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Federal judge strikes down effort to regulate fracturing

Ruling blocks Interior Dept's Bureau of Land Management from enforcing 2015 rule

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Bloomberg

A federal judge struck down the Obama administration's signature effort to regulate hydraulic fracturing on public lands, putting another of the president's environmental initiatives in legal limbo months before he leaves office.

The ruling, issued by Wyoming-based District Court Judge Scott W. Skavdahl late Tuesday, blocks the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management from enforcing a 2015 rule that set detailed standards for the construction of oil and gas wells drilled into some 700 million acres of federal land. While the new ruling is almost certain to be appealed, it follows similar setbacks for other pieces of President Barack Obama's environmental legacy, including a Supreme Court stay of the Clean Power Plan that forces states to slash carbon dioxide emissions from power plants.

The decision also presages a tough path ahead for another regulation still on the horizon: a Bureau of Land Management proposal to block energy companies from venting or burning natural gas from wells burrowed into public land.

The Interior Department in a emailed statement called the ruling "unfortunate," because "it prevents regulators from using 21st century standards to ensure that oil and gas operations are conducted safely and responsibly on public and tribal lands."

The regulation has never gone into force, amid a legal challenge from oil industry groups and four states — Colorado, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming — that argued the measure duplicated local drilling requirements and boosted the cost of extracting oil and gas from federal lands.

On Tuesday, Skavdahl said the fracturing rule exceeded the Bureau of Land Management's powers.

The legal question is "not whether hydraulic fracturing is good or bad for the environment," Skavdahl said, but whether Congress gave the Interior Department the power to regulate it.

"Congress has not delegated to the Department of Interior the authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing," Skavdahl wrote. "The BLM's effort to do so through the fracturing rule is in excess of its statutory authority and contrary to law."

Skavdahl used similar reasoning in putting a temporary hold on the measure last year. His Tuesday decision didn't reach some of the legal arguments raised by the Independent Petroleum Association of America, the Western Energy Alliance and other challengers who objected to the rule.

Independent Petroleum Association of America spokesman Neal Kirby said the decision reaffirms the group's view that "states are — and have for over 60 years been — in the best position to safely regu-

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Children play at the Splash Pad at Security Bank Ballpark during the Midland RockHounds game against the San Antonio Missions on June 17.

Shell works to simplify organization to compete with independents

■ Permian, other North American shales seen as future growth engines

By Mella McEwen
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Too big. Too rigid. Not nimble enough.

Those are reasons why integrated oil companies could have a difficult time competing with independents in the unconventional shale plays that have led to a resurgence in the nation's oil and gas industry.

Royal Dutch Shell, however, disagrees with that reasoning and this week held an event to reaffirm its commitment to the shales business, including its holdings in the Permian Basin.

Shell officials discussed how its recent $70 billion acquisition of the BG Group has impacted its outlook. The event was a mixer at Shell's Drilling Automation & Remote Technology (DART) Center located on its Houston campus and was webcast and available by telephone.

"We have substantial choices in a post-BG world," said Greg Guidry, executive vice president, unconventionals. The acquisition brought Shell a major position in deep waters offshore Brazil and in liquefied natural gas projects in North America. Also acquired were BG holdings in the Haynesville that are operated by Exco Resources and some legacy acreage in the Appalachian Mountains that are currently inactive.

"We can activate our shale program when the right price signals are there," he said. "Right now we still have an active shale program where we spend $2 (billion) to $2.5 billion a year."

Please see **SHELL**/4A

James, Gilliland finish 3rd, 4th at Olympic trials

From staff reports

INDIANAPOLIS — The tandems featuring Midland's own Anna James and Tarrin Gilliland couldn't catch up to the team of Jessica Parrato and Amy Cozad in the finals of the synchronized women's 10-meter springboard final of the 2016 U.S Olympic Team Trials on Wednesday.

Parrato and Cozad, both of Bloomington, Indiana, earned their spot on the U.S. Olympic team with a total score of 935.76 points, 89.34 points ahead of the team of Samantha Bromberg and Delaney Schnell at the Indiana University Natatorium.

James

James, a Midland High grad and Purdue University swimmer, and her partner Katrina Young slipped from second place into third place with a total of 836.42. James and Young scored 260.10 points on their five dives on Wednesday.

Gilliland

James was competing for the first time in two years after dealing with injuries and a bout of anorexia nervosa.

The team of Gilliland and Krysta Palmer finished fourth with 828.54 points after scoring 284.22 on their five dives.

Gilliland, who is just 13 years old and trains with City of Midland Aquatics, was the talk of the competition, as being the youngest diver among the qualifiers.

Gilliland still has a chance to make the Olympic team on Saturday night but has some work to do as she goes into the finals of the women's 10-meter platform in seventh place.

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Gasoline	$2.197 ▲	$0.015

The big number
Ex-Speaker Hastert is now inmate 47991-424 in a federal prison in Minnesota. Page 8A.

Word of the Day: Peripatetic
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 2A.

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[per-*uh*-*puh*-**tet**-ik]
adjective.
1. walking or traveling about; itinerant.

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1 of 2 remaining Doolittle Raiders dies

Associated Press

MISSOULA, Mont. — One of the last two surviving members of the Doolittle Raiders — who bombed Japan in an attack that stunned that nation and boosted U.S. morale — has died in Montana, his family said.

Retired Staff Sgt. David Jonathan Thatcher died Wednesday in a Missoula hospital. He was 94. He suffered a stroke on Sunday, Thatcher's son Jeff told the Missoulian newspaper.

Thatcher's death leaves Retired Lt. Col. Richard "Dick" Cole of Comfort, Texas, as the only living airman from among 80 who took off from an aircraft carrier on 16 B-25 bombers to target factory areas and military installations in Japan on April 18, 1942. Afterward, the planes headed for airfields in mainland China, realizing they would run out of fuel, according to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

The mission lifted American spirits five months after Pearl Harbor was bombed and forced the Japanese to spend resources defending their home islands.

Thatcher was engineer-gunner aboard the plane nicknamed "The Ruptured Duck."

After the bombing, Thatcher's plane — running low on fuel — crash landed in the ocean near China. The plane flipped over and all the crew members except for Thatcher were seriously injured. Thatcher was knocked out, but soon regained consciousness, gathered the rest of the crew, administered first aid and convinced some Chinese guerrillas to take the crew to safety in inland China.

Thatcher received a Silver Star for gallantry in action.

The crew's crash-landing and evasion of Japanese troops in China was depicted in the movie "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," based on the book written by the plane's pilot, Lt. Ted Lawson.

Because the bombing run was so dangerous, all those involved were volunteers. Thatcher said they gave little thought about earning a place in history.

"We figured it was just another bombing mission," he told The Associated Press in an interview in March 2015. In the years afterward, though, he said, they realized: "It was an important event in World War II."

After his military career, Thatcher worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 30 years as a clerk and later a letter carrier. He retired in 1980. He stayed in contact with the surviving members of the Doolittle Raiders and attended nearly every reunion the group held through the Final Toast in November 2013.

Obituaries

Anita Ybarra

Anita Ybarra, 82, of Midland, passed away on Monday, June 20, 2016.

Rosary service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 24, 2016 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church with Monsignor James Bridges officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Anita was born on December 31, 1933 to Angela and Jesus Avila in Los Angeles, California. She worked as a Teacher's Assistant for the Norwalk/La Mirada Unified School District for 25 years before retiring to Midland. She enjoyed reading, knitting, and being with her grandchildren. She had a great sense of humor and a generous heart.

She is survived by her devoted, loving husband, Samuel Ybarra; children, Anna Ybarra-Baker of Sacramento, California; Samuel Ybarra, Jr. and wife, Leticia of Lakewood, California; Delia Navarrete and husband, Frank of Glendora, California; John Ybarra and wife, Carmen of Bellflower, California; Marcos Ybarra and wife, Gina of Midland; and by 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Angela and Jesus Avila, and by 10 brothers and sisters.

Pallbearers will be Jack Baker, Jr., Francisco Navarrete, Sam Ybarra, III, John Ybarra, Jr., Nick Ybarra, Marcos Ybarra, Jr., and Nathan Ybarra.

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

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Darlene McNabb Hendricks

Darlene McNabb Hendricks, 72, passed away on June 20, 2016 in Midland, Texas.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home, Midland Texas on Thursday, June 23, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at Kelview Heights Baptist Church on June 24, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.; Associate Pastor Keith Hamilton of Kelview Heights Baptist Church will be officiating. Burial service will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Darlene was born in Tuscola, Illinois to Woodrow and Geneva McNabb on September 6, 1943. She worked as a communication secretary for M.I.S.D for over 20 years. She was involved in the Republican Women's Club. She loved Texas Bluebonnets, enjoyed antiquing, and spending time with her family and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; stepfather, Russel Dugan; husband, Alfred J. Hendricks; and daughter, Jeanie Kelley, wife of Kent Kelley of Midland, Texas.

She is survived by her sons, Chris Hendricks of Amarillo, Texas, and Michael and wife Nancy Hendricks of Midland; brothers, Jim Dugan, Michael and wife Carol Dugan, and Leonard and wife MaryAnn Dugan; sister, Tina Oliver; grandchildren, Heather Roberts, Luke and brother Nathan Kelley, Joshua Hendricks, Jacob Hendricks, Graeson Elise Hendricks, Griffin Davis Hendricks, Taryn Strickland, and Adrian and wife Amanda Strickland; great-grandchildren, Taylor Roberts and Lauren Roberts; and by great-great grandchild, Kiera May Sawyer.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Home Hospice, Midland Memorial Hospital, Ellis Funeral Home, and Kelview Heights Baptist Church.

Flowers and arrangements can be sent to Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy, Midland Texas, 79701.

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

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Jack Gaylord Goodwin

Services for Jack Gaylord Goodwin will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 24, 2016 at First United Methodist Church in Midland.

Jack died the morning of June 21, 2016 at the age of 85 in his home. He was born November 11, 1930 in Nashville, Tennessee to Walter G. and Ethel W. Goodwin. He was raised in Florida and graduated high school in Lake City, Florida in 1948. He attended the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee before transferring to Texas Christian University where, in 1948, he received a Bachelor's degree in Geology.

Jack completed the United States Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island and served in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters during the Korean War.

In 1956, Jack married Marvel Foy of Jacksonville, Florida. He worked as a petroleum geologist with several oil companies while moving between Jacksonville, Mississippi, Tyler, Texas, Trinidad, the West Indies, Houston, Texas, Midland, Texas, and Dallas, Texas. Their second and final move to Midland was in 1989 where they have since resided. He and Marvel were longtime members of Grace Presbyterian Church where he served as an Elder before transferring to First United Methodist Church of Midland.

Jack was an Eagle Scout and a brother of Kappa Alpha Order fraternity. He was a Certified Petroleum Geologist and member of professional organizations, including the American Institute of Professional Geologists, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists, West Texas Geological Society, and the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists.

Jack's favorite hobby was golf, learning the game from his father, and playing for over 50 years since his senior year of high school. Jack had stated that he did not want his funeral held on a Saturday because, "All my friends will be on the golf course." Other interests included game bird hunting and visiting favorite Florida beaches.

Jack is survived by Marvel, his wife of 59 years; daughter, Jan King of Austin, Texas where she and Bryan King raised son Geoffrey; Wendy Roberson of Midland and husband Robert with children Kayla Gass (husband Tate) of O'Donnell, Texas and Kristin Roberson of Midland; and by his cousin, Diana Douglas and family of Lake City.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Hospice Midland, 911 West Texas, Midland, TX 79701.

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

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James Morton Curran Ritchie

March 13, 1925 - June 20, 2016

James Morton Curran Ritchie (Jim) was born in New York City on March 13, 1925 to Constance Curran Ritchie and Frederick Sommers Ritchie. He grew up in Montclair, New Jersey, and attended Montclair Academy from which he graduated in 1942.

During World War II, he served in the United States Air Force. At the conclusion of the war, he attended Harvard College, and graduated with the class of 1948. At Harvard, he was the art editor of the Harvard Lampoon and a member of the AD Club.

On December 11, 1948, he married Hope Dillon in New York, and moved to Texas to enter the oil business at the suggestion of his father-in-law. This ignited a passion for the oil business which was to last his lifetime. He became an independent operator in Midland, Texas in the 1950s, forming friendships with other oil men which lasted throughout his life.

In 1965 with Midland experiencing a downturn in the oil business, Jim and his family moved to New York City. He very much enjoyed all that the city offered, and served on the board of the American Symphony Orchestra, and was a member of the Racquet and Union Clubs.

Santa Fe had always been a favorite vacation destination for Jim and his family, and so in 1972, they bought a house in the Santa Fe area. Although now living in Santa Fe full time, Jim continued to operate his company, Orla Petco, in Midland, and commuted back and forth. In the 1970s, Jim pioneered a new tertiary recovery technique using carbon dioxide.

As Santa Fe became home full-time, Jim served on the boards of the Santa Fe Opera and the College of Santa Fe. One of his greatest pleasures was playing polo, and together with his good friends, the late Jim Alley and the late Abel Davis, founded the Santa Fe Polo Club. During the winter, Jim was an enthusiastic skier, particularly relishing gaining his free ski pass once he reached his 70th birthday.

Following the death of his wife in November of 1997, a new chapter of life opened up for Jim when he married Ruth Stuart Bell of Midland on January 6, 1999. Their life together was marked by frequent and festive gatherings in their home, some wonderful trips abroad - especially to visit his daughter, Grace and her husband in England, and a continuing interest in their community.

In these years, Jim enjoyed his various lunch groups. The ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) met on Thursdays, and a group of scientists and engineers whom he affectionately referred to as "The Smarts" convened on Fridays at his favorite restaurant, Osteria. He always said he felt honored that they included him!

Jim bravely faced the illness which would eventually claim his life. He did so with the constant help and devotion of his team of caregivers. Ruth would like to extend her heartfelt thanks to Amy, Moriah, Martha, and Don, Derek, and Ruth Roybal for making Jim's last years as comfortable and peaceful as he could have wished.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Ruth; his sister, Constance DuHamel of Montclair, New Jersey; his younger brother, Robert Skinner of Verona, New Jersey; his daughters, Diana Applewhite and Hope Roybal of Santa Fe, and Grace Killian of London, England; his sons, David Ritchie of Lambertville, New Jersey, and Bucky Ritchie of Midland; and by seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his brother, Frederick Sommers Ritchie.

A Mass will be held at the Cathedral Basilica at 12 noon on Friday, June 24, 2016.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Horse Shelter, or the Santa Fe Animal Shelter to reflect Jim's lifelong love of animals.

Wayne Jackson of the Memphis Horns duo dies at 74

By Adrian Sainz
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Trumpet player Wayne Jackson, who played standout horn lines on rock 'n' roll, soul, R&B and pop mainstays along with Memphis Horns partner and tenor saxophonist Andrew Love, has died. He was 74.

His wife, Amy, said her husband died of congestive heart failure Tuesday night at a hospital with her by his side. Jackson had been hospitalized and released June 7 before taking a turn for the worse Monday night and being readmitted.

"He led an incredible life and he left an amazing music legacy," Amy Jackson said.

Jackson and Love performed on recordings by numerous top-shelf artists, including Otis Redding, Elvis Presley, Neil Diamond and U2.

Jackson and Love — the Memphis Horns — were awarded the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in February 2012, only the second instrumental backup group in history to receive the honor at the time. According to his wife, in his acceptance speech, he said, "It's been a dance of love between me and that trumpet."

Love died in April 2012.

Love, who was black, and Jackson, who was white, played together on 52 No. 1 records and 83 gold and platinum records, according to Memphis-based Stax Records. Amy Jackson said her husband received his first gold record in 1961 and his last in 2005.

The duo backed up Aretha Franklin, Elvis Presley, Otis Redding, Neil Diamond, Isaac Hayes, the Doobie Brothers, U2, Jack White, Alicia Keys and many other American pop music acts.

The Memphis Horns could sound wistful and romantic on one song, boisterous and up-tempo on another. They provided the horn tracks on dozens of well-known songs, including Redding's "Dock of the Bay," Franklin's "Respect," Diamond's "Sweet Caroline," Presley's "Suspicious Minds," Sam & Dave's "Soul Man," Al Green's "Let's Stay Together," Steve Winwood's "Roll With It," Peter Gabriel's "Sledgehammer," and U2's "Angel of Harlem."

Jackson was born in Memphis and was raised across the Mississippi River in West Memphis, Arkansas, according to his website.

On his website, he described the time when his mother gave him a trumpet at age 11.

"I opened up the case, and it smelled like oil and brass. I loved that, so I put it together, blew, and out came a pretty noise," he said.

Jackson said he first heard Love play at the Manhattan Club with the Willie Mitchell band.

"I knew we would be perfect together," Jackson said in a statement released after Love died. "He had a big tone and I had a big tone, and I knew that they would blend in the most natural, beautiful way."

They were first paired together as part of the Stax Records' Mar-Keys, which backed most of Stax's catalog of artists. They played behind Redding, Isaac Hayes, Rufus Thomas and Carla Thomas, among others.

In 1969, Jackson and Love formed the Memphis Horns. Jackson later moved to Nashville and spent three years traveling with country music performer Marty Robbins, according to Jackson's website.

Judge: Texas prison's water violates 'standards of decency'

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A group of prisoners alleging they have to drink arsenic-laden water to stay cool inside their hot Texas lockup won a legal victory Tuesday in an ongoing lawsuit after a federal judge ordered the Texas prison system to provide safe drinking water that doesn't violate "contemporary standards of decency."

U.S. District Judge Keith Ellison has given the prison system 15 days to replace the water supply at the Wallace Pack Unit in Navasota, located about 70 miles northwest of Houston.

The judge's order came in a lawsuit the inmates filed in 2014 in Houston federal court alleging they're being exposed to dangerous heat at the unit. The lawsuit alleges Texas houses inmates in conditions that are inhumane enough to violate the U.S. Constitution's protections against cruel and unusual punishment. The Pack Unit is a low security geriatric facility that houses about 1,400 inmates, many of whom are sick or disabled.

In his 15-page ruling, Ellison wrote the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has been "deliberately indifferent" to the ongoing risk inmates at the unit face from prolonged exposure to "extreme heat" and from having to drink arsenic-laden water in order to reduce the risk from the heat. The drinking water at the Pack Unit has contained between 2 and 4? times the amount of arsenic permitted by the Environmental Protection Agency, the judge said.

The prisoners have "demonstrated that (the prison system's) current and ongoing conduct violates contemporary standards of decency," Ellison wrote.

At least 20 prisoners have died indoors in non-air-conditioned Texas prisons from overheating since 1998, including 10 who died in 2011, Ellison said.

Jason Clark, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said the agency plans to appeal the ruling.

"The water at the Pack Unit is safe to drink according to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Department of State Health Services," he said in a statement. "Although this is not an emergency and the water is safe to drink, we have designed a new filtration system which has been approved by TCEQ, and the final installation is expected in early 2017."

In his ruling, Ellison highlighted that the current water filtration system was installed in 2007 in response to the EPA a year earlier lowering maximum levels of arsenic in drinking water and that the prison system has had trouble with the filtration system for years.

Jeff Edwards, one of the attorneys for the inmates, said the prison system has known about the unsafe arsenic levels in the Pack Unit's water since 2006 but has not fixed the problem "and that's not acceptable."

"When you take away people's liberty, you have to provide certain protections," he said. "Some people may have the mentality that if you've committed a crime, you lose all your rights. That is simply not the case. You do not give up your constitutional right not to be treated cruelly."

In court filings, some of the inmates have discussed living conditions at the Pack Unit.

"I sometimes feel like I'm about to die of thirst even when I am constantly drinking water," said Jackie Brannum, who has been at the unit since 2001 and is serving a sentence for aggravated sexual assault. "All I can think of is cooling down somehow."

Michael Paulsen/Houston Chronicle via AP

A woman looks out at the Houston skyline from the Chase Tower Observation Deck in Houston on March 25, 2009. As famous observation decks go, the Sky Lobby some 60 floors up in downtown Houston's Chase Tower is a bit less than ideal: Parking is a hassle, the view is limited, and there are no concessions, souvenirs or interactive whatnots to give visitors a sense of what they're really looking at. On the other hand, it's free. And pretty cool.

Houston Sky Lobby on 60th floor closing to most visitors

By Craig Hlavaty and Mihir Zaveri
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — As famous observation decks go, the Sky Lobby some 60 floors up in downtown Houston's Chase Tower is a bit less than ideal: Parking is a hassle, the view is limited, and there are no concessions, souvenirs or interactive whatnots to give visitors a sense of what they're really looking at.

On the other hand, it's free. And pretty cool.

When the clouds roll in and drop an unexpected shower on the city center, there's nothing quite like being in them or above them. No surprise, then, that there were cries of dismay Tuesday when the tower's management company abruptly announced the lobby would be immediately closed to everyone other than tenants and their guests.

The Houston Chronicle reported though never officially designed as a public observation platform, the lobby on the 60th floor of the 75-story building — the tallest in the city— was widely touted as a must-see tourist attraction in the city.

"After careful consideration, ownership and management of the JPMorgan Chase Tower (also known as 600 Travis) have made the difficult decision to restrict access to the building's 60th floor 'sky lobby' strictly to building tenants and their authorized visitors," the Hines management firm said in a prepared statement. "Our primary focus is to provide a quality experience for our tenants and their employees who were often inconvenienced by the extra non-business-related traffic in the building."

The floors above 60 require separate elevator access. Years ago, when word got out that the transfer point was open for public viewing, the lobby became a popular attraction for tourists and Houston residents. Workers in neighboring buildings sometimes used it for a few minutes of solitude and inspiration. No doubt it would have become a popular lunch spot had it not been for an emphatic no-food policy. Even so, the visitors kept coming. Some romantic sorts used it as a backdrop for proposals of marriage.

When the Sky Lobby was closed for refurbishment in 2013, no one imagined that it would one day go the way of other observation points around town that had shut down, including Williams Tower near the Galleria, the Wells Fargo Plaza, and the former Skyline Bar & Grill in the Hilton Americas-Houston. If there was widespread displeasure because of the public coming to visit the lobby, not all of those who work there were aware of it.

Stephen T. Harris, director of communications for Locke Lord LLP, an international law firm that maintains an office in the building, said he first heard about the closure on Tuesday when the announcement was made.

"That's all I know about it," Harris said, adding that his law firm had no role in the decision.

"It's a huge asset, I think, for this property," he said. "It's a beautiful view, both for people from Houston and for folks from out of town."

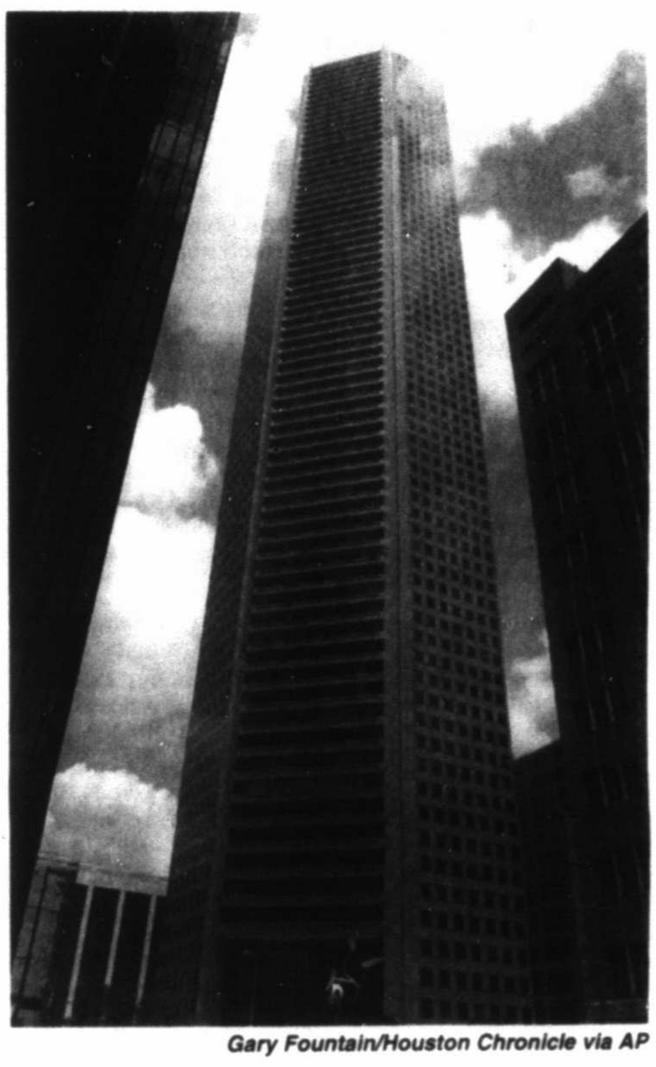
Harris said he didn't recall anyone make complaints about visitors.

"You see people in the lobby all the time," he said. "It's always a busy lobby. I think everyone at some point should be able to see the view from the 60th floor."

The tenant who paid for naming rights, JP Morgan Chase and Co., likewise insisted it did not lobby to close the lobby. The bank's Houston spokesman, Greg Hassell, said he had taken his teenage daughter to the Sky Lobby just weeks back to check out the view.

"I'm glad we both got to see the view one last time at least," Hassell said.

Other tenants said the decision was understandable because the public visitors could be a nuisance. Frank Tsuru, president and CEO of M3 Midstream, said the high-traffic times of the year resulted in crammed elevators and some unhappy workers. People on the higher floors complained more than others, he said.



Gary Fountain/Houston Chronicle via AP

JPMorgan Chase Tower is shown in Houston on June 13, 2012.

"There's people pretty stressed out about it," Tsuru said.

Immigration lawyer Sang Shin said the visitors did not bother him, and he enjoyed taking clients up to the lobby a few times a month to see a "nice view of the lay of the land."

He especially remembers going up after the Memorial Day flood last year and seeing parts of Texas 288 and Memorial Parkway under water. Sometimes he got requests from friends to go see the city's lights at night stretching across the area, which he still hopes to do even if the area is closed to the public.

"I hope they'll open it again," Shin said.

Also disappointed was Mario Zimmermann, who along with five colleagues craned his neck upward toward the top of the Chase Tower, where they had just gathered outside as downtown grew empty.

"This is bad news," said Zimmermann, who works in the energy corridor in west Houston. "Very bad news."

The 51-year-old oil and gas engineer moved to Houston for a temporary stay eight weeks ago, and in that span he has brought more than a dozen co-workers and friends from his homeland of Germany to view the city from on high.

When he arrived at Chase Tower on Tuesday with another group, he immediately saw the sign announcing: Sky Lobby Closed to the Public. Disappointed, Zimmermann said the Sky Lobby offered a perspective that cannot be replaced.

"If I go to a city, the first thing I try to do is go upstairs to get an overview," he said.

The Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, which has touted the Sky Lobby in the past as a Houston must-see, didn't have a comment on the decision.

UNESCO leader condemns killing of Texas freelance journalist

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — The head of a United Nations agency on Wednesday condemned the death of a freelance journalist in Texas whose body was found with a gunshot wound in the back yard of a home.

UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova said from Paris that authorities must determine the motive for the killing of Spanish-language journalist Jacinto Torres Hernandez, 57. He was a longtime reporter and photographer for La Estrella who used the by-line Jay Torres. La Estrella is a weekly publication of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram serving readers in the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

"I call on the authorities to investigate this killing and its motives so that those responsible for it be brought to trial," Bokova said in a statement.

Police have not determined whether his freelance work may have contributed to his death. He operated a real estate business that involved renovating homes and his body was found June 13 at a home in the Dallas suburb of Garland that he either had purchased or was considering buying.

Investigators said he had been dead for "multiple days" and that robbery does not appear to be a motive because nothing was taken from him.

Family members said at a news conference last week that Torres had worked on stories such as human trafficking that could place him in danger.

"More recently his work was more intense, riskier," his daughter, Aline Torres, said during a news conference last week covered by the newspaper Al Día. "He was lifting up stones that perhaps people did not want to have lifted."

Son Gibran Torres said his father was at the Garland residence as part of his other work flipping homes.

"He did not mention to me that he was the target of any threats," Torres said. However, he said his father had been investigating human trafficking and human exploitation for the newspaper. As for his real estate business, Torres said his father had occasionally dealt with angry tenants. One person who was buying or renting a house from his father was arrested in a massive roundup of cocaine trafficking suspects, Torres said.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

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

■ Pajama-Rama storytime and movie, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library-Downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ "Bee Movie," 1 p.m., Midland County Public Library-Downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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

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

■ Dinner on the Farm, 7:30 p.m., Flying Y Farms, 3456 FM-1212, Tarzan. $60. BYOB with $10 corking fee. Pre-paid reservations are required. Hightfoods.com.

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

■ 3-OG, 7 p.m., Cafe at the Gardens, 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road. alldredgegardens.com.

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

■ Bri Bagwell, 8 p.m., Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

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

Note: Check out this weekend's entertainment calender in The Weekender section in today's Reporter-Telegram

Swimming pools today

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

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

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

Source: City of Midland

Support groups, club meetings today

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

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

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

■ Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m., Sibley Nature Center; 687-6467.

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

Community Calendar

■ Members of the Midland Amateur Radio Club will be participating in the 2016 ARRL Field Day Exercise Saturday and Sunday.

The club's stations will be operating from noon Saturday to 1 p.m. Sunday at the National Weather Service Midland/Odessa Weather Forecast Office, 2500 Challenger Drive. Access is from the north service road on Business 20 on the east side of Midland International Air & Space Port.

There will be two CW stations, one SSB Phone station, one Get On The Air station, one six meter station and a Satellite Chasing crew.

The general public is welcome to participate and observe.

■ VFW Post 7208 is hosting a car and motorcycle show 1-8 p.m. Saturday at 1306 W. Taylor Ave. Deadline to enter a vehicle in the show is noon Saturday. There is a $25 registration fee.

The event, which will benefit the VFW, includes vendors, washer tournament and silent auction.

For more information, call 684-6079 or email v.f.w.post7208@hotmail.com.

Correction

■ The open house for newly renovated CASA of West Texas is 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at 1611 W. Texas Ave.

An events listing in Wednesday's edition had the wrong date.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-2-4
Pick 3 day: 3-5-4
Pick 3 evening: 6-4-8
Pick 3 night: 3-5-9
Daily 4 morning: 2-9-3-5
Daily 4 day: 9-8-6-9
Daily 4 evening: 4-2-5-5
Daily 4 night: 2-8-7-0
Cash Five: 1-26-28-29-36
Lotto Texas: 4-5-14-32-37-49
Powerball: 14-40-42-43-52 PB: 17
Power Play: 3
All or Nothing morning: 2-3-4-9-10-11-12-14-15-16-19-21
All or Nothing day: 3-7-8-9-10-13-14-15-18-20-21-22
All or Nothing evening: 2-5-6-11-13-15-16-18-19-20-21-24
All or Nothing night: 2-6-9-11-12-13-14-15-16-18-19-21
Texas Triple Chance: 2-3-13-14-20-28-32-39-41-46

Today in history

On June 23, 1960, the Food and Drug Administration formally approved Enovid as the first oral contraceptive for sale in the U.S.

OPEC says oil revenue plunges $438 billion to 10-year low

By Grant Smith
Bloomberg

OPEC said its oil revenue plunged by $438 billion to a 10-year low last year, as an increase in export volumes failed to compensate for the collapse in prices.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries earned $518.2 billion in 2015 from the sale of crude and refined fuels, the lowest figure since 2005, the group's Vienna-based secretariat said in its Annual Statistical Bulletin. It boosted exports by 1.7 percent to 23.6 million barrels a day, maintaining its share of global markets, as Iraq increased output and Saudi Arabia pressed on with a policy to squeeze rivals.

Oil futures tumbled by 35 percent last year as U.S. crude production held up despite the Saudi-led strategy to pressure OPEC's competitors with lower prices. Crude has since recovered, rising almost 90 percent in London from the lows reached in January, as U.S. output retreats and disruptions from Canada to Nigeria help whittle away a global surplus.

The organization's exports increased by an average of 400,000 barrels a day in 2015, raising its share of global production for the first time in four years, by 0.2 percentage points to 43 percent. Still, that wasn't enough to compensate for the price rout. As a result of the lost revenue, OPEC nations recorded their first current account deficit since 1998, at $99.6 billion, compared with a surplus in 2014 of $238.1 billion, according to the report.

Exports from Saudi Arabia, which has steered the group's policy often in defiance of poorer members like Venezuela and Algeria, were steady last year at 7.163 million barrels a day. The kingdom's production rose by 4.9 percent to 10.193 million a day, according to the report.

While drilling activity declined in OPEC nations last year, with the number of rigs dropping by 60 to 887, the drop-off in other parts of the world was far more severe, the report showed.

South Pole rescue flight of 2 sick workers arrives in Chile

By Seth Borenstein and Eva Vergara
Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile — A small plane with two sick U.S. workers arrived safely in Chile late Wednesday after leaving Antarctica in a daring rescue mission from a remote South Pole research station, officials said.

After making a stop for a few hours at a British station on the edge of Antarctica, the two workers were flown to the southernmost Chilean city of Punta Arenas, the National Science Foundation said in a statement published on its Facebook page.

In a hectic two days of flying, the rescue team flew 3,000 miles roundtrip from the British station Rothera to pick up the workers at the U.S. Amundsen-Scott station at the South Pole. They arrived back at Rothera on Wednesday afternoon, said Peter West, spokesman for the foundation, which runs the U.S. station. Then the two workers boarded a second Canadian-owned Twin Otter plane that took off for Punta Arenas.

"From Punta Arenas, the two patients aboard will be transported to a medical facility that can provide a level of care that is not available at Amundsen-Scott," the National Science Foundation said, adding that it's not disclosing the location of that facility.

The National Science Foundation has not identified the sick workers or their conditions, citing medical privacy. They both work for contractor Lockheed Martin.

At Rothera, the temperature was a balmy 27.5 degrees Wednesday afternoon. That's toasty compared to the Amundsen-Scott research station at the South Pole where it was minus 75 in the morning.

Before they left, there were 48 people — 39 men and nine women — at the station for the winter.

Normally planes don't go to the polar outpost from February to October because of the dangers of flying in the pitch-dark and cold. The first day of winter in the Southern Hemisphere was Monday — the sun will not rise at the South Pole till the first day of spring in September.

Steve Barnet, who works with a University of Wisconsin astronomy team at the polar station but is in the U.S. now, lauded the rescue crew.

"The courage of the pilots to make the flight in extremely harsh conditions is incredible and inspiring," Barnet wrote in an email.

The extreme cold affects a lot of things on planes, including fuel, which needs to be warmed before takeoff, batteries and hydraulics, according to West. The Twin Otter can fly in temperatures as low as minus 103 degrees, he said.

"The air and Antarctica are unforgiving environments and punishes any slackness very hard," said Tim Stockings, operations director for the British Antarctic Survey. "If you are complacent it will bite you."

"Things can change very quickly down there" with ice from clouds, high winds and snow, he said.

Jury could rewrite history of Led Zeppelin's epic 'Stairway'

By Brian Melley
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A key chapter of rock 'n' roll history could be rewritten by a jury that began deliberating Wednesday over whether Led Zeppelin ripped off a riff for its epic "Stairway to Heaven."

A lawyer representing the trust of a deceased songwriter criticized members of Led Zeppelin for "selective" memories and "convenient" truths in testifying about the origin of Jimmy Page's acoustic guitar opening of the 1971 rock anthem.

"He didn't tell you where he got the idea for the introduction," attorney Francis Malofiy said in his closing argument in federal court in Los Angeles. "It was a piece of music lifted from 'Taurus' by Randy California."

Jurors deliberated for several hours Wednesday but did not reach a verdict. They're scheduled to resume Thursday.

The trust for Randy Wolfe, who adopted the surname California, is seeking millions of dollars and a third of the songwriting credit for "Stairway," which it claims the band took from "Taurus," released by Wolfe's band Spirit in 1968.

Led Zeppelin's lawyer, however, said the trust didn't own the copyright and the passage in question was a common descending chord sequence in the public domain.

Attorney Peter Anderson also said the plaintiff failed to prove a case that should have been brought more than 40 years ago when Wolfe was alive and Page and singer Robert Plant would have had better memories.

"How can you wait a half century and criticize people ... 45 years later for the delay you caused?" Anderson said. "They should have sued in 1972."

Page and Plant vividly recalled creating "Stairway" at a country house south of London, though their testimony was at odds with previous accounts given in interviews by band members over the years. Their recollections of Spirit, a band they opened for at their first U.S. show in 1968, were less clear.

The plaintiff needs to show that Page and Plant would have had some familiarity with the work. The record that included "Taurus" was found in Page's massive collection of records and CDs, but he claimed never to have heard it.

Spirit's former bassist recalled playing "Taurus" at the Denver show where Led Zeppelin opened, but there was no other evidence to support that. Page said he didn't stick around to see Spirit play that night and he denied ever seeing them in concert, despite articles in which he said he liked seeing them and they struck him on "an emotional level."

"Spirit and Led Zeppelin were never on stage together, they never toured together," Anderson said. "There was not a single person that said anyone from Led Zeppelin was present when 'Taurus' was performed."

Malofiy said he didn't need camera footage of Page and Plant transcribing "Taurus" to show they stole the work.

The trust must also show the works are substantially similar. That is a tricky task because the copyright is based on the sheet music filed with the Library of Congress.

Jurors were not played the "Taurus" recording, which contains a section that sounds very similar to the instantly recognizable start of "Stairway." Instead, they were played guitar and piano renditions by musicians on both sides of the case. Not surprisingly, the plaintiff's version on guitar sounded more like "Stairway" than the defense version on piano.

Defense experts said the songs shared little in common other than chord sequence that dates back 300 years. Experts for the trust said there were significant other likenesses including the use of arpeggios, similar note combinations, pitch and note durations, which Malofiy said was "more than coincidence."

The defense said jurors probably won't need to decide damages, but reminded them of the $868,000 in net profits that a record executive attributed to the song during the past five years. Anderson also mentioned that only a fraction of the 8-minute song is in question, which could further trim any award. That would be a fraction of the millions Malofiy mentioned, though he didn't specify a figure that the jury should award.

The case is not the first time Led Zeppelin has been accused of swiping another artist's work. The lawsuit lists at least six other songs in which the band has reached settlements over songwriting credits for works including "Whole Lotta Love," "The Lemon Song," and "Dazed and Confused."

EFFORT

From 1A

late hydraulic fracturing."

Environmentalists who supported the rule said it's essential to safeguard water supplies and neighboring communities as energy companies increasingly use hydraulic fracturing to extract oil and gas from wells nationwide. The technique involves pumping sand, water and chemicals underground to free oil and gas from the pores of dense rock formations.

In a brief filed with the court, environmental groups argued that the mandates wouldn't cost much — about one fourth of one percent of the cost of drilling each new well — and in exchange would limit the risk of groundwater contamination, chemical spills, wildlife deaths and other accidents.

"While there is no way to ever make fracturing safe, the oil and gas industry has repeatedly proven that it needs more standards to keep the public safe from the dangers of fossil fuels, not less," said Lena Moffitt, director of the Sierra Club's Beyond Dirty Fuels campaign.

Some court rulings on other Obama administration environmental regulations have directed federal agencies to tweak the measures or justify them anew.

But because Skavdahl's decision went to the heart of the Interior Department's authority, "there's nothing to remand, no do-over," said Kathleen Sgamma, vice president of government and public affairs at the Western Energy Alliance.

The fracturing rule would have forced companies to disclose the chemicals they pump underground and seal off waste water in storage tanks. Although it would apply only to acreage under the BLM's control, supporters argued it set a model for states to follow as they regulate drilling on private land.

The Bureau of Land Management faces similar questions about its authority as it moves to block companies from burning natural gas or sending it unchecked into the atmosphere as a less-valuable byproduct of crude at oil wells on federal land. The agency proposed new limits on that practice of venting and flaring in January, and has been aiming to make them final later this year, even as the EPA separately moves to throttle the release of methane from oil and gas sites nationwide.

"BLM is extremely vulnerable as it overreaches well beyond its public lands mandate and into EPA's jurisdiction," Sgamma said by email. "With the venting and flaring rule, BLM is attempting to assert Clean Air Act authority without following any of the constraints of the Clean Air Act."

"We feel we have the best position in the Delaware. ... Shell now has 300,000 net acres with over 5,000 possible well locations. At least 85 percent of its acreage is considered core acreage and about 75 percent have break-even points between $35 and $50 oil.

Bruce Palfreyman, general manager, Permian Basin

SHELL

From 1A

Guidry said the company sees its North American shale position — primarily in the Permian, the Marcellus-Utica and in Western Canada's Montney and Duvernay shales — as future growth priorities that will see substantial spending in 2020 and beyond.

Shell gained a significant position in the Permian Basin with its 2012 acquisition of Chesapeake Energy's holdings in the Delaware Basin. The acquisition included the South Rankin Highway office that currently houses 50 employees. Across the Permian, Shell has 200 to 300 — employees and contractors.

"We feel we have the best position in the Delaware," said Bruce Palfreyman, general manager, Permian Basin. "Shell now has 300,000 net acres with over 5,000 possible well locations. At least 85 percent of its acreage is considered core acreage and about 75 percent have break-even points between $35 and $50 oil.

"We've spent the last three years maturing and derisking a lot of that acreage," Palfreyman said.

He said the company sees multiple plays on its acreage: at least three Wolfcamp plays, potential in the Bone Spring/Avalon Shale plays in the Second and Third Bone Spring formations.

In addition to high-grading its portfolio, Palfreyman said Shell has also done a lot of swaps of acreage as it looks to develop its holdings through longer horizontal laterals and multipad drilling.

He estimated Shell's Delaware acreage has 2 billion barrels, and though activity has been slow amid low oil prices, the company has increased its Expected Ultimate Recovery reserves 130 percent since 2013 and expects to increase that another 20 percent this year.

That growth has come even as Shell has halved its footprint in its shale holdings since 2013, according to Guidry.

"We have half the acreage, we're in half the plays, we have half the assets. Yet, we have a larger reserve volume than we've ever had," he said.

He attributed that growth to the company's focus on improving operational performance and capital efficiency as the company began a major overhaul of its shale business.

He said that the company has focused on big wells — wells with more than 1,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day in initial potentials.

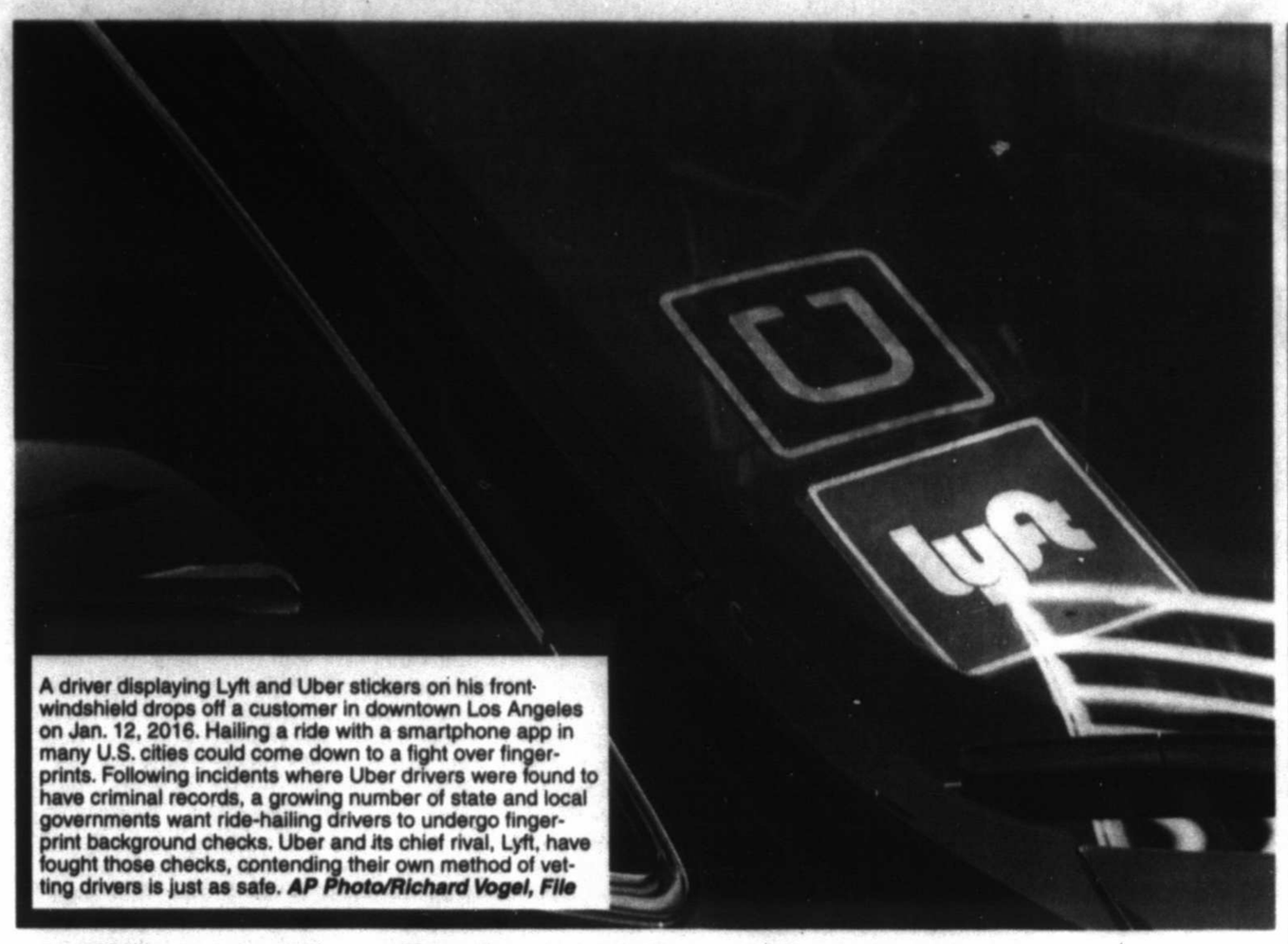
"If you're not in that window, you don't stand a chance" of being economic in shale exploration and acquisition, he said. In 2013, 20 percent of Shell's wells generated that large an initial potential; today, 100 percent of its exploration and acquisition portfolio averages 1,000 barrels or more over the first 30 days of production.

"We've also driven down costs. Direct overhead cost-per-well is down 76 percent since 2013. Our organization is also half the size," Guidry said, estimating 2,000 full-time equivalent jobs have been cut since 2013.

"We've also simplified our organization quite a bit and that's contributed to lower costs. We are now a leaner, simpler, much more nimble organization," Guidry said.

Palfreyman said the company's current outlook for the Permian is for continued consolidation. Operators will continue to drill longer laterals, and Palfreyman said he's been told there currently are 1,000 drilled-uncompleted wells in the Permian.

Guidry expressed pride in how the company helped bring about a road safety coalition in the Permian Basin that has drawn the participation of other companies, the Texas Department of Transportation, local governments and first responders and even service companies that are part of Shell's supply chain. Activities in the eight months the coalition has been formed include helping prioritize signage and road layout. Guidry said road safety is important not just to oilfield workers but the public at large.



A driver displaying Lyft and Uber stickers on his front windshield drops off a customer in downtown Los Angeles on Jan. 12, 2016. Hailing a ride with a smartphone app in many U.S. cities could come down to a fight over fingerprints. Following incidents where Uber drivers were found to have criminal records, a growing number of state and local governments want ride-hailing drivers to undergo fingerprint background checks. Uber and its chief rival, Lyft, have fought those checks, contending their own method of vetting drivers is just as safe. *AP Photo/Richard Vogel, File*

Uber, Lyft battle governments over driver fingerprint checks

By Dee-Ann Durbin and Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — Hailing a ride with a smartphone app in many U.S. cities is coming down to a fight over fingerprints.

Following incidents where Uber drivers were found to have criminal records, a number of state and local officials have proposed fingerprint background checks for ride-hailing drivers — often with the support of local taxi companies.

Uber and its chief rival, Lyft, have fought those checks, contending their own method of vetting drivers is just as safe. Their political muscle showed in the past week. The Chicago City Council Wednesday passed ride-hailing regulations that exclude fingerprint checks after an alderman removed the fingerprint requirement when Uber and Lyft threatened to leave the city. Rhode Island on Saturday passed regulations without fingerprint checks, which also are under consideration in Atlanta and the states of New Jersey, California and Massachusetts.

Uber and Lyft have recently made good on threats to vacate cities that impose fingerprint checks, such as Austin, leaving drivers without jobs and riders without an alternative to taxis. Agreeing to fingerprint checks, as Uber did in Houston, slows the pace of hiring and increases pickup times. If passengers have to wait too long, the companies say, they give up on ride-hailing.

Uber and Lyft hire private background companies that run a driver's name, license and Social Security number through local court records, national criminal databases and a federal sex offender registry. Searches can take as little as 24 hours. Lyft rechecks drivers each year, but Uber does not.

Fingerprint checks, which are run through the FBI's national database, can take a few days longer. But experts say fingerprinting catches people who lie about their names.

"The accuracy of a fingerprint check is eons beyond what you could do in a name check," says Jay Wachtel, a criminal justice lecturer at California State University Fullerton and retired U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agent.

In a lawsuit against Uber, prosecutors in Los Angeles and San Francisco found 25 drivers who passed Uber's checks despite having criminal histories, including a driver convicted of felony sexual exploitation of a minor. Uber paid $25 million to settle the case in April. Lyft paid a smaller amount, and both agreed to stop implying that their background checks were safer.

Both companies have enlisted high-powered supporters to fight fingerprinting. Earlier this month, former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, whose law firm advises Uber, sent letters to New Jersey and Chicago lawmakers saying fingerprints are unfair and potentially discriminatory.

Uber, after just six years, completes 150 million rides per month in nearly 450 cities worldwide. Lyft, which started four years ago, does 11 million rides per month in more than 200 U.S. cities. The companies need thousands of drivers to make the model work.

Chicago passenger Giovanni Thurman, 33, says he feels safe using Lyft and Uber because apps give you the driver's picture, name and other information. Thurman runs a consulting business and works with a nonprofit that helps ex-convicts, including some who have gotten back on their feet by driving for the companies.

"Those drug dealers that I knew, they drive Uber because it's an option to not go back (to dealing)," he says. "If you impose all of those background checks ... then now you've cut off another way."

San Francisco-based Uber and Lyft pulled out of Austin last month after voters decided against overturning a city ordinance that requires fingerprinting.

The companies say around 10,000 full- and part-time drivers lost work, and tens of thousands of riders were stranded. But Austin City Councilwoman Ann Kitchen says smaller ride-hailing companies — which agreed to fingerprints — have helped make up the difference, along with roughly 900 registered taxis.

Kitchen, a fingerprint backer, can't figure out why Uber and Lyft spent $9.1 million to fight fingerprints.

"I suspect that it's much more than Austin," she says. "It's a national issue."

In Chicago, Alderman Anthony Beale agreed to delay fingerprinting for at least six months to allow more time to study that requirement.

Sam Abuelsamid, transportation analyst with Navigant Research, thinks Uber and Lyft will eventually agree to fingerprint drivers if they get something in return, like a promise that drivers will remain independent contractors and not employees. Such a promise could insulate the companies from liability.

Fine print says riders can't blame Uber for unsafe drivers

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — When you catch a ride using Uber or Lyft, you do so at your own risk.

Under terms and conditions that riders agree to — but few read — at sign up, the app-based ride-hailing companies say they aren't legally liable for the safety of their drivers or the quality of their services. That's because the drivers are independent contractors, not employees.

The terms seem to be at odds with company statements that highlight their efforts to keep riders safe with driver background checks, a code of conduct and other measures.

Instead, if a rider is injured in a ride-hailing car, the driver appears to be liable. If a driver gets lost and makes a rider late for an appointment, or if a driver assaults someone, the company says it's not involved.

Uber "does not guarantee the quality, suitability, safety or ability of third-party providers (drivers)," its terms say. Riders also agree that the "entire risk arising out of your use of the services, and any service or good requested in connection therewith, remains solely with you."

"That's just a real eye opener," says Stephen Saltzburg, a law professor at George Washington University and frequent Uber user, who admits he didn't read the terms. "If Uber is so confident in the checks and all of this, why is it so anxious to try to shift liability to the user?"

Lyft's terms say it has "no control over the quality or safety of the transportation that occurs as a result of the services." The company also tells drivers that they are responsible for all liability. "The language in the terms of service is a reflection of the reality that people using the platform are on the open road in moving vehicles, which presents a risk," spokeswoman Alexandra LaManna says.

Uber doesn't take on the liability risk of drivers because they are independent contractors, which is common in many industries, says spokeswoman Taylor Patterson. "It doesn't detract in any way from the fact that we take safety very seriously," she says.

Uber's app shows riders the driver's name, license plate number, photo and ratings from other riders. The app also lets friends track a route in real time, says Patterson.

Both Uber and Lyft carry $1 million in liability insurance that covers each driver while en route to pick up a passenger or while carrying one. The policy becomes the primary insurance covering the driver.

Several apps that summon taxicabs have liability waivers in terms and conditions that are similar to Uber and Lyft. But many taxis are different. Riders in New York City who get cabs in conventional ways, for instance, do not have to agree to any terms, said Allan Fromberg, spokesman for the city taxi commission.

The liability waivers also are being tested in court.

Two women who say they were sexually assaulted by Uber drivers in Massachusetts and South Carolina sued last fall, saying Uber misled them about safety. The women say they didn't explicitly agree to terms and conditions, which they weren't required to read before getting accounts. They seek damages and changes to safety practices including driver fingerprint background checks.

Uber sought to dismiss the case, saying the plaintiffs couldn't prove drivers were employees. But a federal judge in San Francisco said there is a sufficient argument that the drivers were Uber employees and that Uber's background check should have revealed a previous assault charge against one of them. The judge also disputed Uber's argument that it's a transportation "broker" and not a common carrier. A 1956 case in which a Pullman Co. railroad employee raped a passenger established that transportation carriers have a duty to protect passengers, the judge said.

Taxis often face stronger rules than ride-hailing companies

Associated Press

Taxicabs and app-based ride-hailing services such as Uber and Lyft are regulated differently in most U.S. cities and states, with taxicabs often facing stricter rules.

New York, which has more than 13,000 yellow cabs and over 14,000 Uber cars, has similar regulations for both, including fingerprint background checks for drivers.

But in most cities, cabbies are required to have fingerprint checks, while Uber and Lyft have successfully fought against them. Instead, their drivers undergo checks by name and Social Security number. Many experts say the company background checks aren't as effective. Uber and Lyft disagree, and say fingerprint checks would slow their efforts to recruit drivers.

Here are the differences in driver requirements in Rhode Island, which last week passed new ride-hailing regulations that are similar to others around the country. For now, the state does not require fingerprint checks:

TAXIS: Drivers must get background checks through the state before they can get a hackney operators permit with their pictures. They don't have to be fingerprinted but must appear in person three times: at the Attorney General's office, the Department of Motor Vehicles and the state division that regulates motor carriers. A separate measure backed by the taxi industry lifted a fee that has cost big taxi companies thousands of dollars a year.

RIDE-HAILING: Drivers must complete company background checks but do not have to go through state background checks. They also are not required to appear in person and do not need a hackney operators permit. Ride-hailing companies with more than 200 drivers have to pay a $30,000 annual fee. Smaller companies pay less. The app companies will also now be required to pay sales taxes, just like taxis.

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England's Brexit issues mirror our own

■ Populism on both sides of the pond isn't going anywhere

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It's anyone's guess how things will go in today's referendum on British membership in the European Union, also known as "Brexit." Right now the polls are essentially tied at around 47 percent for and 47 percent against (not that British polling has a particularly good track record). But win or lose, the fight over Brexit is symptomatic of a much larger crisis facing out-of-touch elites on both sides of the Atlantic.

The European Union was the ultimate triumph of technocracy. The smart set not only insisted that a common European currency would work fantastically well, they insisted that doubters were knaves and nuts. Then the waves of Euro-crises hit the continent, most notoriously in Greece.

The smart set insisted that a common immigration policy would be an unalloyed economic boon while dismissing any concerns about possible social or economic upheavals. To disagree was to declare yourself not only a crank but a bit of a racist. This species of political correctness led government officials to turn a blind eye to countless problems, including the notorious Rotherham sexual abuse epidemic in which about 1,400 minors, mostly white girls, were raped and trafficked by men of South Asian descent.

The European Union's bureaucracy and paper-parliament were set up to be as insulated as possible from the concerns of actual voters. Representatives to the European Parliament are selected by party elites as a kind of highbrow patronage. They invariably defer to the permanent bureaucracy, which acts like a transnational cartel, one that happens to be composed of governments. As Daniel Hannan, the rare Euroskeptic skunk to infiltrate the garden party that is the EU parliament, put it, "faced with a choice between democracy and supra-nationalism, the EU will always choose supra-nationalism."

The rules flowing out of Brussels are in no way the source of all of Britain's economic and social challenges, but when diktats come down about everything from the proper curvature of bananas to age requirements for the usage of balloons, you can understand why some Brits might be tempted to have their own version of a Boston Tea Party.

There are parallels aplenty here in the United States. For generations, American elites, particularly on the left side of the aisle, have insisted that democracy gets in the way of optimal decision-making. Stuart Chase, an economic adviser to Franklin D. Roosevelt, wanted an "industrial general staff with dictatorial powers" to run the economy. In 1962, John F. Kennedy declared: "Most of the problems ... that we now face, are technical problems, are administrative problems." These problems "deal with questions which are now beyond the comprehension of most men." Columnist Thomas Friedman openly yearns for the American government to be "China for a day" so it could overrule democracy and the rule of law in pursuit of "what works."

This attitude virtually defines the Obama administration's approach to everything from climate change (the Environmental Protection Agency, not Congress, destroyed the coal industry) to immigration (even President Obama admitted his executive orders would be unconstitutional, then went through with them anyway). Hillary Clinton's disdain for the rules regarding her server and email, whether criminal or not, have the distinct stench of aloof aristocratic arrogance (as does her family's foundation).

The thing about the rule of unaccountable rulers is that people will defer to them so long as they feel things are moving in the right direction, economically and otherwise. But when their incompetence and self-dealing seems to come at the expense of the public, the deference ends. This is where the populism of Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump overlap. Both ran on very similar claims that the elite are in it for themselves. Both insisted that their respective parties were "rigged." Neither wants to get rid of interventionist government (alas). Rather, they want government to be even stronger and more activist for their chosen constituencies. Trump's success in the primaries was a direct result of the widespread sentiment — right or wrong — that the "establishment" had different priorities on trade, immigration, etc., than the rank and file.

No matter how Brexit turns out, and no matter who wins the presidential campaign, this populist discontent isn't going away any time soon. In fact, it's shaping up to be the new normal.

OUR VIEW

Time for Trump to turn book tour into presidential campaign

Donald Trump appears on his way to losing the presidential election by the largest margin since Ronald Reagan blitzed Walter Mondale, and he will have only himself to blame.

We write this — not hopeful but disappointed — that the presumptive GOP nominee appears to be flaming out. He appears disinterested in continuing the grind that is running for president. He looks like a candidate who has nothing else to say and has grown tired of hearing himself rattle off the same, lame attack lines.

America needs a constructive discussion about who will be the next president of the United States. But Trump seems as if he is ready to take his participant trophy, write his next book about how he duped a party and a nation, make his next fortune off of running for president and start his next reality show.

Maybe we are wrong. Maybe he is resetting his campaign, as his talking-head disciples — who worship at the altar of Trump — want us to believe. They say he is ready to take the fight to Hillary, preach from his own conservative gospel and make believers of the general electorate.

It beats reality.

While elections can't be won during the dog days of June, they can be lost, and Trump appears to be losing and losing badly. By basically all accounts, he has no money, no campaign network, high negatives, a low ceiling of people he can convince to vote for him and a general election map that decidedly favors Democrats over Republicans before the first vote is cast.

The good news for America is that it's June and not October. The good news for Republicans is there is time for Trump to engage — not the record primary voters who will show up for him no matter the circumstances, but the conservatives he has turned off, the Republicans he turned his back on during the primary and the independents who can't stand the idea of Hillary Clinton backing her way into the presidency. The decision will be up to Trump. Does he want to run a winning campaign or is he — as liberal commentator Rachel Maddow theorized this week — running a glorified book tour.

Sound far-fetched? Trump's record number of Republican primary votes totaled 13.3 million. Barack Obama had a total of 69.5 million when he won the presidency in 2008. Any one really believe the Trump we have seen lately has another 50 million votes in his pocket? At this point, Mondale's 37.5 million seems more likely. Maybe our prospects for Trump will change. Maybe Trump will surprise us and demonstrate to tens of millions of more voters that he is worthy. Or maybe he's writing the final chapter about how he fooled millions of voters and ruined a political party.

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Source of hate remains elusive

■ Don't try to fix the problem with the same solutions, because the aftermath might be more complex than we know

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

Welcome to the new gun debate. If liberals aren't careful, they could wake up one day to discover that the profile of U.S. gun owners has changed so dramatically that a group they've always tried to vilify looks an awful lot like groups to which they've always pandered.

A few days ago, I heard a self-identified gay man — who was filled with sorrow and rage over the Orlando massacre — tell a conservative talk show host that he was ready to buy a gun. Convinced that our leaders can't protect him from people who interpret their religion to mean that they should kill people like him, the caller had decided to protect himself.

Gays with guns? Oh yeah, that's a thing. And, I suspect, it's about to become a much bigger thing.

How did we get here? It's all about weakness. Democrats are perceived by many Americans as weak in fighting the war on terror because they're so enamored with political correctness that they can't help but mock Republicans for insisting that they use phrases like "radical Islamic extremism." The left would pay a heavy price for this if Republicans weren't also seen as weak — when it comes to standing up to the National Rifle Association, which buys their loyalty with millions of dollars in campaign contributions.

Further complicating matters, as Democrats are learning, it's difficult for politicians to take care of two constituencies at once.

In the aftermath of 29-year-old Omar Mateen walking into an Orlando gay nightclub with a semi-automatic rifle and killing 49 people while wounding 53 others, those on the left have tried to protect Muslim Americans from an angry public backlash. They want to wean Americans off the belief that — in the ominous words of Donald Trump — "there's something going on" with radicalized elements of the Muslim American community.

And at the same time, Democrats also have to worry about reassuring LGBT Americans that they haven't been abandoned by a party to which much of that community has given their hopes, ballots and money. It's not working out very well. Maybe some LGBT activists remember that many Democrats — including Hillary Clinton — were slow to support marriage equality. Or maybe Democrats have, over the years, earned a reputation for taking the LGBT community's support for granted because Republicans are perceived as worse and more intolerant.

So don't be surprised if more of that community doesn't arm itself, and if the issue of fighting terrorism doesn't surpass transgender bathroom laws and the debate over whether Christian pastry chefs should bake cakes for gay weddings on the list of LGBT priorities for the 2016 presidential election.

It doesn't help to calm fears that Americans no longer seem to know how to respond when we're attacked. These days, we don't come together; we come apart. We don't seek common ground; we retreat to pet causes and preferred narratives. We don't confront uncomfortable truths; we do our best to deflect from the real issues to avoid conversations we don't want to have.

It's been more than a week since the Orlando massacre and the entire country still wants an answer to one question: "Why?"

Mateen's motives remain a mystery. And they're likely to stay that way. Not because FBI agents won't be able to gather enough evidence and come up with a plausible theory as to what drove Mateen to commit such a horrendous act. But because whatever they come up with will — before it enters the history books — have to survive the meat grinder of finger-pointing, political spin, partisan agendas, damage control and tidy narratives.

For instance, my gay friends and my Muslim American friends agree on one thing: This was a hate crime against those who were different, pure and simple. The former group takes that position because it wants to draw attention to the fact that it has been victimized, the latter because it seems to want to deflect attention away from radical elements in its midst.

But the "hate crime" explanation is neither pure nor simple. It's true that most of the victims were members of the LGBT community. But they were also Americans. One assumes they were also non-Muslim "infidels." And most of them were Latino, with about half the victims hailing from Puerto Rico. So why were these poor souls killed? Take your pick.

A hate crime? OK, so these folks were hated. That's obvious. But what was it about them that stirred the hatred?

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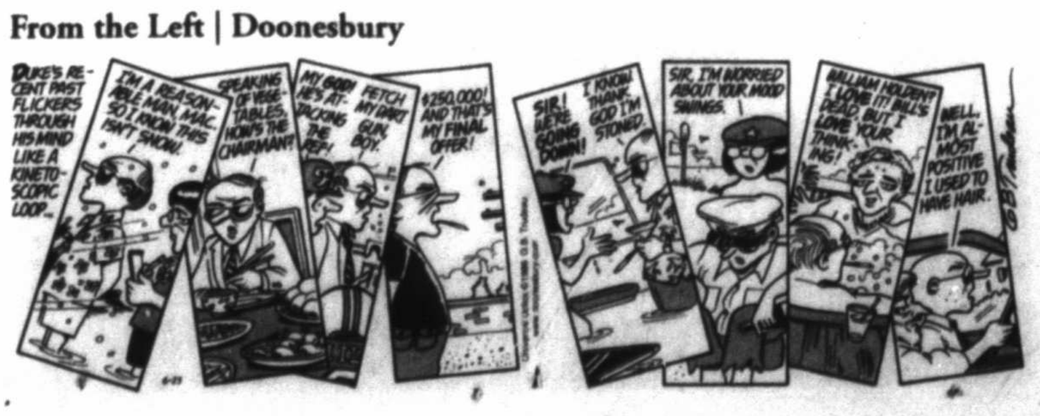

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WASHINGTON

Rebellious Democrats disrupt House, stage protest over guns

Rebellious Democrats shut down the House's legislative work on Wednesday, staging a sit-in on the House floor and refusing to leave until they secured a vote on gun control measures before lawmakers' weeklong break.

Exasperated Republicans were forced to recess while cutting off cameras that showed the protest. But in an unprecedented step, C-SPAN used live video feeds from one lawmaker's Periscope account and another's Facebook page to transmit words and images from the House chamber.

More than 200 Democrats led by Georgia Rep. John Lewis demanded a vote on measures to expand background checks and block gun purchases by some suspected terrorists in the aftermath of last week's massacre in Orlando, Florida, that killed 49 people in a gay nightclub.

"No bill, no break," shouted Democrats, who demanded that Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., keep the House in session through its planned break next week to vote on gun legislation.

Democrats accused Republicans of political cowardice by failing to schedule a vote.

"Are they more afraid than the children at Sandy Hook?" asked Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., referring to the 2012 shooting that killed 26 people, including 20 elementary school children, in Newtown, Connecticut. "What is so scary about having a vote?"

Lewis, a veteran civil rights leader, asked what Congress has done, then answered his own question: "Nothing. We have turned a deaf ear to the blood of innocents. We are blind to a crisis. Where is our courage?"

Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., called Republicans "cowards."

Ryan dismissed the protest as "nothing more than a publicity stunt." In an interview with CNN, the Speaker said the House will not vote on a "bill that takes away a person's due process."

Republicans emerging from a closed-door meeting said they would hold votes on other legislation, but not the gun votes demanded by the Democrats.

"We are going to go about our business starting tonight," said Rep. Ann Wagner, R-Mo. Democrats were certain to challenge any move.

WASHINGTON

Marco Rubio, in reversal, will seek re-election to Senate

Former Republican presidential candidate Marco Rubio announced Wednesday he will run for re-election to the Senate from Florida, reversing his retirement plans under pressure from GOP leaders determined to hang onto his seat.

"In politics, admitting you've changed your mind is not something most people like to do. But here it goes," Rubio said in a statement. "I have decided to seek re-election to the United States Senate."

The 45-year-old first-term senator had repeatedly described his frustration with the slow-moving Senate, and had been expected to enter the private sector and prepare for another presidential run in 2020. But he'd been rethinking his plans, particularly following the massacre in Orlando and confronting a pressure campaign led by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

With Republicans at risk of losing their slim Senate majority in November's elections, GOP leaders were concerned that the Republican candidates who'd emerged for Rubio's seat were not up to the task of winning in a large, expensive state like Florida amid the political turmoil created by Donald Trump's candidacy.

Trump himself had gotten into the act, tweeting his encouragement to Rubio, whom he dubbed "Little Marco" during the presidential race, to run for re-election.

Trump lambastes Clinton: 'She gets rich making you poor'

By Julie Pace and Jill Colvin
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump launched a blistering attack Wednesday on Hillary Clinton's record and character, slamming his presidential rival as a "world class liar" who raked in personal profits from her tenure at the State Department. The billionaire businessman claimed, "She gets rich making you poor."

Trump's broadside marked his opening salvo in a general election faceoff with Clinton that has already turned bruising and deeply personal. The presumptive Republican nominee called Clinton the "most corrupt" person to ever run for president and accused of her of spreading "death, destruction and terrorism" while serving as the nation's top diplomat.

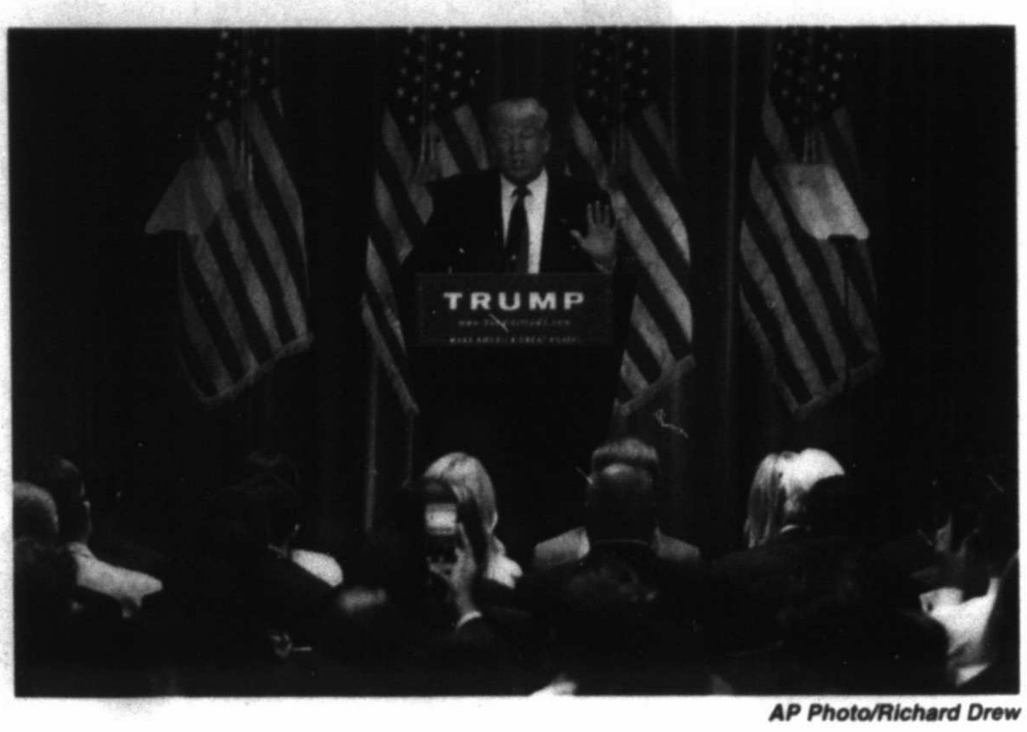
Clinton, campaigning in North Carolina, called Trump's charges "outlandish lies."

"He's going after me personally because he has no answers on the substance," Clinton said. "All he can try to do is try to distract us."

Trump's tone was pointed yet measured as he ticked through several of Republicans' favorite critiques of Clinton, including her use of private email as secretary of state and her role in responding to the attacks on Americans in Benghazi, Libya. Several of his claims were inaccurate or exaggerated, including incorrectly saying she wants to spend hundreds of billions to resettle Middle Eastern refugees in the United States.

Wednesday's address came at a pivotal moment for Trump's presidential campaign.

The political novice has struggled with the transition to a general election race, getting bogged down by self-created controversies and failing to invest in the staff and infrastructure needed for the fall campaign.



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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks at the Trump Soho Hotel in New York on Wednesday. Trump's address at his hotel in New York's SoHo neighborhood marks his official opening salvo against Hillary Clinton, the prospective Democratic presidential nominee, in the general election.

AP FACT CHECK: Trump's distortions on Clinton

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump's fierce denunciation of Hillary Clinton on Wednesday was rife with distortion.

He accused Clinton of announcing a withdrawal from Iraq that wasn't on her watch, pulled numbers out of nowhere on her plan for refugees and went beyond the established facts behind the killing of the U.S. ambassador to Libya in stating starkly that she "left him there to die." In doing so, he assigned her far more influence in the world than she exercised as secretary of state.

A look at some of his assertions and how they stack up with the facts:

TRUMP: "In just four years, Secretary Clinton managed to almost single-handedly destabilize the entire Middle East." He blamed her for an invasion of Libya that "handed the country over to ISIS," for making Iran the dominant Islamic power in the region and for supporting regime change in Syria that led to a bloody civil war. He charged that her "disastrous strategy" of announcing a departure date from Iraq created another opening for ISIS there.

THE FACTS: These statements make only passing acquaintance with reality.

There was no U.S. invasion of Libya. Clinton initially opposed but then sought credit for the NATO-led air campaign to help rebels overthrow Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi in 2011. (Trump spoke in support of U.S. intervention at the time.) While the violence destabilized Libya, Islamic State inroads there have been more recent and are largely limited to a small coastal area of the country.

Arguments about Iranian domination of the Middle East predate Clinton's tenure, going back a decade to the George W. Bush administration's deposing of Saddam Hussein in neighboring Iraq.

While secretary of state, Clinton supported arming Syria's moderate rebels, but the Islamic State group only arrived later. It's unclear what effect such a policy would have had as President Barack Obama rejected the advice at the time.

TRUMP: U.S. Ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens and his staff "made hundreds and hundreds of requests for security. They were desperate. They needed help. Hillary Clinton's State Department refused them all. She started the war that put them in Libya, denied him the security he asked for, then left him there to die."

THE FACTS: Trump greatly exaggerates the security requests, not all of which were denied, and gets the history of U.S.-Libyan relations wrong. The reference to security requests appears to reflect the Republican-led House Select Committee on Benghazi's tally of "requests/concerns" related to the diplomatic outpost in Benghazi. For many of those, there's no record of denials. And some security upgrades did occur before the Sept. 11, 2012, attack that killed Stevens and three other Americans.

Earlier this week, Trump abruptly fired his campaign manager Corey Lewandowski, a move widely viewed as an acknowledgment of a need to recalibrate his organization. A new fundraising report released hours after Lewandowski's firing underscored how much ground Trump has to make up: He started June with just $1.3 million in the bank, a stunningly paltry amount for a major party nominee.

Even as Trump blasted Clinton, he returned to some of the core themes that first powered his surprising presidential campaign.

He railed against professional politicians and urged Americans to seize an opportunity to shake up a "rigged" system.

Trustees: Tiny rise in Social Security benefits next year

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar and Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press

"Lawmakers should address these financial challenges as soon as possible. ... Taking action sooner rather than later will permit consideration of a broader range of solutions and provide more time to phase in changes so that the public has adequate time to prepare."

Annual report from the trustees of the government's two bedrock programs

WASHINGTON — Millions of Social Security beneficiaries would get a tiny increase in monthly payments next year — less than $2.50, about enough to buy a gallon of gas.

Meanwhile, Medicare is expected to go bankrupt sooner than expected — 12 years from now. And some beneficiaries could face higher monthly premiums next year.

The annual report from the trustees of the government's two bedrock retirement programs warned that politically gridlocked Washington needs to act sooner, rather than later, to shore up finances and avoid upending the lives of millions of retirees and their families.

Social Security's trust funds are expected to be depleted in 2034, unchanged from the trustees' projection a year ago. Medicare's trust fund for inpatient care will be exhausted in 2028, two years earlier than previously projected.

If Congress allows either fund to run dry, millions of Americans living on fixed incomes would face steep cuts in benefits.

"Lawmakers should address these financial challenges as soon as possible," said the trustees' report. "Taking action sooner rather than later will permit consideration of a broader range of solutions and provide more time to phase in changes so that the public has adequate time to prepare."

The projected 0.2 percent increase in Social Security payments would come a year after beneficiaries received no increase. By law, increases are based on a government measure of inflation, which has been low. The official 2017 cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, won't be determined until the fall.

Advocates complained that the government's measure of inflation — the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers — doesn't adequately reflect the prices that older Americans pay.

"Seniors continue to see their modest Social Security benefits eaten away by growing health care costs," said Max Richtman, who heads the National Committee to Protect Social Security and Medicare.

More than 60 million retirees, disabled workers, spouses and surviving children receive Social Security benefits. The average monthly payment is about $1,232.

After Social Security's trust funds are depleted, the program would collect enough in payroll taxes to pay only 79 percent of benefits.

Medicare's problem is more immediate, and more complicated, because health care costs can change in unpredictable ways.

Medicare provides health insurance for more than 55 million people, including seniors and disabled people. After its inpatient care trust fund runs dry in 2028, Medicare would only be able to pay 87 percent of projected costs.

Medicare's insolvency date has moved closer despite a recent stretch of slow growth in health care costs, with notable exceptions like prescription drugs. Experts who advise the trustees said the change of insolvency dates was mainly technical, due in part to lower-than-expected income from payroll taxes.

In more worrisome news, the trustees said that some Medicare beneficiaries may face sharply higher "Part B" monthly premiums for outpatient care next year. By law, increases in premiums for most Medicare recipients cannot exceed their increase in Social Security payments. So about 70 percent are "held harmless."

However, about 30 percent of beneficiaries are not covered by that safeguard.

Those who would feel the impact include new beneficiaries and people with higher incomes. The trustees project that the base monthly premium for this group will increase by about $27, to $149. Upper-income beneficiaries would pay considerably more.

Officials cautioned that projections for next year's premiums are highly uncertain.

The final numbers will be released this fall.

Notably, the report carried an appendix amounting to a disclaimer about Medicare estimates: "The actual future costs for Medicare may exceed the projections shown in this report, possibly by substantial amounts," it said.

That's because some hospitals and nursing homes may not be able to make money under payment rates currently set for Medicare.

If providers stop taking Medicare patients, Congress could be forced to raise payments.

Despite the long-term financial problems of Social Security, the Obama administration is calling for increased benefits. So are Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders.

Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said benefits can be expanded even as lawmakers overhaul finances. The two goals are "not at all inconsistent," he said.

In addition to Lew, the Social Security and Medicare trustees are Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell, Labor Secretary Thomas Perez and acting Social Security Commissioner Carolyn Colvin. Two public trustee positions are vacant.

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Ex-Speaker Hastert enters prison — now Inmate No. 47991-424

By Michael Tarm
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert wheeled himself into a federal prison in Minnesota on Wednesday to serve his 15-month sentence in a hush-money case involving revelations that he sexually abused at least four boys while a high school wrestling coach in Illinois.

The 74-year-old Republican — one of the highest-ranking U.S. politicians to ever go to prison — arrived around noon at the facility in Rochester where he will be known as Inmate No. 47991-424.

Hastert, who began using a wheelchair after falling ill last year, wore a black shirt and camouflage pants as he wheeled himself into the complex between razor-wire fencing. The only person accompanying him was a woman, who followed him carrying crutches, a plastic bag and a small brown box.

Jolene Burdge, the sister of one Hastert victim, said in a phone interview later Wednesday that she never fully believed until Hastert went in that someone as powerful as him would end up behind bars for what he did.

When sentenced in April in Chicago, Hastert was branded "a serial child molester" by U.S. District Judge Thomas M. Durkin — and Burdge also spoke. Turning to Hastert in court, she described how she was among the first to broach his abuse of kids, telling him, "I hope I have been your worst nightmare."

Her brother, Stephen Reinboldt, died of AIDS in 1995. But she said on Wednesday that Hastert's imprisonment brings her some closure.

"This whole ordeal is sad," Burdge said. "But when you abuse children, you need to suffer the consequences — no matter who you are."

Hastert was never charged with child abuse because the statutes of limitation blocked prosecutors from filing charges dating back to when Hastert coached at Yorkville High School, from 1965 to 1981. Instead, Hastert was charged with violating banking laws for trying to pay $3.5 million in hush money to one victim referred to in court papers only as "Individual A."

One former wrestler testified during Hastert's sentencing, saying he was abused when he was in the school locker room.

"I looked up to coach Hastert," said 53-year-old Scott Cross, who also is the brother of a state Republican leader. "I was devastated. I felt very alone."

The Illinois congressman-turned-high-paid lobbyist must serve at least 85 percent of his sentence, or just over a year.

The nation's longest-serving GOP House speaker — who for eight years was second in the line to the presidency — was subject to the same protocol as other new inmates, which typically includes a full-body strip search. Inmates also trade their street clothes for prison garb.

Unlike other prison-bound Illinois politicians, Hastert didn't speak to the media before going in. By contrast, imprisoned ex-Gov. Rod Blagojevich chatted with reporters and posed for cameras in the hours before entering a prison in Colorado in 2012 to serve a 14-year sentence for multiple corruption convictions.

Hastert will serve his term at the 64-acre Rochester Federal Medical Center, a prison that specializes in care for physically ailing or mentally ill inmates and is near the Mayo Clinic. Hastert nearly died from a blood infection and suffered a stroke after he pleaded guilty on Oct. 28. He also has diabetes.

The facility, despite its name, is a prison. It holds just less than 700 inmates from all security classifications. Among them is Jared Lee Loughner, who is serving a life term for killing six people in the 2011 shooting that targeted and injured former U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords of Arizona.

A quarter of the prison's inmates have been convicted of sex-related crimes, according to the Bureau of Prisons. Durkin, the judge in Hastert's case, said the prison's large population of child molesters should reduce chances that Hastert would be singled out for attacks in a prison culture in which those who hurt children are considered the lowest of the low.

The same prison has held other disgraced politicians, including Dan Rostenkowski, a Democrat and a powerful U.S. House member from Illinois who pleaded guilty to mail fraud in the 1990s. He died in 2010.

Hastert sat in a wheelchair during sentencing and used a walker to deliver a statement. Durkin said the prison would have the facilities to treat Hastert, noting, "This is not meant to be a death sentence."

Hastert's life will now be highly regimented, from frequent head counts to shakedown searches. Physically able inmates must work from 7:40 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Jobs include mopping floors for as little as 25 cents an hour.

Once released, Hastert must spend two years on supervised release and undergo sex-offender treatment.

Prosecutors described Hastert's payments to Individual A as something akin to an out-of-court settlement, saying Individual A wanted to bring in lawyers and put the agreement in writing — but that Hastert refused.

Court filings detailed the abuse allegations, describing how Hastert would also sit in a recliner in the high school locker room with a direct view of the showers.

AP photo/Rochester Post-Bulletin, Andrew Link

Former Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, middle, reports to the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minn., on Wednesday in a to serve a 15-month sentence.

"This whole ordeal is sad. ... But when you abuse children, you need to suffer the consequences — no matter who you are."

Jolene Burdge, sister of one of Hastert's victims

Why, how is UK voting to stay in or leave EU?

Associated Press

LONDON — The United Kingdom will vote Thursday on whether to remain in the European Union. As months of fierce campaigning wind down and Britons hold their breath for what has been described as a "once-in-a-lifetime" decision, AP explains the purpose and mechanics of the vote.

Why was the vote called?

British Prime Minister David Cameron courted conservative and anti-EU voters during the last election by promising to hold a referendum on the U.K.'s membership in the 28-nation bloc by the end of 2017.

Those campaigning to leave say the EU has evolved into an undemocratic and oppressive entity far removed from its original purpose as a trading bloc that Britain originally joined in 1973. They claim that only a British exit — or Brexit — can restore sovereignty and effectively limit immigration. Those campaigning to remain argue that the EU ensures peace and prosperity for more than 500 million people from Portugal to Finland and the benefits far outweigh the costs.

Who can vote?

British and Irish citizens 18 and over who reside in the United Kingdom, as well as U.K. residents of Commonwealth countries who have the right to live in the country, can vote in the referendum. U.K. nationals who live outside the country but were registered to vote in parliamentary elections in the past 15 years, and Irish citizens overseas who were born or registered to vote in Northern Ireland in the same period, can also vote. In addition, some citizens of Gibraltar — a British enclave on the south coast of Spain — and members of the House of Lords, who cannot normally vote in general elections, have been given permission to participate in the referendum. The Electoral Commission says a record number of 46,499,537 voters were registered for the referendum by Tuesday.

What's on the ballot paper?

Voters are asked to answer one question: "Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?" The options are: "Remain a member of the European Union" and "Leave the European Union."

What happens on the day of the referendum?

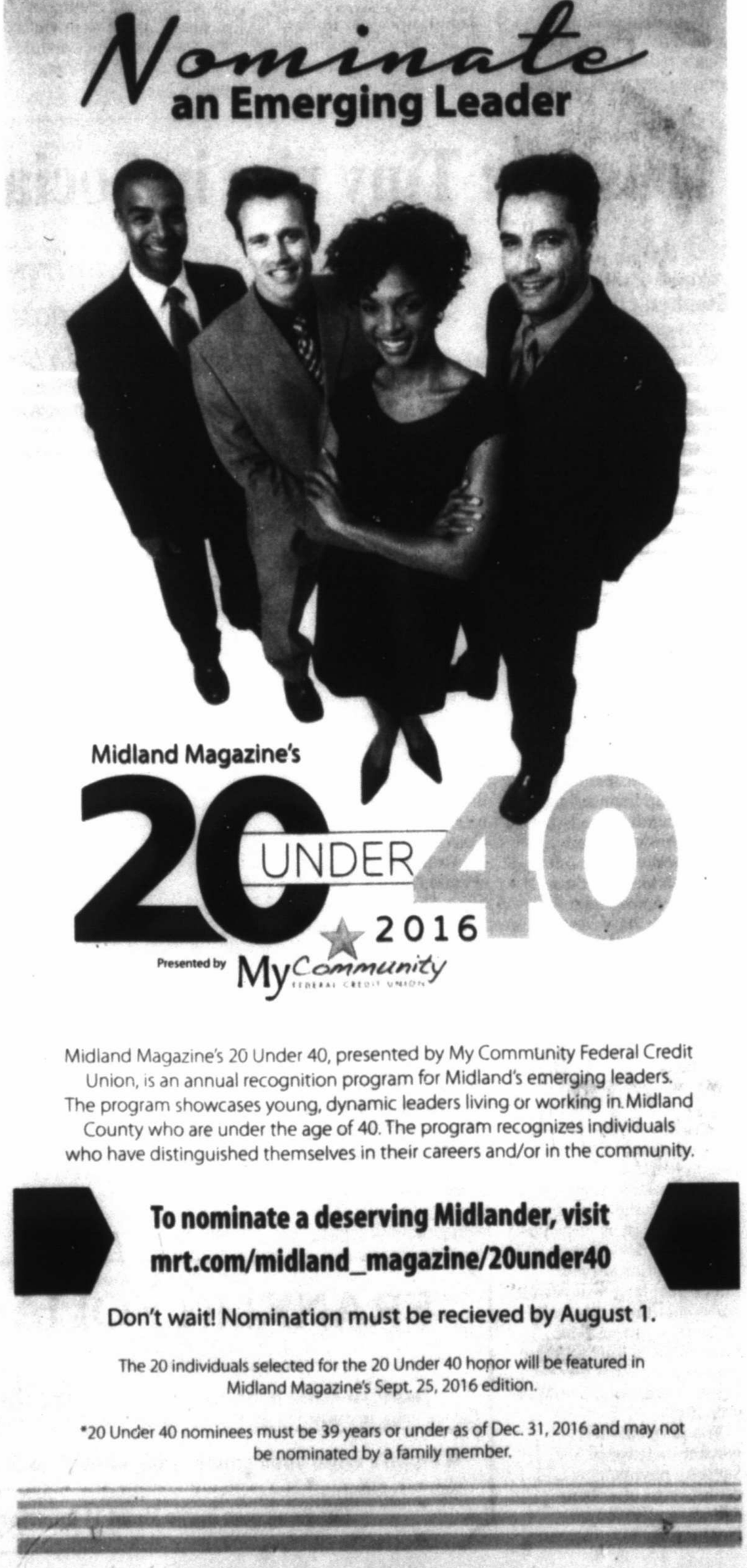
Polling stations open at 7 a.m. (0600 GMT, 3 a.m.) and close at 10 p.m. (2100 GMT, 4 p.m.). Many votes will have been cast in advance by postal ballot. Election officials in 382 areas will begin counting the votes immediately after polls close.

Is there campaigning on voting day?

The law doesn't prohibit campaigning on voting day, but by convention political parties refrain from doing so. Publishing exit polls prior to the end of voting at 10 p.m. (2100 GMT, 5 p.m. EDT) is, however, a criminal offense.

When and how will the result be announced?

Regional counting offices will send their results to Manchester, where the chair of the U.K. Electoral Commission is expected to announce the official outcome at about 7 a.m. (0600 GMT, 1 a.m.) Friday. However, the result may well be known as early as 4 a.m. (0300 GMT, 10 p.m. Today) as media tally the local results.



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

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

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

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

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

WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

FRIDAY

MOVIE NIGHT
Movies in the Park are bringing out their own summer blockbusters. This week's screening at Hogan Park is "Jurassic World" beginning at dusk. Break out the blankets and snacks for the big screen outside.

SATURDAY

SHOP FOR GOOD
The Summertime Sip and Shop is a vendor market at Midland Community Theatre that will feature crafts, clothing, beauty and other products, as well as a food truck court from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Entry is a mere $1, which benefits the Muscular Dystrophy Association and proceeds from the bar benefit the theater.

SUNDAY

HARP AND SOUL
Musicians Megan Metheney and Rebekah West brings the harpist and the vocalist respectively to Midland at the Wagner Noel. The French-based duo mix classical sounds with modern influences. 3 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: "Independence Day: Resurgence," "The Shallows."
Closing: "Alice Through the Looking Glass," "Love and Friendship"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Free State of Jones," "Independence Day: Resurgence," "The Shallows"
Closing: "Alice Through the Looking Glass," "The Angry Birds Movie," "Captain America: Civil War," "Me Before You," "Warcraft," "X-Men: Apocalypse"

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

COMING SOON

Get your red, white and blue ready for the Star Spangled Salute on July 4 with the annual Children's Parade, beer garden and more with a fireworks finale at Hogan Park.

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HIGH ENERGY SHOW

Paida brings her Japanese-style show to Koya-Con 3

By Rich Lopez
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In San Antonio, a bit of Japanese culture shines through via the performer Galaxy Girl Paida. The singer and dancer has embraced the pop culture aspect of Japan that has grown in popularity over the past decade. She'll share her passion with fellow enthusiasts with two performances this weekend at Koya-Con 3.

"I don't think I had even heard of Midland before," she said in a phone interview. "I forget how big Texas really is."

Paida performs at 4 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. Saturday.

Her persona and appearance is best described as cute, a friendly term used liberally among devotees. She's giggly, friendly and charming, and yet she's a mystery.

To keep the image of Paida, she doesn't like to reveal her name or her age. She dodges questions about the school she attends. Her goal is to simply make people happy and energetic at each performance.

"People are very open in this community. I like getting the audience pumped up with some high energy," she said.

For her to do that, her real life isn't the focus — it's her stage persona.

On stage, Paida dances while performing covers of popular Japanese songs. Her act was cultivated mostly by way of YouTube, where she posted videos of her performing. She got enough attention, which allowed her to book anime conventions. This has given her the opportunity to meet a larger community.

"I really like to meet new people but it's cool to see the different aspects of Japanese culture that people get into. And then I can learn about the industry, and even share my knowledge," she said.

Koya-Con began in 2014 at the Centennial branch of the Midland County Public Library and quickly grew into the Horseshoe Pavilion, where it returns for a second time this weekend.

The three-day event is a diverse schedule of concerts, guest speakers and even empowerment workshops such as body positivity in cosplay and voice acting in anime.

For the uninitiated, Paida offered a quick starting guide to aspects of the pop culture.

"A lot of people can learn about Ikimono-gakari music from anime. They are really talented and the lead singer is amazing," she said. "They have really feel-good music."

She said that stories are quite compelling.

"The movie '5 Centimeters Per Second' is really touching and the show 'Earth Girl Arjuna' is really captivating. It's an older show but there are themes you can see in today's anime and it would even tackle some global issues," she said.

Of course, there is one above all others that she recommends to anyone.

"Macross is my life. It's a show and a book. It has action in it. There is singing and I think it's just really good."

IF YOU GO

Koya-Con 3 hosted by the West Texas Anime Society. The event will feature cosplay, tabletop gaming, manga library, special guests, maid cafe, concerts and more. Friday through Sunday at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. $40. Koyacon.com.

Music is no pressure for Restless Heart's Larry Stewart

By Rich Lopez
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There was a point for Larry Stewart when music became less of a thrill and more of a job. Despite awards and hit singles, the lead singer of Restless Heart admitted that the business of it all took over. Stewart went solo, the band went through various incarnations, but ultimately, it was what they needed.

"When we shut it down in the '90s, I think we just each had to get our feet back on the ground," Stewart said in a phone interview. "I think we all realized that we were pretty lucky, and so we brought it back in 2002. Here we are, 14 years later, and it has not gotten old."

The band is back on the road and headlines the Hitmakers Reunion Tour with Lonestar's Richie McDonald and Billy Dean. The tour makes a stop Saturday at the Wagner Noel.

Now the band is more than 30 years old, and thus is more family than bandmates.

"It really is the weirdest thing. First, our five voices blend so well so it almost feels like a family, like say the Jacksons or the Gatlin brothers. But then when we're together, I just feel it. That's the magic for me," Stewart said.

The band recently released "Wichita Lineman," a cover of the classic Glen Campbell song written by Jimmy Webb. That magic was there for Stewart and the band while recording it.

"We're all such big fans of his. We wanted to honor him, and when we took it on, we knew we landed on something kind of special," he said.

Restless Heart's version was released in February as a single, sans album — not their usual plan of action. Thus, it was also a new way of business for the band. In their 33 years, the industry has changed significantly.

The plan is to release a new album early next year, but the approach is entirely different.

"We'll work on it piece by piece, but it's so easy to drop a song now or an EP," he said. "We'd rather just put out an album, but the business has changed and we're trying to figure it out."

Stewart and his mates have been relearning an industry that they were once on top of.

"Aspects of it are challenging, which can be frustrating and our steps are a little smaller now. It takes a million small steps now to get where we're going," he said.

But they might already be there.

"The beauty of what we're doing now is that we're not putting pressure on ourselves to go crazy. We've had our hits and established our brand. We simply appreciate the opportunity to get on the bus and play our songs for fans."

IF YOU GO

Hitmakers Reunion Tour with Restless Heart, Richie McDonald, Billy Dean, 8 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $38-$58. wagnernoel.com.

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Top events to make your summer weekend awesome

By Rich Lopez
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DINNER AT THE FARM AT FLYING Y FARMS

Chef Chip Hight wants you to take a micro-mini vacation with tonight's dining event. He teams up with Flying Y Farms for, quite literally, a farm-to-table meal. Flying Y boasts a lovely outdoor setting for dinner where Chef Hight will present a menu that includes a whole pig roast, chicken, seasonal veggies, salad and dessert. $60 per person with a $10 corking fee for bottles.

7 p.m. today at 3456 Farm-to-Market Road 1212, Tarzan. Hightfoods.com.

THE MEN OF SEDUCTION LADIES NIGHT AT ATRIUM LOUNGE

Women can have a real "Magic Mike" moment this weekend. The Men of Seduction will flirt and wink their way into your hearts with some smooth dance moves to back it all up. Touted as the No. 1 revue in America (although we're not sure how hard that is to achieve), the gentlemen will help their female fans decompress from the week and let their hair down. And likely, their six-pack abs will have nothing to do with it.

8 p.m. Friday at 3904 W. Wall St. $20-$100. Eventbrite.com.

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

"Alex Rubio: Collections" opening reception will feature the artist discussing his work through a gallery walk. Refreshments provided. 7 p.m. today at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Noelartmuseum.org.

Teen Maker Mondays: Building with littleBits, 2-4 p.m. Monday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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

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

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

CAMPS, CLASSES, LECTURES & MEETINGS

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

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

Sports Mini Camp: Racquet sports for boys and girls ages 5-12. 1-4 p.m. Monday-July 1 at YMCA Midland, 800 N. Big Spring St. midlandymca.org.

Kid's Summer Cooking Classes: Brunch Bunch. Participants ages 4-14 can learn to cook, bakes or prepare a variety of eats. Parents can opt to stay with their children or drop off. Reservations required. 3:30-5 p.m. Monday at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $50 or $40 at five or more classes. hightfoods.com.

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

Kid's Summer Cooking Classes: Cupcake Wars. Participants aged 4-14 can learn to cook, bakes or prepare a variety of eats. Parents can opt to stay with their children or drop off. Reservations required. 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $50 or $40 at five or more classes. hightfoods.com.

Reptiles and Amphibians for students K-3. Limit 15 children per camp session. Wednesday and July 8 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $12 members, $15 non. Sibleynaturecenter.org.

Kid's Summer Cooking Classes: Pizza. Participants ages 4-14 can learn to cook, bakes or prepare a variety of eats. Parents can opt to stay with their children or drop off. Reservations required. 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $50 or $40 at five or more classes. Hightfoods.com.

EVENTS

Dinner on the Farm is a dining event hosted by Chef Chip Hight and Flying Y Farm. The menu will feature a whole pig roast, chicken, seasonal vegetables, salad and dessert. 7:30 p.m. $60. BYOB with $10 corking fee. Pre-paid reservations required. 7 p.m. today at Flying Y Farms, 3456 Farm-to-Market Road1212, Tarzan. Hightfoods.com.

Koya-Con 3 hosted by the West Texas Anime Society. The event will feature cosplay, tabletop gaming, manga library, special guests, maid cafe, concerts and more. Friday-Sunday at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. Koyacon.com.

"Very Eric Carle" birthday celebration. In honor of the author's birthday, participants can make birthday cards, decorate party hats, enjoy party games and take home a goody bag. A special guest appearance by The Very Hungry Caterpillar will help celebrate his birthday. 4 p.m. Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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

The Men of Seduction is the No. 1 male revue in America. 8 p.m. Friday at The Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St. $20-$100. eventbrite.com.

Beginning of Summer Foam Party Bash, 8 p.m. Friday at Barback Patio, 5216 W. University Blvd., Odessa. $25 door. barbackpatio.com.

Second Annual Pride Party with appearances by China Blue, Vanessa Detris and Stella Darling. 9 p.m. Club 2020, 1023 S. Grant Ave., Odessa. $6-$12.

Summertime Sip & Shop 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Event includes food trucks, and craft, beauty, health, jewelry and clothes vendors. Entry is a $1 donation to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association and cash bar proceeds will benefit MCT.

Date and Paint is and adult painting event geared toward couples. 6:30 p.m. June 25 at Johnny Carinos, 260 W. Loop 250. Kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

CASA of West Texas Open House will feature tours of the newly renovated property and visitors will learn more about CASA's services to abused and neglected children. 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at 1611 W. Texas Ave.

FAMILY FUN

Pajama-Rama storytime and movie, 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Midland County Public Library Downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Animal Homes for students K-3. Limit 15 children per camp session. Friday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $12 members, $15 non. Sibleynaturecenter.org.

Family Friday: Galaxy Quest 10 a.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Wild Things Zoofari, 2-3 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Building Bots, 1-2 p.m. Monday at Midland County Public Library-Downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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

"Very Eric Carle" Tissue Tuesdays allow participants to create Eric Carle inspired collages. June 28 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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

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

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

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

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

GAMES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dave Martinez, 8 p.m. Friday at The Boardroom, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

Gary Gorence, 6 p.m. Saturday at The Wine Rack, 4610, N. Garfield St.

Megan Metheney and Rebekah West, 3 p.m. Sunday at the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $16. MOSC.org.

Korbe Canida (Phoenix), 7 p.m. Wednesday at The Garage, 1110 N. Main St., Fort Stockton. $5. All ages. thegaragetx.com.

Ward Davis (Monticello), 8 p.m. Wednesday at The Shack in the Back, 11610 W. Highway 80 E.

COUNTRY

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

Bri Bagwell, 8 p.m. today at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Cameran Nelson, Jay Statham Band. 8 p.m. Friday at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St. midlandlonestarbar.com.

Beaux Atkins (Shreveport), 9 p.m. Friday at Proof, 7270 E. Highway 191, Odessa.

Beaux Atkins, 7 p.m. Saturday at Rue 432, 106 S. A. St.

The Powell Brothers (Houston), 7 p.m. Saturday KD's Bar-B-Q, 3109 Garden City Highway.

Hitmakers Reunion Tour with Restless Heart, Richie McDonald, Billy Dean, 8 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com.

COVERS/TRIBUTE

3-OG, 7 p.m. today at Cafe at the Gardens, 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road. alldredgegardens.com.

Night Train: The Guns N' Roses Tribute 6 p.m. Friday at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave. Odessa. Dosamigos.com.

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

Wicked West Band, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Your Place, 3704 W Wall St.

Funkster, 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

GloveBox, 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Hotshots, 615 W. Wall St.

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

DJ/DANCE

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

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

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

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

JAZZ/LOUNGE/SWING

Symphony Young Professionals: Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon with Eric Baker. The networking group hosts an afternoon of music with giveaways and food trucks on site. 1:30 p.m. at Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. MOSC.org.

KARAOKE

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

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

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Midland RockHounds vs. San Antonio Missions. 7 p.m. June Thursday-Saturday at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

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

Kid's Half Pint Triathlon for ages 4-12. Youths will swim 25 yards, trot around the Y and tricycle around the indoor track. Saturday at YMCA Midland, 800 N. Big Spring St. midlandymca.org.

Midland RockHounds vs. San Antonio Missions. 2 p.m. Sunday at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

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

Children's Yoga at the Library for ages 8-13. 1:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

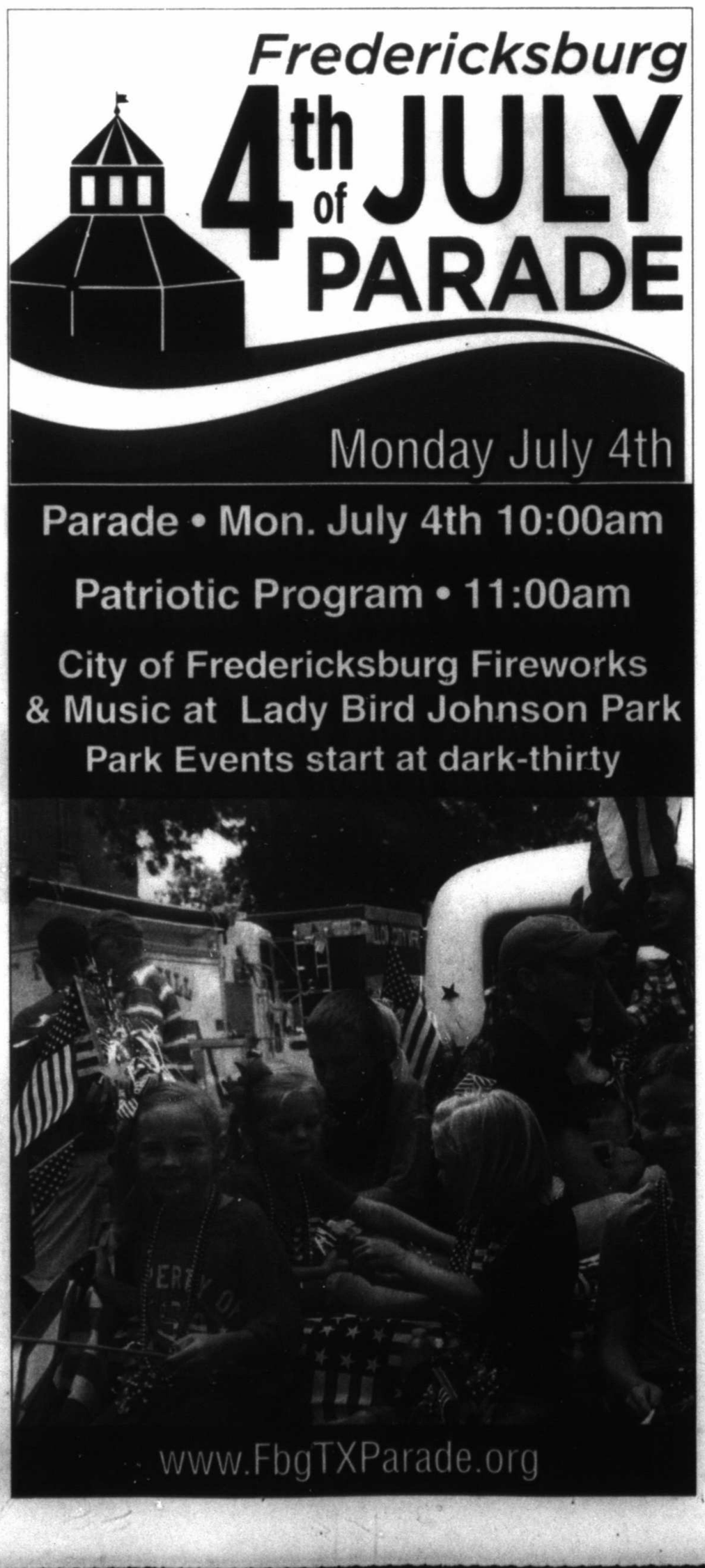
"Bee Movie," 1 p.m. today at Midland County Public Library Downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

"The Ant Bully," 1 p.m. Friday at Midland County Public Library Downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

"Jurassic World" Movie in the Park. Beginning at dusk Friday at Hogan Park, 1201 E. Wadley Ave.

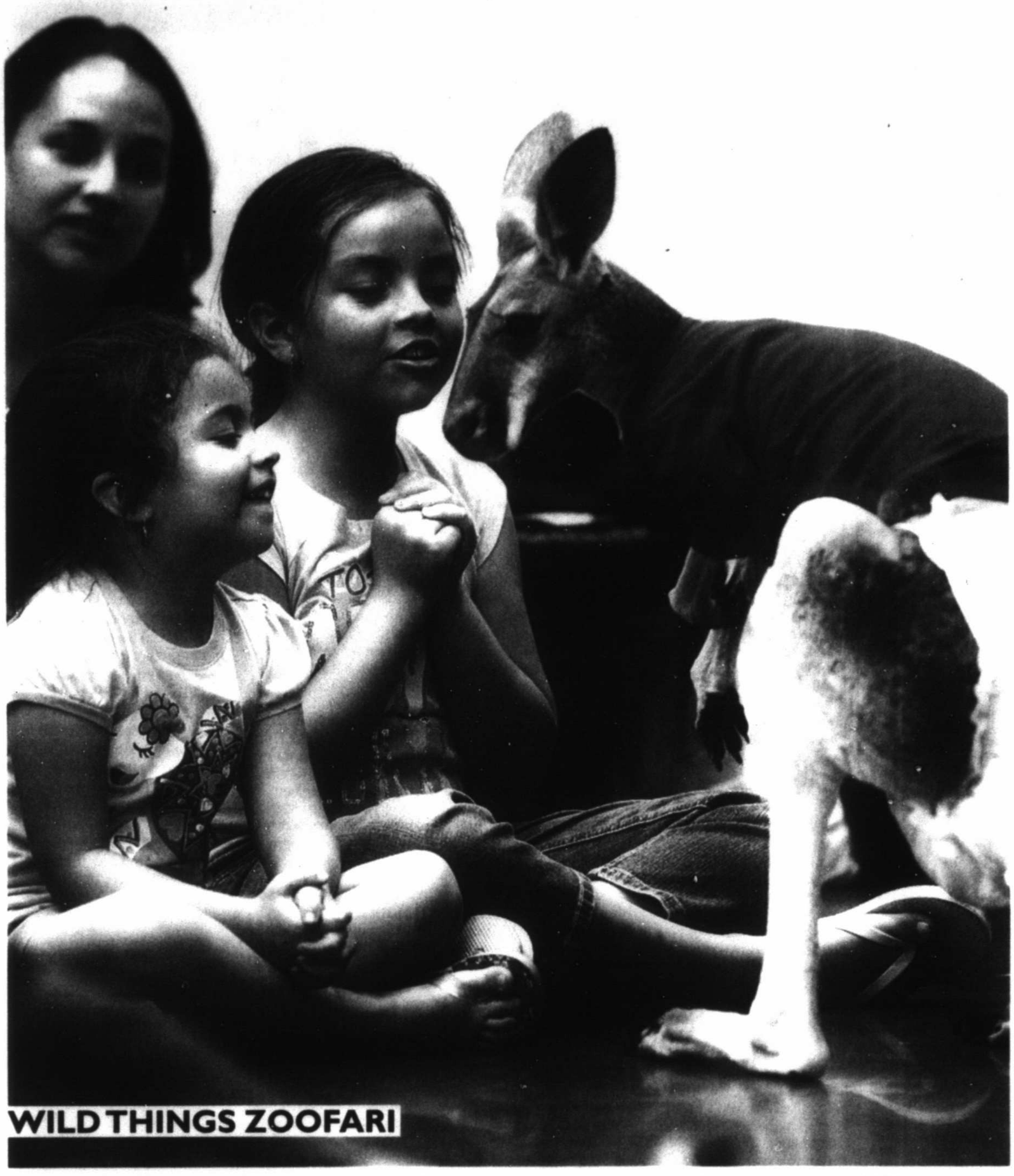
Summer Mummers 2016: "Midland's Master Munchie Maker or... Are You Going to Eat That?" Through Sept. 3 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. summermummers.com.

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



PERMIAN BASIN Gun Show - Ector County Coliseum, Odessa TX. Building G.
Saturday & Sunday, June 25th & 26th 9 am - 5 pm
Guns, knives, reloading supplies, pistol grips, coins, jewelry, Army surplus & complete line of ammunition. Bought, Sold & Traded
Sponsored by: John and Shirley Pokorny

EVENTS



WILD THINGS ZOOFARI

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WILD THINGS ZOOFARI AT CENTENNIAL BRANCH

All ages are welcome to see an array of wild animals live at the library. The Midland County Public Library will host the interactive event as part of its Summer Reading program. While there may not be lions, tigers and bears, Zoofari has featured animals such as squirrel monkeys, kangaroos, hedgehogs and cockatoos, among many others. Who knows what they'll bring to Midland this time?

2-3 p.m. Saturday at 2503 Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

SYMPHONY YOUNG PROFESSIONALS HOST JAZZ ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON

All are invited to hang out for some jazz classics by Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale's co-principal trumpet Eric Baker. Hosted by the networking group, the event will feature food trucks on site and frosty beverages as an antidote to the summer sun. The SYP will also give away two tickets to MOSC's opening night of its upcoming season. Jazz, beer and new friends? That's a winning combo.

1:30 p.m. Sunday at Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. Free MOSC.org

REVIVE POOL PARTY AT HILTON GARDEN INN

"Pool" and "party" are probably the key words to a perfect summer. So it's a good thing for wet-and-wild Midlanders that the hotel hosts this party weekly. The Shane Show will spin the music while folks enjoy drink specials and food truck nosh and of course, some quality pool time. Just remember what mom always said: Wait 30 minutes after eating before you get into the pool.

3 p.m. Sunday at 1301 N. Loop 250.

Summertime Sip & Shop

SATURDAY
JUNE 25TH
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Charming story of Olympic hopeful wins critic's gold

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Eddie the Eagle" (PG-13) Energetic true story of British ski jumper is the best feel-good movie about an Olympic underdog since "Cool Runnings." **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Zombie Fight Club" (unrated) Although they shouldn't, hopes ran high for this film because of its awesome title. Sadly, it's just a run-of-the-mill zombie movie with a mundane story and mediocre special effects. **D**

MORE REVIEWS

"Colonia" (not rated) Emma Watson's performance brings some depth to this otherwise over-the-top story. **C**

"45 Years" (R) Tender, heartwarming story is highlighted by Charlotte Rampling's Oscar-nominated performance. **A-**

"Funhouse Massacre" (R) This horror tale's flaws are numerous. Overlooking them is impossible but there's creativity with the gore that also can't be overlooked. **C-**

"Gridlocked" (R) Clocking in at about two hours is the movie's biggest fault. Most of the excess comes in the final action sequences, which are not spectacular enough to justify the time. **B-**

"Independents' Day" (not rated) If it weren't for the blatant attempt to fool the illiterate into thinking this might be the long-awaited sequel to another franchise with a similar title and plot, there might have been some leniency. But, no. **F**

"London Has Fallen" (R) Being better than the dreadful original still doesn't mean great things for this movie but the stunts are nonstop and well-done. **B-**

"Memoria" (R) Chilling story of an angst-ridden teen aims for the shock factor too often, much like 1995's "Kids," but is also as gripping as that film. **B**

"One More Time" (unrated) The dialogue is much more pedestrian than expected, which brings down the whole tone of the film. But I could watch Christopher Walken read the phone book for two hours and be happy. **B-**

"Sex, Death and Bowling" (R) There's not any sex going on in the film, which makes the title misleading. There's plenty of the latter, though, which makes the film tragic and striking. **B**

"Touched With Fire" (R) Just when you thought the story of a couple with bipolar disorder couldn't get any better than "Silver Linings Playbook," there's this film, which actually proves it isn't better than "Silver Linings Playbook," but comes pretty close. **B**

"Unhallowed Ground" (unrated) Despite a few shreds of originality in the script, this horror fare comes up short in other departments, like, oh, horror. **C-**

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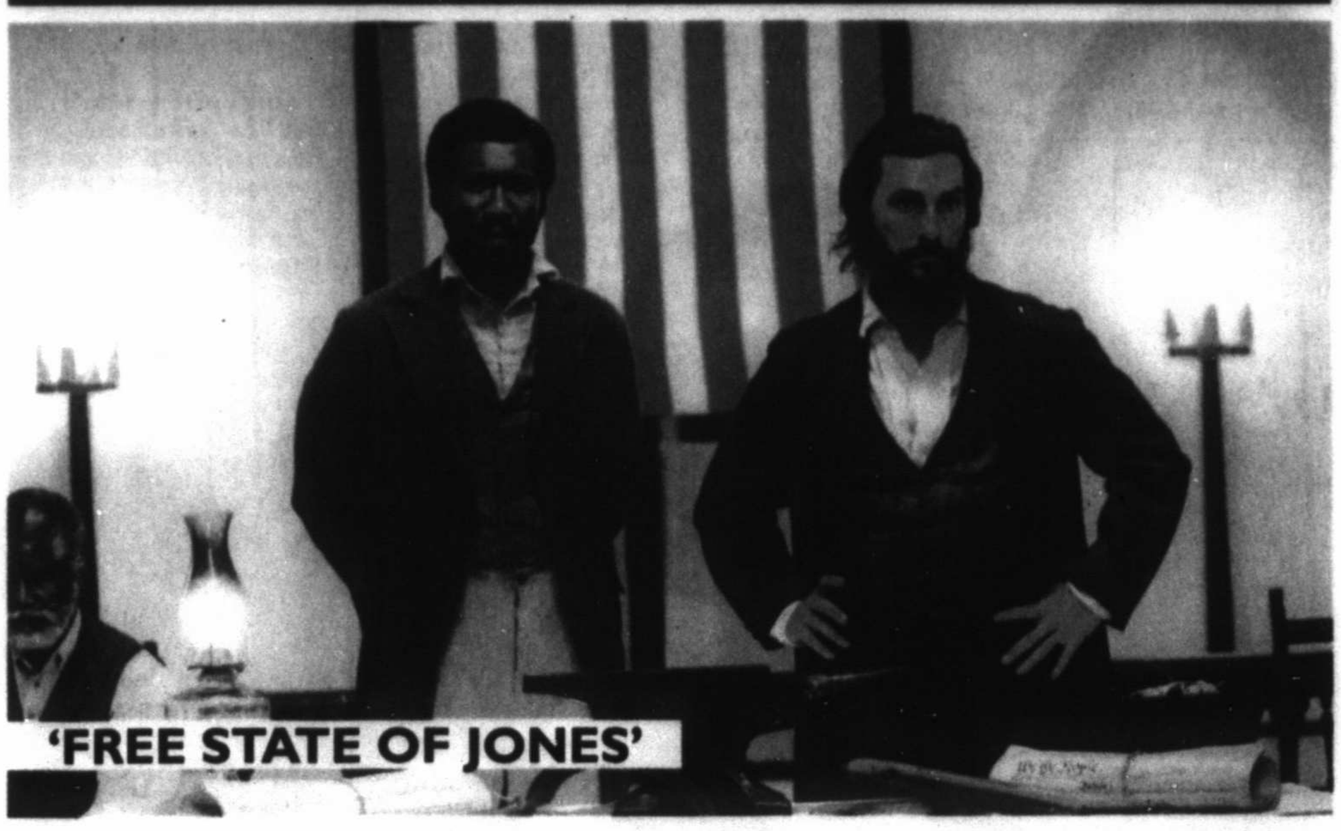

'FREE STATE OF JONES'

"Alice Through the Looking Glass" (PG) Alice time-travels to save the Mad Hatter. With Johnny Depp, Anne Hathaway, Mia Wasikowska. Written by Linda Woolverton, based on characters created by Lewis Carroll. Directed by James Bobin. Imax 3D.

"Central Intelligence" (PG-13) A former geek returns to a high school reunion as a studly CIA agent and recruits his nemesis for a "mission." With Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Amy Ryan. Written by Ike Barinholtz & David Stassen and Rawson Marshall Thurber. Directed by Thurber.

"The Conjuring 2" (R) Vera Farmiga and Patrick Wilson return as demonologists investigating the haunting of a house in north London. With Frances O'Connor. Written by Chad Hayes & Carey W. Hayes & James Wan and David Leslie Johnson; story by Hayes & Hayes & Wan. Directed by Wan.

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

"Free State of Jones" (R) During the U.S. Civil War, a Mississippi farmer leads a rebellion against the Confederacy. With Matthew McConaughey, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Mahershala Ali. Written by Gary Ross, story by Leonard Hartman and Ross.

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

"Me Before You" (PG-13) Romantic drama about a working-class English girl who becomes caretaker for a wealthy, young, wheelchair-using banker. With Emilia Clarke, Sam Claflin, Janet McTeer. Written by JoJo Moyes, based on her book. Directed by Thea Sharrock.

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

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

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

"Warcraft" (PG-13) Two opposing warriors are on a fateful course that will decide the future of their civilizations. With Travis Fimmel, Paula Patton, Ben Foster. Written by Charles Leavitt and Duncan Jones, based on the video game. Directed by Jones. Imax 3D.

"X-Men: Apocalypse" (PG-13) Disorganized but engaging, full of visual pyrotechnics and earnest emotion, the seventh 20th Century Fox film with "X-Men" in the title is diverting, if not necessarily convincing.

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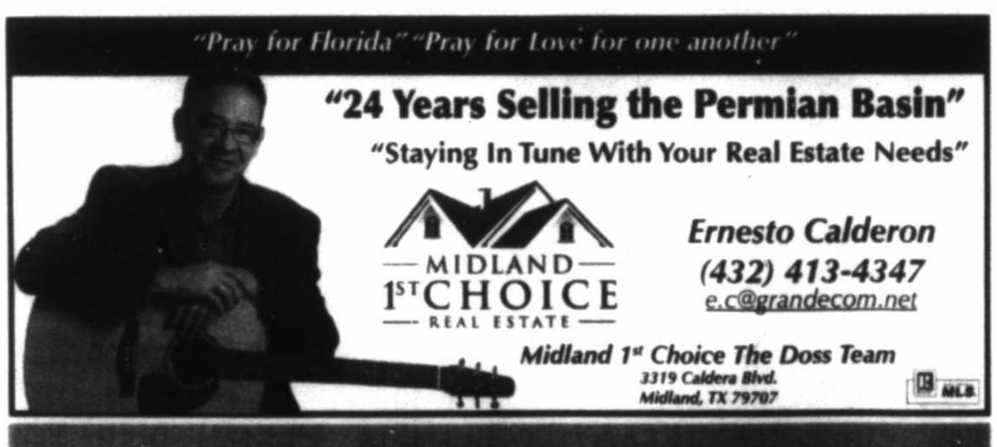

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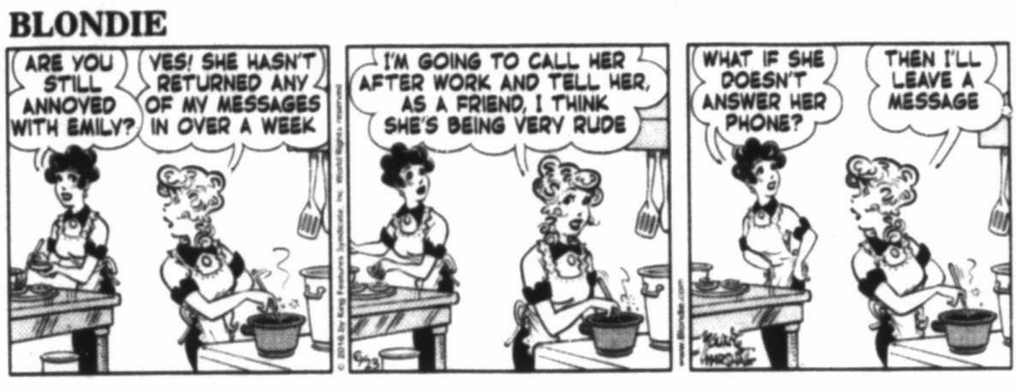

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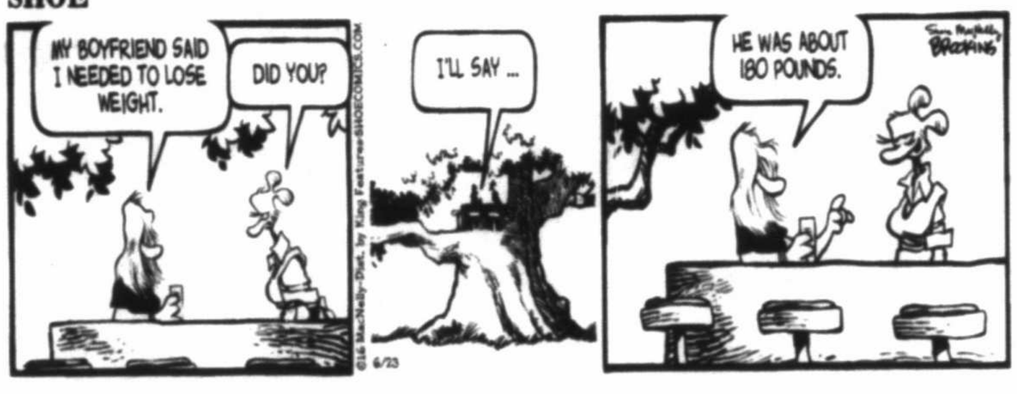

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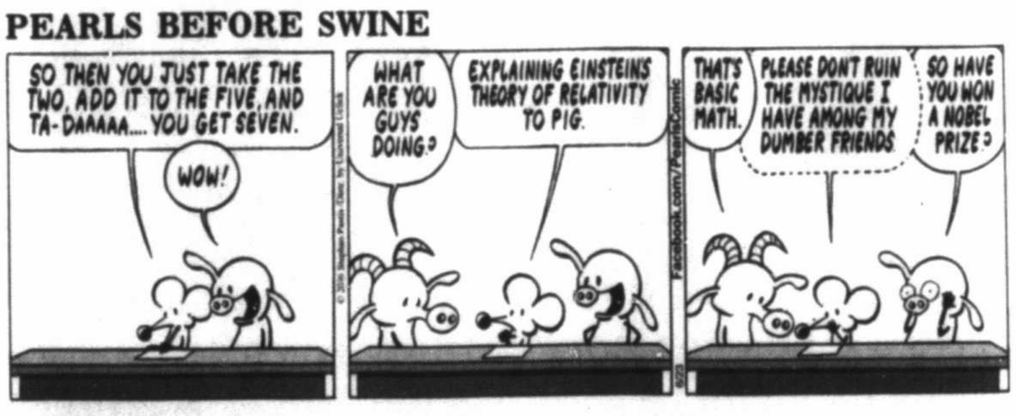

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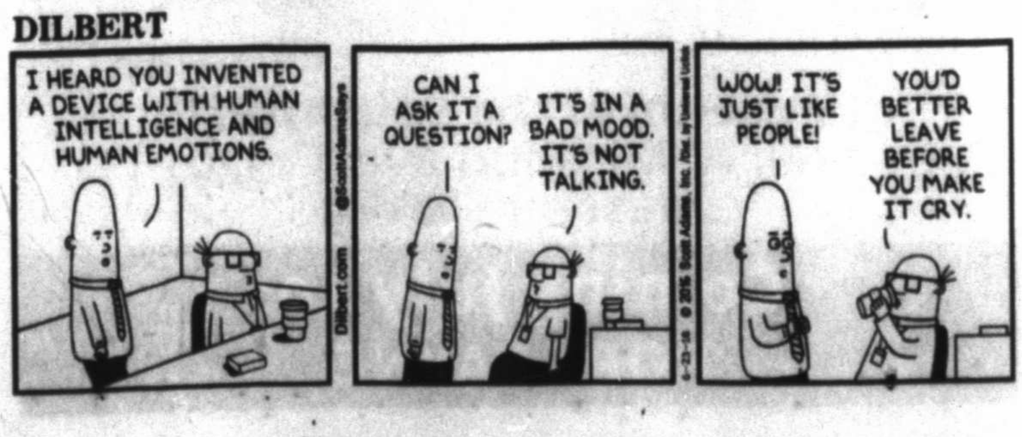

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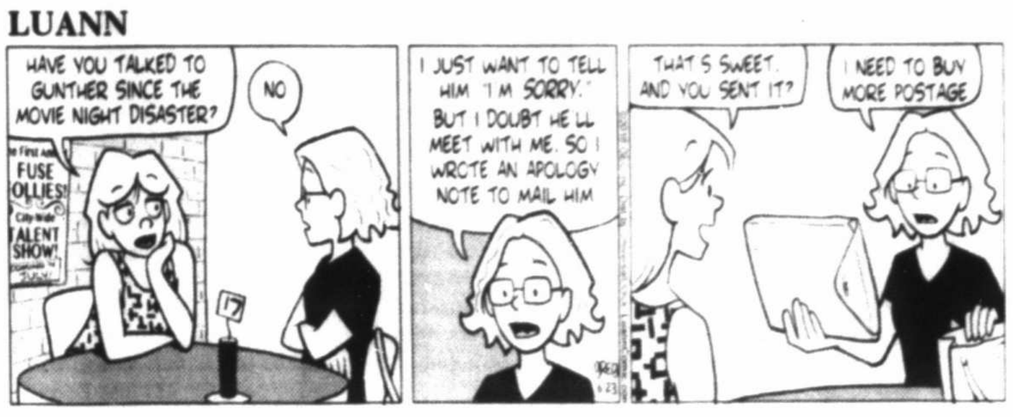

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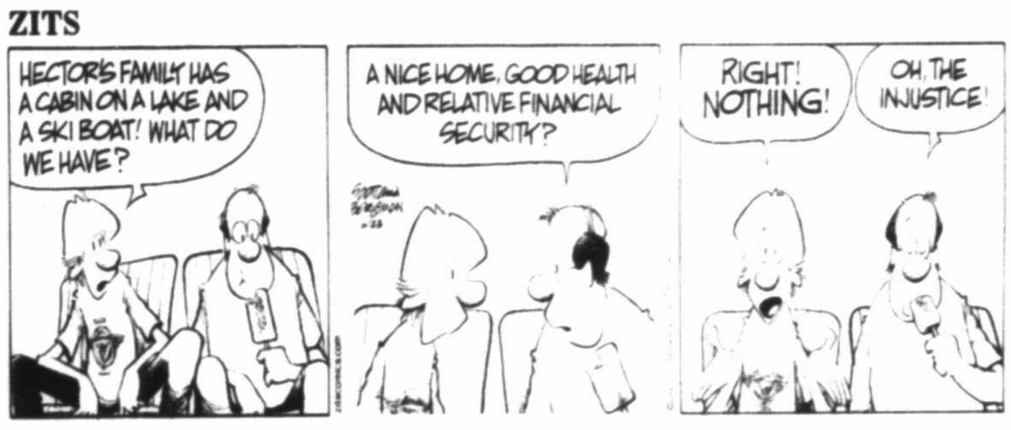

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Ronnie stumbles onto a gold mine.

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Billy (age 7) takes his pun in hand and again fills in for his daddy.

DINING

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MEXICAN

ABUELOS Mix of traditional Tex-Mex with unique menu items featuring steak and seafood. Tired of rice and beans on the side? Try papas con chile and espinaca casserole. 2908 W. Loop 250 N. 685-3335 www.abuelos.com | $$ | 4 spoons

AJUUA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT Tex-Mex favorites such as enchiladas, tacos, burritos and combination plates. Daily specials and menudo served on weekends. 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave. 694-4116 | $ | 2 spoons

CANCUN GRILL Stylish downtown Mexican restaurant inside Wall Towers. Start with the corn queso and then move on to the seafood enchiladas or one of the steaks. 223 W. Wall St. 618-0390 | $$ | 4 spoons

CARAMBA'S SPANISH INN Bustling Mexican restaurant with a variety of foods and combination plates. Tex-Mex favorites and burgers, steaks and seafood. 3116 W. Front St. 520-9724 or 520-9525 | $ | 4 spoons

CASA DEL SOL RESTAURANTE Y CANTINA Reminiscent of a Mexican cantina. Mexican stir-fry is a popular choice or try one of the West Texas specialties like country-fried steak, shrimp or catfish. 523 East Illinois Ave. 686-1118 | $ | 3 spoons

CASA LOPEZ CAFE Sports bar, restaurant and catering service with entrees like enchiladas and fajitas and appetizers such as bacon wrapped shrimp and stuffed jalapenos. 4411 W. Illinois Ave. 699-7373 | $ | 4 spoons

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CHITO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT & SPORTS Traditional Mexican fare with sports bar atmosphere. Breakfast served on weekends. 4400 N. Midland Drive 689-8646 | $ | 4 spoons

DONA ANITA'S Some of the best chile rellenos in town. Or try the tacos or enchiladas. Hueves con chorizo, menudo, huevos rancheros and migas on Sundays. 305 W. Florida Ave. 683-6727 | $ | 3 spoons

DOS COMPADRES We recommend the carne guisada or any of the enchiladas with a tangy and mild green sauce. 2200 W. Wadley Ave, #1 Oak Ridge Square 684-7239 www.Doscompadres.net | $ | 3 spoons

EL BANQUETE Traditional Mexican cuisine such as soft beef and pork tacos. Breakfast burritos, fajitas and enchiladas. 1802 Rankin Highway 620-0123 | $ | 2 spoons

EL BURRITO RESTAURANT Serving burritos for more than 30 years. Breakfast and lunch burritos on homemade tortillas and other Tex-Mex favorites. Also known for their burgers. 1106 N. Big Spring St. 683-9701 | $ | 4 spoons

FAJITAS BRAVO Delicious and tender beef and chicken fajita burritos. Or try nachos, burgers, quesadillas or barbecue. 409 E. Scharbauer Drive 682-6848 | $ | 3 spoons

FREEBIRDS Create your own burrito, tacos, nacho, salad or bowl with fillings that range from cilantro lime rice, black beans and tomatillo sauce to carnitas, queso and pico de gallo. 3322 N. Loop 250 West www.freebirds.com 689-9100 | $ | 4 spoons

GARCIA'S BURRITOS Pick up a breakfast burrito for $2 starting at 7:30 a.m. on weekdays. Or try a fajita plate with beans, rice, guacamole and sour cream. 1306 N. Lamesa Road 684-4383 | $ | 2 spoons

GERARDO'S CASITA Try the tortilla soup or the fajitas. Don't forget a margarita from the full-service bar. 2407 N. Big Spring St. 570-8012 www.gerardoscasita.net | $ | 4 spoons

JORGE'S CAFÉ Serving Tex-Mex fare. Jorge's does a simple queso without chunks of peppers or tomatoes — you'll either love it or hate it. Two locations. 3323 Midland Dr #100, 689-0032 & 4400 N. Big Spring St. 683-6303 www.jorges.com | $ | 4 spoons

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LA BODEGA MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND BAR Try the chile rellenos — stuffed with beef, chicken, cheese or shrimp, deep-fried and topped with red sauce, sour cream, pecans and raisins — or the rueda, described on the menu as a Mexican pizza. The upstairs bar allows smoking and keeps later hours than the restaurant. 2700 N. Big Spring St. 684-5594 www.mylabodega.com | $ | 4 spoons

LA HERRADURA MEXICAN CUISINE Go for breakfast and try the huevos rancheros with beans, potatoes and tortillas. Menudo, caldo de res and cabrito en salsa verde on the weekends. 1422 Rankin Highway 687-3000 | $ | 2 spoons

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PENO'S CAFÉ & CATERING COMPANY Try the tacos or the variety of breakfast burritos. Some menu items can be bought by the pound. Order tamales by the dozen. 4305 W. Illinois Ave. 262-5720 Facebook: Café J-Peno | $ | 3 spoons

REYNA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT An order of fajitas is too much for one person to eat, but they're so good you'll try anyway. 3601 W. Wall St. 699-2109 | $ | 4 spoons

ROMIE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANTE Don't underestimate this hole-in-the-wall restaurant serving traditional Tex-Mex fare. Quick service, daily specials and delicious food. 701 S. Marienfeld St. 683-5344 | $ | 3 spoons

ROSA'S CAFÉ & TORTILLA FACTORY If you're a native Midlander, you get it. If you're not, try the queso and tortillas or the chicken fajitas with queso or the combo burritos. It's worth the long drive-through lines. 903 Andrews Highway 520-2358 2501 N. Big Spring St. 620-0634 | 4301 N. Midland Drive 520-0489 | $ | 4 spoons

SEDONA MEXICAN GRILL & CANTINA Sit on the patio and enjoy drinks and chile con carne queso before your meal. Live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays. 2101 W. Wadley Ave., # 45 www.sedonamexicancantina.com 570-9600 | $ | 4 spoons

TAQUERIA JALISCO One patron on Yelp called it a "hidden gem." Another said the carnitas are "delicious, juicy morsels of fried porky goodness." We heartily agree. 4416 Briarwood Ave., Suite100 www.facebook.com/Taqueriajalisco14/timeline 699-2195 | $ | 5 spoons

TAMPICO SPANISH INN Go early to get a table. Start with an appetizer like queso, quesadillas or avocado salad. 2411 W. Wall St. 682-5074 | $ | 4 spoons

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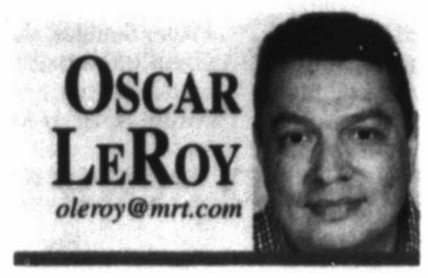

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I admit it. I was one of those skeptics who thought that Big 12 baseball was having a down year.

With half the teams in the conference having poor to mediocre seasons, you can understand why I, along with many others, thought this was just not the Big 12's year in baseball.

And then you add the fact that only three teams — Texas Tech, TCU and Oklahoma State — made it to the NCAA Tournament. Although there was a strong argument that a fourth, West Virginia, could have joined the postseason fun as well but was snubbed by the selection committee.

But here we are at the midway point of the College World Series and of the five teams left standing, three of them are from the Big 12. The mighty SEC can't say that.

What's more impressive is that the three teams own a combined 5-1 record in the CWS with the only loss coming from Texas Tech, which lost to fellow Big 12 rival TCU on Sunday. The .833 winning percentage in the CWS is also the best ever, as no conference to earn at least three bid has ever posted a winning percentage better than .760.

"Not to say 'I told you so,' but I told everybody that the Big 12 was really good," Oklahoma State coach Josh Holliday told the CWS media on Wednesday. "I think the teams are proving it in the right way with how they're playing in the postseason. I think it's confirming what we coaches in this league already knew to be true, and that week in and week out there's good baseball, there are talented individual players and we have some really good programs that have some good momentum right now."

The Red Raiders haven't made it easy on themselves or their fans during this tournament as they blew a ninth inning lead to the Horned Frogs on Sunday and then almost blew another ninth inning lead on Tuesday before holding off Florida, 3-2, in an elimination game.

Texas Tech made some great defensive plays on Tuesday in order to escape against the No. 1-seeded Gators. The Red Raiders are going

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Associated Press

Texas Tech's Tyler Floyd, left, Michael Davis, center, and Orlando Garcia, right, celebrate after defeating Florida in an NCAA College World Series game Tuesday in Omaha, Neb.

READY FOR THE PROS

Opelika-Auburn News via AP

LSU's Ben Simmons drives to the basket against Auburn during the first half of a college basketball game in Auburn, Ala., on Feb. 2. Ben Simmons and Brandon Ingram look to be the first two picks in the NBA draft, leaving most of the drama tonight around who be the No. 3 pick.

Simmons hopes to be NBA draft's top pick

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ben Simmons has the sneaker deal and the TV show, so off the court he already has the look of a star.

The only questions seem to be about what he can do on the floor.

Assuming the Philadelphia 76ers are satisfied, they will make Simmons the No. 1 pick Thursday night in the NBA draft.

He has been considered the choice for months, and there are plenty of reasons why. The 6-foot-10 forward's versatility is perfect for the modern NBA, and he has been getting advice about how to make himself even better from his favorite player, a certain champion named LeBron James.

Yet after an up-and-down season at LSU, Simmons arrived in New York on Wednesday with more scrutiny than usual for a player whose named is expected to be called first by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver.

"It was a roller coaster but I think everything that I went through has helped mold me into the player that I am now," Simmons said. "But I think I'm ready."

He averaged 19.2 points, 11.8 rebounds and 4.8 assists, the only SEC player ever to finish in the top five in all three categories. But the Tigers were only 19-14, failing to make the NCAA Tournament, and with all his talent Simmons sometimes left the impressive that he could've — made should've — done more to lead his team.

"That's always going to happen when you're one of the best guys. They try to bring you down, but honestly it was a rough season," Simmons said. "We had guys that were hurt, were out, but it wasn't the perfect season that we wanted."

If critics want to put the blame on Simmons, LSU coach Johnny Jones

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Lee assistant hired as Big Spring's coach

By Will Korn
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Lee assistant baseball coach Daniel Carrillo is set to join the head coaching ranks of Texas high school baseball.

Carrillo, who spent the last four seasons as the Rebels' assistant to head coach Brian Roper, has been named the new head coach at Big Spring High School. Pending BSISD approval, he will replace the outgoing Bobby Smith and take over a Steers program that went 13-16 this past season.

Carrillo

Carrillo, 25, played for the Rebels from 2006-08 and was a member of Lee's 2007 state tournament team.

He said making the move to Big Spring was a difficult decision. But he added that he's thrilled to have an opportunity to take the next step and lead a high school program himself.

"It's exciting," Carrillo said. "It was tough leaving my alma mater. (I have) strong ties (to Lee). But at the same time, you only have so many opportunities in your life and this was one that was just knocking on my door. Surprisingly, the timing was pretty on point."

The application and selection process developed quickly for Carrillo. He was first interviewed for the Big Spring job during Lee's area round playoff series with El Paso Montwood, May 13-14.

He was then offered the position a few days after the Rebels' regional semifinal series victory against Weatherford. But because of Lee's extended playoff run, he kept things quiet and didn't officially sign with Big Spring until Monday.

Carrillo said the Lee players had no idea that he would be leaving until after the regional final series loss against Amarillo High on June 4. It was an emotional discovery for everyone involved with the Rebels' program.

Roper said he's excited to see Carrillo get the chance to prove himself as a head coach. He credited Carrillo as a major component of Lee's rebuilding process that led to the playoff run this season.

"He's a good one man," Roper said. "It was going to be sooner or later (that he would become a head coach). He's a great friend, a great assistant and he was ready."

Roper said the team has already identified an assistant coach to replace Carrillo at Lee next season, but the details are unknown at this time.

Carrillo said he will never forget his time at Lee and the team's deep playoff run in 2016.

"It will definitely be (an experience)

Please see **CARRILLO**/2C

RockHounds will have to contend with bulk of current roster

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If the Midland RockHounds have any designs on winning the Texas League South's second-half race and competing for a playoff spot, they'll need to find the win column a little more often than they did during a mediocre first half.

And, barring a trade this summer by the Oakland Athletics that nets the organization a notable Double-A-ready prospect or two, they may have to do it with essentially the current roster stationed in the Tall City.

Midland, which has no doubt suffered in part from a flurry of call-ups to Triple-A, treaded water and went 33-37 over the season's first 70 games. Many of those call-ups were players who were instrumental in one or both of Midland's TL championship runs the last two years.

If one examines the current state of Oakland's farm system, it's reasonable to deduce that there probably isn't much Double-A-ready help on the way to Midland this season.

Eleven of the A's top 30 prospects, according to MLB Pipeline, are either at the Triple-A or Major League level. Six are playing at the Class A, Class A short season levels or below. It is unlikely that any of those players will reach the TL this season.

Seven of the top 30 prospects are already contributing in Midland, which leaves just six who are currently on the doorstep in Single-A Advanced Stockton (Calif.).

Of those six, only two — No. 4-ranked shortstop Richie Martin and No. 8-ranked right-handed pitcher Casey Meisner — are in the system's top 10. The other four rank No. 18, No. 19, No. 21 and No. 29 in the system.

The RockHounds have already benefited from the production of a few Stockton call-ups this season - namely right fielder Tyler Marincov and pitcher Daniel Gossett, who have both made their marks on Midland's season thus far.

It seems unlikely that Oakland will rush Martin — one of its most promising, high-ceiling prospects — to Double-A unless the RockHounds fall far out of the second half race. Meanwhile, Meisner's numbers with Stockton are unspectacular, as he is currently sporting a .285 opponents' batting average.

But regardless of the current situation, baseball is such a fickle game and absolutely anything can happen over the course of a season — even half a season. As an example, look at Midland's second half explosion last season.

The team was 35-35 after the first half, but put together perhaps the best second half in franchise history and rode the hot streak all the way to a second straight league championship.

Oakland's acquisition of Sean

Please see **KORN**/3C

'HOUNDSWATCH

WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
Midland 2, Frisco 1, 10 innings

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

INTERNET
www.milb.com

RECORDS
Midland 34-38
Frisco 39-32

Tuesday	Wednesday	Today	Friday	Saturday
Frisco 5, Midland 4	Midland 2, Frisco 1, 10 innings	San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Collingwood vs. Freemantle, 4:30 a.m., FSP

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Hamilton at Toronto, 6:30 p.m., ESPNews

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Texas Tech vs. Coastal Carolina, 7 p.m., ESPN2

GOLF

EPGA: BMW International Open, 1st Round, 8:30 a.m., GOLF

PGA: Quicken Loans National, 1st Round, 2:30 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: BMW International Open, 2nd Round, 4:30 a.m., GOLF

MLB

San Francisco at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m., MLB

Chicago White Sox at Boston, 2:30 p.m., MLB

Chicago Cubs at Miami, 6 p.m., MLB

MEN'S SOCCER

Brasil: Sao Paulo vs. Sport, 7 p.m., GolTV

NBA

2016 NBA Draft, 6 p.m., ESPN

OLYMPIC TRIALS

Men's Platform Synchronized Final, 6 p.m., NBCSN

Men's Gymnastics, 7:30 p.m., NBCSN

RUGBY

European Challenge Cup: Hudderfield vs. Wakefield, 1:55 p.m., FSP

TENNIS

WTA: Aegon International Eastbourne, Quarterfinals, 5 a.m., TENNIS

TRACK AND FIELD

IAAF World Challenge: Madrid, 12:10 p.m,. beIN, beIN2

WNBA

San Antonio at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW, FSSW+

ON RADIO

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL

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

WHAT'S ON DECK

Soccer

Sockers FC at Mississippi Brilla, 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled LHP Ashur Tolliver from Norfolk (IL). Placed LHP Brian Duensing on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 20.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Claimed RHP Juan Minaya off waivers from Houston and assigned him to Charlotte (IL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with RHP Forrest Whitley on a minor league contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Tom Wilhelmsen on a one-year contract. Acquired LHP Wade LeBlanc from Toronto for cash or a player to be named. Transferred LHP Charlie Furbush to the 60-day DL. Optioned RHP Jonathan Aro to Tacoma (PCL).

TEXAS RANGERS — Placed LHP Derek Holland on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 21. Recalled RHP Luke Jackson from Round Rock (PCL).

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Reinstated RHP Michael Lorenzen from the 60-day DL. Placed RHP Alfredo Simon on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 16. Reinstated INF Jordan Pacheco from the 15-day DL and sent him outright to Louisville (IL). Pacheco refused the outright assignment and elected to become a free agent.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Claimed RHP Layne Somsen from the New York Yankees. Transferred RHP Chin-hui Tsao to the 60-day DL.

NEW YORK METS — Recalled RHP Logan Verrett from Las Vegas (PCL). Optioned INF Ty Kelly to Las Vegas.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with RHP Kevin Gowdy, SS Cole Stobbe, LHP JoJo Romero and OF Josh Stephen on minor league contracts.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Recalled LHP Kyle Lobstein from Indianapolis (IL). Optioned RHP Alfredo Boscan to Indianapolis.

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Claimed RHP Cody Scarpetta off waivers from St. Paul.

JOPLIN BLASTERS — Announced RHP Winston Abreu signed with Mexico City (Mexican). Released OF Ronnie Richardson.

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed C Brian Erie and C Tyler Moore.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Released OF Chase Harris.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Released RHP Trevor Bayless.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed RHP Dylan Thompson.

TEXAS AIRHOGS — Signed RHP Tyler Harris. Can-Am League

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed OF Ed Charlton. Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed RHP Ryan Atkinson. LHP Matt Hamons and C-OF Cody Kuzniczi. Released OF Tommy Vitaletti.

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Released INF Nico Zych.

NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed LHP Nick Lomascolo. Released INF Victor Barron.

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed SS Craig Nenning.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Released LHP Donovan Feenstra.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NEW YORK KNICKS — Acquired G Derrick Rose, G Justin Holiday and a 2017 second-round draft pick from Chicago for C Robin Lopez and Gs Jose Calderon and Jerian Grant.

FOOTBALL

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WR Seydou Junior Haidara to the practice roster. HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — Announced the league will expand to Las Vegas for the 2017-18 season after awarding its 31st franchise to Bill Foley.

ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed D Alex Goligoski to a five-year contract.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with F Dennis Rasmussen on a one-year contract.

American Hockey League

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Signed F Jack Barre to a one-year contract. ECHL

READING ROYALS — Agreed to terms with F Olivier Labelle.

MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR — Docked Camping World Truck driver John Hunter Nemechek 10 points for failing to meet the proper ride height in a post-race inspection at Iowa Speedway. Fined Nemechek $5,000 and placed on probation through the end of 2016 for approaching the race area following an incident with Austin Wayne Self. Fined Nemechek's crew chief Gere Kennon $6,000 and placed him on probation for the ride height infraction. SOCCER

Major League Soccer

LA GALAXY — Signed F Jack McBean from LA Galaxy II (USL).

COLLEGE

BIG TEN CONFERENCE — Named Jason Yellin assistant commissioner, communications. Chris Masters associate director, communications and Megan Rowley communications intern. Promoted Adam Augustine and Brett McWethy to director, communications.

DEPAUL — Announced men's basketball F Tommy Hamilton IV was released so he could pursue other opportunities for his senior season.

ILLINOIS-SPRINGFIELD — Named Jim Sarra director of athletics.

JAMES MADISON — Promoted Taylor Dewey to director of athletics marketing.

NEW JERSEY CITY — Announced the resignation of men's soccer coach Patrick Snyder.

OLD WESTBURY — Named Betty Bohringer women's soccer coach.

VANDERBILT — Named Andrea Bigler women's director of soccer operations and player development.

WEBER STATE — Announced sophomore basketball F Brekkott Chapman has transferred from Utah.

WESTERN KENTUCKY — Named Shammond Williams and Quannas White men's assistant basketball coaches.

WNBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	9	4	.692	—
Atlanta	8	5	.615	1
Washington	7	7	.500	2 1/2
Chicago	6	7	.462	3
Indiana	5	9	.357	4 1/2
Connecticut	3	10	.231	6
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Minnesota	13	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	11	1	.917	1 1/2
Dallas	6	7	.462	7
Phoenix	4	9	.308	9
Seattle	4	9	.308	9
San Antonio	2	10	.167	10 1/2

Scores and schedules

Wednesday's Scores
New York 90, Atlanta 79, 2OT
Washington 76, Indiana 62

Today's Games
San Antonio at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Phoenix at Washington, 6 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Connecticut at Seattle, 9 p.m.

MLS GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	7	4	5	26	27	22
New York	7	7	1	22	26	20
New York City FC	5	5	6	21	25	31
Montreal	5	4	5	20	22	20
Toronto FC	5	5	4	19	15	15
New England	4	4	7	19	21	26
D.C. United	4	6	5	17	14	16
Orlando City	3	3	8	17	25	23
Columbus	3	5	6	15	18	21
Chicago	2	7	5	11	14	20
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Colorado	9	2	4	31	19	11
FC Dallas	8	5	4	28	24	24
Real Salt Lake	7	4	3	24	25	23
Sporting Kansas City	6	8	3	21	16	18
Vancouver	6	7	3	21	24	27
Los Angeles	5	3	6	21	27	17
San Jose	5	4	6	21	18	18
Portland	5	6	5	20	25	27
Seattle	5	8	1	16	13	17
Houston	3	7	5	14	20	22

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

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores
Philadelphia 4, Chicago 3
New York at Real Salt Lake, late
Colorado at Los Angeles, late

Saturday's Games
New York City FC at Seattle, 4 p.m.
New England at D.C. United, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
New York at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Orlando City, 6:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 9 p.m.

COPA AMERICA

SEMIFINALS
Tuesday, June 21
At Houston
Argentina 4, United States 0
Wednesday, June 22
At Chicago
Colombia vs. Chile, late
THIRD PLACE
Saturday, June 25
At Glendale, Ariz.
United States vs. Colombia-Chile loser, 7 p.m.
CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, June 26
At East Rutherford, N.J.
Argentina vs. Colombia-Chile winner, 7 p.m.

Arizona advances to CWS bracket final

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Jared Oliva homered for the first time in over two months and JC Cloney pitched seven strong innings, leading Arizona to a 3-0 victory over UC Santa Barbara in a College World Series elimination game Wednesday night.

The Wildcats (46-22) will play Oklahoma State on Friday in the Bracket 1 final. They need to win that game and another Saturday against the Cowboys to reach next week's best-of-three finals.

The Gauchos (43-20-1) went 1-2 in their first CWS appearance.

The undrafted Cloney (7-4) bounced back from a dismal outing against Louisiana-Lafayette in the regionals, where he lasted 3 2/3 innings and allowed seven runs in a 10-3 loss. Against UCSB, he gave up only five singles before turning the game over to Cameron Ming with a runner on base and no outs in the eighth.

The Gauchos threatened in the ninth after Clay Fisher doubled and Devon Gradford walked with no outs. Ming struck out Austin Bush, JJ Muno and Dempsey Grover to end the game.

Arizona has allowed only two runs in three CWS games.

Santa Barbara senior left-hander Justin Kelly (2-1) allowed seven hits in three-plus innings. Arizona scored its first run on a sacrifice fly, and Oliva followed with his fourth homer of the season, and first since April 4, to make it 3-0.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES GLANCE

At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha
Omaha, Neb.
Double Elimination
x-if necessary

Saturday, June 18
Oklahoma State 1, UC Santa Barbara 0
Arizona 5, Miami 1

Sunday, June 19
TCU 5, Texas Tech 3
Coastal Carolina 2, Florida 1

Monday, June 20
UC Santa Barbara 5, Miami 3, Miami eliminated
Oklahoma State 1, Arizona 0

Tuesday, June 21
Texas Tech 3, Florida 2, Florida eliminated
TCU 6, Coastal Carolina 1

Wednesday, June 22
Arizona 3, UC Santa Barbara 0, UCSB eliminated

Today
Game 10 — Texas Tech (47-19) vs. Coastal Carolina (50-17), 7 p.m.

Friday, June 24
Game 11 — Oklahoma State (43-20) vs. Arizona (46-22), 2 p.m.
Game 12 — TCU (49-16) vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 25
x-Game 13 — Oklahoma State vs. Arizona, TBA
x-Game 14 — TCU vs. Game 10 winner, TBA
If only one game is necessary, it will be played at night

Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
Monday, June 27: Pairings TBA, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, June 28: Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 29: Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.

Big 12 asks Baylor for 'full accounting' of investigation

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

The Big 12 is asking Baylor for a full accounting of the investigation into how sexual assault allegations were handled at the school, including information that has not been released publicly.

The conference released a statement Wednesday saying Commissioner Bob Bowlsby had sent a letter to Baylor interim President David Garland "once again" requesting all documents associated the investigation by the law firm of Pepper Hamilton.

The Big 12 is requesting written materials as well as any information that was conveyed orally to Baylor leadership and its board of regents along with pertinent internal documents.

Baylor, which is a private university, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The investigation, parts of which were released last month , found school administrators did little to respond to accusations of sexual assault involving members of its vaunted football program. That report said coaches stifled school and criminal investigations into serious allegations of assault by players, and perpetuated a culture that the football program was "above the rules."

In response to the report, the board of regents fired football coach Art Briles, demoted President Kenneth Starr to chancellor and sanctioned athletic director Ian McCaw. Starr and McCaw have both since resigned.

The school is facing at least three federal lawsuits brought by women who claim the school was indifferent to or ignored claims of sexual assault and didn't enforce federal gender discrimination protections under Title IX.

The Big 12 said "full disclosure" of Baylor's investigation is vital to assess the impact on the conference.

"All of our member universities consider student safety and security to be paramount among institutional responsibilities," Bowlsby said in a statement. "The Big 12 Board of Directors, each member of the conference and its student-athletes want to convey that our thoughts, concerns and sympathies are with the Baylor survivors and their families."

Baylor's board of regents has indicated that the school has hired a law firm to work with the NCAA on any possible violations of the associations rules, but so far the NCAA has given no indication it will get involved in the case.

LeRoy

From 1C

to have to continue to play well defensively and get more out of their bats if they want to continue to stay alive for a national title.

The Red Raiders next face Coastal Carolina, a team that's coming off a 6-1 loss to TCU late Tuesday night, in another elimination game at 7 p.m. today.

The Chanticleers look like a scrappy bunch, but the Red Raiders have a little bit of momentum heading into the game with their first ever win in the CWS under their belts.

If Texas Tech gets by Coastal Carolina, they will have to face rival TCU again on Friday night.

The Horned Frogs are playing some of their best baseball of the season and are led by 6-foot-4, 265-pound freshman basher Luken Baker, who's been an absolute beast in Omaha. He crushed Texas Tech's heart with a three-run blast on Sunday, and on Tuesday he continued his tear with 3-for-3 performance and another home run over Coastal Carolina.

And what about Midland's very own Austen Wade, whose steady presence in the leadoff spot helps to set the tone for the TCU lineup. On Tuesday, Wade drew his team-high 56th walk with the bases loaded in the two-run fifth inning.

And not to be outdone, Oklahoma State is doing it with pitching after posting back-to-back 1-0 victories in the CWS for the first time in tournament history.

Not only do the Cowboys have a 0.71 ERA this postseason but haven't trailed in a game yet in seven games played.

The Big 12 is playing some great baseball right now, so don't be surprised one of the three teams is crowned the national champion early next week.

So much for that down year.

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Carrillo

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that I take with me for the rest of my life," Carrillo said. "I had a core group of kids for four years and I watched them grow, not only as players but as individuals.

"It's the 'Sprite Show' until I'm 50 years old. I'm always going to remember these kids."

In other Permian Basin baseball news, Odessa Permian has hired Jimmy Webster as its new head coach. Webster was previously the head coach at Plainview High School. Pending Ector County ISD board approval, will replace Vance Washington, who spent one season as the Panthers' head coach.

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TEXAS FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 74 degrees; 1.43 feet low. Black bass are fair to good early on Yellow Magics, later switching to wacky worms and Texas rigs on points. Crappie are fair. Catfish are fair on perch and goldfish.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 73-79 degrees; 0.19 feet low. No reports on black bass. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows in the shallows. Catfish are good on worms and stinkbait.

COLORADO CITY: 20.49 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 72-78 degrees; 0.29 feet high. Black bass are fair on topwaters, chatterbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 74-80 degrees; 0.37 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on buzzbaits and Pop-Rs early, later switching to Texas rigs, Carolina rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

NASWORTHY: 73-79 degrees; 1.22 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Zara Spooks early, later switching to Texas rigs, jigs and wacky rigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 72-78 degrees; 10.52 feet low. Black bass are fair on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs, crankbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs in the shallows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 73-80 degrees; 33.48 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on weightless flukes, jigs, medium running shad pattern crankbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 74-80 degrees; 0.12 feet high. Black bass are fair on wacky rigs, Texas rigs, jigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on split shot weighted live minnows. White bass are fair to good on Road Rooster Tails. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cur bait.

SPENCE: 53.98 feet low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 0.1 feet high. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 73-79 degrees; 22.28 feet low. No report available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 72-78 degrees; 17.18 feet low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 79-83 degrees; 24.40 feet low. Black bass are good on topwaters, crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and soft plastic frogs. Striped bass are fair on topwaters and large jerkbaits. White bass are fair on crankbaits and minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines and throwlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water murky; 79-83 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water murky; 76-80 degrees; 23.40 feet high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water murky; 76-80 degrees; 0.42 feet high. Black bass are good on soft plastics, buzzbaits, and spinnerbaits over grass. Hybrid striper are fair on shad. White bass are good on minnows and Li'l Fishies off lighted docks at night. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

BUCHANAN: Water murky; 77-81 degrees; 0.10 feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon red Scoundrel worms and Senkos, and on cotton candy JDC Skip-N-Pop topwaters on secondary points early. Striped bass are good on chartreuse soft plastics, Zara spooks, and black/blue crankbaits at daylight. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and Curb's crappie jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and dipbait. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on juglines and trotlines baited with perch and nightcrawlers.

CANYON LAKE: Water murky; 76-80 degrees; 2.75 feet high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Smallmouth bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

COLEMAN: Water murky; 78-82 degrees; 0.05 feet high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

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

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

GRANBURY: Water murky; 75-79 degrees; 0.03 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastic worms and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are slow. White bass are good on minnows and pet spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers, chicken livers, and stinkbait.

GRANGER: Water murky; 76-80 degrees; 6.76 feet high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

LBJ: Water stained; 77-81 degrees; 0.73 feet low. Black bass are good on white Pop-Rs, pumpkinseed Curb's jigs, and chartreuse Whacky Sticks in 10-20 feet at daylight. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and pink Curb's crappie jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are fair on minnows and stinkbait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water murky; 76-80 degrees; 11.13 feet high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 74-78 degrees; 22.18 feet high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 76-80 degrees; 18.87 feet high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

STILLHOUSE HOLLOW: Water murky; 77-81 degrees; 15.97 feet high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water murky; 78-82 degrees; 1.66 feet high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water murky. Black bass are slow. Hybrid stripor are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water murky; 75-79 degrees; 27.60 feet high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are slow.

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Hamels Ks 8 in 8th win for Rangers, 6-4 for split with Reds

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Cole Hamels struck out eight in six solid innings, Prince Fielder had a two-run single and the Texas Rangers beat the Cincinnati Reds 6-4 on Wednesday night for a split in the two-game interleague series.

Ian Desmond hit his 12th homer for Texas after entering in the seventh inning on a night when the center fielder got a scheduled break from the starting lineup. Shin-Soo Choo led off the eighth with his second homer.

The Rangers, who have the American League's best record at 47-26, went ahead to stay with four runs in the fourth off Dan Straily (4-4). The Rangers had the bases loaded without a hit before Adrian Beltre had an RBI single and Fielder immediately followed with a hard liner to right.

Hamels (8-1) scattered five hits, walked two and allowed only one run while improving to 3-0 with a 1.82 ERA in five June starts since his only loss May 27. The left-hander is 10-1 with a 1.93 ERA in 15 career starts vs. the Reds.

Eugenio Suarez hit a three-run homer in the eighth for the Reds, his 14th of the season coming off reliever Jake Diekman.

Sam Dyson worked the ninth for his 15th save in 16 chances. He has converted 13 straight since being named the closer May 18, the most in the majors during that stretch.

Strailey faced the minimum nine hitters his first three innings, and also retired the last nine batters he faced. But the first five Rangers reached to start the fourth inning, including two walks and a hit batsman to load the bases with no outs before the consecutive singles by the sluggers in the middle of their lineup.

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 2, ROUGHRIDERS 1, 10 INNINGS
At Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Midland first baseman Josh Rodriguez went 1-for-4 with the game-winning, bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the 10th inning. … RockHounds designated hitter Viosergy Rosa was 2-for 3 with an RBI and a walk. … Beau Taylor and Tyler Marincov each recorded three walks for Midland. … Frisco first baseman Ronald Guzman finished 2-for-4 with a home run.

TOP PITCHERS: Midland starter Ben Bracewell allowed one earned run on three hits over five innings. He struck out one and walked one in a no decision. … RockHounds reliever Sam Bragg pitched three hitless innings in the sixth, seventh and eighth and struck out a pair.

HIGHLIGHTS: Guzman's solo home run gave Frisco a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth. … In the fifth, Rosa singled to center field to tie the game at 1-1. … In the bottom of the 10th, Frisco reliever Ryne Slack issued three straight walks to load the bases with no outs. RoughRiders manager Joe Mikulik pulled in Preston Beck from right field to play second base, giving Frisco five infielders, not including the catcher and pitcher. After Matt Chapman lined out hard to right center, Rodriguez forced in the winning run with a one-out, bases-loaded walk.

NOTES: The RockHounds split the four-game series with Frisco. … Wednesday was Midland's Texas League-leading 13th extra inning game this season. The RockHounds are 7-6 in those games. … Rosa extended his on-base streak to 13 games and has hit in 20 of his last 23 games. … Beau Taylor and Danny Oh have now each reached base in nine consecutive games. … Midland right-handed starter Raul Alcantara was placed on the disabled list on Wednesday, retroactive to June 19. Catcher Carson Blair was activated from the disabled list. … The RockHounds will wrap up their 13-game, 12-day home stand with a four-game series against the San Antonio Missions, who come in for the first game at 7 p.m. today. … Frisco left fielder Joe Jackson is related to "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, who is one of the greatest hitters of all time and was a member of the infamous Chicago "Black Sox" team that allegedly threw the 1919 World Series against the Cincinnati Reds.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: San Antonio - RHP T.J. Weir (2-2, 5.85); Midland - RHP Daniel Gossett (0-2, 3.32)

TL standings

First Half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield (Cardinals)	41	31	.571	—
Tulsa (Dodgers)	39	32	.551	1½
Arkansas (Angels)	32	40	.437	9½
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	31	41	.437	9½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi (Astros)	48	24	.662	—
Frisco (Rangers)	39	32	.551	8
Midland (Athletics)	34	38	.471	13½
San Antonio (Padres)	23	49	.324	24

Wednesday's Scores
San Antonio 2, Corpus Christi 1, 13 innings
Northwest Arkansas 8, Arkansas 6
Midland 2, Frisco 1, 10 innings
Tulsa 8, Springfield 6, 10 innings

Today's Games
San Antonio at Midland, 7:00 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Arkansas at Springfield, 7:10 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 2, ROUGHRIDERS 1, 10 INNINGS

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Beck rf	5	0	1	0	Barreto	5	1	2	0
Ibanez 2b	5	0	1	0	Sportman cf	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	0
Cordell cf	4	0	0	0	Rosa dh	[illegible]	0	2	1
Guzman 1b	4	1	2	1	Vertigan pr	0	1	0	0
Jackson lf	3	0	0	0	Marincov rf	[illegible]	0	0	0
Garia lf	0	0	0	0	Taylor c	2	0	0	0
Burg dh	4	0	[illegible]	0	Chapman 3b	5	0	0	0
Deglan c	4	0	0	0	Rodriguez 1b	4	0	1	1
Trunfel ss	4	0	2	0	Munoz ss	4	0	1	0
Silva 3b	3	0	0	0	Oh lf	4	0	1	0
Totals	36	1	6	1	Totals	33	2	8	2

Frisco 0001000000 —1
Midland 000010000 1—2

E - Frisco 1, Midland 1. DP - Midland 1. LOB - Frisco 7, Midland 13. 2B - Ibanez (2). HR - Guzman (10). SB - Vertigan (1). CS - Barreto (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Frisco						
Mendez	4 2	5	1	1	3	2
Perez	2 2	2	0	0	2	0
Fasola	1 2	1	0	0	0	2
Slack L 2-3	0 0	0	1	1	3	0
Richman	0 1	0	0	0	1	0
Midland						
Bracewell	5 0	3	1	1	1	1
Bragg	3 0	0	0	0	0	2
Avila W 2-2	1 0	1	0	0	1	1

Slack pitched to three batters in the 10th.
WP - Mendez, Avila.
T - 3:11. A - 3,084.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

WHITE SOX 8
RED SOX 6

BOSTON — Brett Lawrie hit a go-ahead homer in the eighth inning after Melky Cabrera had a tying, two-run shot to lift Chicago.

The White Sox have won the first three games of a four-game series.

Dan Jennings (3-1) got four outs for the win. Zach Duke got the final three for his first save and third of his career.

Cabrera tied it with a drive into Chicago's bullpen off Koji Uehara (2-3).

INDIANS 6
RAYS 1

CLEVELAND — Trevor Bauer threw a three-hitter for his second career complete game, Jason Kipnis hit a two-run homer and Cleveland got its sixth straight win.

Bauer (5-2) struck out 10, walked one and allowed only one runner past second base. It was the second straight three-hitter for the Indians, following Corey Kluber's in a 6-0 win over the Rays on Tuesday.

Kipnis' homer highlighted a three-run first inning off Chris Archer (4-10). Carlos Santana drove in two runs while Jose Ramirez and Francisco Lindor also had RBIs.

TIGERS 5
MARINERS 1

DETROIT — Steven Moya homered twice, and Detroit withstood a shaky fifth inning from right-hander Michael Fulmer.

Miguel Cabrera also went deep for Detroit, and reliever Kyle Ryan (2-2) helped the Tigers stay comfortably ahead after Fulmer went through some control problems in the fifth.

Hisashi Iwakuma (6-6) allowed five runs and 11 hits in 4 2/3 innings. The Mariners have lost five straight.

Interleague

BREWERS 4
ATHLETICS 2

OAKLAND, Calif. — Scooter Gennett and Kirk Nieuwenhuis homered to back Junior Guerra's first victory in more than a month, and Milwaukee earned a split of its quick two-game interleague series against Oakland.

Guerra (4-1) struck out eight over seven innings while facing the A's for the first time in his career. Tyler Thornburg finished for his second save.

A's starter Daniel Mengden (0-3) struck out nine in his third career start.

ORIOLES 7
PADRES 2

BALTIMORE — Ubaldo Jimenez interrupted his exile to the bullpen with a sharp performance in a starting role, and Baltimore got its 1,000th win at Camden Yards.

Mark Trumbo and Ryan Flaherty homered for the first-place Orioles, who also got two RBIs from Matt Wieters.

Jimenez (4-7) gave up two runs and four hits in six innings, walking three and striking out seven. The right-hander lost his spot in the rotation earlier this month after a series of poor outings, including a clunker in Toronto on June 12 in which he yielded five runs and got only one out.

But Jimenez received this spot start after Mike Wright was demoted to the minors, and he overcame a shaky first inning to show some of the prowess the Orioles expected when they signed him to a four-year, $50 million contract in 2014.

Erik Johnson (0-3) allowed six runs and nine hits, including two homers, in four innings.

BLUE JAYS 5
DIAMONDBACKS 2

TORONTO — Russell Martin hit a three-run homer, Edwin Encarnacion and Troy Tulowitzki added solo shots and Toronto snapped Arizona's five-game winning streak.

J.A. Happ (9-3) won his third straight start and maintained his streak of never having given up more than two earned runs in his fifth start against the Diamondbacks, who left nine runners on base. Roberto Osuna picked up his 14th save.

Robbie Ray (4-6) lasted 5 1/3 innings, giving up four hits and four earned runs with eight strikeouts.

METS 4
ROYALS 3

NEW YORK — Matt Reynolds snapped a sixth-inning tie with his first major league home run, leading Noah Syndergaard and New York past Kansas City a two-game sweep in their World Series rematch.

Asdrubal Cabrera homered for the second straight day and scored with an acrobatic slide to help Syndergaard (8-2) win his sixth consecutive decision. The only bad news for banged-up New York was another injury, this one to Yoenis Cespedes.

The star slugger had two hits and a walk, including a double off the center-field wall, but was removed in the sixth because of discomfort in his left wrist.

Cheslor Cuthbert homered for the Royals, who had won eight of nine when they arrived at Citi Field. Joakim Soria (3-3) took the loss for Kansas City.

Addison Reed pitched the eighth, setting up Jeurys Familia for his major league-leading 24th save.

National League

CARDINALS 7
CUBS 2

CHICAGO — Michael Wacha pitched into the seventh inning for his first win in nearly two months and St. Louis waited out Jake Arrieta before roughing up Chicago's bullpen in a victory over the Cubs.

Aledmys Diaz hit a two-run home run, and Matt Carpenter had a two-run double in a five-run sixth after Arrieta (11-2) left the game. The Cardinals won their eighth straight road game — their longest streak since 1982 — and completed their first three-game sweep at Wrigley Field since 1988.

Arrieta was charged with two runs — one earned — and four hits in five innings as he struggled with control (four walks) and pitch count (106).

Wacha (3-7) allowed two hits until rookie Willson Contreras' one-out, two-run homer in the seventh ended his day as he snapped a seven-game skid.

KORN

From 1C

Manaea — who has made nine starts with Oakland this season — from the Kansas City Royals in the Ben Zobrist trade was an important factor in the RockHounds' second half surge last year.

Oakland once again has a couple of prime trade candidates who will likely find new teams before the MLB's Aug. 1 trade deadline. Infielder Danny Valencia, veteran left-handed starter and curveball aficionado Rich Hill and perhaps even ace Sonny Gray, could be on the move soon.

Those deals could potentially bring in some fresh and exciting talent into the A's system and maybe even into Midland. And from there, who knows what might happen?

Stay tuned.

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MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	41	30	.577	—
Boston	39	32	.549	2
Toronto	40	34	.541	2½
New York	35	36	.493	6
Tampa Bay	31	39	.443	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	41	30	.577	—
Kansas City	38	33	.535	3
Detroit	37	35	.514	4½
Chicago	36	36	.500	5½
Minnesota	22	48	.314	18½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	47	26	.644	—
Houston	37	36	.507	10
Seattle	36	36	.500	10½
Los Angeles	31	41	.431	15½
Oakland	29	42	.408	17

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	43	29	.597	—
New York	38	32	.543	4
Miami	38	34	.528	5
Philadelphia	30	42	.417	13
Atlanta	24	47	.338	18½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	47	23	.671	—
St. Louis	38	33	.535	9½
Pittsburgh	34	38	.472	14
Milwaukee	32	40	.444	16
Cincinnati	28	44	.389	20

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	46	27	.630	—
Los Angeles	40	33	.548	6
Colorado	34	37	.479	11
Arizona	34	40	.459	12½
San Diego	30	43	.411	16

Scores & schedule

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores
N.Y. Yankees 9, Colorado 8
N.Y. Mets 4, Kansas City 3
Houston 3, L.A. Angels 2
Milwaukee 4, Oakland 2
Toronto 5, Arizona 2
Baltimore 7, San Diego 2
Chicago White Sox 8, Boston 6
Cleveland 6, Tampa Bay 1
Detroit 5, Seattle 1
Texas 6, Cincinnati 4
Philadelphia at Minnesota, late

Today's Games
Philadelphia (Eickhoff 4-9) at Minnesota (Milone 0-1), 12:10 p.m.
Seattle (Sampson 0-1) at Detroit (Norris 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Shields 2-9) at Boston (Porcello 8-2), 12:35 p.m.
Oakland (Graveman 2-6) at L.A. Angels (Lincecum 1-0), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores
Miami 3, Atlanta 0
N.Y. Yankees 9, Colorado 8
N.Y. Mets 4, Kansas City 3
St. Louis 7, Chicago Cubs 2
Milwaukee 4, Oakland 2
Toronto 5, Arizona 2
Baltimore 7, San Diego 2
San Francisco 7, Pittsburgh 6
Texas 6, Cincinnati 4
Philadelphia at Minnesota, late
Washington at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games
San Francisco (Suarez 2-1) at Pittsburgh (Niese 6-4), 11:35 a.m.
Philadelphia (Eickhoff 4-9) at Minnesota (Milone 0-1), 12:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lester 9-3) at Miami (Chen 4-2), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 4-9) at Atlanta (Wisler 3-7), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Friedrich 3-2) at Cincinnati (Lamb 1-4), 6:10 p.m.
Arizona (Greinke 10-3) at Colorado (Butler 2-4), 7:40 p.m.

Texas Boxes

RANGERS 6, REDS 4

Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Cozart ss	5	0	1	0	Choo rf	3	2	1	1
Hmilton cf	5	0	1	0	Odor 2b	3	1	1	0
Philips 2b	4	0	0	0	Mazara lf	3	1	0	0
Bruce rf	4	2	2	0	Beltre 3b	4	1	1	1
Duvall lf	2	1	1	1	Fielder dh	3	0	1	2
E.Sarez 3b	4	1	2	3	Rua cf	2	0	0	0
D.Jesus 1b	4	0	0	0	Desmond cf	1	1	1	1
Brnhart c	3	0	0	0	Mreland 1b	3	0	0	1
Peraza dh	4	0	1	0	Andrus ss	3	0	0	0
					Chrinos c	3	0	0	0
Totals	35	4	8	4	Totals	28	6	5	6

Cincinnati 000 001 030— 4
Texas 000 400 11x— 6

E—De Jesus (2). LOB—Cincinnati 8, Texas 1. 2B—Bruce 2 (17). HR—E.Suarez (14), Choo (2), Desmond (12). SB—E.Suarez (5), Peraza (4). CS—Odor (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
Straily L,4-4	6	3	4	4	2	3
Hoover	1	1	1	1	0	2
Cingrani	1	1	1	1	0	0
Texas						
Hamels W,8-1	6	5	1	1	2	8
Bush H,9	1	0	0	0	1	1
Diekman	1	2	3	3	1	2
Dyson S,15-16	1	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Straily (Odor).
T—2:38. A—32,407 (48,114).

ASTROS 3, ANGELS 2

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Y.Escbr 3b	5	0	2	1	Sprnger dh	3	1	1	0
Calhoun rf	5	0	3	1	Ma.Gnzl 1b	4	1	1	1
Trout dh	4	0	0	0	Altuve 2b	2	1	1	1
Cron 1b	3	0	0	0	Correa ss	4	0	1	1
J.Marte lf	4	0	0	0	Col.Rsm rf-lf	4	0	1	0
Nava lf	0	0	0	0	Vlbuena 3b	3	0	0	0
Gvtella 2b	4	0	0	0	C.Gomez cf	3	0	0	0
A.Smmns ss	4	0	0	0	J.Cstro c	3	0	1	0
Bandy c	4	1	3	0	T.Kemp lf	3	0	2	0
S.Rbnsn cf	3	1	2	0	Mrsnick rf	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	2	10	2	Totals	29	3	8	3

Los Angeles 001 000 001—2
Houston 000 001 02x—3

DP—Los Angeles 2. LOB—Los Angeles 10, Houston 5. 2B—Calhoun (13), Correa (11), Col. Rasmus (10), J.Castro (7). 3B—Ma.Gonzalez (1). HR—Altuve (12). SB—Calhoun (2), S.Robinson (2). CS—T.Kemp (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Shoemaker L,3-8	7 1-3	8	3	3	1	7
Bedrosian	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
McCullers	5 2-3	6	1	1	3	6
Neshek	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Feldman	1	1	0	0	0	0
Gregerson W,2-1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Harris S,6-6	1	3	1	1	0	0

HBP—by Shoemaker (Springer). WP—McCullers.
T—3:09. A—29,649 (42,060).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

INDIANS 6, RAYS 1
Tampa Bay 000 000 100 —1 3 0
Cleveland 300 100 20x —6 9 1
Archer, Andriese (7), Garton (8) and Casali; Bauer and Gimenez. W—Bauer 5-2. L—Archer 4-10. HRs—Cleveland, Kipnis (9).

TIGERS 5, MARINERS 1
Seattle 000 010 000 —1 3 0
Detroit 120 110 00x —5 12 0
Iwakuma, Montgomery (5) and Clevenger; Fulmer, Ryan (5), Greene (7), Wilson (8), F.Rodriguez (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—Ryan 2-2. L—Iwakuma 6-6. HRs—Detroit, Cabrera (16), Moya 2 (3).

WHITE SOX 8, RED SOX 6
Chicago 101 002 031 —8 10 0
Boston 004 002 000 —6 13 1
Quintana, Albers (6), Da.Jennings (6), Ynoa (8), Duke (9) and Navarro; E.Rodriguez, Tazawa (7), Uehara (8), Hembree (8), Ross Jr. (9) and Leon. W—Da.Jennings 3-1. L—Uehara 2-3. Sv—Duke (1). HRs—Chicago, Lawrie (8), Frazier (21), Cabrera (7). Boston, Ramirez (6).

INTERLEAGUE

METS 4, ROYALS 3
Kansas City 000 021 000 —3 9 0
New York 000 121 00x —4 6 0
Duffy, Soria (5), Flynn (7), Herrera (8) and Perez; Syndergaard, Blevins (7), Reed (8), Familia (9) and R.Rivera. W—Syndergaard 8-2. L—Soria 3-3. Sv—Familia (24). HRs—Kansas City, Cuthbert (5). New York, Reynolds (1), Cabrera (8).

YANKEES 9, ROCKIES 8
Colorado 002 330 000 —8 9 1
New York 040 000 401 —9 10 1
Gray, Lyles (5), Logan (7), M.Castro (7), Germen (8), Motte (9) and Hundley; Sabathia, Swarzak (5), Betances (7), A.Miller (8), Chapman (9) and McCann. W—Chapman 1-0. L—Motte 0-1. HRs—Colorado, Hundley (4), Raburn (7). New York, Castro (10), Beltran (19), Headley (4).

BREWERS 4, ATHLETICS 2
Milwaukee 000 030 010 —4 13 0
Oakland 000 100 100 —2 5 1
Guerra, W.Smith (8), Thornburg (8) and Maldonado; Mengden, F.Rodriguez (7), Hendriks (8), Rzepczynski (8), Axford (9) and Phegley, Vogt. W—Guerra 4-1. L—Mengden 0-3. Sv—Thornburg (2). HRs—Milwaukee, Nieuwenhuis (3), Gennett (7). Oakland, Crisp (6).

BLUE JAYS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 2
Arizona 001 100 000 —2 8 0
Toronto 300 002 00x —5 5 1
Ray, Godley (6), Delgado (8) and Castillo; Happ, Floyd (6), Storen (7), Grilli (8), Osuna (9) and R.Martin. W—Happ 9-3. L—Ray 4-6. Sv—Osuna (14). HRs—Toronto, Martin (6), Encarnacion (19), Tulowitzki (10).

ORIOLES 7, PADRES 2
San Diego 100 010 000 —2 5 1
Baltimore 011 131 00x —7 11 0
E.Johnson, Villanueva (5), Thornton (7), Maurer (8) and Bethancourt; Jimenez, Brach (7), Britton (9) and Wieters. W—Jimenez 4-7. L—E.Johnson 0-5. HRs—Baltimore, Trumbo (21), Flaherty (3).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MARLINS 3, BRAVES 0
Atlanta 000 000 000 —0 6 0
Miami 030 000 00x —3 9 0
Gant, Krol (6), Jenkins (8) and Flowers, Pierzynski; Conley, Ramos (9) and Mathis. W—Conley 4-4. L—Gant 1-2. Sv—Ramos (23). HRs—Miami, Bour (12).

CARDINALS 7, CUBS 2
St. Louis 000 025 000 —7 9 0
Chicago 000 000 200 —2 3 1
Wacha, Maness (7), Lyons (8), Broxton (9) and Molina; Arrieta, Grimm (6), Edwards (6), Patton (8) and Montero, Contreras. W—Wacha 3-7. L—Arrieta 11-2. HRs—St. Louis, Diaz (9). Chicago, Contreras (2).

GIANTS 7, PIRATES 6
San Francisco 010 123 000 —7 12 1
Pittsburgh 231 000 000 —6 10 0
Samardzija, Law (4), Strickland (6), Osich (6), Gearrin (8), Casilla (9) and Posey; Liriano, Hughes (6), Feliz (7), Watson (8), Lobstein (9) and Stewart, Kratz. W—Law 3-1. L—Hughes 0-1. Sv—Casilla (15). HRs—Pittsburgh, Kang (10), Jaso (4), Polanco (10).

Shoemaker has another good start but Astros beat Angels 3-2

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Matt Shoemaker has just one win in his past seven starts despite posting a 2.09 ERA.

The Los Angeles Angels are impressed with the way he's bounced back after a tough start to the season and hope that eventually his improvement will lead to more wins.

Shoemaker allowed eight hits and three runs in 7 1/3 innings for his third straight loss, 3-2 to the Houston Astros on Wednesday.

"He's making pitches, he's bringing everything into the game, he's pitching extraordinary baseball we just haven't given him the run support," manager Mike Scioscia said.

"I think that also highlights how well he's pitching that he's been pitching so deep in games and in close games without the support that would help him to relax and make some pitches."

Shoemaker said it's frustrating to pitch well and not earn any wins, but he's encouraged by how he's feeling on the mound.

"I'm in a good place," he said. "I want to go out there the rest of this year and hopefully the rest of my career and pitch like this."

Jose Altuve homered and Marwin Gonzalez's tiebreaking RBI triple in the eighth inning helped the Astros to the victory.

George Springer singled with one out before Gonzalez hit a towering fly ball just to the right of straightaway center field off Shoemaker (3-8).

Shane Robinson sprinted up Tal's Hill to grab it, but it sailed just out of his reach before Robinson crashed into the padded wall, allowing Springer to score and make it 2-1.

The hill was supposed to be removed this offseason, but the construction was pushed back indefinitely.

Scioscia is not a fan of it.

"(It's) absolutely a safety thing, there's no doubt," Scioscia said. "I just think if you go talk to anybody there's absolutely not a player in baseball that wouldn't say get that thing out of there. So I hope they do."

Houston added an insurance run on a groundout by Carlos Correa in the eighth.

Will Harris allowed a run-scoring single by Kole Calhoun with one out in the ninth, but Yunel Escobar was out at second on the play. Harris then retired Mike Trout for his sixth save. Luke Gregerson (2-1) struck out one in a scoreless eighth for the win.

Escobar's RBI single gave the Angels a 1-0 lead in the third and Altuve's homer tied it in the sixth.

The Astros are beginning to heat up after a poor start, and have won seven of the past eight games and 20 of their past 28.

LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

2016 Little League District 3 Tournaments
Dates and times subject to change
9-11 Year Old Division
at Floyd Gwin Park, West County Road and Park Avenue, Odessa

Saturday, June 18
Game 1: Mid City 15, Sherwood 0
Game 2: Northern-2 15, Tower 6
Game 3: Big Spring 3, Jim Parker 1
Winner's bracket second round
Game 4: Northern-1 19, North Ector 3
Sunday, June 19
Game 5: Mid City 20, Andrews 3
Game 6: Floyd Gwin 9, Northern-2 4
Game 7: Big Spring 24, Eastern 19
Loser's bracket first round
Game 8: North Ector 9, Tower 6
Monday, June 20
Game 9: Jim Parker 10, Andrews 9
Game 10: Eastern 10, Sherwood 0
Winners bracket quarterfinals
Game 13: Northern-1 10, vs. Mid City 8
Game 14: Floyd Gwin 8, Big Spring 3
Tuesday, June 21
Loser's bracket second round
Game 11: North Ector 14, Jim Parker, 12
Game 12: Northern-2 15, Eastern 3
Winners bracket semifinal
Game 17: Northern-1 12, Floyd Gwin 1
Wednesday, June 22
Loser's bracket third round
Game 16: Big Spring 19, North Ector 3
Game 15: Mid City 13, Northern-2 3
Thursday, June 23
Loser's bracket semifinal
Game 18: Mid City vs. Big Spring, Field 1, 7 p.m.
Friday, June 24
Loser's bracket final
Game 19: Game 17 loser vs. Game 18 winner, Field 1, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 25
Championship
Game 20: Game 17 winner vs. Game 19 winner, Field 1, 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 26
If necessary game
Game 21: Game 20 winner vs. Game 20 loser, Field 1, 7 p.m.

10-12 year olds
at Butler Park, 4001 Bluebird Lane
Saturday, June 18
Game 1: Floyd Gwin 6, Sherwood 3
Game 2: Mid City 12, Eastern 2
Game 3: Northern 18, North Ector 2
Game 4: Big Spring 11, Tower 7
Sunday, June 19
Winner's bracket quarterfinal
Game 5: Floyd Gwin 11, Mid City 10
Game 6: Northern 12, Big Spring 5
Loser's bracket
Game 7: Eastern 11, Sherwood 7
Game 8: North Ector 7, Tower 6
Monday, June 20
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 11: Northern 13, Floyd Gwin 0
Loser's bracket second round
Game 9: Big Spring 12, Eastern 10
Game 10: Mid City 10, North Ector 9
Tuesday, June 21
Loser's bracket final
Game 12: Mid City 13, Big Spring 3
Wednesday, June 22
Game 13: Mid City 9, Floyd Gwin 8
Thursday, June 23
Championship
Game 14: Northern vs. Mid City, Field 1, 7 p.m.
Friday, June 24
If necessary
Game 15: Game 14 winner vs. Game 14 loser, Field 1, 7 p.m.

11-12 Year Old Division
at Roy Anderson Sports Complex, 1700 W. Interstate 20, Big Spring
Saturday, June 18
Game 1: Northern 12, Mid City 2
Game 2: Big Spring 8, Eastern 4
Game 3: Floyd Gwin 12, Sherwood 0
Game 4: Tower 11, Andrews 1
Sunday, June 19
Game 5: Northern 12, Jim Parker 7
Loser's bracket
Game 6: Mid City 20, Eastern 12
Monday, June 20
Winner's bracket quarterfinal
Game 9: Floyd Gwin 11, Big Spring 3
Game 10: Tower 9, Northern 5
Loser's bracket second round
Game 8: Mid City 3, Sherwood 2
Game 7: Jim Parker 15, Andrews 7
Tuesday, June 21
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 13: Floyd Gwin 14, Tower 0
Loser's bracket third round
Game 12: Mid City 10, Northern 0
Game 11: Big Spring 4, Jim Parker 2
Wednesday, June 22
Loser's bracket semifinal
Game 14: Big Spring 13, Mid City 11
Thursday, June 23
Loser's bracket final
Game 15: Tower vs. Big Spring, 7 p.m.
Friday, June 24
Championship
Game 16: Floyd Gwin vs. Game 15 winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 25
If necessary game
Game 17: Game 16 winner vs. Game 16 loser, 7 p.m.

McIlroy opts out of Rio Olympics over Zika concerns

By Steve Douglas
Associated Press

Golfer Rory McIlroy became one of the most high-profile sports stars to opt out of the Rio de Janeiro Olympics because of concerns about the Zika virus, saying Wednesday it is "a risk I am unwilling to take."

"After speaking with those closest to me, I've come to realize that my health and my family's health comes before anything else," the four-time major winner said in a statement released by his management company.

The 27-year-old McIlroy said this month that he and his fiancee, Erica Stoll, may consider starting a family "in the next couple of years." Zika is a mosquito-borne virus which has been linked to severe birth defects and possible neurological problems in adults.

"Even though the risk of infection from the Zika virus is considered low," McIlroy said, "it is a risk nonetheless and a risk I am unwilling to take."

The fourth-ranked McIlroy was scheduled to play for Ireland as golf makes its return to the Olympics for the first time since 1904.

The Olympic Council of Ireland (OCI) said it was "extremely disappointed" not to have McIlroy on its team.

"However, as we have always said, it is down to the individual and of course we respect his decision, which he has taken for personal reasons," the OCI said in a statement.

Next in line for the Irish would be Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland, whose wife is expecting their second child about two weeks after the Olympics. If he chooses not to play, the spot would fall to Padraig Harrington.

Marc Leishman of Australia and Charl Schwartzel of South Africa are golfers to have already pulled out of the Olympic tournament specifically because of Zika. Leishman cited concerns over the health of his family — his wife, Audrey, nearly died last year from toxic shock syndrome — while Schwartzel has said he and his wife intend to have more children and the risk of getting the virus is too great.

American cyclist Tejay van Garderen is another sportsman to cite Zika as the reason behind not going to Rio. Basketball star Stephen Curry has dropped out of the games, not specifically citing Zika but noting that "other factors" played a role in the decision.

Associated Press

Rory McIlroy watches his tee shot on the ninth hole during the rain delayed second round of the U.S. Open golf championship at Oakmont Country Club, in Oakmont, Pa., on June 18.

NHL coming to Las Vegas; new team to start play in 2017

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The NHL is making a big bet on Las Vegas.

The league will expand to Las Vegas for the 2017-18 season after awarding its 31st franchise to billionaire businessman Bill Foley on Wednesday. Commissioner Gary Bettman announced the decision after the league's board of governors met on a 109-degree day and unanimously voted to put an ice hockey team in the Mojave Desert's gambling mecca.

"We think this is a tremendously exciting opportunity, not just for Las Vegas, but for the league as well," Bettman said, calling Las Vegas "a vibrant, growing, global destination city."

Foley will pay $500 million to the NHL's other owners as an expansion fee. The new team will play in T-Mobile Arena, the $375 million building that opened just off the Las Vegas Strip in April.

The NHL is expanding for the first time since 2000, when Minnesota and Columbus each paid $80 million to join the league.

With nearly 2.2 million people in the last census, Las Vegas is the largest population center in the U.S. without a team in the major professional sports. Vegas was an economic boomtown in the previous decade, and the NHL is betting that its slowed growth hasn't curbed the city's appetite for sports and spectacles.

"We want everyone to be a fan," Foley said. "We're dedicated to it. We'll leave no stone unturned in our dedication, in our pursuit of hockey for Las Vegas, not only for our team, but for the community."

The NHL is also confident in the ownership group led by Foley, a financial services tycoon who mounted a strong bid for ownership along with minority partners Joe and Gavin Maloof, the former owners of the NBA's Sacramento Kings.

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> **Bill Foley,** businessman

Foley's bid had the enormous advantage of an NHL-ready arena built with private funding and eager for a flagship tenant. Foley has already accepted more than 14,000 season ticket deposits and sold out all 44 suites in the 17,500-seat rink built by MGM Resorts International and Anschutz Entertainment Group, which owns the Los Angeles Kings.

"We won't sell out every game with season ticket holders, but I believe it's going to be 85 percent, 90 percent (filled by season ticket holders)," Foley said.

The new franchise will be stocked by an expansion draft that will be more favorable than previous drafts, theoretically allowing the Vegas franchise to become competitive more quickly. They'll play in the Pacific Division, the home of the league's three California teams and the Arizona Coyotes.

Although ice doesn't last long in the desert, Las Vegas has had an appetite for hockey since the Kings and New York Rangers played a memorable outdoor exhibition game here in 1991. The IHL's Las Vegas Thunder sometimes drew more fans than UNLV's beloved basketball team at the Thomas and Mack Arena in the 1990s, and the Minnesota Wild's Jason Zucker leads a handful of locals who went on to hockey careers.

The endurance of that appetite will depend on Foley's ability to keep fans excited about the newest show in town, but the NHL seems confident it's getting in early to a growing market. Foley announced plans to devote considerable resources to building community interest in youth hockey, including a team training complex that will be "open to all."

Sports leagues once rejected the city outright due to concerns about corruption from Vegas' massive sports betting economy, but the NHL and the NFL no longer share those worries, with Bettman calling his sport "less susceptible" to gambling interests due to the small volume of bets placed on hockey. Oakland Raiders owner Mark Davis is interested in partnering with Vegas interests to build an enormous domed football stadium for his team.

Bettman also announced that an expansion bid from Quebec City was "deferred."

While Bettman strongly praised the bid's preparations and the city's devotion to hockey, concerns about the small market, the Canadian dollar's fluctuation and the league's resulting geographical imbalance prompted the governors to go with Las Vegas alone.

Foley hasn't decided on a nickname or logo for his team, but an announcement could be made in the next few weeks. The choice could be the Black Knights, a name that has special meaning to Foley, a West Point graduate.

"I love Black Knights," Foley said. "I'm an Army guy, but maybe that's not the right name for the team at this time. We're going to work through the league."

Former NBA MVP Derrick Rose traded from Bulls to Knicks

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Knicks acquired Derrick Rose from the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday, hoping the former NBA MVP can be their answer at point guard.

The Knicks sent center Robin Lopez and guards Jose Calderon and Jerian Grant to the Bulls in the deal. New York also received guard Justin Holiday and a 2017 second-round pick, and waived point guard Tony Wroten.

Rose

New coach Jeff Hornacek said recently the Knicks needed a point guard and Rose was one of the NBA's best before multiple knee injuries slowed the former No. 1 pick's career. He played in 66 games last season, his most in five years, and averaged 16.4 points.

"This is an exciting day for New York and our fans," Hornacek said in a statement. "Derrick is one of the top point guards in the NBA who is playoff battle-tested. He adds a whole new dynamic to our roster and immediately elevates our backcourt."

After missing the playoffs in a disappointing first season under Fred Hoiberg, the Bulls decided to move on without the hometown kid they selected with the top pick in the 2008 draft.

It seemed a perfect fit when Rose led Chicago to the top of the Eastern Conference in the 2010-11 regular season, earning MVP honors and leading the franchise to success it hadn't enjoyed since Michael Jordan.

But he wrecked his knee for the first time in the playoffs the following year and no longer has the speed that once made him one of the league's most dazzling young stars and a seemingly perennial All-Star.

"Knowing Derrick as I do makes this trade a hard one," Bulls Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said. "Everyone knows him as the local kid who became MVP for his hometown team, but not everyone got to know him like I did. While he is a terrific basketball player, he is an even better person with a tremendous heart."

Rose hasn't been back to the All-Star Game since 2012 and has often had trouble just playing in the real games. He sat out all of the 2012-13 season, made it back for 10 games in 2013-14 and appeared in a little more than half the Bulls' games in 2014-15.

Still, he could be worth the risk for a Knicks team that has struggled to generate offense.

The veteran Calderon and Grant, a first-round pick last year, were on the roster of a team that started well but faltered badly in the second half on the way to a 32-50 season. Rose is expected to be an upgrade as the team transitions from the triangle offense to a quicker attack under Hornacek.

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thinks they're looking in the wrong place.

"People have spent a lot of time this past season trying to break his game down in a negative way, taking a lot of unnecessary shots at him," Jones said. "And I'm glad at the end of the day, his performance at LSU, his growth there, the decisions he made as he continued to grow as a basketball player, has put him in a situation where he's going to be the No. 1 player taken in the draft."

Simmons insists he doesn't actually know if he will go first, but Madison Ave. seems convinced. Simmons has already inked a sneaker deal with Nike and will be the feature of a Showtime documentary film called "ONE & DONE" that will debut in October, just before Simmons debuts in the NBA.

That could be in the uniform of the 76ers, who went 10-72 in their third straight dismal season. Simmons didn't work out for Philadelphia until Tuesday but there was familiarity with him long ago, as 76ers coach Brett Brown coached Simmons' father in Australia. Simmons said Brown told him that someday he might play in the NBA.

And Simmons said he would be happy doing it for Brown, even though his delay in meeting with the 76ers created speculation that he hoped to scare Philadelphia from taking him so he would fall to second and get to play in Los Angeles for the Lakers. But Simmons said that was never true.

"Definitely not, just because I want to be the best player," he said. "There's only one No. 1 pick of the year."

Duke's Brandon Ingram is the other player mentioned for that spot and also worked out for the 76ers. But even with whatever questions there are about Simmons' skills — he took only three 3-pointers, making one — he grades higher in the eyes of many talent evaluators.

"He's incredibly productive. They just don't make guys like that very often that have that kind of size and skill level," ESPN analyst Jay Bilas said. "He's not perfect, he doesn't shoot it the way you would hope he would. In every other area he's the best in the draft."

NBA DRAFT ORDER

Today, Brooklyn, N.Y.
FIRST ROUND

1. Philadelphia
2. LA Lakers
3. Boston (from Brooklyn)
4. Phoenix
5. Minnesota
6. New Orleans
7. Denver (from New York)
8. Sacramento
9. Toronto (from Denver via New York)
10. Milwaukee
11. Orlando
12. Utah
13. Phoenix (from Washington)
14. Chicago
15. Denver (from Houston)
16. Boston (from Dallas)
17. Memphis
18. Detroit
19. Denver (from Portland)
20. Indiana
21. Atlanta
22. Charlotte
23. Boston
24. Philadelphia (from Miami via Cleveland)
25. LA Clippers
26. Philadelphia (from Oklahoma City via Denver and Cleveland)
27. Toronto
28. Phoenix (from Cleveland via Boston)
29. San Antonio
30. Golden State

SECOND ROUND

31. Boston (from Philadelphia via Miami)
32. LA Lakers
33. LA Clippers (from Brooklyn)
34. Phoenix
35. Boston (from Minnesota via Phoenix)
36. Milwaukee (from New Orleans via Sacramento)
37. Houston (from New York via Sacramento and Portland)
38. Milwaukee
39. New Orleans (from Denver via Philadelphia)
40. New Orleans (from Sacramento)
41. Orlando
42. Utah
43. Houston
44. Atlanta (from Washington)
45. Boston (from Memphis via Dallas)
46. Dallas
47. Orlando (from Chicago)
48. Chicago (from Portland via Cleveland)
49. Detroit
50. Indiana
51. Boston (from Miami)
52. Utah (from Boston via Memphis)
53. Denver (from Charlotte via Oklahoma City)
54. Atlanta
55. Brooklyn (from LA Clippers)
56. Denver (from Oklahoma City)
57. Memphis (from Toronto)
58. Boston (from Cleveland)
59. Sacramento (from San Antonio)
60. Utah (from Golden State)

AUTO RACING GLANCE

NASCAR
SPRINT CUP
TOYOTA-SAVE MART 350

Site: Sonoma, California.
Schedule: Friday, practice (FS1, 2 p.m.); practice (FS1, 5:30 p.m.); Saturday, qualifying (FS1, 1:15 p.m.); Sunday, race, 2 p.m. (FS1).
Track: Sonoma Raceway (road, 1.99 miles).
Race distance: (218.9 miles, 110 laps)
Last year: Kyle Busch held off his brother Kurt for the victory, kicking off a stretch of four wins in five races that helped Kyle win the championship.
Last race: Joey Logano won for the first time in 2016 at Michigan. It was also the third straight top-10 finish for Logano.
Fast facts: The Sprint Cup visits its first road course of 2016 this weekend. There's no odds-on favorite at Sonoma given that 10 different drivers have won the last 11 races in Northern California. But series leader Kyle Busch won in Sonoma last year and is the only previous winner to place first there more than once. ... Tony Stewart, who is in desperate need of a win to make the Chase in his final season, is the current leader in road course wins with seven. ... Rookie Chase Elliott has come on the past two races, finishing fourth at Pocono and second at Michigan.
Next race: Coke Zero 400, July 2, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona, Florida.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

XFINITY

Last week: Sam Hornish Jr. won for the first time in two years in his first race of 2016 at Iowa.
Next week: Subway Firecracker 250, July 1, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona, Florida.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK
DRIVIN FOR LINEMEN 200

Site: Madison, Illinois
Schedule: Saturday, practice (8:30 a.m.), practice (FS1, 10:30 a.m.), qualifying (FS2, 4:45 p.m.), race, 7:30 p.m., FS1
Track: Gateway Motorsports Park (oval, 1.25 miles).
Race distance: 200 miles, 160 laps
Last year: Cole Custer, helped by a Matt Crafton crash and electrical problems with Erik Jones, won despite leading just 17 laps.
Last race: William Byron emerged after a furious finish for his third win in just nine career starts.
Fast facts: Custer, who finished second at Iowa, could use a repeat of last year's success at Gateway. Custer is winless in 2016 and is 14 points below the Chase cutline, but a victory this weekend would send him to the playoffs. ... Tyler Reddick spent six years living in Illinois, just 85 miles from Gateway, as a teenager before moving to Charlotte to pursue a career in NASCAR.
Next race: Buckle Up In Your Truck 225, July 7, Kentucky Speedway, Sparta, Kentucky.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

VERIZON INDYCAR
KOHLER GRAND PRIX

Site: Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin
Schedule: Friday, practice (NBCSN, 11 a.m.), practice (3 p.m.); Saturday, practice (11 a.m.), qualifying (NBCSN, 3 p.m.); Sunday, practice (8 a.m.), race, noon, NBCSN.
Track: Road America (road, 4.048 miles).
Race distance: 202.4 miles, 50 laps.
Last race: Sebastian Bourdais and Will Power kicked off June with wins at Belle Island.
Fast facts: The IndyCar series returns to Road America for the first time since 2007 this weekend. The series has held 26 races in Elkhart Lake since 1982. ... Only nine current IndyCar drivers have run at Road America. Bourdais leads that list with 92 laps led. He also won the last race held there in 2007 while in Champ Car. ... This weekend's race will be the seventh of nine so far on a road or street course.
Next race: Iowa Corn 300, July 10, Iowa Speedway, Newton, Iowa.
Online: http://www.indycar.com

FORMULA ONE

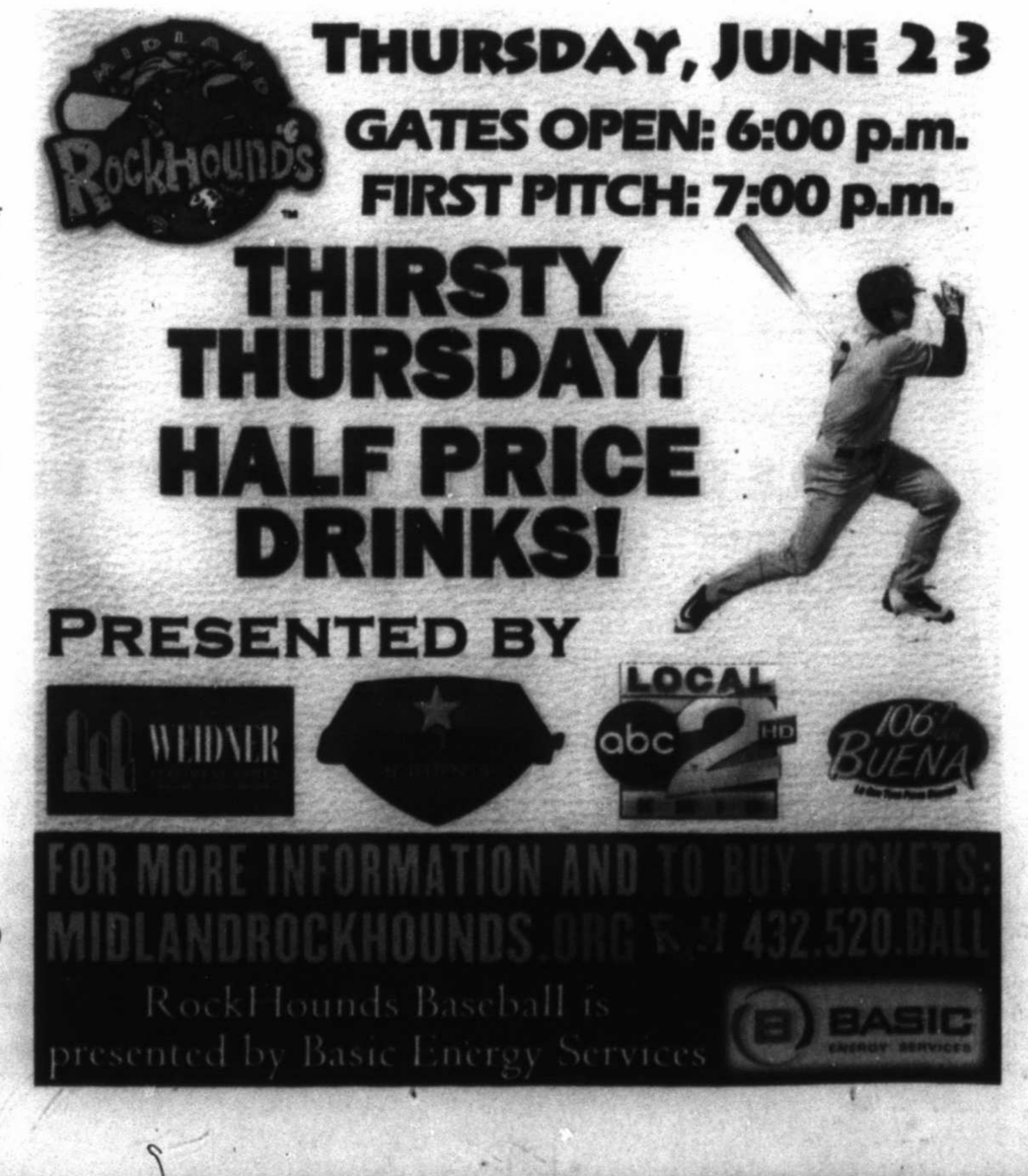
Last week: Nico Rosberg found himself back atop the podium in Baku, pushing his lead in the standings up to 24 points over Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton.
Next race: Grosser Pries Von Osterreich, Red Bull Ring, July 3, Spielberg, Austria.
Online: http://www.formula1.com

NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING
SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT NATIONALS

Site: Norwalk, Ohio.
Schedule: Friday, qualifying (4:45 p.m.), qualifying (7:30 p.m.); Saturday, qualifying (12:15 p.m.), qualifying (3 p.m.); Sunday, finals, 2:55 p.m.
Track: Summit Motorsports Park
Last year: Doug Kalitta beat Antron Brown in the finals. Kalitta wound up fifth in the point standings in 2015.
Last race: Shawn Langdon, in his first finals appearance of the season, beat Tony Schumacher at Thunder Valley.
Fast facts: Brown, who is second to Kalitta in the race for the championship, won at Ohio in 2014. But Kalitta has already matched his win total from 2015 with three so far. ... Tommy Johnson Jr. won last week in Funny Car to move to seventh in the standings.
Next race: Route 66 Nationals, July 7-10, Route 66 Raceway, Chicago.
Online: http://www.nhra.com

OTHER RACES

WORLD OF OUTLAWS: Wednesday, NAPA Auto Parts Outlaw Showdown, I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Nebraska; Friday, Jackson Motorplex, Jackson, Minnesota; Saturday, Jim Boyd Memorial, Beaver Dam Raceway, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.
Online: http://www.woosprint.com/



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THURSDAY PRIME TIME — JUNE 23, 2016

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	C	S	R	I	W	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	BattleBots "Robots Activate: Qualifying Round Begins" Thirty-two teams battle it out. (SP) (N)				Celebrity Family Feud		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Life in Pieces	Big Brother				Code Black "Black Tag"	CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A Griffith	A Griffith	Happy Days	Gilligan's Island	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Sausalito Sunrise"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Bones "The Stiff in the Cliff" (N)		Home Free "Holmes on the Ranch" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Lars Enarson	Zola Levitt Presents	Update News	HaYesod	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Hidden in Sight	Wings of Truth	Faith for Families	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Spartan "Premiere"		Spartan "No One Triumphs Alone" (N)		Aquarius "Revolution 1" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Daytripper	Arts in Context	Vicious		Beyond Pyramids "Cairo, Undercover"		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Sueño de amor		Un camino hacia el destino		Tres veces Ana		Yago		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto	Deportivo
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Fam. Feud	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX	340	575			165	(5:15)	Glengarry G...			★★★ Sling Blade Billy Bob Thornton.				(:15) ★★ The Gift Cate Blanchett.		(:10)	Trainspotting
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:15)	What Happ...	★★ Ted 2 ('15, Com) Seth MacFarlane.				Veep	Silicon	Game of Thrones		Wednes	Fight
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	★★ Spy ('15, Act/Com) Melissa McCarthy.				★★★ Jupiter Ascending Mila Kunis.				(:10) The Orgasm		(:10)	★★ Face/ Off
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(5:25)	The Intern Robert De Niro.	Vice		★★★ Independence Day ('96, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.				★★ Tropic Thunder			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Outcast		Outcast	(:50) Outcast		(:40)	★★ Gone Girl ('14, Myst) Rosamund Pike, Ben Affleck.				(:10)	★★ One Hour P...
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(4:45)	★★★ Titanic Leonardo DiCaprio.			★★★★ Children of Men		(:50)		★★ Blackhat ('14, Act) Viola Davis, Chris Hemsworth.			
PLEX			96			Movie	(:50)	★★ Leap of Faith Steve Martin.			(:40)	★★★ Chances Are				★★ Robin Cook's Terminal	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Movie	★ Meet the Hitlers ('14, Doc)			Penny Dreadful		Penny Dreadful		Gigolos	Gigolos	Penny Dreadful	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:30)	★★ N.Y.C. Und...			★★ Mindhunters ('04, Act) Elon Bailey.		★ The Seven Five (2015, Documentary)				★ Pound of Flesh	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Murder in Treme"		The First 48 "Blood on Bourbon"		The First 48 "Mother of Two" (N)		The First 48 "Closing Time/ Family Matters"		(:05) First 48 "Fast Friends/ The Thin Line"		(:05)	The First 48 "Blood on Bourbon"
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	★★ Hitch ('05, Com		Eva Mendes, Will Smith.				★★★ Bad Boys ('95, Act) Will Smith.					★★ Hitch
BET	58	-		40		(5:00)	106 & Park	BET Awards The BET Awards celebrate their15th anniversary.									Wendy Williams
BRAVO	65	76		41		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar (N)		Real Housewives		Watch (N)	Million Dollar List		Below
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Jay Leno's Garage		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed (N)		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Fast N' Loud		Street Outlaws (N)		To Be Announced		Street Outlaws (N)		Street Outlaws		Outlaws "Drag Week"	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	StuckMid	★★★ Finding Nemo			(:45) Bunk'd	Liv/Mad	(:35) Walk	Underc.	Girl M.	★ Gotta Kick It Up!	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Draft	NBA Draft	Up-to-date information about NBA drafts and trades in the search for new talent. (L)								SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Baseball Tonight (L)		NCAA Baseball Division I Tournament Site: TD Ameritrade Park (L)						SportsCenter		O.J. "Part Five"	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped "Fig Out"		Chopped		Chopped		Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(:15)	★★★ The Wedding Planner ('01, Rom) Jennifer Lopez.					Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Kim P.	Kim P.
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Texans-Huddle (N)	SportsDay OnAir (N)	Aggies Preview	WNBA Basketball San Antonio Silver Stars vs. Dallas Wings (L)				Preview	UIL Championship Spotlight "Softball"		Texans Huddle	SportsDay OnAir
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00)	★ The Croods	★ Hotel Transylvania Adam Sandler.						★ Hotel Transylvania Adam Sandler.			★★ White Chicks
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	Masters of Flip		FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House (N)	VintFlip	VintFlip	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Alone (N)		Alone (N)		(:05) Mountain Men		(:05) Mountain Men		(:05)	Alone
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Wives "Marlboro Man Murder"		Deadly Wives "Murder for Proffitt"		Deadly Wives "Acid Lady"		Deadly Wives "Craven for Murder"		Wives "Where There's a Will, There's a Way"		Deadly Wives "Murder for Proffitt"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				Diving Olympic Trials (L)				Gymnastics Olympic Trials Men's (L)				Diving Olympic Trials Semifinal			Gymnast.
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	★★ Zookeeper ('11, Com) Kevin James.				F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	(5:30)	★★★ Law Abiding Citizen			Lip Sync Battle		Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★★ Saw VI ('09, Hor) Tobin Bell.				★ Saw: The Final Chapter Tobin Bell.				★★★ Friday the 13th Jared Padalecki.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Wallet"	Seinf. "The Watch" 2/2	2 Broke G. "Pilot"	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Conan Liam Hemsworth		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00)	★ Latin Lovers	★★★★ West Side Story ('61, Mus) Natalie Wood.						(:45)	★★★★ The Music Man Robert Preston.		
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Eva, La Trailera		La esclava blanca		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	Titulares	La esclava blanca	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Gideon's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Marla's Story"		Extreme Weight Loss "Rachel" (N)		Fat Chance "Brian" (N)		My Big Fat Fabulous Life "Speechless"		Fat Chance "Brian"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Under the Gun"		★★★ The Green Mile (1999, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks. Death row guards form a relationship with an inmate who possesses extraordinary powers.								CSI: NY "Super Men"	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Conscience"		WWE Smackdown! in long-running rivalries.		WWE superstars do battle		Queen of the South "Piloto"		★★ 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003, Action) Tyrese Gibson, Eva Mendes, Paul Walker.			
WGN	19	85				Elementary "The One Percent Solution"		Elementary "Ears to You"		Element. "The Hound of the Cancer Cells"		Elementary		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Mother "Cupcake"

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4-0 loss shows gap between US and soccer's elite

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

■ ANALYSIS

HOUSTON — Minutes after Lionel Messi and Argentina had finished a 4-0 mauling of the United States in the Copa America semifinals, Jurgen Klinsmann was asked to assess the size of the gap between his team and soccer's elite and how long it will take to close it.

"Oh, that's a tough one," the coach said, smiling and chuckling. "I don't have that answer right now."

Having returned to the World Cup in 1990 after a 40-year absence, the U.S. is among only seven nations to have qualified for the sport's top tournament the last seven times, joined by Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Italy, South Korea and Spain. During the past four years, the Americans have won at Italy, Germany and the Netherlands.

But those are exhibitions. In matches that matter, the U.S. often remains outmatched.

Walking out of the stadium after Tuesday night's loss, the Americans looked wide-eyed and shell-shocked.

"We let them dictate the pace of the game. We let them get into a flow, and we weren't physical enough. I think we respected them a little too much," defender Geoff Cameron said. "We've played big teams before and we seemed to show well against them, but for some reason we didn't put our best foot forward tonight."

The U.S. has vastly improved over the last quarter-century, and Americans now are regulars with clubs in England, Germany, France and Mexico. But, as Klinsmann often points out, none of them is a starter with the big clubs who dominate the Champions League. And the high points for the national team over recent decades remain the 2002 World Cup second-round win over Mexico and the 2009 Confederations Cup semifinal victory over European champion Spain.

"Today is a good day to judge where we are in program overall," U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati said outside the locker room. "We're obviously a long way off. We knew that going in. But we knew we were a long way off when we beat Spain in 2009 or Germany or Holland last year."

American youth teams have not made great steps forward and have lagged behind other nations in rate of improvement. The U.S. under-23 team has failed to qualify for consecutive Olympics. The U-20 team has been a World Cup quarterfinalist just twice since 1993 and the U-17s haven't reached the quarterfinals since 2005.

Other than defenders DeAndre Yedlin and John Brooks, and midfielder Gyadi Zardes, all the American starters against Argentina will be 29 or older when the 2018 World Cup begins.

Klinsmann says younger players need to be given a chance to fail and improve, yet in the Copa America he went with the strongest roster to win games now.

"We need more. We struggle," he said. "Here in the U.S., you call a younger player a rookie at the age of the 22. Well, 22 in Europe, if you're not broken through yet, you're done. They move you down to the third or fourth level."

At soccer's top level, players train as many as 49 weeks a year. Klinsmann has pushed Major League Soccer to extend its season, and the league's top teams now play from early March until the championship at the start of December. He urges young talents to push themselves to better and bigger clubs, pointing out that starting for Everton and Stoke is not nearly the same as starring for Barcelona and Bayern Munich.

"We always tell them talent is not even 50 percent of what you've got to do," he said. "The other 50 percent are more important than your talent, is what you make out of it."

Christian Pulisic, a 17-year-old midfielder from Hershey, Pennsylvania, made his Bundesliga debut for Borussia Dortmund this year, scored twice and earned a Copa America roster spot. He played the second half against Argentina.

But he is a rarity. There are not enough Americans making similar progressions. Yedlin's career benefited from his 2015 transfer from Seattle to Tottenham, which in turn loaned him last season to Sunderland. He was forced to grow on and off the field.

"I'm not saying that the MLS wasn't challenging for me. I'm saying that in Seattle I was comfortable where I was," he explained. "I was around my friends. I was around my family. If I needed anything, I could always go to my mom's house, you know what I mean?"

For all the good nights U.S. soccer has experienced — four straight 2-0 wins over Mexico in home World Cup qualifiers, the 1-0 victory over Algeria at the 2010 World Cup, the opening victory win Ghana at the 2014 tournament — there have been disappointments of equal or greater magnitude.

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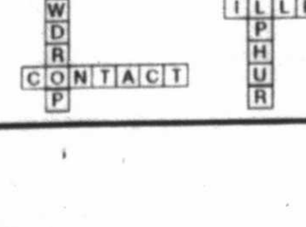

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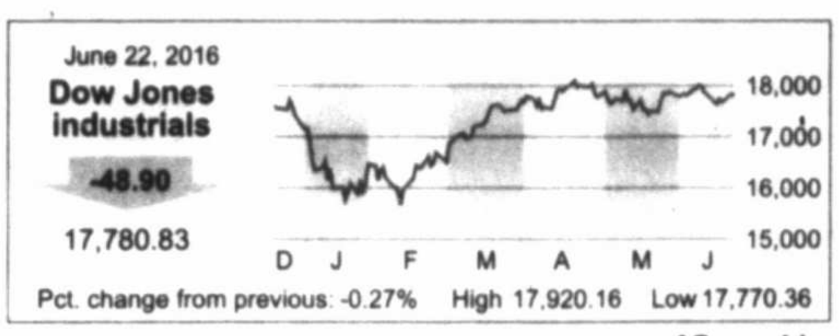

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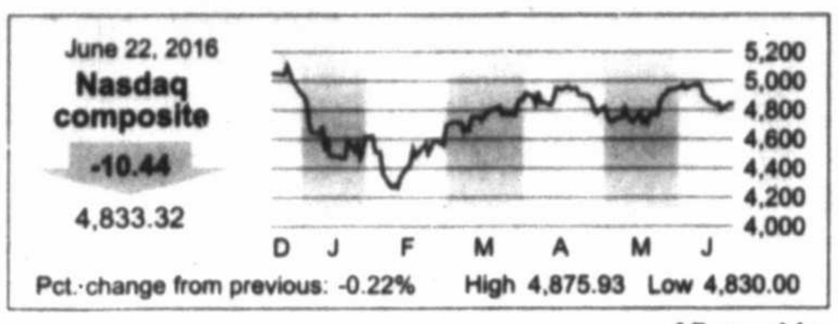

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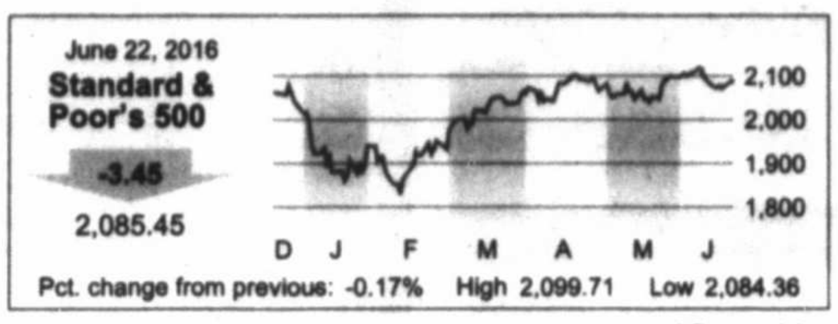

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Previous:	$45.50

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Wednesday:	$41.90
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Wednesday:	$2.677
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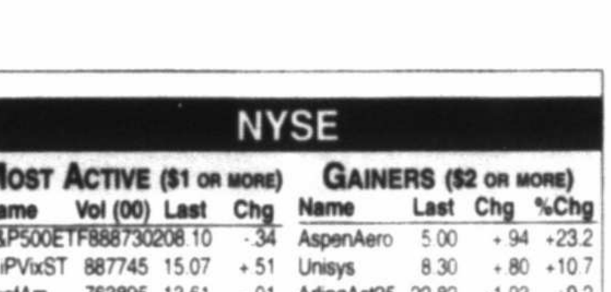

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MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	888730	208.10	-.34
B iPVixST	887745	15.07	+.51
BkofAm	763895	13.61	-.01
PUVixST rs	662280	12.92	+.85
iShEMkts	659644	33.94	-.18

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AspenAero	5.00	+.94	+23.2
Unisys	8.30	+.80	+10.7
ArlingAst25	22.82	+1.93	+9.2
GolLinhs rs	8.88	+.73	+9.0
HarmonyG	3.48	+.28	+8.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EmergBio	31.33	-7.99	-20.3
PwSGBund	37.60	-4.40	-10.5
TimknSteel	9.48	-1.01	-9.6
CSVLgNG rs	37.47	-3.64	-8.9
Actuant	24.67	-2.38	-8.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,258
Declined	1,764
Unchanged	126
Total issues	3,148
New Highs	119
New Lows	14
Volume	3,093,319,054

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	63902	1.22	
SynergyRs	59859	7.16	-.22
CheniereEn	38920	35.45	+.02
MGT Cap	36806	3.01	-.10
NwGold g	32117	4.13	+.13

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ComndSec	2.74	+.24	+9.7
GldFld	3.31	+.22	+7.1
LGL Grp	3.40	+.17	+5.3
IntelgSys	3.88	+.18	+4.9
PowrREIT	4.75	+.19	+4.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MilestnSci	2.15	-.46	-17.6
StrPathCm	28.09	-1.96	-6.5
NTN Buzz rs	9.61	-.62	-6.1
BlkVAMB	18.93	-1.21	-6.0
Majesco n	4.82	-.31	-6.0

DIARY

Advanced	177
Declined	193
Unchanged	24
Total issues	394
New Highs	15
New Lows	4
Volume	89,049,712

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVixSh rs	670431	2.88	+.18
SiriusXM	490059	3.96	-.03
Apple Inc	279419	95.55	-.36
Microsoft	273655	50.99	-.20
MicronT	265307	12.72	-.03

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SkyPFUce	2.68	+.89	+50.0
NymoxPh	3.15	+.82	+35.2
Connecture	3.15	+.50	+18.9
Cemtrex rs	3.58	+.50	+16.2
Pavmed un	13.00	+1.75	+15.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Covenant	18.34	-3.63	-16.5
CrossrdS rs	4.55	-.80	-15.0
YulongE n	2.52	-.42	-14.3
AscentCap	15.48	-2.48	-13.8
CarverBcp	3.83	-.57	-13.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,102
Declined	1,646
Unchanged	199
Total issues	2,947
New Highs	63
New Lows	50
Volume	1,633,429,840

AB InBev will speed up Distell share sale to secure SABMiller

Bloomberg

Anheuser-Busch InBev agreed to sell SABMiller's stake in South African drinks maker Distell Group Ltd. over a shorter time period than the three years recommended by the country's antitrust authority, an attempt to smooth the path toward regulatory approval for the brewing industry's biggest-ever deal.

"What was agreed was a shorter time period to effect the divestment," Frank Snyckers, an advocate for AB InBev and SABMiller, said in an interview in Pretoria on Wednesday. Further details of the deal with Distell are confidential, he said during the first day of a Competition Tribunal hearing into the takeover.

Distell had earlier told the tribunal that a three-year timeframe to offload the 26 percent stake would create uncertainty for the Stellenbosch, South Africa-based company, which is listed in Johannesburg. It would be in the best interest of Distell and the public if AB InBev disposed of the stake "reasonably quickly," said the company's lawyer, Jeremy Gauntlett.

South Africa's Competition Commission recommended AB InBev's $107 billion acquisition of SABMiller be approved earlier this month, adding conditions such as the sale of the $624 million Distell stake. London-based SABMiller is the second-largest shareholder in the maker of Amarula liquor and Klipdrift brandy, behind billionaire Johann Rupert's Remgro Ltd., which owns 53 percent. Distell shares gained 1.7 percent to 158.75 rand by the close in Johannesburg, valuing the company at 35 billion rand ($2.4 billion).

AB InBev is trying to get regulatory approval for the takeover around the world, and is poised to get the go-ahead from the the U.S. Justice Department and China's Ministry of Commerce, according to people familiar with the matter. A key date in the process is Aug. 12, when SABMiller is scheduled to pay its dividend. AB InBev will receive the payout if the deal is completed by then. SABMiller, the brewer of Castle and Grolsch lagers, traces its roots back to 19th century Johannesburg.

The acquisition could deliver as much as $18.3 billion in foreign direct investment to the South African economy, Snyckers told the Competition Tribunal. FDI in the country slumped to about $1.5 billion last year, according to Reserve Bank data, the lowest since 2006.

There's an "undeniable benefit to the economy of the largest foreign direct investment effect in the history of this country," Snyckers said.

The Competition Tribunal hearing into the AB InBev-SABMiller deal is scheduled to run until June 24. South Africa's Food and Allied Workers Union, which wants changes to an SABMiller employee-share program to maximize the benefits to its participants, will give evidence today, General Secretary Katishi Masemola said.

Heineken also made submissions to the tribunal, addressing issues such as space allocations in retail outlets.

Burger King jumps into snack-brand hybrids with new mac 'n Cheetos

Bloomberg

Burger King, the restaurant chain backed by 3G Capital and Warren Buffett, will begin selling deep-fried sticks of macaroni and cheese encrusted in Cheetos-flavored breading, part of a trend toward blending fast food with well-known snack brands.

The new product, called Mac 'n Cheetos, emerged from a partnership with PepsiCo Inc.'s Frito-Lay, the snack empire that owns Cheetos, Doritos, Ruffles and other chips. The move mimics the strategy of Yum Brands Inc.'s Taco Bell, which introduced a taco with a Doritos shell in 2012. That item, called Doritos Locos Tacos, helped turn around sales at the then-struggling chain and offshoots followed: Cool Ranch, Nacho Cheese and Fiery Doritos.

Mac 'n Cheetos will be sold for about eight weeks or until supplies run out, said Burger King, which is part of Restaurant Brands International Inc. The $2.49 five-pack of portable macaroni-and-cheese bites are similar to mozzarella sticks. The item, which has 310 calories, has already appeared at some Burger King restaurants in a trial phase.

"We're partnering up with one of Americans' favorite brands," Alex Macedo, president of North America at Burger King, said in an interview. "It's quite unique."

Facing a fiercely competitive fast-food market, restaurant chains are under pressure to get more creative with their menus. Burger King previously started selling grilled Oscar Mayer hot dogs earlier this year, along with an Egg-normous burrito and Chicken Fries Rings. Other chains, including McDonald's Corp., are relying more heavily on discounts, such as a two-for-$5 deal.

The Mac 'n Cheetos debut also reflects the increasingly tangled web of fast-food alliances. Though PepsiCo owns Cheetos, Burger King's U.S. restaurants sell beverages from Coca-Cola Co., another company backed by Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

Stocks drop

U.S. stocks gave up some early gains to finish lower Wednesday as energy companies sank with the price of oil and weak quarterly reports weighed down technology companies.

After two days of closing higher, stocks rose in the morning but couldn't hang on to the gains. Energy companies fell after U.S. energy stockpiles shrank by a smaller amount than analysts expected, and announcements from Adobe Systems and HP hurt tech stocks. Drug companies traded higher.

Polls indicate it will be a tight race, but bookies are giving the "remain" camp a higher probability of winning. International experts, including Yellen, have said that a British exit would cause volatility in global markets and uncertainty for the world economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average dipped 48.90 points, or 0.3 percent, to 17,780.83. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3.45 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,085.45. The Nasdaq composite edged down 10.44 points, or 0.2 percent, to 4,833.32.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold fell $2.50 to $1,270 an ounce. Gold prices have fallen for four days in a row after rising for the seven days before that. Silver fell 1 cent to $17.31 an ounce. Copper rose 2 cents to $2.14 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $26.52 Down 0.47

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $125.74 Up 0.19

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $7.50 Up 0.04

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $90.79 Down 0.13

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.97 Down 0.13

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.48 Unchanged

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.95 Up 0.16

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $35.54 Up 0.50

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.47 Down 0.38

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $19.39 Up 0.32

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92	17	41.30	+.23	+20.0
Abraxas	...	...	**1.12**	...	**+5.7**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**	...	**12.60**	...	**-1.8**
AMD	...	...	5.02	-.43	+74.9
Alcoa	.12	27	9.89	+.03	+.2
AlonUSA	.60	...	6.54	-.06	-55.9
Ambev	.19e	...	5.37	-.06	+20.4
Amgen	**4.00**	**15**	**149.81**	**+.39**	**-7.7**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**54.39**	**-1.12**	**+12.0**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**56.43**	**-.20**	**+26.9**
Apple Inc	2.28f	11	95.55	-.36	-9.2
ApldMatl	**.40**	**22**	**23.97**	**+.14**	**+28.4**
Archrock	.38m	...	8.62	-.13	+14.6
ATMOS	**1.68**	**23**	**76.54**	**-.09**	**+21.4**
AutoData	2.12	27	88.82	-.52	+4.8
BP PLC	**2.40a**	...	**33.89**	**-.26**	**+8.4**
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	17.53	-.19	+1.6
BakrHu	.68	...	46.06	-.54	-.2
BcoBrad s	.44e	...	7.29	-.01	+66.7
BkofAm	.20	10	13.61	-.01	-19.1
B iPVixST	...	...	15.07	+.51	-25.0
BarrickG	.08	56	19.65	+.49	+166.3
BasicEnSv	...	...	1.78	-.11	-33.6
BerkHa A	...	**15**	**216266.00**	**+846.00**	**+9.3**
BlkHillsCp	**1.68f**	**38**	**61.98**	**-.50**	**+33.5**
BrMySq	**1.52**	**51**	**72.31**	**+1.06**	**+5.1**
BrownFA	**1.36f**	**33**	**104.40**	**-1.02**	**-5.2**
BrownFB	**1.36f**	**29**	**96.69**	**-1.11**	**-2.6**
CVS Health	1.70f	19	93.73	+.52	-4.1
Caterpillar	3.08	19	76.43	-.06	+12.5
Celestic g	...	10	10.12	-.16	-8.3
CntryLink	2.16	14	27.92	-.16	+11.0
ChesEng	...	...	4.51	-.11	+.2
Chevron	**4.28**	...	**102.29**	**-.95**	**+13.7**
Chicos	.32	44	10.88	-.09	+2.0
Cimarex	.32	...	118.46	-.40	+32.5
Cisco	1.04	14	28.72	-.05	+6.6
Citigroup	.20	11	42.68	-.24	-17.5
ClayEng	...	...	**26.52**	**-.47**	**-10.3**
CocaCola	**1.40f**	**25**	**44.86**	**-.27**	**+4.4**
ColgPalm	**1.56**	**26**	**72.25**	**+.45**	**+8.5**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**27**	**47.40**	**-.06**	**+12.4**
ConchoRes	...	...	**125.74**	**+.19**	**+35.4**
ConocoPhil	**1.00**	...	**43.99**	**-.81**	**-5.8**

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CrackerB	4.60f	24	168.74	+.69	+33.0
CSVelIVST	...	...	27.34	-1.01	+6.0
CSVLgCrd rs			...	34.76	-1.25
CSVixSh rs	...	...	2.88	+.18	-54.0
CrosTim	**1.16e**	**11**	**17.41**	**+.54**	**+33.8**
DCP Mid	3.12	27	35.50	+.49	+43.9
DTE	2.92	21	93.75	-.28	+16.9
Dataram h	...	...	.71	-.05	+7.6
DevonE	**.24**	...	**37.94**	**-.25**	**+18.6**
DirDGlBr rs	...	...	10.39	-.73	...
Disney	**1.42f**	**17**	**98.79**	**-.03**	**-6.0**
DowChm	**1.84**	**17**	**53.22**	**-.05**	**+3.4**
EMC Cp	.46	21	27.65	-.09	+7.7
EOG Rescs	**.67**	...	**83.60**	**-1.31**	**+18.1**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**25**	**33.79**	**+.09**	**+20.4**
EnCana g	.06	...	8.14	-.28	+59.9
Energen	.08	...	49.13	-.11	+19.9
EgyTrEq s	1.14f	12	14.35	+.03	+4.4
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	40.26	-.27	+19.4
EnPro	**.84**	...	**47.29**	**-.10**	**+7.9**
EntProdPt	1.56f	22	26.74	+.07	+12.4
Ericsson	.46e	...	7.91	-.01	-17.7
ExxonMbl	**3.00f**	**29**	**91.17**	**-.36**	**+17.0**
Facebook	...	54	113.91	-.47	+8.8
Fitbit n	...	17	12.79	-.71	-56.8
FordM	.60a	6	13.18	-.04	-6.5
FrptMcM	...	...	11.50	-.11	+69.9
FrontierCm	.42	85	5.09	-.13	+8.9
GATX	**1.60**	**8**	**45.36**	**-.13**	**+6.6**
GabMultT	**.94e**	...	**7.09**	...	**-5.5**
GAInv	**1.15e**	...	**31.00**	**-.15**	**-2.9**
GenElec	**.92**	**39**	**30.78**	**-.16**	**-1.2**
GtPlainEn	**1.05**	**21**	**29.60**	**-.21**	**+8.4**
HP Inc	.50	8	12.61	-.72	+6.5
HalconRs rs	...	...	.44	-.01	-64.9
Hallibrtn	**.72**	**59**	**44.66**	**+.04**	**+31.2**
Hertz	...	19	11.34	+.26	-20.3
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	27.93	-.36	+35.1
iShEMU	.95e	...	33.74	-.89	-3.7
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.57	-.20	-4.5
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	33.76	+.28	-4.3
iShEMkts	.84e	...	33.94	-.18	+5.4
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	57.12	-1.21	-2.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShR2K	1.73e	...	114.63	-.45	+1.8
Intel	**1.04**	**14**	**32.29**	**-.03**	**-6.3**
InterDig	.80	17	55.94	-1.83	+14.1
iSh UK	.70e	...	16.11	-.28	-.2
ItauUnibH	.45e	...	8.52	-.07	+31.1
JD.com	...	...	21.20	+.07	-34.3
JPMorgCh	1.76	11	62.71	-.24	-4.4
JohnJn	**3.20f**	**19**	**116.46**	**+.28**	**+13.4**
KimbClk	**3.68**	**37**	**133.16**	**+.12**	**+4.6**
KindMorg	.50	30	18.51	-.28	+24.1
Kroger s	.42f	16	34.22	-.25	-18.2
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.97	-.13	+12.6
Lubys	...	...	**4.99**	**+.17**	**+11.6**
MannKd	...	...	1.18	+.11	-18.6
MarathnO	.20	...	14.75	-.34	+17.2
McDnlds	3.56f	23	120.62	-2.01	+2.1
Merck	1.84	21	57.04	+.79	+8.0
MeritMed	...	**37**	**18.98**	**-.14**	**+2.1**
MexcoEn	...	...	2.48	...	-23.3
MicronT	...	14	12.72	-.03	-10.2
Microsoft	1.44	36	50.99	-.20	-8.1
MorgStan	.60	12	26.39	+.19	-17.0
Nabors	.24	...	10.53	-.05	+23.7
NatGrid	**3.35e**	...	**72.90**	**+.01**	**+4.8**
NOilVarco	1.84	19	35.54	-.11	+6.1
NvPMI	**.78a**	...	**14.84**	**+.04**	**+8.6**
NuvPI	**.82a**	...	**15.12**	**+.01**	**+7.2**
NSTFI3	**.55a**	...	**15.52**	**+.01**	**+6.7**
NTXQI	**.65**	...	**15.57**	**+.01**	**+7.9**
OcciPet	**3.00**	**58**	**77.10**	**-.06**	**+14.0**
Oracle	.60	19	40.01	+.02	+10.0
ParTech	...	**48**	**4.78**	**-.09**	**-29.0**
ParkDrl	...	...	**2.37**	**-.08**	**+30.2**
PattUTI	**.08m**	...	**21.12**	**+.02**	**+40.1**
PennaRE	**.84**	...	**21.13**	**+.08**	**-3.4**
Prmian	.31e	20	7.17	-.12	+41.7
PetrbrsA	...	...	5.49	-.06	+61.5
Petrobras	...	...	6.92	-.09	+60.9
Pfizer	**1.20**	**18**	**34.47**	**-.28**	**+6.8**
PioNtrl	.08	75	158.75	+1.72	+26.6
PlainsAAP	**2.80**	**20**	**27.63**	**-.25**	**+19.6**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	107.24	-.26	-4.1
Praxair	**3.00**	**22**	**112.86**	**+1.01**	**+10.2**
PrmEgy	...	...	**60.20**	**+1.04**	**+13.6**
PUVixST rs	...	...	12.92	+.85	-54.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ProctGam	**2.68f**	**28**	**83.57**	**+.16**	**+5.2**
QEP Res	.08	...	18.19	-1.13	+35.7
RangeRs	.08	...	45.45	-1.00	+84.7
RegionsFn	.26f	13	9.12	-.05	-5.0
RiteAid	...	...	7.73	-.01	-1.4
Rowan	.40	25	18.55	+.24	+9.4
RoyDShllA	3.76	81	53.51	-.25	+16.9
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	177.57	-.49	+2.1
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	208.10	-.34	+2.1
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	35.37	-.03	+4.3
SabnR	2.10e	13	34.35	-.20	+30.8
SanderFm	**.88a**	**14**	**82.90**	**+.01**	**+6.9**
Schlmbrg	2.00	29	78.27	-.25	+12.2
SiriusXM	...	36	3.96	-.03	-2.8
Smucker	2.68	22	147.09	+1.09	+19.3
SolarCity	...	...	21.88	+.69	-57.1
Sprint	...	...	4.38	+.22	+21.0
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	22.85	-.02	-4.1
SunocoLog	1.92f	37	27.91	-.09	+8.6
Symantec	.30m	5	20.78	-.14	+22.9
Synchrony	...	9	25.50	-.35	-16.1
TelefEsp	**1.03e**	...	**10.08**	**+.03**	**-8.9**
TeslaMot	...	...	196.66	-22.95	-18.1
Tesoro	2.00	5	76.86	-.20	-27.1
3M Co	4.44	22	171.23	-.14	+13.7
Torchmark	**.56**	**15**	**61.09**	**+.16**	**+7.1**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Transocn	...	22	11.40	+.01	-7.9
TriContl	**.82e**	...	**20.29**	**-.01**	**+1.3**
Twitter	...	...	16.13	-.19	-30.3
TylerTech	...	**62**	**153.86**	**-.48**	**-11.7**
UBSI	**1.32**	**19**	**37.40**	**-.05**	**+1.1**
US OilFd	...	...	11.74	-.15	+6.7
USSteel	.20	...	17.12	-.28	+114.5
Vale SA	.29e	...	4.69	+.06	+42.6
ValeantPh	...	...	21.64	...	-78.7
ValeroE	2.40	7	52.81	+.34	-25.3
VanEGold	.12e	...	25.50	+.57	+85.9
VangSTBd	1.08e	...	80.71	-.01	+1.4
VangEmg	1.10e	...	34.63	+.05	+5.9
VangFTSE	1.10e	...	36.17	-.06	-1.5
VerizonCm	2.26	12	54.03	-.07	+16.9
VulcanM	**.80**	**51**	**115.79**	**-.40**	**+21.9**
WEC Engy	1.98f	22	62.88	-.02	+22.5
WalgBoots	1.44	25	83.74	+.54	-1.7
WellsFargo	1.52f	11	46.97	-.26	-13.6
WstnRefin	1.52f	6	19.39	+.21	-45.6
WhitingPet	...	...	12.10	-.28	+28.2
WmsCos	2.56	...	20.76	-.91	-19.2
XcelEngy	**1.36**	**20**	**42.67**	**-.17**	**+18.8**
Xerox	**.31**	**20**	**9.78**	**-.05**	**-8.0**
Yamana g	.02m	...	4.93	+.22	+165.1
Zynga	...	...	2.54	-.05	-5.2

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,188.81	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,780.83	-48.90	-.27	+2.04	-1.03
8,530.82	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,600.20	-49.09	-.64	+1.22	-8.54
686.92	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	680.74	-2.92	-.43	+17.81	+22.39
11,170.82	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,473.06	-17.72	-.17	+3.25	-5.36
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,833.32	-10.44	-.22	-3.48	-5.64
2,132.82	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,085.45	-3.45	-.17	+2.03	-1.10
1,551.28	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,491.21	-3.46	-.23	+6.62	-2.81
22,537.15	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	21,574.95	-41.35	-.19	+1.92	-3.36
1,296.00	943.09	Russell 2000	1,148.97	-4.90	-.42	+1.15	-10.51

TODAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Mostly sunny	MONDAY: Mostly sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny
High: 94 Low: 71	High: 94 Low: 71	High: 94 Low: 72	High: 92 Low: 71	High: 92 Low: 71	High: 93 Low: 72

Local forecast

The National Weather Service is calling for average or below-average high temperatures through the weekend. The NWS also expects a slight chance of thunderstorms Monday and Wednesday.

The record high for June 22 is 107 set in 1951. The record low is 60 set in 1973. On June 22 of last year, the high was 88 and the low was 71.

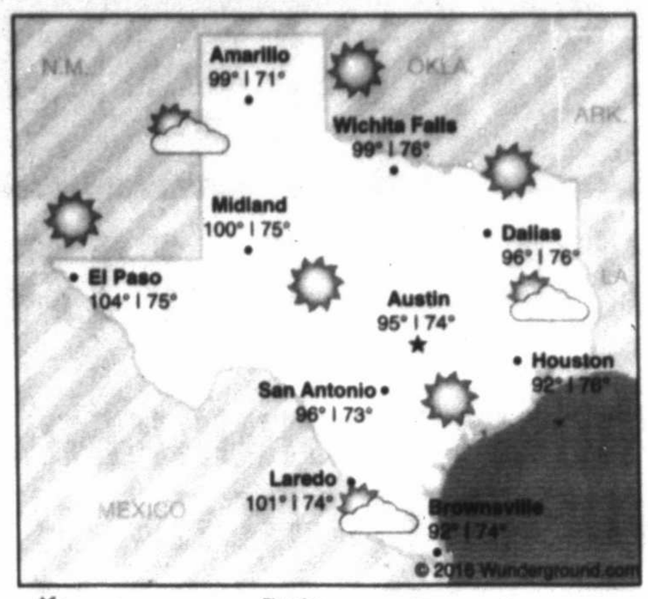
Weather brief

CHICAGO

Storms move across Midwest; Chicago soccer fans take shelter

Powerful storms packing hurricane-force winds and large hail moved across parts of the Midwest Wednesday night, including in Chicago where soccer fans attending the Copa America semifinal at Soldier Field were urged to take immediate shelter.

The National Weather Service reported at least one tornado touched down, near the northern Illinois cities of Amboy in Lee County and Earlville in LaSalle County. There are small towns scattered throughout the area surrounded by farm fields.



Precipitation

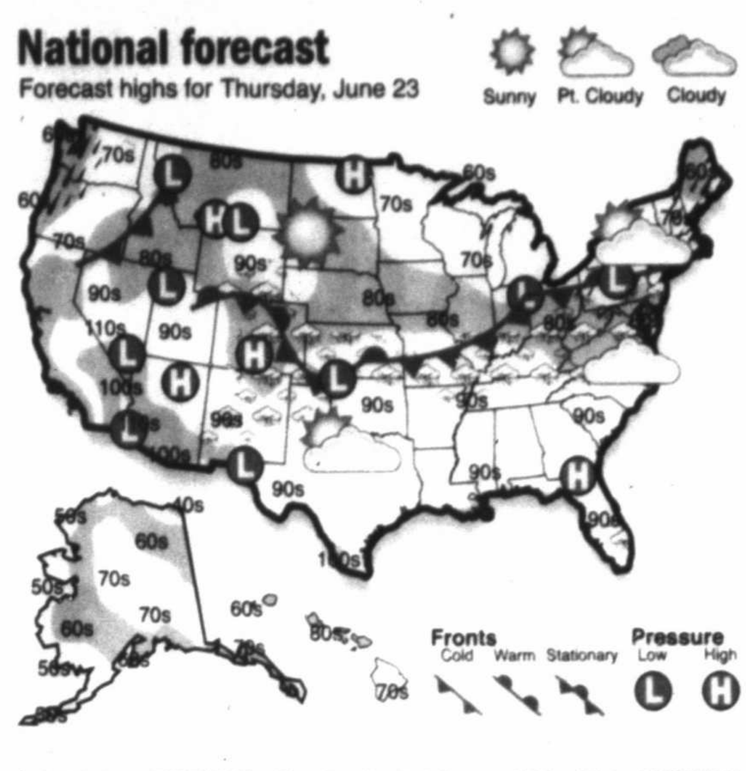
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	2.69 in.
Year total	6.43 in.
Normal total (year to date)	5.61 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	100
Low	74
Normal high	94
Normal low	69
Sunrise	6:44 a.m.
Sunset	8:58 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, June 23



Patient is not proud to have weight announced out loud

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I have fought obesity all of my adult life, and my weight has yo-yoed over the years.

My problem is, when I go to the doctor's office and I am taken to the exam area, the scale is right out in the open where other patients come and go as well as all the office personnel.

Mind you, I don't care if I am weighed in the presence of people walking around — if they don't peek. However, when the medical assistant is done weighing me, she reads the scale out loud.

I have felt humiliated when other patients are walking past. I have put up with this for years.

Recently, this medical assistant weighed me and I just knew she was going to "announce" my weight. This time there was a man I could tell was a patient, standing nearby at the reception window staring intently at me getting weighed. Because I was sure the M.A. was going to say it out loud, I started to cough to try to muffle the sound of her voice. It worked, but then she acted irritated because of my coughing, so she repeated it loudly.

I was very embarrassed, to say the least.

When the doctor saw me, I was afraid to say anything as I didn't want to get anybody in trouble.

I graduated from a medical assistant school many years ago and I remember the registered nurse who was our instructor taught us to never say out loud somebody's weight when you weigh him or her. It only makes common sense. I no longer want to go back to that doctor's office.

Do you have any advice for me when this happens again? I say again because it happens at other doctor's offices I visit as well.

I am at a loss here. I would appreciate your input. — STILL STINGING IN NEVADA

DEAR STILL STINGING: The first time it happened, you should have quietly mentioned to the medical assistant that she embarrassed you, and asked her please not to do it again. When it happened a second time, you should have spoken to the doctor about it. You are far from the only person who is sensitive about weight.

If I were that physician, I'd certainly want to know why patients were disappearing from my practice. Wouldn't you?

DEAR ABBY: I do a lot of home canning, and last year our farm was very profitable. I canned more than 300 jars of jellies, juices, apple sauce and soups.

I gave many of these away as gifts.

My dilemma is, most of the time no one gives me the jars back. Canning jars are the most expensive part of canning.

Would you please help me get the word out to return the jars when they are empty? — DEBBIE IN DERBY, N.Y.

DEAR DEBBIE: I'm glad to put out the word. But don't you think it would be more effective if you simply asked that the jars be returned if the recipients want to continue receiving these generous gifts from you? Attaching a "Please return to (blank)" label might help.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, June 23, 2016:

This year your attitude toward others becomes much less judgmental. You will be able to expand your circle and break past previous barriers. If you are single, you could be delighted by a new suitor. Know that you don't need to commit immediately. Get to know this person well first. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy and relish spreading your wings, especially when you are together. The quality of your social life could change because of your willingness to broaden your horizons. AQUARIUS knows what to say and do, but often chooses not to.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You enlist others' support when you have an important project. You won't hesitate to do just that right now. A serious matter involving politics, the law and/or travel marks your concerns. Make what you want to happen a reality. Tonight: Hang with your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might feel as if someone is watching you. This person could be a superior or an admirer. Don't do anything that is likely to backfire on you. Stay above the fray and act normal. Once a conversation begins, you will have difficulty ending it. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Keep pushing hard to complete what you must. You are being drawn to an interest that you are experiencing in a new way. Understand your limitations. Unless you can initiate what needs to take place, consider taking a backseat. Tonight: Weigh the pros and cons of an early weekend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You could be determined to get someone's attention. No matter what you do, this person seems to look the other way. Even if he or she continues to do this, acknowledge the fact that there might be something wrong. Start a conversation, if need be. Tonight: Happily snuggle in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Let others express their ideas and design the social program for the coming weekend. Sometimes it is important to take a step back. You will be delighted by what they do, and you will enjoy lying back and doing less. Tonight: Quite a conversation goes on around you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You suddenly might feel as if a close friend or co-worker is playing it too cool, whereas this behavior never bothered you before. Let go of this judgment, even if you are right. Give this person the space to be him- or herself. Tonight: Make it an early night if you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You seem to be more in tune with a child at the moment. Allow more playfulness to emerge. Reveal this facet of your personality more often. When you do, you no longer will be tied to your world in the same way. Impressions become less important. Tonight: Fun and games.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Home is where your heart is and also where you might want your body to be. Your ability to create a sanctuary will get tested. Having one's personal space creates a safe place to think and enjoy some solitude. Tonight: Relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might have decided to start up a conversation with a new acquaintance. However, it is likely that this person will find an excuse to speak to you first. Either way, don't stand on ceremony; the results will be much better. Tonight: Communication has a hazy undertone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Pay bills and make sure you know where your money is going. Investments remain important, but you will be happiest if you do the investing. Keep abreast of what is happening with someone who might be helping out in this area. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Use your energy well, and focus on key priorities. You don't experience yourself like this very often. Make the most of the moment. A conversation can't be stopped easily. People might want to clear up their feelings. Listen. Tonight: A friend could be overly serious.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Take advantage of someone distancing him- or herself, and do what you want. You might discover that you need more space as well. Don't complain; simply stay open to the possibilities. Try a different way of dealing with an issue. Tonight: Get as much sleep as you can.

BORN TODAY

Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas (1948), anthropologist Alfred Kinsey (1894), singer/songwriter Duffy (1984)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Defense down under

Neither vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ J 10 6 5 4
♥ 8
♦ K J 9 3
♣ 9 4 3

WEST
♠ 7 3
♥ K J 6 3
♦ 6 5 4
♣ J 8 5 2

EAST
♠ A Q 9 8 2
♥ 10 7 2
♦ Void
♣ A K Q 10 7

SOUTH
♠ K
♥ A Q 9 5 4
♦ A Q 10 8 7 2
♣ 6

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♠	2♦	Pass	3♦
4♣	4♦	5♣	5♦
All pass			

Opening lead: Four of ♠

The Summer Festival of Bridge, held each January in Canberra, Australia, is a top tournament attracting players from many countries. Experts from Asia, Europe, South America, and the USA will make the long trip just to play in this tournament. GeO Tislevoll is originally from Norway, but he relocated to New Zealand some years ago and is now one of New Zealand's top players. Today's deal is from this year's Summer Festival. Tislevoll was East, partnered by another top Kiwi, Ashley Bach.

Bach found the only lead to give the defense a chance — a trump. Declarer won in dummy and led a heart to the ace, then ruffed a heart back to the dummy. Declarer needed entries back to his hand to continue ruffing hearts, so he led a spade from dummy. He was sure that East held the ace of spades and wouldn't be able to lead a second round of trumps.

Tislevoll rose with his ace of spades, felling South's king, and went into long thought. Seeing the urgency, for the defense, of playing another trump, Tislevoll led a low club away from his ace, king, and queen. South was powerless as Bach grabbed his jack of clubs and led a trump. This limited declarer to one more heart ruff and Bach's king of hearts stood up as the setting trick. Nice defense!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Provoke
7 Clichéd currency
14 Cone site
16 Crop duster, e.g.
17 Unhelpful helper
18 Like garden gnomes
19 Subject for a meteorologist
21 Respiration point
22 It's often twisted
26 Slangy 21-Across
30 Holy recess
34 Holy jurisdiction
35 Rude dude
36 Subject for an oceanographer
39 Summed up
41 Nullified
42 Subject for an electrician
44 French sky
45 Cycle starter?
46 Cry of enlightenment
47 Homecoming cry
48 Kitchenware
50 Formerly floppy medium
53 Subject for a news team ... and a description of 19-, 36- or 42-Across?
61 "Hogwash!"
64 Personal __
65 Somewhat
66 Femur or fibula
67 Butterflies on ankles, say
68 Teammate of Duke and Jackie

DOWN

1 "Concord Sonata" composer
2 Lower-class, to Brits
3 Chowder bit
4 China's DF-31, e.g.
5 Gift of the gifted
6 Opener for Don Quixote?
7 It has big teeth
8 "Gramma" in the comic strip "Stone Soup"
9 Chowderhead
10 He was on deck when Blake was up
11 "And more" letters
12 Masked drama
13 Crack
15 Space balls
20 Raise
23 The way things stand
24 Atone for
25 Tease
26 Wrong move
27 "Wrong, wrong, wrong!"
28 Get the better of
29 Oklahoma tribe
31 Sonar pulse
32 "The Mikado" weapon, briefly
33 Tube traveler
36 Ceremonial accessory
37 And
38 Diplomacy
40 Gay syllable
43 Teased
47 Long cold spell
49 2013 Masters champ Adam __
51 Airport abbr.
52 Bad bug
54 Biblical connector
55 Move, in real estate lingo
56 Saloon and deli offerings
57 Weird feeling, perhaps
58 Plenty of poetry?
59 Island goose
60 Word with farm or house
61 Stick for 10-Down
62 In the style of
63 Bombed

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	T	O	M		S	L	A	W		U	S	U	A	L
T	O	U	T		H	I	Y	A		T	E	N	S	E
M	Y	T	H		O	P	E	L		E	A	R	L	S
		H	O	S	E		S	L	U	S	H	I	E	S
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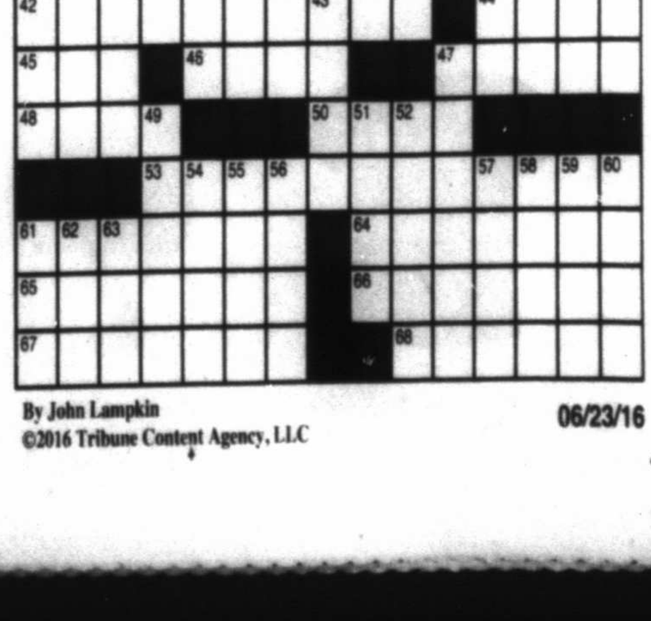

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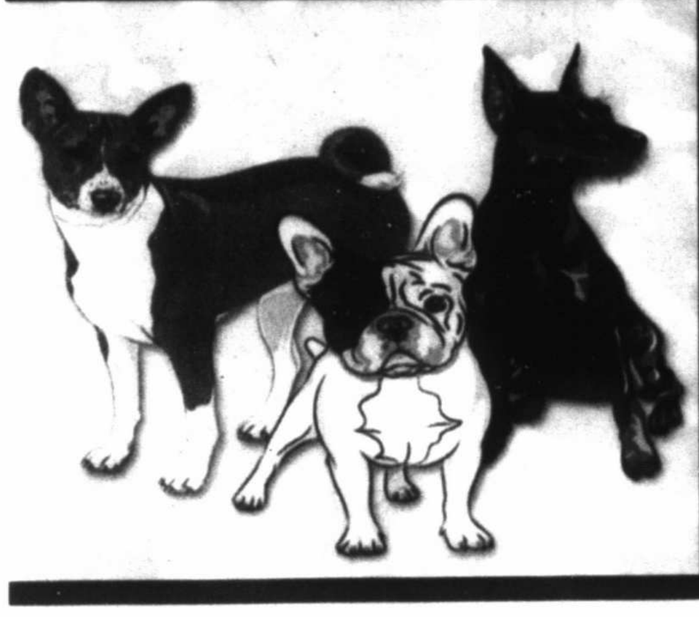
ADOPT YOUR NEXT best friend

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 11AM-5PM

ACROSS FROM FUDDRUCKER'S INSIDE ENTRANCE



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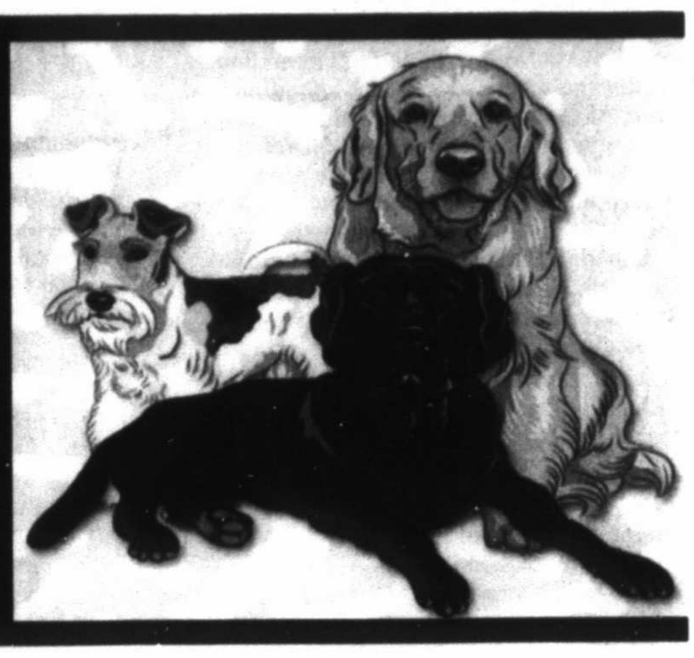

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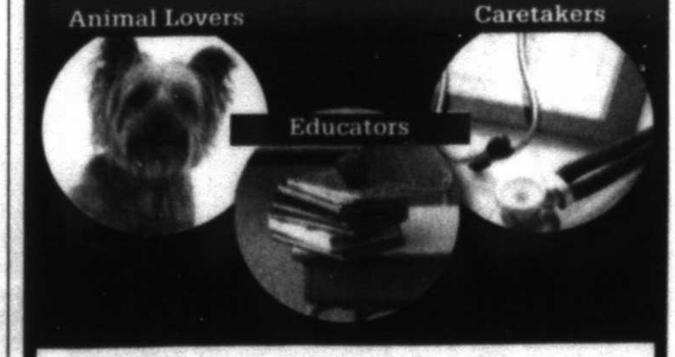

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Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a competitive sealed bid for BID #06-013 - Custodial Supplies through the MISD electronic bid system. Bids will be publicly opened and read in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707-C, Midland, Texas at 10:00 AM C.S.T. on July 19, 2016. Bid documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1960.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Burlington Res. O&G Co-Mid, 600 N Dairy Ashford, Houston Texas 77079, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend the injection permit to inject fluid into a formation that is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Sand Hills (McKnight) formations, Waddell, W.N. Etal Well No. 262W. The well listed above are currently injecting and Burlington Res. O&G Co.-Mid is amending the injection intervals. The well is located 18 miles NW from Crane, Texas, in the Sand Hills (McKnight) Field in Crane County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into the subsurface depth interval of 3453'-3560'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of The Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Legal & Public Notices

Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 500 W. Illinois, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas permit to to amend an existing injection permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. XTO Energy inc. will modify the injection interval.

The applicant proposes to Dispose of these fluids into the San Andres/Glorieta formation in the Midkiff 43 #2. The proposed injection well is located approximately 27 miles southeast from Midland and will be assigned to the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field for identification purposes, in Midland County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4258'-6705'

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 37 Case No. 0299165
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 8, 2016 — Status/Permit No. 812704
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 12, 2016
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 642652] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37) Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 3, Blk. Y, GC&SF RR CO Survey, A-185, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 13.9 miles NE direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception.A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848.** If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Aug 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	:	ROGERS '3-40'
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	4407H
Lease/Unit Acres	:	642.5
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	:	1320.0
Lease Lines	:	2271.0 F N L, 2310.0 F W L
Survey Lines	:	2271.0 F N L, 2310.0 F W L
Wellbore Profile(s)	:	Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 2271.0 F N L
2310.0 F W L
Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 40 Block: Y Abstract: 719
Survey: TC RR CO/STOKER, R
Lease Lines: 15.0 F SOUTH L
2310.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 15.0 F SOUTH L
2310.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC :
GAS Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres
OIL Special Rules 330/1200, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9300 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737)7042339.

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Silly Summer Games

Can't make it to Rio to see the Summer Olympics? Then it's time for your OWN **Silly Summer Games!**

The motto of the Olympic Games is "Faster, Higher, Stronger." Kid Scoop's Silly Summer Games has a motto, too. Use the code to discover it!

SILLY SECRET CODE

A = I = R =
C = K = S =
E = L = U =
F = GO N = W =

Ice Cream Cone Torch Relay

The frigid fun begins with this ceremonial event. Give each participant an ice cream cone with one scoop of their favorite flavor. The winner is the person who can finish their cone with the fewest licks and drips.

WARNING: Watch out for brain freeze!!!

Find the two identical ice cream cones.

Standards Link: Investigations: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Hats VERY Silly!

Create this goofy headgear to wear during the Silly Games. You'll need:

- Brown paper sack
- The newspaper
- Construction paper
- Tape / glue stick
- Scissors

How many hats can you find on this page?

1. Roll the paper bag down a few inches to create a brim.
2. Cut out long strips of newspaper and construction paper.
3. Roll the strips around a pencil to make them curly and bouncy. Tape or glue the ends of the strips to the top of the hat.
4. Cut out pictures or comic characters from the newspaper and paste them on your hat.
5. Wear your zany creation proudly!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple step directions.

This Land Is Your Land

All sorts of countries can participate in the Silly Summer Games. Countries like Jarodtopia, Amyland and The Royal Republic of Kevin will attend the festivities. Never heard of them? That's because these kids invented countries named after **themselves!**

Create a flag for a country named after YOU! Have your friends do the same, and display them at your Silly Games.

Good Cluck, Kiddo!

Race against a group of friends – chicken style! Fold your arms into wings, and run like a chicken towards the finish line.

Add the numbers on each path. The smallest number is the winning chicken!

FINISH

Tortilla Toss

Give each participant a tortilla. How far can you toss it?

Add the numbers on each tortilla. The odd-numbered tortilla flew the farthest.

9+2+1
6+3+5
3+9+2
4+7+3
8+6+3

The Great Lemon Endurance Test

Who has the most pucker power? Give each participant a lemon wedge. At the count of three, each participant holds the pulpy side of the lemon wedge in their mouth. Ewwww! Eyes water! Noses twitch! Fingers cringe! The last one to spit out their lemon wedge is the Big Wincer!

Can you find five or more differences between Patricia and her reflection?

Standards Link: Science Investigations: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Extra! Extra! What Do You Say?

Read the sports pages to find quotes from athletes. Then pretend you are being interviewed about being an athlete in the Silly Summer Games. Write a quote about your participation in the games.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Use quotations in writing.

Official Anthem of The Silly Summer Games

This song is sung to the tune of 'Yankee Doodle Dandy.' But there are a few lines missing. Complete the song with your own silly words, then sing it while wiggling your fingers over your lips!

The Silly Games are really _____!
They're goofy,
And they're funny!
They make the summer
_____
when the day is sunny!

Silly Games
You make us _____
And feel like _____
But it's okay
'Cause summer days
_____!

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write compositions that describe familiar events; Speaking Applications: Recite poems, songs and rhymes.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

ZANY
GAMES
TORTILLA
COMIC
FUN
CHICKEN
CONE
COUNTRY
BRIM
FLAG
FREEZE
TAPE
HAT
WEDGE
PUCKER
ICE

W	O	R	Z	E	Z	E	E	R	F
A	F	G	R	M	T	C	N	P	U
T	L	H	A	T	O	O	E	U	N
G	A	L	F	M	P	N	K	C	E
Y	Z	E	I	Z	E	E	C	K	G
M	A	C	A	T	Q	S	I	E	D
E	I	N	J	O	R	X	H	R	E
C	Y	R	T	N	U	O	C	D	W
I	C	Z	B	E	P	A	T	L	Y

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

Summer Jokes

Students share their favorite summer jokes.

What do you call a cow with three legs?
A: Tri-tip!
Max, 4th grade

Bob: I hate math.
Billy: Why?
Bob: Because the teacher said, 5+5=10, 7+3=10 and 6+4=10.
Billy: So what?
Bob: When will she make her mind up?
Nicole, 5th grade

Erik: Yesterday I saw a man fall off an 80-foot ladder.
Peter: Gosh, was he hurt?
Erik: No, he fell off the bottom rung!
Christina, 8th grade

The Four Stages of Life:
1. You believe in Santa.
2. You don't believe in Santa.
3. You are Santa.
4. You look like Santa.
Fritzi, 8th grade

Why did Cinderella get kicked off the baseball team?
A: She ran away from the ball.
Josef, 5th grade

How much dirt is in a one-foot deep hole?
A: None its a hole!
Polly, 4th grade

What does a polite mouse always say?
A: Cheese and thank you!
Laura, 3rd grade

Why did the orange go to the doctor?
A: Because he wasn't peeling well!
Jose, 6th grade

What never asks questions but gets a lot of answers?
A: A doorbell!
Heather, 2nd grade

What has 18 legs and catches flies?
A: A baseball team.
Erik, 2nd grade

How do you know when its summer?
A: Instead of the teacher giving you work, your parents give it to you!
Keith, 6th grade

What goes through the woods without a sound?
A: A path!
Elsa 4th grade

What is a cats favorite ice cream flavor?
A: Mice cream!
Shannon, 4th grade

What did the flower say to the mushroom?
A: Hey, you look like a fungi!
Carly, 4th grade

Write On!

Explorer's Journal

Pretend you are exploring a country you have never visited. Where would you go? Write a journal entry.

Deadline: July 17
Published: Week of August 14
Send your story to:

Newspaper In Education
201 E. Illinois
Midland, TX 79701
ljdiaz@mrt.com

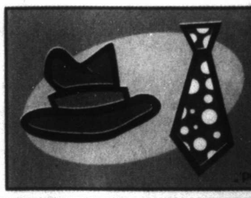
Please include your school and grade.

From the Kid Scoop Lesson Library

Victory vs. Defeat

Look through the sports section of the newspaper to select and clip a picture that shows the thrill of victory and one that shows the agony of defeat. Pose yourself to show each emotion.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple step directions.



What did the tie say to the hat?

ANSWER: "You go on ahead, and I'll hang around."

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