Rescue Workers!" The signs include Megna's name and picture.

A spokeswoman for the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which administers the fund, says there's not enough evidence yet to connect the condition to Ground Zero.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

This date in Midland

On July 28, 1949, Midland Community Theatre held the first performance of Summer Mummers at American Legion Hall.

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 branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Callahan Divide, 6:30 p.m., Mac's BBQ, 2400 W. Indiana Ave.

■ Trent Langford, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St. basinburgerhouse.com.

■ Callahan Divide, 8 p.m., Proof, 7270 E. Highway 191, Odessa.

■ Extreme Midget Wrestling, 9 p.m., 10 Sports Bar & Grill, 4101 E. 42nd St., Odessa. $20-$48. showclix.com.

Meetings

Hospital District
11:45 a.m.
Administation boardroom

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

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

Community Calendar

■ Camp Fire West Texas will be offering after-school care for students on six Midland ISD elementary schools — Jones, Henderson, Emerson, Fannin, Bush, Yarbrough and Parker.

Registration will continue until all spots are filled. Registration is done online at www.campfirewtx.org. There is a $20 annual fee and a $45 weekly fee for each child; financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

For more information, call 570-4144.

■ Midland Need to Read, 1709 W. Wall St., will be hosting an open house 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 4. Also, MN2R is holding a children's book drive Monday through Aug. 4. Donations may be dropped off at the Literacy House and at partnering community locations: Becky's Flowers, Midland County Public Libraries, Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Museum of the Southwest, Natural Grocers, and Region 18 Education Service Center.

For more information, call 682-9693.

■ Midland College will recognize Bill Pace Cogdell Scholarship recipients in a ceremony planned for 6:30 p.m. today at the Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room.

Forty-nine students will be honored for making the President's and Deans's lists at MC or University of Texas of the Permian Basin and graduating over the past two years, according to a press release from MC.

When it's open

Midland County Courthouse
500 N. Loraine St.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
688-4310

Midland County Public Library
301 W. Missouri Ave.
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday
Return bins available 24 hours a day
688-4320

Centennial Branch Library
2503 W Loop 250 N
9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday
Return bins available 24 hours a day
742-7400

Midland County Tax Assessor/Collector
2110 N. "A" St.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Friday
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday
688-4810

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 5-0-9
Pick 3 day: 1-1-1
Pick 3 evening: 3-7-2
Pick 3 night: 2-4-6
Daily 4 morning: 7-9-5-7
Daily 4 day: 2-4-5-4
Daily 4 evening: 5-5-0-1
Daily 4 night: 1-1-7-4
Cash Five: 7-13-20-35-36
Lotto Texas: 27-37-38-40-49-54
Powerball: 10-47-50-65-68 PB: 24
Power Play: 2
All or Nothing morning: 1-3-4-5-6-9-11-13-15-18-20-22
All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-5-6-7-10-13-14-19-20-22
All or Nothing evening: 3-4-6-7-8-10-12-14-15-19-20-24
All or Nothing night: 1-2-4-5-8-9-11-17-18-21-22-24
Triple Chance: 8-14-24-29-34-35-46-50-51-04



Associated Press

In this photo released Tuesday by the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy, a great white shark swims close to the Cape Cod shore in Chatham, Mass. A Massachusetts state biologist said shark sightings are up slightly along the East Coast this summer.

Researchers seeing more sharks up and down the East Coast

By Philip Marcelo
Associated Press

BOSTON — It's shark season on the East Coast.

Shark sightings have prompted authorities to temporarily close popular beaches in New England, New York and elsewhere this month. And 13 people have been bitten by sharks in Florida this year.

The Associated Press checked in with shark experts to see what's going on:

Are shark sightings on the rise?

Researchers suggest this summer could be shaping up to a banner one for sightings, but it's too early to say for certain.

In Cape Cod, in Massachusetts, state marine biologist Gregory Skomal says great whites appear to have shown up earlier and in larger numbers. His team tagged its first shark in mid-June, and eight new ones have been tagged, up from three this time last year. It identified 141 last year and 80 the previous year.

In South Carolina, state marine biologist Bryan Frazier says preliminary annual survey data of sandbar, blacktip and other shark species suggest the populations are continuing their steady rise after years of overfishing.

What kinds of sharks are being spotted?

In the Cape Cod area, researchers are focused on great white sharks, which tend to venture close to shore to eat seals. Other species, like blue and mako sharks, can be found farther out. Huge but harmless ocean sunfish have been mistaken for sharks.

In New York, where stretches of Coney Island's beaches were temporarily closed last week, authorities have suggested the multiple sharks spotted off the shore where likely basking sharks, which are largely harmless to humans. And in the Carolinas, large feeding frenzies of blacktip sharks, responsible for many attacks in southern Atlantic Ocean waters, have been observed more frequently than in past years.

What's driving the increase in shark sightings?

Sharks have always prowled the waters near popular beaches, but we're more aware of how close they get because more people are sharing videos and photos of them on social media, says Cynthia Wigren, executive director of the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy, a Cape Cod-based nonprofit that recently launched a shark tracking app, Sharktivity.

Fishery management policies meant to help some shark populations recover from recreational and commercial overfishing during the 1980s and '90s also play a role, says Robert Hueter, director of the Center for Shark Research at Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium in Sarasota, Florida. Shark populations have generally been on the rise along the East Coast, though some species, like hammerheads and dusky sharks, still face significant challenges, he says.

Have there been more shark attacks?

No. This year there have been 22 confirmed unprovoked shark attacks in the U.S., none fatal, according to the International Shark Attack File, based at the Florida Museum of Natural History. There have been 36 confirmed attacks worldwide, three fatal. The International Shark Attack File's director, George Burgess, says those numbers put the U.S. and the world on pace to see fewer attacks than last year, when there were 59 in the U.S., one fatal, and 98 worldwide, six fatal.

Judge dismisses manslaughter charge against Florida deputy

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A judge on Wednesday dismissed a manslaughter charge against a Florida deputy who claimed self-defense in the 2013 fatal shooting of a 33-year-old black man carrying what turned out to be an air rifle.

Circuit Judge Michael Usan ruled in favor of suspended Deputy Peter Peraza of the Broward Sheriff's Office under Florida's "Stand Your Ground" self-defense law that eliminates a requirement to retreat — for civilians and law enforcement officers, the judge said — when facing a dire threat.

The now-dismissed manslaughter charge carries a potential 30-year prison sentence. Prosecutors immediately said the decision will be appealed.

The ruling was issued the same day all remaining charges were dropped against Baltimore police officers in the death of Freddie Gray, who was injured while being transported in a police van. And it comes in the midst of a tense national discussion of policing and race, including the fatal shootings of officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and recent police killings of black men in Baton Rouge and Minnesota.

Peraza, 37, who identifies himself as a white Hispanic, testified during a hearing that Jermaine McBean initially refused commands from him and other deputies to drop the authentic-looking weapon and then turned and pointed it toward the deputies in July 2013. Peraza fired three shots, killing him.

"I've never been so scared in my life," Peraza testified.

MPD: Children found alone on street

From staff reports

A Midland woman was arrested Tuesday after three children were found wandering the streets, according to court documents.

Clarissa Nicole Silvas was being held Wednesday on a $10,000 bond for each of three counts of a state jail felony charge of abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence.

A man told police he stopped the children near the intersection of Ric Drive and West Loop 250 N and gave them water when they told him they were thirsty. The outside temperature was 93 degrees at the time the children were found, according to the affidavit.

The children — who are all younger than 6 — were not able to tell the officers where they lived or what school they attended. They also told the officers they had not eaten since the night before. Officers contacted Midland ISD Police Department to determine the children's home address.

Upon arrival at the address provided by MISD, Silvas answered the door and told officers she had just awakened.

Officers found a scarf was being used to keep a bedroom door secured and found dirty bedsheets. One of the children told officers they left the house through a bedroom window.

Silvas told the officers she went to check on the children, but didn't hear them and assumed they were asleep, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Silvas faces up to two years in prison on each charge.

Wisconsin girls to be tried as adults in Slender Man attack

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — A Wisconsin state appeals court ruled Wednesday that two girls accused of trying to kill their classmate in an attempt to please the fictional horror character Slender Man should be tried as adults.

Investigators say the girls, who were 12 at the time of the attack in 2014, plotted for months before luring their classmate into some woods after a birthday sleepover and repeatedly stabbing her. The victim, who was also 12, was found along a road, bleeding from 19 stab wounds that nearly killed her.

The girls have been charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide and if convicted could go to prison for up to 65 years. As juveniles, they could be incarcerated for up to three years then supervised until age 18.

Anyone 10 or older charged with first-degree attempted homicide is automatically considered an adult under Wisconsin law. But defense attorneys have argued that the case belongs in juvenile court, saying the adolescents suffer from mental illness and won't get the treatment they need in the adult prison system.

Experts testified that one of the girls has schizophrenia and an oppositional defiant disorder that requires long-term mental health treatment. The other girl has been diagnosed with a delusional disorder and a condition known as schizotypy, which a psychologist testified made her vulnerable to believing in Slender Man.

In a pair of rulings Wednesday, the 2nd District Appeals court affirmed a lower court's determination that it was reasonable to try both girls as adults. Citing the ruling last year, the appeals court said if the girls were found guilty in the juvenile system they would be released at age 18 with no supervision or mental health treatment.

WIPES

From 1A

issue. It should also help clear up the water's yellow appearance. Each manganese test costs $84, not including labor.

■ Safe to drink

Despite its bad reputation, Wilson told the Reporter-Telegram that the city's water is safe to drink.

"There's a lot of people that don't drink our water because they think it isn't safe. Our water is probably safer than bottle water because we're regulated by a different agency. Bottled water is under the FDA, and we're under the EPA, so our water is regulated 10 times more."

■ Ammonia move

Pipes are sanitized 11 months out of the year with a mixture of chlorine and ammonia. The department will convert from gaseous ammonia to liquid ammonia. Gaseous ammonia is more dangerous, and liquid ammonia makes it easier to control the dosage when added to the water.

■ For hire

The department has 17 vacancies. Wilson told the Reporter-Telegram that staffing issues have always been a problem.

"This whole industry is historically underpaid. … It's hard work, and a lot of people out there don't want to work that hard. I don't even want to work that hard."

■ Still in storage

Midland remains in stage 2 moderate water shortage conditions, and Wilson said the city should remain at that level. Residents can water their property two days per week. Even-numbered addresses can water outdoors on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Odd-numbered addresses can water on Tuesdays and Fridays. Violations can result in a fine up to $500.

■ Backflow prevention

Residents will a swimming pool or sprinkler system, are required to have a backflow prevention device. The department sent out 1,062 letters in February about annual backflow prevention device testing, with a total of 2,011 letters sent out this year. So far, 895 tests have been performed through July 25. The program is operated at no cost to the city.

■ In the works

Pioneer Natural Resources is working with the city on reclaimed water sales. The locations of proposed Pioneer pipelines is expected this week.

Like Trevor on Facebook and follow him on Twitter at @HowdyHawes.

LIBRARY

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opportunities.

"We'll be able to do some things at downtown that we do at Centennial (branch), like the symphony series," Trischitti said. "We'll be able to make that option available downtown."

He said other programs will involve the use of the 3-D printer that MCPL purchased through a grant. And there will be programs through Family Place Libraries, which, according to its website, "is a network of children's librarians nationwide who believe that literacy begins at birth, and that libraries can help build healthy communities by nourishing healthy families."

The change in the Centennial and downtown branches' hours won't affect the bookmobile's operations, Trischitti said.

"Bookmobile hours were always fluid because they're off site, such as at the Boys and Girls Club," he said. "This should not have a direct effect on bookmobile service."

Library information

Midland County Public Library
■ Downtown branch
301 Missouri Ave.
688-4320
■ Centennial branch
2503 W. Loop 250 N.
742-7400
www.co.midland.tx.us
... click on departments ... public libraries

Family Place Libraries:
www.familyplacelibraries.org

STAAR

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graduate without passing all five end-of-course exams. Commission members submitted 53 recommendations for consideration after its May meeting, where it struggled to hammer out a list of recommendations.

The draft report also includes five "considerations for further study," including exploring whether to replace STAAR with nationally recognized assessments that align with the state's curriculum.

Widespread technical and logistical problems with the spring administration of STAAR under a new testing vendor fueled an ongoing backlash against high-stakes standardized testing in the state this year. The foul ups prompted Education Commissioner Mike Morath to temporarily suspend a requirement that 5th and 8th graders pass exams before they can move on to the next grade.

A recent large-scale survey organized by State Board of Education Chairwoman Donna Bahorich found that a majority of educators, parents and students support eliminating all statewide testing.

Trump to Russia: Uncover, release deleted Clinton emails

By Eric Tucker and Jack Gillum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump encouraged Russia on Wednesday to find and make public missing emails deleted by his presidential opponent, Hillary Clinton, setting off an instant debate over hacking and his urging of a foreign government to meddle in American politics.

Shortly after Trump's extraordinary remarks, his Republican running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, took a different tack and warned of "serious consequences" if Russia interfered in the election.

Democrats — and some Republicans — quickly condemned the remarks by the Republican presidential standard-bearer.

They came as the Democrats met on the third day of their national convention in Philadelphia, where Clinton will accept the presidential nomination Thursday night to face Republican Trump in November.

Trump's comments raised the question of whether he was condoning foreign government hacking of U.S. computers and the public release of information stolen from political adversaries — actions that are at least publicly frowned upon across the globe. His brief remarks managed to divert attention from an embarrassing leak of other hacked emails that exposed sensitive internal political communications that had divided Democrats.

"Russia, if you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing," Trump said. He was referring to emails on Clinton's private server that she said she deleted — because they were private — before turning other messages over to the State Department. The Justice Department declined to prosecute Clinton over her email practices, but FBI Director James Comey called her "extremely careless" in handling classified information as President Barack Obama's secretary of state.

The Clinton campaign called Trump's statement the "first time that a major presidential candidate has actively encouraged a foreign power to conduct espionage against a political opponent."

At a news conference in Doral, Florida, after Trump's initial remarks, he was asked whether he had any qualms about asking a foreign government to hack into computers in the United States. Trump did not directly respond except to say, "That's up to the president. Let the president talk to them."

He later added: "If Russia or China or any other country has those emails, I mean, to be honest with you, I'd love to see them."

Trump's invitation was immediately contradicted by his running mate. Pence condemned any possible cyberespionage, breaking from Trump for the first time since being selected to run with him.

"If it is Russia and they are interfering in our elections, I can assure you both parties and the United States government will ensure there are serious consequences," Pence said in a statement.

Brendan Buck, a spokesman for Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan said bluntly: "Russia is a global menace led by a devious thug. Putin should stay out of this election."

A Trump campaign communications adviser, Jason Miller, sought to clarify Trump's statements, saying on Twitter that Trump never urged or invited Russia to hack Clinton's emails. Instead, he said, Trump was "clearly saying" that if Russia or anyone else already had Clinton's deleted emails they should share them with the FBI.

Trump never mentioned the FBI in his comments.

It was not immediately clear where or how Clinton's deleted emails might be recovered, unless an adversary had previously hacked the computer server she operated in the basement of her home in Chappaqua, New York, before she had deleted the messages.

The Associated Press, which discovered the basement server's existence in March 2015, previously reported that it was connected to the internet in ways that made it more vulnerable to hackers. The FBI concluded it was possible hackers broke into her server but found no direct evidence.

Wednesday's exchange occurred hours after Obama identified Russia as almost certainly responsible for hacking the Democratic National Committee in a different case. WikiLeaks published on its website last week more than 19,000 internal emails stolen from the DNC earlier this year. The emails showed DNC staffers supporting Clinton when they were publicly promising to remain neutral during the primary elections between Sen. Bernie Sanders and her.

The head of the DNC, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, resigned over the disclosures.

Trump cast doubt on whether Russia was behind that hack. He said blaming Russia was deflecting attention from the embarrassing material in the emails.

"Russia has no respect for our country, if it is Russia," Trump said. "It could be China. It could be someone sitting in his bedroom. It's probably not Russia. Nobody knows if it's Russia."

Obama traditionally avoids commenting on active FBI investigations, but he told NBC News on Tuesday that outside experts have blamed Russia for the leak. Obama also appeared to embrace the notion that President Vladimir Putin might have been responsible because of what he described as Trump's affinity for Putin. Trump said he has no relationship with Putin.

In Moscow on Wednesday, Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said Russia would never interfere in another country's election.

"What the motives were in terms of the leaks, all that, I can't say directly," Obama said. "What I do know is that Donald Trump has repeatedly expressed admiration for Vladimir Putin."

Obama said he was basing his assessment on Trump's own comments and the fact that Trump has "gotten pretty favorable coverage back in Russia." He added that the U.S. knows that "Russians hack our systems — not just government systems, but private systems."

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said Tuesday on CNN that "a lot more" material was coming.

Trump's comments were not the first time he urged hackers to release information to damage a political opponent.

He tweeted in September 2014 about one of his favorite topics — Obama's birthplace.

"Attention all hackers: You are hacking everything else so please hack Obama's college records (destroyed?) and check 'place of birth,'" Trump wrote.



AP file photo

Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, is shown before a hearing held by the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology in Washington on Nov. 19, 2013.

House GOP chairman threatens more action on climate probe

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

The chairman of the House Science Committee threatened further action Wednesday after the New York and Massachusetts attorneys general refused to comply with congressional subpoenas seeking records about their investigations into whether Exxon Mobil misled investors about man-made climate change.

Texas GOP Rep. Lamar Smith said he was disappointed that New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey refused to comply with subpoenas he issued two weeks ago.

In an escalating political fight over global warming, Smith is pursuing records from the two Democrats, along with nine environmental, scientific and philanthropic organizations. Schneiderman and Healey said Congress lacks authority over them.

Smith said Wednesday their noncompliance "only raises additional questions" and said "the committee will consider using all tools at its disposal to further its investigation."

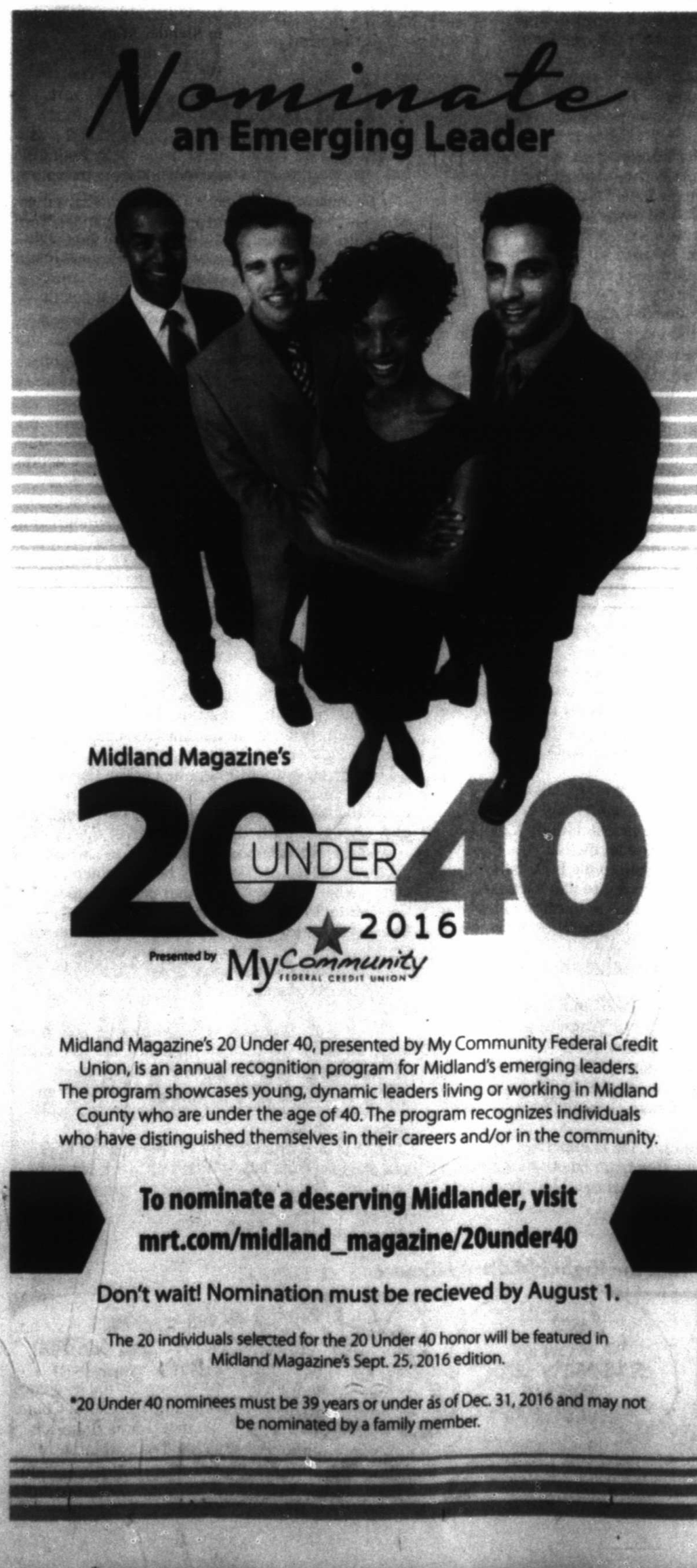
A committee spokeswoman declined to elaborate on what options the panel has, but in previous disputes the House has moved to hold in contempt of Congress those who refuse to comply with subpoenas. Lawmakers also may pursue enforcement of the subpoenas in court.

Schneiderman's lawyer called the July 13 subpoena unprecedented and said that enforcing the subpoena would interfere with Schneiderman's investigation into whether Dallas-based Exxon violated New York fraud statutes by suppressing its climate change research.

"Congress' authority ends where states' sovereign rights begin," legal counsel Leslie Dubeck wrote.

Schneiderman's office subpoenaed Exxon documents last November following a yearlong review of shareholder disclosures. New York's attorney general has authority under state law to investigate and prosecute securities fraud.

Exxon has rejected the allegations, saying it has conducted nearly 40 years of research publicly in conjunction with federal and United Nations officials, issued nearly 150 papers and provided shareholders with information about the business risks of climate change.



Midland Magazine's 20 Under 40, presented by My Community Federal Credit Union, is an annual recognition program for Midland's emerging leaders. The program showcases young, dynamic leaders living or working in Midland County who are under the age of 40. The program recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in their careers and/or in the community.

To nominate a deserving Midlander, visit mrt.com/midland_magazine/20under40

Don't wait! Nomination must be recieved by August 1.

The 20 individuals selected for the 20 Under 40 honor will be featured in Midland Magazine's Sept. 25, 2016 edition.

*20 Under 40 nominees must be 39 years or under as of Dec. 31, 2016 and may not be nominated by a family member.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing meeting at 5:30 pm on August 8, 2016, in the auditorium of the Bowie Fine Arts Academy, 805 Elk Street, Midland, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	$ 1.09005	/ $ 100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	$ 0.08	/ $ 100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	% (increase)	or	1.85	% (decrease)
Debt service	% (increase)	or	12.77	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% (increase)	or	2.69	% (decrease)

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	$22,944,159,273	$21,852,636,986
Total appraised value* of new property**	$1,063,811,130	$764,981,380
Total taxable value*** of all property	$20,168,410,169	$19,947,521,574
Total taxable value*** of new property**	$1,067,783,486	$747,349,877

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness $ 360,151,050

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund *	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	$1.04005	$0.10000	$1.14005	$7,815	$816
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Servce	$1.16209	$0.09181	$1.25390	$7,581	$437
Proposed Rate	$1.09005	$0.08000	$1.17005	$7,183	$437

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	$ $236,483	$ $240,020
Average Taxable value of Residences	$ $226,387	$ $233,044
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per $100	$ $1.14005	$ $1.17005
Taxes Due on Average Residence	$ $2,581	$ $2,727
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		$ $146

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.13639. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.13639.

Fund Balances

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

Maintence and Operations Fund Balances(s)	$ $44,236,343
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	$ $4,297,352

Democratic Party doesn't respect Latinos

■ **Treatment has been cruel: 'taco bowl' insult and Clinton's use of Julian Castro during vice president selection process**

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group



With Democrats gathered in Philadelphia for their national convention, Latinos must accept the hard truth: The Democratic Party, for which they've done so much, has not done right by them.

In fact, Latinos are being humiliated by Democrats, who they assume are in their corner — mostly because, when it comes to Latinos, Republicans alternate between the profane and the offensive.

You might think that a community that has given a majority of their votes to Democrats in the last 14 presidential elections would get some respect from party leaders. You'd be wrong.

Thanks to hacked emails released by WikiLeaks, we know that a careless DNC staffer named Rebecca Christopher — in a message dated May 6 — flippantly used a Mexican food reference to describe Democratic Latino outreach efforts. Christopher wrote to colleagues:

"Attached is a script for a new video we'd like to use to mop up some more taco bowl engagement, and demonstrate [that] Trump actually isn't trying."

And the Democratic Party is trying to get Hispanic votes? With what — more "taco bowl engagement"?

That condescending and offensive phrase is Christopher's alone. She could have chosen any words to get her point across, and she went with those.

This whole food fixation sounds familiar. On Cinco de Mayo, Donald Trump mocked Hispanic voters by tweeting a photo of him eating a taco bowl with the caption: "I love Hispanics!"

A Democrat running for president would never say something so insulting, right? Wanna bet?

In 2008, during her first White House bid, Clinton tried to inspire Hispanics in a Mexican restaurant in Las Vegas by insisting that Americans' problems are connected even though "we treat them as though one is guacamole and one is chips."

In the civil rights movement of the 1960s, African-Americans held up placards declaring: "I am somebody."

Today, Latino voters need to hold up signs that say: "I am not somebody's favorite food item."

But as insults go, the taco bowl slight wasn't the worst thing that Democrats did to Latinos recently. That prize goes to Clinton herself for skipping over rising star Julian Castro and choosing as her running mate Tim Kaine, who is generously described as a boring white guy.

Personally, I'm glad to see a white male get this gig. They never get anything.

All Castro did was campaign with Clinton, try to make her more popular with Latinos, help rebrand her as "La Hillary," defend her email shenanigans, and dismiss GOP investigations into the Benghazi attacks as a witch hunt.

The housing secretary also praised Clinton during an interview in violation of the Hatch Act, which prohibits partisan political activity by federal employees — even those being considered as vice presidential candidates.

I'm not upset that my friend was passed over. I never expected him to be chosen by Clinton. I knew this was a tease.

But I'm furious at the cynical, dishonest and manipulative way in which this whole VP selection process was handled by Team Clinton. Democratic Party insiders were telling me as early as six months ago that Castro was out of the running.

The reason: Trump, who is especially hateful toward Latinos. As it became clear that the Manhattan real estate developer was going to win the Republican nomination, it also became clear that Clinton was going to automatically get 70 to 80 percent of the Latino vote. She didn't need Castro anymore.

What she needed was someone to make her more palatable to working-class white males. Enter Kaine, who has been lobbying for this job for the better part of a year. To make things worse, the Clinton campaign picked up a line that Kaine's Senate staffers have been advancing for months — emphasizing that Kaine speaks Spanish.

The point was to undercut the competition. Like many second- and third-generation Mexican-Americans whose parents and grandparents were discriminated against for not speaking English, Castro doesn't speak Spanish. So what? Today, about 70 percent of Latinos speak English proficiently.

Message to Republicans: We don't all eat taco bowls. Message to Democrats: We don't all speak Spanish.

So, if Castro was indeed out of the running months ago, why did Clinton and other Democrats keep dangling his name in front of Latino voters like a carrot put in front of a burro to get it to pull a plow? That's just cruel.

Why? Because when you're talking about human beings in terms of taco bowls, burros are a step up.

GUEST VIEW

Survey findings can be basis to fix testing system

Houston Chronicle

The sight of little kids bending over their desks and filling in answer bubbles with No. 2 lead pencils has been a staple of the educational experience for so long that these kids have had kids. Few seem to be entirely happy with the role our state plays in the high-stakes testing culture of our public schools, yet this culture seems to have developed a life of its own.

That may be changing. In an unusual twist, the State Board of Education recently turned the tables on a system that rates students and teachers and asked the public to rate our state's testing policies.

The SBOE's customer satisfaction survey arose after a lengthy grass-roots process and aims to engage people informed by front-line experience in our schools. Although it wasn't a random survey, it had considerable reach, and its findings lay the groundwork for those seeking to improve our state's assessment and accountability system.

The discontent of many of the 27,186 people surveyed comes through loud and clear: "Texans believe we have too many tests, schools are spending too much time preparing for the state assessments, and too much class time working on the preparation," according to Donna Bahorich, chair of the SBOE who deserves credit for spearheading the survey.

Lawmakers who scaled back on testing in the last legislative session should take the message of this unique customer satisfaction survey to heart: More needs to be done.

Some ideas to make better use of state-mandated testing are already being considered. This month, Temple ISD Superintendent Robin Battershell wrote Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath with a proposal: The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness or STAAR test should be moved to the beginning of the year and used as a diagnostic test so teachers will have the data to work with throughout the year.

Battershell's proposal — which was reported by a Temple news station — is worth consideration as are many excellent survey comments. Some diagnose flaws in the system: "We still need to measure where schools systems are going, but not live and die by one test." Others offer practical solutions: "Consider testing only federal requirements to reduce amount of testing."

In addition, the Commission on Next Generation Assessment and Accountability, formed by the Legislature in the last session, is expected to issue its findings soon. The commission's recommendations also will help decide how to use tests constructively.

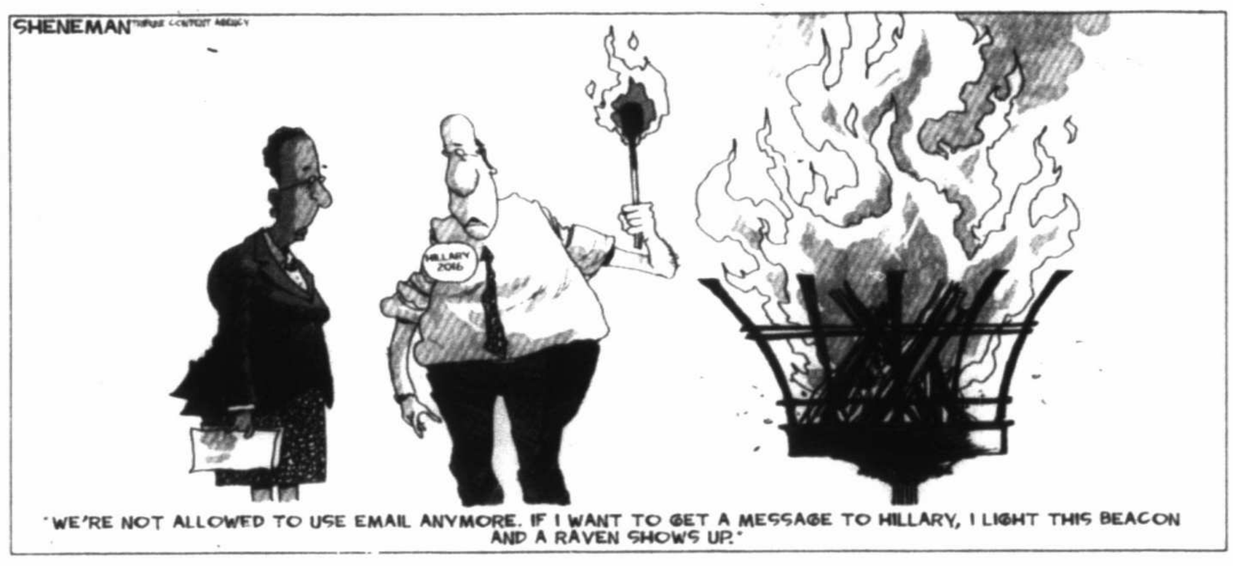
Teachers find our current testing culture demoralizing. Not only would scaling back on the testing culture improve student performance, but most teacher organizations agree that fewer and more meaningful tests and less test preparation time would help attract better candidates to the teaching profession.

When student test results are key in teacher evaluations, it's human nature for some teachers to drill for the test rather than teach. Everyone loses when all learning is directed at filling in the bubbles on a standardized test.

Test results aren't provided at a time when they can be the most helpful. In addition to requiring too many tests and putting too much emphasis on them, the delay between testing and results makes the results less useful.

Texas has underfunded its public schools for decades, so much so that a judge ruled earlier this year that its funding of schools is barely constitutional. The growing consensus across Texas — that our testing policies need more improvement — creates an opportunity for a win/win. The Legislature has an opportunity to improve the public schools and save money at the same time by scaling back further on high-stakes testing.

Perhaps, the grandchildren of the students originally subjected to the statewide assessment program will live in a state where testing only promotes (and doesn't undermine) student learning and progress. We certainly hope so.



Angry words send kids scary message

LISA FALKENBERG
Houston Chronicle



It was a political speech on prime-time PBS. But I shielded my kids' ears as though it were an HBO season finale.

Violence. Crime. Chaos. Lies. Destruction. Humiliation. Weakness. This is how a man just nominated to be president of our country sees our country.

It was the kind of hopelessness that, to any glass-half-full American — especially a Houstonian — borders on profane. Of course, he promised to fix it all. He just never said how.

Then, a few nights later, our first lady offered another vision, one I would not be ashamed to let my children hear. Because, as it should be, the speech was for them.

That's what we tend to forget in these ugly, bruising presidential years. It's all for our children, for the next generation, for those little people who, as Michelle Obama said at the Democratic convention, "look to us to determine who or what they can be."

What are our children thinking when they listen to Donald Trump?

The night of his speech accepting the Republican nomination, I watched my two damp-haired rug rats stop running around the living room in their jammies and freeze, gape-mouthed, in front of the TV, eyes fixed on a red-faced man jabbing his finger in front of a backdrop of American flags and drawing a dismal portrait of this nation.

I shooed the girls out of the room against their protestations and asked them to pick out books for bed. But what did they hear?

It's the same thought I had as I watched Trump's own adolescent son, sitting with his head down, elbows on his knees, listening as his father described mayhem in the Middle East and attributed it all to Hillary Clinton's legacy of "death, destruction, terrorism and weakness."

Now, certainly, this is grownup talk about serious issues facing our country and our world. Terrorism is real. Crime is real. Hillary Clinton's email scandal is real. And let me tell you, that hasn't been easy to explain to the kids, either. Trump, whose party is trying to win back the White House, has every reason to offer a blistering critique of the previous administration, to cast its decisions in dim view.

The scary thing is that he does it without a shred of light.

That's something presidents in my lifetime have always found a way to offer, from Reagan to Bush to Clinton to W. to Obama.

Even in the darkest days of the recession, in delicate discussions about race, in the aftermath of a horrific shooting, Obama kept the tone far above despair.

Obama is a politician. He is imperfect. His words aren't always free from emotion or partisanship. But I never feel embarrassed for my children to hear him speak.

It's different now. What do you say when a man who wants to be president speaks of refugees from terror-stricken countries as though they are cockroaches? "We don't want them in our country!" And his audience roars with approval.

It's hard enough for adults watching his speeches and commentary on cable news to jolt themselves from the apocalyptic imagery and remember every once in a while that this country is actually not worse off than it's ever been. Far from it.

This country has seen slavery, and men and women whose bodies were considered fractions of people. We've seen civil war, the Great Depression, Jim Crow, and what surely seemed like, in the late 1960s, an epidemic of assassinations.

"The past was never as good as some people would have you believe," Roy Peter Clark, a senior scholar at the Poynter Institute for journalism, pointed out in a piece recently. "And the present is never as bad."

We, as adults, have a hard time refuting in our minds the myth of the Golden Age. But our children may hear Trump's words, take them to heart, and truly despair.

That's what made Michelle Obama's speech so profound. In one line, she was able to take one of the darkest truths about our country's past and cast it in the light of two centuries of progress.

"I wake up every morning in a house that was built by slaves," said the first African-American first lady. And now she watches her two daughters play with the family dogs on the lawn.

And the crowd roared.

Obama talked of protecting her daughters, in a very personal way, from other people's questions about their father's citizenship and faith. She talked about always insisting that the hateful language they hear from public figures on TV does not represent "the true spirit of this country."

Our motto, she said, is "when they go low, we go high."

"With every word we utter, with every action we take, we know our kids are watching us," she said.

Yes, they are watching. We can shield them from one speech, but we can't shield them from the example of a would-be president whose only answer is divide.

Obama was ridiculed for his message of hope and change. And, hey, it didn't all work out as he promised. But it was something to believe in. I miss that.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore





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President Barack Obama and Democratic Presidential nominee Hillary Clinton wave to delegates after Obama's speech during the third day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

Bloomberg, Biden, Obama boost Clinton

By Julie Pace and Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Their political fates now entwined, President Barack Obama is imploring voters to elect Hillary Clinton to the White House, joining a chorus of Democrats vouching Wednesday night for her readiness to be commander in chief at time of volatility around the world.

"Even in the middle of crisis, she listens to people, and keeps her cool, and treats everybody with respect," Obama said in excerpts released ahead of his remarks at the Democratic convention. "And, no matter how daunting the odds, no matter how much people try to knock her down, she never, ever quits."

For Democrats, Obama's address moment was steeped in symbolism, the passing of the baton from a barrier-breaking president to a candidate trying to make history herself.

His robust support for Clinton, his political foe-turned-friend, is also driven by deep concern that Republican Donald Trump might win in November and unravel the president's eight years in office.

Trump fueled more controversy Wednesday when he encouraged Russia to meddle in the presidential campaign — even as he dismissed suggestions from Obama and other Democrats that Moscow was already acting on his behalf. On the heels of reports that Russia may have hacked Democratic Party emails, Trump said, "Russia, if you're listening," it would be desirable to see Moscow find and publish the thousands of emails Clinton says she deleted during her years as secretary of state.

To Obama and Clinton, Trump's comments only fed their contention that the billionaire businessman is unqualified to be commander in chief. Trump has no national security experience and few ties to the norms that have governed U.S. foreign policy under presidents from both parties, including standing by NATO allies threatened by countries including Russia.

"Donald Trump, who wants to be president of the United States, is asking one of our adversaries to engage in hacking or intelligence efforts against the United States of America to affect our election," Leon Panetta, Obama's former Pentagon chief, said in his convention address.

Wednesday night's Democratic lineup was aimed at emphasizing Clinton's own national security credentials, a shift from two nights focused more on re-introducing her to voters as a champion for women's issues, children and families. Democrats spent little time discussing terrorism or the Islamic State group this week, though there was significantly more focus on those threats Wednesday.

The convention's third night was also a time for Democrats to celebrate Obama's eight years in office. Vice President Joe Biden, who decided against running for president this year after the death of his son, called it a "bittersweet moment."

He appealed directly to the working class white voters who have been drawn to Trump's populism, warning them against falling for false promises and exploitation of Americans' anxieties.

"There's only one person in this election who will help you, there's only one person in this race who will be there for you," he declared. "That's Hillary Clinton's life story."

Of Trump, he said, "This guy doesn't have a clue about the middle class."

Clinton's running mate, Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, was also addressing the convention, his highest profile opportunity to introduce himself to the nation.

In a move aimed at broadening Clinton's appeal, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg — an independent who considered launching a third party bid for president — endorsed the Democratic nominee. A billionaire businessman himself, Bloomberg took aim at Trump's bankruptcies, reliance on foreign factories and other economic experience: "The richest thing about Donald Trump is his hypocrisy."

Clinton's campaign believes Trump's unorthodox candidacy will turn off moderate Republicans, particularly women, who worry he's too unpredictable to take the helm in a turbulent world. They recognize that Republicans, as well as many Democrats, have questions about Clinton's character but hope to ease those concerns.

Still, the core of Clinton's strategy is putting back together Obama's winning White House coalition. In both his campaigns, Obama carried more than 90 percent of black voters, the overwhelming majority of Hispanics, and more than half of young people and women.

That coalition was vividly on display in the first two nights of the convention in Philadelphia. Women lawmakers were prominently featured, along with young activists, immigrants, and mothers whose black children were victims of gun violence or killed during encounters with law enforcement.

Gun violence continued as a theme Wednesday night as families of mass shooting victims took the stage. Delegates rose in an emotional standing ovation for the mother of one of the victims in last month's Orlando nightclub shooting, who asked why "commonsense" gun policies weren't in place when her son died.

"I never want you to ask that question about your child," Christine Leinonen said.

Capping the somber section of the program focused on gun violence, a group of Broadway singers performed a rousing rendition of "What the World Needs Now Is Love," as the audience sang and swayed in unison.

Clinton's convention has been awash in history, with energized delegates celebrating her formal nomination as the first woman to ever lead a major political party in the general election. Some supporters of Clinton's primary rival, Bernie Sanders, continued to voice their displeasure.

But Sanders, meeting with New England delegates, said, "As of yesterday, I guess, officially our campaign ended."

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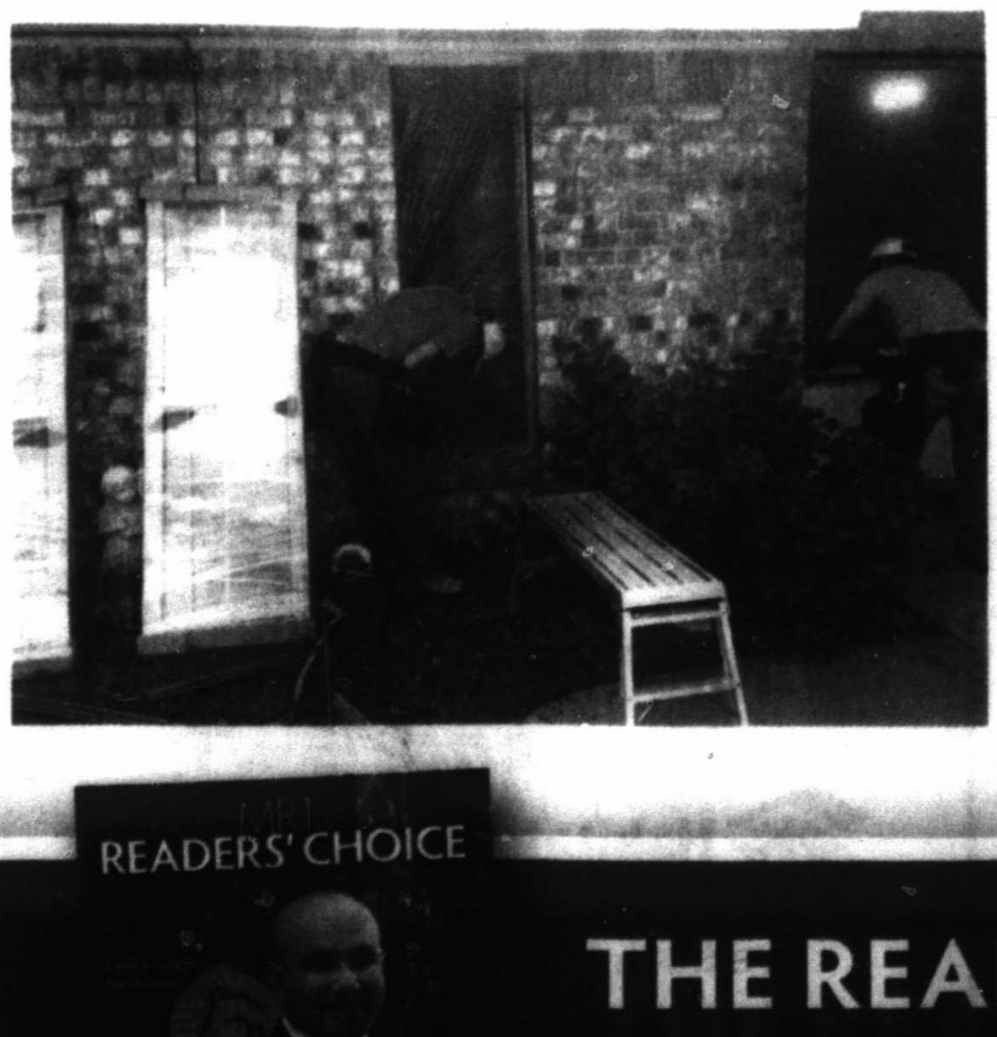
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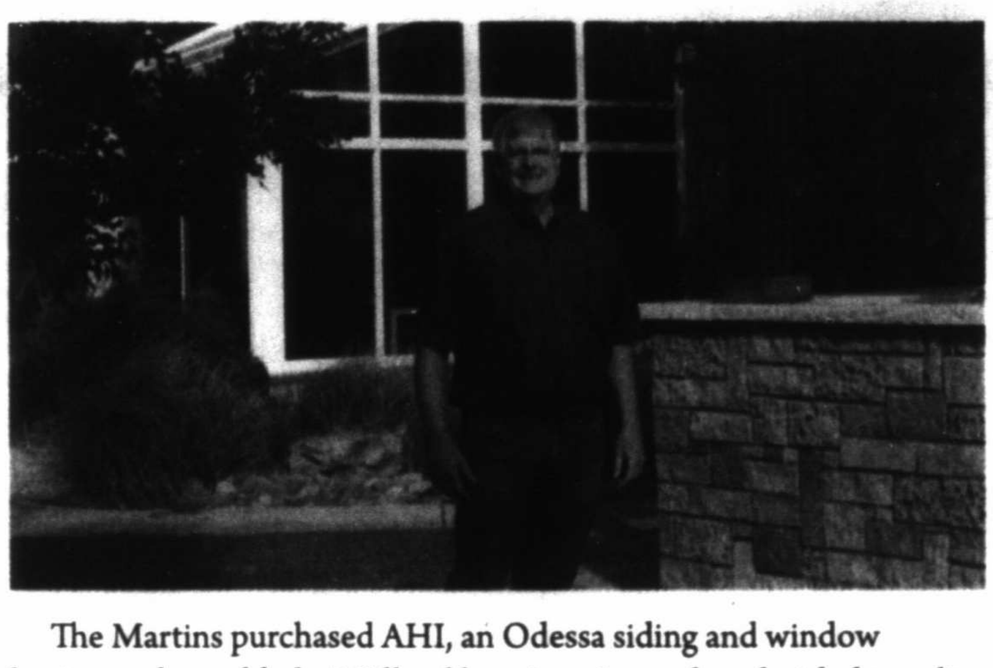
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The Martins purchased AHI, an Odessa siding and window business, then added a Midland location. Later they decided to split the middle with the Highway 191 location that is the perfect space to showcase products and meet with customers. As the decades passed they added new divisions and offered new services but have always let their customer's needs and outdoor lifestyle trends inspire the progression.

Speaking to the success they've had over the years Rodney said "About everything we made, we ploughed back into the business. We invest back into the business constantly."

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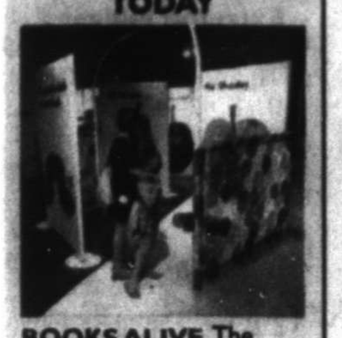
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TODAY



BOOKS ALIVE The Centennial Library branch continues its run of the interactive "Very Eric Carle: A Very Hungry, Quiet, Lonely, Clumsy Busy Exhibit" which appeals to both young and old. Plus, the Night Symphony sound wall is really cool. Through Sept. 17

FRIDAY



STOP, MUMMER TIME With summer two-thirds done, have you had your Summer Mummers fix? Their 2016 edition "Midland's Master Munchie Maker or... Are You Going to Eat That?" still has a few weeks left at the Yucca. 8 p.m.

SATURDAY



TURNER TUNES Josh Turner's is ramping up toward his next album with his latest single "Hometown Girl." Perhaps he'll drop a few more new tunes at his Dos Amigos show. Doors open at 6 p.m.

ONLINE

Visit mrt.com to win passes to this weekend's Downtown Midland Ice Cream Festival.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES



Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Bad Moms," "Jason Bourne," "Nerve"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Bad Moms," "Jason Bourne," "Nerve."

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

COMING SOON



Rock the Desert is back. The three-day Christian music festival takes over Midland on Aug. 4. Acts include Chris Tomlin, Switchfoot, Tenth Avenue North, pictured, and many more. Visit rockthedesert.com for tickets and full lineup.



HEAT INDEX: Here are the most amazing events for your weekend

By Rich Lopez
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PARTY LIKE A MOTHER EVENT SCREENING OF "BAD MOMS" AT CINERGY.

Darkhorse Events gives a festive shout out to moms with its special screening of the new comedy "Bad Moms." While dad, grandparents or a baby-sitter watch the children, moms get a night out with a movie, drinks heavy appetizers and most importantly, chocolate-covered strawberries. Both bad and good mothers are welcome.

Reception at 6:30 p.m., movie at 8 p.m. Thursday at Cinergy Cinema, 1917 Liberty Drive. $55. 21 and older only. dark-horse-events.ticketleaps.com.

EXTREME MIDGET WRESTLING AT 10 SPORTS BAR AND GRILL

Sure people don't use the "m" word anymore, but EMW's wrestlers — as well as the sport — have embraced their diminutive status wholeheartedly. The federation brings all the body slams and drop kicks to the area for its Armageddon Tour 2016. Prepare to watch the Red Neck Brawler, Rampage, Baby Jesus and others battle it out in the ring to see who comes out on top.

Doors at 7 p.m., show at 9 p.m. Thursday at 4101 E. 42nd St., Odessa. $20-$48. 21 and older only. extrememidgetwrestling.com.

CAM AND ALYSSA MICHAELA AT HORSESHOE AMPHITHEATRE

This weekend is a pivotal moment for both Midland and country singer Cam, who will perform at the opening of the new Horseshoe Amphitheatre. Cam is definitely on the climb in country music ranks, thanks to her exciting 2015 release "Untamed" which shot to No. 2 on the U.S. Country Charts. So not only does Midland get to experience a brand new venue, audiences will see a star on the rise. For good measure, local singer Alyssa Michaela gives the show some hometown flair. The concert also benefits the West Texas Food Bank.

Doors at 7 p.m. Friday at 2514 Arena Trail. $10-$12. Etix.com.

WET HOT SUMMER NIGHT IN DOWNTOWN

Downtown is the place to be this weekend. RYOT PM and Sound Foundation TX kick it off with Friday night's Wet Hot Summer Night party. Think of it as a backyard party with all your friends and then multiply that by 100. The event will feature Tiki Island inflatables, food trucks, a variety of brews by Beer Garden, all while Houston's DJ Sipid spins the tunes.

7 p.m. Friday at 401 S. Marienfeld Road (by Susie's South Forty). $15. 21 and older. Ryotpm.com.

DAWN AND HAWKES PERFORM AT HIGHT FOODS

Hight Foods is back together with Tall Townes Entertainment. They two collaborated on dinner and a concert at the former Artizen Outlet. Now they bring the live music to Chef Chip Hight's own restaurant for an intimate affair. A three-course meal will compliment the singer-songwriter duo from Austin. Folks can pair the music and food or opt for the concert only but reserve tickets now — the eatery will fill up fast.

Doors at 7 p.m. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. General admission $21.65. Dinner is $35 BYOB with a $10 per person corking iee. Talltownes.com.

AMPHITHEATER HIGHLIGHTS BIG WEEKEND

For their size, Midland and Odessa have an impressive slate of concert venues. The Wagner Noel, Hacienda Event Center, Dos Amigos, The Yucca are easily the premiere stages for live music in the area. Midland College's Chaparral Center is as much in the mix when it converts into a music hall. With such a spectrum of stages — not to mention the smaller venues and clubs that host touring bands — the cities have had the privilege to host some high-profile acts such as the Avett Brothers, Steve Martin, Chris Tucker, Pat Green, Okkervil River and 2 Chainz.

While the Horseshoe joined the bunch with its pavilion opening in February 2015, it gets into the live concert game Friday with the opening of the new amphitheater. The venue opens with country singer Cam. The 4,000-plus seat amphitheater will play host to Ryan Bingham with Brian Fallon and the Crowes in September and pop group Fifth Harmony in October. Metal group Disturbed will play the pavilion in October with special guests Chavelle and Nothing More.

This weekend marks a new chapter for the Horseshoe as it clearly is set to make a mark in Midland and surrounding cities with a new way to enjoy big concerts.

To learn more about the venue, visit midlandhorseshoe.com.

Get your scoops at Midland's first ice cream festival

By Rich Lopez
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By press time, there will be just four days left in July — otherwise known as National Ice Cream Month. Event resource and hosting party Do432 will squeeze in its first Downtown Midland Ice Cream Festival into the last two days this of the month. Talk about cutting it close.

"We wanted to provide downtown with a fun family event and celebrate the month, too," Do432's marketing coordinator Elizabeth McLellan said.

IF YOU GO

Downtown Midland Ice Cream Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 401 S. Marienfeld St. $7 online, $10 door, $12 weekend pass. doyourcity.us/festival.

"There's never been something like this before in the region."

For some, ice cream may be enough, but in true festival fashion, the Saturday and Sunday event will feature far more than just the cold treats.

Appropriately enough, Elsa and Olaf from "Frozen" will make an appearance. Fans of the movie can mingle with the two after their performances.

With the sun bearing down on the festival, the event will feature Tiki Island Water Park inflatable rides. In some clever planning, the festival happens the day after the Wet Hot Summer Party, which also features the rides. The location — the lot next to Susie's South Forty — will go from an adult party to

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

"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.

"Woody Gwyn: A Sense of Scale" opens Friday 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" opens Friday and runs through Sept. 18. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Teen Maker Mondays: Friendship bracelets and weaving, 2-4 p.m. Aug. 1 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Arts and Crafts for children age 6-12, 5:30 p.m. Aug. 1 at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. $1.

CAMPS, CLASSES, LECTURES & MEETINGS

Junior Bug Camp: Dragonflies and Damselflies for students K-3. Limit 15 children per camp session. Friday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $12 members, $15 non. Sibleynaturecenter.org.

Summer Science Class: The Science of Life — Biology. Second through sixth-grade students. Pre-registration required. 8 a.m. to noon July 29 at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. $25-$30. Petroleummuseum.org.

EVENTS

Wet Hot Summer Night will feature Tiki Island inflatables, music by DJ Sipid and beverages by Beer Garden. 7 p.m. Friday at 401 S. Marienfeld. $15. 21 and older. Ryotpm.com.

Downtown Midland Ice Cream Festival with celebrates National Ice Cream Month. The event will feature food trucks, water attractions from Tiki Island Water Park, live dance performances and ice cream. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 401 S. Marienfeld Road. doyourcity.us/festival.

FAMILY FUN

Family Friday: It's a Zoo in Here 10 a.m. Friday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

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

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. Aug. 2. 1500 I-20 West. $20 members for Bots, $25 for non-members. pbpetro.org.

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 branch, 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 branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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

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

Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more. Fridays 5-8 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday noon to 6 p.m. 4305 N. County Rd. 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

MUSIC

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Dan Patterson, 10 p.m. Friday at The Boardroom, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

Kim and Joe Live, 3 p.m. Saturday at Cabin Creek Coffee and Tea, 2900 W. Loop 250 N.

An Evening with Dawn and Hawkes. Food and music come together with Chef Chip Hight's three-course meal and live music by Dawn and Hawkes. 7 p.m. Saturday. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. General admission $21.65. Dinner is $35. BYOB with a $10 per person corking fee. Talltownes.com.

Taylor Tompkins and the Train Wrecks, 8 p.m. Saturday at Redneck's Drafthouse and Billiards, 2215 N. Midland Drive.

Makalyn, 7 p.m. Sunday at Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff Road.

COUNTRY

Callahan Divide, 6:30 p.m. today at Mac's BBQ, 2400 W. Indiana Ave.

Trent Langford, 7 p.m. today at Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St. basinburgerhouse.com.

Callahan Divide, 8 p.m. today at Proof, 7270 E. Hwy 191, Odessa.

A Very Special Evening with Cam. The concert marks the grand opening of the Midland County Horseshoe Amphitheater and benefits the West Texas Food Bank. West Texas singer Alyssa Micaela opens. Doors at 7 p.m. Friday at 2514 Arena Trail. $10-$12. Etix.com.

Callahan Divide, 9 p.m. Friday at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

The Departed, Austin Meade, 9 p.m. Friday at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St. $15 advance, $20 door.

Josh Turner, 6 p.m. Saturday at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave., Odessa. $25. Dosamigos.com.

The South Austin Moonlighters, Keeping Harvey Company, 11 p.m. Saturday at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Sean McConnell, 7 p.m. Aug. 3 at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave. Odessa. Dosamigos.com.

COVER/TRIBUTE

Summer Sunday Lawn Concert featuring Jumping Giants. 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

DJ/DANCE

#HangoverThursdays, 7 p.m. today 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.

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

GOSPEL/RELIGIOUS/ SPIRITUAL

Paul's Journey, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church Big Spring, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring. eventful.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.

ROCK

Blue Cats, 5 p.m. Friday and 30 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Hot Summer Nights: Lone Star Attitude, 7:30 p.m. (sundown) Friday 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.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Girls Volleyball Camps: Advanced Competition Camp for grades 9-12, 9 a.m.-noon. today-Saturday. Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield Road. gochaps.com.

Extreme Midget Wrestling, 9 p.m. July 28 at 10 Sports Bar & Grill, 4101 E. 42nd St., Odessa. $20-$48. showclix.com.

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.

Sports Mini Camp: Volleyball for boys and girls ages 8-12. Participants are required to bring a volleyball. 1-4 p.m. Aug. 1-5 at YMCA Midland, 800 N. Big Spring St. midlandymca.org.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

Summer Mummers 2016: "Midland's Master Munchie Maker or... Are You Going to Eat That?" 8 p.m. Through Sept. 3 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. summermummers.com.

Summer Movies: "Kung Fu Panda 3." Saturday at Midland County Public Library-Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

"Norm of the North" at Summer Movie Camp, 9:30 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 2 at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. Ages 5 and up. $5. Petroleummuseum.org.

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EVENTS & ON SCREEN



After nearly a decade, Matt Damon is 'Bourne' again

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It's a sweltering afternoon in Hollywood and Matt Damon has just gotten out of couple's therapy.

Don't worry, it was just with Jimmy Kimmel — a continuation of the fake feud that started over 10 years ago before the two had even met.

"It takes a really surreal turn because we got a real therapist and we play it totally straight," said Damon seated in the green room of Kimmel Studios. After "therapy," Damon had about 10 minutes to do a photo shoot, film an intro for a festival he can't attend and scarf down a salad. This is life on the blockbuster circuit.

Damon, 45, is promoting "Jason Bourne," a film that nine years ago both he and director Paul Greengrass thought would never happen. After three movies exploring the story of the super spy created by Robert Ludlum, the last two of which were directed by Greengrass, and a particularly difficult shooting experience with "The Bourne Ultimatum," Damon was done.

The name would come up often, though, in meetings and from fans. In 2009, around the time Damon and Greengrass did "Green Zone," they flirted with getting another one going but there just wasn't a story. Universal Pictures, meanwhile, moved on, expanding the Bourne universe with a film focused on another agent played by Jeremy Renner. It did well enough, and a sequel was in the works. Then, in 2014, Greengrass and Damon took a look at the world and realized how much had changed.

"Paul called and said that the first set piece would be an austerity riot in Athens," Damon said. "I'm like, 'OK, we're back.'"

But they made sure to structure their production schedule so they weren't coming up with the script while they were shooting — as was the case with "Ultimatum."

"When you're in production, you're lighting money on fire and you can feel it. What (co-writers) Paul (Greengrass) and Chris (Rouse) did this time, which is great, was they took a whole year and showed up with 120 pages that you want to shoot," Damon said. "We knew once we said we were going to do it, that we were going to get a release date, so we just got all of our ducks in a row."

And it worked. For "Ultimatum," they shot for 138 days. "Jason Bourne" was a trim 95.

The film, out Friday, is partially about the world of government surveillance, introducing CIA agents played by Tommy Lee Jones and Alicia Vikander. The high octane hunt takes Bourne to the requisite international locales and even a few domestic ones — including Las Vegas, where one set piece features a SWAT vehicle plowing through cars on the strip. It's eerily reminiscent of the recent incident in France.

The marketing team pulled the scene from European ads immediately, he said.

"That was just horrific," Damon said. "None of us felt like it was a copy-cat thing, but we didn't want to be insensitive with those images out there."

It makes him think of the objections to the posters showing him wielding a gun — a sentiment he keenly understands.

"Movies are a tool for empathy. I wouldn't do them if I didn't believe that," he said. "But violence is a part of the human condition and so sometimes you end up playing violent characters. Jason Bourne is a violent character."

He hopes that the series, which has shown Bourne atoning for his actions, has a mindfulness that distinguishes it from others.

Damon may be one of the most bankable movie stars in the business, but he still feels the pressure of a big opening — especially from a franchise like Bourne.

"A lot is at stake," Damon said. "The movie was expensive to make and if the audience doesn't show up then, yeah, that would be a big deal that would be bad ... Our jobs are constantly hanging in the balance. It's an insecure profession and an insecure industry."

He's keeping busy, though. Almost too busy. His packed schedule meant giving up a plum role in Kenneth Lonergan's "Manchester By the Sea" to his pal Casey Affleck. The film, based on an idea from John Krasinski and Damon, who also produced, was rapturously received at Sundance and will come out in November.

"Casey's no dummy. He was like 'I'll do it! I'll clear everything from my schedule!'" Damon laughed.

But Damon has some big things on the horizon, too, including Alexander Payne's "Downsizing," and Yimou Zhang's historical fantasy "The Great Wall," a massive American and Chinese co-production that's out in February. He moved his wife and kids to China for six months during the shoot.

"There were 50 translators running around in every department. But everyone had made a lot of movies so we had that common language," Damon said.

Next, he's shooting the George Clooney-directed and Joel and Ethan Coen-scripted crime mystery "Suburbicon."

And, maybe after that he'll get around to taking a break, and finally figuring out what he wants to direct.

Right now, it's all "Bourne." He's just wrapped a big international tour and is off to New York to do the talk show circuit.

"Then I'm done!" Damon said. "Well, I still have to go to China and Japan. But that's like two weeks away. I'm not looking that far ahead."

ICE CREAM

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a family-friendly festival with some quick changes.

"That's why we'll have the inflatables there as well, and who knows, maybe transform adult beer pong into an obstacle course or something," McLellan said with a laugh.

Performances by Alpha Cheer and Dance Performance Stage will also be featured.

But the real star is the ice cream that's being provided by Albertsons Market.

"So, people will come in and they can head straight toward (local food truck) Bus 22 who will serve our samples and enjoy them in the Frozen Tent.

Then they can go to the activities tent for children.

The rides are included in the tickets so they can do that, get a scoop, go on to the next ride," she said.

For those wanting a substantial taste, scoops will be on sale for $2 with toppings.

Do432 is working to be more than just a resource for events via text.

The people behind Do432 are actually creating events.

The ice cream festival is just one event they've hosted within the last year.

"We learned a lot of things when we did Vivid and A Very Merry Midland and Dueling Pianos," she said. "We want to create these fun, unique and creative events, while also promoting downtown."

The streak will continue with a proposed Oktoberfest event and the second Very Merry Midland around the holiday season.

Feedback has been overwhelming, she said. When events are posted, the results are numerous likes and clicks.

But that online interest translates into real life.

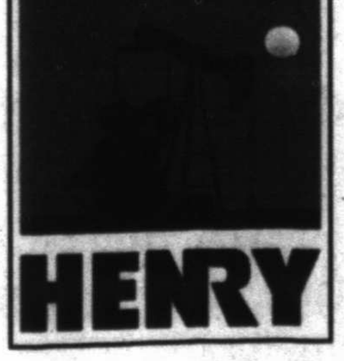
"Oh, yeah. Our events always have a good crowd. Our Dueling Pianos event was a big event with lots of people," she said.

The expectation for the ice cream festival is high and organizers expect to reach audiences into the thousands.

For some, these events are will get people to downtown.

"We're so excited to have a festival like this in downtown Midland," Cristina Odenborg, downtown development coordinator for the city of Midland. "Having events like this will definitely help with the revitalization of the downtown area and will continue to bring more people to downtown."

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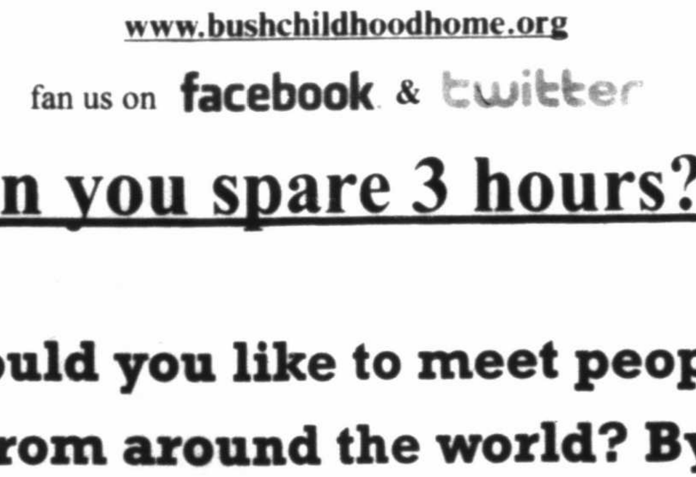
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ON SCREEN

Reeler & Stream

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Don Cheadle embodies Miles Davis in biopic

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Miles Ahead" (R) Don Cheadle put it all on the line in what may be called a vanity piece but it's a doozy. Cheadle stars as jazz great Miles Davis, and he embodies the jazz legend. He also produced, co-wrote, directed and even helped compose some of the musical score. It could have gone terribly wrong. Instead, it goes oh, so right. **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice" (PG-13) As much as I'm not a fan of this film, I have to confess it's its director, Zack Snyder, I blame for this more than the story or the acting, which, by the way, is excellent. Snyder may be the ultimate fanboy, but he's using this film more to introduce a DC Comics film barrage so he and DC can gobble up some of the superhero box office Marvel is hogging. So, get ready for "Aquaman" and "Wonder Woman" and whatever else he has planned for the hundreds of millions of dollars these films are going to cost. As for this film, it's OK but hardly the best superhero movie of the year or even the month. **C**

MORE REVIEWS

"All Things Must Pass: The Rise and Fall of Tower Records" (not rated) Colin Hanks directed this fascinating documentary about the fabled retail chain that, like our own Hastings, was forced to close its doors when technology surpassed its need. **B+**

"Andron" (R) Dreadful sci-fi story that didn't need to be set in the future or go for the production design it did, which alienates its audience from the opening scene and never recovers. **D**

"Bling" (PG) Dreary animated feature teaches girls to abstain from marriage unless they get a big diamond ring and boys that they're unworthy unless they can afford said ring. **D**

"I Am Wrath" (R) It's sad to see one of John Travolta's best performances in years come in this straight-to-DVD release. Then again, the story is so derivative of Charles Bronson's "Death Wish" films that it's good to see no one had to put the time, effort and money into seeing it at the theater. **B-**

"Kill Zone 2" (not rated) Gritty crime drama is distinguished by Tony Jaa's fight scenes. He hasn't looked this good since "The Protector." **B**

"The Offering" (unrated) As far as this year's films about women investigating their sister's mysterious deaths, this is better than "The Forest," but that's no reason to brag. **C-**

"The Perfect Match" (R) Reboot, or tribute, if you will, of "Boomerang" lacks the laugh-out-loud moments of the Eddie Murphy classic, but it still stands on its own. **B**

"The Preppie Connection" (R) A cocaine dealer blames his mother and girlfriend for his criminal behavior. Grow up, brat. **C-**

'Bad Moms' is a shoddy mess that rings hollow



KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

There's a scene halfway through "Bad Moms," wherein a PTA meeting full of suburban moms turns into a full-on frat house-style rager. Moms in sweater sets, khakis and sensible sneakers chug liquor straight from the bottle, make out, huff whippets, crash tricycles and urinate on lawns, all in glorious slow motion, hair and spittle flying to a pulsing pop beat. It's featured heavily in the trailer for the film, and is the best scene in the movie. Bad mothers? Shut your mouth.

In retrospect, it's clear that the rest of "Bad Moms" has been reverse engineered around this scene, which plays on our collective expectations about motherly behavior. To pad out the rest of the film, writer/directors Jon Lucas and Scott Moore have plucked some pop psychology from the parenting zeitgeist, stuffed it into a high school mean girls formula, and then added plenty of f-bombs and raunchy sex talk to make it edgy.

The number one bad mom in question is actually a pretty good mom. Amy (Mila Kunis) has been a working soccer mom since the age of 20, making everything perfect for her two terrible kids (she claims to love them, but they are entitled, neurotic demon spawn to any outside observer) and no-good deadbeat husband Mike (David Walton). After a marital rift and a very bad day capped with a bake sale meeting run by the dictatorial Gwendolyn (Christina Applegate), Amy throws up her hands and cries uncle with the whole perfect mom thing.

She finds companionship in two other outsiders — Kiki (Kristen Bell), a haggard housewife to four little ones, and Carla (Kathryn Hahn), a single mom who wields her sexuality like a weapon. The trio bands together to form a Bad Mom movement of sorts. Here, "bad" means selfish. It means taking the time to be a person in the world, someone who savors a solo breakfast, who thinks about her own needs first, who has a personal identity other than "Mom."

There are some other trenchant ideas about millennial mom culture that flit by, but "Bad Moms" never manages to pin them down to truly draw blood. At one point Kiki and Carla rattle off the sub-groups of moms, from the Crossfit moms to the blogging moms to the divorced black lesbian moms — it's a funny joke, but it would have been better to see some of these groups in the mix. Instead, every mom we see has the same preppy cardigan uniform and uptight attitude.

While it's clear that Lucas and Moore have great affection for moms good and bad, they definitely aren't moms themselves. The moms are cartoonish caricatures, and the emotions ring hollow. When Kunis declares her love for her kids, it feels like she's just met them.

The problem with "Bad Moms" isn't the concept, or the message about the struggle to raise good people in the world — it's the execution. From the micro level to the macro, the film is a hasty, shoddy mess, with performances that are serviceable at best. It's stitched together with a hatchet edit job, glossed over with slow-mo and Top 40 hits. "Bad Moms" makes a compelling argument for embracing imperfection and vulnerability, but we shouldn't have to accept that kind of messiness in our movies.

'Bad Moms'
2 out of 4 stars
Cast: Mila Kunis, Kathryn Hahn, Kristen Bell, Christina Applegate, Jay Hernandez, David Walton
Directed by Jon Lucas and Scott Moore
Running time: 1 hour 41 minutes
Rated R for sexual material, full frontal nudity, language throughout, and drug and alcohol content.

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FILM CAPS

"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.

"Ghostbusters" (PG-13) Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon and Leslie Jones are the new generation of paranormal investigators out to save the world from supernatural baddies. Written by Paul Feig & Katie Dippold, based on the 1984 film written by Dan Aykroyd and Harold Ramis. Directed by Feig. Imax 3D.

"Ice Age: Collision Course" (PG) Scrat's back chasing that acorn and sets off a chain of cosmic events that threatens the world he and his friends know. Voices by Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary. Directed by Michael Thurmeier and Galen Chu.

"Jason Bourne" — Matt Damon steps back into the role of the rogue CIA agent for this fifth installment. With Julia Stiles, Alicia Vikander. Written by Paul Greengrass, Christopher Rouse, inspired by the "Bourne" series created by Robert Ludlum. Directed by Greengrass. (2:03) PG-13.

"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.

"Lights Out" (PG-13) A young woman and her brother confront the terrifying reality of what happens in the dark. With Teresa Palmer, Gabriel Bateman, Alexander DiPersia. Written by Eric Heisserer, based on the short film by David F. Sandberg. Directed by Sandberg.

Nerve" — A high school student reluctantly joins a popular online game and becomes trapped in an escalating series of dangerous actions. With Emma Roberts, Dave Franco, Emily Meade. Written by Jessica Sharzer, based on the novel by Jeanne Ryan. Directed by Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman. (1:36) PG-13.

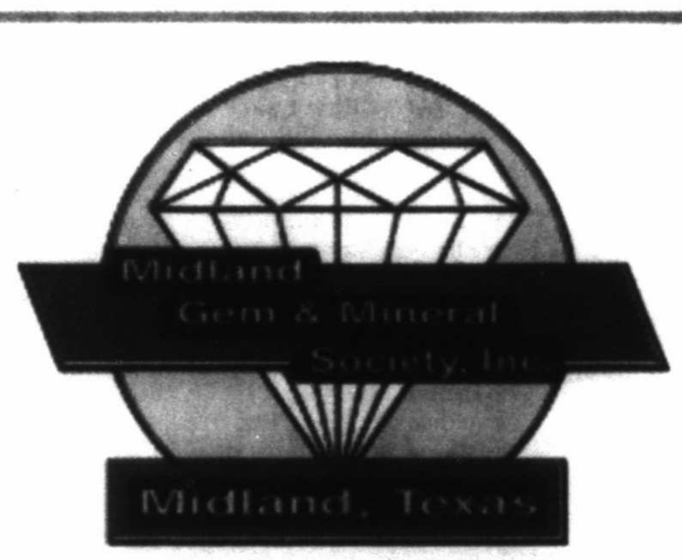
"The Purge: Election Year" (R) The third edition of this sci-fi horror series in which the annual government-sanctioned 12-hour period when all crime is legal comes under attack. With Frank Grillo, Edwin Hodge, Betty Gabriel. Written and directed by James DeMonaco.

"The Secret Life of Pets" (PG) An animated comedy about what our dogs and cats do while we're at work or school. Voices of Louis C.K., Eric Stonestreet, Kevin Hart. Written by Brian Lynch and Cinco Paul & Ken Daurio. Directed by Chris Renaud. Co-director Yarrow Cheney.

"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.







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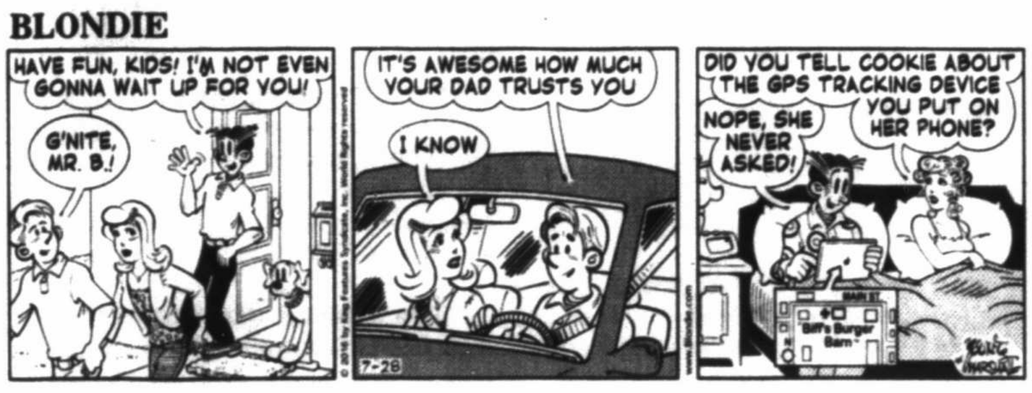
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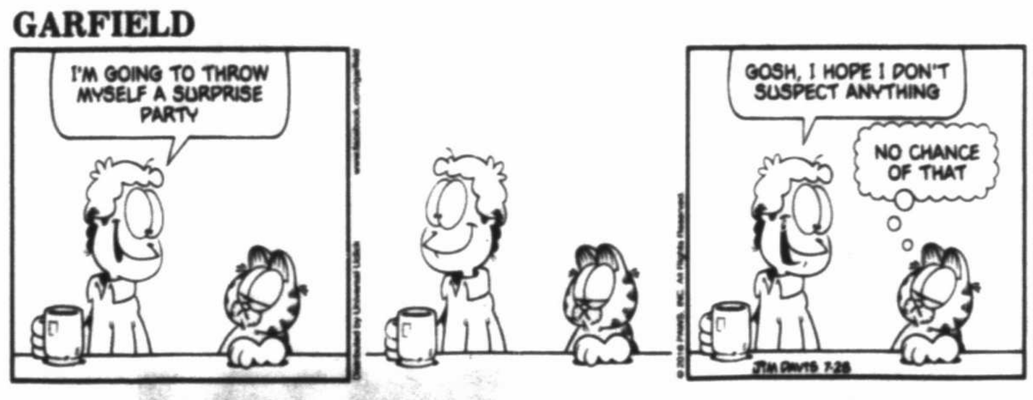
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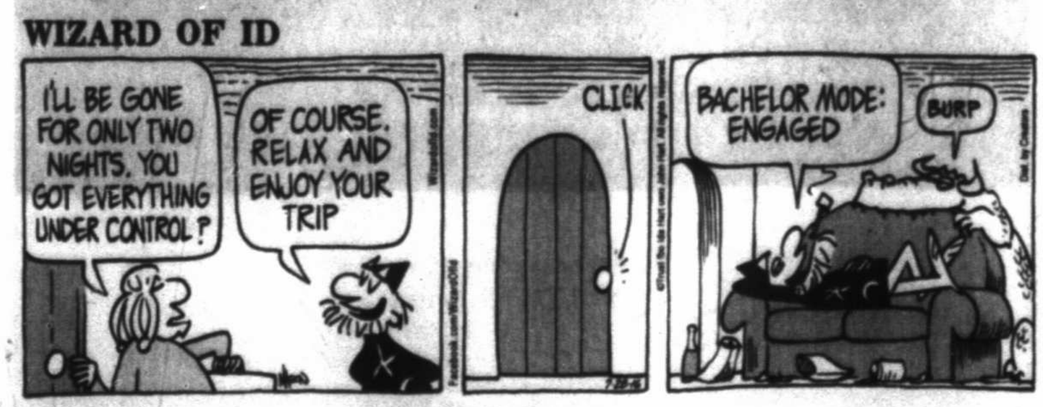
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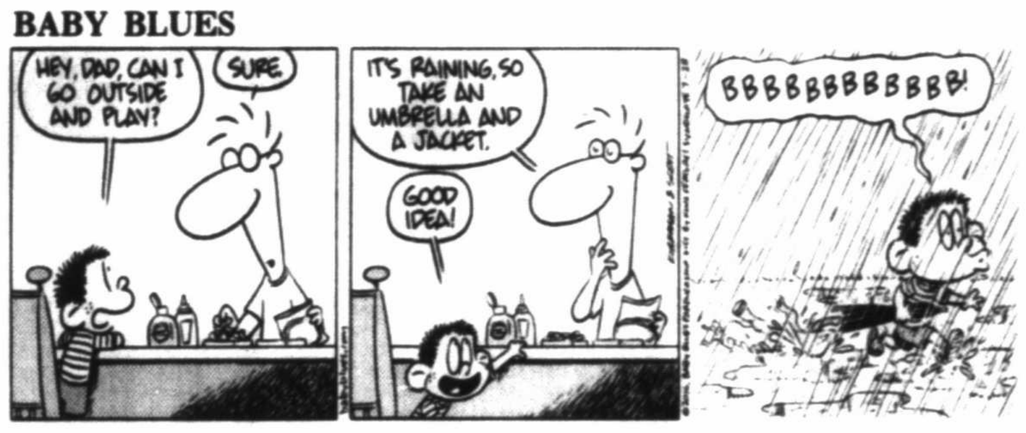
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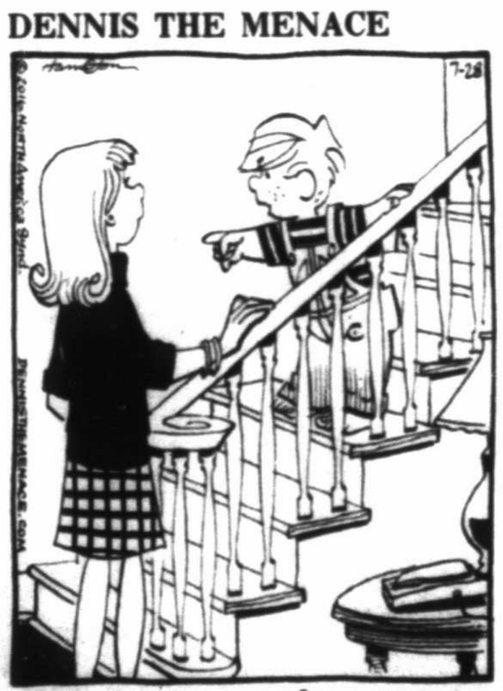
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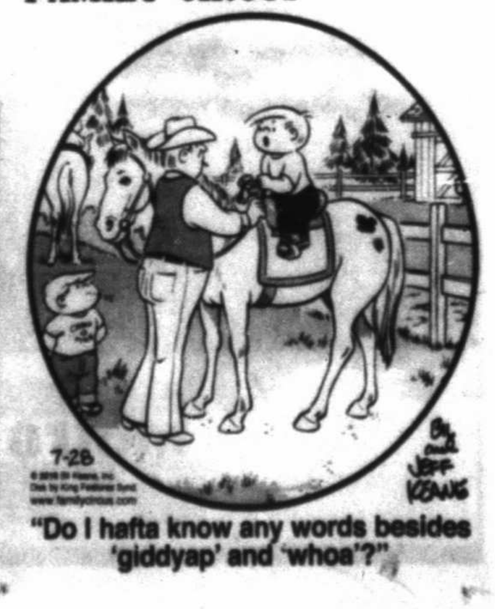
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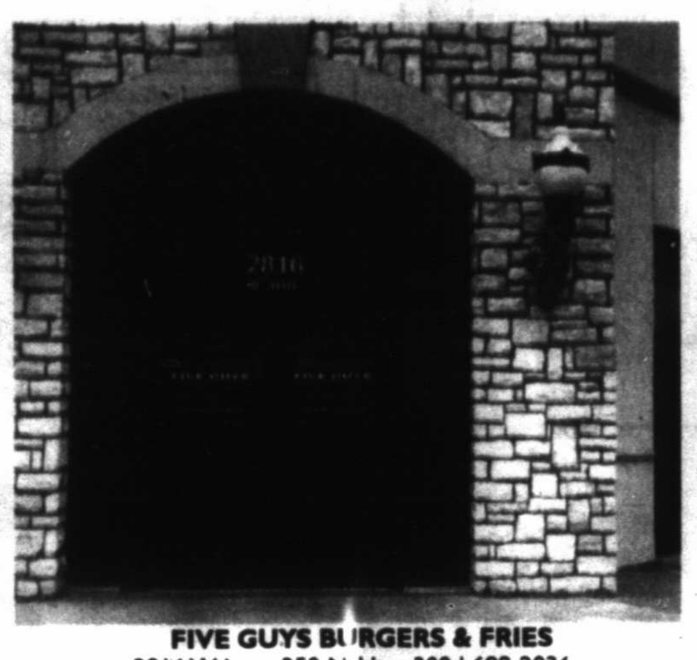


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WEEKENDER PUBLISHES A PORTION OF THE RESTAURANT GUIDE EACH WEEK. ENTREE PRICE RANGE IS BASED ON THE AVERAGE ENTREE PRICE ON THE MENU: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 AND $$$ = $20 OR MORE. RESTAURANTS ARE GIVEN A GENERAL RATING BASED ON QUALITY OF FOOD, SERVICE, CLEANLINESS, ATMOSPHERE AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE. 1 SPOON = POOR, 2 SPOONS = AVERAGE, 3 SPOONS = ABOVE AVERAGE, 4 SPOONS = GOOD AND 5 SPOONS = EXCELLENT.



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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

FIVE GUYS BURGERS & FRIES The menu is fairly small, keeping things limited to burgers — with or without the bun — hot dogs and a few more sandwich options. Order a shake with your burger and try some of the numerous flavor options. 2816 W. Loop 250 N. Unit 300 699-2036 | $ | 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

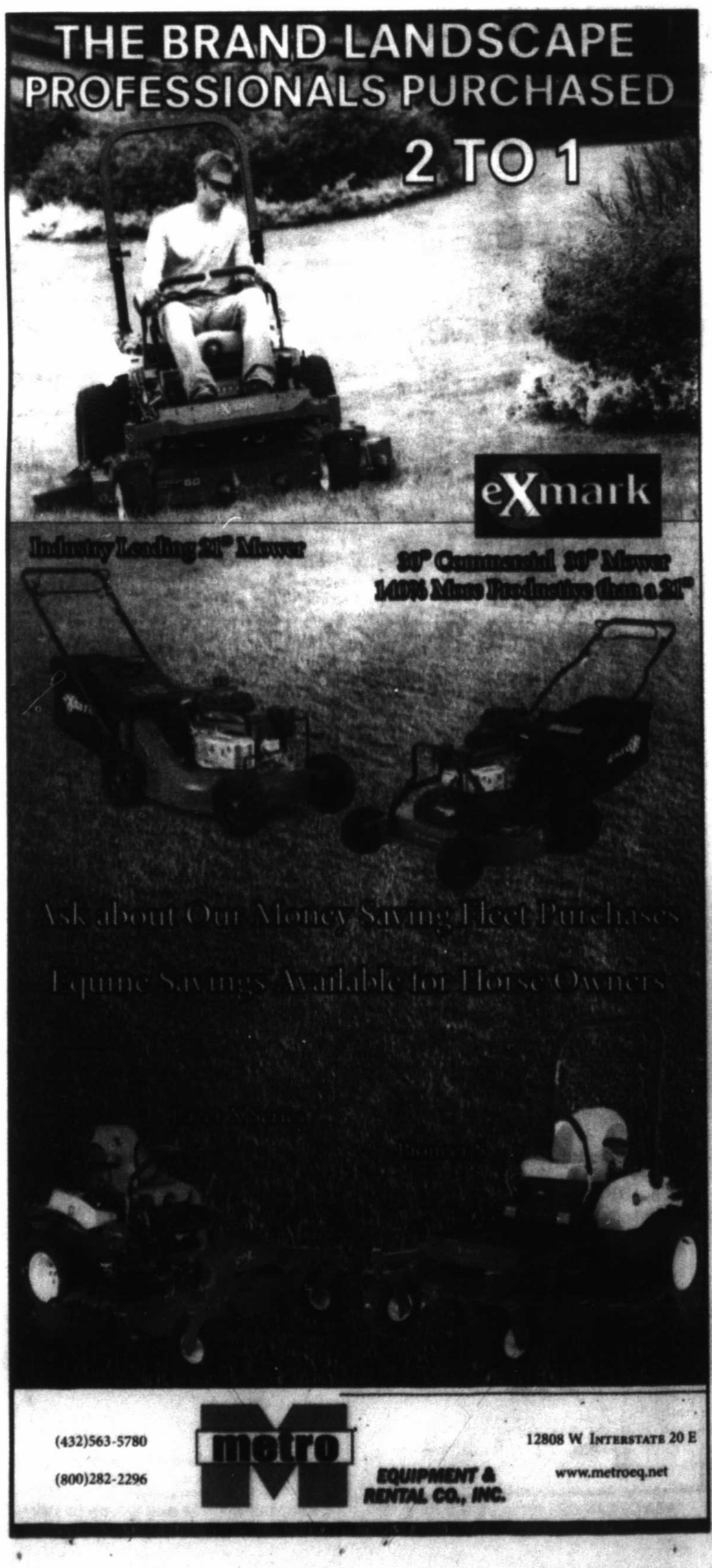
SCOTTY'S SOUL FOOD Tucked in a hole-in-the-wall location on North Big Spring Street, Scotty's offers everything comfort food. Try the ribs or the chicken fried steak. Don't leave without a helping of cornbread. 2907 N. Big Spring St. | 695-6511 | $ | 4 spoons

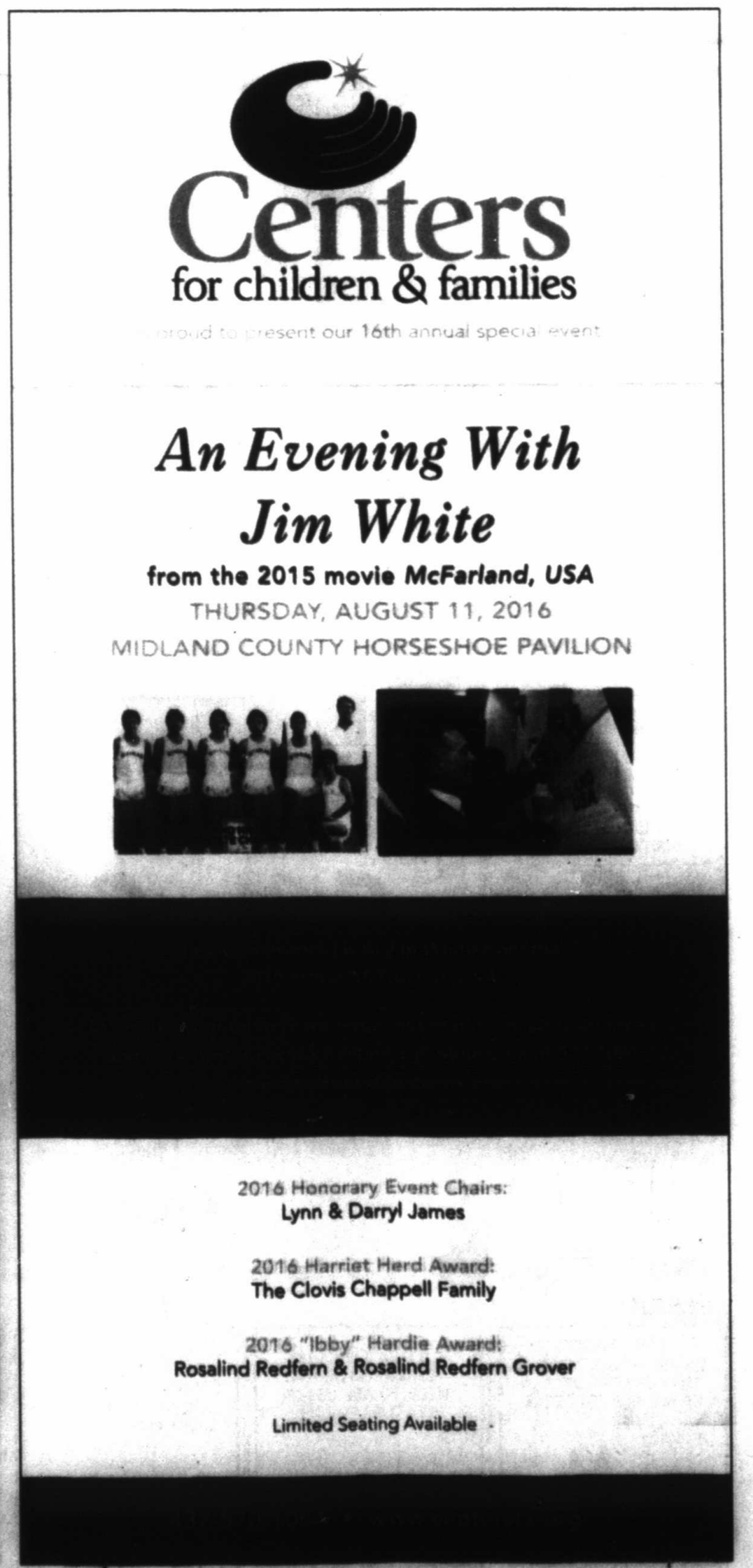
TANK'S BAR-B-QUE AND CATERING Stop by Tank's for lunch and get a full plate of barbecue with all the sides to take back to the office or enjoy at a nearby picnic table. Don't skip the potato salad. 401 East Scharbauer Drive 684-0006 | $ | 4 spoons

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

IS YOUR RESTAURANT LISTED?

If you would like your restaurant listed in the Weekender's Restaurant Guide, submit information to **Rich Lopez,** Features Editor. **Email:** jrlopez@mrt.com; **Phone:** 687-8859





Lee's Ty Coleman commits to Texas A&M

By Will Korn
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Lee junior shortstop Ty Coleman will be joining brother, Hunter, with the Texas A&M baseball team in a couple of years after committing to the Aggies.

Coleman, who announced his commitment on Wednesday via his Twitter account, is the latest MISD player to commit to a major Division I program in recent weeks. Midland High senior shortstop Jaxon Hallmark committed to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln on July 11.

Coleman — the younger brother of former Lee catcher and Texas A&M signee Hunter Coleman — becomes the fourth MISD player since November to either commit to or sign with a Division I program.

"It's really humbling to be given the opportunity to play at that level of baseball in the (Southeastern Conference)," Coleman said Wednesday. "It's surreal."

Last season as a sophomore, Coleman helped carry the Rebels to the Class 6A Regional Final in the program's first playoff appearances in four seasons. Lee finished the season with a 28-11 record, two victories shy of a state tournament bid.

In 38 games with Lee, Coleman hit .318 and posted an on-base percentage of .417. He led the Rebels in home runs with four, while also driving in 27 runs and scoring 35, second most on the team. He finished the season tied for the team lead in doubles with 13.

After the season, Coleman was selected to the All-District 3-6A first team infield and will also be playing for the Texas Rangers Area Code Underclass Team for the second consecutive year, Aug. 6-10 in Long Beach, California.

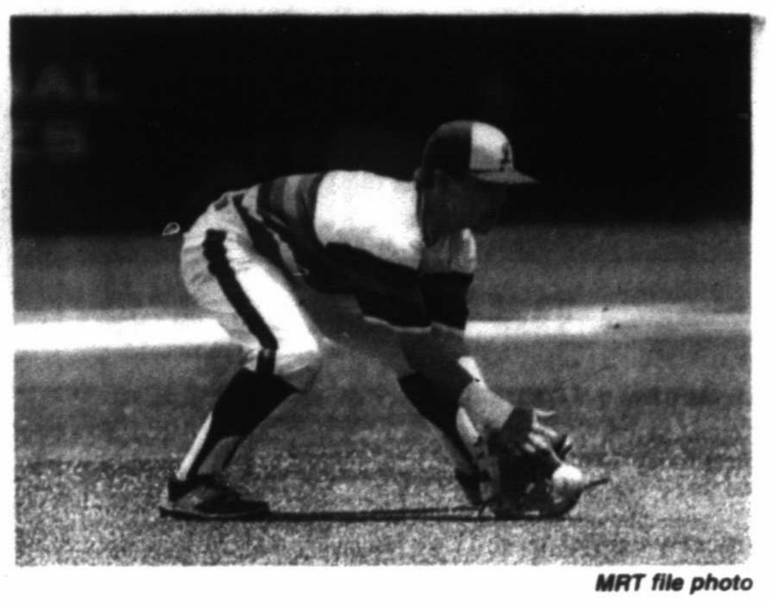
Coleman said he made the decision to commit to the Aggies only recently and feels it is an ideal place for him to continue his baseball career beyond high school.

"I made (the decision) a couple of weeks ago," Coleman said. "It's where I was born and it's a comfortable place for me to be."

Coleman's dad, David — the head baseball coach at Midland College — was an assistant with the Aggies from 1998 to 2005.

Coleman added that his decision to commit to the Aggies

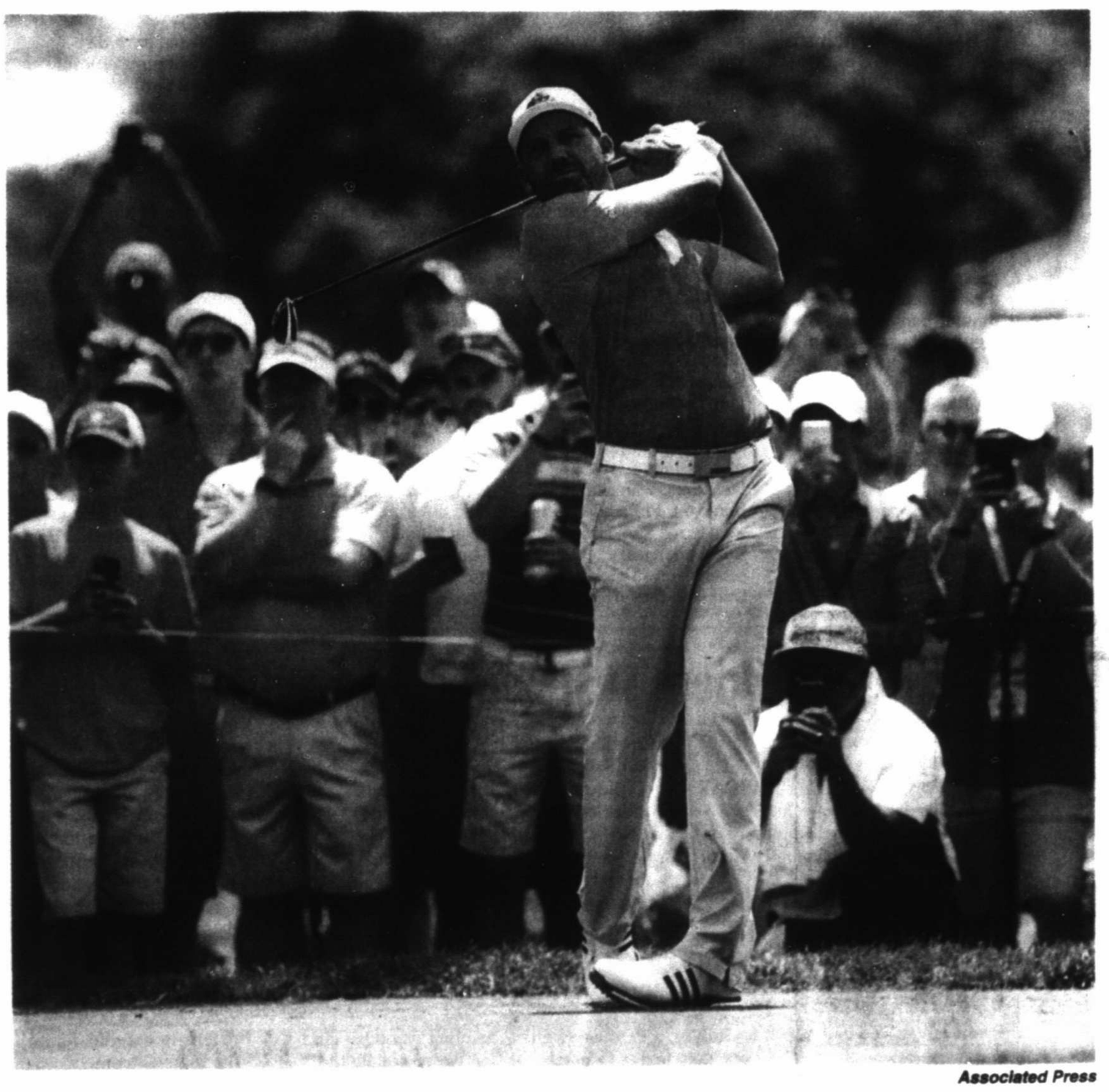
Please see **COLEMAN/2C**



MRT file photo

Lee shortstop Ty Coleman (3) makes a play against Amarillo during the Class 6A Region I final playoff series June 4 at Crutcher Scott Field on the campus of Abilene Christian University.

NOT REALLY IN A RUSH



Associated Press

Sergio Garcia watches his tee shot on the 18th hole during a practice round for the PGA Championship golf tournament at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, N.J., on Tuesday.

Garcia reminded that time still on his side

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, N.J. — Henrik Stenson took his silver claret jug and headed straight for Switzerland to play in a charity event organized by Sergio Garcia. It turned out to be the perfect occasion to deliver an important message to the host.

Stenson was 40 when he won the British Open at Royal Troon. He had paid his dues with a trio of close calls in the majors. It was his time.

Garcia has paid even more.

It started when he was a 19-year-old trying to chase down Tiger Woods at Medinah. He played in the final group with Woods at Bethpage Black and Royal Liverpool. He twice was beaten in the final holes by Padraig Harrington at Carnoustie and Oakland Hills.

"Henrik, when I saw him Monday at my event in Switzerland, he said: 'You know, I'm 40, you're 36. You still have probably 16 more before you get there.'" Garcia said Wednesday on the eve of the PGA Championship. "So at the end of the day, if you stay healthy, you still can give yourself a lot of chances here and there. That's my goal, to keep giving myself chances and hopefully take as many as possible in the coming years."

Stenson's victory has shifted the focus to Garcia, perhaps more than any other player in the final major of the year, particularly in a season of first-time major champions — Danny Willet at the Masters, Dustin Johnson at the U.S. Open and Stenson.

"It just shows that you've got to keep on trying," Stenson said. "It was nice to see Dustin win at the U.S. Open. He's had some close calls and some heartbreaking calls in the last four years, five years. You've got to keep putting yourself in position. And the more times you do that, that's what gives you chances for it to happen."

Lee Westwood is another player on the dubious list of "best to have never

Please see **GARCIA/4C**

Mungia steps down as MCS baseball coach after successful run

By Christopher Hadorn
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Mungia

Mike Munguia, who led Midland Christian to its only state championship in baseball, has stepped down as head baseball coach.

Munguia had served the last six seasons as the Mustangs baseball coach, guiding the program to a TAPPS 4A state championship in 2012.

In addition to the state championship, Munguia directed MCS baseball teams that were state runner-ups in both 2013 and 2016, and state semifinalists in 2014. He was 169-58-1 in his six seasons at MCS.

Munguia also doubled as defensive coordinator in football for three straight Midland Christian TAPPS Division II state championship teams (2011-13).

Munguia said he is leaving teaching go into the private sector to work for his father, Lupe.

"I am going to help my dad out with new stuff he's got going on," Munguia said.

"It was a tough decision, but it something I have been wanting to do for a long time. Now it felt like the right time."

Mike Robles, who was an assistant under Munguia the previous three seasons, has been named the Mustangs' new baseball coach for the upcoming 2017 season.

Prior to MCS, Munguia was the head baseball coach at Odessa High for six years and Kermit for three years. Munguia said he would still run his baseball academy despite being out of high school coaching.

Munguia reflected on his favorite memories from his MCS tenure Wednesday, which included his defense allowing a paltry 62 points during a 14-0 state championship season in 2013.

"Obviously the state championship in baseball in 2012, and obviously the defense went through the whole season giving up 62 points," Munguia said. "That was definitely something you will never forget. The three football championships in a row stands out obviously."

Robles was coached by Munguia

Please see **MUNGUIA/2C**

Rangers prospect Brinson not concerned with trade deadline

By Will Korn
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The final days leading up to Major League Baseball's Aug. 1 trade deadline can create a frenzy of anticipation for both organizational prospects, front offices and fans alike.

Big name prospects playing in minor league systems on the West Coast could find themselves playing for a team east of the Mississippi River in just a matter of days, courtesy of a trade by the parent organization.

Texas Rangers outfield prospect Lewis Brinson, who entered this season as the game's No. 16 prospect according to Baseball America, is one of those top names that could soon be involved in a blockbuster exchange.

But as crazy as the trade deadline atmosphere can be, Brinson — currently playing for the Double-A Frisco RoughRiders as Texas' No. 2-ranked prospect according to MLB Pipeline — said he isn't worried about anything other than playing each day's game with Frisco.

Several scouts from other major league clubs were on hand Wednesday for Frisco's game against the Midland RockHounds at Security Bank Ballpark, perhaps monitoring the speedy center fielder and leadoff hitter as a potential target.

But Brinson said that sort of magnified attention won't rattle him. He doesn't put much stock into prospect rankings and swirling trade rumors.

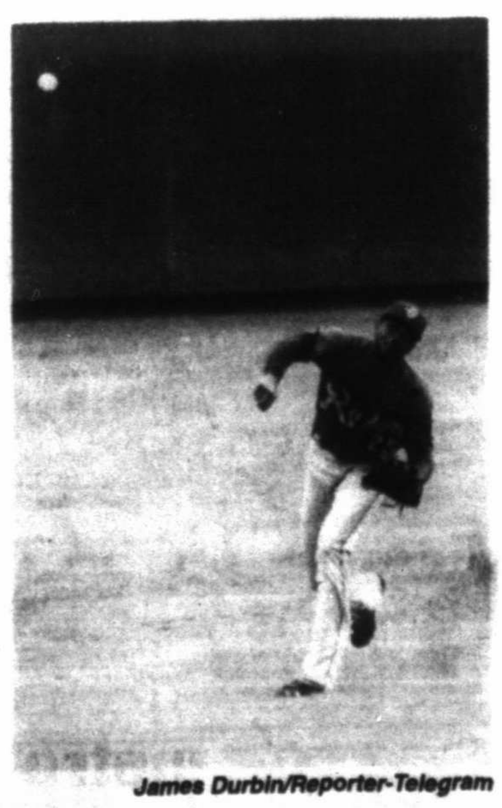
"I can't control that (the Rangers' trade discussions and the possibility of a trade)," said Brinson, the Rangers' 29th overall pick in the 2012 Amateur Draft out of high school in Coral Springs, Florida. "I focus on what I can control and that's been a big part of my development process on the field and off the field, not just with baseball but with life in general.

"If the Rangers see fit that they need a piece to win, then that's what they choose. But I'm not going to worry about that right now and whatever happens in the future happens. I just try to focus on playing my game."

Brinson, who suffered from a flurry of nagging injuries early in his professional career, has no doubt increased his appeal to other major league clubs as a significant trade bait in the last year.

The former University of Florida

Please see **BRINSON/3C**



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Frisco's Lewis Brinson fields the ball against the RockHounds on Tuesday at Security Bank Ballpark.

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WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
Midland 4, Frisco 1

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

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AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Geelong vs. Western, 4:30 a.m., FSP

BASEBALL
National Youth Championships: Teams TBA, Noon, CBSSN
National Youth Championships: Teams TBA, 3 p.m., CBSSN

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Winnipeg at Edmonton, 8 p.m., ESPN2

CRICKET
CPL T20: Tridents vs. Warriors, 6 p.m., OWSPN

GOLF
Ricoh Women's British Open Championship, 1st Round, 8 a.m., GOLF
PGA Championship, 1st Round, Noon, TNT
Ricoh Women's British Open Championship, 2nd Round, 3:30 a.m., GOLF

HORSE RACING
Saratoga Live John Morrisey Stakes, 3 p.m., FS2

MLB
Colorado at N.Y. Mets, Noon, MLB
Kansas City at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
Chicago White Sox at Chic. Cubs, 7 p.m., MLB

MEN'S SOCCER
ICC: Borussia Dortmund vs. Manchester City, 6:30 a.m., ESPNDEP, ESPN3
MLS All Star Game: MLS All-Star Team vs. Arsenal, 6:30 p.m., ESPN, UniMas, UDN

RUGBY
NRL: Canterbury vs. St. George, 4:30 a.m., FS2

SURFING
U.S. Open, 2 p.m., CBSSN

TENNIS
ATP/WTA: Rogers Cup, Round of 16, 10 a.m., TENNIS
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ON RADIO

MLB
Kansas City at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

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LOCAL SPORTS

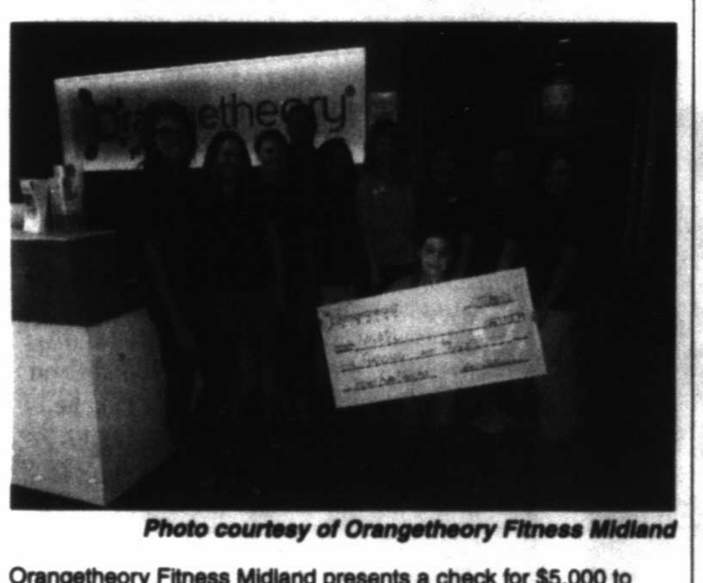


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Orangetheory Fitness Midland presents a check for $5,000 to MARC's Spectrum of Solutions Program. Holding the check is Kale Ingram. Back row, from left to right, are Abby Frazier, Kayla Minchew, Chy Hall, Chris Ware, Dina Clark, Melanie Saiz, Catherine McCoy, Tawny Zachary and Maria Aguirre.

FERGERSON SCORES ON PREMIER TEAM

FRISCO — Midland High rising senior Brooks Fergerson scored a goal in FC Dallas 98B Premier's 3-1 victory over OP Green (Ohio) in the second match of group play of the U.S. Youth Soccer Association's National Championship Tournament.

FC Dallas 98B Premier (1-1-1) faces FC Golden State Platinum (Calif.) on Thursday and it needs a win to improve its chances of moving into a semifinal match on Saturday.

FITNESS STUDIOS RAISES $5,000 (with courtesy photo)

Midland's Orangetheory Fitness announced that it raised $5,000 to donate to MARC's Spectrum of Solutions Program, a resource center that provides individualized services to children with development disabilities

The money was raised during a Penny Burn Competition from July 18-24, as the Midland studio burned more than 500,000 calories in that time.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed 2B Brett Lawrie on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Friday. Recalled SS Carlos Sanchez from Charlotte (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Sent OF J.D. Martinez to Toledo (IL) for a rehab assignment.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Sent OF Lorenzo Cain to Omaha (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Designated OF Todd Cunningham for assignment. Recalled LHP Tyler Skaggs from Salt Lake (PCL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned RHP Daniel Mengden and C Matt McBride to Nashville (PCL). Reinstated C Stephen Vogt from family medical leave. Recalled RHP J.B. Wendelken from Nashville. Sent RHP Andrew Triggs to Nashville for a rehab assignment.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Sent OF Desmond Jennings to Charlotte (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS — Traded INF Travis Demeritte to Atlanta for RHP Lucas Harrell and LHP Dario Alvarez. Designated 1B/3B Matt Duffy for assignment. Sent OF Drew Stubbs to Round Rock (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned RHP Bo Schultz to Buffalo (IL).
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Sent OF Socrates Brito to the AZL Diamondbacks for a rehab assignment.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed RHP Jason Motte on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Tuesday. Reinstated LHP Chris Rusin from the 15-day DL. Sent RHP Justin Miller to Albuquerque (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
NEW YORK METS — Optioned LHP Josh Smoker to Las Vegas (PCL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned RHP Sam Tuivailala to Memphis (PCL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed INF Yangervis Solarte on family leave. Recalled INF Alexi Amarista and LHP Buddy Baumann from El Paso (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Placed 2B Stephen Drew on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Sunday. Recalled INF Wilmer Difo from Harrisburg (EL).

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
PHOENIX SUNS — Named Jay Triano associate head coach and Tyrone Corbin and Nate Bjorkgren assistant coaches.
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS — Signed G CJ McCollum to a four-year contract extension.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released LB Quayshawn Nealy. Signed LB Donald Butler.
ATLANTA FALCONS — Announced the retirement of S Charles Godfrey. Signed TE Arthur Lynch and WR Corey Washington.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Agreed to terms with OL Jake Long on a one-year contract.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed S Kurt Coleman to a three-year contract extension.
CHICAGO BEARS — Promoted Scott Hagel to senior vice president of marketing and communications, Karen Murphy to senior vice president of business strategy and chief financial officer, Cliff Stein to senior vice president and general counsel and Lee Tesching to senior vice president of sales and customer relations. Doug Carnahan to vice president of corporate partnerships and Jake Jones to vice president of finance. Named Brandon Faber vice president of communications. Signed DB Brandon Boykin and WR B.J. Daniels.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed DE Jack Gangwish.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Placed RB Jamaal Charles on the PUP list.
LOS ANGELES RAMS — Released QB Nick Foles.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed OT Sean Hickey and LB Jason Whittingham.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Placed DB Nate Ebner on the reserve/did not report list. Signed DL Jon Halapio and TE Bear Pascoe.
NEW YORK JETS — Agreed to terms with LB Damon Lee on a four-year contract. Waived RB Zac Stacy. Signed RB Bernard Pierce.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Placed RB Ryan Mathews on the active/non-football injury list. Signed WR David Watford.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed WRs Kendal Thompson and T.J. Thorpe.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Signed coach Bill Peters to a contract extension through the 2018-19 season.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Agreed to terms with G Petr Mrazek on a two-year contract.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed F Calle Jarnkrok to a six-year contract.
OTTAWA SENATORS — Agreed to terms with F Mike Hoffman on a four-year contract.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Re-signed F Vladislav Namestnikov to a two-year contract.

OLYMPIC SPORTS
USA WRESTLING — Named Tom Brands, Mark Manning and Lou Rosselli U.S. Olympic team volunteer freestyle coaches.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
SEATTLE SOUNDERS — Signed M Nicolas Lodeiro.

COLLEGE
COLGATE — Named Jenna Gibney women's assistant soccer coach.
IOWA STATE — Named David Hobbs special assistant to men's basketball coach Steve Prohm.
MANHATTAN — Named Katie McConnell women's lacrosse coach.
MONTANA — Announced the retirement of women's basketball coach Robin Selvig.
OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN — Named David Lynn interim athletic director.
PROVIDENCE — Named Matt Musci men's assistant lacrosse coach.
RUTGERS — Named Jonah Silk volunteer director of women's soccer operations.
TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY — Named Delson Hines special assistant to men's basketball coach Lew Hill.
UC DAVIS — Named Jody Stelga director of men's basketball operations.
WESTERN NEW ENGLAND — Announced the retirement of women's soccer coach Ron Dias.
WINTHROP — Announced the retirement of associate athletic director Dan Murray.

Cowboys' Gregory facing longer suspension over new violation

Associated Press

FRISCO — Dallas defensive end Randy Gregory is facing a longer suspension over another violation of the NFL's substance-abuse policy, and owner Jerry Jones says he doesn't expect to see the troubled player at training camp in California.



Gregory

With Gregory already suspended for the first four games this season, Jones said Wednesday that the Cowboys haven't heard from the league about a possible 10-game ban for another failed drug test.

A day after reports that Gregory was in rehab, Jones acknowledged that the former Nebraska standout was undergoing treatment.

"It's very disappointing," Jones told reporters during an event at the team's new headquarters in the Dallas suburb of Frisco.

"But it does point out the difficulty you have with addiction. And there is no question he needs the kind of help and care he is getting right now."

Considered one of the best pass rushers in the 2015 draft, Gregory slid to the Cowboys at the end of the second round after he tested positive for marijuana at the NFL combine. His first suspension was announced in February.

Gregory played 12 games without a sack as a rookie, missing four games early in the season with a sprained right ankle. He participated in all the offseason workouts despite the suspension, and would still be eligible to participate in camp and preseason games even with a 10-game suspension.

But Jones essentially said football wasn't Gregory's top priority at the moment. The Cowboys fly to California on Thursday, and the first camp practice is Saturday.

"We are first and foremost interested in how he can basically address his addiction and get to where he can function in society first and then look to be a football player second," said Jones, who also said the Cowboys had already decided they couldn't count on Gregory in 2016.

Gregory has been listed as a starter alongside third-year player DeMarcus Lawrence, another young defensive end serving a four-game suspension to start the season for a substance-abuse violation. Linebacker Rolando McClain is banned for 10 games for the same reason.

Jones said he hasn't given up on Gregory, or on the idea of taking risks in the draft.

"It's an individual thing, individual treatment," Jones said.

Jones said he expects Ezekiel Elliott to report for training camp a week after the rookie running back denied allegations that he assaulted his girlfriend, causing bruises and abrasions.

Elliott wasn't arrested or charged. The fourth overall pick out of Ohio State told police in Columbus, Ohio, that the woman was injured in a bar fight. Witnesses told police they didn't see Elliott assault the woman.

A day after coach Jason Garrett said McClain would be at camp, executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said that issue was a "work in progress."

LA Rams release QB Nick Foles

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Rams released quarterback Nick Foles on Wednesday after failing to find a trade destination for the disgruntled veteran.

The Rams announced the move one day before their veterans report to training camp for their homecoming season in Southern California.

Foles hasn't been around the Rams since they traded up to choose California quarterback Jared Goff with the No. 1 pick in the draft this spring. The veteran skipped offseason workouts while Los Angeles attempted to trade him.

Instead, the Rams had to release a capable veteran quarterback without compensation after teams likely realized they could attempt to sign Foles as a free agent.

"We have been in contact with Nick and his representation throughout the offseason, and we feel that this is the best decision for all parties involved," Rams coach Jeff Fisher said in a statement. "We appreciate the contributions that Nick has made to our organization in his time as a Ram and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors."

Foles spent just one disappointing season with the Rams, who acquired him from Philadelphia in a trade for Sam Bradford. Los Angeles also got a second-round pick in the deal, and they used it as part of the package to move up to grab Goff.

Foles started 11 games for St. Louis, including the first nine of the season. He passed for 2,052 yards and seven touchdowns with 10 interceptions, never having a 300-yard game and failing to breathe much life into the NFL's worst passing offense.

Foles eventually lost the starting job to Case Keenum, who played the final four games of the Rams' 12th consecutive non-winning season.

Goff and Keenum are competing for the top job at the Rams' training camp in Irvine, California, over the next five weeks. Sean Mannion and Dylan Thompson also are on the roster for the Rams, who hold their first public workout Saturday.

Fisher initially said he hoped Goff would start their season opener at San Francisco in September, but has since downplayed the importance of that possibility.

The coach described Keenum as the Rams' starting quarterback when offseason workouts concluded last month, but Goff will have the chance to play his way onto the field.

Foles made the Pro Bowl with the Eagles in 2013, throwing 27 touchdown passes with just two interceptions in a remarkable second season in the NFL. The University of Arizona product hasn't recaptured that magic, with the Eagles and Rams giving up on him in consecutive offseasons.

Rodney Childers suspended 1 race by NASCAR

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR has suspended the crew chief for Kevin Harvick for an improperly installed lug nut at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Rodney Childers will not appeal the suspension or his $20,000 fine. He will miss Sunday's race at Pocono Raceway.

Childers is the fifth crew chief suspended over a lug nut rule instituted by NASCAR earlier this season. The rule was put in place because teams were not applying all five lug nuts properly in an effort to have faster pit stops.

Other penalties issued Wednesday by NASCAR were written warnings for twice failing pre-race inspection to the teams for Kasey Kahne, Paul Menard and Matt DiBenedetto.

Written warnings also were given to the teams of Kurt Busch and Aric Almirola for twice failing template inspection before pre-qualifying.

MUNGUIA

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during his youth on a club baseball team in Odessa.

"He taught me how to handle the kids, how to handle a winning team and stay on them, and keep them doing things the right way," Robles said of Munguia's influence.

Robles, a Permian High grad, pitched at Odessa College and Angelo State during his college career. Before MCS, Robles was a pitching coach at Angelo State for three years. He also was a pitching coach for former major leaguer Al Newman in the Northwoods League, a collegiate summer wood bat circuit.

"We've got a lot of young talent, good workers, a lot of potential to be great," Robles said of his MCS baseball team. "I am very excited and blessed to be able to work with these guys."

Bren Holland will assume Munguia's duties as defensive coordinator on the football team.

Holland is a long-time area coach that once served as Monahans head coach from 1986-1994, where he compiled a 67-29 record.

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COLEMAN

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was completely separate from Hunter's decision to sign with the program in November. But Ty did credit Hunter with doing some homework for him beforehand.

"It was my decision to go there," Ty said. "It helped that he (Hunter) went there and scouted it out for me."

As one of the nation's premier college programs, Texas A&M has compiled a record of 434-207-1 over the last 10 seasons. In that span, the Aggies have made one College World Series appearance (2011) and four NCAA Super Regional appearances.

Texas A&M completed the 2016 season ranked No. 9 in the NCAA Division I baseball rankings after falling to TCU in the super regional. The Aggies were ranked No. 1 for a significant portion of the regular season.

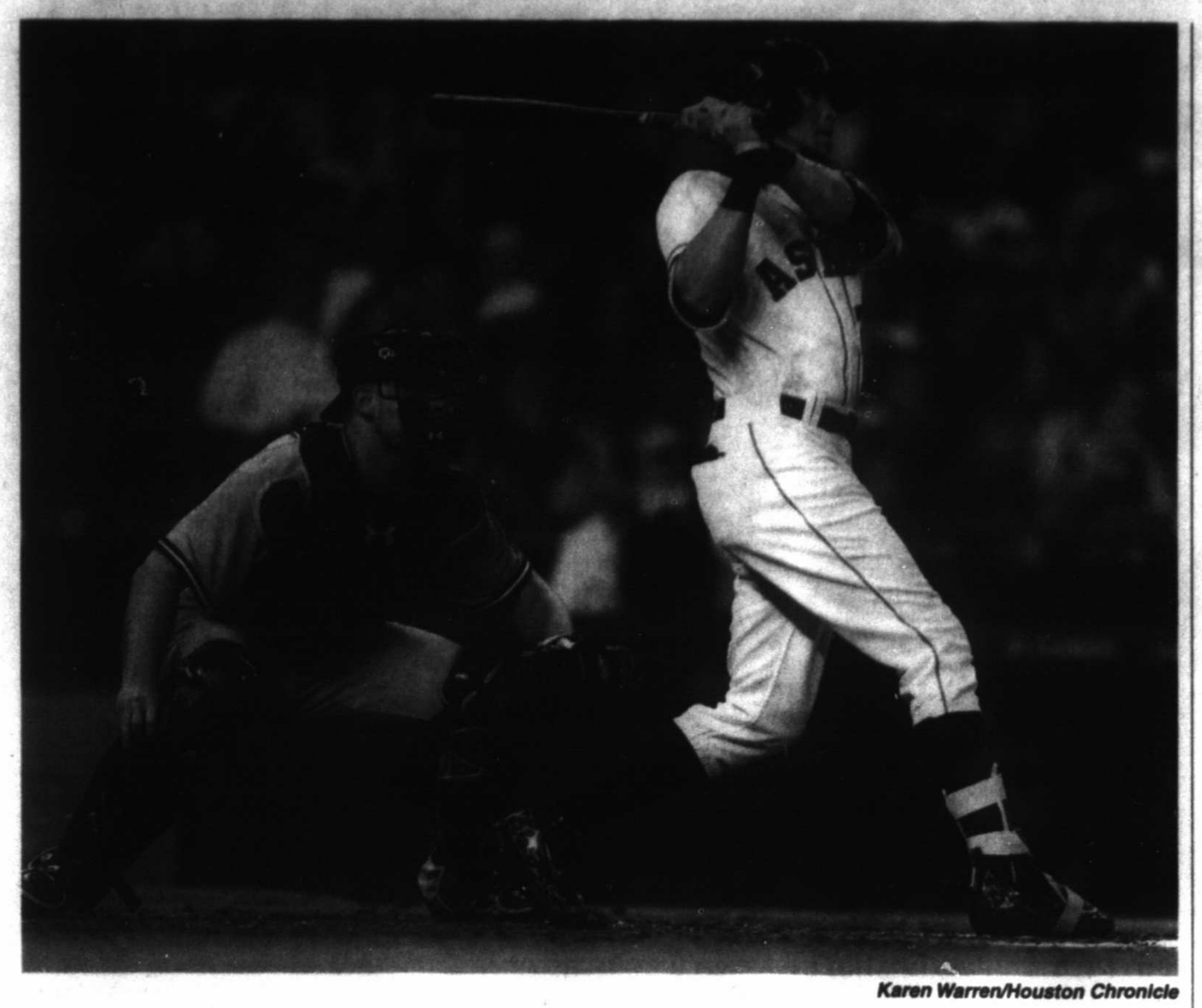
Notable Texas A&M baseball alumni include former major league second baseman/outfielder Chuck Knoblauch, as well as current St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Michael Wacha.

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Houston Astros left fielder Colby Rasmus (28) hits a two-run home run during the third inning of an MLB game at Minute Maid Park on Wednesday in Houston.

McCullers, Rasmus help Astros over Yankees 4-1

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Lance McCullers struck out 10 in six solid innings, Colby Rasmus broke out of a slump with a two-run homer and the Houston Astros beat the New York Yankees 4-1 on Wednesday night.

Rasmus snapped an 0-for-29 skid when he sent an off-speed pitch from Masahiro Tanaka (7-3) into the seats behind the bullpen in right-center field to make it 4-0 with one out in the third.

McCullers (6-4) allowed five hits and one run and tied a season high by fanning 10 for the second straight game.

Ken Giles and Luke Gregerson pitched a scoreless inning each before Will Harris got his 11th save by striking out two in the ninth.

Tanaka, who entered the game with a 1.50 ERA in nine road starts, allowed seven hits and four runs in five innings for the loss. He had thrown 12 1/3 straight scoreless innings on the road before an RBI single by Carlos Gomez with one out in the first inning.

Marwin Gonzalez extended his hitting streak to a career-high 11 games with a single to start the third. He advanced to second on a groundout and took third on a wild pitch. A single by Carlos Correa came next to score Gonzalez and push the lead to 2-0.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

TIGERS 4
RED SOX 3

BOSTON — Miguel Cabrera hit a tiebreaking home run in the ninth inning that bounced off the top of the wall and into Boston's bullpen, lifting Detroit past the Red Sox for a three-game sweep.

James McCann also hit a solo homer, and Victor Martinez had four singles, a walk and drove in two runs for Detroit. The Tigers have won five of seven.

Boston is the last major league team to be swept in a series of any length this season.

National League

REDS 2
GIANTS 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Jay Bruce homered in his career-high fifth straight game, connecting off Madison Bumgarner in the Cincinnati Reds' 2-1 victory over the slumping San Francisco Giants on Wednesday.

Bruce broke a 1-1 tie in the seventh inning with his sixth homer during his five-game streak and 25th of the season.

MARLINS 11
PHILLIES 1

MIAMI — Giancarlo Stanton hit a two-run homer in the first inning to lead a 16-hit attack in Miami's victory over Philadelphia.

Stanton hit his 22nd homer in support of Adam Conley (7-5), who pitched around eight hits and three walks to throw 6 2/3 scoreless innings.

Don Kelly, who began the game 1 for 22 this season, went 3 for 5 with two triples, two RBIs and two runs scored. That raised his average from .045 to .148.

Interleague

NATIONALS 4
INDIANS 1

CLEVELAND — Stephen Strasburg shut down Cleveland for seven innings and bounced back from his only loss this season, leading Washington past the Indians.

Strasburg (14-1) began the season with 13 straight wins before he was beaten by the Los Angeles Dodgers on July 21. The powerful right-hander shook off that blemish, holding the Indians to three hits. Strasburg walked one and struck out seven.

RAYS 3
DODGERS 1

LOS ANGELES — Matt Moore pitched four-hit ball into the seventh inning, Evan Longoria hit a two-run homer and the Tampa Bay Rays won at Dodger Stadium for the first time.

Luke Maile had an RBI double in a three-run fourth inning to help Tampa Bay wrap up a nine-game West Coast road swing by snapping a four-game skid. The Rays were swept in a three-game series at Chavez Ravine in 2013, the only other time they've visited the Dodgers' hallowed home turf.

PIRATES 10
MARINERS 1

PITTSBURGH — Gerrit Cole threw a three-hitter for his first career complete game and slumping Andrew McCutchen had a three-run home run and two other hits in Pittsburgh's victory over Seattle.

Making the 88th start of his four-year career, Cole (6-6) struck six and walked one while winning for the first time since May 20. McCutchen and Jung Ho Kang each had four RBIs to help the Pirates win for the sixth time in nine games.

James Paxton (3-5) was the loser.

PADRES 8
BLUE JAYS 4

TORONTO — Adam Rosales hit a two-run home run, Alex Dickerson and Brett Wallace each hit solo shots and San Diego beat Toronto to avoid a three-game sweep.

San Diego extended its club-record streak with at least one home run to 25 games. It's the longest run since 2002 Texas set the major league record by homering in 27 straight.

Luis Perdomo (5-4) allowed four runs and six hits in 5 2/3 innings.

R.A. Dickey (7-12) was the loser. He has surrendered 26 home runs this season, tying Kansas City's Ian Kennedy and Chris Young for most in the majors.

Melvin Upton Jr. made his first start for Toronto after being acquired from San Diego on Tuesday. He went 1 for 4 with a single.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	58	42	.580	—
Toronto	57	45	.559	2
Boston	55	44	.556	2½
New York	52	49	.515	6½
Tampa Bay	39	61	.390	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	57	42	.576	—
Detroit	54	46	.529	4½
Chicago	50	51	.495	9
Kansas City	48	51	.485	9
Minnesota	37	62	.374	20

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	58	44	.569	—
Houston	55	46	.545	2½
Seattle	51	49	.510	6
Oakland	47	55	.461	11
Los Angeles	45	55	.450	12

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	59	42	.584	—
Miami	55	46	.545	4
New York	53	47	.530	5½
Philadelphia	46	57	.447	14
Atlanta	34	66	.340	24½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	60	40	.600	—
St. Louis	54	47	.535	6½
Pittsburgh	52	48	.520	8
Milwaukee	43	59	.494	16½
Cincinnati	40	61	.396	20½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	59	42	.584	—
Los Angeles	57	45	.559	2½
Colorado	49	52	.485	10
San Diego	44	58	.431	15½
Arizona	42	59	.416	17

Scores & schedules

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores
Washington 4, Cleveland 1
San Diego 8, Toronto 4
Detroit 4, Boston 3
Tampa Bay 3, L.A. Dodgers 1
Colorado 3, Baltimore 1
Pittsburgh 10, Seattle 1
Chicago Cubs 8, Chicago White Sox 1
Oakland 6, Texas 4
Atlanta at Minnesota, late
Houston 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
L.A. Angels at Kansas City, late
Today's Games
Baltimore (Jiminez 5-9) at Minnesota (Gibson 3-8), @ 10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sale 14-3) at Chicago Cubs (Lackey 7-7), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Ventura 6-8) at Texas (Hamels 11-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Price 9-7) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 8-8), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores
Miami 11, Philadelphia 1
Washington 4, Cleveland 1
San Diego 8, Toronto 4
Tampa Bay 3, L.A. Dodgers 1
Cincinnati 2, San Francisco 1
Colorado 3, Baltimore 1
Pittsburgh 10, Seattle 1
St. Louis 5, N.Y. Mets 4
Chicago Cubs 8, Chicago White Sox 1
Arizona 8, Milwaukee 1
Atlanta at Minnesota, late
Today's Games
Colorado (Anderson 3-3) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 6-5), 12:10 p.m.
Arizona (Ray 5-9) at Milwaukee (Davies 7-4), 1:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 5-9) at Atlanta (Wisler 4-10), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wacha 5-7) at Miami (Fernandez 12-4), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sale 14-3) at Chicago Cubs (Lackey 7-7), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Roark 9-6) at San Francisco (Cueto 13-2), 9:15 p.m.

Texas Boxes

ASTROS 4, YANKEES 1

New York	ab	r	h	bi
Gardner lf	4	0	1	0
Ellsbry cf	3	0	0	0
Beltran dh	4	0	0	0
B.McCann c	4	1	1	1
Tsoklis 1b	4	0	1	0
Grgrius ss	4	0	2	0
S.Cstro 2b	3	0	0	0
Headley 3b	3	0	0	0
A.Hicks rf	3	0	0	0
J.Cstro c	3	0	1	0
Totals	32	1	5	1

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Springer dh	4	0	0	0
Ma.Grzl 1b	4	1	1	0
Altuve 2b	4	0	2	0
Correa ss	3	1	1	1
Rasmus rf	4	1	1	2
Tucker lf	3	1	0	0
Bridgman 3b	2	0	0	0
C.Gomez cf	1	0	1	1
Mrwick cf	2	0	1	0
Totals	30	4	8	4

New York.....000 100 000—1
Houston.....013 000 00x—4

DP—New York 1. LOB—New York 6, Houston 5. 2B—Markwick (10), J.Castro (13), HR—B.McCann (15), Rasmus (12). SB—C.Gomez (12). CS—Markwick (4).

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tanaka L,7-3	5	7	4	4	2	4
Warren	1	1	0	0	0	0
Severino	2	0	0	0	1	3
Houston						
McCullers W,6-4	6	5	1	1	2	10
Giles H,17	1	0	0	0	0	2
Gregerson H,7	1	0	0	0	0	1
Harris S,11-12	1	0	0	0	0	2

WP—Tanaka, McCullers. PB—Castro.
T—2:38. A—35,186 (42,060).

ATHLETICS 6, RANGERS 4

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp lf	4	2	2	2
Lowrie 2b	3	0	0	1
Reddick rf	4	1	2	0
K.Davis dh	4	2	3	3
Vogt c	4	0	0	0
Smlnski cf	4	0	0	0
Alonso 1b	4	0	1	0
Semien ss	4	0	0	0
Healy 3b	4	1	1	0
B.Wlson c	3	0	0	0
Gallo ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	35	6	9	6

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
DSheils lf	4	0	0	0
Mrsland 1b	3	0	1	1
Profar dh	5	1	3	0
Desmond cf	4	2	2	2
Beltre 3b	3	0	0	1
Odor 2b	4	0	0	0
Gallo 1b	4	1	1	1
Rua lf	4	0	0	0
Mrsland ph	1	0	0	0
Chirinos c	3	0	1	0
Totals	32	3	6	3

Oakland.....000 330 001—6
Texas.....000 030 000—3

E—Gallo (1). DP—Texas 3. LOB—Oakland 5, Texas 5. 2B—Crisp (21), Chirinos (5). HR—Crisp (6), Reddick (7), Semien (21), Gallo (1), Mrsland (14). SB—Odor (10).

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Gray W,5-9	6	5	3	3	2	8
Hendriks	1 2-3	1	0	0	1	3
Rzepczynski	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Axford	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Martinez L,1-3	4	6	5	5	1	2
Claudio	2	2	0	0	1	2
Barnette	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kela	1	0	0	0	0	1
Dyson	1	2	1	1	0	1

N.Martinez pitched to 3 batters in the 5th
T—3:01. A—25,272 (48,114).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
TIGERS 4, RED SOX 3

Detroit.....002 001 001—4 11 1
Boston.....100 000 110—3 7 0

M.Fulmer, B.Rondon (6), J.Wilson (9) and J.McCann; E.Rodriguez, M.Barnes (6), S.Wilhelmi (8), Ziegler (9) and Leon. W—B.Rondon 4-2. L—Ziegler 2-4. Sv—J.Wilson (1). HRs—Detroit, Cabrera (21), McCann (6). Boston, Bogaerts (12), Pedroia (11).

INTERLEAGUE
PADRES 8, BLUE JAYS 4

San Diego.....002 212 010—8 6 0
Toronto.....000 013 000—4 6 2

Perdomo, Hand (6), Dominguez (8), Maurer (9) and Bethancourt; Dickey, Biagini (6), Morrow (6), Bencsh (8) and Thole. W—Perdomo 5-4. L—Dickey 7-12. HRs—San Diego, Wallace (8), Rosales (7), Dickerson (6).

NATIONALS 4, INDIANS 1

Washington.....020 001 100—4 6 1
Cleveland.....000 000 001—1 5 0

Strasburg, Solis (8), Belisle (8), Rivero (9), Treinen (9) and Ramos; Carrasco, Otero (7), Crockett (7), B.Shaw (8), Allen (9) and Gimenez. R.Perez W—Strasburg 14-1. L—Carrasco 7-4. Sv—Treinen (1). HRs—Washington, Murphy (20).

RAYS 3, DODGERS 1

Tampa Bay.....000 300 000—3 8 1
Los Angeles.....010 000 000—1 5 1

Moore, Jepsen (7), Cedeno (8), Colome (9) and Maile; McCarthy, Coleman (5), Howell (6), Avilan (6), Stripling (7) and Ellis. W—Moore 7-7. L—McCarthy 2-1. Sv—Colome (22). HRs—Tampa Bay, Longoria (23).

PIRATES 10, MARINERS 1

Seattle.....000 001 000—1 3 0
Pittsburgh.....003 000 43x—10 14 1

Paxton, Storen (6), Karns (7), Rollins (8) and Zunino; Cole and Cervelli. W—Cole 6-6. L—Paxton 3-5. HRs—Pittsburgh, McCutchen (15).

ROCKIES 3, ORIOLES 1

Colorado.....000 003 000—3 5 0
Baltimore.....000 001 000—1 6 0

Gray, Ottavino (8), Logan (8), Estevez (9) and Hundley. Bundy, Givens (6), O'Day (8), Roe (9) and Wieters. W—Gray 7-4. L—Bundy 3-3. Sv—Estevez (10). HRs—Colorado, Hundley (5), Dahl (1). Baltimore, Machado (21).

CUBS 8, WHITE SOX 1

Chicago.....010 000 —1 5 0
Chicago.....000 001 25x—8 6 0

Ranaudo, Duke (7), C.Fulmer (7), J.Turner (8) and Navarro; Hammel, H.Rondon (8), Chapman (9) and Montero. W—Hammel 10-5. L—Ranaudo 1-1. HRs—Chicago, Ranaudo (1). Chicago, Russell (12), Baez (11), Bryant (26).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
MARLINS 11, PHILLIES 1

Philadelphia.....000 001 001—1 10 1
Miami.....300 104 03x—11 10 0

Eflin, Bailey (6), Oberholtzer (6) and Rupp; Conley, Wittgren (7), McGowan (8) and Realmuto. W—Conley 7-5. L—Eflin 3-4. HRs—Miami, Stanton (22).

REDS 2, GIANTS 1

Cincinnati.....000 010 100—2 6 0
San Francisco.....001 000 000—1 4 1

Straily, R.Iglesias (8), Cingrani (9) and Barnhart; Bumgarner, Lopez (8), Strickland (9) and Posey. W—Straily 6-6. L—Bumgarner 10-6. Sv—Cingrani (12). HRs—Cincinnati, Bruce (25). San Francisco, Gillaspie (4).

CARDINALS 5, METS 4

St. Louis.....003 000 002—5 7 0
New York.....010 000 300—4 12 0

Wainwright, Kieboehr (7), J.Brebon (8), Oh (9) and Molina; Verrett, Reed (8), Familia (9) and d'Arnaud. W—J.Brebon 3-2. L—Familia 2-2. Sv—Oh (6). HRs—New York, Cespedes (22).

DIAMONDBACKS 8, BREWERS 1

Arizona.....510 000 000—8 12 1
Milwaukee.....000 000 100—1 6 5

Bradley, Delgado (8) and Castillo; Nelson, Marmolejos (5), Blazek (8) and Lucroy. W—Bradley 4-6. L—Nelson 6-9. HRs—Arizona, Tomas 2 (17).

'HOUNDSWATCH

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 4, ROUGHRIDERS 1
at Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Midland shortstop and Oakland Athletics' top prospect Franklin Barreto went 2-for-3 with a home run, two RBI and two runs scored. ... Third baseman Matt Chapman finished 1-for-3 with a two-run home run. ... Frisco's Lewis Brinson and Ronald Guzman each went 2-for-4. Guzman drove in Frisco's only run of the game.

TOP PITCHERS: RockHounds starter Corey Walter allowed one hit and walked one over four scoreless innings in a no-decision. ... Frisco starter Connor Sadzeck took the loss, but put together a quality start. He surrendered three earned runs in six innings while striking out five and walking one.

HIGHLIGHTS: Barreto gave Midland a 1-0 lead in the first with his leadoff solo home run off of Sadzeck to right field. ... Chapman stretched the RockHounds' lead to 3-0 with his two-run shot to right field, again, versus Sadzeck. ... Guzman got the RoughRiders on the board in the top of the sixth with a smashed RBI double to deep, straightaway center field. ... In the seventh, Barreto capped the game's scoring with a sacrifice fly to center that made it 4-1.

NOTES: With his home run Wednesday, Chapman took over the Texas League lead for home runs with 23. ... Barreto continued his torrid stretch and is now hitting .466 (14-30) over his last nine games and .362 (37-102) over his last 30 contests ... Midland complete the three-game sweep of Frisco and is now 9-10 against the RoughRiders this season and 34-33 against the TL South division overall. ... The RockHounds will next travel to Corpus Christi for a four-game road series with the third-place Hooks beginning at 7:05 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland - LHP Brandon Mann (1-1, 3.71); Corpus Christi - RHP Francis Martes (5-4, 3.91)

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	19	15	.545	—
Tulsa (Dodgers)	17	16	.515	1
Arkansas (Angels)	17	16	.515	1
Springfield (Cardinals)	13	20	.394	5

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland (Athletics)	23	11	.657	—
San Antonio (Padres)	17	16	.515	5
Corpus Christi (Astros)	15	18	.455	7
Frisco (Rangers)	13	20	.394	9

Wednesday's Scores
Midland 4, Frisco 1
Corpus Christi 3, San Antonio 0
Tulsa 7, Springfield 5
Northwest Arkansas 3, Arkansas 2

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

ROCKHOUNDS 4, ROUGHRIDERS 1

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Brinson cf	4	0	2	0
Ibanez dh	4	1	1	0
Cordell lf	3	0	0	0
Guzman 1b	4	0	2	1
Marte ss	4	0	1	0
Jackson rf	4	0	0	0
Kmer-Fslela 3b	3	0	0	0
Degtiarv c	3	0	1	0
Trumfel 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	33	1	7	1

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Barreto ss	3	2	2	2
Chapman 3b	3	1	1	2
Taylor c	4	0	1	0
Mannoch rf	4	0	0	0
Rosa 1b	2	0	0	0
Sportman lf	4	0	1	0
Rodriguez dh	3	1	0	0
Vantigan cf	2	0	0	0
Kirkland 2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	27	4	5	4

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Midland.....102 000 10x—4

E - Trumfel (10), Bracewell (1), Chapman (12). DP - Frisco 1, Midland 1. LOB - Frisco 8, Midland 6. 2B - Marte (8), Guzman (16), HR - Barreto (8), Chapman (23). SB - Cordell (12). CS - Brinson (4). SF - Barreto.

Frisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sadzeck L, 9-4	6.0	5	3	3	1	5
Hernandez	2.2	0	1	1	3	0
Ledbetter	1.1	0	0	0	1	2
Midland						
Walter	4.0	1	0	0	1	0
Bracewell W, 6-1	2.2	4	1	1	1	3
Cochran-Gill	1.1	1	0	0	0	1
Wahl S, 8	1.0	0	0	0	1	1

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BRINSON

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commit enjoyed a breakout season in the Rangers' system in 2015. He advanced rapidly through two levels to Triple-A, where he hit .433 in eight games late in the year with the Round Rock Express.

Brinson spent a majority of last season with Single-A Advanced High Desert Mavericks, the Rangers' California League affiliate. He hit .337 with 13 home runs and 42 runs driven in 64 games. He was then promoted to Frisco, where he posted a .291 batting average and to go along with six long balls and 23 RBI.

Brinson said the 2015 campaign was as important as any in his professional career thus far. He knew he needed to step up after a so-so start to his career in 2012.

"I was just locked in, man," said Brinson. "Once you get locked in, it's hard to get out of it. I just had a lot of confidence in myself and told myself that last year was a big year, to kind of put myself on the map. I was just determined, I was locked in and it was a lot of fun."

So far this season with Frisco, Brinson hasn't been able to repeat the success he had in 2015. Though his power numbers have spiked, his batting average has dipped to just .226 (entering Wednesday) through 72 games with the RoughRiders.

Still, Brinson is less concerned with his numbers and where he might end up this season than he is with simply enjoying the game and his time as a pro player.

"We'll see what happens (with a possible trade)," Brinson said. "I just try to go out there and have fun. If you aren't having fun, then you aren't in the right business."

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Davis homers twice, Crisp goes deep as A's beat Rangers 6-4

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Khris Davis homered twice, Coco Crisp also went deep and the Oakland Athletics beat the AL West-leading Texas Rangers 6-4 on Wednesday night.

The A's have won four consecutive series for the first time since May 2014.

Crisp's two-run homer in the eighth, on a 99 mph fastball from Matt Bush (3-2), put the A's up 4-3. Davis added another two-run shot, his 25th homer of the season, later in the inning to chase the hard-throwing reliever.

Oakland is 9-4 since the All-Star break. The A's took two of three games in Texas, where they have gone 6-0-1 in their last seven series.

Ryan Dull (5-2) threw 1 1-3 perfect innings in relief of Sean Manaea, who struck out nine without a walk in 6 2-3 innings. Ryan Madson worked the ninth for his 22nd save in 28 chances, two nights after giving up Adrian Beltre's game-ending homer in the series opener.

Rangers starter Yu Darvish, winless in his last nine starts against Oakland, stuck out six without a walk and departed with a 3-2 lead after six innings.

New arms

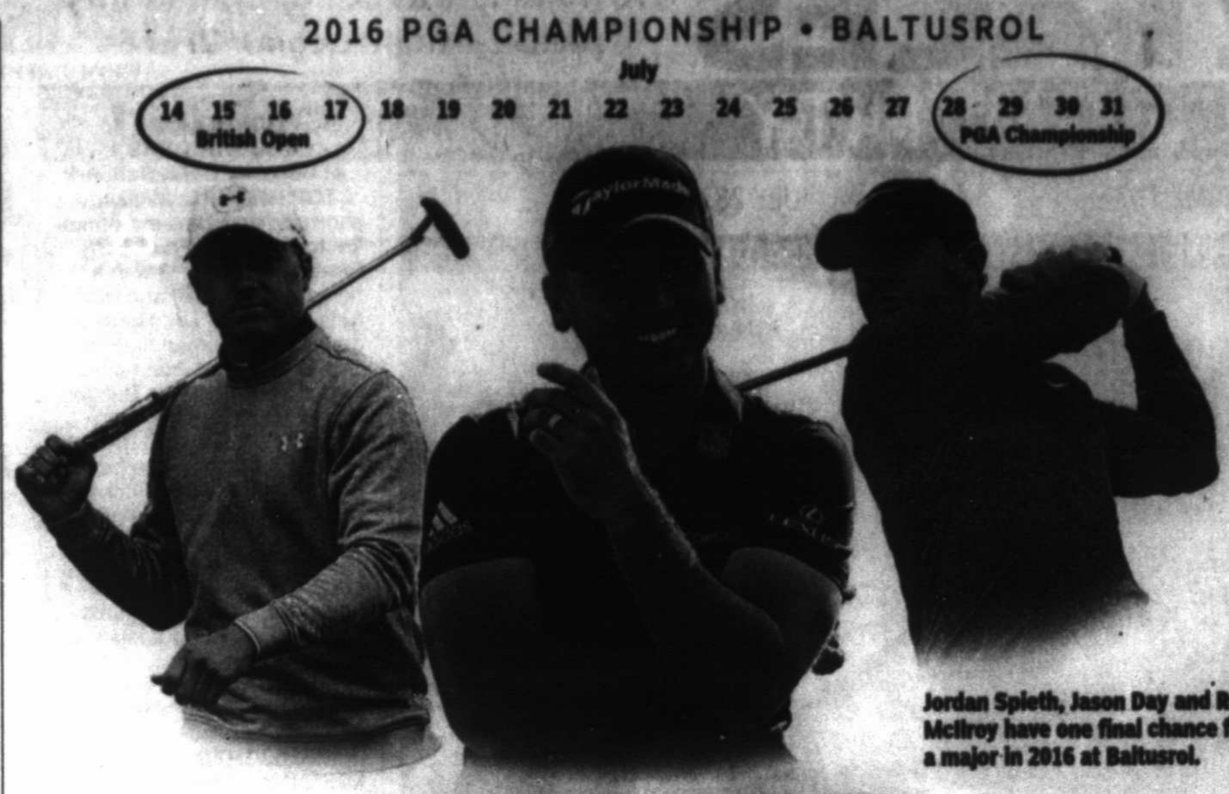
The Rangers acquired right-hander Lucas Harrell and left-hander Dario Alvarez from the Atlanta Braves for minor league infielder Travis Demeritte. Harrell could start Sunday for Texas, and Alvarez could be in the bullpen as early as Thursday.

Trainer's room

Athletics: LHP Rich Hill, who hasn't started since July 17 because of a persistent blister on his finger, will throw Friday without covering the blister. Manager Bob Melvin is "semi-optimistic" that Hill can pitch Sunday. If not, Sonny Gray will start the series finale at Cleveland.

Rangers: Texas Rangers slugger Prince Fielder will have his season-ending surgery Friday to repair a herniated disk in his neck. The surgery will be performed in Dallas by Dr. Drew Dossett, who two years ago did a cervical fusion of two disks just below the area that is bothering Fielder now.

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Jordan Spieth, Jason Day and Rory McIlroy have one final chance for a major in 2016 at Baltusrol.

MAJOR Turnaround

Players head to PGA Championship just two weeks after the British Open to make room for this year's Olympics

They spent four days in the wind and cold at Royal Troon, competing for a major championship and most of them losing the battle. So imagine how players felt when they trudged off the course for the last time and were reminded that the PGA Championship started in 11 days.

"That's pretty mad," Graeme McDowell said, a slight grin as he shook his head. "An unusual summer."

Blame it on Rio.

Golf is back in the Olympics for the first time since 1904, a dozen years before the PGA Championship even began. To make room for it, the PGA Championship agreed to move up to last week of July ahead of the Rio Games. The silver claret jug one week, a Wanamaker Trophy the next.

Historically, this is nothing new. The PGA Championship, until it settled comfortably into a traditional August date, used to be all over the calendar. Jack Nicklaus won the 1971 PGA Championship in February when it was held at PGA National in Florida. It was held in December 1929 at Hillcrest Country Club in Los Angeles. Over the years, the PGA Championship has been played in every month except for January, March and April.

One thing doesn't change about the 98th PGA Championship. It's the last one of the year, one last chance for players to reshape their seasons.

That starts with Jordan Spieth, Jason Day and Rory McIlroy. They began 2016 as the modern version of the "Big Three" because they had traded turns at No. 1 in the world and had combined to win five of the previous six majors. All three risk being shut out in the majors if they don't win at Baltusrol Golf Club on July 28-31.

Spieth is having a good year. He already has won two times, including in his home state of Texas. He was one bad swing away from winning the Masters. It just feels like a failure compared with last year, when he won two majors and his worst finish was missing the playoff at St. Andrews by one shot. That was always going to be the case, and it's starting to wear on him.

"Had last year not happened I'd be having a lot of positive questions," he said. "Instead, most of the questions I get are comparing to last year and, therefore, negative. Because it's not to the same standard. So that's almost tough to then convince myself that you're having a good year when nobody else ... even if you guys think it is, the questions I get make me feel like it's not."

One major could change everything.

Ditto for McIlroy, whose only victory was the Irish Open before a home crowd. McIlroy ended 2014 with two straight majors. Since then, he hasn't finished closer than five shots to the winner in six majors. Day has been No. 1 in the world since March, and his three victories are the most on the PGA Tour. They include a World Golf Championship and The Players Championship. It has been a very good year. A major makes it a great one.

The PGA Championship no longer uses the slogan, "Glory's Last Shot," even though it still applies.

MAJOR BREAKTHROUGHS

Only three times in the last 50 years have the four majors been won by players who had never won one, most recently in 2011. Now there's a chance of that happening again. Danny Willett won the Masters. Dustin Johnson won the U.S. Open. Henrik Stenson won the British Open.

They were first-time major champions with a strong pedigree. Willett was No. 12 in the world when he won the Masters, and the others were No. 6. Go all the way back to the height of Tiger Woods in 2000 to find four major champions with such a high world ranking.

BALTUSROL

The last two times Baltusrol hosted the U.S. Open, scoring records were set by Jack Nicklaus in 1980 and Lee Janzen in 1993. When it hosted the PGA Championship for the first time in 2005, only nine players broke par, led by Phil Mickelson at 276. The Lower Course designed by A.W. Tillinghast doesn't have a par 5 until the very end, and then it closes with two of them.

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FACTS & FIGURES

98th PGA Championship
July 28-31
Baltusrol Golf Club
(Lower Course)
Springfield, N.J.

Length: 7,462 yards

Par: 34-36 — 70

Field: 156 players (136 tour pros, 20 club pros)

Estimated prize money: $10.5 million

Winner's share: $1.89 million

Defending champion: Jason Day

Last year: Jason Day became the first player in major championship history to finish at 20-under par. He closed with a 5-under 67 at Whistling Straits for a three-shot victory over Jordan Spieth, who was trying to be the first player to sweep the American majors.

Check the calendar: The PGA Championship was moved to the last week in July because of golf being on the Olympic program for the first time since 1904. The last time the PGA was not played in August was in 1971, when it was held at PGA National in Florida in February. The last time it was held in July was in 1968 at Pecan Valley Country Club in San Antonio.

GARCIA

From 1C

won a major." The 43-year-old Englishman had a chance at the U.S. Open, British Open and Masters in successive years and he is among two players — Luke Donald is the other — to reach No. 1 in the world without ever having won a major. Rickie Fowler at No. 7 in the world and Garcia (No. 10) are the only players in the top 10 who have not won a major.

Garcia is different, because he has been at a high level for so long.

Just not high enough.

The Spaniard is no longer as temperamental, at times petulant, as he was earlier in his career when he accomplished so much at early age that he expected so much more. He complained about the breaks Woods got from the weather in the 2002 U.S. Open. His worst moment was in the 2007 British Open at Carnoustie, when he suggested he was playing "more than the field" because he couldn't catch a break.

He has thrown clubs. He has kicked shoes.

Now, it almost seems as though Garcia is resigned that his career could end without a major, even though he has such a long road ahead of him. Yes, he is surprised to have not won a major as he approaches two decades playing them.

He said it would have bothered him five or 10 years ago, but no longer.

"I understand how difficult it is to win every week," he said. "It doesn't matter if it's a major. It doesn't matter where it is. It doesn't matter if it's in the U.S., in Asia, in Europe, in Africa. It is tough to win. So that's great for the game of golf, and the only thing I can do is just keep giving myself chances and just wait for it.

"Hopefully, it will happen," he said. "If it doesn't happen, it's not going to change my life. I'm not going to go in a cave and stay there until I die."

Golf goes in cycle, and maybe this one favors Garcia.

In only three years dating to 1960 have the four Grand Slam events been won by players who previously didn't have a major, most recently in 2011 and 2003. The last four major champions dating to Jason Day last year at the PGA Championship had never won a major.

"I would love to make it five in a row," Garcia said.

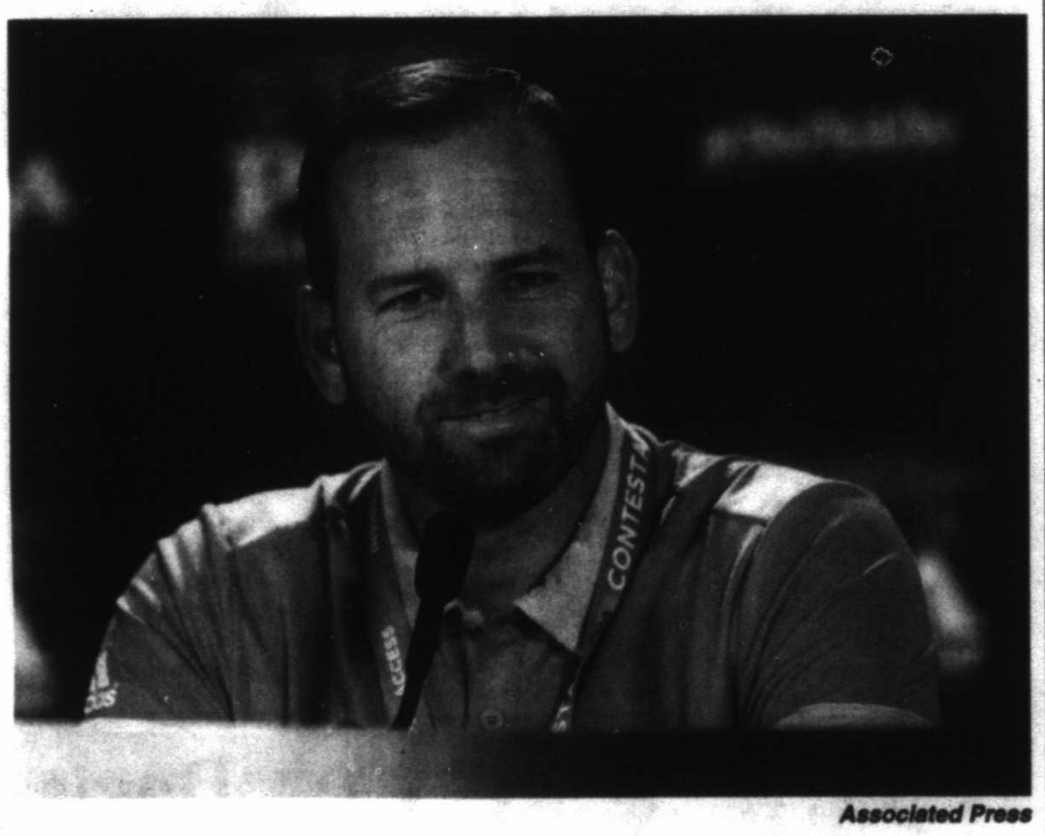
Also, all but one of the last 12 winners of the PGA Championship had won earlier in the year. Garcia won the AT&T Byron Nelson.

The tiniest smile appeared on Garcia's face when he was introduced Wednesday as playing in his 18th PGA Championship. Was it really that long ago when he closed his eyes and hit that shot out of the tree in 1999 at Medinah to finish one shot behind Woods?

Three first-time major winners this year give him hope, especially Stenson, a close friend.

"He's been giving himself a lot of chances, and he finally waited for that day where everything clicked and everything was happening," Garcia said. "So I think what that shows me is that never give up. Keep giving myself chances and keep waiting for that day when things really happen my way.

"And then hopefully," he added, "I'll be able to raise that trophy."



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Sergio Garcia smiles as he listens to a question during a news conference before a practice round for the PGA Championship golf tournament at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, N.J., on Wednesday.

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP TEE TIMES

At Baltusrol Golf Club
Springfield, N.J.
Purse: TBA
Yardage: 7,462; Par: 70
Today-Friday
First hole-10th hole

6 a.m.-11:15 a.m. — Mark Brown, United States; Patton Kizzire, United States; Bradley Dredge, Wales.
6:10 a.m.-11:25 a.m. — Tommy Sharp, United States; Jon Curran, United States; K.J. Choi, South Korea.
6:20 a.m.-11:35 a.m. — Josh Speight, United States; Kristoffer Broberg, Sweden; Jason Kokrak, United States.
6:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. — Daniel Berger, United States; Darren Clarke, Northern Ireland; David Lingmerth, Sweden.
6:40 a.m.-11:55 a.m. — Aaron Baddeley, Australia; Kevin Kisner, United States; Emiliano Grillo, Argentina.
6:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m. — Vijay Singh, Fiji; John Daly, United States; Padraig Harrington, Ireland.
7 a.m.-12:15 p.m. — Victor Dubuisson, France; Marcus Fraser, Australia; James Hahn, United States.
7:10 a.m.-12:25 p.m. — Soren Kjeldsen, Denmark; Scott Hend, Australia; Billy Hurley III, United States.
7:20 a.m.-12:35 p.m. — Charley Hoffman, United States; Matt Jones, Australia; Rikard Karlberg, Sweden.
7:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. — Robert Streb, United States; Vaughn Taylor, United States; Kevin Na, United States.
7:40 a.m.-12:55 p.m. — Roberto Castro, United States; Jonas Blixt, Sweden; Gregory Bourdy, France.
7:50 a.m.-1:05 p.m. — Omar Uresti, United States; Greg Chalmers, Australia; Ross Fisher, England.
8 a.m.-1:15 p.m. — David Muttitt, United States; Smylie Kaufman, United States; Zac Blair, United States.
11:15 a.m.-6 a.m. — Colt Knost, United States; Joe Summerhays, United States; Yuta Ikeda, Japan.
11:25 a.m.-6:10 a.m. — Ryan Palmer, United States; Rob Labritz, United States; Gary Woodland, United States.
11:35 a.m.-6:20 a.m. — Scott Piercy, United States; Alex Noren, Sweden; Andrew Johnston, United States.
11:45 a.m.-6:30 a.m. — Rocco Mediate, United States; Rich Berberian Jr., United States; Shaun Micheel, United States.
11:55 a.m.-6:40 a.m. — Anirban Lahiri, India; Tony Finau, United States; Matthew Fitzpatrick, England.
12:05 p.m.-6:50 a.m. — Luke Donald, England; Matt Kuchar, United States; Danny Lee, New Zealand.
12:15 p.m.-7 a.m. — Francesco Molinari, Italy; Shane Lowry, Ireland; Jim Furyk, United States.
12:25 p.m.-7:10 a.m. — Sergio Garcia, Spain; Jordan Spieth, United States; Bubba Watson, United States.
12:35 p.m.-7:20 a.m. — Justin Rose, England; Patrick Reed, United States; Charl Schwartzel, South Africa.
12:45 p.m.-7:30 a.m. — Danny Willett, England; Dustin Johnson, United States; Henrik Stenson, Sweden.
12:55 p.m.-7:40 a.m. — Graeme McDowell, Northern Ireland; Webb Simpson, United States; Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa.
1:05 p.m.-7:50 a.m. — Ben Polland, United States; Ryan Moore, United States; Kyle Reifers, United States.
1:15 p.m.-8 a.m. — Mitch Lowe, United States; Younghan Song, South Korea; Kevin Streelman, United States.

Thursday-Friday
10th hole-First hole

6 a.m.-11:15 a.m. — Chris Kirk, United States; Wyatt Worthington, United States; Fredrik Jacobson, Sweden.
6:10 a.m.-11:25 a.m. — Brian Gaffney, United States; Jeunghun Wang, South Korea; Jason Bohn, United States.
6:20 a.m.-11:35 a.m. — J.B. Holmes, United States; Brian Stuard, United States; Hideki Matsuyama, Japan.
6:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. — Matt Dobyns, United States; Tyrrell Hatton, England; Harris English, United States.
6:40 a.m.-11:55 a.m. — Ernie Els, South Africa; Rickie Fowler, United States; Zach Johnson, United States.
6:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m. — Jimmy Walker, United States; Chris Wood, England; Brendan Grace, South Africa.
7 a.m.-12:15 p.m. — Rafa Cabrera-Bello, Spain; Justin Thomas, United States; Paul Casey, England.
7:10 a.m.-12:25 p.m. — Brandt Snedeker, United States; Brooks Koepka, United States; Lee Westwood, England.
7:20 a.m.-12:35 p.m. — Keegan Bradley, United States; Adam Scott, Australia; Jamie Donaldson, Wales.
7:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. — Phil Mickelson, United States; Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland; Jason Day, Australia.
7:40 a.m.-12:55 p.m. — Bill Haas, United States; Andy Sullivan, England; Jamie Lovemark, United States.
7:50 a.m.-1:05 p.m. — Rod Perry, United States; George Coetzee, South Africa; Hideki Tanihara, Japan.
8 a.m.-1:15 p.m. — Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium; Ryan Helminen, United States; Jhonattan Vegas, Venezuela.
11:15 a.m.-6 a.m. — Michael Block, United States; John Senden, Australia; Harold Varner III, United States.
11:25 a.m.-6:10 a.m. — Johan Kok, United States; Troy Merritt, United States; Kevin Chappell, United States.
11:35 a.m.-6:20 a.m. — Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark; Fabian Gomez, Argentina; P. Jozef Hanley, United States.
11:45 a.m.-6:30 a.m. — David Toms, United States; Rich Beem, United States; Steve Stricker, United States.
11:55 a.m.-6:40 a.m. — James Morrison, England; Brandon Stone, South Africa; Billy Horschel, United States.
12:05 p.m.-6:50 a.m. — Jason Dufner, United States; Y.E. Yang, South Korea; Martin Kaymer, Germany.
12:15 p.m.-7 a.m. — Brendan Steele, United States; Bernd Wiesberger, Australia, Byeong Hun An, South Korea.
12:25 p.m.-7:10 a.m. — Marc Leishman, Australia; Russell Knox, Scotland; Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Thailand.
12:35 p.m.-7:20 a.m. — Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand; Jim Herman, United States; Thomas Pieters, Belgium.
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Jason Day sees Baltusrol for the first time

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, N.J. — Jason Day's plan to defend his PGA Championship took a turn he wasn't expecting.

It is rare for a player considered one of the favorites in a major not to see the golf course until the day before the tournament starts, but that's how the world's No. 1-ranked player will try to handle Baltusrol Golf Club, the site of this year's PGA Championship.

"I haven't played a practice round. I haven't seen the course. I don't know what it looks like," Day said Wednesday before heading out for a practice round. "I was with Doug Steffen, the head pro, last night at the champions' dinner. I went through pretty much every hole with him for about 20, 30 minutes, kind of going over all the holes. I'm going to try and touch them all today, but obviously the prep's been a little on the lighter side. So I need to come in and try to get a good, solid 18 holes in today so I kind of know where I'm going."

Day's plan had always been to take Monday off. Tuesday became a day of tending to a sick family and himself.

"Dash and Lucy (his children) are sick right now, and kind of Dash passed that on to me a little bit," Day said. "I'm OK. I'm fine. I'm just a little bit under the weather. Ellie (his wife) had an allergic reaction last night and had to go to the hospital. We were there until 2 o'clock or something like that. So I'm kind of running on 'E' right now. She's fine. Everything was great."

The 28-year-old Australian has eight wins in 2015 and 2016, but he hasn't had a good first round in any of the majors this year, which makes his having two Top Ten finishes in them all the more impressive.

He shot a 72 to start the Masters and was able to finish tied for 10th. At the U.S. Open at Oakmont, he started with a 76 and rallied to finish tied for eighth. At the British Open he started with a 73 and finished tied for 22nd at Royal Troon.

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Jason Day

"I think there's a little bit of expectation obviously on my shoulders; that I've got off to a great start this year. You've got to come out and fire on all cylinders and get yourself up the leaderboard and show people that you're there and you're ready to win," he said. "I think if you try a little bit too hard sometimes, you can kind of shoot yourself in the foot. I think that's what I did in the first two majors."

Since the PGA went to stroke play in 1958, only Tiger Woods has repeated as champion, in 2006 and 2007. Besides chasing Tiger, Day is also trying keep that No. 1 ranking he claimed after winning the World Match Play Championship in March. He could lose it this week if things fall right between himself and U.S. Open champion Dustin Johnson.

"It's definitely important. I really want to obviously finish No. 1 in the world at the end of the year," Day said. "But I think the biggest thing for me is to really understand what I need to do to win each week, or get myself into contention. Because the hardest part is obviously trying to stay consistent for so many years; it's very, very difficult. I think the last guy we had was Tiger Woods that was very consistent. Each week that he played, he was pretty much in contention."

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THURSDAY PRIME TIME — JULY 28, 2016

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KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Running Wild With Bear Grylls		Game Night "Oh Yes, It's Ladies Night" (N)		2016 Republican Convention (L)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Convention "Democratic Convention" Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff anchor complete live coverage of the Democratic convention. (L)						Charlie Rose (N)	World News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Pasion y poder		Tres veces Ana		Noticias Univision "La Recta final"		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Fam. Feud	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX		340	575		165		(6:40) Good Will H...		The Last Days of Disco				The Grifters Anjelica Huston.				Basic Instinct 2	
HBO		300	590	14	14		Real Sports With Bryant Gumbel		VicePrin		Our Brand Is Crisis Sandra Bullock.				Bill Maher	(:35) The Night Of	Wednes	
HBO2		302	591	15	101	23	(6:00) We Are Mi...		The Boy Next Door		Looking: the Movie				Sex Quiz	SexTips	Bailers	Lucy
HBO5		304	352	16	102		(5:10) 27 Dresses Katherine Heigl.				Ghost ('90, Rom) Patrick Swayze.				(:15) The Longest Ride Britt Robertson.			
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(5:10) Horrible Bosses 2		Outcast				(:55) Fifty Shades of Grey				Knocked Up	
MAX2		382	598	18	122		Movie		The Pyramid Boris O'Hare.				Batman Returns Michael Keaton.		(:25) Brokeback Mountain			
PLEX				96			(:40) Like Father, Like Son		(5:45) Fools Rush In Matthew Perry.						(:25) Dudley Do-Right		The Double-O Kid	
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	Ray Donovan		Roadies		Good Luck Chuck Jessica Alba.				Gigolos	Gigolos	Roadies	
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:30) Shrink If Yo...		Pulp Fiction ('94, Cri) John Travolta.						(:25) Battle Royale (2000, Horror)		Movie	
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	The First 48		The First 48	Inside the Tape	The First 48		To Be Announced		(:05) The First 48 "Cranked"		(:05) The First 48	(:35) First 48
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(5:00) Pirates of t...		Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows ('11, Act) Robert Downey Jr..								Terminator Salvation	
BET		58	-		40		Eve	Eve	Baggage Claim (2013, Comedy) Taye Diggs, Paula Patton.						Martin	Dish	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	76		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Flipping Out (N)		Housewives NJ		Watch (N)	Flipping Out		Shahs
CNBC		46	52		39	72	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		Democratic (L)		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		America's Choice		America's Choice		America's Choice		America's Choice	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Naked "Panama"		Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Bizaard.	Friends		How to Build a Better Boy		(:15) Girl M.	LivMad	(:05) Walk	Underc.	Girl M.	Austin
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	(5:00) SportC	MLS Soccer All-Star Game Site: Avaya Stadium (L)					SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	(5:30) ATP Tennis Rogers Cup (L)		ESPN		CFL Football Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Edmonton Eskimos (L)						Baseball Tonight (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		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(4:30) Jurassic Park		(:45) Men in Black ('97, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.						The 700 Club		Kim P.	Kim P.
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Sport-sDay (N)	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Kansas City Royals at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Cowboys Camp (L)	Texans Huddle	SportsD-ay OnAir
FX		31	56	59	64	69	Movie	The Other Woman ('14, Com) Cameron Diaz.					Sex&Drug	Sex&Drug	Sex&Drug	Date Night Tina Fey.		
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 (N)	H.Hunt	House	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Mountain Men		Mountain Men		Mountain Men (N)		(:05) OzzyandJack		(:05) Mountain Men		(:05) Mountain Men	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	My Crazy Ex		My Crazy Ex		My Crazy Ex (N)		I Love You "Gold Digger/ Paranoid" (N)		Born This "Game of Love" (SP) (N)		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				Crazy Train		Nitro Circus		Crazy Train		Crazy Train		Nitro Circus		Crazy Train	
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	Crashlet	Thunder	Garfield: The Movie			F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	The Final Destination		
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	Atomic Shark (2016, Action)				Ice Sharks (2016, Sci-Fi) (P)					Dark Tide ('12, Thri) Halle Berry.		
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld "The Bris"	Seinf. "The Lip Reader"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Conan (N)		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	Movie	Movie	Scarecrow Gene Hackman.				The Last Detail Jack Nicholson.				Wise Blood	
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Silvana Sin Lana		Sin Senos Sí Hay Par		Señora acero		Al rojo	Decision	Sin Senos Sí Hay Par	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	Tots/Tiara "America's Trezured Dollz"		Toddlers/Tiara "Little Mr. and Miss Nevada"		Tots/Tiara "Southern Majestic Pageants"		Tots/Tiara "Island of Dreams Pageant"		Big Fat Fabulous Li. "Flirting With Disaster"		Tots/Tiara "Island of Dreams Pageant"	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Watershed"		The Hangover (2009, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms.				Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy ('04, Com) Will Ferrell.				CSI: NY "Right Next Door"	
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	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Reasonable Doubt"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Forgiving Rollins"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Daydream Believer"		Queen "El Engano Como la Regla" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Poisoned Motive"		Mr. Robot "age2.2_init_1.astec"	
WGN		19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Diplomat incident avoided: Aussies get rooms at Rio Olympics

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — A near-diplomatic incident — as Rio de Janeiro Mayor Eduardo Paes termed it — came to an end on Wednesday ahead of the Olympics.

The Australian delegation gave the mayor a tiny "boxing kangaroo" doll as the sign of a truce. It also said it's now happy with its rooms at Rio's Olympic Athletes Village.

The 700-member delegation refused to check in three days earlier because of water and gas leaks, electrical shorts, malfunctioning toilets and general filth.

The unfinished village, built at a cost of about $1.5 billion, marks the first organizational crisis of South America's first Olympics, which open in just over a week. Attention now shifts to dozens of venues, which will be filling up in the next few days with thousands of athletes hoping to practice. Problems here could make village problems seems small.

"It was almost a diplomatic thing," the mayor said, speaking to Australian officials and members of the men's field hockey team at the 31-building village.

Paes apologized and acknowledged Australia's "was the worst building."

"Australia was right," he said. "It was not in good shape. That was a mistake of the organization. What we have to do now is go ahead and organize it. They've got their building now, and I hope things go well from now on."

As his offering, Paes gave delegation head Kitty Chiller the keys to the city, and a doll representing the official mascot Vinicius.

Australian officials said about 50 athletes were living in the village on Wednesday accompanied by almost 100 additional staff members.

Rio organizers said 2,902 people occupied the village on Wednesday — 849 of them athletes.

The village will accommodate 18,000 athletes and staff at its peak, but many delegations are still away at private training venues for a few more days. The crunch should come next week in the run-up to the opening ceremony on Aug. 5.

Putin slams 'discrimination' as banned athletes join send-off

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin hit out at "discrimination" against the country's banned track and field athletes at a Kremlin send-off ceremony Wednesday for its depleted Olympic team.

Fencers and triathletes became the latest team of Russians to be cleared to compete in the Olympics by their sports' governing bodies ahead of the Moscow ceremony, but the IAAF rejected a bid by the bulk of the track and field team to be reinstated.

More than 100 Russians from the 387-strong Olympic team have been banned so far from going to Rio de Janeiro.

"We can't accept indiscriminate disqualification of our athletes with an absolutely clean doping history," Putin said. "We cannot and will not accept what in fact is pure discrimination."

Putin said the athletes banned from the Olympics were victims of a campaign to present Russian sports in a bad light. He spoke with two-time Olympic pole-vaulting champion Yelena Isinbayeva, the most high-profile of the 67 track and field athletes banned from the games, standing beside him.

Fighting back tears, Isinbayeva told Rio-bound Russian athletes: "Show them what you're able to do — for yourself and for us too."

As the athletes walked across Red Square to meet Putin, some posed for selfies with Vitaly Mutko, whose sports ministry was accused by the World Anti-Doping Agency of orchestrating the doping cover-up. The sports minister has been blocked by the International Olympic Committee from attending the games next month but he remains in Putin's government.

The IAAF is the only sport to impose a near-blanket ban on Russians, only deeming one — long jumper Darya Klishina — eligible for Rio

"The situation went beyond the legal field as well as common sense," Putin told the audience, which included many of the banned athletes.

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There is one letter that, when added to all of the seven-letter words below, can be used to form new eight-letter words. Find the letter that works for all four words, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

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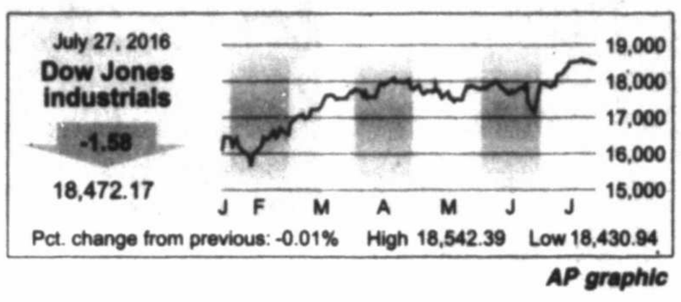
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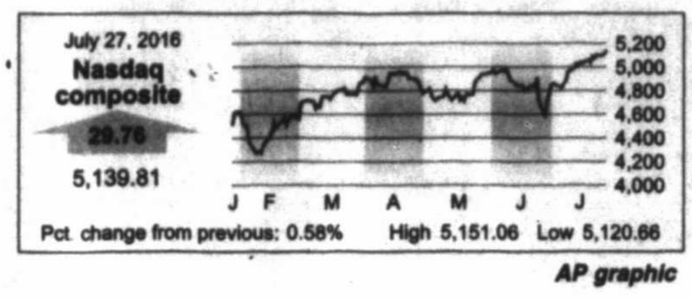
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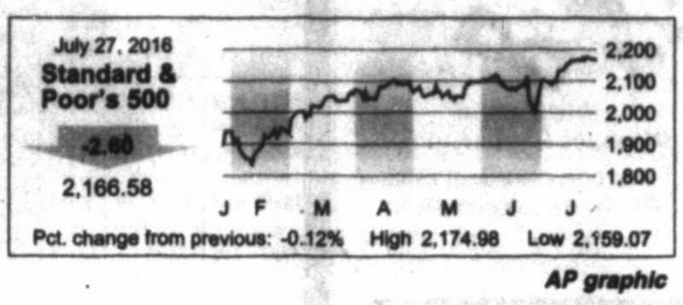
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $41.92
Previous: $42.92

POSTED

Wednesday: $38.25
Previous: $39.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $34.70
Previous: $35.95

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $2.672
Previous: $2.712



Oil majors lost one engine; now the second one is sputtering

Bloomberg

If Big Oil was a two-engine airplane, you could say it's been flying on a single engine since energy prices crashed in 2014. Now, the second motor is sputtering.

The major integrated oil companies, including Exxon Mobil, Total and BP, have relied on their so-called downstream businesses, which include refining crude into gasoline, oil trading and gas stations, to cushion the losses on their upstream units, which pump crude and natural gas.

"The crash in oil prices in late 2014 brought refineries worldwide a pleasant surprise: booming margins," said Amrita Sen, chief oil analyst at consulting firm Energy Aspects in London. "But now, the market is changing."

BP, the first major to report second-quarter results, showed the impact on Tuesday. The British company said its downstream earnings fell to $1.51 billion from $1.81 billion in the first quarter and $1.87 billion a year ago. Refining margins were the weakest for the April-to-June period in six years, BP said.

Worse, the company said the refining margins will remain "under significant pressure." So far in the third quarter, its in-house measure of margins stood at $10.70 a barrel, little more than half the $20 it achieved between July and September 2015. Valero Energy Corp., the largest U.S. refiner, also said on Tuesday it faced "weaker gasoline and distillate margins" during the quarter.

While the downstream business is sputtering, it's still keeping the plane aloft. Margins remain well above the depressed levels of $5 to $7 a barrel of the late 1990s and early 2000s.

In part, Big Oil sowed the seeds of its problem. Companies pushed their refining units as hard as possible in late 2015 and early 2016, using them to cushion the impact of low energy prices. All went well while demand growth was robust, but as soon as it slowed, refined products, particularly gasoline, swamped the market.

U.S. gasoline futures briefly fell below $1.31 per gallon on Tuesday, the lowest for this time of the year in at least a decade, before closing 0.9 percent higher. Prices were down 0.5 percent at $1.34 at 11:13 a.m. in London. The drop in gasoline is dragging down crude as investors fear that refiners, facing low margins, will cut processing rates. West Texas Intermediate traded at $42.66 a barrel Wednesday, down about 17 percent from its most recent peak of $51.67 in early June.

With oil and natural gas production barely profitable at current prices, the drop in refining margins foreshadows a difficult second half for majors that rely on their "integrated" model of upstream and downstream businesses to cushion periods of low prices.

Over the last few quarters, downstream "has been the key cash generator" for major oil companies, Nitin Sharma, an oil analyst at JPMorgan Chase in London, said in a note to clients ahead of the reporting season. With refining now faltering, Harold "Skip" York, vice president of integrated energy at consulting firm Wood Mackenzie in Houston, said companies will need to tighten their belts further.

Stocks edge lower

Stocks ended Wednesday's trading slightly lower as shares of energy companies and consumer goods makers outweighed gains in technology companies like Apple.

Investors also worked through the Federal Reserve's latest policy statement. The Fed didn't make any changes to interest rates but left the door open for increases later this year.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 1.58 points, less than 0.1 percent, to 18,472.17. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 2.60 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,166.58. The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite rose 29.76 points, or 0.6 percent, to 5,139.81.

Apple jumped $6.36, or 6.6 percent, to $103.03. While the company reported lower revenue and iPhone sales, it still earned $7.8 billion last quarter, well above analysts' estimates. Apple had been one of the biggest drags on the market this year as investors became concerned that its years of massive growth were coming to an end. Apple nearly erased its loss for the year.

"The expectations for Apple were abysmal," said Daniel Morgan, a portfolio manager at Synovus Trust Company who owns Apple shares.

Metal prices end mixed

In metals, the price of gold rose $5.90 to $1,326.70 an ounce, silver rose 31 cents to $20 an ounce and copper fell 4 cents to $2.19 a pound.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	998186	14.83	+.10
VanEGold	900442	29.80	+1.30
Twitter	803211	15.77	-2.68
S&P500ETF	733194	216.52	-.23
iShEMkts	654586	36.01	+.12

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Unisys	10.04	+2.09	+26.3
USANA	141.66	+16.87	+13.5
Domtar g	39.53	+4.20	+11.9
Drdgold	8.38	+.88	+11.7
USSteel	25.49	+2.54	+11.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Alere	31.47	-12.59	-28.6
Alere pfB	279.87	-70.12	-20.0
DxGlMBr rs	5.16	-1.03	-16.6
GlobusMed	22.27	-4.16	-15.7
Twitter	15.77	-2.68	-14.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,399
Declined	1,615
Unchanged	110
Total issues	3,124
New Highs	225
New Lows	9
Volume	3,897,624,820

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	65474	4.78	-.38
B2gold g	48451	2.99	+.21
MGT Cap	34909	2.86	+.05
SynergyRs	32907	6.50	-.05
BarcGSOil	32200	5.31	-.07

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MastchHld	7.79	+1.39	+21.7
YumsE pfA	5.00	+.59	+13.4
Pfenex	8.26	+.71	+9.4
NwGold g	4.78	+.38	+8.6
AskanoG g	4.01	+.31	+8.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NewConcEn	3.07	-.62	-16.8
Compx	13.70	-1.49	-9.8
GormanR	25.84	-2.04	-7.3
AmShrd	2.05	-.15	-6.8
SagaComm	39.24	-2.66	-6.3

DIARY

Advanced	209
Declined	163
Unchanged	20
Total issues	392
New Highs	5
New Lows	2
Volume	101,424,338

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	8418988	102.95	+6.28
CSVixSh rs	682981	1.25	-.08
SiriusXM	608507	4.40	+.05
Facebook	400284	123.34	+2.12
MicronT	341633	14.19	-.48

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Sequenom	2.35	+1.50	+176.1
Medgus n	2.13	+.82	+62.6
XteraCm n	2.25	+.83	+58.5
PsychmCp	18.25	+4.36	+31.4
RecroPhrm	9.90	+2.22	+28.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Anavex rs	4.46	-3.03	-40.5
SkyPFJce	9.26	-3.75	-28.8
AptevoTh n	5.51	-1.39	-20.1
SupercdT rs	3.01	-.62	-17.1
HutchT	2.04	-.42	-17.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,638
Declined	1,180
Unchanged	200
Total issues	3,018
New Highs	157
New Lows	36
Volume	2,024,075,050

SABMiller said to order halt to AB InBev integration work

Bloomberg

SABMiller has suspended work on integrating the brewer's operations with that of suitor Anheuser-Busch InBev, according to a person familiar with the matter, potentially throwing the industry's biggest deal ever into disarray.

SABMiller management sent the order to employees, said the person, who asked not to be identified because the matter is private. Representatives for AB InBev and SABMiller declined to comment.

The revelation came a day after AB InBev nudged its cash bid for the British brewer up to 79 billion pounds ($103.6 billion) to account for the pound's plunge in the wake of U.K.'s vote last month to leave the EU. That followed pressure from investors who said the deal was unacceptable because stockholders weren't being treated equally. The acquisition is in the home stretch, receiving regulatory clearance from South Africa and the U.S. in recent weeks, and now risks becoming an unintended casualty of Brexit.

SABMiller's board is still reviewing AB InBev's improved offer and has not decided to walk away from the deal, different people familiar with the matter said. Advisers to the two brewing companies are still working on the transaction, the people said.

The development sent shares of Molson Coors Brewing Co. down as much as 8.9 percent. The U.S. brewer is set to acquire SABMiller's stake in the MillerCoors brewing venture as part of the deal, which is still awaiting approval from Chinese regulators. SABMiller's American depositary receipts fell 4.6 percent. The news came after European markets closed.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $37.20 Down 1.05

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $119.61 Down 1.13

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $7.56 Down 0.10

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $85.36 Down 0.53

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.66 Unchanged

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.90 Down 0.09

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $24.64 Up 0.09

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $33.60 Down 0.89

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $7.88 Down 0.02

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.65 Down 1.41

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	20	6.70	+.52	+199.1
AT&T Inc	1.92	17	42.76	+.38	+24.3
AbbottLab	1.04f	25	43.67	+.07	-2.8
Abraxas	...	...	1.14	-.01	**+7.5**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**	...	13.07	**+.04**	**+1.9**
AMD	...	...	6.85	-.13	+138.7
AkamaiT	...	22	50.51	-7.58	-4.0
Alcoa	.12	33	10.74	+.07	+8.8
AlonUSA	.60	...	6.80	-.23	-54.2
Amgen	**4.00**	**18**	**170.68**	**+3.01**	**+6.1**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**53.80**	**-.94**	**+10.7**
AnalogDev	1.68	22	63.33	+.46	+14.5
Apache	**1.00**	...	**61.78**	**-.99**	**+16.4**
Apple Inc	2.28	12	102.95	+6.28	-2.2
ApldMatl	**.40**	**25**	**26.90**	**+.09**	**+44.1**
ArcelorMit	...	...	6.02	-.06	+87.2
Archrock	.38m	...	9.05	-.32	+20.3
ATMOS	**1.68**	**24**	**78.84**	**-.75**	**+25.1**
AutoData	2.12	29	94.93	-.79	+12.1
BP PLC	**2.40a**	...	**34.57**	**-.02**	**+10.6**
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	18.00	-.19	+4.3
BakrHu	.68	...	44.53	-.25	-3.5
BkofAm	.20	12	14.63	+.10	-13.1
B iPVixST	...	...	10.75	-.25	-46.5
BarrickG	.08	61	21.35	+.90	+189.3
BasicEnSv	...	...	.85	+.01	-58.3
BerkHa A	...	**152163**	**300.00**	**-100.00**	**+9.4**
BlkHillsCp	**1.69f**	**30**	**62.53**	**-.47**	**+34.7**
BrldyBq	**1.52**	**63**	**76.47**	**+1.41**	**+11.2**
BrownFA	**1.36f**	**33**	**104.09**	**-1.30**	**-5.5**
BrownFB	**1.36f**	**29**	**96.60**	**-1.57**	**-2.7**
CVS Health	1.70f	19	92.73	-1.12	-5.2
Caterpillar	3.08	23	84.10	+1.35	+23.7
Celestic g	...	11	11.32	+.10	+2.6
Cemex	.29t	...	7.10	+.13	+32.6
CntryLink	2.16	16	30.71	+.08	+22.1
ChesEng	...	...	5.19	-.16	+15.3
Chevron	**4.28**	...	**102.26**	**-.42**	**+13.7**
Chicos	.32	48	12.02	+.05	+12.7
Cimarex	.32	...	113.21	-1.54	+26.7
Cisco	1.04	15	30.76	-.12	+14.2
Citigroup	.20	12	44.29	+.14	-14.4
ClayEng	...	...	**37.20**	**-1.05**	**+25.8**
CliffsNRs	...	**87**	**7.85**	**-.17**	**+396.8**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CocaCola	**1.40**	**25**	**43.40**	**-1.48**	**+1.0**
ColgPalm	**1.56**	**26**	**73.28**	**-.70**	**+10.0**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**26**	**45.98**	**-.85**	**+8.1**
ConchoRes	...	...	**119.61**	**-1.13**	**+28.8**
ConocoPhil	**1.00**	...	**40.07**	**-.72**	**-14.2**
Corning	.54	19	21.49	-.22	+17.6
CrackerB	4.60f	22	155.76	-1.49	+22.8
CSVelIVST	...	...	31.90	+.71	+23.6
CSVLgCrd rs	...	...	...	19.44	-1.13
CSVixSh rs	...	...	1.25	-.08	-60.0
CrosTim	**1.12e**	**12**	**19.04**	**+.04**	**+46.3**
DCP Mid	3.12	25	32.85	-.43	+33.2
DTE	2.92	21	97.23	-.77	+21.2
Dataram rs	...	...	2.19	+.46	+10.6
DevonE	**.24**	...	**36.13**	**-1.33**	**+12.9**
DirDGlBr rs	...	...	5.68	-.89	...
Disney	**1.42**	**17**	**96.33**	**-.36**	**-8.3**
DowChm	**1.84**	**17**	**53.63**	**+.09**	**+4.2**
EMC Cp	.46	19	28.34	-.06	+10.4
EOG Resce	**.87**	...	**79.78**	**-.87**	**+12.7**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**25**	**33.65**	**+.11**	**+19.9**
EnCana g	.06	...	7.64	-.41	+50.1
Energen	.09	...	44.24	-.98	+7.9
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	39.23	-.52	+16.3
EnPro	**.84**	...	**48.54**	**+.29**	**+8.2**
EntProdPt	**1.60f**	**22**	**28.49**	**-.17**	**+11.4**
EpirusBi h	...	...	.19	+.10	-93.9
Ericsson	.46e	...	7.48	+.03	-22.2
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**29**	**90.91**	**-.82**	**+16.6**
Facebook	...	58	123.34	+2.12	+17.8
FiatChrys	...	...	6.70	-.30	-27.1
FordM	**.60a**	**6**	**13.84**	**-.02**	**-1.8**
FrptMcM	...	...	13.06	+.38	+92.9
GATX	**1.60**	**7**	**44.13**	**-.86**	**+8.7**
GeoMetT	**.04e**	...	**7.43**	**+.02**	**+3**
GAInv	**1.15e**	...	**32.40**	**+.02**	**+1.4**
GenElec	**.92**	**20**	**31.28**	**-.10**	**+.4**
GtPlainEn	**1.08**	**21**	**29.70**	**-.42**	**+8.8**
HP Inc	.50	9	13.99	-.19	+18.2
HalconRs rs	...	...	.40	+.05	-68.3
HallBrtn	**.72**	...	**42.92**	**-.32**	**+26.1**
Hilton	.28	17	23.17	-.70	+8.3
HostHotls	**.80a**	**20**	**17.14**	**-.46**	**+11.7**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iAMGld g	...	17	5.00	+.37	+252.1
ICICI Bk	.16e	...	7.98	+.15	+1.9
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.85	+.02	-2.2
iShSilver	...	...	19.37	+.71	+46.9
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	35.65	-.14	+1.0
iShEMkts	.84e	...	36.01	+.12	+11.9
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	57.42	+.21	-2.2
iShR2K	1.77e	...	121.14	+.34	+7.6
Intel	**1.04**	**17**	**34.83**	**-.26**	**+1.1**
InterDig	.80	18	59.07	+.23	+20.5
JohnJn	**3.20**	**20**	**124.77**	**-.38**	**+21.5**
Keycorp	.34	11	11.57	+.05	-12.3
KlmbrClk	**3.68**	**22**	**130.80**	**+1.78**	**+3.5**
KindMorg	.50	33	20.25	-.48	+35.7
Kinross g	...	...	5.01	+.17	+175.3
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.66	...	-5.1
LinearTch	1.28	29	59.23	-3.26	+39.5
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**4.66**	**+.01**	**+4.3**
MarathnO	.20	...	13.13	-.65	+4.3
McDnlds	3.56f	23	119.48	-2.23	+1.1
Merck	**1.84**	**22**	**58.60**	**+.24**	**+10.9**
MertMtel	**...**	**46**	**23.20**	**+1.08**	**+24.8**
MexcoEn	...	...	2.80	-.19	-13.3
MicronT	...	46	14.19	-.48	-4.2
Microsoft	**1.44**	**25**	**58.19**	**-.57**	**+1.3**
MolsCoorB	**1.64**	**37**	**93.13**	**-4.98**	**-.8**
Nabors	**.24**	...	**9.12**	**-.32**	**+7.2**
NetGrld	**3.35e**	...	**73.05**	**-.57**	**+8.0**
NOilVarco	1.84	17	31.27	-.59	-6.6
NvPtM	**.78e**	...	**15.00**	**+.06**	**+9.8**
NuvPf	**.82a**	...	**15.36**	**+.01**	**+8.9**
NSTPS	**.95a**	...	**15.66**	**+.10**	**+7.7**
NTXOI	**.95**	...	**15.66**	**+.07**	**+8.5**
OcciPet	**3.04f**	**66**	**74.16**	**-.93**	**+8.7**
OfficeDpt	...	52	3.81	+.09	-36.0
PerTech	...	**91**	**5.12**	**-.01**	**-23.9**
PerkDrl	...	...	**2.04**	**-.06**	**+12.1**
PetIUTI	**.08m**	...	**19.64**	**-.57**	**+30.2**
PennaRE	**.54**	...	**24.50**	**+.55**	**+12.3**
Pimian	.30e	19	6.71	-.04	+32.6
Petrobras	...	...	8.33	-.08	+93.7
Pfizer	**1.20**	**19**	**36.85**	**+.02**	**+14.2**
PioNtrl	.08	71	150.83	+1.53	+20.1
PlainsAAP	**2.80**	**20**	**27.16**	**-.55**	**+17.8**
PwShs QQQ	**1.52e**	...	**114.58**	**+.79**	**+2.4**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Praxair	**3.00**	**23**	**118.34**	**-.06**	**+15.6**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**59.06**	**+.08**	**+11.5**
PUVixST rs	...	21	28.25	-1.38	...
ProctGam	**2.88**	**28**	**84.46**	**-.81**	**+6.4**
RangeRs	**.08**	...	**40.48**	**-1.39**	**+64.5**
RegionsFn	.28f	13	9.10	-.05	-5.2
Rowan	.40	20	15.34	-.74	-9.5
RoyDShllA	3.76	82	53.95	-.41	+17.8
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	184.58	-.02	+6.1
SpdrGold	...	...	128.03	+2.03	+26.2
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	216.52	-.23	+6.2
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	33.22	-.70	+9.9
SabnR	2.28e	14	36.55	+.23	+39.2
SanderFm	**.88a**	**14**	**86.27**	**-2.49**	**+11.3**
Schlmbrg	2.00	39	79.88	-.72	+14.5
Sequenom	...	...	2.35	+1.50	+43.3
SiriusXM	...	40	4.40	+.05	+8.1
Smucker	3.00f	22	151.74	-.96	+23.0
Sprint	...	...	5.79	-.46	+59.9
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	54.19	-.82	+7.3
SP Engy	2.04e	...	66.69	-.86	+10.6
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.64	-.01	-.8
SP Util	1.55e	...	51.61	-.60	+19.2
SunocoLog	2.00f	38	28.66	-.08	+11.5
TeleflEsp	**1.03e**	...	**10.01**	**+.25**	**-8.5**
Tesoro	2.00	5	75.97	-2.76	-27.9

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3M Co	4.44	22	178.27	+.61	+18.3
Torchmark	**.56**	**15**	**61.40**	**-.24**	**+7.7**
Transocn	...	21	10.68	-.46	-13.7
TriContl	**.82e**	...	**21.33**	**+.04**	**+6.5**
Twitter	...	...	15.77	-2.68	-31.8
TylerTech	...	**67**	**166.50**	**-1.42**	**-5.1**
UBSi	**1.32**	**20**	**39.24**	**+.53**	**+6.1**
US OilFd	...	...	9.90	-.18	-10.0
USSteel	.20	...	25.49	+2.54	+219.4
Vale SA	.29e	...	5.77	+.10	+75.4
ValeroE	2.40	8	52.21	-.46	-26.2
VanEGold	.12e	...	29.80	+1.30	+117.2
VanE JrGld	...	...	47.92	+2.57	+149.5
VangEmg	1.10e	...	36.86	+.05	+12.7
VerizonCm	2.26	15	55.32	+.51	+19.7
VulcanM	**.80**	**55**	**125.66**	**+1.30**	**+32.3**
WEC Engy	1.98	22	63.99	-.68	+24.7
WalgBoots	1.50f	24	79.94	-1.39	-5.1
WealthInt	...	...	5.73	-.22	-31.7
WellsFargo	1.52	12	48.00	+.03	-11.7
WstnRefin	1.52	6	20.53	-.81	-42.4
WhitingPet	...	...	7.35	-.46	-22.1
WmeCos	2.56	...	23.28	-.28	-9.4
XcelEngy	**1.36**	**21**	**43.69**	**-.29**	**+21.1**
Xerox	.31	21	10.00	+.05	-5.9
Yamana g	.02m	...	5.89	+.43	+216.7

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,622.01	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	18,472.17	-1.58	-.01	+8.01	+4.06
8,530.82	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,861.45	-118.85	-1.49	+4.70	-5.64
723.83	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	704.80	-8.39	-1.18	+21.98	+22.53
10,933.39	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,739.77	-33.22	-.31	+5.88	-1.32
5,176.77	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,139.81	+29.76	+.58	+2.64	+.58
2,175.63	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,166.58	-2.60	-.12	+6.00	+2.75
1,555.57	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,548.49	-5.22	-.40	+10.72	+3.39
22,541.08	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	22,464.39	-33.72	-.15	+6.13	+1.23
1,244.98	943.09	Russell 2000	1,218.93	+2.07	+.17	+7.31	-.87

TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 94 Low: 75
FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 93 Low: 75
SATURDAY: Sunny High: 93 Low: 76
SUNDAY: Sunny High: 93 Low: 76
MONDAY: Sunny High: 93 Low: 76
TUESDAY: Sunny High: 93 Low: 76

Local forecast

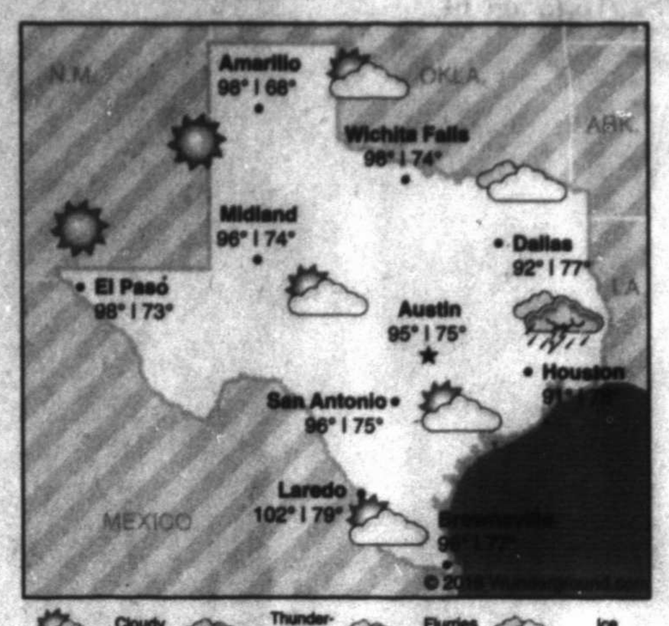
There's a 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms today, according to the National Weather Service. Otherwise, it will dry and hot.

The record high for July 27 is 106 set in 1995, 1954 and 1944. The record low is 60 set in 1973. On July 27 of last year, the high was 103 and the low was 79.

National weather

A plume of moisture moved onshore over the Gulf Coast on Wednesday, while a cold frontal boundary extended from southeast Canada to the northern Plains.

A warm and moist air mass surged across the Gulf Coast and interacted with a stationary front. This interaction produced rain and thunderstorms in the southern Plains, the Gulf Coast, the lower Mississippi Valley, the Tennessee Valley and the Mid-Atlantic. Flash flood warnings were issued for north central Tennessee and south central Kentucky, while flood advisories were issued in southern Louisiana. Lafayette, La., reported a midday total of 4.36 inches of rain. Springfield, Mo., reported a midday total of 1.74 inches of rain.



Precipitation

Tuesday	0.10 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.12 in.
Year total	7.02 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.65 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	99
Low	72
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	7:02 a.m.
Sunset	8:48 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, July 28

Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy



Sweet man sours marriage by calling his wife fat

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: I am a large, overweight woman. I have been in the process of losing weight for more than five years. I got married three years ago to an amazing guy. He's the sweetest man I have ever met.

Something he said recently really bothers me. He said he thinks I'm fat. While I know I'm fat — and admit it out loud — I never thought it was appropriate for your significant other to say it to you.

I am at a loss as to what to do because he is right, but it hurts my feelings that he not only thinks it but says it. I have tried talking to him about how it makes me feel, but he just shrugs his shoulders. He sees nothing wrong with calling me fat. What do you think? — BIG GIRL IN CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

DEAR BIG GIRL: If you call yourself fat, then it's possible your husband didn't think his doing so would hurt your feelings. Straighten him out. And when you do, tell him what other terms you would prefer he use (i.e., "big and beautiful," "bountiful and bodacious," etc.).

Point out that whether it is a large or small amount, getting weight off is difficult. Also, it's not unusual for people who are hurting to eat more in order to compensate. He married you when you were heavier, so he should be aware not only that you're making progress, but also that you need his support.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 30 and have lived with my boyfriend, "Shane," for two years. We spend lots of time together, our families socialize and we have a good relationship. My problem is Shane's use of social media. He takes a lot of pictures and posts them online while we're together, but I am never in them and he never mentions that I'm there.

Example: We took trips to Las Vegas, New York and Jamaica. He posted dozens of pictures of himself, but none of us together. When we go to nice restaurants, he shoots pictures of the food and solo selfies, but never mentions that I'm there, too. He has female friends I have never met who comment on all his fabulous adventures.

It appears to me that Shane has created an online image as an exciting, jet-setting single guy. But when I say that, he tells me I am being "immature." I am considering ending the relationship because of this. What do you think? — OUT OF THE PICTURE

DEAR OUT OF THE PICTURE: When a couple has been living together for two years and spends the majority of their time together, their friends usually know they are involved. That Shane has cultivated an image of himself online as fancy-free seems strange to me, too. It may be that he is self-centered, or that he's not as committed to your relationship as you would like him to be.

When you tell a person something bothers you, and that person not only doesn't do something about it but blames you, it's a red flag. But if everything else in the relationship is as fine as you say, it doesn't have to be a deal-breaker. I assume you have a social media presence of your own. I suggest that you fill it with lots of pictures of Shane, the two of you together and the places you're going together.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Two-over-one?

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ K 6 5 3
♡ A K 8 6 3
◇ 6
♣ J 9 6

WEST
♠ 7 4 2
♡ 10 2
◇ 10 3
♣ A K Q 8 5 4

EAST
♠ A Q J 8
♡ Q 7
◇ Q J 9 7 4
♣ 7 3

SOUTH
♠ 10 9
♡ J 9 5 4
◇ A K 8 5 2
♣ 10 2

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♡	Pass	2♣	Dbl
Pass	3♡	All pass	

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

Today's deal is from a recent team match between a team using the Two-Over-One system that is popular with today's tournament players against a team of seasoned veterans using more traditional methods.

At one table, the auction went as shown, with West promoting his hand only slightly to make a two-level bid showing his excellent club suit. West led the ace of clubs, saw the seven from partner, and paused to consider the defense. It looked like East had a doubleton club and had at most two hearts. East would surely have rebid a six-card diamond suit, if he held one, so West placed his partner with 4-2-5-2 distribution. He shifted accurately to a spade at trick two. East followed the plan perfectly by winning his jack of spades when declarer ducked in dummy, cashing his ace of spades, and reverting to clubs. The third round of clubs promoted East's queen of trumps into the setting trick. Nice defense!

At the other table, West couldn't respond two clubs, as that would create a game force. He responded one no-trump instead, and heard a two-heart overcall by North, a pass from partner, and a jump to four hearts by South. West decided that he had to bid his excellent club suit at some point and he tried a bid of five clubs. This was promptly doubled by North. Four red-suit winners followed by a third round of diamonds set the contract three tricks for an ugly penalty of 500 points. The veterans had an easy win.

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, July 28, 2016:

This year you often are driven to make a good impression. You seek to improve how you communicate and express your feelings. You also become more concerned about your image. You might overspend when adding to your wardrobe. If you are single, meeting people will not be difficult. You might date several different potential suitors before you find someone you are passionate enough about to want to commit to. If you are attached, the two of you often get involved in your community together. You also socialize and enjoy your friends to no end. GEMINI delights you with his or her multidimensional personality.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Confusion is the natural order of the day. Others could become angry, as no one seems to be listening and/or understanding what anyone is saying. Avoid getting stuck in a difficult conversation. Postpone it, if possible. Tonight: Catch up on someone else's news.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You seem to be more levelheaded than many people; however, you still try to listen and understand where others are coming from. You might be a bit shaken by some confusion around your personal life. Keep money commitments on hold for now. Tonight: Treat yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Slow down in the morning. You could feel as if the world is working against you. What you can count on is getting a second wind later in the day. Someone could be a lot angrier than you realize; give this person some space! Tonight: Do not hesitate to wish upon a star.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You could be tired and wondering what would be the best course of action to take. Others might not be receptive in a conversation. You could find that a good friend is being slightly irritating. Try not to lose your temper. Tonight: Make a point of having a leisurely evening.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Others might be unusually critical, or will come up with surprising conclusions. You might want to avoid taking a course that will cause people to be more argumentative. Someone close to you expresses frustration with a personal issue; take the time to listen. Tonight: Join friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Reach out for more feedback from experts, especially if you don't agree with someone else's conclusion on a personal matter. Take charge and assume the lead only if you are sure of yourself. Do not push others away. Tonight: Live the moment to the max.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ One-on-one relating will get you better results. You tend to walk a more conservative path, although it becomes clear that a close associate is more adventurous than you are. Know that you will be able to handle what is heading your way. Detach. Tonight: Get into a favorite game.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You could be overly tired and withdrawn, as you seem to have difficulty relating to what is going on. You currently might find the pressure to be a little too much to handle. First try to detach rather than argue. Tonight: Try to understand where a loved one is coming from.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Use the morning for what you must accomplish. By the afternoon, an unexpected element involving a child or a creative matter could distract you. Others seek you out, and you respond. Weigh the pros and cons before accepting an invitation. Tonight: Paint the town red.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You seem to be serious-minded, but inside you could be laughing at what is occurring around you. You might be distracted by a personal matter involving a loved one. Curb a tendency to hold a grudge; you don't want to hold on to negativity. Tonight: Play it easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Accomplishing what you must could feel overwhelming. You even might be tempted to throw out important papers or dispose of dirty dishes! Laughter will help you bypass any obstacles. A more upbeat mood will greet you in the afternoon. Tonight: Ever playful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Defer to a neighbor or sibling rather than have an argument. Before committing any funds to a project, balance your checkbook. You could have some unexpected expenses. A conversation opens up a door. Free yourself up by midafternoon. Tonight: Do what you want.

BORN TODAY

Former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis (1929), singer Rudy Vallee (1901), soccer player Harry Kane (1993)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Novelist celebrated on Bloomsday
6 Leaves on a shelf?
11 Pampering place
14 Spheres of study
15 Like 1-Across
16 Granola grain
17 Host of a program also known as "The Factor"
19 "What a cutie!"
20 Pampas weapon
21 Slanted text: Abbr.
22 "A" on many a cornerstone
23 He or I
24 Feature of some German nouns
27 Lee material
29 Locks
30 Half a repartee
32 Stick around
33 Berliner's direction
34 '60s-'70s sitcom whose four original family members were married over the course of the series
37 Wee amount
39 "Glee" extra
40 Backing
41 Belgian diamond center
43 Expressive tweet space-savers
47 Virus symptom, perhaps
51 Cries of clarity
52 Temptation garden
53 "O, beware, my lord, of jealousy" speaker
54 Banks on a runway
55 Place for a screwdriver
56 Private details ... or what's found in this puzzle's circles
59 Before, to Byron
60 Action movie climax
61 Toys in laps, briefly
62 Newsman Koppel
63 Pompeo of "Grey's Anatomy"
64 Hobbit on a quest

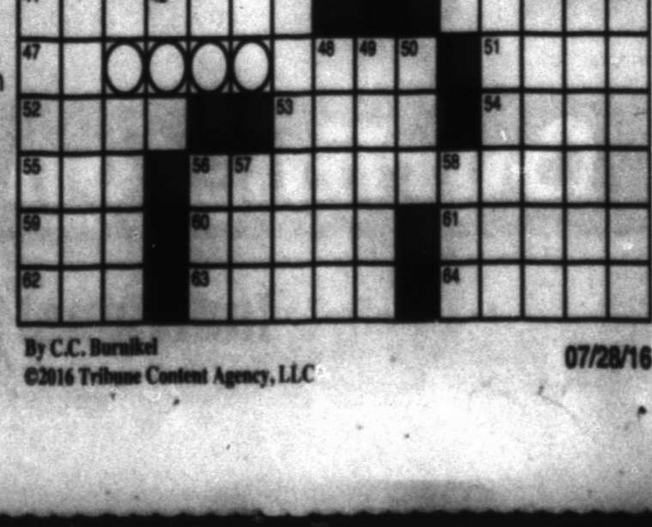
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2 Player with an orange-and-black logo
3 Federal Reserve chair after Bernanke
4 Great misfortune
5 Anka's "__ Beso"
6 Michelangelo statue
7 Courier alternative
8 Manufacturer of Venus razors
9 Immigrant's subj.
10 Uncomfortable in singles bars
11 No-goodniks
12 "Dances With Wolves" natives
13 If all goes wrong
18 Edge
22 Short reply?
25 Clutch
26 Pooh's gloomy pal
28 Monster High doll maker
31 "Done!"
32 C-SPAN fig.
34 Complained under one's breath
35 Retaliatory act
36 "Oh, it's fine"
37 Low-risk wager
38 How some foolish things are done
42 Pallid
44 Tribute song on John Lennon's "Imagine"
45 Rattled
46 Mom's argument-ending words
48 More than see
49 Birth city of most of the Osmonds
50 Seafood delicacy
56 Hotel amenity
57 Org. with 30 franchises
58 Hawaiian Tropic lotion letters

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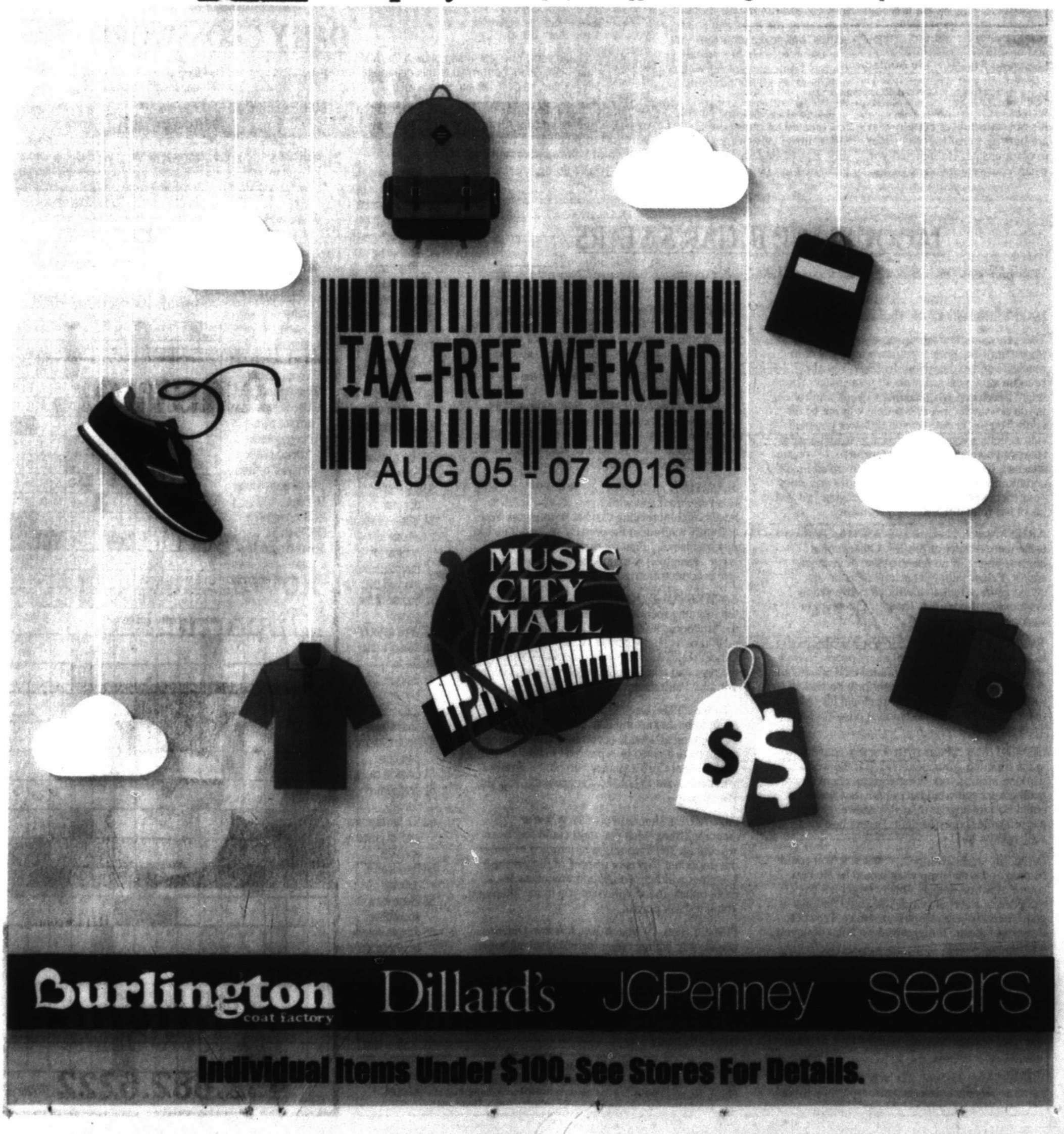


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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

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Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

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Shop Hand

Local company seeks shop hand/r. Apply in person at 3913 FM 715, Midland Texas 79706

Survey Party Chief

KSA is hiring a SURVEY PARTY CHIEF - San Angelo, Midland, Odessa areas. Please visit: www.ksaeng.com to apply."

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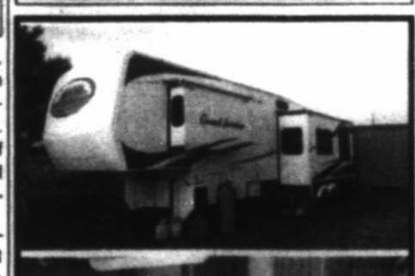
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Recreational Vehicles





2007 DUTCHMAN GRAND JUNCTION
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The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 2515. The proposed injection well is located 3.4 miles southwest from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' - 7867' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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Furniture: Buffet; dining table with eight chairs; breakfast table with six chairs; like-new three-cushion leather sofa with ottoman; three multi-functional tables; four thirty inch barstools; sleeper sofa; sofa table; leather-top coffee table; ottomans; Jenny Lind full size bed; antique dressers and mirrors; antique chest of drawers; LG fifty-six inch flat-screen TV; Sharp twenty-one inch flat-screen TV; recliner.

Kitchen: LG side-by-side refrigerator; Frigidaire refrigerator; Kenmore washer and dryer; various kitchen items; silver plate items; Lenox, Waterford, and Noritake items.

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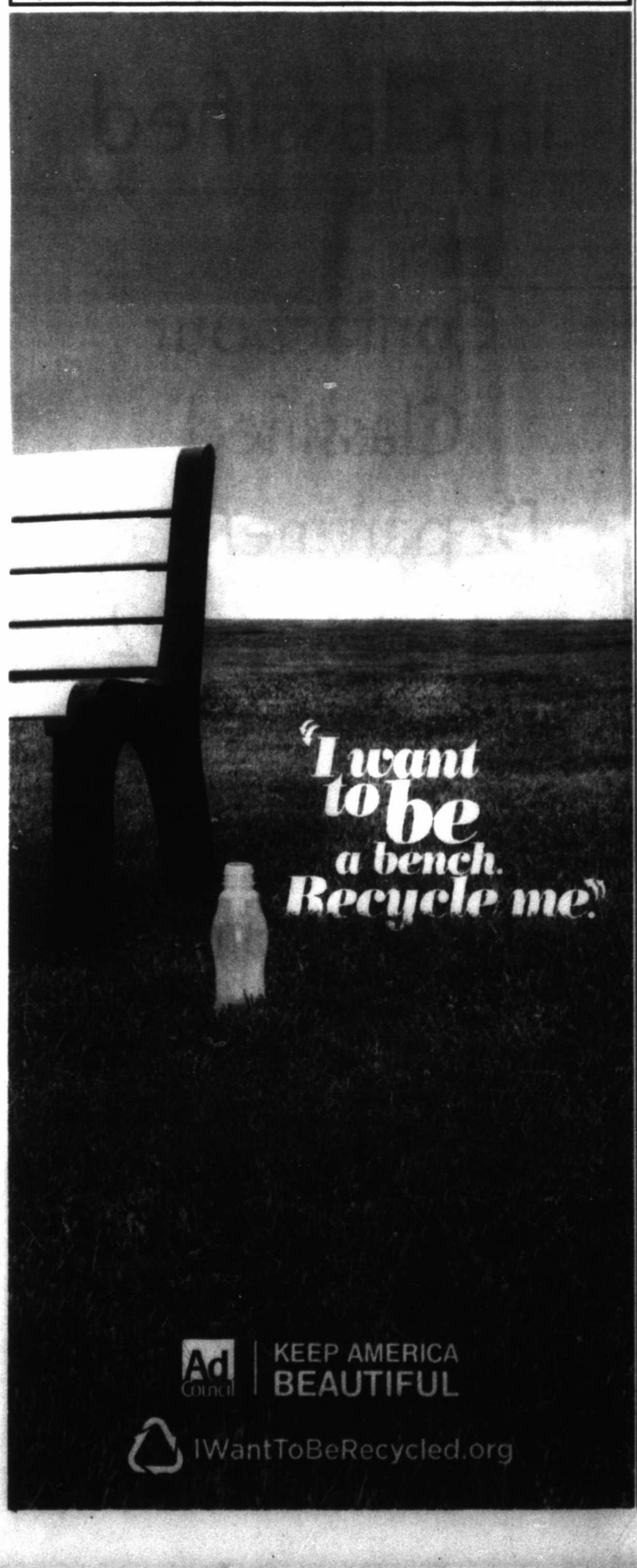
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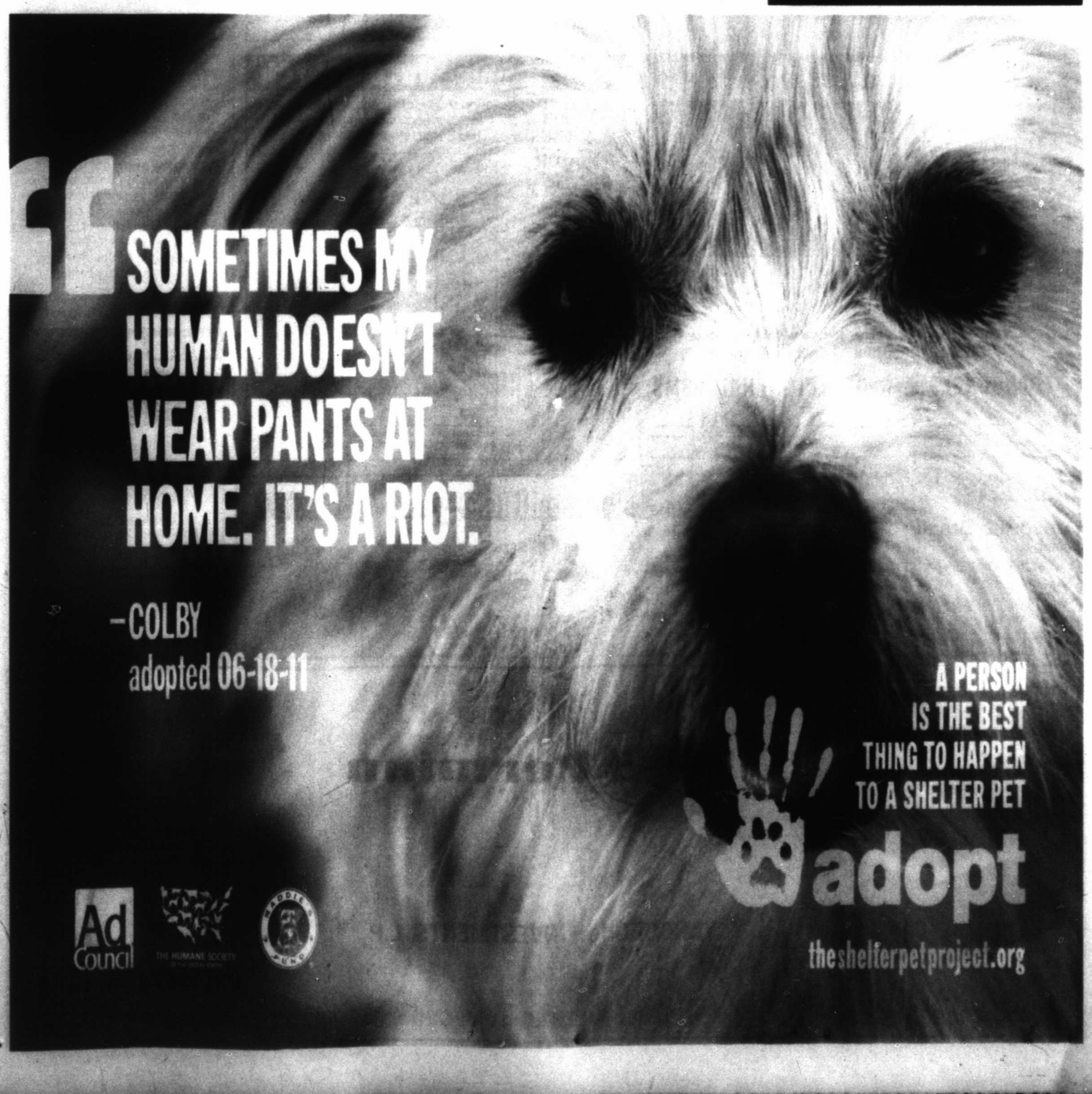
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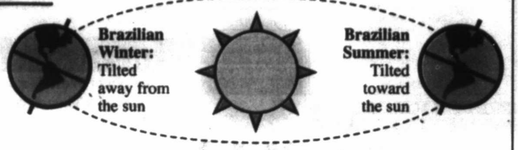


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Most of Brazil is located south of the equator. Because the earth rotates around the sun on a small tilt, seasons are different north and south of the equator.



Summer is the warmest time of the year. Not because the planet is closer to the sun, but because where it is summer, the planet is tilted towards the sun.

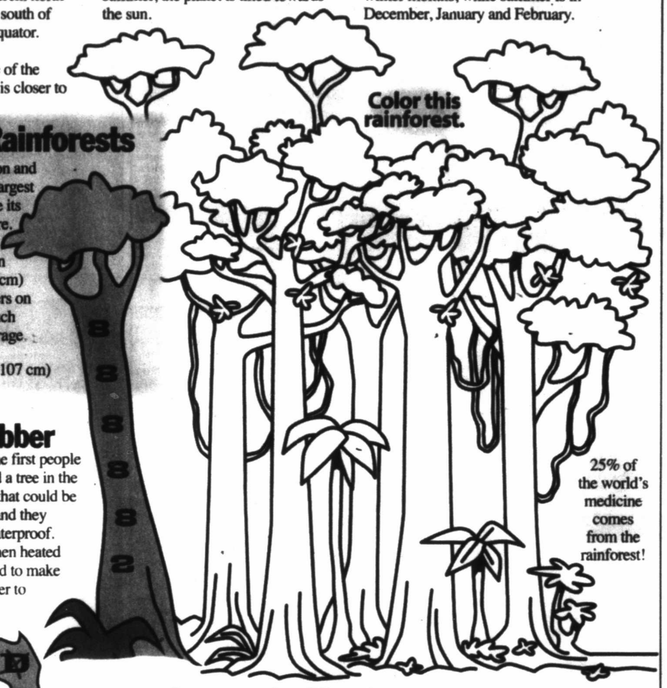
In Brazil, June, July and August are the winter months, while summer is in December, January and February.

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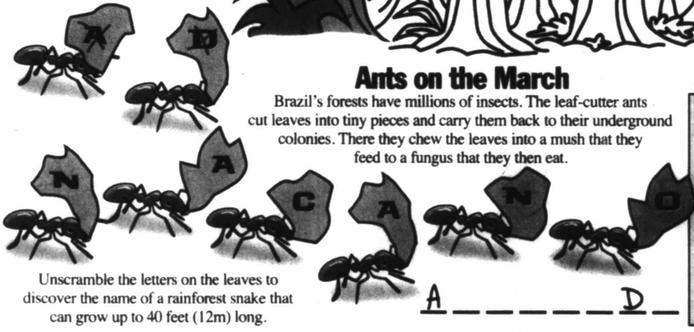
The western Amazon region gets about 160 inches (400 cm) per year. Add up the numbers on this tree to find out how much New York City gets on average.

_____ inches (107 cm)



Rainforest Rubber

Amazonian Indians were the first people to make rubber. They found a tree in the rainforest with a white sap that could be used as an insect repellent and they made their feather robes waterproof. The Indians learned that when heated over a fire, the sap thickened to make rubber. They used this rubber to make shoes and balls.



Ants on the March

Brazil's forests have millions of insects. The leaf-cutter ants cut leaves into tiny pieces and carry them back to their underground colonies. There they chew the leaves into a mush that they feed to a fungus that they then eat.

Unscramble the letters on the leaves to discover the name of a rainforest snake that can grow up to 40 feet (12m) long.

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Extra! Extra!

Signs of the Season

Look through the newspaper for signs of summer. Cut them out and make a "Summer Where I Live" poster.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The green on Brazil's flag stands for its forests and fields. Yellow is for the country's rich deposits of gold. The blue circle represents the night sky and its twenty-seven stars are for Brazil's 26 states.



The stars are arranged in the constellations that were visible the day Brazil became independent from Portugal. The phrase *ORDEM E PROGRESSO* is also on the Brazilian flag.

Circle every other letter to see what the words ORDEM E PROGRESSO mean in English.

TODRBDNEKRLATNVDQPTRJOWGHRLERSMS

OR _

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

WATERPROOF
OLYMPICS
EQUATOR
WINTER
PLANET
BRAZIL
TILTED
FUNGUS
RUBBER
AMAZON
LEAVES
SHOES
RAINS
FIRE
SAP

E	W	A	D	E	T	L	I	T	R
M	Q	W	P	I	I	N	W	S	T
A	R	U	L	Z	E	I	R	C	F
M	U	R	A	I	N	S	S	I	S
A	B	R	N	T	A	E	R	P	U
Z	B	G	E	P	O	E	A	M	G
O	E	R	T	H	M	R	E	Y	N
N	R	S	S	E	V	A	E	L	U
W	A	T	E	R	P	R	O	O	F

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

From the Kid Scoop Lesson Library

Describe Brazil

After reading today's Kid Scoop page, look through the newspaper for five or more adjectives that describe Brazil. Cut them out, paste them on a piece of construction paper you have cut into the shape of Brazil.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify adjectives.

What do you call 100-year-old ants?



ANSWER: Antiques!

Weekly Writing Corner

My Big Achievement

Students describe their greatest achievement to date.

My greatest achievement was when my team, the Rockets, won our final league game to get into the playoffs. We were tied two each and it was close to the end of the game. We needed a win to go through. I don't know how I got the ball but I hit it as hard as I could GOAL!!! It went into the bottom right hand corner. Everyone was so excited and my dad took us all out for ice cream.

Jade, 5th grade

I think my greatest achievement is that I have read all the Harry Potter books. I love these books and I can still remember most of the details. My teacher read the first one in class but I read it myself too. My favorite book is Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban and my favorite character is Hagrid.

David, 6th grade

My greatest achievement has to be when I wrote a poem for our poetry teacher and he included it in a book of poems from all the kids in our town. My poem didn't make the cover but it made me proud. We had a special poetry reading in our local bookstore and anyone who wanted to could read their poem. I read mine and everyone applauded. It was my proudest moment!

Alex, 6th grade

Once I saved a penalty kick in soccer and that is very hard to do. I don't much like being the goalkeeper but that day I felt like I had played well.

D.J. 4th grade

My greatest achievement is when my essay was chosen and was published in Kid Scoop. A few of my classmates had their names published before me and every week I would check the newspaper but my name was not in the list. Then, one day, there it was. My family was very proud and I was very happy.

Kathryn, 6th grade

I learned to ride my bike. It was hard. I took lots of falls but my dad helped me and we kept on trying. Then one day it just all worked and I could ride. We kept the training wheels on for a little bit but then my dad said I was doing fine and he took them off. Now I ride down the bike path and I always wear a helmet.

Tucker, 3rd grade

At Christmas I got a huge Lego truck. The instructions were in two booklets. My mom said it was too advanced for me but I really wanted to make the truck. Part way through we found there was a piece missing and we couldn't go on. We looked for it everywhere but it just disappeared. My mom wrote to Lego and they sent her the piece. It took me a long time but I finally was able to finish my truck. Everything works and it is BRILLIANT. I hope that I get another Lego on my birthday.

Carl, 5th grade

Write On!

Make a Difference

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