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BINGHAM ARRIVES

For singer/songwriter Ryan Bingham, the road has been a long one. And just for today, it leads to Horseshoe, where he's performing with Brian Fallon and the Crowes and Paul Cauthen.

Weekender

In favor of upcoming TRE

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Chamber of Commerce chair-elect Taylor Mayne speaks Wednesday at the annual Chamber meeting.

Chamber supports MISD tax rate hike

■ Organization also calls for next 4B tax to have specific purpose, angles for sports tourism

By Trevor Hawes
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The Midland Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting took place Wednesday at the Horseshoe Pavilion, an uncommon venue for the event.

"This is a nice place, but it sure will be great to get the Midland Center back because it's just right across the street from my office," federal Judge Robert Junell joked before leading the oath of office ceremony for the chamber's new directors and new board chairman Taylor Mayne.

Midland's downtown convention center is undergoing a $42.84 million reconstruction, with demolition set for November and construction expected to begin in February, according to Mayne's keynote presentation offering an outlook on the chamber's projects and goals.

Outgoing board chairman Cory Edmondson, who opened the keynote session with an updates presentation, said the chamber supports the upcoming tax ratification election, in which Midland ISD is seeking to raise the school tax rate from $1.04 per $100 valuation to $1.09. An election is necessary per state law for school tax rate increases above

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Coming Sunday

Check out the Reporter-Telegram's exclusive Q&A with Midland Chamber of Commerce board chairman Taylor Mayne.

Midland County introduces new jury summons system

By Simone Jasper
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Midland County has changed the way it summons people for jury duty. The new internet-based system is designed to ease the process of filling out juror questionnaires, but its rollout has confused some people.

The new system randomly selects people who are eligible to serve on a jury to receive a postcard in the mail. The postcard includes instructions to complete a juror questionnaire online or on a touch-dial phone.

District Clerk Ross Bush said some in the county have received scam phone calls from people pretending to be Midland County employees. He said the callers have asked for payments for not filling out the questionnaire, but the county will never request money over the phone.

"They're calling people, saying they're threatened because there's a warrant issued," Bush said. "People get frustrated and upset."

Bush also said some people weren't sure if the postcards were legitimate because they have a different design than previous jury summons. The official postcard includes the county seal and Bush's name.

After people complete the questionnaire, qualified jurors are entered into a database. When a judge needs to summon jurors, the system will randomly select people for appearances.

Midland County is licensed to use software from Judicial Systems Inc. for the new jury notification process. The company runs software across the country, catering its system to fit the needs of

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Long-term trends point to new normal for oil industry

■ COMMENTARY

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

Oil prices have swung wildly between $39 and $49 over the last six weeks as OPEC officials have hinted at freezing production, U.S. companies have filled storage tanks and drillers have restarted rigs.

Houston oil workers, though, shouldn't get their hopes up for another boom. The oil and gas industry may have hit bottom, but long-term trends point to a new normal of minimal drilling activity, which is what creates jobs in Houston far more than high oil prices or robust production. That's bad news for the 70,000 Houston-area residents who have lost their oil and gas jobs since late 2014, according to the Institute for Regional Forecasting at the University of Houston.

Industry analysts have been talking about a recovery ever since the price of West Texas intermediate bottomed in February, at around $26 a barrel and

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Bureau of Economic Geology: 10B barrels in Eagle Ford 'recoverable'

By Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio Express-News

The once-mighty Eagle Ford Shale oil patch is on its heels, on track for the lowest amount of drilling activity in six years, and getting out-shined by another, bigger field — the Permian Basin in West Texas.

But scientists Tuesday painted a vastly expanded picture of the Eagle Ford: as a place where at least 80,000 more wells will be drilled and companies could recover 10 billion barrels of oil at today's prices.

The University of Texas at Austin's Bureau of Economic Geology released new, unpublished research on the field at Hart Energy's DUG Eagle Ford conference in San Antonio.

Scott Tinker, bureau director, and Svetlana Ikonnikova, an energy economist there, said the 400-mile South Texas field has seen just a fraction of its ultimate ac-

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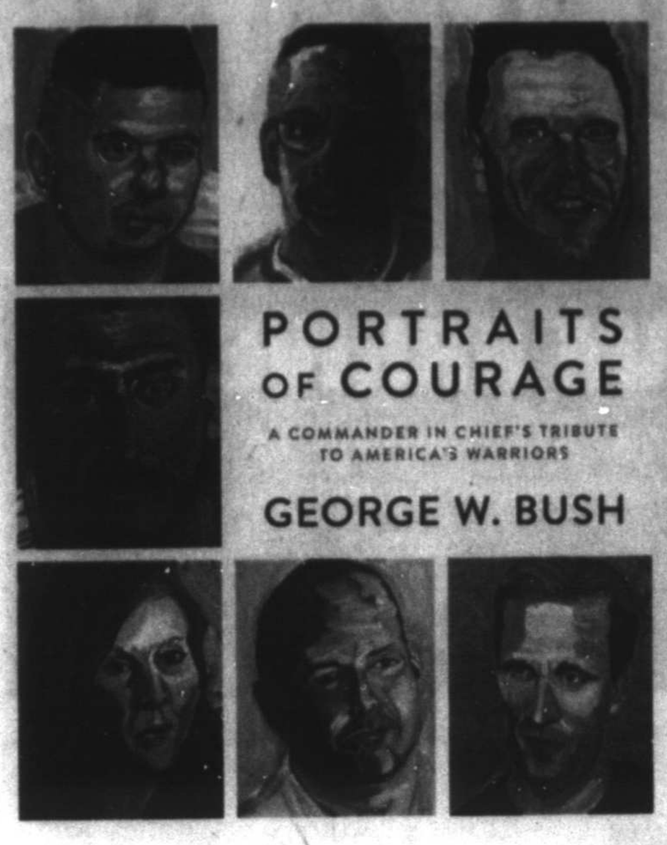

Crown via AP

This book cover image released by Crown shows, "Portraits of Courage: A Commander in Chief's Tribute to America's Warriors," by President George W. Bush. The book will feature 66 paintings and a four-panel mural of military veterans and those in active service, the Crown Publishing Group on Wednesday. The book is scheduled to come out Feb. 28, 2017.

George W. Bush paintings book coming in 2017

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The next book from former President George W. Bush will be more about pictures than words.

"Portraits of Courage: A Commander in Chief's Tribute to America's Warriors" will feature 66 oil paintings and a four-panel mural by Bush of military veterans and those in active service, the Crown Publishing Group told The Associated Press on Wednesday. The book is scheduled to come out Feb. 28, 2017, and will include an introduction by Bush and forewords by former first lady Laura Bush and by Gen. Peter Pace, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"This is a book about the men and women who have been tremendous national assets in the Armed Forces — and who continue to be vital to the future success of our country," Bush writes in the introduction. "The greatest honor of the presidency was looking them in the eye and saluting them as their Commander in Chief. And I intend to support and salute them for the rest of my life."

The book will be released in two editions: a $35 hardcover and a $250 "deluxe" volume, cloth-bound and signed by Bush.

According to Crown, "Portraits of Courage" also will have stories written by Bush in "his inimitable voice" about each of the subjects. "As the stories unfold — some of them inspiring, some of them heartbreaking — readers will encounter the faces and the hearts of those who answered the nation's call and learn from their bravery on the battlefield, their journeys to recovery, and the continued leadership and contributions they are making as civilians," the publisher's statement reads.

No financial numbers were disclosed. Bush was represented by Washington attorney Robert Barnett, who has also handled book deals for President Barack Obama and 2016 Democratic presidential contender Hillary Clinton. Bush's previous books include the best-sellers "Decision Points" and "41," about his father, former President George H.W. Bush.

Bush, who has become an avid painter since leaving the White House, is donating any net author proceeds to the George W. Bush Presidential Center and its Military Service Initiative, which helps post-Sept. 11 veterans and their families' transition to civilian life.

Bush was expected to mention the book in a speech Wednesday at the Fort Carson Military Community Transition Summit at Fort Carson, Colorado. The paintings from "Portraits of Courage" will be on exhibit in 2017 at the Bush Center, in Dallas, from March 2 through early October.

Texan wins glove nearly 60 years after baseball card contest

Associated Press

GRAND PRAIRIE — A candy company has stuck to its word and sent a Texas man a Louisville Slugger glove nearly 60 years after a bubble gum and baseball card contest began.

Darwin Day, 70, of Grand Prairie was cleaning his house and found a complete collection of Topps baseball cards from 1957-58, The Dallas Morning News reported. The cards were included with Bazooka bubble gum purchases.

Day said he was prompted to clean out his own house after having been tasked with cleaning out the Virginia home that belonged to his brother, who died of cancer earlier this year.

Day, who leads tours of Globe Life Park, has always been a baseball fan and at his brother's celebration of life, he led those in attendance in singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

"It was such a consuming job that it made me think that maybe I ought to clean out my own house," Day said. "So I did that, and I came across these cards."

One of the cards touted a contest: "Win These Swell Prizes in the 4th Bazooka Baseball Contest." To enter, the card owner had to correctly fill out scores from some professional baseball games and remit the card.

Day said no deadline was listed on the card, so he sent the completed entry card to an executive at Bazooka Candy Brands, a division of the New York-based Topps Company.

"It did pique my interest, this kind of mysterious letter," said Tony Jacobs, global general manager of Topps Confectionery Brands. Jacobs who joined Topps three years ago and manages the candy wing of the company, which includes Bazooka Bubble Gum.

Day was in bed he received when he received a call from Rogers & Cowan, a marketing firm that represents Topps. They told Day Topps was going to honor the contest.

His prize package also included T-shirts, a pillow with a Bazooka Joe comic strip printed on it and lots of gum.

Obituaries

Charles Lowell Thurmon

Charles Lowell Thurmon was born September 7, 1934 in Summerfield, Louisiana. He was the fifth son of seven children born to Curtis and Ethel Thurmon. The family lived for a time in Homer, Louisiana before moving to El Dorado, Arkansas where Lowell graduated from El Dorado High School in 1952.

After graduation, Lowell worked with his dad in the home building business until entering the United States Army in December 1954. While home on leave, he married Jeanne Williams September 25, 1956.

In 1958, Jeanne and Lowell moved to Midland, Texas where he began his career with the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier, and retiring in 1989 as station manager at Claydesta Station.

After retirement from the Postal Service, he went to work part-time at Pipkin (later Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin) Funeral Home, working there over 22 years.

Lowell is preceded in death by his parents and by his two sisters, Dott Thornton and Gladys Dunn Thomas, both of Oklahoma.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne Thurmon; one brother, Walker Thurmon (Beverley) of Shreveport, Louisiana; three sisters, Mertie Walton (Tommy) of Texas City, Texas, and Annette Garris (Elton) and Liz Griffith, both of El Dorado.

He is also survived by their two children, Vance Thurmon (S.A.) of Brady, Texas and Tammy (Thurmon) Davis of San Angelo, Texas.

Other survivors are six grandchildren, Dalton (Ashley), Jeni, Chancey Lynn (Grant), Bailey, Madison, and Cade; two great-granddaughters, Landri and Nora; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers are Lance Goree, Bryan Robbins, Tra Pipkin, Jamie Friar, Robert Allsup, Will Willmon, and Dalton Stevens.

Viewing will take place Thursday, September 15, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., with family receiving friends from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, September 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Wilshire Baptist Church with Pastor Glenn Pipes officiating. Burial will follow to Resthaven North.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Cruz Flores Madrid

Cruz Flores Madrid is now continuing her long life of peace with our Lord. She came to rest peacefully in her family's home on Monday, September 12, 2016.

Born on February 8, 1915 to Inez and Maria Madrid, she came to West Texas with her family at an early age. She lived a simple and comfortable life in Midland, Texas. Though she never married, Cruz was blessed to raise a daughter, Linda Yorkman, whom she raised as her own from the age of four months, after her mother passed.

Cruz was a clerk at Kirkland's Pharmacy until it closed, at which time she retired. She was happiest with family and had many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren to spend her days with. Family cherished her generous heart, giving ways, and honest outlook. She was a caregiver to so many throughout her enduring life and also gave of herself through the church while remaining a faithful member to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish & Shrine.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Yorkman; a brother, David Marid; three grandchildren, Keith Yorkman, Matthew Yorkman, and Christian Yorkman; and by one great-granddaughter, Kylie Yorkman, all of Midland.

Cruz was preceded in death by three brothers, Castulo Madrid, Francisco Madrid, and Cresencio Madrid; and by three sisters, Carmen Sanchez, Estela Calderon, and Sara Ceniceros.

Viewing will be today from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Service will be celebrated at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish & Shrine on Friday, September 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. with Father David Herrera officiating. A graveside memorial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers for the service will be Keith Yorkman, Matthew Yorkman, Christian Yorkman, Frank Madrid, Lionel Madrid, and Javier Madrid.

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Judge Barbara Culver Clack

Midland lost one of its most precious residents this week.

Barbara Jacqueline was born on February 9, 1926, to Lawrence F. and Alice (Bryson) Green in Dallas, Texas. She graduated from Highland Park High School in 1943 and began taking classes at Whitworth Jr. College in Brookhaven, Mississippi soon after. She earned her bachelor's degree in Journalism at Texas Tech University as part of the Class of 1947, before graduating from SMU Law School in 1951.

During her time at SMU, Barbara fell for a fellow law student, John Culver. After their graduation, the newlyweds moved to the oil boom town of Midland where John's mother and sister lived. Together they began the private practice of law, forming Culver & Culver.

In 1962, she was elected County Judge, becoming the first woman Republican judge in Texas. She served as County Judge for 15 years, and then District Judge for 10 years. In 1988, she was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court by Governor Bill Clements. She served for one year on the highest court in the State of Texas before retiring.

The Midland County juvenile detention center became the Culver Youth Home, now named the Barbara Culver Juvenile Justice Center in her honor. Her passion was family law and juvenile law. She was designated a Distinguished Alumni at the SMU Law School, as well as Distinguished Alumni from the Multi-Media Department (formerly Journalism) at Texas Tech University. She loved being involved in the County Judges and Commissioners Association, National Association of County Officials, Texas State Judicial Conference of Judges, National Judicial Conference, the National Association of Women Judges, and Texas Supreme Court Historical Society.

She also enjoyed her local affiliations with the DAR - Aaron Estes Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, Midland County Republican Women, and the Contemporary Study Club. She was also a faithful member of First United Methodist Church of Midland.

On Armistice Day in 1988, Barbara married Judge Jim Clack of Andrews after John's passing in 1981. Barbara had the most amazing group of friends, including her "little sisters" Linda George and Evelyn Halvorsen. She loved tea parties and luncheons or any chance to get together with family or friends.

The family would like to thank all the special friends who visited her in the hospital or sent their prayers and kind words.

Judge Barbara Culver Clack is lovingly survived by her grandchildren, Lawren Robertson (husband Toby and children Kesmond and Addisyn), Reed Culver, Cory Culver (wife Kali and daughter Jacqueline), and John Culver; niece, Dianne Lofton; nephew, Pat Lofton; and cousins, Linda Bowden, Gene Bryson, and Charlotte Bryson.

She is preceded in death by her husband, John R. Culver; husband, Judge Jim H. Clack; and her sons, Lawrence Lanier Culver and John Bryson Culver.

The family will receive guests from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Friday, September 16, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 17, 2016 at First United Methodist Church in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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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Gabriel Alvarez

Gabriel Alvarez, newborn, of Midland, Texas, was born on Monday, September 12, 2016 in Odessa, Texas and passed on the same day.

He is survived by his parents, Valente Alvarez and Jesusa Presas; two brothers, Manuel Burumen and Josu Alvarez; and by two sisters, Yasmin Burumen and Ivana Alvarez.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, September 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Crematory, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707, followed immediately by a burial.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage.

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Death Notices

Louisa Garza

Louisa Garza of Stanton, Texas, passed away on September 13, 2016.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at First Baptist Church in Stanton.

Louisa is survived by her daughter; Mary Jane Gonzalez; and her sons, Pat Garza, and Adolph Garza.

Maria S. (Urena) Centers

Maria S. (Urena) Centers, 80, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, September 16, 2016 at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland, Texas at 11:00 a.m.

Dallas project shows change in strategy in homeless care

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — Orderly lines of small homes in the shadow of Interstate 30 in Dallas are a sign that Texas is embracing a national trend of giving the homeless permanent, subsidized housing and augmenting it with support services.

Dallas officials this month unveiled the first of what's expected to be 50 tiny homes that will shelter the city's most chronically homeless. The $6.8 million project is seen as a fresh approach to reducing the number of homeless people in the city and a departure from the tent cities that sprout underneath highway overpasses.

These projects often generate heavy criticism from nearby homeowners and businesses, but the Dallas homes — quaintly named Cottages at Hickory Crossing — are bounded by interstates and have few neighbors.

The development is in keeping with a philosophy gaining ground nationally of providing the homeless with permanent housing and offering them social, medical and other services, or so-called wrap-around support. The approach replaces the longstanding model of shepherding the homeless to shelters and then transitional housing in the hope they find permanent options from there.

"We're solving a problem for people who are homeless today, but it's having a ripple effect on the way we fund and on our policies across the state," said Mandy Chapman Semple, who heads homeless initiatives for Houston as a special assistant to the mayor.

The revamped approach to housing, along with other factors such as a greater push to help homeless veterans, has proven effective. There were some 647,200 homeless in the U.S. in 2007, and that number fell to about 564,700 last year, according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, which bases its annual report largely on numbers provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

From 2010 to 2015, the number of homeless in Houston dropped by more than 25 percent, according to a Houston Chronicle report. Semple said the decline was largely driven by "permanent supportive housing" — part of a "Housing First" strategy — coupled with case managers who helped ensure people received the behavioral health and other care they needed.

Texas was slower than some coastal cities such as Boston and San Francisco to embrace this approach, but cities in the state have shown they could promptly drive down the number of homeless once they did, Semple said.

Larry James, CEO of CitySquare, the nonprofit behind the Cottages project in Dallas, said city officials know by name the 300 homeless people who place the greatest burden — and cost — on social services. The small homes near I-30 will go to 50 of them, along with the treatment needed to address addiction, behavioral disorders or other afflictions.

But James said there are obstacles to providing the number of homes or apartments that are needed, such as limited public dollars and a state tax credit program that's not attractive enough to developers.

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noun
1. *British.* a comfortable or cozy room.
2. *British.* a snug place or position.

Midland County Precinct 3 without a constable

■ Theodore Macklin surrenders TCOLE licenses, certificates

By Stewart Doreen
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Macklin

Midland County Precinct 3 is without a constable.

Theodore Macklin has submitted a letter to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement surrendering his license(s) and all certificates used by TCOLE, which, according to Sheriff Gary Painter, means he no longer serves as a constable.

Midland County Judge Mike Bradford said that at a meeting next week, commissioners will discuss the avenues in front of them as it pertains to filling the Precinct 3 constable position through the end of the year and possibly beginning next year.

Macklin is still on the November ballot as the Democratic Party's candidate for the constable's position in Precinct 3, according to the party's county chairman, David Rosen.

"The last day for candidates to withdraw or be declared ineligible was Aug. 26, according to the Texas Election Code 145.032, 145.035," Rosen said.

Rosen stated if the Democratic Party candidate (Macklin) gets more votes in November than the Republican, then there would be a need to appoint someone.

"This (appointment) can be for up to two years," Rosen wrote. "At the end of the two years there must be a special election. If the Republican wins the election, he will take office Jan. 1 and serve the entire new term."

The Republican on the ballot for constable in Precinct 3 is Jeffrey Rowland. Precinct 3 is generally parts of east Midland and most of south central Midland and extending that direction into the county.

According to the Texas Association of Counties website, a constable:

- serves as a licensed peace officer and performs various law enforcement functions, including issuing traffic citations;
- serves warrants and civil papers such as subpoenas and temporary restraining orders; and
- serves as bailiff for justice of the peace court.

Corn farmers in Panhandle welcome recent cool weather

By Lisa Lamb
Amarillo Globe-News

AMARILLO — Recent cooler temperatures and gray skies in Amarillo are predicted to remain through the rest of the week, and most likely into the weekend, with a light breeze and at least a 40 to 60 percent chance of rain each day.

The Amarillo Globe-News reported that weather forecast may not be the most desirable for many people in the city, but it's just fine for the region's corn farmers, who are facing the fall harvest.

The increased chance of rain, combined with the disappearance of summer's heat, is just what many corn growers have been hoping for.

"The hot and dry weather we had earlier in June, July and part of August kind of hurt our crop," Dumas corn farmer Darren Stallwitz said. "That stressed them pretty good. But the cool weather and the little bit of rain we've had has helped tremendously."

The rain in August helped out farmers, as well.

At the National Weather Service, meteorologist Mike Gittinger said this year's September rains have been a "stark contrast" to last year.

Gittinger said that through Sept. 12, the Amarillo area received 15.56 inches of moisture for the year, and the normal amount for that period is 16.15 inches.

"Last year, we had 28.81 inches, but that was a (fourth highest all-time) record. There weren't any major records broken (in August)," Gittinger said.

"We ended up with 4.1 inches of rainfall for the month, which was above normal (2.91 inches)," Gittinger said. "We had those early cool fronts, and so we kind of cooled back down after warming over the summer. Our average temperatures were pretty much running right about what they should have been; our average high was 88.2, and the normal is 89 or so."

Back in the corn field, Stallwitz said, "The weather right now is in pretty good shape to produce corn."

On his 6,500-acre farm, he planted about 1,000 acres of corn. While the rain is good for growing, the crop needs to dry out before it can be harvested.

"We would like some dry weather for harvest," Stallwitz said. "We want the crop to mature so it does take heat and a little bit of wind, but once it matures we kind of want it to be dry so we can get in and out of the field and not tear things up."

He hopes to get 200 to 250 bushels per acre.

Ron French, a plant pathologist at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, sees the current weather with a bit of a different view. He thinks the weather right now could potentially harm corn.

"We had high temperatures in July and August, which can stress the plant, and when a plant is stressed it's more susceptible, it's weaker, against the attack of insects and diseases caused by fungi and bacteria," French said. "Some of the major concerns in corn are aflatoxins and fumonisins (but) because we irrigate our corn, we don't tend to see those drought issues.

French said that fumonisins are toxins, and they could cause problems if the harvest is going to go for animal consumption.

"Currently, temperatures are cooling down," he said. "We're at the end of the growing season. If we do get rain in the next few days, that's going to increase the moisture level. The potential exists for ear rots in corn. At the end of the season, our concerns are usually with ear rots in corn, head molds in milo or sorghum and also with stalk rots on corn and sorghum. Fumonisins tend to occur when you have rainy weather during or after flowering. It can be increased if there's insect damage, or if there's a lot of fungal growth on the tip of the ear, then it spreads throughout the plant. Right now, because it's wet, we might be seeing more fumonisin issues."

Corn silage, or feed for cud-chewing animals, is what happens to most of the corn that is harvested in the Texas Panhandle.

"If the ears have fusarium ear rot, (that) could potentially produce the toxin. It's common to see fusarium in the ear, but if we have elevated levels of ear rot, then you have more fungal activity and you increase the potential for there to be high levels of the fumonisin, levels which are not acceptable for animal consumption."

Grand jury clears Waco officers in 2015 deadly biker shootout

Associated Press

WACO — A grand jury declined to recommend charges for three Waco police officers who shot bikers during a gunfight between rival motorcycle clubs in which nine people were killed and 20 others were hurt, the police department said Wednesday.

The gun battle happened in May 2015 outside a Twin Peaks restaurant where motorcycle clubs had gathered for a meeting, including members of the Bandidos and Cossacks, which the state considers to be gangs.

The McLennan County district attorney's office asked the grand jury whether the shootings were justified after the officers had been cleared by an internal police investigation, according to Waco police spokesman Sgt. Patrick Swanton. The officers, who were placed on paid administrative leave after the shooting, will return to full duty immediately, Waco's interim police chief, Frank Gentsch, said in a news release.

Ballistics reports seen by The Associated Press show that four of the people killed were struck by the same caliber of rifle round fired by Waco police, and that two of them were struck only by that kind of rifle.

More than 150 bikers were indicted following the shootout on a charge of engaging in organized criminal activity. The investigation is ongoing, and no trial dates have been set.

The grand jury hearing "allows the police to clean their hands" of the shooting, said Dallas attorney Don Tittle, who is representing more than a dozen bikers in lawsuits against the city. Tittle added that it was "routine" for prosecutors in Texas who do not want to bring charges in an officer-involved shooting to refer the matter to a grand jury.

Police and the district attorney's office have defended the officers' use of force, claiming that bikers had also opened fire on police.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Texas to review special education access following report

Texas education officials say they will take a closer look at special education access following a newspaper investigation that revealed teachers saying they denied disabled students in order to meet state benchmarks.

The Houston Chronicle reported this week that schools reduced access to special education after the Texas Education Agency quietly set a benchmark of 8.5 percent for the services in 2004.

Teachers and administrators told the newspaper they began putting kids into cheaper alternative programs and persuaded parents to pull their kids out of public school.

Texas Education Agency spokesman Gene Acuna said Wednesday the state will go "beyond" previous reviews of special education policies. The agency said in a broader statement that it sought in 2004 to draw attention to risks of over-identifying special education students.

DALLAS

UPS to hire 95,000 seasonal workers for upcoming holidays

The calendar says it's not even fall yet, but delivery companies and retailers are making their hiring lists for the holiday season.

It looks like short-term employment in stores may be flat with last year, but more people will be needed to deliver gifts bought online.

UPS said Wednesday it will add about 95,000 seasonal workers, mostly package handlers and drivers. That's close to last year's pace, when United Parcel Service Inc. hired 93,000 workers for a busy stretch that starts in late November and runs through the gift-return season in early January.

Delivery rival FedEx Corp. has not yet announced its plans.

Toys R Us also said Wednesday it has begun taking applications for part-time seasonal jobs in stores and distribution centers. A spokeswoman declined to give a nationwide figure but said the retailer expects to add at least 10,900 workers in five of its biggest markets: New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Earlier this week, Target Corp. said it would hire more than 70,000 seasonal store workers — about the same as last year.

Government figures indicate that about 2.5 million more Americans had jobs in August than a year earlier. John Challenger, CEO of workplace consultant Challenger, Gray & Christmas, said that kind of growth would ordinarily suggest more consumer spending and more seasonal hiring by retailers.

"But retailers are continuing to look for ways to be more efficient, and the continuing shift to online (shopping) allows them to be comfortable that they can manage with the same number of employees they had last year," Challenger said in an interview.

Challenger expects overall holiday hiring by retailers to be unchanged from last year, when retailers added about 738,800 seasonal jobs, down 1.4 percent from the year before.

The National Retail Federation expects a 3.4 percent increase in total retail sales this year — but a jump of 7 percent to 10 percent in online shopping.

While holiday hiring has been flat to down in stores, it is rising for transportation and warehousing services as consumers do more of their shopping online.

Target, for example, said it would add 7,500 people in distribution centers.

Peter Harrison, CEO of Snagajob.com, a site on which employers post and applicants browse job listings, said the tight labor market is pushing many employers to lock up seasonal workers earlier each year. And they are often forced to be more flexible with hours and other working conditions because they must compete with outfits like Uber.

Younger workers are more accustomed than their parents were to patching together their income with multiple jobs, temporary gigs, and seasonal jobs. But the latter can also serve as a bridge to a more traditional job.

UPS says that about one-third of seasonal hires eventually land year-round jobs at the company, and its CEO, David Abney, started as a part-time package loader while in college. Toys R Us estimates that 15 percent to 20 percent of its seasonal workers catch on permanently.

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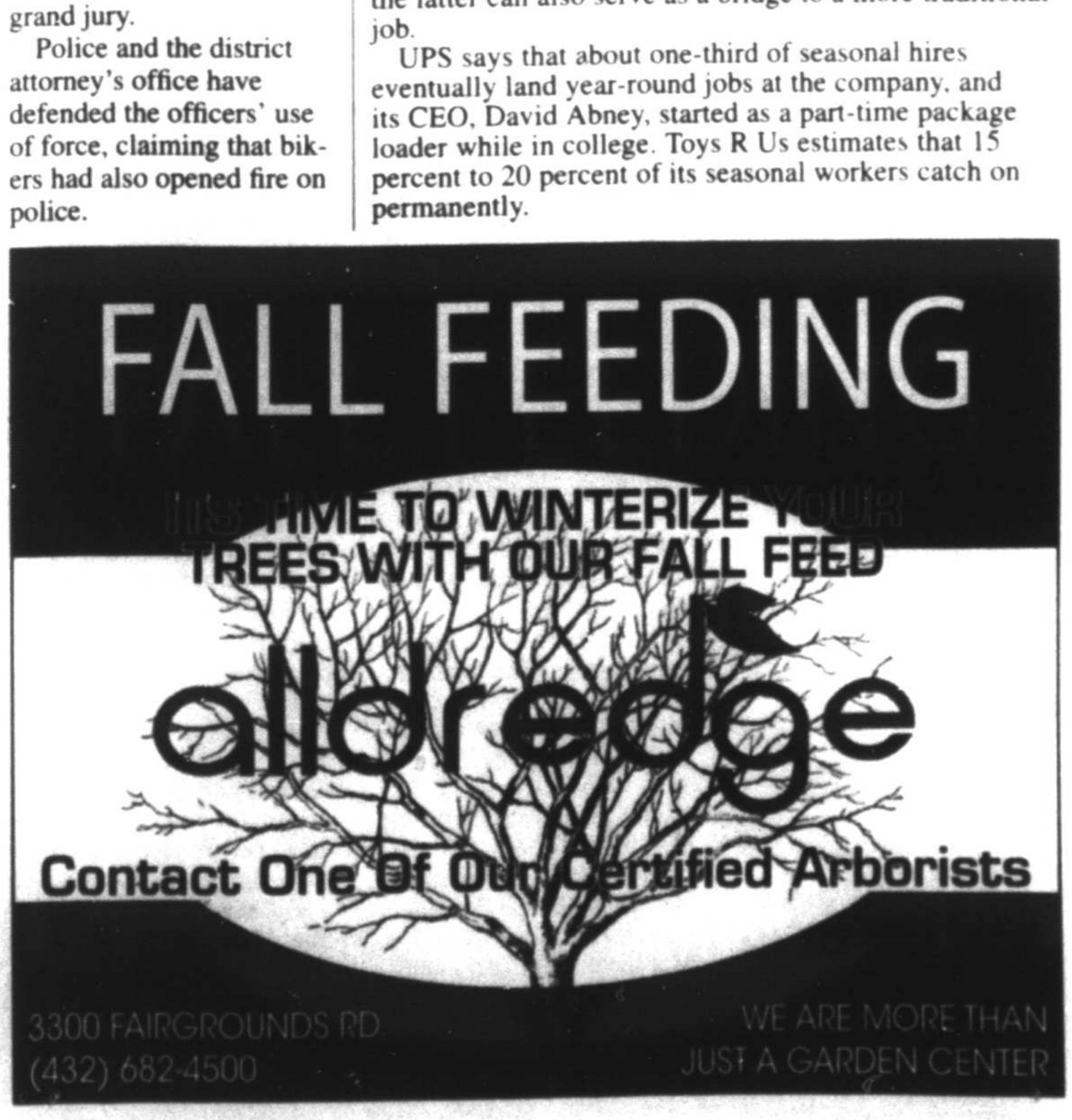

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Art Social: Western Literature, Buck Dunton and "Riders of the Purple Sage" with Wendy Earle, curator of collections and exhibitions, 10 a.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

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

■ Haikus in the Real World writing workshop for ages 11-13, 3:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250.

■ Third Thursday Reading, 4:30 p.m., George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. bushchildhoodhome.org.

■ Permian Basin Fair and Exposition at Ector Coliseum, Odessa. Permianbasinfair.com.

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

■ Callahan Divide, 6:30 p.m., Mac's Bar-B-Q.

■ Sam Riggs, Mark McKinney at the Permian Basin Fair and Exposition, 6:30 p.m., Ector Coliseum, Odessa. Permianbasinfair.com.

■ "Willie Velasquez: Your Vote is Your Voice," 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Midland Hispanic Cultural Center, 1311 E. Wadley Ave. Documentary is about the man who led the Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project that paved the way for Latinos to have a voice in government. Panel discussion will follow. Free. Basinpbs.org.

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

■ Ryan Bingham, Brian Fallon & the Crowes, Paul Cauthen, 7 p.m., Horseshoe Amphitheater, 2514 Trail. $20-$60. Etix.com.

■ Cody Jasper, 7 p.m., On the Border, 4306 Loop 250.

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

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

Note: For more information on the weekend entertainment schedule, see the Weekender section in today's Reporter-Telegram.

Club meetings, support groups today

■ New Beginnings cancer support group, 8:30 a.m., Texas Oncology - Allison Cancer Center, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Suite 100, 218-8714, fatima@giftsofhopemidland.org

■ Diabetes Support Group for Spanish Speakers, 2-3 p.m., Casa de Amigos; sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-3286.

■ 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.

■ Diabetes support group, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch; sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-3286.

■ 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

■ Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America, 7 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 3000 W. Golf Course Road, Paula Millhollon, 770-3156.

■ Oops Alley Clowns of West Texas; 520-3512.

■ Region 18 Super Symposium and Disability Resource Fair is set for 8:30 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Mid Cities Church, 8700 State Highway 191.

The free event is being billed as an opportunity to meet with "super hero" specialists and dynamic local resource for all parents, youth and professionals. There will be speakers discussing guardianship, advocacy, special olympics, a youth panel and more.

Tax ratification election

When: Oct. 8
Time: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Election Day voting centers: Annex Courtroom, 2110 N. "A" St.; Centennial Library, 2503 W. Loop 250; Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave.; Golf Course Church of Christ, 3500 W. Golf Course; St. Paul's Methodist Church, 4501 Thomason Drive.

Early voting

When: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 21-23, Sept. 26-Sept. 30, Oct. 3-4
Where: County Annex, 2110 N. "A" St.
Online: http://www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/elections/Pages/Current-Election.aspx

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 8-9-4
Pick 3 day: 7-7-9
Pick 3 evening: 2-5-8
Pick 3 night: 6-6-4
Daily 4 morning: 1-2-0-5
Daily 4 day: 0-1-0-2
Daily 4 evening: 3-0-7-6
Daily 4 night: 7-3-1-0
Cash Five: 4-15-22-36-37
Lotto Texas: 6-15-37-38-51-54
Powerball: 10-11-23-28-31 PB: 14 Power Play: 2
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-5-8-10-13-16-18-20-21-22
All or Nothing day: 1-2-4-8-11-12-17-18-19-21-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-4-6-8-9-11-12-15-17-19-21-22
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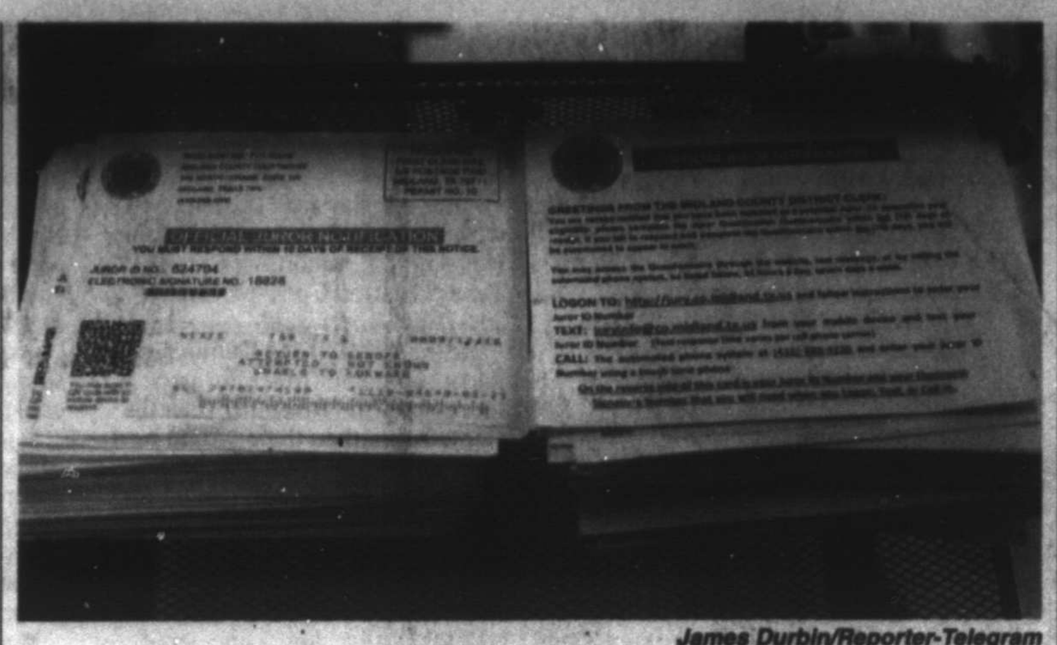

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Jury duty notifications photographed Wednesday in the office of the District Clerk.

SYSTEM

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specific counties.

Gary Dower, president of Judicial Systems, said the turnout rate for jury duty rose from about 20 percent to 95 percent after courts implemented the system.

"[Residents] enter their information in the system when they fill out the questionnaire," Dower said in a phone interview. "They will be sent a reminder starting two to three days before so they don't forget."

Bush hopes the new process will lead to higher turnout in Midland County. The county normally sends 1,000 jury summons a week, but on average only about 170 people report.

"My No. 1 hope is to provide judges in all the courts with enough jurors needed weekly," Bush said.

Bush also hopes to save taxpayers money by avoiding postponed trials. Judges need about 250 people to constitute a jury pool during voir dire.

Dower said initially asking for questionnaire information helps solve the problem.

"By pre-qualifying, instead of summoning 1,000 people to get 250 people, you send it out to 260 people because you already have their questionnaires," Dower said.

The system will take full effect Oct. 3. The county has already sent postcards to eligible jurors and will continue to send them two to three weeks ahead of appearance dates.

Under Texas law, residents who fail to comply with a summons are subject to fines. Through the new system, people can defer jury duty online up to two times. Bush said the system is beneficial because it gives people the control to choose alternate dates.

"You already fill out the questionnaire saying you meet all the qualifications," Bush said. "You have the choice that maybe if you can't be here that date, you can come another date."

BARRELS

From 1A

tivity. UT expects 100,000 wells in the Eagle Ford, far more than the 17,000 wells have been drilled so far, according to the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Tinker called the estimate is conservative.

"That's today's technology, today's price. Technology doesn't stop," Tinker said. "The hydrocarbons are here and the demand is here, and is not going away."

Ikonnikova said the number could rise by another 30,000 to 35,000 gas wells if natural gas prices rise enough that the southern band of the field, which holds deep, dry gas, become profitable.

The university has been studying shale gas production and reserves across the U.S., but this latest phase of the study looks at two shale oil fields, the Eagle Ford in South Texas and the Bakken formation in North Dakota.

The study considers every square mile of the field and analyzes factors such as energy prices, the cost of drilling and completing a well and the impact of regulations. The results will be published in various peer-reviewed papers over the next six months.

The Eagle Ford holds an estimated 230 billion barrels of oil, though just 10 billion can be recovered now, the latest research indicates. UT estimates it also has 462 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, with 34 trillion cubic feet recoverable. The study considered the lower and upper layers of the Eagle Ford, but not the Austin Chalk, where many companies now are drilling.

It's the first time the university has put a number on the estimated amount of oil and gas the field holds.

The ultimate potential of the Eagle Ford stands in contrast to the current mood of the field, which has been battered since oil busted. The price of a barrel of crude oil fell to $45.71 Tuesday, and is down from a peak of $107 in June 2014. Much of the talk at Tuesday's conference was about drilling wells faster and with longer horizontal reaches that will produce more oil — basically technical ways to pinch pennies.

Chris Heinson of Sanchez Energy said the company's costs per well have dropped from $7.4 million in 2014 to $3.3 million now, with its cheapest South Texas wells coming in at $3 million.

Dale Kokoski, regional vice president of the Eagle Ford for Houston-based Marathon Oil Corp., said the field had switched from a period of "hyper growth" into one where companies have to carefully manage their business. Kokoski called production engineers, who squeeze the most oil possible out of existing wells, the newly important people in the office "who can't walk past a nickel."

> *"That's today's technology, today's price. Technology doesn't stop. The hydrocarbons are here and the demand is here, and is not going away."*
>
> **Scott Tinker,** Bureau of Economic Geology director

That's a big change for the field.

Trade journals have started throwing around words like "optimization" in an oil field, which Kokoski said was a nice way of saying, "Boys, the party's over."

"I'd like to think there's at least a few more Champagne bottles with corks ready to pop," Kokoski said.

Refracking — going back into existing wells to frack them again — has potential in the Eagle Ford and has been much discussed in the industry, thought it hasn't yet become a widespread practice, Kokoski said.

For now, drilling activity is dropping in the field as companies pull back spending or send rigs to West Texas. Just 642 drilling permits were filed in the Eagle Ford as of August, down from more than 5,600 in 2014.

The lack of new drilling is dragging down production. Eagle Ford production peaked at 1.7 million daily barrels in March 2015 and has been sliding ever since. It's expected to pump 981,000 barrels daily in October, down 46,000 barrels per day from this month, a report this week from the U.S. Energy Information Administration states.

Attention and excitement have shifted to West Texas and eastern New Mexico, where the Permian Basin is on the climb. The Permian expected to produce 1.99 million barrels daily in October, up 22,000 daily barrels from this month. That would be the highest level of oil production from the Permian in more than a decade.

The Eagle Ford, meanwhile, might be circling back to an old standby, natural gas, which drillers originally were targeting in 2008 before they focused their sights on oil.

Oil has been the dominant story of the field. Historically high prices that hovered in the $100-per-barrel range from 2010 to 2014 created an unprecedented oil boom in South Texas.

But the Eagle Ford sits in a good geographic position for natural gas, which is in demand in plants along the Gulf Coast and in Mexico.

Mexico hasn't been able to develop its own oil and gas fields quickly enough to keep up with demand as its economy grows and electricity generation switches from fuel oil to natural gas. Enter Texas, which has an abundance of cheap natural gas to send across the border.

"Mexico is giving some Eagle Ford gas producers an outlet," Beatriz Camarena Maney, principal of Clearinghouse International, said at the conference. The Eagle Ford, in particular, is well positioned because Pemex pipelines across the Texas border have spare capacity to carry more gas, she said.

Mark Sooby of Bank of America Merrill Lynch also said gas producers in the Eagle Ford will benefit from the appetite for natural gas in neighboring Mexico, as well as the mothballing of U.S. coal plants and a switch to natural gas for electricity generation, and the export of liquefied natural gas, or LNG, which started this year along the Gulf Coast.

"The Eagle Ford is not a bad place to take advantage of all of those things," Sooby told the audience.

Mark Meyer of Tudor Pickering Holt & Co. expects natural gas prices to rise next year, creating more of an incentive to produce gas in the field.

"You've got regionally advantaged natural gas in the Eagle Ford," Meyer said.

Many expect oil prices to move up in the next few years. While the world is swimming in too much oil now, Sooby said global demand will require an additional 9 million barrels of oil daily by 2020.

When prices rise, companies have plenty of work backlogged. They've drilled but haven't fracked more than 5,000 wells across the country during the downturn, choosing to wait for better days to send oil and gas to market, according to the EIA. The backlog includes 1,261 wells in the Eagle Ford and 1,348 wells in the Permian Basin.

CHAMBER

From 1A

$1.04 per $100 valuation (for maintenance and operations). The district considers the tax rate increase a necessary step because it has a $50-plus million check to write to Austin this year.

MISD faces a $25 million deficit brought on through the "recapture" process mandated by the state's so-called Robin Hood plan, where wealthier school districts must pay a certain amount of revenues back to the state for redistribution to poorer school districts.

Edmondson said the chamber is taking action to reverse recapture but also wants to see the school district get an increased tax rate. "If we don't have an educated workforce, then you can't compete as a business," he told the crowd of businesspeople and elected officials. The Scharbauer Foundation recently committed $10 million to help mitigate the school district's deficit.

Edmondson also said the chamber supports repurposing the type 4B sales tax, but Mayne said the chamber would only support the tax if the city presents a specific purpose for it. Type 4B is a quarter-cent sales tax that the city of Midland uses to pay off the construction debt of the Scharbauer Sports Complex. Voters approved 4B in 1999, and after refinancing, the earliest date the complex could have been paid off without penalty was March of this year. The city has opted to not pay off the complex, thus keeping the sales tax in place until, at least, the election to repurposing the tax, possibly in May 2017.

Earlier this year, the city presented a densely worded proposal for repurposing 4B that included the construction of sports facilities for tournaments, restaurants, theaters and roads -- to name a few. City officials have since pulled that proposal. Mayne said the chamber will support 4B after the city determines a specific purpose for it, though new sports facilities is what the chamber seems to want.

In his presentation, Mayne said city had seen $36 million in revenues from direct visitor spending while $1.2 million was invested in tourism, a 30-to-1 return on investment. The only subcategory presented was sports and entertainment, which, according to the chamber, bought in $17.8 million after $240,000 was invested. With a Chamber-calcualted return on investment of 74-to-1, Mayne said it was clear that "sports tourism is where the money is."

In talking with the Reporter-Telegram after the meeting, Mayne said the chamber didn't have a specific purpose in mind for 4B, though he mentioned that, when analyzing how other cities such as Arlington use its 4B tax, the chamber was impressed by revenues from sports tourism investments.

Edmondson and Mayne were high on the impact the new Midland Convention Center will have. "I fully believe the new convention center will be transformational for downtown," Mayne said, "It will be the catalyst of the needed growth and (will be the) spark for development for the downtown district."

With the forthcoming demolition of the current Midland Center and adjacent Chamber of Commerce building, the chamber and Midland Development Corp. were forced to relocate. MDC will move to the sixth floor of Centennial Tower, which is across from Centennial Plaza. The chamber's new office will be on the second floor of the Bank of America Building. While the chamber looks forward to settling into its new home, Mayne said the chamber someday would like a building of its own downtown.

Completion of the new Midland Convention Center is slated for July 2018, with a grand opening in September 2018. Final construction documents are due next month.

Awards

Several M-Squad awards were given at Tuesday's meeting, but in an interesting twist, the Volunteer of the Year award didn't go to a single person. Instead, the Missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints received the honor.

The Scott Seator Rookie of the Year award was given to Heather Massey, and the Jack Moore Excellence award went to Mike Den Bleyker. Becky Wisdom was Ambassador of the Year.

Eighteen recipients received Above & Beyond awards: Dewayne Barnett, Vicki Cargile, Mike Den Bleyker, Michelle Dickey, Lesley Donnell, Joel Hawkins, Gregory Hunt, Dakota Massey, Heather Massey, Travis Massey, George McAlpine, Jay Norris, RoseAnna Richardson, Susie Rodgers, Sarah Stredic, Jessica Vestal, Becky Wisdom and Dianne Wright.

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INDUSTRY

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began working its way upward. Higher prices usually spur oil companies to hire more people to design and drill new wells, and that's what happened this summer, with the Baker Hughes U.S. rig count rising from 404 in May to 508 last week.

The volume of oil in storage, though, kept climbing, and in late July prices tumbled again. That's when OPEC oil ministers boosted prices by agreeing to discuss freezing production at an informal Sept. 26-28 meeting in Algiers, with Saudi Arabia, Russia and Iran agreeing to join. That led to higher prices and more drilling.

Prices got more support when Iran's oil minister, Bijan Zanganeh, said last week that $50 to $60 a barrel was a good price range for OPEC because it is low enough to lock out competitors, including most deep-water and U.S. drillers, but high enough to help cash-strapped OPEC governments. That helped international oil hit $50.

What drillers and oil traders missed, though, was that Zanganeh also said his country would agree to a freeze only after it was pumping 4 million barrels a day. Since Iran is currently pumping 3.8 million barrels, that suggests that other OPEC nations would need to cut production by 200,000 barrels a day to reach a deal or give Iran a pass to pump more into an already-flooded market.

That makes the chances pretty slim for a strong, enforceable deal coming out of Algiers later this month.

All the while, the stockpile of crude and refined fuel inventories kept setting records. Last week, the U.S. had 511.4 million barrels of crude in storage, about 80.6 million barrels above the five-year average, according to S&P Global Platts, which tracks energy markets. And even that number is misleadingly low, because Hurricane Hermione disrupted deliveries, and there is about a three-week backlog of oil tankers waiting to unload.

The reason so many analysts have been wrong in their predictions is that U.S. drillers have continued to pump, despite a 70 percent cut in capital spending since 2014. U.S. companies slashed rigs from a high of 1,900 down to 404, but they are pumping just as much oil as they did in 2014.

Lower break-even costs mean companies can afford to drill again, but the greater efficiency means a cap on how many rigs they will add. Operators also have a backlog of 4,117 wells already drilled and waiting to be completed when the price is right, according to the latest forecast by the U.S. Energy Information Administration. The agency doesn't expect prices to hit $100 a barrel again before 2030.

HBO via AP

In this image released by HBO, Lena Headey appears in a scene from "Game of Thrones." On July 14, Headey was nominated for outstanding supporting actress in a drama series for her role. The 68th Primetime Emmy Awards will be broadcast live Sunday on ABC beginning at 7 p.m. on ABC.

And the Emmy goes to? A TV follower offers predictions

LYNN ELBR
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Please excuse the excuses, but my Emmy predictions are resting uneasily on shifting ground.

I'd like to say I'm confident that "Game of Thrones" and "Veep" will repeat as best drama and comedy series. And that I'm equally but regrettably sure there will be no "The Americans" or "black-ish" upsets.

And I am. Sort of.

The reason for the caginess: This year, the TV academy ditched a consensus approach in which nominees in each category were ranked on points to determine the winner. Instead, voters now check off their top choice and the one with the most votes wins. That change comes atop a 2015 decision to increase the voting pool beyond small blue-ribbon panels to include more academy members.

Will the two revisions combine for big surprises Sunday when the 68th Primetime Emmy Awards air at 7 p.m. on ABC with host Jimmy Kimmel? Got me. But here are my best guesses and wish list for victors in the glamour categories.

Drama series

Should win: "Game of Thrones." The battles, the bravery, the betrayal — it's all there and grippingly cinematic as "GOT" winds its way through George R.R. Martin's astounding kingdom.

Will win: "Game of Thrones." Last year, it (bloodlessly!) wrested the top drama award from Emmy voters typically reluctant to reward fantasy shows. Expect it to conquer again.

Comedy series

Should win: "black-ish." Old-school sitcom excellence meets new-school awareness. Can punchlines mesh effectively with troubling social issues? No sweat for creator Kenya Barris and the cast.

Will win: "Veep." The viciously funny series was crowned in the category last year and, in a rollicking real-world election season that barely exceeds the show's satire, voters will give it a second term.

Actor, drama series

Should win: Matthew Rhys, "The Americans." He exemplifies the British acting craft in a moving, nuanced performance that commands our attention.

Will win: Buzzed-about star Rami Malek of "Mr. Robot" could benefit from the expanded voting. But our ballot is marked for Kevin Spacey of "House of Cards" — the fourth Emmy bid's the charm for this Oscar winner's supremely villainous politico.

Actress, drama series

Should win: Viola Davis, "How to Get Away with Murder." She lets it rip every which way as a brilliant, sexy, flawed law professor. This stellar actress is always magnetic.

Will win: Davis. She made history last year as the first African-American winner in the category and voters will reinforce their admiration with a second trophy.

Supporting actor, drama series

Should win: Kit Harington, "Game of Thrones." His valiant Jon Snow has been a consistent standout in a sprawling cast, but he escaped Emmy notice until Snow died and then rose to fight again. That deserves a trophy, at least.

Will win: Harington. Voters will bow down before the King in the North.

Supporting actress, drama series:

Should win: Lena Headey. Her wrenching portrayal of Cersei Lannister stumbling through her debasing "walk of shame" in season five inexplicably failed to bring her a trophy, so it's past time for voters to redeem themselves.

Will win: Headey. Her third "GOT" nomination comes with Cersei back on top and Headey continuing to deepen her portrayal of the most darkly complex female character on TV. Voters will see the light — or else.

Actor, comedy series

Should win: Jeffrey Tambor, "Transparent." It took an extraordinary role to give this journeyman actor the recognition due him. Without precedent for playing the slowly unfolding life of a transgender character, Tambor has traveled the path faultlessly.

Will win: Tambor, taking his second Emmy for the role because he's in a class by himself.

Actress, comedy series

Should win: Tracee Ellis Ross, "black-ish." The comic timing, the rubber-faced expressions evocative of Lucille Ball and her fresh rendition of a modern working mother make her Emmy worthy. Maybe next year?

Will win: Julia Louis-Dreyfus, "Veep." The impeccably deft comic actress has owned this category since 2012 with her portrayal of vice president-to-president Selina Meyer.. She may have to bow out of contention, a la Candice Bergen in the 1990s for "Murphy Brown," to stop winning.

Supporting actor, comedy series

Should win: Louie Anderson, "Baskets." An actor playing a woman who's not transgender sounds old hat. But Anderson's tone-perfect work makes this equally groundbreaking: The right actor, gender aside, got the role.

Will win: Tony Hale, "Veep." He plays presidential assistant Gary Walsh with neurotic, clueless perfection and, after two wins for the role, has no reason to be nervous about a third trophy.

Supporting actress, comedy series

Should win: Allison Janney, "Mom." Because she's a treasure, an actress who grounds even the show's silliest moments and brings humanity and grace to its darker ones.

Will win: Janney. See above. And Emmy voters know it.

Texas A&M student with sign performs with Springsteen

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — A Texas A&M University student holding a sign that pleaded with rocker Bruce Springsteen to share a song on stage had his wish come true in Philadelphia.

KBTX-TV reported Matthew Aucoin's sign said: "Can a college kid play 'No Surrender' with you?"

Springsteen noticed the sign during a concert Friday and had the 19-year-old sophomore from Spring come on stage. Aucoin was handed a guitar and the pair began to play and sing with Springsteen's E Street Band.

Aucoin, who got a guitar last year for Christmas, said Tuesday that he's been playing every day since. The business administration major sais he's looked up to Springsteen his whole life.

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Director J.J. Abrams, third right, and actors John Boyega, second left, Daisy Ridley, third left, and Adam Driver, second right, pose for photos during the Japan premiere of "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" in Tokyo. Turner networks TNT and TBS will be the exclusive basic-cable homes for all the "Star Wars" feature films.

'Star Wars' films land at Turner networks in exclusive deal

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Turner networks TNT and TBS will be the exclusive basic-cable homes for all the "Star Wars" feature films, thanks to a multiyear deal with the films' studios.

The deal, announced Wednesday, includes the network premieres of last year's "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" and the upcoming "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," opening in theaters in December.

The agreement with Walt Disney Studios also includes five of the six original "Star Wars" films, as well as the network television premieres of three future installments. The 1977 first film, "Star Wars: A New Hope," completes the collection through a previous arrangement with 20th Century Fox.

TNT is set to premiere "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" in early 2018, followed in 2019 by this year's "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story."

The "Star Wars" canon comes to Turner's airwaves beginning next Tuesday, when TNT kicks off six consecutive nights of the original six films.

Here's the lineup:

- **Tuesday, Sept. 20:**
  7 p.m. and 10 p.m. — "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace"
- **Wednesday, Sept. 21:**
  7 p.m. and 10:05 p.m. — "Star Wars: Attack of the Clones"
- **Thursday, Sept. 22:**
  7 p.m. and 10:05 p.m. — "Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith"
- **Friday, Sept. 23:**
  7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. — "Star Wars: A New Hope"
- **Saturday, Sept. 24:**
  9:45 a.m. — "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace"
  12:45 p.m. — "Star Wars: Attack of the Clones"
  3:55 p.m. — "Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith"
  7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. — "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back"
- **Sunday, Sept. 25:**
  4:15 a.m. — "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace"
  7:15 a.m. — "Star Wars: Attack of the Clones"
  10:20 a.m. — "Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith"
  1:25 p.m. — "Star Wars: A New Hope"
  4:10 p.m. — "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back"
  7 p.m. and 10 p.m. — "Star Wars: Return of the Jedi"
  1 a.m. — "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace"

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Hillary Clinton's health becomes a valid issue

■ As this pneumonia episode demonstrates, Clinton's real problem isn't her health but the entirely valid perception that she's dishonest, secretive and exploits 'the system.'

JONAH GOLDBERG

Tribune News Service

One of the most amusing spectacles of this election season has been the whipsawing of the loyalists. Repeatedly, spinners for Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump have been sent out to hammer this or that talking point, only to be left holding the bag when the candidate goes another way.

So far, Trump has been narrowly ahead in this important competition. But after Sunday, Clinton may have taken the lead.

For weeks, the official position of the chattering classes was that any inquiry into Clinton's health was "sexist."

As Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar told MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell on Sept. 2, "I have seen her personally. You've seen her personally, Andrea. She is in shape. She is strong. She just has a ton of energy. And I find this actually quite sexist when these guys are saying this. I think that that is not an issue at all and the American voters know that."

Glamour magazine ran an item headlined, "Yes, it's sexist to speculate about Hillary Clinton's health."

Last week, Clinton herself was asked if discussion of her health was sexist. She replied with a long, ironic "hmmmmmm" that typified her gift for political subtlety and nuance.

The same day, the headline for Chris Cillizza's Washington Post column captured the prevailing attitude: "Can we just stop talking about Hillary Clinton's health now?"

Five days later, after Clinton's near-collapse at ground zero, another Cillizza column carried this headline: Hillary Clinton's health just became a real issue in the presidential campaign."

But that wasn't the only whipsaw. On Sunday morning, the Clinton campaign put out the explanation that the heat got to her. Social media lighted up with corroborations that lower Manhattan was the meteorological equivalent of the jungles of Borneo. Even New York Times columnist Paul Krugman testified that it was indeed "muggy."

My favorite take came from left-wing writer Leela Daou via Twitter: "What we REALLY should be talking about is why it's so damn hot on a September morning" followed by the hash tags #Global-Warming and #climatechange. Not only is Clinton going to fight climate change, she's like a polar bear searching for an ice floe: proof that it's real!

Then, hours later, the campaign admitted that it wasn't the heat, but pneumonia. The dervishes suddenly threw the gear-shift into reverse. Out with the meteorological hand-wringing, in with encomiums to Clinton's Stakhanovite stamina. Peter Daou (Leela's husband and a former Clinton adviser) tweeted, "Doing events with pneumonia shows how strong Hillary is. Her detractors have now lost another one of their hit jobs. They should be ashamed."

Uh-huh.

I have no sympathy for the spinners; this is the life they have chosen. And I have a word of caution for reporters who seem reluctant to cover certain issues if they think it's going to reward Trump.

It's true that the Trump campaign and its subalterns in conservative media have been dabbling in conspiracy-theorizing about Clinton's health. Indeed, the suggestion that Clinton's pneumonia is a vindication of the right-wing rumor that she's brain damaged is ridiculous. That doesn't mean, however, that reporters should take the Clinton campaign's word as gospel.

Journalism-school Jesuits have been saying that presidential candidates' health is relevant ever since FDR's "splendid deception." And in her FBI interview, Clinton seemed to invoke her concussion and subsequent blood clot as one of the reasons she couldn't recall security briefings. That's news. Period.

Besides, the greatest gift the mainstream media could give Trump, Drudge et al. would be to keep serving as Clinton's praetorian guard.

As this pneumonia episode demonstrates, Clinton's real problem isn't her health but the entirely valid perception that she's dishonest, secretive and exploits "the system" — including the support of the mainstream media — for her benefit.

In 2008, news outlets openly speculated about whether Sen. John McCain was too frail to be president. NBC News ran an Associated Press story under the headline, "1 in 4 chance McCain may not survive 2nd term."

People remember these things. When Clinton faltered on Sunday, she not only humiliated her most loyal servants, who were kept in the dark by a campaign terrified of playing it straight with voters and the media, she also made countless people say, "Looks like Drudge was right again."

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GUEST VIEW

Divisive campaign gets worse as Clinton makes deplorable error

Orange County (California) Register

Four years after many Republicans groaned helplessly when Mitt Romney was caught on tape disparaging 47 percent of voters, it's Democrats who may learn that you can't win the White House by writing off millions of Americans as unsalvageable rejects.

Romney claimed many would automatically vote to re-elect President Barack Obama because they see themselves as permanent victims forever dependent on government, "entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you name it."

Last week, in language remarkably tone-deaf, even in the comfortable confines of a New York City fundraiser, Clinton took the leap from good politics to bad in a single breath. "We are living in a volatile political environment," she warned attendees, and who could argue with that? But she then blamed that volatility on "half of Trump's supporters," putting them into "what I call the basket of deplorables."

Who's that? "The racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamaphobic — you name it," she said, bizarrely echoing Romney's fatal choice of words. Trump, she charged, "has lifted them up. He has given voice to their websites that used to only have 11,000 people — now 11 million. He tweets and retweets their offensive, hateful, mean-spirited rhetoric."

Clinton topped it off with the conclusion that some of those Trump trolls "are irredeemable, but thankfully they are not America."

Clinton came right out and said what Romney's critics accused him of believing: that a huge swath of Americans are simply un-American, and there's nothing we should do about it but lock them out of politics. As Romney can ruefully attest, the impression among many that one is an unacceptable choice to lead all Americans in the country is only strengthened by such remarks.

Clinton stepped on this land mine precisely because of how easy it is today to bash the opposition. The internet really has given people on the furthest fringes a powerful new way to link up, organize and influence the political conversation.

Yet American freedoms haven't changed. This is still a country where hateful organizations can peaceably assemble and speak as groups. Inevitably, determining how best to tolerate the fringe puts us into the difficult gray areas and judgment calls of a diverse democracy.

Of course, there's nothing to condone about some of Trump's own rhetoric. The candidate has been far too comfortable sounding bigoted, and far too indifferent in inviting charges of racism from a bipartisan range of respected critics. What's more, his campaign has encouraged supporters at the fringe to speak out more confidently and more aggressively, contributing to a climate of hatred and fear, especially online. This does not mean that Clinton should receive a pass for her insulting remarks, however.

Trump and Clinton are the two most unpopular presidential candidates in more than 30 years of ABC News/Washington Post polling, with each having an unfavorability rate of about 60 percent among likely voters. Their rhetoric and intentional alienation of certain groups is a big part of the reason why.

This may play well with their bases, but the next president must rise above the rhetoric to unite the nation and focus on the solutions to the serious challenges that face our country.

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Don't believe immigrant crime myth

■ Negative assertions made against immigrants aren't always what they seem

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Depending on the mood of the country, immigrants are either welcome additions to a melting pot that always needs youth, or they're a pox upon our country, contributing to violence, crime and disease. But research dating back at least a century unequivocally shows that the foreign-born are involved in crime at significantly lower rates than their U.S.-born peers.

"We don't always express these strong levels of apprehension or anxiety toward immigrants. Rather, these feelings build as the immigrant population grows," said Bianca E. Bersani, an associate professor of sociology at the University of Massachusetts and the lead author on a new paper investigating the link between immigration and crime. "There is an ebb and flow that coincides with increasing and decreasing levels of immigration to the U.S."

Alex R. Piquero, a criminologist at the University of Texas at Dallas and Bersani's co-author, added, "Immigrants simply do not commit crimes at the rates that people think they do. The anxieties are in large part because immigrants are, to natives, 'not like us.' They bring different cultures, religions, language and demographics than what many are used to and that frightens us and contributes to a pervasive view, absent any empirical data, that immigrants bring problems and take our jobs. That is simply not consistent with the facts, especially when it comes to crime."

Bersani and Piquero's data analysis reinforced previous research showing that the foreign-born pose no unique criminal threat. But they went a step further and answered the question: "How can we know the respondents didn't lie about their interactions with law enforcement?"

Misrepresentation is a problem with all research that relies on people self-reporting information that may put them in a negative light. And in the case of immigrants — both legal and unauthorized — it's well-known that they sometimes don't trust, or understand, the criminal justice system.

But when Bersani and Piquero set out to learn whether immigrants' lower levels of crime (compared with first- and subsequent-generation U.S.-born people) might be influenced by differing crime reporting practices between these generations, they found that immigrants do not have a greater tendency to underreport their offenses.

Their analysis of data that included both individual self-reports of crime and official records found "no evidence that foreign-born, first-generation immigrants underreport their arrest history. In fact, when evidence of divergence exists, it is in the direction of immigrants overreporting arrests."

Pervasive myths die hard, and the authors have already fielded inquiries about whether their research differentiates between legal and unauthorized immigrants.

Though overstaying a visa or entering the United States without authorization is a civil offense — not a criminal one — illegal immigrants are often viewed as being definitively linked to violence and crime.

"In our analysis we don't have the level of detail to distinguish citizenship status for the foreign-born group," Bersani told me in an email. "That said, we can't rule out that the data do not include illegal entrants either, but there are two things to note here. One, others who have looked at differences in offending comparing legal and illegal immigrants do not find that illegal immigrants are significantly different from legal immigrants. And, two, in practice, the lines between legal and illegal are often blurred, and other research has established that in many people's minds the status of immigrant, regardless of legality, is deemed 'intrinsically delinquent.'"

Predictably, the authors have been accused of pro-immigrant bias.

Piquero, who is the child of immigrants, told me: "Many people think we are absolving illegal immigrants because they believe that immigrants and illegal immigrants are one and the same, and they are not." The science and data rule the day. Any person, regardless of their demographic, would have arrived at the same conclusion that we did."

As Bersani noted, the fervor with which negative assertions are made against immigrants varies depending on the circumstances.

According to the Pew Research Center, growth and dispersion of the U.S. Latino population has slowed since 2007, and immigration from Latin America has cooled even as Latino fertility rates have fallen. Immigrants from China and India — who, for better or worse, carry with them the "model minority" halo — are outpacing those from Mexico.

Maybe this demographic shift to an even more diverse group of new immigrants can help reverse some people's willful insistence on seeing all immigrants in a negative light.

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In leaked emails, Powell calls Trump a 'national disgrace'

By Jeff Horwitz and Michael Biesecker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a trove of newly leaked emails, former Secretary of State Colin Powell calls Donald Trump "a national disgrace" and suggests his own Republican Party is "crashing and burning."

Powell also laments Hillary Clinton's attempt to equate her use of private email at the State Department with his.

The emails, posted on the website DCLeaks.com and first reported by Buzzfeed News late Tuesday, offer insight into the unvarnished opinions of the respected retired Army general who was secretary of state under President George W. Bush. The messages run from March 2015 through last month.

Powell, 79, did not respond Wednesday to a phone message or email seeking comment. He earlier told BuzzFeed that he does not deny the emails' authenticity.

In the emails, Powell said he stayed relatively quiet during the rise of Trump, the Republican presidential nominee. "To go on and call him an idiot just emboldens him," Powell said.

To a former aide he writes: "No need to debate it with you now, but Trump is a national disgrace and an international pariah."

Powell, a Republican, also suggests frustration with the state of the nation's politics.

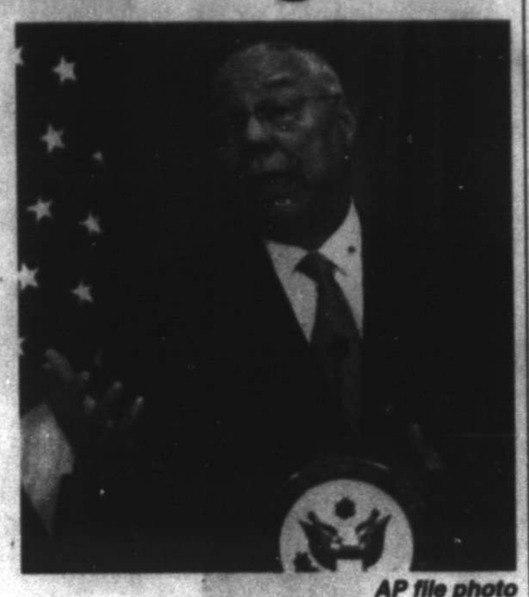
"We all need to start voting for America and not our parties," Powell writes. "Trump is taking on water. He doesn't have a GOP philosophy or even a Conservative philosophy. We need a revolution and it will begin with the GOP crashing and burning up its current form."

DCLeaks.com has been alleged to be an outlet for hackers tied to the Russian intelligence groups. The website, which says it intends to expose the misuse of political power, has previously released emails from other Washington political figures.

The release of Powell's emails is the latest in a string of leaks that appear intended to influence the 2016 presidential election. The FBI is investigating how thousands of Democratic National Committee emails were hacked and released, an embarrassing breach that Clinton's campaign maintains was committed by Russia to benefit Trump.

Powell's leaked messages include his thoughts on Clinton's lingering email woes. He criticized Clinton aides for tying him into the controversy over the Democratic nominee's use of a private email server while she was secretary of state.

Powell has acknowledged using a private email account with both senior U.S. officials and for back-channel communications with foreign dignitaries. Clinton used a private email server located in the basement of her New York home.



AP file photo

Former Secretary of State Colin Powell speaks at the State Department in Washington on Sept. 3, 2014. Powell, in newly leaked emails, criticized both major presidential candidates, calling Donald Trump "a national disgrace" and lamenting Hillary Clinton's attempt to equate her email practices with his.

Powell wrote that he had told Clinton's "minions repeatedly that they are making a mistake trying to drag me in, yet they still try." In another spot, he declared of Clinton that "Everything HRC touches she kind of screws up with hubris."

The messages contain comments that reflect that he, too, sought to use private email as a way to avoid creating documents retained by the government. Decrying "friggin record rules," Powell wrote that he "saw email more like a telephone than a cable machine."

Congressional Democrats have seized on the use of a private email addresses by Powell and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as a foil for Republican attacks on Clinton. By suggesting that he didn't view work conducted via private email as a permanent government record, Powell could offer those Democrats additional ammunition.

In May, Powell messaged with a former colleague as the State Department's inspector general prepared to release a report critical of both his and Clinton's use of private email to conduct government business.

"Wow, I didn't follow rules," Powell wrote. "I only revolutionized the information system in the entire State Department. ... I think I'll bash the Department tomorrow. Fifteen years later they come up with this. ... Thanks Hillary."

Why it matters where candidates stand on Iran

By Bradley Klapper
Associated Press

Editor's note: Following is one in an AP series examining issues at stake in the presidential election and how they affect people

WASHINGTON — THE ISSUE: Last year's nuclear deal has removed for now the threat of a U.S.-Iranian military confrontation. But the deal rests on shaky ground.

The accord curtailed Iran's nuclear program, pulling it back from atomic weapons capability in exchange for the end of various oil, trade and financial sanctions by the U.S. and six other world powers. The sides fulfilled their pledges in January.

Relations between the U.S. and Iran have warmed since the agreement, to the dismay of U.S. allies like Israel and Saudi Arabia. The once hostile foes are cooperating to end Syria's civil war. Each military is staying out of the other's way as they battle the Islamic State group in Iraq. Nuclear consultations occur daily.

But the next president could have his or her hands' full. The Iranians are threatening to renege unless they receive greater economic benefits. In Congress, many Republicans and even some Democrats still want the deal's collapse.

Even if the accord survives, its nuclear restrictions start ending in about seven years — meaning the threat of a nuclear-armed Iran could re-emerge.

Where they stand

It's basically a question of continuity versus change.

Hillary Clinton helped lay the groundwork for the nuclear deal. As secretary of state, she tasked two of her most senior aides to meet secretly with Iranian officials. Those talks set the framework for the larger negotiations.

When the nuclear accord went into effect earlier this year, Clinton hailed it as "an important achievement of diplomacy backed by pressure."

Still, the Democratic presidential candidate has staked out a tougher tone than President Barack Obama. In a speech last year, she spoke of confronting Iran "across the board" from its military activity in Syria to destabilization of the Middle East.

Republican Donald Trump has called the Iran deal "stupid," a "lopsided disgrace" and worse. He says that unlike Obama's diplomats, he would have been prepared to walk away from negotiations. But Trump doesn't want to tear up the accord.

Instead, he speaks of tougher enforcement and possible renegotiation. Trump has railed against several of the deal's particulars, such as the timespan of restrictions on Iran's enrichment of uranium and other nuclear activity. He says Iran got too much relief from economic sanctions. It's unclear, though, how he might persuade Iran to accept less favorable terms in a done deal.

Why it matters

Until nuclear diplomacy gained speed in 2013, a U.S.-Iran war was a distinct possibility. Both Clinton and Trump say they would use force if necessary to prevent Tehran from acquiring the bomb. If the deal unravels and Iran increases its enrichment of uranium toward weapons capability, a U.S. military intervention would be back in play.

Any conflict risks broad consequences. Iran can retaliate by disrupting global fuel supplies from the Persian Gulf, through which a fifth of the world's oil flows. It can unleash its proxies Hezbollah and Hamas on U.S. ally Israel. Tehran can block attempts to end Syria's war or it can play a bigger spoiler role in Yemen, where it has backed rebels who've seized much of the country.

If Iran sticks to the agreement, the next president may still face big decisions.

By 2024, Iran can resume manufacturing and testing of advanced centrifuges for enriching uranium. A year later, it can start enriching more uranium. By the end of the decade, it can enrich closer to weapons-grade levels. Stockpile limits come off. Enhanced U.N. inspections start ending.

All these changes will pose a familiar question for the United States: How to ensure Iran can't build a bomb? U.S. officials have vaguely spoken of a possible follow-up negotiation. But by then, many U.S. sanctions on Iran will have been stricken from the books and they could have far less leverage.

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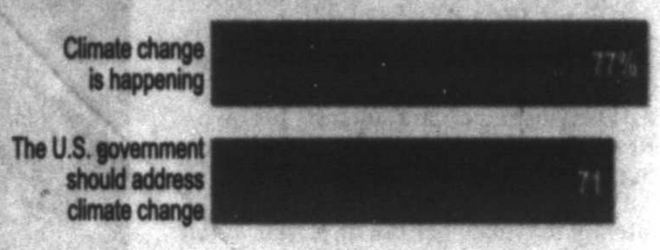
Kristin Cook, right, of Potomac, Md., joins a rally Nov. 29, 2015, outside the White House in Washington in support of the climate talks in Paris. Most Americans are willing to pay a little more each month to fight global warming, but only a tiny bit, according to a new poll. Still, environmental policy experts hail that as a hopeful sign. Seventy-one percent of the American public want the federal government to do something about global warming, including six percent of the people who think the government should act even though they are not sure that climate change is happening, according to a poll conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago.

Climate change poll

Most Americans believe that climate change is real and that the government should do something about it, but few are willing to spend more than a few dollars to fight it, according to an AP-NORC poll.

Percentage who believe that:



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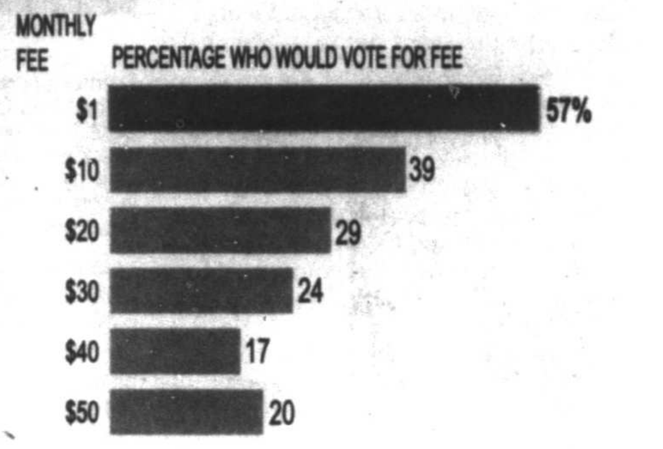

NOTE: Results from survey conducted Aug. 11-14 among 1,096 U.S. adults by NORC at the University of Chicago. Margin of error is ±3.6 percentage points.

SOURCE: AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research

Poll: Americans favor slightly higher bill to fight warming

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most Americans are willing to pay a little more each month to fight global warming — but only a tiny bit, according to a new poll. Still, environmental policy experts hail that as a hopeful sign.

Seventy-one percent want the federal government to do something about global warming, including 6 percent who think the government should act even though they are not sure that climate change is happening, according to a poll conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago.

And those polled said they'd be willing to foot a little of that cost in higher electric bills.

If the cost of fighting climate change is only an additional $1 a month, 57 percent of Americans said they would support that. But as that fee goes up, support for it plummets. At $10 a month, 39 percent were in favor and 61 percent opposed. At $20 a month, the public is more than 2-to-1 against it. And only 1-in-5 would support $50 a month.

"I feel we need to make small sacrifices — and money is a small sacrifice — to make life better for future generations, " said Sarah Griffin, a 63-year-old retired teacher in central Pennsylvania. "Surely I have enough money to spend on something that's worthwhile."

Greg Davis, a 27-year-old post-graduate student in Columbus, Ohio, agreed: "It's far more important to protect the environment than to save money. I think that's true for businesses as well as individuals."

That a majority is willing to pay more is a new phenomenon, said Tom Dietz, professor of sociology and environmental science and policy at Michigan State University.

"While the amounts may seem small, the willingness to take action, even if there are some out-of-pocket costs, is encouraging," Dietz said in an email.

Dana Fisher, director of the Program for Society and the Environment at the University of Maryland, said it's noteworthy that a majority was "willing to pay at all," and added that the levels of support for $10 a month and $20 a month are significant.

But so was the opposition to higher costs.

James Osadzinski, 52 of Rockford, Illinois, said simply: "I have a set budget. I don't have the money," while for 26-year-old nurse Marina Shertzer of Pensacola, Florida, it doesn't make sense because she doesn't see climate change as a threat, but something cyclical and normal.

Of those polled, 77 percent said climate change is happening, 13 percent weren't sure, and only 10 percent said it wasn't happening.

There remains a partisan divide in how Americans view climate change. While 84 percent of Democrats and 55 percent of independents view global warming as a fact and a problem that the government needs to address, only 43 percent for Republicans agree. And 18 percent of Republicans said they think climate change is happening but don't think the government should address the issue.

Slightly more than half of Americans — 54 percent — said they approved of Obama administration rules to cut pollution from coal power plants, the biggest emitter of heat-trapping carbon dioxide. When the question also mentions that thousands of jobs may be eliminated while reducing coal use by one-third, only 45 percent favor the policy; 29 percent are opposed.

Last December, 190 nations in the world signed an agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Two-thirds of those polled were at least moderately confident that the United States could meet its obligations. But about the same number of Americans weren't that sure that China — the No. 1 polluter — and India could meet their goals.

Davis, the Ohio student, wasn't very optimistic about the future

"I think as the younger generation starts displacing the older people, I think we'll get somewhere," he said. "But I'm afraid that may be too late."

The AP-NORC poll of 1,096 adults was conducted Aug. 11-14 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.6 percentage points.

The survey was paid for by the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago.

Respondents were first selected randomly using address-based sampling methods, and later interviewed online or by phone.

How the poll was conducted

The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll on climate change was conducted by NORC Aug. 11-14. It is based on online and telephone interviews of 1,096 adults who are members of NORC's nationally representative AmeriSpeak panel.

The survey was paid for by the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago.

The original sample was drawn from respondents selected randomly from NORC's National Frame based on address-based sampling and recruited by mail, email, telephone and face-to-face interviews.

NORC interviews participants over the phone if they don't have Internet access. With a probability basis and coverage of people who can't access the internet, surveys using AmeriSpeak are nationally representative.

Interviews were conducted in English.

As is done routinely in surveys, results were weighted, or adjusted, to ensure that responses accurately reflect the population's makeup by factors such as age, sex, race, region and phone use.

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WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

FRIDAY

BIG TIME BIRTHDAY Petroleum Museum turns 41 this year and they are celebrating with music by Ransom Rhodes and food by Casita Gerardo. Prepare to chow down and boot scoot the night away. Tickets available at pbpetro.org. 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

CLASSIC JAMS 38 Special big hits "Hold on Loosely" and "Caught Up In You" are timeless thanks to a mix of Southern rock with a dash of pop. See the band perform those and others at La Hacienda Event Center. 8 p.m.

ONLINE

Aaron Einhouse performs at the Lone Star Bar on Saturday. The book lover told us which five books has helped with his songwriting on mrt.com.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Blair Witch," "Bridget Jones's Baby," Hillsong: Let Hope Rise," "Snowden."
Closing: "Kubo and the Two Strings," "The Light Between Oceans," "Morgan."

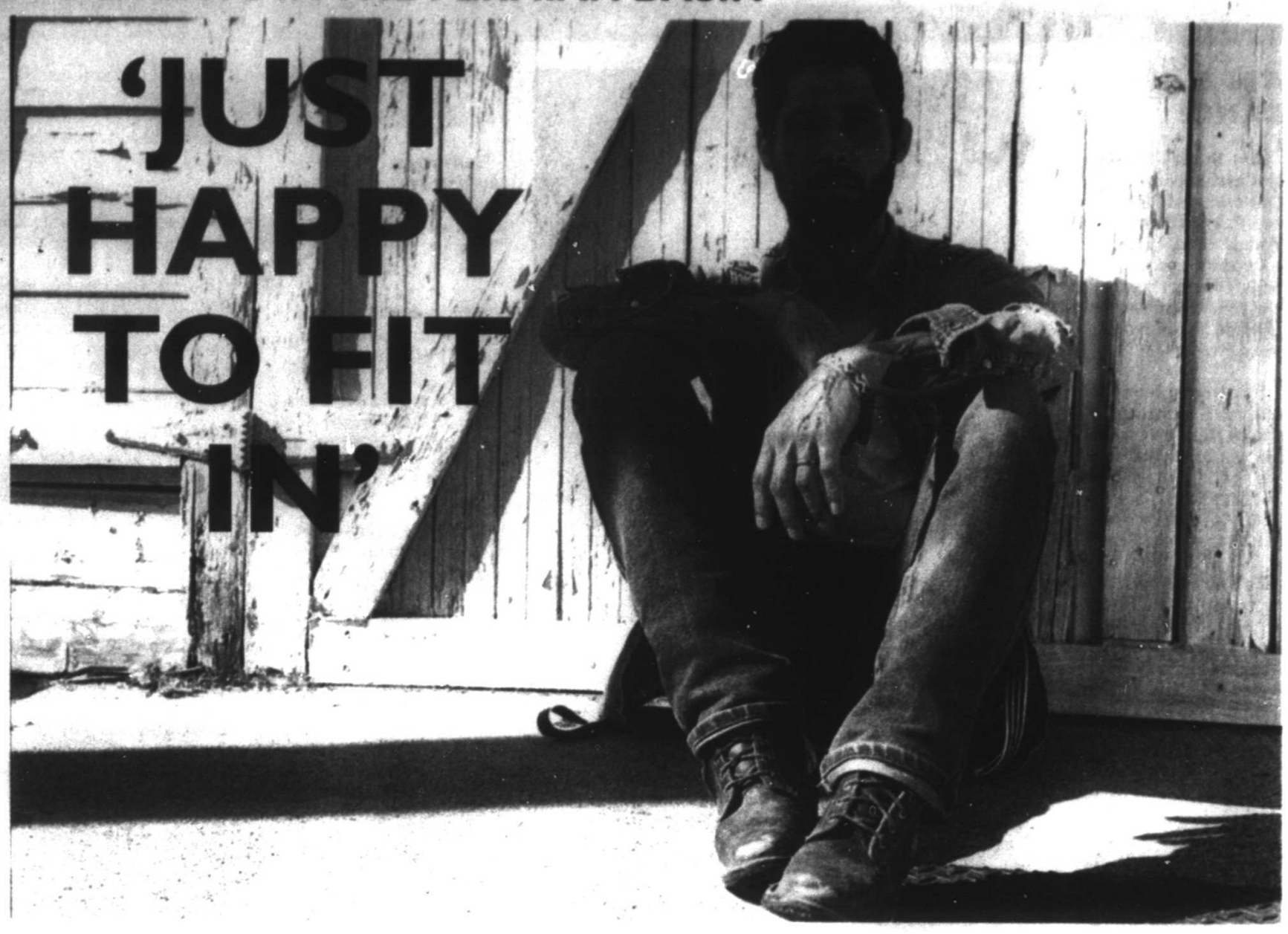
CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Blair Witch," "Bridget Jones's Baby," Hillsong: Let Hope Rise," "Snowden."
Closing: "Mechanic Resurrection," "Morgan," "Sausage Party," "War Dogs."

BIG SKY DRIVE-IN
Opening: "The Visit"
Closing: "Sinister 2"

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

COMING SOON

St. Ann's Family Fair kicks off next Thursday. The annual fair features carnival rides, food and much more through Sunday.



Ryan Bingham's renewed outlook has extended from music to the road

By Rich Lopez
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Much has been written about singer Ryan Bingham's change of attitude with his 2015 album "Fear and Saturday Night." His marriage was a happy one, his first child was on her way and he had overcome the demons of his parents' tragic deaths. The acclaimed singer was — and is — in a far different place than ever before.

"These are just different times. I'm a little bit older, I'm settled in and at the end of the day, I'm excited," he said by phone while on the road.

Bingham performs tonight at the Midland County Horseshoe Amphitheater with touring partners Brian Fallon (of Gaslight Anthem fame) and the Crowes and Paul Cauthen.

Bingham's different times alludes to his not-so-happy touring experience for his 2012 album "Tomorrowland," which included the song "Never Far Behind" about his parents' deaths. His mother suffered from addiction; his father committed suicide. Touring wasn't the easiest at that time.

Thanks to his new family — his daughter just turned 1 — and some solitude in the mountains to write, his demons were exorcised.

"There has definitely been an upswing," he said. "I've been enjoying this time and I don't have a problem playing some of those older songs that revisit those difficult times."

Bingham was born in Hobbs, New Mexico, and even spent some time in the Midland and Odessa area. He still has family here. He also spent time in Spring, Stephenville and went to high school in Houston. Bingham ended up in Fort Worth, where his music career essentially began in bars and venues.

With his Texas roots, Bingham is often considered a country artist, but his sound has roots in blues, rock and Americana. In short, he's been classified across many genres, which doesn't makes any difference to him. He was even described once as New West.

"That's a new one," he said with a laugh. "People can call it whatever they want, I'm just happy to fit in."

That's a formula that works for Bingham. His music isn't likely in heavy rotation on the radio. He's forged a career that's all his own, despite pressure from labels or the industry. Bingham has remained identifiably his own artist.

"There's always been pressure in the past, but I feel like music is a conversation with people, and if I don't believe in the music, then people won't either. My music has to be about something of substance. I do stuff that inspires me, but I also try not to worry about it," he said.

By not worrying about it, he's won a Grammy award, an Americana Music Award and an Oscar for his song "The Weary Kind" from the film "Crazy Heart."

Bingham considers them all icing on the cake.

"They don't matter too much to me but I am humbled and honored to have that experience. At end of day, it's about touring and playing — not about winning trophies. I get to come home to a beautiful family and home, so I'm very lucky and grateful for that," he said.

WANT TO GO?

Ryan Bingham, Brian Fallon & the Crowes, Paul Cauthen, 7 p.m. today at Midland County Horseshoe Amphitheater, 2514 Trail. $20-$60. Etix.com.

Lee choir alumni regroup for inaugural concert

By Rich Lopez
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There is a simple reason why former Lee choir members would head back to their high school — to sing once again.

"That's why this was created mainly," Caitlin Miles said. "It was created as a desire to sing choral music."

The 55-member Encore LHS Alumni Chorale will perform its first concert Sunday at St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

For Miles, it was about revisiting a time when she worked with former Lee High School choral director Paula Edwards.

"Many of us were her students and she always challenged us with great music," Miles, a 2007 LHS graduate, said. "I think a lot of us really wanted to do that again."

And they will get to do so with Edwards directing the chorale.

Edwards was the choral program director at Lee from 1989 until last year when she retired. With seven directors before her, she has the distinction of holding the longest tenure. She is enthusiastic about leading her students once again.

"The bond of LHS chorale is a special one," she said. "We have alumni in this chorale from 1962. It's really cool to see people come back and as a teacher, to see them as adults."

But singing wasn't the only reason for the committee-led group. The chorale has good intentions with its upcoming concert.

"With this organization we are starting a scholarship fund," Miles said. "There

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ReShonda Tate Billingsley kicks off Permian Basin Writers Workshop

By Rich Lopez
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With 40 books to her name, ReShonda Tate Billingsley has learned the ins and outs of the literary industry. At the same time, she likes encouraging new voices, which she'll do at this weekend's Permian Basin Writers Workshop. Before her appearances, she discussed some tips for budding authors, working in the film industry and her stint as a paparazzi.

Billingsley

Billingsley will kick off the weekend Friday as a keynote speaker for "When Words Leave the Page" at the Yucca Theatre. Saturday and Sunday events will be held at Midland College. Registration for the PBWW is $95. For a full schedule of events, visit permianbasinwritersworkshop.org.

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Saturday, September 24th 10am – 10pm
Carnival also runs on Thursday, Friday and Sunday.
For all the information about the event, visit:
WWW.STANNSFAIR.ORG

CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

Art Social: Western Literature, Buck Dunton and "Riders of the Purple Sage" with Wendy Earle, curator of collections and exhibitions. 10 a.m. Thursday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Photographs and abstract paintings by Carol Ramirez on display during run of "Sweeney Todd" through Sept. 24 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

Fall Art Show opening reception at The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces with works by ArtQuest, ArtiZen, Midland Arts Association and Palette Club of Midland. Thursday at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. A St., Midland.

Artizen Pop-Up local art and gift show, Friday and 17 at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave.

Closing members reception for Woody Gwyn and Roger Colombik exhibitions. 6 p.m. Friday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Mars: Adrift on the Hourglass Sea" featuring the collaborations between Nicholas Kahn and Richard Selesnick through Dec. 30 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. Noelartmuseum.org.

"Invade," featuring printmaking works by Marilee Salvator at McCormick Gallery in the Aliison Fine Arts Building at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield Road. midland.edu/gallery.

"Time Traveler: Works by Norman Kary" on display through Nov. 28 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

The Works of Scott Lunson. Fridays at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

"The Light of Consciousness: Part 1" featuring photography by Katherine E. Bash. On view through Oct. 23. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.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. On view through Saturday. Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

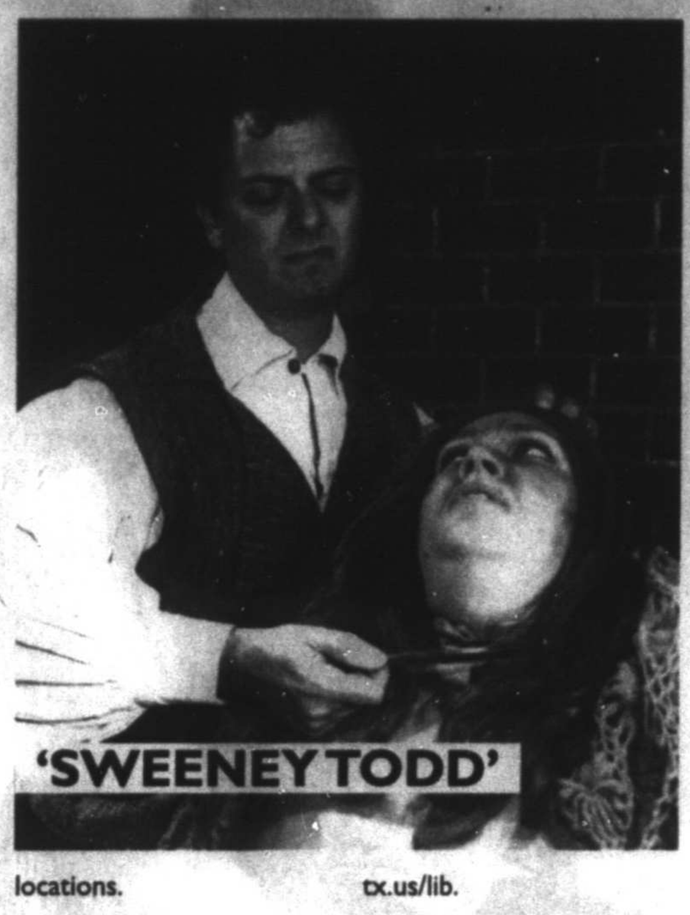
"Woody Gwyn: A Sense of Scale" On view through Sunday. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"The West Texas Triangle Roger Colombik: Every Beloved Object Is The Center Of A Garden of Paradise" On view through Sunday. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

WORKSHOPS, LECTURES AND MEETINGS

Haikus in the Real World is a writing workshop for ages 11-13. 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250. The class is limited to 15.

Permian Basin Writers Workshop will feature guest speakers including authors, publishers and agents. Friday-19. Visit permianbasinwritersworkshop.org for schedule and locations.



'SWEENEY TODD'

Youth Audition Workshop for young actors of all levels. The workshop prepares youth for the theater's auditions for "A Christmas Carol." The workshop will teach auditioning skills, audition performance and other skills. Noon on Saturday at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture: Heidi Hughes of the I-20 Wildlife Preserve. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Petroleum Museum. Free. Drinks and dessert provided. Ppetro.org.

EVENTS

Date and Paint, 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Carino's Italian, 4711 W. Loop 250 N. kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

FAMILY FUN

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

Mommy, Me and Princess Tea 2 is a mother-daughter party where tea will be had with fairy tale princesses. 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Homewood Suites, 1401 Tradewinds Blvd. $50 per mother and daughter. $20 additional daughters. $25 per person at no-princess tables. Youreventboss.com.

Play Date: Friendly Faces, 10 a.m. Tuesday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAMES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. permianbridgeclub.com.

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

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

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

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

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AMERICANA SINGER-SONGWRITER

Ryan Bingham, Brian Fallon & the Crowes, Paul Cauthen, 7 p.m. Thursday at Midland County Horseshoe Amphitheater, 2514 Trail. $20-$60. Etix.com.

Cody Jasper, 7 p.m. Thursday at On the Border, 4306 Loop 250.

Ward Davis, 9 p.m. Saturday at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

COUNTRY

Callahan Divide, 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Mac's Bar-B-Q.

Jack Nelson, 9 p.m. Friday at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Sam Riggs, Mark McKinney at the Permian Basin Fair and Exposition, 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Ector Coliseum, Odessa. Permianbasinfair.com.

Wicked West, 5 p.m. Friday and 17 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Eli Young Band, 6 p.m. Friday at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave. $25 advance, $30 door. Odessa. Dosamigos.com.

Craig Morgan, Matt Kimbrow, Brian Milson at the Permian Basin Fair and Exposition, 7 p.m. Friday at Ector Coliseum, Odessa. Permianbasinfair.com.

Mike Ryan, Kacey Toliver at the Permian Basin Fair and Exposition, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Ector Coliseum, Odessa. Permianbasinfair.com.

Aaron Einhouse, 8 p.m. Saturday at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

DJ/DANCE

#Hangover Thursdays, 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.

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.

POP

38 Special, 8 p.m. Saturday at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $28 advance, $35 door. Haciendamidland.com.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

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

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

UTPB vs. West Texas A&M, Gates at 5:30 p.m. Kickoff 7 p.m. Saturday at Ratliff Stadium, 1862 E. Yukon Road, Odessa. $12. Utpbfalcons.com.

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

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

"Willie Velasquez: Your Vote is Your Voice" is a documentary about the man who led the Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project which paved the way for Latinos to have a voice in government. The screening is presented by Basin PBS and will be followed by a panel discussion with Maria Gonzales, Delma Abalos, Lydia Madrigal and Art Leal. The screening takes place over two days and also encourages voter registration. 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Midland Hispanic Cultural Center, 1311 E. Wadley Ave. Free. Basinpbs.org.

"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" follows a vengeful barber in this dark, musical. For 12 and older due to subject matter and language. Runs through Sept. 25 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

COMING SOON

Tactical Urbanism 101: Food Truck and Parklets is presented by the Midessa Mobile Food Vendors' Association. Free samples, live music, adult beverages and more will be available within a temporary food truck park. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sept. 22 at 301 N. Colorado St.

3:11 Ministries ribbon cutting and open house with refreshments and building tours. 4:30 p.m. Sept. 22 at 12 E. Industrial Loop.

"Huicholes: People Walking in Search of Sunlight" celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with the works of Huichol artist and shaman Jose Benitez Sanchez. Opening reception at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

Gary Allan, 6 p.m. Sept. 22 at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave. Odessa. $40. Dosamigos.com.

Family Science Night: Bits and Bots, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Petroleum Museum. Free. ppbetro.org.

The Equinox Little Big Band, 7 p.m. Sept. 22 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. Liveonstage-pb.com.

Fall Cooking Classes: French Cookery III, 7 p.m. Sept. 22 at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Drive. $55. BYOB with $10 corking fee. hightfoods.com.

Boutique Bargain Bash is a shopping event with discounted items to benefit West Texas Food Bank. Sept. 23-25 at WTFB, 411 S. Pagewood Ave., Odessa. wtxfoodbank.org.

SciFriday Film Series: "Evolution." (PG) This year's theme is So Bad, They're Good. Screenings include snack bar for all ages, beer and wine for adults and general seating. Seats are first come first served. Parents should note film ratings. Doors at 7 p.m. Sept. 23 at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Farm to Market Food and Pairing will feature five courses with food from local growers paired with beverages paired to taste. 7 p.m. Sept. 23 at Lori's Cafe.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" is a comedy about the elderly Brewster sisters who like to add a something extra to their homemade wine. Sept. 23-Oct. 1 at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. $10. permianplayhouse.com.

Tim Kreitz Band, 5 p.m., Sept. 23 and 24 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

West Texas Fall Expo, 10 a.m. Sept. 24 at Courtyard by Marriott, 1505 Tradewinds Blvd.

Art a la Carte: Out of this World is a free community art day with activities, gallery walks and special guests such as UTPB's Pots and Prints, Basin PBS and Ector County Library. 10 a.m. Sept. 24 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

Magic of Music and Words. This open mic event is hosted by the Permian Basin Chapter Poetry Society of Texas and open to all age performers. Admission is a suggested donation of canned food items for the West Texas Food Bank. 3-10 p.m. at Noel Heritage Plaza, 305 W. 5th St., Odessa.

MOSC Permian Basin String Quartet: Child Prodigies, 3 p.m. Sept. 25 at Rea Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

UTPB vs. Western New Mexico, Gates at 5:30 p.m. Kickoff 7 p.m. Sept. 24 at Ratliff Stadium, 1862 E. Yukon Road, Odessa. $12. utpbfalcons.com.

West Texas Geological Society Symposium. Sept. 26-30 at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail.

AUDITIONS: "A Christmas Carol," a musical adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic holiday story. Scripts are available for check out at the box office. Adult auditions are at 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and youth auditions are at 6 p.m. Sunday. Sept. 26-28 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

"Spinosaurus: Lost Giant of the Cretaceous" with Nizar Ibrahim is part of the Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series. 7 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Petroleum Museum. Free but tickets required. Ppbetro.org.

"Apollo 13 - The Successful Failure" by Captain James Lovell is presented by the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series. 7:30 p.m. Sept. 27 at Midland College Chaparral Center, 3600 N. Garfield St. midland.edu/lovell.

Education Foundation of Odessa 15th Annual Benefit Concert with Sheryl Crow. The night benefits ECISD students and teachers. 8:30 p.m. Sept. 27 at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Hwy, Odessa. $49-$79. Etix.com.

Crime and Pun-ishment Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. Participants are encouraged to dress in 1920s era clothing, enjoy dinner and partake in live theater while solving the murder mystery. The event benefits PDAP. 7 p.m. Sept. 29 at Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St. $60.

Despedida del Divo featuring Juan Gabriel impersonator Hugo Cortes. 8 p.m. Sept. 30 at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. haciendamidland.com.

Freeride, 5 p.m., Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

"Pinocchio" is the stage version of the famous story about a wooden puppet who longs to be a real boy. Sept. 30-Oct. 9. at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

Election 2016: The Mandate for our Next President will feature Alan Colmes, Judge Jeanine Pirro and Janine Turner on a panel discussing the upcoming election. The lecture is part of the John ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute's Distinguished Lecture Series. 7 p.m. Sept. 30 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. wagnernoel.com.

Stoney LaRue, Sept. 30 at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave. Odessa. $12 advance, $15 door. Dosamigos.com.

Gary Nix and West Texas, 9 p.m. Sept. 30 at Escape Lounge.

EVENTS & MORE

Bridget Jones makes welcome return in 'Baby'

KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

What a treat it is to dive back into the cozy world of Bridget Jones, who is the kind of old friend you can pick up with right where it left off, no matter how long it's been. "Bridget Jones's Baby" opens with a familiar scene for our pal: Bridget (Renee Zellweger) celebrating her birthday alone to the tune of "All By Myself," blowing out a candle on a single cupcake, guzzling white wine in her jammies. The pity party's over soon enough though, as she skips the song and boogies instead to "Jump Around." Has Bridget Jones gotten her groove back?

She does, in fact, have a groove, perhaps for the first time. She's a producer on the television program "Hard News," still has her great group of friends, even though they're now all saddled with kids, and has achieved her ideal weight. But Bridget's always been one for self-improvement, so when it comes to her love life, she's is determined to make new mistakes, not old ones.

Jack Quant (Patrick Dempsey), an American tech billionaire who has leveraged his match-making algorithm into a successful dating app, is the perfect new mistake, as opposed to old mistake Mark Darcy (Colin Firth), the fussbudget workaholic lawyer with whom things never worked out. Good thing Daniel Cleaver (Hugh Grant) isn't in the picture this time around.

Bridget has a tendency to self-sabotage her romances, but biology doesn't let her off the hook this time, and at 43, she finds herself with child. Just who else is also with child in this scenario — Jack or Mark — is the question that's up for debate in the film.

While the neuroses of "Bridget Jones" have always been about bodies, "Baby" releases her from this anxiety and flips the script, letting Bridget reclaim the power of her own body. "Weight: who cares?" she types in her ubiquitous diary around Christmastime, when she's rounding the bend on nine months pregnant. She grew a human with that body.

Part of what's so refreshing about "Bridget Jones's Baby" is that at 43, Bridget is effortlessly desirable, sexy, adventurous, and yes, adorable. The film just assumes this as fact, balancing Bridget's wryly self-deprecating inner monologue alongside the external perspective that sees her for the fetching beauty that she is. Zellweger plays Bridget just as charmingly as she always has — flawed but endearing; just right in her own idiosyncratic way.

This relatable (if somewhat aspirational) character comes not just from Zellweger's performance, but also from the assured direction of Sharon Maguire, who helmed "Bridget Jones's Diary" in 2001, as well as the fast, fresh, and very funny screenplay. "Jones" author Helen Fielding collaborated with Dan Mazer and British national treasure Emma Thompson (who also plays Bridget's ob-gyn) on the script. The jokes reference beloved scenes from the first film, but it never feels like a re-hash of old material (they even manage to draw laughs from a dated reference to "Gangnam Style").

Yet it feels current because they've allowed the character to grow. She's still awkward and prone to embarrassing foibles, but is older, wiser, comfortable in her own skin. Shockingly, it seems as though Bridget has learned to live in the moment. As Bridget Jones discovers her own kind of zen, it makes for a third installment that proves to be v.v. satisfying.

"Bridget Jones's Baby"

3 out of 4 stars
Cast: Renee Zellweger, Colin Firth, Patrick Dempsey, Emma Thompson, Jim Broadbent, Sarah Solemani
Directed by Sharon Maguire
Running time: 2 hours, 2 minutes
Rated R for language, sex references and some nudity.

No shades of gray in Oliver Stone's disappointing 'Snowden'

CARY DARLING
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

"Snowden," Oliver Stone's biopic about the world's most famous National Security Agency whistleblower, certainly deals with an urgent and important issue: state surveillance, and how far is too far for the government to go.

Edward Snowden's personal story — a hero to some, turncoat to others — is as compelling as they come, too. It's not every day that a high-school dropout turned wannabe Army grunt becomes a CIA/NSA operative who leaks sensitive files and then flees the country, ending up in Russia.

All of which makes "Snowden" an intriguing and enlightening disappointment.

More hagiography than biography, Stone's film portrays Snowden as a candidate for sainthood whose only flaw is that he cares too much. When combined with an uncharacteristic filmmaking restraint, the result is a well-made and well-acted, but ultimately overly long (134 minutes) and stifling film that is not nearly as incendiary or convincing as it could have been.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt plays Snowden, whom we first meet in June 2013. That's when he furtively met in a Hong Kong hotel with journalist Glenn Greenwald (Zachary Quinto) and documentary filmmaker Laura Poitras (Melissa Leo). It's here, along with Guardian journalist Ewen MacAskill (Tom Wilkinson), that they go public with the information Snowden smuggled out of his last NSA post in Hawaii.

From there, Snowden's adult life is told through a series of flashbacks. A political conservative with a fondness for Ayn Rand, he's discharged from the Army after injuring his legs during training. He then decides to serve his country in other ways, becoming an agent with a specialty in information security, a field at which he proved especially adept.

It also helped that he became chummy with one of his superiors, Corbin O'Brian (Rhys Ifans), and one of the pioneering old-timers, Hank Forrester (Nicolas Cage), who has been shuffled off to a department that no one cares about.

Through them, as well as fellow security agent Gabriel (Ben Schnetzer) who shows him the ropes, he realizes just how far-reaching the American government's surveillance is, not only spying on potential terrorists and troublemakers but friendly foreign governments, foreign citizens and American citizens of all stripes.

Now he has a quandary: Does he maintain his comfortable life with a high-salaried job and loving girlfriend (Shailene Woodley), or does he spill what he knows, imperiling his freedom and maybe even his life?

Anyone who has turned on the news in the last three years knows how it turned out. But if many of those newscasts might have been missing context and shades of gray about his decision, "Snowden" doesn't offer much either.

Stone, who wrote the script, along with Kieran Fitzgerald, and based it on the novel "Time of the Octopus" by Anatoly Kucherena and Luke Harding's nonfiction "The Snowden Files," doesn't portray any criticism of Snowden or his decision. He fails to deal with what the Russians or others might have gotten from him. And he ignores what Snowden's life is like now in Russia.

That's capped off by the coda during the credits when the real Snowden is shown speaking as if he's a candidate to be the next face on Mount Rushmore. A more nuanced view might have actually helped bolster Stone's case.

Viewers who want to know more about Snowden and the events in Hong Kong that led to the publication of his information are better off hunting down Poitras' riveting 2014 documentary, "Citizenfour."

Still, the cast is uniformly excellent, with Gordon-Levitt — who doesn't really look like Snowden — completely becoming him in manner and voice. And there are moments when Stone's visual sense is as vital as ever.

While that's not enough to make "Snowden" more than a well-crafted

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CONCERT

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aren't a lot of scholarship opportunities for students pursuing music. We wanted to give back."

Money raised by the chorale will go toward a senior at Lee High School. Although the Saturday concert is free admission, they are accepting donations.

"We're trying to do our part. Music classes are expensive and music degrees take longer," Edwards said. "This is a way to encourage students to consider that path."

It has not yet been determined if a scholarship will be awarded this year.

In the meantime, Miles, Edwards and the rest are ready to make their choral debut — again.

"I'm so excited about it and the music is so beautiful," Miles said.

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WORKSHOP

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How did you transition into writing books?

Billingsley: I was a journalist for 20-plus years. I was spurred by some of the stories I covered but I would let my imagination take over.

MRT: You reported for the National Enquirer. Did those kinds of stories work well into your stories?

Billingsley: Oh, yes. I was a member of the paparazzi and I had to dig up dirt on people. I took the job because it paid a lot of money. I didn't really like that, but it did help form some of my stories.

MRT: How do you straddle between writing young adult and adult fiction?

Billingsley: I have a teen advisory board that advises. They keep me hip and make sure I give a voice to younger people the right way.

MRT: Who is on the board?

Billingsley: My kids.

MRT: How important is it for diverse young readers to see themselves in books?

Billingsley: Oh my, it's so important. I want to show these characters that they can relate to themselves and have a certain crossover. These don't have to be young African-Americans' stories, but anybody's. I've discovered my readers see that, and it really just kind of happened naturally.

MRT: You'll be talking with budding authors new to the industry or just embarking on it. Without giving it all away, what are some points you'll be covering?

Billingsley: Well, the main thing is to stop talking about it and doing it. So many of us have books inside. You just have to make time for it.

MRT: Is there a secret to a good pitch?

Billingsley: Be succinct. If you don't grab them in the first 20 seconds, forget it.

MRT: You started Brown Girls Books with your friend and business partner ,Victoria Christopher Murray, but you were already with Simon and Schuster. Why?

Billingsley: We wanted to give a voice to new writers ... and it's not just women. We also have books with men, as well. It was designed for first- time writers who haven't gotten their shot.

MRT: Among all your awards, you won the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literature in 2012. That's huge. How was that moment for you?

Billingsley: It was the worst moment of my career. I was out on the red carpet, people taking pictures of me, probably not knowing who I was, and they had announced my name already. Can you believe it? But to get that recognition for my hard work was amazing.

MRT: How did you feel when "The Secret She Kept" and "Let the Church Say Amen" were turned into movies?

Billingsley: It was amazing. Regina King and Queen Latifah got on board and TV ONE had produced "Secret." It was very validating.

MRT: Do you get to work in casting your films?

Billingsley: Well, I cast Denzel Washington and me but it didn't work out.

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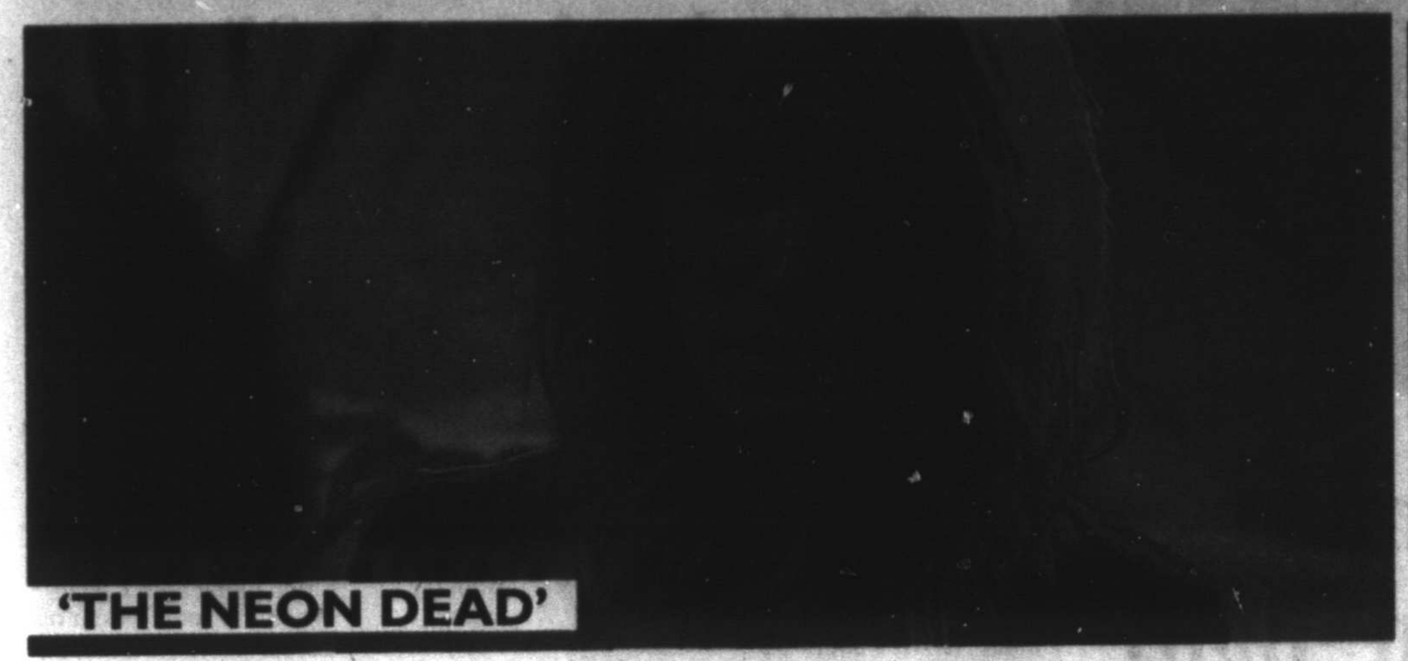

'THE NEON DEAD'

Low-budget horror fare may be best of its kind since 'Re-Animator'

Reeled & Stream

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PICK O' THE WEEK

"The Neon Dead" (unrated) If you're willing to overlook its low-budget flaws, the 'hey, kids, let's make a movie' mentality is infectious. Yes, the effects harken back to the now-crude video game graphics of the 1980s, but there's a devotion and love of the genre that's impossible to resist. If for no other reason, watch for the film's talking zombie head, which demands to be seen. In that regard, this future cult classic may be the finest of its kind since 1985's "Re-Animator." A word of advice to the distributors, though: If you're going to include director's commentary on the DVD, please pony up for closed captions. Otherwise, it's a glorified podcast with pictures. **B+**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"The Darkness" (PG-13) If you didn't know going in, you might find the premise interesting, and because you loved Kevin Bacon in "Stir of Echoes," you know he can enhance a supernatural thriller. But then, things start to look familiar. Really familiar. "Poltergeist" familiar. Once the disappointment sinks in, there's no hope for recovery. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"The Bridge" (TVG) Three-hour family fare from the Hallmark Channel is too long and predictable, but kind of endearing. **B-**

"Compadres" (R) Fairly routine yarn's unique angle of pairing a former Mexican cop with an American hacker doesn't add any new spice to the genre. **C-**

"Equals" (PG-13) Futuristic drama asks whether love truly can conquer all. Its cinematography has a dark and distinctive look to it, almost as if Stanley Kubrick had written and directed "THX 1138." **B**

"Genius" (PG-13) The cast, with the exception of Laura Linney, is almost exclusively British or Australian, which is somewhat odd for a film about an American. It doesn't detract, though. This is a wonderful tribute to a man who has become almost lost in history, yet without the work of Thomas Wolfe, some of the greatest novels ever written might never have been published. His story is fascinating. **A-**

"Hard Target 2" (R) This action film in no way resembles the original "Hard Target," which was directed by John Woo and starred Jean Claude Van Damme sporting one of the two best mullets of that era. The first was, of course, Billy Ray Cyrus. But I digress. This film starts out as a dull MMA flick then transforms into a much more interesting story about hunting human targets. **B**

"Honey 3: Dare to Dance" (PG-13) If you watch it like it's an episode of "So You Think You Can Dance," it's amazing. Just treat the stuff between dance scenes as commercials by taking a bathroom or snack break and you'll enjoy it. **B-**

"The Meddler" (PG-13) Although Susan Sarandon's character is almost insufferable in the first act of the film, don't give up. She will win your heart. **B+**

"Money Matters" (R) Although not nearly as taut as the night Jon Stewart grilled Jim Cramer on "The Daily Show" over the Great Recession and why he didn't warn America that it was coming, this comes close. **B**

"Mostly Ghostly 3: One Night in Doom House" (PG) The R.L. Stine franchise continues to impress, and this latest sequel is made all the better by the talents of Danny Trejo, whose appearance is brief but memorable. **B**

"Now You See Me 2" (PG-13) Although not as lively as the first — especially without Isla Fisher, whose pregnancy kept her from returning — this heist franchise is almost as much fun as the "Oceans" films. Almost. **B**

"Urge" (R) Thriller is both bizarre and uneven, and neither in a good way. **C**

FILM CAPS

"Blair Witch" (R) College students searching for their friend's missing sister in Maryland's Black Hills Forest experience the terror of the region's legend. With James Allen McCune, Callie Hernandez, Brandon Scott. Written by Simon Barrett. Directed by Adam Wingard.

"Bridget Jones's Baby" (R) Renee Zellweger returns for her third outing as Britain's most famous singleton, who finds herself alone, pregnant and unsure of the father's identity. With Colin Firth, Patrick Dempsey, Jim Broadbent, Gemma Jones, Emma Thompson. Written by Helen Fielding and Thompson and Dan Mazer, based on the characters and story created by Fielding. Directed by Sharon Maguire.

"The Disappointments Room" (R) A secret chamber in a formerly stately Southern mansion with a horrific past tests a family from Brooklyn looking to start over. With Kate Beckinsale, Mel Raido, Gerald McRaney and Lucas Till. Written by Wentworth Miller and D.J. Caruso. Directed by Caruso.

"Don't Breathe" (R) A trio of Detroit teens who target the home of a blind war veteran for an easy burglary have no idea of the horror that awaits. With Jane Levy, Dylan Minnette, Daniel Zovatto and Stephen Lang. Written by Fede Alvarez & Rodo Sayagues, directed by Alvarez.

"Hell or High Water" (R) As vengeance for a foreclosure, two brothers rob branches of the offending bank until they cross paths with a no-nonsense Texas Ranger. With Jeff Bridges, Chris Pine, Ben Foster. Written by Taylor Sheridan. Directed by David Mackenzie .

"Hillsong — Let Hope Rise" (PG) The hugely popular Australian Christian band plays stadium shows and spreads the mission of its namesake church around the world in this documentary. Directed by Michael John Warren.

"Morgan" (R) A horrifying accident at a remote, top-secret location requires a corporate troubleshooter to investigate in this science-fiction thriller. With Kate Mara, Anya Taylor-Joy, Toby Jones, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Paul Giamatti. Written by Seth Owen. Directed by Luke Scott.

"Pete's Dragon" (PG) A skeptical forest ranger in the Pacific Northwest meets a young boy who claims to be friends with a large-winged reptile in this reimagining of the 1977 film. With Bryce Dallas Howard, Oakes Fegley, Wes Bentley. Written by David Lowery & Toby Halbrooks, based on a screenplay by Malcolm Marmorstein. Directed by Lowery.

"Snowden" (R) Joseph Gordon-Levitt stars as Edward Snowden, the former CIA operative who was hailed as both a hero and traitor to the U.S. for leaking illegal surveillance activities by the NSA. With Shailene Woodley, Melissa Leo, Zachary Quinto, Tom Wilkinson. Written by Kieran Fitzgerald, Oliver Stone. Directed by Stone.

"Sully" (PG-13) Tom Hanks stars as Capt. Chesley Sullenberger, who was heralded for safely landing a jet with 155 people aboard on the Hudson River in 2009 yet faced an investigation that questioned his judgment and threatened his career. With Aaron Eckhart, Laura Linney. Written by Todd Komarnicki, based on the book "Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters" by Sullenberger. Directed by Clint Eastwood.

"When the Bough Breaks" (PG-13) The young woman an upscale couple hire to be their surrogate develops a dangerous obsession with the husband. With Morris Chestnut, Regina Hall and Jaz Sinclair. Written by Jack Olsen. Directed by Jon Cassar.

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'SNOWDEN'

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curiosity, if it reinvigorates discussion of the issues of probing and privacy, it will have at least served Stone's purpose.

'Snowden'

2 out of 4 stars
Director: Oliver Stone
Cast: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Shailene Woodley, Melissa Leo, Zachary Quinto
Rated: R (strong language, some sexuality/nudity)
Running time: 134 min.

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'Blair Witch Project' sequel gets lost in the woods

MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

People will have different reactions to the new "The Blair Witch Project" sequel, but one thing we all probably can agree on is this: We need to hurry up and clear-cut that haunted forest in Maryland, once and for all.

Even environmentalists would agree — what about a nice big parking lot? — after sitting through the harrowing "Blair Witch," which takes place in the same creepy woods where three student filmmakers disappeared in the original.

Why either a new batch of kids or a new clutch of filmmakers have suited up to tramp around the Black Hills in search of the same angry witch is puzzling. There's an old saying that you can never go home again. It is advice neither team took — and so they're doomed.

"Blair Witch" borrows most of the skeleton of the original 1999 film but ups the scariness at the cost of coherency. Director Adam Wingard also strays from the found-footage conceit and sometimes doesn't even pretend that what we're seeing was shot by anyone in the group. That suspension of disbelief is important or why try a direct sequel at all? (By the way, we're totally ignoring the quickie 2000 sequel "Book Of Shadows: Blair Witch 2.")

First a primer, in case you just wandered out of a haunted forest: "The Blair Witch Project" was a cultural sensation. Shot for an initial budget of less than $50,000, it grossed just shy of $248 million, sparking trends in both found-footage horror and shaky-camera confessionals.

Its faux-documentary premise was that it was just stitched-together footage taken by three student filmmakers who went missing while witch hunting. Directors Daniel Myrick and Eduardo Sánchez did such a good job that audiences initially really believed three souls had been lost.

The original was quaint horror by today's standard, more psychologically traumatizing and not at all gory. The three students gradually turn on each other in the face of escalating hysteria — really just piles of rocks and weird stick figures.

It ended with a snot-nosed, half-faced apology by one victim. In the sequel, her brother (Brandon Scott) is determined to find out what happened 20 years ago. So he and three friends (Callie Hernandez, Brandon Scott, Corbin Reid), incredibly, suit up to tramp in the same creepy woods. By this time it should be clear that no one should ever wander off alone, even to relieve themselves. Do these kids listen?

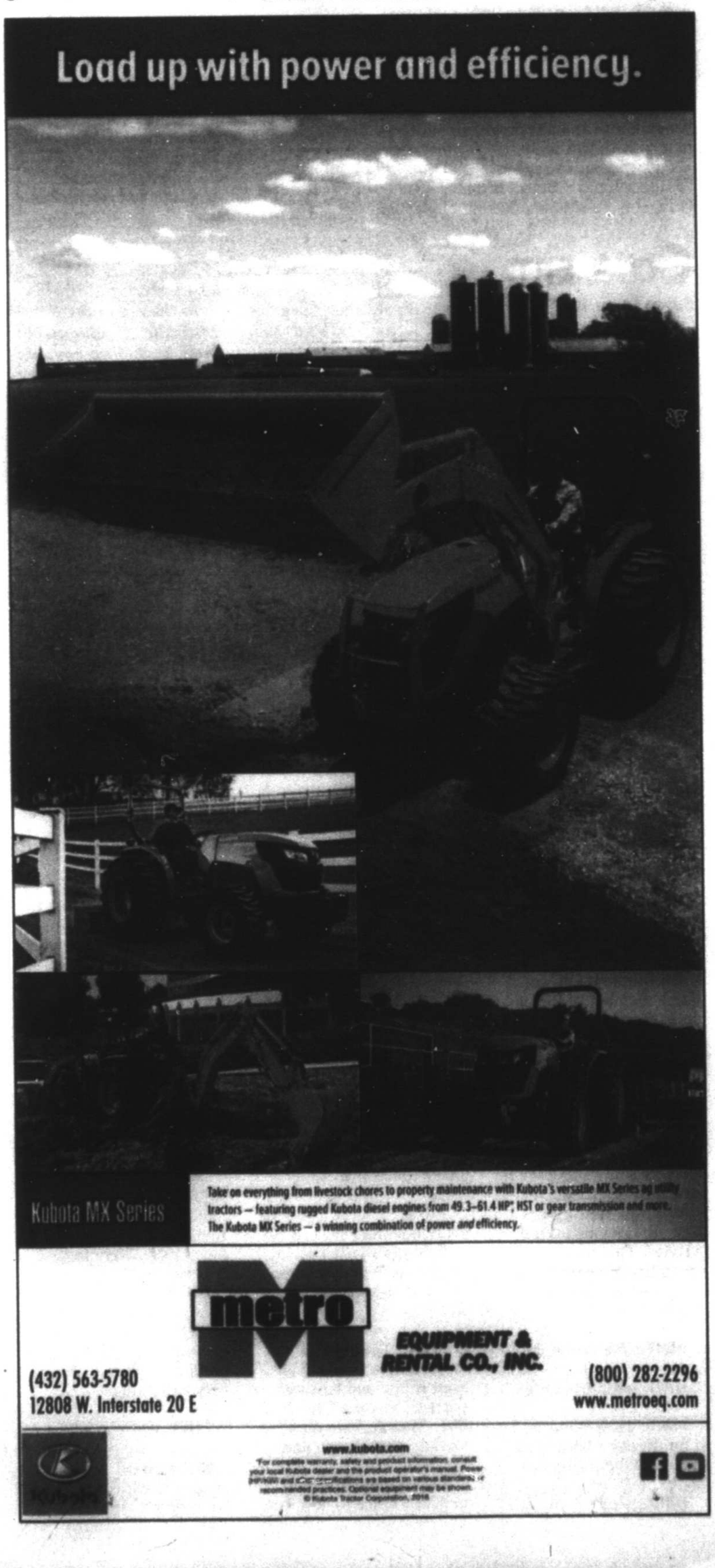
This time, our heroes are joined by some locals (Wes Robinson and Valorie Curry) who know the woods — but may have their own agenda — and writer Simon Barrett has weaved in a sly lesson about our confidence in high-tech gizmos. The group seems invincible with their GPS, digital walkie-talkies, memory cards and earpieces. (They even brought a drone.) Good luck with that, guys.

This sequel gets progressively messy while "The Blair Witch Project" grew progressively taut. In this movie, the filmmakers throw out a lot of elements that are dead ends — double-crossing, infections and time shifts. The film really only rights itself in the final, breathtaking sequences when the title character applies her special brand of pressure.

So, for those keeping score, it's: Nosey Kids, 0; Blair Witch, 2.

It's time to bulldoze, right?

"Blair Witch," a Lionsgate, Vertigo Entertainment, Room 101 and Snoot Entertainment release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "language, terror and some disturbing images." Running time: 89 minutes. Two stars out of four.



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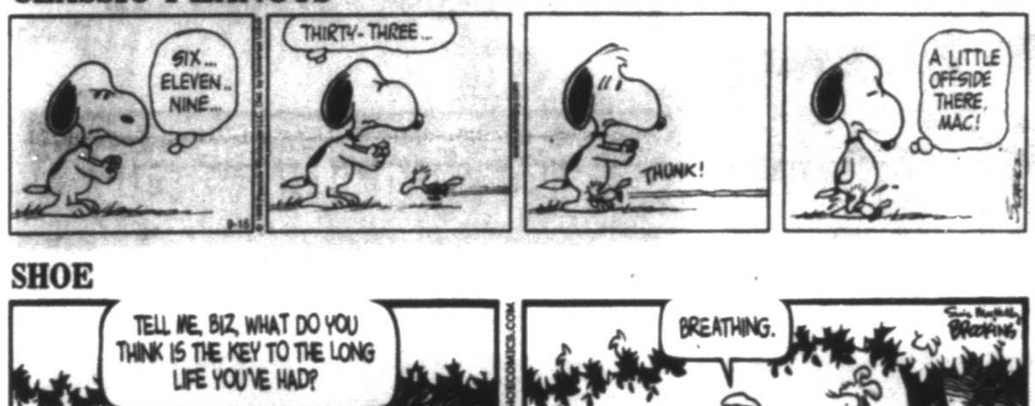

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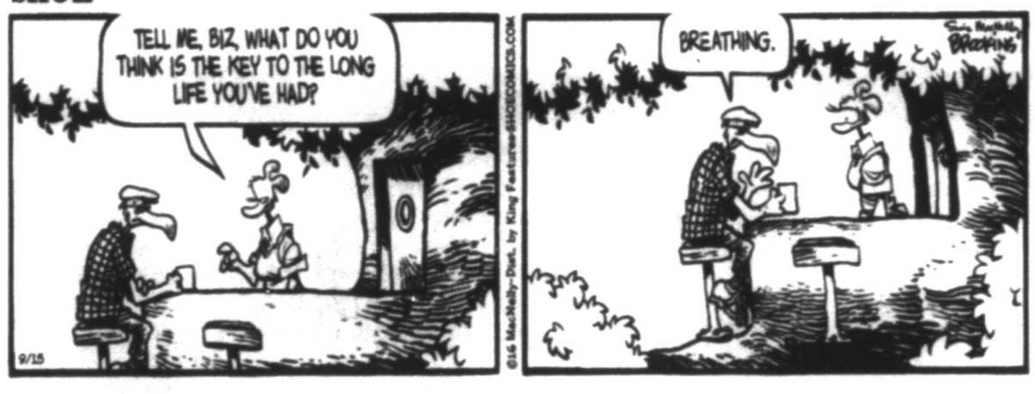

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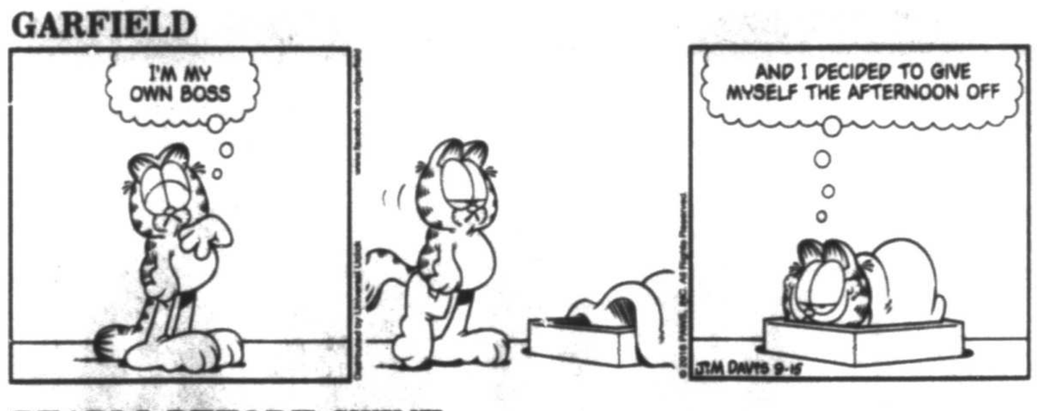

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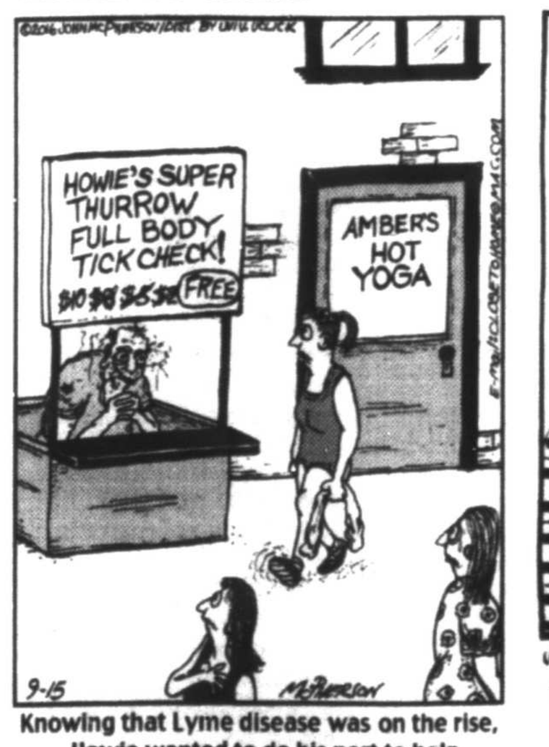

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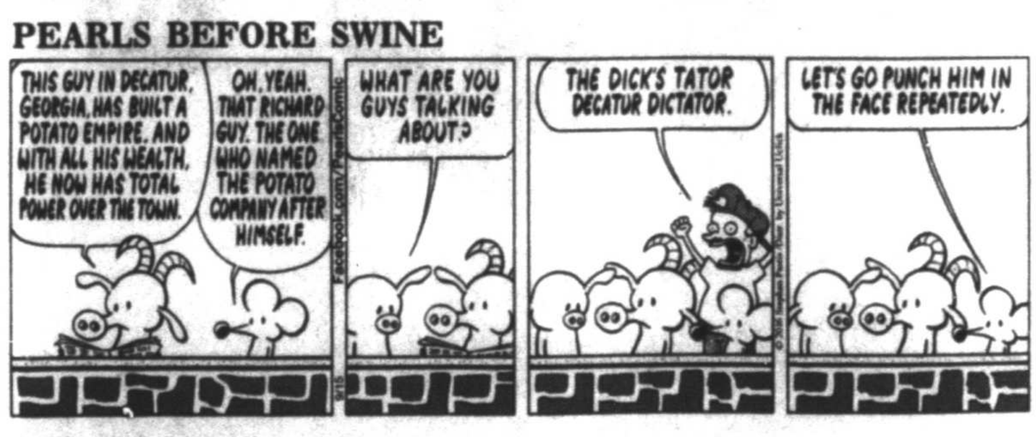

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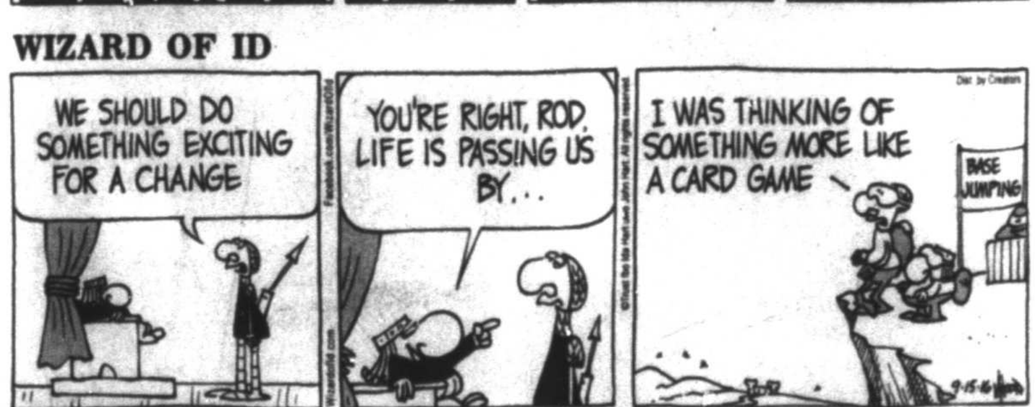

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"LEROY HAD GIRLFRIENDS BEFORE WE GOT MARRIED... YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE ONES THAT RAN AWAY."

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ASIAN

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GENGHIS GRILL With a buffet that consists of countless raw ingredients to pile into a bowl and hand over for a chef to cook, the food at Genghis Grill is as good as you can make it. If you're knowledgeable in what spices complement what meats, veggies and sauces — or if you're just lucky — count on a great meal. For the not-so-confident, the restaurant offers recipe cards to guide your selections. 4517 Midkiff Road 520-5426 www.genghisgrill.com | $$ | 3 spoons

GRAND BUFFET Extensive "all-you-can-eat" Asian buffet includes hodgepodge of options including Chinese dishes, salads, seafood, jell-o, fried okra, sushi and a Mongolian grill station. 2510 W. Louisiana Ave. 688-8881 | $ | 2 spoons

THE GREAT WALL Chinese takeout restaurant offers large portions from extensive menu. Try the General Tso's chicken with sesame shrimp and add an order of egg rolls or spring rolls. 2215 N. Midland Drive 694-5555 | $ | 3 spoons

KING & I Authentic Thai food served at in the heart of Midland. Try the basil fried rice or Popcorn's special with angel hair pasta, green onions, white onions, tomatoes, broccoli, garlic and jalapenos. There's a reason the lunch crowd is often standing-room-only at the original location near downtown. It's worth the wait. 801 N. Big Spring St. | $ | 4 spoons

KUO'S CHINESE RESTAURANT Friendly service and a relaxed atmosphere. Try the cashew chicken or Mongolian steak with a fried cream cheese wonton. 3303 N. Midkiff Rd., Suite 152 697-8888 | $ | 4 spoons

MOON GARDEN Try one of the lunch specials like broccoli with garlic sauce or kung pao shrimp. The Chinese restaurant is housed in what used to be a Red Lobster — just in case you were wondering about the nautical decor. 2319 W. Loop 250 N. 570-1165 or 685-3012 | $ | 2 spoons

OSAKA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE AND SEAFOOD Try steak, chicken or seafood grilled at Teppan Yaki tables or sushi with fresh seafood. Locations in Midland and Odessa. 1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 617-7252 www.my-osaka.com | $$ | 4 spoons.

SHOGUN RESTAURANT Japanese steak house that's been serving Midlanders for more than 20 years. Watch your food being cooked on the Teppan Yaki tables after you enjoy cucumber and shrimp salad and soup. Lunch prices are very reasonable, be prepared to splurge for dinner. 4610 N. Garfield St. 570-8888 | $$ | 4 spoons

TASTE OF CHINA SUPER BUFFET All-you-can-eat buffet or order from menu. Senior citizen discount and children 3 and younger eat free. 4400 N. Big Spring St., #53. 684-5288 | $ | 2 spoons

THAI HOUSE Strip-center kitchen offering classic Thai and Chinese dishes in a modest, straightforward setting. 9 Meta Dr. 687-3373 | $ | 2 spoons

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RockHounds take lead in TLCS; 1 win from history

By Paul Boyd
NWA Democrat Gazette

SPRINGDALE, Ark. — Northwest Arkansas has enjoyed an offensive surge late in the season, but Midland had just a little more Wednesday night at Arvest Ballpark.

The RockHounds jumped to a 6-0 lead and got some solid relief pitching late to hold on for a 6-4 win in Game 2 of the Texas League Championship Series.

Midland, the Double-A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics, now leads the best-of-five series 2-0 with Game 3 shifting to Midland tonight. The RockHounds will have a chance to claim their third consecutive Texas League title.

Kyle Finnegan and Jake Sanchez came through with 2 1/3 innings of no-hit, no-run relief to hold off the Naturals. Sanchez struck out the side in a perfect ninth for the save.

The RockHounds took the lead with two runs in the fourth and added three more in the fifth.

Yairo Munoz had singles in both innings. The third baseman led off the fourth with an infield single and later scored on J.P. Sportman's single to left field. Munoz' single in the fifth drove in a run. Designated hitter Andy Paz also delivered a solid two-out, two-run double to left in the fifth against Naturals reliever Reid Redman, a Midland Christian grad and former Midland College player.

Leadoff man Brad Vertigan led a 12-hit Midland attack, going 3-for-5, while Sportman, Munoz and Tyler Marincov chipped in two hits each. Paz and Sportman drove in two runs each, while Munoz scored twice and drove in a run.

Northwest Arkansas finally got going offensively with three runs in the sixth and another in the seventh.

The Naturals got RBI-singles from Frank Schwindel and Samir Duenez and added another run on a Midland error. Ryan O'Hearn, who finished 3-for-4, drove in a run in the seventh on a single up the middle to pull Northwest Arkansas within 6-4.

Finnegan came on with two outs and runners at second and third and struck out Duenez with a 95-mile-per-hour fastball to end the inning.

Northwest Arkansas manager Vance Wilson said his team wasn't able to match Midland's

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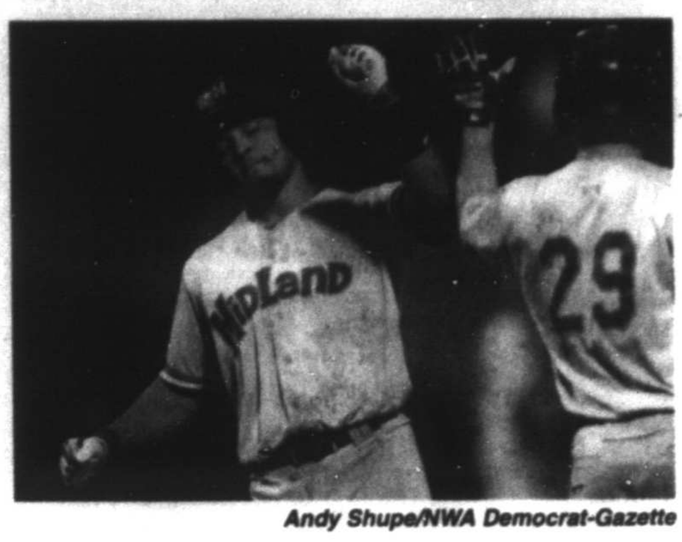

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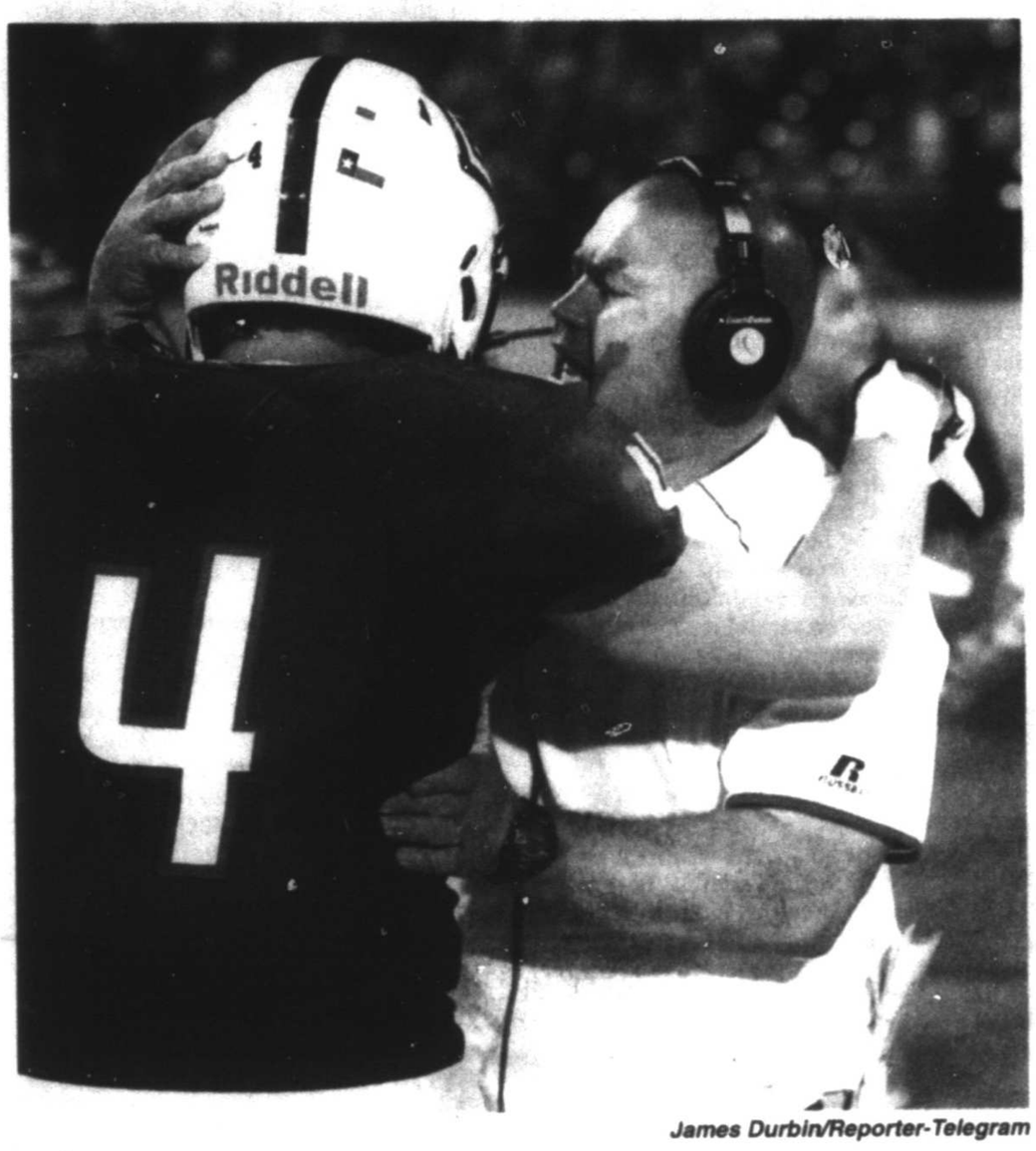
Midland shortstop Richie Martin is congratulated at the plate by center fielder Brett Vertigan on Wednesday after hitting a solo home run against the Northwest Arkansas Naturals during the sixth inning at Arvest Ballpark in Springdale, Ark.

KEEPING OUTLOOKS POSITIVE



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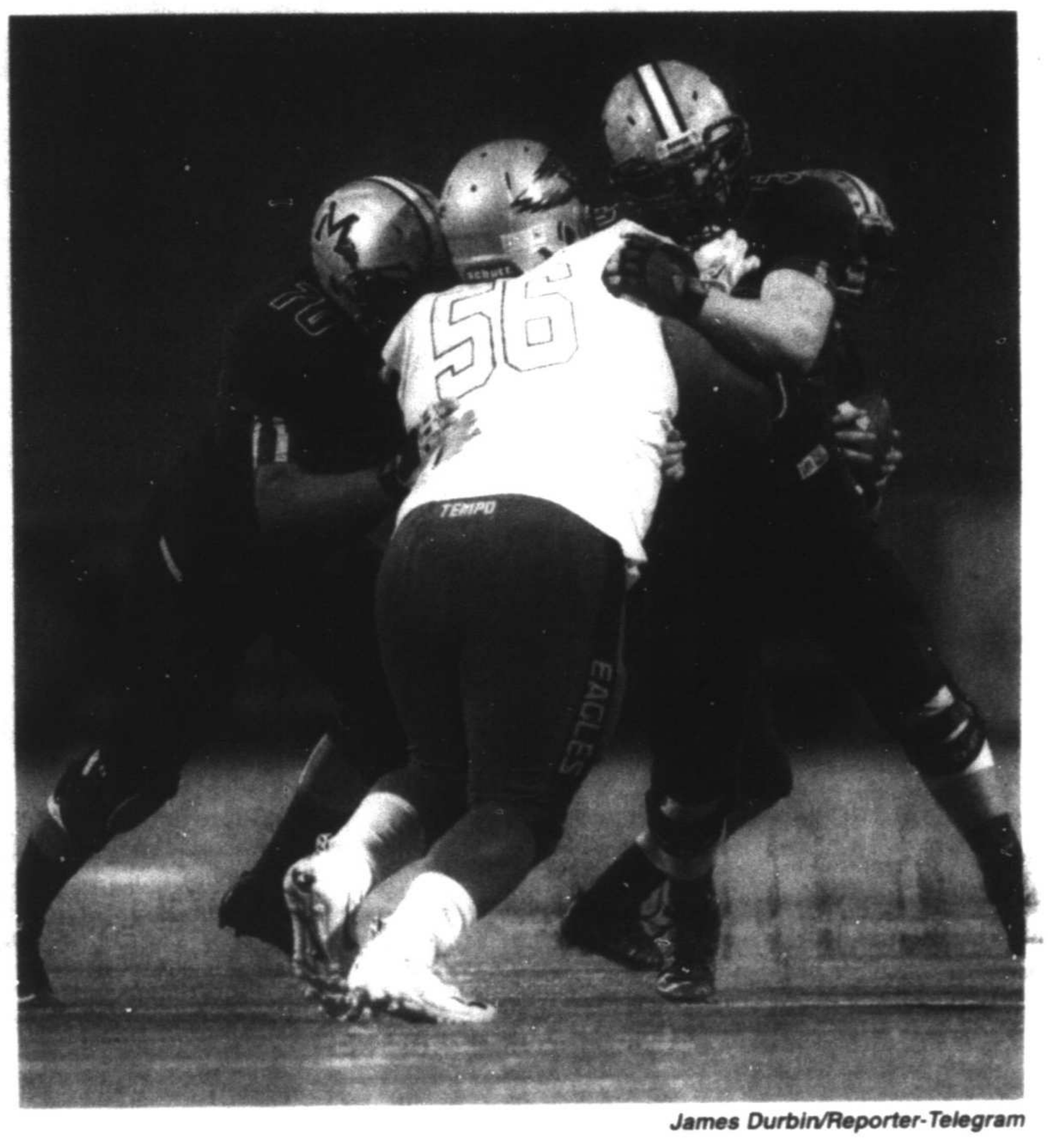
Lee football head coach Clint Hartman talks with Dustin Hunt during the season-opening game against El Paso Coronado on Aug. 26 at Grande Communications Stadium.



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Midland High offensive lineman Brandon Nanez (70) and Turner Phillips (50) block DeSoto's Wesley Green (56) on Sept. 9 at Grande Communications Stadium.

Rebels remain united through rather tough stretch

REBEL REPORT

By Will Korn
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In the words of Lee assistant head coach and offensive coordinator Frank Maldonado, the Rebels are staring down into a dark and frightening hole right now.

Following Lee's record-breaking 62-35 loss against El Paso Coronado last Friday, as well as a 48-14 loss at the hands of Abilene High two weeks ago, the Rebels have fallen to the floor.

The 736 yards total yards of offense Lee allowed the Azteca is a new program record for most allowed in a single game, breaking the previous mark of 650 yards surrendered to Abilene Cooper in 2010.

Things couldn't be much worse for a Lee defense that has now yielded 110 points and 10 scoring plays of at least 30 yards in its last two games. For the most part, the Rebels offense has moved the ball respectably through three games but has too often found itself fighting uphill.

But as Maldonado told the Lee players after the loss to El Dorado, having a strong character and belief in each other can pull the Rebels out of that dark hole.

Lee (1-2) will try to bounce back when it hosts Lubbock Monterey (3-0) on homecoming at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Grande Communications Stadium. Friday's game is Lee's final tune-up before the team opens District 2-6A play against bitter rival Midland High next Friday.

The Rebel players and coaches know that after consecutive blowout losses, having a positive attitude is paramount. They know they have an opportunity to correct their mistakes, earn an uplifting win against the Plainsmen this week and get things back on track entering the district schedule.

"I can tell you this, we weren't happy (after last Friday's loss) but we're not going to walk around with our heads down," said Lee head coach Clint Hartman. "I'm not going to do that and our kids aren't going to do that. They stuck together and

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Bulldogs look to turn page after loss to No. 2 DeSoto

BULLDOG REPORT

By Christopher Hadorn
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Last Friday, the Midland High football team certainly raised some eyebrows around the state with the way it played competitively with No. 2-ranked DeSoto for 48 minutes.

The Bulldogs were just 28 seconds away from pulling off an earth-moving upset when Eagles quarterback Shawn Robinson heaved a go-ahead 12-yard touchdown pass to Laviska Shenault, and DeSoto escaped with a 49-43 win at Grande Communications Stadium.

In the aftermath of the defeat, MHS head coach Craig Yenzer said his players were disappointed they didn't win the game.

Yenzer says his Bulldogs still have a chip on their shoulder because some naysayers didn't take them quite seriously after their competitive performance with USA Today's No. 6 ranked team nationally.

"(DeSoto) played down to their competition was one of the comments made in the Dallas paper so we've kind of used that as a motivational deal," Yenzer said. "We still feel like it's us against the world. We still have a lot to prove."

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, MHS (2-1) visits Keller (0-3) in its final non-district tune up before District 2-6A play begins with a showdown with rival Lee on Sept. 23.

It's a game, even though it's sandwiched between DeSoto and Lee, that Yenzer calls the most important on the schedule because it's the next opponent.

"I did tell them (Monday) at practice, 'You guys messed up, you just raised not only your level of expectations, but you raised all your coaches' level of expectations and the community's level of expectations,'" Yenzer said. "'Now we've got to get it out of you every week. You know, one week is not good enough.' I

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MHS, Lee teams currently heading in opposite directions

What a wild week it was for the Midland High and Lee football teams. Both squads dropped their week 3 contests, but that's the only thing the two programs shared in common.

On the one hand, the Bulldogs nearly shocked the high school football world against perennial power DeSoto last Friday at Grande Communications Stadium.

The Eagles, ranked No. 2 in Texas and No. 6 nationally according to USA Today's poll, scored with 28 seconds left to escape the Tall City with a 49-43 victory against a supremely inspired MHS squad.

Against a team loaded with NCAA Division I prospects, not many folks gave the Bulldogs a fighting chance in that game. But MHS ignored the prognosticators and battled a superior team with a passion that characterizes the sport in this part of the state.

The game's final result was counted as a loss against MHS' record. But if such a thing does exists, that was about as moral as a victory can get. The Bulldogs made a resounding statement that on their best night, they can compete with any team in the country.

Meanwhile, about 300 miles west, the Rebels were taking a merciless beating against El Paso El Dorado that was at times downright embarrassing.

The start of the game for Lee was promising, as the Rebels drove inside the Aztecs' 5-yard line before losing a fumble that led to El Dorado's 736-yard avalanche of offense — that total shattered the Lee record for most opposition yards allowed in a game by nearly the length of a field.

Aztecs quarterback Cedarious Barfield had a night for the ages, passing for 463 yards and seven touchdowns, running for 83 yards and a score, while even catching a 76-yard touchdown pass on a trojan horse play in the first quarter.

The Rebels offense was solid and scored 35 points — 28 of them in the second half — while totaling 468 yards of offense. But when an opposing quarterback accounts for 622 yards, it will take quite a bit more than five scores to come away victorious.

Now, heading into the fourth week of the season, both the Bulldogs and Rebels will be looking to get back into the win column in their final pre-district tune-ups.

For MHS, an advantageous road matchup against Keller will provide an opportunity to finish off the non-district schedule in style. The Bulldogs offense seems to be clicking right now and if the team can hang 43 points on DeSoto's vaunted defense, Keller shouldn't pose too much of a problem.

Back at Grande for the first time since its season-opening victory, Lee figures to face a much tougher test in visiting

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WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
Midland 6, NW Arkansas 4

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

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Midland 5, NW Arkansas 4	Midland 6 NW Arkansas 4	NW Arkansas at Midland 7 p.m.	NW Arkansas at Midland 7 p.m.	NW Arkansas at Midland 2 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

BOXING

Dusty Hernandez Harrison vs. Thomas Lamanna, 9 p.m., CBSSN

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Houston at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

UAPB at Alcorn State, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU

GOLF

Evian Golf Championship, 1st Round, 8:30 a.m., GOLF

EPGA: Italian Open, 1st Round, 11:30 a.m., GOLF

US Mid-Amateur, Finals, 2 p.m., FS1

Web.com: Albertsons Boise Open, 1st Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

Evian Golf Championship, 2nd Round, 4 a.m., GOLF

HOCKEY

KHL: Dinamo Minsk vs. Dinamo Riga, 11:30 a.m., OWSPN

MLB

NY Yankees at Boston or Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 6 p.m., MLB

Toronto at LA Angels, 10 p.m., MLB

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Europa: Qarabag FC vs. FC Slovan Liberec, 9:50 a.m., FSP

UEFA Europa: Feyenoord vs. Manchester United FC, Noon, FS1, ESPNDEP

UEFA Europa: FSV Mainz 05 vs. AS Saint-Etienne, Noon, FS2

UEFA Europa: FC Viktoria Pizen vs. AS Roma, Noon, FSP

UEFA Europa: OGC Nice vs. FC Schalke 04, 2 p.m., FS2

UEFA Europa: Inter vs. Hapoel Be'er-Sheva FC, 2 p.m., FSP

UEFA Europa: Villarreal vs. FC Zurich, 2 p.m., ESPNDEP

CONCACAF Champions: New York Red Bulls vs. Alianza FC, 7 p.m., UDN

Brazil: Sao Paulo vs. Palmeiras, 7 p.m., GolTV

CONCACAF Champions: Honduras Progreso vs. Pumas de la UNAM, 9 p.m., UDN

CONCACAF Champions: CS Herediano vs. CD Plaza Amador, 11:30 p.m., GALA

MOTORSPORTS

ARCA: Chicagoland, 7 p.m., FS1

NFL

NY Jets at Buffalo, 7:25 p.m., CBS, NFL

PARALYMPICS

Wheelchair Basketball Semifinals, Wheelchair Rugby, 1 p.m., NBCSN

Swimming, Track & Field, 6 p.m., NBCSN

WNBA

Washington at Atlanta, 6 p.m., NBAtv

WOMEN'S SOCCER

NCAA: Missouri at Tennessee, 6 p.m., SEC

Friendly: USA vs. Thailand, 7 p.m., ESPN2

NCAA: Indiana at Northwestern, 7 p.m., BTN

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

FOOTBALL

Bishop Timon (N.Y.) at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m.
Amarillo Tascosa at Lawton (Okla.) MacArthur, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Requested unconditional waivers on OF Rey Fuentes

NEW YORK YANKEES — Recalled OF Mason Williams from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Assigned RHP Tyler Sturdevant outright to Durham (IL).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Named Ben Cherington vice president of baseball operations.

National League

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Reinstated RHP Michael Wacha from the 15-day DL.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Reinstated RHP Derek Law from the 15-day DL.

BASKETBALL

National Football League

NEW ORLEANS PELICANS — Signed G Lance Stephenson.

SACRAMENTO KINGS — Signed G Jordan Farmar.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Waived/injured LB Lamar Louis. Claimed CB Tharold Simon off waivers from Seattle.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed DL Jimmy Staton to the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed WR Josh Boyce to the practice squad.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released RB Jhurell Pressley.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Released CB KeiVarae Russell. Signed LB Dezman Moses.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Waived QB Brandon Doughty. Re-signed DT Chris Jones.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released DB Mike Hilton from the practice squad. Signed WR DeAndrew White to the practice squad.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed DL Cullen Jenkins.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

MLS — Suspended Real Salt Lake M Sunny Stephen one game for serious foul play.

COLLEGE

CASTLETON — Named Jason Behenna director of athletic marketing and communications.

MINNESOTA — Named Bethany Brausen women's assistant hockey coach.

ST. ANDREWS — Announced the resignation of men's lacrosse coach Joe Wilson to join the staff at Marist St. Mary's.

UTAH — Announced RB Joe Williams will no longer play football. Reinstated WR Cory Butler-Byrd to the football team.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water clear: 84-88 degrees; 3.35 feet low. Black bass are fair early on Carolina rigs, jigs and deep diving crankbaits. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on juglines.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear: 85-89 degrees; 1.52 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters and Texas rigs. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows in the shallows. Catfish are good on worms and stinkbait.

COLORADO CITY: 22.02 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky. 84-88 degrees; 1.16 feet low. Black bass are fair on weightless Senkos and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color: 85-90 degrees; 1.83 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early and late. midday switching to crankbaits. Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

NASWORTHY: 84-89 degrees; 1.19 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on buzzbaits, Texas rigs and jigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained: 84-88 degrees; 10.96 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs and chatterbaits. 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: 86-90 degrees; 36.11 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Yellow Magics early and late, midday switching to Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color: 84-90 degrees; 0.11 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot rigs, Texas rigs, medium running shad pattern crankbaits and Carolina rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair to good on Little Georges. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky: 88-92 degrees; 19.90 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon topwaters, spinnerbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on white striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on cheesebait, stinkbait, and nightcrawlers over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines 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; 86-90 degrees. Black bass are good on topwaters, and on watermelon crankbaits and soft plastics. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water murky; 84-88 degrees; 0.08 feet high. Black bass are fair on topwaters, spinnerbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on stinkbait and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 85-89 degrees; 1.05 feet low. Black bass are very good on redbug and watermelon red Shakeyheads with Grande Bass Baby Rattlesnakes, and on topwaters late. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are good on Lil Fishies and Rat-L-Traps under lights at night. Crappie are fair on white Lil Fishies and black/chartreuse tube jigs in 10-15 feet. Channel catfish are good on cut bait over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on droplines baited with perch in 5-15 feet.

BUCHANAN: Water murky; 84-88 degrees; 0.27 feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon flukes, chartreuse Pop-R's, and black/blue Whacky Sticks on jigheads off points early. Striped bass are fair on Spoiler Shads near the dam early. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel catfish are good on shrimp, minnows, and cheese. Yellow and blue catfish are good on perch upriver.

CANYON LAKE: Water murky; 85-89 degrees; 0.03 feet low. Black bass are fair on dark topwaters and watermelon Whacky Sticks over grass early and late. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on Tiny Traps and minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on tube grubs and chartreuse jigs early. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

COLEMAN: Water murky; 86-90 degrees; 1.27 feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon topwaters, soft plastics, and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

FAYETTE: Water murky. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut shad, nightcrawlers, and shrimp over baited holes.

GRANBURY: Water murky; 86-92 degrees; 0.02 feet high. Black bass are fair on watermelon spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and pink tube jigs. Catfish are fair on stinkbait, shrimp, and minnows.

GRANGER: Water murky; 87-91 degrees; 1.43 feet high. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastic worms with chartreuse tails, and watermelon topwaters. White bass are fair on minnows and small spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs. Blue catfish are good on shad and shrimp. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch.

LBJ: Water stained; 85-89 degrees; 0.78 feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon/blue flake Whacky Sticks, chartreuse spinnerbaits, and Texas rigged soft plastics in 8-15 feet early. Striped bass are good on silver striper jigs and Spoiler Shads at night. White bass are good on Lil Fishies at night. Crappie are fair on blue tube jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on nightcrawlers and liver. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water murky; 86-90 degrees; 0.14 feet high. Black bass are good on watermelon spinnerbaits and shallow running crankbaits near the dam. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait, shrimp, and shad. Blue catfish are fair on minnows. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 85-89 degrees; 0.92 feet low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse crankbaits and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on white striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows and spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows and pink tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 87-91 degrees; 4.92 feet high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are fair on silver striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on stinkbait and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

STILLHOUSE HOLLOW: Water murky; 85-89 degrees; 0.12 feet high. Black bass are good on chartreuse spinnerbaits and crankbaits. White bass are good on pet spoons and slabs. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water murky; 86-90 degrees; 0.18 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon/blue flake worms in 12-25 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are good on silver slabs and jigging spoons. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on perch. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water murky. Black bass are fair on chartreuse crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and minnows. Yellow catfish are slow.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL REPORT

Greenwood showing much improvement

By Will Korn
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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Greenwood's Kailey Martinez (9) and Kyndall Dove (13) go up for a block against Trinity's Kinzie Roemer (7) on Sept. 6 at Trinity.

This year's Greenwood volleyball team is a classic example of what it sometimes takes to build a successful program from the ground up.

After winning just 11 of their 59 matches and none of their 20 district contests combined in 2014 and 2015, the Rangerettes have left their difficult past in the dust. This season, in their pre-district schedule alone, the Rangerettes (18-9) have already doubled their 2015 win total with 11 matches left to play.

Second-year head coach Terri McColloch has seen her team's patience and continuity pay off over the last season and a half on the Greenwood sideline.

Many players on the Rangerettes' roster are juniors who are in their third year playing and growing together at the varsity level. By now, a still young but fiery Greenwood roster has overcome its old learning curve and is competing consistently.

"They were all young last year, so they've all stepped up and been really good leaders this year," McColloch said. "They're good athletes. They just needed to have a little bit of success and they'd be fine. They're so much more grown up and so much more confident this year."

McColloch added that the level of improvement is obvious watching her team's matches.

"We're making plays on balls this year, that last year we wouldn't have even dreamed on how to play the ball. We're better offensively and we have a little bit better of a block this year. Defensively, we're pretty solid. We let very few balls hit the floor on serve/receive and we dig about every ball we should dig."

Junior middle hitter Caity Payne, who leads the Rangerettes with 212 kills and 212 digs this season, said she and her teammates were ready to make a statement this year right from Greenwood's season opening match.

So far, they've done just that.

"We knew this year coming in that we were going to be much better and much more experienced," Payne said. "It's a great feeling knowing that we're not losing every game (anymore). It's amazing to see how much we've improved and how far we've come."

Fellow junior middle hitter Kyndall Dove, who is also enjoying a breakout season with 157 kills and 67 digs thus far, said in addition to experience, a strong chemistry has also been key to the Rangerettes' revival this year.

"It's awesome," Dove said. "We're playing really well together as a team, we're communicating pretty well for the most part. We're all getting along, playing for the team and not just ourselves.

"I think we are really strong because we're all the same age and no one has been leaving the past two years."

And as the Rangerettes are set to open District 4-4A play on Sept. 24 against Pecos, they believe they have every opportunity to take the next step together: win a district title.

"I want us to win district," Payne said. "I think we are very capable of doing it this year. I want us to win it."

Lady Bulldogs bounce back

Midland High picked up an early key District 2-6A victory in four sets at home against Odessa Permian (22-7, 1-1 in District 2-6A) on Tuesday.

Following a five-set home loss to first-place San Angelo Central (23-7, 2-0) — a match in which MHS led two sets to one — the Lady Bulldogs were relieved to find the win column and avoid an 0-2 start in district.

"(After the loss to Central) The girls didn't give up, they fought hard and we talked a lot about not giving up more than two points in a row," said MHS head coach Amanda Lopez. "We didn't do that all the time, but we did it most of the time (Tuesday)."

MHS (15-10, 1-1) will next travel to Odessa to play Odessa High at 5 p.m. Friday.

Lee ready for stretch at home

Lee hit the road to open District 2-6A play and split its first two contests, defeating Wolfforth Frenship in four sets on Friday before getting swept by a powerful San Angelo Central squad on Tuesday.

Now the Lady Rebels (16-14, 1-1 in District 2-6A) will have the benefit of playing five of their next six district matches at home.

Lee head coach Daphne Rhoads said that is a comforting reality, but added the team will be prepared for any challenge it may face on the road going forward.

"It is (comforting) but (during) our preseason we got ready for those long hauls," Rhoads said. "The girls are used to the bus and the bus doesn't faze them. (But) they're excited to play at home."

The Lady Rebels will next host Permian at 5 p.m. Friday.

MCS rises in state ranks

After winning its last three matches, Midland Christian jumped up one spot to No. 4 in the Class 5A division of this week's TAPPS coaches' rankings.

The Lady Mustangs (19-5, 1-0) opened TAPPS 1-5A play by edging Fort Worth Southwest Christian in five close sets on Friday.

MCS will next travel to Grapevine to take on No. 1-ranked Grapevine Faith Christian at 6 p.m. Friday.

No. 2 MCA keeps rolling

Midland Classical is rolling right along through the non-district portion of its schedule. The Lady Knights have won 18 of their first 20 matches and are the No. 2-ranked Class 3A team in this week's TAPPS coaches' rankings.

MCA (18-2) is currently on a week-long break for a school retreat but will resume action when it hosts Water Valley at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

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MC sweeps Clarendon, stays on a roll

By Oscar LeRoy
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After dropping their first conference match of the season last week at Western Texas College, the young Midland College team was looking for a little confidence boost to help spark their season.

Grau

Lohrke

Thanks to a 25-18, 25-14, 25-12 victory over Clarendon College on Wednesday night at Chaparral Center, the Lady Chaparrals might have got what they needed.

The match was played at slower pace than MC (6-8, 1-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) wanted. but the Lady Chaps were able to cut down on their errors, held Clarendon to a minus-.028 attack percentage, and got a win in their first home match of the season.

"I was pleased with what we did," MC coach Tammie Jimenez said. "I think we took care of the ball and we recognized what (the Lady Bulldogs) were doing defensively, recognized what they were doing offensively and we made the adjustments that we need to. I think they handled business, so I can't complain about that."

After dropping a four-set match at WTC a week ago, MC has now won four of its last five matches. Still, Jimenez said that getting that first WJCAC win of the season is good for her young team in this early part of the season.

"I think it's a confidence boost, for sure," Jimenez said. "I think it shows them that when work together as a team, and it doesn't matter who the opponent is, we're capable of great things and I told them we need to make sure take this evening and build from it, run with it and go into the next match with a little momentum."

Sophomore middle blocker Dana Lohrke, who had a team high seven kills and 1.5 blocks, agreed that this was a must-win for her team.

"It was big because we lost the first (WJCAC match) and it's a boost of confidence," she said. "We'll take it to the next conference game.

"We've been practicing on eliminating our service errors and our defensive errors and we did a good job of that tonight."

The closest set was the first one when the Lady Bulldogs (1-9, 0-2) went on a 7-2 run to cut it to 23-18. But after that, it was all MC as the Lady Chaps not only closed out the set but won the next two sets with relative ease.

Malu Dib added eight digs, Nela Grau had 19 assists and Bailey Wright added 10 assists for MC, which travels to Baytown this weekend for the Lee College Invitational.

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MIDLAND COLLEGE DEF. CLARENDON COLLEGE 25-18, 25-14, 25-12
Clarendon College statistics

Kills — Codi Wood 5, Taylor Crossette 3, Cheyenne Lytle 3, Manija Youngberg 2, Garlyn Radford 1

Digs — Maddi Utley 7, Lytle 5, Youngberg 5, Breanna Edwards-Demars 4, Crossette 4, Natiela Trujillo 3, Codi Wood 2, Cassie Avalos 1

Assists — Lytle 9, Utley 2, Radford 1, Crossette 1

Blocks — None

Aces — Trujillo 1

Midland College statistics

Kills — Dana Lohrke 7, Ashley Van Fleet 6, Malu Dib 5, Luisa Nieto 5, Breann Schreiber 4, Ashley VanGieson 5, Bailey Wright 3, Cali Berger 3, Kristen Johnson 1

Digs — Dib 8, Lauren Hermes 6, Wright 4, Schreiber 4, Nelda Grau 2, Van Fleet 2, Gina Salgado 2, VanGieson 1, Lohrke 1

Assists — Grau 19, Wright 10, Hermes 2, Nieto 1, Lohrke 1

Blocks — Lohrke 1.5, Nieto 1, Johnson 1

Records: Midland College 6-8, 1-1 in WJCAC; Clarendon College 1-10, 0-2

Next: Midland College vs. Navarro College at Lee College Invitational, 9 a.m. Friday, Baytown

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REPORTER-TELEGRAM FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

Week 4
Sept. 15—Sept. 18

Will Korn
Last week: 14-5
Season: 45-14
Percent: .762

Chris Hadorn
Last week: 14-5
Season: 44-15
Percent: .745

Oscar LeRoy
Last week: 14-5
Season: 43-16
Percent.: .729

John Tee
Last week: 14-5
Season: 43-16
Percent: .729

Evan Winston
Last week: 14-5
Season: 41-18
Percent:>.694

High school					
Lee vs, Lubbock Monterey	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee
Midland High at Keller	Midland High	Midland High	Midland High	Midland High	Midland High
Abilene High at Odessa High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High
Killeen Shoemaker at San Angelo Central	SA Central	SA Central	SA Central	SA Central	SA Central
Bishop Timon at Odessa Permian	Permian	Permiaq	Permian	Permian	Permian
San Angelo Lake View at Greenwood	Greenwood	Greenwood	Greenwood	Greenwood	Greenwood
Dallas TACA at Midland Christian	MCS	MCS	MCS	MCS	MCS
Big Spring at Canyon	Canyon	Canyon	Canyon	Canyon	Canyon
Andrews at Monahans	Andrews	Stanton	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews
Christoval at Stanton	Christoval	Coahoma	Christoval	Stanton	Christoval
Coahoma at Bangs	Bangs	Reagan County	Bangs	Bangs	Bangs
Forsan at Reagan County	Forsan	Buena Vista	Forsan	Forsan	Reagan County
Trinity at Imperial Buena Vista	Trinity	Balmorhea	Buena Vista	Trinity	Trinity
Balmorhea at Garden City	Garden City	Rankin	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City
Rankin at Grady	Rankin		Grady	Grady	Rankin
College					
Louisiana Tech at Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech
West Texas A&M at UTPB	West Texas A&M	West Texas A&M	West Texas A&M	West Texas A&M	West Texas A&M
Texas at California	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Texas A&M at Auburn	Auburn	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Auburn
NFL					
Dallas at Washington	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Washington
Kansas City at Houston	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Houston	Kansas City

LEE MVPS

Traylor

OFFENSE
RB Josh Traylor, So.

Traylor stepped up in the Lee backfield for the second straight week. Against El Paso El Dorado, he racked up 138 yards and three touchdowns on a season-high 20 carries.

Rodriguez

DEFENSE
LB Kougar Rodriguez, Jr.

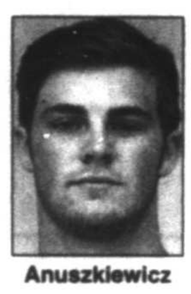
Rodriguez produced his best game so far this season with 10 total tackles — all solo — in the loss to the Aztecs.

Britt

SPECIAL TEAMS
WR/KR Taye Britt, Sr.

Britt returned a kickoff 70 yards for a touchdown midway through the third quarter last Friday — his second TD return this season. He also had 102 yards receiving on two catches.

MHS MVPS



Anuszkiewicz

OFFENSE
Jackson Anuszkiewicz, Sr., QB

Anuszkiewicz completed 19 of 32 passes for 331 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions against No. 2-ranked DeSoto. Anuszkiewicz also rushed for a touchdown.

Sims

DEFENSE
Chris Sims, Sr., FS

Sims tied for the team-lead with 12 total tackles and had five passes defended while facing DeSoto's TCU-commit quarterback Shawn Robinson.

Correa

SPECIAL TEAMS
Ignacio Correa, Sr., K

With the outcome at stake during a fourth-and-9 situation, Correa booted a 51-yard field goal, which at the time, propelled the Bulldogs to a 43-41 lead with 1:53 to play against DeSoto.

REBELS

From 1C

we haven't lost anything we can't gain (back) yet.

"Our kids want to get back out there and improve and play well."

In a player-driven program such as Lee's, any turnaround will have to start with the leadership and examples set by the team's senior captains.

"We're just staying positive, just telling them (the Lee players) 'When things are falling apart, all we can do is fall back on our training,'" said quarterback Sema'J Davis, who was 13-for-21 passing for 227 yards, a touchdown and an interception against the Aztecs. "(We just need to) really not try to make things happen. (We need to) fall back onto training, fall back onto fundamentals and everything should fall into line."

Even after an especially long and painful bus ride back from El Paso, fellow Lee captain and receiver Payton Tranum said the Rebels' confidence remains unwavering this week in preparation for Monterey.

After all, the Rebels did reel off 28 second-half points against the Aztecs. In a relatively normal game, their 35 points might have been enough to win.

"Just from the get-go, after that game (against El Dorado), our confidence is still up," said Tranum, who recorded 22 receiving yards on three catches in the loss. "We're going to compete every time we go out and we still have our swagger. The captains are standing up, the team is staying together and as a unit. We're pushing through this."

Tranum added that the festivities of homecoming should provide the Rebels with an even greater spark and motivation to play up to their level on Friday.

"Absolutely," Tranum said. "It feels good to be back (home). It feels good that we're not traveling this week, not having to get on the bus. There's a lot of energy going into Friday and we're excited to play."

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REBEL YELLS

■ Lee head coach Clint Hartman said that after the team's film session Saturday morning, he and the coaching staff believe many of the Rebels' recent struggles, both offensively and defensively, are still self-induced.

"At first we were shell-shocked until we watched the film and saw that it wasn't El Dorado, it was the Lee Rebels that are still hurting themselves," Hartman said.

■ Hartman said that his offense has to improve in third and long situations. Much of that hardship is being set up by costly penalties, as the Rebels were flagged 11 times for 83 yards against the Aztecs.

Lee is beginning to cut down on its number of pre-snap penalties though, as it had just two called against it last Friday.

■ The Rebels' total offensive output has slightly increased in each of the three games so far. Lee's 468 yards of total offense against El Dorado was its highest of the season. The Rebels' 241 yards on the ground is also the season's high mark, up from 160 in the season-opening win against El Paso Coronado.

■ A couple of other Lee records were smashed against the Aztecs.

El Dorado passed for 539 yards against the Rebels, which broke the Lee record for most passing yards allowed in a single game. The previous record allowed was 429 yards against Abilene Cooper in 2000.

Combined, the two teams produced 1,194 total yards of offense. That broke the Lee record for collective yardage between the Rebels and their opponent in a single game. The previous mark was 1,174, set in the Aztecs' 2014 game against Lee.

2016 LEE STATISTICS
(1-2, 0-0)

Opponents	41	34	34	13	—122
Lee	14	28	35	14	—91

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Josh Traylor	38	228	6.0	3
Sema'J Davis	36	205	5.7	0
Connor Fries	24	82	3.4	0
Colby Standard	6	67	11.2	0
David Jones	6	17	2.8	0
Payton Tranum	3	16	5.3	0
Nicco Sorianello	4	11	2.75	0
Elijah Prince	4	3	0.75	0
Total	121	629	5.2	3

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Sema'J Davis	49	86	3	751	8
Colby Standard	1	1	0	4	0
Total	50	87	3	747	8

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Taye Britt	8	299	37.4	2
Payton Tranum	12	130	10.8	2
Grant Brown	9	106	11.8	2
Julian Stricklin	8	79	9.9	1
Nicco Sorianello	4	44	11.0	1
Sheldon Bass	3	20	6.7	0
Total	44	678	15.4	8

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Trey Jacobo	8	256	32.0
Sema'J Davis	4	142	35.5

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
Taye Britt	4	0	0	0	24
Josh Traylor	3	0	0	0	18
Payton Tranum	2	0	0	0	12
Christian Alvidrez	0	13	0	0	13
Grant Brown	2	0	0	0	12
Nicco Sorialello	1	0	0	0	6
Julian Stricklin	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	13	13	0	0	91

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TTFL	FR	INT	PBU	S
Trey Jacobo	30	7	37	0	0	1	1
Kougar Rodriguez	17	5	22	0	0	0	0
Dustin Hunt	14	8	22	0	0	0	1
Isaiah Nunez	14	7	21	3	0	0	1
Mason Hubbard	10	3	13	1	1	0	0
Javien Johnson	6	5	11	0	0	0	0
Colby Standard	7	2	9	1	0	1	0
Isaiah Ramirez	5	1	6	0	0	1	0
Bryce Clevenger	3	2	5	0	0	0	0
Michael Peralta	3	1	4	0	0	0	0
Isaiah Garza	2	2	4	0	0	0	0
Elijah Prince	2	2	4	0	0	1	0
Zane Spraglin	4	0	4	1	0	0	0
Felipe Diaz	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
H. Hubbard	1	2	3	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Bostick	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
D.D. Spraglin	1	2	3	0	0	1	0
Jaugai Polk	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Kennan Leal	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Ruben Luna	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Israel Delgado	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
J. Villavicencio	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle
TT - total tackles, S - sack, TFL - tackle for loss
FR - fumble recovery, PBU - pass breakup

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
629	209.7	747	249.0	1,376	458.6

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
534	178.0	892	297.3	1,426	475.3

BULLDOGS

From 1C

think that's the big positive thing that we're going to try to take away from the (DeSoto) game."

Yenzer said his players had an outstanding week of practice leading up to the DeSoto game and were mentally prepared to face the Eagles, but he didn't exactly know how they would fare until the lights came on.

"Those guys show up and they walk out on the field, you kind of go, 'Wow, that's a good looking high school team at every position,'" Yenzer said of his first impression of the DeSoto team during warm ups.

Yenzer said he had a good feeling about his Bulldogs hanging with the Eagles throughout the entire game when McLane Mannix scored on a 75-yard touchdown pass from Jackson Anuszkiewicz, pushing MHS to a 14-7 lead midway through the first quarter.

The touchdown happened on the first drive following Robinson's 74-yard TD run for DeSoto.

The Midland High offense, which scored 94 points in its first two games, had little trouble moving the ball against the Eagles defense, totaling 331 yards passing and 209 yards rushing.

The Bulldogs' standout skill position players shined as running back Ricky Hubert grinded out 185 yards on the ground, Jalen Childress enjoyed his third straight 100-yard receiving game and Mannix torched DeSoto's secondary for 151 yards receiving.

But Yenzer was most impressed with how Anuszkiewicz threw precision passes in tight windows against the Eagles defense. Anuszkiewicz completed 19 of 33 passes and had no interceptions.

"Jackson's accuracy against that kind of speed, holy cow," Yenzer said. "The throwing ability and the accuracy was just phenomenal."

Yenzer pinpointed three to four plays on each side of the ball that could have changed the outcome for the Bulldogs.

While MHS enhanced its profile with the respectable performance against DeSoto, Yenzer is ready to turn the page and look ahead to Keller.

"We talked about this in our staff meetings on Sunday," Yenzer said. "Hey, we got to keep the pedal to the metal. We've got to continue to improve in the whole scheme like we talked. That game didn't mean anything in terms of any of the goals that we have set."

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BULLDOG BITES

■ MHS sophomore linebacker Smith Essman recorded 12 total tackles and two tackles for loss in his varsity debut versus DeSoto after being called up from the junior varsity squad.

■ Bulldogs left offensive tackle Paxton Heiting earned the coach's offensive lineman of the week honor.

Yenzer said Heiting set the tone with intensity during practices leading up to the DeSoto game.

"Those poor scout team guys, you kind of felt sorry for them by Wednesday," Yenzer said of the players that faced Heiting in practice.

■ Yenzer said defensive end Dillon Springer put on an inspirational performance by playing the entire third and fourth quarters on a badly sprained ankle. Springer had a tackle for loss and two fumbles caused, which included a strip sack.

■ McLane Mannix played iron man versus DeSoto, taking snaps at wide receiver, cornerback, punter, kick returner and punt returner.

2016 MIDLAND HIGH STATISTICS
(2-1, 0-0)

Opponents	14	56	7	28	—105
MHS	49	30	35	23	—137

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Ricky Hubert	52	381	7.3	6
Jackson Anuszkiewicz	28	163	5.8	3
McLane Mannix		12	12.0	0
Tim Gates	3	8	2.7	0
Caedon McDonald	1	3	3.0	0
Totals	85	568	6.7	9

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Jackson Anuszkiewicz	56	83	2	931	9
Ryan Perales	4	4	0	89	1
Totals	59	87	2	1,020	10

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jalen Childress	18	393	21.8	4
McLane Mannix	10	207	20.7	3
Courtney McMahyor	12	178	14.8	3
Julieon Bowers	12	129	10.8	1
Michael Galindo	2	73	36.5	1
Greyson Brockington	3	47	13.7	0
Ricky Hubert	2	1	0.5	0
Totals	59	1,020	17.3	10

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	In20
McLane Mannix	11	336	30.5	49	

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
Ricky Hubert	6	0	0	0	36
Jalen Childress	4	0	0	0	24
Ignacio Correa	0	15	0	2	21
Courtney McMahyor	3	0	0	0	18
Jackson Anuszkiewicz	3	0	0	0	18
McLane Mannix	1	0	0	0	6
Julieon Bowers	1	0	0	0	6
Michael Galindo	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	19	15	1	2	137

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	S	TFL	FR	INT	PD
Sims	19	13	32	0	1	0	1	6
McCalister	16	9	25	0	1	0	0	3
Wood	16	13	29	0	3	1	1	2
Barron	16	7	23	3	3	1	0	2
Thornton	13	5	18	0	0	0	0	3
Taylor	12	5	17	0	0	0	0	0
Essman	11	1	12	0	0	0	0	2
Springer	10	3	13	2	2	0	0	3
Abney	8	4	12	2	1	0	0	0
Marquez	8	3	11	1	0	0	0	2
Echols	7	11	18	1	0	0	0	0
Klattenhoff	6	3	9	0	0	0	0	0
Marker	5	4	9	0	0	0	0	0
Hernandez	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0
Mannix	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
McCullough	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0
Nabarrette	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Garcia	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0
Sapien	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Correa	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tagle	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle
TT - total tackles, S - sack, TFL - tackle for loss
FR - fumble recovery, PBU - pass breakup

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
567	189.0	1,020	340.0	1,587	529.0

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
820	273.3	733	244.3	1,553	517.7

KORN

From 1C

Lubbock Monterey. The Plainsmen are 3-0 and may very well be licking their chops after seeing the Rebels give up 110 points in their last two losses.

It's gut check time for the Rebels and ahead of the always anticipated MHS-Lee rivalry game to open District 2-6A play next Friday, this is a game which the Rebels absolutely have to have.

Here's a look at this week's district matchups:

Midland High at Keller, 7:30 p.m. Friday

The Bulldogs were seconds away from pulling off a stunning upset of USA Today's No. 6-ranked team in the nation. MHS will be sure to take care of its business against the winless Indians.

Midland High 47, Keller 17

Lubbock Monterey at Lee, 7:30 p.m. Friday

Monterey is locked in and has three convincing wins to show for it. But the Rebels, desperate to stop the last two weeks' bleeding, will band together and find a way to win this one in a nail biting fashion.

Lee 31, Lubbock Monterey 30

Bishop Timon St. Jude (Buffalo, N.Y.) at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m. today

With the New York-based Tigers in town, there will be a bit of intrigue surrounding this matchup prior to kickoff. But once the game starts, this will be a snoozer as Permian will roll.

Odessa Permian 63, Bishop Timon St. Jude 7

Amarillo Tascosa at Lawton (Okla.) MacArthur, 7:30 p.m. today

MacArthur is one of the top teams in Oklahoma and will be a tough test for Tascosa. But the Rebels' run-heavy flexbone offense should have what it takes to control the clock and head back over the border with a win.

Amarillo Tascosa 28, Lawton MacArthur 24

Abilene Cooper at Wolfforth Frenship, 7:30 p.m. Friday

At their best, the Cougars can be as explosive of an offense as any in West Texas and Frenship has already seen a couple of them this season. Cooper will challenge, but a big fourth quarter will help the Tigers hang on.

Frenship 35, Abilene Cooper 27

Killeen Shoemaker at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m. Friday

The Angry Orange is averaging over 62 points per game so far. The Wolves are averaging 11.6 per game in their three losses. I'll just leave this one up to your imagination.

San Angelo Central 66, Killeen Shoemaker 10

Abilene High at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m. Friday

The Bronchos will be fired up and angry after an 0-3 start. But led by star running back Abram Smith, the Eagles will encounter little trouble against their old District 3-6A foe.

Abilene High 41, Odessa High 14

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BISHOP TIMON ST. JUDE (N.Y.) AT ODESSA PERMIAN

Where/when: 7:30 p.m. today, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

On the air: KICKS-FM (99.1)

Records: Bishop Timon St. Jude 0-2; Permian 3-0

Last game: Central Catholic (Toledo, Ohio) 49, Bishop Timon St. Jude 0; Odessa Permian 56, El Paso Eastwood 34

Last meeting/series: This is the first meeting between the two teams

Three things to know:

■ Timon St. Jude is a Catholic Franciscan all-boys college preparatory school located in Buffalo, New York. The Tigers are playing a nine-game schedule this season, with three of their opponents including Permian, being out of state teams. St. Jude has lost its first two games by a combined score of 97-6 against teams from Buford, Georgia, and a team from Toledo, Ohio.

■ Permian's explosive offensive ways continued in last week's 56-34 come-from-behind home win against El Paso Eastwood. Behind two interception returns for touchdowns, the Panthers scored a whopping 35 points in the fourth quarter to pull away from the Troopers after trailing, 28-14 at halftime.

■ Four different Permian players — WR/SB Kobe Robinson, QB Steve Stepn, RB Jaime Garza and WR/RB Brother Miller — rushed for at least 75 yards in the win against Eastwood. As usual, the Panthers will likely lean on their athletic, big-play ground game to get an early jump on the Tigers.

Next game: Bishop Timon St. Jude at St. Mary's (N.Y.), 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24; Odessa Permian at Wolfforth Frenship, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23

District 2-6A Standings

Odessa Permian	3	0	138	54	1.000
Amarillo Tascosa	3	0	115	63	1.000
San Angelo Central	3	0	187	61	1.000
Midland High	2	1	137	99	0.667
Wolfforth Frenship	2	1	66	77	0.667
Lee	1	2	91	122	.333
Odessa High	0	3	27	161	.000

Today's games

Bishop Timon (N.Y.) at Odessa Permian; Amarillo Tascosa at Lawton (Okla.) MacArthur. All games start at 7:30 p.m.

Friday's games

Lee vs. Lubbock Monterey; Midland High at Keller; Abilene High at Odessa High; Killeen Shoemaker at San Angelo Central; Abilene Cooper at Wolfforth Frenship, 7 p.m. All games start at 7:30 p.m. unless noted

AMARILLO TASCOSA AT LAWTON (OKLA.) MACARTHUR

When/where: 7:30 p.m., Lawton, Oklahoma

Records: Amarillo Tascosa 3-0; MacArthur 2-0

Last game: Amarillo Tascosa 23, Amarillo High 21; MacArthur 35, Lawton (Okla.) 28

Last meeting/series: This is the first meeting between the two teams

Three things to know:

- The Highlanders are the No. 4-ranked Class 5A team in Oklahoma, according to the latest AP Oklahoma high school football rankings. Class 5A is Oklahoma's largest classification. MacArthur has outscored its first two opponents by a combined 93-48 margin.

■ The Highlanders boast two players with NCAA Division I commitments, according to 247Sports. Three-star senior offensive guard T.J. Fialloa, who stands 6-foot-4 and weighs 330 pounds, is committed to Louisiana-Monroe. Six-foot-1, 163-pound two-star senior receiver Rico Bussey is committed to North Texas.

■ Tascosa was trailing 21-17 before the Rebels scored the winning touchdown on a 6-yard carry with 36 seconds left to play in the game. The Rebels and Sandies combined to produce just 572 yards. Nine different players recorded at least one carry for Tascosa in the win.

Next game: MacArthur at Western Heights (Okla.), 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23

Cowboys' Morris sees friends, not foes, in return to DC

By Schuler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Alfred Morris won't be trying to prove the Redskins wrong when the Dallas running back faces his former team for the first time Sunday.

The affable veteran looks forward to renewing acquaintances in Washington, including his old quarterback, and doesn't sit around wondering how a team could give up on him just two years after he was one of the NFL's most productive players over his first two seasons.

"I know people are like, 'You say that,'" Morris said, anticipating the reaction in the middle of his answer. "But it's not cliche. This is me being me. I never had to feel like I had to prove anything. I feel like if I have to try to do that, then I wouldn't be being myself."

Any other week, Morris will pull for the Washington running game, not revel in how badly it struggles, such as in the season-opening loss to Pittsburgh.

And he sent Kirk Cousins a text telling him to make sure to "have fun" before the first game that they weren't in the Redskins backfield together. That's what he used to tell him in the locker room.

Morris is also looking forward to seeing the stadium workers in Washington after forming special bonds with some of them. If he can't see them for dinner Saturday night, he'll touch base before the game, just as he used to.

In other words, no hard feelings, even though Morris always hoped to spend his career with one team.

"A lot of people think they're bigger than the game or 'That won't happen to me,'" Morris said.

"I accept what it is. They had a different plan. I wasn't a part of that. I'm moving on, but I still have the opportunity to keep my dream alive and playing this game as long as I can. It happened to be with a rival team."

Morris, whose numbers slipped after Jay Gruden replaced Mike Shanahan as coach, said the Cowboys were a late entry among teams pursuing him in free agency.

And the fifth-year back has often said he didn't regret his choice even after Dallas chose Ezekiel Elliott fourth overall in the draft.

At that time, Darren McFadden also was healthy after leading the Cowboys in rushing last season. When McFadden broke an elbow in a household accident, the early season plan became clear: Elliott starting, and Morris backing him up.

The opening 20-19 loss to the New York Giants was the first time in 65 games that Morris didn't start.

"Alfred will handle his business like a pro, no matter what happens," Gruden said. "He handled his exit here like a pro. He handled being No. 2 there like a pro. He's going to be a pro no matter how you cut it. That's the type of guy he is."

Morris was the most efficient Dallas back in the opener with seven carries for 35 yards, a 5-yard average. Elliott averaged half that in 20 carries. But it doesn't change Morris' answer about his role.

"Like I always say whether I have one carry or 100 carries, it doesn't matter," said Morris, who ran for nearly 3,000 yards in his first two seasons with the Redskins, making the Pro Bowl both times. "I got good work, better than what some backups get, and that's OK with me."

Most of Morris' production in Washington came with Robert Griffin III at quarterback, particularly their rookie season together in 2012 when the Redskins beat Dallas in the regular-season finale with a playoff berth on the line, highlighted by Morris' career-best 200 yards rushing.

But Morris formed a bond with Cousins that endures, with their wives remaining close as well.

"Phenomenal teammate," Cousins said.

Altuve and Bregman injured, but Astros beat Rangers 8-4

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jose Altuve and Alex Bregman both left with injuries, but George Springer and Teoscar Hernandez homered and the Houston Astros helped their fading playoff hopes with an 8-4 win over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

Altuve exited after the fourth with right oblique discomfort, and Bregman was pulled in the sixth with right hamstring discomfort.

Houston snapped a three-game losing streak and closed within 3 1/2 games of Toronto for the second AL wild card.

Hernandez gave the Astros a 3-1 lead with a two-run homer off the facade in left-center in the second. Springer led off the first with his 27th home run to tie it at 1.

The Astros got just their fourth win in 19 games against the Rangers this season.

After the Rangers closed within 5-4, Marwin Gonzalez hit a two-run single and Jake Marisnick had an RBI single in the eighth to extend the lead to four.

Joe Musgrove (3-4) allowed three runs and five hits with seven strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings. The rookie right-hander retired 14 of 15 batters at one point.

Derek Holland (7-8) allowed five runs and seven hits in 5 1/3 innings. Holland lost his second straight and has given up at least four runs in each start.

The left-hander was announced as the starter after Tuesday night's game, with original starter Yu Darvish moved to start Saturday.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ORIOLES 1
RED SOX 0

BOSTON — Mark Trumbo hit his major league-leading 42nd home run, Kevin Gausman outpitched Rick Porcello over eight innings and Baltimore pulled within a game of AL East-leading Boston.

Baltimore took two of three in the series to pull a game ahead of slumping Toronto for the top AL wild card.

Zach Britton closed for his 43rd save and Baltimore became the first team to beat Porcello at Fenway Park this season.

TIGERS 9
TWINS 6

DETROIT — Miguel Cabrera's homer broke a seventh-inning tie, and Detroit rallied for a crucial victory.

The Tigers trailed 5-2 in the fourth inning, but came from behind to pull one game behind Toronto for the second AL wild card.

Ian Kinsler had four hits, falling a homer short of the cycle, and drove in three runs while scoring two. Brian Dozier and Kurt Suzuki homered for the Twins.

Shane Greene (5-4) got the win, while Ryan Pressly (6-7) took the loss after surrendering Cabrera's homer.

Francisco Rodriguez put up a perfect ninth for his 42nd save.

RAYS 8
BLUE JAYS 1

TORONTO — Alex Cobb won for the first time in almost two years, and Kevin Kiermaier and Corey Dickerson each hit a two-run homer to lead Tampa Bay past Toronto.

Cobb (1-0) allowed one run and two hits in 6 2/3 innings to win for the first time since Sept. 23, 2014, against Boston. The right-hander recently returned from Tommy John surgery.

Reigning AL MVP Josh Donaldson sat out his third straight game for the Blue Jays and was scheduled to get an MRI on his sore right hip.

Marco Estrada (8-9) yielded four runs in 5 1/3 innings.

ATHLETICS 8
ROYALS 0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Yonder Alonso and Marcus Semien hit two-run doubles as Oakland beat Kansas City for the third straight game to further ruin the Royals' postseason chances.

The 2015 World Series champion Royals are five games out in the AL wild card with 17 games left and would have to climb over five teams.

A's rookie left-hander Sean Manaea (5-9) picked up his first career road victory, retiring 13 of the final 14 batters he faced in five scoreless innings.

Yordano Ventura (10-11) was pulled after 4 1/3 innings.

National League

CUBS 7
CARDINALS 0

ST. LOUIS — Anthony Rizzo hit a pair of home runs and Jon Lester pitched eight dominant innings as the Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-0 on Wednesday to clinch a playoff berth.

The Cubs improved their major league-best record to 93-52 and lowered their magic number to one for clinching their first NL Central title since 2008. They can do it Thursday night with a win at home over Milwaukee or a St. Louis loss in San Francisco.

Chicago secured at least a wild card because the four-game series between the Cardinals and Giants makes it impossible for both to catch the Cubs in the standings.

NATIONALS 1
METS 0

WASHINGTON — Tanner Roark pitched seven spotless innings and Wilson Ramos homered in the seventh inning as Washington beat New York.

With one out in the seventh, Ramos hit his 21st home run far over the center-field fence on the first pitch from Fernando Salas (0-1). The Nationals have won five of six.

PADRES 3
GIANTS 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Madison Bumgarner missed a chance at his 100th career win and San Francisco wasted another opportunity for a potential push in the NL West, getting swept by fourth-place San Diego.

Luis Perdomo (8-9) allowed one run in 6 1/3 innings of four-hit ball. Brandon Maurer finished for his 10th save.

Luis Sardinas had an RBI single among his three hits for the Padres.

MARLINS 7
BRAVES 5

ATLANTA — Marcell Ozuna hit a three-run homer and Miami rallied to beat Julio Teheran and Atlanta in a testy game.

The benches for both teams emptied in the seventh inning after Atlanta reliever Jose Ramirez threw inside to Miami ace Jose Fernandez, who had been knocked to the ground by a pitch from Teheran (5-10) in the fifth.

No punches were thrown and Ramirez was ejected.

The comeback from a 4-1 deficit helped Fernandez (15-8) stop a five-game road losing streak, the longest of his career.

PHILLIES 6
PIRATES 2

PHILADELPHIA — Freddy Galvis continued his home run surge, hitting his 19th of the season to lead Philadelphia.

Galvis connected on a two-run shot in the second inning off Steven Brault (0-3) for his 10th homer in the last 32 games.

The Phillies got a rare boost on the mound from righty Jake Thompson (2-5). Thompson, who won for the first time since Aug. 12, allowed six hits and two runs over six solid innings.

BREWERS 7
REDS 0

CINCINNATI — Junior Guerra pitched six shutout innings, Scooter Gennett and Domingo Santana homered and Milwaukee beat Cincinnati to avoid a three-game sweep.

Guerra (9-3), in his third start since coming off the disabled list with right elbow inflammation, allowed just one baserunner past second base — Jose Peraza on a one-out triple in the third inning.

Tim Adleman (2-4) was the loser.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	81	64	.559	—
Baltimore	80	65	.552	1
Toronto	79	66	.545	2
New York	77	68	.531	4
Tampa Bay	62	83	.428	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	84	61	.579	—
Detroit	78	67	.538	6
Kansas City	74	71	.510	10
Chicago	70	75	.483	14
Minnesota	54	92	.370	30½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	87	59	.596	—
Seattle	77	68	.531	9½
Houston	76	70	.521	11
Los Angeles	63	81	.438	23
Oakland	63	82	.434	23½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	87	59	.596	—
New York	77	69	.527	10
Miami	73	73	.500	14
Philadelphia	65	81	.445	22
Atlanta	56	89	.386	30½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	93	52	.641	—
St. Louis	76	69	.524	17
Pittsburgh	70	74	.486	22½
Milwaukee	65	81	.445	28½
Cincinnati	62	83	.428	31

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	82	63	.566	—
San Francisco	77	68	.531	5
Colorado	69	76	.476	13
San Diego	62	84	.425	20½
Arizona	60	84	.417	21½

Scores & schedules

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Wednesday's Scores

Tampa Bay 8, Toronto 1
L.A. Dodgers 2, N.Y. Yankees 0
Baltimore 1, Boston 0
Detroit 9, Minnesota 6
Oakland 8, Kansas City 0
Cleveland 6, Chicago White Sox 1
Houston 8, Texas 4
Seattle at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games

Minnesota (Santiago 11-8) at Detroit (Pelfrey 4-9), 12:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Clevinger 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Shields 5-17), 1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Snell 5-8) at Baltimore (Gallardo 5-7), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 13-4) at Boston (Rodriguez 2-7), 6:10 p.m.
Oakland (Mengden 1-7) at Kansas City (Volquez 10-10), 6:15 p.m.
Toronto (Happ 18-4) at L.A. Angels (Wright 0-2), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's Scores

Chicago Cubs 7, St. Louis 0
San Diego 3, San Francisco 1
L.A. Dodgers 2, N.Y. Yankees 0
Washington 1, N.Y. Mets 0
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 2
Miami 7, Atlanta 5
Milwaukee 7, Cincinnati 0
Colorado at Arizona, late

Today's Games

Pittsburgh (Kuhl 3-3) at Philadelphia (Eickhoff 10-13), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nelson 7-14) at Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Hill 12-3) at Arizona (Bradley 6-9), 8:40 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 11-8) at San Francisco (Cueto 15-5), 9:15 p.m.

Texas box

ASTROS 8, RANGERS 4

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
C.Gomez lf	2	0	0	0	Sprnger rf	5	1	2	1
Hoying ph-rf	2	0	0	0	Bregman 3b	3	0	1	0
Desmond cf	5	1	1	0	T.Kemp pr-2b	1	1	0	0
Beltran dh	4	0	1	1	Harris p	0	0	0	0
Beltre 3b	4	0	1	0	Dvenski p	0	0	0	0
DShelds pr	0	1	0	0	Altuve 2b	2	0	1	0
Mreland 1b	0	0	0	0	White 1b	2	1	1	0
Odor 2b	4	0	0	0	Correa ss	3	1	0	0
Lucroy c	4	0	1	1	Gurriel dh-3b	4	1	2	1
Profar 1b-3b	3	1	0	0	Gattis c	3	2	2	1
Mazara rf-lf	4	1	2	2	Ma.Gnzl	4	0	1	2
Andrus ss	4	0	2	0	T.Hrnnd lf	3	1	1	2
Rasmus ph-lf	1	0	0	0					
Mrsnick cf	4	0	1	1					
Totals	36	4	8	4	Totals	35	8	12	8

Texas ....100 000 210—4
Houston ....120 002 03x—8

E—T.Kemp (2). LOB—Texas 7, Houston 5. 2B—Beltran (30), Beltre (26), Bregman (13), Altuve (39), Gurriel (4). HR—Mazara (18), Springer (27), T.Hernandez (4). CS—Altuve (8).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Holland L,7-8	5 1-3	7	5	5	1	4
Leclerc	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Claudio	1 1-3	1	1	1	0	2
Scheppers	0	2	2	2	1	0
Diekman	2-3	1	0	0	0	2
Houston						
Musgrove W,3-4	6 1-3	5	3	3	2	7
Neshek	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Harris	1	2	1	1	0	1
Devenski	1	1	0	0	0	2

Scheppers pitched to 3 batters in the 8th
T—3:08. A—25,041 (42,060).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

RAYS 8, BLUE JAYS 1

Tampa Bay ....000 303 002 —8 13 1
Toronto ....100 000 000 —1 2 0

Cobb, Garton (7), Geltz (9) and B.Wilson; Estrada, Dermody (6), Barnes (6), Loup (7), Schultz (7), Tepera (9) and Navarro. W—Cobb 1-0. L—Estrada 8-9. HRs—Tampa Bay, Dickerson (20), Kiermaier (12).

ORIOLES 1, RED SOX 0

Baltimore ....010 000 000 —1 5 1
Boston ....000 000 000 —0 4 0

Gausman, Britton (9) and Wieters; Porcello, Uehara (9) and Leon. W—Gausman 8-10. L—Porcello 20-4. Sv—Britton (43). HRs—Baltimore, Trumbo (42).

TIGERS 9, TWINS 6

Minnesota ....000 510 000 —6 6 0
Detroit ....110 400 12x —9 13 0

Duffey, Chargois (4), Light (6), Pressly (7), Tonkin (8) and K.Suzuki, J.Murphy; A.Sanchez, A.Wilson (5), Greene (7), B.Rondon (8), F.Rodriguez (9) and J.McCann. W—Greene 5-4. L—Pressly 6-7. Sv—F.Rodriguez (42). HRs—Minnesota, Dozier (41), Suzuki (8). Detroit, Cabrera (33).

ATHLETICS 8, ROYALS 0

Oakland ....203 000 030 —8 13 0
Kansas City ....000 000 000 —0 4 1

Manaea, Axford (6), Hendriks (7), C.Smith (8) and Maxwell; Ventura, Flynn (5), McCarthy (7), Alexander (8) and Perez. W—Manaea 6-9. L—Ventura 10-11.

INDIANS 6, WHITE SOX 1

Cleveland ....000 303 000 —6 10 1
Chicago ....001 000 000 —1 6 0

Tomlin, Otero (6), B.Shaw (6), A.Miller (8), Allen (9) and Gimenez; Rodon, B.Smith (6), Ynoa (7), Minaya (9) and Narvaez. W—Tomlin 12-8. L—Rodon 7-9. HRs—Cleveland, Crisp (1).

INTERLEAGUE

DODGERS 2, YANKEES 0

Los Angeles ....000 000 002 —2 4 ·
New York ....000 000 000 —0 3 3

Kershaw, Dayton (6), P.Baez (7), Avilan (7), Jansen (9) and Grandal; Pineda, Layne (5), Severino (6), Clippard (8), Betances (9) and G.Sanchez. W—Avilan 2-0. L—Betances 3-5. Sv—Jansen (44).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CUBS 7, CARDINALS 0

Chicago ....001 021 003 —7 12 0
St. Louis ....000 000 000 —0 3 0

Lester, H.Rondon (9) and Ross; C.Martinez, J.Broxton (7), Duke (8), Wacha (9) and Molina. W—Lester 17-4. L—C.Martinez 14-8. HRs—Chicago, Rizzo 2 (31), Ross (9).

NATIONALS 1, METS 0

New York ....000 000 000 —0 3 0
Washington ....000 000 10x —1 6 0

Gsellman, Smoker (6), Salas (7) and R.Rivera; Roark, Treinen (8), Melancon (9) and W.Ramos. W—Roark 15-8. L—Salas 3-7. Sv—Melancon (42). HRs—Washington, Ramos (21).

PADRES 3, GIANTS 1

San Diego ....100 001 100 —3 8 0
San Francisco ....010 000 000 —1 4 0

Perdomo, Hand (7), Buchter (8), Maurer (9) and Norris; Bumgarner, Gearrin (7), Nathan (8), J.Lopez (8), Osich (9), Law (9) and Posey. W—Perdomo 8-9. L—Bumgarner 14-9. Sv—Maurer (10).

PHILLIES 6, PIRATES 2

Pittsburgh ....000 200 000 —2 9 2
Philadelphia ....022 101 00x —6 15 0

Brault, Philips (4), Hutchison (5), LeBlanc (7) and Fryer; Thompson, Mariot (7), J.Rodriguez (7), E.Ramos (7), L.Garcia (9), Gomez (9) and Rupp, Ellis. W—Thompson 2-5. L—Brault 0-3. Sv—Gomez (37). HRs—Pittsburgh, McCutchen (21). Philadelphia, Joseph (19), Galvis (19).

BREWERS 7, REDS 0

Milwaukee ....022 000 030 —7 6 1
Cincinnati ....000 000 000 —0 6 1

Guerra, Knebel (7), Marinez (8), Jungmann (9) and Pina; Adleman, De Los Santos (6), J.Diaz (7), Ohlendorf (8), W.Peralta (9) and Barnhart, R.Lopez. W—Guerra 9-3. L—Adleman 2-4. HRs—Milwaukee, Gennett (12), Santana (8).

MARLINS 7, BRAVES 5

Miami ....100 004 011 —7 8 0
Atlanta ....040 000 010 —5 9 1

Fernandez, Dunn (8), Phelps (8), A.Ramos (9) and Realmuto; Teheran, J.Ramirez (6), Krol (7), Ma.Cabrera (8), De La Cruz (9) and Flowers. W—Fernandez 15-8. L—Teheran 5-10. Sv—A.Ramos (36). HRs—Miami, Ozuna (23). Atlanta, Markakis (12).

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	0	0	1.000	23	21
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	22	23
Miami	0	1	0	.000	10	12
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	7	13

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	23	14
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	35	39
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	23	27
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	16	25

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	13	7
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	23	22
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	38	16
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	10	29

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	33	27
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	21	20
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	35	34
San Diego	0	1	0	.000	27	33

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	20	19
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	29	10
Washington	0	1	0	.000	16	38
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	19	20

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	31	24
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	20	21
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	34	35
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	24	31

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	25	16
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	39	35
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	27	23
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	14	23

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	12	10
Los Angeles	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	21	23

Scores and schedules

Monday's Scores

Pittsburgh 38, Washington 16
Los Angeles at San Francisco, late

Today's Game

N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games (Sept. 18)

San Francisco at Carolina, 12 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 12 p.m.
Miami at New England, 12 p.m.
New Orleans at N.Y. Giants, 12 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 12 p.m.
Tennessee at Detroit, 12 p.m.
Kansas City at Houston, 12 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 12 p.m.
Seattle at Los Angeles, 3:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at San Diego, 3:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
Atlanta at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Game (Sept. 19)

Philadelphia at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS

From 1C

early offense. RockHounds starter Corey Walter, who picked up the win, threw five scoreless innings and allowed just one Naturals runner to reach second.

"With a team like that, you've got to answer back offensively and we didn't," Wilson said. "We swung at bad pitches. We got off our approach. He pounded our righties in, got jammed a lot. We were prepared, just didn't execute.

"I knew we'd battle back. I knew we wouldn't roll over. The problem is we've just got to find that offense early."

The RockHounds now have a chance at history as a win tonight will give them their third consecutive Texas League title.

ROCKHOUNDS 6, NATURALS 4

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	NW Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi
Vertigan cf	5	0	3	0	Toups 2b	5	0	1	0
Schrock 2b	5	0	0	0	Escalera cf	4	2	1	0
Marincov rf	5	1	2	0	Ramos 3b	4	1	1	0
Taylor c	2	1	0	0	O'Hearn lf	4	0	3	1
Munoz 3b	5	2	2	1	Schwindel 1b	4	1	1	1
Rosa 1b	5	1	1	0	Duenez dh	4	0	1	1
Paz dh	3	0	1	2	Gallagher c	2	0	1	0
Sportman lf	4	0	2	1	de San Miguel c	4	0	0	0
Martin ss	3	1	1	2	Arteaga ss	4	0	0	0
					Moon rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	37	6	12	6	Totals	36	4	9	3

Midland ....000 231 000—6
NW Arkansas ....000 003 100—4

E — Schrock (1), Arteaga (1). DP — Midland. LOB — Midland 9, Northwest Arkansas 8. 2B — Marincov (3). HR — Martin (1). CS — Sportman (1). S — Paz. SF — Martin.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Walter W, 1-0	5.0	4	0	0	1	0
Bragg	0.1	4	3	2	0	1
Trivino	1.1	1	1	1	2	1
Finnegan	1.1	0	0	0	0	2
Sanchez S, 2	1.0	0	0	0	0	3
NW Arkansas						
Skoglund L, 0-1	4.1	8	4	4	1	5
Radman	1.2	3	2	2	0	2
Almonte	2.0	0	0	0	0	4
Peterson	1.0	1	0	0	1	2

HBP — by Skoglund (Taylor).
T— 3:16. A — 1,694.

Texas League Championship Glance

Championship

(Best-of-5)

Midland 2, NW Arkansas 0

Tuesday, Sep. 13: Midland 5, NW Arkansas 4
Wednesday, Sep. 14: Midland 6, NW Arkansas 4
Today: NW Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.
x-Friday, Sep. 16: NW Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, Sep. 17: NW Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.

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						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "At Last"		Grey's Anatomy "Family Affair"		Get Away With Murder "Anna Mae"		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	NFL Kick (L)	NFL Kick (L)	(:25) NFL Football Era Field -- Buffalo, N.Y. (L)		New York Jets at Buffalo Bills Site: New			(:15) TBA	(:45) Stephen Colbert	(:45) 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	P. Mason "The Case of the Perjured Parrot"	Twilight Zone
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Rosewood		Bones "The Movie in the Making"		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
	KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Lars Enarson	Zola Levitt Presents	Update News	HaYesod	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Hidden in Sight	Wings of Truth	Faith for Families	Biblical Israel
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	News@West 9 Now	Supers-tore	Supers-tore	Supers-tore	Supersta-rs "Labor"	Chicago Med "Timing"		News@West 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT PBS	13	13	-	13	8	PBS NewsHour		Craft in America "Teachers" (N)		Time for School Five kids fight the odds for a basic education. (N)		The Address Students recite the Gettysburg Address.			Newsline	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB UNI	4	4	-	4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Despertar contigo		Tres veces Ana *		El color de la pasion		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu. (:50) de Mexico	El Grito
	KOSA MNT	16	16	-	16	-	Fam.Feud	Fam. Feud	The Mentalist		Mentalist "Redacted"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	575	-	165	-	(5:15)	Man About ...			Jersey Girl Ben Affleck.	(:45)	Beautiful Girls Matt Dillon.		(:45)	Where the Truth Lies		
	HBO	300	590	14	14	-	(5:00)	27 Dresses			The 33 ('15, Doc/Dra) Antwon Randonas.	(:15)	The Intern ('15, Com) Robert De Niro.		(:20)	Vice Princi "Gin"		
	HBO2	302	591	15	101	23	(5:40)	In the Heart of the Sea	(:45) Cartel		Point Break ('15, Act) Luke Bracey.				Cathouse	Cathouse	Ballers	Movie
	HBO5	304	592	16	102	-	(:05)	Dumb and Dumber Jim Carrey.			Arthur Dudley Moore.	(:45)			(:45)	Arthur 2: On the Rocks		Movie
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24		Crimson Peak Mia Wasikowska.			Quarry				(:10)	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Ga...	(:10)	The Call
	MAX2	382	556	18	122	-	(5:30)	Ali ('01, Bio) Will Smith.			Legend ('15, Thr) Tom Hardy.					(:15) The Water Diviner Russell Crowe.		
	PLEX	-	-	96	-	-	(5:25)	The Double...			Agent Cody Banks	(:40)			Little Secrets	(:25)	Top Dog	Movie
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(:15)	Ray Donovan			St. Vincent Bill Murray.		Masters "Freefall"		Gigolos	Gigolos	Masters "Freefall"	
	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	Movie	Iverson ('12, Doc) Allen Iverson.			The Best Man ('99, Rom) Taye Diggs.				Ray ('04, Bio) Jamie Foxx.			
CABLE	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Bad Medicine"		60 Days In	(:45) 60 Days In	60 Days In "Pod Wars" (N)		Behind Bars "Survival of the Fittest" (N)		(:05) The First 48 "Murder in Treme"		(:50) 60 Days In	(:50) 60 Days In
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:50)	Kill Bill Vol. 2			Men in Black Will Smith.				Uncle Buck ('89, Com) John Candy.		(:15)	Men in Black
	BET	58	-	-	40	-	(1:30) TBA	To Be Announced									Wendy Williams	
	BRAVO	65	76	-	41	-	Wives "Reunion Part 2"		Real Housewives		Flipping Out (N)		Below Deck		Watch (N)	Flipping Out		Wives
	CNBC	46	52	-	39	72	American Greed		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		American Greed (N)		American Greed	American Greed		American Greed
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Fast N' Loud		Blue Collar Backers		Blue Collar Backers		Blue Collar Backers		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Blizaard.	StuckMid	Bedtime Stories			Friends	(:10) Bunk'd	Liv/Mad	Backsta.	Friends	Girl M.	Friends
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Football	NCAA Football Houston at Cincinnati Site: Nippert Stadium (L)						SportsCenter			SportsCenter	
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	SportsCenter		FIFA Soccer International Friendly (L)				ESPN "Sport Shorts"		Drone Racing		Baseball Tonight (L)	
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped	
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00)	Home Alone 2: Lost in ...	(:45)	WALL-E ('08, Ani) Ben Burtt.					The 700 Club		Kim P.	Kim P.
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Texans-Huddle (N)	NCAA Volleyball Sam Houston State vs. TCU (L)				Cowboys Insider	The Pulse	SportsDay OnAir	UFC Fight Flashback	Insider (N)	UFC Unleashed "UFC Middleweights"	
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie	22 Jump Street ('14, Act/Com) Channing Tatum.					Better (N)	Better	Better		Premium Rush	
	HALLMARK	54	71	58	-	34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House (N)	Flippers	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Mountain Men		Mountain Men (N)		(:05) Ice Truckers (N)		(:05) Mountain Men		(:05) Mountain Men	
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) Project Runway "Finale, Part Two" 2/2		Runway "Road to the Runway" (N)		Project Runway (SP) (N)			Project Runway (N)			Project Runway "Road to the Runway"	
	MSNBC	47	53	-	49	73	Hardball		All In With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The 11th Hour		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	43	-	-	-	Rio 2016 Summer Paralympic Games (L)										Motocross Highl. (N)	
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	The Parent Trap ('98, Fam) Dennis Quaid, Lindsay Lohan.						Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	(4:00)	The Book of...			The Shawshank Redemption ('94, Dra) Tim Robbins.						Armageddon	
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:30)	Orphan ('09, Hor) Vera Farmiga.			The Blair Witch Project						Jeepers Creepers 2 Ray Wise.	
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Package"	Seinf. "The Fatigues"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Conan (N)		2 Broke Girls	Conan
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(4:30)	Sergeant Yo...			I Married a Witch			Seven Days in May		(:45)	Tomorrow the World	
	TELE	20	-	10	20	-	Caso cerrado		Silvana Sin Lana		Sin Senos Si Hay Par		Señora acero		Al rojo	Titulares	Viva Mex	Decision
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Zsalynn's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Gideon's Story"		Extreme Weight Loss Shane and Marissa		"Love Can't Weight:		Extreme Weight Loss Shane and Marissa	"Love Can't Weight:		
	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Scared to Death"		Blended After an awful blind date, two single parents find themselves stuck together at a resort.				Blended After an awful blind date, two single parents find themselves stuck together at a resort.					
	TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Queen of the South "Cicatriz" (SP) (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Mr. Robot	
	WGN	19	85	-	-	-	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

No. 6 Houston visits Cincy in matchup of Big 12 candidates

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Sure, the Big 12 will be watching when two of the American Athletic Conference's top teams kick off on Thursday night. No. 6 Houston and Cincinnati haven't hidden their desires to jump to a Power Five league.

And now they get to show head-to-head how they match up in football, which is the sport driving conference realignment.

"I would imagine all those decisions are already made," Cincinnati coach Tommy Tuberville said. "I don't think that (game) has got a lot to do with it. This is one game, the third game of the season. A lot is on the line for us, obviously, but we don't look at it that way."

The Bearcats (2-0) have a chance to make themselves relevant again after a 7-6 season. They're coming off a 38-20 win at Purdue, Cincinnati's first victory over a current Big Ten team in 59 years.

The Cougars (2-0) have a top 10 ranking in September for the first time since 1980. They started the season with an attention-grabbing 33-23 win over No. 3 Oklahoma and are trying to open AAC play with their first win in Cincinnati since 1971.

"You embrace it," Houston linebacker Tyus Bowser said. "We have worked so hard to get to this point. We prepare and train for this type of moment."

Associated Press

Houston quarterback Greg Ward Jr. (1) runs against Oklahoma defensive back Will Johnson (12) in the first half of an NCAA college football game Sept. 3 in Houston.

Some things to watch at Nippert Stadium on Thursday night:

Ward's week off

Houston quarterback Greg Ward Jr. was held out of a 42-0 win over Lamar last Saturday because of a sore shoulder. He's expected to be back to full strength against Cincinnati, looking for another big game against a defense that had five interceptions at Purdue. Ward has developed from a run-first threat into an all-around quarterback. He completed 23 of 40 throws for 321 yards with a pair of touchdowns in the win over Oklahoma.

"He's a quarterback that extends plays," Tuberville said. "This is a Big 12 offense. When I was at Texas Tech, you saw this every week. They have it all."

Can't run on the Cougars

Houston has held its last four opponents under 100 yards rushing, the longest such streak in the country. Lamar managed only 73 yards in all — the best showing by a Houston defense in school history — and failed to cross midfield. In the last four games, the Cougars have held Temple, Florida State, Oklahoma and Lamar to a total of 199 yards rushing. Cincinnati rushed for 262 yards at Purdue, with dual-threat quarterback Hayden Moore throwing for three touchdowns and running for two more.

Get used to it

The Cougars play the first of four weeknight games. They also host Connecticut and Louisville in Thursday night games. They finish the regular season at Memphis on a Friday night.

"I understand why they do it," coach Tom Herman said. "The (television) ratings are off the charts when you play these Thursday night games, and we're in the entertainment business. But we play four of these. ... We're playing four games in 20 days. You do the math. That's a lot of pounding on a young man's body in a short amount of time."

Bearcat self-destruction

During a 33-30 loss at Houston last season, Cincinnati had a punt blocked, fumbled into the end zone, botched an onside kick, got tackled for a safety and gave up a 51-yard interception return for a touchdown.

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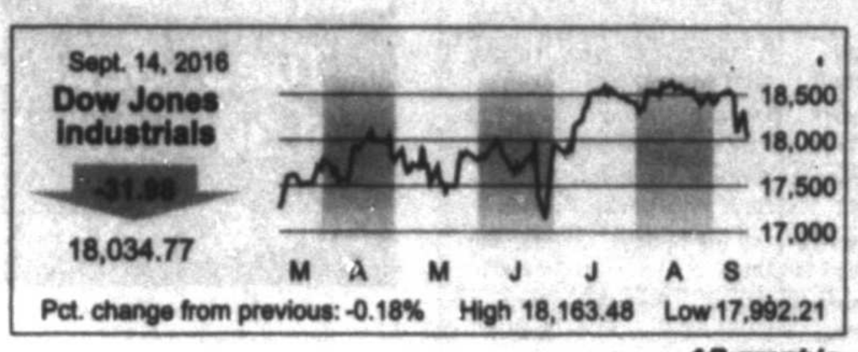

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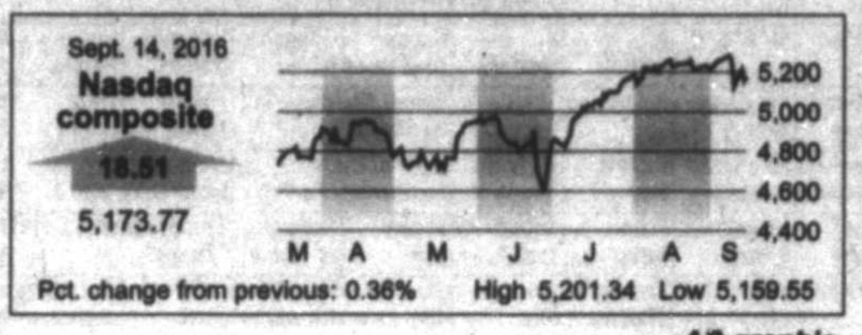

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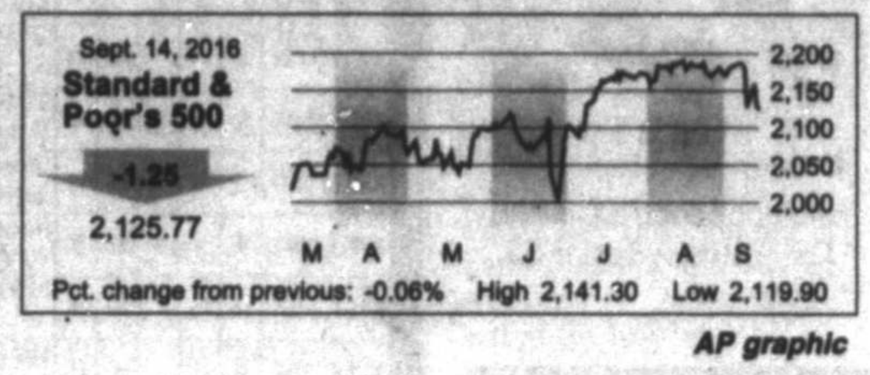

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Previous: $44.90

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Wednesday: $40.00
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Wednesday: $2.889
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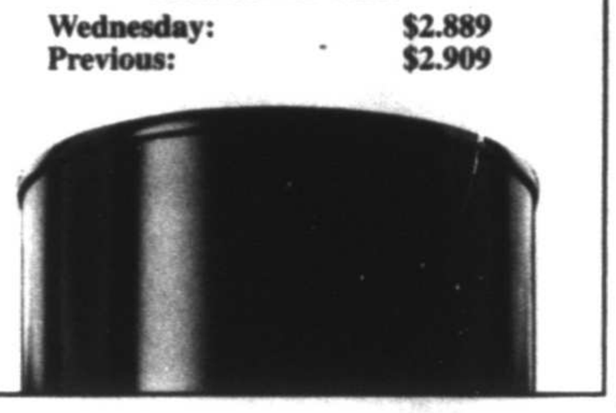

With sport's popularity fading, Golfsmith files for bankruptcy

Bloomberg

Golfsmith International Holdings, the retailer of golf clothing and equipment, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy amid a slide in the sport's popularity in North America.

The Austin-based company listed debt and assets of as much as $500 million each in Delaware court, and said it would try to sell part of the chain as a going concern while shutting some stores. If that fails, the company would liquidate, according to a resolution passed by Golfsmith directors and included in the bankruptcy court documents.

Managers were "directed to finalize and implement a going-concern sale and partial chain liquidation plan and, in the alternative, a full chain liquidation plan," the resolution reads.

Golfsmith, which merged with Canada's Golf Town in 2012 to become what it called the largest specialty golf retailer in the world, is owned by OMERS Private Equity Inc., part of the Ontario municipal employees' pension fund.

The golf industry hasn't recovered the popularity it enjoyed at the turn of the century, when Tiger Woods dominated the sport and attracted hordes of new fans. Millennials in particular haven't embraced golf's slow pace and hours-long time commitment. The number of U.S. players declined to 24.1 million last year from 25.7 million in 2011, according to the National Golf Foundation.

Nike has said it will no longer sell equipment for the sport, and Adidas is trying to offload most of its golf brands.

Stocks shed early gain

U.S. stocks surrendered early gains and finished mostly lower Wednesday as energy companies skidded with the price of oil. Apple led technology companies higher. The mixed finish came after three days of big, erratic moves.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 96 points about an hour after trading began, but those gains slipped away as the day wore on. The price of oil fell about 3 percent for the second day in a row and energy companies fell with it. Household goods companies also slipped. Bond yields decreased after a big gain the day before, and high-dividend utility stocks made gains.

David Lefkowitz, senior equity strategist at UBS Wealth Management Americas, said investors aren't sure what the Federal Reserve and central banks in Europe and Japan will do. But he said they're expecting higher interest rates, or at least less economic stimulus.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 31.98 points, or 0.2 percent, to 18,034. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dipped 1.25 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,125.77. The Nasdaq composite climbed 18.51 points, or 0.4 percent, to 5,173.77.

Metal prices rise

The price of gold gained $2.40 to $1,326.10 an ounce. Silver rose 9 cents to $19.07 an ounce. Copper climbed 5 cents, or 2.5 percent, to $2.16 a pound.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1223606	213.15	-.08
iShEMkts	878767	36.14	+.11
BkofAm	744109	15.63	-.09
B iPVxST rs	697472	40.89	-.19
SPDR Fncl	617941	23.82	-.06

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Navistr pfD	12.94	+1.54	+13.5
RedLionH	7.89	+.93	+13.4
YuMe	4.12	+.42	+11.4
Gigamon	48.27	+3.15	+7.0
Chemours n	13.59	+.88	+6.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DB AgDS	21.00	-4.62	-18.0
PrUOGEx rs	28.36	-3.90	-12.1
PwSGBund	29.50	-3.81	-11.4
PSBMetDL	5.49	-.57	-9.4
ScorpBlk rs	3.33	-.32	-8.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,444
Declined	1,550
Unchanged	103
Total issues	3,097
New Highs	17
New Lows	24
Volume	3,536,228,925

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	74567	1.30	-.03
B2gold g	59029	2.70	-.01
NwGold g	54692	4.61	-.02
BarcGSOil	45828	5.38	-.14
SandstG g	38875	6.06	-.15

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
YumaE pfA	3.70	+.42	+12.8
StrPathCm	23.00	+1.59	+7.4
AsteriasBio	3.90	+.22	+6.0
BG Staffing	16.28	+.90	+5.9
Electrmed	4.71	+.24	+5.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MexcoEn	3.21	-.41	-11.3
RadiantLog	2.66	-.33	-11.0
RingEngy	9.80	-.65	-6.2
Gastar pfB	12.10	-.64	-5.0
Contango	9.13	-.47	-4.9

DIARY

Advanced	184
Declined	168
Unchanged	25
Total issues	377
New Highs	2
New Lows	8
Volume	113,464,276

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	1096292	111.77	+3.82
SiriusXM	487444	4.09	...
PwShs QQQ	270372	115.84	+.55
Microsoft	226960	56.26	-.27
Cisco	224250	31.00	-.06

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VitaePhm	20.85	+12.75	+157.4
Acasti g rs	2.81	+1.56	+124.8
BiostrPh rs	3.30	+1.34	+65.4
SareptaTh	32.45	+6.85	+26.8
AoxnTia h rs	2.24	+.44	+24.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OpexaTh rs	3.22	-.87	-21.3
SundEng n	9.75	-2.05	-17.4
Venaxis rs	3.73	-.63	-14.4
SunPower	7.64	-1.23	-13.9
SearsH wt	3.26	-.49	-13.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,378
Declined	1,412
Unchanged	185
Total issues	2,975
New Highs	45
New Lows	46
Volume	1,815,948,894

Wells Fargo could claw back $17 million from retiring Tolstedt

Bloomberg

Wells Fargo & Co. could recoup about $17 million in unvested shares from retiring executive Carrie Tolstedt, a fraction of the compensation the former head of community banking has received over her 27-year career, according to figures compiled from regulatory filings.

Tolstedt, whose departure was announced in July, was singled out Monday in a note to clients by Mike Mayo, an analyst at CLSA Ltd., as someone whose pay should be clawed back following $185 million in fines tied to the creation of unauthorized customer accounts. Former Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Chair Sheila Bair and some investors are also calling for the company to rescind pay.

In situations where misconduct "might reasonably be expected to have reputational or other harm to" Wells Fargo, unvested stock awards can be recouped, according to the San Francisco-based bank's March proxy statement. A spokesman for the firm declined to comment on Bloomberg's calculations. Tolstedt didn't return email and phone messages seeking comment.

The $17 million represents unvested stock awards to Tolstedt, 56, if the company hits certain financial targets. Wells Fargo typically grants such awards in February, but doesn't disclose them until the following year, meaning she likely has another tranche of shares granted in 2016 that could increase the figure. The cash and stock she already owns wouldn't be eligible for claw back.

Decisions about clawbacks will be made by Wells Fargo's board, Chief Executive Officer John Stumpf, 62, said in a Tuesday phone interview. He's the board's chairman.

Like most U.S. companies, Wells Fargo's broadest recoupment options are reserved for situations where it must "restate all or a significant portion of its financial statements," according to the proxy filing. In those situations, any bonus or incentive pay that was received based on financial results that are restated downward are available to be recovered. The phony account practice yielded only $2.4 million in fees for Wells Fargo, which generated $86 billion in revenue last year, and is unlikely to trigger a material restatement.

Tolstedt is slated to receive $3.07 million in retirement benefits, data compiled by Bloomberg show. That doesn't include previously vested stock options that would be worth $36 million if exercised at Tuesday's stock-market close. Tolstedt also holds about $51 million of shares amassed during her career.

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MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $75.14 Up 4.07

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $123.45 Down 1.07

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $6.73 Down 0.07

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $88.56 Down 2.34

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.62 Down 0.06

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.40 Down 0.22

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.14 Down 0.41

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $36.62 Down 0.59

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.80 Down 0.65

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.31 Up 0.32

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	12	4.07	+.01	+81.7
AT&T Inc	1.92	16	39.89	-.08	+15.9
Abraxas	...	...	1.47	-.03	+38.7
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.85	+.03	+.2
AMD	...	...	6.04	+.30	+110.5
Alcoa	.12	28	9.39	-.13	-4.9
Alibaba	...	36	102.40	+2.12	+26.0
AlonUSA	.60	...	8.22	+.05	-44.6
Ambev	.19e	...	5.88	+.06	+31.8
Amgen	4.00	16	170.14	+.84	+4.8
Anadarko	.20	...	55.62	-1.97	+14.5
Apache	1.00	...	56.75	-.76	+27.6
Apple Inc	2.28	13	111.77	+3.82	+6.2
ApldMatl	.40	23	29.43	+.05	+57.6
ArcelorMit	...	...	5.51	-.03	+71.4
Archrock	.38	...	10.84	+.18	+44.1
ATMOS	1.68	22	72.64	+.05	+15.2
AutoData	2.12	26	86.69	...	+2.3
BP PLC	2.40a	...	33.32	-.18	+6.6
BabsCClnv	1.20	...	18.98	...	+10.0
BakrHu	.68	...	48.42	+.08	+4.9
BkofAm	.30f	13	15.63	-.09	-7.1
B iPVxST rs	...	...	40.89	-.19	...
BarrickG	.08	39	17.19	-.10	+132.9
BasicEnSv	...	...	.59	+.01	-78.1
BerkHa A	...	14	218609.97	-540.02	+10.5
BlkHillsCp	1.68	20	58.60	+.66	+26.2
BostonSci	...	49	23.11	-.15	+25.3
BrMySq	1.52	39	55.23	-.37	-19.7
BrownFA s	...	30	48.11	-.34	...
BrownFB s	...	...	45.31	-.20	-10.1
CVS Health	1.70f	17	89.44	-1.49	-8.5
Caterpillar	3.08	23	81.02	+.79	+19.2
Celestic g	...	10	10.36	-.05	-6.1
CntryLink	2.16	12	27.43	-.01	+9.0
ChesEng	...	...	7.17	-.21	+59.3
Chevron	4.28	...	98.42	-1.01	+9.4
Chicos	.32	71	12.15	-.07	+13.9
Cimarex	.32	...	125.18	-1.73	+40.1
Cisco	1.04	15	31.00	-.06	+15.0
Citigroup	.20	12	46.75	-.17	-9.7
ClayEng	...	...	75.14	+4.07	+154.1
CocaCola	1.40	26	42.11	-.17	-2.0
ColgPalm	1.56	26	71.85	+.01	+7.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	1.00	25	43.82	-.17	+3.9
ConchoRes	...	73	123.45	-1.07	+32.9
ConocoPhil	1.00	...	39.99	-1.02	-14.3
CrackerB	4.60f	20	139.98	-10.55	+10.4
CSVelIVST	...	...	31.78	+.21	+23.2
CSVLgCrd rs	...	...	...	19.44	-1.69
...					
CrosTim	1.11e	11	18.07	-.07	+38.9
DCP Mid	3.12	19	32.95	-.54	+33.6
DTE	2.92	20	92.35	+1.00	+15.2
Dataram rs	...	...	1.37	+.02	-30.8
DenburyR	...	...	2.82	-.12	+39.6
DevonE	.24	...	40.18	-.96	+25.6
DrGMBll s	...	...	18.43	+.21	...
DxGBull s	...	...	18.38	-.08	...
Disney	1.42	16	92.26	-.44	-12.2
DowChm	1.84	17	52.38	+.34	+1.7
EOG Rescs	.67	...	88.45	-1.95	+24.9
EmpDist	1.04	23	34.02	-.01	+21.2
EnCana g	.06	...	9.41	-.19	+84.9
Energen	.08	...	52.19	-.29	+27.3
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	36.86	+1.05	+9.3
EnPro	.84	39	54.86	-.14	+25.1
EntProdPt	1.60f	20	26.04	-.30	+1.8
Ericsson	.46e	...	6.72	-.06	-30.1
ExxonMbl	3.00	34	84.60	-.61	+8.5
Facebook	...	45	127.77	+.56	+22.1
FordM	.60a	6	12.14	-.24	-13.8
FrptMcM	...	...	9.80	-.35	+44.8
FrontierCm	.42	63	4.39	-.09	-6.0
GATX	1.60	7	40.87	-.36	-3.9
GabMultT	.94e	...	7.51	+.06	+.1
GAInv	1.15e	...	32.14	+.01	+.6
GenElec	.92	28	29.70	-.15	-4.7
GlBasSci rs	...	...	.12	-.03	-99.6
GlPlainEn	1.05	16	26.53	...	-2.9
Hallibrtn	.72	...	41.26	+.15	+21.2
HeclaM	.01e	33	5.35	-.05	+183.1
HostHotls	.80a	15	16.18	+.16	+5.5
HuntBncsh	.28	12	9.80	-.08	-11.4
IAMGld g	...	12	4.19	+.09	+195.1
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	31.97	-.12	+54.6
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.13	-.08	+.1
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	37.26	...	+5.6

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iShEMkts	.84e	...	36.14	+.11	+12.3
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	57.74	-.08	-1.7
iShiBxrHYB	5.09	...	85.39	-.02	+6.0
iShR2K	1.77e	...	120.60	+.02	+7.1
Intel	1.04	17	35.62	+.01	+3.4
InterDig	.80	21	73.80	+1.22	+50.5
JD.com	...	...	26.01	-.52	-19.4
JohnJn	3.20	19	117.86	+.25	+14.7
Keycorp	.34	12	12.22	-.10	-7.4
KimbClk	3.68	20	121.87	-.52	-4.3
KindMorg	.50	35	21.55	-.31	+44.4
Kinross g	...	...	4.05	+.03	+122.5
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.62	-.06	-7.4
Lubys	...	...	4.21	-.01	-5.8
MarathnO	.20	...	14.01	-.33	+11.3
McDnlds	3.56f	22	115.18	+.45	-2.5
Merck	1.84	18	61.35	-.46	+16.1
MeritMed	...	39	24.01	-.08	+29.2
MexcoEn	...	...	3.21	-.41	-.6
MicronT	...	55	16.93	+.18	+19.6
Microsoft	1.44	25	56.26	-.27	+1.4
Monsanto	2.16	31	106.76	+.66	+8.4
Nabors	.24	...	9.24	-.07	+8.6
NatGrid	3.35e	...	69.41	+.20	-.2
NOilVarco	.20	17	32.31	-.73	-3.5
NokiaCp	.16e	...	5.50	-.10	-21.7
NSTFI3	.55a	...	15.47	+.03	+6.4
NTXQI	.65	...	15.18	-.01	+5.2
OasisPet	...	...	9.14	-.56	+24.0
OcciPet	3.04f	...	71.80	-1.71	+6.2
ParTech	...	39	5.02	+.02	-25.4
ParkDrl	...	...	2.20	-.02	+20.9
PattUTI	.08	...	18.42	-.02	+22.1
PennaRE	.84	...	23.25	-.13	+6.3
Prmian	.31e	20	6.90	-.16	+36.4
Petrobras	...	...	8.95	+.03	+108.1
Pfizer	1.20	16	33.94	-.10	+5.1
PioNtrl	.08	53	176.31	-.56	+40.6
PlainsAAP	2.80	27	27.19	-.06	+17.7
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	115.84	+.55	+3.6
Praxair	3.00	22	116.84	-1.16	+14.1
PrmEgy	...	...	56.87	+.07	+7.3
PUVixST rs	...	...	24.50	-.13	...
PrUCrude rs	...	...	8.93	-.49	-28.8
ProctGam	2.68	24	87.01	-.04	+9.6

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ProUShSP	...	...	17.09	+.02	-14.2
RangeRs	.08	...	39.29	-2.11	+59.7
RegionsFn	.26f	13	9.52	-.09	-.8
RiteAid	...	...	8.08	-.05	+3.1
Rowan	.40	3	12.59	-.16	-25.7
RoyDShllA	3.76	72	47.74	-.48	+4.3
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	180.43	-.37	+3.7
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	213.15	-.08	+4.6
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	35.98	-.03	+6.1
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	35.71	-.89	+18.2
SabnR	2.11e	14	36.40	-.18	+38.6
SanderFm	.88a	15	93.81	-.25	+21.0
SareptaTh	...	...	32.45	+6.85	-15.9
Schlmbrg	2.00	37	76.37	-.71	+9.5
SiriusXM	...	37	4.09	...	+.5
Smucker	3.00f	19	136.95	+.51	+11.0
Sprint	...	...	6.51	-.05	+79.8
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	52.86	-.16	+4.7
SP Engy	2.04e	...	67.57	-.81	+12.0
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.82	-.06	...
SP Tech	.78e	...	46.81	+.22	+9.3
SP Util	1.55e	...	48.83	+.19	+12.8
SunocoLog	2.00f	...	27.65	-.19	+7.6
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	10.25	-.08	-7.3
Tesoro	2.20f	6	79.76	-1.39	-24.3
3M Co	4.44	22	175.62	-.45	+16.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Torchmark	.56	15	64.44	+.02	+13.0
Transocn	...	...	9.12	-.19	-26.3
TriContl	.82e	...	21.14	-.02	+5.6
Twitter	...	...	18.08	+.32	-21.9
TylerTech	...	60	169.43	+.40	-2.8
UBSI	1.32	20	37.48	-.52	+1.3
US OilFd	...	...	10.09	-.28	-8.3
USSteel	.20	...	16.28	-.07	+104.0
Vale SA	.29e	...	5.02	+.07	+52.6
ValeantPh	...	...	27.38	-.15	-73.1
ValeroE	2.40	9	54.57	-.78	-22.8
VanEGold	.12e	...	26.01	-.05	+89.6
VangEmg	1.10e	...	36.47	+.13	+11.5
VitaePhm	...	...	20.85	+12.75	+15.2
VulcanM	.80	38	109.10	-.79	+14.9
WEC Engy	1.98	21	59.97	+.50	+16.9
WalgBoots	1.50f	24	80.98	-1.27	-4.9
Weathfintl	...	...	5.92	-.34	-29.4
WellsFargo	1.52	11	46.52	-.44	-14.4
WstnRefin	1.52	10	26.22	-1.68	-26.4
WhitingPet	...	...	6.88	-.38	-27.1
WmsCos	.80m	...	29.74	-.01	+15.7
XcelEngy	1.36	19	40.76	+.16	+13.5
Xerox	.31	13	9.73	-.06	-8.5
Yamana g	.02m	...	4.46	+.02	+139.8
Zynga	...	...	2.91	+.05	+8.6

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,668.44	15,450.56	Dow Jones Industrials	18,034.77	-31.98	-.18	+3.50	+7.73
8,358.20	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,755.40	-16.51	-.21	+3.29	-5.23
723.83	547.22	Dow Jones Utilities	661.68	+2.68	+.41	+14.51	+18.13
10,903.86	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,511.40	-23.36	-.23	+3.63	+2.68
5,287.61	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,173.77	+18.51	+.36	+3.32	+5.82
2,193.81	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,125.77	-1.25	-.06	+4.00	+6.54
1,581.53	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,512.78	-4.48	-.30	+8.17	+5.25
22,785.41	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	22,101.49	-12.61	-.06	+4.41	+5.08
1,261.11	943.09	Russell 2000	1,211.59	-.73	-.06	+6.67	+3.10

TODAY: Mostly sunny — High: 90 Low: 67
FRIDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 91 Low: 69
SATURDAY: Partly sunny — High: 88 Low: 68
SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy — High: 86 Low: 68
MONDAY: Partly sunny — High: 87 Low: 69
TUESDAY: Partly sunny — High: 86 Low: 68

Local forecast

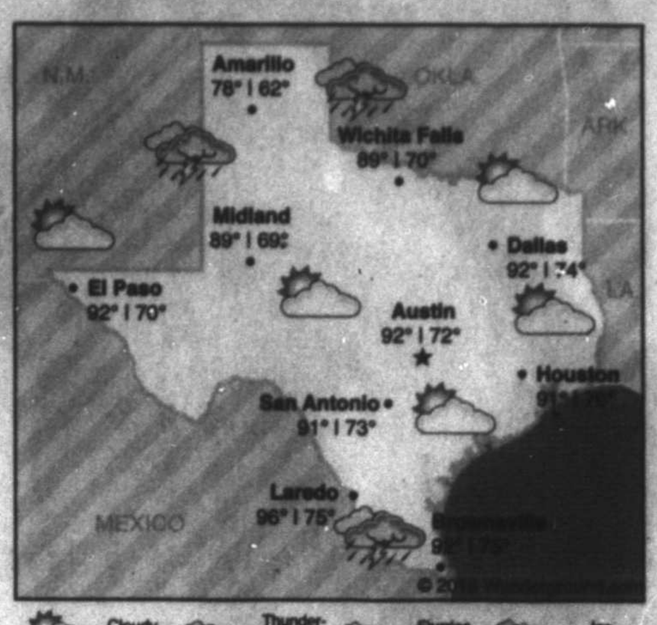
Precipitation remains in the forecast through Saturday, according to the National Weather Service. The best chance for showers and thunderstorms is Saturday, according to the NWS.

The record high for Sept. 14 is 99 set in 1965 and 1957. The record low is 51 set in 1993 and 1988. On Sept. 14 of last year, the high was 94 and the low was 63.

Weather brief

Tropical Storm Julia impacted the Southeast on Wednesday, while a cold frontal boundary stretched from the Northeast to the southern Plains.

Tropical Storm Julia moved very slowly across northeast Florida, eastern Georgia and southeast South Carolina. Julia produced gusty winds, high surf and heavy rain on Wednesday. Flood advisories were issued along the southern coast of South Carolina. Flash flood watches were also issued from the northern coast of Georgia to the southern coast of North Carolina. Saint Simons Island, Ga., reported a midday total of 0.70 of an inch of rain with wind gusts of 40 mph. Daytona Beach, Fla., reported a midday total of 0.23 of an inch of rain.



Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.85 in.
Year total	11.19 in.
Normal total (year to date)	10.67 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	88
Low	68
Normal high	87
Normal low	63
Sunrise	7:33 a.m.
Sunset	7:54 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Sept. 15

Living at home stops college grad from being her true self

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I am a bisexual female college graduate living at home, and an only child. I have had one sexual encounter with a woman but never a relationship. I have, however, had relationships with men.

I came out to my mother when I was a teenager. She didn't believe me, but did say that she would not mention it to my other parents or family members. (I have two stepparents as both biological parents remarried.)

I am considering — if I find a woman to go on a date with/be with — pursuing a lesbian relationship. However, I am not financially independent and won't be for many years. My problem is I'm afraid to do it while I am living at home. My cousins, friends and ex-boyfriends all know, just not my parents, grandparents, aunts, etc. Do I try for my own happiness and hope for the best, or defer my happiness and only date men? — SCARED TO BE WHO I AM

DEAR SCARED: You are no longer a teenager; you're an adult now. You should be entitled to have the kind of relationship with which you are most comfortable. If your cousins know about the fact that you are bisexual, the chances are that so do their parents. However, if coming out now would mean that you would be out on the street, I'm advising you to keep your mouth shut and bide your time until you are independent.

DEAR ABBY: My family and I are all travelers. Recently, some issues have arisen with them about the way they regard my mode of travel. They prefer flying versus driving. I don't. Because of my size.

I can't fit into an airplane seat and buckle the seat belt without an extender. I'm always worried that I'll be forced to buy an extra seat or won't be allowed to fly because of my weight, and it is stressful. I have tried for years to lose weight, but have gotten only to the point where I'm maintaining my weight.

I fit comfortably in my car. I can get the seat belt buckled, and I don't have to inconvenience other passengers.

My family is now trying to discourage me from taking future trips with them because I won't fly. They claim it's because I'm single and normally travel by myself. I'm in my mid-30s and have traveled solo for years. Any suggestions on how to help them understand my choice? — FRUSTRATED SOLO HEAVY TRAVELER

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Your family may be doing this in an attempt to "encourage" you to work harder at losing weight. However, if you are more comfortable traveling by car, then that's what you should be doing.

DEAR ABBY: We have a co-worker who has been internet dating. She constantly tells her co-workers how horrible the men are and says the same thing about the dates.

How do we tell her that it's not the men, but her? — STUMPED IN SANTA MONICA, CALIF.

DEAR STUMPED: If you're smart, you won't — unless she asks.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Apply the pressure

Both vulnerable, South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 5 2
♡ K J 7 5 4
◇ J 8 2
♣ 9 4

WEST
♠ J 10 6
♡ 6 3 2
◇ 10 5 4
♣ A 5 3 2

EAST
♠ Q 9 8 4 3
♡ Q 9 8
◇ A Q 9
♣ 8 6

SOUTH
♠ K 7
♡ A 10
◇ K 7 6 3
♣ K Q J 10 7

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2♡*	Pass
2♡	Pass	3NT	All pass

*Transfer to hearts

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

South chose to open one no-trump to avoid an awkward rebid problem. The normal contract was reached, but it seemed destined to fail when West found the best opening lead.

South allowed the jack of spades lead to hold the first trick and won the spade continuation with the king. A club to the nine was ducked by West, but West won the second club and cleared the spades. After winning the ace of spades in dummy, declarer crossed to his hand with the ace of hearts and started cashing some clubs, hoping something good would happen. It did! This was the position with one club left to cash:

NORTH
♠ Void
♡ K J 7
◇ J 8
♣ Void

WEST
♠ Void
♡ 6 3
◇ 10 5 4
♣ Void

EAST
♠ 9 8
♡ Q 9
◇ A
♣ Void

SOUTH
♠ Void
♡ 10
◇ K 7 6
♣ 10

On the last club, East was forced to discard one of his spades. As he had already discarded the queen of diamonds, the position was easy to read. South exited with a diamond to East's ace. East was able to cash one spade, but then had to lead a heart into dummy's king-jack. Running the long suit works again.

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, Sept. 15, 2016:

This year you have many choices to make that could have an impact on your life. Others in your life often challenge you. Fatigue marks your routine. You might feel challenged by your personal and domestic life. You long to become more open and adventurous. If you are single, you will meet people with ease, but the person you choose today might not feel right to you in a year. Move slowly as you get to know this person. If you are attached, refuse to challenge each other's ideas, and instead learn to respect them. You might try your sweetie's ideas a bit more often. PISCES knows how to elicit a response from you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Pressure builds around a daily matter. Look within yourself, and you will sense what is going on. You can make an adjustment if you see a reason for it. Be more aware of your emotional needs, which come through only occasionally. Tonight: Play it low-key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You might feel pulled in two different directions. You can see the common objective or bottom line in two seemingly opposing situations. Work with the latter, and you will feel more integrated. You can juggle what very few can. Tonight: Hang out with loved ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Your public persona becomes more important than other areas of your life. Someone might be dangling a carrot in front of you, and you'll want to go for it. Check out the offer carefully, because as wonderful as it might sound, there could be an issue. Tonight: Do what feels right.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Reach out to someone who often inspires you. Having a discussion could highlight a problem that has been occurring. Don't let this insight get you down. You can and will make an adjustment, if need be. Tonight: Kick back and test your theory on several friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You often make an extraordinary effort to work with others, specifically one person. You have the ability to make your interpersonal interactions seem effortless. Be as supportive of a key person as you can be; you care a lot about him or her. Tonight: Choose a favorite hobby.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Someone will inspire you to take the next step. Be careful not to put this person on a pedestal, as he or she is likely to fall off at some point. Your creativity soars, and your imagination keeps coming up with ideas. Tonight: Be open to a loved one's suggestion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Refuse to make a problem where there is none. Your smiling way draws many people toward you. Understand that follow-through counts. If you can't complete what your positive persona implies, your reputation will self-destruct. Tonight: Think carefully about your actions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You could be tired of pursuing the same path without getting the results you'd expected. Stop and reassess your path. Is the long-term goal even possible if you proceed as you have been? Encourage a discussion with someone you often brainstorm with. Tonight: Out late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Pressure builds around an issue involving your personal life. How much time do you want or need to devote to that area of your life in order to have it run it smoothly? Use caution with spending, as you could be overcompensating. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You might decide to change direction, which would surprise those who are part of your daily life. You could feel as if there is little choice, especially if you want to meet certain goals. Don't burn any bridges. In fact, try not to take action for a week or two. Tonight: At home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance who can affect your thought process. You could be overwhelmed by all of your options. Evaluate each one in order to see where it could lead you. Now is not the best time to make or formalize a decision. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You are all smiles as you look at what your choices are. A loved one might be set on having his or her way. Be careful not to lose sight of what you really want from this person. Getting into a power struggle is not worth it. Tonight: Decide what you want; others will follow.

BORN TODAY

Author Agatha Christie (1890), actor Tommy Lee Jones (1946), football player Dan Marino (1961)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Host of "Late Night Joy"
6 Pennant contest
10 Herbal seed used in smoothies
14 Truly impress
15 Screen image or screen idol
16 Called
17 Eleventh hour
19 Language of Pakistan
20 Beach toy
21 "Otello" composer
22 She played Jackie on "Nurse Jackie"
23 Age of Reason philosopher
25 Short fiction
27 Sloth and envy
29 First name in scat
30 Super __
33 Words after save or take
36 Afghan capital
39 Lamb nurser
40 Speaker's stand ... or what each set of circled squares graphically represents
42 Mama bear, in Baja
43 Sauce made with pine nuts
45 Roll dipped in wasabi
46 __ cabbage
47 Drawn tight
49 Big name in golf clubs
51 Bugs' voice
55 Storied monsters
58 Airline known for tight security
59 About
61 Algerian seaport
63 Humorist Barry
64 Unparalleled
66 Plugging away
67 Heated contest, in more ways than one
68 Aquafina rival
69 Some skinny jeans
70 Torah cabinets
71 Like a neglected garden

DOWN

1 Refuse to, with "at"
2 Outlook messages
3 Lacks choices
4 Quetzalcoatl worshipers
5 High-__ image
6 Jasmine __
7 Part of an autumn stash
8 Many a beach rental
9 Bitter green in mixed greens
10 Fur-loving de Vil
11 Work that may be imposed with a prison sentence
12 29-state country
13 Feverish bouts
18 "Still ... "
24 Honda Fit competitor
26 Warning sign in the Rockies
28 High waters
30 Abundance in the cheerleading squad
31 Reverence
32 Observation with a sigh
34 Kwik-E-Mart clerk
35 Kitchen amt.
37 Take for a sucker
38 Little fellow
41 Many an Indian fan
44 Computers that travel well
48 Puget Sound city
50 It's on the record
51 Wartime award
52 Fill with joy
53 Forty-__
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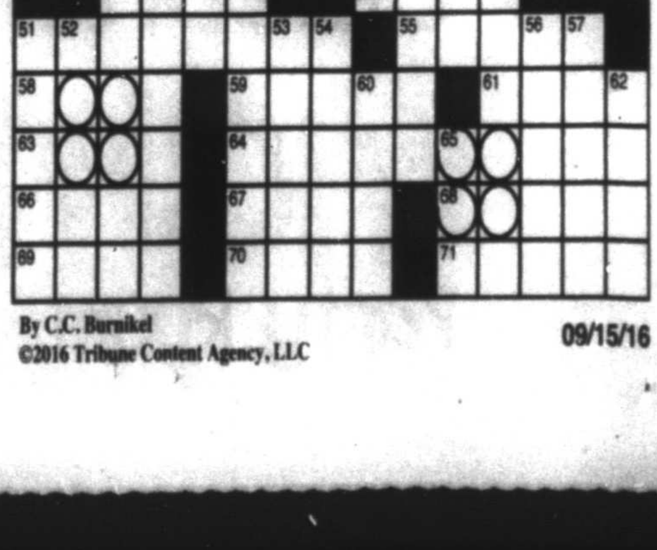

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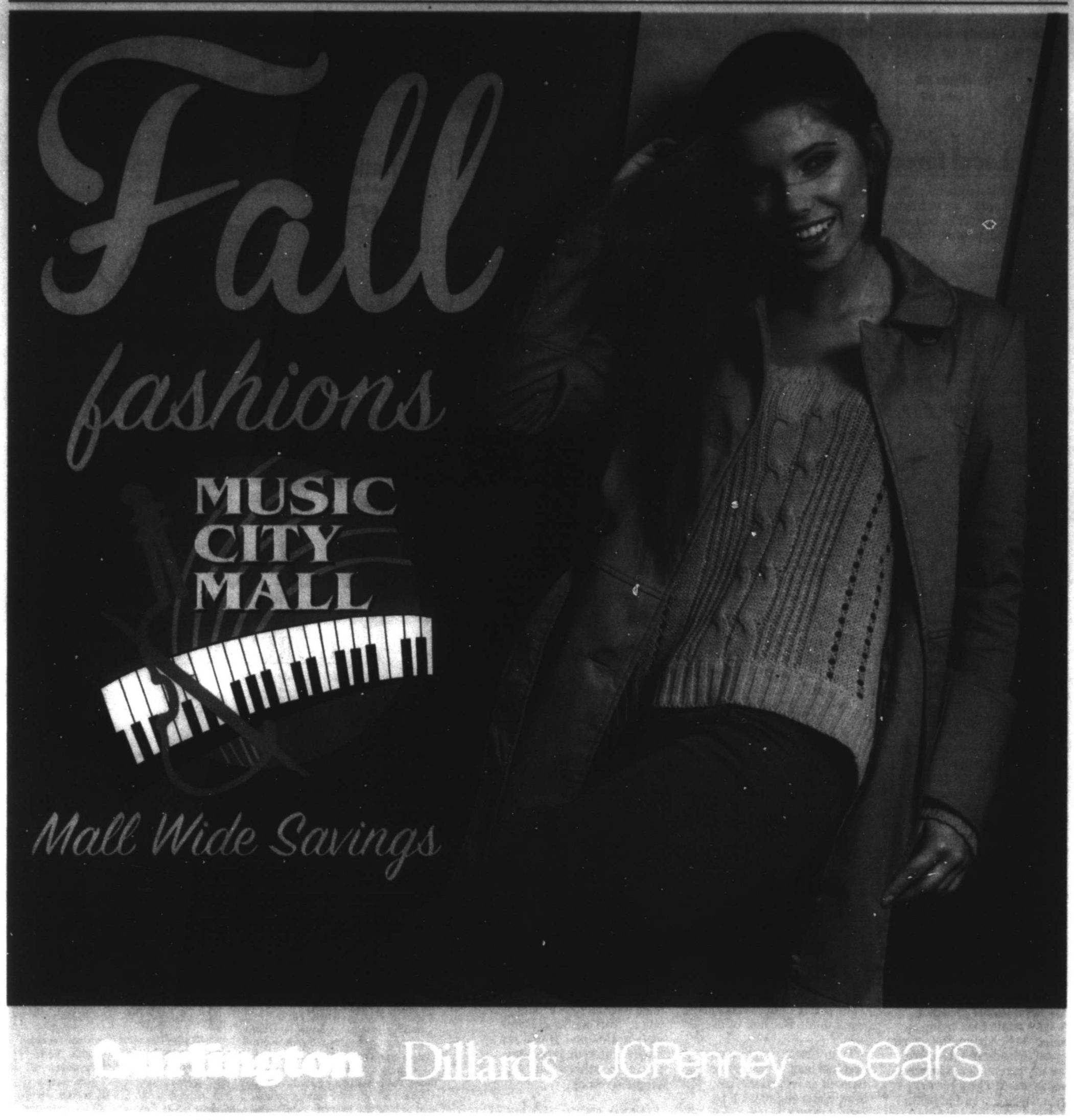

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Rogue Pressure Services is currently accepting applications. Seeking: Snubbing Assistant, Requirements: Class A CDL, Snubbing experience a plus, oil field experience preferred Please send Resume to: applicants@steelteams.com Excellent benefit package and competitive wages.

Vacuum & Tank Truck Drivers

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HEALTHCARE

Available Positions

Hogan Park Nursing and Rehabilitation
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705

Hogan Park Nursing and Rehabilitation located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking staff to fill the following Positions:

• FT Nurses • FT CMA

Apply in Person

OTHER JOBS

The Midland Reporter Telegram has an immediate full time opening in our Production area for the position of:

Post Press Mailroom Packaging Manager

This position is responsible for managing the packaging, mailing and processing of the many publications that we print while managing a staff of approximately 16-associates. Knowledge of 848 inserting machine, Quipp stackers and Dynaric strappers is a plus!

Duties are as follows although not limited to:

- Maintain a teamwork environment for a fast and accurate product packaged each shift with quality control.
- Oversee the duties performed by the mailroom personnel and ensure the task and duties are completed.
- Provide leadership of frontline employees along with the necessary training to develop a quality control standard within the mailroom.
- Must be able to perform under pressure and meet deadlines.
- Perform equipment maintenance.

Requirements:

- Previous supervisory experience preferred.
- Ability to understand and comply with all Company policies.
- Basic literacy, including basic math skills and legible writing.
- Ability to withstand noise, vibration, standing, bending and lifting.
- Basic computer skills.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to learn working knowledge of all job descriptions within the mailroom.
- Willing to be forklift certified.
- Must be mechanically inclined.
- Must be able to work various shifts as needed.

The successful candidate will report directly to the Director of Production/Facilities
We offer a competitive compensation plan and benefits package
If you have the qualifications and want to join a GREAT TEAM please send your resume to:
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HEALTHCARE

MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR - MNDIR

Full-Time/Part Time
Reports to: Administrator

RESPONSIBILITIES: Responsible to plan, organize, direct, control and evaluate maintenance program and services, grounds maintenance and upkeep. Direct or perform duties concerned with plumbing, painting, carpentry, mechanical, heating, cooling, water systems and minor electrical. Monitor and supervises all service contracts or other outside contract work. Directs or performs duties concerned with maintenance of grounds, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, security etc. Directs or performs duties related to transportation, including maintenance of vehicles and other campus equipment. Understand and adhere to the Senior Care Centers (SCC) facility maintenance program.

QUALIFICATIONS:
- Ability to communicate effectively with verbal and written instructions in Engliah
- Ability to identify maintenance problems, plan and follow through to their solution in a timely manner
- In depth understanding of physical plant maintenance requirements
- Prior long term care experience preferred
- Knowledge of state and federal guidelines
- prefer experience in estimating maintenance and repair costs

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:
- Serves as electrician in repairing minor electrical malfunctions and installing new equipment
- May work as a plumber assembling, installing and repairing pipes, fittings, and fixtures of heating, water and sewer systems; also, opening clogged drains
- Acts as a carpenter in the alteration, repair and maintenance of buildings, floors, roofs, stairway, partitions, doors, windows, screens, scaffolding forms, wood fixtures and furniture
- May operate hand saw, planer, joiner, shaper, table saw, sanding machine, router, electric drill and other power equipment
- Maintains tools and machinery in good condition and uses all tools carefully and as instructed
- Ensures that high standards of safety are developed, met and maintained at the facility
- Arranges and coordinates annual fire safety inspections with local fire department; follows up on any deficiencies or recommendation
- Ensures the facility and grounds are maintained in accordance with relevant regulations, agency standards and fiscal consideration, agency standards and fiscal consideration
- Develops, implements and reviews regularly site-specific maintenance logs
- Ensures that major equipment and furnishings are maintained in safe, operable condition and/or arrange for replacement
- Develops, implements and reviews equipment records (included in maintenance logs)
- Establishes procedures and contacts to ensure timely repairs of equipment requiring minor repairs on a frequent basis
- Arranges and coordinates annual fire safety training for all residential services personnel and residents
- Ensures the appropriate use and proper care of the agency maintenance van
- Promotes positive public relations with patients, residents, family members and guest
- Uses tactful, appropriate communications in sensitive and emotional situations
- Use appropriate work place behavior and adhere to dress code at all times

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:
Have the ability to safely perform movements such as pushing, pulling, lifting, bending, kneeling, reaching and lifting up to 150 pounds with or without reasonable accommodations

WORK SCHEDULE:
As assigned, including some weekends, holidays and evening; on call 24 hours; non-exempt position

Send resume to:
kpowell@seniorcarecentersltc.com

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INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Groundskeeper/ Maintenance

The Hilliard Companies has an opening for groundskeeper/ maintenance personnel. Person should be knowledgeable in all areas of lawncare and maintenance, general commercial building, residential and automobile. Please fill out application at 3001 W. Loop 250 N. St. E127. Midland or call 432-617-4677 and ask for Veronica or email veronica.taylor@hilliardos.com

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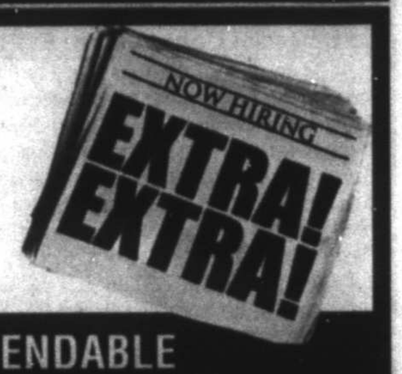
OTHER JOBS

Nursery Worker

Local Church needing Nursery Worker, Sunday only hours 9:15 am-12:15 pm and 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm. Must be dependable and able to pass a background check. $15 per hour. Call 432-557-1537 if interested.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE



Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

$10.00 per hour

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Worship Leader

First United Methodist Church of Midland is looking for a new worship leader for its Modern worship service. Our modern service is a dynamic, fun worship experience for 200 Boomers, Gen Xers and Millennials. We need a strong follower of Christ with good stage presence and the ability to manage other musicians. Please call Rev. Kurt Borden at 432-682-3701 to apply.

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SKILLED LABOR

Diesel Mechanic

Local company seeks diesel mechanic with in frame experience, knowledge of cummins and CAT motors. Apply in person at 3913 FM 715, 79706.

Residential Help Needed: Crew Lead & Laborer

Must pass Drug & Background Screening. Experience with electrical, plumbing, irrigation and or carpentry skills a plus. Pay depending on experience. Apply at: Hunter's Ridge Apartments, 4201 Andrews Hwy, Midland TX 79703

Seeking Groundskeeper/Maintenance Worker

Pay depends on experience. Call (432) 682-3500 ex. 100 for details.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers

Now Hiring full time CDL Drivers. Must have Hazmat and Tanker endorsement. Must pass criminal back ground check as well as drug test. At least 6 months experience a must. Please fax or mail resume. Fax - (325) 573-4760 P.O. Box 163 Snyder, TX 79550

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CDL Drivers & Owner Operators

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Class A CDL Drivers

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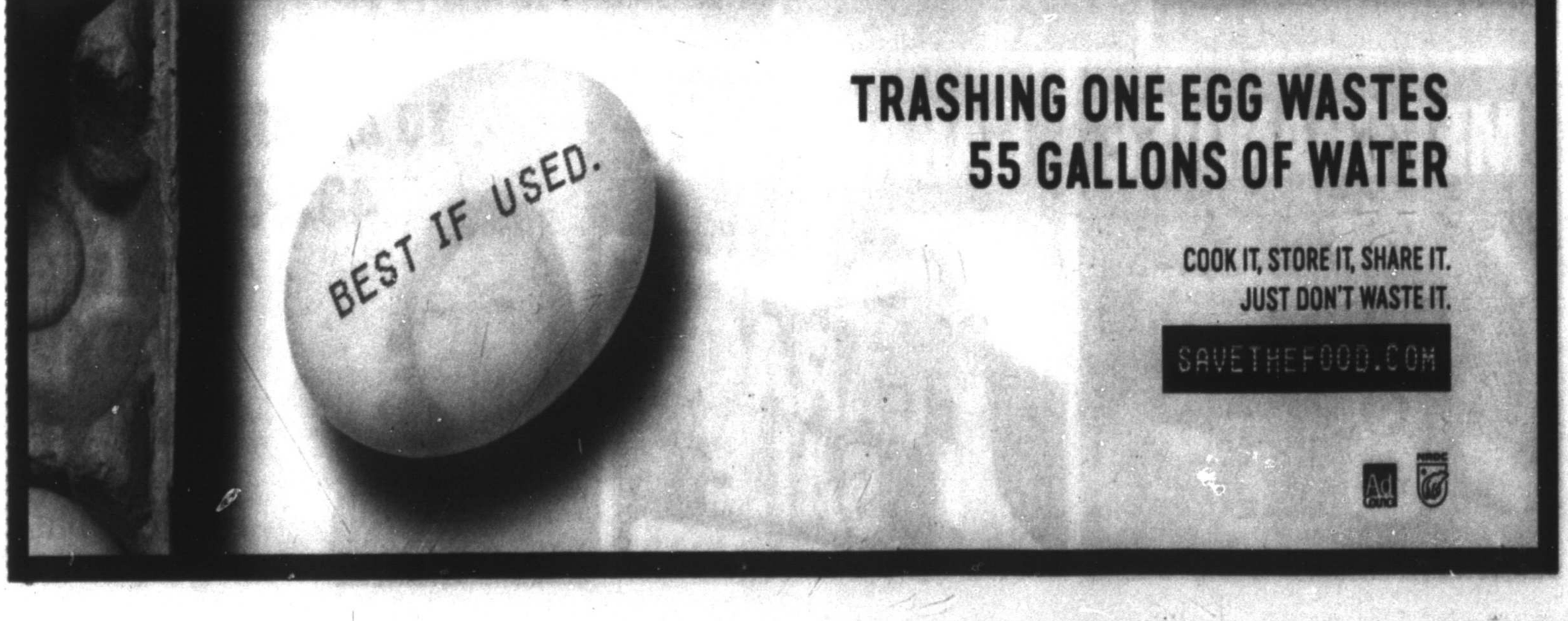

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Permian Basin MPO Policy Board Meeting

Date: September 19, 2016 3:00 p.m.
Place: Odessa College Saulsbury Center
201 W. University
Odessa, TX 79764

The Policy Board of the Permian Basin MPO will hold a regularly scheduled meeting to receive an update on strategy implementation; and to hear updates on planning projects. The Board may conduct an Executive Session as permitted under Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code.

Para asistencia en español por favor llame a 432-617-0129.

Legal & Public Notices

Notice on Sale of Personal Property to satisfy a landlords lien for CASH ONLY. Sale date is October 6, 2016.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Aztec Storage Center
500 S Midland DR
Midland TX 79703
Time 10:00 am

125 & 133 Nancy Turner

Aztec Storage Center
1131 E 52nd
Odessa TX 79762
Time 11:00 am

#O-86 Christopher Eckel

Legal & Public Notices

DIANA L VILLARREAL DBA BOWENS MINI SUPER IS MAKING APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION FOR A WINE & BEER RETAILER'S OFF PREMISE PERMIT LOCATED AT 3400 THOMASON DR, MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS. DIANA L VILLARREAL IS THE OWNER.

Legal & Public Notices

MCCAIN ENTERPRISES, LLC DBA THE LOST CAJUN RESTAURANT IS MAKING APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION FOR A WINE & BEER RETAILER'S PERMIT LOCATED AT 4501 W WADLEY, MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS. SHANNAN D MCCAIN AND MICHAEL D MCCAIN ARE MANAGERS.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO Statewide Rules 26 & 27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that Diamondback E&P LLC (RRC P-5 # 217012) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission an amended P-17 Application for exception to Statewide Rules 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle oil and casinghead gas production. Diamondback E&P LLC proposes to add the Saxon D # 1102LS (Drilling Permit # 816752), Saxon E # 1102WA (Drilling Permit # 816758) & Saxon F # 1102WB (Drilling Permit # 816754) to the existing commingling permit # 7494 for the Saxon A well 1101LS (RRC Lease # 47421); Saxon B well 1101WA (RRC Lease # 47388) and Saxon C well 1101WB (RRC Lease # 47440). All wells are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Glasscock County, Texas. This application is for common separation, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

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79701

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY 10AM-6PM

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I have just come back from a 5000 mile buying trip and brought back, Depression glass, children's books, Staffordshire dogs, Historical plates, Carnival glass, Redware, Limoges game set, vintage jewelry & clothing, Plateaus, Majolica, Hummels, Nippon vase, Retro glass, Crystal candelabra, antique tins, Opalescent glass, open lace cake stand, French pitcher & bowl and too much more to mention. Bring in this invitation for 10% off any purchase.

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Yard & Garage Sales

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1301 E. NOBLES Thursday, 8:30am-? Washer, queen size bedroom set, comforter, housewares, toys, home decor, jr girls clothes, lamp & many more things!

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3709 W. Louisiana Thursday, Friday 9am-4pm & Saturday 9am-2pm. Moving/ Estate Sale! Everything is going.

79705

411 W. Spruce Friday & Saturday 8am-5pm. Furniture, appliances & lots of misc.

79707

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Yard & Garage Sales

79701

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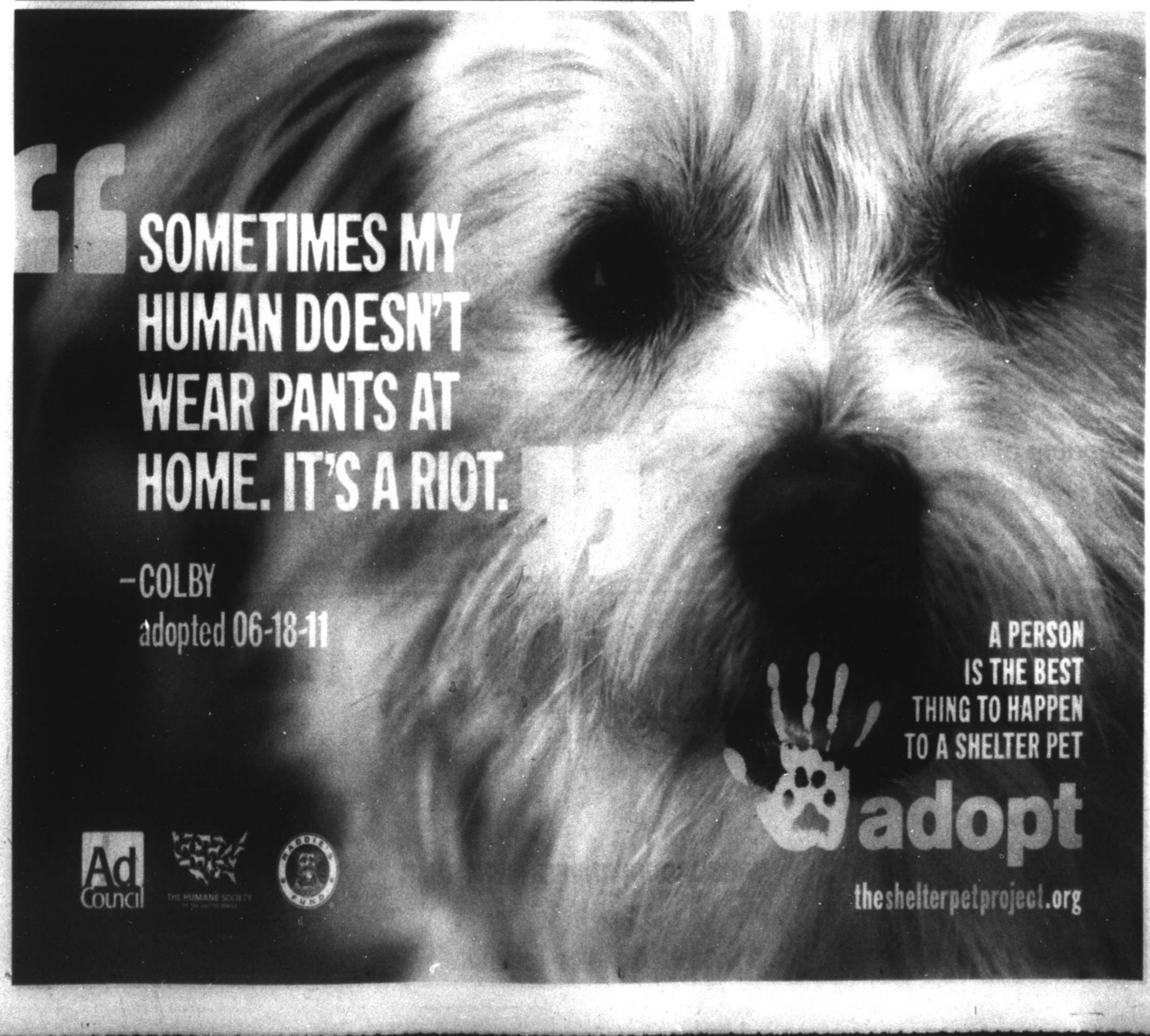

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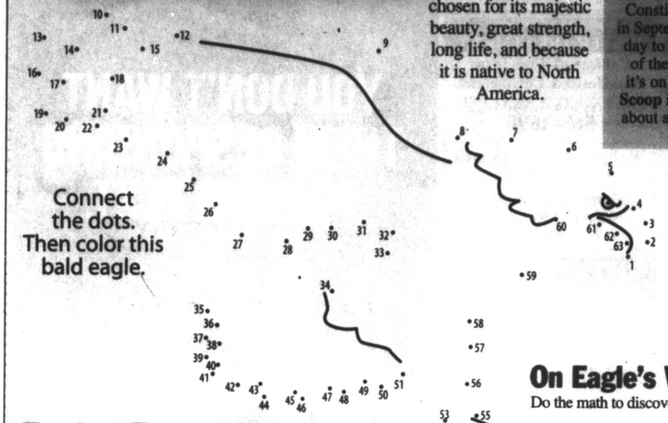
The Bald Eagle

The bald eagle became the national bird of the United States in 1782. It was chosen for its majestic beauty, great strength, long life, and because it is native to North America.



Connect the dots. Then color this bald eagle.

We the People

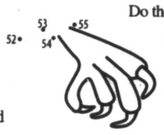
In September 1787, the Founding Fathers signed the United States Constitution. Every year, a day in September is recognized as the day to celebrate the importance of the Constitution. This year it's on September 16. And Kid Scoop is celebrating with a page about a great American symbol: The bald eagle!

Eagle Eyes

Have you ever been told you have eagle eyes? If so, that is a compliment. Eagles can see much better than humans. They have to be able to spot a fish or a small animal from hundreds of feet in the air.

On Eagle's Wings

Do the math to discover amazing bald eagle facts.



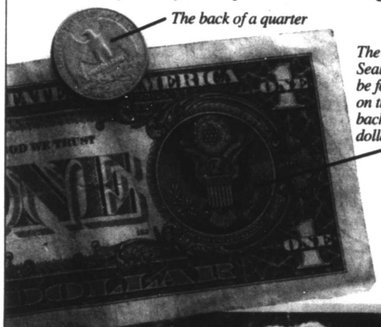
★ The height of an adult bald eagle is 16 - 12 = _____ feet.

★ The wings of a bald eagle can span 2 + 5 + 1 = _____ feet wide.

★ A bald eagle can reach a speed of up to 75 + 75 + 50 = _____ miles per hour when diving for a meal.

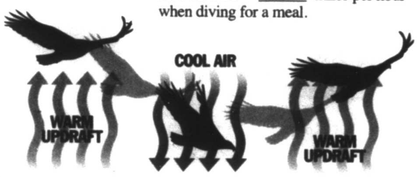
Eagles Everywhere

The bald eagle can be found on the Great Seal of the United States, on the country's money and in many images of patriotism. This week, look around you and see how many times you see pictures of a bald eagle.



The back of a quarter

The Great Seal can be found on the back of a dollar bill.



A bald eagle's long, broad wings make them good at soaring through the air. On long flights, eagles rarely flap their wings. Instead, they use thermal updrafts. Thermal updrafts are currents of warm air that rise up from the ground. Eagles save energy by flying high in a thermal updraft and then gliding down to catch the next one.

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Eaglets – Awwwwww!

Eagle chicks are brown and white. The female lays one to three eggs. The eggs take between one to one and a half months to hatch. The male and female take turns sitting on the eggs. After hatching, both the male and female feed the hatchlings until they learn to fly. Eaglets are capable of flying at 10 to 12 weeks old.

Eaglets don't develop their normal white heads and tails until they are four to five years old. In the wild, eagles can live to be 35 years old or more.

Extra! Extra! What People Say

Select one article from today's newspaper. Highlight or underline all of the quotes in the article.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The scientific name for a bald eagle is *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*. Write the letter that comes before each letter to find out what this means.

X I J U F I F B E F E

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A bald eagle isn't really bald. The name comes from an old English word, *balde*, meaning **white**.

If an eagle loses a feather in one wing, the matching one on the other wing also drops off. This keeps the bird in balance.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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U	P	D	R	A	F	T	B	B	E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

From the Kid Scoop Lesson Library

Freedom of Speech

Look through today's newspaper to find an opinion column or letter. Do you agree with the writer? Why or why not? Write a letter to the editor sharing your opinion.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple step written directions.

An eagle with the stomach flu got a ticket for making a left turn. Why?

ANSWER: Because it was a eagle left turn.

Weekly Writing Corner

Facts & Opinions

Students describe facts and opinions about the Constitution.

The Constitution was signed in 1878 at Independence Hall in Philadelphia.I think it was important because it is the basis for the laws of the United States.
Gregory, 4th grade

The first ten amendments to the Constitution are known as the Bill of Rights and they protect the rights of citizens of the United States. Without the Bill of Rights we might not have freedom of religion or freedom of the press. These rights allow us to choose the religion we want and freedom of the press means that newspapers can print stories without being punished.
Kelsey, 6th grade

James Madison is known as "The Father of our Constitution" because he wrote it along with Ben Franklin, George Washington and representatives from all 13 states.I think is is important because it is the law of the land.
Helen 6th grade

The Constitution was written in 1787 after four months of debate. The Bill of Rights was added in 1791. One of the Bill of Rights says that you have the right to remain silent if you are arrested.
Peter, 3rd grade

The first government was all men and no women were allowed. It wasn't until the 19th Amendment that women got the right to vote in 1920. One day a woman will be President of the United States. I hope I will be President. I would be a good President because I will be fair and will listen to all sides. I will also work hard and help those who find themselves in trouble.
Abbey 5th grade

The right to Free Speech is very important. In some countries, people are put in jail or even killed just for expressing their opinions. Here is America we can express our opinions in speech, in writing and on television. We can also assemble and protest which is a form of expressing strong opinions.Our freedoms are important.We are protected by these laws.
Mason, 6th grade

The government is split into three branches—Legislative, Executive and Judiciary. Legislative is Congress and the Senate. These are the elected representatives of the people. The Executive which makes sure laws are carried out. The Judiciary branch includes all the courts including the Supreme Court which makes decisions when the lower court can not. I believe this form of government is good because it allows the people to be free and it protects our rights.
Corinne 7th grade

Ben Franklin helped to write the Constitution in Philadelphia. I think the Constitution is important because it lays out the law. Without it there would be a lot of confusion.
Mario, 3rd grade

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