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BACK IN IT

Pat Rafferty will soon be stepping back onto the floor at Chaparral Center. Midland College welcomed back Rafferty as the Chaps' new head men's basketball coach on Wednesday.

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HOTEL/ MOTELS OIL SALES CRIME

MIDLAND BY THE NUMBERS

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland sees $40M decrease in hotel-motel business

■ Total receipts reached $114.5 million in 2014

By Stewart Doreen
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An increase in the number of hotels and a decrease in demand means the heated hotel/motel market is in the community's past.

Figures from the Texas Comptroller's Office are providing a glimpse of the extent of that decline.

According to numbers on the comptroller's website, hotels and motels in Midland experienced a decrease of nearly $44 million during the calendar years from 2014 to 2016. In 2016, hotels reported more than $70.6 million in total receipts. That number is less than the $95.2 million in 2015 and the $114.5 million in 2014.

The number of hotels increased from 39 in February 2013 to 53 this year, according to the comptroller.

Just as total receipts dropped, so did taxable receipts, which translated to lower hotel-motel tax collections. Cities can use hotel-motel tax revenues to enhance and promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry, according to the Texas Municipal League. Those expenditures must fit into one of

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Hotel business in Midland

(according to statistics from the Texas Comptroller's site)

Total receipts

2016	$70,699,885
2015	$95,209,350
2014	$114,541,836

Hotel-motel tax

2016	$5,290,840
2015	$7,835,435
2014	$6,512,643

Nonprofit grants

2016	$2.507 million
2015	$2.262 million
2014	$2.478 million

Midland Center costs

2016	$772,676
2015	$800,410
2014	$814,886

Money sent to projects

2016	$7.296 million
2015	$1.044 million
2014	$1.674 million

Actual 2017
(through seven months)

Hotel-Motel tax	$3.662 million
Nonprofit grants	$2.109 million
Midland Center costs	$1.119 million
Money sent to projects	$2.215 million

Note: Midland Center costs include first bond payment of $789,504

Source: City of Midland

Every expenditure of the hotel occupancy tax must clearly fit into one of nine statutorily provided categories for expenditure of local hotel occupancy tax revenues.

1. Funding the establishment, improvement, or maintenance of a convention center or visitor information center.
2. Paying the administrative costs for facilitating convention registration.
3. Paying for advertising, solicitations and promotions that attract tourists and convention delegates to the city or its vicinity.
4. Expenditures that promote the arts.
5. Funding historical restoration or preservation programs.
6. Funding certain expenses, including promotional expenses, directly related to a sporting event within counties with a population of under 1 million.
7. Funding the enhancement or upgrading of existing sports facilities or sports fields for certain municipalities.
8. Funding transportation systems for tourists.
9. Signage directing tourists to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guests in the municipality.

Source: Texas Municipal League

MPD: Midland crime down 32.5 percent

672 PART I CRIMES

From staff reports

Part I crimes in Midland were down 32.5 percent for the first quarter of 2017 compared to the same quarter in the previous year, according to statistics compiled by the Midland Police Department.

Part I crimes are those most likely to be reported and are serious in nature and/or volume, and are reported to the FBI on an annual basis, according to MPD.

There were 672 Part I crimes (criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft) reported from January through March, compared to 996 for the same quarter in 2016 and 912 in 2015. There were decreases in reported assaults, burglaries and larceny theft and decreases in the categories of robberies and motor vehicle thefts, according to MPD.

There were increases in forcible rape and homicide.

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$45.72

Oil price falls 5 percent on supply data

From staff reports

The price of oil fell 5 percent Wednesday on supply data.

The Energy Information Administration's weekly petroleum status report said crude oil supplies, excluding the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, rose 3.3 million barrels to 513.2 million barrels in the week ending June 2, the most current week. Also, the week's crude supplies were higher by 11.4 million barrels than the year-ago figure.

Oil in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve dropped 1.7 million barrels to 685 million barrels.

West Texas Intermediate futures contracts for July settled Wednesday at $45.72 a barrel, down $2.47 (5.13 percent) on the day. It's the lowest close in five weeks. May 4 marked the lowest price of the year at $45.52.

WTI has an average price of $50.81. Its year high is $54.45.

Plains Marketing posted prices also were down. The Reporter-Telegram tracks WTI "all other areas" and West Texas sour. WTI posted fell $2.25 (5.06 percent) to $42.25. Sour fell $2.25 (5.47 percent) to $38.85.

Sales tax collection rises 16.55 percent

From staff reports

The city's sales tax collection is up for the third straight month.

The city of Midland reported a 16.55 percent increase in its monthly sales tax collection during the month of June. The $2.934 million in revenue was an increase of $416,865 from June 2016. It also marked the first time the city reported consecutive double-digit percentage increases since February 2015.

Sales tax collections have been up four of the five months this calendar year. Going into the year, the string of consecutive monthly decreases (compared to the same month in the previous year) was 22.

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Sales tax collections this year

January	0.64 percent increase
February	11.01 percent decrease
March	7.9 percent increase
April	11.6 percent increase
May	16.55 percent increase

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Price of oil
$45.72 ▼ $2.47
July 2017

The big number
450 miles is how long an Odessa man drove to try and kill his ex-wife and children. Page 4A

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hootenanny
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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Obituaries

Edward L. Dillon

April 4, 1926 - May 22, 2017

Edward L. Dillon, 91, died May 22, 2017 in Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio, Texas after a short illness.

He was born on April 4, 1926 in Muncie, Indiana to Edward Richardson Dillon and Nellie Gillette Lamblin. Mr. Dillon graduated with a B.S. Navel Science and Engineering degree from the University of Illinois, a Master's degree in Geology with Minors in Electrical Engineering and Science from the University of Illinois, and pursued Doctoral studies in Geology (advanced tectonics and statistics) at the University of Michigan and Rice University in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Dillon was inducted into the United States Navy on July 1, 1944 in St. Louis, Missouri, honorably discharged on June 6, 1947, and remained in the United States Naval Reserves for 39 years, retiring June 3, 1986 at the rank of Commander.

His successful civilian career spanned decades and consisted of Division Geologist for Shell Oil Company in Midland, Texas; President of Information & Computing Centers Corporation; Consultant to Stanoil (Norwegian National Oil Company; Senior Staff Geology for Lone Star Projection Company (now Enserch); Chief Geologist & Exploration Manager for Occidental of Libya; West Texas District Manager for American Trading and Production Corporation (ATAPCO) in Midland, Texas; President of Nomad Exploration Corporation in Texas and Louisiana, Chairman of the Board & Chief Explorationist for Reserve Development Corporation (REDCO); and, Owner and Consulting Geologist of Eastern Shelf Production Company until his death.

Over his career he discovered and/or participated in the discovery of over 55 oil and gas fields, and planned and carried out exploration programs in the United States, Libya, and Israel.

He was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, a Certified Petroleum Geologist, an AAPG Distinguished Lecturer, a Charter Member AAPG Division of Environmental Geosciences, and a member of the AAPG Division of Professional Affairs. He was active on the Water Board of Kinney County, Texas, served as President of the Rotary Club, and President of the Del Rio/Fort Clark Chapter of the Military Officer Association of America (MOAA). Mr. Dillon was also instrumental in the development of Fort Clark Springs.

Mr. Dillon is preceded in death by his father, Edward Richardson Dillon; his mother, Nellie Lamblin Gillette Dillon; and by his brothers, Jack Richardson Dillon, and John Richard Dillon.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Barker Dillon; his three natural children, Edward "Ned" Hamilton Dillon, Eugene Charles Dillon, and Janet Dillon Whilden Miller; his stepdaughters, Debra Braneckey and Carin Wallace; his sister, Patricia Ann Dillon Luthy; 20 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; his nieces, Riechia Dillon Ralston and Richelle Elaine Dillon Volk; his nephews, Scott Forrest Dillon and Brett Matthew Dillon; his five grandnephews; and by numerous friends.

His funeral will be held Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Brackettville, Texas, followed by interment on June 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please make memorial gifts in his name to the First United Methodist Church of Brackettville, 210 James Street, in Brackettville, Texas 78832.

Please visit our website at *www.sunsetfuneralhomes.com* and sign our online guestbook.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home & Cemetery, 2020 Bedell Ave., Del Rio, Texas 78840 (830)778-2020.

SUNSET MEMORIAL OAKS
FUNERAL HOMES - CEMETERY

Kathryn Jane Reese Perry

Kathryn Jane Reese Perry, 89, of Midland, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, Texas, passed away on June 5, 2017.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland, Texas.

Funeral services will be held Friday, June 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland, Texas.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at Little Bethel Memorial Park in Duncanville, Texas.

Kathryn was born December 17, 1927 in Colorado City, Texas where she grew up and graduated from high school. She was married to the late Hervey Barron Perry on December 31, 1945 who preceded her in death on June 5, 2010.

After a long career as a buyer for Hemphill-Wells Department Store in Big Spring, Texas, she owned and operated the Accent Shoppe for over 10 years.

Kathryn is preceded in death by her husband, Hervey Perry; parents, Allie Virginia Reese and Walter Mike Reese; her sister, Aleene Holloway; and brother, Jordon David Reese.

Kathryn is survived by two daughters, Carol Webster and husband Tom of Montgomery, Texas and Lana Bruington and husband Brent of Midland, Texas; three grandchildren, Erin Belcher and husband Evan of Spring, Texas, Shannon Murchison of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Eric and Abbigail Bruington of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; three great-grandchildren, Ethan and Emily Belcher and Charlie Maria Bruington; sister, Oatherine Woods of Roswell, New Mexico; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Pink the Basin, Promoting Cancer Awareness, Education and Assistance; P.O. Box 62122, Midland, TX, 79711.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory
(432) 550-5900

Patrick Collier

Patrick Collier's physical body gave out on him on June 5, 2017 and allowed his spiritual self to transcend this life and spend a glorious eternity praising and working for God. He had hoped to go out after a long and healthy life, but that was just not to be. Although he kept himself in excellent shape and seldom partook of smoke or alcohol, his body wasn't wired to withstand an onslaught of ailments.

Yes, he went through the "why me's" and "what if's" and the sorrow of not living life to the fullest as he should, but he also knew that in spite of what we experience, God is real, our Lord Christ is the way to be with Him, and we need to serve and love God and others just a little more in this life.

Pat certainly did not live an exhilarating life. Born in Fort Worth on April 29, 1956, he found himself growing up in the rural life of Cypress, Texas outside Houston. The son and brother to Aggies, he had no doubt where he would attend college and graduated from Texas A&M in Chemical Engineering after more years of struggling than he would care to admit. He was thrown into the oil fields of West Texas (Andrews.) He loved the business and was further blessed when he met the proverbial love of his life, Mary Anne Lee, and married her in 1983. They had two daughters, Katharine and Elizabeth, both born in Andrews though they hate admitting they are just West Texas girls.

Though Pat was finally born again at age 30, he loved the Lord and was relieved and overjoyed he would be able to praise and serve Him forever. On this Earth, there were three things he treasured more than anything. He loved Texas A&M. Although he struggled in his course work, he was at home with the conservative notions and friendliness of the University.

He loved the great state of Texas. He didn't travel much, and when asked why, would comment, "Why, I've lived my entire life in Heaven." He just loved this land so much.

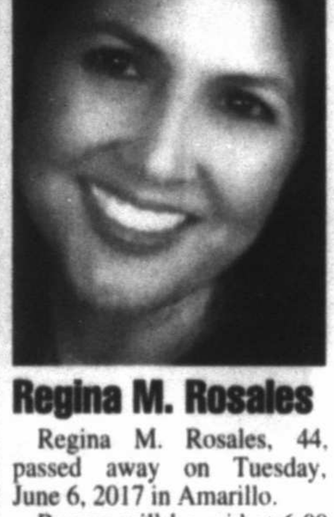
Third, he loved his three girls without end. Mary has been a complete blessing. To Katharine and Elizabeth, he wanted them to know how proud he was of them and how he has been overwhelmed by their kindness and a joy to behold. Don't forget how special you are and the depth of his love he has for all three of you. All of you deserve to be loved endlessly.

In addition to leaving Mary, his children, sons-in-law, Erik Esser and Victor Eichhorn, Pat also leaves behind his mother, Maxine Kolb, and siblings, James, Thomas, and Richard Collier and Susan Payne.

Pat is preceded in death by his father, James W. Collier Sr.

That's about it, at least all that matters. It's all sad for a while, but remember, what we think as the end is only the beginning and the start of unfettered happiness.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the general fund of First United Methodist Church of Longview; or to Gifts of Hope (2006 West Tennessee, Midland, TX 79701) in Patrick's name.



Regina M. Rosales

Regina M. Rosales, 44, passed away on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 in Amarillo.

Rosary will be said at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 8, 2017 at Schooler Funeral Home's Brentwood Chapel.

Memorial mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 9, 2017 at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1200 S. Washington, with Rev. Scott Raef as celebrant.

Inurnment and memorial mass will be at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Avenue in Midland at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 12, 2017 with Msgr. Larry J. Droll as celebrant.

A rosary will be said on Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland.

Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia, Amarillo.

Regina was born on October 9, 1972 in Midland to Joe and Maggie Bermea. She received her bachelor's degree in 1996 from Angelo State University. On August 2, 1997, she married the love of her life, Tomas Rosales, in Midland.

Regina was always humble and had a servant's heart. She lived life to the fullest and considered her boys her everything. Faith was of the utmost importance to her. She will be greatly missed. She was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral.

She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Benito Rosales Jr.

Regina is survived by her husband, Tomas Rosales; two sons, Tomas Joe and Max Rosales, all of Amarillo; her parents, Joe and Maggie Bermea of Midland; her mother-in-law, Mary Lou Rosales of El Paso; two brothers, Joseph M. Bermea and wife Norma and Joel M. Bermea and wife Iliana, all of Midland; one brother-in-law, Richard Escandon of Panama City; two sisters-in-law, Susan Gonzalez and husband Mario of El Paso and Kathy Chavez of El Paso; and several uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic School, 1200 S. Washington, Amarillo.

Online condolences may be shared at *www.schoolerfuneralhome.com*.

Death Notices

Mildred Estelle Musick Carlsen

Mildred Estelle Musick Carlsen, 93, of Midland, Texas, passed away on June 6, 2017.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Chapel in Midland.

She is survived by her daughters, Andrea Harris, Laura Yates, and Donna Cahill; and son, Stephen Carlsen.

Houston Democrat seeks to impeach Trump

By Abby Livingston
The Texas Tribune

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Al Green, a Houston Democrat, announced Wednesday he would begin proceedings to impeach President Donald Trump.

"There is a desire ... to see articles brought so the president can answer for obstruction of justice," Green told reporters.

His announcement came as the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee released explosive written testimony former FBI Director James Comey submitted ahead of a hearing today. The statement included details of Comey's assertions that Trump urged him to end his investigation into former national security adviser Michael Flynn.

Nonetheless, Green's effort remains a largely isolated one, with a highly uncertain path. House Republicans control the chamber, and there are few indications members of the GOP are interested in impeaching a president from their own party.

On Wednesday, U.S. Rep. Brad Sherman, D-California, joined him at a news conference to announce that he, too, would pursue his own impeachment track.

Governor Abbott takes back the spotlight

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

■ ANALYSIS

Gov. Greg Abbott's call for a special July-August session gives you a clue — through the timing and the subject matter — as to what problem he hopes to solve.

He wants to erase the notion — a popular idea in the Texas Capitol — that he's not in charge.

Abbott laid out a bewildering list of ideas for lawmakers to consider in a special session, but put his real emphasis on only one — unpassed legislation that would keep the Texas Medical Board and a handful of other agencies in business after the end of the current budget cycle.

That effectively buries the priorities of his unofficial rival, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who stalled that agency-preserving legislation in an effort to win passage of a couple of pet issues — a "bathroom bill" and restrictions on local property tax increases.

And it puts Abbott back in charge. The regular session belonged, in large measure, to the lieutenant governor: He had an expansive agenda and his issues, for the most part, framed that 140-day venture.

Now the agenda belongs to the governor again. Abbott's focus is first on the thing that must be done; then and only then, he said, can lawmakers work on an astonishing, almost ridiculous (given the allotted time) avalanche of issues — including Patrick's, somewhere in the pile — that he's willing to add to the agenda.

If the point of a special session is to reach agreement on something — property taxes, bathrooms, school finance, the issue of your choice — there's no reason to start unless you can see the finish. That would be a good reason not to call a one-issue session on the bathroom bill, which stymied lawmakers earlier this year.

That issue is on Abbott's list, but it must compete with others in that unruly crowd of priorities. Instead of asking lawmakers for the agencies and nothing else, he offered them a shot at everything in the pantry in return for the only bills that have to pass.

The timing of the special session isn't surprising. It gives lawmakers six weeks to chill out, but it will take place as they are raising political money and making their calculations for the coming electoral season. The session, running from mid-July to mid-August, would end before the new fiscal year starts on Sept. 1 and comes in time to endanger incumbents and embolden challengers. Candidates will file for the 2018 elections from Nov. 11 to Dec. 11, presumably taking the results of the regular and special sessions into account. The primaries are on March 6 of next year.

The surest outcome in bringing the Legislature to Austin on so many issues will be to draw distinctions — to show who's on what side. That can be politically useful entering an election year. But if you're looking for policy solutions — for new laws, for remedies to problems, for tax relief — it's not a formula for success. Some of these things might never come to a vote. Having this many issues in one month would press even a cooperative Legislature, and the 85th hasn't exhibited many signs of collaborative harmony.

Texas lawmakers left Austin last month in foul humor. That last day, with its pushing and shoving among some of the men on the House floor, was no "Come, let us reason together" celebration.

This all started with the Senate's hostage-taking, with Patrick's promise to stall must-pass bills to force votes on restroom restrictions for transgender Texans and on local governments' ability to raise property taxes without voter approval. He didn't win on either issue — and he engineered the failure of legislation that would have kept the Texas Medical Board and other agencies operating through the state's next two-year budget.

Abbott was stuck. He had to call lawmakers back to keep those agencies open. Calling lawmakers back always opens the window for supplicants inside and outside the Legislature who didn't get what they wanted out of the just-ended regular session. Since lawmakers unclenched their fists and went home on Memorial Day, Abbott has heard calls for special session consideration of restrooms, property taxes, annexation laws, redistricting and even the things that made his list.

He could have stopped his special session call at the agency bills, doing what's compulsory and leaving the discretionary issues to the 86th Legislature that convenes in 2019. It would only take a couple of days.

Bada-bing, bada-boom.

Everything else requires prep work. The bathroom issue has been in public political discussion for a year. Conservative voters and businesses are split, and the Republican majority in the Legislature is split, too. Importantly, Patrick and House Speaker Joe Straus disagree on it, and nobody from Abbott on down the line was able to reconcile their views before the end of the regular session.

In fact, if you rank the potential special-session subjects in order of their likely success, Patrick's top issue — the bathroom bill — sits solidly in last place. The sunset bills that would rescue those state agencies are comparatively easy.

Anybody hoping to pass other bills will be hacking through a thicket. Abbott's list is extensive — and diffusive, knocking the focus away from any one particular issue by surrounding it with a daunting inventory of distracting legislative playthings (the descriptions are the governor's):

- Teacher pay increase of $1,000
- Administrative flexibility in teacher hiring and retention practices
- School finance reform commission
- School choice for special needs students
- Property tax reform
- Caps on state and local spending
- Preventing cities from regulating what property owners do with trees on private land
- Preventing local governments from changing rules midway through construction projects
- Speeding up local government permitting process
- Municipal annexation reform
- Texting while driving preemption
- Privacy
- Prohibition of taxpayer dollars to collect union dues
- Prohibition of taxpayer funding for abortion providers
- Pro-life insurance reform
- Strengthening abortion reporting requirements when health complications arise
- Strengthening patient protections relating to do-not-resuscitate orders
- Cracking down on mail-in ballot fraud
- Extending maternal mortality task force

They'll have 30 days for all of that, and they can't start until that "sunset" legislation has passed. It's almost a guarantee that some of those ideas will wither on the vine — and it gives both the House and the Senate ample opportunity to starve legislation they don't like.

"If they fail, it's not for lack of time," Abbott said at the end of his announcement. "It would be because of a lack of will."

That might be generous: It's an awfully long list.

More inside

Governor Abbott out to quiet doubts over who's in charge.

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Hootenanny
[hoot-n-an-ee, hoot-nan-]
noun
1. a social gathering or informal concert featuring folk singing and, sometimes, dancing.

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Fatalities

2017

January	6
February	0
March	1
April	3
May	4
Total	14

Through May

2017	14
2016	7
2015	10
2014	18
2013	23

Source: Reporter-Telegram

Things to do

■ Dome shows at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., "Oasis in Space," noon; "Super Volcanoes," 2 p.m.; and "Astronaut," 4 p.m. museumsw.org.

■ Bingo Nights hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.

■ XIII annual Mariachi Workshop led by Mariachi Tenampa from Albuquerque, New Mexico. The workshop focuses on guitar, trumpet, vocals and more at Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland, 1311 E. Wadley Ave.

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

Note: For more events see Weekender section in today's edition.

Alzheimer's Association, MC to host workshop

Midland College Health Sciences Continuing Education department and the Alzheimer's Association West Texas Chapter will be offering the last session in a series of workshops regarding Alzheimer's disease. The hour-long session is set for noon today at Room 213 of the Advanced Technology Center, Cuthbert Avenue and Midkiff Road.

The session will focus on research dealing with how diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement affect people afflicted with Alzheimer's.

Those attending may bring lunch. The session is free. There is a $15 fee for Continuing Education credits. For more information, contact Kim Daw at 681-6354 or kdaw@midland.edu.

Pools today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 Midland Drive, noon to 7 p.m.

Family night is from 7-9 p.m.

■ Washington Aquatic Center, 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 2.

Bridge this weekend?

The Midland Tall City Sectional Tournament is Friday through Sunday at the Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room at Midland College. For more information, call Belle Harris at 682-6106 or Patti Heard at 686-9239.

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Two soon-to-be first-graders look through "How I Became a Pirate," which they received on May 16. The four Midland Rotary clubs came together to give all kindergartners at Rusk Elementary School the new book as part of their literacy program.

Know a member of the military coming home?

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

Honor those who served

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

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 8, the 159th day of 2017. There are 206 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On June 8, 1967, during the six-day Middle East war, 34 American servicemen were killed when Israel attacked the USS Liberty, a Navy intelligence-gathering ship in the Mediterranean Sea. (Israel later said the Liberty had been mistaken for an Egyptian vessel.)

On this date:

In A.D. 632, the prophet Muhammad died in Medina.

In 1953, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that restaurants in the District of Columbia could not refuse to serve blacks.

In 1972, during the Vietnam War, an Associated Press photographer took a picture of a screaming 9-year-old girl, Phan Thi Kim Phuc, as she ran naked and severely burned from the scene of a South Vietnamese napalm attack.

In 1995, U.S. Marines rescued Capt. Scott O'Grady, whose F-16C fighter jet had been shot down by Bosnian Serbs on June 2.

Today's birthdays: Former first lady Barbara Bush is 92. Singer Nancy Sinatra is 77. Former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., is 47.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-4-5
Pick 3 day: 9-1-4
Pick 3 evening: 5-1-6
Pick 3 night: 7-1-5
Daily 4 morning: 2-5-6-7
Daily 4 day: 3-3-2-3
Daily 4 evening: 0-7-6-6
Daily 4 night: 1-6-9-0
Cash Five: 10-17-23-35-36
Lotto Texas: 16-25-26-33-37-43
Texas Two Step: x-x-x-x BB xx

Powerball: 5-21-57-66-69 PB 13 Power Play 3
Texas Triple Chance: 4-8-11-15-22-26-38-51-53-55
All or Nothing morning: 1-7-8-12-13-14-15-16-18-19-22-23
All or Nothing day: 1-3-5-6-9-15-16-17-18-19-21-22
All or Nothing evening: 1-5-6-7-15-16-17-18-20-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 2-4-6-8-11-12-13-14-16-17-20-24

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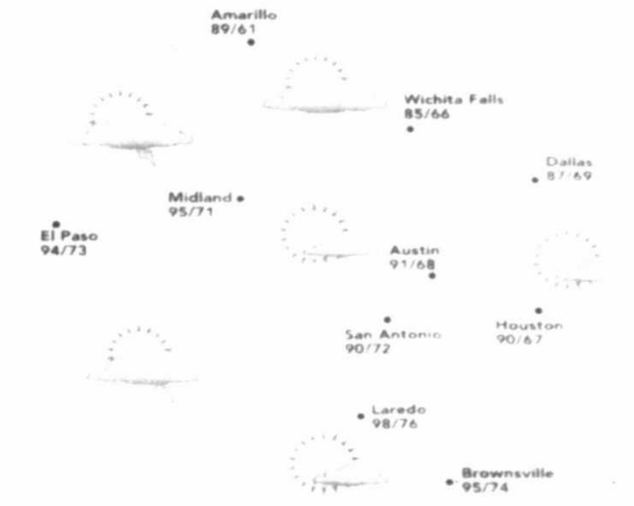
Weather

Forecast for Thursday, June 8, 2017



Wednesday's temperatures

High	93
Low	66
Normal high	95
Normal low	66

June 7's records
Record high: 106 set in 1964
Record low: 48 set in 1983

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.39 in.
Year total	6.08 in.
Normal total (year to date)	4.74 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 10 mph
Gust speed: None measured

June 8 forecast
High: 94
Low: 70
Conditions: Partly sunny during the day/mostly cloudy at night
Chance of rain: 10 percent

Sunrise	6:42 a.m.
Sunset	8:54 p.m.

Source: Accuweather.com

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Gemini and a Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, June 8, 2017:

This year you are able to achieve certain long-term goals and desires. You'll need to focus on your objectives. You also will be unusually fortunate. If you are single, be aware of the many potential suitors you have. Know what you want, and make your choice accordingly. If you are attached, you often are at odds with your significant other, yet the attraction between you remains high. The two of you tend to come from very different perspectives. SAGITTARIUS can be provocative, but he or she is a lot of fun.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Stay on top of a personal matter by keeping the connection between you and a loved one alive. It is always important to understand what is driving you. Try to figure out this person's motives as well. Through empathy, you can strengthen your bond. **Tonight:** Be spontaneous.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

★★★ Throw yourself completely into a project. Turning a personal matter around could be a lot easier if you respond to someone else's energy. Friends surround you, though they might be quite distracting. Make plans for tonight and the weekend. **Tonight:** Just do not be alone.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your energy is high today. A partner could be somewhat sassy and willful. Your creativity and caring attitude will shine through in the moment. Someone who tends to be vague might cause more than his or her share of confusion. **Tonight:** Go along with a new idea.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

★★★ You have a lot to get done, and, as a result, you might feel pressured. Others could be reactive, especially if you change your plans with them. Decide that you want to get everything done, and you will succeed in doing so. **Tonight:** Make special plans for the weekend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your playfulness allows greater flexibility. Listen to a friend who has great ideas. You might find this person to be a little too impractical, yet a conversation with him or her adds ingenious solutions to difficult situations. **Tonight:** Visit with a loved one over dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ The basics count when dealing with a roommate or family member. This person appreciates simplicity. If you can relate on a one-on-one level, you will feel so much better. Focus on a financial matter that is likely to have some implications. **Tonight:** Happily head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You might be willing to jump through some hoops today. You also seem to be able to successfully navigate risks. Don't hesitate to go for what you want. Confusion could undermine your routine, but don't worry. You can handle this. **Tonight:** Return calls before making plans.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Curb a tendency to go to extremes. Listen to your instincts about a situation involving a child. What you feel is right will point you in the direction you want to head in. You know what is going on behind the scenes, but you might want to know more. **Tonight:** Go shopping.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your energy draws many people toward you. You have a reason to celebrate and might want to get into the moment. Some of you will share much more than you have as of late. Others are likely to express their relief at your increasing openness. **Tonight:** Do whatever feels good.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You might be wondering what is happening around you, but you are not in the mood to ask questions. If you can take a personal day, do. Get into an activity that is unrelated to your day-to-day life. You will be more energized and content as a result. **Tonight:** Get some extra R and R.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Get-togethers with friends suddenly might occur. News from a distance forces you to slow down and look at the big picture. Your ideas could change as a result. Learn to accept and embrace that which is inevitable. **Tonight:** Follow your friends in order to get what you want.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ A boss, a landlord, relative could mess with your schedule and your day's goal. One on one relating will make a big difference in your interactions. You will feel more connected to a special person in your life than you have in a long time. **Tonight:** Togetherness is the theme.

BORN TODAY

Former U.S. first lady Barbara Bush (1925), singer Nancy Sinatra (1940), comedian Joan Rivers (1933)

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Obituaries

Edward L. Dillon

April 4, 1926 - May 22, 2017

Edward L. Dillon, 91, died May 22, 2017 in Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio, Texas after a short illness.

He was born on April 4, 1926 in Muncie, Indiana to Edward Richardson Dillon and Nellie Gillette Lamblin. Mr. Dillon graduated with a B.S. Navel Science and Engineering degree from the University of Illinois, a Master's degree in Geology with Minors in Electrical Engineering and Science from the University of Illinois, and pursued Doctoral studies in Geology (advanced tectonics and statistics) at the University of Michigan and Rice University in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Dillon was inducted into the United States Navy on July 1, 1944 in St. Louis, Missouri, honorably discharged on June 6, 1947, and remained in the United States Naval Reserves for 39 years, retiring June 3, 1986 at the rank of Commander.

His successful civilian career spanned decades and consisted of Division Geologist for Shell Oil Company in Midland, Texas; President of Information & Computing Centers Corporation; Consultant to Stanoil (Norwegian National Oil Company; Senior Staff Geology for Lone Star Projection Company (now Enserch); Chief Geologist & Exploration Manager for Occidental of Libya; West Texas District Manager for American Trading and Production Corporation (ATAPCO) in Midland, Texas; President of Nomad Exploration Corporation in Texas and Louisiana; Chairman of the Board & Chief Explorationist for Reserve Development Corporation (REDCO); and, Owner and Consulting Geologist of Eastern Shelf Production Company until his death.

Over his career he discovered and/or participated in the discovery of over 55 oil and gas fields, and planned and carried out exploration programs in the United States, Libya, and Israel.

He was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, a Certified Petroleum Geologist, an AAPG Distinguished Lecturer, a Charter Member AAPG Division of Environmental Geosciences, and a member of the AAPG Division of Professional Affairs. He was active on the Water Board of Kinney County, Texas, served as President of the Rotary Club, and President of the Del Rio/Fort Clark Chapter of the Military Officer Association of America (MOAA). Mr. Dillon was also instrumental in the development of Fort Clark Springs.

Mr. Dillon is preceded in death by his father, Edward Richardson Dillon; his mother, Nellie Lamblin Gillette Dillon; and by his brothers, Jack Richardson Dillon and John Richard Dillon.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Barker Dillon; his three natural children, Edward "Ned" Hamilton Dillon, Eugene Charles Dillon, and Janet Dillon Whilden Miller; his stepdaughters, Debra Braneckey and Carin Wallace; his sister, Patricia Ann Dillon Luthy; 20 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; his nieces, Riechia Dillon Ralston and Richelle Elaine Dillon Volk; his nephews, Scott Forrest Dillon and Brett Matthew Dillon; his five grandnephews; and by numerous friends.

His funeral will be held Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Brackettville, Texas, followed by interment on June 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please make memorial gifts in his name to the First United Methodist Church of Brackettville, 210 James Street, in Brackettville, Texas 78832.

Please visit our website at *www.sunsetfuneralhomes.com* and sign our online guestbook.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home & Cemetery, 2020 Bedell Ave., Del Rio, Texas 78840 (830)778-2020.

SUNSET MEMORIAL OAKS
FUNERAL HOMES - CEMETERY

Kathryn Jane Reese Perry

Kathryn Jane Reese Perry, 89, of Midland, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, Texas, passed away on June 5, 2017.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland, Texas.

Funeral services will be held Friday, June 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland, Texas.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at Little Bethel Memorial Park in Duncanville, Texas.

Kathryn was born December 17, 1927 in Colorado City, Texas where she grew up and graduated from high school. She was married to the late Hervey Barron Perry on December 31, 1945 who preceded her in death on June 5, 2010.

After a long career as a buyer for Hemphill-Wells Department Store in Big Spring, Texas, she owned and operated the Accent Shoppe for over 10 years.

Kathryn is preceded in death by her husband, Hervey Perry; parents, Allie Virginia Reese and Walter Mike Reese; her sister, Aleene Holloway; and brother, Jordon David Reese.

Kathryn is survived by two daughters, Carol Webster and husband Tom of Montgomery, Texas and Lana Bruington and husband Brent of Midland, Texas; three grandchildren, Erin Belcher and husband Evan of Spring, Texas, Shannon Murchison of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Eric and Abbigail Bruington of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; three great-grandchildren, Ethan and Emily Belcher and Charlie Maria Bruington; sister, Oatherine Woods of Roswell, New Mexico; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Pink the Basin, Promoting Cancer Awareness, Education and Assistance; P.O. Box 62122, Midland, TX, 79711.

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

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

Patrick Collier

Patrick Collier's physical body gave out on him on June 5, 2017 and allowed his spiritual self to transcend this life and spend a glorious eternity praising and working for God. He had hoped to go out after a long and healthy life, but that was just not to be. Although he kept himself in excellent shape and seldom partook of smoke or alcohol, his body wasn't wired to withstand an onslaught of ailments.

Yes, he went through the "why me's" and "what if's" and the sorrow of not living life to the fullest as he should, but he also knew that in spite of what we experience, God is real, our Lord Christ is the way to be with Him, and we need to serve and love God and others just a little more in this life.

Pat certainly did not live an exhilarating life. Born in Fort Worth on April 29, 1956, he found himself growing up in the rural life of Cypress, Texas outside Houston. The son and brother to Aggies, he had no doubt where he would attend college and graduated from Texas A&M in Chemical Engineering after more years of struggling than he would care to admit. He was thrown into the oil fields of West Texas (Andrews.) He loved the business and was further blessed when he met the proverbial love of his life, Mary Anne Lee, and married her in 1983. They had two daughters, Katharine and Elizabeth, both born in Andrews though they hate admitting they are just West Texas girls.

Though Pat was finally born again at age 30, he loved the Lord and was relieved and overjoyed he would be able to praise and serve Him forever. On this Earth, there were three things he treasured more than anything. He loved Texas A&M. Although he struggled in his course work, he was at home with the conservative notions and friendliness of the University.

He loved the great state of Texas. He didn't travel much, and when asked why, would comment, "Why, I've lived my entire life in Heaven." He just loved this land so much.

Third, he loved his three girls without end. Mary has been a complete blessing. To Katharine and Elizabeth, he wanted them to know how proud he was of them and how he has been overwhelmed by their kindness and a joy to behold. Don't forget how special you are and the depth of his love he has for all three of you. All of you deserve to be loved endlessly.

In addition to leaving Mary, his children, sons-in-law, Erik Esser and Victor Eichhorn, Pat also leaves behind his mother, Maxine Kolb, and siblings, James, Thomas, and Richard Collier and Susan Payne.

Pat is preceded in death by his father, James W. Collier Sr.

That's about it, at least all that matters. It's all sad for a while, but remember, what we think as the end is only the beginning and the start of unfettered happiness.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the general fund of First United Methodist Church of Longview; or to Gifts of Hope (2006 West Tennessee, Midland, TX 79701) in Patrick's name.

Regina M. Rosales

Regina M. Rosales, 44, passed away on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 in Amarillo.

Rosary will be said at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 8, 2017 at Schooler Funeral Home's Brentwood Chapel.

Memorial mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 9, 2017 at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1200 S. Washington, with Rev. Scott Raef as celebrant.

Inurnment and memorial mass will be at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Avenue in Midland at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 12, 2017 with Msgr. Larry J. Droll as celebrant.

A rosary will be said on Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland.

Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia, Amarillo.

Regina was born on October 9, 1972 in Midland to Joe and Maggie Bermea. She received her bachelor's degree in 1996 from Angelo State University. On August 2, 1997, she married the love of her life, Tomas Rosales, in Midland.

Regina was always humble and had a servant's heart. She lived life to the fullest and considered her boys her everything. Faith was of the utmost importance to her. She will be greatly missed. She was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral.

She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Benito Rosales Jr.

Regina is survived by her husband, Tomas Rosales; two sons, Tomas Joe and Max Rosales, all of Amarillo; her parents, Joe and Maggie Bermea of Midland; her mother-in-law, Mary Lou Rosales of El Paso; two brothers, Joseph M. Bermea and wife Norma and Joel M. Bermea and wife Iliana, all of Midland; one brother-in-law, Richard Escandon of Panama City; two sisters-in-law, Susan Gonzalez and husband Mario of El Paso and Kathy Chavez of El Paso; and several uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic School, 1200 S. Washington, Amarillo.

Online condolences may be shared at *www.schoolerfuneralhome.com*.

Death Notices

Mildred Estelle Musick Carlsen

Mildred Estelle Musick Carlsen, 93, of Midland, Texas, passed away on June 6, 2017.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Chapel in Midland.

She is survived by her daughters, Andrea Harris, Laura Yates, and Donna Cahill; and son, Stephen Carlsen.

Houston Democrat seeks to impeach Trump

By Abby Livingston
The Texas Tribune

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Al Green, a Houston Democrat, announced Wednesday he would begin proceedings to impeach President Donald Trump.

"There is a desire ... to see articles brought so the president can answer for obstruction of justice," Green told reporters.

His announcement came as the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee released explosive written testimony former FBI Director James Comey submitted ahead of a hearing today. The statement included details of Comey's assertions that Trump urged him to end his investigation into former national security adviser Michael Flynn.

Nonetheless, Green's effort remains a largely isolated one, with a highly uncertain path. House Republicans control the chamber, and there are few indications members of the GOP are interested in impeaching a president from their own party.

On Wednesday, U.S. Rep. Brad Sherman, D-California, joined him at a news conference to announce that he, too, would pursue his own impeachment track.

Governor Abbott takes back the spotlight

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

■ ANALYSIS

Gov. Greg Abbott's call for a special July-August session gives you a clue — through the timing and the subject matter — as to what problem he hopes to solve.

He wants to erase the notion — a popular idea in the Texas Capitol — that he's not in charge.

Abbott laid out a bewildering list of ideas for lawmakers to consider in a special session, but put his real emphasis on only one — unpassed legislation that would keep the Texas Medical Board and a handful of other agencies in business after the end of the current budget cycle.

That effectively buries the priorities of his unofficial rival, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who stalled that agency-preserving legislation in an effort to win passage of a couple of pet issues — a "bathroom bill" and restrictions on local property tax increases.

And it puts Abbott back in charge. The regular session belonged, in large measure, to the lieutenant governor: He had an expansive agenda and his issues, for the most part, framed that 140-day venture.

Now the agenda belongs to the governor again. Abbott's focus is first on the thing that must be done; then and only then, he said, can lawmakers work on an astonishing, almost ridiculous (given the allotted time) avalanche of issues — including Patrick's, somewhere in the pile — that he's willing to add to the agenda.

If the point of a special session is to reach agreement on something — property taxes, bathrooms, school finance, the issue of your choice — there's no reason to start unless you can see the finish. That would be a good reason not to call a one-issue session on the bathroom bill, which stymied lawmakers earlier this year.

That issue is on Abbott's list, but it must compete with others in that unruly crowd of priorities. Instead of asking lawmakers for the agencies and nothing else, he offered them a shot at everything in the pantry in return for the only bills that have to pass.

The timing of the special session isn't surprising. It gives lawmakers six weeks to chill out, but it will take place as they are raising political money and making their calculations for the coming electoral season. The session, running from mid-July to mid-August, would end before the new fiscal year starts on Sept. 1 and comes in time to endanger incumbents and embolden challengers. Candidates will file for the 2018 elections from Nov. 11 to Dec. 11, presumably taking the results of the regular and special sessions into account. The primaries are on March 6 of next year.

The surest outcome in bringing the Legislature to Austin on so many issues will be to draw distinctions — to show who's on what side. That can be politically useful entering an election year. But if you're looking for policy solutions — for new laws, for remedies to problems, for tax relief — it's not a formula for success. Some of these things might never come to a vote. Having this many issues in one month would press even a cooperative Legislature, and the 85th hasn't exhibited many signs of collaborative harmony.

Texas lawmakers left Austin last month in foul humor. That last day, with its pushing and shoving among some of the men on the House floor, was no "Come, let us reason together" celebration.

This all started with the Senate's hostage-taking, with Patrick's promise to stall must-pass bills to force votes on restroom restrictions for transgender Texans and on local governments' ability to raise property taxes without voter approval. He didn't win on either issue — and he engineered the failure of legislation that would have kept the Texas Medical Board and other agencies operating through the state's next two-year budget.

Abbott was stuck. He had to call lawmakers back to keep those agencies open. Calling lawmakers back always opens the window for supplicants inside and outside the Legislature who didn't get what they wanted out of the just-ended regular session. Since lawmakers unclenched their fists and went home on Memorial Day, Abbott has heard calls for special session consideration of restrooms, property taxes, annexation laws, redistricting and even the things that made his list.

He could have stopped his special session call at the agency bills, doing what's compulsory and leaving the discretionary issues to the 86th Legislature that convenes in 2019. It would only take a couple of days.

Bada-bing, bada-boom.

Everything else requires prep work. The bathroom issue has been in public political discussion for a year. Conservative voters and businesses are split, and the Republican majority in the Legislature is split, too. Importantly, Patrick and House Speaker Joe Straus disagree on it, and nobody from Abbott on down the line was able to reconcile their views before the end of the regular session.

In fact, if you rank the potential special-session subjects in order of their likely success, Patrick's top issue — the bathroom bill — sits solidly in last place. The sunset bills that would rescue those state agencies are comparatively easy.

Anybody hoping to pass other bills will be hacking through a thicket. Abbott's list is extensive — and diffusive, knocking the focus away from any one particular issue by surrounding it with a daunting inventory of distracting legislative playthings (the descriptions are the governor's):

- Teacher pay increase of $1,000
- Administrative flexibility in teacher hiring and retention practices
- School finance reform commission
- School choice for special needs students
- Property tax reform
- Caps on state and local spending
- Preventing cities from regulating what property owners do with trees on private land
- Preventing local governments from changing rules midway through construction projects
- Speeding up local government permitting process
- Municipal annexation reform
- Texting while driving preemption
- Privacy
- Prohibition of taxpayer dollars to collect union dues
- Prohibition of taxpayer funding for abortion providers
- Pro-life insurance reform
- Strengthening abortion reporting requirements when health complications arise
- Strengthening patient protections relating to do-not-resuscitate orders
- Cracking down on mail-in ballot fraud
- Extending maternal mortality task force

They'll have 30 days for all of that, and they can't start until that "sunset" legislation has passed. It's almost a guarantee that some of those ideas will wither on the vine — and it gives both the House and the Senate ample opportunity to starve legislation they don't like.

"If they fail, it's not for lack of time," Abbott said at the end of his announcement. "It would be because of a lack of will."

That might be generous: It's an awfully long list.

More inside

Governor Abbott out to quiet doubts over who's in charge.

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WORD OF THE DAY
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Hootenanny
[hoot-n-an-ee, hoot-nan-]
noun
1. a social gathering or informal concert featuring folk singing and, sometimes, dancing.

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Fatalities

2017

January	6
February	0
March	1
April	3
May	4
Total	14

Through May

2017	14
2016	7
2015	10
2014	18
2013	23

Source: Reporter-Telegram

Things to do

■ Dome shows at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., "Oasis in Space," noon; "Super Volcanoes," 2 p.m.; and "Astronaut," 4 p.m. museumsw.org.

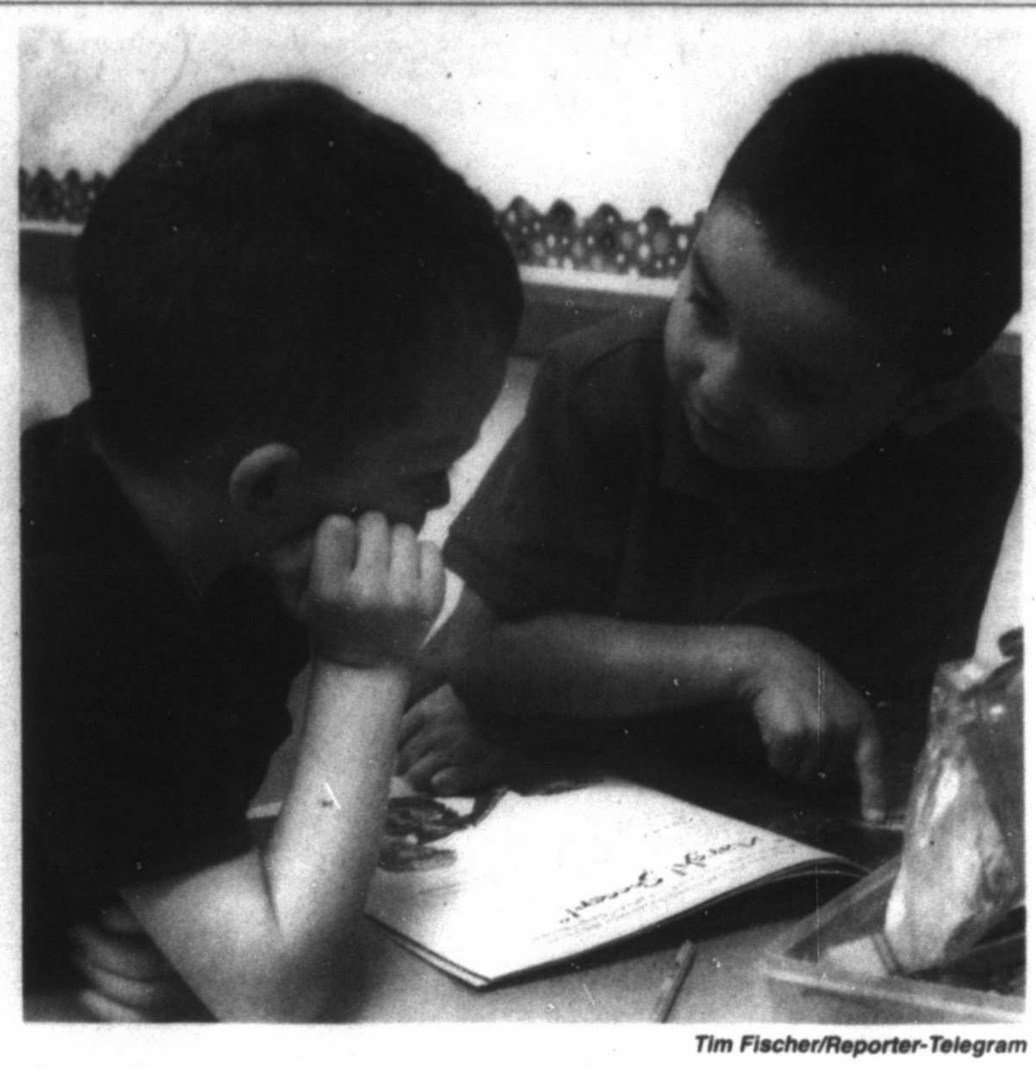
■ Bingo Nights hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.

■ XIII annual Mariachi Workshop led by Mariachi Tenampa from Albuquerque, New Mexico. The workshop focuses on guitar, trumpet, vocals and more at Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland, 1311 E. Wadley Ave.

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

Note: For more events see Weekender section in today's edition.



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Two soon-to-be first-graders look through "How I Became a Pirate," which they received on May 16. The four Midland Rotary clubs came together to give all kindergartners at Rusk Elementary School the new book as part of their literacy program.

Alzheimer's Association, MC to host workshop

Midland College Health Sciences Continuing Education department and the Alzheimer's Association West Texas Chapter will be offering the last session in a series of workshops regarding Alzheimer's disease. The hour-long session is set for noon today at Room 213 of the Advanced Technology Center, Cuthbert Avenue and Midkiff Road.

The session will focus on research dealing with how diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement affect people afflicted with Alzheimer's.

Those attending may bring lunch. The session is free. There is a $15 fee for Continuing Education credits. For more information, contact Kim Daw at 681-6354 or kdaw@midland.edu.

Pools today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 Midland Drive, noon to 7 p.m.

Family night is from 7-9 p.m.

■ Washington Aquatic Center, 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 2.

Bridge this weekend?

The Midland Tall City Sectional Tournament is Friday through Sunday at the Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room at Midland College. For more information, call Belle Harris at 682-6106 or Patti Heard at 686-9239.

Know a member of the military coming home?

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

Honor those who served

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

■ Show of Support (687-2167)
■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177)
■ Reel Thanx (528-6633)
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 8, the 159th day of 2017. There are 206 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On June 8, 1967, during the six-day Middle East war, 34 American servicemen were killed when Israel attacked the USS Liberty, a Navy intelligence-gathering ship in the Mediterranean Sea. (Israel later said the Liberty had been mistaken for an Egyptian vessel.)

On this date:

In A.D. 632, the prophet Muhammad died in Medina.

In 1953, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that restaurants in the District of Columbia could not refuse to serve blacks.

In 1972, during the Vietnam War, an Associated Press photographer took a picture of a screaming 9-year-old girl, Phan Thi Kim Phuc, as she ran naked and severely burned from the scene of a South Vietnamese napalm attack.

In 1995, U.S. Marines rescued Capt. Scott O'Grady, whose F-16C fighter jet had been shot down by Bosnian Serbs on June 2.

Today's birthdays: Former first lady Barbara Bush is 92. Singer Nancy Sinatra is 77. Former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., is 47.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-4-5
Pick 3 day: 9-1-4
Pick 3 evening: 5-1-6
Pick 3 night: 7-1-5
Daily 4 morning: 2-5-6-7
Daily 4 day: 3-9-2-3
Daily 4 evening: 0-7-6-6
Daily 4 night: 1-6-9-0
Cash Five: 10-17-23-35-36
Lotto Texas: 16-25-26-33-37-43
Texas Two Step: x-x-x-x BB: xx
Powerball: 5-21-57-66-69 PB: 13 Power Play: 3
Texas Triple Chance: 4-8-11-15-22-26-38-51-53-55
All or Nothing morning: 1-7-8-12-13-14-15-16-18-19-22-23
All or Nothing day: 1-3-5-6-9-15-16-17-18-19-21-22
All or Nothing evening: 1-5-6-7-15-16-17-18-20-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 2-4-6-8-11-12-13-14-16-17-20-24

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Weather

Wednesday's temperatures

High	93
Low	68
Normal high	93
Normal low	66

June 7's records
Record high: 106 set in 1964
Record low: 48 set in 1983

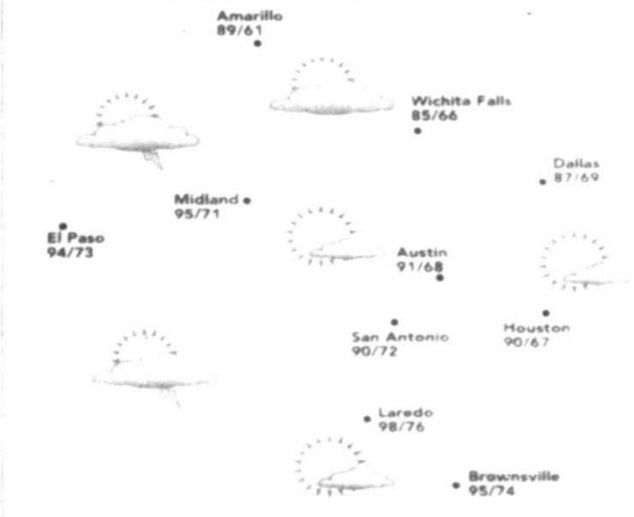
Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.39 in.
Year total	6.08 in.
Normal total (year to date)	4.74 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 10 mph
Gust speed: None measured

June 8 forecast
High: 94
Low: 70

Forecast for Thursday, June 8, 2017



Conditions: Partly sunny during the day/mostly cloudy at night
Chance of rain: 10 percent

Source: National Weather Service

Sunrise 6:42 a.m.
Sunset 8:54 p.m.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Gemini and a Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, June 8, 2017:

This year you are able to achieve certain long-term goals and desires. You'll need to focus on your objectives. You also will be unusually fortunate. If you are single, be aware of the many potential suitors you have. Know what you want, and make your choice accordingly. If you are attached, you often are at odds with your significant other, yet the attraction between you remains high. The two of you tend to come from very different perspectives. SAGITTARIUS can be provocative, but he or she is a lot of fun.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Stay on top of a personal matter by keeping the connection between you and a loved one alive. It is always important to understand what is driving you. Try to figure out this person's motives as well. Through empathy, you can strengthen your bond. **Tonight:** Be spontaneous.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
★★★ Throw yourself completely into a project. Turning a personal matter around could be a lot easier if you respond to someone else's energy. Friends surround you, though they might be quite distracting. Make plans for tonight and the weekend. **Tonight:** Just do not be alone.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your energy is high today. A partner could be somewhat sassy and willful. Your creativity and caring attitude will shine through in the moment. Someone who tends to be vague might cause more than his or her share of confusion. **Tonight:** Go along with a new idea.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
★★★ You have a lot to get done, and, as a result, you might feel pressured. Others could be reactive, especially if you change your plans with them. Decide that you want to get everything done, and you will succeed in doing so. **Tonight:** Make special plans for the weekend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your playfulness allows greater flexibility. Listen to a friend who has great ideas. You might find this person to be a little too impractical, yet a conversation with him or her adds ingenious solutions to difficult situations. **Tonight:** Visit with a loved one over dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ The basics count when dealing with a roommate or family member. This person appreciates simplicity. If you can relate on a one-on-one level, you will feel so much better. Focus on a financial matter that is likely to have some implications. **Tonight:** Happily head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You might be willing to jump through some hoops today. You also seem to be able to successfully navigate risks. Don't hesitate to go for what you want. Confusion could undermine your routine, but don't worry: You can handle this. **Tonight:** Return calls before making plans.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Curb a tendency to go to extremes. Listen to your instincts about a situation involving a child. What you feel is right will point you in the direction you want to head in. You know what is going on behind the scenes, but you might want to know more. **Tonight:** Go shopping.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your energy draws many people toward you. You have a reason to celebrate and might want to get into the moment. Some of you will share much more than you have as of late. Others are likely to express their relief at your increasing openness. **Tonight:** Do whatever feels good.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might be wondering what is happening around you, but you are not in the mood to ask questions. If you can take a personal day, do. Get into an activity that is unrelated to your day-to-day life. You will be more energized and content as a result. **Tonight:** Get some extra R and R.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Get-togethers with friends suddenly might occur. News from a distance forces you to slow down and look at the big picture. Your ideas could change as a result. Learn to accept and embrace that which is inevitable. **Tonight:** Follow your friends in order to get what you want.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ A possessive older relative could mess with your schedule and your day's goal. One-on-one relating will make a big difference in your interactions. You will feel more connected to a special person in your life than you have in a long time. **Tonight:** Togetherness is the theme.

BORN TODAY
Former U.S. first lady Barbara Bush (1925), singer Nancy Sinatra (1940), comedian Joan Rivers (1933)

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Governor Abbott out to quiet doubts over who's in charge

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott is demonstrating his power and wants to quiet doubts over who's really calling the shots in the biggest conservative state in America. But that doesn't mean the Legislature he is summoning back to work will deliver on his wishes.

Abbott surprised lawmakers by reviving a long list of conservative measures that failed despite Republicans fully in charge at the Texas Capitol, including a "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people that has deepened a GOP rift and is opposed by major corporations such as Apple and Google.

Abbott also stuffed a special session agenda that begins in July with more pro-life efforts, anti-union proposals, school vouchers and more. Not all of the 20 priorities he announced Tuesday are likely to prevail but that may be fine for Abbott, who is out to reassert himself over criticism that his leadership has been lacking and that he was letting the state's powerful lieutenant governor set the terms instead.

"I wish he would have had that press conference before the session ended. It would have made it easier," Republican state Rep. Jason Villalba said Wednesday. "Had he done that, there would have been a little more guidance from the top about what we need to do in Texas in accordance with what his political philosophies are."

Villalba said Abbott, who is up for re-election in 2018, made clear while rolling out the special session agenda that he was in charge. But "even though he says 'Here are 20 things that matter,' we said no to a good 25 percent of those items already."

The session starts July 18 and lawmakers are unlikely to ram through all the items in just one month.

Eric Gay/Associated Press

Gov. Greg Abbott arrives to announce that there will be a special session of the Texas Legislature, Tuesday in Austin. With the special session, beginning July 18, Gov. Abbott is reviving a so-called "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people after the last try ended with Republican lawmakers angry and deadlocked.

Special sessions are not unusual in Texas — Rick Perry routinely ordered the Legislature to work extra weeks and months during his 14 years as governor. But unlike Perry, who ran the job with back-slapping swagger, Abbott has kept a far quieter profile since taking office in 2015 and given room for others to seize the spotlight.

None more so than Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, whose office carries considerable power in Texas politics because it presides over the state Senate. Patrick led the push for a North Carolina-style "bathroom bill" and ran President Donald Trump's campaign in Texas.

Patrick, who has repeatedly said he won't run for Abbott's job next year, set the agenda for social conservatives and helped force a special session when bathroom restrictions and property tax changes fizzled out in the House.

Abbott put the blame on lawmakers for the stalled proposals and said it would be their fault again if the measures failed a second time.

"If they fail, it's not for a lack of time. It would be because of a lack of will," Abbott said.

The sharpest debates are again likely to involve a so-called bathroom bill. A version endorsed by Abbott stops short of requiring people to use the bathroom listed on their birth certificate but would rollback transgender protections in major Texas cities.

"How many chances do the Republicans need to get their agenda passed? They control everything," Democratic state Rep. Eric Johnson said. "It's a lesson in failed leadership, is what it is."

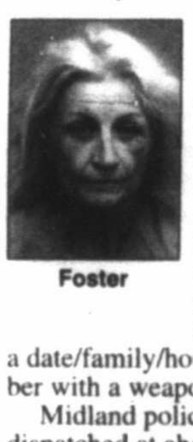
CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Woman charged in machete incident

A Midland woman was arrested June 1 after allegedly threatening people with a machete, according to court documents.

Tammy Lanene Foster, 55, was being held Wednesday on a $75,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault of a date/family/house member with a weapon.



Foster

Midland police were dispatched at about 4 p.m. June 1 in reference to a disturbance.

Foster was in a residence when she grabbed a machete and began swinging it at everyone in the household, according to her arrest affidavit. After being threatened by Foster, the woman in the house locked herself in a room and called for help.

If convicted of the first-degree felony charge, Foster could face up to life imprisonment.

BEEVILLE

Police: Odessa man tired of paying child support meant to kill kids

Police say a West Texas man tired of paying child support drove some 450 miles with the intention of killing his two young children and their mother.

Beeville police Sgt. Greg Baron said Wednesday that 34-year-old Bryan Campbell of Odessa is being held in the Bee County jail on four counts of attempted murder.

Baron says Campbell was armed with a machete and hatchet May 31 when he broke into the Beeville home of the woman he used to date and their children.

The three were not there and Campbell threatened a man house-sitting. The house-sitter called police.

Baron says Campbell did weeks of research to commit the killings, even watching the former TV series "Dexter," about a serial killer.

Jail records don't indicate whether Campbell has an attorney.

Beeville is northwest of Corpus Christi.

DALLAS

Police arrest legislator Neave on DWI count

A Texas legislator has been arrested in Dallas on a misdemeanor intoxicated-driving charge.

Records show 36-year-old Victoria Neave of Dallas was booked early Wednesday and released on $500 bond.

Neave

Dallas police on Tuesday night found her after her car slammed into a tree.

In a video posted on her Facebook page, Neave said she disappointed her family, constituents, supporters and herself. She expressed gratitude that no one was hurt and said she was "deeply sorry" and "will work to make this right."

The Democrat, whose District 107 includes parts of Dallas, Mesquite and Garland, staged a four-day fast during the recent session to protest the so-called "sanctuary cities" bill that passed and was signed by GOP Gov Greg Abbott on May 7. The law takes effect Sept. 1.

FORT WORTH

Mother charged in abused son's death after 2 years

A Texas mother has been charged with capital murder two years after her son died from abuse.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that the May 31 indictment accuses Jessica Langlais of causing the death of 2-year-old Adrian Langlais by striking him with or against a hard surface, injury to a child and failing to seek medical attention for the boy.

Jail records show Langlais was booked into the Tarrant County Jail on Monday with bail set at $500,000.

A hospital examination revealed Adrian had severe head trauma, multiple skull fractures and bleeding on the brain, and bruising and swelling on his face.

A month after Adrian's death, Langlais' then boyfriend, Christian Tyrrell, was arrested and accused of inflicting fatal injuries on the boy. He's scheduled for a hearing in August.

STATE&REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Top immigratio lawyer conference pulling out of Texas

The nation's premier immigration attorney conference is boycotting Texas because of the state's tough, new anti-"sanctuary cities" law.

The American Immigration Lawyers Association of attorneys who represent immigrants, announced Wednesday the cancellation of its 3,000-member conference in Grapevine, slated for 2018.

The organization's president, William Stock, said members "expressed their desire not to spend money" in the state.

Stock said that the annual conference, which has been planned for Grapevine since 2011, contributes up to $3 million to the host site. It includes workshops, forums, and a pro-bono clinic.

Texas' law allows police to inquire about individuals' immigration status and requires them to turn immigrants over to federal immigration officials upon request.

OKLAHOMA

2 small earthquakes recorded in northwestern region

FAIRVIEW — The U.S. Geological Survey has recorded two small earthquakes in northwestern Oklahoma.

The U.S.G.S. reports a 3.4 magnitude quake at 11:41 a.m. Wednesday near Fairview, about 70 miles northwest of Oklahoma City. The quake comes following a 3.3 magnitude temblor at 9:54 p.m. Tuesday near Waynoka, about 95 miles northwest of Oklahoma City.

No damage or injuries are reported and geologists say damage is not likely in quakes below magnitude 4.0.

Thousands of earthquakes have been recorded in Oklahoma in recent years, with many linked to the underground injection of wastewater from oil and natural gas operations.

HOTELS

From 1A

nine statutorily provided categories for expenditure of local hotel occupancy tax revenues.

The city's hotel-motel tax revenue reached $6.512 million in FY 2014 and $7.835 million in FY 2015 before dropping to $5.290 million last fiscal year. City leaders budgeted $5 million in hotel-motel tax this year.

If recent statistics are any indication, the city might be on its way to exceeding that $5 million budget number. According to the city's Finance Office, more than $3.662 million had been collected through seven months of the fiscal year. The comptroller's office showed Midland hotels reported $6.529 million in taxable receipts in February. While that number was less than February 2013 ($6.554 million), February 2014 ($7.694 million) and February 2015 ($8.561 million), the comptroller's office data showed an increase this year compared to February 2016 ($6.274 million).

What does that mean for the city? The revenue collected means there will be money to pay nonprofits the money they are used to — at least $2.2 million since FY 2014. There will be money for Midland Center costs, including bond debt payments. Finance Director Pam Simecka reports a debt payment of $789,504 was paid this year.

In future years, according to city and officials from the Convention and Visitors Bureau, about $5.5 million in hotel-motel taxes will be needed to pay for debt payments (about $1.8 million a year), operations (about $1.2 million a year) and nonprofit grants ($2.5 million, which is nearly $500,000 less than this fiscal year and about the amount provided in FY 2016).

As far as the Midland Convention Center project is concerned, Simecka reports the city has sent over the last of the $42.8 million for construction. In July of last year, city leaders approved total cost for construction and associated work shall not exceed $42.839 million.

She said the city borrowed $30.840 million over 25 years. The rest went over in cash payments, including the "money sent to projects" line items, which totaled about $9.5 million these past two years.

CRIME

From 1A

Forcible rapes increased in the first quarter of 2017 compared to the first quarter of 2016.

Crime data and statistics are used throughout the year and on an annual basis to identify possible crime trends or spikes in crimes. MPD practices "hot spot" policing to target enforcement efforts in areas of the city that show emerging trends of crime. The department currently has only three vacancies for sworn officers which are expected to be filled in the upcoming police academy.

"We enjoy a positive relationship with the community and our partners, which has been crucial to helping us solve crimes and keep Midland safe," said retiring Police Chief Price Robinson in a press release. "We continue to encourage any victims of crime to reach out to us so we can bring the offender to justice and recover any stolen property as necessary."

Crime by the numbers

1st Quarter

	2016	2017	change
Criminal Homicide	0	1	100 percent
Forcible Rape	8	10	25.0 percent
Robbery	23	13	-43.5 percent
Assault	79	50	-36.7 percent
Burglary	164	91	-44.5 percent
Larceny	675	462	-31.6 percent
Motor Vehicle Theft	47	45	-4.3 percent
Total	996	672	-32.5 percent

First quarter the past three years

	2015	2016	2017
Criminal Homicide	1	0	1
Forcible Rape	14	8	10
Robbery	17	23	13
Assault	84	79	50
Burglary	139	164	91
Larceny	609	675	462
Motor Vehicle Theft	48	47	45
Total	912	996	672

For the entire year of 2016, overall part I crimes were down 1.1 percent compared to the previous year.

SALES

From 1A

The year-to-date total sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2016-17 is still down 3.82 percent — $1,059,996 — from last year's totals at this time. Fiscal year-to-date actual sales tax revenue is $26.671 million.

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months before collection; June collection is based on April sales.

The undated photo made available by NASA on Wednesday shows the 2017 NASA Astronaut Class at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. From left are Zena Cardman, Jasmin Moghbeli, Jonny Kim, Frank Rubio, Matthew Dominick, Warren Hoburg, Robb Kulin, Kayla Barron, Bob Hines, Raj Chari, Loral O'Hara and Jessica Watkins. *Robert Markowitz/NASA via AP*

NASA picks 12 new astronauts from crush of applicants

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA chose 12 new astronauts Wednesday from its biggest pool of applicants ever, hand-picking seven men and five women who could one day fly aboard the nation's next generation of spacecraft.

The astronaut class of 2017 includes doctors, scientists, engineers, pilots and military officers from Anchorage to Miami and points in between. They've worked in submarines, emergency rooms, university lecture halls, jet cockpits and battleships. They range in age from 29 to 42, and they typically have led the pack.

"It makes me personally feel very inadequate when you read what these folks have done," said NASA's acting administrator, Robert Lightfoot.

Vice President Mike Pence welcomed the group during a televised ceremony at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. He offered President Donald Trump's congratulations and noted that the president is "firmly committed to NASA's noble mission, leading America in space."

Pence assured the crowd that NASA will have the resources and support necessary to continue to make history. He said he would lead a resurrected National Space Council to help set the direction of the program.

Under Trump, "America will lead in space once again, and the world will marvel," Pence said.

More than 18,300 people threw their hats into the space ring during a brief application period 1 ½ years ago. That's more than double the previous record of 8,000 set in 1978, when the space shuttles were close to launching.

The 12 selected Wednesday will join 44 astronauts already in the NASA corps. U.S. astronauts have not launched from home soil since 2011, when the space shuttles were retired, thus the low head count. Americans have been hitching rides aboard Russian spacecraft in the meantime, but that could change next year.

After two years of training, the newbies may end up riding commercial rockets to the International Space Station or flying beyond the moon in NASA's Orion spacecraft. Their ultimate destination could be Mars.

SpaceX and Boeing are building capsules capable of carrying astronauts to the space station and back as soon as next year. A launch engineer and senior manager for SpaceX, Robb Kulin, is among the new astronauts. He's also worked as an ice driller in Antarctica and a commercial fisherman in Alaska.

"Hopefully, one day, I actually fly on a vehicle that ... I got to design," Kulin said.

Kulin and his classmates may be in for a long wait. Some members of the class of 2009 have yet to launch.

Dr. Jonny Kim, a former Navy SEAL and specialist in emergency medicine, told reporters it "may be a little unclear" what the future holds, at least regarding what spacecraft he and his fellow astronauts might fly.

"We're just happy to be here," he added.

Jack Fischer, who was in the 2009 group, just got to the space station in April, but he said he couldn't be happier as he showed the latest hires their "new office" in a video.

"It's a little bit cramped. The desk is kind of small. But the view. Oh, the view."

Geologist Jessica Watkins already has experienced space — vicariously — as part of the team working with NASA's Curiosity rover on Mars.

"We intend to send her to Mars one day, folks," NASA Flight Operations Director Brian Kelly said in introducing Watkins. She gave a thumbs-up.

This is NASA's 22nd group of astronauts. The first group, the original Mercury 7 astronauts, was chosen in 1959.

Altogether, 350 Americans have now been selected to become astronauts. Requirements include U.S. citizenship; degrees in science, technology, engineering or math; and at least three years of experience or 1,000 hours of piloting jets.

A brief look at the elite 12:

■ Navy Lt. Kayla Barron of Richland, Washington, a submarine-warfare officer and nuclear engineer who was among the first class of women commissioned into the submarine service and now works at the U.S. Naval Academy.

■ Zena Cardman of Williamsburg, Virginia, a graduate research fellow at the National Science Foundation with a specialty in microorganisms in subsurface environments such as caves.

■ Air Force Lt. Col. Raja Chari of Cedar Falls, Iowa, director of the F-35 Integrated Test Force at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

■ Navy Lt. Cmdr. Matthew Dominick of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, department head for Strike Fighter Squadron 115.

■ Bob Hines of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a NASA research pilot at Johnson Space Center.

■ Warren "Woody" Hoburg of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, assistant professor of aeronautics and astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

■ Dr. Jonny Kim of Los Angeles, a Navy lieutenant who trained as a SEAL and is completing his residency in emergency medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

■ Robb Kulin of Anchorage, Alaska, who leads the launch chief engineering group for SpaceX at Hawthorne, California.

■ Marine Maj. Jasmin Moghbeli of Baldwin, New York, who tests H-1 helicopters and serves as a quality assurance and avionics officer for Marine Operational Test Evaluation Squadron 1 in Yuma, Arizona.

■ Loral O'Hara of Sugar Land, a research engineer at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts.

■ Dr. Francisco "Frank" Rubio of Miami, an Army major who is serving as a surgeon in Fort Carson, Colorado.

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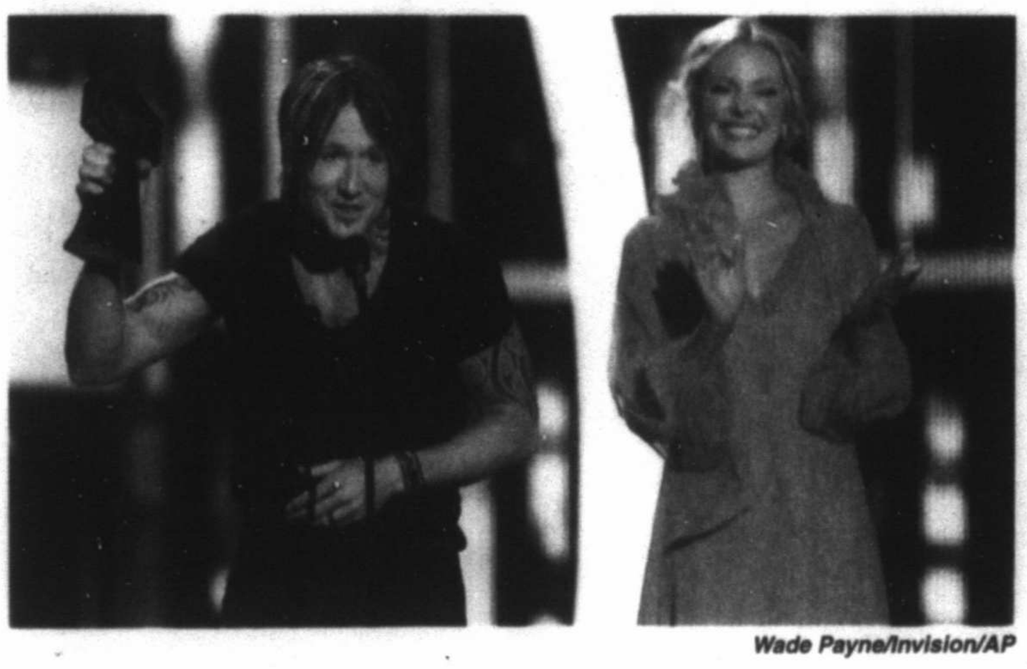

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Keith Urban accepts the award for male video of the year for "Blue Ain't Your Color" at the CMT Music Awards at Music City Center on Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn. Looking on in background right is presenter Katherine Heigl.

Keith Urban wins big at CMT Awards, Underwood makes history

By Mesfin Fekadu
Associated Press

After walking away empty-handed at the Grammy Awards and the Academy of Country Music Awards earlier this year, Keith Urban found redemption at the 2017 CMT Music Awards, picking up four honors including video of the year for "Blue Ain't Your Color."

The country star also won male video, collaborative video and social superstar of the year at the Music City Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

"I love making music, I love making videos ... who knows how long you get to do it," said Urban, who also thanked his fans and his actress-wife Nicole Kidman, who sat in the audience.

"I'm just trying to make a connection," he said.

Urban also performed, singing his disco-flavored hit "The Fighter" with Carrie Underwood, who continued to dominate as the most awarded act in the history of the CMT Awards with 17 wins.

She won female video of the year for "Church Bells" and collaborative video for "The Fighter."

"Thank you God for so many incredible blessings that we have in our lives ... we are so grateful and we are so blessed," said Underwood, who is married to Mike Fisher of the Nashville Predators, who are competing in the Stanley Cup Finals against the Pittsburgh Penguins (Game 5 is today).

"Go Preds," she said.

Others paired up for collaborative performances throughout the night. Jason Aldean, Darius Rucker, Charles Kelley of Lady Antebellum and Derek Trucks kicked off the show with a rocking tribute to southern rocker Gregg Allman, who died last month at age 69. Peter Frampton sang outdoors with Brothers Osborne; The Chainsmokers and duo video of the year winners Florida Georgia Line performed the energetic "Last Day Alive," which was pretaped Tuesday; and Earth, Wind & Fire partnered with Lady Antebellum to close the awards show.

Luke Bryan and Jason Derulo, who won CMT performance of the year for "Want to Want Me" from their "CMT Crossroads" special, performed the pop song onstage, as well as Bryan's slow groove, "Strip It Down."

The CMT Awards didn't only include singers from other genres; Hollywood stars also attended, including Ashton Kutcher.

Jada Pinkett Smith and Katherine Heigl sported pink sunglasses while Miranda Lambert sang "Pink Sunglasses" onstage. Blake Shelton, Thomas Rhett and Kelsea Ballerini also performed during the show. Little Big Town, who also sang, won group video of the year for "Better Man," their No. 1 hit that was written by Taylor Swift.

Band member Karen Fairchild thanked the group's fans "for making this such a big hit."

Lauren Alaina, who placed second on "American Idol" in 2011, won breakthrough video of the year for her No. 1 hit, "Road Less Traveled."

"Reba McEntire just gave me an award so that's pretty crazy," said the shocked 22-year-old singer. After thanking people she gave Jesus a shout-out.

"I should have said that first. Sorry, God," she said.

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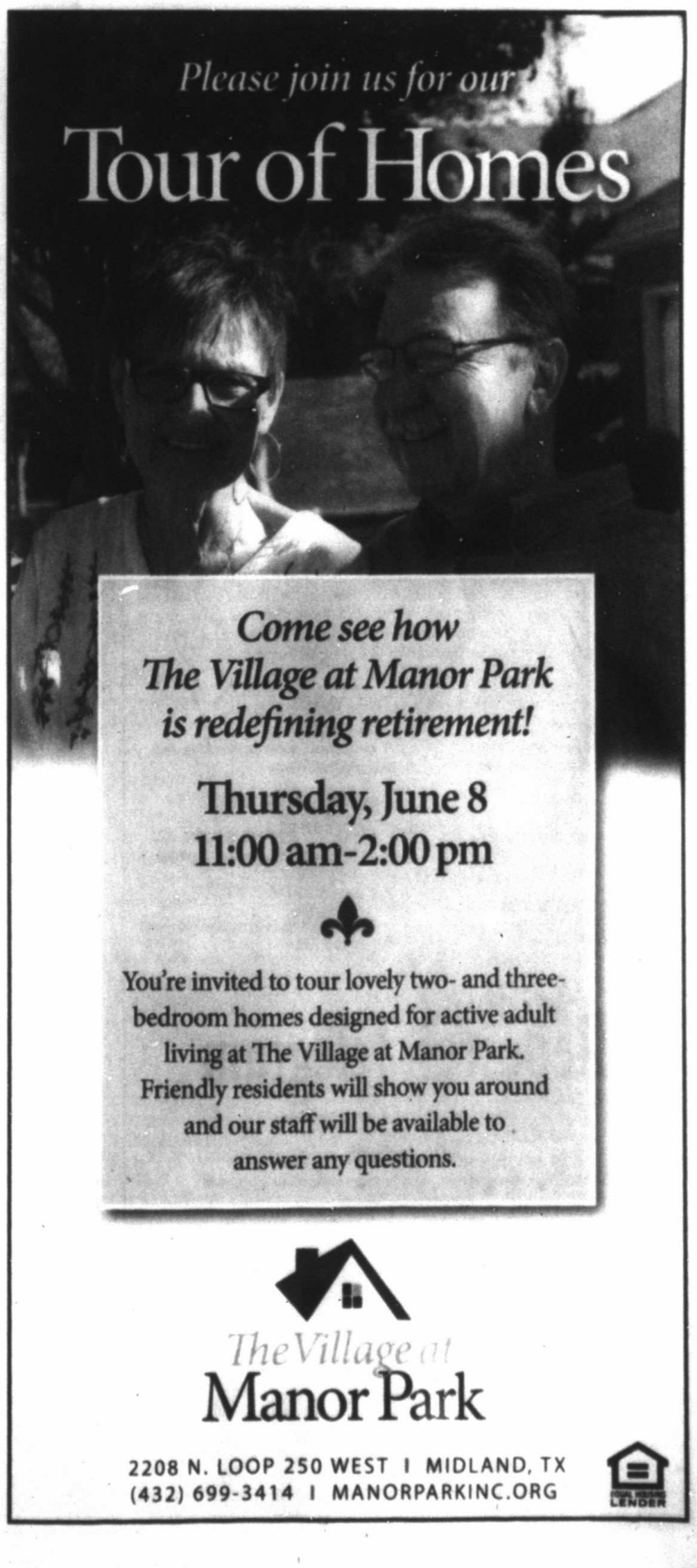

OPINION

President needs tweeting intervention

■ Trump needs to start acting presidential for his sake and the sake of the country

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Maybe an intervention, the kind we hear about with alcoholics, could help solve our national problems. Only in this case, the target would be President Donald Trump, who does not drink and never has. He tweets. He does it childishly and vengefully with self-defeating expertise, and while it is scarcely his only fault, it in too many ways sums up the others.

It points to intellectual effort no more than about 140 characters long, self-control on the order of no self-control, an absorption with the petty over the important and an ego issue that begs for attachment to the word maniacal. The sadness is that he's right now a key protection against leftism, which has plans to warp America. And he does stand for a number of worthy, substantive policies that could be advanced if he would just focus on them and lead.

But, with some mighty exceptions, such as getting Neil Gorsuch on the Supreme Court, helping to form an anti-terrorist Arab alliance in the Middle East and giving a sterling speech to Congress, his disorderliness and nods in silly directions have gotten him in a fix.

He is having a hard time finding talented people to serve in his administration, and the FBI remains without a permanent director. His own White House staff is full of leakers. On the important policy of tax reform, his intentions rejuvenated capitalist spirits that have been infusing more energy into the economy, but his plans have lacked details about how the whole thing would work.

Even his ingenious business council meetings are less a thing, and health care reform and other projects seem to be wandering around with no sense of direction. Shy of trust in the president, Republicans in Congress keep on fumbling and are clearly fretting about their political futures. Early on, we heard talk about Democrats working with Trump on an infrastructure plan, but the bridge seems to have fallen, so to speak. There is a new objective.

What the Democrats now seek above any national need is Trump's impeachment through hook, crook and patriotic pretense. Too many news outlets are joining in, repeatedly putting biased twists on stories and making too much out of too little. A pack of judges has decided that it's not what the laws say anymore — at least if it comes to a temporary travel ban — but what someone may have uttered once upon a time.

Inspired by their detestation of Trump, anti-fascists fascists continue to invade peaceful conservative rallies, and now you read about a conservative group getting ready to take them on. God save us not just from this civil disgrace, but from some self-important celebrities whose frame of mind does not seem that distant from Kathy Griffin's. She is the comedian televised holding a replica of a bloody severed head looking just like Trump's. Even a number of Trump haters appropriately said boo to this, but do not expect new-found temperateness.

It's as if whatever Trump can do, they can do worse, and presidential approval has dropped low enough that some 43 figures have already indicated they just may vie in the 2020 Democratic presidential primaries. A major mode of redress would be for Trump to drop the tweets and act presidential, but Sean Spicer, his press secretary, said in a press conference that the "president is the president of the United States" and that the tweets "are considered official statements."

In alcoholic interventions, those pushing for an end to addiction and maybe rehab and joining Alcoholics Anonymous are some family members and perhaps a few friends. What we need in the Trump intervention are governors, senators, representatives, family, current staffers and Cabinet members saying, "You must not only quit the tweets but heed other advice and discover dignity."

It will, of course, never happen in such a fashion, but something like it should — not just for Trump's sake, but for the sake of the country.

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OUR VIEW

Gov. Abbott, this is quite a list for the special session

Gov. Greg Abbott said two things Tuesday before calling for a legislative special session that will begin on July 18.

The first: "A special session was entirely avoidable, and there was plenty of time for the Legislature to forge compromises to avoid the time and taxpayer expense of a special session."

The second: "If I am going to call a special session, I intend to make it count."

He then put 20 special session agenda items on legislators' plates. So, yes, we guess he really is going to make it count.

We are not sure whether to give the governor of the great state of Texas a standing ovation for putting his foot down, or to shake our heads because of the laundry list that legislators will have to complete in 30 days. We tend to agree with Rep. Tom Craddick, who wondered if legislators, who had 140 days to take care of business, could go through such a list in one month.

Here is the list.

1. Sunset legislation
2. Teacher pay increase of $1,000
3. Administrative flexibility in teacher hiring and retention practices
4. School finance reform commission
5. School choice for special-needs students
6. Property tax reform
7. Caps on state and local spending
8. Preventing cities from regulating what property owners do with trees on private land
9. Preventing local governments from changing rules midway through construction projects
10. Speeding up local government permitting process
11. Municipal annexation reform
12. Texting while driving preemption
13. Privacy (restrictions on bathroom use for transgender Texans)
14. Prohibition of taxpayer dollars to collect union dues
15. Prohibition of taxpayer funding for abortion providers
16. Pro-life insurance reform
17. Strengthening abortion reporting requirements when health complications arise
18. Strengthening patient protections relating to do-not-resuscitate orders
19. Cracking down on mail-in ballot fraud
20. Extending maternal mortality task force

Some of these items should be slam dunks. Others will raise intense debates. Anyone who thinks the entire list will be resolved in 30 days is probably fooling themselves. Considering the governor's desire to "avoid the time and taxpayer expense" of a special session, we hope he is not setting us up for special session No. 2.

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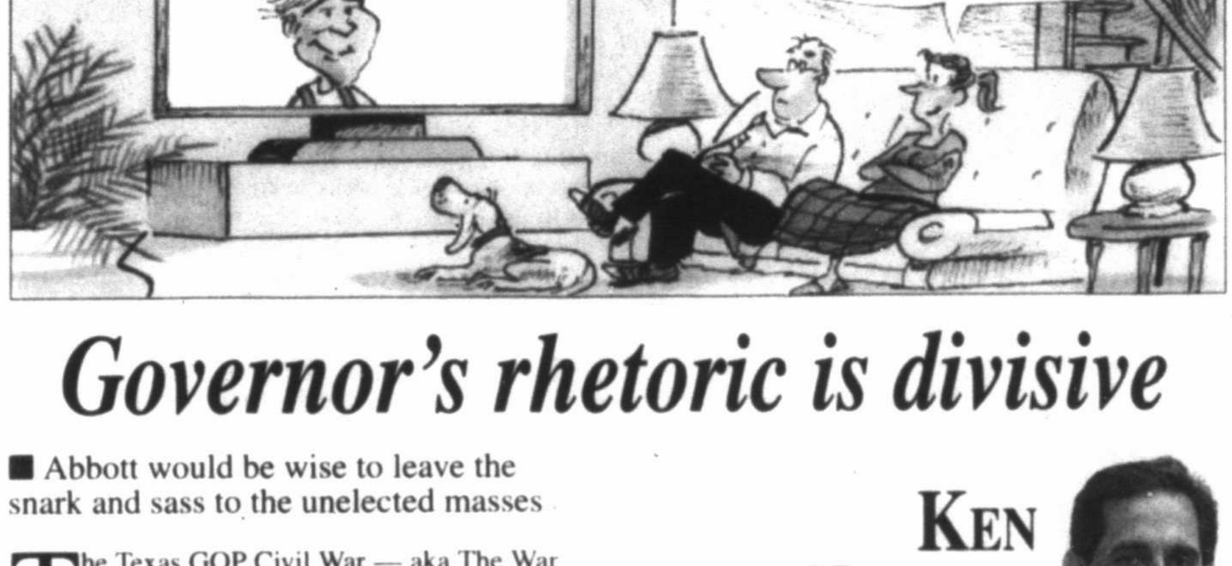

Governor's rhetoric is divisive

■ Abbott would be wise to leave the snark and sass to the unelected masses

KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

The Texas GOP Civil War — aka The War Between The State's Leaders — flares anew beginning July 18 at Your State Capitol.

The place is set by the Texas Constitution. The date for the 30-day special legislative session was set Tuesday by Gov. Greg Abbott, the man whom the Texas Constitution gives the sole power to convene special sessions — which are to lawmakers what summer school is to schoolkids.

Abbott, in a somewhat scolding tone, told lawmakers they'll spend part of their summer working on a broad list of 20 subjects he said they failed during the 140-day regular session that ended Memorial Day.

"I expect legislators to return with a calm demeanor and with a firm commitment to make Texas even better," Abbott said in wrapping up what was billed as a press conference but lacked the Q-and-A that traditionally differentiates a press conference from a speech.

The 20 topics include warm- and hot-button issues, including property tax reform and transgender bathroom and locker room use, topics on which Abbott's fellow Republicans — who control the Legislature — couldn't reach agreement or, at times, even amicable discussion.

These are topics on which House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick don't see GOP eye to GOP eye. And in Congress, our Legislature seems hamstrung by one-party rule. Odd.

Abbott, who controls the issues a special session can consider, set this one up to be regular session-like because of the volume and diversity of the topics he's ordered lawmakers back to Austin to consider.

In the name of less government, Abbott set himself up as something of a big-government guy by telling lawmakers to big-foot some local ordinances into extinction.

Once again, we have a Republican who is for local control except when he isn't. And Abbott is particularly upset about local control in the city in which he now lives and works. It seems our governor does not have confidence in Texans' (and particularly Austin, Texans') ability to make their own laws for their own local purposes.

"I'm calling for legislation that reduces, restricts and prohibits local regulations," Abbott said. "Some local governments, like the city of Austin, are doing everything they can to overregulate. In the process, they are stifling our economy, interfering with job creation and undermining private property rights."

Yes, perhaps you've noticed how Austin is suffering economically.

Abbott is the kind of Republican who complains when the feds try to overrule state actions. But he's perfectly happy with using the state to overrule local actions. I understand that the fed-state relationship differs from the state-local relationship, but doesn't the local control mantra hold up?

Can't Austin run Austin differently than Belton runs Belton? (We'll return to our Belton neighbors in a moment.)

In fact, Abbott on Tuesday praised lawmakers for backing a call for a "convention of the states" to "rein in an out-of-control federal government."

Abbott's Tuesday announcement came as The New York Times weighed in on Texas politics, publishing an article headlined, "Governor struggles to lead as Texas Republicans splinter into factions."

I noted this Abbott quote in The Times about a recent Texas Monthly cover that proclaimed Patrick "the most influential person in Texas politics."

"With all due respect, with regard to any media story, I could care less," Abbott told The Times, adding, "My focus is on the people of Texas, and I could care less what any story writes."

I'll skip the tiresome lecture about people who say "could care less" when they mean "couldn't care less."

And, FYI, I did care about this Abbott quip in his Monday night speech to Bell County Repubs up in Belton: "As I was coming up here from Austin, Texas, tonight, I got to tell you, it's great to be out of the People's Republic of Austin," Abbott said. "As you leave Austin and start heading north, you start feeling different. Once you cross the Travis County line, it starts smelling different. And you know what that fragrance is? Freedom. It's the smell of freedom that does not exist in Austin, Texas."

That line of divisive political rhetoric was well-received in Bell County. Here's a reminder for any Bell County folks who share the gov's misgivings about Austin and Travis County: You're free to stay out of Austin and Travis County, physically and politically.

Abbott, with his choice of tone and topic, has evolved into the kind of leader whose rhetoric divides rather than unites. And isn't that just the kind of leader we don't need more of these days?

I share Abbott's misgivings about so-called sanctuary city politics, but there's got to be a better way for our leaders to discuss this other than referring to Travis County Sheriff Sally Hernandez as "Sanctuary Sally."

I'd encourage Abbott to leave the snark and sass to the unelected masses, including self-important, wise-guy sideline observers like newspaper columnists.

I worry when I see our elected leaders behaving and speaking like I would as an elected leader. I expect so much more from other people.

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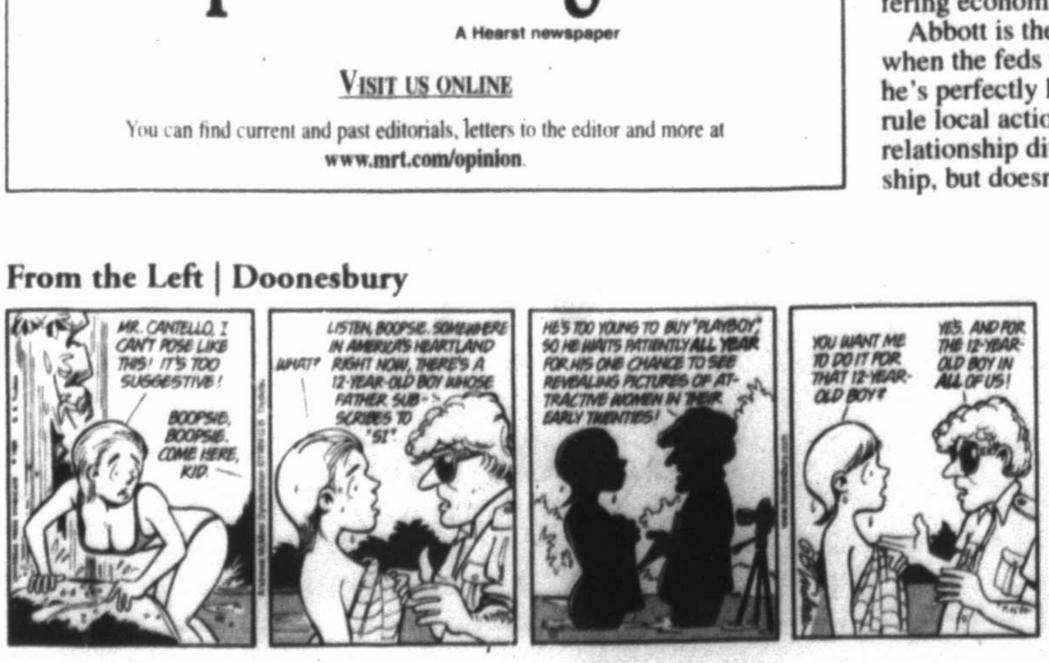

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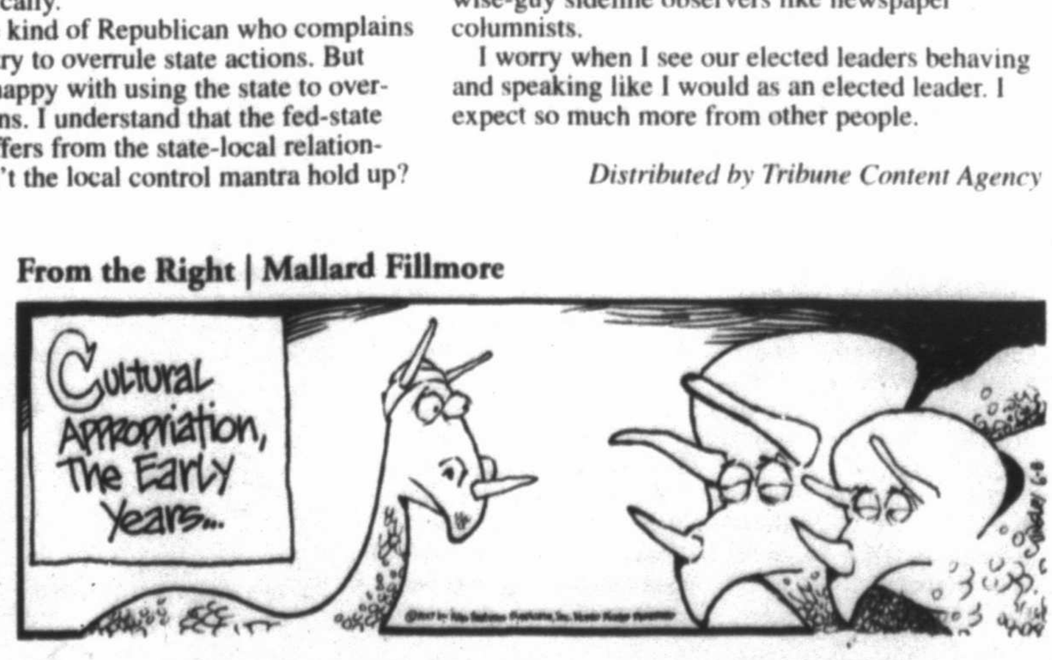
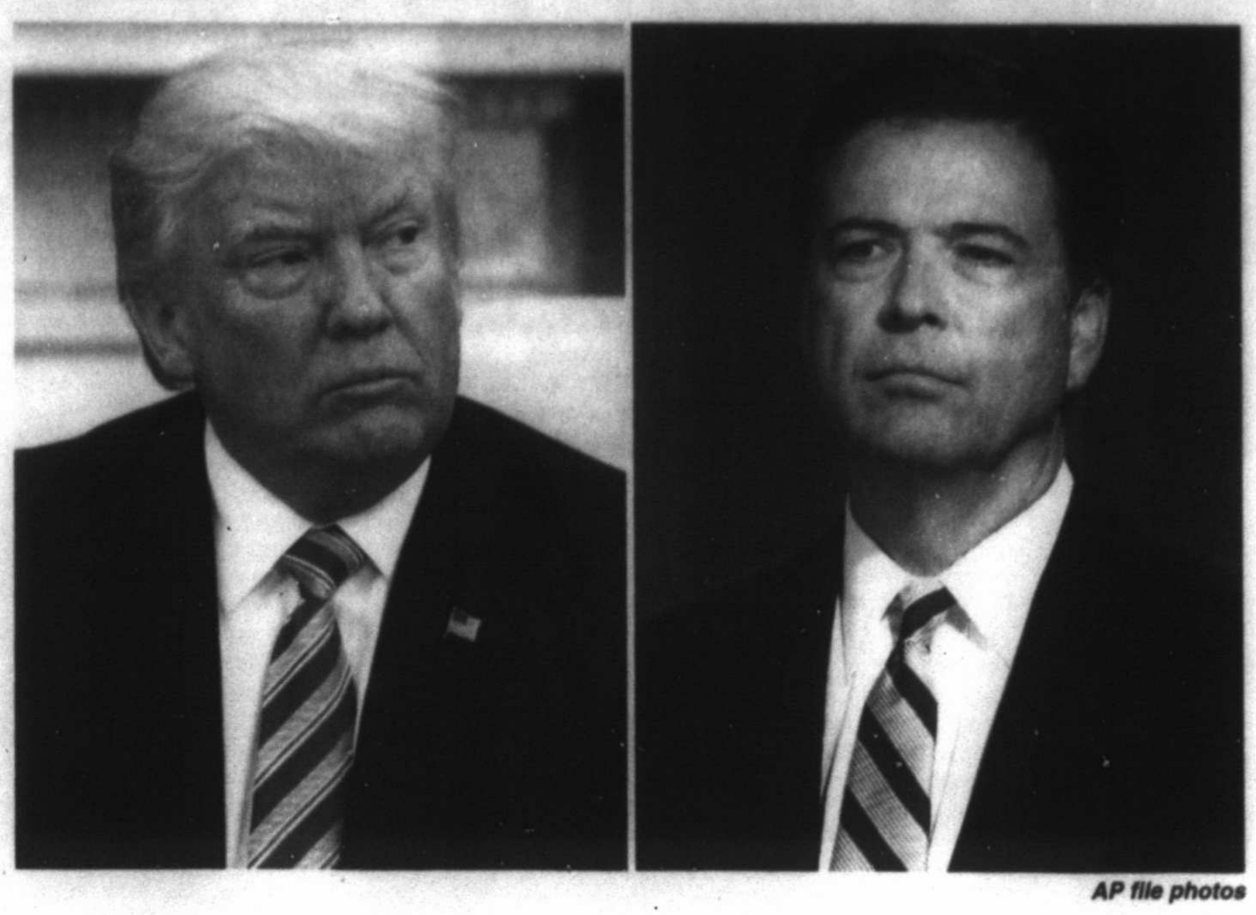


Comey to Congress: President Trump told him, 'I need loyalty'

By Eric Tucker and Julie Pace
Associated Press



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In this combination photo, President Donald Trump, left, appears in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington on May 10 and FBI Director James Comey appears at a news conference in Washington on June 30, 2014. Comey is making his first public comments since being fired by President Donald Trump and, according to his prepared remarks, will talk about the president's efforts put the investigation behind him.

WASHINGTON — Former FBI Director James Comey will testify that President Donald Trump sought his "loyalty" and asked what could be done to "lift the cloud" of investigation shadowing his White House, according to prepared remarks released ahead of his appearance on Capitol Hill on Thursday.

Comey will also tell lawmakers that he informed Trump that he was not personally under investigation, validating the president's previous claims that he was not the target of the probe into his campaign's possible ties to Russia. Comey will say that the FBI and Justice Department were reluctant to state that publicly "because it would create a duty to correct, should that change."

Comey's testimony will be his first public comments since Trump abruptly fired him on May 9. The seven-page remarks released Wednesday reveal in dramatic detail, and with a writer's flair, Comey's uneasiness with Trump, who he believed was disregarding the FBI's traditional independence from the White House.

Until his firing, Comey oversaw the federal investigation into possible collusion between Trump's associates and Russia. Trump's abrupt firing of Comey outraged Democrats, who believe he was improperly trying to halt a probe that has hung over his presidency since his first day in office.

The former director's testimony is based on written memos of his interactions with Trump, some of which he says he shared with senior FBI leadership. Comey describes at length a Feb. 14 meeting in the Oval Office in which he believed Trump asked him to drop any investigation of fired National Security Adviser Michael Flynn's contacts with Russia's ambassador to the U.S.

"He then said, 'I hope you can see your way clear to letting this go, to letting Flynn go. He is a good guy. I hope you can let this go,'" Comey says, according to the prepared remarks. "I replied only that, 'He is a good guy.'"

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said she was unsure if the president had reviewed Comey's testimony. Asked whether the president stood by earlier assertions that he had neither sought Comey's loyalty nor asked for the Flynn investigation to be dropped, she said: "I can't imagine the president not standing by his own statement."

Sanders referred specific questions to Trump's outside counsel, Marc Kasowitz, who did not immediately respond to inquiries.

Earlier Wednesday, Trump announced that he planned to nominate Christopher Wray, a former Justice Department official, as Comey's successor. FBI directors are nominated for 10-year terms.

Comey's testimony was released by the Senate intelligence committee hours after lawmakers sparred with top intelligence chiefs who refused to answer the panel's questions about conversations they had with Trump regarding the Russia probe. Intelligence committee members wanted to know about news reports claiming Trump had asked Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats and Adm. Mike Rogers, the director of the National Security Agency, to publicly state that there was no evidence of collusion between Moscow and the Trump campaign.

Trump allies have sought to undermine Comey's credibility ahead of his testimony, noting that the FBI had to correct some of his remarks from his last appearance on Capitol Hill. They've also questioned why Comey did not raise his concerns about Trump publicly or resign.

Among the encounters Comey describes is a Jan. 27 dinner at the White House that he viewed as an attempt by the president to "create some sort of patronage relationship."

According to Comey, Trump asked if he wanted to remain as FBI director and declared: "I need loyalty. I expect loyalty." Comey says he replied that he could offer his honesty, and that when Trump said he wanted "honest loyalty," Comey paused and said, "You will get that from me."

In March, after Comey had publicly revealed the existence of a federal counterintelligence investigation into ties between Russia and the Trump campaign, Trump complained that the probe had left a "cloud" that was "impairing his ability to act on behalf of the country."

It was during that conversation that Comey said the president asked him what could be done to "lift the cloud" of investigation that was damaging his administration. Comey said Trump also said "he had nothing to do with Russia, had not been involved with hookers in Russia, and had always assumed he was being recorded when in Russia" — referencing an unverified intelligence dossier detailing compromising information Moscow allegedly had collected on the president.

The White House initially said Trump fired Comey on the recommendation of the Justice Department, citing as justification a memo from Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein that criticized Comey's handling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation. But Trump later said he was thinking of "this Russia thing" when he fired Comey and would have dismissed him without the Justice Department's input.

Comey said his practice of keeping written meeting records began after his encounter with Trump before the inauguration. He said he did not keep records of the two private, in-person interactions he had with President Barack Obama between the time he took the helm at the FBI in September 2013 and the end of the 44th president's tenure.

Comey describes nine one-on-one conversations with Trump in four months.

Sharing the spotlight with Comey, GOP and Dem senators

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eight Republicans and seven Democrats on the Senate Intelligence committee will each get their moments as they take turns questioning the former FBI chief who was fired last month by President Donald Trump.

The panel's members represent right, left and center of the political spectrum, including liberal Democrats who've attacked Trump relentlessly, and conservative Republicans who've defended him unreservedly. There are potential presidential candidates past and future, senators up for re-election in a tough political climate and a couple veteran GOP lawmakers, including committee Chairman Richard Burr of North Carolina, who were re-elected last year against the odds, thanks partly to Trump's own victory.

Each lawmaker will be guided by their own political considerations as well as their constituents' orientation as they question Comey, mindful of the glare of the national spotlight. Here's look at four lawmakers representing a range of views on the committee.

Things to know about Comey's testimony

WASHINGTON — Here's how we got to this point, and here are some things to expect from the most anticipated congressional hearing in recent memory:

The backstory

The testimony, Comey's first public comments since his May 9 firing, unfolds against the extraordinary backdrop of an FBI investigation that has shadowed the Trump White House from the outset and threatens to cripple its agenda.

At the time he was fired, Comey had been overseeing the investigation into possible coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign for months.

The White House's stated reasons for firing Comey were contradicted by the president himself, raising questions about whether Trump had fired Comey to derail the Russia investigation.

The White House initially said Trump was acting on the recommendation of Justice Department leaders, citing as justification a memo from Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein that lambasted Comey's handling of the Hillary Clinton email server investigation. But Trump gave a different explanation when he said in an NBC News interview that he had already decided to dismiss Comey and was thinking of "this Russia thing" when he did so.

Trump's actions and justifications presented the possibility that Trump's intention was to obstruct justice.

Comey's testimony

Comey, a skilled raconteur who generally tilts in favor of openness, is well-accustomed to the spotlight and in particular to sensational congressional hearings, including one 10 years ago in which he revealed a dramatic hospital room clash with Bush administration officials.

Thursday's testimony before the Senate intelligence committee is expected to be the most dramatic yet.

The official release of Comey's remarks on Wednesday afternoon came shortly after the conclusion of testimony from Comey's former national security peers who refused to answer senators' questions about their own interactions with Trump. There have been reports that the president tried to pressure NSA Director Mike Rogers and Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats to publicly push back on the investigation.

The former director's prepared remarks answered many of the looming questions:

■ Did the president ask Comey for his loyalty? Yes. "I didn't move, speak or change my facial expression in any way during the awkward silence that followed," Comey said in his written testimony.

■ Did the president ask Comey to stop investigating his former national security adviser, Michael Flynn? Yes. "I had understood the president to be requesting that we drop any investigation of Flynn in connection with false statements about his conversations with the Russian ambassador in December," Comey said.

■ How often did Trump and Comey communicate with each other before he was fired? Nine times, Comey said. "Three in person and six on the phone."

■ After one of these encounters, did Comey actually tell Attorney General Jeff Sessions that he did not want to meet with the president alone again? Yes. "I took the opportunity to implore the Attorney General to prevent any future direct communication between the President and me," Comey said.

But Republicans are likely to press Comey on why he did not raise his concerns about Trump publicly or resign. Some may attempt to divert attention from Comey's remarks about Trump by focusing on two issues they've repeatedly seized on: leaks and revealing the names of Americans in intelligence reports.

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

Sen. James Lankford, Republican, Oklahoma

Lankford, 49, is serving his first full term in the Senate after four years in the House. Before that, he worked for the Baptist Convention of Oklahoma as director of student ministry. Despite his conservative orientation and general support for Trump and the GOP agenda, Lankford has on occasion separated himself from the president, including calling for him to release his tax returns.

With the release of Comey's written testimony Wednesday, the Republican National Committee focused on the confirmation it provided that Comey had assured Trump he was not under investigation. Lankford expressed hope for an open discussion with Comey.

Sen. Susan Collins, Republican, Maine

Collins, 64, is one of the leading centrists in the Senate, the Republican who's often most willing to break with her party. For example, she opposed a couple of Trump's Cabinet nominees. She did not support Trump for president, and although unfailingly gentle and polite she has not been shy about voicing her criticism of him.

Collins spent years working for her predecessor in the Senate, Republican William Cohen, and was interning for him in 1974 when he voted as a member of the Judiciary Committee to impeach President Richard Nixon.

Very popular at home, Collins was easily re-elected to a fourth term in 2014 and is now viewed as a potential candidate for governor.

Collins is interested in hearing directly from Comey about his interactions with Trump prior to Comey's firing. The ousted FBI director said Trump sought his "loyalty" and asked what could be done to "lift the cloud" of investigation shadowing his White House, according to prepared remarks released ahead of his appearance Thursday.

Sen. Joe Manchin, Democrat, West Virginia

Manchin, 69, a popular former governor of West Virginia, is the most conservative Democrat in the Senate and is running for his third term in a state Trump won by 40 percentage points. Manchin has not been afraid to praise Trump, meet with him and align himself with the president. At the same time, he's stuck with fellow Democrats in strongly opposing Trump on some issues, including the GOP drive to repeal and replace former President Barack Obama's health care law.

Now, approaching Thursday's hearing, Manchin says that West Virginia voters are closely following the storyline around Trump's firing of Comey and the federal investigation into Russia's interference into the 2016 election and ties with Trump.

He asked constituents to send in questions they wanted to make sure got asked at the hearing, and received over 600 responses, which his staff is breaking into categories to help guide his questioning.

Sen. Kamala Harris, Democrat, California

Harris, 52, is a newcomer to the Senate, but not to the role of questioning witnesses. She spent years as a prosecutor, and served as district attorney of San Francisco before being elected California's attorney general. She was elected to the Senate last year to replace another liberal Democrat, Barbara Boxer, who retired.

Harris drew attention at Wednesday's Intelligence Committee hearing when Burr cut her off as she pressed a witness, leading to complaints from liberal and women's groups about her treatment.

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How news networks plan to cover Comey's testimony

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — With television networks setting aside regular programming to mark the moment Thursday, former FBI Director James Comey's testimony before Congress on the investigation into Russian meddling in the U.S. presidential election will be hard for most Americans to miss.

CNN has already kept a "countdown clock" to the start of Comey's appearance before the Senate intelligence committee on its screen for days. The moment has already drawn comparisons to past congressional appearances that riveted the country, from Watergate to Anita Hill's testimony at Clarence Thomas' Supreme Court confirmation hearing.

"This is one of those moments where much of the country may want to stop and watch," said Norah O'Donnell, part of the trio anchoring CBS' live coverage.

Comey is making his first public comments since being fired by President Donald Trump and, according to his prepared remarks, will talk about the president's efforts put the investigation behind him. CBS is one of several networks expected to air Comey's remarks and subsequent questioning by senators.

Lester Holt, Savannah Guthrie and Chuck Todd will be at the helm of NBC's coverage, scheduled to start at 10 a.m. George Stephanopoulos anchors at ABC. O'Donnell's fellow hosts at "CBS This Morning," Gayle King and Charlie Rose, will be in the lead at that network.

The Fox broadcast network, which airs news coverage much less frequently, will do so with Comey in a broadcast anchored by Shepard Smith. On the sister Fox News Channel, Bill Hemmer and Shannon Bream will co-anchor. Wolf Blitzer and Anderson Cooper are the helm at CNN, with Brian Williams and Nicolle Wallace filling that role on MSNBC.

C-SPAN will air the coverage on two of its channels. Facebook is offering live streams from several media outlets, including Buzzfeed, Townhall Media, Politico, The New York Times and Washington Post.

It's a big moment for the journalists, said O'Donnell, who used to cover Congress even before she got into TV.

"I feel the weight and responsibility of getting it right and conveying the details," she said.

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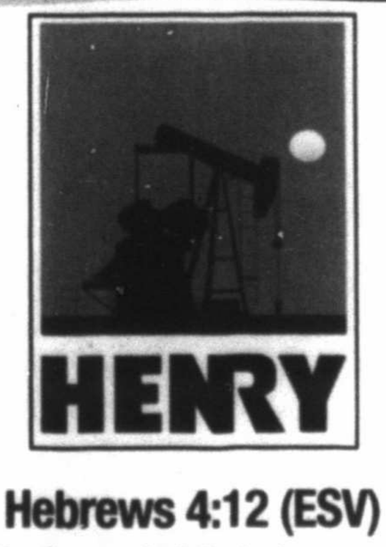
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For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

US intelligence chiefs decline to discuss Trump contacts

By Deb Riechmann and Eric Tucker
Associated Press

Alex Brandon/Associated Press

From left, Acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, National Intelligence Director Dan Coats, and National Security Agency Director Adm. Michael Rogers are seated during a Senate Intelligence Committee hearing about the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, on Capitol Hill on Wednesday in Washington.

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers verbally sparred with top intelligence chiefs Wednesday after they staunchly refused to answer questions about conversations they had with President Donald Trump regarding probes into Russian activities during the election.

Members of the Senate intelligence committee wanted to know about news reports claiming Trump had asked Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats and Adm. Mike Rogers, the director of the National Security Agency, to publicly state that there was no evidence of collusion between Moscow and the Trump campaign.

Trump has consistently pushed back against suggestions that his campaign coordinated with Russia and says the investigations into the matter are a hoax.

"In the three-plus years that I have been the director of the National Security Agency, to the best of my recollection, I have never been directed to do anything I believe to be illegal, immoral, unethical or inappropriate," Rogers told the committee. "And to the best of my recollection, during that same period of service, I do not recall ever feeling pressured to do so."

Coats, who was confirmed as Trump's national intelligence director in mid-March, said: "In interacting with the President of the United States or anybody in his administration, I have never been pressured.

"I've never felt pressure to intervene or interfere in any way and shape — with shaping intelligence in a political way, or in relationship to an ongoing investigation."

Those answers didn't satisfy the senators. Even mild-spoken Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, got testy. He demanded to know what legal basis justified Coats' refusal to answer questions.

"I'm not sure I have a legal basis, but I am more than willing to sit before this committee ... in a closed session and answer your questions," Coats said.

With the frustrated lawmakers gearing up for today's long-awaited testimony from ousted FBI Director James Comey, the committee Wednesday afternoon took the unusual step of releasing the written statement Comey plans to deliver.

In it, Comey details a series of interactions with Trump that made him uneasy and appear to show the president disregarding the FBI's traditional independence from the White House.

Comey said he was taken aback by specific requests, including one during a private Oval Office meeting in February where he said Trump asked him to end a probe into former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn. Trump complained that the probe had created a "cloud" over his presidency.

During Wednesday's hearing, which was about the reauthorization of a federal foreign intelligence collection law, Democrats and Republicans pressed Coats, Rogers and also acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

The senators said they were puzzled as to why McCabe would not answer questions about conversations he had with Comey regarding the former FBI director's meetings with the president.

McCabe said it would be inappropriate to discuss issues that might end up being part of the special counsel's investigation into Russian activities during the election.

"I have to be particularly careful about not stepping into the special counsel's lane," McCabe said.

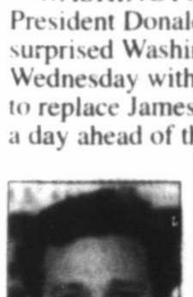
At the close of the hearing, the Republican committee chairman, Sen. Richard Burr of North Carolina, said that executive branch officials have the option of briefing the committee or congressional leaders in a classified setting.

"At no time should you be in a position where you come to Congress with no answer," Burr told the witnesses. "The requirements of our oversight responsibilities and your agencies deserve it." After the hearing, Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, the ranking Democrat on the committee, lamented that the witnesses could have laid to rest questions about what the president told them about the Russia probe, but they chose not to answer.

To refuse to answer the questions in a public hearing "just won't be enough," Warner said. "The American public deserves to know what the President of the United States did and what he asked of the leaders of our intelligence community."

Trump taps seasoned law enforcement attorney to head FBI

By Sadie Gurman and Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press



Wray

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump surprised Washington on Wednesday with his choice to replace James Comey a day ahead of the ousted FBI director's blockbuster congressional testimony, tapping a white-collar defense lawyer with strong law enforcement background. Senate Republicans and some Democrats praised the nomination.

In an early morning two-sentence tweet, Trump said he intended to nominate Christopher Wray, a high-ranking official in George W. Bush's Justice Department who represented New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie in the Bridgegate scandal.

Trump, in a statement later Wednesday, called Wray "an impeccably qualified individual."

"I know that he will again serve his country as a fierce guardian of the law and model of integrity once the Senate confirms him to lead the FBI," Trump said.

While the choice captured headlines early in the day, it was quickly overwhelmed by the advance release of Comey's riveting testimony, in which he said Trump sought his loyalty at a January dinner. The former FBI chief also said he told the president three times he was not under investigation in the probe of Russian meddling in the 2016 election and possible collusion with the Trump campaign.

The White House and its allies have been looking for ways to offset that potentially damaging testimony and have been working on strategies aimed at undermining Comey's credibility.

Trump abruptly fired Comey on May 9, roiling Washington and multiple congressional investigations and prompting the appointment of Special Counsel Robert Mueller. The nomination of Wray — and the Senate confirmation hearings for the 10-year post — promise days more of public discussion about Trump and Russia.

Wray said he was honored to be selected.

"I look forward to serving the American people with integrity as the leader of what I know firsthand to be an extraordinary group of men and women who have dedicated their careers to protecting this country," he said.

Wray rose to head the Justice Department's criminal division in the Bush administration and oversaw investigations into corporate fraud, at a time when Comey was deputy attorney general. Wray took charge of a task force of prosecutors and FBI agents created to investigate the Enron scandal.

Wray is a traditional choice for the job. Trump had considered current and former politicians, including former Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, and some FBI agents worried that Trump would try to politicize the bureau.

Lawmakers had little or no advance notice of Trump's choice. The response in the Republican-controlled Senate, where Wray would only need a simple majority vote, was supportive but cautious.

"Christopher Wray's legal credentials and law enforcement background certainly make him a suitable candidate to lead the FBI," said Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

Grassley said it could take "a couple weeks" to receive all of Wray's nomination paperwork before the committee begins considering his nomination. After this week, Congress is only in session for six weeks before the five-week August recess.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell praised Wray, saying his "impressive credentials make him more than ready for the sober task of leading the FBI in fulfilling its law enforcement and national security missions, especially at a time when our country faces so many serious threats both at home and abroad."

Delaware Sen. Chris Coons, a Democrat on the Judiciary panel, said he, too, was encouraged that Trump's pick is a veteran of law enforcement "rather than a career in partisan politics, as was rumored over the past several weeks."

Wray's nomination is sure to be caught up by questions from both parties — but especially Democrats — over whether he will be able to be independent of Trump, how he will handle the investigation into Russia's election meddling and how he will interact with Mueller.

"The FBI is responsible for some of our nation's most important investigations and needs a professional who is willing to stand up to the administration when necessary," Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., said.

Wray works in private practice for the King & Spalding law firm. He represented Christie, a Trump ally, in the George Washington Bridge investigation, in which two former aides to the Republican governor were convicted of plotting to close bridge lanes to punish a Democratic mayor who wouldn't endorse Christie. During tense times, Christie said, he would make one call: to Wray.

The two met and bonded when Christie was the top federal prosecutor in New Jersey in the Bush administration. Christie said the president made an "outstanding choice" for FBI director, calling Wray an independent, nonpolitical pick.

"When I was at the absolute lowest point of my professional life, he was who I called. I don't think you can give a better recommendation than that," Christie told reporters after Wray was nominated. "And it's not like I don't know a lot of lawyers."

Christie, who has informally advised Trump, was not charged in the bridge case.

Christie's office disclosed last year that Wray had the missing cellphone that was used by the governor and contained about a dozen text messages that Christie exchanged with a former staffer during a legislative hearing related to the bridge in 2013.

Former colleagues described Wray as serious and professional.

Alice Fisher, who followed Wray as head of the Justice Department's criminal division and also interviewed for the FBI post, called Wray "an excellent lawyer who will provide even-keeled leadership" and already has strong ties to the FBI.

Early in his career, Wray, a 1992 graduate from Yale Law School, was an assistant U.S. attorney in Georgia.

Thomas O'Connor, president of the FBI Agents Association, said that group looked forward to meeting with Wray and learning about his views on the bureau and the challenges agents face.

Trump eases Qatar critique, offers to mediate Gulf spat

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump offered Wednesday to personally broker a resolution to the Persian Gulf's escalating diplomatic crisis, as both he and Qatar looked past his pointed suggestion only a day earlier that the tiny, gas-rich nation enables terrorism.

In a phone call with Qatar's ruling emir, Sheikh Tamin bin Hamad Al Thani, Trump said he wanted to help Qatar and its Arab neighbors resolve the row that has upended any sense of Gulf unity, suggesting a possible White House summit among leaders. Though Trump again said countries must eliminate funding streams for terror groups, the White House said he focused on the need for the region's various U.S. allies to stick together.

Blockaded by its neighbors by land and sea, Qatar is eager for Trump's help. Qatar's U.S. ambassador, Meshal bin Hamad Al Thani, told The Associated Press his country is counting on Washington to persuade Saudi Arabia and others to back down.

"We have great confidence in the president's ability to calm this crisis and to resolve it," Al Thani said in an interview.

Trump's bid to fashion himself as a neutral arbiter among Arab governments departed from his stance only a day earlier, when he left little doubt about where he felt the fault rested. In a tweetstorm, Trump said Mideast leaders he'd met with last month had all "pointed to Qatar" as the source of terrorist financing, waxing optimistically that the isolation of the kingdom might be "the beginning of the end to the horror of terrorism."

Bahrain, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates joined the Saudis earlier this week in cutting diplomatic ties to Qatar, accusing it of backing groups from al-Qaida and Hamas to the Muslim Brotherhood that threaten the region's other governments. Qatar vehemently denies such support. Al Thani, the ambassador, insisted his country had no idea why

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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

FRIDAY

ROCKABILLY RUCKUS
Jon Christopher Davis and Lone Star Attitude bring some raucous sounds to Hot Summer Nights at Noel Heritage Plaza in Odessa. 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

SORE WINNERS
Old Sorehead Trade Days returns with more than 600 booths to shop from in downtown Stanton. Opens 9 a.m. Saturday and noon Sunday

FEROCIOUSLY FUNNY
The West Texas Comedy Competition pits area funny folks against each other at Kamiposi to see just who is the funniest person in West Texas. 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

NOBODY'S PERFECT
The classic comedy "Some Like It Hot" screens as part of TCM Big Screen Classics at Tall City Stadium. The movie encores Wednesday. 2 and 7 p.m.

MONDAY

DOG TAILS
The Blue Door hosts Sit, Stay, Sip every Monday this month. A portion of profits will benefit the Midland Humane Coalition. 4 p.m.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "It Comes at Night," "Megan Leavey," "The Mummy."
Closing: "King Arthur."

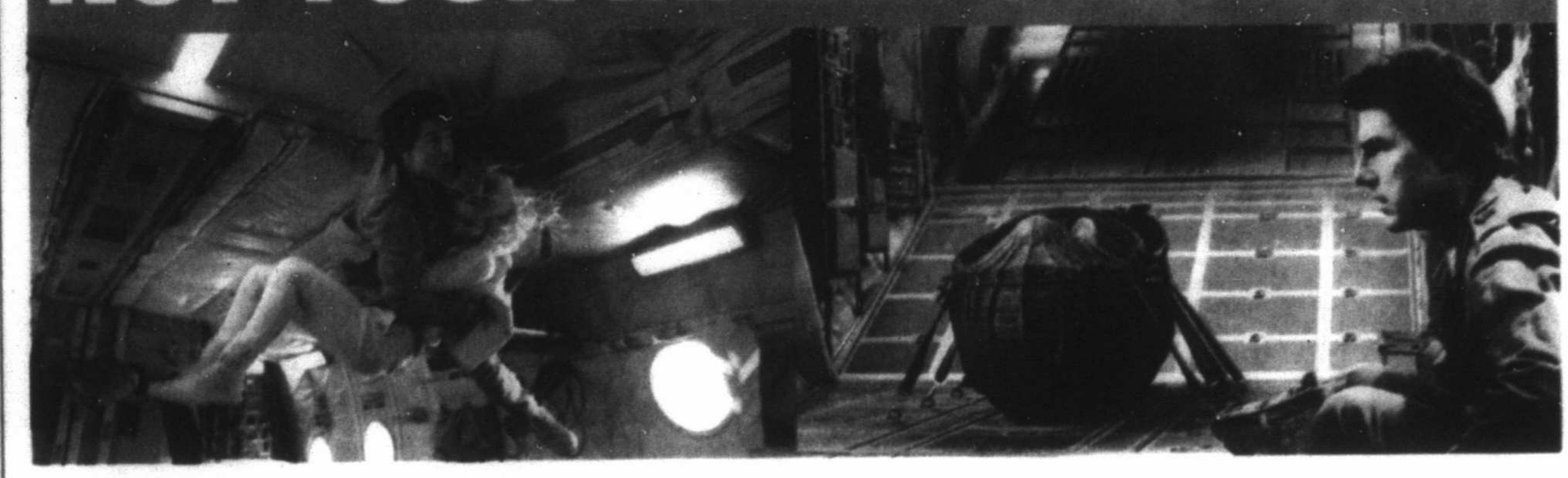
CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "It Comes at Night," "Megan Leavey," "The Mummy."
Closing: "Alien: Covenant," "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," "How to be a Latin Lover."

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

COMING SOON

Classic hip-hop takes over the Wagner Noel when Naughty By Nature, Coolio and Rob Base perform June 16. Tickets available at wagnernoel.com.

NOT YOUR MAMA'S MUMMY



Tom Cruise stricken with a pain in the sarcophagus in 'The Mummy'

MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

There's a lot riding on "The Mummy." Universal Pictures has laid out an entire interconnected league of monster franchises to follow the reboot opening this week. (It's already big in South Korea.) Johnny Depp's signed on for "The Invisible Man." Russell Crowe will headline a Jekyll and Hyde act, which is introduced in "The Mummy." Javier Bardem is on deck as Frankenstein's Monster. "The Bride of Frankenstein" will be followed by everything from the Creature from the Black Lagoon to a new Phantom of the Opera to a fresh Dracula and a souped-up and no doubt extremely buff Hunchback of Notre Dame.

These titles are golden, and despite the 19th-century literary roots of several of these, the economic impetus comes from Universal's legendary 1930s horror classics, the stuff of silvery nitrate nightmares. All the sadder, then, that director Alex Kurtzman's "Mummy" movie starring Tom Cruise is terrible — more calamitous and grating than any of the 1999-2008 "Mummy" outings by a wide margin. I haven't had this little fun at an SSM (Stupid Summer Movie) in several summers, though full disclosure: I have yet to see "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales." Maybe in the next life. Wouldn't that be something? If we died and then came back as film critics assigned to a purgatorial rotation of "Pirates of the Caribbean" sequels?

The idea, I think, with "The Mummy" was to give unfamiliar audiences every kind of modern, effects-heavy horror fantasy in one. Cruise plays Nick, wisecracking American belligerence incarnate, and therefore, in 2017 America, at least, an instant turnoff. He's a U.S. Army soldier with a sideline as a soldier of fortune, ripping off precious artifacts for resale while ripping off Indiana Jones so blatantly that he might as well be called Indiana Smith.

Co-star Crowe drew the short straw and, in reams of introductory voice-over narration that may still be going on, he explains the background. In 1127 England, a Crusader knight's tomb was buried beneath the future London. The movie proper gets going, and immediately gets into tone problems, in modern-day northern Iraq, where Cruise, sidekick Chris (Jake Johnson of "New Girl") and the purring British archeologist and utterly perfunctory love interest Jenny (Annabelle Wallis) stumble upon the entombed Ahmanet (Sofia Boutella). Back in the day, Ahmanet was in line to rule Egypt, but sexism being what it is (i.e., a thing of the past, obviously) she was passed over, and went on a revenge killing spree, and did a deal with the God of Death involving a dagger and an all-powerful ruby. After a comic-relief airstrike and a slew of dead insurgents, Ahmanet's free, and Nick is her human conduit to global domination.

Everywhere this "chick in a box" goes (Nick's nickname for her), superfast, zombielike mummies spring to life and do her bidding. Eventually the screenplay credited to David Koepp, Christopher McQuarrie and Dylan Kussman brings the story back to London. There Dr. Jekyll (Crowe) is heading up a league of his own, investigating and vanquishing a host of unruly gods and monsters waiting for their whack at the franchise.

The script is genuinely confused in the way it doles out information, and keeps looping back into Nick's visions of ancient Egypt. As an established screenwriter, second-time feature filmmaker Kurtzman knows his way around several brand names ("Transformers," "Star Trek," "Spider-Man"). But his facility with digitally swathed action is routine at best, visual chaos at worst. The mayhem in "The Mummy" feels desperate, mistimed, grueling in the wrong way (the film's violence is infinitely less appropriate for preteens than that of "Wonder Woman"). And in the climactic scenes of London half-destroyed by supernatural terrorists, it's also a sad victim of bad timing.

I never thought I'd miss Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz's wide-eyed facility with droll camp quite so much. I liked two things about "The Mummy." The design idea and digital execution of the mummy's eyes, both sporting two separate pupils, works nicely. And the way Crowe pronounces the phrase "the past," which goes past "the past" all the way into "the pust," really is stunning. Now that's an upper-crust dialect! The rest of the movie is a pain in the sarcophagus. I fear that it will anger the gods.

"THE MUMMY"

1 out of 4 stars

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for violence, action and scary images, and for some suggestive content and partial nudity)

Running time: 1:47

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The craft of comedy is what keeps Brian Regan on top

By Rich Lopez
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There is an upper echelon of comedians that include the likes of Jerry Seinfeld, Richard Pryor and Joan Rivers. Their standup, television shows and movies showcased their talent. Brian Regan is at their level, and yet, he's done it solely through standup. And he's considered one of the best comics today — if not the best.

There are testimonials by his contemporaries lauding his talents. Jimmy Fallon and Seinfeld name Regan as a favorite. And Chris Rock once said, "No comedian in the world says, 'Yeah, I want to follow Brian Regan.'"

Regan is just chill about it all.

"I stick to the standup comedy. I like that," he said in a phone interview. "I grew up as a standup comedian, and I like sharing my goofy thoughts through that."

Regan will share that and more Saturday at the Wagner Noel.

His next few shows are gearing him up for his next special, which will be the first of two for Netflix. He will tape those later this month at his Denver appearances. Although no stranger to specials — he has done them for Comedy Central and Showtime — Regan sees this as an example of changing times.

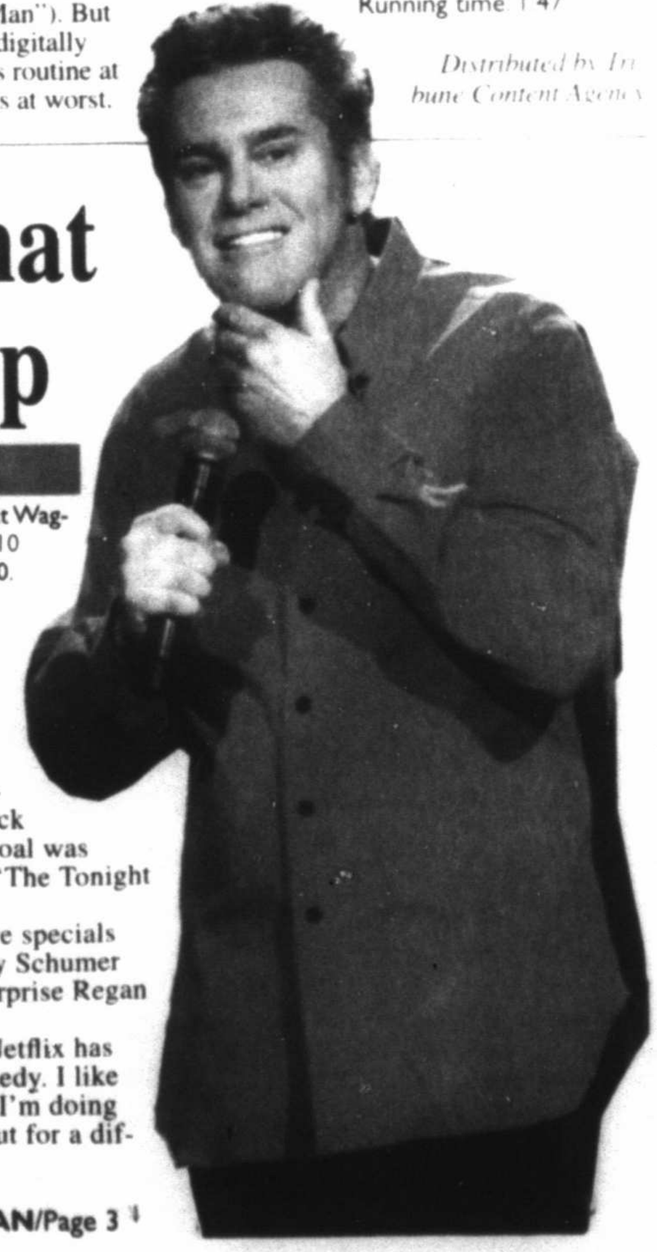
"These will be my first specials for Netflix, and it just shows the landscape keeps shifting," he said. "I was thinking back to when I started, and then the goal was easy. I was just trying to get on 'The Tonight Show.' That was the goal."

Netflix often features exclusive specials by marquee comics such as Amy Schumer and Kevin Hart. Thus, it's no surprise Regan would find his way there.

"Everything is evolving and Netflix has stepped up in a big way for comedy. I like to do new things, but in a sense I'm doing the same thing — my standup but for a different network."

IF YOU GO

Brian Regan, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $42.50. wagnernoel.com.



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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

FINE ART & DANCE

OPENING: "Lauren Strohacker: Confrontation" features the solo and collaborative work of the Phoenix-based artist. Opens Saturday and runs through Aug. 6 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

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

Third Year Anniversary show will feature new works by local artists in three-foot by three-foot. Fridays in June at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

"Work from Home: Collections of the Museum Staff" is a continuation of a series of selections that depict the staff's favorite art. On display through today8 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Merritt Mauzey: Texas Faces and Texas Places," through July 30 at Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

EVENTS

Old Sorehead Trade Days features more than 600 vendor booths located in historic downtown. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday in Stanton. stantontex.com.

Book signing: Geoffrey Thomas Licciardello will sign copies of his debut novel "The Wayward Astronomer," a sci-fi adventure tale set in the Dreamkeepers universe. Noon to 2 p.m., Saturday at Barnes and Noble, 2617 West Loop 250 N. thewaywardastronomer.com.

FAMILY & YOUTH

Accio Books! Teen Book Drive Kickoff Party at Centennial is based on a "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" theme, this event features crafts, activities, collecting books for Accio Books! started by the Harry Potter Alliance. Costumes encouraged. 4 p.m., today at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250.

Family Fridays: Fantastic Physics are come-and-go sessions with educational activities for the whole family. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Summer Movie Camp: "Trolls." Camp includes popcorn, experiments and games. 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Tuesday at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20 West. $5 per child. Adults join for free. pbpetro.org.

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

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

Mermaid Camp will teach how to swim with a monofin, oceanic education and preservation, crafts and more. Open to children who have completed grades 1-6. June registration available through Midland College's Kids College. through June 15 at COM Aquatics, 3003 N. A St. For more information, call 684-7755. Comaquatics.com.

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

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

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

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

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

FOOD & DRINK

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

Kids Cooking Classes: Cookies for participants ages 4-14 will learn about kitchen basics, cooking techniques and more. 3-4:30 p.m. Monday at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $50. Register online. hightfoods.com.

Sit, Stay, Sip is part of The Blue Door's Give Back Mondays. Mondays in June The Blue Door will share its profits from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. to benefit the Midland Humane Coalition.

Build a Better Plate with Natural Grocers at Centennial. 2 p.m., Tuesday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250.

Kids Cooking Classes: Chocolate for participants ages 4-14 will learn about kitchen basics, cooking techniques and more. 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $50. Register online. hightfoods.com.

Kids Cooking Classes: Chinese for participants ages 4-14 will learn about kitchen basics, cooking techniques and more. 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $50. Register online. hightfoods.com.

GAMES

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

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

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

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

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

Bridge game play at 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Thursdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.

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

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

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

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

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

LECTURES, MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

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

XIII annual Mariachi Workshop led by Mariachi Tenampa from Albuquerque, New Mexico. The workshop focuses on guitar, trumpet, vocals and more. Through Friday at Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland, 1311 E. Wadley Ave.

West Texas Astronomers monthly meeting. The public is welcome to attend. 7:30 p.m. Monday at Marian Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. wtastro.org.

Art Smart: "How the Art of Ballroom Dancing Changed My Life" with Victoria Printz. 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. RSVP to info@acmidland.org.

"History of Batiks and How Batiks are Made" lecture and show by Janet Plotkin of Fabric Fanatics. Hosted by Midland Quilters Guild. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive. Free. midlandquiltersguild.com.

MUSIC

AMERICANA SINGER-SONGWRITER

A.J. Johnston, 9 p.m. Friday at Mac's BBQ and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave.

CHRISTIAN

The K-Love Fan Awards live telecast, 7 p.m. Tuesday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. fathomevents.com.

CLASSICAL

The 2017 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition will show concerto performances by six finalists with the Fort Worth Symphony. Screens at 11:55 a.m. Saturday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $19.49. fathomevents.com.

COVER/TRIBUTE

Summer Sunday Lawn Concert: Weatherstone. This show's theme is Member Night. 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.

DJ/DANCE

#Hangovertodays, 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.

KARAOKE

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

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

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

LATIN

Una Noche con Mariachi Concert, 6:30 p.m. Friday at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $15.

POP

POSTPONED: Olivia Newton-John, 8 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. wagnernoel.com.

ROCK

Hot Summer Nights: Jon Christopher Davis and Lone Star Attitude. The outdoor concert series will feature food trucks and children's activities. Lawn chairs are encouraged. 6 p.m. Friday at Noel Heritage Plaza, 321 W. 5th St., Odessa. Odessaarts.org.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

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

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

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

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

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

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

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

Brian Regan, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. wagnernoel.com.

West Texas Comedy Competition, 8 p.m., Saturday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

TCM Big Screen Classics: "Some Like It Hot." 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.53. fathomevents.com.

"Oasis in Space" dome show, noon, Tuesdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays through June 30. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Super Volcanoes" dome show, 2 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through June 30. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Astronaut" dome show, 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through June 30. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

COMING SOON

JUNE

The 84th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo will feature sporting events, rodeo parade, Saturday dance with Jason Boland and The Stragglers, trick rider performance and more. June 15-17 at Guardian Oilfield Services Rodeo Bowl. $6-$10 advance, $8-$12 door. Bigspring rodeo.com.

"Super Kids Save the World: Recycled Paper Craft." Participants will learn to create an object from an item that otherwise would be thrown away. Registration encouraged. 1 p.m., June 15 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250.

Third Thursday Reading will have a featured book with copies given to each child. The monthly event is part of the Laura Bush Literacy Program. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. Refreshments provided. 4:30 p.m. June 15 at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Le Theatre de Marionette at downtown is a family-friendly performance by the Dallas-Fort Worth-based company. Space is limited. 5 p.m., June 15 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250.

RiffTrax Live: Summer Shorts Beach Party. 7 p.m. June 15 and 20 at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. fathomevents.com.

Brit Floyd, 8 p.m. June 15 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com.

Family Fridays: Infinity and Beyond are come-and-go sessions with educational activities for the whole family. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 16 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Hot Summer Nights: Great Promise for American Indians. The outdoor concert series will feature food trucks and children's activities. Lawn chairs are encouraged. 6 p.m. June 16 at Noel Heritage Plaza, 321 W. 5th St., Odessa. Odessaarts.org.

Midland Rock-Hounds play the Corpus Christi Hooks. The night benefits Family Promise. 7 p.m. June 16 at Security Bank BallPark, 5514 Champions Drive. $8. Purchase tickets at familypromiseofmidland.com.

ON STAGE & SCREEN

'MEGAN LEAVEY'

KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

'IT COMES AT NIGHT'

'Megan Leavey' is unique movie about war and the bond between humans, animals

Based on a true story, "Megan Leavey" is a unique movie about war. It's a story of heroism, sacrifice and connection forged on the battlefield, but it's remarkable in how the story it tells is so deeply personal that it obfuscates the political. The focus is on the troops, as it should be, and in this case, troops whose stories haven't always been seen on screen — the women, and the canine.

Named after the woman who protected soldiers in Iraq with her IED-detecting K9 officer, Sergeant Rex, "Megan Leavey" might be a story about war, but it's much more a tale about the bond between humans and animals. "Blackfish" director Gabriela Cowperthwaite was recruited to direct her first narrative feature by star Kate Mara, who was inspired by Cowperthwaite's animal advocacy with the Sea World documentary. In placing the relationship between K9 dogs and their handlers at the forefront of this story, this film about war is far more a story about compassionate connection under fire than the circumstances that lead to such events.

Leavey (Mara) signs up for the Marines as a way out of her dead-end life, and there, she finds a purpose, and a soul mate, in Rex. As a female K9 handler in Iraq during the height of the conflict in the early 2000s, she is out in front of the front lines before women were even allowed in combat, and Cowperthwaite captures that queasy sense of unease and terror of walking out into unknown territory, bombs potentially anywhere underfoot. Wounded in an explosion, Leavey is awarded a Purple Heart, and leaves the Marines but is separated from Rex, who is re-deployed. Thus, she begins an odyssey to reunite with and adopt her best friend.

Though the film starts in 2001, the events of 9/11 don't factor into the story. The writers, Pamela Gray, Annie Mumolo and Tim Lovestedt, focus on the interpersonal motivations, keeping the world and perspective honed in on Megan's experience with Rex. The unspoken yet ever-present undercurrent running throughout is a theme of mental health struggles. Whether or not that was something that the real Megan Leavey faced, it's undoubtedly an issue that plagues veterans. For the purposes of the film, these mental health challenges make up the dramatic dynamic of the film's story — her depression is what motivates her to join up, her trauma bonds her to Rex, her post-war grief spurs her into action.

While that theme bubbles below the surface, some of the expositional dialogue can prove to be a bit on the nose. Animals make for good screenwriting devices, as characters can speak their inner feelings to them, but that doesn't make for the most subtle or efficient screenwriting.

As a director, Cowperthwaite doesn't lean into overly dramatic moments, and in fact, they can often waft by surprisingly quickly. While sometimes this results in a personal motivation that feels a bit scanty and shallow, it's actually refreshing for this genre. "Megan Leavey," despite its story of wartime heroism, isn't a jingoistic, sentimental slice of pure patriotism. It's far more an intimate drama about a personal journey, a story about true love and companionship — how showing up for others can help you to show up for yourself. Those lessons are universally useful, and always inspiring.

'MEGAN LEAVEY'

2.5 out of 4 stars

Cast: Kate Mara, Common, Bradley Whitford, Edie Falco, Tom Felton, Ramon Rodriguez

Directed by Gabriela Cowperthwaite

Running time: 1 hour, 56 minutes

Rated PG-13 for war violence, language, suggestive material, and thematic elements.

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'It Comes At Night' is controlled terror

KATIE WALSH
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Trey Edwards Shults knows how to do a lot with very little. With his debut feature, "Krisha," he marshaled his friends and relatives for a shoot in a family home, whipping up a riveting drama centered around a dazzling starring performance from his aunt, Krisha Fairchild. Clearly he's inspired by the inherent tensions within a family dynamic, and his sophomore feature, "It Comes At Night," revolves around the questions of familial trust and distrust within a horror/thriller genre.

Once again, Shults demonstrates his extreme resourcefulness as a filmmaker, wringing blood-curdling tension out of controlled camera movements, creative practical lighting, and a red door. He shows a faculty for the kind of sophisticated horror filmmaking that knows not to show the monster, and in "It Comes At Night," one starts to question if there's even a monster at all.

The film takes place after a civilization-ending mass sickness. Shults follows the model of the recent "low-key apocalypse" genre: drop some actors in the woods, script a few lines about the power going out or people getting sick, and watch humanity crumble as formerly decent people become desperate for resources. But "It Comes At Night" is one of the best examples of this genre, blending horror and thriller into the mix, and the result is a blood-curdling and gut-wrenching family tragedy.

Joel Edgerton stars as patriarch Paul, quarantined in a rambling home in the woods with his family: wife Sarah (Carmen Ejogo) and son Travis (Kelvin Harrison Jr.). Their existence is violent, paranoid, and fearful, ruled by protocol, routine and protection. It's surviving, but it's so very, very far from living. Their bubble is pierced by an interloper, and that is truly the beginning of the end.

Shults' camera has a mind of its own — it wanders down halls, and drifts to capture faces, and it has a tendency toward Travis, the confused and scared teenager in the house. Plagued with horrific nightmares, he wanders the house at night with a lantern, eavesdropping and trying to find a bit of solace. In all the paranoia and furor that develops, Travis serves as the moral North Star for the audience, when there is no moral compass left. In a film of uniformly great performances, Harrison is a standout. He is still and quiet, with turmoil churning just below the surface.

When we meet this family, we're plunged into a world of mercy killings, body disposal, and a "shoot first" philosophy that makes you wonder what could have happened to make former history teacher Paul and his family so able to accept this existence. But Shults focuses far less on the external threats, because the internal ones are a greater danger to the characters in this film. It's not the sickness that will kill anyone, but the suspicion of sickness, the tragically human flaws of distrust mixed with self-preservation that is almost always lethal.

The plot of "It Comes At Night" falls like a domino chain. Once one piece goes down, where we end up is inevitable, but the ending feels unsatisfactory. It's the only place we could have ended up, and it's ambiguous enough to allow for interpretation, but after the taut and deftly executed thrills of the first three-quarters of the film, "It Comes At Night" exits with a whimper, after a bang.

'IT COMES AT NIGHT'

3 stars out of 4

Cast: Joel Edgerton, Carmen Ejogo, Kelvin Harrison Jr., Christopher Abbott, Riley Keough

Directed by Trey Edward Shults

Running time: 1 hour, 37 minutes

Rated R for violence, disturbing images, and language.

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REGAN

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Regan has pursued comedy since the 1980s. His perspective on it hasn't changed, though. Like a zen comic master, he explores its artistry more than its effect.

"'Funny' is a weird thing. It's like 'What is art?' An idea is one thing, but when someone puts that together into an interesting bit, I like that," he said. "When somebody hits on an idea or brings a whole new perspective to something and has the craftsmanship to put it together, I appreciate that more than just what's funny."

But even for Regan, there's always room for improvement.

"This is an endless quest to get better. I can't be perfect, but I don't ever want to mail in a performance," he said. "It's more fun for me and more fun for the audience when we all know I care about what I'm doing."

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ON SCREEN

'DHEEPAN'

Touching French film shows unseen side of immigration

Reeled & Stream

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PICK O' THE WEEK

"Dheepan" (R) There are not many movies that convey the sense of being overwhelmed by new surroundings quite the way this film does. It follows three Sri Lankan people who pose as a family to escape the horrors of their country's civil war and seek a new life in France. Without knowing the language or the customs and possessing little more than the clothes they're wearing, the group slowly acclimates. It is powerful, touching and unforgettable. **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Fist Fight" (R) If it were funny, the bad grammar and crude language might have won my heart. But it isn't. Not even close. It's insulting and gives the impression it's all the students' fault that their teachers don't care. OK. I get it. It's not rooted in reality, and I shouldn't take it seriously. But had it even one laugh-out-loud moment, things would be different. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"The Blackcoat's Daughter" (R) The story isn't very original, but Oz Perkins makes an impression with this nifty horror film that is his feature directorial debut. He also wrote the script. Perkins has been in front of the camera for years, mostly bit parts in films including "Legally Blonde" and 2009's "Star Trek," so if he's making the move to go behind the lens, he is making a terrific first impression. **B**

"The Eyes of My Mother" (R) Director Nicolas Pesce admittedly derived a sadistic pleasure in seeing and knowing people walked out of the screenings of his odd film. Audiences at the Sundance Film Festival were intentionally kept in the dark about the genre of the film and had no idea it was horror-based. Add to that the disturbing nature of the plot and it isn't hard to see why some walked out. But if you've got the stomach for some extreme weirdness and graphic gore, this may satisfy your late- night scare craving. **B**

"Lovesong" (unrated) Meandering character study stands out as much for what's not said as it does for what's said. The vulgar jokes and conversations about sex are its most revealing, forthright and funny. It's a film about nuance, though, so don't allow yourself to get distracted, something that will be tempting outside a theater. **B+**

"New Life" (PG) All this boils down to is that this is just another — spoiler alert — cancer movie, and not a very good one. The chemistry between the couple is weak, and they don't fare very well on an individual level, either. It makes 1970's "Love Story" look like an absolute masterpiece. **D**

"Patient" (not rated) It's disappointing to see how dull and predictable this horror movie becomes when it's got almost unlimited potential. **C-**

"Raining Hell" (unrated) It feels as if this movie is aiming for "Winter's Bone" territory about life in a small town corrupted by drugs, thugs and bad choices. Unfortunately, it falls woefully short. **D**

"The Resurrection of Gavin Stone" (PG) Faith-based fare follows a predictable pattern but an earnest performance by the cast — particularly Brett Dalton as the lead character — brings the lifeless script to a higher level. **B-**

"The Shack" (PG) The critic in me says this film is overly sentimental and inexplicably depicts the year's second whispered performance. Following Aaron Eckhart in "Incarnate," Sam Worthington also soft talks his way through much of the film. The movie fan in me, though, loved it. Say what you will, Hollywood still does the faith-based genre better than anyone. **B+**

REDBOX'S TOP 10 RENTALS

The top 10 DVD rentals at Redbox kiosks for the week of May 29:

1. The Shack — Lionsgate
2. A Dog's Purpose — Universal
3. The Great Wall — Universal
4. Split — Universal
5. xXx: The Return of Xander Cage — Paramount
6. Sleepless — Universal
7. Hidden Figures — Fox
8. Rock Dog — Lionsgate
9. Why Him? — Fox
10. Sing — Universal

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FILM CAPS

"Alien: Covenant" (R) The crew of a colony ship makes a terrifying discovery after landing on what seems to be an uncharted paradise on the far side of the galaxy. With Michael Fassbender, Katherine Waterston, Billy Crudup, Danny McBride, Demian Bichir. Written by John Logan. Directed by Ridley Scott.

"Baywatch" (R) Dwayne Johnson steps into the formidable flip-flops of David Hasselhoff as lifeguard Mitch Buchanan in this adaptation of the 1990s TV series. With Zac Efron, Priyanka Chopra. Written by Damian Shannon & Mark Swift, story by Jay Scherick & David Ronn and Thomas Lennon & Robert Ben Garant, based on the series created by Michael Berk & Douglas Schwartz and Gregory J. Bonann. Directed by Seth Gordon.

"Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie" (PG) Animated adaptation of the hit illustrated book series by Dav Pilkey about a pair of wildly imaginative boys and their creation of a not-so-bright superhero. Voices by Kevin Hart, Ed Helms, Thomas Middleditch, Nick Kroll, Jordan Peele, Kristen Schaal. Written by Nicholas Stoller. Directed by David Soren.

"Everything, Everything" (PG-13) An 18-year-old woman, confined to her house in a protected environment because of an illness, forms an attachment to the boy next door and yearns to experience the outside world. With Amandla Stenberg, Nick Robinson, Ana De La Reguera, Anika Noni Rose. Written by J. Mills Goodloe, based on the book by Nicola Yoon. Directed by Stella Meghie.

"Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" (PG-13) Filmmaker James Gunn delivers Mixtape No. 2 as the team explores the mystery of Peter Quill's heritage and fights galactic baddies. With Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista, Vin Diesel, Bradley Cooper, Michael Rooker, Sylvester Stallone, Kurt Russell.

"It Comes at Night" (R) Writer-director Trey Edward Shults follows "Krisha" with a dystopian horror story about a man and his family under siege. With Joel Edgerton, Riley Keough, Christopher Abbott, Carmen Ejogo and Kelvin Harrison Jr.

"King Arthur: Legend of the Sword" (PG-13) A new imagining of the Excalibur myth finds Arthur once more searching for his rightful place in the kingdom. With Charlie Hunnam, Astrid Berges-Frisbey, Djimon Hounsou, Aidan Gillen, Jude Law, Eric Bana. Written by Joby Harold and Guy Ritchie & Lionel Wigram; story by David Dobkin and Joby Harold. Directed by Ritchie.

"Megan Leavey" (PG-13) A Marine corporal trains and bonds with a combat dog as they deploy to Iraq and complete more than 100 missions before being injured by an IED explosion. With Kate Mara, Edie Falco, Ramon Rodriguez, Bradley Whitford, Common. Written by Pamela Gray, Annie Mumolo, Tim Lovestedt. Directed by Gabriela Cowperthwaite.

"The Mummy" (PG-13) Tom Cruise stars in this reboot about an ancient princess, denied her destiny, who awakens in the present but brings with her the malevolent past. With Sofia Boutella, Annabelle Wallis, Jake Johnson, Courtney B. Vance, Russell Crowe. Written by Jon Spaihts, Christopher McQuarrie. Directed by Alex Kurtzman.

"Pirates of the Caribbean: Dean Men Tell No Tales." (PG-13) Johnny Depp returns as Captain Jack Sparrow, again trying to stay one step ahead of a vengeful crew of ghost pirates, this time led by Javier Bardem. With Orlando Bloom.

"Snatched" (R) Amy Schumer stars as an impulsive young woman who recruits her rigid mother, played by Goldie Hawn, for a jungle vacation. With Joan Cusack, Ike Barinholtz, Wanda Sykes, Christopher Meloni. Written by Katie Dippold. Directed by Jonathan Levine.

"Wonder Woman" (PG-13) The Amazonian princess gets her own movie and leaves her island paradise to fight a war to end all wars. With Gal Gadot, Chris Pine, Robin Wright, Danny Huston, David Thewlis, Connie Nielsen. Written by Allan Heinberg, story by Zack Snyder & Allan Heinberg and Jason Fuchs. Directed by Patty Jenkins.

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'Mummy' facing a tough battle: The Tom Cruise film is likely to debut at No. 2 as 'Wonder Woman' wins again

By David Ng
Los Angeles Times

When it was released in 1999, Universal Pictures' "The Mummy," starring Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz, became an early summer crowd-pleaser with its deft mix of action and comedy, grossing more than $155 million domestically and spawning two sequels.

The blockbuster was part of the studio's long tradition of making monster-themed movies, dating back to the original "Dracula" and "Frankenstein," as well as 1932's "The Mummy," starring Boris Karloff in the title role.

On Friday, Universal once again resurrects the undead franchise with a new cast, led by Tom Cruise and newcomer Sofia Boutella as Ahmanet, an ancient princess who comes back to life to wreak havoc on modern civilization.

"The Mummy" faces an uphill battle against Warner Bros.' "Wonder Woman," which debuted last week at No. 1 with $103.3 million in ticket sales and is expected to retain the top spot at the box office in the U.S. and Canada.

But the title to watch for the weekend could be "It Comes at Night," a horror-suspense movie released by indie distributor A24 and directed by Trey Edward Shults, who had a breakout last year with the micro-budgeted drama "Krisha." His new movie has generated strong reviews and word of mouth since it debuted this year at the Overlook Film Festival.

Could "It Comes at Night" become one of the summer's sleeper success stories? Here's what to expect at the multiplex this weekend.

"Wonder Woman," starring Gal Gadot as the lasso-wielding action heroine, is on the way to becoming one of the summer's biggest hits. The big-screen adaptation of the long-running DC Comics series has helped Warner Bros. rebound from the disappointing results of "King Arthur: Legend of the Sword," which cost an estimated $175 million to make and has so far grossed $37.2 million domestically since opening last month.

For its second weekend in release, "Wonder Woman" is expected to come in at No. 1 again, with a 50 percent drop in business to gross about $50 million, according to people who have reviewed pre-release audience surveys. The movie, which cost close to $150 million to make, has also opened in multiple countries overseas, so far bringing in an additional $125 million in ticket sales.

"The Mummy" is expected to open at No. 2 at the domestic box office with receipts between $35 million and $40 million. The PG-13 movie's performance is likely to be respectable but disappointing because it cost an estimated $125 million to make.

Cruise's star power remains strong overseas and Universal will be looking to foreign box office for any hope of profitability.

Universal has had a strong year so far with hits including "The Fate of the Furious," "Get Out" and "Split."

"The Mummy Returns," released in 2001, grossed $202 million domestically. "The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor" brought in $102.5 million when it opened seven years later.

A24 will open "It Comes at Night" in about 2,500 theaters, one of the largest releases for the New York-based indie distributor, whose most recent hit is the Oscar-winning "Moonlight."

"It Comes at Night" could break the top five at the box office, with grosses expected to be at least $6 million to $7 million. One person who has reviewed user survey data said the movie could gross as much as $12 million for the weekend. The movie, starring Joel Edgerton, cost less than $5 million to make.

The horror movie takes a subtler, more artistic approach to the genre than other recent R-rated frightfests. A24 is looking to repeat the financial success of last year's "The Witch," another artsy horror movie that grossed more than $25 million domestically.

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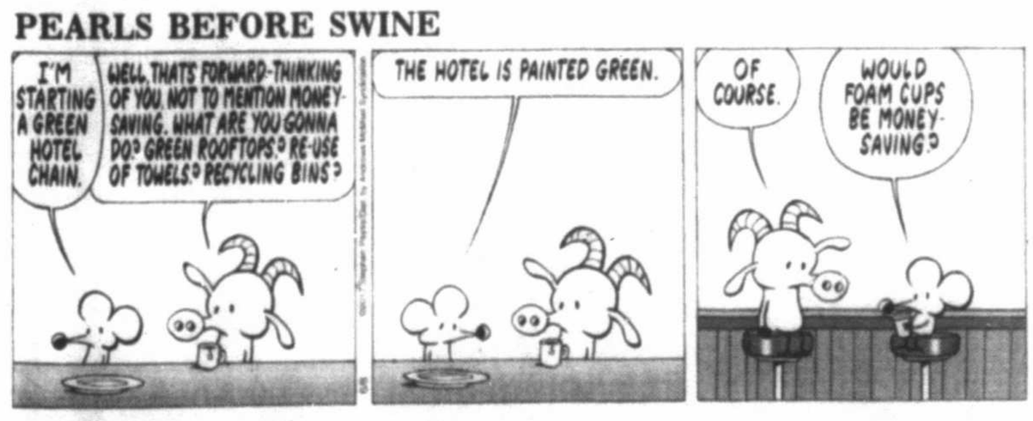

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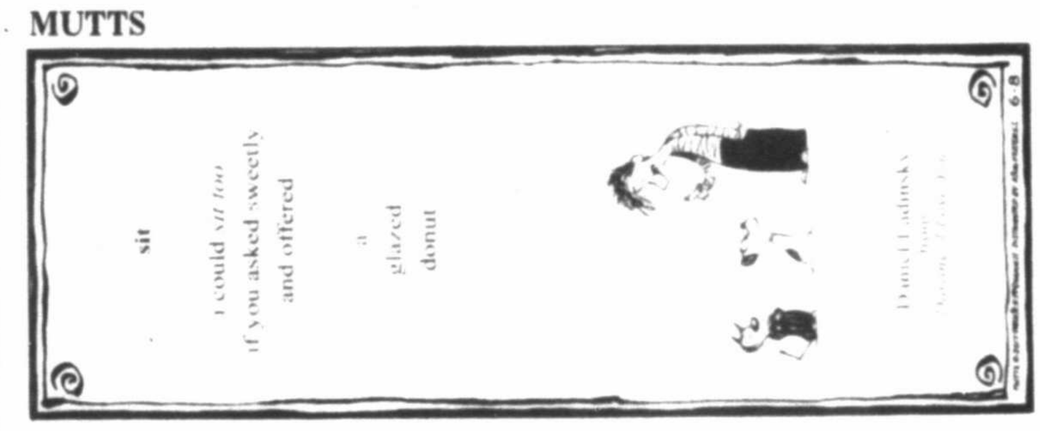

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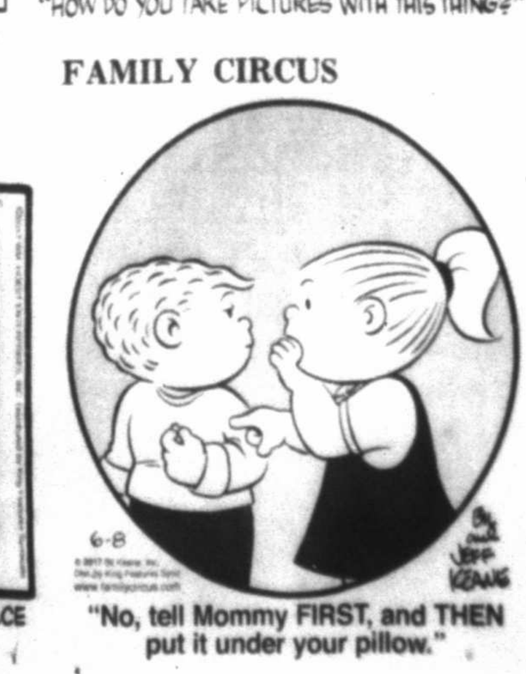

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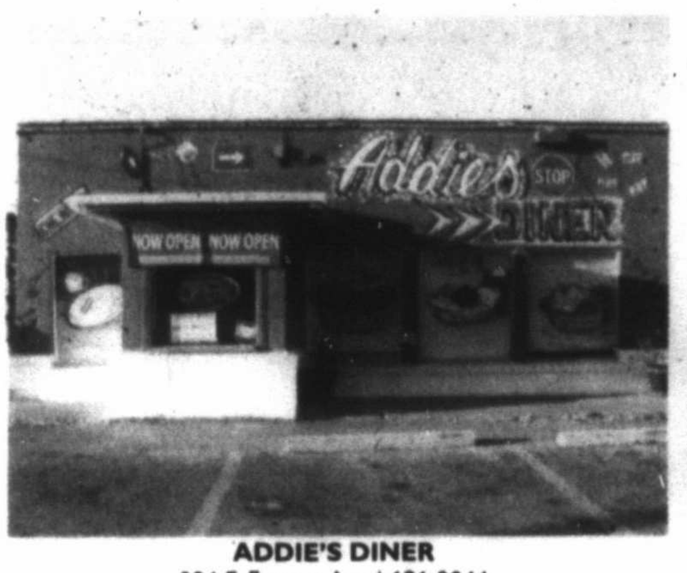

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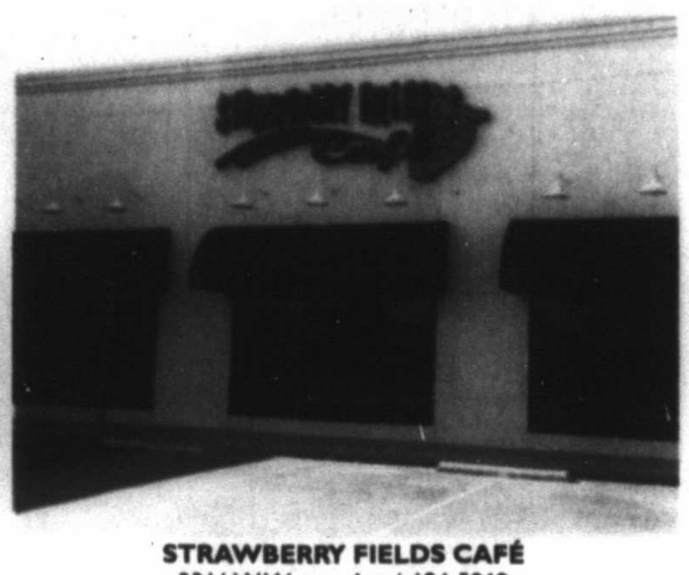

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BUFFALO WILD WINGS Sports bar with more than 40 TVs inside serves wings, burgers, sandwiches and snacks. Try one of the wraps with your choice of more than 14 sauces. Smoking allowed inside. 5107 W. Wadley Ave. 694-9400 | $ | 3 spoons

BUSH'S CHICKEN Save room for the red cinnamon apple pie for dessert. Fried chicken with traditional sides. Iced tea by the gallon. Three-lane drive through. 2210 N. Big Spring St. 687-7090 | bushschicken.com | $ | 3 spoons

THE CAFÉ AT CRESTVIEW Quiet cafe inside Crestview Baptist Church is open to the public and serves fabulous desserts. Sandwiches, soups, burgers, Tex-Mex dishes. 301 N. Loop 250 West. 681-8200 | crestviewmidland.org | $ | 3 spoons

CAFÉ AT THE GARDENS Want to feel like you've left West Texas? Enjoy a cup of soup next to a koi pond inside a green house. Sandwiches and burgers on freshly baked bread, quiche, salads. Open for dinner and drinks on Thursday night. 3300 Fairgrounds Road. 687-1478 | alldredgegardens.com | $ | 4 spoons

CHILI'S Featuring comfort food and a full-service bar, the chain is famous for its baby-back, baby-back, baby-back ribs. The broccoli cheese soup is some of the best around, as are the Southwestern eggrolls. 2100 Loop 250 Frontage Road. 687-3744 | $$ | 3 spoons

CLEAR SPRINGS CAFE One of the few places in Midland specializing in seafood claims to have the best onion rings and catfish in "Texas, the World and the known Universe." This Texas chain also has locations in Tyler, New Braunfels, Nacogdoches and San Antonio. Seafood, steaks, burgers, salads. 5707 Andrews Highway 522-1188 | clearspringscafe.com | $$ | 3 spoons.

COTTON PATCH CAFE Casual dining chain restaurant off of Loop 250. Specials include fried catfish. Soups, salads, steaks. 2320 W. Loop 250 N. | 618-0070 | cottonpatch.com | $ | 2 spoons.

CRACKER BARREL Breakfast all day. Chicken and dumplings, meatloaf, smoked ham, fried fish. Old Country Store sells candy, toys, rocking chairs, decorative items. 3108 N. Loop 250 West. 689-3137 | crackerbarrel.com | $ | 3 spoons

DENNY'S Open 24 hours a day, Denny's is one of very few options for people looking to grab a bite to eat at 3 a.m. Breakfast, burgers, snacks, pies and coffee. 3701 W. Wall St. 520-5306 | dennys.com | $ | 2 spoons

FURR'S CAFETERIA One of Midland's oldest eateries, the restaurant has served the Tall City since the 1960s. The all-you-can-eat buffet lets you choose from an assortment of salads, entress, vegetables, breads and desserts, which include the chain's world-famous pies. 1116 N. Midkiff Road 520-9629 | $ | 3 spoons

GRAHAM PHARMACY Refreshingly simple menu makes this a hot spot for lunch. Good luck finding a parking space. Try the pimento cheese sandwich and treat yourself to homemade fudge for dessert. Two locations 1601 W. Wall St. 684-5756, 4906 Briarwood Ave. 684-4479 | grahampharmacy.com | $ | 3 spoons.

JOJO'S EATERY Possibly the best desserts in town. Buy pies and cakes by the slice or take one home. Oh yeah, and the sandwiches, salads and burgers aren't bad either. Downtown inside the Petroleum Building. 214 W. Texas Ave. 682-3134 | $ | 3 spoons.

LITTLE WOODROW'S It's a bar with standard bar food such as burgers, sandwiches and wraps but this spot also offers a $9 brunch that's worth getting up for if you were up late drinking there the night before. 3415 North Loop 250, Building 1 | 694-2337 | midland.littlewoodrows.com | $ | 3 spoons

MAIN STREET DINER Breakfast and lunch eatery features fresh comfort foods such as chicken and dumplings. One Yelp review said, "If you are traveling through and really want to experience a local place with the spirit of Midland, Main Street is it." 611 S. Main St. 682-5970 | $ | 4 spoons

MULBERRY CAFE The third restaurant under the Morales family banner, which also includes Gerardo's Casita and Gerardo's Bistro, is an ideal place for a relaxing Saturday or Sunday breakfast or a quick weekday lunch. The lunch and dinner menu features soups (the broccoli cheese soup is a filling meal), salads, wraps, sandwiches and burgers. The wraps, sandwiches and burgers come with homemade chips. 2101 W. Wadley Ave. | $$ | 4 spoons

THE RANCH HOUSE Stop by for a sandwich or pick up a whole ham or turkey for holidays. Sandwich options include chicken or tuna salad, turkey breast, peppered beef or ham, honey glazed ham, smoked brisket and barbecue. 5103 W. Wadley Ave. 699-0695 | goldenglazedhams.com | $ | 3 spoons.

STANTON DRUG AND OLD-FASHIONED SODA FOUNTAIN Drive about a half-hour away from Midland for a hamburger or sandwich at Stanton Drug Store. Get there early. The owners close shop when they run out of meat for the day. 201 N. St. Peter, St., Stanton. 432-756-3731 | $ | 3 spoons

STRAWBERRY FIELDS CAFE Try the Santa Fe wrap. All organic menu with daily specials, sandwiches, wraps and smoothies. Soup and salad bar. If you can't find a table or need a quick lunch, check out the section of foods 'to go' inside the Natural Foods Market. 2311 W. Wadley Ave. 684-5869 | naturalfoodsmkt.com | $ | 4 spoons

TATER WORLD The menu centers around this local restaurant's namesake. If you're hungry, go for the huge baked potatoes stuffed with brisket or steak. The menu has more than just potatoes. Ask around town and you'll hear Tater World has some of the best catfish in Midland. 802 S. Garfield St. 682-9111 | $ | 4 spoons

THE BAR Arguably the best burgers in town. Go during the fall or winter for the chili and cornbread. Live music and drink specials in the evenings. Try a bloody Mary with Saturday brunch. 606 W. Missouri Ave. 685-1757 | thebarmidland.com | $$ | 4 spoons

TILTED KILT UK-inspired pub chain with kilt-clad waitresses serving fish 'n' chips and bar food. One of a growing trend of "breastaurants," this eatery isn't necessarily known for its food. Online reviews are wildly mixed but tend toward the down side for service and more favorably for the food. 1119 Tradewinds Blvd. | 699-5458 | $ | tiltedkilt.com | 2 spoons

TRIPLE THREAT SPORTS BAR & GRILL Philly cheesesteaks are the star of the menu but this sports bar also offers popcorn shrimp, chicken tenders, salads and appetizers. Smoking is permitted inside. 12 Meta Drive 683-5300 | $ | 4 spoons

THE TURN SPORTS BAR & GRILL The former Sedona is all new, featuring a sports-themed look and an American classics menu, including a chicken fried steak that ranks among the best in town. 2101 W. Wadley Ave., 695-6240 |$ | 4 spoons

WING STOP Nine wing sauce flavors range from mild to atomic. In the middle are lemon pepper, Hawaiian and garlic parmesan. 3323 N. Midland Drive, Suite 105 694-WING (9464) | wingstop.com | $ | 4 spoons

COM Aquatics to host Frost Bank WT Invite

By Christopher Hadorn
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In short time, the Frost Bank West Texas Invitational has evolved into a spectacle that prior participants might no longer recognize.

City of Midland Aquatics' host swim meet, now in its 72nd year, will have more participants (485) and a stiffer level of competition, with 16 teams, than it has ever had in recent memory.

The meet takes place today through Sunday at the FMH Foundation Natatorium at COM Aquatics.

The state-of-the-art FMH Foundation Natatorium, which opened in April 2016, is part of the attraction for outside teams as it features an indoor Olympic-sized pool. It's a 43,000 square foot facility that also provides ample seating.

"There are at least three teams that are coming out there because of our new pool," COM Aquatics coach Jenna Purkey said. "We used to swim this meet at Doug Russell (Pool) and it was a great meet, but the most I could ever get was 300 (swimmers) and that was with 150 of them being our kids. Now to almost break 500 athletes, it's a lot more appealing. It's a drive for everybody. It's worth it for them to drive because of our new pool and because of the meets that we already have on the books."

In 2016, Purkey said the Frost Bank West Texas Invitational attracted 415 swimmers, which was the most she could remember, in the inaugural year of the FMH Foundation Natatorium.

One year later, it's not just the Frost Bank swim meet that is growing, as COM Aquatics' meets in general are burgeoning.

COM will host the U.S.A. Swimming Southern Zone Age Group Championships on July 31-August, 4, 2018. It's an event that will feature the best swimmers from the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi,

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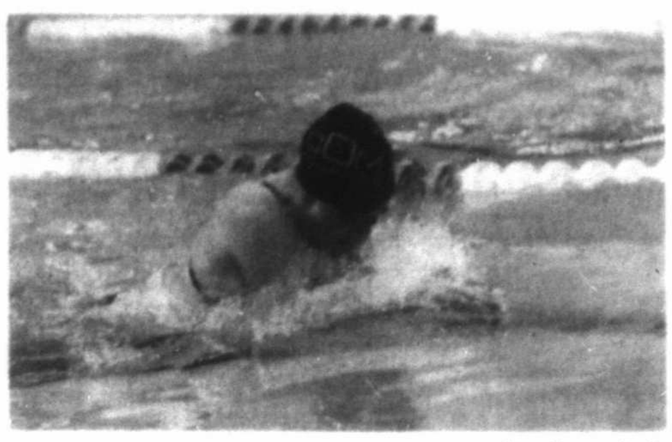

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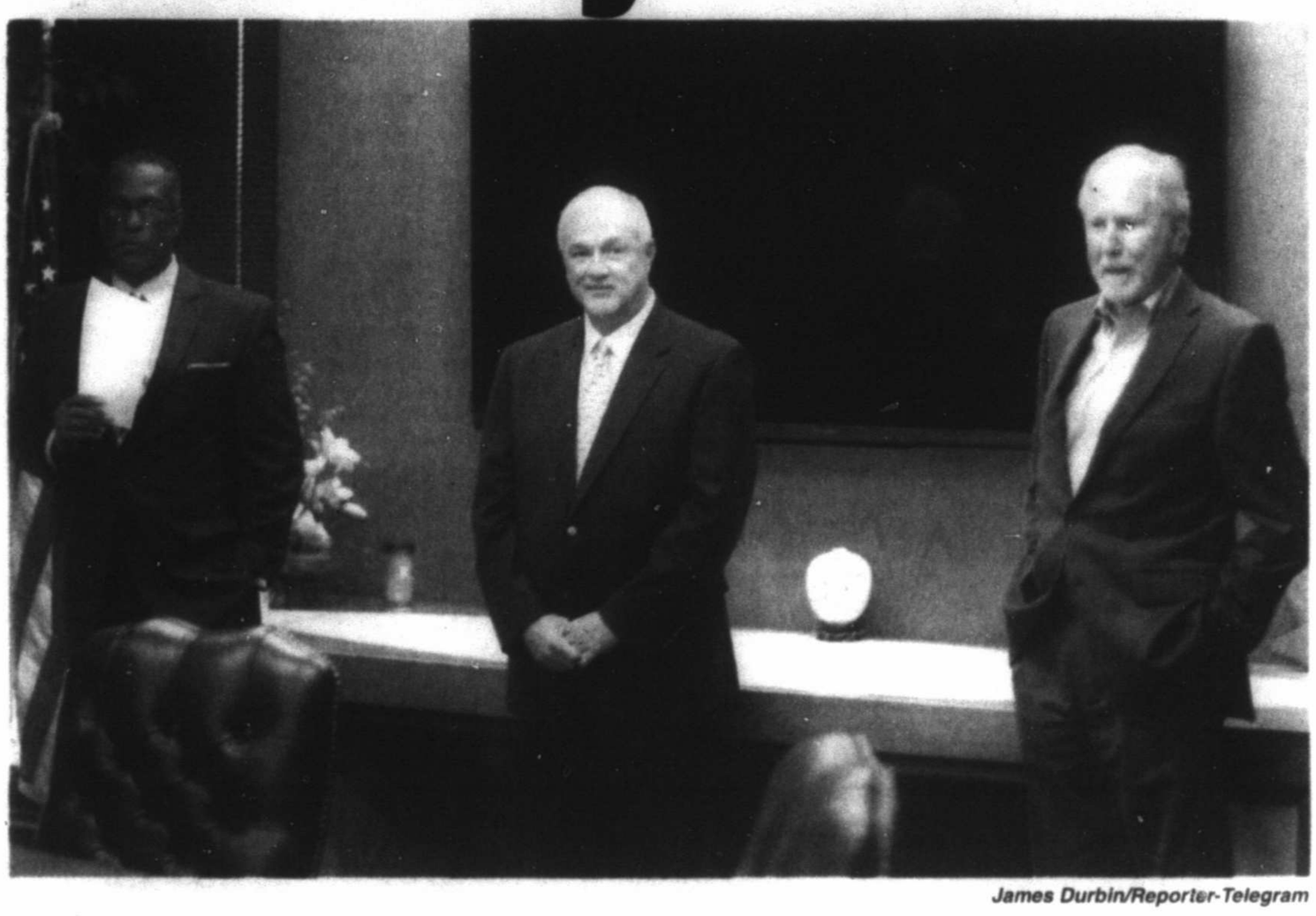
COM Aquatics swimmer Elizabeth Bole competes in the breaststroke in the girls 13-14 division

Rafferty returns



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Midland College athletics director Forrest Allen (left) and Midland College President Steve Thomas (right) announced during a press conference that Pat Rafferty (center) will be the new head basketball coach Wednesday in the Midland College administration building.

MC welcomes back Rafferty as head coach

By Will Korn
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Pat Rafferty will soon be stepping back onto the floor at Chaparral Center.

Midland College welcomed back Rafferty as the Chaps' new head men's basketball coach on Wednesday.

Rafferty returns to MC after coaching the Chaps from 1994-99, a stint during which he compiled a record of 97-51. He is the program's 14th head coach since 1975 and is replacing Jordan Dreiling, who coached MC for the last four years and stepped down in March.

Rafferty, a native of Buffalo, Wyoming, said he is thrilled to be back in Midland with a program that he has always been fond of. Apart from his desire to coach the Chaps for a second time, he said he and his wife Toni viewed the Tall City as an ideal place to live and work at this point in their lives.

"Through the whole process of my career, I've always found myself kind of yearning (to return)," Rafferty said. "I love junior college basketball. I think it's a very healthy level in terms of the fact that you can impact lives. You can really help kids make a step athletically as well as academically. I guess I'm a JuCo guy. When I wasn't in a junior college situation, I always stayed close to it and observed it."

Added Rafferty, who said he aggressively pursued the position after Dreiling's departure: "As far as I'm concerned, (MC) is one of the top five situations in the country, having been here and knowing what we're capable of. If I was going to get a chance to pick a junior college anywhere in the country to get back to, this would be the one."

This year, Rafferty will be entering his 37th year of coaching basketball and has spent time at both the collegiate and professional levels. His return to the Chaps is his sixth head coaching position. Most recently he served as an assistant coach with the NBA Development League's Long Island Nets from 2016-17.

Midland College Athletic Director Forrest Allen said Rafferty's experience was a major factor in his hiring.

"His resume speaks for itself," Allen said. "His experience and connections made us feel extremely comfortable that he is the person we need to lead this program back to national prominence."

Rafferty played at both Northwest Community College (Powell, Wyoming) and Eastern Montana College, where he began his coaching career as an assistant in 1981. He accepted his first head coaching job in 1986, when he took over Casper College in Casper, Wyoming. The next season, he helped lead Casper to a sixth-place finish at the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson.

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Midland College men's basketball coaching history

Coach	Tenure	Record at MC
Chester Story	1975-77	30-16
Raymond Yell	1977	1-1
Delnor Poss	1977	9-4
Jerry Stone	1977-87	275-67
Reggie Franklin	1987-91	81-43
Steve Green	1991-94	74-23
Pat Rafferty	1994-99	97-51
Willard Cotten	1999-2001	55-15
Scott Raines	2001-03	28-29
Shanon Hays	2003-04	30-7
Grant McCasland	2004-09	143-32
Ross Hodge	2009-11	63-7
Chris Craig	2011-13	37-18
Jordan Dreiling	2013-17	64-55
Pat Rafferty	2017-	

Durant lifts Warriors over Cavs in Game 3

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kevin Durant drained a big 3-pointer with 45.3 seconds left and scored 31 points as the Golden State Warriors moved within one win of postseason perfection and payback by rallying to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 118-113 on Wednesday night to take a 3-0 lead in the NBA Finals.

The Warriors trailed by six with three minutes left before Durant, who signed with Golden State last summer to win a championship, brought them back, scoring 14 in the fourth.

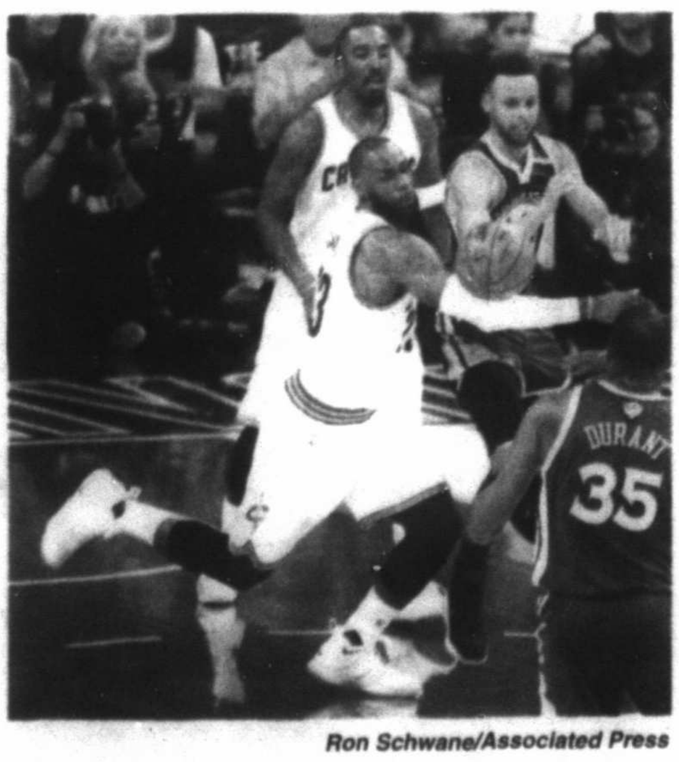
With their 15th straight win, the Warriors have the longest postseason streak for any team in the four major professional sports.

And with a win in Game 4 on Friday night, Golden State can exorcise those haunting demons from last year when the Warriors blew a 3-1 lead in the Finals to the Cavaliers. Not team has ever overcome a 3-0 deficit.

Klay Thompson added 30 points and Stephen Curry 26 for this California Dream Team now one win from its second title in three years.

LeBron James shook off a knee-buckling blow to the chin and every Golden State shot while scoring 39 and Kyrie Irving added 38 for the Cavs, who took a 113-107 lead with 3:09 left on J.R. Smith's 3-pointer.

Curry hit a layup and after both James and Irving missed for the Cavs, Durant dropped his 3 — a shot that could be the one most remembered in this magnificent run by the Warriors.



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Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) defends Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) passing to Kevin Durant (35) during the first half of Game 3 of basketball's NBA Finals on Wednesday in Cleveland.

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops retires at 56

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops abruptly announced his retirement Wednesday, a stunning offseason move by the 56-year-old future Hall of Famer who led the Sooners to 10 conference championships and a national title in 18 seasons.

Stoops

Stoops was the longest-tenured active coach in major college football, taking the job at Oklahoma a day before Kirk Ferentz started at Iowa. Stoops was 190-48-1 (.798) at Oklahoma — his only college head-coaching job — giving him more victories than Sooners coaching greats Barry Switzer (157) and Bud Wilkinson (145).

"I understand there has been some speculation about my health," Stoops said in a statement issued two hours before a campus news conference. "My health was not the deciding factor in this decision and I've had no incidents that would prevent me from coaching. I feel the timing is perfect to hand over the reins."

Offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley

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Former MHS OC Sims named head coach at Lamesa

By Christopher Hadorn
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Rodney Sims, who served as Midland High's offensive coordinator during the 2016 season, said Wednesday he has been hired as the head football coach of Lamesa.

Sims, 49, takes over a Golden Lorna does program that has gone 3-47 since the start of the 2012 season and hasn't enjoyed a winning record since 2001.

Sims

Lamesa also plays in a tough District 2-4A Division II, which includes 2016 state runner-up Sweetwater, 2016 state quarterfinalist Seminole, a perennially competitive program in Monahans and a Greenwood team that went 7-3 last season.

"That's why I am coaching," Sims said. "I don't want anything easy. I know this particular job is going to be a challenge. That's why I do it. I love the challenges.

"I'm not looking for an easy way out," Sims added. "I think that's too often what I see coaches do, they want a ready made squad. They want something that has already been built, but I don't think that's coaching. Coaching to me is taking something from the ground and watching it develop."

This will be Sims' first head coaching opportunity.

The native Midlander attended Lee from 1983-86 and played running back for legendary coach Spike Dykes on the 1983 state runner-up team that lost to Converse Judson, 25-21, in the state championship game.

The Angelo State graduate served as a coach for Goddard Junior High between 1998-2001, was on former head coach

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'HOUNDSWATCH

WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
San Antonio 8, Midland 6

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.

INTERNET
www.milb.com

RECORDS
Midland 29-29
San Antonio 33-25

Wednesday	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
San Antonio 8, Midland 6	Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.	Frisco at Midland 7 p.m.	Frisco at Midland 2 pm.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

Baseball

CanAm League: Rockland vs. New Jersey, 6 p.m., ELVN

Basketball

Liga ACB Semifinal, Gm 5 (if necessary): Baskonia vs. Valencia Basket, 1:30 p.m., ELVN

College Track and Field

Men's and Women's Outdoor Championships: Women's Semifinals, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

Golf

EPGA: Lyoness Open, 1st Round, 8 a.m., GOLF

Web.com: Rust-Oleum Championship, 1st Round, 10:30 a.m., GOLF

LPGA: Manulife Classic, 1st Round, 12:30 p.m., GOLF

PGA: FedEx St. Jude Classic, 1st Round, 3 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: Lyoness Open, 2nd Round, 4 a.m., GOLF

MLB

LA Angels at Detroit, Noon, MLB

San Diego at Arizona, 3 p.m., MLB

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

Houston at Kansas City, 7 p.m., ROOT

Men's Soccer

World Cup Qualifying: USA vs. Trinidad and Tobago, 7 p.m., FS1, UniMas, UDN

Friendly: Ecuador vs. Venezuela, 7:20 p.m., beIN2

World Cup Qualifying: Costa Rica vs. Panama, 8:50 p.m., beIN, NBCU

World Cup Qualifying: Mexico vs. Honduras, 9 p.m., FS1, UniMas, UDN

Friendly: Brazil vs. Argentina, 5 a.m., beIN, beIN2

NHL

Stanley Cup Finals, Gm 5: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., NBC

Rugby

Super League: Leigh vs. Warriors, 1 p.m., FSP

NRL: Brisbane vs. South Sydney, 4:30 a.m., FSP

Tennis

French Open: Women's Semifinals, 8 a.m., TENNIS

French Open: Women's Semifinals, 10 a.m., NBC, TENNIS

French Open: Men's Semifinals, 5:30 a.m., TENNIS

Track and Field

IAAF Diamond League: Rome, 1 p.m., NBCSN

Women's Soccer

Friendly: Sweden vs. USA, 12:30 p.m., ESPN2, UDN

ON RADIO

MLB

Houston at Kansas City, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM, 1400 AM (Big Spring)

NHL

Stanley Cup Finals, Gm 5: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., KJTV 950 AM

Texas League Baseball

Midland at San Antonio, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

Midland-Odessa FC at Tyler FC, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Selected the contract of RHP Edwin Jackson from Norfolk (IL). Optioned LHP Donnie Hart to Norfolk. Announced INF Paul Janish cleared waivers and was assigned outright to Norfolk.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Activated OF Lonnie Chisenhall from the 7-day DL. Placed RHP Danny Salazar on the 10-day DL, retroactive to June 4. Recalled LHP Kyle Crockett from Columbus (IL). Optioned RHP Mike Clevinger to Columbus.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Recalled RHP Dayan Diaz from Fresno (PCL). Optioned LHP Reymin Guduan to Fresno.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed SS Jorge Polanco on the bereavement list. Recalled 1B Kennys Vargas from Rochester (IL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Reinstated RHP Jesse Hahn from the 10-day DL. Optioned 1B-OF Matt Olson to Nashville (PCL).

SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with SS Jean Segura on a five-year contract from 2018-22.

TEXAS RANGERS — Promoted Sean Decker to senior vice president of operations and events, and Joe Januszewski executive vice president, chief revenue and marketing officer.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Reinstated LHP Tony Cingrani from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Asalverto Bonilla to Louisville (IL).

COLORADO ROCKIES — Recalled INF-OF Jordan Patterson from Albuquerque (PCL). Placed OF Gerardo Parra on the 10-day DL.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed C Francisco Cervelli on the 7-day DL. Selected the contract of C Jacob Stallings from Indianapolis (IL).

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Purchased the contract of OF-1B Chad Huffman from Memphis (PCL). Optioned RHP John Gant to Memphis.

Can-Am League

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed OF Tyson Gillies.

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed LHP Will Mathis. Released LHPs Sean Berman and Alex Henson.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed OF Julio Martinez.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Waived-injured TE Dennis Pitta.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed C-G J.J. Dielman.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed CB Daquan Holmes. Released CB David Rivers.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed DB Lou Young. Waived DB Shak Randolph.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WR Daniel Williams.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with D Jan Rutta on a one-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Named Kris Knoblauch assistant coach.

MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR — Suspended Kyle Busch's crew chief Adam Stevens, tire changer Jacob Seminara and tire carrier Kenneth Barber, four races each after a tire rolled off Busch's car during the June 4 AAA 400 Drive for Autism race Monster Energy at Dover International Speedway. Suspended Chase Briscoe's crew chief Mike Hillman Jr., tire changer Wesley McPherson and tire carrier Eric Pinkert four races each after a tire rolled Briscoe's truck in the June 2 Dover 200 Truck Series race at Dover.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

MLS — Announced the Independent Panel rescinded the fine and one-game suspension for the red card issued to Orlando City D Rafael Ramos for serious foul play in a June 4 match against Chicago.

COLLEGE

ALBANY (NY) — Named David Stecker director of men's basketball operations.

AVILA — Notified the Heart of America Athletic Conference of its intentions to withdraw from conference membership following the 2017-18 season and join the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference for the 2018-19 season.

DELAWARE — Announced DB J.P Caruso (Appalachian State) and OL Noah Beh (Penn State) have transferred to the school.

EAST CAROLINA — Named Justin Behr assistant director of athletics marketing and fan engagement. Promoted Whitney Marks to associate director of athletics marketing and fan engagement.

FORDHAM — Named Nick LaMarca athletic facilities and events manager.

GEORGIA — Named David Carter men's assistant basketball coach.

GEORGIA TECH — Named Aileen Morales softball coach.

IOWA — Announced WR Ronald Nash, LB Angelo Garbutt and K Mick Ellis are no longer with the team.

OKLAHOMA — Announced the retirement of football coach Bob Stoops. Promoted offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley to coach.

NBA FINALS GLANCE

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Golden State 2, Cleveland 0
Thursday, June 1: Golden State 113, Cleveland 91
Sunday, June 4: Golden State 132, Cleveland 113
Wednesday, June 7: Golden State 118, Cleveland 113
Friday, June 9: Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
x-Monday, June 12: Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.
x-Thursday, June 15: Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 18: Cleveland at Golden State, 7 p.m.

STANLEY CUP GLANCE

FINAL
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Pittsburgh 2, Nashville 2

Monday, May 29: Pittsburgh 5, Nashville 3
Wednesday, May 31: Pittsburgh 4, Nashville 1
Saturday: Nashville 5, Pittsburgh 1
Today: Nashville 4, Pittsburgh 1
x-Thursday, June 8: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 11: Pittsburgh at Nashville, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 14: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

June 9

At Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, N.Y. (SHO), Joel Diaz Jr. vs. Regis Prograis, 10, for Diaz's NABF super lightweight title.

June 10

At Belfast, Northern Ireland, Lee Haskins vs. Ryan Burnett, 12, for Haskins' IBF bantamweight title; Ian Time vs. Luke Watkins, 10, cruiserweights.

At WinnerVegas Casino & Resort, Sloan, Iowa (CBSSN), Maurice Hooker vs. Abdiel Ramirez, 10, junior welterweights; Daniel Franco vs. Jose Haro, 10, for the vacant USBA featherweight title.

June 11

At the Pioneer Event Center, Lancaster, Calif. (FS1), Brandon Rios vs. Aaron Herrera, 10, welterweights; Mario Barrios vs. Jose Luis Rodriguez, 10, super lightweights.

June 17

At Wetzlar, Germany, Tyron Zeuge vs. Paul Smith, 12, for Zeuge's WBA World super middleweight title; Stefan Haertel vs. Patrick Mendy, 10o, super middleweights.

At Toshiba Championship Plaza, Frisco, Texas (ESPN2), Fidel Maldonado Jr. vs. Pablo Cesar Cano, 10, for the vacant WBC FECARBOX super lightweight title.

At Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, Las Vegas (PPV), Andre Ward vs. Sergey Kovalev, 12, for Ward's WBO/IBF/WBA Super World light heavyweight titles; Guillermo Rigondeaux vs. Moises Flores, 12, for Rigondeaux's WBA Super World/IBO junior featherweight titles; Dmitry Bivol vs. Cedric Agnew, 10, light heavyweights; Luis Arias vs. Arif Magomedov, 10, middleweights.

June 20

At Sam's Town Hotel, Las Vegas (FS1), Thomas Dulorme vs. Yordenis Ugas, 10, welterweights.

June 23

The Dome at The Ballpark, Rosemont, Ill. (CBSSN), Mike Jimenez vs. Aaron Pryor Jr., 10, super middleweights; Mike Lee vs. Aaron Quattrocchi, 10, for Lee's USBA light heavyweight title.

June 24

At Freedom Hall, Louisville, Ky. (CBSSN), Derric Rossy vs. Carlos Negron, 10, heavyweights.

June 27

At Sands Bethlehem (Pa.) Events Center (FOX), Miguel Cruz vs. Alex Martin, 10, welterweights; Jamal James vs. Samuel Figueroa, 10, welterweights.

June 30

At Huntington Center, Toledo, Ohio, Robert Easter Jr. vs. Denis Shafikov, 12, for Easter's IBF lightweight title.

At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio, Calif. (ESPN2), Oscar Negrete vs. Jesus Ruiz, 10, for the vacant NABF bantamweight title.

July 2

At Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, Australia, Manny Pacquiao vs. Jeff Horn, 12, for Pacquiao's WBO welterweight title; Jerwin Ancajas vs. Teiru Kinoshita, 12, for Ancajas' IBF super flyweight title; Umar Salamov vs. Damien Hooper, 10, light heavyweights.

'16 champ Djokovic in 'new situation' after Paris loss

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

PARIS — His French Open title defense nearing an end, Novak Djokovic stumbled and tumbled to his knees on the red clay, his racket flying from his right hand as his opponent's backhand zipped past.

Even Djokovic found it hard to fathom how far he's fallen, only a year removed from leaving Roland Garros as a player nonpareil, the first man in nearly a half-century to win four consecutive Grand Slam titles.

That he departed this time with a surprisingly lopsided 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-0 quarterfinal loss to sixth-seeded Dominic Thiem of Austria on Wednesday left everyone, including Djokovic, pondering the answers to difficult questions.

Did he give up in the last set? What has happened to his once-impervious play? Can he summon that again? Does he need a break from the grind of the tour?

"It's a fact that I'm not playing close to my best, and I know that," Djokovic said after his first straight-set loss at a major since the 2013 Wimbledon final. "For me, it's a whole new situation that I'm facing."

Since completing his career Grand Slam at the French Open 12 months ago, Djokovic has participated in four majors in a row without earning a trophy. He also lost his No. 1 ranking to Andy Murray.

Djokovic was runner-up at the U.S. Open but lost in the third round at Wimbledon, the first round at the Rio Olympics and the second round at the Australian Open.

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Britain's Andy Murray plays a shot against Japan's Kei Nishikori during their quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium Wednesday in Paris, France.

French Open Results
Wednesday
At Stade Roland Garros
Paris
Purse: $40.3 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor

Singles

Men

Quarterfinals

Rafael Nadal (4), Spain, def. Pablo Carreno Busta (20), Spain, 6-2, 2-0, retired.

Dominic Thiem (6), Austria, def. Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-0.

Stan Wawrinka (3), Switzerland, def. Marin Cilic (7), Croatia, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.

Andy Murray (1), Britain, def. Kei Nishikori (8), Japan, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (0), 6-1.

Women

Quarterfinals

Karolina Pliskova (2), Czech Republic, def. Caroline Garcia (28), France, 7-6 (3), 6-4.

Simona Halep (3), Romania, def. Elina Svitolina (5), Ukraine, 3-6, 7-6 (6), 6-0.

Doubles

Men

Quarterfinals

Fernando Verdasco, Spain, and Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia, def. Rogerio Dutra Silva, Brazil, and Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 7-6 (5), 7-5.

Women

Quarterfinals

Ashleigh Barty and Casey Dellacqua, Australia, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, and Zheng Saisai, China, 6-3, 6-4.

Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Lucie Safarova (1), Czech Republic, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, and Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 6-2, 6-4.

Lucie Hradecka and Katerina Siniakova (6), Czech Republic, def. Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (2), Russia, 6-1, 6-4.

Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, and Martina Hingis (3), Switzerland, def. Raluca Olaru, Romania, and Olga Savchuk, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-1.

Mixed

Semifinals

Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Rohan Bopanna (7), India, def. Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (3), France, 7-5, 6-3.

Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, and Robert Farah, Colombia, def. Casey Dellacqua, Australia, and Rajeev Ram, United States, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 10-5.

Legends Doubles

Round Robin

Men Under 45

Juan Carlos Ferrero and Carlos Moya, Spain, def. Sebastien Grosjean and Michael Llodra, France, 4-6, 7-5, 10-8.

Men Over 45

Mansour Bahrami and Fabrice Santoro, France, def. Arnaud Boetsch and Henri Leconte, France, 6-4, 6-3.

John McEnroe, United States, and Cedric Pioline, France, def. Sergi Bruguera, Spain, and Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia, 3-6, 6-3, 10-7.

Women

Arantxa Sanchez, Spain, and Sandrine Testud, France, def. Lindsay Davenport and Martina Navratilova, United States, 6-4, 3-6, 10-8.

Tracy Austin-Holt, United States, and Kim Clijsters, Belgium, def. Marion Bartoli, France, and Iva Majoli, Croatia, 4-6, 6-0, 10-6.

Junior Singles

Boys

Third Round

Alexei Popyrin (3), Australia, def. Matteo Martineau, France, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

Blake Ellis, Australia, def. Zsombor Piros (4), Hungary, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Spain, def. Alexey Zakharov, Russia, 6-3, 6-0.

Nicola Kuhn (11), Spain, def. Tseng Chun-hsin, Taiwan, 6-1, 6-3.

Thiago Seyboth Wild, Brazil, def. Jurij Rodionov (12), Austria, 3-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4.

Gianni Ross, United States, def. Sebastian Korda, United States, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0.

Clement Tabur, France, def. Oliver Crawford (10), United States, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Miomir Kecmanovic (1), Serbia, def. Duarte Vale (16), Portugal, 6-1, 6-4.

Girls

Third Round

Elena Rybakina (11), Russia, def. Hailey Baptiste, United States, 6-2, 6-4.

Whitney Osuigwe (7), United States, def. Wang Xin Yu, China, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Bianca Andreescu (3), Canada, def. Sofya Lansere, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.

Claire Liu (6), United States, def. Olesya Pervushina (12), Russia, 6-3, 6-3.

Iga Swiatek (5), Poland, def. Yiena In-Albon, Switzerland, 6-0, 6-0.

Amanda Anisimova (2), United States, def. Maria Camila Osorio Serrano (15), Colombia, 6-2, 6-4.

Caty McNally, United States, def. Amina Anshba, Russia, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.

Maria Paigina, Russia, def. Anastasia Potapova (1), Russia, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Junior Doubles

Boys

First Round

Oliver Crawford and Patrick Kypson, United States, def. Baptiste Anselmo and Maxence Beauge, France, walkover.

Jurij Rodionov, Austria, and Michael Vrbensky (4), Czech Republic, def. Thiago Seyboth Wild, Brazil, and Mikhail Sokolovskiy, Russia, walkover.

Nicola Kuhn, Spain, and Zsombor Piros (1), Hungary, def. Luc Fomba and Luka Pavlovic, France, 6-1, 6-2.

Toru Horie and Yuta Shimizu, Japan, def. Simon Carr, Ireland, and Alexey Zakharov, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.

Constantin Bittoun Kouzmine, France, and Hsu Yu-hsiou (2), Taiwan, def. Naoki Tajima, Japan, and Tseng Chun-hsin, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-4.

Second Round

Axel Geller, Argentina, and Nicolas Mejia, Colombia, def. Artem Dubrivnyy, Russia, and Marvin Moeller, Germany, 6-3, 6-1.

Rudolf Molleker, Germany, and Emil Ruusuvuori (5), Finland, def. Park Ui-sung, South Korea, and Matias Soto, Chile, 6-3, 6-2.

Ryan Nijboer, Netherlands, and Alexandre Rotsaert, United States, def. Olukayode Alafia Damina Ayeni and Trent Bryde (7), United States, 6-0, 6-3.

Miomir Kecmanovic, Serbia, and Sebastian Korda (6), United States, def. Dan Added, France, and Zizou Bergs, Belgium, 6-4, 5-7, 10-8.

Sam Riffice and Gianni Ross, United States, def. Alan Rubio, Mexico, and Duarte Vale, Portugal, 4-6, 6-4, 10-5.

Girls

First Round

Ayumi Miyamoto, Japan, and Wang Xiyu, China, def. Valeriya Deminova and Varvara Gracheva, Russia, 2-6, 7-5, 10-7.

Emiliana Arango, Colombia, and Ellie Douglas, United States, def. Giulia Morlet and Diane Parry, France, 6-4, 7-6 (5).

Caty McNally and Whitney Osuigwe (8), United States, def. Oona Orpana, Finland, and Lara Schmidt, Germany, 7-6 (13), 7-6 (3).

Second Round

Maria Lourdes Carle, Argentina, and Francesca Jones, Britain, def. Loudmila Bencheikh and Manon Leonard, France, 4-6, 7-5, 11-9.

Maria Camila Osorio Serrano, Colombia, and Thaisa Grana Pedretti, Brazil, def. Liang En-shuo, Taiwan, and Wang Xin Yu (8), China, 6-4, 6-1.

Bianca Andreescu and Carson Branstine (1), Canada, def. Amina Anshba, Russia, and Kaja Juvan, Slovenia, 3-6, 6-3, 13-11.

Olesya Pervushina and Anastasia Potapova (2), Russia, def. Chen Pei-hsuan, Taiwan, and Naho Sato, Japan, 6-4, 6-4.

Jade Bornay and Mylene Halemai, France, def. Emily Appleton, Britain, and Elena Rybakina (5), Russia, 2-6, 7-6 (6), 10-5.

RAFFERTY

From 1C

Kansas.

From 1990-92, Rafferty served as a scout for the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves before becoming an assistant at Drake College the next season. After six years with the Chaps, he was an assistant at Louisville under Hall of Fame coach Denny Crum until 2001.

Rafferty also spent time as the head coach of Grayson Community College (2003-12) and Central Wyoming College (2013-16), with a two-year stop as Head of Basketball Operations at University of Texas at Arlington in between.

Rafferty's goal of elevating the Chaps back to the national spotlight will begin on the recruiting trail, which he said he has made his immediate priority.

The Chaps have missed the Region V Tournament in each of the last six seasons and Rafferty said the key to halting that unprecedented skid is recruiting players who are "Midland good."

"It all revolves around recruiting the right players," Rafferty said. "I tell guys that I'm talking to that they need to be 'Midland good.' What that involves is they need to be talented enough as a player, but they also have to have a demeanor about them, a moral compass about them, a toughness and a willingness to play hard, work hard and fit (in).

Rafferty also said he wants to bring a fundamentally focused approach back to the Chaps. In his time coaching and observing professionals, he noted that many of the world's most athletic players don't always have a grasp of the most basic elements of the game.

More than anything, Rafferty said he wants his players to be true basketball players with a comprehensive understanding of the game.

"That's one thing I'm really big on," Rafferty said. "I want them to learn the game and part of this is to prepare them for the next level. If they are fortunate enough to academically succeed and athletically succeed where they get a chance to go to Division I school, I want them to be prepared for that level."

Rafferty added that his first year back with the team will be as important as any in his second tenure with MC.

"This is a crucial year from that standpoint that this incoming group of kids is going to establish that foundation moving forward," Rafferty said. "We're going to focus on the process. We'll play hard and we'll play together.

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Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Purkey believes COM Aquatics' Southern Zone bid is helping the Frost Bank swim meet attract better competition because teams want to get a feel for the premises and the surroundings.

"It's really a big deal, it's a national level meet," Purkey said of the Southern Zone meet.

This week's meet will be welcoming two teams from the Dallas-Fort Worth area, two teams from El Paso, and one each from Austin, San Antonio and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"I was talking to a friend from El Paso because I grew up swimming in El Paso," Purkey said. "I was talking to a coach out there and he said, 'Man, Midland is popping. That's the new place to be for swimming.'"

Another attraction of the Frost Bank West Invitational will be the implementation of time standards, where swimmers must meet minimum times in order to get an invitation into a certain event.

Teams are also drawn by the fact that the meet is not in the sweltering sun. The meet, for most of its history, has held at the outdoor Olympic-sized Doug Russell Pool at Alamo Park, which began hosting the event in the early 1960s.

"It's indoor, that makes a big difference too," Purkey said. "Every one is looking for a chance to get out of the heat for a good meet in the summer."

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FROST BANK WEST TEXAS INVITATIONAL
At FMH Foundation Natatorium, COM Aquatics

Today-Sunday

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Meet finals schedule (times subject to change)

Thursday

5 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 400 medley relay; 5:09 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 400 medley relay; 5:17 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 400 medley relay; 5:24 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 400 medley relay; 5:32 p.m. — Girls 12- and-under 400 free; 6:04 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 400 free; 6:27 p.m. — Girls 13-and-Over 1,500 free; 7:37 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 1,500 free

Friday

9 a.m. — Girls 12-and-under 200 free relay; 9:04 a.m. — Boys 12-and-under 200 free relay; 9:08 a.m. — Girls 13-and-over 200 free relay; 9:15 a.m. — Boys 13-and-over 200 free relay; 11:50 a.m. — Girls 13-and-over 400 IM; 12:24 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 400 IM; 5:30 p.m. — Mixed 18-and-under 200 free relay; 5:34 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 50 fly; 5:39 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 50 fly; 5:45 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 200 fly; 5:59 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 200 fly; 6:06 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 100 back; 6:16 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 100 breast; 6:26 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 100 back; 6:35 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 100 back; 6:43 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 50 free; 6:48 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 50 free; 6:53 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 50 free; 6:58 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 50 free; 7:02 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 200 IM; 7:19 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 200 IM

Saturday

9 a.m. — Girls 13-and-over 200 medley relay; 9:09 a.m. — Boys 13-and-over 200 medley relay; 9:17 a.m. — Girls 12-and-under 200 medley relay; 9:25 a.m. — Boys 12-and-under 200 medley relay; 12:06 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 400 free; 12:48 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 400 free; 1:45 p.m. — Girls 50 free; 2 p.m. — Boys 50 free; 2:12 p.m. — Girls 100 fly; 2:16 p.m. — Boys 100 fly; 2:18 p.m. — Girls 50 back; 2:35 p.m. — Boys 50 back; 2:49 p.m. — Girls 100 breast; 2:57 p.m. — Boys 100 breast; 3:05 p.m. — Girls 200 free; 3:21 p.m. — Boys 200 free; 3:30 p.m. — Mixed 18-and-under 200 medley relay; 5:35 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 100 free; 5:42 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 100 free; 5:48 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 100 free; 5:56 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 100 free; 6:04 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 100 breast; 6:13 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 100 breast; 6:21 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 100 breast; 6:30 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 100 breast; 6:40 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 200 back; 6:55 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 200 back; 7:10 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 50 back; 7:17 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 50 back

Sunday

9 a.m. — Girls 13-and-over 400 free relay; 9:15 a.m. — Boys 13-and-over 400 free relay; 9:30 a.m. — Girls 12-and-under 400 free relay; 9:39 a.m. — Boys 12-and-under 400 free relay; 1:45 p.m. — Girls 50 fly; 1:53 p.m. — Boys 50 fly; 1:57 p.m. — Girls 100 free; 2:17 p.m. — Boys 100 free; 2:30 p.m. — Girls 50 breast; 2:42 p.m. — Boys 50 breast; 2:50 p.m. — Girls 100 back; 3:08 p.m. — Boys 100 back; 3:21 p.m. — Girls 200 IM; 3:25 p.m. — Boys 200 IM; 5 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 200 breast; 5:17 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 200 breast; 5:32 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 50 breast; 5:38 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 50 breast; 5:44 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 100 fly; 5:51 p.m. — Boys 13-ard-over 100 fly; 5:59 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 100 fly; 6:08 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 100 fly; 6:17 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 200 free; 6:29 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 200 free; 6:41 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 200 free; 6:55 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 200 free; 7:10 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 200 IM; 7:23 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 200 IM

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/5 Mon. 4:00-10:00 Sit, Stay, Sip Profit Share at The Blue Door
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ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

MISSIONS 8, ROCKHOUNDS 6 AT NELSON WOLFF STADIUM, SAN ANTONIO

TOP HITTERS: The Missions' Jose Rondon and Franmil Reyes each went 2-for-4 with two RBI. ... The Missions' Auston Bousfield collected the game-winning hit, a two-RBI double in the eighth. ... Visoergy Rosa went 3-for-5 with a double, two RBI and a run scored to lead Midland.

TOP PITCHERS: San Antonio reliever and Amarillo native Brad Weick earned his second save of the season after striking out two in a scoreless, hitless ninth.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland scored three runs in the top of the third, headlined by Rosa's two-run double. ... The Missions answered with four in the bottom half on a double by Rondon and a two-RBI single by Reyes. ... Each team plated a lone run in the fourth and then Midland tied the game at 5-5 in the fifth on a single by Jermaine Curtis. ... San Antonio reclaimed the lead with a Stephen McGee single in the sixth, before a Kenny Wilson groundout in the seventh knotted the game up again for the RockHounds. ... In the eighth, Austin Bousfield doubled to pull the Missions ahead, 8-6.

NOTES: In its last six games, Midland has allowed 66 runs on 120 hits and has gone 2-4 over that stretch. ... With Corpus Christi's 4-3 loss against Frisco on Wednesday, the RockHounds remained tied with the Hooks for second place in the Texas League South. Midland now trails the Missions by four games for first place. ... The two teams resume their four-game series at 7:05 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP Brett Graves (1-1, 5.20); San Antonio — LHP Jerry Keel (1-1, 0.71)

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield (Cardinals)	33	21	.611	—
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	28	28	.500	5
Tulsa (Dodgers)	28	29	.491	5½
Arkansas (Mariners)	25	32	.439	8½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio (Padres)	33	25	.569	—
Midland (Athletics)	29	29	.500	4
Corpus Christi (Astros)	29	29	.500	4
Frisco (Rangers)	26	32	.448	7

Wednesday's Scores
Springfield 5, Northwest Arkansas 2
Springfield at Northwest Arkansas, late
Frisco 4, Corpus Christi 3
San Antonio 8, Midland 6
Tulsa 7, Arkansas 4

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

MISSIONS 8, ROCKHOUNDS 6									
Midland	ab	r	h	bi	San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi
Boyd dh	4	0	0	0	Urias ss	4	1	1	1
Munoz ss	4	1	1	1	Perio 1b	4	1	1	0
Curtis 3b	2	1	1	1	Rondon 2b	4	1	2	2
Tarsovich 3b2	2	0	0	0	Reyes dh	4	0	2	2
Rosa 1b	5	1	3	2	France 3b	4	1	2	0
Marincov rf	5	0	1	0	Martinez lf	4	0	0	0
Taylor c	4	1	1	0	Torres rf	3	2	1	0
Wilson cf	4	0	1	1	McGee c	3	2	2	1
Vertigan lf	2	1	1	0	Bousfield cf	4	0	1	2
Sportman 2b2	1	0	0	0					
Totals	34	5	9	5	Totals	34	8	12	8

Midland .....003 110100—6
San Antonio .....004 10102x—8

E — Rosa (2), Martinez (2), DP — Midland 1, San Antonio 1. LOB — Midland 9, San Antonio 5. 2B — Rosa (13), Rondon (10), McGee (8), France (10), Bousfield (3). SB — Munoz (8). SF — Munoz.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Fillmyer	3.0	6	4	4	1	2
Bragg	2.1	3	2	2	1	0
Trivino	1.2	1	0	0	0	1
Finnegan L, 1-3	1.0	2	2	2	1	2
San Antonio						
De Los Santos	4.1	5	5	5	4	3
Nina	1.2	1	0	0	1	1
Yardley W, 3-0	2.0	3	1	1	0	0
Weick S, 2	1.0	0	0	0	0	2

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TEXAS ROUNDUP

METS 4, RANGERS 3

ARLINGTON — Jay Bruce homered twice and the New York Mets scored the tiebreaking run in the ninth inning on a throwing error by second baseman Rougned Odor to beat the Texas Rangers 4-3 Wednesday night.

With two on and two outs, Jose Reyes hit a chopper up the middle against reliever Matt Bush (2-1). Odor fielded the ball but bounced his throw to second while fading away from the bag. Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus was unable to hold on for an inning-ending forceout as pinch-runner Matt Reynolds scored from second base.

Both of Bruce's homers came off Texas ace Yu Darvish, with the two drives just over the wall by the Mets slugger coming a night after he was robbed of a home run by Jared Hoying's leaping catch in straightaway center field.

The Rangers tied the game at 3 when Robinson Chirinos hit a two-run homer with two outs in the eighth off Jerry Blevins.

ROYALS 7, ASTROS 5

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jason Vargas tossed five solid innings for his eighth victory, Chesior Cuthbert drove in three runs and the Kansas City Royals defeated the Houston Astros 7-5 on Wednesday night.

The anticipated pitching duel between Vargas (8-3) and Dallas Keuchel, who have the two best ERAs in the majors, never materialized. Keuchel was a late scratch with an illness after going out to warm up.

Instead, the Astros started right-hander Dayan Diaz, who was just called up from Triple-A Fresno. Diaz (0-1) gave up three runs and four hits, including Lorenzo Cain's solo homer, in 2 2/3 innings.

Vargas (8-3), who pitched a shutout against Cleveland in his previous start, allowed two runs on Brian McCann's home run. He gave up six hits, a walk and hit a batter. Vargas' ERA inched up from 2.08 to 2.18 in the win, the Royals' second straight over the Astros

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June 7-8: UFCU Disch-Falk Field, The University of Texas at Austin

June 7-10: Dell Diamond, Round Rock

Wednesday, June 7
Dell Diamond
Class 2A semifinals
Dallardsville Big Sandy (34-2) 7, Groveton (31-4) 3
Muenster (32-2) 1, Albany (23-3-2) 0

Class 3A semifinals
Nacogdoches Central Heights (36-2-1) 7, vs Whitesboro (28-9) 0
Wall (31-3-1) 5, Georgetown Gateway (23-3-1) 1

Class 4A semifinals
Robinson (31-2) 10, Sinton (30-6-2) 0
Abilene Wylie (34-1) 3, Texarkana Pleasant Grove (35-4) 1

Thursday, June 8
Dell Diamond, Round Rock
Class 2A final
Dallardsville Big Sandy (34-2) vs. Muenster (32-2), 9 a.m.

Class 3A final
Wall (31-3-1) vs Nacogoches Central Heights (36-2-1), Noon

Class 5A semifinals
Frisco Wakeland (38-4-1) vs. Port Neches-Groves (32-8-2), 4 p.m.; Corpus Christi Moody (30-2-3) vs. Grapevine (32-12), 7 p.m.

UFCU Disch-Falk Field
Class 4A final
Robinson (31-2) vs. Abilene Wylie (34-1), 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 9
Dell Diamond, Round Rock
Class 1A semifinals
Abbott (27-3-1) vs. Gilmer Union Hill (9-13), 9 a.m.
Borden County (12-4) vs. Fayetteville (13-12), noon

Class 6A semifinals
Deer Park (33-8-1) vs. Southlake Carroll (32-10-1), noon; Round Rock (31-7) vs. San Antonio Reagan (30-8), 3 p.m.

Saturday, June 10
Dell Diamond, Round Rock
Class 1A final, 9 a.m.
Class 5A final, Noon
Class 6A final, 4 p.m.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

TIGERS 4, ANGELS 0

DETROIT — Buck Farmer outlasted Alex Meyer in an unexpected pitchers' duel, and Justin Upton hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning to help the Detroit Tigers beat the Los Angeles Angels 4-0 on Wednesday night.

Farmer (2-0) allowed three hits in 6 2/3 innings, and Detroit pushed across an unearned run in the third. Upton gave the Tigers some insurance with a drive to left off reliever Yusmeiro Petit.

Detroit has won five of six.

Meyer (2-3) permitted three hits in six innings. He walked four and struck out nine, but his wildness proved costly in the third. A hit batter, a walk and an error loaded the bases with nobody out, and the game's first run came home when Victor Martinez bounced into a double play.

BLUE JAYS 7, ATHLETICS 4

OAKLAND, Calif. — Josh Donaldson hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the 10th inning against his former club, Justin Smoak also homered in the inning for his second long ball of the day, and the Toronto Blue Jays avoided a sweep by beating the Oakland Athletics 7-4 on Wednesday.

Frankie Montas (1-1) plunked Kevin Pillar to start the inning and bring up Donaldson, who clobbered a 1-2 fastball and hit a high drive clearing the wall in left-center.

Liam Hendriks tossed two perfect innings over the eighth and ninth with three strikeouts for the A's, but Montas couldn't hold down Donaldson as the 2015 AL MVP hit his seventh homer of the year.

Ryan Tepera (4-1) pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for the win, while Roberto Osuna finished for his 14th save.

YANKEES 8, RED SOX 0

NEW YORK — CC Sabathia won his fifth straight start to beat Rick Porcello in a matchup of Cy Young Award winners, and Chris Carter drove in four runs with a three-run homer and an RBI single that led the New York Yankees over the Boston Red Sox 8-0 Wednesday night.

Sabathia (7-2), who had last won five in a row in April 2012, allowed five hits in eight innings, his longest outing since April 2015. He walked none and struck out five — four of them looking.

The left-hander has a 1.11 ERA during his streak, and all five wins followed losses by Masahiro Tanaka, who had supplanted Sabathia as New York's ace. Sabathia was removed after 95 pitches, denying him a chance for his first shutout since 2011.

RAYS 3, WHITE SOX 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Jacob Faria took a three-hitter into the seventh inning of his major league debut for the Tampa Bay Rays, who beat the Chicago White Sox 3-1 on Wednesday night.

The 23-year-old right-hander walked two and struck out five in 6 1/3 innings, settling down after falling behind three batters into the game to help Tampa Bay end a season-high four-game losing streak before a crowd of just 9,313.

Relievers Tommy Hunter, Jose Alvarado and Alex Colome finished the combined four-hitter, with Colome getting the final three outs for his 16th save.

National League

REDS 6, CARDINALS 4

CINCINNATI — St. Louis kept Scooter Gennett in check a day after his four-homer game, but Patrick Kivlehan had a pinch three-run shot that sparked the Cincinnati Reds to a 6-4 victory on Wednesday night, extending the Cardinals' longest losing streak in four years.

The Cardinals have dropped six in a row. They let a 4-1 lead slip away when Kivlehan — another utility player like Gennett — and Joey Votto homered during a five-run seventh inning.

Gennett became the first Reds player to homer four times in a game during the 13-1 win a night earlier. He connected in his last four at-bats and had a chance for more history on Wednesday — nobody has homered in five straight plate appearances.

DODGERS 2, NATIONALS 1

LOS ANGELES — Clayton Kershaw outdueled Stephen Strasburg with seven sharp innings and Yasmani Grandal hit a tiebreaking RBI double, helping the Los Angeles Dodgers edge the Washington Nationals 2-1 on Wednesday.

Kershaw (8-2) allowed three hits and struck out nine in his first win since May 17. Pedro Baez got two outs before Kenley Jansen finished for his 10th save.

BRAVES 14, PHILLIES 1

ATLANTA — Mike Foltynewicz allowed only four hits in seven scoreless innings, Nick Markakis drove in five runs and the Atlanta Braves crushed Philadelphia 14-1 on Wednesday night to end the Phillies' four-game winning streak.

Markakis had two-run doubles in the seventh and eighth as the Braves scored a combined 10 runs in the two innings. Dansby Swanson hit a three-run homer.

After the Braves stretched the lead to 12-0 in the eighth, Phillies manager Pete Mackanin brought in utility infielder Andres Blanco for his debut as a pitcher. Blanco gave up a two-run homer to Matt Adams.

The Braves, who lost the first two games of the four-game series, beat the Phillies for the first time in six tries this season.

MARLINS 6, CUBS 5

CHICAGO — Marcell Ozuna hit his 15th homer, J.T. Realmuto also went deep and the Miami Marlins hung on to beat the Chicago Cubs 6-5 on Wednesday night and avoid a three-game sweep.

Solo homers by Realmuto in a three-run fourth and Ozuna in the fifth against John Lackey (4-6) helped stake Miami to a 5-2 lead.

Dee Gordon added two hits and scored two runs, and the Marlins won for the eighth time in 11 games. They stopped the Cubs' season-high win streak at five.

BREWERS 6, GIANTS 3

MILWAUKEE — Jimmy Nelson pitched six solid innings and Jesus Aguilar drove in the go-ahead run with a two-out double in the fifth to help the Milwaukee Brewers pull away from the San Francisco Giants for a 6-3 victory Wednesday night.

Nelson (4-3) struck out six and allowed seven hits along with his first walk since May 23. But he was still sharp enough — outside of a three-run third inning — to earn his second win in three starts.

Aguilar went 2 for 4. He turned quickly on a 1-2 fastball away from Ty Blach (4-3) for a two-out double to right field that scored Domingo Santana from first to snap a 3-all tie.

ROCKIES 8, INDIANS 1

DENVER — Kyle Freeland pitched 6 1/3 effective innings, Nolan Arenado drove in three runs and the Colorado Rockies beat the Cleveland Indians 8-1 on Wednesday for their fourth straight win.

Charlie Blackmon, the reigning National League Player of the Month, added two RBIs for the Rockies, who lead the NL with 38 wins. Ian Desmond had three hits and scored two runs.

Freeland (7-3) allowed one run and six hits, struck out five and walked none while lowering his ERA to 3.34. The Denver native has turned in a quality start in eight of his last nine starts.

ORIOLES 9, PIRATES 6

BALTIMORE — Trey Mancini tied the game with a two-run homer in the ninth inning then hit a three-run drive in the 11th to give the Baltimore Orioles a 9-6 comeback victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Wednesday night.

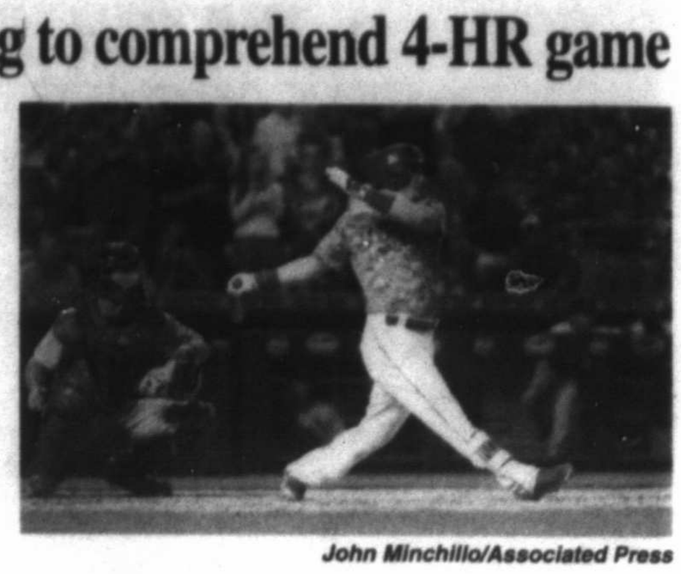
Baltimore trailed 6-1 in the eighth before rallying for a second straight night. Adam Jones hit a solo shot in the eighth. Mancini's pinch-hit home run capped a four-run ninth and the rookie applied the finisher against Wade LeBlanc (3-2) in the 11th.

Since the start of the 2016 season, the Pirates were 91-3 when leading after eight innings. Now they are 91-5 — including 21-3 this season.

Interleague

Gennett trying to comprehend 4-HR game

By Joe Kay
Associated Press



John Minchillo/Associated Press

Cincinnati Reds' Scooter Gennett hits a two-run home run and his fourth overall in the eighth inning of a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday in Cincinnati. The Reds won 13-1

CINCINNATI — Scooter Gennett's tan bat leaned against his locker, the sweet spot streaked by its historic connections.

The ball from homer No. 4 was off somewhere getting authenticated and marked. His cellphone was jammed with 270 texts of congratulations.

And the diminutive utility player — how was he holding up a day after his totally improbable, historically unforgettable night?

"It's pretty unreal," said Gennett, who became the first Cincinnati player to hit four homers in a game. "Just being a Reds fan all my life, to be able to do this is just unbelievable. It's sinking in more and more, but it'll probably really hit home in the offseason, when I have some downtime. Right now, it's like a normal day."

Nothing normal about his last 24 hours. Or his season, for that matter.

The Reds claimed the Cincinnati native off waivers from Milwaukee during spring training, looking to upgrade their bench with a utility player who can do a little bit of everything.

He wound up starting in left field on Tuesday night because Scott Schebler needed one more day to recover from a sore shoulder.

Gennett singled home a run in his first at-bat. The next time he came up, the bases were loaded and he worked Adam Wainwright to a full count.

Gennett barely fouled off a nasty breaking pitch — flicked it with the very end of his bat — and then homered on the next pitch.

And that was just the start.

He hit a two-run homer, a solo shot, and another two-run homer in the eighth inning of a 13-1 win. Gennett became the 17th major leaguer — and the first Reds player — to hit four in a game. He tied the club record with 10 RBIs. He became the first player to have five hits, four homers and 10 RBIs in a game.

|And he joined the Cardinals' Mark Whiten as the only players to have a grand slam among their four homers.

Whew! How does anybody process all of that on the ride home from the

SS Jean Segura gets $70M deal from Mariners

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Jean Segura and the Mariners agreed Wednesday to a $70 million, five-year contract covering 2018-22, a deal that brings stability to a shortstop position in flux for more than a decade in Seattle.

Segura is making $6.2 million this year and would have been eligible for free agency following the 2018 season. The contract calls for a $3 million signing bonus, a $9 million salary next season and $14.25 million in each of the following four years. Seattle has a $17 million option for 2023 with a $1 million buyout. Segura gets a full no trade provision.

Traded three times in five years, Segura said the long-term stability was important — bolstered by the no-trade clause.

"As a player, you choose where you feel comfortable, where you feel like it's home for you," he said. "It doesn't matter how much money you're going to take, it's all about how you're going to feel."

General manager Jerry Dipoto, who traded Segura from the Angels to Milwaukee in a 2012 deal for pitcher Zack Greinke, said he understood the importance of the no-trade request.

"I feel like in this case, because of the amount of times that Jean has moved, I didn't think it was an unreasonable ask because of how many times he's been asked to move," Dipoto said.

"And, the fact that he wants to be here and he wants to play for the Mariners, we're buying a six-year stretch of Jean's career that will span, including this year, his age 27 through potentially his age 33 season. It's a good buy for the Mariners," he added.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	33	23	.589	—
Boston	32	26	.552	2
Baltimore	31	26	.544	2½
Tampa Bay	30	31	.492	5½
Toronto	29	31	.483	6
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	29	25	.537	—
Cleveland	29	28	.509	1½
Detroit	29	29	.500	2
Kansas City	26	32	.448	5
Chicago	25	32	.439	5½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	42	18	.700	—
Seattle	29	30	.492	12½
Los Angeles	30	32	.484	13
Texas	27	32	.458	14½
Oakland	26	33	.441	15½

National League				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	37	21	.638	—
New York	25	32	.439	11½
Atlanta	25	32	.439	11½
Miami	25	33	.431	12
Philadelphia	21	36	.368	15½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	32	28	.533	—
Chicago	30	28	.517	1
Cincinnati	28	30	.483	3
St. Louis	26	31	.456	4½
Pittsburgh	26	33	.441	5½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	36	23	.610	—
Los Angeles	36	25	.590	2
Arizona	35	25	.583	2½
San Francisco	24	37	.393	14
San Diego	23	36	.390	14

Scores and Schedules

American League
Wednesday's Scores
Colorado 8, Cleveland 1
Toronto 7, Oakland 5, 10 innings
Baltimore 9, Pittsburgh 6, 11 innings
N.Y. Yankees 8, Boston 0
Detroit 4, L.A. Angels 0
Tampa Bay 3, Chicago White Sox 1
N.Y. Mets 4, Texas 3
Kansas City 7, Houston 5
Minnesota at Seattle, late

Today's Games
L.A. Angels (Ramirez 5-4) at Detroit (Fulmer 6-3), 12:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Asher 2-3) at Washington (Ross 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Price 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 6-3), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Holland 4-5) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 3-3), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (McCullers 6-1) at Kansas City (Hammel 2-6), 7:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 2-4) at Seattle (Bergman 3-2), 9:10 p.m.

National League
Wednesday's Scores
Colorado 8, Cleveland 1
L.A. Dodgers 2, Washington 1
Baltimore 9, Pittsburgh 6, 11 innings
Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 4
Atlanta 14, Philadelphia 1
Miami 6, Chicago Cubs 5
N.Y. Mets 4, Texas 3
Milwaukee 6, San Francisco 3
San Diego at Arizona, late

Today's Games
St. Louis (Leake 5-4) at Cincinnati (Feldman 4-4), 11:35 a.m.
San Francisco (Cueto 5-5) at Milwaukee (Espino 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 4-6) at Arizona (Corbin 4-6), 2:40 p.m.
Baltimore (Asher 2-3) at Washington (Ross 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (Volquez 2-7) at Pittsburgh (Cole 3-5), 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Lively 1-0) at Atlanta (Dickey 3-4), 6:35 p.m.
Colorado (Chatwood 5-7) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 3-3), 7:05 p.m.

Texas boxes

METS 4, RANGERS 3

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Cntorto lf	2	1	0	0	DShields lf	3	1	2	0
A Cbrra ss	4	0	0	0	Choo dh	3	0	0	0
Bruce dh	4	2	2	3	Andrus ss	4	0	1	0
Duda 1b	4	0	1	0	Mazara rf	4	1	1	1
Mat Wstr pr-2b0	1	0	0	0	Chirinos c	4	1	2	2
Flores 2b-1b	3	0	0	0	Odor 2b	4	0	1	0
Grndsn rf	3	0	0	0	Rua 1b	4	0	1	0
J Reyes 3b	4	0	0	0	Gallo 3b	4	0	0	0
T d'Arn c	3	0	0	0	Hoying cf	3	0	1	0
Lagares cf	4	0	1	0					
Totals	31	4	4	3	Totals	33	3	8	3

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Texas .....100 000 020—3

E—Odor (5). DP—New York 2, Texas 1. LOB—New York 5, Texas 6. 2B—Duda (10), Odor (9). HR—Bruce 2 (15), Chirinos (6). SB—Granderson (2). J.Reyes (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Wheeler	7	6	1	1	3	5
Blevins W,3-0 BS,4	1	2	2	2	0	2
Reed S,9-11	1	0	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Darvish	7 1-3	3	3	3	1	9
Alvarez	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
Bush L,2-1	1	1	1	0	2	2

HBP—by Darvish (Conforto).
T—3:10. A—32,477 (48,114).

ROYALS 7, ASTROS 5

Houston	Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
Springer rf		3	0	1	0
Reddick rf		5	0	1	0
Altuve 2b		3	0	1	0
Correa ss		5	0	0	0
Bettran 3b		5	2	2	1
B McCnn c		5	2	4	2
Y Gmez 1b		5	0	1	0
Bregman 3b		3	1	0	0
Mrsnick cf		4	1	1	1
R Tres 2b		4	0	2	1
Totals		38	5	11	3

Houston										
Kansas City										
Totals									35	7
									010	100
									021	220

E—A.Escobar (4). LOB—Houston 11, Kansas City 6. 2B—Springer (10), Bettran (13), S.Perez (10), Cuthbert (4), R.Torres (1). HR—B.McCann (8), L.Cain (4), S.Allyve (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Diaz L,0-1	2 2-3	4	4	3	0	3
Sipp	1	3	2	2	2	1
Feliz	1 1-3	2	2	2	2	2
Gregerson	2	2	0	0	0	3
Giles	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City						
Vargas W,8-3	6	6	2	2	1	5
Minor	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Moylan	1-3	0	0	0	1	0
Alexander	2-3	3	3	1	1	1
Soria H,8	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Herrera S,13-15	1	1	0	0	0	3

HBP—by Vargas (Springer).
T—3:11. A—25,628 (37,903).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BLUE JAYS 7, ATHLETICS 5 (10 innings)

Toronto	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	0	1
Oakland	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	5	0

Liriano, Barnes (6), Joe Smith (8), Tepera (9), Osuna (10) and Martin; Colton, Axford (7), Hendriks (8), Montas (10). Jos.Smith (10) and Phegley. W—Tepera 5-1. L—Montas 1-1. Osuna-14. HRs—Toronto, Donaldson, Smoak. Pillar. Oakland, Piscotty.

YANKEES 8, RED SOX 0

Boston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2
New York	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	2	x	8	12	0

Porcello, Scrpnr (4), Kelly (6), Sabathia (W, 7-2), Shreve (8) and G.Sanchez. W—Sabathia 7-2. L—Porcello 5-4. HRs—New York, Gregorius, Carter.

RAYS 3, WHITE SOX 1

Chicago	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2
Tampa Bay	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	x	3	6	0

Pelfrey, Jennings, R. Rodon, R. Jones, Kinnie (7), Fang, Hunter (7), Alvarado (8), Colome (9) and Norris, W—Faria 1-0. L—Pelfrey 2-5. Sv—Colome (16).

TIGERS 4, ANGELS 0

Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Detroit	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	x	4	7	0

Meyer, Petit (7), Pounders (8) and Maldonado. Farmer, A.Wilson (9) and Avila. W—Farmer 2-0. L—Meyer 2-3. HRs—Detroit, Upton.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
DODGERS 2, NATIONALS 1

Washington	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	2
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	x	2	3	0

Strasburg, Albers (7), Romero (8) and Lobaton. Kershaw, Baez (8), Jansen (8) and Grandal. W—Kershaw 8-2. L—Strasburg 7-2. Sv—Jansen (10). HRs—Washington, Zimmerman. Los Angeles, Seager.

REDS 6, CARDINALS 4

St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	4	11	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	x	6	10	0

Lynn, Bowman (6), Cecil (7), Rosenthal (7), Siegrist (8) and Pryor. Arroyo, Peralta (6), Lorenzen (8), R.Iglesias (9) and Mesoraco. W—Peralta 3-1. L—Cecil 0-2. Sv—R.Iglesias (11). HRs—St. Louis, Carpenter. Cincinnati, Schebler, Kivlehan, Votto.

BREWERS 6, GIANTS 3

San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	7	1
Milwaukee	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	x	6	10	0

Blach, Kontos (7) and Posey. Nelson, Hughes (7), Barnes (8), Knebel (9) and Pina. W—Nelson 4-3. L—Blach 4-3. Sv—Knebel (17). HRs—San Francisco, Posey. Milwaukee, Villar, Santana.

BRAVES 14, PHILLIES 1

Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	1
Atlanta	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	2	x	14	12	0

Eickhoff, Morgan (6), Rodriguez (7), Garcia (8), Blanco (9) and Knapp. Foltynewicz, J.Ramirez (6), Jackson (8) and Flowers. W—Foltynewicz 4-3. L—Eickhoff 1-4. HRs—Atlanta, Adams, Swanson.

MARLINS 6, CUBS 5

Miami	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	6	10	0
Chicago	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	5	9	0

Urena, Garcia (6), Ziegler (8), Phelps (9) and Wrtgren (8). Ramos (8) and Realmuto. Lackey, Duensing (7), Edwards (9) and Contreras. Montero (6), Ureña 4-2. Lackey 4-6. Sv—Ramos (9). HRs—Miami, Ozuna, Realmuto. Chicago, Schwarber, Happ.

INTERLEAGUE
ROCKIES 8, INDIANS 1

Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	1
Colorado	0	0	2	0	1	2	1	2	x	8	11	0

Bauer, Goody (4), Shaw (5), Cockett (6), McAllister (6), Miller (6), Allen (7), Logan (8) and Perez. Freeland, Rusin (7), McGee (8), Qualls (9) and Hanigar. W—Freeland 7-3. L—Bauer 5-5. HRs—Cleveland, Ramirez.

ORIOLES 9, PIRATES 6 (11 INNINGS)

Pittsburgh	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	6	1
Baltimore	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	4	9	0

Kuhl, Hudson (6), Nicasio (7), Barbato (8), Watson (9), Rivero (10), LeBlanc (11) and E.Diaz. Miley, Wright (3), E.Jackson (7), Bleier (9), Brach (10), Givens (11) and C.Joseph. W—Givens 6-0. L—LeBlanc 3-2. HRs—Pittsburgh, Osuna. Baltimore, Jones, Mancini 2.

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WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
San Antonio 8, Midland 6

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.

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Midland 29-29
San Antonio 33-25

Wednesday	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
San Antonio 8, Midland 6	Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.	Frisco at Midland 7 p.m.	Frisco at Midland 2 pm.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

Baseball

CanAm League: Rockland vs. New Jersey, 6 p.m., ELVN

Basketball

Liga ACB Semifinal, Gm 5 (if necessary): Baskonia vs. Valencia Basket, 1:30 p.m., ELVN

College Track and Field

Men's and Women's Outdoor Championships: Women's Semifinals, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

Golf

EPGA: Lyoness Open, 1st Round, 8 a.m., GOLF

Web.com: Rust-Oleum Championship, 1st Round, 10:30 a.m., GOLF

LPGA: Manulife Classic, 1st Round, 12:30 p.m., GOLF

PGA: FedEx St. Jude Classic, 1st Round, 3 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: Lyoness Open, 2nd Round, 4 a.m., GOLF

MLB

LA Angels at Detroit, Noon, MLB

San Diego at Arizona, 3 p.m., MLB

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

Houston at Kansas City, 7 p.m., ROOT

Men's Soccer

World Cup Qualifying: USA vs. Trinidad and Tobago, 7 p.m., FS1, UniMas, UDN

Friendly: Ecuador vs. Venezuela, 7:20 p.m., beIN2

World Cup Qualifying: Costa Rica vs. Panama, 8:50 p.m., beIN, NBCU

World Cup Qualifying: Mexico vs. Honduras, 9 p.m., FS1, UniMas, UDN

Friendly: Brazil vs. Argentina, 5 a.m., beIN, beIN2

NHL

Stanley Cup Finals, Gm 5: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., NBC

Rugby

Super League: Leigh vs. Warriors, 1 p.m., FSP

NRL: Brisbane vs. South Sydney, 4:30 a.m., FSP

Tennis

French Open: Women's Semifinals, 8 a.m., TENNIS

French Open: Women's Semifinals, 10 a.m., NBC, TENNIS

French Open: Men's Semifinals, 5:30 a.m., TENNIS

Track and Field

IAAF Diamond League: Rome, 1 p.m., NBCSN

Women's Soccer

Friendly: Sweden vs. USA, 12:30 p.m., ESPN2, UDN

ON RADIO

MLB

Houston at Kansas City, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM, 1400 AM (Big Spring)

NHL

Stanley Cup Finals, Gm 5: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., KJTV 950 AM

Texas League Baseball

Midland at San Antonio, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

Midland-Odessa FC at Tyler FC, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Selected the contract of RHP Edwin Jackson from Norfolk (IL). Optioned LHP Donnie Hart to Norfolk. Announced INF Paul Janish cleared waivers and was assigned outright to Norfolk.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Activated OF Lonnie Chisenhall from the 7-day DL. Placed RHP Danny Salazar on the 10-day DL, retroactive to June 4. Recalled LHP Kyle Crockett from Columbus (IL). Optioned RHP Mike Clevinger to Columbus.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Recalled RHP Dayan Diaz from Fresno (PCL). Optioned LHP Reymin Guduan to Fresno.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed SS Jorge Polanco on the bereavement list. Recalled 1B Kennys Vargas from Rochester (IL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Reinstated RHP Jesse Hahn from the 10-day DL. Optioned 1B-OF Matt Olson to Nashville (PCL).

SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with SS Jean Segura on a five-year contract from 2018-22.

TEXAS RANGERS — Promoted Sean Decker to senior vice president of operations and events, and Joe Januszewski executive vice president chief revenue and marketing officer.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Reinstated LHP Tony Cingrani from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Lisalverto Bonilla to Louisville (IL).

COLORADO ROCKIES — Recalled INF-OF Jordan Patterson from Albuquerque (PCL). Placed OF Gerardo Parra on the 10-day DL.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed C Francisco Cervelli on the 7-day DL. Selected the contract of C Jacob Stallings from Indianapolis (IL).

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Purchased the contract of OF-1B Chad Huffman from Memphis (PCL). Optioned RHP John Gant to Memphis.

Can-Am League

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed OF Tyson Gillies.

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed LHP Will Mathis. Released LHPs Sean Bierman and Alex Henson.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed OF Julio Martinez.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Waived-injured TE Dennis Pitta.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed C-G J.J. Dielman.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed CB Daquan Holmes. Released CB David Rivers.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed DB Lou Young. Waived DB Shak Randolph.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WR Daniel Williams.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with D Jan Rutta on a one-year contract.

DELAWARE — Announced DB J.P Caruso (Appalachian State) and OL Noah Beh (Penn State) have transferred to the school.

EAST CAROLINA — Named Justin Behr assistant director of athletics marketing and fan engagement. Promoted Whitney Marks to associate director of athletics marketing and fan engagement.

FORDHAM — Named Nick LaMarca athletic facilities and events manager.

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MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR — Suspended Kyle Busch's crew chief Adam Stevens, tire changer Jacob Seminara and tire carrier Kenneth Barber, four races each after a tire rolled off Busch's car during the June 4 AAA 400 Drive for Autism race Monster Energy at Dover International Speedway. Suspended Chase Briscoe's crew chief Mike Hillman Jr., tire changer Wesley McPherson and tire carrier Eric Pinkert four races each after a tire rolled Briscoe's truck in the June 2 Dover 200 Truck Series race at Dover.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

MLS — Announced the Independent Panel rescinded the fine and one-game suspension for the red card issued to Orlando City D Rafael Ramos for serious foul play in a June 4 match against Chicago.

COLLEGE

ALBANY (NY) — Named David Steckel director of men's basketball operations.

AVILA — Notified the Heart of America Athletic Conference of its intentions to withdraw from conference membership following the 2017-18 season and join the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference for the 2018-19 season.

DELAWARE — Announced DB J.P Caruso (Appalachian State) and OL Noah Beh (Penn State) have transferred to the school.

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NBA FINALS GLANCE

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Golden State 2, Cleveland 0

Thursday, June 1: Golden State 113, Cleveland 91

Sunday, June 4: Golden State 132, Cleveland 113

Wednesday, June 7: Golden State 118,Cleveland 113

Friday, June 9: Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.

x-Monday, June 12: Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.

x-Thursday, June 15: Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.

x-Sunday, June 18: Cleveland at Golden State, 7 p.m.

STANLEY CUP GLANCE

FINAL

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Pittsburgh 2, Nashville 2

Monday, May 29: Pittsburgh 5, Nashville 3

Wednesday, May 31: Pittsburgh 4, Nashville 1

Saturday: Nashville 5, Pittsburgh 1

Today: Nashville 4, Pittsburgh 1

x-Thursday, June 8: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

x-Sunday, June 11: Pittsburgh at Nashville, 7 p.m.

x-Wednesday, June 14: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

June 9

At Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, N.Y (SHO), Joel Diaz Jr. vs. Regis Prograis, 10, for Diaz's NABF super lightweight title.

June 10

At Belfast, Northern Ireland, Lee Haskins vs. Ryan Burnett, 12, for Haskins' IBF bantamweight title; Ian Time vs. Luke Watkins, 10, cruiserweights.

At WinnaVegas Casino & Resort, Sloan, Iowa (CBSSN), Maurice Hooker vs. Abdiel Ramirez, 10, junior welterweights; Daniel Pignoo vs. Jose Haro, 10, for the vacant USBA featherweight title.

June 11

At the Pioneer Event Center, Lancaster, Calif. (FS1), Brandon Rios vs. Aaron Herrera, 10, welterweights; Mario Barrios vs. Jose Luis Rodriguez, 10, super lightweights.

June 17

At Wetzlar, Germany, Tyron Zeuge vs. Paul Smith, 12, for Zeuge's WBA World super middleweight title; Stefan Haertel vs. Patrick Mendy, 10o, super middleweights.

At Tootsis Championship Plaza, Frisco, Texas (ESPN2), Fidel Maldonado Jr. vs. Pablo Cesar Cano, 10, for the vacant WBC FECAPBOX super lightweight title.

At Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, Las Vegas (PPV), Andre Ward vs. Sergey Kovalev, 12, for Ward's WBO/IBF/WBA Super World light heavyweight titles; Guillermo Rigondeaux vs. Moises Flores, 12, for Rigondeaux's WBA Super World/IBO junior featherweight titles; Dmitry Bivol vs. Cedric Agnew, 10, light heavyweights; Luis Arias vs. Arif Magomedov, 10, middleweights.

June 20

At Sam's Town Hotel, Las Vegas (FS1), Thomas Dulorme vs. Yordenis Ugas, 10, welterweights.

June 23

The Dome at The Ballpark, Rosemont, Ill. (CBSSN), Mike Jimenez vs. Aaron Pryor Jr., 10, super middleweights; Mike Lee vs. Aaron Quattrocchi, 10, for Lee's USBA light heavyweight title.

June 24

At Freedom Hall, Louisville, Ky (CBSSN), Deric Rossy vs. Carlos Negron, 10, heavyweights.

June 27

At Sands Bethlehem (Pa.) Events Center (FOX), Miguel Cruz vs. Alex Martin, 10, welterweights; Jamal James vs. Samuel Figueroa, 10, welterweights.

June 30

At Huntington Center, Toledo, Ohio, Robert Easter Jr. vs. Denis Shafikov, 12, for Easter's IBF lightweight title.

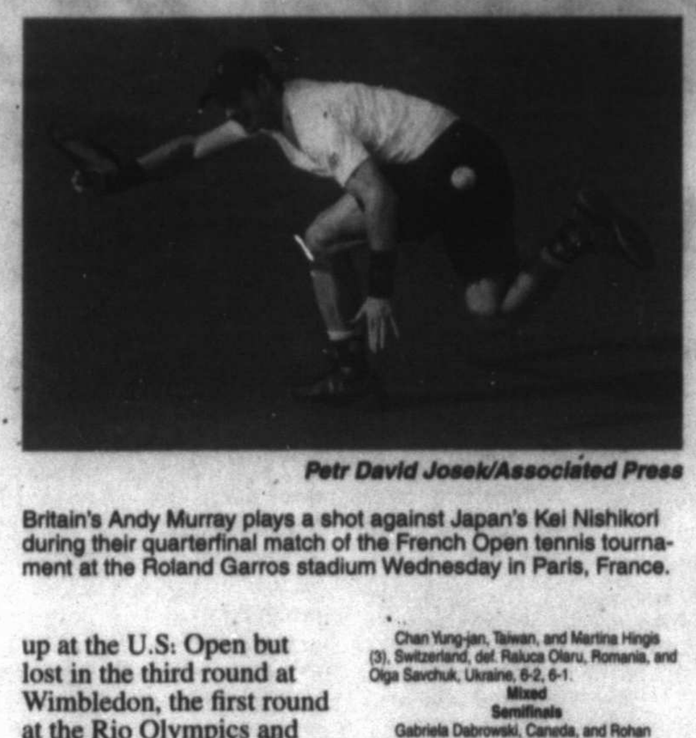
At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio, Calif. (ESPN2), Oscar Negrete vs. Jesus Ruiz, 10, for the vacant NABF bantamweight title.

July 2

At Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, Australia, Manny Pacquiao vs. Jeff Horn, 12, for Pacquiao's WBO welterweight title; Jerwin Ancajas vs. Teiru Kinoshita, 12, for Ancajas' IBF super flyweight title; Umar Salamov vs. Damien Hooper, 10, light heavyweights.

'16 champ Djokovic in 'new situation' after Paris loss

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press



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Britain's Andy Murray plays a shot against Japan's Kei Nishikori during their quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium Wednesday in Paris, France.

PARIS — His French Open title defense nearing an end, Novak Djokovic stumbled and tumbled to his knees on the red clay, his racket flying from his right hand as his opponent's backhand zipped past.

Even Djokovic found it hard to fathom how far he's fallen, only a year removed from leaving Roland Garros as a player nonpareil, the first man in nearly a half-century to win four consecutive Grand Slam titles.

That he departed this time with a surprisingly lopsided 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-0 quarterfinal loss to sixth-seeded Dominic Thiem of Austria on Wednesday left everyone, including Djokovic, pondering the answers to difficult questions.

Did he give up in the last set? What has happened to his once-impervious play? Can he summon that again? Does he need a break from the grind of the tour?

"It's a fact that I'm not playing close to my best, and I know that," Djokovic said after his first straight-set loss at a major since the 2013 Wimbledon final. "For me, it's a whole new situation that I'm facing."

Since completing his career Grand Slam at the French Open 12 months ago, Djokovic has participated in four majors in a row without earning a trophy. He also lost his No. 1 ranking to Andy Murray.

Djokovic was runner-up at the U.S. Open but lost in the third round at Wimbledon, the first round at the Rio Olympics and the second round at the Australian Open.

French Open Results
Wednesday
At Stade Roland Garros
Paris
Purse: $40.3 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor

Singles
Men
Quarterfinals

Rafael Nadal (4), Spain, def. Pablo Carreno Busta (20), Spain, 6-2, 2-0, retired.

Dominic Thiem (6), Austria, def. Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-0.

Stan Wawrinka (3), Switzerland, def. Marin Cilic (7), Croatia, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.

Andy Murray (1), Britain, def. Kei Nishikori (8), Japan, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (0), 6-1.

Women
Quarterfinals

Karolina Pliskova (2), Czech Republic, def. Caroline Garcia (28), France, 7-6 (3), 6-4.

Simona Halep (3), Romania, def. Elina Svitolina (5), Ukraine, 3-6, 7-6 (6), 6-0.

Doubles
Men
Quarterfinals

Fernando Verdasco, Spain, and Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia, def. Rogerin Dutra Silva, Brazil, and Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 7-6 (5), 7-5.

Women
Quarterfinals

Ashleigh Barty and Casey Dellacqua, Australia, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, and Zheng Saisai, China, 6-3, 6-4.

Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Lucie Safarova (1), Czech Republic, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, and Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 6-2, 6-4.

Lucie Hradecka and Katerina Siniakova (6), Czech Republic, def. Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (2), Russia, 6-1, 6-4.

Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, and Martina Hingis (3), Switzerland, def. Raluca Olaru, Romania, and Olga Savchuk, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-1.

Mixed
Semifinals

Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Rohan Bopanna (7), India, def. Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (3), France, 7-5, 6-3.

Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, and Robert Farah, Colombia, def. Casey Dellacqua, Australia, and Rajeev Ram, United States, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 10-5.

Legends Doubles
Round Robin
Men Under 45

Juan Carlos Ferrero and Carlos Moya, Spain, def. Sebastien Grosjean and Michael Llodra, France, 4-6, 7-5, 10-6.

Men Over 45

Mansour Bahrami and Fabrice Santoro, France, def. Arnaud Boetsch and Henri Leconte, France, 6-4, 6-3.

John McEnroe, United States, and Cedric Pioline, France, def. Sergi Bruguera, Spain, and Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia, 3-6, 6-3, 10-7.

Women

Arantxa Sanchez, Spain, and Sandrine Testud, France, def. Lindsay Davenport and Martina Navratilova, United States, 6-4, 3-6, 10-8.

Tracy Austin-Holt, United States, and Kim Clijsters, Belgium, def. Marion Bartoli, France, and Iva Majoli, Croatia, 4-6, 6-0, 10-6.

Junior Singles
Boys
Third Round

Alexei Popyrin (3), Australia, def. Matteo Martineau, France, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

Blake Ellis, Australia, def. Zsombor Piros (4), Hungary, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Spain, def. Alexey Zakharov, Russia, 6-3, 6-0.

Nicola Kuhn (11), Spain, def. Tseng Chun-hsin, Taiwan, 6-1, 6-3.

Thiago Seyboth Wild, Brazil, def. Jurij Rodionov (12), Austria, 3-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4.

Gianni Ross, United States, def. Sebastian Korda, United States, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0.

Clement Tabur, France, def. Oliver Crawford (10), United States, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Miomir Kecmanovic (1), Serbia, def. Duarte Vale (16), Portugal, 6-1, 6-4.

Girls
Third Round

Elena Rybakina (11), Russia, def. Hailey Baptiste, United States, 6-2, 6-4.

Whitney Osuigwe (7), United States, def. Wang Xin Yu, China, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Bianca Andreescu (3), Canada, def. Sofya Lansere, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.

Claire Liu (6), United States, def. Olesya Pervushina (12), Russia, 6-3, 6-3.

Iga Swiatek (5), Poland, def. Yiona In-Albon, Switzerland, 6-0, 6-0.

Amanda Anisimova (2), United States, def. Maria Camila Osorio Serrano (15), Colombia, 6-2, 6-4.

Caty McNally, United States, def. Amina Anshba, Russia, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.

Marta Peujina, Russia, def. Anastasia Potapova (1), Russia, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Junior Doubles
Boys
First Round

Oliver Crawford and Patrick Kypson, United States, def. Baptiste Anselmo and Maxence Beauge, France, walkover.

Jurij Rodionov, Austria, and Michael Vrbensky (4), Czech Republic, def. Thiago Seyboth Wild, Brazil, and Mikhail Sokolovskiy, Russia, walkover.

Nicola Kuhn, Spain, and Zsombor Piros (1), Hungary, def. Luc Fomba and Luka Pavlovic, France, 6-1, 6-2.

Toru Horie and Yuta Shimizu, Japan, def. Simon Carr, Ireland, and Alexey Zakharov, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.

Constantin Bittoun Kouzmine, France, and Hsu Yu-hsiou (2), Taiwan, def. Naoki Tajima, Japan, and Tseng Chun-hsin, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-4.

Second Round

Axel Geller, Argentina, and Nicolas Mejia, Colombia, def. Artem Dubrivnyy, Russia, and Marvin Moeller, Germany, 6-3, 6-1.

Rudolf Molleker, Germany, and Emil Ruusuvuori (5), Finland, def. Park Ui-sung, South Korea, and Matias Soto, Chile, 6-3, 6-2.

Ryan Nijboer, Netherlands, and Alexandre Rotsaert, United States, def. Olukayode Alafia Damina Ayeni and Trent Bryde (7), United States, 6-0, 6-3.

Miomir Kecmanovic, Serbia, and Sebastian Korda (6), United States, def. Dan Added, France, and Zizou Bergs, Belgium, 6-4, 5-7, 10-8.

Sam Riffice and Gianni Ross, United States, def. Alan Rubio, Mexico, and Duarte Vale, Portugal, 4-6, 6-4, 10-5.

Girls
First Round

Ayumi Miyamoto, Japan, and Wang Xiyu, China, def. Valeriia Strakhova and Varvara Gracheva, Russia, 2-6, 7-5, 10-7.

Emiliana Arango, Colombia, and Ellie Douglas, United States, def. Giulia Morlet and Diane Perry, France, 6-4, 7-6 (5).

Caty McNally and Whitney Osuigwe (6), United States, def. Oona Orpana, Finland, and Lara Schmidt, Germany, 7-6 (13), 7-6 (3).

Second Round

Maria Lourdes Carle, Argentina, and Francesca Jones, Britain, def. Loudmilla Benchekh and Manon Leonard, France, 4-6, 7-5, 11-9.

Maria Camila Osorio Serrano, Colombia, and Thaisa Grana Pedretti, Brazil, def. Liang En-shuo, Taiwan, and Wang Xin Yu (6), China, 6-4, 6-1.

Bianca Andreescu and Carson Branstine (1), Canada, def. Amina Anshba, Russia, and Kaja Juvan, Slovenia, 3-6, 6-3, 13-11.

Olesya Pervushina and Anastasia Potapova (2), Russia, def. Chen Pei-hsuan, Taiwan, and Haho Sato, Japan, 6-4, 6-4.

Jade Bornay and Mylene Halemai, France, def. Emily Appleton, Britain, and Elena Rybakina (5), Russia, 2-6, 7-6 (6), 10-5.

RAFFERTY

From 1C

Kansas.

From 1990-92, Rafferty served as a scout for the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves before becoming an assistant at Drake College the next season. After six years with the Chaps, he was an assistant at Louisville under Hall of Fame coach Denny Crum until 2001.

Rafferty also spent time as the head coach of Grayson Community College (2003-12) and Central Wyoming College (2013-16), with a two-year stop as Head of Basketball Operations at University of Texas at Arlington in between.

Rafferty's goal of elevating the Chaps back to the national spotlight will begin on the recruiting trail, which he said he has made his immediate priority.

The Chaps have missed the Region V Tournament in each of the last six seasons and Rafferty said the key to halting that unprecedented skid is recruiting players who are "Midland good."

"It all revolves around recruiting the right players," Rafferty said. "I tell guys that I'm talking to that they need to be 'Midland good.' What that involves is they need to be talented enough as a player, but they also have to have a demeanor about them, a moral compass about them, a toughness and a willingness to play hard, work hard and fit (in).

Rafferty also said he wants to bring a fundamentally focused approach back to the Chaps. In his time coaching and observing professionals, he noted that many of the world's most athletic players don't always have a grasp of the most basic elements of the game.

More than anything, Rafferty said he wants his players to be true basketball players with a comprehensive understanding of the game.

"That's one thing I'm really big on," Rafferty said. "I want them to learn the game and part of this is to prepare them for the next level. If they are fortunate enough to academically succeed and athletically succeed where they get a chance to go to Division I school, I want them to be prepared for that level."

Rafferty added that his first year back with the team will be as important as any in his second tenure with MC.

"This is a crucial year from that standpoint that this incoming group of kids is going to establish that foundation moving forward," Rafferty said. "We're going to focus on the process. We'll play hard and we'll play together.

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Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Purkey believes COM Aquatics' Southern Zone bid is helping the Frost Bank swim meet attract better competition because teams want to get a feel for the premises and the surroundings.

"It's really a big deal, it's a national level meet," Purkey said of the Southern Zone meet.

This week's meet will be welcoming two teams from the Dallas-Fort Worth area, two teams from El Paso, and one each from Austin, San Antonio and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"I was talking to a friend from El Paso because I grew up swimming in El Paso," Purkey said. "I was talking to a coach out there and he said, 'Man, Midland is popping. That's the new place to be for swimming.'"

Another attraction of the Frost Bank West Invitational will be the implementation of time standards, where swimmers must meet minimum times in order to get an invitation into a certain event.

Teams are also drawn by the fact that the meet is not in the sweltering sun. The meet, for most of its history, has held at the outdoor Olympic-sized Doug Russell Pool at Alamo Park, which began hosting the event in the early 1960s.

"It's indoor, that makes a big difference too," Purkey said. "Every one is looking for a chance to get out of the heat for a good meet in the summer."

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FROST BANK WEST TEXAS INVITATIONAL
At FWH Foundation Natatorium, COM Aquatics
Today-Sunday

Teams participating — COM Aquatics: Academy of Texas Aquatic Champions, Addison; Austin Trinity Aquatic Club; Barracuda Swimming, Albuquerque, N.M.; Caprock Swimming, Hobbs, N.M.; Cavern City Swim Club, Carlsbad, N.M.; Club Sailfish Swimming, Pensacola, Fla.; Desert Sharks Swim Club, El Paso; El Paso Aqua Posse; LHOAA, Lubbock; Lubbock Swim Club; North Texas Nadadores, Southlake; Odessa Aquatic Club; Pecos Aquatic Club; Plainview Aquatic Sports Team; San Antonio Wave

Meet finals schedule (times subject to change)

Thursday

5 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 400 medley relay; 5:09 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 400 medley relay; 5:17 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 400 medley relay; 5:24 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 400 medley relay; 5:32 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 400 free; 6:04 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 400 free; 6:27 p.m. — Girls 13-and-Over 1,500 free; 7:37 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 1,500 free

Friday

9 a.m. — Girls 12-and-under 200 free relay; 9:04 a.m. — Boys 12-and-under 200 free relay; 9:08 a.m. — Girls 13-and-over 200 free relay; 9:15 a.m. — Boys 13-and-over 200 free relay; 11:50 a.m. — Girls 13-and-over 400 IM; 12:24 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 400 IM; 5:30 p.m. — Mixed 18-and-under 200 free relay; 5:34 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 50 fly; 5:39 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 50 fly; 5:45 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 200 fly; 5:59 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 200 fly; 6:06 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 100 back; 6:16 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 100 breast; 6:26 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 100 back; 6:35 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 100 back; 6:43 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 50 free; 6:48 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 50 free; 6:53 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 50 free; 6:58 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 50 free; 7:02 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 200 IM; 7:19 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 200 IM

Saturday

9 a.m. — Girls 13-and-over 200 medley relay; 9:09 a.m. — Boys 13-and-over 200 medley relay; 9:17 a.m. — Girls 12-and-under 200 medley relay; 9:25 a.m. — Boys 12-and-under 200 medley relay; 12:06 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 100 free; 12:48 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 400 free; 1:45 p.m. — Girls 50 free; 2 p.m. — Boys 50 free; 2:12 p.m. — Girls 100 fly; 2:16 p.m. — Boys 100 fly; 2:18 p.m. — Girls 50 back; 2:35 p.m. — Boys 50 back; 2:49 p.m. — Girls 100 breast; 2:57 p.m. — Boys 100 breast; 3:05 p.m. — Girls 200 free; 3:21 p.m. — Boys 200 free; 5:30 p.m. — Mixed 18-and-under 200 medley relay; 5:38 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 100 free; 5:42 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 100 free; 5:48 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 100 free; 5:56 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 100 free; 6:04 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 100 breast; 6:13 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 100 breast; 6:21 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 100 breast; 6:30 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 100 breast; 6:40 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 200 back; 6:55 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 200 back; 7:10 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 50 back; 7:17 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 50 back

Sunday

9 a.m. — Girls 13-and-over 400 free relay; 9:15 a.m. — Boys 13-and-over 400 free relay; 9:30 a.m. — Girls 12-and-under 400 free relay; 9:39 a.m. — Boys 12-and-under 400 free relay; 1:45 p.m. — Girls 50 fly; 1:49 p.m. — Boys 50 fly; 1:57 p.m. — Girls 100 free; 2:17 p.m. — Boys 100 free; 2:30 p.m. — Girls 50 breast; 2:42 p.m. — Boys 50 breast; 2:50 p.m. — Girls 100 back; 3:08 p.m. — Boys 100 back; 3:21 p.m. — Girls 200 IM; 3:25 p.m. — Boys 200 IM; 5 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 200 breast; 5:17 p.m. -- Girls 13-and-over 200 breast; 5:32 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 50 breast; 5:36 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 50 breast; 5:44 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 100 fly; 5:51 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 100 fly; 5:59 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 100 fly; 6:08 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 100 fly; 6:17 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 200 free; 6:29 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 200 free; 6:41 p.m. — Girls 12-and-under 200 free; 6:55 p.m. — Boys 12-and-under 200 free; 7:10 p.m. — Girls 13-and-over 200 IM; 7:23 p.m. — Boys 13-and-over 200 IM

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/5 Mon. 4:00-10:00 Sit, Stay, Sip Profit Share at The Blue Door

6/12 Mon. 6:00 Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation

6/12 Mon. 4:00-10:00 Sit, Stay, Sip Profit Share at The Blue Door

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ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

MISSIONS 8, ROCKHOUNDS 6
AT NELSON WOLFF STADIUM, SAN ANTONIO

TOP HITTERS: The Missions' Jose Rondon and Franmil Reyes each went 2-for-4 with two RBI. ... The Missions' Auston Bousfield collected the game-winning hit, a two-RBI double in the eighth. ... Yusaergy Rosa went 3-for-5 with a double, two RBI and a run scored to lead Midland.

TOP PITCHERS: San Antonio reliever and Amarillo native Brad Weick earned his second save of the season after striking out two in a scoreless, hitless ninth.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland scored three runs in the top of the third, headlined by Rosa's two-run double. ... The Missions answered with four in the bottom half on a double by Rondon and a two-RBI single by Reyes. ... Each team plated a lone run in the fourth and then Midland tied the game at 5-5 in the fifth on a single by Jermaine Curtis. ... San Antonio reclaimed the lead with a Stephen McGee single in the sixth, before a Kenny Wilson groundout in the seventh knotted the game up again for the RockHounds. ... In the eighth, Austin Bousfield doubled to pull the Missions ahead, 8-6.

NOTES: In its last six games, Midland has allowed 66 runs on 120 hits and has gone 2-4 over that stretch. ... With Corpus Christi's 4-3 loss against Frisco on Wednesday, the RockHounds remained tied with the Hooks for second place in the Texas League South. Midland now trails the Missions by four games for first place. ... The two teams resume their four-game series at 7:05 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP Brett Graves (1-1, 5.20); San Antonio — LHP Jerry Keel (1-1, 0.71)

MISSIONS 8, ROCKHOUNDS 6

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi
Boyd dh	4	0	0	0	Urias ss	4	1	1	1
Munoz ss	4	1	1	1	Perio 1b	4	1	1	0
Curtis 2b	2	1	1	1	Rondon 2b	4	1	2	2
Tarsovich 3b,2	0	0	0	0	Reyes dh	4	0	2	2
Rosa 1b	5	1	3	2	France 3b	4	1	2	0
Marincov rf	5	0	1	0	Martinez lf	4	0	0	0
Taylor c	4	1	1	0	Torres rf	3	2	1	0
Wilson cf	4	0	1	1	McGee c	3	2	2	1
Vertigan lf	2	1	1	0	Bousfield cf	4	0	1	2
Sportman 2b,2	1	0	0	0					
Totals	34	6	9	5	Totals	34	8	12	8

Midland.....003 110100—6
San Antonio.....004 10102x—8

E — Rosa (2), Martinez (2). DP — Midland 1, San Antonio 1. LOB — Midland 5, San Antonio 5. 2B — Rosa (13), Rondon (10), McGee (8), France (10), Bousfield (3). SB — Munoz (8). SF — Munoz.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Fillmyer	3.0	6	4	4	1	2
Bragg	2.1	3	2	2	1	0
Trivino	1.2	1	1	0	0	1
Finnegan L, 1-3	1.0	2	2	2	1	2
San Antonio						
De Los Santos	4.1	5	5	5	4	3
Nina	1.2	1	0	0	1	1
Yardley W, 3-0	2.0	3	1	1	0	0
Weick S, 2	1.0	0	0	0	0	2

HBP — By Yardley (Sportman).
T — 3:13. A — 5,093.

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield (Cardinals)	31	25	.554	—
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	29	25	.537	1
Tulsa (Dodgers)	28	29	.491	3½
Arkansas (Mariners)	25	32	.439	6½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio (Padres)	33	25	.569	—
Midland (Athletics)	29	29	.500	4
Corpus Christi (Astros)	29	29	.500	4
Frisco (Rangers)	26	32	.448	7

Wednesday's Scores
Springfield 5, Northwest Arkansas 2
Springfield at Northwest Arkansas, late
Frisco 4, Corpus Christi 3
San Antonio 8, Midland 6
Tulsa 7, Arkansas 4
Today's Games
Frisco at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

Gennett trying to comprehend 4-HR game

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Scooter Gennett's tan bat leaned against his locker, the sweet spot streaked by its historic connections.

The ball from homer No. 4 was off somewhere getting authenticated and marked. His cellphone was jammed with 270 texts of congratulations.

And the diminutive utility player — how was he holding up a day after his totally improbable, historically unforgettable night?

"It's pretty unreal," said Gennett, who became the first Cincinnati player to hit four homers in a game. "Just being a Reds fan all my life, to be able to do this is just unbelievable. It's sinking in more and more, but it'll probably really hit home in the offseason, when I have some downtime. Right now, it's like a normal day."

Nothing normal about his last 24 hours. Or his season, for that matter.

The Reds claimed the Cincinnati native off waivers from Milwaukee during spring training, looking to upgrade their bench with a utility player who can do a little bit of everything.

He wound up starting in left field on Tuesday night because Scott Schebler needed one more day to recover from a sore shoulder.

Gennett singled home a run in his first at-bat. The next time he came up, the bases were loaded and he worked Adam Wainwright to a full count.

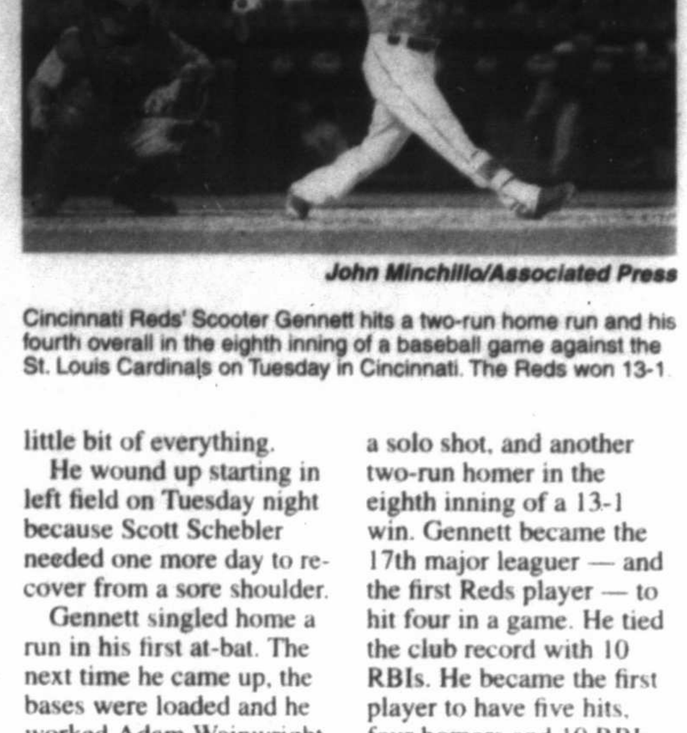
Gennett barely fouled off a nasty breaking pitch — flicked it with the very end of his bat — and then homered on the next pitch.

And that was just the start.

He hit a two-run homer, a solo shot, and another two-run homer in the eighth inning of a 13-1 win. Gennett became the 17th major leaguer — and the first Reds player — to hit four in a game. He tied the club record with 10 RBIs. He became the first player to have five hits, four homers and 10 RBIs in a game.

]And he joined the Cardinals' Mark Whiten as the only players to have a grand slam among their four homers.

Whew! How does anybody process all of that on the ride home from the



John Minchillo/Associated Press

Cincinnati Reds' Scooter Gennett hits a two-run home run and his fourth overall in the eighth inning of a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday in Cincinnati. The Reds won 13-1

TEXAS ROUNDUP

METS 4, RANGERS 3

ARLINGTON — Jay Bruce homered twice and the New York Mets scored the tiebreaking run in the ninth inning on a throwing error by second baseman Rougned Odor to beat the Texas Rangers 4-3 Wednesday night.

With two on and two outs, Jose Reyes hit a chopper up the middle against reliever Matt Bush (2-1). Odor fielded the ball but bounced his throw to second while fading away from the bag. Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus was unable to hold on for an inning-ending forceout as pinch-runner Matt Reynolds scored from second base.

Both of Bruce's homers came off Texas ace Yu Darvish, with the two drives just over the wall by the Mets slugger coming a night after he was robbed of a home run by Jared Hoying's leaping catch in straightaway center field.

The Rangers tied the game at 3 when Robinson Chirinos hit a two-run homer with two outs in the eighth off Jerry Blevins.

ROYALS 7, ASTROS 5

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jason Vargas tossed five solid innings for his eighth victory, Cheslor Cuthbert drove in three runs and the Kansas City Royals defeated the Houston Astros 7-5 on Wednesday night.

The anticipated pitching duel between Vargas (8-3) and Dallas Keuchel, who have the two best ERAs in the majors, never materialized. Keuchel was a late scratch with an illness after going out to warm up.

Instead, the Astros started right-hander Dayan Diaz, who was just called up from Triple-A Fresno. Diaz (0-1) gave up three runs and four hits, including Lorenzo Cain's solo homer, in 2 2/3 innings.

Vargas (8-3), who pitched a shutout against Cleveland in his previous start, allowed two runs on Brian McCann's home run. He gave up six hits, a walk and hit a batter. Vargas' ERA inched up from 2.08 to 2.18 in the win, the Royals' second straight over the Astros

SS Jean Segura gets $70M deal from Mariners

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Jean Segura and the Mariners agreed Wednesday to a $70 million, five-year contract covering 2018-22, a deal that brings stability to a shortstop position in flux for more than a decade in Seattle.

Segura is making $6.2 million this year and would have been eligible for free agency following the 2018 season. The contract calls for a $3 million signing bonus, a $9 million salary next season and $14.25 million in each of the following four years. Seattle has a $17 million option for 2023 with a $1 million buyout. Segura gets a full no trade provision.

Traded three times in five years, Segura said the long-term stability was important — bolstered by the no-trade clause.

"As a player, you choose where you feel comfortable, where you feel like it's home for you," he said "It doesn't matter how much money you're going to take, it's all about how you're going to feel."

General manager Jerry Dipoto, who traded Segura from the Angels to Milwaukee in a 2012 deal for pitcher Zack Greinke, said he understood the importance of the no-trade request.

"I feel like in this case, because of the amount of times that Jean has moved, I didn't think it was an unreasonable ask because of how many times he's been asked to move," Dipoto said.

"And, the fact that he wants to be here and he wants to play for the Mariners, we're buying a six-year stretch of Jean's career that will span, including this year, his age 27 through potentially his age 33 season. It's a good buy for the Mariners," he added.

2017 UIL BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT

June 7-8: UFCU Disch-Falk Field, The University of Texas at Austin
June 7-10: Dell Diamond, Round Rock
Wednesday, June 7
Dell Diamond
Class 2A semifinals
Dallardsville Big Sandy (34-2) 7. Groveton (31-4) 3
Muenster (32-2) 1, Albany (23-3/2) 0
Class 3A semifinals
Nacogdoches Central Heights (36-2-1) 7, vs. Whitesboro (28-9) 0
Wall (31-3-1) 5, Georgetown Gateway (23-3-1) 1
Class 4A semifinals
Robinson (31-2) 10, Sinton (30-6-2) 0
Abilene Wylie (34-1) 3, Texarkana Pleasant Grove (35-4) 1
Thursday, June 8
Dell Diamond, Round Rock
Class 2A final
Dallardsville Big Sandy (34-2) vs. Muenster (32-2), 9 a.m.
Class 3A final
Wall (31-3-1) vs. Nacogdoches Central Heights (36-2-1), Noon
Class 5A semifinals
Frisco Wakeland (38-4-1) vs. Port Neches-Groves (32-8-2), 4 p.m.; Corpus Christi Moody (30-2-3) vs. Grapevine (32-12), 7 p.m.
UFCU Disch-Falk Field
Class 4A final
Robinson (31-2) vs. Abilene Wylie (34-1), 6:30 p.m
Friday, June 9
Dell Diamond, Round Rock
Class 1A semifinals
Abbott (27-3-1) vs. Gilmer Union Hill (9-13), 9 a.m.
Borden County (12-4) vs. Fayetteville (13-12), noon
Class 6A semifinals
Deer Park (33-8-1) vs. Southlake Carroll (32-10-1), noon; Round Rock (31-7) vs. San Antonio Reagan (30-8), 3 p.m.
Saturday, June 10
Dell Diamond, Round Rock
Class 1A final, 9 a.m.
Class 5A final, Noon
Class 6A final, 4 p.m.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

TIGERS 4, ANGELS 0

DETROIT — Buck Farmer outlasted Alex Meyer in an unexpected pitchers' duel, and Justin Upton hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning to help the Detroit Tigers beat the Los Angeles Angels 4-0 on Wednesday night.

Farmer (2-0) allowed three hits in 6 2/3 innings, and Detroit pushed across an unearned run in the third. Upton gave the Tigers some insurance with a drive to left off reliever Yusmeiro Petit.

Detroit has won five of six.

Meyer (2-3) permitted three hits in six innings. He walked four and struck out nine, but his wildness proved costly in the third. A hit batter, a walk and an error loaded the bases with nobody out, and the game's first run came home when Victor Martinez bounced into a double play.

BLUE JAYS 7, ATHLETICS 4

OAKLAND, Calif. — Josh Donaldson hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the 10th inning against his former club, Justin Smoak also homered in the inning for his second long ball of the day, and the Toronto Blue Jays avoided a sweep by beating the Oakland Athletics 7-4 on Wednesday.

Frankie Montas (1-1) plunked Kevin Pillar to start the inning and bring up Donaldson, who clobbered a 1-2 fastball and hit a high drive clearing the wall in left-center.

Liam Hendriks tossed two perfect innings over the eighth and ninth with three strikeouts for the A's, but Montas couldn't hold down Donaldson as the 2015 AL MVP hit his seventh homer of the year.

Ryan Tepera (4-1) pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for the win, while Roberto Osuna finished for his 14th save.

YANKEES 8, RED SOX 0

NEW YORK — CC Sabathia won his fifth straight start to beat Rick Porcello in a matchup of Cy Young Award winners, and Chris Carter drove in four runs with a three-run homer and an RBI single that led the New York Yankees over the Boston Red Sox 8-0 Wednesday night.

Sabathia (7-2), who had last won five in a row in April 2012, allowed five hits in eight innings, his longest outing since April 2015. He walked one and struck out five — four of them looking.

The left-hander has a 1.11 ERA during his streak, and all five wins followed losses by Masahiro Tanaka, who had supplanted Sabathia as New York's ace. Sabathia was removed after 95 pitches, denying him a chance for his first shutout since 2011.

RAYS 3, WHITE SOX 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Jacob Faria took a three-hitter into the seventh inning of his major league debut for the Tampa Bay Rays, who beat the Chicago White Sox 3-1 on Wednesday night.

The 23-year-old right-hander walked two and struck out five in 6 1/3 innings, settling down after failing behind three batters into the game to help Tampa Bay end a season-high four-game losing streak before a crowd of just 9,313.

Relievers Tommy Hunter, Jose Alvarado and Alex Colome finished the combined four-hitter, with Colome getting the final three outs for his 16th save.

National League

REDS 6, CARDINALS 4

CINCINNATI — St. Louis kept Scooter Gennett in check a day after his four-homer game, but Patrick Kivlehan had a pinch three-run shot that sparked the Cincinnati Reds to a 6-4 victory on Wednesday night, extending the Cardinals' longest losing streak in four years.

The Cardinals have dropped six in a row. They let a 4-1 lead slip away when Kivlehan — another utility player like Gennett — and Joey Votto homered during a five-run seventh inning.

Gennett became the first Reds player to homer four times in a game during the 13-1 win a night earlier. He connected in his last four at-bats and had a chance for more history on Wednesday — nobody has homered in five straight plate appearances.

DODGERS 2, NATIONALS 1

LOS ANGELES — Clayton Kershaw outdueled Stephen Strasburg with seven sharp innings and Yasmani Grandal hit a tiebreaking RBI double, helping the Los Angeles Dodgers edge the Washington Nationals 2-1 on Wednesday.

Kershaw (8-2) allowed three hits and struck out nine in his first win since May 17. Pedro Baez got two outs before Kenley Jansen finished for his 10th save.

BRAVES 14, PHILLIES 1

ATLANTA — Mike Foltynewicz allowed only four hits in seven scoreless innings, Nick Markakis drove in five runs and the Atlanta Braves crushed Philadelphia 14-1 on Wednesday night to end the Phillies' four-game winning streak.

Markakis had two-run doubles in the seventh and eighth as the Braves scored a combined 10 runs in the two innings. Dansby Swanson hit a three-run homer.

After the Braves stretched the lead to 12-0 in the eighth, Phillies manager Pete Mackanin brought in utility infielder Andres Blanco for his debut as a pitcher. Blanco gave up a two-run homer to Matt Adams.

The Braves, who lost the first two games of the four-game series, beat the Phillies for the first time in six tries this season.

MARLINS 6, CUBS 5

CHICAGO — Marcell Ozuna hit his 15th homer, J.T. Realmuto also went deep and the Miami Marlins hung on to beat the Chicago Cubs 6-5 on Wednesday night and avoid a three-game sweep.

Solo homers by Realmuto in a three-run fourth and Ozuna in the fifth against John Lackey (4-6) helped stake Miami to a 5-2 lead.

Dee Gordon added two hits and scored two runs, and the Marlins won for the eighth time in 11 games. They stopped the Cubs' season-high win streak at five.

BREWERS 6, GIANTS 3

MILWAUKEE — Jimmy Nelson pitched six solid innings and Jesus Aguilar drove in the go-ahead run with a two-out double in the fifth to help the Milwaukee Brewers pull away from the San Francisco Giants for a 6-3 victory Wednesday night.

Nelson (4-3) struck out six and allowed seven hits along with his first walk since May 23. But he was still sharp enough — outside of a three-run third inning — to earn his second win in three starts.

Aguilar went 2 for 4. He turned quickly on a 1-2 fastball away from Ty Blach (4-3) for a two-out double to right field that scored Domingo Santana from first to snap a 3-all tie.

ROCKIES 8, INDIANS 1

DENVER — Kyle Freeland pitched 6 1/3 effective innings, Nolan Arenado drove in three runs and the Colorado Rockies beat the Cleveland Indians 8-1 on Wednesday for their fourth straight win.

Charlie Blackmon, the reigning National League Player of the Month, added two RBIs for the Rockies, who lead the NL with 38 wins. Ian Desmond had three hits and scored two runs.

Freeland (7-3) allowed one run and six hits, struck out five and walked none while lowering his ERA to 3.34. The Denver native has turned in a quality start in eight of his last nine starts.

ORIOLES 9, PIRATES 6

BALTIMORE — Trey Mancini tied the game with a two-run homer in the ninth inning, then hit a three-run drive in the 11th to give the Baltimore Orioles a 9-6 comeback victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Wednesday night.

Baltimore trailed 6-1 in the eighth before rallying for a second straight night. Adam Jones hit a solo shot in the eighth. Mancini's pinch-hit home run capped a four-run ninth and the rookie applied the finisher against Wade LeBlanc (3-2) in the 11th.

Since the start of the 2016 season, the Pirates were 91-3 when leading after eight innings. Now they are 91-5 — including 21-3 this season.

Interleague

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	33	23	.589	—
Boston	32	26	.552	2
Baltimore	31	26	.544	2½
Tampa Bay	30	31	.492	5½
Toronto	29	31	.483	6
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	29	25	.537	—
Cleveland	29	28	.509	1½
Detroit	29	29	.500	2
Kansas City	26	32	.448	5
Chicago	25	32	.439	5½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	42	18	.700	—
Seattle	29	30	.492	12½
Los Angeles	30	32	.484	13
Texas	27	32	.458	14½
Oakland	26	33	.441	15½

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	37	21	.638	—
New York	25	32	.439	11½
Atlanta	25	32	.439	11½
Miami	25	33	.431	12
Philadelphia	21	36	.368	15½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	32	28	.533	—
Chicago	30	28	.517	1
Cincinnati	28	30	.483	3
St. Louis	26	31	.456	4½
Pittsburgh	26	33	.441	5½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	36	23	.610	—
Los Angeles	36	25	.590	2
Arizona	35	25	.583	2½
San Francisco	24	37	.393	14
San Diego	23	36	.390	14

Scores and Schedules

American League
Wednesday's Scores
Colorado 8, Cleveland 1
Toronto 7, Oakland 5, 10 innings
Baltimore 9, Pittsburgh 6, 11 innings
N.Y. Yankees 8, Boston 0
Detroit 4, L.A. Angels 0
Tampa Bay 3, Chicago White Sox 1
N.Y. Mets 4, Texas 3
Kansas City 7, Houston 5
Minnesota at Seattle, late
Today's Games
L.A. Angels (Ramirez 5-4) at Detroit (Fulmer 6-3), 12:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Asher 2-3) at Washington (Ross 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Price 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 6-3), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Holland 4-6) at Tampa Bay (Archer 3-3), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (McCullers 6-1) at Kansas City (Hammel 2-6), 7:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 2-4) at Seattle (Bergman 3-2), 9:10 p.m.

National League
Wednesday's Scores
Colorado 8, Cleveland 1
L.A. Dodgers 2, Washington 1
Baltimore 9, Pittsburgh 6, 11 innings
Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 4
Atlanta 14, Philadelphia 1
Miami 6, Chicago Cubs 5
N.Y. Mets 4, Texas 3
Milwaukee 6, San Francisco 3
San Diego at Arizona, late
Today's Games
St. Louis (Leake 5-4) at Cincinnati (Feldman 4-4), 11:35 a.m.
San Francisco (Cueto 5-5) at Milwaukee (Espino 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 4-6) at Arizona (Corbin 4-6), 2:40 p.m.
Baltimore (Asher 2-3) at Washington (Ross 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (Volquez 2-7) at Pittsburgh (Cole 3-5), 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Lively 1-0) at Atlanta (Dickey 3-4), 6:35 p.m.
Colorado (Chatwood 5-7) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 3-3), 7:05 p.m.

Texas boxes

METS 4, RANGERS 3

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Cnforto lf	3	0	1	0	DShields lf	3	1	2	0
A Cbrra ss	4	0	0	0	Choo dh	3	0	0	0
Bruce dh	4	2	2	3	Andrus ss	4	0	1	0
Duda 1b	4	0	1	0	Mazara rf	4	1	1	1
Mat Ryn pr-2b	0	1	0	0	Chirinos c	4	1	1	2
Flores 2b-1b	3	0	0	0	Odor 2b	4	0	1	0
Grndrsn rf	3	0	0	0	Rua 1b	4	0	1	0
J.Reyes 3b	4	0	0	0	Gallo 3b	4	0	0	0
T.d'Arn c	3	0	0	0	Hoying cf	3	0	1	0
Lagares cf	4	0	1	0					
Totals	31	4	4	3	Totals	33	3	8	3

New York.....000 201 001—4
Texas.....100 000 020—3

E—Odor (5). DP—New York 2, Texas 1. LOB—New York 5, Texas 6. 2B—Duda (10), Odor (9). HR—Bruce 2 (15), Chirinos (6). SB—Granderson (2), J.Reyes (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Wheeler	7	6	1	1	3	5
Blevins W,3-0 BS,4	1	2	2	2	0	2
Reed S,9-11	1	0	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Darvish	7 1-3	3	3	3	1	9
Alvarez	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
Rush L,2-1	1	1	1	0	2	2

HBP—by Darvish (Conforto).
T—3:10. A—32,477 (48,114).

ROYALS 7, ASTROS 5

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
Springer rf	3	0	1	0	Mnfield lf	5	0	1	0
Reddick rf	5	0	1	0	Brdlacc rf	4	1	1	0
Altuve 2b	3	0	1	0	L.Cain cf	3	2	1	1
Correa ss	5	3	0	0	Hosmer 1b	4	0	2	0
Beltran dh	5	1	1	0	S.Perez c	4	2	2	0
B.McCrm c	5	2	4	2	Butera c	0	0	0	0
Y.Gmnz 1b	5	0	1	0	Mstakas dh	3	0	0	0
Bregman 3b	3	1	1	0	C.Hbert 3b	4	1	2	3
Mrsnick cf	4	1	1	1	A.Escbr ss	4	1	2	2
R.Tres 2b	4	0	2	1					
Totals	38	5	11	3	Totals	35	7	11	7

Houston.....010 100 030—5
Kansas City.....021 220 00x—7

E—A.Escobar (4). LOB—Houston 11, Kansas City 6. 2B—Springer (10), Beltran (13), S.Perez (10), Cuthbert (4), R.Torres (1). HR—B.McCann (8), L.Cain (4), S—Altuve (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Diaz L,0-1	2 2-3	4	3	3	0	3
Sipp	1	1	2	2	0	1
Feliz	1 1-3	2	2	2	0	1
Gregerson	2	2	0	0	0	3
Giles	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City						
Vargas W,8-3	5	6	2	2	1	5
Minor	1 2-3	1	0	0	1	1
Moylan	1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Alexander	2-3	3	3	3	1	1
Soria H,9	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Herrera S,13-15	1	0	0	0	0	3

HBP—by Vargas (Springer).
T—3:11. A—25,626 (37,903).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BLUE JAYS 7, ATHLETICS 5 (10 innings)

Toronto	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	6	1
Oakland	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	8	0

Liriano, Barnes (6), Joe Smith (8), Tepera (9), Osuna (10) and Martin; Cotton, Axford (7), Hendriks (8), Montas (10), Jos.Smith (10) and Phegley, W.—Tepera, 4-1. L—Montas, 1-1. Sv—Osuna (14). HRs—Toronto, Donaldson, Smoak. Oakland, Pillar.

YANKEES 8, RED SOX 0

Boston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	2
New York	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	2	0	8	12	0	

Porcello, Boyer (7) and Leon; Sabathia, Kahnle (9) and G.Sanchez. W—Sabathia, 7-2. L—Porcello, 3-8. HRs—New York, Gregorius, Carter.

RAYS 3, WHITE SOX 1

Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	2	
Tampa Bay	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	x	3	6	0	

Pelfrey, Jennings (6), Ogando (8) and K.Smith; Faria, Hunter (7), Alvarado (8), Colome (9) and Norris. W—Faria, 1-0. L—Pelfrey, 2-5. Sv—Colome (16).

TIGERS 4, ANGELS 0

Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	
Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	x	4	7	0	

Meyer, Petit (7), Pounders (8) and Maldonado; Farmer, A.Wilson (7), J.Wilson (9) and Avila. W—Farmer, 2-0. L—Meyer, 2-3. HRs—Detroit, Upton.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
DODGERS 2, NATIONALS 1

Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	2	
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	x	2	3	0	

Strasburg, Albers (7), Romero (8) and Lobaton; Kershaw, Baez (8), Jansen (8) and Grandal. W—Kershaw, 8-2. L—Strasburg, 7-2. Sv—Jansen (10). HRs—Washington, Zimmerman. Los Angeles, Seager.

REDS 6, CARDINALS 4

St. Louis	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	4	11	0	
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	x	6	10	0	

Lynn, Newman (6), Cecil (7), Rosenthal (7), Siegrist (8) and Pryer; Arroyo, Peralta (6), Lorenzen (8), R.Iglesias (9) and Mesoraco. W—Peralta, 3-1. L—Cecil, 0-2. Sv—R.Iglesias (11). HRs—St. Louis, Carpenter, Cincinnati, Schebler, Kivlehan, Votto.

BREWERS 6, GIANTS 3

San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	7	1	
Milwaukee	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	x	6	10	0	

Stratton, Kontos (7) and Posey; Nelson, Hughes, Barnes (8), Knebel (9) and Pina. W—Nelson, 4-3. L—Blach, 4-3. Sv—Knebel (7). HRs—San Francisco, Posey. Milwaukee, Villar, Santana.

BRAVES 14, PHILLIES 1

Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	1	
Atlanta	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	6	1	

Eickhoff, Morgan (6), Rodriguez (7), Garcia (8), Blanco (8) and Knapp; Foltynewicz, J.Ramirez (8), Jackson (9) and Flowers. W—Foltynewicz, 4-5. L—Eickhoff, 0-7. HRs—Atlanta, Adams, Swanson.

MARLINS 6, CUBS 5

Miami	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	9	0	
Chicago	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	8	0	

Urena, Garcia (6), Ziegler (8), Phelps (9) and Realmuto; Arrieta, Wittgren (6), Ramos (8) and Caratini; Lackey, Duensing (7), Edwards (9) and Contreras. Morales. W—Urena, 4-2. L—Lackey, 4-6. Sv—Ramos (9). HRs—Miami, Ozuna, Realmuto. Chicago, Schwarber, Happ.

INTERLEAGUE
ROCKIES 8, INDIANS 1

Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	1	
Colorado	0	0	2	0	1	2	1	2	x	8	11	0	

Bauer, Goody (4), Shaw (5), Crockett (6), McAllister (6), Miller (6), Allen (7), Logan (8) and Perez. Freeland, Rusin (7), McGee (8), Qualls (9) and Hanigan. W—Freeland, 7-3. L—Bauer, 5-5. HRs—Cleveland, Ramirez.

ORIOLES 9, PIRATES 6 (11 INNINGS)

Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0
Baltimore	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	4	9	0

Watson (9), Rivero (10), LeBlanc (11) and E.Diaz. Miley, Wright (3), E.Jackson (7), Biner (9), Brach (10), Givens (11) and C.Joseph. W—Givens, 6-0. L—LeBlanc, 3-2. HRs—Pittsburgh, Osuna. Baltimore, Jones, Mancini 2.

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Classic Empire, exercise rider Martin Rivera up, gallops at Churchill Downs on May 2 in Louisville, Ky. Classic Empire is out of the Belmont Stakes because of an abscess in his right front foot. Trainer Mark Casse says the abscess found Wednesday, June 7, 2017, is a recurrence of the same problem that bothered the colt after his loss in the Holy Bull in February. Classic Empire was expected to be the favorite for Saturday's 1½-mile finale of the Triple Crown series.

Irish War Cry returns to Triple Crown as Belmont fave

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Irish War Cry is back on the Triple Crown trail as the 7-2 favorite for the Belmont Stakes.

The colt claimed that status after expected favorite Classic Empire was forced out Wednesday because of an abscess in his right front hoof.

No one was more surprised at the turn of events than trainer Graham Motion. He left his base in Fair Hill, Maryland, early in the day and by the time he arrived in New York, his colt was the favorite in the 12-horse field for Saturday's race.

"It's just very odd," he said after the draw at Rockefeller Plaza. "This goes to show how quickly things can go wrong. It just takes a little thing like a foot abscess. They're animals, and things can go wrong at any time."

Classic Empire was coming off a runner-up finish in the Preakness on May 20 after being fourth in the Kentucky Derby.

He had been training well up to the Belmont before trainer Mark Casse found the abscess on Wednesday. It's a recurrence of the problem that bothered Classic Empire after his loss in the Holy Bull in February.

"He's such a tough horse, he doesn't really let you know until it's really painful to him," Casse said. "If he hadn't, he would have run in the race and probably not run as well, and then have it flare up. I'm looking toward it as a bright spot, that he showed it three days out and not the day after."

Casse said Classic Empire will be pointed toward the Haskell Invitational this summer.

The Belmont was already without the Kentucky Derby (Always Dreaming) and Preakness (Cloud Computing) winners. The wide-open field features a mix of horses that ran in one or both of those races and others new to the Triple Crown series.

"I don't think there's a horse in here you'd be surprised if they won," Motion said. "It's a great betting race from that point of view."

Irish War Cry drew the No. 7 post under jockey Rajiv Maragh.

The colt finished a disappointing 10th in the Kentucky Derby and skipped the Preakness. Motion is hoping Irish War Cry will bounce back the way he did from a similarly puzzling seventh-place result in the Fountain of Youth to win the Wood Memorial in April.

"I felt he needed to be here," Motion said.

So did 86-year-old owner Isabelle de Tomaso, who has her first Belmont starter since she started owning thoroughbreds in 2003. Her father, Amory Haskell, was the first president and chairman of the Monmouth Park Jockey Club and for whom the $1 million Haskell Invitational is named.

"She's very good, she never questions what I do," Motion said. "She's the greatest owner to train for."

Japan-based Epicharis is the 4-1 second choice, followed by Lookin At Lee at 5-1.

Epicharis is eligible for a $1 million bonus from the New York Racing Association if he wins the Belmont. He finished second by a nose in the UAE Derby.

Sims

From 1C

Craig Yenzer's varsity staff at Midland High from 2002-07 and was an assistant head coach and offensive coordinator for six years at Lubbock Estacado, where he worked for current Odessa High head coach Danny Servance.

In 2015, Sims returned to MHS to work as an assistant.

In his second year, Sims was promoted to offensive coordinator in Yenzer's final season as head coach. The Bulldogs offense scored a school-record 517 points under Sims' direction.

Sims' specialty was the wide receiver position and passing game at MHS, coaching a deep corps of wide outs that included Nevada freshman McLane Mannix and UTEP freshman Juleion Bowers.

"It comes dowh to preparation and paying attention to detail and working your butt off," Sims said of what his approach at Lamesa will be. "That will be it. As long I'm there, that will be our mentality."

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Stoops

From 1C

33, is being promoted to head coach, making him the youngest head coach in FBS. Just last month, Oklahoma gave Riley a three-year contract extension worth $1.3 million per year, making him one of the highest-paid coordinators in the country.

"The time is now because Lincoln Riley will provide a seamless transition as the new head coach, capitalizing on an excellent staff that is already in place and providing familiarity and confidence for our players," Stoops said. "Now is simply the ideal time for me and our program to make this transition."

Riley takes over a team that will again be the favorites to win the Big 12 and a College Football Playoff, with a Heisman Trophy finalist in quarterback Baker Mayfield. His first game will be at home against UTEP on Sept. 2. His second game will be at Ohio State.

Stoops was 39 when he left Florida, where he was defensive coordinator under Steve Spurrier, to take over at Oklahoma in 1999. The storied program had struggled for more than a decade to replace Switzer. Stoops quickly returned Oklahoma to national prominence, winning a national championship in his second season with a win over Florida State.

His early success that included three straight victories in major bowls and a five-game winning streak against Texas earned him the nickname "Big Game Bob."

While Stoops was not able to bring another national championship to Norman, he did lead Oklahoma to three more BCS championship games and a spot in the College Football Playoff two years ago.

Spurrier said the retirement was not a complete shock.

"There is life after coaching and once he decided the time was right, he was going to move on," Spurrier said. "He wanted to go out at the right time and he feels good about where the program is right now."

Stoops' shortcomings in championship games and lack of another national title frustrated some fans. Oklahoma lost consecutive BCS championship games in 2003 and '04 and dropped another title game in 2008.

Big Game Bob wasn't delivering the biggest wins, but the program was as consistent a national power as any in the country during his tenure. Only four times in Stoops' career did the Sooners win less than 10 games, and he never had a losing record.

"Few athletics directors get a coach who better combines success and cohesiveness like Bob Stoops," Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione, who hired Stoops. "I can't help but feel somewhat sad today because Bob has been such a constant in my life, and that's why I am so thankful that he will remain with us. He will continue to do great things for OU."

Former Sooners cornerback Aaron Colvin, now with the Jacksonville Jaguars in the NFL, took to Instagram to thank Stoops.

"Thank you for giving a skinny broke kid with 3 stars a chance," he wrote. "I will forever be grateful to the opportunity you gave me."

The son of a football coach from Youngstown, Ohio, Stoops is one of four brothers who became college football coaches. His father, Ron, died at 54 of a heart attack suffered while coaching a high school game.

Younger brother Mike Stoops is Oklahoma's defensive coordinator. Another younger brother, Mark, is head coach at Kentucky. Ron Stoops Jr. is an assistant coach at Youngstown State.

"Bob truly represents what is good about college football and the success of his career speaks for itself," Mark Stoops said. "What he means to me as a brother and a coach is immeasurable."

Former Texas coach Mack Brown, who was 6-9 against Stoops in the annual "Red River Rivalry" showdown games, wished his old foe the best.

"Bob did a tremendous job turning things around at Oklahoma and putting their program back in national prominence," Brown said. "Our rivalry game became a focal point of college football every year and was great for both schools, the Big 12 and college football as a whole."

Bob Stoops and his wife, Carol, have three children. A daughter attends Oklahoma and twin sons are seniors in high school who are potential major college football players.

TEXAS FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water clear on the main lake, stained up the river; 76 degrees; 3.14 feet low. Black bass are slow on 7-inch Power Worms, spoons and jigs. Crappie and bass are slow on minnows. Catfish are fair on live perch and goldfish.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 73-79 degrees; 1.07 feet low. Black bass are good on Yellow Magics early, later switching to Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and shallow running crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows around structure. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

COLORADO CITY: 13.13 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 75-79 degrees; 0.18 feet high. Black bass are fair on chatterbaits early, later switching to Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 74-78 degrees; 0.94 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Whopper Ploppers early, later switching to squarebill crankbaits, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows around cover. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

NASWORTHY: 73-78 degrees; 1.07 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot rigs, finesse jigs and Texas rigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 74-80 degrees; 8.08 feet low. Black bass are good on Texas rigs and topwaters. Crappie are fair to good on five minnows. Catfish are fair on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 73-79 degrees; 33.13 feet low. Black bass are good on Whopper Ploppers early, later switching to shallow running crankbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 72-78 degrees; 0.14 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot rigs, Texas rigs, medium running shad pattern crankbaits and green pumpkin jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs and inline spinners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 48.71 feet low. No report available.

STAMFORD: Water stained; 71-77 degrees; 1.22 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs and weightless flukes. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows in the shallows. White bass are fair to good on Rooster Tails. Blue catfish are fair to good on cut and live bait.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 69-77 degrees; 21.96 feet low. No report available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 72-78 degrees; 20.53 feet low. Black bass are very slow (the bass population was greatly reduced during the drought). No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

COASTAL

NORTH SABINE: Trout are fair to good under birds and pods of shad on soft plastics. Redfish are good under rafts of shad on topwaters. Trout are good while working deep shell on plastics.

SOUTH SABINE: Trout are fair to good under birds and pods of shad. Trout are good at the jetty on live bait and topwaters. Red snapper are good offshore.

BOLIVAR: Trout are fair to good on the south shoreline on Bass Assassins, Trout Killers and Sand Eels. Trout are good at Rollover Pass on live bait. Redfish are good under rafts of shad.

TRINITY BAY: Trout are good in 6-10 feet of water on soft plastics. Trout, redfish and flounder are good at the spillway on live bait. Flounder are good in the bayous on Gulps.

EAST GALVESTON BAY: Trout are fair for drifters working deep shell on live bait and plastics. Trout are good on the south shoreline on topwaters and plastics. Trout are good in the channel on croakers.

WEST GALVESTON BAY: Trout, sheepshead, redfish and black drum are good at the jetty on shrimp and crabs. Redfish are good in the back lakes on Gulps. Trout are good in the surf on topwaters. Red snapper, dorado and kingfish are good offshore.

TEXAS CITY: Trout are fair to good on the reefs and in the channel on live shrimp and croakers. Redfish and sand trout are fair to good in Moses Lake on shrimp.

FREEPORT: Trout, redfish and Spanish mackerel are fair to good on shrimp at the jetties. Trout, redfish, sand trout and sheepshead are good on live shrimp on the reefs in Christmas Bay. Trout and redfish are fair to good at San Luis Pass on live bait.

EAST MATAGORDA BAY: Trout are good for drifters on live shrimp over mid-bay reefs. Trout are fair on the shorelines for waders. Redfish are fair on the reefs on the edge of the ICW on live shrimp.

WEST MATAGORDA BAY: Trout are fair to good on sand and grass humps on croakers, soft plastics and topwaters. Redfish are fair on topwaters and live shrimp in Oyster Lake. Red snapper is good offshore.

PORT O'CONNOR: Trout and redfish are good on topwaters and live bait over sand, grass and shell in San Antonio Bay. Trout and redfish are fair for drifters working the back lakes with live shrimp. Trout and redfish are good at the jetty on live bait.

ROCKPORT: Trout are fair to good in the guts and channels on free-lined shrimp. Trout are fair over grass while drifting with live shrimp. Redfish are good on mullet in the deep guts on the outgoing tide.

PORT ARANSAS: Trout, redfish and sheepshead are fair to good at the jetty on shrimp and croakers. Redfish are fair to good on the East Flats and around Dagger Island on shrimp and Gulps. Red snapper, kingfish and ling are good offshore.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Trout are fair to good on the edge of the spoils on Gulps and live shrimp. Redfish are good in the potholes on shrimp. Trout are good in the surf on croakers.

BAFFIN BAY: Trout are good on topwaters worked over shallow rocks. Trout are good on for waders working plastics and live bait over sand and grass. Redfish are good on the flats on Gulps and small topwaters.

PORT MANSFIELD: Trout are good on topwaters on the edge of the channel and around sand and grass. Redfish are fair to good while wading shallow flats on small topwaters and Gulps, and while drifting with plastics under corks. Offshore is good for red snapper, kingfish and ling.

SOUTH PADRE: Redfish are fair to good around Gas Well Flats and South Bay on shrimp and DOA Shrimp. Trout are good on Gulps and shrimp under a cork around spoil islands.

PORT ISABEL: Trout and redfish are fair to good on the flats on live shrimp. Trout are good on the flats around Airport Cove on topwaters and live shrimp. Redfish are fair to good on DOA Shrimp in South Bay.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water stained; 73-77 degrees. Black bass are good on green pumpkin soft plastics. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on frozen shrimp, minnows, and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water stained; 72-76 degrees; 0.70 feet high. Black bass are fair trolling Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows in 20 feet at night. Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 73-77 degrees; 0.38 feet high. Black bass are fair on Bass Hogg buzzbaits and spinnerbaits over grass, and on watermelon red worms with chartreuse tails around docks. Hybrid striper are good on shad in Hybrid Alley. White bass are fair on Li'l Fishies off lighted docks at night. Crappie are fair on minnows in 8-15 feet. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

BUCHANAN: Water stained; 74-78 degrees; 0.34 feet low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin topwaters, Texas rigged grape Scoundrel worms, and flukes around stumps on points in 5-15 feet early. Striped bass are fair on Red Fins, Zara Jr's, and trolling crankbaits from Lighthouse Point to the dam on the surface at daylight. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and Curb's crappie jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on live bait and dipbait. Yellow and blue catfish are very good on juglines and trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

CANYON LAKE: Water stained; 73-77 degrees; 0.08 feet low. Black bass are fair on Pop R's, green pumpkin crankbaits, and flukes upriver along shorelines in 5-10 feet early. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on minnows and crappie jigs. Smallmouth bass are fair on chartreuse grubs and craws and watermelon red tubes on ball jigheads along ledges in 10-20 feet. Crappie are fair on white tube jigs and live minnows over submerged brush piles in 8-16 feet. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on juglines and trotlines upriver.

COLEMAN: Water stained; 74-78 degrees; 0.02 feet high. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin soft plastics and crankbaits. Hybrid striper are fair on live shad. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles in 20-30 feet. Channel catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait. Yellow catfish are slow.

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

FAYETTE: Water murky. Black bass are fair on watermelon red Carolina rigged soft plastics off points, and on topwaters and buzzbaits early. Channel and blue catfish are fair on juglines baited with shrimp and cut shad.

GRANBURY: Water stained; 72-76 degrees; 0.25 feet low. Black bass are good on Carolina rigged soft plastic worms and lizards, and on shad colored crankbaits. Striped bass are fair on silver striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows and silver spoons. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers, chicken livers, and frozen shrimp.

GRANGER: Water stained; 71-75 degrees; 0.41 feet high. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin soft plastics. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on white jigs. Blue catfish are good on shad and liver in 5-10 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait upriver.

LBJ: Water stained; 73-77 degrees; 0.78 feet low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin crankbaits, black/blue topwaters, and watermelon Whacky Sticks along seawalls in 8-18 feet. White bass are fair on Li'l Fishies. Crappie are fair on minnows and white Curb's crappie jigs over brush piles in 12 feet. Channel catfish are fair on minnows and dipbait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water stained; 72-76 degrees; 0.72 feet high. Black bass are good on silver Rat-L-Traps in Liberty Hill Park, and on shallow running crankbaits near the dam. White bass are fair on slabs over humps. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs off docks early. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait in 4-5 feet. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water stained; 71-75 degrees; 2.51 feet high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 74-78 degrees; 0.33 feet high. Black bass are good on watermelon spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are fair trolling slab spoons near the dam. White bass are fair trolling slab spoons near the dam. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on punchbait, and on juglines baited with cut shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

STILLHOUSE HOLLOW: Water murky; 73-77 degrees; 1.13 feet high. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin soft plastics and crankbaits. White bass are fair on pet spoons and Charlie slabs. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water stained; 74-78 degrees; 1.03 feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastics and bone topwaters in 5-20 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on fresh cut bait and nightcrawlers in 25-35 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water murky. Black bass are fair on shad. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and frozen shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water stained; 72-76 degrees; 1.42 feet low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin crankbaits. Striped bass are fair on spoons. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs. Catfish are good on bait shrimp, stinkbait, and liver.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 76-80 degrees; 32.08 feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon and green pumpkin crankbaits and soft plastics in 18-20 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good on trotlines and juglines baited with live perch. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and juglines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

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KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H "The Party"	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF "Jump"	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Deadly Debt"		Twilight "Static"
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Beat Shazam (N)		Love Connection (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
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CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws				Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws	
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ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees (L)						Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	SportsC.	NCAA Track & Field Division I Tournament Site: Hayward Field -- Eugene, Ore. (L)							NFL Live		M&M: ICYMI (N)	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five		Hannity		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(:15) ★★★ Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ('09, Adv) Daniel Radcliffe.								The 700 Club		★ Nanny McPhee	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Sport-sDay (N)	OUSportsFeatured (N)	Champions Tennis QQQ Challenge PowerShares Series -- Chicago, Ill.				Championship Spot. "Track & Field"		Preview	SportsDay OnAir	Texas Insider Fishing Report (N)	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ The Intern...		★ Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 Kevin James.				★ Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 Kevin James.				★ The Internship	
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	Renovation		FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipVega	FlipVega	H.Hunt	House (N)	VintFlip	VintFlip	FlipVega	FlipVega
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Mountain Men (N)		Mountain Men (N)		Mountain Men (N)		(:05) Alone (N)		(:05) Mountain Men		(:05) Mountain Men	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Married (N) /(:05) Married "The In-Laws"		Married "Intimacy"	(:45) Married	Married at First Sight "Trust" (N)		(:15) Married Sight Unseen "I Want You Back"	Second "I	(:45) Married		Married "Intimacy"	(:45) Married
MSNBC	47	53			49	73	Hardball	All In With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball		Rachel Maddow
NBCSN	38	43				(5:00) NHL Live! (L)		NASCAR (N)		American Ninja (N)		Nitro (N)	Nitro (N)	NHL Overtime (L)		American Ninja (N)	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	GShakers	Thunder	★★★ Ice Age Ray Romano.		F.House		Nashville		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	★★★ The Mummy ('99, Adv) Rachel Weisz, Brendan Fraser.								★★★ The Mummy Returns ('01, Adv) Rachel Weisz, Brendan Fraser.			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(4:30) ★ The Nove...		★★★ The Scorpion King						★★★ Troy (2004, Action) Orlando Bloom, Eric Bana, Brad Pitt.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Seinfeld	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ The Woma...		★★★ Night and Day ('46, Bio) Cary Grant.						★★★ Words and Music ('48, Mus) Mickey Rooney.			
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		El Capo		Querida centauro		Querida centauro		Al rojo	Titulares	Querida centauro	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Tracey's Story"				My 600-lb Life "Brandi and Kandi's Story"				My 600-lb Life "Tracey's Story" Tracey has shockingly misshapen legs due to her weight.			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(4:30) ★★ The A-Team Liam Neeson.		★★ Rush Hour 2 (2001, Action) Chris Tucker, Zhang Ziyi, Jackie Chan.				★★ American Sniper ('14, War) Bradley Cooper. An account of the career of Chris Kyle, the most lethal sniper in U.S. military history.					
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	(:35) MASH	(:10) MASH	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Military Justice"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Spring Awakening"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Girls Disappeared"		Queen "El Cuerpo de Cristo" (SP) (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Trophy"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Rescue"	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Man gets needed health care in marriage of convenience

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'm in a second marriage, which was only so my husband could get insurance through my employer's plan. We were together for many years before getting married.

He received the health care he needed, and I'm ready to move forward with my life as a single person. However, he now says he's happy being married. THAT WAS NOT OUR AGREEMENT. I am not interested in spending any more time being dissatisfied with this relationship. What he brought to it was not all that I wanted, and he knew this.

I'm ready to move forward, but don't want to lose his friendship. What's the best way to approach this? I have spoken to him about another procedure he needs, but he is stalling. — MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE

DEAR M.O.C.: You have devoted enough to this man's welfare. In a marriage, both parties are supposed to be happy, and he already knows you're not. It may not be possible to move forward and keep his friendship. If he needs another procedure, give him a deadline to have it done. If he hasn't had it by then, feel free to file.

DEAR ABBY: My grown son has broken up with his girlfriend. They were together for five months. He feels his life is over. His dad and I have been helping him get over it. He has a 7-year-old son who lives with him, and we want him to be strong. He calls us every day, and he's beginning to sound like a broken record, repeating the same story again and again.

I know time will make it easier, but in the short term, how do we help him tap into his inner strength and be an adult about this? He goes to work, so that's a blessing. How do people make it through breakups and cope with the grief? — SAD FOR HIM

DEAR SAD: They depend upon their friends and family to listen to them while they vent. And if that doesn't work, they do it in the office of a licensed therapist. Because what you're telling your son hasn't helped, please suggest it.

DEAR ABBY: When I was 7, my mother hosted a birthday party for me. When we made out the guest list, there was a girl who wasn't popular who I didn't want to invite. Mom told me to invite her or I wouldn't have a party. I invited her, but she didn't come.

That lesson of inclusiveness made a big impression on me. Later, in school, I became an unpopular girl. I missed many of my classmates' parties because of it, but the lesson stayed with me.

In high school and beyond, I have befriended people who were unpopular or who are seen as misfits. And you know what? My life has been richer from these experiences. So I would like to offer a belated thank-you to my mother for making me invite that little girl years ago, because it shaped my life. — KATHY IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR KATHY: Your mother is a wise and compassionate woman. The lesson here is, popularity can be fleeting. But having compassion for people who need it is forever.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Don't win that trick

Neither vulnerable, South deals

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

WEST
♠ 10 4
♥ A 10 8
♦ K Q 10 5 4 2
♣ J 4

EAST
♠ K J 8 5
♥ 9 5
♦ 9 6 3
♣ Q 7 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A 7 6 2
♥ Q 7 2
♦ A J 8
♣ A 6 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	2♦	3♦	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Opening lead: King of ♦

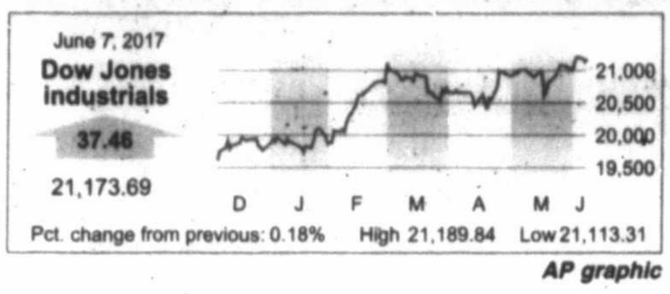
South might have bid four hearts, instead, but he liked his diamond holding and his flat distribution for play in no-trump, so he chose that strain despite the eight-card heart fit.

South ducked the opening king of diamonds lead, hoping for a continuation. East's discouraging three meant that West would have to shift, but to what? A spade would have been more effective, but West decided to play his partner for the queen of hearts. Should he get his partner on lead for a diamond return, the contract would almost certainly be defeated. West shifted to the 10 of hearts, but South rose with dummy's king and led a low heart to his queen.

West won with his ace and now shifted to the 10 of spades. This was covered by dummy's queen and East's king, and declarer made a nice play by allowing East to hold the trick. East, of course, reverted to diamonds. South played the jack, losing to the queen, and West led another spade — low from dummy, eight, ace. Declarer had lost four tricks and couldn't afford to duck anything else.

Dummy had shed a club on the jack of diamonds, and now shed another club when South cashed the ace of diamonds. When South now led a heart to dummy and cashed two more hearts, discarding two spades from hand, East could not defend the position. In order to keep a high spade, he had to discard two clubs. The king, ace, and six of clubs took the last three tricks. Nicely played!

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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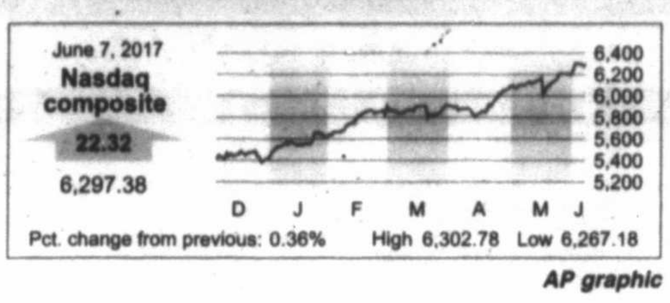

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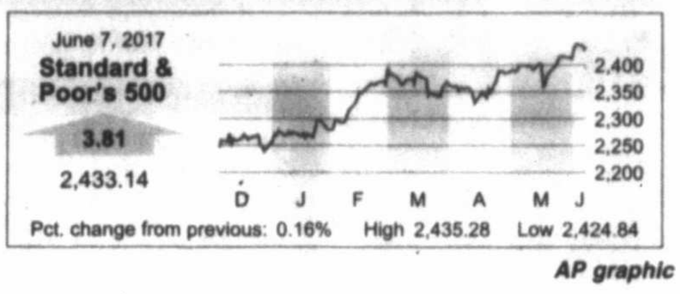

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $45.72
Previous: $48.19

POSTED

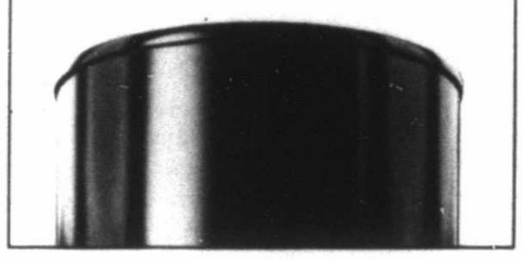
Wednesday: $42.25
Previous: $44.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $38.85
Previous: $41.10

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $3.020
Previous: $3.042



Lowe's to lay off about 125 workers, move jobs to India

Associated Press

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Home improvement retailer Lowe's says it's laying off about 125 information technology workers, the third round of job cuts this year.

Chief Information Officer Paul Ramsay said in a memo that the affected workers were notified Wednesday.

He said the Mooresville, North Carolina-based company has spent the last several years planning a strategic IT workforce team to respond better in what he called "this highly competitive 24/7 retail environment."

Some of the jobs will be relocated to Bangalore, India.

Ramsey said Lowe's will provide a severance package, access to outplacement assistance and a job fair for IT positions with other local employers.

In January, Lowe's announced layoffs of about 2,400 full-time workers, many of them at the store level.

In February, Lowe's cut more than 500 full-time corporate jobs.

Autonomous cars without human backup may hit the road next year

Associated Press

DETROIT — Autonomous vehicles with no human backup will be put to the test on publicly traveled roads as early as next year in what may be the first attempt at unassisted autonomous piloting.

Automotive electronics and parts maker Delphi and French transport company Transdev plan to use autonomous taxis and a shuttle van to carry passengers on roadways in France.

The companies on Wednesday said they plan to combine Delphi's self-driving technology with Transdev's knowledge of mobility operations.

Transdev operates trains, buses, ferries and other transportation services in 19 countries, including the U.S.

Two on-demand Renault Zoe autonomous taxis will be deployed in Rouen, Normandy, and a shuttle van will run between a rail station and campus in the university district of Paris-Saclay.

Both will start with humans on board later this year, with the intent of going fully autonomous sometime in 2018.

From the start, the shuttle van won't have a steering wheel or pedals, and humans will be inside solely to communicate with passengers, said Leriche, chief performance officer at Transdev Group.

But humans at a central dispatch center would still be able to take control of the vehicles, said Glen De Vos, Delphi Corp.'s chief technology officer. "We're confident that in the event they would need to intervene, they can," he said.

The companies also plan a similar test in North America and are scouting locations, De Vos said.

He believes they'll go through several iterations of self-driving software and systems before the French vehicles are fully operational sometime in 2019.

Transdev plans to gradually spread the technology throughout Paris and other cities that it serves, so the autonomous vehicles will be on roads along with human drivers.

It may take a while for people to trust the vehicles enough to use them, but Leriche said acceptance may not be that hard to get. Transdev has surveyed users in autonomous shuttle tests about the service and quality, and more than 90 percent were excited about the service. "They were not afraid of the fact that there was no driver," he said.

Bryant Walker Smith, a law professor at the University of South Carolina who tracks self-driving cars, said the Delphi-Transdev project would be among the first to carry passengers on roads without human backup drivers. Similar projects are ramping up in California and the Netherlands, he said.

The partnership comes less than a month after U.K.-based Delphi joined with BMW, Intel and Mobileye to develop autonomous vehicles.

Delphi, which has U.S. operations just outside of Detroit, makes the computing platform that brings together information from the car's sensors, cameras and computers.

Banks lead US stocks slightly higher; oil slumps

Banks and other financial companies led U.S. stocks slightly higher Wednesday, snapping a two-day losing streak for the market.

The latest gains were partially offset by a slide in energy companies following a steep slump in the price of U.S. crude oil, which fell 5.1 percent, its biggest single-day drop in nearly three months.

Trading was mostly subdued, with the major indexes trading in a narrow range as investors sized up the latest company earnings and looked ahead to testimony Thursday from former FBI Director James Comey, part of a congressional investigation into Russia's possible election meddling.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3.81 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,433.14. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 37.46 points, or 0.2 percent, to 21,173.69. The Nasdaq composite index added 22.32 points, or 0.4 percent, to 6,297.38. The Russell 2000 index of small-company stocks picked up 1.78 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,396.67.

The major indexes remain slightly below record highs set late last week.

Stocks wavered between small gains and losses early Wednesday as investors weighed the latest company earnings reports.Comey's appearance before the Senate intelligence committee will be his first public comments since he was abruptly oustedn May 9.

Metal prices mixed

Among metals, gold slipped $4.30 to $1,293.20 per ounce. Silver lost 9 cents to $17.62 per ounce. Copper held steady at $2.55 per pound.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR Fncl	821540	23.57	+.18
BkofAm	636820	22.60	+.37
US OilFd	572766	9.46	-.51
ChesEng	555134	4.80	-.24
VanEGold	539927	23.65	-.15

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Carvana A n	12.66	+3.13	+32.8
AtHomGr n	22.53	+4.02	+21.7
EnduroRT	3.50	+.45	+14.8
TrneRty	26.80	+2.65	+11.0
ChinRap n	6.82	+.64	+10.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IDT Cp	13.75	-3.83	-21.8
PS Crde n	19.73	-3.64	-15.6
CgpVelLCrd	13.25	-2.39	-15.3
UBS 3xLCr	12.48	-2.24	-15.2
DxSPOGBl s	20.72	-2.97	-12.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,401
Declined	1,516
Unchanged	130
Total issues	3,047
New Highs	115
New Lows	67
Volume	3,464,921,578

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BarcGSOil	113922	4.82	-.30
B2gold g	58700	2.80	.02
SandstG g	46200	3.95	+.14
NwGold g	43745	3.05	.06
NDynMn g	42655	1.68	

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Alio Gld rs	5.37	+.43	+8.7
Air Inds	2.53	+.19	+8.1
Takung n	6.10	+.44	+7.8
VirnetX	5.15	+.35	+7.3
Aerocntry	11.66	+.76	+7.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RexahnPh rs	3.30	-.59	-15.2
UnvSecInst	2.80	-.20	-6.7
BarcGSOil	4.82	-.30	-5.9
BP Tr	43.52	-2.61	-5.7
FlexSolu	2.34	-.13	-5.4

DIARY

Advanced	153
Declined	174
Unchanged	30
Total issues	357
New Highs	6
New Lows	5
Volume	112,539,189

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FrontierCm	320581	1.22	-.05
MicronT	315668	32.50	+.93
Yahoo	259349	50.55	+.05
Microsoft	212205	72.39	-.13
Apple Inc	204648	155.37	+.92

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WinsFin	205.01	+124.01	+153.1
UrbanOnD	2.30	+.35	+17.9
SilvrSun n	3.85	+.49	+14.6
NantHlth n	3.58	+.45	+14.4
ChiCmCr h	2.65	+.33	+14.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DuluthM n	16.75	-3.82	-18.6
Anaptys n	19.29	-3.72	-16.2
KellySB	20.18	-3.57	-15.0
Camtek h	6.63	-1.04	-13.6
SmartSnd n	8.21	-1.28	-13.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,496
Declined	1,322
Unchanged	240
Total issues	3,058
New Highs	131
New Lows	65
Volume	1,754,074,794

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $120.61 Down 3.37

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.13 Down 0.11

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $88.60 Down 4.16

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.70 Down 0.19

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.65 Down 0.20

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.10 Down 0.90

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $34.29 Down 2.62

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.75 Up 0.63

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.74 Up 0.18

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		21	5.97	-.07	-41.5
AT&T Inc	1.96	15	38.76	+.03	-8.9
Abraxas			1.87	.08	**-27.2**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**		14.36	-.01	**+13.0**
AMD			12.38	+.35	+9.2
AlonUSA	.60		12.39	.51	+8.9
Ambev	.06e	.5	5.69	.08	+15.9
Amgen	**4.60f**	**14**	**161.66**	**+2.13**	**+10.6**
Anadarko	**.20**		**47.17**	**-2.93**	**-32.4**
Apache	**1.00**		**46.78**	**-1.26**	**-26.3**
Apple Inc	2.52f	18	155.37	+.92	+34.1
ApldMatl	**.40**	**19**	**47.26**	**+.69**	**+46.5**
Archrock	.48		10.70	.25	-18.9
ATMOS	**1.80**	**24**	**83.79**	**-.31**	**+13.0**
AutoData	2.28	26	100.94	+.31	-1.8
BP PLC	**2.38**	**53**	**35.42**	**-.82**	**-5.2**
BakrHu	.68		54.28	-1.32	-16.5
BcoSantSA	.23e		6.52	+.16	+25.9
BkofAm	.30f	14	22.60	+.37	+2.3
B /PrVsT rs			13.40	.16	-47.5
BaringsCp s	1.20		15.15	.02	-2.1
BasicEnS			45		
BerkHa A			**16249621.03**	**+321.01**	**+2.3**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78f**	**21**	**70.36**	**-.36**	**+14.7**
BrlMySq	**1.56f**	**31**	**52.57**	**+.91**	**-10.0**
BrownFA s		**32**	**52.32**	**-1.42**	**+13.1**
BrownFB s			**50.70**	**-1.62**	**+12.9**
CVS Health	2.00	13	78.16	+.26	-1.0
CallonPet		**34**	**10.78**	**-1.20**	**-29.9**
Caterpillar	3.08	32	103.51	-1.04	+11.6
Celestic g		10	13.83		+16.7
CntryLink	2.16	11	25.79	-.05	+8.5
ChesEng		44	4.80	-.24	-31.6
Chevron	**4.32**		**103.77**	**-.40**	**-11.8**
Chicos	33	13	9.36	+.14	-35.0
Cimarex	.32	47	99.83	-4.11	-26.5
Cisco	1.16	16	31.61	+.05	+4.6
CgpVelLCrd			13.25	-2.39	-52.1
Citigroup	.64	12	61.86	+.87	+4.1
CliffsNRs		6	5.88		-90.1
CocaCola	**1.48**	**28**	**45.51**	**-.47**	**+9.8**
ColgPalm	**1.60f**	**27**	**77.16**	**+.16**	**+17.9**
ConAgra	**.80**	**21**	**39.43**	**+.01**	**-.3**
ConchoRes			**120.61**	**-3.37**	**-9.0**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**48**	**43.56**	**-.92**	**-13.1**
CrackerB	4.80f	26	168.83	+.53	+1.1
CrosTim	**1.10e**	**15**	**15.64**	**-.07**	**-13.0**
DCP Mid	3.12	20	33.54	-1.08	-12.6
DDR Corp	.76	10	9.34	+.66	-38.8
DTE	3.30f	25	110.63	+.47	+12.3
Delcath rs			.02	+.00	-97.6
DevonE	**.24**		**31.92**	**-1.98**	**-30.1**
DxGBull rs			37.85	-.89	
DrGMBll rs			20.30	-.10	
Disney	**1.56f**	**18**	**105.92**	**+.42**	**+1.6**
DowChm	**1.84**	**20**	**63.98**	**+.25**	**+11.8**
DragnW hrs			1.11	+.46	-57.3
EOG Resrc	**.67**		**88.15**	**-2.68**	**-12.8**
EnCana g	.06	33	9.03	-.83	-23.1
Energen	.08		54.37	-2.50	-5.7
EnPro	**.88**	**42**	**67.47**	**-1.09**	**+.2**
ENSCO	.04	1	5.83	-.42	-40.0
EntProdPr	1.66f	21	27.00	-.29	-.1
Ericsson	.11e		7.20	-.04	+23.5
ExxonMbl	**3.08f**	**36**	**80.91**	**-.30**	**-10.4**
Facebook		34	153.12	+.31	+33.1
FairmSant			4.28	-.54	-63.7
FordM	.60a	6	11.07	-.05	-8.7
FrptMcM			11.72	-.13	-11.1
FrontierCm	.16m		1.22	-.05	-63.9
GATX	**1.68**	**10**	**60.55**	**-.33**	**-1.7**
GabMultT	**.94e**		**9.04**	**+.11**	**+24.9**
GAInv	**1.15e**		**34.23**	**-.05**	**+9.8**
GenElec	**.96**	**19**	**27.68**	**-.25**	**-12.4**
GenMotors	1.52	5	34.34	+.29	-1.4
Gerdau	.02e		2.80	-.02	-10.8
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**18**	**29.21**	**+.17**	**+6.8**
HD Supply		12	32.81	-1.22	-22.8
HP Inc	.53	11	18.24	-.02	+22.9
Hallibrtn	.72		44.40	-1.60	-17.9
HP Ent n	.26	19	17.04	+.01	-1.7
iShBrazil	1.03e		35.04	+.08	+5.1
iShEMkts	.84e		41.68	-.05	+19.1
iS Eafe	1.70e		66.68	+.02	+15.5
iShiBxHYB	5.09		88.18	-.18	+1.9
iShiR2K	1.77e		138.98	+.19	+3.1
Intel	**1.09f**	**16**	**36.26**	**+.13**	**---**
InterDig	1.20	9	82.75	+.10	-9.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ItauUnibH	.32e		11.13	+.18	+8.4
JPMorgCh	1.92	14	83.91	+.95	-2.8
JohnJn	**3.20**	**20**	**130.75**	**-.08**	**+13.5**
Keycorp	.34	18	17.80	+.31	-2.6
KimbClk	**3.88**	**21**	**130.20**	**+.21**	**+14.1**
KindMorg	.50	62	18.68	-.12	-9.8
Kinross g		66	4.64	+.01	+49.2
LegacyRes	.60m		1.70	-.19	-19.8
Lubys			**3.17**	**-.24**	**-25.9**
Macys	1.51	8	21.81	-.09	-39.1
MarathnO	.20		12.21	-.67	-29.5
McDnlds	3.76	28	151.94	+.71	+24.8
Merck	1.88	17	64.06	-.61	+8.8
MeritMed		**45**	**35.65**	**-.35**	**+34.5**
MexcoEn			4.65	-.20	-7.0
MicronT		39	32.50	+.93	+48.3
Microsoft	1.56	30	72.39	-.13	+16.5
MoSys rs			1.85	+1.03	-19.6
Nabors	.24		8.09	-.75	-50.7
NOilVarco	.20	25	32.54	-.57	-13.1
NobleCorp	.08	4	3.87	-.33	-34.6
NokiaCp	.17e		6.54	+.08	+36.0
Novavax			1.06	+.04	-15.9
NSTFI3	**.55e**		**14.70**	**-.09**	**+3.7**
NTXQI	**.65**		**14.42**	**-.01**	**+5.1**
Nvidia	.56	47	149.12	+1.78	+39.7
OasisPet			9.06	-1.13	-40.2
OcciPet	**3.04**		**60.13**	**-.76**	**-15.6**
Oclaro			10.40	-.08	+16.2
PDC Engy			**44.86**	**-3.15**	**-38.5**
Pandora			8.48	-.27	-35.0
ParTech		**22**	**8.99**	**+.17**	**+61.1**
ParkDri			**1.35**	**-.05**	**-48.1**
PattUTI	**.08**		**19.47**	**-2.06**	**-27.7**
PennaRE	**.84**	**8**	**11.25**	**+.10**	**-40.7**
Prmian	.46e	26	9.45	-.43	+22.6
Petrobras			8.42	-.15	-16.7
Pfizer	**1.28**	**13**	**32.00**	**-.07**	**-1.5**
PioNtrl	.08		164.96	-3.75	-8.4
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**28**	**25.61**	**-.84**	**-20.7**
PlugPowr h			2.07	+.21	+72.5
PwShs QQQ1.52e			143.42	+.56	+21.0
Praxair	**3.15**	**24**	**133.08**	**-.21**	**+13.6**
PrmEgy			**44.05**	**-.95**	**-18.4**
PUVlxST rs			10.85	-.23	

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PrUCrude rs			14.86	-1.68	
ProctGam	**2.78f**	**23**	**88.77**	**-.03**	**+5.6**
RangeRs	.08	31	22.29	-.24	-35.1
RegionsFn	.28f	15	13.59	+.16	-5.4
RiteAid		31	3.41		-58.6
Rowan	.40	5	11.46	-.88	-39.3
RoyDShllA	3.76	81	53.71	-.67	-1.2
SpdrDJIA	3.98e		211.72	+.35	+7.2
S&P500ETF	4.13e		243.66	+.45	+9.0
SpdrLehHY	2.30		37.13	-.08	+1.9
SpdrOGEx	.73e		31.68	-1.36	23.5
SabnR	2.24e	18	38.00		+8.1
SanderFm	**.96**	**13**	**123.53**	**+2.86**	**+31.1**
Schlmbrg	2.00	69	68.67	-1.30	-18.2
SiriusXM	.04	35	5.32	+.03	+19.6
Smucker	3.00	16	130.88	+.36	+2.2
SnaplncA n			19.56	-.80	-20.1
SwstnEngy			5.96	-.12	-44.9
Sprint			8.64	-.14	+2.6
SP Engy	2.04e		65.05	-.93	-13.6
SPDR Fncl	.46e		23.57	+.18	+1.4
Synchrony	.26	11	28.87	+.58	-20.4
TelefEsp	**1.20e**		**11.33**	**-.01**	**+23.2**
Tesoro	2.20	15	89.43	+.69	+2.3
3M Co	4.70	25	205.01	-.40	+14.8
Torchmark	**.60**	**16**	**74.71**	**-.09**	**+1.3**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Transocn		8	8.59	-.51	-41.7
TriContl	**.82e**		**24.17**	**+.01**	**+9.6**
Twitter			17.44	-.13	+7.0
TylerTech		**55**	**170.95**	**-.57**	**+19.7**
UBSI	**1.32**	**19**	**38.30**	**+.53**	**-17.2**
US OilFd			9.46	-.51	-19.3
USSteel	.20		20.87	+.58	-36.8
Vale SA	.29e		8.10	-.04	+6.3
ValeantPh		2	12.17	-.39	-16.2
ValeroE	2.80	17	62.30	+.01	-8.8
VanEGold	.12e		23.65	-.15	+13.0
VEckOilSvc	.86e		25.17	-1.10	-24.5
VanE JrGld			33.95	-.09	+7.6
Vereit	.55	11	8.38	+.24	-.9
VulcanM	**1.00**	**40**	**126.71**	**+1.55**	**+1.2**
WEC Engy	2.08	22	63.38	+.54	+8.1
WPX Engy			10.14	-1.21	-30.4
WalgBoots	1.50	17	81.46	+.01	-1.6
WeatherIntl			4.36	-.37	-12.6
WellsFargo	1.52	13	52.09	+.28	-5.5
WhitingPet			6.11	-.79	-49.2
WmsCos	1.20	41	28.73	-.22	-7.7
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**22**	**47.90**	**+.36**	**+17.7**
Xerox	**.25**	**10**	**7.04**	**+.04**	**+22.4**
Yahoo			50.55	+.05	+30.7

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21,225.04	17,063.08	Dow Jones Industrials	21,173.69	+37.46	+.18	+7.14	+17.60
9,639.33	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	9,334.58	+60.18	+.65	+3.21	+18.15
735.71	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	730.87	+2.76	+.38	+10.80	+8.28
11,726.80	9,918.72	NYSE Composite	11,667.73	+33.73	+.03	+5.52	+9.68
6,310.62	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	6,297.38	+22.32	+.36	+16.98	+26.59
2,440.23	1,991.68	S&P 500	2,433.14	+3.81	+.16	+8.68	+14.82
1,761.08	1,409.53	S&P Midcap	1,736.84	-.21	-.01	+4.59	+13.88
25,373.74	20,583.79	Wilshire 5000	25,273.16	+22.73	+.09	+7.89	+14.96
1,425.69	1,085.88	Russell 2000	1,396.67	+1.78	+.13	+2.91	+17.47

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

				3	8		2	
	7							
8		1		7		5		
3		4			9			6
			3	1	2			
5			7			9		2
		3		2		8		5
							9	
	4		1	8				

SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

4	1	5	7	6	9	8	3	2
3	9	8	4	2	1	6	7	5
7	6	2	8	3	5	1	9	4
6	5	1	3	9	2	7	4	8
8	2	4	6	1	7	9	5	3
9	7	3	5	4	8	2	1	6
1	4	9	2	5	6	3	8	7
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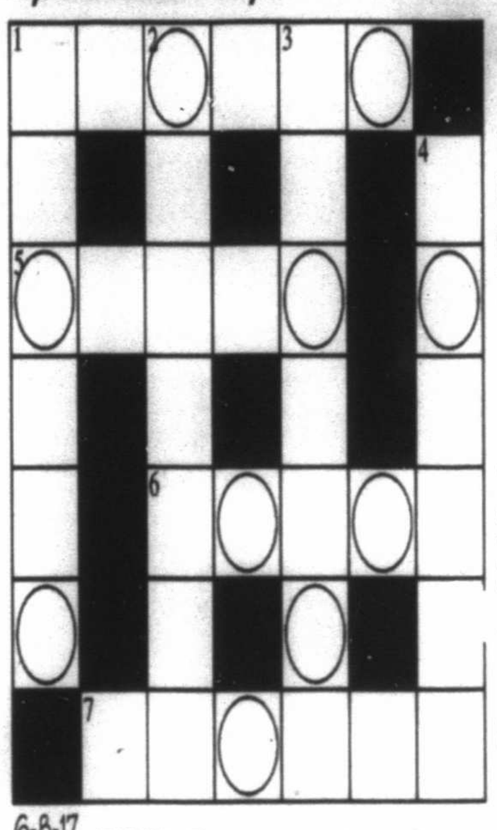

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Talented	FIGDTE
5. ___ pad	AELGL
6. ___ off	PEART
7. Bud	DRIFNE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Floating kitchen	YEALLG
2. Jet ___	GFIRHET
3. Oval	ESLIPEL
4. Gave a dirty look	DRAGEL

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Sting, essentially
5 Wingding
9 Word often improperly punctuated
12 Small stream
13 Satellite radio giant
15 "__ lied"
16 Jackie Robinson Stadium sch. team
17 60-Across' noble status
19 "Bother someone else!"
20 Footnote term
21 Collagist's supply
22 Musical impediment
24 60-Across' home
26 Well-suited
27 "O god of battles! __ my soldiers' hearts": Henry V
28 Be obstreperous
31 White House section
34 Bunch
36 See 42-Down
37 Bringers of great relief
40 Spanish pronoun
41 ESPN's Hershiser
43 Johnny who was the last pitcher to face Babe Ruth
44 Catcher on the ranch
46 Thinks
48 Racket
49 60-Across' beloved
52 "Turn up the thermostat!"
56 Hunter on high
57 Wolverine, for one
59 Hipbone prefix
60 Classic character whose exploits inspired the phrase in this puzzle's circles
62 Some annexes
63 Santana's "__ Como Va"
64 Hurries
65 Khartoum waterway
66 Sautéing sound
67 Top 500?
68 Hole starters

DOWN

1 Many a charitable organization
2 "The Addams Family" film actress
3 Macabre fiction middle name
4 Almost all of Tibet
5 Tight spot
6 Disney mermaid
7 Summation symbol in math
8 "Come again?"
9 Like some triangles
10 Ineffective
11 Record half
13 Part of a Girl Scout uniform
14 Mar. honoree
18 Playtex sister brand
23 They run on cells
25 Catholic title: Abbr.
28 Fuss
29 Pants with texture
30 Natural boundaries
31 One of two states formed during the U.S. Civil War
32 Sundial marking
33 Payment beginning?
35 Try to win
38 Gp. with common interests
39 Long, as odds
42 With 36-Across, French title of a Rimsky-Korsakov opera that translates to "The Golden Rooster"
45 __ history
47 Without
48 Eats well
49 Extinct birds
50 Half a 1999 gas merger
51 In __; sullen
53 Stan's partner
54 De Gaulle's birthplace
55 Prescription indications
58 DOJ employee
61 Here, in Le Havre

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

I	B	O	O	K		C	U	S	P		T	I	N	A
N	O	N	N	A		A	N	T	E		A	G	A	L
H	O	M	E	R	E	P	A	I	R		P	L	O	T
D	R	Y	D	E	N			L	I	S	S	O	M	E
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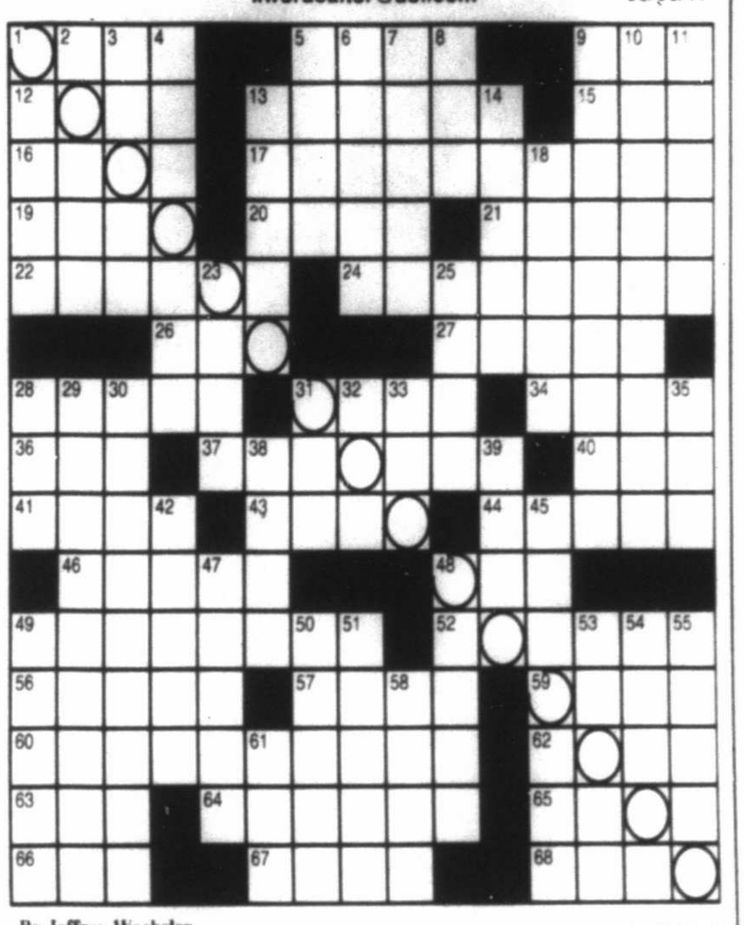

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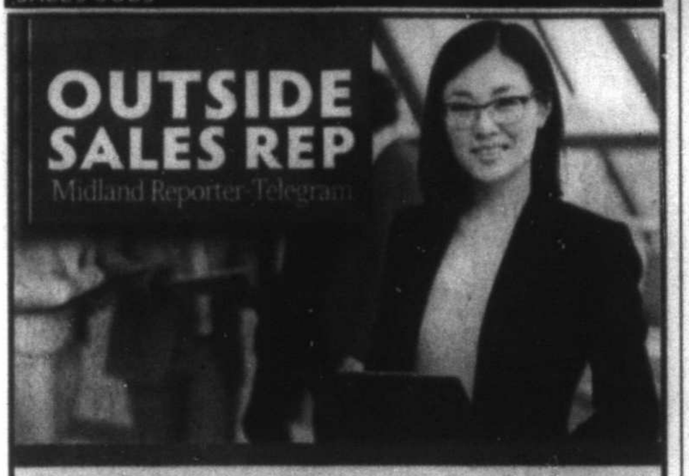

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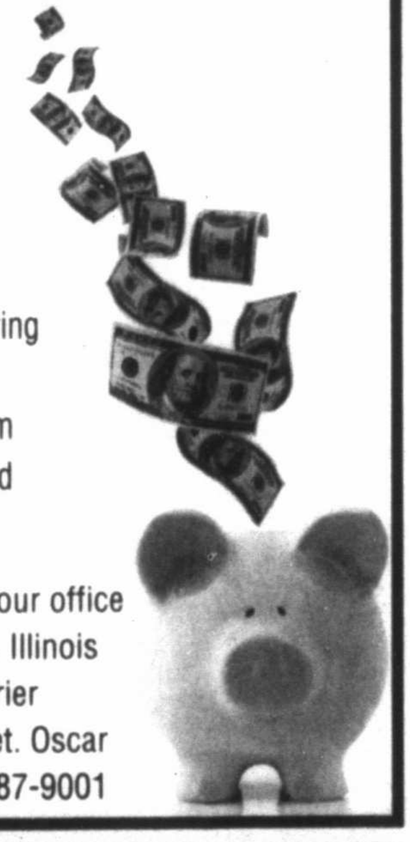

Please come by our office located at 201 E. Illinois and fill out a carrier information sheet. Oscar Ronquillo 432-687-9001

OTHER JOBS

MRT MEDIA GROUP mrt.com
Midland Reporter-Telegram

OUT OF CITY DELIVERY DRIVER/ PACKAGING ASSOCIATE

The Midland Reporter Telegram

- **Must have a clean, valid license & acceptable driving history**
- **Late night/Early morning hours**
- **Obey all traffic laws**
- **Strong commitment to safety is a must**
- **Professional communication with management, co-workers and customers**
- **Ability to lift, push or pull up to 50-lbs**
- **Must be able to reach, bend, lift as needed**
- **Must be able to work independently & in a team environment**
- **Ability to read, understand & follow oral and written instructions**
- **Perform other duties as delegated or assigned by Supervisor**
- **Required education. High School or equivalent**

This is a full time position that offers paid vacation and full package of benefits.

Please email your resume to: jmaddox@hearstnp.com

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OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
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 occassionally. We will train the right person.
$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday - Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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OTHER JOBS

EXCAVATOR & DOZER OPERATORS NEEDED
Experience, references & TDL required. Call Mike @ (830)832-7729 M-F 8 to 5 ONLY. Acme Bridge Co. is EOE & A DRUG FREE WORK ZONE

OTHER JOBS

McCOY'S BUILDING SUPPLY

McCoy's Building Supply is proud to announce that we are NOW HIRING for open positions for our Midland location!

The positions currently available are:
Class A CDL Delivery Driver (Full Time)
Commercial Sales Support (Full Time)
Inventory Coordinator (Full Time)
Retail Inside Floor Sales (Full Time)
Yard Crewmember (Full Time & Part Time)
Yard Leader (Full Time)

APPLY ONLINE TODAY AT: http://www.mccoys.com/careers
You will need to click on the link under "Browse Open Positions", which will take you to our job postings. Sort or search for Midland, TX. Please apply for any position that you are interested in.

Candidates should be able to work effectively with people and have prior experience in the retail industry. Previous experience in the building supply industry is preferred, but not required. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age to work in the yard, and 23 years of age to work as delivery drivers.

Pre-employment drug screen is required for all candidates
Motor vehicle record check is required for all driver candidates
EOE, AAP, D, F, VA

OTHER JOBS

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PT Merchandiser for State wide Beverage Distributor
Flexible Hours-Weekends REQUIRED. Call 806-220-9172

OTHER JOBS

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.
$10.00 per hour

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Escrow Assistant & Licensed Escrow Officer

PERMIAN ABSTRACT COMPANY

is currently looking for an escrow assistant and an experienced licensed escrow officer. Duties include-handling all aspects of residential and commercial transactions, preparing settlement statements and other necessary closing documents, closing and funding files timely. Commitment to excellent customer service a must. Salary and benefits DOE. Please direct all resumes to Permian Abstract Company, 2101 W. Wadley Ave., Ste. 10, Midland, Texas 79705.

RESTAURANT FOOD SERVICES

The Hemingway Cigar & Wine Bar

Experienced waitstaff and barback needed. 3pm-11pm Mon-Sat. shifts. Retail experience is a plus. TABC certification needed. Come in between 10am-3pm Mon-Fri. to apply or pick up an application. Resume preffered but not required.

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- Grease free e nment
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- Family enviornment

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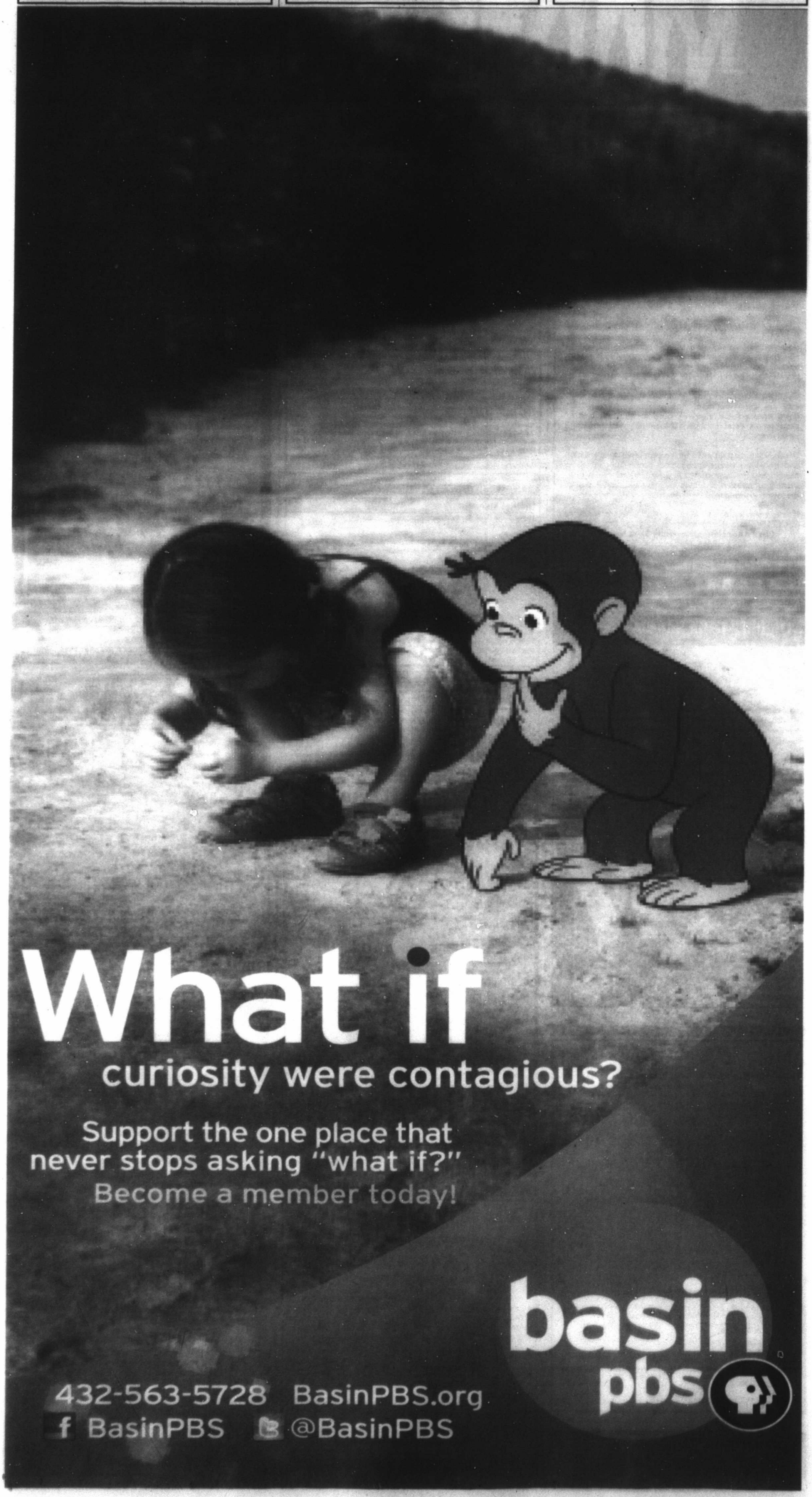
JW Enterprise is looking for **Drivers & Spoolers** with Class A CDL. Must have good driving record and pass drug screen. Competitive wages and on the job training for spooling. Pay DOE. Contact 432-770-1190 or 432-664-3408 for more information. Serious inquires only.

LIGHT DUTY MECHANIC

JW Enterprise is hiring a **light duty mechanic or general shop help.** Must be able to pass drug test and have a Class C drivers license with a clean driving record. Flexible pay to be determined by experience. Contact 432-664-0954.



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Legal and Public Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION - DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP

The State of Texas § **R. KEVIN SPENCER**,
§ Applicant's Attorney
County of Midland § **500 N AKARD STREET, SUITE 2150**
§ **DALLAS, TX 75201**

To all persons interested in the estate of

CLEMMIE SORGE, Deceased
Cause No. **P19101**
in COUNTY COURT, Midland County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above-numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship in this estate on 5/25/2017, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **CLEMMIE SORGE**, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such case.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. **6/5/2017**, which is the first Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of posting this citation, at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79701.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court **by filing a written contest or answer** to this Application should they desire to do so. **To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention, or response in writing** with the County Clerk of Midland County, Texas **on or before the above-noted date and time.**

Given under by hand and seal of the COUNTY COURT of Midland County, Texas at the office of the Midland County Clerk in Midland, Texas on May 25th 2017.

Alison Haley
County Clerk, Midland County, Texas
Box 1350, Midland, Texas 79702

By: SHON BRENT, Deputy

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) seeking proposals from subcontractors and suppliers for earthwork, site utilities, building foundation, and structural steel for the new K-12 school located in Van Horn, TX. Proposal due date is June 20, 2017, no later than 2:00 P.M. Project name: CCAISD New Pre-K-12 School, Package II - Earthwork, Site Utilities, Foundation, and Structural Steel. Bids shall be delivered via hard copy or email to CMAR. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the CMAR. CMAR is: HB Construction, Inc., 3010 Monte Vista Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106. Contact for CMAR is Lucas Ford at (505) 856-0404, LucasF@hbconstruction.com.

Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

Request for Proposal #17-023 Charter Bus Services

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal(s) for **RFP #17-023 Charter Bus Services** through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the proposal documents in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, Texas at **2:00 PM on Thursday, June 22, 2017**. Request for Proposal documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1965.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL SALT WATER DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT IN A NON PRODUCTIVE FORMATION

Tall City Brine LLC, 203 W Wall Street suite 700 Midland, TX 769701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a commercial salt water disposal well permit to inject produced salt water into the San Anders Formation.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Anders formation, Tall City Brine LLC 137 SWD Lease, well number 2. The proposed disposal well is located 17 miles south west of Garden City in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field in Glasscock County. The subsurface depth interval of the proposed induction zone will be from 3550 to 4250 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.

Requests 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).

Recreation Vehicles

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HARLEY DAVIDSON 2013, Road King Classic. Two-tone red/merlot. 380 miles. Garage kept. Mint condition. Asking $15,000. 432-254-0025.

HARLEY Davidson. 2013 Street Bob. Custom bike. Saddlebags, windshield, Lizard lights, etc. 11,500 Miles. $6,000. Call or text for pictures. 432-352-7470.

HOLIDAY RAMBLER 2011 32' trailer trailer, 2 slide outs, fully self contained. Sleeps 6, Family owned, not oil workers. Non smoker. $13,500 OBO. 432-234-5090.

IN MONAHANS 2005 35' Fleetwood Bounder motorhome. Has 2 super slideouts, backup camera, washer & dryer, generator, automatic awning, has 2004 Ford Explorer 55,000 with car, or $52,000 without car. 432-940-1184

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Saturday 9am-12pm

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BY JOSEPH AND TEAM
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Thursday & Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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http://www.estatesales.net/TX/Midland/79707/1556820

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BY JOSEPH AND TEAM
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Thursday & Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

For pictures go to
http://www.estatesales.net/TX/Midland/79705/1556634

Yard - Garage Sales

79703

707 & 708 Sandelwood
Friday & Saturday 8am-2pm
70's Schwinn Stingray bike, refurbished vintage & collectible items, Singer Sewing Machine, jewelry, purses, metal bed frames - TOO MUCH TO LIST - Don't miss!!!

Garage-Estate-Yard Sale

Yard - Garage Sales

79701

201 W. Jax Thursday & Friday 7am-? Pottery stands, chaise lounge, outdoor folding chairs, mens Wrangler jeans, lots of clothing, & lots of miscellaneous

79703

4605 ANNETA DR. 6/9 7:30am-5pm & 6/10 7:30am-? Lots of tools, bedding, some furniture & miscellaneous.

79705

1901 PUEBLO, Fri 6/9, Sat 6/10 & Sun 6/11, 8-3PM. Tables, chairs, clothes, rugs, dining room table & chairs, bedroom set, everything.

2100 EVANS LANE. Garage (MOVING) sale Friday & Saturday 7am-2pm. Everything must go!!! Girls bedroom set, clothes, baby furniture, books, toys, electronics, yard equipment, workout equipment, home decor and much more!!!

2401 W. Shandon Ave. Thursday & Friday 8am-5pm. Gigantic sale. Lot of stuff too much to mention.

Real Estate Rental-Sale

Residential Rentals

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SAGEWOOD 1 BEDROOM 1 bath, all updated, covered parking. $900 per month $500 deposit. 432-352-9791, ntpproperties.com

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Residential Rentals

House Rent Unfurn

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DUPLEX FOR LEASE
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$1,600 month
$1,000 deposit.
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3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, remodeled kitchen, 2 car garage. 1880 sq. ft.
$1,850 month
$1,000 deposit.
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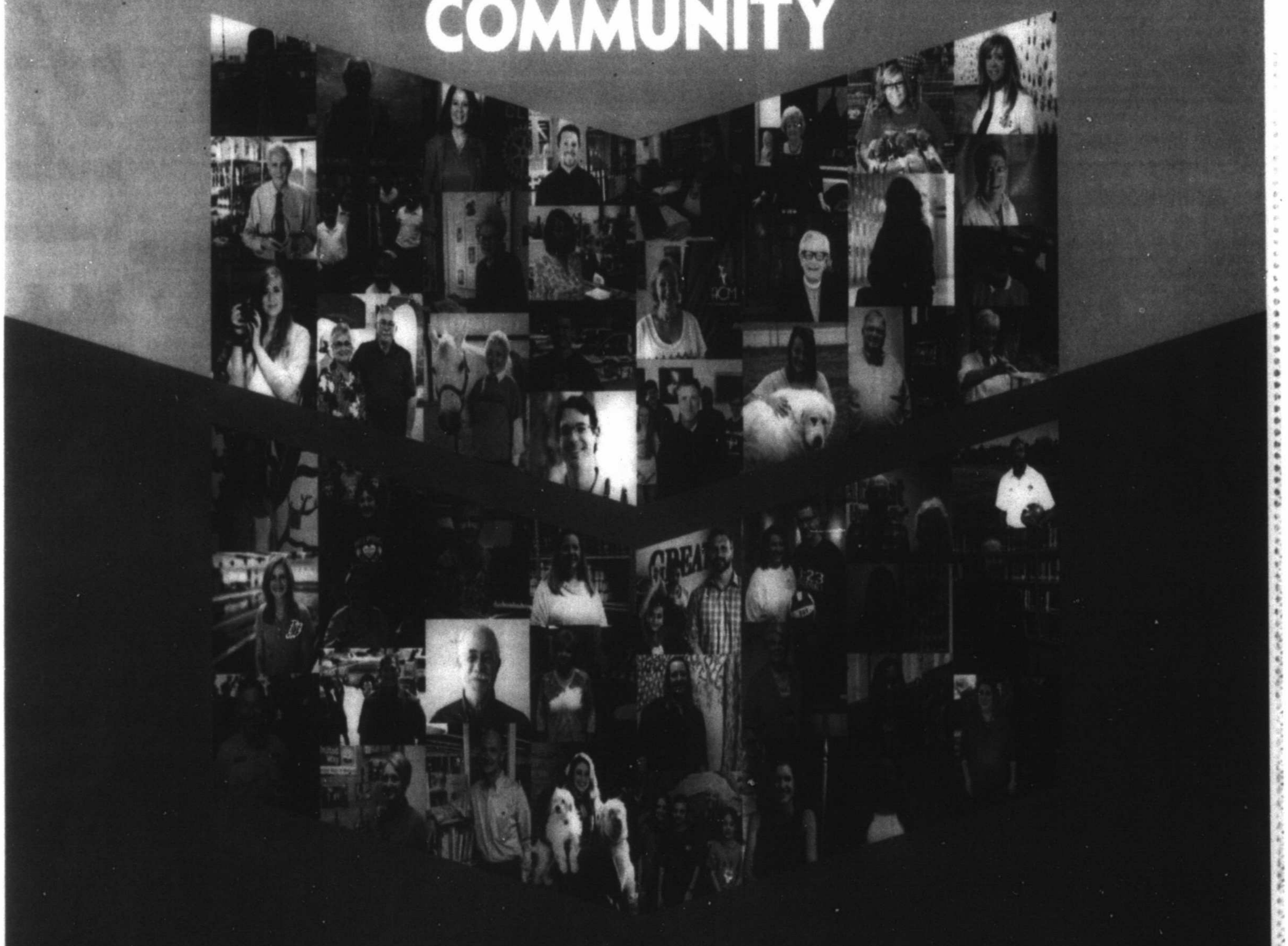

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A Trip Through Our Solar System!

You don't have to leave town to explore space this summer. You can blast off for fun all summer long as Kid Scoop takes readers on a trip through the Solar System with our mascot, Woodword!

Spacey Names

Our Solar System formed in the Milky Way galaxy about 4.6 billion years ago.

The sun is at the center of the solar system. Eight planets and their natural satellites which include Earth's moon, dwarf planets, asteroids, comets and meteoroids orbit or revolve around the sun because of its gravitational pull.

There are billions of other solar systems in our galaxy and there are billions of galaxies in the Universe.

Planet Memory Trick

One way to remember the order of the planets in our solar system is to make up a sentence with each word starting with the first letter of a planet, starting with the one closest to the sun. This example worked when Pluto was still considered a planet:

My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nine Pizzas

Can you make up a new sentence without a word starting with P?

VENUS MARS SATURN NEPTUNE

MERCURY EARTH JUPITER URANUS

AVOID THE SPACE JUNK! Space junk is a major problem. Some of it is very large, such as burnt-out rocket stages, dead spacecraft, and a few tools lost during spacewalks. Working satellites can crash into the space junk, creating more space junk. Sometimes space junk falls back to the Earth.

END

Our Distant Neighbors

Our solar system has 8 planets. (Pluto is now considered a dwarf planet.) Scientists continue to study our fellow planets, even though they are far, far away. **Do the math to find out how long it would take to get from Earth to each planet in our solar system.**

NOTE: This is not an easy question to answer. The length of time depends upon many different factors, including the spacecraft used and the location of each planet in its orbit. The time periods here are approximated and refer to the previous spacecraft that flew to or near each planet.

MERCURY:	3 + 4 =	YEARS
VENUS:	10 + 5 =	MONTHS
MARS:	3 + 3 + 1 =	MONTHS
JUPITER:	2 + 2 + 2 =	YEARS
SATURN:	10 - 3 =	YEARS
URANUS:	6 + 3 =	YEARS
NEPTUNE:	15 - 3 =	YEARS

Extra! Extra!

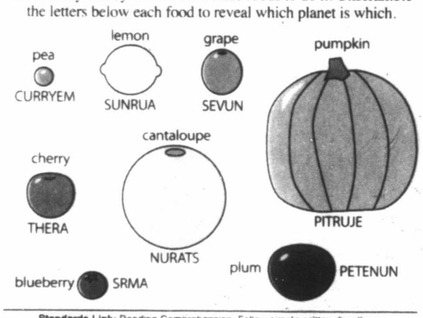
Number Game

Each player needs a page from the sports section. In one minute, each player circles as many numbers as they can. Who can circle the most? Who can circle the most over 50? Whose numbers add up to the largest sum? Whose numbers add up to the lowest sum?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

If you wanted to approximate the size differences of the planets in our solar system, you could use these foods to do it. Unscramble the letters below each food to reveal which planet is which.



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.

SPACECRAFT
MERCURY
NEPTUNE
SYSTEM
URANUS
SATURN
PLANET
VENUS
EARTH
ORBIT
SPACE
PLUTO
SOLAR
JUNK
MARS

A	R	K	U	V	O	E	S	O	Y
A	A	E	N	R	N	R	G	E	O
F	L	C	D	U	A	I	B	S	C
P	O	A	T	M	J	N	O	I	O
L	S	P	V	V	E	N	U	S	T
A	E	S	N	R	U	T	A	S	U
N	H	T	R	A	E	E	S	R	L
E	Y	M	E	R	C	U	R	Y	P
T	F	A	R	C	E	C	A	P	S

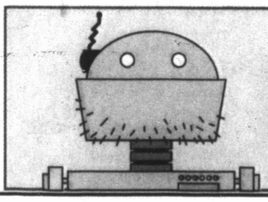
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

From the Kid Scoop Lesson Library

Package from Earth

Pretend you are sending a package into space that, if life on other planets exists, will tell about life on Earth. Find newspaper pictures and articles that you would put into the package. Tell why you selected each.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



How does a robot shave?

ANSWER: With a laser blade.

Weekly Writing Corner

Best Book of the Summer

Students recommend books to read over the summer.

I think that this summer everyone should read The Witches by Roald Dahl. It's a tale about witches who hate children and have a plan to get rid of them all. It's one of my favorite books. It's not just for kids; my mom actually read it before I did! I think it would be a good book for the summer.

Kinsey,
3rd grade

I think everybody should read a book called Snoopy and the Red Baron because there is a part in the story where Snoopy thinks he is in some barbed wire but he is really in a jump rope!

Riley,
2nd grade

I think you should read Because of Winn-Dixie. Read it if you love dogs. You will learn about other people's lives. You will learn how a dog helps to fill in Opal's life. You will love it because you will learn how an owner and a dog have a lot of love. You should read it.

Sareena,
2nd grade

The best book of the summer I read was Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days by Jeff Kinney. I recommend it because it is a funny book. Everyone I know got a good laugh out of it! I hope you do, too!

Simone,
3rd grade

I think kids should read nature and other non-fiction books because it will help them learn more information so they can grow up smart and maybe be a teacher when they grow up.

Kacie,
2nd grade

The greatest book to read over the summer is The Watson's go to Birmingham. It is the greatest book ever. It's about a black family that takes a trip to Birmingham, Alabama and when they get there it is very racial. It's the most interesting book I have ever read.

Taylor,
5th grade

If you want to read an exciting, adventurous book, I would recommend Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. It is about a boy who is half-Greek god and half-human. He keeps running into monsters that want to kill him. Everyone in my family read it, including my mom and dad! There are four more in the series. to keep you reading all summer long!

Jessie,
4th grade

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