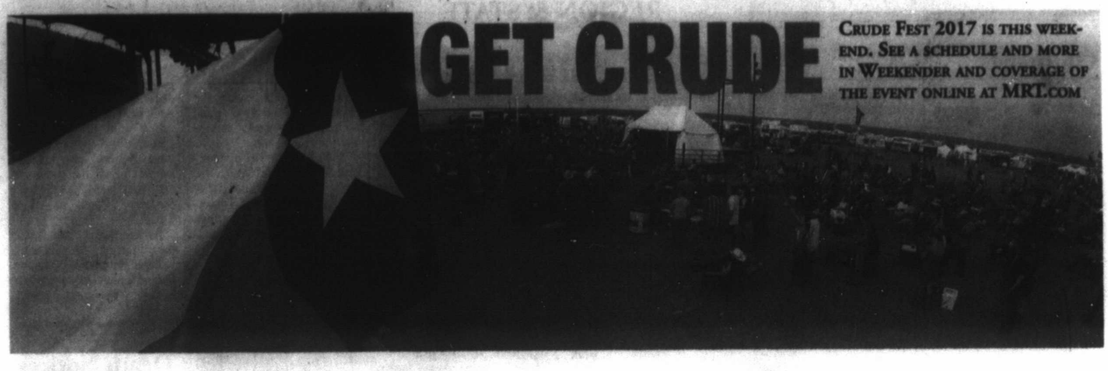

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Amarillo economist: Cycle of expansion has begun

Midland-Odessa's economy averaged 4.7 percent growth in first quarter

By Mella McEwen
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Midland-Odessa's economy has exited a painful, deep contraction and entered a new cycle of expansion.

Amarillo economist Karr Ingham said the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index he prepares for the Midland Development Corp. rose at an annualized 4.7 percent rate in the first quarter. The index posted its fourth increase in the last five months in March, moving sharply upward from February to March and rising 1.6 percent from its low point in October through March.

Despite the upward trend, the index remains 5.1 percent below March 2016 levels, though the year-over-year decline has narrowed sharply.

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Keeping output down may be harder for OPEC.

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There are some components of the index that remain negative compared to a year ago "but they're coming along," Ingham said.

He said Midland and Odessa have emerged from a 21-month period that saw the economy contract nearly 21 percent, and while the expansion won't rival the oil-fueled gains from 2010 to 2014, "expansion is expansion, and it's obvious the economy is expanding. And that's good news."

Good news came in the form of an improving labor market. Ingham estimated about 2,000 to 2,500 jobs were added in Midland-Odessa since the labor market's low point last June. The number of employed residents is now about 500 below last March, and first-quarter employment is about 2,300 below first-quarter numbers. Ingham said that at its lowest point, year-over-year employment was down 9.4 percent year-over-year in December 2015, and the decline averaged 6.6 percent in 2016. Ingham forecast that employment will turn positive in the next month or two.

The unemployment rate has plunged 11.2 percent from an average 5.3 percent last March to 4.7 percent this March and is down 2.8 percent in the first quarter to 4.9 percent from 5 percent in last year's first quarter.

In Midland, there were only 100 fewer employed in March compared to last March, and first quarter employment is down less than 1,000 from the first quarter of 2016. The March unemployment rate of 4 percent is down 9.1 percent from 4.4 percent last March, and the first quarter rate of 4.1 percent is down 2.4 percent from 4.2 percent a year ago.

He said job creation is a bit sporadic and unsteady as the labor markets bounce back from the steep economic contraction. While job creation most likely won't

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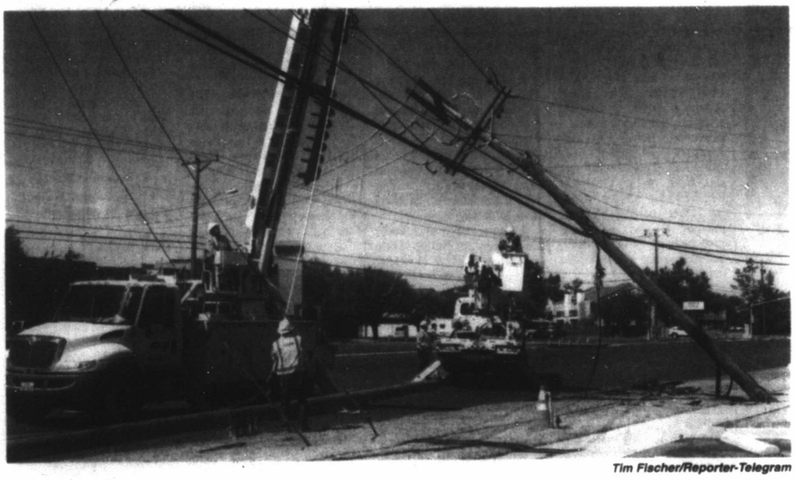

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Crews continue to work Wednesday to replace an electrical pole following a crash Tuesday night when a Midland Police Department officer lost control of his vehicle and struck the pole.

City spokeswoman: MPD car hits utility pole

From staff reports

A Midland Police Department officer was involved in a one-vehicle wreck late Tuesday night on the way to a "high-priority" call, according to the city's spokeswoman.

The officer, Cole Etheredge, was not injured, but "the car had major damage and was not driveable," Sara Bustilloz said Wednesday.

"He was 'running hot' with the siren and lights on, and the vehicle hydroplaned, and hit a utility pole in front of Golf Course Road Church of Christ," Bustilloz said. Etheredge "was (traveling) westbound on Andrews (Highway) when the accident occurred."

It had rained earlier in the night, and there was water in the roadway at the time the wreck occurred, which was about 11:45 p.m. Tuesday, she said.

'FrackNation' director says Midlanders need to 'fight back'

By Trevor Hawes
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"Midland people need to fight back."

That's the message from "FrackNation" co-director Phelim McAleer for the Permian Basin while he was here ahead of the documentary's screening Wednesday.

"FrackNation" was screened at Cinergy Cinemas in Odessa and was hosted by the Texas Tech University School of Law Energy Law program. Visiting professor Bill Keffer helped arrange the event and bring McAleer and co-director Ann McElhinney to the area for a Q&A after the showing.

The documentary made its debut in January 2013 amid an unprecedented oil and gas boom fueled by the innovation of combining horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing. "Gasland," a documentary highly critical of hydraulic fracturing, was released in 2010.

Hydraulic fracturing is a well completion method by which large amounts of water, proppant and chemicals are sent downhole under high pressure to crack shale formations to release oil and natural gas.

"Gasland" claims fracturing pollutes groundwater. In perhaps its most famous scene, a Dimock, Pennsylvania, homeowner's tap water is set on fire because it contained methane.

Longtime journalist McAleer confronted filmmaker Josh Fox at an event in Chicago and presented evidence that methane in water has long been a problem in the area, citing a 1976 report that stated an alarming amount of methane was in the aquifer. According to a video of the confrontation available on YouTube, which Fox sued to have removed but that is still available, Fox admits that methane in the water table has long been a problem but that it wasn't included in "Gasland" because he felt it wasn't relevant to the Dimock incident.

This spurred McAleer to make his own documentary in an attempt to debunk what "Gasland" presented as fact and louden the voice of opposition.

"Eventually, I said this guy is lying, and

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Will court changes to congressional districts impact Conaway?

■ Trial set for July over the state's House and congressional political maps

By Stewart Doreen
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Are Midland and Odessa headed to a different congressional district?

The chairman of the Texas Democratic Party said last week he believes that is a real possibility. In fact, Gilberto Hinojosa said there is a "good chance" Midland and Odessa will be part of a new 23rd Congressional District — which will extend south and west. Such a move means a Republican candidate for U.S. representative could inherit a qualified Democratic candidate, Pete Gallego, according to Hinojosa, who spoke to area Democrats last week during a stop in Midland.

Currently, Congressman Mike Conaway of Midland represents District 11, which extends east and includes communities such as San Angelo, Brownwood, Stephenville and Brady.

The reason for speculation is that — according to a previous Texas Tribune report — a federal judge panel has set

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Obituaries

Bennie Glynn Patterson

Bennie Glynn Patterson, 79, of Midland, Texas, passed away on May 14, 2017.

Bennie was born in 1938 in Dallas, Texas to Liborio and Myrtle Paternostro. After moving to San Antonio, Texas in 1941, when Bennie was three, Liborio changed the family name to Patterson. His wish was for them to have a more American name.

Bennie attended school in San Antonio till his senior year when he moved to Crane, Texas in 1956. After graduating in 1957, he attended Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas, graduating with a business degree in 1964. He then moved to Odessa, Texas working for various insurance companies as an Insurance Adjuster, retiring with Hochheim Prairie Insurance.

Throughout Bennie's life he had many interests. He loved boating, teaching his daughter and step-children how to water ski and tube riding at Brownwood Lake. He also loved fishing, where he and Joyce spent many a Thanksgiving on Lake Amistad. He was an avid Harley rider. He started out on a Gold Wing graduating to his beloved 1983 Dyna Wide Glide Harley Davidson, which he had custom painted black and purple. He rode many miles through New Mexico and Colorado. He also made two trips to Sturgis for the 49th and 50th gathering.

In the early 90s, he became interested in antique cars. First buying his beloved 1953 Buick, he had it customized and had it painted his signature black and purple to match his Harley. He loved hauling his two black and purple motorcycles behind his Buick. He then bought the 1967 red GTO convertible, telling Joyce it was for her to drive. Only thing, it was never available when she wanted to. He drove these in parades, many car tours, and loved showing them off in car shows and winning many, many trophies. He loved spending time with his friends in the West Texas AACA, Classic Memories, and Car Club, which he served as Vice-President for many years. A special thanks to all of his buddies for their love to Bennie.

Bennie had other loves in his life – his fur babies, Spook and Kirby. Preceded in death were his Bassett Hounds, Bassie and Sassie, and his Boston Terrier, Prissy. He was devoted to his fur babies, making all his kids and grandchildren say they wish they could come back as his fur babies.

Bennie met Joyce on the dance floor and they knew they were soul mates and married in 1981. He and Joyce enjoyed many years of dancing every weekend to country music. They also loved their boating, motorcycling, fishing, camping, and polishing their antique cars.

Bennie is survived by his wife, Joyce; children, Susie Hodges (Duffy Terry), Laura Coleman, and Tammie Welch (Van); seven grandchildren, Brittan Hodges, Christopher Welch (Rebecca Gould), Sumer Cline (Keith), Kirstine Benitez (Josh), Kelsey Coleman (Steven Ellis), Kelton Weigel, and Kaytlin Welch; and by great-grandchildren, Connor and Kade Cline.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Liborio (Bennie) and Myrtle Patterson; step-brother, Bernard Hollowell; and step-son, Toby Weigel.

Pallbearers will be Gilbert Lopez, Mondo Barron, Dale Dawson, Sam Austin, Richard Hagelstein, and Sam Gonzales.

Honorary pallbearers will be Brittan Hodges, Christopher Welch, Kelton Weigel, and John Buntin.

Special thanks is given to Midland Memorial Hospital Staff on the 5th and 7th floor and the Hospice staff for all the love and care they gave Bennie during his last days, and also for the concern and care given to the family during this time.

Viewing will be Wednesday, May 17, 2017, with visitation from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Thursday May 18, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Nalley Pickle & Welch Chapel. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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Edna Alexander

Edna Louise Bell was born July 1, 1931 in Washington, Oklahoma, the daughter of Milton and Louise (Doerr) Bell. She grew up in Johnson County, Arkansas with her mother and two siblings after the untimely death of her father. She attended high school in Lamar, Arkansas.

She married Keith Alexander on May 28, 1949 in Montague, Texas after a whirlwind, two-week romance. Their married life was full of adventure as Keith worked in the oil business. Work took them to Odessa, Lafayette, Denver, Dallas, Midland, Duncan, Vernal, and Tyler, and some locations multiple times.

Edna proudly raised three sons and loved their wives: Keith, Jr. and Janice (Stone) Alexander of Lake Kiowa, Texas; Kent and Shirlee (Meissner) Alexander of Midland, Texas; and Kirk and Janet (Green) Alexander of Maypearl, Texas.

After raising her sons, she went back to school and took courses in Archeology, Biblical Studies, and Anthropology at Southern Methodist University and other community colleges.

Edna loved and spoiled her five grandchildren: Kristi Alexander Smith, Kandi Alexander Allen, Summer Alexander Merritt, Aaron Alexander, and Trey Alexander Mertens.

Her 12 great-grandchildren brought her much love and joy: Katie Smith, Alex Smith, Emily Smith, Kristian Allen, Keaton Allen, Max Merritt, Alexandra Louise Merritt, Luke Alexander, Anna Alexander, Benjamin Alexander, Olivia Alexander, and Zoey Mertens.

Edna was looking forward to knowing her first great-great grandson, Jensen Allen.

She was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Keith Alexander; infant son, Kyle Alexander; parents, Milton and Louise (Doerr) Bell; sisters, Mary Ann Gentry, Evelyn Hawkins, and Mildred Freed; and brothers, Lester Bell and Eugene Bell.

Edna painted and read avidly, taught herself German, took flying lessons, decorated many homes (rearranging furniture was a favorite pastime), and traveled extensively. She was a life-long learner who passed along her love of learning to her children and grandchildren. Her favorite travels abroad were to China, The Holy Land, and Germany. Edna loved sharing slides, photos, and treasures from her adventures. She and Keith also covered many miles in country roads across the United States.

Edna volunteered always. It was likely her calling in life, whether she realized it or not. She spent many hours with her boys at Sunday school, leading Vacation Bible School, acting as PTA president, and Boy Scout Den Mother. She spent countless hours in hospital surgical recovery rooms, delivering flowers to sick strangers and loved ones alike, working with her son, Kirk, at the Children's Rehabilitation Center, painting other people's houses, purchasing and delivering groceries to those in need, and just "doing" what needed to be done.

Edna was always the advocate for the less fortunate, the underdog, and the downtrodden. People never had to ask her to help or how to help, she just did it. Her volunteering was never out of obligation or for self-serving means; rather, she saw a need and met it.

Everything she did was with grace, love, strength, and determination. All who knew and loved her know that she would like nothing more than her legacy of philanthropy to be perpetuated.

On that note, in lieu of flowers, Edna would have preferred a donation to Hospice Midland, The West Texas Food Bank, Alzheimer's Foundation of America, or Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer research.

The family would like to thank Dr. Premila Johnson and Manor Park for their compassionate care.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Flower Mound Presbyterian Church in Flower Mound, Texas. All floral offerings should be directed to Flower Mound Presbyterian Church.

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Jesus Manuel Marmolejo

Jesus Manuel Marmolejo, 39, of Midland, Texas, passed away Sunday, May 14, 2017 in Reeves County near Pecos, Texas.

Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017 at San Miguel Archangel Catholic Church in Midland.

Jesus was born October 27, 1977 in Roswell, New Mexico to Manuel Marmolejo and Veronica Corona Marmolejo. He worked in the oilfield industry for many years as a roustabout. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Jesus is survived by his wife, Ramona Marmolejo of Midland; sons, Daniel Alberto Marmolejo, Jesus Manuel Marmolejo, Jr., and Jose Martinez, all of Midland; father, Manuel Marmolejo of Midland; one sister and one brother from Mexico; and by two sisters and two brothers from Midland.

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Vicky Gill Avila

Vicky M. Avila, 63, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Friday, May 12, 2017.

Family will be receiving friends for visitation on Monday, May 22, 2017 at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home at 1:00 p.m., with a memorial service starting at 2:00 p.m.

She is survived by her husband, Rosendo Avila, Jr.; sons, Doyle Gill and Ricky Gill; mother, Yvonne Turner; one brother; two sisters; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

William (Bill) Coggin

William (Bill) Coggin, 89, beloved father, passed away in Kyle, Texas on May 13, 2017.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at First Baptist Church, Stanton with Reverend David Harp officiating. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

Bill entered this world on March 20, 1928 in Bisbee, Arizona, born to Mason and Lillian Coggin.

He is survived by his two children - daughter, Patricia McKinney and husband Rick of Buda, Texas, and son, Bill (Chipper) Coggin and wife Jo of Midland, Texas; and by grandchildren, Eric McKinney and wife Miriam of Austin, Texas, Mark McKinney and wife Cassie of Austin, Texas, Paul McKinney and wife Nikki of Buda, Ryan Coggin and wife Monica of Wimberely, Texas, T.J. Wade and husband Kelly of Midland, and Kelsey Coggin of Austin, Texas.

He is also survived by his 10 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Alta Cook of Cibolo, Texas and Evelyn Hogue and husband Pete of Midland; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill grew up in Bisbee and Martin County, Texas where he graduated from Stanton High School. He worked in various industries including the oil field, farming, and owned grocery stores in Big Spring and Stanton. He owned and operated Bill's IGA Grocery and True Value Hardware in Stanton, Texas for 27 years before retiring.

Bill was married to Roxy (Hull) Coggin until her death in March 2001. Later, Bill married Ouida (Roach) Coggin until her death in January 2016. Bill was a member and active in the First Baptist Church of Stanton for many years and also the Mexican Baptista Church of Stanton where he and Roxy taught classes and helped with the Church services.

Bill was also a Master Mason in good standing with the Mason Lodge Midland Centennial No. 1448. Bill enjoyed old cars and left behind a restored 1931 Ford Model A that has been in his family since his grandfather drove it from Tennessee to Abilene, Texas.

We want to express our gratitude and appreciation for the exceptional care, love and support of all the caregivers and staff at New Haven Memory Care in Kyle, Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

Gilbreath Funeral Home

Death Notices

Conova (Connie) Thomas

Conova (Connie) Thomas, 91, formerly of Midland, passed away on May 12, 2017 at her home in Kissimmee, Florida.

There will be a graveside service at Resthaven Memorial Park on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Florence Adaocha Okorie-Ajibola

Florence Adaocha Okorie-Ajibola, 51, of Midland, Texas, passed away on May 14, 2017.

Florence is survived by her sons, Michael Ajibola and Benjamin Ajibola; and by her daughter, Hannah Ajibola.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Thursday, May 18, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Manuel "Manny" Mejia, Jr.

Manuel "Manny" Mejia, Jr., 52, of Midland, Texas, passed away on May 14, 2017.

Manny is survived by his father, Manuel (Manny) R. Mejia, Sr., and step-mom, Socoro Mejia; and by one brother and two sisters.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017 and the Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017 at the Lewallen Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Midland, Texas.

The funeral mass will be at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine Catholic Church on 1401 Garden Lane, Midland, Texas on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Resthaven Cemetery in Midland.

Pearl "Lynelle" Pelt Lynch

Pearl "Lynelle" Pelt Lynch, 84, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017 at Mission Dorado Baptist Church. Burial follows at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Lynelle is survived by sons, Stephen L. Lynch and Bob D. Lynch; and daughter, Donna K. Trout.

Video shows officer using stun gun on handcuffed man

Associated Press

DALLAS — A video leaked to a television station shows a white Dallas-area police sergeant using a stun gun on a handcuffed black suspect, returning the same police department to the spotlight just weeks after a white officer was charged with murder in the shooting of an unarmed black teenager.

The video anonymously mailed to KDFW-TV shows an April 2016 incident in which Balch Springs police officers are responding to a call of a man waving a gun around as he walks through a neighborhood. The suspect, identified as Marco Stephenson, is on his knees with his hands behind his head when the video aired by the station Tuesday starts.

The officers kick a gun— later identified as a BB gun— away from Stephenson, handcuff him and use a utility knife to cut off his backpack strap. As the backpack comes off, the unnamed sergeant uses a hand-held stun gun to shock Stephenson twice.

The sergeant is heard saying, "Don't pull away. You get it? You get it? Because I ain't playing with you today."

Balch Springs police did not immediately respond to a request from The Associated Press on Wednesday seeking body camera footage related to the arrest. A department spokesman did not immediately return a message to the AP, but department officials issued a statement Tuesday on the agency's Facebook page.

"The video was reviewed by the Texas Ranger Division, which is the highest and most prestigious law enforcement agency in Texas," the statement read. "It was determined charges would not be filed against the Balch Springs police officer after the video was reviewed by an independent agency and an internal review was conducted."

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FORT WORTH

Prosecutor: Officer failed to follow training when man shot

A prosecutor says a Fort Worth police officer failed to follow his training when he shot a man who was walking in his neighborhood while holding a barbecue fork.

Tarrant County prosecutor Tamla Ray during opening statements Tuesday in the trial of officer Courtney Johnson challenged Johnson's assertion that his shotgun accidentally discharged in the 2015 shooting.

The 35-year-old officer is charged with aggravated assault by a public servant in the shooting of Craigory Adams.

Police have said Johnson was responding to a homeowner's call about a knife-wielding man.

Authorities have denied race was a factor. Johnson is white and Adams black.

Adams, who has a mental impairment, had dropped the fork and gone down on his knee when he was shot. He suffered an arm wound.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Car registered to Texas judge involved in road-rage incident

Authorities in South Texas are investigating whether a state district judge brandished a handgun and attempted to run a motorist off the road in a road-rage incident last month.

A Corpus Christi police record indicates a Mercedes registered to Judge Guy Williams was involved in an altercation April 28.

The record shows a woman told police that the driver of the Mercedes, an older man, "pulled a gun on them."

Police and the Nueces County district attorney's office told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that they often have cases adjudicated in Williams' court so they're forwarding the road-rage incident to Texas Rangers to avoid any conflict.

The 67-year-old Williams says he can't comment on a pending investigation but will "cooperate fully with authorities."

ROUND ROCK

Man sues woman for $17.31 movie ticket after bad date

A Texas man is suing a woman he went on a date with for the price of a movie ticket after he says she texted through the film and left him at the theater.

Brandon Vezmar filed the claim for $17.31 last week. The 37-year-old tells the Austin American-Statesman he met the woman online and they went to see "Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2" on May 6. He says the 35-year-old woman refused to stop texting. Vezmar says he suggested she step outside to text. The woman then left the theater and never returned.

The woman tells the newspaper Vezmar asked her later for the cost of the ticket, but she refused because "he took me out on a date."

NEW MEXICO

Highway closures planned today for test of Army missile

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE — Portions of three southern New Mexico highways will be closed for an hour today morning for a test launch of an Army tactical missile.

White Sands Missile Range officials say closures are planned between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

U.S. 54 and adjacent railroad tracks will be closed between Orogrande and the McGregor Range exit. U.S. 70 will be closed between San Augustine Pass and Alamogordo, and U.S. 380 will be closed between San Antonio and Carrizozo.

White Sands spokeswoman Cammy Montoya says people near U.S. 380 may hear an explosion from the missile's impact during the time the highways are blocked.

Montoya says the missile will produce a contrail similar to an aircraft contrail but thicker.

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Ingurgitate
[in-gur-ji-teyt]
verb
1. to swallow greedily or in great quantity, as food.
2. to engulf; swallow up.

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■ 13. Crude Fest 2017 lineup revealed 1,613 views
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■ 15. Man charged in shooting incident 1,531 views
■ 16. MHS well represented on all-district team 1,493 views
■ 17. Franks' selection for MISD campus was not unanimous 1,493 views
■ 18. 13 concerns about the Netflix show '13 Reasons Why' 1,218 views
■ 19. Record number of MC graduates walk the stage 1,186 views
■ 20. Odessa employees get surprise stock in company 1,145 views

Things to do

■ Storytime at the Library.10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.
■ ClayDesta Brownbag Concert: Permian Basin String Quartet. 11:45 a.m., ClayDesta Plaza, 6 Desta Drive. Free. MOBC.org.
■ Third Thursday Reading, 4:30 p.m., George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. Featured book with copies given to each child. Free. bushchildhoodhome.org.
■ Yappy Hour Fiesta benefiting Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals, 5:30 p.m., The Racquet Club, 3009 Racquet Club Drive. $125.
■ Crude Fest 2017: Elaina Kay, Rich O'Toole, Bart Crow and Stoney LaRue, 6 p.m., Crude Fest grounds, 5209 S. County Road 1270. thecrudefest.com.
■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.
■ Trivia Night, 7 p.m., Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.
■ Bingo Night, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.
■ #Hangovertodays, 7 p.m., Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.
■ Houston Person Dance Party, 8 p.m., MCM Elegante, 5200 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $25. WTJS.org.
■ Karaoke, 9 p.m., The Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway. thedetourbar.com.

Note: For more information on the weekend calendar scene, check out the Weekender section in today's edition.

Movie in the Park series to begin

The city's Parks and Recreation Department will kick off its Movie in the Park series on Friday with "Moana." The free showing begins at about 9 p.m. at Hill Park, 1301 W. Cuthbert Ave.

The series, presented in partnership with KPEJ, will continue through Aug. 18.

Other movies to be shown (subject to weather conditions):
■ June 2: "Zootopia" - Butler Park, 3801 Bluebird Lane
■ June 16: "Star Wars: Rogue One" - Windlands Park, 1001 W. Dengar Ave.
■ July 7: "The Jungle Book" (2016) - C.J. Kelly Park, 5500 League Drive
■ July 21: "Finding Dory" - Hogan Park, 1201 E. Wadley Ave.
■ Aug. 4: "Secret Life of Pets" - Beal Park, 5200 W. Wall St.
■ Aug. 18: "Sing" - Fasken Park, 2301 Humble Ave.

Source: City of Midland

MPD memorial service

The Midland Police Department's commemoration of National Police Memorial Week continues with a memorial service at 3 p.m. today at Stonegate Fellowship, 6000 W. Wadley Ave. The names of each officer will be read aloud and a rose will be placed in their memory.

The service is open to the public.

Today in History:

Today is Thursday, May 18, the 138th day of 2017. There are 227 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On May 18, 1927, in America's deadliest school attack, part of a schoolhouse in Bath Township, Michigan, was blown up with explosives planted by local farmer Andrew Kehoe, who then set off a bomb in his truck; the attacks killed 38 children and six adults, including Kehoe, who'd earlier killed his wife. (Authorities said Kehoe, who suffered financial difficulties, was seeking revenge for losing a township clerk election.)

On this date:

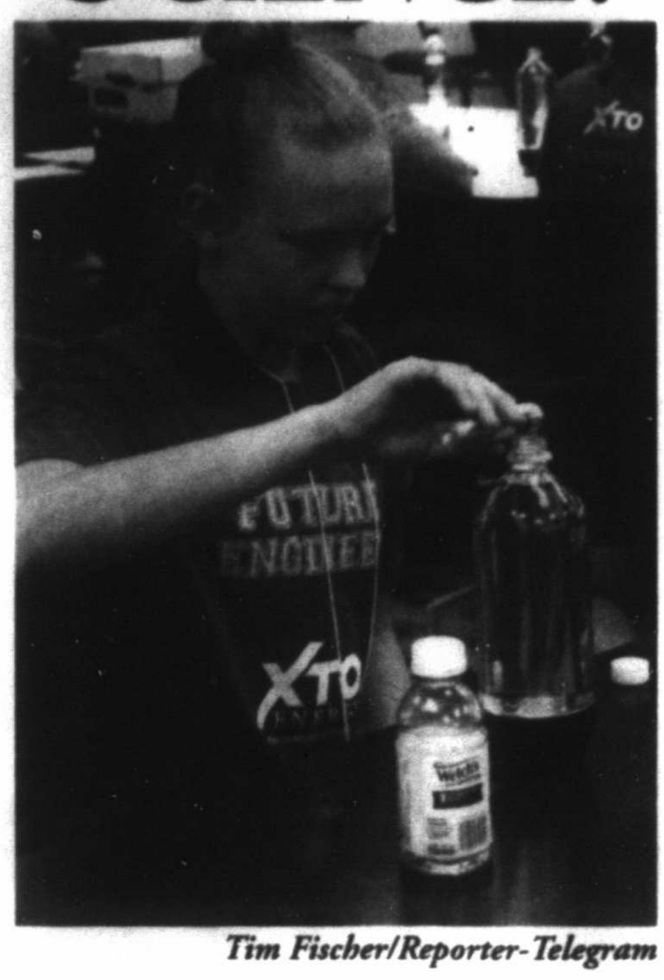
In 1896, the Supreme Court, in Plessy v. Ferguson, endorsed "separate but equal" racial segregation, a concept renounced 58 years later in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka.

In 1973, Harvard law professor Archibald Cox was appointed Watergate special prosecutor by U.S. Attorney General Elliot Richardson.

In 1980, the Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state exploded, leaving 57 people dead or missing.

Today's birthday: Country singer George Strait is 65.

SCIENCE!



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Kimberly Bidwell adds glitter to her home-made lava lamp Wednesday as she and other middle school girls are introduced to engineering at XTO Energy. See coverage and more photos of the event in Sunday's edition of the Oil Report.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 5-9-7
Pick 3 day: 4-7-7
Pick 3 evening: 2-3-1
Pick 3 night: 9-1-6
Daily 4 morning: 1-3-6-5
Daily 4 day: 4-6-3-6
Daily 4 evening: 2-4-8-4
Daily 4 night: 2-4-3-6
Cash Five: 8-11-12-17-29
Lotto Texas: 16-17-29-31-37-51
Texas Triple Chance: 5-6-23-27-29-30-33-40-47-55
Powerball: 4-11-39-45-48 PB: 9 Power Play: 3
Mega Millions: 4-35-39-56-72 MB: 11 Megaplier: 5
All or Nothing morning: 4-8-10-12-14-15-16-17-18-20-21-24
All or Nothing day: 5-6-7-8-11-12-13-15-17-18-21-22
All or Nothing evening: 2-4-7-8-10-11-15-16-18-19-22-23
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Weather

Wednesday's temperatures
High 88
Low 63
Normal high 88
Normal low 60

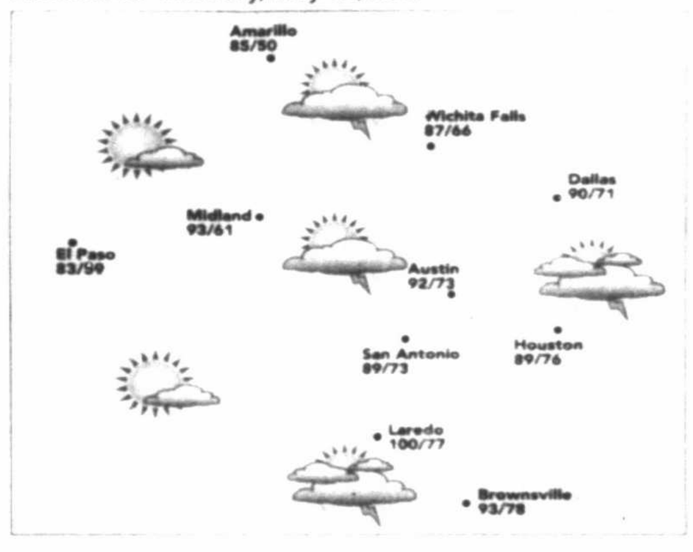
May 17's records
Record high: 103 set in 2013
Record low: 47 set in 1932 and equaled in 1986

Precipitation
Tuesday ..... 0.06 in.
Wednesday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 0.11 in.
Year total ..... 4.91 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 3.28 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 24 mph
Gust speed: 36 mph

May 18 forecast

Forecast for Thursday, May 18, 2017



High: 94
Low: 61

Conditious: Sunny during the day/partly cloudy at night
Winds: 15-20 mph (gusts around 30 mph) during the day and night
Chance of rain: 20 percent at night

Sunrise ..... 6:49 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:47 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Aquarius if born before 11:52 p.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 18, 2017:

This year you have professional offers or opportunities come forward. Some of you might decide to start your own business, whereas others are likely to get a pay raise or promotion. Use your insights well, even if you choose not to share them. If you are single, you could attract an offbeat type of person. While this bond might be fun, make sure that it's what you want for the long term. If you are attached, the two of you will become more adventuresome together. Do not get discouraged, should your sweetie become somewhat withdrawn; be loving and accepting. PISCES can be a hoot to go out with.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your energy might be focused on a friendship or a long-term desire. You could feel as if everything is heading in the direction you want it to go, only to discover otherwise. Do not lose sight of your goal, should this scenario become a reality. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You have been experiencing a lot of fast changes that have had a strong effect on you. It could be that you are not sure of yourself or your choices, at least at the moment. Your ability to see past the obvious gives you a lot of power. Share more of your ideas. Tonight: Say "yes."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You could be questioning what is necessary to make a personal situation work for you. Detach, and you'll figure out a solution that will work best for everyone involved. A friend might say something that triggers even more insight. Tonight: Reach out to a loved one at a distance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A partner plays a special role in what occurs. Try to shorten your to-do list, as you could be dragging a bit. Let someone else carry out some of your responsibilities today. Consider taking a power nap; you could be happier as a result. Tonight: Take off for the weekend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Others seem to take the lead, while you can barely get a word in edgewise. How you handle a personal matter could change your mood as well as someone else's. A child or new love interest seems rather distant, which might be upsetting to you. Tonight: Go with the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You'll make an adjustment with ease. A partner or close associate could be creating some uproar, so much so that you can't seem to distance yourself from this person. Relax rather than get uptight. You will see this situation a lot differently soon. Tonight: Take a long walk.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your playfulness comes out, and you might discover that some people don't appreciate it. Be more sensitive to those around you. A loved one could become very explosive if you are not careful. Choose your words with care. Tonight: Consider starting the weekend early.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You could feel as if a personal matter has gotten out of control. You might not want to share the particulars, but others seem to sense what is happening. You could have a lot of nervous energy to release. Take a walk or choose another stress-buster. Tonight: Out late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ What seems difficult at first could become easy if you ask for some help or support. Many people do this, so don't allow your pride to interfere with what is happening. A child or loved one is full of surprises; by now, you probably are used to them. Tonight: Seize the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You might not be able to deal with a personal matter just yet. Your sense of humor takes you down a new path, which will be quite unexpected. A matter involving your domestic life could create a substantial amount of uproar; try to get it under control. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Honor a need to be spontaneous. You often try to be more self-disciplined, but right now it would be best to just go with the moment. A surprise elicits a strong response from you. You even might be taken aback by your own reaction. Tonight: Meet up with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Be more sensitive and direct when dealing with a loved one. You might need to read between the lines in order to understand how to handle a problem. Once you know what the real issue is, it will be a lot easier to handle it successfully. Tonight: Nap first, then go out.

BORN TODAY

Actress Tina Fey (1970), baseball player Reggie Jackson (1946), singer George Strait (1952)

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Dan Patrick backs special session for 'bathroom bill'

Associated Press

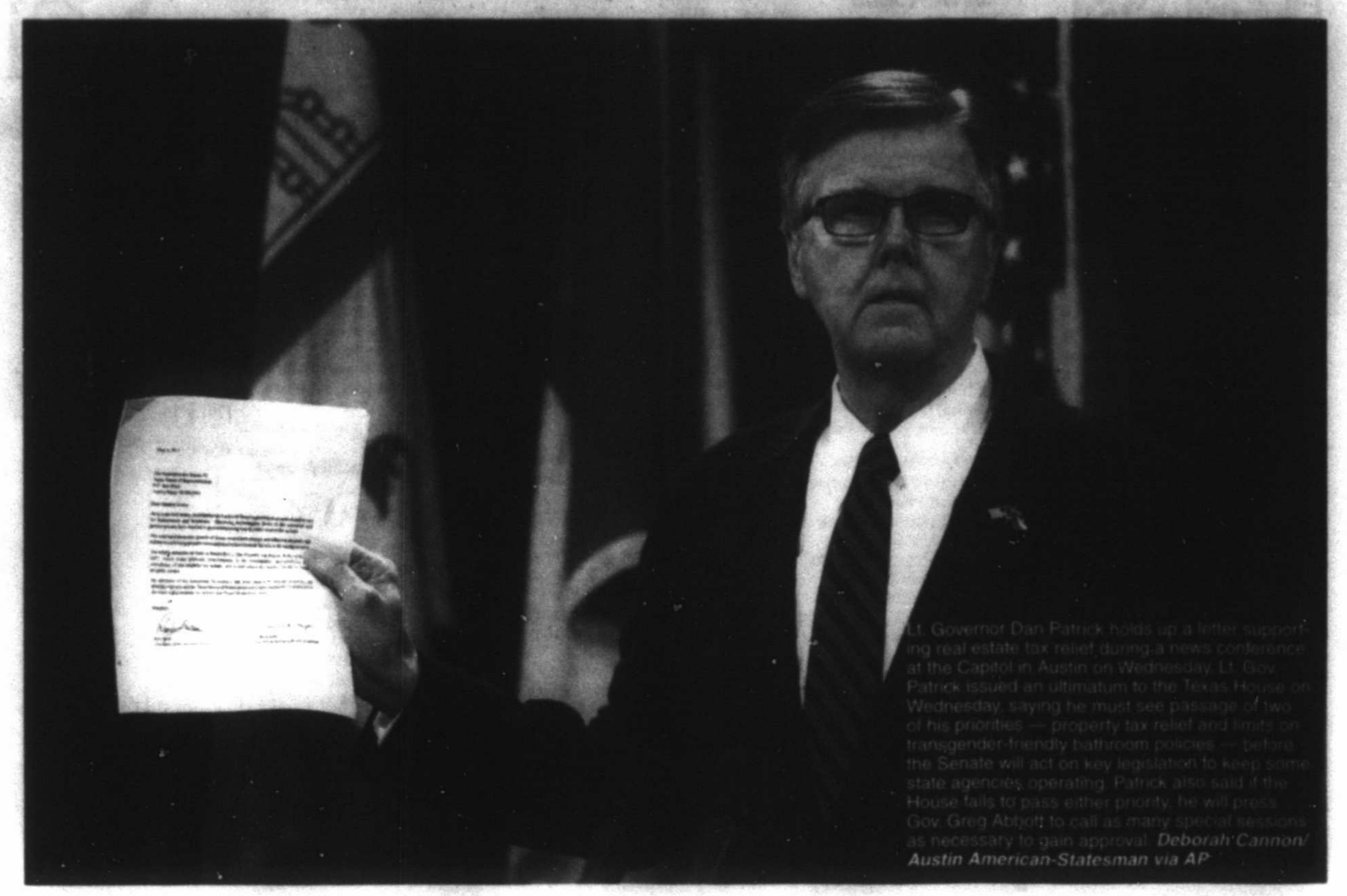
AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick is clamoring for a special legislative session unless the Texas House approves legislation it was already expected to pass: a North Carolina-style "bathroom bill" and property tax cuts.

Only Gov. Greg Abbott can order lawmakers back after the Legislature adjourns May 29, and he's said previously he's hesitant to do so. Legislators in small-government-loving Texas meet only every-other year.

But Patrick, who oversees the state Senate, said Wednesday "people don't care how many sessions it takes."

The Senate already passed property tax cuts and rules on transgender Texans' public restroom use. Both still have time to clear the House and have been backed by Abbott.

House Speaker Joe Straus responded by calling "regrettable" Patrick's "threat to force a special session unless he gets everything his way."



Lt. Governor Dan Patrick holds up a letter supporting real estate tax relief during a news conference at the Capitol in Austin on Wednesday. Lt. Gov. Patrick issued an ultimatum to the Texas House on Wednesday, saying he must see passage of two of his priorities — property tax relief and limits on transgender-friendly bathroom policies — before the Senate will act on key legislation to keep some state agencies operating. Patrick also said if the House fails to pass either priority, he and possibly Gov. Greg Abbott to call as many special sessions as necessary to gain approval. *Deborah Cannon/ Austin American-Statesman via AP*

Uresti court appearance

A Texas state senator says he's innocent of fraud, bribery and money laundering charges that could bring a 200-year prison sentence if convicted on all counts.

Carlos Uresti, a Democrat from San Antonio, turned himself in Wednesday to authorities in his hometown before appearing in federal court. Outside the courthouse, Uresti said he is innocent of all charges.

Federal indictments accuse the 53-year-old Uresti of engaging in an investment Ponzi scheme to market hydraulic fracturing sand for oil production. He's also charged with aiding a bribery scheme to secure a prison medical services contract.

Uresti said he would immediately return to the state Capitol, where he is one of 11 Democrats in the 31-member Senate.

Rape kit funding

The Texas Senate has approved a bill allowing drivers to offer donations to help the state clear its backlog of untested rape kits.

The proposal asks drivers renewing their licenses to donate $1 or more to help test rape kits awaiting analysis.

Advocates say that while the driver license renewal approach is new, turning to crowdfunding isn't. In 2007, Texas enacted a $5 fee from sexually oriented businesses to help finance initiatives like rape crisis centers and programs for sexual assault survivors.

The GOP-controlled state Senate approved the bill Wednesday, and it cleared the House last month. Though sponsored by Democrats, it also has found support with spending-conscious Republicans.

Texas has thousands of untested rape kits statewide. Bill sponsors say processing a single one can cost up to $2,000.

Ride-hailing regulations

The Texas Senate has voted to create statewide regulations for ride-hailing companies, potentially voiding a local Austin ordinance that caused Uber and Lyft to stop operating in the state capital.

Given final approval 20-10 on Wednesday, the bill brings ride-hailing companies under Texas regulatory control and imposes fees.

The bill previously cleared the House, which included tea party-backed language defining "sex" as the "physical condition of being male or female." That's a reference to the Legislature's contentious "bathroom bill," which is separate legislation regulating transgender Texans' public restroom use.

The Senate preserved that language. Sponsoring Sen. Charles Schwertner, said, "it's stating the obvious."

Uber and Lyft left Austin last year, protesting an ordinance requiring drivers to be fingerprinted in background checks. The bill requires annual background checks, but not fingerprinting.

Straight-ticket voting

The Texas Senate has preliminarily approved a bill eliminating straight-ticket voting statewide beginning in 2020.

The chamber voted 20-10 to advance the measure prohibiting voters from choosing a party's full slate of candidates with just a single ballot marking, over Democratic objections.

It still needs a final Senate vote, likely coming Thursday, while the House approved a similar measure earlier this month — after hours of heated debate.

For now, Texas is one of 10 states allowing straight-ticket voting. Twelve states have scrapped it since 1994, though.

Backers say doing so forces voters to do more research on down-ballot races. Opponents note that people can still vote for all candidates from one party, but that the process will get more onerous and time-consuming, possibly adding to lines at polling places.

On deck

The Senate has adjourned until 11 a.m. Thursday. The House is working late on Wednesday but on Thursday is expected to tackle the property tax cut bill that constituted half of Patrick's special session ultimatum.

Quote of the day

"I want to avoid a special session, but I'm prepared to go into one" — Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, intensifying on Thursday his war of words with fellow Republican and House Speaker Joe Straus.

Indicators

From 1A

approach the levels seen at the height of the oil boom between 2010 and 2014. Ingham expects the pace will quicken as the economy strengthens.

Consumer activity continues to rebound as the economy begins to recover. In Midland-Odessa, March retail sales were 11 percent higher than the previous March, the first year-over-year increase since April 2015. First-quarter spending was down 2.8 percent from the same quarter a year ago, which Ingham said was down 21 percent from the first quarter of 2015.

In Midland, March spending was up 5.3 percent compared to the previous March, while first-quarter spending was down 7.8 percent compared to the first quarter of 2016.

Automotive spending posted its third consecutive double-digit gain in March, rising 18.3 percent from March 2016. First-quarter spending was up 17.9 percent compared to a year earlier.

In Midland, March automotive spending was up 24.9 percent over the previous March and up 20.5 percent for the first quarter over the first quarter of 2016.

Ingham said that as he prepared the index he was surprised by the robustness of the housing market, which established records in March, Ingham said.

"It has to be considered still pretty early on in the recovery process, and for housing to set records," he said.

Midland and Odessa issued 173 permits for new homes, up 119 percent from 79 the previous March and a record not just for the month of March but any month previous, according to Ingham. For the first quarter, the two cities issued 387 permits, up 87.9 percent from 206 in the first quarter of 2016.

Midland issued 102 new housing permits in March, up 183.3 percent from the 36 issued in March 2016. In the first quarter, Midland issued 232 permits, up 118.9 percent from 106 issued in the same period a year earlier.

Ingham said Midland and Odessa also set a record for the number of existing homes sold, with the 388 sold in March, breaking the previous record of 377 set in June 2014 and July 2015. The number is up 43.2 percent from the 271 sold in March 2016. For the first quarter, 896 homes were sold — also a record — up 44.7 percent from the 619 sold in last year's first quarter.

In Midland, 269 homes were sold in March, up 49.4 percent from the 180 sold the previous March. For the first quarter, 637 homes were sold, up 59.3 percent from 400 in the first quarter of 2016.

While home prices had moderated over the last couple of years, posting a monthly decline of about 3.5 percent n 2015 and 2016, Ingham said prices are again on the rise.

The average sales price for a home in Midland-Odessa in March was $251,703, up 6.8 percent from last March's $235,697. The first quarter average of $246,335 was up 5.7 percent from last year's average of $233,064. Both are records, Ingham said.

In Midland, the average price in March was $279,221, up 6.1 percent from last March's $268,047. The first quarter average of $271,117 was up 4.4 percent from $259,740 in the first quarter of 2016.

Construction activity posted its first quarterly year-over-year growth since the first quarter of 2015. The value of all building permits in March was 35.8 percent higher than in March 2016, which was down more than 50 percent from March 2015 levels. The value of all building permits in the first quarter rose 17.4 percent compared to the first quarter of 2016, which was down 35 percent from the first quarter of 2015.

In Midland, the value of all building permits in March soared 229.3 percent from March 2016 levels. The first quarter total was 49.1 percent higher.

Director

From 1A

he's trying to shut me up. I'm from Northern Ireland, and no one tries to shut me up," he told the Reporter-Telegram ahead of Wednesday's screening. "George Orwell once said, 'Journalism is something that someone somewhere doesn't want published.' I thought, 'This guy doesn't want this published and there's a good story here.' I need to let him know he can't shut me up."

McAleer said the anti-fracturing movement has only grown in the years since "FrackNation" was released.

"The anti-fracking movement has spread rather than (getting) smaller. It's an international virus now based on emotion, misrepresentation and anecdote, not any scientific facts."

Still, he said his message has been successful.

"One of my proudest achievements is I finally killed the 'fracking makes your water go on fire' myth. Actually, it's not a myth — it's a lie. The sad thing is, Josh Fox knew he was lying. He's an unethical journalist, and 'Gasland' is an unethical documentary."

McAleer said oil companies are picked on because they're easy targets, and they should fight back.

"Oil companies that embrace environmental extremists are embracing their own enemy. They need to stand up for themselves and fight against the lies. There's a slight tendency nowadays for some oil companies to portray themselves as some kind of friends to the green movement. Winston Churchill said something like appeasement is feeding a crocodile and hoping he'll eat you last."

"I know you're working very hard and that you're busy, but this anti-fracking and anti-fossil fuel movement and ideology is an existential threat to your livelihood and to the prosperity of America and the prosperity of the world. You need to get more screenings like this; get it into schools and universities."

Phelim McAleer, co-director of 'FrackNation'

Wednesday's Q&A was one of many McAleer and McElhinney have participated in over the years. The single-most asked question has been about motivation. "People want to know what the motivation of people like Josh Fox is. Why did they lie? Why do people who claim their water was polluted when it wasn't, why did they lie? It's a mixture of greed."

McAleer called Fox a "fossil fuel ideologue" and also said anti-fracturing advocates have a "15-minutes-of-fame motivation," citing vocal celebrities such as Yoko Ono, Mark Ruffalo, Jimmy Kimmel and Lady Gaga.

The Northern Ireland-native's message doesn't change when he's in areas such as Midland and Odessa, which are steeped in the oil and gas industries. "People say don't preach to the choir. The choir needs to practice. They may sound good on Sunday, but they practice on Tuesday and Thursday," he said.

McAleer said he didn't come to West Texas to lecture its residents. Rather, his mission is to get its residents motivated because there is a lot on the line in the nation's largest oil patch.

"I know you're working very hard and that you're busy, but this anti-fracking and anti-fossil fuel movement and ideology is an existential threat to your livelihood and to the prosperity of America and the prosperity of the world," he said. "You need to get more screenings like this; get it into schools and universities."

"FrackNation" isn't McAleer's and McElhinney's only effort. This year, they released the book "Gosnell: The Untold Story of America's Most Prolific Serial Killer," the story of Philadelphia abortion doctor Kermit Gosnell and his conviction and life sentence for killing several infants and two women. Their film "Gosnell: America's Biggest Serial Killer" is expected to be released this year.

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

Changes

From 1A

July 10 as the start date for a trial over the state's House and congressional political maps.

In March, the Tribune reported, the panel ruled lawmakers knowingly discriminated in drawing the state's congressional map and flagged particular violations in specific districts, including Congressional District 27, represented by Blake Farenthold, R-Corpus Christi; and CD-35, represented by Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin.

The judges also found in a 2-1 ruling that the 2011 Texas Legislature intentionally diluted the clout of minority voters statewide and specifically in a litany of state House districts across Texas, according to the Tribune. Changes could impact the 2018 election cycle.

A Conaway spokesperson said last week that "any discussion of what the final redistricted map will look like is just speculation. There is a five-day trial set for July, and there is no way of knowing what specific instructions the ruling will prescribe, if any."

The current District 23 extends from the San Antonio area, moves along the border and all the way to El Paso. Its representative is Republican Congressman Will Hurd of Helotes. A spokesman for Hurd also wasn't going to speculate on a result.

Midland County Republican Chairman James Beauchamp said he believes it's "doubtful anything would happen that would impact Mike's district."

He expects the fix to include adding a block of minority voters from an area of San Antonio or El Paso.

"It would be limited to those districts that have a problem, and we ain't one of them," Beauchamp said.

The topic of redistricting came up as Hinojosa mentioned he expects all Republican congressmen to face competition in 2018, something he said is a stark contrast to 2012 when he became chairman and when competition for Republicans was hard to find.

David Rosen, Midland County Democratic Chairman, said Democrats will have a challenger, no matter the configuration of the district. Rosen said even if Conaway's district doesn't change, there are Democrats interested in running and that a name will come out when the time is right.

"I'm ready for whatever happens," Rosen said. "I wish Pete Gallego was my congressman, I can say that."

Keeping output down might be harder for OPEC

By Grant Smith
Bloomberg

"It was easy to mask maintenance in the first half as voluntary cuts, but quite impossible to do it any further. There will be lower discipline within OPEC, and lower discipline from non-OPEC."

Eugen Weinberg, head of commodities research at Commerzbank AG

OPEC impressed oil traders this year by making almost all the supply cuts it promised. Keeping output down will only get harder.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its partners are expected to extend output curbs into early 2018 when they meet next week, in an ongoing bid to clear a global surplus. Yet the tailwinds that made cutting supply easier in the first half of the year — from a seasonal lull in demand to temporary oil-field maintenance — will be gone just as new obstacles are emerging.

To keep a lid on output this summer, Saudi Arabia will need to sacrifice an even bigger share of exports as consumption at home rises. Iraq yearns to expand capacity, and has already used the option of maintenance to keep oil fields idle. Meanwhile Nigeria and Libya, two OPEC nations exempt from the deal, are restoring lost output.

"They're going to struggle," said Michael Barry, director of research at consultants FGE in London. "This deal has been remarkable in its implementation. As time goes on, discipline is likely to erode. Almost every country wants their production to go up."

Brent crude, the global benchmark, was trading 0.7 percent higher at $52.01 a barrel as of 12:46 p.m. in London.

As the world's fuel-storage tanks remain brimming and prices languish, OPEC and its allies have conceded that the initial plan for six months of production cuts wasn't long enough. Yet Saudi Arabia and Russia's proposal that their 24-nation coalition, due to meet in Vienna on May 25, should extend the measures for another nine months may prove an unbearable strain.

"Production curbs for the first quarter of 2017 were comparatively easy to agree to," said David Fyfe, chief economist at Geneva-based oil trader Gunvor Group. "They'll likely agree to extend" but "the risk is higher they'll leak extra barrels onto the market."

OPEC showed an unprecedented level of commitment to this deal, implementing 96 percent of the cuts it promised during the first four months of the year, according to the International Energy Agency.

Some are optimistic that OPEC and its partners will maintain their resolve. The stakes are high enough that the organization will stick to its commitments, and as inventories decline producers will feel encouraged to stay the course, said Mike Wittner, head of oil market research at Societe Generale in New York.

"They're going to hold the line," said Wittner. "If we see stock draws happening soon, which we believe will be the case, those signs of success will bolster their determination. When you see light at the end of the tunnel, it's easier to keep it together."

Still, strong compliance was often attributable to Saudi Arabia cutting more than it was required, compensating for laggards like Iraq and the United Arab Emirates.

If the kingdom continues to restrain output, it needs to make another sacrifice. The Saudis typically boost production during the summer to maintain exports while meeting increased local demand from air conditioning. Keeping a cap on output would mean foregoing some exports and the revenues they bring.

Iraq, which still hasn't made its full cut, plans to boost production capacity to 5 million barrels a day, an increase of about 6 percent, Oil Minister Jabbar al-Luaibi said on May 11. This won't conflict with its commitment to freeze output, he said.

"We have question marks around Iraq," said Harry Tchilinguirian, head of commodity markets strategy at BNP Paribas in London. "They have been reluctant since the very beginning and were slow to implement their cuts. Most of the supply restraint in Iraq has come with the help of field maintenance."

Maintenance in Iraq, Kuwait and the U.A.E. may have accounted for about 500,000 barrels a day of the output halted — almost half the group's total cut, according to FGE. For Iraq, this enabled them to avoid compensating foreign companies for unscheduled production shutdowns.

"Several countries basically used maintenance as a way of keeping production down but what they did was pull it forward from later in the year," said FGE's Barry. "Now maintenance is over the question is what do they do? More maintenance or cut at other fields? The pressure is on."

OPEC also faces the challenge that the two members exempted from the deal because of production losses are recovering. Both Libya and Nigeria are showing progress in tackling the political crises that slashed their output.

Libya is producing at the highest level in more than two years after restarting its largest oil field, according to state-run National Oil Corp., while Nigeria has fixed a pipeline after a one-year halt that could boost its output by about 13 percent.

The 11 non-members joining OPEC's effort have still only implemented about two-thirds of their promised reduction, according to the IEA, and also face problems in sustaining their curbs. Cutbacks in Russia came alongside the traditional seasonal stagnation in activity, and prolonging them would thwart plans by companies to expand output.

"It was easy to mask maintenance in the first half as voluntary cuts, but quite impossible to do it any further," said Eugen Weinberg, head of commodities research at Commerzbank AG in Frankfurt. "There will be lower discipline within OPEC, and lower discipline from non-OPEC."

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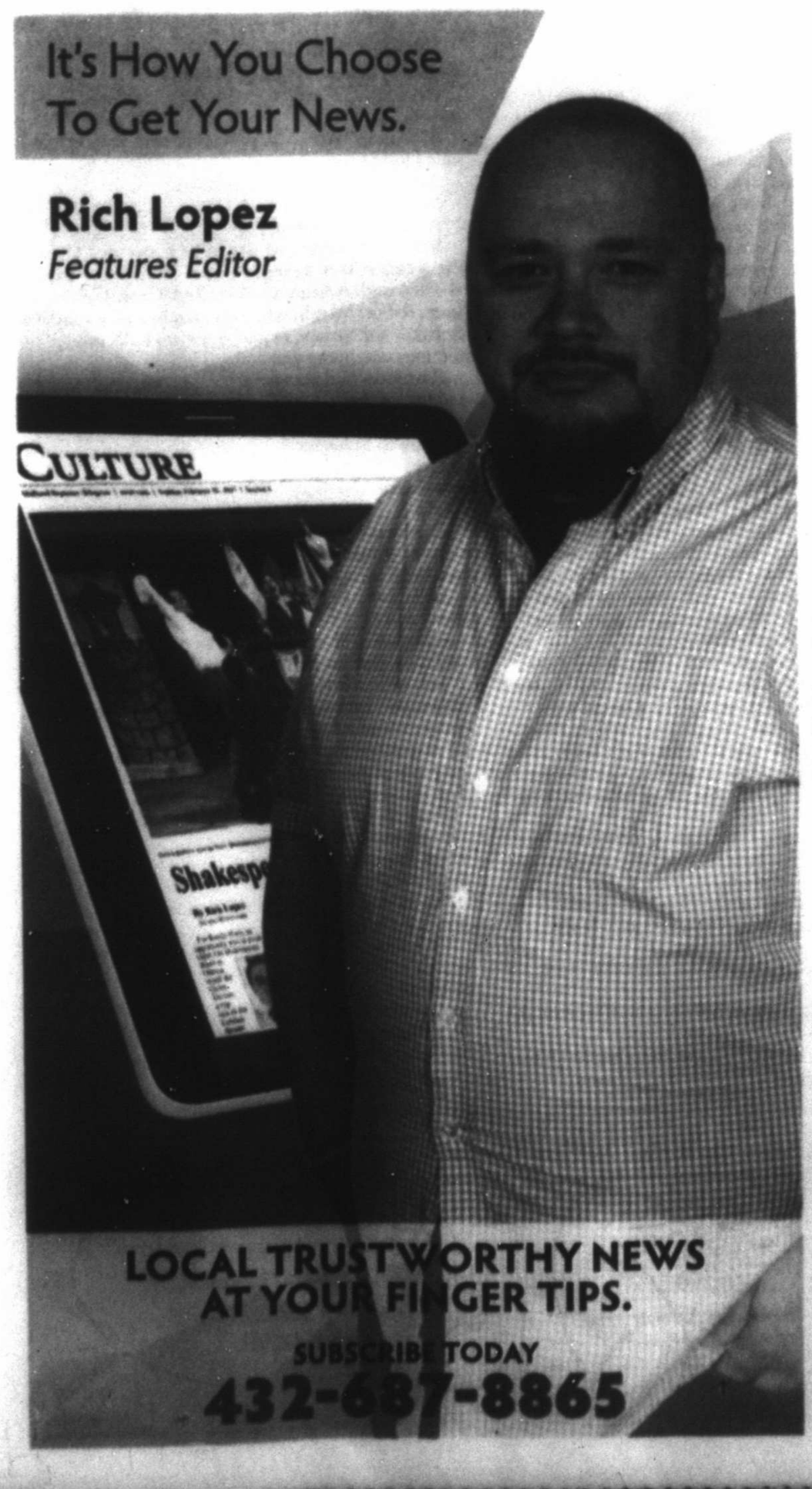

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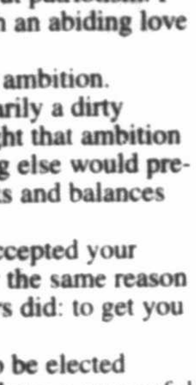
Dear Vice President: It's time to take a stand

■ It's time for the president to get his act together, and Pence might be the only man who can do it



JONAH GOLDBERG

Tribune News Service

Dear Vice President Pence,

I hope you're holding up under the strain.

I hope you don't mind me writing to you like this, but as one of those conservatives who was somewhat reassured by Donald Trump's decision to put you on the ticket, I feel compelled to ask: What's the endgame here?

Retired Gen. Michael Flynn, the president's first national security adviser, was reportedly fired for misleading you about his conversations with the Russians. But last week, you were apparently misled about the president's reasons for firing the FBI director.

Four times you said James Comey was terminated on the recommendation of the deputy attorney general, who criticized how Comey handled the Hillary Clinton email investigation during last year's campaign. Then the president told NBC's Lester Holt that the recommendation had nothing to do with it. It was all about the Russia investigation.

Maybe you weren't misled. Maybe you were part of the deception. But I'd like to think that's not the case.

Either way, is this really what you had in mind when you took the job?

I wouldn't dare appeal to you as a man of devout Christian faith; that's not my job. (It's also particularly awkward for a guy named Goldberg.) Nor do I see much point in blathering on about patriotism. I know you're a patriot with an abiding love for your country.

So let's talk about your ambition.

Ambition is not necessarily a dirty word. The founders thought that ambition more than almost anything else would preserve our system of checks and balances and safeguard our liberty.

I have to assume you accepted your position at least partly for the same reason many of your predecessors did: to get you closer to the top job.

The best way for you to be elected president is for Trump to have a successful presidency while maintaining your own credibility as a successor. That's easier said than done. There's a reason only two VPs (Martin Van Buren and George H.W. Bush) have been elected straight to the Oval Office since the passage of the 12th Amendment in 1804. You need the 2024 election to be a referendum on the Trump presidency, with a majority of voters wanting to stay the course.

It's early yet, but may I ask: How's that going? I'm not privy to what's happening behind the scenes, but from where I'm sitting, it doesn't look like it's going too well.

The Comey fiasco doesn't help the president, and your apparent willingness to abet his misbehavior doesn't help you. The latest firestorm over allegations the president revealed classified information to the Russians is still raging and many questions remain, but the controversy certainly underscores concerns about the president's ad hoc approach to the job.

I understand that the vice presidency is an awkward position under the best of circumstances. It's a bit like the Newark Airport of constitutional offices, mostly famous for the bad things people say about it. John Nance Garner, Franklin D. Roosevelt's first vice president, said it wasn't "worth a warm bucket of," well, historians debate which bodily byproduct he mentioned. Harry S. Truman, FDR's third vice president, said the office was "about as useful as a cow's fifth teat."

If that was once true, it isn't any longer. As you like to say, Trump threw away the old playbook. You have a role to play beyond acting like a campaign flunky, praising the president at every turn as a man of action displaying his "broad-shouldered leadership."

There's room to do more on your own shoulders.

Much of the president's power is derived from what Teddy Roosevelt called the "bully pulpit," or what legendary political scientist Richard Neustadt called the "power to persuade." In today's media landscape, you have an especially potent bully pulpit, because you're the one person the president cannot fire.

I don't think you should resign in response to the president hanging you out to dry in the Comey affair, but threatening to do so if he plays you for a patsy again might -- just might -- help the president get his act together, which would be good for you, the party and the country. You are also the tiebreaker in the Senate, which means something given the GOP's precariously thin majority.

The president claims to value loyalty, but we know he respects strength. For your sake and the country, maybe it's time to show some.

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GUEST VIEW

Lt. Gov. Patrick, let the Senate vote on Craddick's texting ban

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Texas is ready to ban texting while driving.

But for some reason, the Texas Senate is hesitant to put state Rep. Tom Craddick's bill to a vote.

A majority of the Senate is ready to pass that version of the bill and send it to a conference committee to resolve differences. But the conservative Senate leadership seems reluctant to move the bill forward until it has more support from Senate Republicans.

That has put sponsor Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, in an awkward position. Even though a majority of senators support the bill, she is explaining, "We're still looking for more votes."

The current bill would ban typing or reading messages but not using navigation assistance or listening to music.

In order to win more Republican support, Zaffirini may have to dilute the bill by requiring law officers to make a traffic stop based on another probable cause, such as failure to stay in a lane or running a red light.

That would make enforcement more complicated for police, who often might pull alongside a texting motorist but would be unable to pull over the car.

Libertarian conservatives elected by the small Republican primary voter base made their case four years ago, when then-Gov. Rick Perry vetoed a ban as overreach and an attempt to "micromanage the behavior of adults." Conservatives have continued to argue that a ban is an unnecessary intrusion and unenforceable.

Since Perry's veto, more than 1,000 Texans have died because of distracted driving.

No matter what the Republican base wants, the people of Texas want texting while driving to be banned.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick should bring the texting-while-driving bill to the floor and let senators vote, or explain why not at every victim's funeral.

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Abortion debate returns to state floor

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Austin American-Statesman

It's a discussion/argument/shouting match that America and Americans have had ad infinitum and ad nauseum in the 44-plus years since Roe v. Wade established the law of the land on abortion and roiled the lay of the political landscape on that perennial issue.

The recent Roe v. Wade-related battle of Alvarado v. Schaefer was a concise, six-minute Texas House floor reminder of where we are on abortion, which is about the same place we've been since Jan. 22, 1973, when the U.S. Supreme Court legalized it.

Alvarado is Rep. Carol Alvarado, D-Houston. During a 2011 floor debate on a bill to make sonograms at least 24 hours in advance mandatory for women seeking abortions, she displayed a trans-vaginal ultrasound wand to make a point about the intrusiveness of the procedure.

Schaefer is Rep. Matt Schaefer, R-Tyler. In 2015, he pushed a measure to require a woman to carry a pregnancy, after 20 weeks, to term even if there was no chance the fetus would survive.

The political and personal paths of Alvarado and Schaefer crossed at 2 p.m. May 11 during the marathon House session, producing an as-if-needed reminder of how the two sides on abortion can talk past each other. Schaefer was on the front microphone and Alvarado was on the back one as he pushed an amendment concerning more frequent reporting of complications resulting from abortions.

Alvarado reprised the debate America has been having for generations over abortions by asking if Schaefer's measure would "put people's lives at stake" via a provision that would put abortion providers' names in reports.

"I'm also concerned about the people who are affected by abortion. And that's the mother and the child that dies. OK?" Schaefer said, staking out abortion-as-murder ground.

Alvarado moved quickly to stake out the abortion-as-women's-health-issue ground: "You know," she told Schaefer, "I'm always very suspicious, especially when a male brings a bill or an amendment that affects women's health. Y'all seem to be so obsessed with women's health. I wish that you would apply that equally and be equally concerned with men's health."

Schaefer stepped on Alvarado's final few words and said, "I wish you would apply it equally to age, because pre-born women ..."

"What about men's health?" Alvarado said.

Schaefer: "What about boys and girls in the womb?"

Alvarado: "What about procedures that men have?"

Schaefer: "What about little pre-born women in the womb?"

Alvarado: "Why are you just choosing to focus on women's health?"

Schaefer: "Why are you only concerned about women's health after they're born?"

Alvarado: "I'm concerned about everyone's health."

Schaefer: "Well, you're not because you discriminate based on age."

Alvarado: "I don't discriminate."

Schaefer: "You do."

Alvarado: "I do not."

Schaefer: "Then you would be concerned about them before they're born."

Then both were warned by Rep. Craig Goldman, R-Fort Worth, who was standing in for House Speaker Joe Straus, to keep their remarks related to the measure being debated.

Alvarado said abortions have a "99 percent safety record" and other procedures carry 14 times more likelihood of major complications. That was an invitation to Schaefer's core argument about abortion.

"Rep. Alvarado," he said, "abortions are not at all safe for the pre-born babies. In fact, abortions are fatal."

Alvarado: "I'm sorry. I don't recall hearing any reports of this. Has it been in the news? Has someone been investigated?"

Schaefer: "Are you not aware that abortion terminates a life?"

Alvarado: "I'm asking you to point out the facts and these are the facts that it is 99 percent safe."

Schaefer: "It is not safe for the baby. It is 100 percent fatal. This cannot be compared to a tonsillectomy or vasectomy. The purpose of a tonsillectomy or vasectomy is not to take someone's life. The purpose of an abortion is to take someone's life. That's why we take it so seriously."

Then there was some more back and forth about vasectomies. And it wound toward this conclusion when Rep. Cindy Burkett, R-Sunnyvale, moved that time for the debate had expired, but not before Schaefer spoke of the need for more frequent reporting of instances of abortion complications.

"We have a lack of good data on this procedure," he said. "We need to modernize it. We need to bring it into the 21st century ..."

And that was an opening for Alvarado.

"I think you need to come into the 21st century," she said as the speaker's gavel ended the debate on the amendment but not on abortion.

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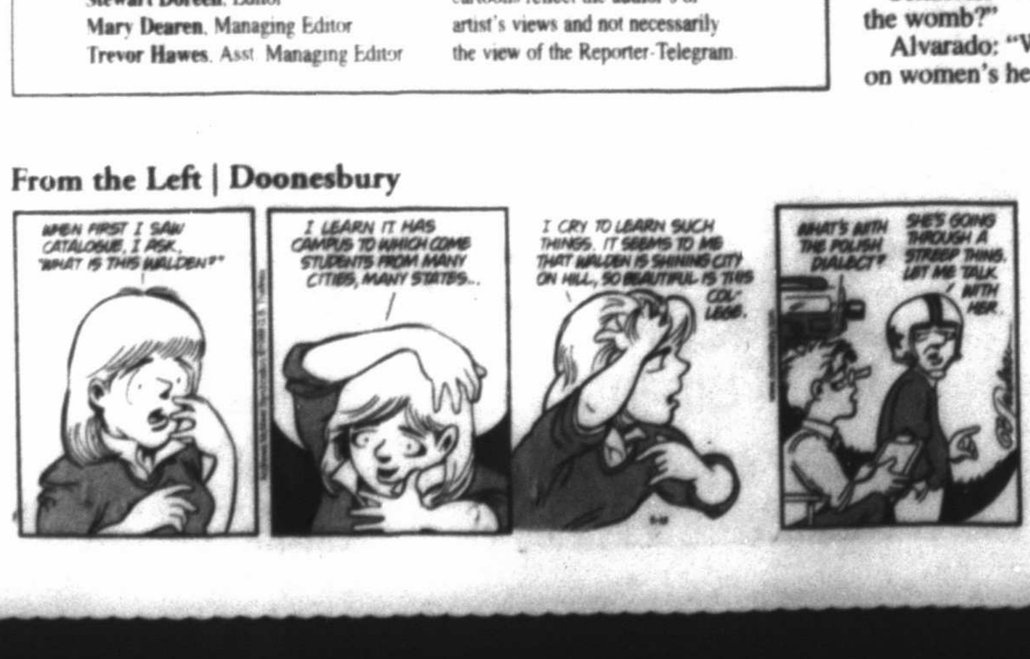

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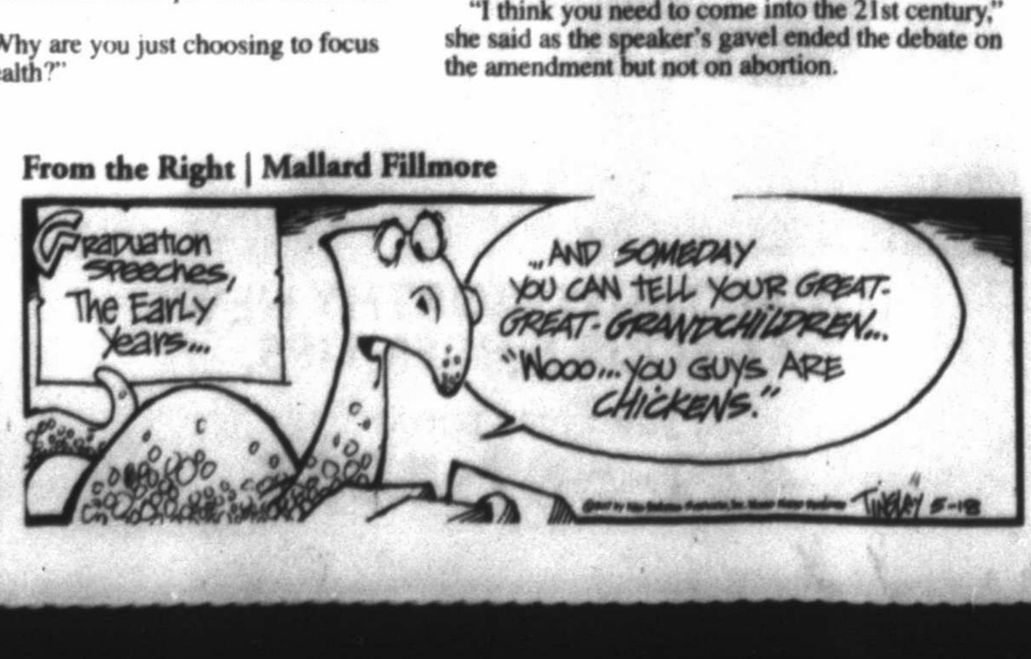

Worst treatment ever, Trump grumbles; Dems demand deep probe

By Nancy Benac, Eric Tucker and Catherine Lucey
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President Donald Trump gestures as he gives the commencement address at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., on Wednesday.

"No politician in history, and I say this with great surety, has been treated worse or more unfairly. You can't let the critics and the naysayers get in the way of your dreams. ... I guess that's why we won. Adversity makes you stronger. Don't give in, don't back down. ... And the more righteous your fight, the more opposition that you will face."

President Donald Trump

WASHINGTON — A besieged President Donald Trump complained Wednesday that "no politician in history" has been treated worse by his foes, even as exasperated fellow Republicans slowly joined the clamor for a deeper investigation into whether he tried to quash an FBI probe into a top aide's ties to Russia.

Three congressional committees, all led by Republicans, confirmed they want to hear from fired FBI Director James Comey, whose notes about a February meeting with the president indicate Trump urged him to drop the bureau's investigation of fired National Security Adviser Michael Flynn. Congressional investigators are seeking Comey's memos, as well as documents from the Justice Department related to the firing.

The latest political storm, coupled with the still-potent fallout from Trump's recent disclosure of classified information to Russian diplomats, overshadowed all else in the capital and beyond. Stocks fell sharply on Wall Street as investors worried that the latest turmoil in Washington could hinder Trump's pro-business agenda.

Democrats called ever more loudly for a more aggressive investigation into what they described as possible obstruction of justice. Republicans, frustrated the president's relentless parade of problems, largely sought to cool the heated climate with assurances they would get to the bottom of scandals.

"There's clearly a lot of politics being played," House Speaker Paul Ryan said. "Our job is to get the facts and to be sober about doing that."

Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell said it would be "appropriate and timely for the Senate to hear directly" from Comey in a setting open to the public.

Unimpressed, Rep. Elijah Cummings, top Democrat on a key House oversight panel, said, "Speaker Ryan has shown he has zero, zero, zero appetite for any investigation of Donald Trump. He accused the Republicans of taking great pains to "do as little as humanly possible, just to claim that they're doing something."

Interest is hardly limited to the U.S. in the continuing, and occasionally surreal, scandals hitting the new president who has yet to hit his four-month mark in office.

No less a commentator than Russia's Vladimir Putin called the dramatic charges swirling around Trump evidence of "political schizophrenia spreading in the U.S." He offered to furnish a "record" of the Trump-diplomats meeting in the Oval Office if the White House desired it.

There was no word on what that record might entail, a question many were likely to raise in light of Trump's recent warning to Comey that he had "better hope" there were no tapes of a discussion they'd had.

The White House disputed Comey's account of the February conversation concerning Flynn, but did not offer specifics. Several members of Congress said that if Trump did suggest that Comey "let this go" regarding Flynn's Russian contacts, it was probably just a joke, light banter.

White House aides mostly kept a rare low profile, avoiding going on television. Trump did not offer any commentary on Twitter and did not directly address the controversies during a commencement address at the Coast Guard Academy, though he delivered a broadside against the forces he sees as working against him.

"No politician in history, and I say this with great surety, has been treated worse or more unfairly," he said. "You can't let the critics and the naysayers get in the way of your dreams. ... I guess that's why we won. Adversity makes you stronger. Don't give in, don't back down. ... And the more righteous your fight, the more opposition that you will face."

Trump was to interview candidates to replace Comey late Wednesday, including former Democratic Sen. Joe Lieberman.

Questions about Trump's conduct have been mounting for weeks, most recently with two explosive revelations — that in February the president pressed Comey to drop a federal investigation into Flynn's contacts with Russia and that he disclosed classified information to the senior Russian officials last week.

Both allegations came from anonymous sources, and the White House was quick to denounce the leaks and deny any impropriety, insisting the president never tried to squelch the Flynn investigation nor did he make inappropriate disclosures to the Russians.

Putin, watching from afar, said the "evolving political struggle" had gone from something of an amusement to serious cause for concern, and he suggested Trump's critics were stoking anti-Russian sentiment to damage the president.

"These people either don't understand that they are hurting their own country, and in that case they are just dumb," Putin said. "Or they do understand everything, and that means that they are dangerous and unscrupulous."

On Capitol Hill, Comey was clearly the man in demand, with three committees working to seat him at their witness tables.

- The House oversight committee set a May 24 hearing on whether Trump interfered in the FBI probe, and invited Comey to testify.
- The Senate intelligence committee invited Comey to appear in both open and closed sessions. It also asked acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe to give the committee any notes Comey might have made regarding discussions he had with White House or Justice Department officials about Russia's efforts to influence the election.
- Top members of the Senate Judiciary Committee asked the FBI to provide any Comey memos and asked the White House to turn over any audio recordings that might exist of conversations with the now-fired director. They expect to bring in Comey in to testify, as well.

Comey associates have suggested he was willing to testify but wants to do it in public to ensure a full airing of the events that have transfixed the capital.

With any number of Democrats drawing parallels between the Trump White House and Richard Nixon's downfall in the Watergate scandal, Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan became the first Republican to raise the specter of impeachment. Responding to a question, Amash said there could be grounds for that "if the allegations are true."

Amash has been a consistent critic of Trump, as well as an opponent of House Republican leaders, and his views are not widely representative.

Trump is preparing to leave town Friday on his first foreign trip, and aides have been hopeful the journey will be a chance for the administration to get back on track after weeks of chaos and distractions.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., speculated Trump was probably happy to get out of town — "and a lot of us are glad he's leaving for a few days."

His advice to the president: "Stay disciplined, stay focused and deliver on the world stage."

Former FBI Director Mueller to lead Trump-Russia probe

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department abruptly appointed former FBI Director Robert Mueller on Wednesday night as a special counsel to lead a federal investigation into allegations that Donald Trump's campaign collaborated with Russia to sway the 2016 election that put him in the White House. Mueller will have sweeping powers and the authority to prosecute any crimes he uncovers.

The surprise announcement, the latest in the shock-a-day Washington saga, marked a concession by the Trump administration, which had resisted calls from Democrats to turn the investigation over to an outside prosecutor. The White House counsel's office was alerted only after the order appointing Mueller was signed.

After the announcement, Trump insisted anew that there were no nefarious ties between his campaign and Russia.

"A thorough investigation will confirm what we already know — there was no collusion between my campaign and any foreign entity," he declared in a statement. "I look forward to this matter concluding quickly."

The appointment increases the pressure on Trump and his associates. Mueller's broad mandate gives him not only oversight of the Russia probe, but also "any matters that arose or may arise directly from the investigation." That would surely include Trump's firing last week of FBI Director James Comey.

Mueller, a former federal prosecutor at the Justice Department, was confirmed as FBI director days before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that would ultimately shape his tenure. The FBI's counterterror mission was elevated in those years, as the U.S. intelligence agencies adjusted to better position America to prevent another attack of such magnitude. He was so valued that President Barack Obama asked him to stay on two years longer than his 10-year term.

Comey succeeded him, appointed by Obama.

Mueller was appointed Wednesday by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who had faced criticism as the author of a memo that preceded Comey's firing. Mueller said the appointment was "necessary in order for the American people to have full confidence in the outcome."

Republicans have largely stood behind Trump in the first months of his presidency as FBI and congressional investigations into Russia's election meddling intensified. But GOP lawmakers have grown increasingly anxious since Trump fired Comey, who had been leading the bureau's probe — and after Comey associates said he had notes from a meeting in which Trump asked him to shut down the investigation into the Russia ties of former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn.

First reactions from Congress were mainly positive.

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NEW YORK

Bill O'Reilly gets weekly spot on Glenn Beck's radio show

Bill O'Reilly is taking up his former Fox News colleague Glenn Beck's offer to work together again.

Variety reports O'Reilly announced on his "No Spin News" podcast that he will have a weekly spot on Beck's radio show. He calls Beck "a good friend" and says the two have a "lively" rapport.

O'Reilly was ousted by Fox News Channel last month amid accusations of sexual harassment that O'Reilly has denied. Beck left the network in 2011 following an advertiser boycott of his program.

Last week, Beck told O'Reilly during an interview on his radio show that he would like him to work for Beck's outlet, The Blaze.

MISSOURI

Newly freed Chelsea Manning: 'I'm figuring things out'

KANSAS CITY — Pvt. Chelsea Manning, the Army soldier who was sentenced to 35 years in a military prison for giving classified materials to WikiLeaks, said Wednesday that she's excited about what lies ahead, just hours after she walked free after serving seven years behind bars.

"I'm figuring things out right now — which is exciting, awkward, fun, and all new for me," 29-year-old Manning said in an emailed statement hours after being released from a lockup at Kansas' Fort Leavenworth.

Manning later took to social networking, posting photos of her lunch — "So. (I'm) already enjoying my first hot, greasy pizza," she declared of the slice of pepperoni — and her feet in tennis shoes, captioning that her "First steps of freedom!"

Manning's immediate plans, including living arrangements, remained unclear. Manning tweeted after then-President Barack Obama granted her clemency in January that she planned to move to Maryland, where she has an aunt. Manning originally comes from Crescent, Oklahoma.

"After another anxious four months of waiting, the day has finally arrived," Manning said in Wednesday's statement. "I am looking forward to so much! Whatever is ahead of me is far more important than the past."

Business, leisure travelers ponder flying without laptops

By David Koenig and Joyce M. Rosenberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — International air travelers might soon rediscover magazines, paperbacks and playing cards.

Airline passengers have become hooked on their laptops and tablets to get work done or just kill time during long flights. But U.S. aviation-security officials appear determined to ban large electronic devices in the cabin of flights from Europe.

Business travelers are worried about lost productivity, laptops in checked baggage being stolen or damaged, or even leaving the machine home if their employer won't let them check it on a plane. Parents are pondering how to keep children occupied.

On Wednesday, U.S. and European Union officials exchanged information about threats to aviation, believed to include bombs hidden in laptop computers. Airline and travel groups are concerned about the possibility that a ban on laptops and tablet computers that currently applies to mostly Middle Eastern flights will be expanded to include U.S.-bound flights from Europe.

The officials agreed to meet again next week.

The airlines are still talking to government officials about how a laptop ban would look at European airports. It will require one set of screening rules for U.S.-bound travelers, another for people headed elsewhere.

Nearly 400 flights leave Europe for the U.S. each day, carrying about 85,000 people, according to airline industry and U.S. government figures. The flights are popular with vacationers and critical to many business travelers, who often buy pricier tickets.

The laptop ban in March covered far fewer flights — about 50 on an average day — and hurt Middle Eastern carriers by targeting their hub airports. Emirates blamed the ban among factors reducing demand when it scaled back flights to the U.S.

Expanding the ban to Europe will hit American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and United Airlines and their European partners, and it will affect many more travelers.

Airlines fear that expanding the ban will lead to more flight delays and increase their liability for theft or damage to electronics devices in checked luggage. Safety advocates worry that putting devices with lithium batteries in the cargo hold will create a fire threat.

Airline groups propose several alternatives to the laptop ban, including more use of machines that detect residue from explosives, turning devices on to demonstrate that they are not bombs, and sorting low-risk passengers from high-risk ones, presumably to let frequent travelers keep their laptops in the cabin.

Business travelers are keenly interested in the outcome.

Michael McCormick, executive director of the Global Business Travel Association, said he believes the threat identified by security officials is real, but the laptop ban will hurt business travel, at least in the short term.

"There are a certain amount of things you can do on your smartphone to stay in contact," McCormick said. For laptops that must be checked, he added, companies will take steps to better lock down information contained on them "and then just deal with the short-term challenges and loss of productivity."

The International Air Transport Association, a trade group for global airlines, said banning laptops in the cabin would cost passengers $1.1 billion a year, mostly in lost productivity for business travelers.

"Businesses will cancel trips rather than risk having laptops checked due to risk to confidential information," said the group's CEO, Alexandre de Juniac.

Edward Pizzarello, an investor in a Washington-area venture-capital firm who also writes a travel blog, is holding off booking a July business trip to Germany and the United Kingdom "until I figure out what's going on."

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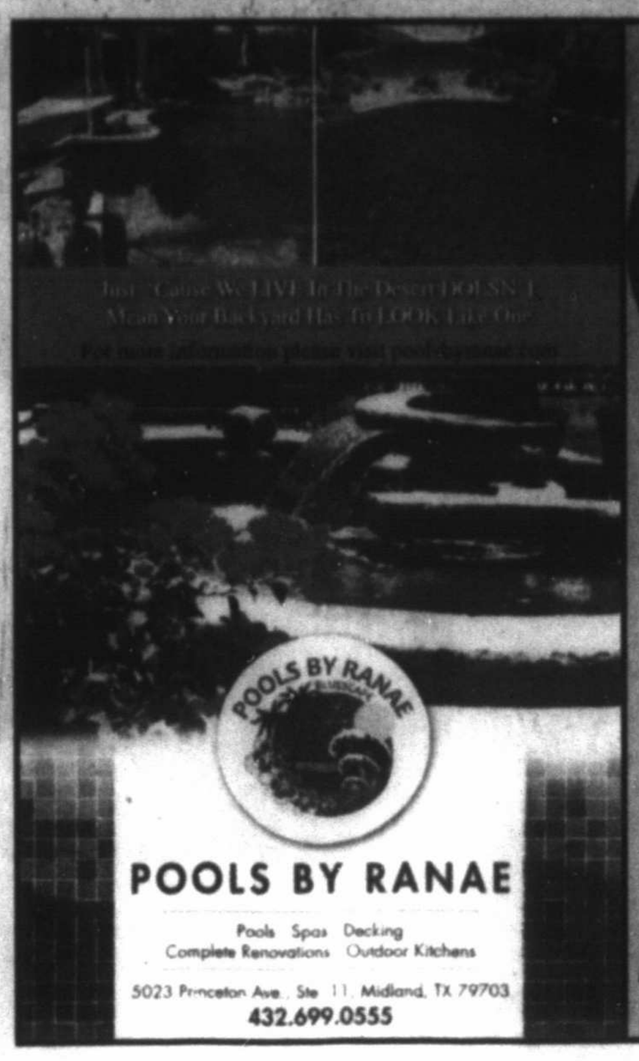

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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

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CLASSIC LUNCH Take your lunch and enjoy Permain Basin String Quartet's free performance at ClayDesta Atrium. 11:45 a.m.

FRIDAY

ALBUM DROP Country singer Paul Nipper will celebrate his new "Kamikaze Heart" with an album release party at Lone Star Bar. 8 p.m.

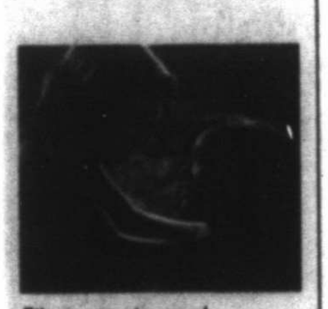
SATURDAY

BIG BAND The Midland Community Band Variety Show is a throwback to vintage radio with skits and comedy at Midland College. 7 p.m.

BLUES WOMAN Get the blues this weekend with singer and saxophonist Vanessa Collier as she headlines the Wang Dang Doodle at the DoubleTree Hotel. 8:30 p.m.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES



Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

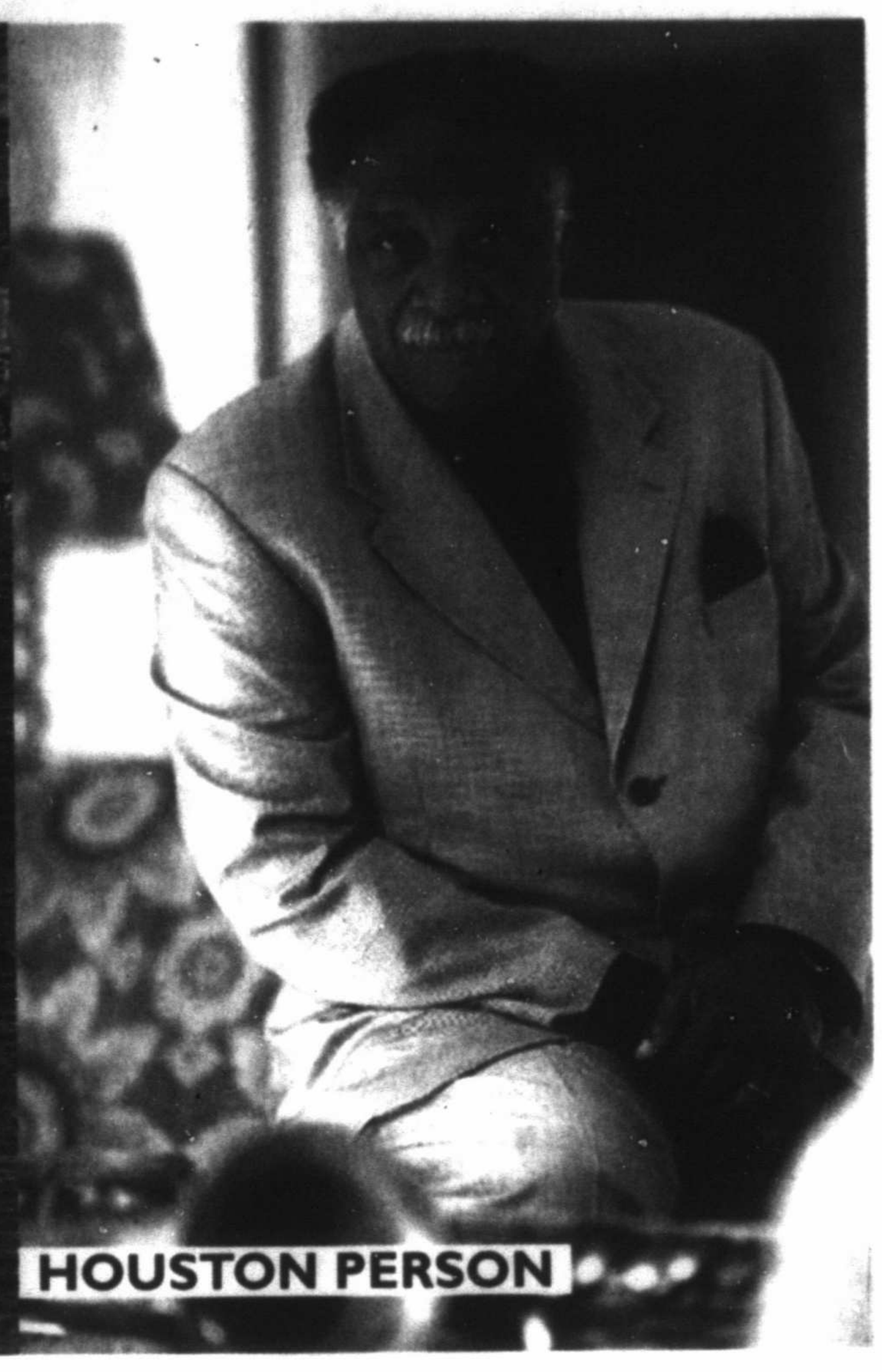
TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Alien: Covenant," "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul," "Everything, Everything," "Lowriders."
Closing: "The Circle," "Smurfs: The Lost Village."

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Alien: Covenant," "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul," "Everything, Everything."
Closing: "Boss Baby," "Smurfs: The Lost Village."

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

COMING SOON

Metal band Hellyeah bring their summer tour to Dos Amigos with 10 Years and Black Map opening May 31. Tickets on sale at ticketfly.com.



Country and jazz music dominate the Permian Basin this weekend

By Rich Lopez
jrlopez@mrt.com

This weekend is a treat for music aficionados. Over three days beginning tonight, country music fans will get rowdy for Crude Fest, while jazz fans will chill to the cats playing at West Texas Jazz Fest. As with any big music event, having a plan is always a good idea. Here is what you need to know before you go.

CRUDE FEST

Location: 5209 S. County Road 1270
Admission: Three-day general admission $90
Two-day general admission: $80
Saturday general admission: $75
VIP three-day pass: $225
Parking: Three-day parking $40
Two-day parking: $30
Saturday parking: $20
Companion vehicle parking pass: $100
Port-a-Potty rental: $120

Camping:
General camping $150
Crude Fest Best camping $375
VIP $315

Schedule
Thursday
6:15 p.m. | Elaina Kay
7:45 p.m. | Rich O' Toole
9:15 p.m. | Bart Crow
10:45 p.m. | Stoney LaRue

Friday
1:30 p.m. | The Chet Johnson Band
2:45 p.m. | Clete Bradley and The Mood
4 p.m. | Judson Cole Band
5:15 p.m. | Mark McKinney
6:30 p.m. | Mike Ryan
7:45 p.m. | Jason Boland
9:15 p.m. | Cody Johnson
10:45 p.m. | Eli Young Band

Saturday
1:30 p.m. | Bri Bagwell
2:45 p.m. | Dalton Domino
4 p.m. | Flatland Cavalry
5:15 p.m. Sam Riggs
6:30 p.m. | Kyle Park
7:45 p.m. | William Clark Green
9:15 p.m. | Wade Bowen
10:45 p.m. | Josh Abbott Band

For more information, ticket orders and festival restrictions, visit thecrudefest.com.

WEST TEXAS JAZZ FEST

Location: MCM Elegante Hotel, 5200 E University Blvd., Odessa
Admission: General admission $50
Patron's brunch $50
Houston Person Dance Party $25
Jazz Party Patron Pass includes all four performances, brunch, reserved seating and access to after-hours hospitality room $225

Musicians slated to perform all three days
Bucky Pizzarelli, guitar
Johnny Varro, piano
Houston Person, tenor sax
Frank Tate, bass
Russ Phillips, trombone
Randy Sandke, trumpet
Rebecca Kilgore, vocalist
Eddie Erickson, guitar/vocalist
Warren Vache, cornet
Dan Barrett, trombone
Joel Forbes, bass
Chuck Redd, drums
Lynn Seaton, bass
Martin Pizzarelli, bass
Harry Allen, tenor
Engelbert Wrobel, saxophones
Ricky Malichi, drums
Brian Piper, piano
John Allred, trombone
Rossano Sportiello, piano
Eddie Metz Jr., drums

Schedule
Thursday
8 p.m. | Houston Person Dance Party. Local musicians join Person at this performance to kick off the festival.

Friday
7:30 p.m. | Live performances

Saturday
11 a.m. | Patron's Brunch and live performances
7:30 p.m. | Live performances

Sunday
1 p.m. | Live performances

For more information or to make reservations, visit wtjs.org or call 432-368-5885.

Crude Fest: Female artists break into the boy's club

By Rich Lopez
jrlopez@mrt.com

Bri Bagwell, Elaina Kay and Flatland Cavalry's Laura Jane all play this year's Crude Fest, which opens today. Kay is set to kick off the three-day Texas Country music festival. Crude Fest is often a roster of male artists and bands, but this year, three performers will bring a woman's touch while still rocking out the stage.

Singer-songwriter Elaina Kay is going through a bit of a transformation these days. The Wichita Falls native has moved to Nashville. With high-level and professional musicians, songwriters and producers, she's rediscovering herself as a singer. She's also rebranding her image.

"I want to tell my story. When this record comes out, it will show where I've come from," she said. "Then I want to go on the road with a fresh new attitude. I never want to be home."

When she performs tonight, Kay will be bringing those new songs to the stage for the first time. The former rodeo athlete will also be playing with her new band, as well.

Kay felt she needed to step away from Texas to connect with it personally and musically.

"As a woman and artist, I felt like I needed to move to Nashville. Now, I am working with some of the best musicians and writers. But it also took missing home for me to write about it."

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KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

Continued thoughtful thrills in 'Alien' universe

The "Alien" franchise has always been battleground for the philosophical and physical tussles for dominance between human, alien and artificial intelligence. While "Alien" set up the themes, character types, and iconography of this universe, 2012's prequel "Prometheus" established an origin story and philosophy, bringing up questions of faith, spirituality and the risks of creating life. "Alien: Covenant," once again directed by Ridley Scott, is the second prequel in the series, chronologically following "Prometheus," and exploring the fallout from the events of that film, while offering a rich terrain for an epic battle between the differing forces in this world. The questions posed in the film are universal, and primal, and easy answers are never forthcoming.

The humans in the story are a plucky crew of space explorers; a

Please see WALSH/Page 3

CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

FINE ART & DANCE

CLOSING: "Little Unexpected Incidence" featuring works by Cathy Cunningham — This exhibition is part of the 2017 Contemporary Series: Science in the Southwest. On display through Sunday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Midland Arts Association Open Show — Fridays in May 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 June 18 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Colors of the Southwest: The Tia Collection" — in the Concho Resources Inc. and Wagner galleries. On display through June 25. 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

Yappy Hour Fiesta benefiting Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals — The event will feature dinner, open bar, auctions and live entertainment by the Alma Quartet. 5:30 p.m. today at The Racquet Club, 3009 Racquet Club Drive. $125.

Lookbook Brunch benefiting Midland Need to Read — The event will feature a brunch buffet, mimosa bar, a style show while guests can shop spring and summer 2017 fashions. 11 a.m. Friday at Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Highway 349.

Bust a Bird for the Y Clay Shoot benefiting the Midland YMCA — Lunch provided with a prize drawing. 11 a.m. Friday at Jake's Clays, 13301 Farm-to-Market Road 1379. $175 per shoot. jakesclays.com

FAMILY & YOUTH

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

Play Date: What's the Weather? — Play Dates offer a safe and encouraging environment for ages five and younger with a parent or guardian. Online registration is required. 10 a.m. 0-35 months, 11 a.m. 3-5 years. Friday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Family Free-For-All: Our Town, Our Neighbors, Our Friends — will feature craft activities, dome shows and more. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

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.

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., Saturdays noon-8 p.m., Sunday noon to 6 p.m. 4305 N. County Rd. 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

FOOD & DRINK

Midland Downtown Farmers Market — Local Authors Day where the public can meet area writers and purchase their books. The market is open Saturdays through Oct. 28. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Torino's PizzaBar Sixth annual Birthday Bash — with DJ DK and Jeremy Calley as well as drink specials, giveaways and raffles. 11 a.m. Friday at 3303 N. Midkiff Road. 21 and older.

GAMES

Trivia Night — 7 p.m. today at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Two-Dollar Tuesdays — with the same price for games, shoes, select 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 — The class 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.

Fiber Arts Workshop Series: Spinning on a Wheel/Drop Spindle — Registration is recommended by not required. For ages 12 and older. All supplies provided. 5:30 p.m. Monday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250. Call 742-7420 or email libsc02@co.midland.tx.us to register or for more information. Free.

MUSIC

BIG BAND

Midland Community Band Variety Show with music by Leroy Anderson and from "The Sound of Music," as well as a Burns and Allen radio show — 7 p.m. Saturday in the Wagner Brown Auditorium at Midland College, 3600 Garfield St. Free.

BLUES

Vanessa Collier — 8:30 p.m Saturday at DoubleTree Hotel, 117 W. Wall St. $20-$25. ticketfly.com.

CHORAL

MOSC Chorale: Hello Broadway! — 3 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. $15. MOSC.org.

CLASSICAL

ClayDesta Brownbag Concert: Permian Basin String Quartet — 11:45 a.m. today at ClayDesta Plaza, 6 Desta Drive. Free. MOSC.org.

COUNTRY

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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.

JAZZ

Houston Person Dance Party — 8 p.m. today at MCM Elegante, 5200 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $25. WTJS.org.

The 51st annual West Texas Jazz Party — Friday-Sunday at MCM Elegante, 5200 E. University Blvd. Odessa. $50-$225. WTJS.org.

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.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Midland RockHounds play San Antonio Missions — 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Friday night's game benefits CASA of West Texas. Att Security Bank BallPark, 5514 Champions Drive. Midlandrockhounds.org.

Midland RockHounds play San Antonio Missions — 2 p.m. Sunday at Security Bank BallPark, 5514 Champions Drive. Midlandrockhounds.org.

Midland RockHounds play San Antonio Missions — 11 a.m. Monday at Security Bank BallPark, 5514 Champions Drive. Midlandrockhounds.org.

Family Nite roller skating — Sundays from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 A Andrews Highway. kcsnutyroller.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 432-685-7041.

Movies in the Park: "Moana" — 7 p.m. (dusk), Friday at Hill Park, 1301 W. Cuthbert Ave. Free. midlandtexas.gov.

SciFridays: "Fantastic Voyage" — Complimentary snacks and drinks available. Doors at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

Dinner Theater: "Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter?" — West Texas Talent presents the 1955 comedy by George Axelrod. 8 p.m., Friday-May 27 at Dee's Bistro, 622 N. Lee St. Tickets include dinner. $30, $50 couple. Westtexastalent.com.

"Nana's Naughty Knickers" — Fridays-Sundays through May 27 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

Saturday Movie: "The Emperor's New Groove" — 2 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N. Free.

Saturday Movie: "Treasure Planet" — 2 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Free.

Indie Lens: "Real Boy" screening by Basin PBS — A panel discussion will follow. 6 p.m. Tuesday at Ector County Library, 321 W. 5th St., Odessa. basinpbs.org.

"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

MAY

Kaffee Haus with acoustic sounds by local musicians — 6 p.m. May 25 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

West Texas Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America 12th Anniversary Workshop — The event features Wayne Thompson, James Tudman and a main event concert. May 26-27 at Goodwill Baptist Church, 1001 N. Main St. $20. For more information, call 685-3876.

Hogg Maulies — 5 p.m. May 26 and 27 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Reik — May 26 at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $50-$150. Haciendamidland.com.

Jack Nelson — 9 p.m. May 26 at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80.

Drake Hayes — 10 p.m. May 27 at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Midland RockHounds play Arkansas Travelers — 6:30 p.m. May 30-31 at Security Bank BallPark, 5514 Champions Drive. midlandrockhounds.org.

Hellyeah, 10 Years, Black Map — 8 p.m. May 31 at Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. dosamigos.com.

JUNE

Midland RockHounds play Arkansas Travelers — 7 p.m. June 1 at Security Bank BallPark, 5514 Champions Drive. midlandrockhounds.org.

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EVENTS & MORE

'DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: THE LONG HAUL'

'ALIEN: COVENANT'

Latest 'Wimpy Kid' film is definitely a long haul

KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

From 2010 to 2012, a trilogy of "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" films were released in rapid succession, starring Zachary Gordon, Devon Bostick, Rachael Harris and Steve Zahn. Adapted from the web comic turned kids novels by Jeff Kinney, the films featured the kinds of embarrassments and toilet humor that tend to make up most middle school lore. Five years later, a fourth film, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul," is hitting theaters, with a completely new cast making up the Heffley family. Director David Bowers, who helmed the "Rodrick Rules" and "Dog Days" installments of the franchise, returns to wrangle this particular out-of-control-minivan down the freeway.

This story of a family vacation gone wrong could have just been subtitled "Road Trip," but it turns out "The Long Haul" is an ironically apt descriptor for this film. One hesitates to refer to it as a "comedy," as the jokes are few and far between. No, "horror" was the word that popped into mind frequently during these grim ninety minutes.

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul" is a deft exploration of the horrors of modern life in the tech-obsessed, neoliberal, advanced capitalist 21st century America; a world where social media rules our brains and behavior, and constant connectedness means constant work. This family's road trip illustrates how America has become a polarized nation obsessed with nostalgia, gripping tight to the construct of a "real" America in light of rapid cultural change. Some fun.

It's also a terrifying cautionary tale about distracted driving — adults in the audience may cower every time one of the Heffley parents behind the wheel takes their eyes off the road or uses their phone while shepherding a teen, tween, toddler, spouse, piglet and boat trailer behind the cursed minivan. Belly laughs? More like stomach lurches. It's truly more harrowing than "Fate of the Furious" at times, and more frustrating, since Vin Diesel never texts while driving, and doesn't bring a brood in the backseat.

Fittingly, the central conflict of the film is about technology and screen time. Mom Susan (Alicia Silverstone) confiscates all electronic devices so the family can enjoy real face time on their road trip — but dad Frank (Tom Everett Scott) hasn't taken the days off work, while titular wimpy kid Greg (Jason Drucker) and metalhead brother Rodrick (Charlie Wright) are scheming to get to a video game convention. Greg's determined to clean up his online reputation after he becomes the star of an embarrassing meme, and thinks a video with his hero, star gamer Mac Digby (Joshua Hoover) will do the trick. Their juvenile and selfish meddling takes the family trip from bad to apocalyptic.

The film seems to be aware of the terrors it inflicts on its audience in the name of a good time (or some kind of time ... the intended effect is not clear). There are several direct references to Hitchcock's most iconic horror films, "Pyscho" and "The Birds," for some inexplicable reason. Though ostensibly presented as an hour and a half of raucous family adventure — a "Vacation" for the PG crowd — "Wimpy Kid" is instead a dirge of unfunny scatological material, techno-anxiety and child endangerment masquerading as familial bonding. Settle in for the "Long Haul," because this is one bumpy, miserable ride.

'Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul'

1 out of 4 stars
Cast: Jason Drucker, Charlie Wright, Alicia Silverstone, Tom Everett Scott
Directed by David Bowers
Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes
Rated PG for some rude humor.

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WALSH

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tight-knit group of couples piloting a ship of colonists to a new planet that holds their dreams of a fresh start and new life. When a random shockwave hits the ship's solar recharging sails, damage is incurred, lives are lost, and the team is diverted from its course. A rogue, seemingly human, transmission offers the opportunity to explore a closer, previously hidden planet, so they decide to try their luck — though this roll of the dice is made under some objection.

Rogue transmissions, planets that seem too good to be true, and a motley crew of space explorers? It sounds a lot like the "Alien" we know. "Covenant" uses the mythology established by "Prometheus" and fuses it with the story and character types of "Alien." Scott explores the tensions between spirituality and science, faith and family, emotional and analytical intelligence, and manages to do all that in the style of a slasher horror film. "Covenant" rips through plot points and action set pieces with the speed of a xenomorph ripping through flesh. The story is a whirlwind smash-and-grab as the group is slowly pulled in different directions and picked off one by one, until a final girl, or woman, is left standing.

The final woman is played her by Katherine Waterston, who has been toughened up with a bowl haircut and an odd little cap. She is broken, in mourning, trying to put herself back together and keep fighting for her dream. It takes a bit of time, but Waterston ably fills the Ripley sized shoes of Sigourney Weaver, both physically and mentally. In the "Alien" franchise, whether human, alien, or artificial, female intelligence is proven to be the most versatile and insightful, and Waterston embodies that with finesse.

But no performance eclipses that of Michael Fassbender, who played the android David in "Prometheus" and here plays a later model of the same droid, Walter. From Ash in "Alien" to David, android intelligence has always been in many ways superior, but less easy to predict. Fassbender is given the opportunity to give a wide ranging and fascinatingly campy performance, and it's no surprise he steals the show. Much of the spiritual questions about creation are wrapped up in Fassbender's character, who questions his provenance and if he himself can create. This desire for procreation and preservation of the self — human, alien, or artificial — is what motivates every being in the "Alien" universe, and in "Covenant," Scott sets up a thrilling thunderdome in which we can watch this bloody battle unfold.

'Alien: Covenant'

3 out of 4 stars
Cast: Katherine Waterston, Michael Fassbender, Danny McBride, Billy Crudup, Demian Bichir
Directed by Ridley Scott
Running time: 2 hours, 2 minutes
Rated R for sci-fi violence, bloody images, language and some sexuality/nudity.

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WOMEN

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And when she takes the stage to kick off the festival, she's intent on leaving a big impression.

"I can keep up with these boys. The genre is dominated by men, but I'm not gonna let that slow me down. I've sacrificed a lot for music, but I give it 100 percent."

Kay performs at 6:15 p.m. today.

Bri Bagwell is no stranger to area festivals. She's performed at Texas Thunder Fest and recently played Larry Joe Taylor's Music Festival in Stephenville. Texas Country is a genre that features more male artists, but for Bagwell, that's no sweat.

"I never make it about male versus female," she said. "I sing songs I've put my heart and soul into writing. I hope the passion speaks for itself. We also mix in a few beer-drinking tunes to make sure we all have a good time. We love what we do, and we work hard to leave it all on the stage."

Part of what she likes about Crude Fest is the differences in the artists and their music. Texas Country is an alternative to mainstream country, but she sees much more than that at the festival.

"You'll get sounds from Americana, to honky tonk, to rock 'n' roll, and everything in between, which is awesome," she said. "Also, a lot of artists, like me, are completely independent. Our sound hasn't been influenced by anything but our raw abilities. I'm not saying it's better than mainstream, but dang, I love that vibe about Texas music — nobody ever tries to put it in a box."

Bagwell recently was named one of the top Texas Country acts by the Houston Press and described as the queen of the honkytonks. Her vocals, guitar playing and songwriting add a truly artistic pedigree to her work, which she said should arrive soon as an EP. But when someone takes notice, that doesn't hurt Bagwell.

"I'm flattered, and I hope it inspires other females who want to be a part of the Texas scene," she said. "It sets a high standard for my performances, which motivates me. But hey, can a queen still be broke?"

Bagwell performs at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Laura Jane brings a mean fiddle to the sound of Flatland Cavalry. The band has been building a solid reputation around the state, but with ties to Midland and Lubbock, their appearance at Crude Fest is a must-see. She and her bandmates will be playing their first Crude Fest this weekend.

"I'm super excited. Most of these festivals are our first, but I think because our lead singer (Cleto Cordero) and drummer (Jason Albers) are from Midland, I'm feeding off their energy," she said.

Jane also finds herself in a unique position this time around. She's happy to share some sisterhood with Kay and Bagwell.

"I'm usually one of the only girls at these, so it's great to have other women," she said. "I'm proud to be a woman musician but I would love to be known as simply an artist."

Jane thought she wanted to be a professor of music after completing her doctoral studies at Texas Tech University. Playing with the band, though, has changed that.

"I got that bug. I want to perform and play music. It's hard to cut your teeth and be strong-willed in this industry, but I love playing with these guys, and I know they have my back just as much. They're all my brothers."

Flatland Cavalry performs at 4 p.m. Saturday.

FLATLAND CAVALRY

ON SCREEN

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.

"The Boss Baby" (PG-13) Animated comedy featuring a wise-cracking, suit-and-tie wearing infant. Voices by Alec Baldwin, Steve Buscemi, Jimmy Kimmel, Lisa Kudrow, Tobey Maguire, Miles Bakshi. Written by Michael McCullers, based on the picture book by Marla Frazee. Directed by Tom McGrath.

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul" (PG) The family takes a road trip, and Greg schemes to become famous as a new cast takes over for the fourth installment based on Jeff Kinney's comic youth novels. With Jason Ian Drucker, Charlie Wright, Owen Asztalos, Tom Everett Scott, Alicia Silverstone. Written by Kinney and director David Bowers.

"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.

"The Fate of the Furious" (PG-13) The eighth installment in the "Fast/Furious" series ranges from the shores of Cuba to the streets of New York City and the icy plains of the Arctic as the team tries to stop a global anarchist. With Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham, Michelle Rodriguez, Charlize Theron. Written by Chris Morgan, based on characters created by Gary Scott Thompson. Directed by F. Gary Gray.

"Gifted" (PG-13) A custody drama featuring Chris Evans as a bachelor assigned to raise his late sister's math genius daughter (Mckenna Grace). A nice performance by Evans, who elevates the so-so material. With Octavia Spencer, Jenny Slate.

"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.

"How to Be a Latin Lover" (PG-13) Eugenio Derbez stars as a struggling middle-aged gigolo forced to move in with his sister and nephew. With Salma Hayek, Rob Lowe, Kristen Bell, Raquel Welch, Rob Corddry, Rob Riggle, Michael Cera, Raphael Alejandro. Written by Chris Spain, Jon Zack. Directed by Ken Marino.

"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.

"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.

"The Wall" (R) Two U.S. soldiers are trapped with only a crumbling structure between them and an Iraqi sniper. With Aaron Taylor-Johnson, John Cena. Written by Dwain Worrell. Directed by Doug Liman.

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TOP RENTALS AT REDBOX

The top 10 DVD rentals at Redbox kiosks for the week of May 8

1. Hidden Figures — Fox
2. Why Him? — Fox
3. Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them — Warner
4. Gold (2017) — Weinstein
5. Sing — Universal
6. The Bye Bye Man — Universal
7. La La Land — Lionsgate
8. Walking With The Enemy — Fox
9. Assassin's Creed — Fox
10. Monster Trucks — Paramount

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Modern film noir from Korea is simply amazing

Reeled & Stream

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PICK O' THE WEEK

"The Age of Shadows" (not rated) One of the best modern noirs since "Chinatown" is actually a Korean export. Set during the Japanese occupation of Korea in the 1920s, everything about this production — except for a couple of over-the-top performances — is wonderfully pure and perfect. Director Jee-woon Kim ("I Saw the Devil") captures the lighting and score techniques of the classic film noir and throws in just the right amount of his own style and plot twists to keep you on the edge of your seat. I recommend the subtitled version to get all the nuance, but a dubbed version is available. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Fifty Shades Darker" (R) The sex scenes may be more amped up and less kinky — though there's still plenty of that — but that doesn't make this sequel to "Fifty Shades of Grey" any hotter. The chemistry between Dakota Johnson and Jamie Dornan is practically nonexistent. However, there are a couple of interesting moments. One is Johnson's homage to her mom, Melanie Griffith, quoting a line from "Working Girl" when she tells her assistant, "I don't expect you to fetch me coffee unless you're getting some for yourself." The other is the way this film unapologetically treads into the nighttime soap territory popular in the 1980s. Some of the dialogue and behavior is so campy, you almost expect Joan Collins to walk on the stage and throw somebody in the pool. Otherwise, though, you're going to have to be a big fan of the books to appreciate this. **C-**

MORE REVIEWS

"Child Eater" (not rated) Its despicable title alone should be enough to ward off most audiences. Then there are some of us not intimidated by such things. Unfortunately, all that's awaiting those who dare is a dark horror tale totally lacking in style, substance or taste. **C**

"Holy Hell" (not rated) CNN documentary about a cult led by an out-of-work actor is thoughtfully told by former members of the group. It also was filmed by a former member, who puts the focus too much on himself. **B-**

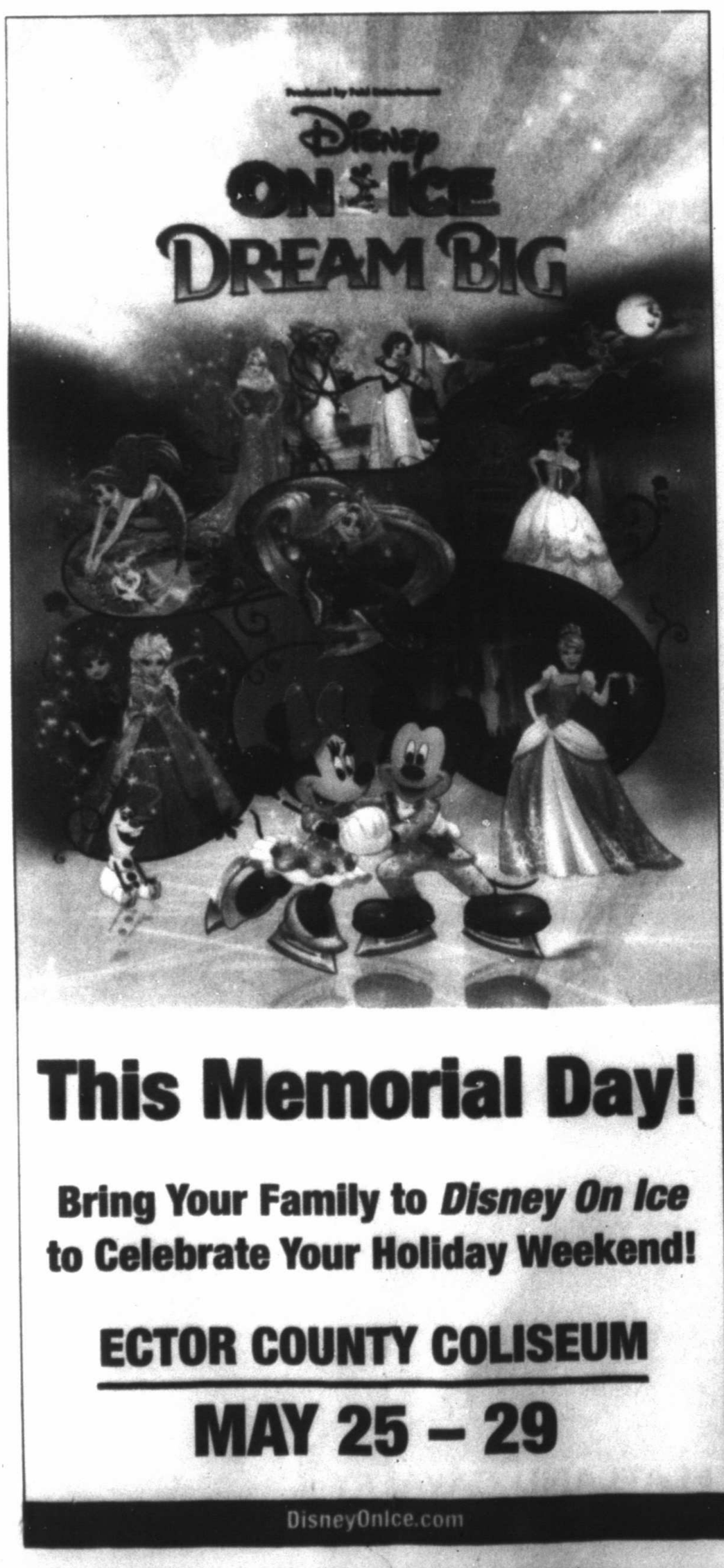
"I Am Not Your Negro" (PG-13) The life and times of civil rights activist James Baldwin is the focus of this searing documentary. Although given lots of coverage at the time, Baldwin's voice has been quieted over the past 20 or 30 years. It is about time he is heard again. **A-**

"The Red Turtle" (PG) Unbelievably touching animated feature is a collaboration between French filmmaker Michael Dudok de Wit and the geniuses at Japan's Studio Ghibli. There is not a word spoken in the film, so if the lack of dialogue in "Cast Away" bothered you, steer clear. This Oscar nominee for best animated feature doesn't need dialogue to get its message across. **A-**

"Stagecoach: The Texas Jack Story" (unrated) Despite a fairly earnest performance by Trace Adkins and his sexy baritone voice, this Western is only average. **B-**

"A Street Cat Named Bob" (unrated) Charming film based on the best-selling true story of a heroin addict's unexpected friendship with Bob the Cat, who plays himself in the film. **B+**

"Walking With the Enemy" (PG-13) World War II film based on true story of Hungarian Jews who posed as Nazi SS officers to save their countrymen is gripping and taut for about an hour. The second hour displaces that valiant effort and replaces it with maudlin, lazy filmmaking. **D**



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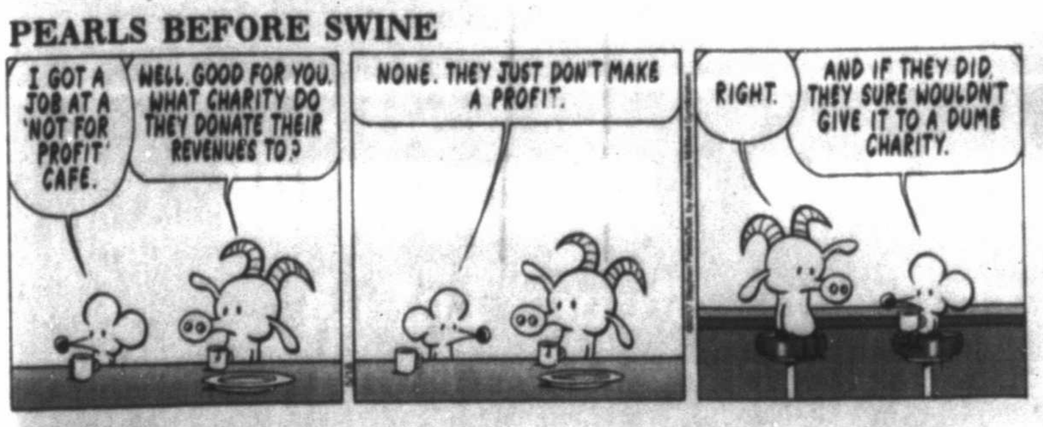

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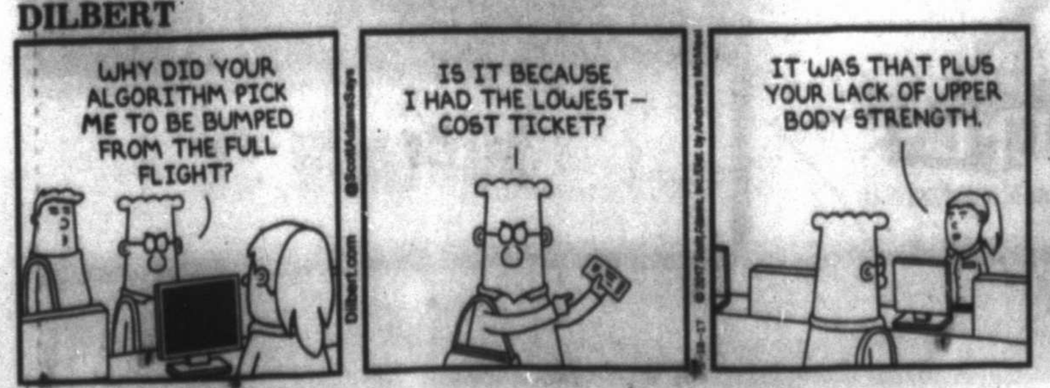

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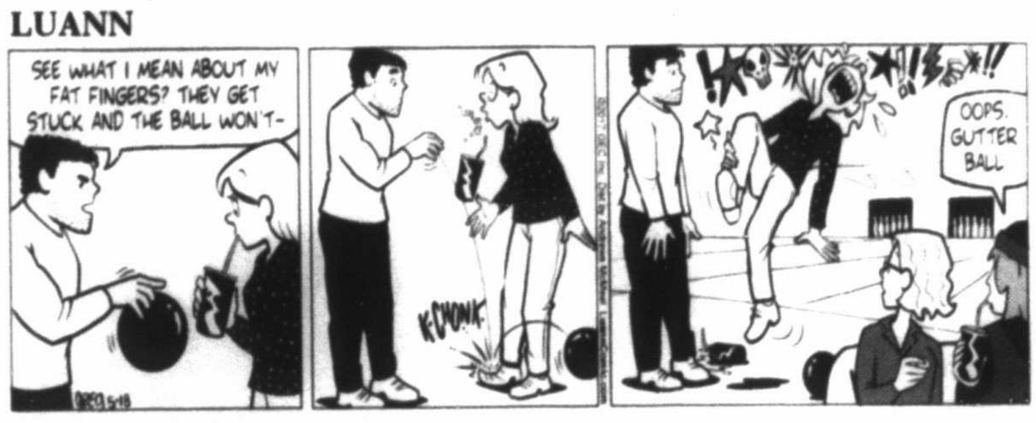

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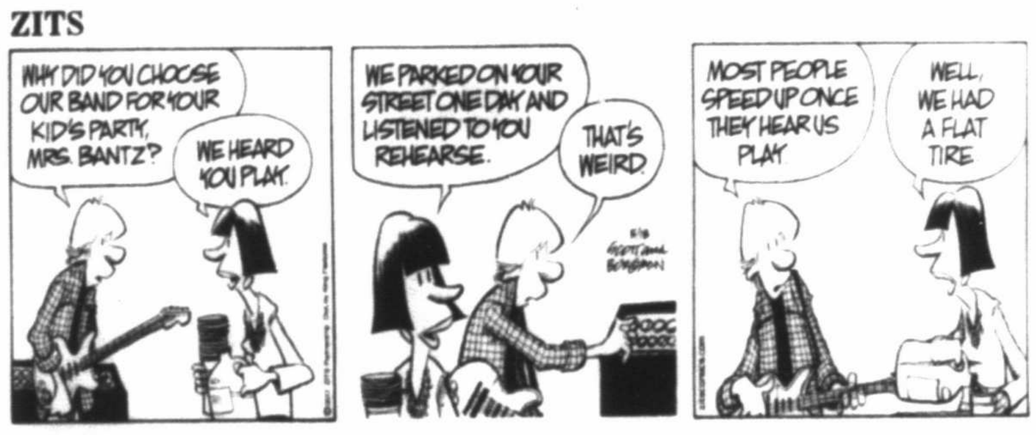

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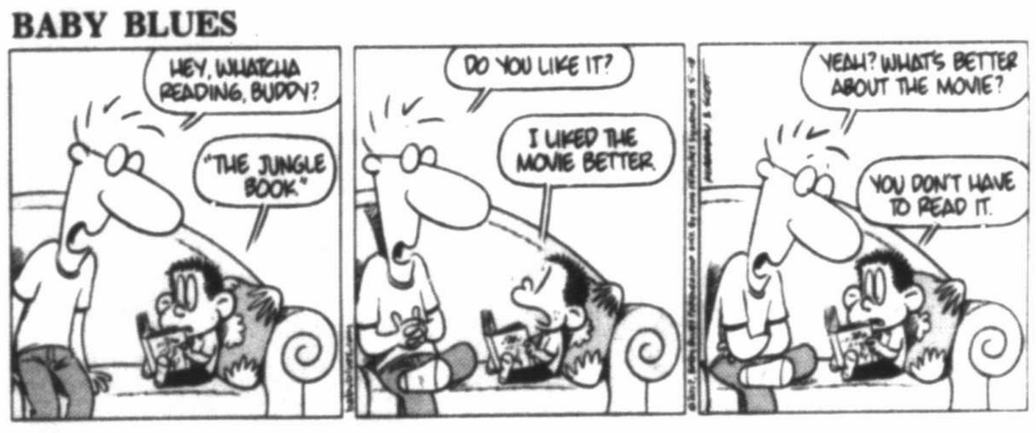


MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME

"Ha! Well? Still think it was a waste of time for me to put the sandwiches in a watertight pouch?"

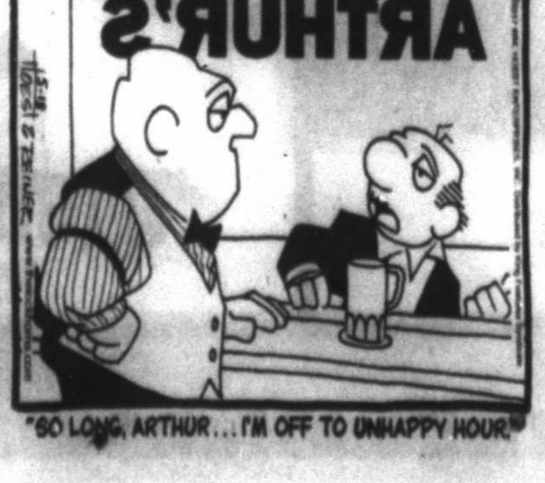
DENNIS THE MENACE

"DON'T LOOK AT ME...DAD DID IT!"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Kittycat always stops and says grace before she eats."

LOCKHORNS



DINING

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

STEAKS & SEAFOOD

BILL'S BISTRO Locally-owned fine-dining establishment features steaks and fresh seafood specials for dinner service and salads and burgers for lunch. 4610 N. Garfield St. Suite D3 | 218-7383 | $$$ | 4 spoons

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

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

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

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

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

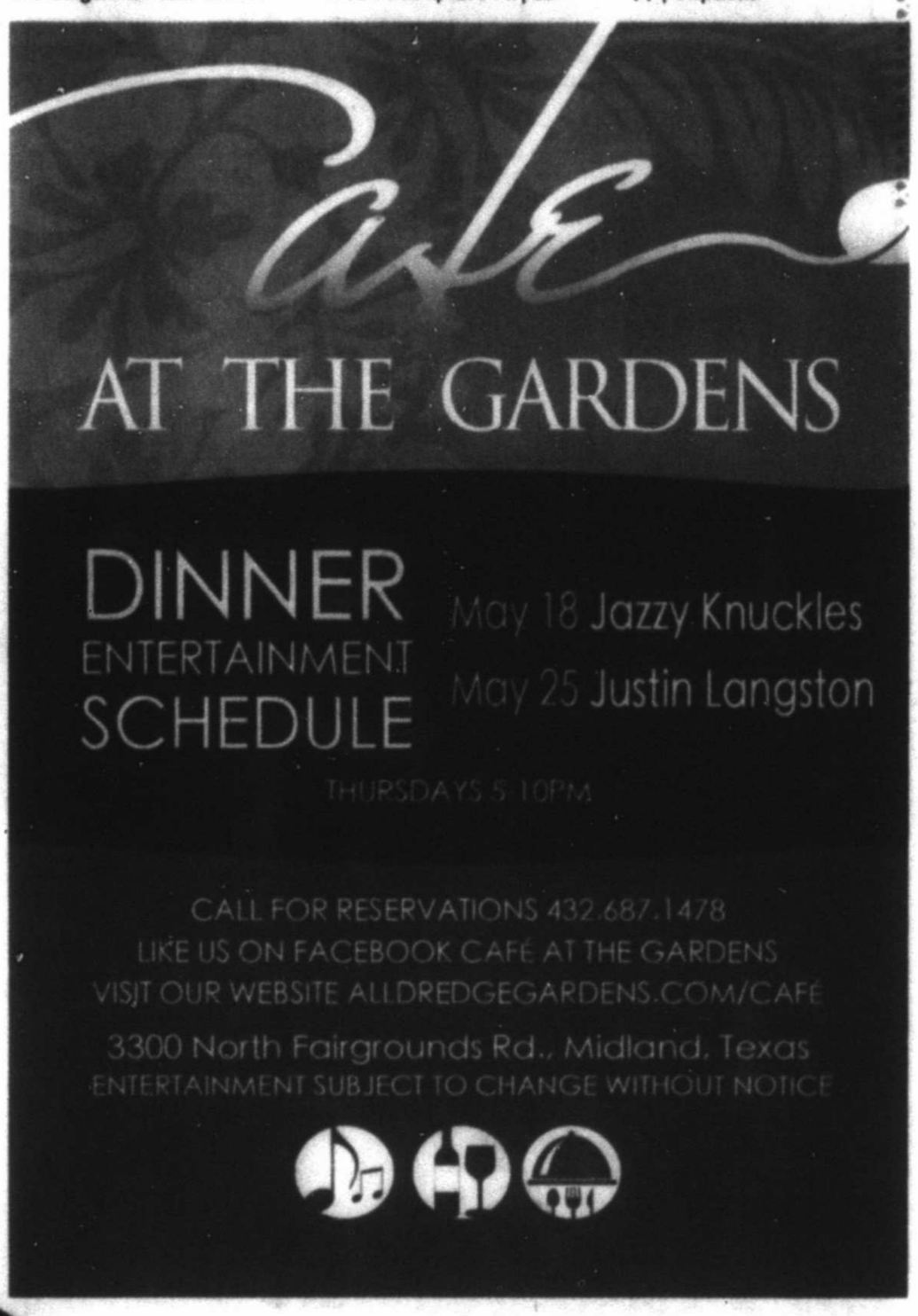
SALTGRASS STEAKHOUSE Midland's only restaurant from the Landry's chain specializes in steaks. For something different, try the warm steak salad that includes grilled veggies and steak piled on top of a bed of greens. 4511 W. Loop 250 | 699-0476 | saltgrass.com | $$ | 4 spoons

STEAK 42 Locally-owned steakhouse with fine dining menu and occasional live music and special events. Look for quarterly pop-up brunches. 911 S. Big Spring St. | 704-5242 | $$$ | 4 spoons

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

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

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



Greenwood's Wigington signs with Texas Tech

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Greenwood senior Hunter Wigington had an eventful week that he will never forget.

Just last Saturday, Wigington earned a silver medal with his second-place mark of 16 feet, 3 inches in the Class 4A pole vault at the UIL state meet in Austin.

On Wednesday, Wigington's sensational week continued as the pole vaulter signed with the Texas Tech track and field program during a ceremony at Greenwood High School's library.

Wigington picked the Red Raiders' program over opportunities at Division I programs Abilene Christian and Incarnate Word. Wigington said he will receive some financial assistance and that he intends to major in mechanical engineering.

"I have always been a huge Texas Tech fan," Wigington said. "We usually have season tickets to the games. I have always kind of looked up to being (there), one of my goals was to be an athlete there. It's really cool."

Wigington's Texas Tech signing was the culmination of a journey of perseverance.

Wigington lost his dad, Perry, at age 10, so Wednesday he expressed how grateful he was to teachers and coaches such as track coach Pat Liles, pole vault coach James Ahrlett and former football coach Shad Hanna for being father figures in his life.

He also thanked Conner Harrison, his mother Teresa's boyfriend, for being there for him.

"He came every day working hard and always wanted advice in getting better," Ahrlett said of Wigington. "He's such a great young man. Anybody wants their son to grow up to be like that, the way he is. He's humble and driven. He's a pretty great kid."

Wigington said the relationship with Tech track began summer 2016 when he worked with Raiders' pole vault coach Tom Slagle in club.

Originally, Wigington said there wasn't a pole vaulting future with Tech, but that changed when his marks improved.

In 2015, Wigington qualified for state with a 14-9. He was clearing

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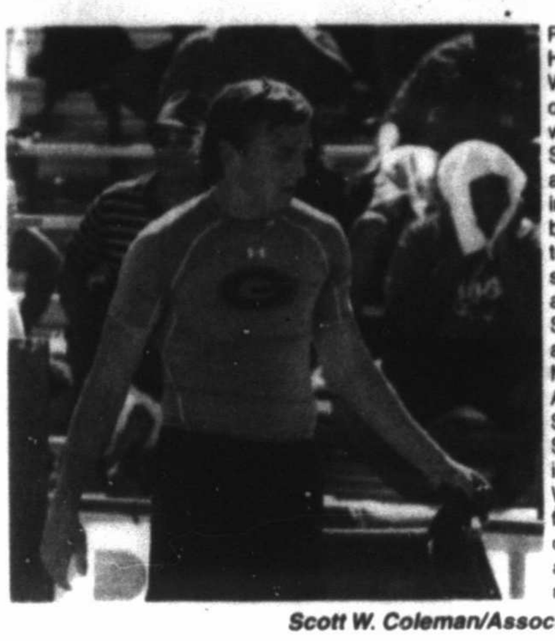

Pole vaulter Hunter Wigington of Greenwood High School wets a towel during a break between attempts in the stifling heat at the UIL State Track and Field Meet at Mike A. Myers Stadium on Saturday in Austin. Wigington finished second, earning a silver medal

Scott W. Coleman/Associated Press

Dominant duo

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Allison Stewart, left, and Kate Daugherty, right, in portrait May 2 at the Midland High tennis courts.

MHS doubles team looks to stay perfect, take state

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Teaming up Kate Daugherty and Allison Stewart seemed like a natural fit from day one.

During the 2014-15 school year, Daugherty and Stewart began playing girls doubles matches for Midland High, and they never looked back.

The ingredients were always there for greatness. Both girls were top 25 singles players in Texas. They were each top 10 students in their respective classes, so they brought aptitude to the court.

Their style of play was complementary, as Daugherty preferred the net, while Stewart loved the baseline.

On top of that, the two were close friends, so chemistry had a chance to be cultivated on the court.

In year three, Daugherty and Stewart have realized their potential as the pair will compete in the UIL Class 6A State Tennis Tournament, today and Friday at Texas A&M University in College Station.

Daugherty and Stewart face Houston Memorial's Maya Prakash and Chloe Sands in today's 11:30 a.m. quarterfinal match at the George P. Mitchell Tennis Center.

The MHS duo roll into the state tournament with a 42-0 season record, and are coming off a dominant showing at the Region I-6A Tennis Tournament, where they compiled a 48-2 mark in games won.

"It would mean a lot to Kate and I to just go out there and win it," Stewart said. "That's the goal. We're going to go there, we're going to go play our best. We're going to see what happens. Especially since it's Kate's senior year, of course, she wants to go out with a bang and what better way to do it than to win state.

"Then it's my junior year and I want to make sure that Kate ends on a good note and that go into my senior year on a good note."

In Midland tennis circles, the pair has become so well known and respected that they are simply referred to as "Kate and Allison".

The Tall City tennis community has embraced their exploits, understanding the rarity of a state qualifier in recent decades.

"There's so many people that have congratulated us and we're just so thankful to have all the support," Stewart said.

Boys doubles team Marcus Valdez and Jonathan Webb were the last to represent MHS at state in 2002, and Luke Morrow and Harper Essex, also a boys doubles team, were the last MHS pair to win state in 1989.

Morrow recently played a practice match against Daugherty and Stewart to help in their preparation.

With three wins in College Station, Daugherty and Stewart can join Midland High's Terre Cowden and Susan Stolz in 1972, Lee's Marilyn Watts and Debbie Graham in 1969, Lee's Barbara Lain and Carol Nix in 1962 and Midland High's Betsy Worden and Lain in

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Lawsuit: Baylor football players recorded gang rapes

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A new federal lawsuit against Baylor University alleges football players routinely recorded gang rapes and staged dog fights during hazing parties in a program that fostered sexual violence.

A former Baylor volleyball player, identified as Jane Doe in the lawsuit, alleges she was raped by four or more players after being taken from a party where she may have been drugged in 2012. Her lawsuit, filed Tuesday, alleges the players later burglarized her apartment and harassed her and her family until she left school the next year.

The woman said she told her mother, who gave an assistant football coach a list of players' names, but never heard back. The woman said she later told her head coach, who brought the matter to football coach Art Briles and athletic director Ian McCaw.

Her account lines up with previous legal filings by Baylor's Board of Regents that allege Briles, when showed a list of names of players allegedly involved in the woman's case, replied: "Those are some bad dudes. Why was she around those guys?" and said the woman should go to the police.

The woman said she didn't tell police about the sex assaults because she believed police would protect the football players, her lawyer told The Associated Press on Wednesday. She told police about football players breaking into her apartment — and police responded by getting her items back, without filing charges, according to the lawsuit.

"This case was always going to be about what Baylor knew, who knew what, and at what time," he lawyer, Muhammad Aziz, said.

More than a dozen women have now sued Baylor, alleging officials mishandled or ignored sex assault allegations for years. The school is also facing several federal civil rights investigations and a state criminal investigation.

When asked to comment on the latest lawsuit Wednesday, Baylor officials didn't address the specific allegations. But the school released a statement saying officials tried for months to reach a settlement with the woman.

They also noted recent efforts to improve campus response to assault allegations.

"The university's response in no way changes Baylor's position that any assault involving members of our campus community is reprehensible and inexcusable. Baylor remains committed to eliminating all forms of sexual and gender-based harassment and discrimination within our campus community," the school said.

Aziz declined to detail previous settlement talks with Baylor. The school has reached financial settlements with at least three other women who alleged mishandled sex assault allegations.

The latest lawsuit, which doesn't identify the accused players, alleges Baylor football players had freshmen players bring girls to parties where they would be drugged and gang raped. The attacks were often recorded so video and photos could be shared by players, who bragged about their experiences, according to the lawsuit.

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Tall City trio hopes to contribute to Midland-Odessa FC

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This year's Midland-Odessa FC roster will feature an enticing blend of nationalities with players from Scotland, England, Mexico, Chile, Spain, Germany, Canada and the United States.

But entering its ninth season, the club will also offer some local flavor in the form of Midland's own Alex VonHolle, Reese Barden and Darius Strambler.

Von Holle

Strambler

Barden

The trio of forwards will aim to help get the Sockers off to a strong start when they open their 2017 campaign at 7:30 p.m. today against the Houston Regals (1-0) at Grande Communications Stadium.

Today is the first of Midland-Odessa FC's 10 Lone Star Conference matches, as they have moved into the 96-team National Premier Soccer League after playing the previous eight seasons in the Premier Development League.

Head coach Matt Barnes, now in his fourth season with the club, said he believes he has a talented roster capable of building on a historic run to the national semifinal in 2016. This year's roster doesn't have a single player returning from last year, but Barnes is looking forward to working with a new crop of contributors, especially the three from the Tall City.

"It really excites me," Barnes said. "For me it's three kids I really care about and I'm excited to see them reach this level after aspiring to be here. It doesn't happen for everyone."

VonHolle, a 2016 MHS grad who just completed his freshman season at NCAA Division II University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, said he's always admired Midland-Odessa FC throughout his development in Midland.

"It's awesome playing for people out here," said VonHolle, who registered six goals and two assists in 19 matches this past season at UCCS. "The sport of soccer is really growing in (West Texas). I've always wanted to play for this team. Now I'm finally getting this opportunity and I'm going to take advantage of it."

Barnes added that VonHolle's desire to play for his club and his ability to adapt to higher levels of the game has been impressive.

"Four years ago, you saw Alex running around in high school, I'm watching his high school games and he's asking me 'Hey, what do I need to do to get to college?'" Barnes said. "As he got into college he said 'What do I need to do to get here?' Alex in particular just keeps climbing. He's consistently shown that he can go to the next level and cope and do well."

Strambler, a 2013 Lee grad and one of the many in the athletic Strambler family, is joining Barnes for the second time in his career. Barnes originally recruited Strambler to Lubbock Christian out of Lee, but left Lubbock for another coaching position. Strambler remained with the Chaparrals, where he spent his freshman season in 2014. He then transferred to Division I Coastal Carolina.

Like VonHolle, playing for Midland-Odessa FC figures to be an enjoyable two-month stay back in the Tall City and he's proud to play for a hometown club once again.

"I think it's an honor," said Strambler, who just completed his junior season with

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WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
Frisco 7, Midland 4

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

INTERNET
www.milb.com

RECORDS
Midland 21-18
Frisco 17-22

Wednesday	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Frisco 7, Midland 4	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 2 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Australian Football League
Geelong vs. Western, 4:30 a.m., FS2

Boxing
Diego De La Hoya vs. Erik Ruiz, 9 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

College Baseball
Michigan at Michigan State, 3 p.m., BTN
LSU at Mississippi State, 6 p.m., SEC
Purdue at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m., BTN
Kansas at Texas Tech, 6:30 p.m., FSSW, FCSC
Kansas State at Baylor, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+, FCSP
Kentucky at Florida, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU
Oklahoma State at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., FCSA

College Softball
SLC Regional: BYU vs. Mississippi State, 5 p.m., ESPN3
SLC Regional: Fordham vs Utah, 7:30 p.m., ESPN3

Cycling
Tour of California, Stage 5: Ontario to Mt. Baldy, 4 p.m., NBCSN

Golf
Regions Tradition, 1st Round, 11:30 a.m., GOLF
EPGA: The Rocco Forte Open, 2nd Round, 4:30 a.m., GOLF
IIHF World Championships
Quarterfinal 1, 9 a.m., NBCSN
Quarterfinal 2, 9 a.m., NHL
Quarterfinal 4, 1 p.m., NHL

Major League Baseball
Washington at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m., MLB
Philadelphia at Texas, 1 p.m., FSSW
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 2:30 p.m., MLB
NY Yankees at Kansas City, 7 p.m., FS1

Men's Soccer
Scottish Premier: Partick Thistle FC vs. Celtic FC, 1:40 p.m., FSP
PL: Leicester City vs. Tottenham Hotspur, 1:45 p.m., NBCSN
Liga MX Semifinal, Leg 1: Toluca vs. Guadalajara, 7:30 p.m., UDN
Liga MX Semifinal, Leg 1: Tigres UANL vs. Club Tijuana, 9:30 p.m., UDN

National Hockey League
Western Final, Game 4: Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m., NBCSN

Rugby
NRL: Brisbane vs. Wests, 4:30 a.m., FSP

Tennis
WTA: Internazionali BNL D'Italia, Quarterfinal 1, 5 a.m., beIN

Women's National Basketball Association
Minnesota at New York, 6 p.m., ESPN2

RADIO
Major League Baseball
Philadelphia at Texas, 1 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM, 690 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
National Hockey League
Western Final, Game 4: Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m., KJTV 950 AM
Texas League Baseball
Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled RHP Stefan Crichton from Norfolk. Designated C Francisco Pena for assignment.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Designated RHP Carlos Frias for assignment.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled OF Boog Powell from Tacoma, PCL.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Claimed 1B/OF Peter O'Brien off waivers from Kansas City at optioned him to Louisville, IL. Transferred LHP Brandon Finnegan to the 60-day DL.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned LHP Grant Dayton to Oklahoma City, PCL. Reinstated HP Rich Hill from the 10-day DL. Sent 1B Adrian Gonzalez to Rancho Cucamonga (Calif.) for a rehab assignment.
MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned RHP Tom Koehler to New Orleans (PCL). Placed RHP Junichi Tazawa on the 10-day DL, retroactive to May 16. Designated SS Mike Aviles for assignment. Recalled RHPs Odrisamer Despaigne and Brian Ellington from New Orleans.
NEW YORK METS — Optioned OF Brandon Nimmo to Las Vegas (PCL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed OF Gregory Polanco on the 10-day DL, retroactive to May 15. Recalled OF Danny Ortiz from Indianapolis (IL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned RHP John Gant to Memphis (PCL). Sent OF Stephen Piscotty to Springfield (TL) for a rehab assignment.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned INF Kelby Tomlinson to Sacramento (PCL). Reinstated RHP Mark Melancon from the 10-day DL. Sent OF Aaron Hill to San Jose (Calif.) for a rehab assignment.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Recalled LHP Matt Grace from Syracuse (IL). Placed RHP Joe Blanton on the 10-day DL.
American Association
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Released OF Donald Lutz.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released INF Kyle Roller.
TEXAS AIRHOGS — Signed RHP Carlos Contreras, RHP Luis De La Cruz, INF Alvaro Rondon and OF Diene Phipps. Released RHP Toby Eigner, LHP Martino Garcia, RHP Devin Malone and RHP Joe Robinson.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Released RHP Josh Hodges.
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released RHP Ryan Pope and OF Noel Ramirez.
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Released RHP Michael Adams, LHP Larvis Brito, RHP Richard Cruz Sanchez, OF David Popkins, LHP Mike Sullivan, C Trent Sweet and RHP Jordan Welander.
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Released C Brendan Slattery.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed LB Mikey Bart. Waived DT Collin Bevins.
BUFFALO BILLS — Named Malik Boyd pro personnel director.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived DB Donte Lacey. Signed PK Zane Gonzalez and DB Jason McCourty.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed S Dan Skuppe.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Waived DT Toby Johnson. Signed DT Will Sutton.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Agreed to terms with RB LeGarrette Blount on a one-year contract.
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Announced the retirement of WR Andrew Johnson. Signed DL Ike Iglemoor.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released DBs Brendan Morgan and Terrance Parks.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed D Andrew O'Brien to a one-year, two-way contract.
COLLEGE
BYU — Announced F Eric Mika will remain in the NBA draft and hire an agent.
CENTENARY — Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Adam Walsh.
FLAGLER — Named Cullen Fridley director of sports medicine.
NOTRE DAME — Fired men's golf coach Jim Kubinski.
PURDUE — Senior men's basketball C Isaac Haas has withdrawn from the NBA draft.
SAINT LEO — Announced the resignation of women's lacrosse coach Lesley Graham.
SHENANDOAH — Named Adam Walsh men's basketball coach.
SIU EDWARDSVILLE — Named Todd Schuler associate head women's basketball coach.
TENNESSEE — Announced the resignation of baseball coach Dave Serrano, effective at the end of the season.

Chaps trail by 11 shots after second round at nationals

From staff reports

GARDEN CITY, KAN. -- The Midland College men's golf team inched up to fifth place but still trails Odessa College by 11 shots after the second round of the NJCAA National Golf Tournament on Wednesday.

The Chaparrals shot 293 at Buffalo Dunes Golf Course for a two-round total of 587. Odessa College shot 292 for a 576 total to lead Eastern Florida State by seven strokes. Indian Hills Community College (584) is third and Dodge City Community College (586) is fourth.

Midland College sophomore Stefan Cronje is in a four-way tie for second in the medalist standings and his 143 total is just one shot back of Odessa's Van Thomas.

Freshman Michael Salazar and sophomore Coleman Houston had the second best rounds of the day for MC with a 73. Hudson Ross fired a 75 and Ben Murray struggled with an 83.

Cronje

Houston

MC coach Delnor Poss said his team got off to a another tough start through the first nine holes, but recovered very well on the back nine.

"I was really pleased with the way we finished the round," Poss said. "The guys responded through some adversity. Coleman Houston, playing in the five spot, turned in a 1-over and played solid the last nine holes at even par. He was instrumental to our finish."

Poss added Ross bounced back from shooting a 3-over through the first nine holes to shoot 2-under on the back nine as the No. 4 golfer, Salazar had a solid day and Cronje was just steady the entire day.

"It was combination of the wind and lack of execution early, but we got it together after the eighth hole and played really solid. The third day is usually moving day in the tournament and we hope to make a move. With the way we finished, we're encouraged."

NJCAA MEN'S DIVISION I NATIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
At Buffalo Dunes Golf Course, Garden City, Kan.
Tuesday's second round
Team standings - 1. Odessa College 284-292--576; 2. Eastern Florida State 294-299--583; 3. Indian Hills CC 292-292--584; 4. Dodge City CC 295-291--586; 5. Midland College 294-293--587; 6. McLennan Community College 298-305--591; 7. Iowa Western 290-302--592; 8. Spartanburg Methodist College 289-304--593; 9. Western Texas College 299-302--601; 10. Central Alabama 300-304--604; 11. New Mexico JC 297-310--607; 12. Eastern Arizona College 303-310--613; 13. Wallace State 302-314--616; 14. Hutchinson CC 302-317--619; 15. John A. Logan College 305-321--626; 16. Garden City CC 312-318--630; 17. Faulkner State CC 316-320--636; 18. Eastern Wyoming CC 313-326--639; 19. Pima Community College 312-329--640; 20. Scottsdale CC 305-338--644; 21. Otero Junior College n/a-345--n/a
Medalist standings (top 10) - 1. Van Thomas Odessa College, 70-72--142; 2. (tie) Stefan Cronje, Midland College, 71-72--143; Ricky Sanders, Indian Hills, 70-73--143; Mason LaGrange, Dodge City, 73-70--143; Tucker Tovar, Western Texas College, 74-69--143; 6. (tie) Adam Blomme, Odessa College, 74-70--144; Brody Bolson, Iowa Western, 73-71--144; 8. (tie) Chip Willoughby, Wallace State, 73-72--145; Mathieu Echiard, Eastern Florida State, 75-70--145; Augustin Hole, Odessa College, 69-76--145; Eric Gilpin, Indian Hills, 74-71--145
Midland College (294-293--587) - Stefan Cronje 71-72--143, Michael Salazar 74-73--147, Ben Murray 72-83--155, Hudson Ross 77-75--152, Coleman Houston 79-73--152.

Warriors, Spurs will try to use break to rest

By Janie Mccauley
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Still unbeaten, the Golden State Warriors have a few days to heal up again. Gregg Popovich's time will be spent working to get his San Antonio Spurs to wake up, before it's too late.

And determine whether injured superstar Kawhi Leonard might be healthy enough to return from an ankle injury, too.

Sure, the Warriors just pulled off a 36-point thrashing of the Spurs two days after squeaking out a 113-111 victory in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals — their second-largest postseason win behind a game from 1948 when the Philadelphia Warriors won by 39 at St. Louis.

Draymond Green, for one, doesn't believe the Warriors will get anything easy when they arrive in San Antonio for Saturday's Game 3.

"They're going to play as hard as they can until it's over. So, we know we're not taking their heart," he said after Tuesday's 136-100 rout. "At the end, all we did was what we were supposed to do, we took care of home court. Now the real challenge is going on the road and trying to get some wins."

Starting center Zaza Pachulia was scheduled for an MRI exam Wednesday on his bruised right heel after an X-ray was negative. Key reserve and 2015 NBA Finals MVP Andre Iguodala's status was unclear after he missed Game 2 with soreness in his left knee.

"The schedule comes in and helps us out," guard Shaun Livingston said. "We miss him out there, but he'll get healthy and in the meantime it's up to the rest of us to stay ready."

They certainly did Tuesday.

Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant and Golden State's starters got plenty of rest in the fourth quarter on a night the bench delivered a season-best 63 points.

Popovich was left perplexed and downright disgusted that his team got dominated in such embarrassing fashion without Leonard, who re-injured his tender left ankle in Game 1 after stepping on Pachulia's foot.

"Tonight, it's not what I expected. I'm disappointed," Popovich said. "The only way I can process this is I think it's not about O's and X's or rebounds or turnovers or anything like that. I think we've maybe felt it too much, Kawhi being gone, in the sense that I don't think — as I watched — I don't think they believed."

James, Love help Cavs rout Celtics in Game 1

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

BOSTON — LeBron James had 38 points, nine rebounds and seven assists and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Boston Celtics 117-104 on Wednesday night in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals.

Kevin Love added a playoff career-high 32 points and had 12 rebounds to help the Cavaliers improve to 9-0 in the first three rounds of the playoffs. They opened 10-0 last season en route to their first NBA title.

James scored at will in the first half and the Cavs built a 26-point lead. Love opened up the floor for James, burying outside jumpers and forcing Boston to leave defenders one-on-one with James.

Avery Bradley and Jae Crowder led the Celtics with 21 points each. Isaiah Thomas had 17 points. Boston missed 11 of its first 14 shots.

Game 2 is Friday night in Boston.

Love averaged a quiet 13.8 points in the first two rounds, then broke out against a Boston team that knocked him out of the 2015 playoffs when he became tangled with Kelly Olynyk and dislocated his shoulder.

The shoulder was working just fine Wednesday, and he scored in the paint and from the outside.

Things got a little testy in the third quarter when Boston's Marcus Smart and Cleveland's Tristan Thompson got nose-to-nose and had to be separated by referees. Some jawing continued briefly before James stepped in to pull Thompson away.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; z-if necessary)
Sunday, May 14
Golden State 113, San Antonio 111
Tuesday, May 16
Golden State 136, San Antonio 100, Golden State leads series 2-0
Wednesday, May 17
Cleveland 117, Boston 104, Cleveland leads series 1-0
Friday, May 19
Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 20
Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 21
Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 22
Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23
Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24
x-San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 25
x-Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 26
x-Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 27
x-Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 28
x-San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Monday, May 29
x-Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

TEXAS FISHING REPORT

CENTRAL
BASTROP: Water stained, 73-77 degrees. Black bass are good on watermelon crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and soft plastics. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on live bait and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.
BELTON: Water stained, 72-76 degrees; 0.78 feet high. Black bass are good trolling Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are good on shad in 20 feet. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and juglines baited with live perch and live shad.
BROWNWOOD: Water stained, 73-77 degrees; 0.42 feet low. Black bass are excellent on Bass Hogg Gorilla jigs, green pumpkin soft plastics, and white/chartreuse crankbaits around docks. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are excellent on minnows and white jigs under lights at night in 10-20 feet. Crappie are excellent on minnows and white tube jigs over brush piles in 1-8 feet. Channel catfish are slow. Blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait.
BUCHANAN: Water stained, 74-78 degrees; 0.24 feet low. Black bass are good on white/chartreuse spinnerbaits, watermelon topwaters, and green pumpkin Whacky Sticks with chartreuse tails along lake points in 8-12 feet at first light. Striped bass are fair on topwaters and Rat-L-Traps, and drifting live bait on the surface in 20-30 feet near the Lighthouse. White bass are fair trolling Shad Raps and jigging Pink Minnows and Tiny Traps over rock piles in 20-30 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and watermelon tube jigs over brush piles in 12 feet. Channel catfish are good on live bait and cut bait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines and trotlines baited with goldfish and minnows.
CANYON LAKE: Water stained, 73-77 degrees; 0.13 feet low. Black bass are fair on tomato red JDC grubs, watermelon red Whacky Sticks, and Texas rigged watermelon red finesse worms along bluff ledges in 8-16 feet. Striped bass are fair on silver spoons and 1-oz. Pink Minnows in 30 feet. White bass are slow. Smallmouth bass are good on root beer/green JDC curl tailed grubs and craws, and smoke/red tubes on ball jigheads in 10 feet on main lake points and ledges. Crappie are good on pink tube jigs and live minnows under/around submerged brush piles over breaklines. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines and trotlines baited with live bait.
COLEMAN: Water stained, 74-78 degrees; 0.64 feet low. Black bass are good on green pumpkin soft plastic lizards and worms. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.
COLORADO RIVER: (At Colorado Bend State Park): No report available.
FAYETTE: Water murky. Black bass are good on watermelon shallow running crankbaits and soft plastic worms in 4-20 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on juglines baited with shrimp and shad in 10-12 feet.
GRANBURY: Water stained; 72-76 degrees; 0.40 feet low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse/white soft plastics, crankbaits, and spinnerbaits. Striped bass are fair on white buck tail jigs. White bass are fair on minnows and watermelon spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and white tube jigs. Catfish are good on stinkbait, liver, and frozen shrimp.
GRANGER: Water stained; 71-75 degrees; 0.51 feet high. Black bass are slow. White bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps around shallow main lake roadbeds. Crappie are fair on marabou jigs in 4-12 feet. Blue catfish are good on shad and prepared bait in 4-15 feet. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait/ upriver.
LBJ: Water stained; 73-77 degrees; 0.75 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon red JDC Skip-N-Pop topwaters, watermelon Curtis Electric jigs, and weightless green pumpkin Texas rigged Whacky Sticks. Striped bass are fair on 4-10 feet. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs over brush piles in 1-15 feet. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.
NAVARRO MILLS: Water stained; 72-76 degrees; 0.06 feet low. Black bass are good on green pumpkin soft plastics and spinnerbaits along banks in Liberty Hill Park and near the dam. White bass are good on Charlie slabs and pet spoons. Crappie are fair on chartreuse jigs and minnows. Channel catfish are good on minnows and nightcrawlers. Blue catfish are fair on trotlines and juglines baited with liver and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.
PROCTOR: Water stained; 71-75 degrees; 0.37 feet low. Black bass are fair on pumpkinseed soft plastics, crankbaits, and spinnerbaits. Striped bass are good on shad. White bass are good on minnows and shad colored crankbaits. Crappie are very good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are very good on shad and shrimp. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.
SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 74-78 degrees; 0.12 feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are good on silver spoons. White bass are good on slabs and spoons. Crappie are good on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on punchbait and liver. Yellow catfish are slow.
STILLHOUSE HOLLOW: Water murky; 73-77 degrees; 0.29 feet high. Black bass are good on watermelon Rat-L-Traps and spinnerbaits. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.
TRAVIS: Water stained; 74-78 degrees; 1.77 feet low. Black bass are good on chartreuse Rat-L-Traps, watermelon worms, and smoke grubs in 8-24 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on Lil Fishies and minnows in 20-30 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and pink tube jigs in 10-20 feet. Channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows and shrimp in 20-35 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.
WALTER E. LONG: Water murky. Black bass are very good on shad. Hybrid striper are fair on shad and silver striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers, frozen shad, and frozen shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.
WHITNEY: Water stained; 72-76 degrees; 2.37 feet low. Black bass are good on green pumpkin soft plastics and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are fair on white/chartreuse striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Charlie slabs, pet spoons, and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and Lil Fishies. Catfish are good on frozen shrimp and stinkbait.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water clear on the main lake, stained up the river; 69 degrees main lake, 72 degrees up the river; 2.67 feet low. Black bass are slow on 7-inch Power Worms, spoons and shallowheads with Z Man TRDs (some bass still moving up). Crappie and bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on rod and reel with cut bait and punchbait on baited holes.
ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 65-69 degrees; 1.03 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: 13.99 feet low. No report available.

Senators chase Fleury, rout Penguins 5-1 in Game 3

Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario — Marc Methot, Derick Brassard and Zack Smith scored in a 2:18 span midway through the first period to chase goalie Marc-Andre Fleury and the Ottawa Senators beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 5-1 on Wednesday night to take a 2-1 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

Mike Hoffman opened the scoring 48 seconds in, and the Senators blew it open against the sluggish Penguins a few minutes later with the fastest three goals in team playoff history. Kyle Turris made it 5-0 late in the second period.

Sidney Crosby ended Craig Anderson's shutout bid with a power-play goal in the third. Pittsburgh has scored a goal in each game in the series, dropping the opener 2-1 in overtime and winning the second 1-0.

Anderson finished with 25 saves. Fleury allowed four goals on nine shots, and Matthew Murray made 19 saves in relief.

Game 4 is Friday night in Ottawa.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; z-if necessary)
Friday, May 12
Nashville 3, Anaheim 2, OT
Saturday, May 13
Ottawa 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT
Sunday, May 14
Anaheim 5, Nashville 3
Monday, May 15
Pittsburgh 1, Ottawa 0
Tuesday, May 16
Nashville 2, Anaheim 1, Nashville leads series 2-1
Wednesday, May 17
Ottawa 5, Pittsburgh 1, Ottawa leads series 2-1
Thursday, May 18
Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 19
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 20
Nashville at Anaheim, 6:15 p.m.
Sunday, May 21
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.
Monday, May 22
x-Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23
x-Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24
x-Nashville at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 25
x-Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

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Senior, Nicholson lead MC's All-WJCAC honorees

From staff reports

Two Midland College baseball players were honored with the top awards in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference All-Conference team just released.

Chaparral sophomore outfielder Eric Senior was named as the Most Valuable Player, while sophomore Jon Nicholson was named as the Most Valuable Pitcher.

Kurtis Lay, of WJCAC champion Odessa College, was named Coach of the Year.

Senior and Nicholson were also among the four Chaps honored on the all-conference team as sophomore shortstop Nolan Rattai and sophomore third baseman Braden Hayward were also honored.

Nicholson, Rattai and Senior were also named to the NJCAA All-Region V Team.

Senior, from Toronto, had a fantastic year for the Chaps as he batted .398 with a team-high 17 home runs and 91 RBI (which ranks third in NJCAA).

Senior

Nicholson

Nicholson, from Abilene, went 11-1 with one save and a 3.71 ERA.

Rattai, from Medicine Hat, Alberta, led the Chaps with a .413 batting average to go with six homers and 72 RBI.

Hayward, from Lubbock, hit .383 with seven home runs and 62 RBI.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference All-Conference Baseball Team

Most Valuable Player - Eric Senior, Midland College
Most Valuable Pitcher - Jon Nicholson, Midland College
Coach of the Year - Kurtis Lay, Odessa College
All-Conference
Pitchers - Jon Nicholson, Midland College; Kody Bullard, Western Texas College; Matteo Bocchi, Odessa College; Dylan Bein, New Mexico Junior College
Catchers - Doug Facendo, Howard College; Garrett Scott, Western Texas College
Infielders - Andrew Morales, Odessa College; Ryan Rijo, New Mexico Junior College; Nolan Rattai, Midland College; Masen Hibbeler, Odessa College; Andrew Beck, Howard College; Braden Hayward, Midland College
Outfielders - Eric Senior, Midland College; Brett Esau, Frank Phillips College; Kyler Castillo, Odessa College; Chase Whetsel, New Mexico Junior College; Dorridon Lopez, Western Texas College
Designated Hitter - Treston Kennard, Odessa College
Honorable mention
Midland College: **Brock Barger, Callan Johnson, Hill Alexander**
Clarendon College: Julian Cyr, Jose Solis, Yan Tremblay, Anthony Quiron, Erik Rodriguez
El Paso CC: Juan Arzaga
Howard College: Brandon Young
Luna CC: Othon De La Cruz, Mark Dominguez, Gregory Ozuna, Mark Castelblanco
New Mexico JC: Jake Dickerson, Gavin Johnson, Larry Leitha, Wade Raburn
New Mexico Military Institute: Jordan Williams, Kirby Pimentel, Parker Bateman, Bobby Galindo, Angelo Cokin
Odessa College: Grant Jones, Chandler Casey
Western Texas College: Jorge Napoles, Luis Diaz, Ramiro Sanchez, Pablo Ortiz, Mark Trimble

NJCAA All-Region V Team
Pitchers - Tyler Ivey, Grayson College; **Jon Nicholson, Midland College;** Jake Lyons, Weatherford College; John Rodriguez Jr., Cisco College; Bailey Horn, McLennan Community College; Kody Bullard, Western Texas College
Catchers - Doug Facendo, Howard College; Josh Breaux, McLennan CC
Infielders - Andrew Morales, Odessa College; Andrew Keefer, Weatherford College; **Nolan Rattai, Midland College** Brendan Venteri McLennan CC, Ryan Rijo, New Mexico JC Masen Hibbeler, Odessa College
Outfielders - **Eric Senior, Midland College;** Chris Roller, McLennan CC; Marco Rivera, Vernon College; Chase Whetsel, New Mexico JC; Kyler Castillo, Odessa College Brett Esau, Frank Phillips College
Designated Hitter - Yan Tremblay, Clarendon College

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROUGHRIDERS 7, ROCKHOUNDS 4
AT DR PEPPER BALLPARK

TOP HITTERS: Midland's Max Schrock was 3-for-4 with two home runs and two RBI. … Midland teammate Yairo Munoz was 2-for-4 with a home run, RBI and two runs scored. … Scott Heineman was 3-for-4 with a home run, triple, RBI and two runs scored for Frisco. … Frisco teammate Jose Cardona was 2-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored.

TOP PITCHERS: Frisco's Sam Wolff picked up his second win of the season in relief as he allowed just one hit and struck out three in one inning. … Midland reliever Ben Bracewell allowed just two hits in two inning for the RockHounds.

HIGHLIGHTS: After Shrock hit a solo homer in the top of the fourth to give Midland a 2-1 lead, Frisco scored two runs in the bottom of the inning on a Michael De Leon triple. … After a Heineman solo home run in the fifth, the RockHounds tied the game at 4 in the sixth on back-to-back home runs by Munoz and Schrock. … Frisco took the lead for good in the eighth inning thanks to a three-run home run by Jose Cardona.

NOTES: Frisco now has a 2-1 series lead heading into the series finale at 7:05 p.m. today. … Midland has now lost four of its last five games and is 3-4 on the current road trip. … RockHound Viosergy Rosa extended his on-base streak to 18 games with a walk on Wednesday. … The teams combined for five doubles plays.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland - RHP Corey Walter (2-0, 1.09 ERA). Frisco - RHP Collin Wiles (3-0, 2.62)

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	31	16	.660	—
Springfield (Cardinals)	30	17	.541	1
Tulsa (Dodgers)	19	19	.500	2½
Arkansas (Mariners)	14	24	.368	7½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio (Padres)	23	16	.590	—
Midland (Athletics)	21	19	.525	2
Corpus Christi (Astros)	18	21	.462	5
Frisco (Rangers)	17	22	.436	6

Monday's Scores
Frisco 7, Midland 4
Tulsa 7, Springfield 4
San Antonio 8, Corpus Christi 3
Northwest Arkansas 4, Arkansas 1

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

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Boyd dh	3	0	0	0
Munoz ss	4	2	2	1
Schrock 2b	4	2	3	2
Sportman cf	4	0	1	1
Rosa 1b	3	0	0	0
Marincov rf	2	0	0	0
Paz c	4	0	0	0
Vertigan jr 3	3	0	1	0
Tarsovich 3b	4	0	0	0
Lipka rf	3	0	1	0
Totals	**31**	**4**	**7**	**4**

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Heineman lf	4	2	3	1
Kinn-Falls 2b	4	0	0	0
Aguilera 1b	4	0	2	0
Travino c	4	1	1	1
Tandler dh	4	2	2	0
Cardona cf	4	2	2	3
Prater 3b	4	0	1	0
De Leon ss	4	0	2	0
Upkra rf	3	0	1	0
Totals	**36**	**7**	**15**	**5**

	100	102	000	–4
Midland	100	210	03x	–7

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	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Graves	5.0	9	4	4	0	4
Bracewell	2.0	2	0	0	0	0
Finnegan L, 0-1	1.0	3	3	3	0	0
Frisco						
Mendez	6.0	5	4	4	2	6
Loewen	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
Wolff W, 2-3	1.0	1	0	0	0	3
Garrett S, 3	1.0	1	0	0	1	2

HBP - by Mendez (Boyd)
T - 2:29 A - 10,421

ROUGHRIDERS 7, ROCKHOUNDS 4

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Boyd dh	3	0	0	0	Heineman lf	4	2	3	1
Munoz ss	4	2	2	1	Kinn-Falls 2b	4	0	0	0
Schrock 2b	4	2	3	2	Aguilera 1b	4	0	2	0
Sportman cf	4	0	1	1	Travino c	4	1	1	1
Rosa 1b	3	0	0	0	Tandler dh	4	2	2	0
Marincov rf	2	0	0	0	Cardona cf	4	2	2	3
Paz c	4	0	0	0	Prater 3b	4	0	1	0
Vertigan jr 3	3	0	1	0	De Leon ss	4	0	2	0
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TEXAS ROUNDUP

CASHNER FINALLY WINS IN HOME STATE, RANGERS TOP PHILLIES 9-3

ARLINGTON — Andrew Cashner finally won in his home state of Texas, pitching seven solid innings to help the Rangers match the longest winning streak in the majors this year at eight games with a 9-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday night.

The right-hander from the Houston area also got his first win with the Rangers, who scored nine runs in the first five innings after getting just six in the first six starts by Cashner (1-3) when the stocky 30-year-old was in the game.

Jared Hoying hit his first big league homer and had his first four-hit game in his second start since coming up from the minors to replace center fielder Carlos Gomez, who is expected to miss at least a month with a right hamstring strain.

Delino DeShields matched a career high with four hits, all singles that included two bunts and another infield hit.

Shin-Soo Choo had three hits with three RBIs among a season-high 17 hits for the Rangers, who matched the Yankees for the longest winning streak this season and are on their best run since August 2013. The defending AL West champs (21-20) are over .500 for the first time this year.

Zach Effin (0-1) allowed 11 hits and seven runs in four innings as the Phillies dropped to 3-11 in May.

REELING MARLINS BLANKED BY ASTROS 3-0

MIAMI — The Miami Marlins are for sale, and their players aren't helping the team's market value.

Miami mustered just three hits against Lance McCullers and three relievers Wednesday afternoon to conclude a dismal homestand with a 3-0 loss to the Houston Astros.

The Marlins were outscored 22-4 in the series and head to California last in the NL East after going 1-8 on their homestand.

"It can't get any worse than what it is," said second baseman Dee Gordon, whose errant throw led to two unearned runs. "We've just got to find a way to get some wins."

The Marlins haven't been to the playoffs since 2003, and owner Jeffrey Loria has seen enough losing and wants to sell. He's negotiating with a group that includes former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and former New York Yankees captain Derek Jeter, and another group led by businessman Tagg Romney, son of the former Republican nominee for president.

Meanwhile the Marlins keep losing, despite spring training talk of a playoff run. They're 14-25, and manager Don Mattingly said he's unsure whether the sale talk is a factor.

"It's something you know is there and looming," Mattingly said. "I don't know if it has any effect. I can't speak for guys."

They managed just three hits in six innings against McCullers , who paid tribute to the late Marlins ace Jose Fernandez and pitched like him, allowing no earned runs for the third start in a row to help Houston complete a three-game sweep.

LITTLE LEAGUE BRACKETS

American League City Tournament at Mid City Little League
Pool play (all games at 6:30 p.m.)
Monday, May 15
N1 Tigers 11, MC5 Astros 0
N6 Marlins 12, MC1 Angels 5
N7 Cubs 11, T1 Royals 3
E1 Rangers Red 9, vs. N8 Nationals 3
Tuesday, May 16
N2 A's 12, E3 Rangers Blue 2
MC2 Rays 7, T3 Cardinals 1
MC3 Rangers 11, T2 Twins 4
N3 Rangers 11, E2 Monarchs 2
Wednesday, May 17
N1 Tigers vs. T4 Yankees, late
MC1 Angels vs. N5 Astros, late
T1 Royals vs. N4 Red Sox, late
E1Rangers Red vs. MC4 Dbacks, late
Thursday, May 18
N2 A's vs. MC5 Astros, Field 1
MC2 Rays vs. N6 Marlins, Field 2
T2 Twins vs. N7 Cubs, Field 3
E2 Monarchs vs. N8 Nationals, Field 4
Friday, May 19
E3 Rangers Blue vs. T4 Yankees, Field 1
T3 Cardinals vs. N5 Astros, Field 2
MC3 Rangers vs. N4 Red Sox, Field 3
N3 Rangers vs. MC4 Dbacks, Field 4

Bracket Play
at Tower Little League
Monday, May 22
Game 1 Pool 1 No. 1 vs. Pool 3 No. 3, 6 p.m., Tower 3
Game 2 Pool 4 No. 1 vs. Pool 2 No. 2, 6 p.m., Tower 1
Game 3 Pool 2 No. 1 vs. Pool 4 No. 2, 8 p.m., Tower 3
Game 4 Pool 3 No. 1 vs. Pool 1 No. 2, 8 p.m., Tower 1
Tuesday, May 23
Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m. Tower 1
Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7 p.m. Tower 3
Championship
Thursday, May 25
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m., Tower 1

MJBA National Little League City Tournament at Tower Little League
Monday, May 15
Game 1 (7) NLL3 Cardinals 20, (10) ELL2 A's 5
Game 2 (6) NLL2 Reds 8, (11) MC4 Giants 0
Game 3 (13) NLL4 Braves 9, (4) ELL1 Astros 5
Game 4 (5) MC2 Pirates 19, (12) TLL3 Padres 2
Game 5 (8) MC3 Yankees 16, (9) TLL2 Nationals 12
Tuesday, May 16
Winner's bracket
Game 6 NLL3 Cardinals, 8, MC1 Red Sox 7
Game 7 NLL2 Reds 11, TLL1 Cubs 3
Game 8 NLL1 Mets 9, MC3 Yankees 2
Game 9 NLL4 Braves 4, MC2 Pirates 0
Loser's bracket
Game 10 ELL1 Astros 15, TLL3 Padres 9
Wednesday, May 17
Loser's bracket
Game 11 (9) MC1 Red Sox 15, TLL2 Nationals 2
Game 12 (10) MC3 Yankees 13, ELL2 A's 2
Game 13 (11) MC2 Pirates 7, MC4 Giants 4
Game 14 TLL1 Cubs 9, ELL1 Astros 8
Thursday, May 18
Winner's bracket quarterfinals
Game 15 NLL3 Cardinals vs. NLL2 Reds, 6 p.m., Field 4
Game 16 NLL4 Braves vs NLL1 Mets, 6 p.m., Field 2
Loser's bracket second round
Game 17 TLL1 Cubs vs. MC1 Red Sox, 8 p.m., Field 4
Game 18 MC3 Yankees vs. MC2 Pirates, 8 p.m., Field 2
Friday, May 19
Loser's bracket quarterfinals
Game 19 Game 16 loser vs. Game 17 winner, 6 p.m., Field 4
Game 20 Game 15 loser vs. Game 18 winner, 6 p.m., Field 2
Sunday, May 21
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 21 Game 15 winner vs. Game 16 winner, 6 p.m., Field 4
Loser's bracket semifinal
Game 22 Game 19 winner vs. Game Game 20 winner, 6 p.m., Field 2
Monday, May 22
Loser's bracket final
Game 23 Game 21 loser vs. Game 22 winner, 7 p.m. Field 4
Tuesday, May 23
Championship
Game 24 Game 21 winner vs. Game 23 winner, 7 p.m., Field 4
Wednesday, May 24
If necessary game
Game 25 Game 24 winner vs. Game 24 loser, 7 p.m., Field 4

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

RAYS 7, INDIANS 4

CLEVELAND — Corey Dickerson hit a three-run shot — his third homer in two days — and Alex Cobb controlled Cleveland over seven innings as Tampa Bay completed its most successful road trip in a year.

Dickerson connected in the second inning off Josh Tomlin (2-5) and Logan Morrison hit a solo shot in the third for Tampa Bay, which went 4-2 on a swing through Boston and Cleveland. It's the Rays' first winning trip since last May.

Cobb (4-3) allowed three runs and six hits.

TIGERS 5, ORIOLES 4

DETROIT — Tyler Collins snapped an 0-for-30 skid in style, hitting two home runs for the Detroit Tigers in a 5-4 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday night.

Collins hit a solo homer in the second inning and a three-run shot in the fifth, giving Detroit's offense a boost while Miguel Cabrera sat out with a sore left side. Michael Fulmer (5-1) wasn't at his best, allowing three earned runs and 10 hits in seven innings, but the Tigers gave him enough support.

Justin Wilson allowed two baserunners in the ninth but retired Adam Jones and Manny Machado for his third save in four chances. Machado struck out to end it when first base umpire C.B. Bucknor ruled he swung at the final pitch. Machado, who had tried to check his swing, slammed his helmet down in frustration after the call.

Ubaldo Jimenez (1-2) allowed five runs in five innings.

YANKEES 11, ROYALS 7

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Aaron Hicks hit a three-run homer to cap a five-run fourth inning, the Yankees piled up 16 hits and New York rolled to an 11-7 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday night.

Michael Pineda (4-2) allowed three runs and six hits with two walks over six-plus innings. The big right-hander was shaky throughout but good enough to win for only the second time in 16 road starts.

The Yankees teed off on Jason Vargas (5-2), who came into the game with a major league-leading 1.01 ERA. The left-hander allowed as many earned runs in the fourth as he had in his first seven starts combined, and was lifted after allowing six runs on seven hits and two walks in four innings.

Salvador Perez hit a two-run homer and Whit Merrifield also went deep for Kansas City, which scored three times in the ninth to make the final score more respectable.

National league

DODGERS 6, GIANTS 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Clayton Kershaw took a share of the major league lead with his seventh win and earned career victory No. 20 against the rival Giants, helping the Los Angeles Dodgers avoid a sweep by beating San Francisco 6-1 on Wednesday.

Kershaw (7-2) struck out five in seven shutout innings and retired the first 10 batters he faced before Justin Ruggiano's fourth-inning single. The left-hander moved into a tie for most wins with Houston's Dallas Keuchel.

Yasmani Grandal hit a two-run double in the first and Yasiel Puig singled in a pair of runs in the sixth as the Dodgers jumped on Johnny Cueto (4-3), who lost for the first time at home this season.

Kershaw allowed three hits and didn't walk a batter for the fourth time in 2017 as the Dodgers snapped their three-game skid and ended the Giants' season-best five-game winning streak.

The benches cleared briefly after the top of the third when Cueto and Grandal exchanged words. It happened just after Cueto's high, inside pitch flew wildly past catcher Buster Posey, allowing another Dodgers run.

DIAMONDBACKS 5, METS 4, 11 INNINGS

PHOENIX — Chris Herrmann homered off Rafael Montero leading off the 11th inning, sending New York to its season-high seventh straight loss.

Montero (0-3) relieved to start the 11th, and Herrmann worked the count full, fouled off a pitch and connected on a belt-high fastball for his first game-ending home run in the major leagues.

New York went 0-6 in Milwaukee and Arizona, the Mets' longest winless trip since 1999, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. At 16-23, New York dropped seven games under .500 for the first time September 2014.

Tom Wilhelmsen (1-1) walked Matt Reynolds and Lucas Duda with two outs in the 11th before throwing a called third strike past Jose Reyes.

NATIONALS 6, PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH — Gerrit Cole shut down the best offense in the majors, holding the Washington Nationals to three hits in seven innings to win for the first time in a month as the Pittsburgh Pirates eased to a 6-1 victory Wednesday night.

Cole (2-4) struck out three, walked two and received an overdue dose of support when Josh Bell smacked a three-run home run in the sixth off Jacob Turner (2-2). Andrew McCutchen went 2 for 4 with two RBIs and also stole two bases for Pittsburgh.

Turner cruised through the first five innings in his second start of the year, but ran into trouble in the sixth. A walk and a hit batter brought up Bell, who sent a pitch into the right field stands.

CUBS 7, REDS 5

CHICAGO — Anthony Rizzo and Kyle Schwarber drove in two runs apiece, and the Chicago Cubs handed the sloppy Cincinnati Reds their season-high fifth straight loss with a 7-5 victory on Wednesday night.

Kyle Hendricks (3-2) pitched six effective innings and drove in a run as Chicago improved to 22-5 in its last 27 games against Cincinnati. Ben Zobrist reached three times with two hits and a walk in his return to the lineup after missing two games with lower back tightness.

Zack Cozart had three hits and two RBIs for Cincinnati, but Adam Duvall committed a big error in left field and the Reds missed a couple more plays on defense that led to productive innings for the Cubs. Cozart connected for a solo shot in the third that extended his Wrigley Field homer streak to five games, matching a record for any player at the iconic ballpark.

Interleague

BRAVES 8, BLUE JAYS 4

ATLANTA — Kurt Suzuki hit a three-run homer to cap a six-run first inning, and the Atlanta Braves held on after Freddie Freeman left with an injury in an 8-4 win over the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday night.

Freeman was struck on the left wrist by a pitch in the fifth inning. The umpires initially ruled that Aaron Loup's pitch did not hit Freeman. But with the Atlanta star in obvious pain, the Braves challenged and the call was reversed after a video review.

Freeman headed to the clubhouse instead of first base, with no immediate word on the seriousness of the injury.

Atlanta has won three consecutive games against the Jays. After the Braves took two straight in Toronto, the teams shifted to SunTrust Park to complete the four-game, home-and-home series.

Atlanta jumped on Joe Biagini (1-2), and Mike Foltynewicz (2-4) went six innings for the win, allowing three runs.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	24	13	.649	—
Baltimore	23	15	.605	1½
Boston	20	18	.526	4½
Tampa Bay	21	22	.488	6
Toronto	17	24	.415	9
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	19	16	.543	—
Cleveland	20	19	.513	1
Detroit	19	19	.500	1½
Chicago	17	20	.459	3
Kansas City	16	23	.410	5
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	29	12	.707	—
Texas	21	20	.512	8
Los Angeles	21	21	.500	8½
Seattle	18	22	.450	10½
Oakland	17	22	.436	11

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	25	14	.641	—
Atlanta	16	21	.432	8
New York	16	23	.410	9
Philadelphia	14	25	.359	11
Miami	14	25	.359	11
Central Division				
St. Louis	21	18	.538	—
Milwaukee	22	19	.537	½
Chicago	20	19	.513	2
Cincinnati	19	20	.487	3
Pittsburgh	17	23	.425	5½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	25	15	.625	—
Arizona	24	18	.571	2
Los Angeles	23	18	.561	2½
San Francisco	17	25	.405	9
San Diego	15	26	.366	10½

Scores and Schedules

American League
Tuesday's Scores
Colorado at Minnesota, ppd.
Houston 5, Miami 0
Tampa Bay 7, Cleveland 4
Detroit 5, Baltimore 4
Atlanta 8, Toronto 4
Texas 9, Philadelphia 3
N.Y.Yankees 11, Kansas City 7
Boston at St. Louis, late
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, late
Oakland at Seattle, late
Today's Games
Baltimore (Bundy 5-1) at Detroit (Zimmermann 3-2), 12:10 p.m.
Colorado (Chatwood 3-5) at Minnesota (Berrios 1-0), 12:10 p.m., 1st game
Philadelphia (Pivetta 0-2) at Texas (Perez 1-5), 1:05 p.m.
Colorado (TBD) at Minnesota (TBD), 6:10 p.m., 2nd game
Toronto (Stroman 3-2) at Atlanta (Teheran 3-3), 6:35 p.m.
N.Y.Yankees (Montgomery 3-2) at Kansas City (Duffy 2-3), 7:15 p.m.
Boston (Velasquez 0-0) at Oakland (Gray 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Covey 0-3) at Seattle (Gaviglio 0-0), 9:10 p.m.

National League
Tuesday's Scores
Colorado at Minnesota, ppd.
Houston 3, Miami 0
Arizona 5, N.Y. Mets 4, 11 innings
L.A. Dodgers 6, San Francisco 1
Pittsburgh 6, Washington 1
Atlanta 8, Toronto 4
Chicago Cubs 7, Cincinnati 5
Texas 9, Philadelphia 3
Boston at St. Louis, late
Milwaukee at San Diego, late
Today's Games
Washington (Roark 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Glasnow 1-3), 11:35 a.m.
Colorado (Chatwood 3-5) at Minnesota (Berrios 1-0), 12:10 p.m., 1st game
Philadelphia (Pivetta 0-2) at Texas (Perez 1-5), 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Garrett 3-2) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 1-2), 1:20 p.m.
Milwaukee (Davies 4-2) at San Diego (Cosart 0-1), 2:40 p.m.
Colorado (TBD) at Minnesota (TBD), 6:10 p.m., 2nd game
Toronto (Stroman 3-2) at Atlanta (Teheran 3-3), 6:35 p.m.
Miami (Volquez 0-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 1-5), 9:10 p.m.

Texas box

RANGERS 9, PHILLIES 3

Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi
C.Himan 2b	2	0	1	0
T.Kelly ph-2b	1	0	0	0
O.Hrris cf	4	0	0	0
A.Ibert lf	3	1	1	0
T.Joseph 1b	4	1	2	0
Burdick rf	4	1	2	2
Franco 3b	4	0	1	1
Nava dh	4	0	2	0
Rupp c	3	0	0	0
Galvis ss	2	0	0	0
A.Brnco ss	1	0	0	0
Totals	**32**	**3**	**9**	**3**

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Choo dh	4	1	3	3
Andrus ss	5	0	2	0
Kouma ss	0	0	0	0
Mazara rf	3	1	1	0
Lucroy c	3	1	1	1
Odor 2b	5	0	1	1
Napoli 1b	5	2	0	1
Gallo 3b	4	2	1	0
Hoying cf	4	3	4	2
OSnells lf	4	1	4	0
Totals	**34**	**9**	**17**	**8**

Philadelphia	000	201	–3
Texas	114	120	00x–9

E—Effin (1). DP—Philadelphia 4, Texas 1. LOB—Philadelphia 4, Texas 10. 2B—Tzoseph (8), Mazara (8), Lucroy (6), Hoying (1). HR—Saunders (4), Hoying (1). CS—C.Hernandez (2). SF—Choo (1), Lucroy (1), Napoli (2).

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Effin L,0-1	4	11	7	7	2	1
Garcia	3	6	2	2	1	0
Neris	2.0	0	0	0	1	0
Ramos	1.0	3	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Cashner W 1-3	7	8	2	2	1	2
Barnette	1	1	0	0	0	0
Bibens-Dirkx	1	1	1	1	0	1

HBP—by Effin (Gallo), by Neris (Lucroy), by Bibens-Dirkx (Altherr). WP—Effin.
T—2:48. A—28,703 (48,114)

ASTROS 3, MARLINS 0

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Springer rf	5	1	2	2
Reddick lf	5	0	1	0
Altuve 2b	5	0	4	1
Gattis c	4	0	1	0
Y.Grnsl 1b	4	0	0	0
Ma.Grcia ss	3	0	0	0
Bregman 3b	4	1	1	0
Mrsnick cf	2	1	0	0
McCllrs p	2	0	0	0
Dvenski p	0	0	0	0
Acki ph	1	0	0	0
Harris p	0	0	0	0
Giles p	0	0	0	0
Ziegler p	0	0	0	0
Gregrs p	0	0	0	0
T.Moore ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**36**	**3**	**9**	**3**

Miami	ab	r	h	bi
D.Gordon 2b	3	0	0	0
Yelich cf	4	0	0	0
Ozuna lf	4	0	0	0
Bour 1b	3	0	1	0
Stanton rf	2	0	1	0
Detrich 3b	4	0	0	0
Ellis c	3	0	0	0
Ratmuto ph	1	0	0	0
Riddle ss	2	0	1	0
J.Urena p	2	0	0	0
J.Groce p	0	0	0	0
Bmdgh p	0	0	0	0
I.Suzuki ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**30**	**0**	**3**	**0**

Houston	100	002	000	–3
Miami	000	000	000	–0

E—D.Gordon (3). LOB—Houston 10, Miami 9. 2B—Springer (7), Altuve 2 (8), Stanton (7). 3B—Altuve 2 (2). SB—D.Gordon (12).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
McCullers W,4-1	6	3	0	0	2	3
Devenski H,4	1	0	0	0	1	1
Harris H,7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Giles S,11-12	1	0	0	0	0	1
Miami						
Urena L,0-2	5.2-3	6	3		2	3
Garcia	1.3	0	0	0	0	0
Barraclough	1	1	0	0	0	3
Ziegler	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ellington	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by McCullers (Gordon); by McCullers (Bour), by Urena (Gattis); by Urena (Marsnick). Umpires—Home, D.J. Reyburn. First: Sam Holbrook. Second: Jim Wolf. Third: Chris Segal.
T—2:52. A—24,699 (36,742).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RAYS 7, INDIANS 4

Tampa Bay	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	7
Cleveland	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	4

Cobb, Farquhar (8), Stanek (8), Colome (9) and Sucre; Tomlin, Otero (3), Goody (4), Logan (6), Miller (7), Shaw (8), Armstrong (9) and R.Perez. W—Cobb 4-3. L—Tomlin 2-5. HRs—Tampa Bay, Dickerson, Sucre. Morrison. Cleveland, Zimmer.

TIGERS 5, ORIOLES 4

Baltimore	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	4
Detroit	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	x	5

Jimenez, Crichton (6), Bleier (7), Castro (8) and Castillo; Fulmer, A.Wilson (8), J.Wilson (9) and McCann. W—Fulmer 5-1. L—Jimenez 1-2. Sv—J.Wilson (3). HRs—Detroit, Collins 2.

YANKEES 11, ROYALS 7

New York	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	1	1	11
Kansas City	0	0	0	2

Always Dreaming, Classic Empire are neighbors in Preakness

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The two best horses in the Preakness will be eyeball to eyeball coming out of the starting gate. There's no avoiding each other for Kentucky Derby winner Always Dreaming and rival Classic Empire.

Always Dreaming is the early 4-5 favorite for the race Saturday at Pimlico, where he'll break from the No. 4 post. Classic Empire is the 3-1 second choice and will be right next door in the No. 5 hole.

"Hopefully, they both have good trips, break good and it could be interesting," said Mark Casse, who trains Classic Empire. "They could go at it right from the start."

Four of Always Dreaming's rivals are back to take him on in the second leg of the Triple Crown. Altogether, he'll face nine other horses in the 1 3/16-mile race worth $1.5 million.

Thirteen winners have started from the No. 4 post, most recently Curlin in 2007.

"It's fine," said Todd Pletcher, noting that Always Dreaming had the No. 4 post in the Florida Derby and No. 5 in the Kentucky Derby, two of his four victories this year. "He's usually a very good horse coming away from the gate."

Post positions were drawn Wednesday on a steamy, unseasonable 92-degree day.

Patrick Semansky/Associated Press

Kentucky Derby winner Always Dreaming is washed after a workout at Pimlico Race Course on Wednesday in Baltimore. The Preakness Stakes horse race is scheduled to take place May 20.

If Always Dreaming and jockey John Velazquez win Saturday, next up would be the Belmont Stakes on June 10. American Pharoah swept the Derby, Preakness and Belmont two years ago, ending a 37-year Triple Crown drought.

Classic Empire finished fourth in the Kentucky Derby after getting bounced around and having a rough early trip two weeks ago.

"We just want a fair shot at it," said Casse, who believes his horse didn't get to show his best effort after getting slammed coming out of the starting gate on a sloppy track that day.

Classic Empire won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile last year, when he was voted 2-year-old male champion. Casse insists the Preakness isn't about revenge, although he likened his horse to Rocky Balboa.

"The champ's been knocked down and he's going to come back and try to take back the crown," Casse said. "It's got nothing to do with revenge because Always Dreaming did nothing wrong. He's the champ and we're just going to go after him."

Casse likes the neighboring posts.

"We want people to watch," he said. "If we can't win, I want Always Dreaming to win because this sport is so important to me. It's always nice to have a horse going for the Triple Crown. If we can't win, I hope he does."

Always Dreaming and Classic Empire are the only two horses with single-digit odds in the field.

Lookin At Lee, the second-place finisher in the Derby, is the 10-1 third choice. He drew the No. 9 post.

Cloud Computing, one of five new shooters in the Preakness, is the 12-1 fourth choice. He will break from the No. 2 hole.

There's a pair of 15-1 shots: Gunnevera (seventh in the Derby) and Conquest Mo Money, whose owners paid $150,000 to supplement their horse.

Hence, the 11th-place finisher in the Derby, is listed at 20-1 on the morning line.

The field is rounded out by a trio of 30-1 shots: Multiplier, Senior Investment and Term of Art.

Soccer

From 1C

the Chanticleers and helped them qualify for the NCAA Tournament last year.

"Growing up and coming out to these games over the summer, I've always wanted to be on the field and be in their shoes instead of being in the stands. I think I'm ready for it and it's a new challenge."

Barden, a former Bulldog teammate of VonHolle, is admired by Barnes for a team-first attitude and is expected to help bond together this year's Midland-Odessa FC roster.

"Reese, we felt he was a fantastic teammate and he says all the right things and does all the right things and trains hard," Barnes said.

Barden said he hopes his tenure with the club this summer will help to remind young soccer players in the Permian Basin that reaching higher levels of the sport is possible with dedication and hard work.

"The biggest thing being a local guy, is to show the youth that you can be at this level," Barden said. "It's competitive, it's exciting, it's real and you can be here.

"For any kid in the Permian Basin who has a soccer ball and has a dream, you can do it as long as you don't give up."

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2017 MIDLAND/ODESSA FC SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
May 18	Houston Regals	7:30 p.m.
May 21	Shreveport Rafters	6 p.m.
May 27	Fort Worth Vaqueros	7:30 p.m.
June 3	at Fort Worth Vaqueros	7:30 p.m.
June 8	at Tyler FC	7:30 p.m.
June 10	at Shreveport Rafters	7 p.m.
June 15	at Dutch Lions FC	7 p.m.
June 17	at Houston Regals	7 p.m.
June 24	Dutch Lions FC	7:30 p.m.
July 7	Tyler FC	7:30 p.m.
July 12	Lone Star Conference semifinals	
July 15	Lone Star Conference final	
July 22	South Region semifinals	
July 29	South Region final	
Aug. 5	NPSL national semifinals	
Aug. 12	NPSL national final	

2017 MIDLAND/ODESSA FC ROSTER

Player	Position	Hometown	College
Tyler Allen	F	Honolulu, Hawaii	UNLV
Reese Barden	F	Midland	UTPB
Elliott Bentley	D	Leicestershire, England	Hartwick College
Maliq Cooper	F	Henderson, Nev.	UNLV
Guillermo Diaz	F	Anthony, N.M.	UNLV
Ricardo Hernandez	M	Madrid, Spain	Presbyterian College
Antone Jarvis	D	London, England	University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley
Brualio Linares-Ortiz	GK	College Park, Md.	Coastal Carolina
Johnny McBeth	M	Glasgow, Scotland	Hartwick College
Jorge Medina	GK	Medina, Texas	University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley
Andrew Moulin	D	Faribault, Minn.	Southern Illinois-Edwardsville
Henrik Mueller	D	Potsdam, Germany	Coastal Carolina
Jamie O'Grady	M	Falkirk, Scotland	Hartwick College
Ricardo Palomino	F	Pubela, Mexico	Montana State-Billings
Zach Penner	F	Half Moon Bay, Calif.	San Jose State
Sergio Pinto	F	Mexico City, Mexico	Presbyterian College
Juan Pablo Puelma	D	Vina Del Mar, Chile	Palm Beach Atlantic
Hamish Ritchie	M	Aberdeen, Scotland	Hartwick College
Alvaro Rubio	D	Madrid, Spain	Farleigh Dickinson University
Darius Strambler	F	Midland	Coastal Carolina
Yacine Tchemmoun	D	Montreal, Canada	Presbyertian College
Alex VonHolle	F	Midland	University of Colorado-Colorado Springs
Lenny Wilson	GK	Aberdeen, Scotland	Hartwick College

Wigington

From 1C

15-9 and 16-3 toward the end of his senior season.

"That's where I always wanted to go," Wigington said. "I guess I sought them out. But once I started jumping the higher bars, it kind of started falling into place, where I was going to go.

"They were originally looking at me as kind of a decathlete, just because I ran other events. I was only jumping like 15 (feet), which is good, but it's not a collegiate level jump that gets you very far. Once I finally jumped the 16-3, I think that kind of opened their eyes. They kind of let me choose what I wanted to do, which is just vaulting."

Despite the memorable week, Wigington said there has been too much going on to truly enjoy it, as he was bedridden with strep throat Monday and Tuesday and he has been worried about finals.

"It's been stressful, but it's really exciting," Wigington said. "It's a big thing."

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Baylor

From 1C

"The gang rapes were considered a 'bonding' experience for the football players," the lawsuit states.

The suit alleges the woman confirmed at least one video exists of several Baylor football players gang raping two female students, and that the video was circulated among football players. Football parties also routinely staged dog fighting, the lawsuit alleged.

Briles, who was fired in May 2016, has long denied any wrongdoing as lawsuit were filed alleging a culture of sexual violence in his program.

Aziz said his client was hesitated to sue, even though her allegations were referenced in other lawsuits and legal filings.

"For a long time there was a reluctance to take action, after something like this happens if they stop thinking about it perhaps it would go away," Aziz said. "But for her it did not go away."

Tennis

From 1C

1961 as Midland ISD girls doubles state champions.

"Knowing that it's been so long since Midland has had a state title at all is just like really good motivation and I think it makes us want it even more, not just for ourselves, but just to give Midland something," Daugherty said.

Daugherty and Stewart now consider themselves best friends, a relationship that grew stronger as hitting partners in the beginning of their middle school years.

Despite their strong bond, their relationship has gone through some bumpy roads like any friendship.

"There's definitely been times where we get frustrated with each other just because we specialize in different things," Daugherty said. "I get frustrated with her at the net, but she gets frustrated with me at the baseline and so it's something we've worked but. This year especially, we just kind of realized, you do your thing, I will do mine back here. We'll work together and get the job done."

Daugherty said their relationship even strengthened by another notch when Allison's mother, Carmen, was hired as MHS tennis coach to replace Alan Biel, who originally constituted the pairing.

Carmen Stewart says she hasn't had to do much hands-on coaching with the two.

"'(I said) you're the best team out here, prove it,'" Carmen Stewart said. "And they did a great job of that at regionals. I didn't step in there at all at regionals. They took care of business. When they step up, when they focus and when they do their thing, they're unstoppable."

Daugherty and Allison Stewart are also aware that their days as a doubles team may be coming to an end, so the state tournament presents an opportunity to end it with an exclamation point.

"I know for sure we have at least one or two more (USTA) tournaments after state, but after that, it's pretty unclear whether we will get to play again," Daugherty said. "We are definitely just taking this in stride and making the most of every opportunity to play together."

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UIL STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT
George P. Mitchell Tennis Center, College Station
Today
Area quarterfinal schedule
Class 6A
Girls doubles
Kate Daugherty-Allison Stewart, Midland High vs. Maya Prakash-Chloe Sands, Houston Memorial, 11:30 a.m.
Class 4A
Girls doubles
Jenna Oller-Sophia Figueroa, Andrews vs. Jennifer Cordero-Katy Hall, Kaufman, noon
Mixed doubles
Bry Alvidrez-Hesston Montague, Andrews vs. Broque Constantine-Claire Mascey, Fredericksburg, 1 p.m.
Class 2A
Mixed doubles
Lane Schafer-Sterling Freeman, Forsan vs. Dustin Hardin-Meagan Hardin, Bells, 1:30 p.m.
Class 1A
Boys singles
Dominic Gibson, Grady vs. Adam Dennis, Throckmorton, 8 a.m.

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THURSDAY PRIME TIME — MAY 18, 2017

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "Ring of Fire" (SF) (N)		Scandal "Tick, Tock" (N)		Scandal "Transfer of Power" (SF) (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:05) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	The Great Indoors	The Amazing Race (N)		The Amazing Race (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Late Show	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver "Brainwashed"		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of Paul Drake's Dilemma"	Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	MasterChef Junior "The Semi Finals" (N)		MasterChef Junior "Finale" (SF) (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	All About Us	Mission: M25	Update News9	Wings of Truth	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Faith for Families	Our Messiah	Christ in Sight	Biblical Israel
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Net Worth"		The Blacklist "Mr. Kaplan." 1/2 (N)		Blacklist "Mr. Kaplan: Conclusion" (SF) (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Wild West	West. Perspec.	Secrets of the Mafia "House		Victorian Slum "Village "The 1890s."		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		La reina de la canción		La doble vida de Estela Carrillo		La pluma		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto	Deportivo
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Bones		Bones		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX		340	575		165		(5:30) Domestic D...		★★ Bad Corner ('97, Susp) Richard Gere.				(:05) ★★ Spy Game ('01, Dra) Brad Pitt.				(:15) ★ Jesus' Son	
HBO		300	550	14	14		Mommy	Vice News	★★★★ Suicide Squad Will Smith.				(:05) Veep	(:35) Silicon	(:05) ★ Sully ('16, Bio)		Tom Hanks.	Mommy
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(5:00) ★ The Huntsm...		VICE		Chris Gethard: Career Suicide		★★★ P.S. I Love You Hilary Swank.				(:10) ★ Stomdog M...	
HBO5		304	552	16	102		(5:00) ★ Road to Per...		The Leftovers				★★★★ The Deer Hunter ('78, War) Christopher Walken.				(:05) VICE	Movie
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(4:50) ★★★ Ghost		★★ The Hand That Rocks the Cradle				(:55) ★ The Amityville Horror				★★ Man on the Moon	
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(:55) ★ Youth ('15, Dra)		Michael Caine.		★★★ Trainwreck Amy Schumer.				(:05) ★★ Stuck on You Matt Damon.			
PLEX				96			(5:10) ★★ Hackers		★★★ Mad Money				(:45) ★★ Crimes of the Heart				(:35) ★ Once Upon a Crime ...	
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(4:50) ★★ Deja Vu		Guerrilla		Guerrilla		Dark Net	Penn &..	Gigolos	Dark Net	Guerrilla	
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:20) ★ Split Decis...		★★ Rocky Balboa				(:45) ★ The Forger ('14, Cri) John Travolta.				★★★★ Ordinary People	
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Old Wounds"		The First 48 "The Other Wife"		60 Days In "Aftermath" (N)			(:35) First 48	(:05) The First 48 "Mother of Two"		(:05) The First 48 "The Other Wife"	
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★★ Twister		★★★ Lethal Weapon 3 ('92, Act) Mel Gibson.						★★★ Lethal Weapon 4 ('98, Act) Mel Gibson.			
BET		58	-		40		(5:00) ★★ Two Can Play That Game				★★ Three Can Play That Game Vivica A. Fox.					Martin	Martin	(:35) Martin
BRAVO		65	76		41		The Real Housewives		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Watch (N)	S. Charm	"Fowl Play"	Savannah
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit		The Profit "Tea2Go"	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		Soundtracks (N)		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	NakedAtr "Shattered"		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		(:05) Naked		(:05) Naked	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Tangled	Good Luck	StuckMid	GoodLuck	Underc.	Underc.	Call Style	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	StuckMid	AndiMack
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		NBA Countdown (L)		NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)					SportsCenter		
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	WNBA Basketball Minnesota vs New York (L)				We the Fans/ Soldier		Boxing Golden Boy (L)				30 for 30	
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	(4:30) ★ Coming to...		★★★ Mrs. Doubtfire ('93, Com) Sally Field, Robin Williams.						The 700 Club		★★★ You Again	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Sport-sDay (N)	NCAA Baseball Texas (L)	Kansas at Texas Tech Site: Dan Law Field -- Lubbock,					Big 12 (N)	ACC All-Access	SportsD-ay OnAir	Texas Insider Fishing Report (N)	
FX		31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ Prometheus		★★★ Thor ('11, Act) Chris Hemsworth.						★★★ Thor ('11, Act) Chris Hemsworth.			
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	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipVega	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	FlipVega	FlipFlop
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Swamp People		Swamp: Blood (N)		Swamp People (N)				(:05) Swamp People		(:05) Swamp: Blood	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Married at First Sight "Honeymoons" 1/2		Marrie-d1stSight	(:45) Married	Married at First Sight "Move-Ins" (N)		(:15) Married Sight Lips, Hard Choices" (N)	Second "Soft	(:45) Married	Marrie-d1stSight	Marrie-d1stSight	(: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				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)						NHL Overtime (L)		Cycling	
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	Thunder	★★★ Shrek Forever After Mike Myers.				F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	(5:00) ★★★ The Blind Side Sandra Bullock.				Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	★★★ The Blind Side Sandra Bullock.			
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ 300 ('06, Epic) Gerard Butler.				★★★★ John Wick Keanu Reeves.				★★ Snakes on a Plane			
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Note"	Seinfeld "The Truth"	Seinfeld "The Dog"	Sein. "The Library"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	BigBang "Pilot"	Conan Aaron Paul, Bert Kreischer		Seinfeld "The Pen"	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Count of ...		★★★ Them!				(:45) ★★ Godzilla, King of the Monsters				★ It Came From Beneath the...	
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		El Capo		Querida centauro		Querida centauro		Al rojo	(:35) Titular	Querida centauro	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Milla's Story"		600 Life: Supersized "Milla and Charity" Charity is struggling help her daughter. (N)				Skin "Where Are They Now? Part 1" (N)		My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Milla and Charity" Charity is struggling help her daughter.			
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The He in the She"		★★ Get Hard (2015, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Alison Brie, Will Ferrell.				★★ Get Hard (2015, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Alison Brie, Will Ferrell.				Law & Order "Paradigm"	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	(:35) MASH	(:10) MASH	(:50) Ray	(:25) Ray "Diamonds"		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Unholiest Alliance"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Fashionable Crimes"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Assaulting Reality"		Inside FBI "Gangs and Gangsters" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Father's Shadow"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Hunting Ground"	
WGN		19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

Mom weighs telling son truth about dad's 'time away'

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Jimmy," is 8. His father and I are divorced, and he is facing jail time. Jimmy sees him every other weekend. I'm planning on telling Jimmy the truth, although I'm sure his dad will want me to lie and say he needs to "work out of town" for a while, or something like that.

I know it will be hard for my boy to deal with. I also wonder what he should tell other people.

I worry that if he tells his friends the truth (and they tell their parents), Jimmy might not be invited over to play quite as often, or kids will tease him.

But I feel like it's sending a mixed message if I tell him it's OK to lie about this particular issue. How should I handle this? — TO TELL THE TRUTH

DEAR TRUTH: Jimmy needs to know that his mother tells the truth.

If you lie to him about this, or anything else for that matter, when he learns the truth — as he will eventually — he will start to question the veracity of everything you have told him.

This is a lot for an 8-year-old to deal with, I know, but I vote for keeping the boy informed.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for two months. I think I'm being too clingy, but he won't tell me if I am. He says when I ask for reassurance, it drives him away.

Every time we do anything remotely sexual, he tells me he feels guilty about it.

He is sweet and caring. I don't know what I'm doing wrong. I have never been so in love. I don't want to lose him. What should I do? — IN LOVE IN ILLINOIS

DEAR IN LOVE: This may seem counterintuitive, but take a step back. Stop asking for reassurance.

Because he says he feels guilty about doing anything remotely sexual, the next time he makes a move, be less willing.

Tell him you don't want him to do anything that he will be sorry about later, and remind him what he said the last time.

It may improve your relationship because, from your description, he appears to be immature and not ready for a romance.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law is very ill, and is preparing for the end. I feel bad for my spouse — this will be a great loss.

However, my mother-in-law and I have never been close. She has been very negative about me, mostly behind my back. I have tolerated her and complained only to my spouse.

When the end comes, I know many people will express sympathy for "my loss." I won't be feeling remorse, but a sense of relief.

Is there a kind way of stating that it is not a sad time for me because of our strained relationship? — THE END IS NEAR

DEAR END: Much as you might like to express those feelings publicly, I don't advise it.

It would be inappropriate and reflect badly on you. If someone offers condolences, say, "Thank you, how kind of you," and keep the rest to yourself.

If you do otherwise, you will be validating every bad thing that woman said behind your back.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Like a book

Neither vulnerable. South deals

NORTH
♠ A 5
♡ A Q
♢ K 8 7 5 4
♣ K Q 4 3

WEST
♠ Q J 10 8 2
♡ J 9 5 4 2
♢ 10
♣ 8 6

EAST
♠ 6
♡ 10 7 3
♢ Q 9 6 3 2
♣ J 10 7 5

SOUTH
♠ K 9 7 4 3
♡ K 8 6
♢ A J
♣ A 9 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	2♢*	3♢	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	6NT	All pass

*Both majors, at least 5-5

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

Players love to trot out their pet conventions, and they can be effective when they uncover a fit.

When they don't find a useful fit, however, they can enable declarer to read the hand like a book. Such was the fate of West's two diamond bid.

The opening spade lead was won in dummy with the ace. A diamond to the jack was a good start, and when West showed out on the ace of diamonds, South had a good picture of the opponents' distribution.

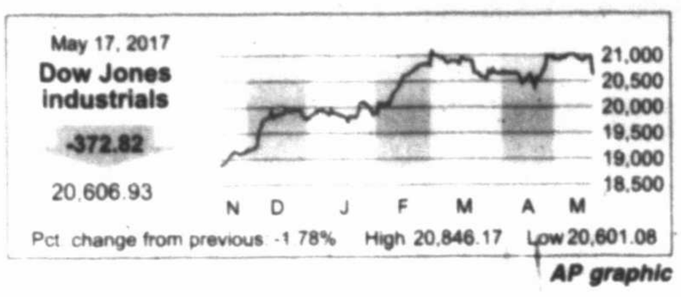
West was most likely to have started with a 5-5-1-2 distribution, which meant that the clubs would not be splitting 3-3.

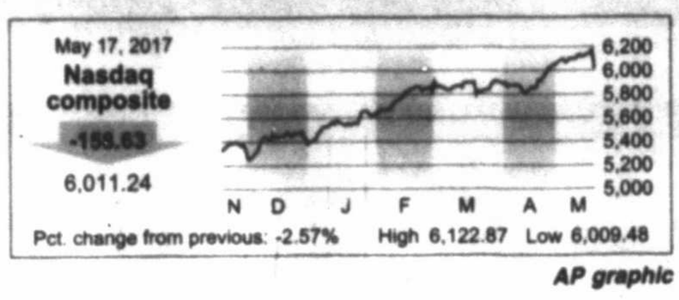
South cashed the two high hearts in dummy, crossed back to his hand with the king of spades, and cashed the king of hearts, shedding a club from dummy. East had discarded a heart on the king of spades, but he had to discard a club on the king of hearts. A diamond discard instead would have allowed declarer to set up a long diamond. South cashed three club tricks, ending in dummy.

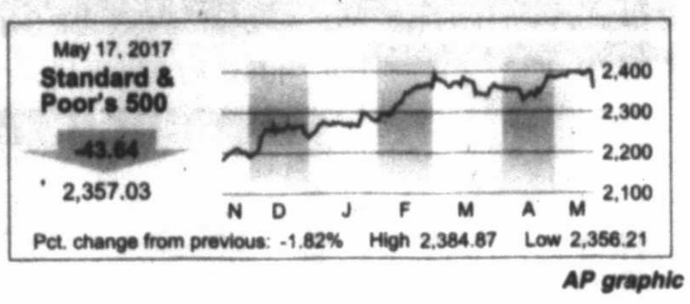
In this three-card ending, both dummy and East were down to just diamonds. South exited dummy with the seven of diamonds to endplay East, but East showed a touch of class when he refused to win the trick. "Nobody endplays me," he said, with a smile on his face. South was chuckling as he cashed the king of diamonds for his twelfth trick and conceded the last trick to East.

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET







OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $49.07
Previous: $48.66

POSTED

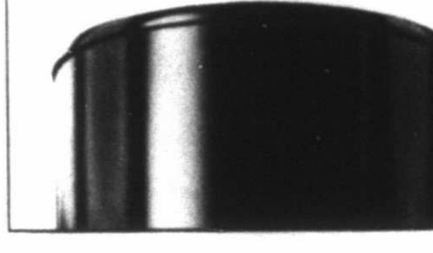
Wednesday: $45.50
Previous: $45.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $41.45
Previous: $41.20

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $3.192
Previous: $3.230



Banks tighten auto lending as more borrowers fall into default

Bloomberg

Lenders are tightening the spigot on new auto loans, making it harder for U.S. consumers with weak credit to buy a car, data from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York show.

New car loans for subprime borrowers fell in the first quarter to $25.9 billion, the lowest in two years, according to the New York Fed's quarterly report on household debt and credit. Drivers with credit scores below 620 now comprise less than 20 percent of new loans, down from almost 30 percent a decade ago. Borrowers with the highest credit scores — 760 or more — made up nearly a third of new auto loan originations in the first quarter as lenders target the safer deals.

Banks including Fifth Third Bank Corp. have been trimming their loan books and cutting back on riskier credit as delinquent auto loan balances surge. The share of auto debt more than 90 days overdue rose to 3.82 percent in the first quarter, the highest in four years.

While caution may be good for banks' balance sheets, it doesn't offer much relief for automakers, who relied on cheap credit to fuel a seven-year stretch of booming sales. Now they're boosting discounts and cutting production to address swelling inventory on dealer lots. Ford said Wednesday it's cutting 1,400 jobs in North America and Asia to improve profits as the U.S. auto industry recorded a fourth straight drop in monthly sales in April, after eking out a record year in 2016.

Tighter credit "is a big impediment to future strength in auto sales," said Yelena Shulyatyeva, senior U.S. economist for Bloomberg Intelligence. "A lot of this demand was driven by loose lending standards."

Ally Financial Inc., which Bloomberg Intelligence estimates has 55 percent of its loan book in auto credit, is one lender trying to distance itself from the weaker borrowers. The percentage of Ally's auto originations to U.S. consumers without a credit score or with a grade of 619 or less fell to 15.7 percent in the first quarter, from 17.8 percent a year earlier.

"We're cutting some of the tails or the under-performing pockets of our book," Jeff Brown, chief executive officer of the Detroit-based lender, said last month in an interview. "We recognize sales have been pretty strong, credit has been pretty stable and all that's transitioning right now."

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1869774	22.87	-.42
B rPVxST rs	1577876	16.10	+2.50
S&P500ETF	1441024	235.82	-4.26
SPDR Fncl	324628	23.06	-.75
PGVxST rs	841081	15.85	+4.22

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PacDrill rs	2.04	+.18	+9.7
Mesat	14.55	+1.00	+7.4
TrnsRn	21.50	+1.25	+6.2
CoigPlan	15.69	+4.11	+5.7
Calpine	13.07	+.67	+5.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SunTr wtA	20.25	-4.50	-18.3
ProShtVix	19.36	-3.96	-18.3
SunTr wtB	11.50	-2.32	-16.8
MSDSEur	47.39	-8.62	-15.5
AEagleOut	11.05	-1.91	-14.7

DIARY

Advanced	638
Declined	2,962
Unchanged	65
Total issues	3,065
New Highs	48
New Lows	89
Volume	4,062,377,160

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Jacobsta	38604	2.29	-.15
NwGold g	11427	3.98	-.32
Bgsnd g	5284	4.52	-.34
NDynMn g	4749	1.75	-.02
Sandstrm g	3612	4.11	-.32

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RxVlmxW	4.57	+.82	+21.9
Gentree rs	3.90	+.75	+31.3
Avalonbd	2.64	+.11	+4.3
RELM	4.75	+.15	+3.3
Reeds	3.25	+.10	+3.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RxVlmxW	22.75	-3.65	-13.9
GoldMatls	21.11	-3.36	-15.6
Perlevy	12.25	-2.68	-17.9
ImmunoCP	12.48	-2.27	-15.2
UniqueFa	11.37	-2.07	-15.4

DIARY

Advanced	444
Declined	224
Unchanged	18
Total issues	353
New Highs	2
New Lows	11
Volume	120,532,229

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	1862136	127.07	-3.55
Apple Inc	495224	150.25	-5.22
Vkng rs	175442	27.16	-2.02
Intel	129855	33.82	-.48
Nvidia	111746	127.75	-9.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SyndaxPh	13.58	+4.19	+44.6
CSVxSrTr rs	34.37	+9.06	+35.9
Sientfc rs	3.94	+.75	+25.1
RedRobin	71.40	+13.40	+23.1
Pumatrry	3.77	+.44	+18.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BebeStrs	3.88	-1.12	-22.4
CSVelVST	47.71	-14.69	-17.8
Galectin rs	2.28	-.46	-16.9
PingtanM	2.84	-.46	-13.9
JetFrgt	2.00	-.30	-13.0

DIARY

Advanced	432
Declined	2,458
Unchanged	158
Total issues	3,048
New Highs	34
New Lows	94
Volume	2,252,100,264

OSHA suspends rule requiring firms report injury, illness data electronically

The Washington Post

The Labor Department on Wednesday suspended an Obama-era rule requiring that companies electronically report their injury and illness records, a move that effectively keeps these records from being publicly disclosed for the immediate future.

Several business groups, including the Associated Builders & Contractors, Association of General Contractors, and National Association of Home Builders, had challenged the 2016 Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulation in court and lobbied the administration to jettison it on the grounds that it could unfairly damage the reputation of some of their members.

Companies have had to maintain worker injury and illness logs since 1971, and between 1995 and 2012, OSHA had required roughly 180,000 establishments in high-hazard industries such as manufacturing and nursing homes to submit the summary data by mail.

But the program cost $2 million a year to run, and officials decided to expand the requirement and transition it to an electronic system instead.

The rule, which covered nearly 441,000 workplaces, took effect Jan. 1 and employers were obligated to send in their summary data by July 1.

But OSHA never launched the website for companies to submit the information, and it posted language Wednesday with an existing fact sheet saying it "is not accepting electronic submissions of injury and illness logs at this time, and intends to propose extending the July 1, 2017 date by which certain employers are required to submit the information" to the agency.

OSHA spokeswoman Mandy Kraft said in an email the agency delayed the rule to address employers' "concerns about meeting their reporting obligations" in time.

"Sixteen years' worth of that data is on the web right now, but no one complains about it," said David Michaels, who headed OSHA from December 2009 to January 2017 and is now a professor at George Washington University's Department of Environmental and Occupational Health. "We know by making injury rates public some employers will work to prevent injuries because they want to be seen as safe employers and they want be seen as good employers."

Stocks, bond yields drop Washington turmoil rattles markets

The brewing political crisis in Washington rattled Wall Street on Wednesday, knocking the Dow Jones industrial average down more than 370 points and giving the stock market its biggest single-day slump in eight months.

Investors worried that President Donald Trump's pro-business agenda could be hindered by fallout from allegations that he asked the FBI to end an investigation into former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn.

The steep drop ended an unusually long period of calm for the markets, which had been hovering near all-time highs.

Financial stocks, which had soared in the months since the election, declined the most as bond yields fell sharply. Bonds, utilities and gold rose as traders shunned riskier assets. The dollar fell.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index had its biggest drop since September, sliding 43.64 points, or 1.8 percent, to 2,357.03. The Dow lost 372.82 points, or 1.8 percent, to 20,606.93. The Nasdaq composite index, coming off setting two consecutive record highs, gave up 158.63 points, or 2.6 percent, to 6,011.24.

Metal prices mixed

Among other commodities, silver added 16 cents to $16.85 per ounce. Copper was little changed at $2.54 per pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $132.47 Down 0.61

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.16 Down 0.19

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $101.79 Down 2.17

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.04 Unchanged

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.97 Up 0.01

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.30 Down 0.55

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $12.49 Down 0.15

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $40.49 Down 0.31

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.64 Down 0.58

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.83 Down 0.11

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T rs	1.96	16	37.46	-.73	-11.9
Abraxas			1.89	-.08	-26.5
AdaDvsEq	92e		13.90	-.22	+9.4
AMC			11.25	-.55	-1.2
Anadarko		38	120.72	3.30	+37.5
AnnvlGld	4e		12.46	.28	+9.5
Antero			9.23	.13	+26.9
AEagleOut	.56	9	11.05	1.91	-27.2
Amgen	4.60f	14	157.06	-2.93	+7.4
Anadarko	.20		51.74	-.01	-25.8
Apache	1.00		50.19	-.78	-20.9
Apple Inc	2.52f	18	150.25	-5.22	+29.7
ApldMatl	.40	21	42.76	-2.31	+32.5
Archrock	.48		10.80	-.65	-18.2
ATMOS	1.80	23	80.55	+.22	+8.6
AutoData	2.28	25	97.30	-1.02	-5.3
BP PLC	2.38	54	36.17	-.07	-3.2
BakrHu	.68		57.43	-.07	-11.6
BkofAm	.30f	14	22.57	-.42	+2.1
B rPVxST rs			16.10	+2.50	36.9
BarringtSp s	.20		15.18	.28	-1.9
BarrickG	.12f	29	17.11	-.15	+7.1
BasicEnS			45		
BerkHa A			16243110.00	-2591.01	-.4
BlkHillsCp	1.78f	20	68.41	+.02	+11.5
BrMySq	1.56f	32	54.41	+.02	-6.9
BrownFA s		32	53.40	+2.04	+15.5
BrownFB s			52.28	+1.82	+16.4
CVS Health	2.00f	13	76.33	-2.79	-3.3
CallionPet		38	12.27	-.21	-20.2
Caterpillar	3.08	31	100.14	-2.20	+8.0
Celestic g		10	13.73	-.50	+15.9
Cemtrex rs	.02p	8	3.94	+.79	-46.6
CntryLink	2.16	11	24.55	-.22	+3.2
ChesEng		50	5.49	-.05	-21.8
Chevron	4.32		104.70	-1.47	-11.0
Chicos	.33	16	11.82	-.36	-17.9
Cimarex	.32	55	116.15	-1.01	-14.5
Cisco	1.16	17	33.82	-.48	+11.9
Citigroup	.64	12	59.98	-2.51	+.9
CocaCola	1.48	27	43.93	+.08	+6.0
ColgPalm	1.80f	27	75.89	+4.11	+15.7
Comcast s	.63	21	38.10	-.72	+10.4
ConAgra	.80	20	37.82	+.05	-4.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConchoRes			132.47	-.61	-.1
ConocoPhil	1.06	52	46.41	-.72	-7.4
CrackerB	4.60	25	158.52	-1.41	-5.1
CSVxSh rs			34.37	+9.06	-63.9
CSVelVST			47.71	+4.69	-44.8
CrosTim	1.10e	15	15.03	-.11	-16.4
DCP Mid	3.12	21	35.16	.87	-8.4
DTE	3.30f	24	105.17	+.37	+6.8
Delcath rs			.94	-.00	-96.0
DevonE	.24		37.35	-.57	-18.2
DrGBull rs			37.46	+1.74	
DrGMBll rs			20.39	+1.19	
DrSCBear rs			18.82	+1.41	-5.2
Disney	1.56f	18	106.31	-1.67	+2.0
DowChm	1.84	19	60.20	-2.10	+5.2
EOG Resrc	.67		92.96	-.88	-8.1
EldorGld g	.02e		3.33	.05	+3.4
Energen	.08		54.84	.22	-4.9
EnPro	.88	42	67.72	-1.84	+.5
EntProdPr	1.66f	20	26.36	.58	-2.5
Ericsson	.11e		6.58	.18	+12.9
ExxonMbl	3.08f	36	81.99	-.56	-9.2
Facebook		32	144.85	-4.93	+25.9
FordM	.60a	6	10.76	-.18	-11.3
FrptMcM			11.43	-.34	-13.3
FrontierCm	.16m		1.33	.02	-60.7
GATX	1.68	9	57.53	-1.40	-6.6
GabbAutT	.94e		8.33	-.15	+15.1
GAInv	1.15e		33.51	-.67	+7.5
GenElec	.96	19	27.41	-.63	-13.3
GenMotrvrs	1.52	5	32.42	-1.00	-6.9
GtPlainEn	1.10	17	27.86	-.02	+1.9
Hallibrtn	.72		46.34	-.44	-14.3
iShBrazil	1.03e		39.14	-1.30	+17.4
iShChinaLC	.76e		38.92	-.56	+12.1
iShEMMkts	.84e		40.97	-.71	+17.0
iS Eafe	1.70e		65.24	-.75	+13.0
iShR2K	1.77e		134.89	-3.74	
Intel	1.08f	15	35.04	-.78	-9.4
InterDig	1.20	9	79.75	-5.30	-12.7
JPMorgCh	1.92	14	84.27	-3.34	-2.3
JohnJn	3.20	19	126.67	-1.10	+9.9
Keycorp	.34	18	17.65	-.89	-3.4
KimbClk	3.88	21	127.96	+.54	+12.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
LegacyRes	60m		2.04		-3.8
Lubys			2.66	-.02	-37.9
MarathnO	.20		14.35	.08	-17.1
McDnlds	3.76	27	146.41	.88	+20.3
MelcoResE	1.47e	69	21.26	1.42	+33.7
Merck	1.88	17	63.00	.79	+7.0
MerltMed		42	33.10	-1.20	+24.9
MexcoEn			3.97	+.01	-20.5
MicronT		33	27.00	2.02	+23.2
Microsoft	1.56	30	67.48	-1.93	+8.6
MorgStan	.80	12	40.97	2.41	-3.0
Nabors	.24		9.66	-.45	-41.1
NatGrid	3.35e		68.26	+.57	+17.0
NOilVarco	.20	26	33.38	-.70	-10.8
NiSeS s	.84	22	51.80	.96	+1.9
NobleCorp	.08	4	4.35	-.25	-26.5
NokiaCp	17e		6.11	-.17	+27.0
NSTFI3	.55e		14.54	+.02	+2.6
NTXQI	.65		14.38	+.03	+4.8
Nvidia	.56	41	127.72	-9.09	+19.7
OcciPet	3.04		60.27	-.26	-15.4
Oclaro			8.35	-.88	-6.7
Oracle	.60	21	44.23	-1.06	+15.5
PDC Engy			52.50	-.14	-27.7
ParTech		20	8.12	-.13	+46.5
PetroDrl			1.46	-.10	-44.2
PetIUTI	.08		21.62	-.19	-19.7
Penney		15	4.67	+.07	-43.8
PennaRE	.84	7	10.35	-.10	-45.4
Prmian	46e	27	9.73	-.07	+26.2
Petrobras			10.29	-.16	+1.8
Pfizer	1.28	13	32.23	-.37	-.8
PioNtr	.08		173.24	-1.55	-3.8
PlainsAAP	2.20	30	27.19	-.39	-15.8
PlugPowr h			1.76	-.28	+46.7
PwShs QQQ	1.52e		126.07	-3.55	+14.8
Praxair	3.15	23	128.82	-2.21	+0.9
PrmEgy			43.60	+.20	-19.3
PUVixST rs			15.85	+4.22	
ProctGam	2.78f	23	86.26	+.02	+2.6
ProUShSP			13.44	+.46	-11.1
Qualcom	2.28f	17	55.36	-.59	-15.1
RangeRs	.08	35	25.01	-.15	-27.2
RegionsFn	.28f	16	13.97	-.57	-2.7
RiteAid		33	3.67	-.11	-55.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Rowan	.40	6	13.31	-.16	-29.5
RoyDShllA	3.76	84	55.21	-.01	+1.5
SpdrDJIA	3.89e		206.47	-3.48	+4.5
S&P500ETF	4.13e		235.82	-4.26	+5.5
SpdrS&P RB	.74e		51.92	-2.35	-6.6
SpdrOGEx	.73e		34.69	-.52	-16.2
SabnR	2.13e	18	37.30	-.40	+6.1
SanderPm	.96	13	114.37	+.87	+21.4
Schlmbrg	2.00	71	70.99	-.38	-15.4
SiriusXM	.04	32	4.73	-.06	+6.3
Smucker	3.00	15	125.79	+1.02	-1.8
Snapinc A n			19.90	-.88	-18.7
SwstnEngy			7.03	-.21	-35.0
SpiritRltC	.72	9	7.19	+.08	-33.8
Sprint			7.34	-.60	-12.8
SP Engy	2.04e		67.27	-.67	-10.7
SPDR Fncl	.46e		23.06	-.75	-.8
SP Indx	1.12e		65.21	-1.33	+4.8
SP Tech	.78e		54.60	-1.53	+12.9
SP Util	1.55e		51.70	+.13	+6.4
Target	2.40	11	55.04	+.51	-23.8
TelefEsp	1.20e		10.93	-.29	+18.8
Tesoro	2.20	14	81.84	+.51	-6.4
3M Co	4.70	24	194.84	-1.89	+9.1
Torchmark	.80f	16	74.11	-1.03	+.5
TriContl	.82e		23.45	-.43	+6.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Twitter			18.28	-1.21	+12.1
TylerTech		53	166.41	-2.46	+16.6
UBSI	1.32	19	37.86	-1.15	-18.2
US OilFd			10.19	+.08	-13.1
USSteel	20		19.26	-.94	-41.7
Vale SA	.29e		8.54	-.23	+12.1
ValeantPh		2	13.25	.83	-8.7
ValeroE	2.80	17	63.80	.74	-6.6
VanEGold	.12e		23.37	+.41	+11.7
VanE JrGld			33.79	+.81	+7.1
VangEmg	1.10e		40.73	-.62	+13.8
VerizonCm	2.31	11	44.48	-.93	-16.7
Vulcanlll	1.00	39	124.90	-3.43	-.2
WEC Engy	2.08	21	60.78	+.19	+3.6
WalgBoots	1.50	17	81.73	-2.78	-1.2
Weathfrnt			4.97	-.18	-.4
WellsFargo	1.52	13	52.24	-1.02	-5.2
WstnRefin	1.81f	27	35.63	+.15	-5.9
WhitingPet			8.38	-.17	-30.3
WmsCos	1.20f	43	30.09	-.53	-3.4
XcelEngy	1.44f	21	45.61	+.04	+12.1
Xerox	.25m	10	6.88	-.26	+19.7
Yahoo			49.65	-1.31	+28.4
Yamana g	.02		2.82	+.05	+.4
Zynga			3.37	-.12	+31.1

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
21,169.11	17,063.08	Dow Jones Industrials	20,606.93	-372.82	-1.78	+4.27	+17.58
9,039.33	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	8,783.74	-279.11	-3.08	-2.89	+15.12
723.83	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	698.24	+1.03	+.15	+5.86	+8.73
11,688.45	9,918.72	NYSE Composite	11,423.54	-182.95	-1.58	+3.32	+11.56
6,170.16	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	6,011.24	-158.63	-2.57	+11.67	+26.84
2,405.67	1,991.68	S&P 500	2,357.03	-43.64	-1.82	+5.28	+15.11
1,761.08	1,409.53	S&P Midcap	1,693.88	-35.84	-2.07	+1.99	+17.93
25,052.13	20,583.79	Wilshire 5000	24,498.22	-467.27	-1.87	+4.58	+15.94
1,425.69	1,085.89	Russell 2000	1,355.89	-38.79	-2.78	-.09	+22.93

SUDOKU

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

5					8	4		6
	7					1		
4			1		9			
	6			4				
			6					
				2			3	
9			3		7			1
		8					9	
6		7	9					2

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

1	7	6	9	8	2	5	4	3
5	9	4	1	6	3	8	2	7
2	8	3	7	4	5	9	6	1
8	4	1	2	9	7	6	3	5
6	5	9	4	3	8	7	1	2
3	2	7	6	5	1	4	9	8
4	1	2	5	7	6	3	8	9
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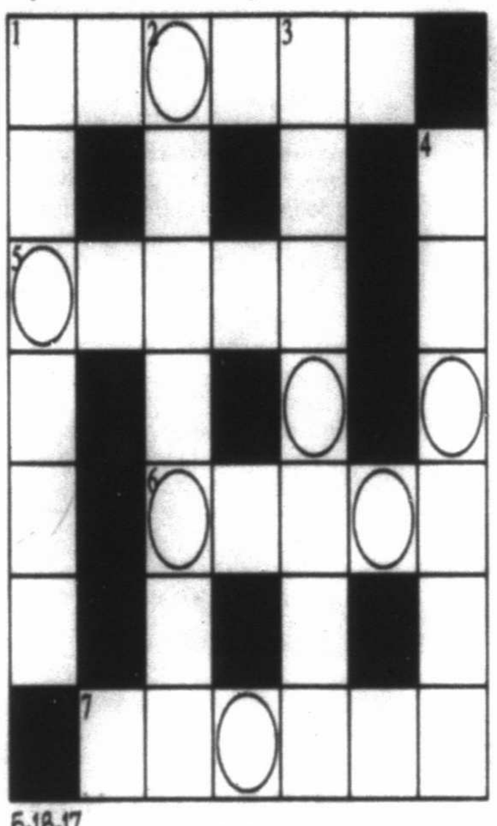

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ officer	NTUTAR
5. Australian marsupial	ALKAO
6. Damp	SMTIO
7. Slowly	IAGODA

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Capturing	KGIANT
2. Defenseless	RMNUADE
3. Approaching	GERINAN
4. ___ parlor	OATTTO

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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CLUE: This animal is closely related to the vole and lemming.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Truant 5A-Koala 6A-Moist 7A-Adagio 1D-Taking 2D-Unarmed 3D-Nearing 4D-Tattoo B-Masters

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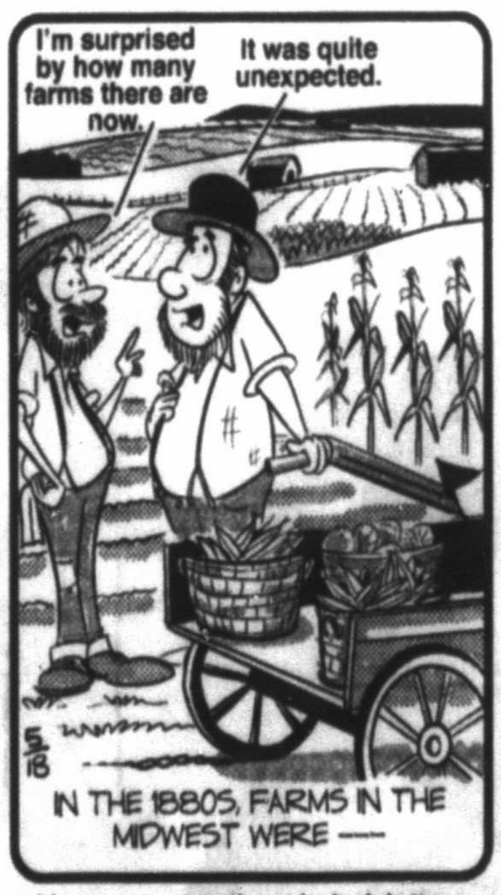

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FUSSY NEEDY WIZARD BEETLE
Answer: The people on the platform waving to the departing train were — "BYE-STANDERS"

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Halloween costume that may involve a red cape and tail
6 Respected men
10 Banana Boat initials
13 "I Fall to Pieces" singer
14 "America's FLAVORite Frozen Beverage since 1967"
15 Considerable age
17 Words requesting a pass
19 Apple choice
20 "Phooey!"
21 Words indicating a pass
23 Prof's aides
24 Cardio chart
26 Overly
27 Team with 121 medals at the Rio Olympics
28 Throw water on
30 Put the kibosh on
32 Before, once
36 Genetic material
37 Cantaloupe and honeydew
39 Words constituting a pass
42 Infomercial staples
43 Tack on
44 "I almost forgot ..."
45 "I'm extremely interested in squalor" speaker of literature
46 Ripoff
48 "Viva __ Vegas"
49 Homer stat
51 Camera inits.
52 Hrs. at Coors Field games
55 Words printed on a pass
58 Childcare worker
60 Nullify
61 Words seen in a pass
63 View from a pew
64 Dali house
65 Great Lakes natives
66 That, in Tijuana
67 URL starter
68 Holding corporation that owns Kmart

DOWN

1 Get moving
2 Dominant
3 Levels in a park
4 Gunn of "Sully"
5 Like matryoshka dolls
6 Kim, to Khloé Kardashian
7 Offer of help
8 Faraway
9 Take care of
10 It often spans decades
11 Egg roll cooking medium
12 Pete Seeger's forte
16 Rocket launcher
18 Chaperones
22 Emulate a news helicopter
25 Tries hard (for)
29 Doctor's request
31 Disney character who sings "Let It Go"
32 Curved letter
33 Ali ring trademark
34 Simply Cocoa maker
35 Other people
37 Splash guard
38 __-Cat
40 Frost advisory, e.g.
41 Poetic paeans
46 Doughboy's helmet
47 Peace offerings
48 Soap brand with volcanic pumice
50 Big name in kitchen appliances
52 Two-time French Open winner Sharapova
53 Sunken ship explorer
54 Long lock
56 Creative flash
57 __ China Sea
59 Untainted
62 Genre using speakers?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

B	E	G	A	T		P	I	T	S		M	B	A	S
A	L	I	T	O		I	N	I	T		A	A	R	P
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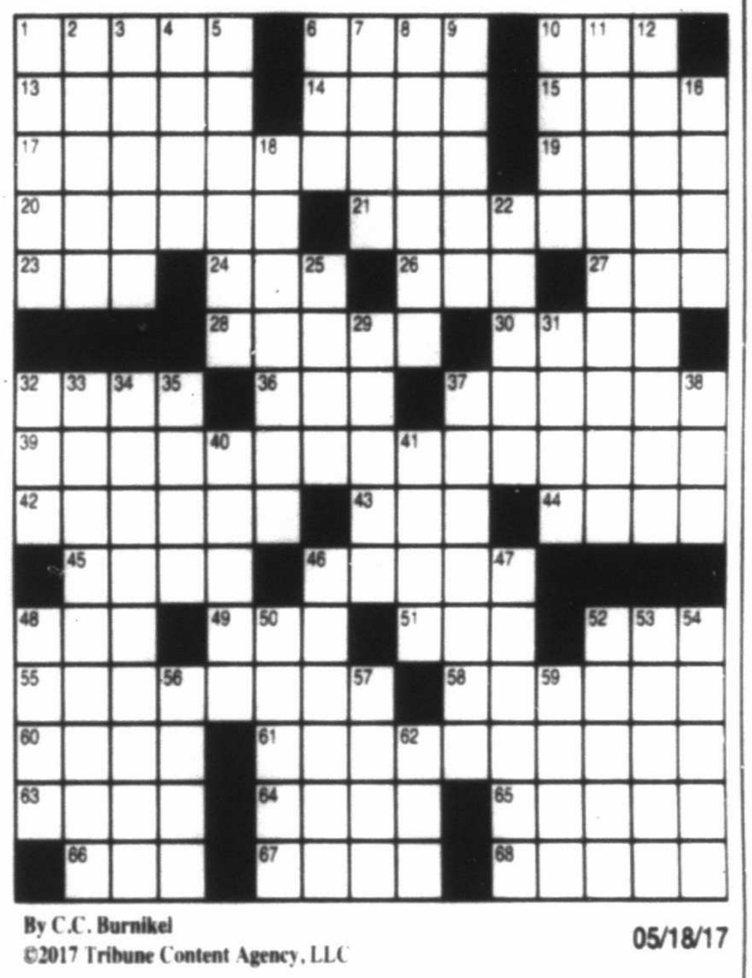

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2. Take it apart

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A RESOLUTION declaring intent to issue bonds and authorizing publication of notice in connection therewith

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. Pursuant to Chapter 225 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (the "*Act*"), the Midland County Hospital District of Midland County, Texas (the "*Issuer*") intends to issue bonds or notes (the "*Bonds*"), in one or more series, in an aggregate original principal amount not to exceed $15,500,000 for paying "hospital project costs" (as defined in the Act) of the Issuer, namely (a) constructing, remodeling, renovating, improving, furnishing, or equipping a neonatal intensive care unit, pharmacy, sterile processing and hospital materials management departments and the acquisition and implementation of an electronic medical records system for the Issuer; and (b) professional services rendered in connection therewith. It is intended that the Bonds will be secured by a pledge of all or part of the revenues of the Issuer and a mortgage of certain of the Issuer's real property.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of the Issuer (the "*Board*") intends to adopt a resolution pursuant to which the Issuer will authorize the issuance of the Bonds at a meeting of the Board to be held tentatively on June 29, 2017, at 11:45 a.m. in the Midland Memorial Hospital Administration Board Room, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas.

Section 3. The Issuer's administrative staff is hereby directed to cause a substantial copy of this resolution to be published three times in a newspaper of general circulation in the territorial limits of the Issuer. The first publication must be made no earlier than the 45th day before the date referenced in Section 2 above and the third publication must be made not later than the 11th day before such date.

Legal and Public Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
CAUSE NO: CV52990

To: WILLIAM HARMON GOODMAN AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF DEE ANN DECKER

Defendant(s), in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:

YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say at or before 0 o'clock A.M. of Monday the MAY 29, 2017, and answer the ORIGINAL PETITION SEEKING A JUDICIAL JUDGMENT FOR FORECLOSURE of Plaintiff, filed in the 142nd JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Midland County, Texas, on JANUARY 3, 2017, a default judgment may be taken against you.
Said suit being number CV52990, in which

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

and

WILLIAM HARMON GOODMAN, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DEE ANN DECKER, AND 3104 BARKLEY AVENUE, MIDLAND, TX 79701, IN REM, Defendants.

and the nature of which said suit is as follows:

U.S. Bank National Association ("Plaintiff"), its successors in interest or assigns, by and through its attorney of record, Jonathan M. Williams or Marinosci Law Group, PC, dba Marinosci & Baxter, 14643 Dallas Parkway, Suite 750, Dallas, Texas 75254, (972) 331-2300, brought suit against The Estate of Dee Ann Decker ("Deceased Mortgagor"), William Harmon Goodman, and The Unknown Heirs of Dee Ann Decker ("Defendants"), to enforce the Note on the property located at 3104 Barkley Avenue, Midland, TX 79701 and legally described as:

BEING LOT EIGHTEEN (18), BLOCK ONE (1), VILLAGE PARK, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN CABINET B, PAGE 152, PLAT RECORDS, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS.

ALL OF WHICH MORE FULLY APPEARS FROM PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION SEEKING A JUDICIAL JUDGMENT FOR FORECLOSURE ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE, AND WHICH REFERENCE IS HERE MADE FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Midland, Texas, on April 13, 2017.

Angela L. Gardea

REQUESTED BY:
JONATHAN WILLIAMS
MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, PC
DBA MARINOSCI & BAXTER
14643 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 750
DALLAS, TX 75254
(972) 331-2300

PREPARED BY: BOWIE, CHRISTINA

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CLERK OF THE COURT CLARISSA WEBSTER District Clerk 300 N Grant, Room 301 Odessa, TX 79761	**ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER** **Laura A. Carpenter** **700 N. GRANT** **SUITE 104** **Odessa, TX 79761**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you, or your attorney, do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: NICANOR PEREZ-GONZALEZ, GREETINGS:

"YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the 446th District Court, Ector County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said county in Odessa, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of **ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DIVORCE AND AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE.** Lorena Perez, Petitioner filed in said Court on the 12th day of December, 2016 against Nicanor Perez—Gonzalez, Respondent(s) and said suit being Number E--16--12--1353--FM on the docket of said Court and entitled In the Matter of Marriage of Lorena Perez and Nicanor Perez—Gonzalez, the nature of which suit is a request to:

TO GRANT DIVORCE AND ALL OTHER RELIEF REQUESTED IN THIS PETITION. PETITIONER PRAYS FOR GENERAL RELIEF.

As is more fully shown within the petition on file in this suit. Further, the Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you."

ISSUED AND GIVEN UDER my hand and seal of said Court at Odessa, Texas, on this the 14th day of February, 2017.

Clarissa Webster, District Clerk
446th District Court
Ector County, Texas

By: Elizabeth Corrales, Deputy

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WANZELL TRIZA BOWERS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Wanzell Triza Bowers, Deceased, were issued to Betty Wanzell Tomlin, Independent Executor, on the 16th day of May, 2017, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Wanzell Triza Bowers, Deceased". No. P19055 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executor, at the address given below before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Said Independent Executor's address is P. O. Box 7808, Midland, TX 79708.

Independent Executor of the Estate
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No. P19055 in the County Court of
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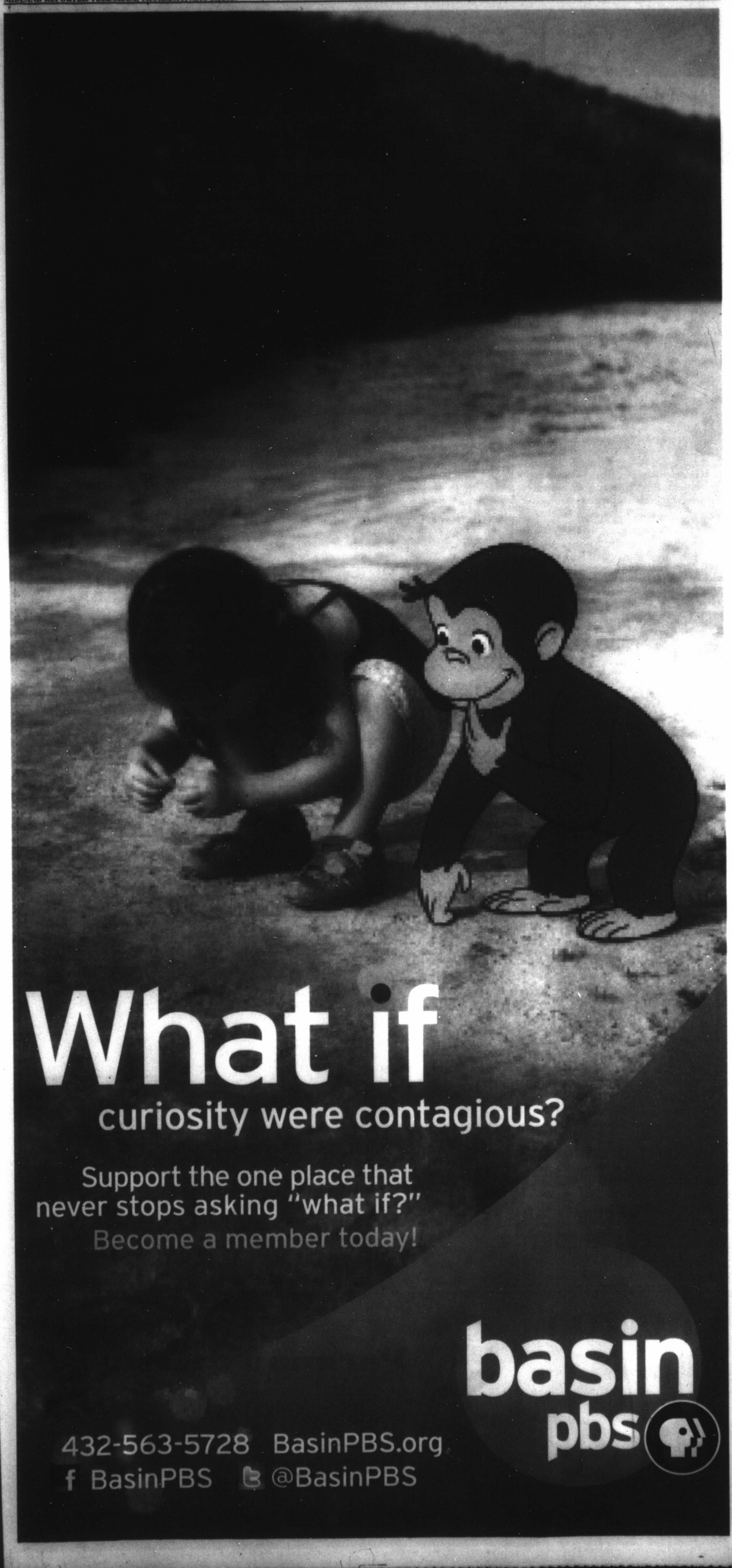
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April showers bring... WILDFLOWERS

Take a walk outside and look around! Chances are you will see flowers starting to bloom. May is a month to celebrate the colorful display of flowers in our community. Even pesky weeds bloom this time of year!

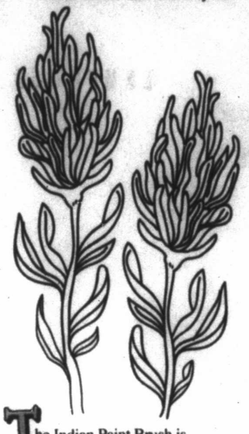
Color these drawings and enjoy the beauty of some of North America's wildflowers!

Buttercups have cup-shaped flowers made up of five petals. People used to believe that the rich yellow color of butter originated from a high content of buttercups in the cows' diet. This belief is false. Cows avoid buttercups because they are poisonous!

FLOWER: **YELLOW**
STEM AND LEAVES: **GREEN**

Bluebonnets are the Texas state flower. Some grow to be three feet high! The bluebonnet comes from the legume (bean) family.

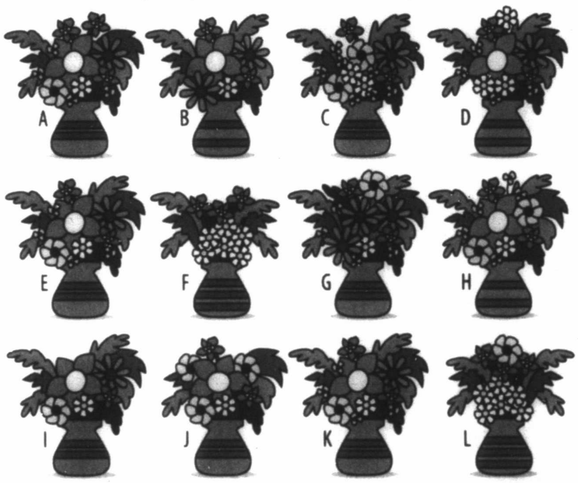
FLOWER: **PURPLE/DARK BLUE**
STEM AND LEAVES: **GRAY-GREEN**



The Indian Paint Brush is Wyoming's state flower. It has been used to make dyes. The main pollinators of this wildflower are hummingbirds.

FLOWER: **RED-ORANGE**
STEM AND LEAVES: **GREEN**

Look closely: Can you find the two identical bouquets of flowers?



Poppies are the California state flower. They can be found blooming throughout the state in spring.

FLOWER: **ORANGE**
STEM AND LEAVES: **GREEN**

Extra! Extra!

Circle It!

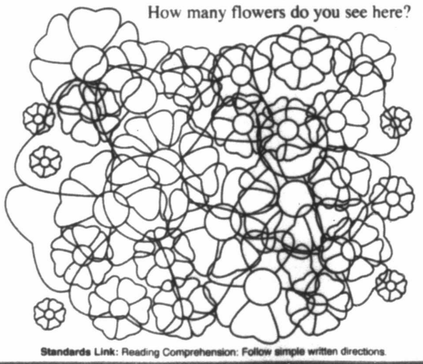
On one page of the newspaper, find and circle the letters that spell each of the flowers on this page. Connect the circled letters to spell each word.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

ANSWER: Bouquets E and K are the same.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many flowers do you see here?



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.

BLUEBONNET
BUTTERCUP
LEGUME
INDIAN
FAMILY
TEXAS
BLOOM
BRUSH
SEEDS
AVOID
PODS
DYES
STEM
COWS
RICH

T	N	A	I	D	N	I	H	B	E
T	E	N	N	O	B	E	U	L	B
E	M	D	O	N	B	T	T	M	H
X	O	F	Y	L	T	R	E	F	R
A	L	O	O	E	D	T	U	W	I
S	E	O	R	G	S	I	R	S	C
S	M	C	H	U	S	W	O	C	H
O	U	F	A	M	I	L	Y	V	W
P	O	D	S	E	E	D	S	S	A

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

What's missing?

Show a friend pictures from the newspaper with a piece of the picture missing. Then have them ask questions that can only be answered "YES" or "NO" to determine what is missing.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Why did the farmer plant light bulbs?

ANSWER: Because he wanted to grow a power plant.

Weekly Writing Corner

Remembering the School Year

Students recall what they will remember from this school year.

What I am going to remember about this school year is the first day of school when I made friends. It started on the bus when I was assigned a seat next to Sharayla. I thought if I was going to sit with her, we might as well become friends. Then at lunchtime, Kassidy accidentally put her elbow in my sandwich! That's the way Kassidy and I became friends, and that's what I'm going to remember.

Jessie,
5th grade

I remember the famous Americans we learned about this school year. I liked George Washington the best because he helped make our country not be a part of England. George Washington was in the army and helped fight against England. He died in 1799. Famous Americans are amazing.

Daniel,
1st grade

What I love in school is library. I love library because I love to read. I like to read because it helps your brain. I love to read chapter books and short stories. I hope people love to read too.

Yvonne,
2nd grade

My favorite moment in the school year was when I was named President. I was ecstatic at first. One of my best friends was running, and I thought she was going to be hard to beat. I had to make posters convincing people to vote for me. Then it came down to the day where our principal, Mrs. Primo, announced the news. When she said I was President my class went berserk! My face was beet red. This will always be a moment I will remember.

Ally,
5th grade

There are many things I will forget about this school year, but here is one thing I will remember, Famous American Day. I was Benjamin Franklin. Our classroom was filled with information about famous Americans. It was fun answering kid's questions while I acted like Ben Franklin. I made a kite replica so I could show Benjamin Franklin's experiment with lightning. It's a memory that I will never forget.

Colton,
2nd grade

I liked going to Cici's Pizza with my teacher and playing with my friends.

Taylor,
1st grade

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