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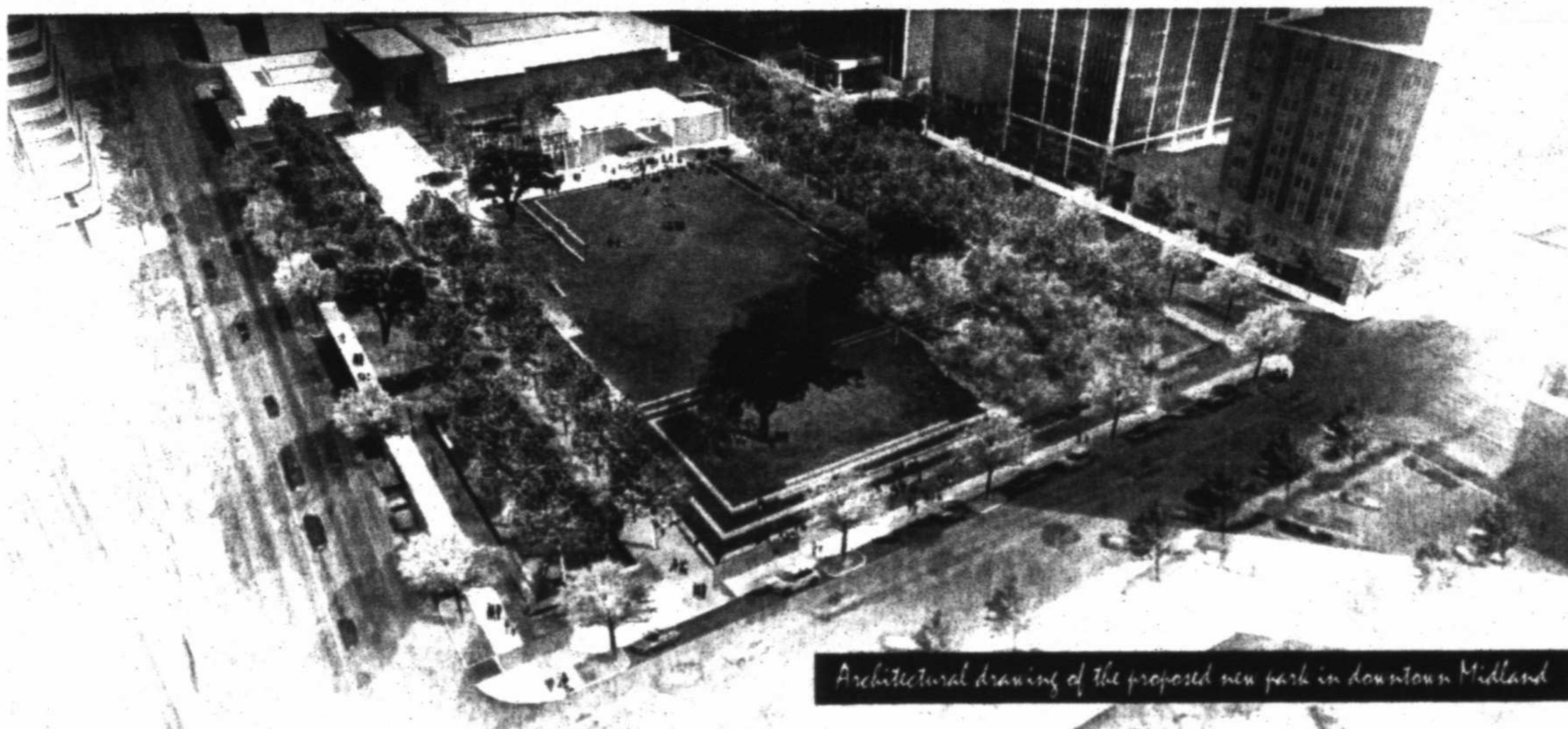
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LOVETT'S LARGE BAND

With that voice and that haircut, but mostly those songs, Lyle Lovett has been a Texas treasure for more than 30 years. The Klein native returns to Midland with his Large Band tonight.

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Architectural drawing of the proposed new park in downtown Midland

DOWNTOWN DONATION

Scharbauer, Concho, city announce \$15M park

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland finally will have its complementary piece to the Midland Convention Center.

The Scharbauer Foundation, Concho Resources, the city of Midland and the Downtown Municipal Management District announced Wednesday they are partnering on a \$15 million city center park that will include all of the features of downtown parks in more metropolitan cities but still is appropriate for Midland.

The Scharbauer Foundation has pledged \$8 million, while the city of Midland and Concho will spend \$2 million each for a downtown area that — when completed in April 2020 — will include green space, a splash pad/water feature, a performance stage, a pavilion, a dog park and natural style playground. Construction is scheduled to begin in November.

Once completed, the city and DMMD will fund the operations and maintenance, although a nonprofit — the "Midland Downtown Park Conservancy" — will be created to construct, promote, schedule and manage the park, which will be nearly 4 acres in size.

"When you see other communities that have turned around — not only their community but their downtown like Fort Worth — it is all driven by young people and driven by a vibrant city center," said Concho Chairman and CEO Tim Leach, who said he will be responsible for the fundraising effort for the remaining \$3 million. "I think that is what we are starting to create here. ... This will be the beginning and catalyst for downtown Midland to be a cool place to be."

"Catalyst project" was mentioned often during the press event, and Leach, in particular, mentioned during



Tim Leach/Reporter-Telegram

Tim Leach, chairman of the board and CEO of Concho, talks Wednesday about the proposed new park in downtown Midland, which will be located adjacent to the new Midland Center.

and after the event that he envisions retail, housing and mixed-use development around the park and adjacent \$43 million convention center.

The area of the new "Centennial Park" includes what was formerly Centennial Plaza and the location of the former Midland County Courthouse. Different developers made attempts at a couple of projects, including a 50-plus story tower and boutique hotel, but the economics ended up not being in favor of either. Former Midland Mayor Wes Perry said at Wednesday's event that maybe it was meant to be that previous projects didn't happen as he expects Centennial Park will be a "godsend" and that Midland has a central area for its residents to gather.

Perry represented the DMMD, an association of downtown property owners that collect a fee based on tax valuations.

The district was started in the late 1990s, according to Perry, and up to this point, has really collected enough money for substantial projects that could help transform the downtown area. Most of its annual budget in the beginning will go toward park operations.

"This is about economics and building up our downtown," Perry said. "We had a vibrant community (downtown) for a while. This is a catalyst that makes that real again."

From the day it was announced that a convention center would replace the former Midland Center, city officials have searched for the right opportunity for the space to the west. For months, this parks project became the focus. At-large Councilmen Scott Dufford and Spencer Robnett helped with the negotiations, including the city's portion up front and yearly. The city reported Wednesday

Planned features of Centennial Park

- Large green space
- Performance stage
- Pavilion with a media screen
- Splash pad
- Children's nature play area
- Dog park
- Restrooms
- Tree-lined promenades along Wall Street and Texas Avenue

day that all money toward the park will come from hotel-motel funds — money raised by fees paid by those stays in hotels inside the city of Midland. The men said there will be no impact to the general fund, which includes property tax revenues.

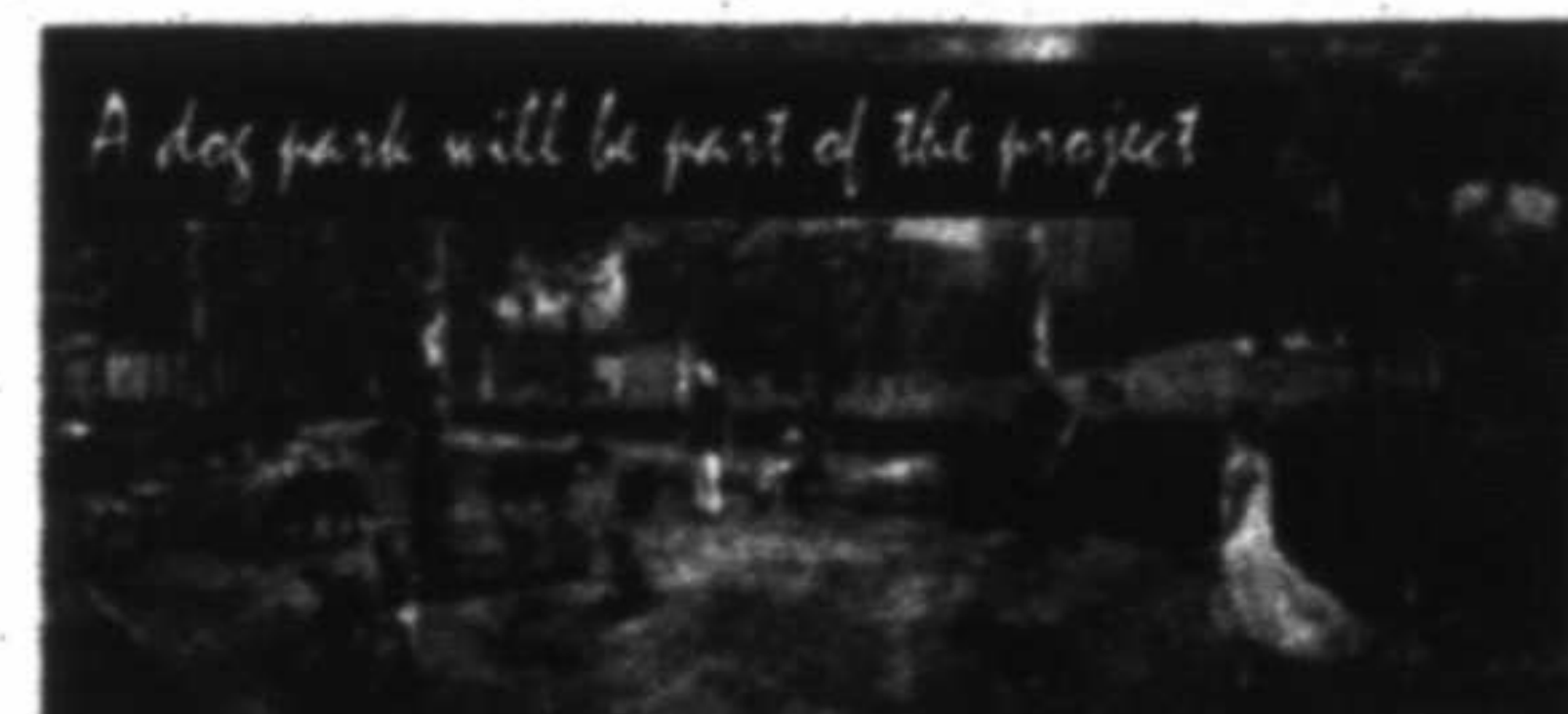
The expectation is that annual maintenance and operations expenditures will start around \$500,000 for both the city and DMMD. That amount could increase but always will be capped, according to officials. Should expenditures increase over that cap, the conservancy would be responsible for the extra funding.

The land for the park will be leased to the conservancy by the city of Midland under a long-term renewable lease. Robnett said during the event Midland's downtown area represents a remarkable collection of the wealth in the city. He said the market caps of publicly traded companies (including pending acquisitions) in the downtown area is around \$55 billion. Including private companies with their own huge acreage positions, that cap is more than \$70 billion just in downtown alone.

"This will be the premier park in all of Midland," Robnett said. "It will have something for everybody, a community center. ... Today (the Tall City) stands a little taller."

"Expanding the park should add value to existing properties downtown, while attracting new restaurants, entertainment and residential options. We have seen the impact of similar spaces in Houston, Dallas and elsewhere."

Scotter Brown, board chairman of the Downtown Midland Management District



A dog park will be part of the project

"The new Centennial Park will bring to life something we have dreamed of for Midland: a downtown destination that draws residents and visitors to the heart of the city — outside of the typical 9-5 day."

Mayor Jerry Moeckel



"Since the earliest days of the First National Bank of Midland and the Scharbauer Hotel, the Scharbauer name has been a significant part of helping make downtown Midland a better place, and this project continues that tradition. We commend the City Council on their vision and commitment to downtown through their construction of the new Midland Convention Center, and we at the Scharbauer Foundation hope that these two investments will attract businesses, residents and visitors to our city center like never before."

Dan Hand, behalf of the Scharbauer Foundation board of directors



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The big number

Texas is leading

\$12 billion

to build tunnels to protect Gulf Coast

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OIL PRICES

Futures

Wednesday.....\$67.86
Previous.....\$67.32

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Wednesday.....\$64.25
Previous.....\$63.75

West Texas Sour

Wednesday.....\$51.20
Previous.....\$50.70

Natural Gas

Wednesday.....\$2.956
Previous.....\$2.980



How Midland-headquartered publicly traded companies fared

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price: \$71.25, up 1.75

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price: \$9.50, up 0.10

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price: \$54.10, up 1.40

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price: \$7.37, up 0.12

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price: \$14.50, up 0.10

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price: \$12.50, up 0.10

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price: \$17.25, up 0.25

Reg Energy (REI)
Closing Price: \$10.00, up 0.10

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price: \$35.25, up 0.25

Financial roundup

S&P 500 marks longest bull run

The current bull run on Wall Street became the longest in history on Wednesday at 3,453 days, beating the bull market of the 1990s that ended in the dot-com collapse in 2000.

That's how long the benchmark S&P 500 index of major U.S. stocks has gone without a drop of 20 percent or more, the traditional definition of a bear market.

Despite its long duration, this bull market actually wasn't as big in terms of overall gains as the 1990s one.

The milestone arrived on a listless day of trading that left the S&P 500 with a slight loss. Gains by technology and energy companies outweighed losses in industrial stocks, banks and other sectors.

"The expansion is alive and well, the bull market is alive and well," said Joseph Priole, chief investment officer for private clients at Glenmede. "Valuations are definitely higher than we tend to like to see them, but they're actually not that typical for the back part of an economic expansion."

The S&P 500 index finished with a loss of 1.14 points, or 0.04 percent, at 2,861.82. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slid 88.60 points, or 0.3 percent, to 25,733.80. The Nasdaq composite gained 29.92 points, or 0.4 percent, to 7,889.10.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 4.50 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,722.54. The Russell marked its second straight all-time high.

Gainers finished with a slight edge on decliners on the New York Stock Exchange.

The bull market for U.S. stocks began in March 2009 and has now lasted nine years, five months and 13 days, a record that few would have predicted when the market struggled to find its footing after a 50 percent plunge during the financial crisis.

The long rally has added billions of dollars to household wealth, helping the economy, and stands as a testament to the ability of large U.S. companies to squeeze out profits in tough times and confidence among investors as they shrugged off repeated crises and kept buying.

President Donald Trump, who has pointed to the stock market as a sign that the economic policies he's implemented are working, weighed in with a tweet Wednesday. "Longest bull run in the history of the stock market, congratulations America!" he wrote.

Overall, the bull market has added more than \$10 trillion to the wealth of investors.

As of Tuesday, the S&P 500 had climbed 323 percent over the current bull market. By comparison, the bull market that ran through much of the 1990s and ended in March 2000 led to a 417 percent gain for the S&P 500, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices.

U.S. benchmark crude climbed 3.1 percent to \$67.87 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, the standard for international oil prices, dipped 0.1 percent to \$74.70 per barrel in London.

The pickup in oil prices helped boost energy sector stocks. Marathon Oil gained 3.3 percent to \$20.87.

Gold rose 0.3 percent to \$1,203.30 an ounce. Silver fell 0.1 percent to \$14.75 an ounce. Copper slid 0.7 percent to \$2.89 a pound.



David J. Phillip/AP

A flood gate and seawall that will be increased in size are shown near a refinery July 26 in Port Arthur. The oil industry wants the government to help protect some of its facilities on the Texas Gulf Coast against the effects of climate change. One proposal involves building a nearly 60-mile "spine" of flood barriers to shield refineries and chemical plants. Many Republicans argue that such projects should be a national priority. But others question whether taxpayers should have to protect refineries in a state where top politicians still dispute whether climate change is real.

Big oil asks government to protect it from climate change

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

PORT ARTHUR — As the nation plans new defenses against the more powerful storms and higher tides expected from climate change, one project stands out: an ambitious proposal to build a nearly 60-mile "spine" of concrete seawalls, earthen barriers, floating gates and steel levees on the Texas Gulf Coast.

Like other oceanfront projects, this one would protect homes, delicate ecosystems and vital infrastructure, but it also has another priority — to shield some of the crown jewels of the petroleum industry, which is blamed for contributing to global warming and now wants the federal government to build safeguards against the consequences of it.

The plan is focused on a stretch of coastline that runs from the Louisiana border to industrial enclaves south of Houston that are home to one of the world's largest concentrations of petrochemical facilities, including most of Texas' 30 refineries, which represent 30 percent of the nation's refining capacity.

Texas is seeking at least \$12 billion for the full coastal spine, with nearly all of it coming from public funds. Last month, the government fast-tracked an initial \$3.9 billion for three separate, smaller storm barrier projects that would specifically protect oil facilities.

That followed Hurricane Harvey, which roared ashore last Aug. 25 and swamped Houston and parts of the coast, temporarily knocking out a quarter of the area's oil refining capacity and causing average gasoline prices to jump 28 cents a gallon nationwide. Many Republicans argue that the Texas oil projects belong at the top of Washington's spending list.

"Our overall economy, not only in Texas but in the entire country, is so much at risk from a high storm surge," said Matt Sebesta, a Republican who as Brazoria County judge oversees a swath of Gulf Coast.

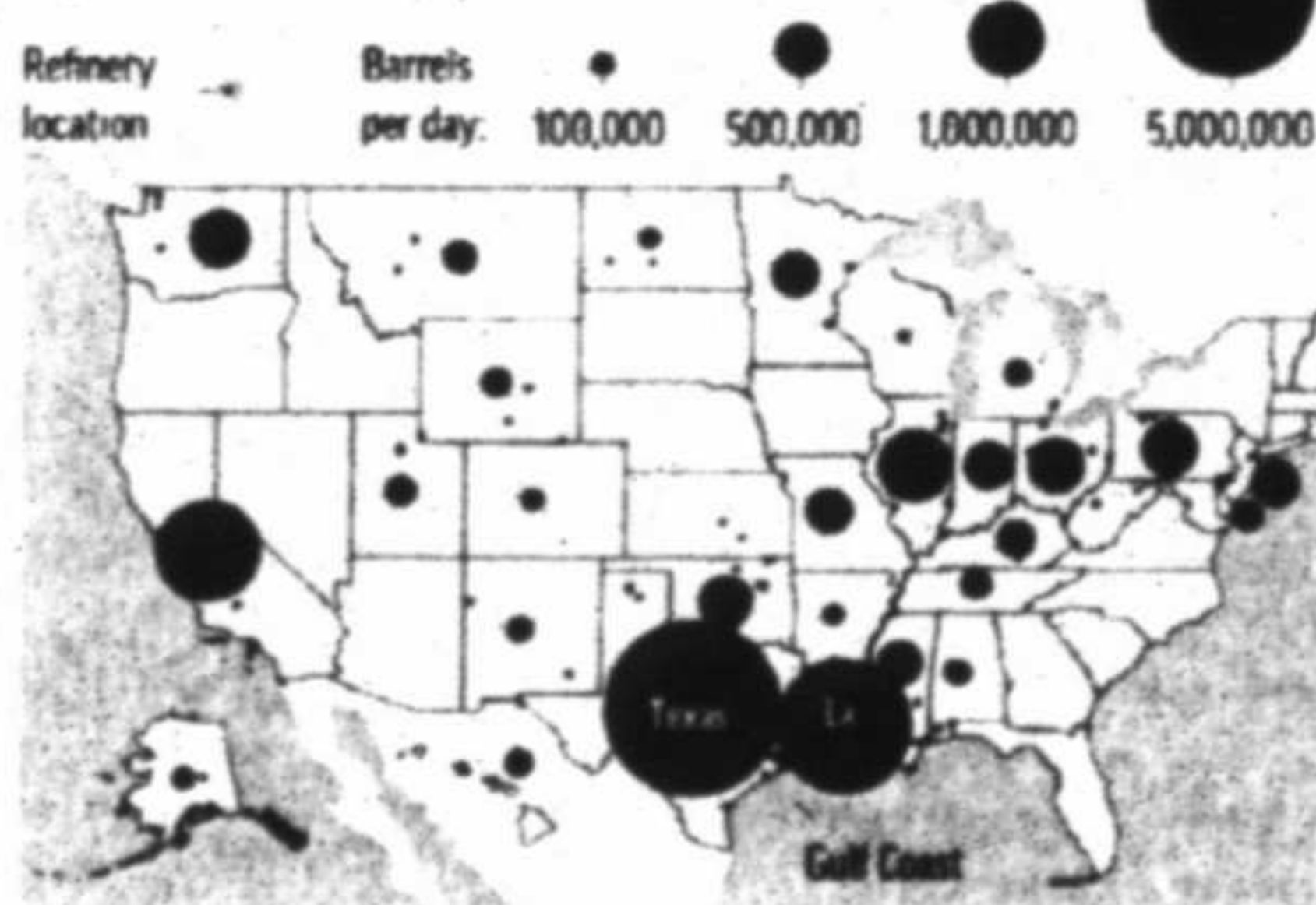
But the idea of taxpayers around the country paying to protect refineries worth billions, and in a state where top politicians still dispute climate change's validity, doesn't sit well with some.

"The oil and gas industry is getting a free ride," said Brandt Manchen, a member of the Sierra Club's executive committee in Houston.

"You don't hear the industry making a peep about paying for any of this and why should they? There's all this push like, 'Please Senator Cornyn, Please Senator Cruz, we need money for this and that.'"

Normally outspoken critics

A map with the total crude oil input to refineries by state, shows just how important Texas and Louisiana are.



SOURCE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MapInfo/HES

Congress approved funds to build new, or fortify existing, levees and seawalls for levees to protect key oil and gas interests along its Gulf Coast.



SOURCE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MapInfo/HES

of federal spending, Texas Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz both backed using taxpayer funds to fortify the oil facilities' protections and the Texas coast. Cruz called it "a tremendous step forward."

Federal, state and local money is also bolstering defenses elsewhere, including on New York's Staten Island, around Atlantic City, New Jersey, and in other communities hammered by Superstorm Sandy in 2012.

Construction in Texas could begin in several months on the three sections of storm barrier. While plans are still being finalized, some dirt levees will be raised to about 17 feet high, and 6 miles of 19-foot-tall floodwalls would be built or strengthened around Port Arthur, a Texas-Louisiana border locale of pungent chemical smells and towering knots of steel pipes.

The town of 55,000 includes the Saudi-controlled Motiva oil refinery, the nation's largest, as well as refineries owned by oil giants Valero Energy Corp. and Total S.A. There are also almost a dozen petrochemical facilities.

"You're looking at a lot of people, a lot of homes, but really a lot of industry," said Steve Sherrill, an Army Corps of Engineers resident engineer in Port Arthur, as he peered

and they have to be national economic benefits," Willey said.

Once work is complete on the three sections, they could eventually be integrated into a larger coastal spine system. In some places along Texas' 370-mile Gulf Coast, 18 feet is lost annually to erosion, threatening to suck more wetlands, roads and buildings into rising seas.

Protecting a wide expanse will be expensive. After Harvey, a special Texas commission prepared a report seeking \$61 billion from Congress to "future proof" the state against such natural disasters, without mentioning climate change, which scientists say will cause heavier rains and stronger storms.

Texas has not tapped its own rainy day fund of around \$11 billion. According to federal rules, 35 percent of funds spent by the Army Corps of Engineers must be matched by local jurisdictions, and the GOP-controlled state Legislature could help cover such costs. But such spending may be tough for many conservatives to swallow.

Texas "should be funding things like this itself," said Chris Edwards, an economist at the libertarian Cato Institute. "Texans are proud of their conservatism, but, unfortunately, when decisions get made in Washington, that frugality goes out the door."

State officials counter that protecting the oil facilities is a matter of national security.

The effects of the next devastating storm could be felt nationwide," Rep. Randy Weber, a fiercely conservative Republican from suburban Houston who has nonetheless authored legislation backing the coastal spine.

Major oil companies did not return messages seeking comment on funding for the projects. But Suzanne Lemieux, midstream group manager for the American Petroleum Institute, said the industry already pays into programs such as the federal Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund and the Waterways Trust Fund, only to see Congress divert that money elsewhere.

"Do we want to pay again, when we've already paid a tax without it getting used? I'd say the answer is no," she said.

Phillips 66 and other energy firms spent money last year lobbying Congress on storm-related funding post-Harvey, campaign finance records show, and Houston's Lyondell Chemical Co. PAC lobbied for building a coastal spine.

The coastal spine benefits more than just our industry," Bob Patel, CEO of Lyondell-Basell, one of the world's largest plastics, chemicals and refining companies, said in March. "It really needs to be a regional effort."

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Exigent

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adjective

- 1: requiring immediate aid or action
- 2: requiring or calling for much : demanding

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This date in Midland

On Aug. 23, 1969, at the All-American Soap Box Derby, Steve Souter from Midland, piloted the "Texas Torpedo" and made Derby history by being the first to win the national championship using the lay-down design.

This date in Texas

Five years ago: A military jury convicted Maj. Nidal Hasan in the deadly 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood that claimed 13 lives; the Army psychiatrist was later sentenced to death.

One year ago: A federal judge again blocked a set of voter ID requirements in Texas, rejecting a weakened version that had been backed by the Trump administration. (An appeals court later allowed the law to stay in effect; it allows voters without any acceptable photo ID to cast a ballot as long as they sign an affidavit.)

Things to do

■ Four to Sixer Mixer by VisitMidland, 4-6 p.m., Kojack's Poker Club, 3205 W. Culbert Ave.

■ The ninth annual Midland County Fair 5-11:45 p.m., Horseshoe, 2514 Arena Trail, \$5, midlandcolor.com.

■ Steak Night Done Right, 5-10 p.m., Mac's Bar-B-Q and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave.

■ Pasta Night, 6 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com

■ Treating and Reversing Heart Disease by the Lifestyle Medicine Center, 6-7 p.m., Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, 4214 Andrews Highway, \$5, Eventbrite.com

■ Hill Park Block Party hosted by Redeemer Midland, 6-30 p.m. today at 1301 W. Culbert Ave. Free. Open to the public.

■ Bridge game play 6-8:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$6, 682-8595.

■ RIT Live "Knoll" The RIT crew takes on the so-called space opera, 7 p.m., Regal Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. \$13.50, fathomevents.com

■ Thursday Night Dinner with live music, 7 p.m., Cafe Alkredge, 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road, alkredgegarage.com

■ Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airport Lane, 682-5511

■ Fit Camp 7 p.m., Uplift Nutrition, 510 S. Big Spring St. Free

■ Lyle Lovett and His Large Band, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788, \$42-\$72, wagnernoel.com

■ The Electric Cowboys, 8 p.m., Rockin' Rodas, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodasmidland.com

■ DJ Bryan, 9 p.m., Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive.

■ Know a member of the military coming home? Military families can call

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Campaign kickoff



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

United Way of Midland 2018 campaign kickoff breakfast was Wednesday at the Petroleum Club. During the event, Paul and Teresa Cain were introduced as the campaign co-chairs, and the fundraising goal was announced. The goal is \$3 million; of that amount, more than \$360,000 already has been raised, according to the agency's director of marketing. A large portion of that — \$221,000 — was raised through the annual Bustin' Clay for United Way, which was Friday at Jake's Clays. The 2018 campaign runs through February.

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352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them. Honor those who served. There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are: - Show of Support (687-2167) - Honor Our Troops (689-0177) - Reel Thrax (528-8633) - Centers for Children and Families (570-1084) - Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511) - Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458) - Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

Today in history

Today is Thursday, Aug. 23, the 235th day of 2018. There are 130 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:
On Aug. 23, 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies to be in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."

On this date:
In 1912, actor, dancer, director and choreographer Gene Kelly was born Eugene Curran Kelly in Pittsburgh.

In 1913, Copenhagen's Little Mermaid statue, inspired by the Hans Christian Andersen story, was unveiled in the harbor of the Danish capital.

In 1914, Japan declared war against Germany in World War I.

In 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hostage-taking began in Stockholm, Sweden; the four hostages ended up empathizing with their captors, a psychological condition now referred to as "Stockholm Syndrome."

In 2000, an estimated 51 million viewers tuned in for the finale of the first season of the CBS reality show "Survivor," in which contestant Richard Hatch won the \$1 million prize.

Five years ago: Staff Sgt. Robert Bates, the U.S. soldier who'd massacred 16 Afghan civilians, was sentenced at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, to life in prison with no chance of parole.

Lottery

All or Nothing morning: 1-3
5-6-7-8-10-11-15-18-19-20

All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-5-6
10-15-16-17-20-21-22

All or Nothing evening: 5-6-9-11-12-13-16-17-21-22-23

All or Nothing night: 1-3-4-5
11-12-13-14-16-19-20-22

Cash Five: 6-7-14-19-36
Daily 4 morning: 2-2-7-0

Daily 4 day: 9-7-6-3
Daily 4 evening: 8-0-5-5

Daily 4 night: 5-3-3-9
Lotto Texas: 11-25-37-38-51-53

Pick 3 morning: 0-8-9
Pick 3 day: 9-2-8

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High: 97
Low: 75

Normal high: 93
Normal low: 68

Aug. 21 records
High: 103, set in 1985
Low: 52, set in 1947

Precipitation
Tuesday: 0.00 inches
Wednesday: 0.00 inches

Month total: 2.88 inches
Year total: 8.14 inches

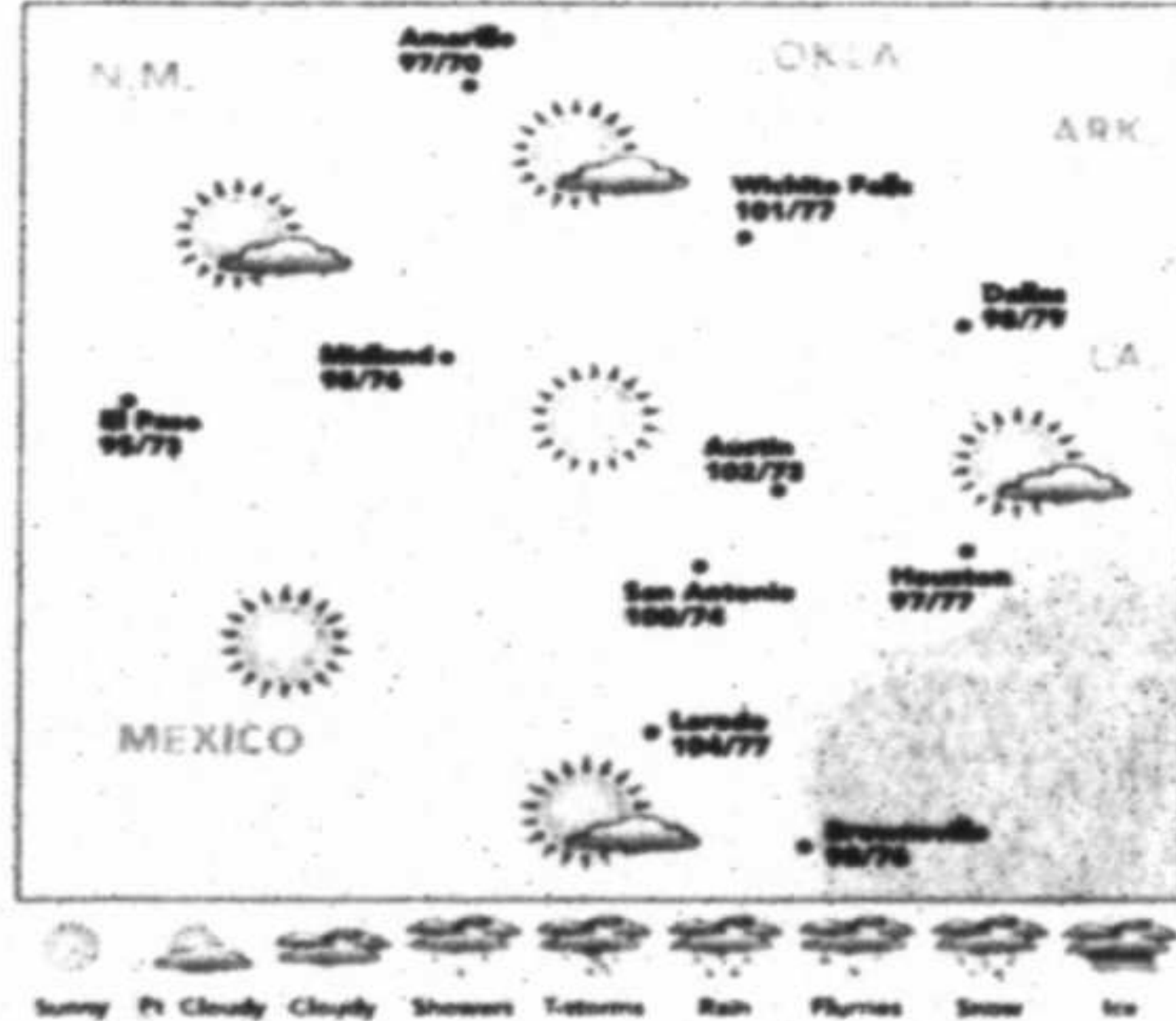
Normal total (year to date): 9.13 inches

Winds
Average speed: 11.1 mph
Highest sustained: 22 mph

Highest gust: 29 mph

Aug. 23 forecast
High: 97

Forecast for Thursday, August 23, 2018



Low: 75
Conditions: Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night

Winds: 10-15 mph during the day and night

Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 7:51 a.m.
Sunset: 7:18 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Leo until 8:09 a.m. Afterward, the Sun will be in Virgo. The Moon is in Capricorn until 11:56 p.m., when it moves to Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018: This year, you have the energy to create much more of what you want and need. You won't tolerate being passive or not being in the position you desire. Life and excitement walk hand in hand. If you are single, you could meet someone once fall arrives. You alone can decide if this person is right for you. If you are attached, the two of you might get into arguments more often. Don't make a big deal out of anything small. AQUARIUS gives you great advice.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You express a practical side of your personality. You will approach many different people and projects with this attitude. You have passion and strength working for you, so be sure to use them wisely. Tonight: No one will try to stop you now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ As you see a surprise

head down your path, you'll want to let others participate in what is happening. Confusion could be the outcome, but sharing this experience might be more important than you know. Your sense of humor will kick in. Tonight: Listen well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You might become picky to the point of being cranky, if you are not careful. You understand your limits. Despite this, a perfectionist streak within you sets off a problem. A family member or domestic issue needs your consideration. Tonight: Time to relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You will communicate what is on your mind. Some people might not hear your words, but others listen. You could be tired of a partner's combative attitude, and you'll let him or her know in no uncertain terms. Tonight: Listen carefully to a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You could be at the end of your fuse. How you handle a difficult associate could determine just how volatile this situation becomes. Rest assured

that you are coming from a more stable position. You also might have more control. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ By midday, you sense a change in your energy levels and also in your perspective. You suddenly feel more upbeat and as if you can handle whatever heads your way. Great ideas often arise when you feel this way. Tonight: Join a friend for dinner and drinks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your more playful side emerges. A loved one can't seem to get enough of you. This person could be unusually demonstrative right now, mainly because he or she wants your attention. A partner could act out in an unexpected way. Tonight: Accept an offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Communication might be a high priority in the morn-

ing, but by the afternoon, anything is possible. A loved one makes an offer that you can't say "no" to, nor do you want to. Optimism surrounds a pertinent situation. Tonight: Head home with favorite treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You could be more upbeat than you have been, and finally might be ready to make a change. A conversation encourages you to follow your heart. A friend feels that excellence lies with this independence. Communicate clearly. Tonight: Catch up on news.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You could be more out of whack than you think. For instance, you might have a hard time getting someone's attention. You feel less appreciated than you did a few days ago. Know that this, too, will pass. Tonight: Run

some errands on the way home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You feel empowered.

As a result, no one will try to push to have his or her way for long. Go for what you want, and do not allow a family member to throw off your plans. Your lively ways make all the difference in what occurs. Tonight: Play it cool and calm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your smile is contagious and draws others toward you. Understand that you could be a bit out of sync. Allow timing to work in your favor. You will get what you want, but not right this second. Exciting news heads your way. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite place.

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Carlsbad Caverns' 500K bats face threat of deadly syndrome

Carlsbad Current-Argus

CARLSBAD, N.M. — The half a million bats that call Carlsbad Caverns National Park home could face the threat of the deadly white nose syndrome.

Federal agencies have mobilized in recent weeks to combat a microscopic organism that could potentially kill off thousands of the Mexican free-tailed bats that make the national park famous.

White nose syndrome was found in bat populations in states across the country, with the closest discovery in Oklahoma and Texas.

It's named for a white, fuzzy growth that develops on the nose, ears and wings of infected bats.

"Obviously, we don't want our bat colony to contract (white nose syndrome)," said Doug Neighbor, superintendent of Carlsbad Caverns National Park. "Most populations out east had substantial die off."

The fungal infection grows in the bats' skin tissues, rousing them

from hibernation repeatedly, which forces the bats to consume winter fat stores and starve to death before awakening in the spring, according to a report from Bat Conservation International, an Austin-based organization dedicated to conserving all bat species.

Evidence of white nose syndrome was discovered in New Mexico soil samples and samples of bat dung last spring, but further testing this month determined it was not yet in the state.

White nose syndrome was first discovered in a single New York cave in 2007, and has since killed millions of bats.

The symptoms were found in 33 U.S. states and seven Canadian provinces, moving as far west as Washington state.

If the syndrome makes it to the Carlsbad Caverns, Neighbor said the impact could be devastating to the local bat populations, and negatively impact Carlsbad's tourism industry. Many visitors travel to the na-

tional park to watch the renowned bat flights in and out of the cave.

"They're extremely important to the community," he said. "There's only a few places in the U.S. where you can see these kinds of numbers."

The National Park Service teamed up with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service to devise strategies to prevent the spread of the disease into New Mexico's public lands, according to an announcement last week by the four agencies.

"As the leading edge of the white-nose syndrome disease front advances, we do not fully know how the fungus will behave in these environments, particularly in the Southwest," said Jeremy Coleman, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's coordinator for the disease.

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Woman charged with aggravated assault

From staff reports



Simoneaux

A woman was arrested Friday after she allegedly threatened a male with a steak knife, according to court documents.

Shana Shanette Simoneaux, 27, was being held Wednesday on a \$75,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a

deadly weapon.

Midland police were dispatched at

about 1 a.m. Friday in reference to a disturbance with weapons.

A man was sitting in a living room when Simoneaux grabbed a steak knife and started stabbing a couch, according to her arrest affidavit. The man feared for his safety and went inside a bathroom to escape, according to the affidavit. Simoneaux allegedly forced her way into the bathroom, stabbed at a door that was next to the man's head and threatened to kill him.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Simoneaux could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

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OPINION

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President Trump turns Brennan into Spartacus

Many in the intelligence community have been quietly dismayed by the hyperbolic partisan behavior of former CIA director John Brennan since Donald Trump took office. But by revoking Brennan's security clearance, President Trump has managed to turn Brennan from an embarrassment into a martyr.

The response to Trump's action has been like the scene in the 1960 movie "Spartacus" when a Roman general announces to a group of rebel slaves that they will be spared the punishment of crucifixion — but only if they turn in Spartacus, the leader of the revolt. One by one, the slaves stand up and shout, "I am Spartacus."

As former CIA director Michael Hayden has pointed out, a similar scene is playing out today in the intelligence community. The first to yell "I am Spartacus" was retired Adm. William H. McRaven, former head of U.S. Joint Special Operations Command, who declared in a Post op-ed, "I would consider it an honor if you would revoke my security clearance as well, so I can add my name to the list of men and women who have spoken up against your presidency."

Then 12 former CIA directors, CIA deputy directors and directors of national intelligence declared in a joint letter that they, too, were Spartacus: "You don't have

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to agree with what John Brennan says (and, again, not all of us do) to agree with his right to say it, subject to his obligation to protect classified information." The number of signatories is now at 15.

They were soon joined by 60 former CIA officers, who signed a letter of their own and released it Friday evening declaring they were Spartacus. "Our signatures below do not necessarily mean that we concur with the opinions expressed by former Director Brennan or the way in which he expressed them," they wrote, "but the country will be weakened if there is a political litmus test applied before seasoned experts are allowed to share their views."

By Tuesday, the number of signatories had grown to 177 and included former senior officials from the State, Defense and Justice departments as well as the National Security Council and even NASA.

Note the pains the writers of both letters

took to distance themselves from both the substance and style of Brennan's attacks on Trump. Brennan's conduct has been deeply controversial in intelligence circles — and with good reason. After the Justice Department fired former FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe (whom the inspector general determined had inappropriately authorized the disclosure of sensitive information and then misled investigators), Brennan lashed out at Trump, declaring on Twitter, "When the full extent of your venality, moral turpitude, and political corruption becomes known, you will take your rightful place as a disgraced demagogue in the dustbin of history." Brennan has also warned Republican members of Congress that "Legislators who try to protect (Trump) will face November reckoning."

But, most egregious of all, Brennan accused Trump of treason, tweeting that Trump's performance at his Helsinki news conference with Russian President Vladimir Putin "rises to & exceeds the threshold of 'high crimes & misdemeanors'" and "was nothing short of treasonous." This was both outrageous and absurd. A news conference, however embarrassing, is not an impeachable offense. On Sunday, an incredulous Chuck Todd told Brennan on NBC's "Meet the Press," "You are the former CIA director accusing the sitting

president of the United States ... of treason. ... That's a monumental accusation." Brennan stood by his ridiculous accusation.

Even some former officials deeply concerned by Trump's policies and behavior have been taken aback by the barrage of partisan invective. James R. Clapper Jr., who worked for President Barack Obama alongside Brennan as director of national intelligence, recently complained, "John and his rhetoric have become an issue in and of itself." Retired Adm. Mike Mullen, who served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under Obama, said Brennan's partisan criticism of Trump "has put him in a political place which actually does more damage for the intelligence community." He's right. Brennan's actions have harmed the intelligence community, which prides itself on staying above the partisan fray, and have fed the narrative of a "deep state" seeking to undermine Trump.

But revoking Brennan's security clearance has not hurt Brennan. To the contrary, Trump has rescued Brennan from his own partisan hackery and given him an even greater platform from which to spew his bile. Indeed, the president admitted as much on Friday, saying, "If anything, I'm giving him a bigger voice."

Yes, Mr. President, you are — and that is a big mistake.

OPINION EXTRA

Proposed 9 percent raise puts spotlight on county commissioners

Midland County commissioners are set to give themselves a raise that will pay them more than \$69,000 in base salary and potentially more than \$80,000 with a compensation package.

A Midland City Council member makes \$25 a month. There is a word that some may have for those men and women who desire to get involved in community politics and opt to serve on the city council. That word is "sucker." I almost agree.

One of the reasons people may not run for city council is the time involved. The schedule rivals, if not easily surpasses, that of a commissioner; their work is more substantial because of the growth of the community; and they get criticized more often — and in many cases unfairly — for the decisions they make. It reminds me of the calls I have taken asking when we were going to write something about how city leaders have handled the operations and total spending at the Horseshoe. There is a price to pay when your taxing entity is the second highest on the yearly tax bill. You've lost the ability to fly under the radar.

The fact is, more people can probably tell you who their city council representative is than any other member of any other board in Midland. More people certainly will know the mayor's name compared to the county judge or a board or commission's president. That is life in politics.

The other day a council member was asked if the council should be paid a salary. That person said, "I don't want it." He added that the more money a government official makes, the worse they perform. He was probably right.

County officials are on the record as saying they deserve more money to keep people interested in participating in the job. They also justify their salaries (even as some have other full-time jobs) and raises because Midland County commissioners don't make as much as commissioners in other counties with population of 100,000 or more. That is true. Which brings me to my next question. Why isn't that lower salary — and cost to the taxpayer — a badge of honor just as it is that Midland County has one of the lowest tax rates in the state? Why must service to the community be about the money for any elected member of a board?

No one is asking any commissioner to take a pay cut (although a \$63,379.31 base salary and more than \$10,000 in travel allowance seem high to me). No one is asking commissioners to clock in every day to see if representing the people of their precinct is a 40-hour-a-week gig to go with a salary that appears to be a full-time salary.

The idea of a 9 percent pay raise is regrettable when ordinary county employees are receiving a 4 percent raise. What appears to be good enough for the board sitters doesn't appear to be good enough for those who work in the field and on the streets to make Midland County a better place. That looks bad.

Maybe commissioners will have a change of heart and decide their pay is more than enough, although I'm not holding my breath.

There is a word — actually two words — for elected officials who make nothing or next to nothing while representing their community. Those words are "public servants." Thank you for your service.

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Trump makes it tough for first lady

It was as though Nancy Reagan had given a "Just Say No" speech while her husband honored the occasion back at the White House by snorting cocaine during a live news conference.

But this actually happened Monday: Melania Trump participated in the Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention's Summit on Cyberbullying while her husband was home at the White House — cyberbullying.

At the summit, a Twitter official spoke about attempts to make Twitter "a more positive and healthy place." A Facebook representative talked about "the importance of role modeling" and encouraged those who are "typing in all caps" to "take a step back and look at what those communications look like." And the first lady herself cautioned that social media can "be destructive and harmful," and therefore young people should be taught "how to conduct themselves safely in a positive manner."

Yet in virtual split screen at the White House, President Trump, during the 90 minutes his wife participated in the cyberbullying summit, engaged in his unique form of role-modeling: He fired off a series of tweets to his nearly 54 million followers vilifying "political hack" John Brennan (the "worst CIA director in our country's history"), disparaging his own attorney general, attacking the "Mueller Rigged Witch Hunt" and spewing vitriol: "phony, dirty and discredited ... a total joke!"

Earlier Monday, even as his wife prepared to head to Rockville, Maryland, for the summit, Trump used social media to call special counsel Robert S. Mueller III and his team "thugs" (in a misspelled tweet about the White House "council") and a "National Disgrace."

This created an elephant-in-the-room situation. Summit participants avoided mention of the cyberbullying in chief — the equivalent of having a summit on election hacking with no mention of Russia. For good reason: If they stood up to the bully, he might have taken their lunch money.

Summit participants Joseph Grunwald, a student at the University of Texas who said he has endured bullying, came closest. "Bullying," he said, "happens in our homes, happens in our communities and it happens at the national level." Presumably he was not talking about Orrin Hatch. Cyberbullying "is a method of bullying among the most cowardly among us," Grunwald said.

Melania Trump, seated on the dais, gazed expressionlessly at Grunwald.

The notion of a first lady taking public aim at her husband's vice is not without precedent. Laura Bush touted literacy while her husband asked, "Is our children learning?" But George W. Bush didn't do that on purpose.

Trump has no such excuse. In recent days alone, he has cyberbullied his former White House aide Omarosa Manigault Newman ("dog," "wacky," "vicious," "nasty," "a loser," "hated," "crazed,"

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crying lowlife"); John Dean ("rat"); the media ("sick," "fake," "disgusting," "enemy of the people"); Brennan ("loudmouth, partisan, political hack," "limited intellectually"); his own attorney general ("BLANK Jeff Sessions"); Connecticut Democratic Sen. Richard Blumenthal ("Loser!"); Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer ("haywire"); New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo ("incompetent," "really dumb," "having a total meltdown"); Ohio Gov. John Kasich ("very unpopular," "failed"); and those investigating Trump ("creep," "McCarthyism at its WORST!" "zero credibility," "corrupt," "a fraud," "lowlife").

As a result, the president's underlings at the cyberbullying event had to suppress all sense of irony. Alex Azar, the secretary of health and human services: "Bullying is bullying wherever it occurs, in the schoolyard or the internet."

Or the Oval Office? Industry representatives didn't dare mention the First Offender, either. The Family Online Safety Institute's Jennifer Hanley mentioned "the challenge" some parents face "when their own child might be the bully."

Or their own husband? From Facebook, Antigone Davis noted that "in almost all cases when we see online bullying, it's connected to offline bullying." That's true in the schoolyard or at campaign rallies where "disgusting" journalists and "low-I.Q." Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., are taunted. And Trump doesn't just bully Brennan online — he strips him of his security clearance.

The first lady was no doubt genuine in her four-minute speech, when she spoke about the need to focus on the problem of bullying and the "pitfalls" of social media. She spoke of reducing "bullying through kindness and open communication."

But the best thing she could do for the cause would be to lead by example — specifically, to use her considerable influence to get her husband to take it down a notch.

The representative from Twitter at the cyberbullying summit, Lauren Culbertson, singled out the first lady and made a self-serving plea. "Twitter is a powerful tool," she said. "If there's a way we can help our partners leverage that tool, please let us know."

If Melania Trump is serious about reducing cyberbullying, she could answer that request with four words: "Delete my husband's account."

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Republicans — and some Dems — reject impeachment talk

By Lisa Mascaro
and Steve Peoples
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The day after President Donald Trump was implicated in a federal crime, members of both parties dismissed talk of impeachment, with some Democrats expressing fears Wednesday about such a politically risky step, and Republicans shrugging off the accusations or withholding judgment.

The legal entanglements surrounding Trump — the guilty plea by former lawyer Michael Cohen and the fraud conviction of one-time campaign chairman Paul Manafort — delivered a one-two punch that left lawmakers struggling for an appropriate response ahead of the midterm elections.

Trump's strongest supporters echoed his "no collusion" retorts, suggesting that, absent any evidence that he worked with Russia to influence the 2016 election, there is just no high-crimes-and-misdemeanors case for impeachment.

Democrats, meanwhile, are trying to tamp down expectations from their liberal base of taking on the president for fear that impeachment talk will cause GOP voters to rally around Trump in November.

The dynamic underscored the political difficulty of impeachment proceedings on Capitol Hill, especially for Republicans who have been reluctant to criticize the president but now face a new chapter in what has been a difficult relationship.

In pleading guilty to campaign-finance violations and other crimes Tuesday, Cohen said Trump directed a hush-money scheme before the 2016 election to buy the silence of porn star Stormy Daniels and Playboy model Karen McDougal, both of whom said they had sexual relationships with Trump. Trump has accused Cohen of making up "stories in order to get a deal" from federal prosecutors.

Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell brushed past reporters Wednesday without answering questions about Cohen or the possibility that the lawyer's accusations about an illegal campaign cover-up are grounds for impeachment proceedings. GOP House Speaker Paul Ryan, who is away from Washington, had no direct response. An aide said he needs more information.

Other Republicans, though, filled the gaps.

"No collusion—no impeachment," tweeted the influential radio host Hugh Hewitt, setting the day's tone.

He explained that impeachment is a political and legal term of art and said there needs to be a tipping point in public opinion that would push Congress to act. It's not there yet, he tweeted.

Doug Deason, a Texas-based donor and major Trump supporter, said voters simply don't care that Trump behaves badly at times and has associated with people who broke the law.

"In no way, shape or form did we think we were hiring St. Trump to repair the morals of the country," he said.

Jerry Falwell Jr., the president of Liberty University and a Trump confidant, said: "Anything short of the campaign actually conspiring with



Paul Manafort leaves federal court in Washington, left, and attorney Michael Cohen leaves federal court in New York. The one-two punch ahead of the midterm elections — the plea from former Trump lawyer Cohen and the fraud conviction of one-time campaign chairman Manafort — is presenting the biggest loyalty test yet for Republicans who have been reluctant to criticize the president.

Russia to try to impact the election, anything short of that will just be background noise."

Even those few Republicans who have been willing to speak out about Trump are treading carefully in the wake of Cohen's guilty plea.

"I don't think I've witnessed anything like I've witnessed over the last year and a half. Probably, the American people haven't in modern times," said retiring Republican Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee. But he stopped short of passing further judgment on the Cohen case.

"I'm sure there's going to be other revelations that come up," he said, "and I think we ought to just let the process work."

The president defended the hush-money payments Wednesday, saying, incorrectly, that the effort outlined in Cohen's guilty plea wasn't "even a campaign violation." Trump told Fox News in an interview set to air Thursday that the payments "didn't come out of the campaign, and that's big."

The accusation from Cohen has inflamed public debate about impeachment.

Democratic donor Tom Steyer's Twitter feed called for others to join his campaign to impeach the president. "How much more corruption do we need to see?" he tweeted.

Ben Wikler, Washington director for the liberal advocacy group MoveOn, wants Democrats in Congress to join organizations like his that have been demanding impeachment for weeks.

"Now that Trump's personal lawyer has implicated him in a crime, not supporting impeachment feels like a dodge," Wikler said. "Impeachment doesn't have to be the core of your message to the electorate, but it's not something you can bury your head in the sand and ignore."

But Democratic leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi said that unless other information emerges, impeaching Trump is "not a priority" for Democrats if they regain control of the House this fall. Pelosi said she prefers to see Democrats work to ensure special counsel Robert Mueller can finish his investigation.

"If and when the information emerges about that, we'll see," Pelosi said Tuesday as the news about Cohen was unfolding.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer used the developments to press the Democrats' case against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, saying Republicans should hit "pause" on their push toward confirmation.

He expressed concern about Kavanaugh's unwillingness to indict a sitting president, as is Justice Department policy, or subpoena a president to testify. Kavanaugh's confirmation hearing is set for Sept. 4, despite his efforts to postpone it.

"This Republican Congress has done almost nothing to check this president," Schumer said. "We cannot allow the Supreme Court to be captured as well."

Meanwhile, senators of both parties warned that Trump should not consider granting Manafort a pardon. "It would be an enormous mistake and misuse of his power to pardon," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

The House is on summer break for campaign season. The Senate is in session, trying to wrap up a rare August work period that GOP leaders had hoped would be invigorating. Instead, senators at the Capitol are finding themselves facing questions they often have no answers for.

"That's always been an issue: What did the Founders really mean by high crimes and misdemeanors?" said Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis. "Right now it's in the hands of the courts, and we'll see how it plays out."

Some Republican strategists are privately worried about the party's prospects in November because of the scandals. Democrats see a similar opening in what Schumer has called "a cesspool around this president."

"I think we're beyond the tip of the iceberg. We're in the middle of the iceberg right now, given how many people so close to the president are on their way to jail," said Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut. "My hope is that Republicans don't retreat into a corner. This is a moment where the future of the presidency is at stake. This isn't about politics or point-scoring, so I'll take my time to come to a conclusion. But I hope Republicans will also be willing to look at the facts and come to a non-political conclusion that's best for the country."

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NEW MEXICO

Officials begin 'chile blitz' to spot fake chile

LAS CRUCES — New Mexico officials have launched a "chile blitz" aimed at spotting fake New Mexico chile. New Mexico Department of Agriculture Standards and Consumer Services inspectors are traveling the state this week to ensure processed and fresh chile products are compliant under the New Mexico Chile Advertising Act. State law forbids anyone from knowingly advertising or selling chile peppers that claim to be from New Mexico but are somewhere else.

The law also bans anyone from selling chile from other states with images of New Mexico cities, towns or recognizable state images in advertisements.

BEAUMONT

Man pleads guilty to manufacturing bombs

A Southeast Texas man has pleaded guilty to a federal charge of manufacturing homemade bombs and bomb-making material.

Twenty-seven-year-old Mark Avery Rudd of Beaumont admitted guilt Tuesday to one count of possession of an unregistered destructive device.

Police and FBI agents raided Rudd's home in February, finding two bombs and material for making additional ones. Authorities say they also found a 21-page notebook containing handwritten notes on explosives and how to manufacture them.

There was no indication of what plans Rudd might have had for the explosives, which were buried and safely detonated.

He faces up to 10 years in prison at his sentencing, which has not yet been scheduled.

FORT WORTH

Longtime TCU employee pleads guilty to theft

A longtime Texas Christian University employee has pleaded guilty to stealing \$1,600 from an education program that helps high school students from low-income families.

Federal court documents filed Tuesday show Margaret Faust admitted to stealing the money from the Upward Bound program and pleaded guilty to theft from a federal student assistance program.

The program aims to increase the graduation rate of its participants. The records say Faust, who worked at TCU for decades, oversaw money to program participants and would receive cash each month from the university's financial services department.

Court documents say Faust stole the money in 2015 and deposited it into her personal checking account.

She could face up to five years in prison. A message left Wednesday at her attorney's office was not immediately returned.

FLORIDA

Disney offers tuition for hourly workers

ORLANDO — The Walt Disney Co. is offering to pay full tuition for hourly workers who want to earn a college degree, finish a high school diploma or learn a new skill, the entertainment giant said Wednesday.

As many as 80,000 hourly workers in the United States could be eligible for the program, which pays upfront tuition for employees taking online classes starting this fall.

Disney initially will invest \$50 million into the "Disney Aspire" program and up to \$25 million a year after that, the company said.

"We can't wait to see what paths our cast members take with Disney Aspire," the company said in a blog post.

Disney joins other large corporations that have begun paying tuition for workers in a job market with historically low unemployment. In May, Walmart said it will offer workers the chance to get a college degree at three universities with online programs.

Starbucks partnered with Arizona State University to offer tuition coverage for U.S. workers earning a bachelor's degree.

Disney is rolling out its program in phases, with the first limited to online classes. In-classroom courses could be added if there's demand for them, a spokeswoman said.

WASHINGTON

Trump awards posthumous Medal of Honor

An Air Force sergeant who gave his life while trying to rescue a Navy SEAL in Afghanistan was awarded the Medal of Honor on Wednesday by President Donald Trump, who lauded the airman's "final act of supreme courage."

Trump presented the nation's highest military honor to the widow of Tech. Sgt. John A. Chapman, of Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

The East Room of the White House erupted in an uncharacteristic burst of piercing whistles and hoots after Valerie Neusel accepted the framed medal suspended from a light blue ribbon on behalf of her late husband, and she and her immediate family joined Trump on the dais.

Chapman joined the Air Force in 1985, and Trump said he volunteered to go to Afghanistan soon after deadly terrorist attacks on New York and Washington on Sept. 11, 2001, the worst ever on U.S. soil. The attacks were planned in Afghanistan.

In Afghanistan in March 2002, while carrying out a mission to establish an observation post atop Takur Ghar mountain, the Chinook helicopter carrying Chapman and his joint special operations teammates came under heavy machine-gun fire and was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade.

Where will federal prosecutors turn next?

By Tom Hays and
Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The guilty plea of President Donald Trump's former lawyer, Michael Cohen, may not mean it's "case closed" for federal prosecutors in Manhattan.

Those prosecutors scrambled to get a plea deal done to avoid appearances that news of it could influence the midterm elections. And they were mum Wednesday about what might come next.

But court papers filed this week point to several avenues of further investigation for a U.S. Attorney's office known for its appetite for high-profile public corruption cases — with the Trump Organization, National Enquirer parent company American Media Inc. and perhaps even Trump himself as potential targets.

"It's hard for me to think that they're done," said Glen Kopp, a former Manhattan federal prosecutor now in private practice. "If they smell something, they're like a dog with a bone. They're going to keep going."

Court papers filed with Cohen's plea to eight

counts including tax evasion and campaign-finance violations cited involvement of unnamed corporate executives in schemes to pay two women to keep quiet about claims they had affairs with Trump. The papers didn't name the executives or their companies, though it was clear they were referring to the Trump Organization and AMI.

In one instance, AMI conspired with Cohen to pay \$150,000 to former Playboy Playmate Karen McDougal, the papers said. Cohen paid another \$130,000 to porn star Stormy Daniels using a sham home equity loan before he was reimbursed through the Trump Organization using false invoices, the papers add.

Cohen, in his plea, said

that it was all done with the knowledge and at the direction of a "candidate for federal office" — obviously meaning Trump. But whether Trump or anyone else involved with those transactions broke the law remains an open question.

Prosecutors made it clear that Cohen was not acting alone in the payouts to McDougal and Daniels, saying Cohen teamed up with AMI's chairman and chief executive and one or more members of Trump's campaign in August 2015 — two months after Trump announced his candidacy — to help fend off negative stories about Trump's relationships with women.

According to court papers, Cohen in January 2017 sought reimbursement for the \$130,000 pay-

ment to Daniels and another \$50,000 spent on "tech services" from the Trump Organization. Prosecutors wrote that executives of the company "grossed up" for tax purposes his \$180,000 request by doubling it to \$360,000 before tacking on a \$60,000 bonus.

The company then arranged to pay Cohen the \$420,000 in monthly installments of \$35,000 throughout 2017 as if he was on a retainer for legal expenses, which is how the Trump Organization accounted for them, prosecutors said.

"In truth and in fact, there was no such retainer agreement, and the monthly invoices Cohen submitted were not in connection with any legal services he had provided in 2017," they said.

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Texas Roadhouse



"Legendary food and legendary service." It's a motto that Texas Roadhouse follows by every day to make customers in Midland and all of their other locations happy with freshly made food and great service that goes towards making a great night out for customers.

Aaron Battles, Managing Partner with Texas Roadhouse in Midland, said the restaurant's employees help play a big role in the success of the business.

"We've been very lucky to have some of the best employees, servers, cooks and others who work really hard for us. We treat them really well, they treat our customers really well and it helps make this a great place to go out for a meal," said Battles.

The Midland location has around 120 employees, including several who have long tenures of five to 10 years at the restaurant, Battles said. In a place like Midland and the Permian Basin where it can be difficult to find employees and keep adequate staffing levels, having a dedicated staff of employees is more key than ever to keeping things successful each and every day.

"Our success, in my mind, is contributed to greatly by our employees who help make this all work. We want customers to come in and have a great time while enjoying quality food and quality service," he said. "Many of our guests pull me aside to tell me how much they appreciate our friendly and timely service. We strive to be the friendliest place in Midland."

Texas Roadhouse has won several awards from the Midland Reporter-Telegram's Readers' Choice Awards other the past several years. This year, the restaurant won 2018 Readers' Choice Gold Awards in categories including best appetizers, best

full-service restaurant and best steak.

The food at Texas Roadhouse is a big draw for the local community looking to enjoy a nice steak or ribs after a long day at work. Battles noted the hard work by meat cutters Marty Espinoza and Lorie Ramirez who



spend their time in a 34-degree meat room crafting the hand-cut steaks that are displayed near the front and ultimately end up on the plates of customers. Add to that their famous rolls with cinnamon butter and the endless amount of plate options including steaks, chicken, ribs, fish, country dinner plates, appetizers and much more, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Texas Roadhouse also focuses on playing a large role in the community through their work with non-profits and local organizations. The restaurant regularly participates in fundraisers and volunteers in helping give back to the community. Organizations can reach out to the restaurant and see about opportunities to work together, Battles said.

Texas Roadhouse

Visit their Midland location at 4512 W. Loop 250 N.

Customers can call for call ahead seating at

(432) 689-7427 or visit their website at

www.texasroadhouse.com/restaurant-locations/texas/midland



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TODAY



SCI-FI LAUGHS The crew takes on the sci-fi space opera "Krull" in this latest installment of RiftTrax Live at Regal Tall City Stadium. 7 p.m. with an encore screening at 12:55 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY MUMMERTIME The countdown is on. The final month of the 70th season of Summer Mummertime with the baseball-themed melodrama "Diabolical Deeds on the Diamond or Wait — Was that a Squirrel in the Infield?" at the Yucca Theatre. 8 p.m.

SATURDAY OFF TO MARKET The Midland Downtown Farmers Market features a variety of vendors along with Music on the Porch, DELL educational workshops and onsite food trucks at the Museum of the Southwest. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

PAGE TURNER Join Basin PBS for a new Great American Read read-in at Barnes and Noble. The event will also feature a book fair so you can add to your personal library. Find fair vouchers online at basinpbs.org. 2-4 p.m.

SUNDAY GUN SHOW Lacy J. Pilares and Fitness Studio gives you one more chance to tone those arms before summer ends with its Barre30, Triceps and Biceps class. Swing around some kettlebells and hand weights to get those guns ready for fall. 3:15 p.m.



DUST STORM Classic rock band Kansas fills the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center with their new album "Carry On My Wayward Son" and the West Texas-appropriate "Dust in the Wind." 7:30 p.m.

MOVIES Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14 Opening: "2001: A Space Odyssey (IMAX)," "A.X.L.," "Beautifully Broken," "The Happytime Murders." Closing: "Dog Days," "Mamma Mia Here We Go Again," "Pandas," "The Spy Who Dumped Me."

CINERGY CINEMAS Opening: "A.X.L.," "The Happytime Murders." Closing: "Mission: Impossible: Fallout."

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

COMING SOON Belinda Davis stars in the tribute show "The Greatest Love of All: The Whitney Houston Show" Aug. 30 at the Wagner Noel. Tickets are now available at wagnernoel.com.

Parker McCollum kicks off the Midland County Fair with his pure country

NEXT BIG THING



By Rich Lopez
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Cotton candy, ferris wheels and rodeo highlight much of the Midland County Fair which opens today at 5:30 p.m. at the Horseshoe. But perhaps the real kick-

off is Austin-based singer Parker McCollum and his opening night concert at the amphitheater. After garnering attention from "Rolling Stone" and having impact on the Billboard charts, McCollum is looking to be the next big thing in Texas Country.

But first, he's playing catch-up. "All of his has happened so quick," he said. "I'm really still learning a lot about songwriting and making records."

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Rock the Desert: No Fear To Midland County Fair runs today through Sunday at the Horseshoe Complex.

Hours 5 p.m. midnight today and Friday. 10 a.m. midnight Saturday. Noon-8 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets General admission is \$5, unless otherwise noted. Corporate wristbands are \$10, or four for \$80 with coupon. Individual carnival tickets are \$1 for rides.

Live entertainment (select schedule)

Today 7 p.m. Gospel Music Night with Peris Evans and the Goodwin Baptist Church Choir on the Pavilion Community Stage. 7 p.m. Parker McCollum at the amphitheater.

Friday 9:15 p.m. Laser Light Spectacular at the amphitheater. 9:15 p.m. Concert.

Saturday 11 a.m. Little Mix. Midland County Fair at the Pavilion Community Stage.

9:15 p.m. Laser Light Spectacular at the amphitheater. 9:15 p.m. Concert.

Sunday 3 p.m. Chorus Extravaganza with Timber 220. Noche in the main arena.

Select special features The Cool Zone with restaurants, Wi-Fi and charging stations. The Creative Arts display, and winners will be featured with the new Farmers Market, community service organizations, the contest corner and more.

Petting zoo with live stock and exotic animals.

Food and drink options include the Beer Garden, Cotton Candy and Food Truck Alley.

Children's activities include the Buggy Race, Camp Adventure and the Desert Dig.

The Lone Star Wars exhibition featuring the mashup art of Star Wars and Lone Star Beer by Lone County.

For a full schedule, visit midlandcountyfair.com.

HEAT INDEX: Lyle Lovett, Puddle of Mudd bring different sounds to the Wagner Noel

By Rich Lopez
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LYLE LOVETT AND HIS LARGE BAND AT THE WAGNER NOEL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

With that voice and that haircut, but mostly those songs, Lyle Lovett has been a Texas treasure for more than 30 years. The Kleinfather returns to Midland with his magical mix of country and blues and jazz from his vast, eclectic catalog of music.

8 p.m. today at 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$42-\$72. wagnernoel.com.

THE NIGHT MARKET RETURNS TO DOWNTOWN

Kick off the weekend with some shopping, drinks and food all in one place — and we don't mean the mall. The Urban Market returns with its pop-up of local vendors and small businesses. The family- and pet-friendly event also features food by Bus 22, music and adult beverages.

7-11 p.m. Friday at The Urban Market, 312 N. Colorado St.

"CELEBRATE TEXAS" AT THE ELLEN NOEL ART MUSEUM

There are just four days left to see this exhibition of Texas art and fashion. The two-part exhibition gives attention to Texas artists from the 1850s to the 1940s including handcrafted silver and pottery. Fashion is

the focus of the other half of the show with a stunning display of gowns and wardrobe pieces by Texas designers, including dresses worn by former Gov. Ann Richards and former first lady Laura Bush. The show also includes designs by "Project Runway" contestants. The show closes Sunday.

Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. today, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday at 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

HAPPY HIPS AT DHARMA ART

This isn't a Shakira dance class, but the hips don't lie if you sit all day at work. So, loosen them up with this hip opening class led by Jessica Smith. The class will show how to release lower body stress and tightness. Then shimmy on out of there with your new happy hips.

6-7 p.m. Saturday at 2034 W. Cuthbert Ave. \$10. mydharmaart.com.

RESURRECTION TOUR 2018 AT WAGNER NOEL

A heavy lineup of metal hits Midland on Saturday. Puddle of Mudd headlines the night but getting there will be a hard rock thrill with an impressive roster of fellow acts. Saliva, Tantric, Shallow Side and Sons of Texas share the stage all night long.

6:30 p.m. Saturday. \$35-\$65. wagnernoel.com.



Cheap puppet laughs don't help 'The Happytime Murders'

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

It's almost reassuring that in today's often sanitized, assembly-line mainstream moviemaking that a film can be as crude, as off-brand and as bad as "The Happytime Murders." Almost.

Starring Melissa McCarthy in a seedy, half-human, half-puppet Los Angeles, "The Happytime Murders" is an R-rated, adult-themed puppet adventure from Brian Henson, son of Jim. That in itself isn't terrible. The elder Henson himself had adult aspirations for the Muppets. (They were, awkwardly, a part of the first season of "Saturday Night Live.") From Edgar Bergen's dummies to "Avenue Q" to "Team America" the thrill of puppets saying what they shouldn't has long held some amusement.

But the humor of "The Happytime Murders," a Jim Henson Co. production featuring a new species of Muppet dubbed Miskreants, is so stale that I suspect even those bitter balcony critics Statler and Waldorf wouldn't bother heckling it. "Happytime Murders" has been promoted as "No Sesame, All Street," a tagline that resulted in a lawsuit from PBS (it was dismissed). And Henson (who directed "The Muppet Christmas Carol" and "Muppet Treasure Island") seems to think the film can coast by purely on cheap giggles from puppets browbeating for porn, snorting glitter through Twizzlers and being blown into

clouds of cotton.

It can't. The result is a low point for the Jim Henson Co., a dispiriting and unmitigated misfire whose only upside is that it shows a sloppy, ill-considered movie can still get made, despite today's quality controls.

"The Happytime Murders" is dispiriting not because it's crude but because it's so empty of wit, despite the comic firepower of McCarthy, Maya Rudolph and Elizabeth Banks — a trio not in need of puppet assistance. Yet the film's clash of cute and coarse makes the tonal mash-up "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" look comparatively seamless.

And like "Roger Rabbit," "The Happytime Murders" is a detective tale: a film noir with felt. Phil Phillips (puppeteer Bill Barretta) is a private eye like most before him — a cynical ex-cop with Venetian shades in his office — only Phil differs in that he's occasionally mistaken for a blue sock.

In "The Happytime Murders," the puppets are second-class citizens with few rights of their own, though more freedom than when they were earlier forced to be entertainers. "Times have changed," Phil tells a sidewalk performer. "You don't have to sing and dance for the man anymore." To make it in Hollywood, some puppets, like Phil's brother, resort to bleaching their skin and donning more human-like noses.

Phil finds himself on the trail of a

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ART & DANCE

CLOSING: "Celebrate Texas" features Texas artists with a variety of medium including fashion, painting, sculpture and more through Sunday. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

Learn to Letter by Poppy-Cox Ink. This workshop covers cardmaking and hand lettering. 7-8:30 p.m. Saturday at Bean and Grape, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. poppycoxin.com.

West Texas Legends in Line dance classes. 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday at Love to Dance Studio, 2817 JBS Parkway. \$5. loveto-dancestudio.com.

Art Smart acrylic painting with Sue Daniel. The project will be Claude Monet's "Bouquet of Sunflowers" painted in 1881. All the materials are provided. 9 a.m. Monday at Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. \$15. seniorcentermidland.org.

Palette Club Painting. 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays at the Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

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

West Texas Legends in Line dancing classes for all levels, 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. meetups.com/crossingthelinewesttexas.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Midland Downtown Lions Club, 200 Plaza St. \$6. For more information, call 432-638-3707.

Visions 2018: "Places and Things." This exhibit features works by Midland artist Maggie Walker-Nelson. The show is on display through Sept. 9. 6 p.m. Friday at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

Artwork by Catherine Allen. On display through Sept. 30. Hours are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays at The Black Hen Gallery, 2034 W. Cuthbert Ave. mydharmaart.com.

Artist of the Quarter featuring works by Linda Cook Stevens of Fort Davis. Hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

2018 Contemporary Series: "Sara Drescher: Resonance." On display through Nov. 11. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

CLASSES, LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

Immunization Journaling. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Mid-Cities Community Church, 3309 Neely Ave. \$59. joystarthere.com/midland.

Crochet with Kasia. Supplies included with class fee. 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Dharma Arts, 2034 W. Cuthbert Ave. \$25. mydharmaart.com.

Open Shop Nights are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. 6:30-9 p.m. Monday at 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.

Learn English: Classes for adults. Fee covers materials required for class. Through Nov. 15 at Midland Need to Read. \$25. Register online at midlandneedtoread.org.

Writing for Fun 10 a.m. Tuesday at Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. seniorcentermidland.org.

Legal Aid on Services. Legal Aid of Northwest Texas will provide information about services it offers, including free civil legal assistance to low-income Texans. 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. seniorcentermidland.org.

Quilting Bee with the Midland Quilters Guild. Some supplies provided; additional supplies are welcome. Register online. 1-5 p.m. Wednesday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250. dqrg.com/midlandquilters.

Babies You Say I Do Fall 2018. This ceremony celebrates the fall wedding season. Free child care provided. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Oct. 10 at Kahler Heights Baptist Church, 602 W. Schuler Drive. Free bus registration is required by emailing w@kahlerheights.org.

COMEDY, FILM, STAGE

Live! Trax Live: "Kruell." The RuffTrax crew takes on the sci-fi space opera. 7 p.m. today, encore screening 12:35 p.m. Saturday at Regal Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. \$13.50. fathom-events.com.

The 70th Season of Summer Musicals: "Diabolical Deeds on the Diamond or Walk - Was that a Squid in the Infield?" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Sept. 1 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. \$12-\$25. MCTmidland.org.

Movie Under the Stars: "David and Goliath." Rated R and for 18 and older. Refreshments and snacks provided. 8:45 p.m. Friday at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

"Rudy." The title character is determined to play football for Notre Dame in this 25th anniversary celebration of the film. 2 and 7 p.m. Tuesday at Regal Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. \$13.50. fathomevents.com.

Dome shows: "Secret Lives of Stars," 3 p.m. Sunday and 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; "Zula Patrol," 1 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Balamore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

EVENTS

Four to Sixer Mixer by VisitMidland. 4-6 p.m. today at Kojack's Poker Club, 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave.

The ninth annual Midland County Fair 5-11:45 p.m. today and Friday, 10 a.m.-11:45 p.m. Saturday, noon-8 p.m. Sunday at the Midland County Horseshoe, 2514 Arena Trail. \$5. midlandfair.com.

Hill Park Block Party hosted by Redeemer Midland. Open to the public. 6:30 p.m. today at 1301 W. Cuthbert Ave. Free.

The Great American Road read-in and book fair. 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble, 2617 W. Loop 250 N.

The third annual Black the Red and Blue in the 432. The event celebrates and recognizes local first responders. There will be food, bake sale, games, karaoke and more. 2-8 p.m. Saturday at American Legion Post 19, 501 Veterans Airport Lane.

State of the Nonprofits with keynote speaker Dr. Steven H. Mandel. 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St. stateofthenonprofits.org.

We Honor Veterans Lunch and Learn with guest speaker Sgt. Joseph Gonzalez of the U.S. Marine Corps. Open to the public. 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave. RSVP by emailing rberman@hospiceofmidland.org.

Shot and Chip Clinic by Midland Humane Coalition. Shots and microchipping available for dogs and cats. 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Uptown Park, 2700 W. Kentucky Ave. midlandhumane.org.

FAMILY AND YOUTH

"Curious George: Let's Get Curious!" is based on the familiar characters in H.A. and Margaret Ray's stories and inspired by the animated PBS television series. Free 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, Saturday through Sept. 9 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

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

Family Fun Night with a movie screening and snow cones. 6 p.m. Friday at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave.

Youth Movie Night. 7-10 p.m. Saturday at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

Music and Movement Baby Storytime features songs and stories for ages birth to 2. 10:30 a.m. Mondays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers. 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Storytime at the Library. 10:30 a.m. (birth-3 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years) Wednesdays. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space. Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Wednesday Storytime with crafts for preschool children. 11 a.m. weekly at Barnes and Noble, 2617 West Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.



FOOD AND DRINK

Steak Night Done Right. 5-10 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 30 at Mac's Bar-B-Q and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave.

Pasta Night. 6 p.m. Thursdays at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

Thursday Night Dinner with live music. 7 p.m. Thursdays at Cafe Alldredge, 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road. alldredgegardens.com.

Beef Rib Night. 5 p.m. Fridays through Nov. 30 at True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway.

Friday Night Fish Fry. 6 p.m. Fridays at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

Night Market featuring food by Bus 22 and local vendors. 7-11 p.m. Friday at The Urban Market, 312 N. Colorado St.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market celebrates its 11th season. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

YMCA Meets Midland: Cooking for a Cause. This inaugural fundraiser is a cook-off event for teams and features live music, family entertainment and more. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. General admission is \$10 adults, \$5 children. To register a team, call 432-682-2551. midlandymca.org.

Steak Night. 6 p.m. Saturdays at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

Pint Nights featuring \$1 pints. 5-9 p.m. Sundays and Wednesdays through Sept. 30 at Double Dave's Midland, 3208 N. Loop 250 W.

GAMES

Blingo Nights. The American Legion Auxiliary hosts weekly play throughout the week. 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 4 p.m. Sundays, 501 Veterans Airport Lane. 482-5511.

Bridge lessons with Sara Cantrell. 10 a.m. Friday at Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. Free.

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

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Fridays at The Dancer, 1709 Rankin Hwy.

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

Yagloh tournaments. 6-10 p.m. Saturdays at Entertainment, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave. \$5.

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

Bridge games 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. \$1. For more information call 482-8595.

Monday Playroom features unlimited bowling for \$14.99 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlers, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlers.com.

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Bush Burger House, 487 N. Colorado St.

Two-Dealer Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, refreshments and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlers, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlers.com.

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

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m. Wednesdays at Torino's, 3303 N. Midland Road. challengeentertainment.com.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Treating and Reversing Heart Disease by the Lifestyle Medicine Center. 6-7 p.m. today at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, 4214 Andrews Highway. \$5. Eventbrite.com.

Fit Camp. 7 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 27 at Uplift Nutrition, 510 S. Big Spring St. Free.

Free Yoga. Open class; bring mats. 9 a.m. Saturday at Uptown Universal Church of Midland, 3301 Neely Ave. Free.

Happy Hips: Hip Opening with Jessica Smith. The class will show how to reduce hip tightness and pain. 6-7 p.m. Saturday at Dharma Arts, 2034 W. Cuthbert Ave. \$10. mydharmaart.com.

Barre30: Triceps and Biceps. This class will use kettlebells and hand weights for an arm-toning session. 3:15 p.m. Sunday at Lacy Pileas and Fitness Studio, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. \$5. lacypileas.com.

Gentle Healing Yoga. This weekly yoga camp is open to all survivors of cancer. Led by Anne Lucero. 5:30 p.m. Mondays at Yoga Sanctuary, 4202 Dawn Circle. Free. 575-937-3609.

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Lyle Lovett and His Large Band. 8 p.m. today at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road. 1788. \$42-\$72. wagnernoel.com.

COUNTRY

Keeping Harvey Company. 7 p.m. today at Mac's Bar-B-Q and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave. macstexasbbq.com.

The Electric Cowboys. 8 p.m. today at Rockin' Radio, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinradio.com.

Drew Moreland. 9 p.m. Friday at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

COVER/TRIBUTE

Party on the Patio with live music. 7:30-10:30 p.m. Fridays at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

Funfest. 9 p.m. Saturday at Midland Bear Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80.

Party on the Patio with live music and food truck. 5 p.m. Wednesdays at Shack in the Back, 11610 W. Highway 80, Odessa.

DJ/DANCE

DJ Bryan. 9 p.m. Thursdays at Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive.

Back to School Party. 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Reserve (inside the DoubleTree), 117 W. Wall St. \$5.

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

DJ Boris. 9 p.m. Friday at Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive. \$10.

DJ Joel. 9 p.m. Saturdays at Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive. \$10.

@WagnerNoel. 7 p.m. Sunday at Arizon Lounge, 3704 W. Wall St.

FOLK/ SINGER-SONWRITER

Friday Night Live: Colton Post. 7 p.m. Friday at Mac's Bar-B-Q and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana

COMING SOON

AUGUST

Town Hall with senatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke. 5-7 p.m. Aug. 30 at Grand Texan Hotel and Convention Center, 4300 W. Wall St.

Midland RockHounds play the San Antonio Missions. 7 p.m. Aug. 30-31 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Way. \$10-\$16. midlandrockhounds.org.

The Midlandaires. 7 p.m. Aug. 30 at Mac's Bar-B-Q and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave. macstexasbbq.com.

"The Greatest Love of All: The Whitney Houston Show" with Belinda Davis. 8 p.m. Aug. 30 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road. \$25-\$65. Wagner-noel.com.

Permian Basin Fair and Expo. Aug. 31-Sept. 9 at Ector County Coliseum. \$10 general admission, \$8 seniors and children. PBFair.com.

Craig Elliott. 7 p.m. Aug. 31 at Mac's Bar-B-Q and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave. macstexasbbq.com.

SEPTEMBER

Midland RockHounds play the Frisco Roughriders. 7 p.m. Sept. 1 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Way. \$10-\$16. midlandrockhounds.org.

West Texas Talent Search Semi-Finals. 8-10:30 p.m. Sept. 1 at MCH Grande Hotel and RUNDome, 6201 E. Business 20, Odessa. \$10. Westtexas talent.com.

Midland RockHounds play the Frisco Roughriders. 2 p.m. Sept. 2-3 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Way. \$10-\$16. midlandrockhounds.org.

Plant-based Cooking: Dinner: Indian Cuisine by Healthy City. 6-8 p.m. Sept. 6 at Miller's Gymnastics Academy, 1600 Idlewild Drive. \$10. Facebook: @ourhealthycity.

Happy Hour pet mixer by Midland Humane Coalition. 6:30 p.m. Sept. 6 at Midland Bear Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. midlandhumane.org.

SeptemberFest 2018: The Grand Exhibition preview party with the festivities held in the Turner Mansion and under the big top tent on the front lawn. 7-11 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. \$100. museumsw.org.

First Friday Family Game Night by Permian Basin LGBTQ (plus). Board games and movies screen for all ages. 7-10 p.m. Sept. 7 at Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Desaville Road. pjbgbtq.org.

Yuhua Harnasaid from "Rufus's Drag Race." 8 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Recovery Room, 2802 N. County Road West, Odessa. \$10.

"Close the Musical." 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Opens Sept. 7 and runs through Sept. 29 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. \$28. mct-midland.org.

SeptemberFest 2018: The Grand Exhibition. The 49th annual juried art festival will feature artists' booths, food, crafts, live music and more. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 8 and noon-5 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. \$5 adults, \$3 children. Museumsw.org.

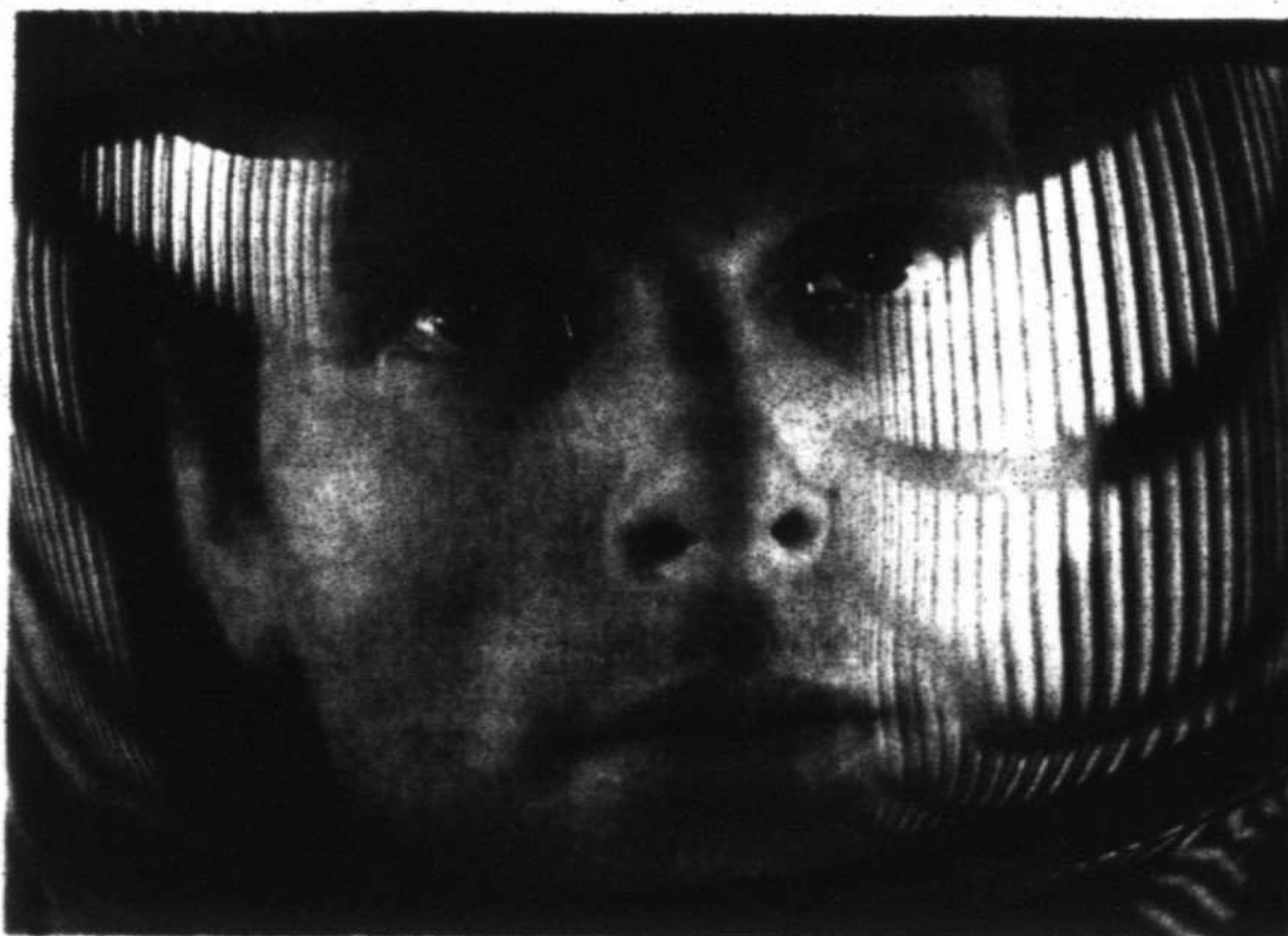
Boutique and Junk on the Farm vendor event. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 8 at Fiddlers Rigs, 5610 E. County Road 120.

Dining in the Dark: A Unique Culinary Experience. This fundraiser features dinner with blindfolded or glasses to simulate experiences of those who are blind or have visual impairment. The event also features a cork pull and auction. Hosted by the Recording Library of West Texas. 5:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at The Garlic Press, 2200 W. Wadley Ave. \$250. recordinglibrary.org.

MOBC Masterworks "Leonard Bernstein at 100." 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road. 1788. MOBC.org.

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ON SCREEN



Stanley Kubrick's '2001: A Space Odyssey' makes IMAX debut

From staff reports

Continuing the 50th anniversary celebration of Stanley Kubrick's science fiction masterpiece "2001: A Space Odyssey," Warner Bros. Pictures is bringing the film to more than 350 IMAX theatres across North America for one week only, beginning Friday.

This is the first time that moviegoers will have the

opportunity to view the film on the largest possible screen. Local showings will be at Regal Tall City Stadium.

The IMAX engagement comes on the heels of the widely successful "unrestored" 70mm film release of "2001: A Space Odyssey," which was overseen by filmmaker Christopher Nolan, director of the "Dark Knight" trilogy, "Inception," "Dunkirk"

and a longtime admirer of Kubrick.

Considered among the greatest films of the 20th century, "2001: A Space Odyssey" was released on April 4, 1968. It was directed and produced by Kubrick from a screenplay he co-wrote with science fiction author Arthur C. Clarke. The film stars Keir Dullea and Gary Lockwood.

CBS' 'The Big Bang Theory' to end in 2019 after 12 seasons

Associated Press

NEW YORK — CBS says the upcoming 12th season of "The Big Bang Theory" will be the last. It's the most popular comedy on television.

The series began about geeky physicist roommates portrayed by Jim Parsons and Johnny Galecki and expanded to include their friends, girlfriends and then wives. Other stars include Mayim Bialik and Kaley Cuoco. Parsons' work on the show has earned him four Emmy awards and a Golden Globe. CBS also airs a prequel about his character called "Young Sheldon."

There's also a UCLA scholarship created by and named for the series to support undergrad study in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Season 12 of "Big Bang" premieres Sept. 24.

Wahlberg and Berg's 'Mile 22' is a dizzying assault

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

Mark Wahlberg's "Mile 22" character James Silva has a tick where he snaps a yellow rubber bracelet against his wrist. He does this many, many times throughout this all-out assault of a movie, which seems to have been shot and edited with the singular purpose of leaving the audience confused and disoriented at every turn. This restless camera can't even hold still during a simple scene of dialogue, changing focus every two seconds — eyes, off-center face, hands, blood pressure monitor, and on and on.

That snapping sound is actually one of the more orienting things. Ah yes, you think, it's Silva calming his mind, which is apparently quicker than most people's resulting in both extreme intelligence and extreme anger, or so we're told in a similarly frenetic opening credits sequence with a lot of voiceovers. His mother gave him the bracelet so that he could snap it as a reminder to pause. While that's nice for Silva, it's also incredibly annoying for the audience.

On a broad scale, this movie is about counterterrorism efforts and trying to predict the unpredictable. There's a nuclear substance at large which, if released into the atmosphere, would be like "Hiroshima and Nagasaki combined" and all you need is "a kid with an envelope" on a street

corner to release it. A man, Li Noor (the incredible martial arts stuntman Iko Uwais) comes to a U.S. Embassy saying he has the locations of the missing substance but will only give them up in exchange for asylum. So Silva and his paramilitary CIA unit, including Lauren Cohan, Ronda Rousey and Carlo Alban, all quit their jobs and become "ghosts" to take on the extremely dangerous operation of transporting Li 22 miles to a plane that will get him to the U.S. Overwatch is a "higher form of patriotism," John Malkovich's director-type opines to no one in particular.

"Mile 22" is one of the more disappointing collaborations between Wahlberg and director Peter Berg, who also made "Lone Survivor" (a similar assault), the self-aggrandizing "Patriots Day," and the quite thrilling and underappreciated "Deepwater Horizon." "Mile 22" is the first that wasn't ripped from the headlines. It's a clear attempt at a franchise, and while this shadowy unit of operatives seems as fair game as any, Silva is a horrifyingly bad character, poorly developed and with no redeemable qualities who only ever seems to be shouting insults at all of his co-workers. They never seem all that fazed by it though. Is Silva just a maniac they tolerate? Did they all realize he's all bark and no bite? Doesn't that undermine his character from the get-go?

This is all too bad, because there are genuinely interesting elements about this film, like how at least 50 percent of the humans here, from intelligence officers, to code breakers, to ambassadors, are women. Not that that should be notable, but it is. Also Uwais has one truly stunning action sequence involving a gurney that is not to be missed. But the rest of the action is so obscured you're not even sure who or what you're watching most of the time. The only time it slows down is to show some of the most gruesome ways to kill someone that have been committed to screen this year (like how about dragging someone's neck across the jagged edges of a shattered car window over and over? That one got one of the biggest groans I've ever heard from an audience).

The script has a few surprises in store, but it's all too little too late even at a brisk 90 minutes. For a movie so excited to tell a story about the CIA's "most highly-prized and least understood unit," it sure doesn't do much to ensure you leave any more informed than you were when you sat down.

"Mile 22," an STX Entertainment release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "strong violence and language throughout." Running time: 90 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

The Midland County Hospital District conducted public hearings on August 14, 2018 and August 22, 2018 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Midland County Hospital District from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5.64 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.129994 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$31,858,725.

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The Board of Directors of Midland County Hospital District is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on August 30, 2018 at the Midland Memorial Hospital Board Room, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas at 11:45 a.m.

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ON SCREEN

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"A.X.L." (PG) A young man bonds with an AWOL robotic dog created by the government, whose code name stands for attack, exploration and logistics. With Alex Neustaedter, Thomas Jane, Becky G. Written and directed by Oliver Daly.

"BlackKkKlansman" (R) Colorado Springs' first black policeman goes undercover with his partner to infiltrate the Ku Klux Klan. With John David Washington, Adam Driver, Laura Harrier, Tophér Grace. Written by Charlie Wachtel, David Rabinowitz, Kevin Willmott, Spike Lee; based on a book by Ron Stallworth. Directed by Lee.

"Christopher Robin" (PG) Winnie the Pooh's friend, now grown, is stressed-out and overwhelmed by life, but his childhood stuffed animals band together to help him find his way. With Ewan McGregor, Hayley Atwell, Bronie Carmichael, Mark Gatiss and voices by Jim Cummings, Chris O'Dowd, Brad Garrett, Toby Jones, Nick Mohammed, Peter Capaldi, Sophie Okonedo. Written by Alex Ross Perry and Allison Schroeder, story by Perry, based on characters created by A.A. Milne. Directed by Marc Forster.

"Crazy Rich Asians" (PG-13) An Asian-American New Yorker's first trip to Asia is complicated by her longtime boyfriend's status as one of Singapore's most desirable bachelors and his judgmental mother. With Constance Wu, Gemma Chan, Lisa Lu, Awkwafina, Henry Golding, Sonoya Mizuno, Chris Pang, Jimmy O. Yang, Ken Jeong, Michelle Yeoh. Written by Peter Chiarelli and Adele Lim, based on the novel by Kevin Kwan. Directed by Jon M. Chu.

"The Equalizer 2" (R) Denzel Washington is back

as the former CIA black ops agent delivering vigilante justice for those in need. With Pedro Pascal, Ashton Sanders, Bill Pullman, Melissa Leo. Written by Richard Wenk, based on the television series created by Michael Sloan and Richard Lindheim. Directed by Antoine Fuqua.

"The Happytime Murders" (R) Two detectives — one puppet, one human — investigate the murders of the cast of a once-popular TV puppet show. With Melissa McCarthy, Maya Rudolph, Joel McHale, Elizabeth Banks. Written by Todd Berger, story by Berger, Dee Austin Robertson. Directed by Brian Henson.

"Incredibles 2" (PG) Mr. Incredible stays home with the kids while Elastigirl is pressed into hero action to save the day. Voice cast includes Holly Hunter, Craig T. Nelson, Samuel L. Jackson, Sophia Bush, Huck Milner, Sarah Vowell. Written and directed by Brad Bird.

"The Meg" (PG-13) A 75-foot-long prehistoric shark attacks a deep-sea submersible necessitating a rescue operation at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. With Jason Statham, Li Bingbing, Rainn Wilson, Ruby Rose, Winston Chao, Cliff Curtis. Written by Dean Georgaris, Jon Hoeber, Erich Hoeber, based on the novel by Steve Alten. Directed by Jon Turteltaub.

"Mile 22" (R) Mark Wahlberg stars as the leader of a secret mission to sneak an enigmatic law enforcement official to safety. With Lauren Cohan, Iko Uwais, Ronda Rousey and John Malkovich. Written by Graham Roland, Lea Carpenter. Directed by Peter Berg.

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Touching, emotional 'The Rider' is stunning

Know your marvel history for Avengers: Infinity War

PICK O' THE WEEK

"The Rider" (R) Young newcomer Brady Jandreau is a former rodeo bronco rider who suffered a career-ending head injury when a horse stomped on his skull. In "The Rider," he plays Brady Blackburn, a rodeo bronco buster grappling with his future after he suffers a head injury. There are no actors in this film and, according to Jandreau, about 60 percent of the scenes in the movie actually happened. His family and friends are played by his family and friends, including Lane Scott, a former bull rider who has very little motor function or ability to talk. In real-life, Scott was a star college bull rider injured in a car wreck. The horse-training scenes were shot in real time by director Chloé Zhao, the acclaimed filmmaker of "Songs My Brothers Taught Me." She has crafted a truly stunning film with "The Rider." Shot in South Dakota, the stark but beautiful landscape is as integral to the story as any character. A

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"The China Salesman" (unrated) I have no sane excuse for watching this movie. I didn't pay attention to the cover or artwork, so I didn't know it was a Steven Seagal movie until I watched the opening credits. Seagal and this feature of my column are old pals. His "work" has appeared within the confines of this space many times, and I promised myself I wasn't going to put

Reeled Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

myself through the agony of watching another of his films. But as it started, I noticed Mike Tyson also was featured in the "film." About 20 minutes in, a scene occurred I thought would be saved for the end — the fight between their characters — and even that was a joke. I managed to endure about another 20 minutes. I couldn't take anymore. So, if there is another fight between them, I missed it. And that's something I recommend to even the most devoted Seagal fan: missing it. F

MORE REVIEWS

"Avengers: Infinity War" (PG-13) Despite its 149-minute runtime, there are so many characters to keep up with — knowing your Marvel history would be quite beneficial — and so much back story to all those characters that the best experience would require a thorough knowledge of the Marvel Universe. Even without it, though, this one is quite spectacular. A-

"Bad Company" (unrated) Even if you can buy the premise that a group of troubled teens can save the world from terrorists looking to dump nuclear waste in the water supply, nothing in the film from the storyline to the acting — especially the hilariously long, drawn-out death scenes — will convince

you. D

"Higher Power" (R) It's hard to imagine how this story got from stoner revelation to actual production. D

"The Hollow Child" (not rated) How the creepy forest in this film managed to remain intact during the town's urban sprawl is beyond belief. Otherwise, this is a great indie horror film. B

"Incident in a Ghostland" (not rated) Small continuity errors not only indicate laziness by the filmmakers but also their disregard for the viewer's intelligence. There are a lot of "what ifs" and a lot of graphic imagery in this film but it registers pretty high on the creepy scale. B-

"The Jurassic Games" (unrated) The basic premise of offering freedom to condemned prisoners in exchange for playing a game that will result in death for all but one participant is not new (2007's "The Condemned" was one of the first). But this one has a unique twist: The players are in a virtual-reality world where dinosaurs are stalking them. If the contestant dies in the game, he or she is automatically given a lethal injection. Sadly, though, the game doesn't ever use the dinosaurs as creatively

as it should because the players keep killing each other. That might be the more realistic approach but who on earth would be watching a film about killer dinosaurs if they wanted realism? D

"The Lullaby" (unrated) Like countless demon-spawn movies before it, this film had the potential for being a good horror feature. Too many "what ifs" ensure "Rosemary's Baby" is still the reigning champ. D

"Shock and Awe" (R) For a film about journalism, there sure is a lot of biased reporting going on in the story. The film follows Knight-Ridder's coverage of the George W. Bush administration's "weapons of mass destruction" argument for going to war with Iraq. Although the basic facts are presented fairly, the artistic license moments mar the intention. C

"2036: Origin Unknown" (TV-14) A spaceship guided by an AI device runs into trouble when a giant, black monolith is discovered on Mars. That spinning sound you hear throughout the film is Stanley Kubrick rolling in his grave over how blatant this film is about ripping off so badly his "2001: A Space Odyssey." F

"The Yellow Birds" (R) The film doesn't really offer the unique take on the Iraq War that it promises, but it is set apart by some nice performances — particularly those by Toni Collette and Jennifer Aniston. B

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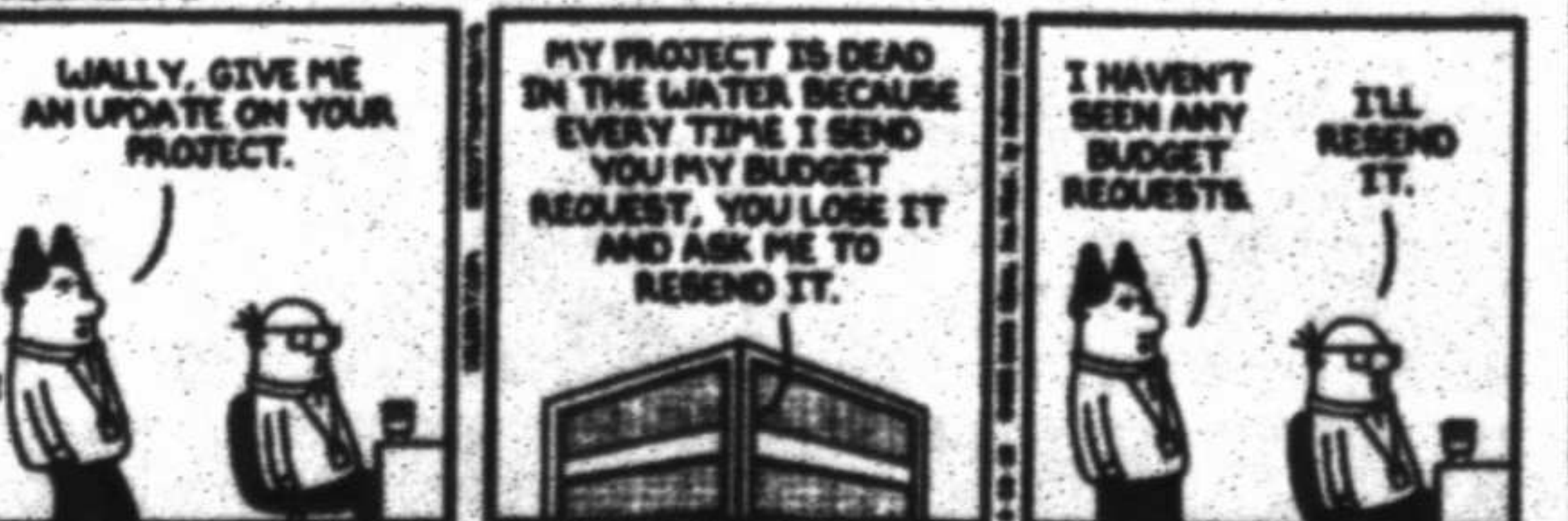
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COYLE

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"Seven"-like killer who is killing all of the stars from a former puppet sitcom, "The Happytime Gang." The case reunites him with his former partner (McCarthy). In their pursuit, the puppet deaths, whether by bullet or dog bite, are frequent and messy. For a movie about the dignity of the puppet in a human world, it derives a lot of glee from seeing them torn to shreds.

Maybe Muppets could make salient sociopolitical metaphors. Maybe letting them run amok in a grown-up world could be funny. Maybe Gonzo's chicken fetish is worth investigation.

But such a parallel universe doesn't exist in "The Happytime Murders,"

which uses its premise for only a parade of ghastly scenes of sex, violence and expletives. None pay off, not even the prolonged finale of a desk-side tryst, complete with a Silly String burst. Despite the (human) comedic talent, only Rudolph lands a single joke.

It's all such a painfully far cry from the heights of the Henson empire. As Rowlf the Dog once sang, "I hope that something better comes along."

"The Happytime Murders," a STX Entertainment release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for strong crude and sexual content and language throughout, "and some drug material." Running time: 91 minutes. One star out of four.

McCOLLUM

From Page 1B

but it's at such a fast pace." Upon his first full-length release "The Limestone Kid" in 2015, McCollum was booked for music festivals around Texas. It was considered the "debut album to beat" by the Austin Chronicle.

The follow-up EP, "Probably Wrong: Session One," was released in June 2017 and debuted at No. 6 on Billboard's Heat-seekers charts. The full album, "Probably Wrong," produced by Grammy-winning Lloyd Maines, was released in November.

Despite his accomplishments, McCollum is still figuring out how it's all happened.

"I really can't take credit for knowing this business. A lot of it has been trusting my gut," he said.



That seems to have worked. This spring, he was signed to an artist's deal with Warner/Chappell Nashville.

"I wasn't seeking a publishing deal, so I didn't know much about it. They saw some potential and

believed in what I was doing," McCollum said. "It was definitely a leap of faith for them to jump on board and help us grow to the next step."

That step is a new album, which he expects to complete early next year.

But for now, he's ready to give it all at tonight's show and the bigger fair crowd on a larger stage.

"The bigger the stage and crowd, the more confident I feel," he said. "Come out and see us take that energy to the next level."

Redbox's Top 10 DVD rentals

The top 10 DVD rentals at Redbox kiosks for the week of Aug. 13:

1. Life of the Party — Warner
2. Breaking In — Universal
3. Avengers: Infinity War — Disney
4. Overboard (2018) — Lionsgate
5. Rampage — Warner
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Rangers go deep twice in 4-2 win over A's

By Michael Wagaman
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Mike Minor pitched six scoreless innings of one-hit ball to win his fourth straight, Joey Gallo hit his 33rd home run and the Texas Rangers snapped out of their offensive slump to avoid a three-game sweep, beating the Oakland Athletics 4-2 on Wednesday.

Adrian Beltre had a pair of RBI singles to help the Rangers end a six-game losing streak to the A's. Jurickson Profar added two hits. Elvis Andrus singled and scored after going hitless in his previous 12 at-bats.

Stephen Piscotty had an RBI double for Oakland, which fell one game behind first-place Houston in

the AL West.

Minor (10-6) was crisp while striking out four and walking one in his most effective start in nearly two months. The lefty, who was scratched from his scheduled start last Friday because of back stiffness, allowed only two runners and faced the minimum through six innings. Both runners were erased on double plays.

Cory Gearrin, Alex Claudio, Chris Martin and Jose Leclerc combined to retire nine batters and complete the four-hitter.

The A's loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth, but Leclerc struck out Nick Martini on a check swing for his sixth save in 10 opportunities.

Texas was shut out in the first two games of the series and had a 19-inning scoreless streak before Choo's leadoff homer on the first pitch from

Oakland starter Edwin Jackson (4-3) in the first inning.

It was Choo's fourth game-opening home run this season and the 27th of his career.

After Choo walked and scored on Beltre's single in the third, Gallo opened the fourth with a towering drive off Jackson. Gallo's 74 home runs since the start of last season are the most by a Rangers player over a two-year span since Mark Teixeira had 76 from 2005-06.

Beltre singled in Andrus in the fifth to make it 4-0 and chase Jackson, who allowed four runs in 4 1/3 innings and lost for the first time since July 20. The right-hander had yielded two runs over his previous 24 1/3 innings.

Piscotty's two-out double off Cory Gearrin in the seventh ended the shutout bid.



Jeff Chiu/AP

Texas Rangers pitcher Jose Leclerc (62) throws against the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday during the ninth inning in Oakland, Calif.

75 MILLION DOLLAR MAN



John Bazemore/AP

Texas A&M head coach Jimbo Fisher speaks at Southeastern Conference Media Days on July 16 in Atlanta. Texas A&M handed Fisher a 10-year, \$75 million contract to leave Florida State after Kevin Sumlin was fired last year.

Fisher signs huge contract with A&M

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — All those zeroes in Jimbo Fisher's new contract hang over the coach like a huge cloud.

Texas A&M handed Fisher a 10-year, \$75 million contract to leave Florida State after Kevin Sumlin was fired last year. Aggie fans believe that's 75 million reasons why he should be the one to deliver their first national title since 1959.

He knew what the expectations were before the ink was dry on the deal. And he insists he isn't daunted by them.

"A contract doesn't make you win," he told The Associated Press. "I don't want to have a great team, I want to have a great program and that takes time."

Fisher has taken over a program that went 7-5 and 4-4 in Southeastern Conference play last season and one that hasn't reached 10 wins since 2012. Fisher won a national title in 2013 and three Atlantic Coast Conference championships in eight seasons with the Seminoles.

The Aggies seem ready to buy into Fisher's brand of coaching. Player after player raved about their new boss.

"Coach Fisher has brought a sense of history," running back Trayveon Williams said. "He has been to the national

championship, and he knows what it takes to win. He has brought that to this university, and he brought great coaching. He brought in the right guys to get us ready to win a national championship."

The good vibes hit a bump this week after a former player who transferred to Arizona suggested Fisher's staff may have committed NCAA violations earlier this year. Linebacker Santino Marchiol told USA Today that assistant Bradley Dale Peveto gave him cash on two occasions to entertain recruits on unofficial visits to campus and that mandatory team activities were run at impermissible times. Texas A&M said it was reviewing the allegations.

Fisher is just the fourth head coach to leave a school where he has won an AP national championship and go directly into another college job. The last to do it was Johnny Majors, who went from Pittsburgh to Tennessee in 1977. Fisher had signed a contract extension through 2024 that was paying him \$5.7 million last season. The 52-year-old West Virginia native seemed to have it made in Tallahassee — so why take on this challenge?

"I don't think there's any one reason," he said. "There's an accumulation of things. All the things have to be in place so you can do it. There was a lot

of intrigue. First, I think you have the resources to do it all. Secondly, you have a commitment from your administration that is very important, people that see things in the same vision as I do."

Fisher has been a coach of some sort since 1988. Another thing that drove the former college quarterback to leave Florida State was the thing that powers most who pick sports as a career.

"You like the challenge of let's go do what hasn't been done," he said. "You like those challenges. If you're a coach, a competitor, a player, whatever you are in athletics, if you don't like the ability to try to do that then you're probably not going to be successful wherever you go."

Sitting behind his desk in Texas A&M's sparkling football complex, a shiny gold watch twinkling in the Texas sunshine, the multimillionaire coach is far removed from that humble upbringing. He speaks quickly, with the words tumbling out at such a pace that he sometimes interrupts himself before a sentence is done to make another point.

Question after question is thrown at him and the answers come without so much as a pause until one query seems to catch him off guard: Is there one thing he would like everyone to know about him?

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Rick Scuteri/AP

Washington running back Myles Gaskin (9) runs against Penn State on Dec. 30, 2017, during the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Ariz.

AP Playoff Predictions: Tide, Tigers, Huskies and Wolverines

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

The College Football Playoff has yet to produce a real surprise team.

In four seasons, nine schools have reached the semifinals — and even the teams that came from outside the AP pre-season Top 25 were traditional powers.

The lowest-ranked team in the pre-season media poll to make the CFP was Oklahoma in 2015. The Sooners were 19th to start the season, mostly because they were coming off a disappointing season (8-5) and few knew how good Baker Mayfield would be.

Clemson made the playoff that same year after starting the season ranked No. 12. The Tigers went 10-3 the season before, but Deshaun Watson was a sophomore coming off a knee injury, there was major turnover on defense and exactly what Dabo Swinney was building at Clemson had not yet been fully revealed.

Washington was No. 14 going into the 2016 season before going on a playoff run. The Huskies were also coming off mediocre season (7-6), but there was definitely a sense Chris Petersen's team was ready to take a significant step forward in year two of his tenure. Turns out it was even bigger than expected.

Last year, Georgia went from No. 15 to the CFP. The Bulldogs were 8-5 the season before, Kirby Smart's first in Athens. The Bulldogs had an experienced team in

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Report: Former Texas A&M LB alleges possible violations

Associated Press

Texas A&M says it is reviewing allegations of possible NCAA violations by football coaches made by a former player who transferred to Arizona.

Santino Marchiol, a linebacker who signed with the Aggies in 2017 when Kevin Sumlin was coach, told USA Today that Aggies assistant Bradley Dale Peveto gave him cash on two occasions to entertain recruits on unofficial visits to campus. Schools are allowed to pay expenses for recruits on official visits and NCAA rules allow student hosts to be paid \$40 per day to entertain recruits.

Marchiol also claimed in Tuesday's story new A&M coach Jimbo Fisher's staff possibly violated NCAA rules by running mandatory team activities at impermissible times.

Texas A&M Athletics takes these allegations seriously, and we are reviewing the situation with the NCAA and the SEC Office," the school said in a statement.

Marchiol, a former four-star recruit from Colorado who played at IMG Academy in Florida, left Texas A&M in June and rejoined Sumlin, now coaching Arizona. Marchiol is currently enrolled at Arizona and has been practicing with the team. NCAA rules require him to sit out this

season, but Arizona is requesting a waiver from the NCAA to allow Marchiol, who redshirted last season, to play immediately.

USA Today reported Marchiol's claims of possible NCAA violations were part of a statement he provided to Arizona compliance officials to be used in the waiver request. Marchiol also told USA Today that coaches and trainers at Texas A&M pushed him to practice on an injured ankle and that, too, was included in his waiver request.

Arkansas-based attorney Tom Mars, who is representing Marchiol, told AP he could not comment on the case.

Earlier this year, the NCAA changed the waiver request poli-

cy to grant immediate eligibility if it can be shown "the transfer is due to documented mitigating circumstances that are outside the student-athlete's control and directly impact the health, safety and well-being of the student-athlete."

The waiver policy changes also stated that to grant eligibility the athlete must be in good standing at the original school and meet percentage-of-degree requirements, and the original school does not oppose the transfer.

The changes came as Michigan was attempting to get a waiver and immediate eligibility for Mississippi transfer Shea Patterson. The quarterback was claiming Ole Miss coaches and staff

misled him during recruitment about an NCAA investigation that led to the football program being sanctioned. The change to the waiver process was credited for alleviating a potentially contentious situation between Michigan, Ole Miss and Patterson, and allowing him, and several other Ole Miss transfers, to play this year. Mars represented Patterson and aided with several of his former teammates cases.

Now it seems the change has created another issue: encouraging players to document possible misdeeds by coaches at their former schools in order to be eligible to play immediately at their new schools.

'HOUNDWATCH

WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
Corpus Christi 9
Midland 8TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Corpus Christi
7:05 p.m.INTERNET
www.mlb.comRECORDS
Midland 24-34
Corpus Christi 34-23

Wednesday	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Corpus Christi 9 Midland 8	Midland at Corpus Christi 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco 7:05 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV
Golf
 PGA: D+D Real Czech Masters, 1st Round, 8 a.m., GOLF
 PGA: CP Women's Open, 1st Round, 9:30 a.m., GOLF
 PGA: The Northern Trust, 1st Round, 1 p.m., GOLF
 Web.com: Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, 1st Round, 5 p.m., GOLF
 PGA: D+D Real Czech Masters, 2nd Round, 4 a.m., GOLF

Horse Racing
 Saratoga Live: Riskaverse & GI New York Turf Writers Cup, 3 p.m., FS2
 Little League World Series: Coeur d'Alene, ID vs. Barcelona, Spain, 10 a.m., ESPN
 Puerto Rico/British Columbia winner vs. Japan/South Korea loser, 2 p.m., ESPN
 Michigan/Georgia winner vs. New York/Hawaii loser, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

Major League Baseball
 San Francisco at NY Mets, Noon, MLB
 San Diego at Colorado, 3 p.m., MLB
 Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs

or Oakland at Minnesota, 7 p.m., MLB
Men's Soccer
 MLS: FC Dallas vs. Houston Dynamo, 8 p.m., UDN
Motorports
 F1: Johnnie Walker Belgian Grand Prix, Practice 1, 3:55 a.m., ESPN2
National Football League
 Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7 p.m., FOX, FXDEP

Tennis
 US Open, Qualifying, 10 a.m., TENNIS
Women's National Basketball Association
 Playoffs, 2nd Round: Los Angeles at Washington, 5:30 p.m., ESPN2
 Playoffs, 2nd Round: Phoenix at Connecticut, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2
Women's Soccer
 NCAA: South Carolina vs. Clemson, 6 p.m., SEC
 NCAA: TCU vs. Stephen F. Austin, 7 p.m., FSSW, FCSC
RADIO
Texas League Baseball
 Midland at Corpus Christi, 7 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Volleyball
 MCA at Denver City Tournament

UTPB BRIEF

UTPB WOMEN'S SOCCER PICKED TO FINISH LAST
 The U.T.-Permian Basin women's soccer team was picked to finish seventh out of seven teams in the Lone Star Conference Preseason Poll released Wednesday.
 The Lady Falcons had 24 points and one first-place vote in a poll conducted by LSC head coaches, and sports

information directors, plus various media representatives throughout the region.
 West Texas A&M is the favorite to win the conference with 109 points and 10 first-place votes, followed by Texas A&M-Commerce, Angelo State, Midwestern State, Texas Woman's and Eastern New Mexico in that order.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
 NEW YORK YANKEES — Released RHP Chase Anderson from Shorten/White Sox (R).
 PHOENIX CUBS — Released RHP Jose Ramirez from Shorten/White Sox (R).
National League
 PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Acquired LHP Lou Livan from the Chicago White Sox for RHP Felix Pena. Designated RHP Jose Ramirez for assignment.
 WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Released RHP Stephen Strasburg from the 10-day DL. Options RHP Adrian Sanchez to Syracuse (R).
American Association
 GARY SOUTHSHORE FALCONS — Signed OF Sonny Carter.
 LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed LHP Steve Lohrey.
 SIOUX FALLS CANARIAS — Released RHP Chad Martin.
Midwest League
 QUAD CITIES RIVER SOFTS — Acquired RHP Brandon Federer from the Quad City Cubs.
Can-Am League
 QUEBEC CAPITALS — Released RF Jordan Lammert.
 SLOUS COUNTY MINERS — Signed LHP Martin Garcia. Released LHP Sean Brennan.
Frontier League
 LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed LHP

Brandon Madden and RHP David Perry.
SCHUMBERG BOOMERS — Signed RHP Hardy Rodriguez.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed RF Anthony Clark.
FOOTBALL
ARIZONA CARDONALS — Signed DT's Ben Tappin and Nigel Williams. Released TE Chris Brinkley and WR Austin Hill.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Announced the retirement of DE Charles Johnson.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Claimed FB Luke Moyer off waivers from Atlanta. Signed S George Ifo.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Announced the retirement of DE Carlos Frutkin. Signed DT Chris Jones to a one-year contract.
CONNECTION FOOTBALL LEAGUE
 EDMONTON ESTIMORS — Released LB Doug Plamph.
OLYMPIC SPORTS
 USA — Announced weightlifter Joshua Gledhill received a two-year suspension for an anti-doping rule violation.
COLLEGE
 CENTENARY — Named Marcus Manning interim director of athletics and recreation.
FLORIDA STATE — Named David Colton interim athletic director.
WISCONSIN — Suspended WR Davy Davis for the first two games of the season.

NFL PRESEASON GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE					NATIONAL CONFERENCE							
East					West							
W	L	T	Pct	PP	W	L	T	Pct	PP			
New England	2	0	0	1.000	37	Dallas	0	2	0	.000	34	40
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	42	Philadelphia	0	2	0	.000	34	40
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	39	Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	35	39
Miami	0	2	0	.000	44	San Diego	0	2	0	.000	35	39
South					West							
W	L	T	Pct	PP	W	L	T	Pct	PP			
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	34	Green Bay	0	2	0	.000	32	37
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	34	Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	32	42
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	37	Chicago	1	2	0	.333	37	30
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	31	Detroit	0	2	0	.000	27	46
North					West							
W	L	T	Pct	PP	W	L	T	Pct	PP			
San Francisco	2	0	0	1.000	41	Atlanta	0	2	0	.000	34	40
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	31	Arizona	0	2	0	.000	34	36
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	37	San Francisco	0	2	0	.000	37	37
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	36	L.A. Rams	1	1	0	.500	36	40
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	36	Seattle	0	2	0	.000	31	43
West					West							
W	L	T	Pct	PP	W	L	T	Pct	PP			
L.A. Chargers	1	1	0	.500	41							
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	31							
Kansas City	1	1	0	.500	38							
Denver	0	2	0	.000	51							

WNBA PLAYOFFS GLANCE

	0	2	0	000	51	68
	First Round NATIONAL CONFERENCE East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA
N.Y. Knicks	1	1	0	50	40	50
Washington	1	1	0	50	50	50
	West Atlantic Division New England at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m. N.Y. Knicks at N.J. Nets, 8:30 p.m. Denver at Washington, 8:30 p.m. Seattle at Minnesota, 7 p.m. Detroit at Boston, 7 p.m. Green Bay at Cleveland, 9:30 p.m.					

WNBA PLAYOFFS GLANCE

First Round Western Conference Phoenix 1st, Dallas 2d Los Angeles 7th, Minnesota 6th Second Round Los Angeles at Washington, 1:30 p.m. Phoenix at Connecticut, 7:30 p.m. Eastern (All 6 remaining) (Start at 4) Seattle vs. TBD Seeding TBD at Seattle, 6 p.m. Seeding TBD at Seattle, 10 p.m. Playoffs Seattle at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding TBD at TBD, Sept. 2 Seeding 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'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

HOOKS 9, ROCKHOUNDS 8

At Whataburger Field, Corpus Christi

TOP HITTERS: Hooks lead-off hitter Ronnie Dawson was 3-for-4 with two home runs, four RBI, three runs scored, a stolen base and a walk. ... Midland shortstop Richie Martin went 2-for-3 with two RBI, a walk and two runs scored. ...

TOP PITCHERS: RockHounds reliever Miguel Romero tossed two shutout innings of one-hit ball with two strikeouts.

HIGHLIGHTS: Tied 1-1, Dawson pushed the Hooks to a 2-1 lead with a solo home run in the bottom of the second. ... A two-RBI single by Martin gave Midland a 3-2 advantage in the top of the third. ... Corpus Christi scored six runs in the bottom of the third to take an 8-3 lead. The Hooks got sacrifice flies from Abraham Toro and Josh Rojas in the frame, while Dawson belted a three-run homer to cap the scoring. ... Trailing 9-3 through five, the RockHounds scored two runs in the sixth, one run in the seventh and two runs in the ninth to cut the Hooks' lead to 9-8. Corpus Christi's Erasmo Pinales struck out Tyler Ramirez with two out and the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth.

NOTES: Right-handed pitcher Heath Bowers was added to the RockHounds' roster from Single-A Beloit (Wis.) of the Midwest League. Bowers, 25, was 6-2 with a 5.40 earned run average in 51 2/3 innings with Beloit. Bowers takes the roster spot of right-handed pitcher Nolan Blackwood, who was dealt to the Detroit Tigers by the Oakland Athletics as a player to be named later in the Mike Fiers trade. ... Houston Astros catcher Brian McCann went 0-for-3 with a walk while leading second for Corpus Christi on a rehab assignment. McCann has been out since early July with a knee injury. ... Houston Astros reliever Chris Devenski started for the Hooks

TI Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Team (Division)	24	24	50	—
Arkansas (Midwest)	30	20	.600	1 1/2
NW Arkansas (Piedmont)	28	20	.583	4
Springfield (Carolina)	23	24	.491	9

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi (Atlantic)	30	23	.565	—
El Paso (Piedmont)	28	27	.509	8 1/2
San Antonio (Piedmont)	26	29	.473	16 1/2
Midland (Midwest)	24	33	.421	24 1/2

Wednesday's Scores
 Corpus Christi 9, Midland 8
 NW Arkansas 3, Springfield 2
 Tulsa 6, Arkansas 1

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

and allowed one run, two hits and no walks over one inning, while striking out three. Devenski has been out since July 31 with a hamstring injury. ... With the loss, the RockHounds' magic number to be eliminated is three. ... The Hooks evened the four-game series at 1-1. The series resumes at 7:05 p.m. today.

HOOKS 9, ROCKHOUNDS 8

Player	AB	R	H	E	LOB
E. White	5	1	2	1	4
Ramirez	5	1	1	0	3
Spencer	5	1	2	0	2
Brown	4	1	1	0	2
R. Martin	3	2	2	0	1
Morales	3	1	1	0	1
Barnes	4	1	2	1	1
Hamm	4	0	0	0	2
Bell	4	0	0	0	2
Verigin	5	0	2	2	3
Totals	38	10	17	7	30

Player	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO
Corpus Christi	11.0	10	9	—	—	—
E. White (24)	6.0	5	4	—	—	—
Chavez (10)	5.0	5	5	—	—	—
Dawson (2)	1.0	1	1	—	—	—
Spencer (2)	1.0	1	1	—	—	—
Barnes (2)	1.0	1	1	—	—	—
Hamm (2)	1.0	1	1	—	—	—
Bell (2)	1.0	1	1	—	—	—
Verigin (2)	1.0	1	1	—	—	—
Totals	18.0	18	18	—	—	—

ML BOUNDUP

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Team (Division)	24	24	50	—
Arkansas (Midwest)	30	20	.600	1 1/2
NW Arkansas (Piedmont)	28	20	.583	4
Springfield (Carolina)	23	24	.491	9

ML BOUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

WHITE SOX 7

TWINNS 3

CHICAGO — Adam Engel broke a tie with a two-run homer in a five-run fifth, Carlos Rodon continued his torrid stretch with six strong innings and Chicago beat Minnesota. ... Nicky Delmonico and Tim Anderson also homered off Twins starter Kyle Gibson (7-10), helping send him to only his second loss in seven career decisions at Guaranteed Rate Field. Chicago won for the sixth time in eight games.

BLUE JAYS 6

ORIOLES 0

TORONTO — Kendrys Morales homered for the fourth consecutive game, Thorane Parnone and two relievers combined on a two-hitter and Toronto finished its home state against Baltimore with a 10-0 record. Devon Travis had a three-run shot in the eighth as the Blue Jays blew open the game with a five-run outburst against Miguel Castro, who uncorked three wild pitches and didn't retire any of the five batters he faced.

RAYS 6

ROYALS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Brandon Lowe and Melvin Smith drove in two runs each, and the Tampa Bay Rays moved five games over .500 for the first time this season with a 6-3 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday night. Lowe, who drove in the first two runs with a second-inning single off Jakob Junis, and Smith were among six Rays who had two hits each.

RED SOX 10

INDIANS 4

BOSTON — Xander Bogaerts hit two solo homers, Andrew Benintendi had a three-run double to cap a big fourth inning and the Boston Red Sox beat the Cleveland Indians 10-4 on Wednesday night to halt their three-game losing streak. Mitch Moreland added a two-run homer for the Red Sox, who lost the previous two nights in a matchup of AL division leaders.

National League

BREWERS 4

REDS 0

SEATTLE — Rookie Freddy Peralta tossed seven scoreless innings and drove in a run with his first career hit, combining with two relievers on a five-hitter to lead the Milwaukee Brewers past the Cincinnati Reds 4-0 on Wednesday.

BRAVES 2

PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH — Wednesday's 2-1 win topped off a successful series in Pittsburgh, where the Braves had lost 12 of 16 coming in. The Pirates offense couldn't muster anything against whoever the Braves used, be it 20-year-old Bryce Wilson or the veterans in the bullpen. Acuna blasted a leadoff homer to left for an early lead. He hadn't done so since achieving three consecutive Aug. 13-14. The swing loomed large on a night starved for offense.

METS 5

GIANTS 3

NEW YORK — Backed by three home runs, Noah Syndergaard won his fifth game in seven starts since returning from the disabled list as the Mets won their second in a row against the San Francisco Giants, 5-3 Wednesday night at Citi Field.

Dominic Smith, Todd Frazier and Jose Bautista — batting leadoff with Arnel Rosario getting the night off — all homered, and Jeff McNeil had hits in his first two at-bats to set a club record for rookies by extending his streak to hits in eight straight at-bats. With Andrew McCutchen not in the Giants' lineup, and reportedly having cleared waivers, paving the way for a trade, the Mets look advantage of some shaky fielding (two errors by shortstop Brandon Crawford) and pitching to build a 3-0 lead through three innings and held the Giants at bay the rest of the way.

NATIONALS 9

PHILLIES 7

WASHINGTON — Ryan Zimmerman hit a two-run home run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the Washington over Philadelphia. Juan Soto's two-double against Gerrit Cole (1-4) set up Zimmerman. His drive landed just above the right-field wall and required review before the umpire crew acknowledged the homer. Zimmerman has 11 walk-off home runs for his career.

CUBS 8

TIGERS 2

PITTSBURGH — David Bote snapped the Cubs' disturbing trend of scoring only one run by smacking a two-run home run, and newly acquired Daniel Murphy hit an RBI single to cap a three-run fifth inning Wednesday night. But the offensively challenged Cubs didn't let up as they scored four runs in the ninth on homers by Javier Baez and Anthony Rizzo to pull away to an 8-2 win over the Tigers and snap a three-game losing streak. Bote's home run snapped an 0-for-17 slump, and it marked the first time in six games the Cubs scored more than one run — which all were tallied via solo home runs. Murphy, batting leadoff, poked a single just to the left of second base to score Ian Happ.

MARLINS 9

YANKEES 3

MIAMI — Hours after All-Star closer Aramis Chapman went on the disabled list with left knee tendinitis, Lances Lynn gave up five runs in the sixth inning and New York lost to last-place Miami. The Yankees managed only one extra-base hit against five Miami pitchers. They committed three errors and struck out 11 times in a defeat that ended their four-game winning streak. Giancarlo Stanton, playing in Miami for the first time since the Marlins traded him last November, went 1 for 3 with an RBI and finished 3 for 9 in the series.



Elaine Thompson/AP

Umpire Mike Muchlinski stands between Seattle Mariners' Nelson Cruz (23) and Houston Astros second baseman Jose Altuve as Cruz arrives at second base on his double during the sixth inning on Wednesday in Seattle.

Maldonado, White homer as Astros beat Mariners 10-7

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Martin Maldonado and Tyler White helped the Astros build an eight-run lead, and Houston's bullpen made it hold after a little scare in the sixth inning.

Maldonado and White each homered and had three hits, Roberto Osuna got his first save with Houston and the Astros beat the Seattle Mariners 10-7 on Wednesday.

The Astros led 9-1 before the Mariners got one back in the fifth and added five more in the sixth, all off starter Charlie Morton (13-3).

After Joe Smith and Tony Sipp closed out the sixth, Ryan Pressly, Hector Rondon and Osuna pitched a scoreless inning each.

"You can't hate how you win if you win," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "It was good for us, especially the last three innings with the guys we threw. That's exactly how you draw it up. All three were dominant. The way those guys responded and held it

down was pretty nice." Osuna pitched the ninth to earn his 10th save. The closer was acquired from Toronto last month and joined the team a week later after finishing a 75-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy.

Maldonado had three RBIs and White had two. Maldonado was acquired from the Angels on July 26.

"Overall, the way we swung the bats was pretty impressive," Hinch said. "Today it was a complete offense. And Martin has come over and provided a nice spark for us."

Marco Gonzales (12-9) was pitching on eight days of rest but allowed eight runs and 11 hits before leaving with no one out in the fourth. Gonzales has given up 23 earned runs and 38 hits in his last 20 innings over four starts.

"I don't think Marco threw the ball that badly," Mariners manager Scott Servais said. "Obviously, it had been eight days since

he'd been out there. They put some balls in play, got some hits, hit a few balls hard. It just wasn't a clean outing for him."

The Astros took a 2-0 lead in the first with an RBI triple for White before Gonzales' wild pitch enabled White to score from third. White's home run came in the ninth.

"It was a fun game today," White said. "I'm just trying to help this team any way possible. I've learned not to press and just enjoy playing with these guys."

The big inning for the Astros was the fourth, when they sent 10 to the plate and scored five runs to take an 8-1 lead.

Gonzales gave up six consecutive hits to start the inning before he was replaced by reliever Nick Rumbelow.

"I had trouble keeping them off-balance today," Gonzales said. "I think we have a lot of time left to get everything firing on all cylinders. This team has done a great job of when one part struggles, the other part steps up. We have

September to get hot." Maldonado's homer came one inning later to make it 9-1.

Oakland's 4-2 loss to Texas on Wednesday gives the Astros a one-game lead in the AL West.

Nelson Cruz and Mitch Haniger each had home runs for the Mariners. Cruz hit an upper-deck shot in the fourth for his 31st homer. Haniger's two-run homer in the sixth inning was his 20th of the season.

Came at third

Robinson Cano started at third base, the first time in his 14-year career he has played there. Cano also hit his 525th double, tying him with Ted Williams for 45th of the career list.

Mariners roster move

LHP Ross Detwiler was designated for assignment and Rumbelow was recalled from Triple-A Tacoma.

MLB GLANCE

Associated Press

Standings	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GB
AL East	1	1	1	1	1	1
AL Central	2	2	2	2	2	2
AL West	3	3	3	3	3	3
NL East	4	4	4	4	4	4
NL Central	5	5	5	5	5	5
NL West	6	6	6	6	6	6

Today's games	AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GB
AL East	1	1	1	1	1	1
AL Central	2	2	2	2	2	2
AL West	3	3	3	3	3	3
NL East	4	4	4	4	4	4
NL Central	5	5	5	5	5	5
NL West	6	6	6	6	6	6



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Ohio State university board of trustees members Alex Shumate, right, and Janice Bonsu enter a meeting of the trustees to discuss the future of coach Urban Meyer on Wednesday in Columbus, Ohio.

Ohio St suspends Meyer for three games for mishandled abuse case

By Mitch Stacy
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State on Wednesday night suspended head football coach Urban Meyer three games for mishandling domestic violence accusations, punishing one of the sport's most prominent leaders for keeping an assistant on staff for several years after the coach's wife accused him of abuse.

The move followed a two-week investigation into how Meyer reacted to accusations that former Buckeyes assistant Zach Smith abused his ex-wife, Courtney Smith. Zach Smith was fired last month after she asked a judge for a protective order.

Courtney Smith alleged her husband shoved her against a wall and put his hands around her neck in 2015. The university put Meyer on paid leave and began an investigation after Courtney Smith spoke out publicly, sharing text messages and photos she traded in 2015 with Meyer's wife, Shelley Meyer. Shelley Meyer is a registered nurse and instructor at Ohio State.

Trustees discussed the decision to punish Meyer in a marathon meeting Wednesday while Meyer awaited the decision.

The investigation prompted a tweet from Meyer in which he insisted he followed proper protocols after learning of the 2015 accusations. But he also acknowledged lying to reporters a week earlier when he said he hadn't heard of the incident until shortly before he fired Zach Smith.

The probe directly centered on the question of what Meyer knew and when. Meyer said in his tweet that he always elevated issues through the proper channels, and did so with the Smith situation in 2015. That contradicted what he told reporters at Big Ten media day a week earlier. "I was never told about anything and nothing ever came to light. I've never had a conversation about it. I know nothing about it."

Speaking after the investigation was announced, Zach Smith said he spoke with Meyer at the time and athletic director Gene Smith also knew about the allegations.

Zach Smith said Meyer told him he would be fired if the head coach found out Smith had hit his wife.

Zach Smith — the grandson of late Ohio State coach and Meyer mentor Earle Bruce — has never been criminally charged or convicted of abuse. He has a charge of criminal trespass pending, and the Smiths are due in court next month for a hearing on a restraining order Courtney Smith was granted July 20.

Meyer was heading into his seventh season at Ohio State, where he is 73-8 with a national title in 2014 and two Big Ten Conference championships. Ohio State's Title IX sexual misconduct policy includes reporting allegations of domestic violence made against university employees.

Violating that policy allows Meyer to be fired with cause, according to provisions placed in his contract

when it was extended in April by two years. The deal through 2022, increasing Meyer's salary to \$7.6 million in 2018, with annual 6 percent raises. Meyer had about \$38 million left on his contract.

Ohio State's season starts Sept. 1 with a game against Oregon State in Columbus.

In 2009, Zach Smith was accused of aggravated battery on his pregnant wife while he was working as a graduate assistant for Meyer at Florida. The charge was dropped because of insufficient evidence.

The Smiths separated in June 2015 and divorced in 2016.

Meyer is one of the most accomplished coaches in college football history, with three national championships and a 177-31 record in 16 seasons at Bowling Green, Utah, Florida and Ohio State, the team he grew up rooting for in Northeast Ohio.

Meyer won national championships with Florida in 2006 and '08, but his teams also had more than two dozen players get into trouble with the law. He resigned twice at Florida, citing health reasons, first in the 2009 season after the Gators lost the Southeastern Conference championship game while trying to repeat as national champs. He changed his mind soon after and coached another season. The Gators went 8-5 in 2010, and afterward, Meyer stepped down for good.

Meyer was out of coaching for a season but was hired by Ohio State in November 2011. The Buckeyes had fired Jim Tressel, another national champion

ship-winning coach, before that season for lying to the NCAA and university about rules violation committed by some of his players.

Since returning to coaching, Meyer's program has been one of the most dominant in college football, and his players have mostly stayed out of major trouble.

Meyer faced some criticism in 2013 for allowing running back Carlos Hyde to return to the team after he was charged with striking a woman in a bar. The case was dropped by police when the woman chose not to pursue charges, but Hyde was suspended three games.

The Meyer investigation cost \$500,000 and was conducted by the national law firm Debevoise & Plimpton.

Ohio State began investigating Meyer while also facing three federal lawsuits about its response to allegations of groping, leering and other misconduct by a deceased athletic department doctor who treated wrestlers and other students for two decades. The lawsuits alleging sexual abuse by Dr. Richard Strauss say Ohio State facilitated the abuse by ignoring complaints.

Since Ohio State announced an independent investigation in April, more than 100 former students have come forward with accounts of sexual misconduct by Strauss. The allegations range from 1979 to 1997 and involve male athletes from 14 sports, as well as his work at the student health center and his off-campus medical office.



Sue Ogrocki/AP

Oklahoma quarterback Kyle Murray talks with the media following practice on Aug. 6 in Norman, Okla.

Oklahoma names Kyle Murray starting quarterback

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

Kyle Murray has been picked as Oklahoma's starting quarterback.

The seventh-ranked Sooners said Wednesday that Murray will start the season-opener Sept. 1 against Florida Atlantic.

The Oakland A's took Murray with the ninth pick in the Major League Baseball draft this summer, but he chose to return to school for a year. He was the backup to Heisman Trophy winner Baker

Mayfield last season and completed 18 of 21 passes for 359 yards and three touchdowns without an interception. He also ran 14 times for 142 yards, including a 66-yard dash on the first play of the game against West Virginia.

Murray and Austin Kendall battled throughout the spring for the position, and no clear-cut leader was established.

Kendall was the backup two years ago. He connected on 16 of 22 passes for 143 yards as a freshman before redshirting last year.

FISHER

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He laughed quietly, paused and answered:

"That you'll get an honest answer or an honest day's work," he said. "You won't get somebody that's fake or in between. Someone that's not going to tell you what you want to hear, it's going to be honest and truthful in a positive way and (that) will help you in any way you can."

That grounded approach came from his family and has stayed with him throughout his ascent through the coaching ranks. He credits month-long visits to West Virginia each year. He gratefully thanks his parents — coal-miner father, John, and a mother, Gloria, who spent decades as a teacher. His family has helped Fisher avoid getting caught up in that contract that everyone's talking about.

"It's not about what you have, it's what you do with what you have," he said. "They've always said that and whether you have a lot, or you have a little you can still be good."

Although he says he wouldn't have left Florida State if he didn't think he could win it all in College Station, Fisher won't put a timetable on when

he thinks the Aggies will compete for a title. There is culture-building to do before that goal is attainable.

He is quick to tell anyone from boosters to players that it isn't an overnight process and it will take a lot of work.

"Everybody in this world, like kids today we want instant gratification. We want the glory without the sweat," he said. "You've got to put time in and get the right things and create the culture and I think the quicker we can create the culture the more success we'll have. And we'll see when that time is."

Fisher and the Aggies will get a good early test of where they are: They host Clemson in Week 2 and their fourth game is a visit to defending national champion Alabama and coach Nick Saban, Fisher's old boss at LSU.

Fisher is not into making predictions. But as the Aggies move closer to their opener on Aug. 30 against Northwestern State he said he is starting to see signs that they're getting it.

"They're learning," he said. "It's a learning curve for them ... but I'm starting to see a hunger. They want to be successful."

TEXAS FISHING REPORT

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water clear main lake, stained up the river. 80 degrees main lake, 85 up the river. 14 foot fish. Black bass are slow on worms, topwater lures early. Bass caught 7 inch Power Worms and 2 inch Power Worms. Catches are slow.

APPROXIMATE Water level clear, 87-88 degrees. 12-13 foot fish. Black bass are slow on worms. Bass caught on worms and jugs. Catches are slow on worms and jugs.

COLORADO CITY Water level clear, 85-86 degrees. 10-12 foot fish. Black bass are slow on worms and jugs. Catches are slow on worms and jugs.

FORT PHANTOM HILL Water level clear, 85-86 degrees. 4-6 foot fish. Black bass are slow on worms and jugs. Catches are slow on worms and jugs.

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PLAYOFFS

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'17 that was favored to win the SEC East, and ended up being the second-best team in the country.

So what does this small sample tell us? If you want to pick a playoff dark horse, look for a brand-name team ranked somewhere in the teens of the preseason poll. Maybe one with a talented quarterback who still has some uncertainty attached to him.

And with that, predictions for the 2018 college football season:

Top 25

Three teams in the AP preseason poll that will not finish the season ranked: No. 16 TCU, No. 20 Virginia Tech, No. 25 LSU.

Three teams not in the AP preseason poll that will finish the season ranked: Boston College, Memphis, Utah.

Conference winners

■ American Athletic Conference: Memphis (West) over Temple (East). The last two teams to win the American lost their coaches soon after. So where's Mike Norvell going?

■ Atlantic Coast Conference: Clemson (Atlantic) over Miami (Coastal). The Tigers are stacked and freshman quarterback Trevor Lawrence could give the offense an explosiveness it was missing last year.

■ Big Ten: Michigan (East) over Wisconsin (West). Jim Harbaugh finally quiets his critics.

■ Big 12: Oklahoma (No. 1) over (West Virginia No. 2). The Big 12 is the most likely Power Five conference to provide an unexpected champion. There is little separation among the top six or seven teams but when in doubt, pick the Sooners.

■ Conference USA: Louisiana Tech (West). Lane Kiffin brings a second straight C-USA title to FAU.

■ Mid-American Conference: Ohio (East) over Northern Illinois (West). Ohio wins its first MAC title since 1968.

■ Mountain West: Boise State (Mountain) over San Diego State (West). Could be the Broncos best post-Chris Petersen team.

■ Pac-12: Washington (North) over Utah (South). The Huskies win their second Pac-12 title in three

seasons, but the opener against Auburn could determine playoff hopes.

■ Southeastern Conference: Alabama (West) over Georgia (East). This time only the SEC champion makes the playoff.

■ Sun Belt: Arkansas State (West) over Troy (East). Red Wolves win the first Sun Belt championship game.

Heisman Trophy

The favorites are running backs Bryce Love of Stanford and Jonathan Taylor of Wisconsin, but the Heisman has become a quarterback's award. Fifteen of the last 18 winners have been QBs. Feels like a season where a not-so-obvious player makes a run. Top five vote-getters:

1. Justin Herbert, QB, Oregon
2. Jonathan Taylor, RB, Wisconsin
3. Will Grier, QB, West Virginia
4. Shea Patterson, QB, Michigan
5. A.J. Dillon, RB, Boston College

Coaching carousel

There seems to be no such thing as a slow season when it comes to coaching

moves. Almost inevitably a few jobs that seemed safe in September open up by December. Florida, for example, just last year. What job will unexpectedly open this season? How about Oklahoma, when Jerry Jones decides to hire another Sooners coach and brings Lincoln Riley to the Cowboys.

New Year's Six/College Football Playoff

Cotton Bowl: Alabama (1) vs. Washington (4). Orange Bowl: Michigan (2) vs. Clemson (3). Sugar Bowl: Georgia (SEC) vs. Oklahoma (Big 12).

Rose Bowl: Wisconsin (Big Ten) vs. Oregon (Pac-12).

Fiesta Bowl: Boise State (Group of Five) vs. Ohio State (at-large).

Peach Bowl: West Virginia (at-large) vs. Miami (at-large).

National Championship

Clemson and Alabama make it four straight seasons meeting in the playoff. The Tigers even the series at two and win another national title.

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KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7							
KWTW CW	5	14	5	14								
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KHLM HD	11	12	12	11	11							
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9								
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HBO2	302	301	15	100	23							
HBO3	304	302	16	100								
MAX	300	307	17	120	24							
MAX2	302	308	18	120								
SHOW	320	348	19	140	25							
THC	326	327	22	150	26							
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DISNEY	54	64	30	25	34							
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ESPN2	34	36	40	32	31							
FX	31	54	59	64	69							
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HSTV	63	69	26	40	44							
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43							
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48							
MSNBC	47	53	49	73								
MSNCM	38	43										
NICK	55	-	39	34	37							
SPICE	30	-	55	53	58							
SYFY	66	62	41	57	67							
TBS	25	33	44	66	41							
TCM	41	75	24	62	64							
TELE	28	-	10	20								
TLC	51	61	32	38	52							
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Guests at mountain getaway come up short on gratitude

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, I bought a beautiful little cottage in the North Carolina mountains as a second home. I feel very lucky to be able to afford such a luxury and have always been generous, sharing it with family and friends. However, it has reached the point where people constantly ask to use it.

Abby, my guests have left holes in cushions, bubble gum on couches and someone's child even peed in the bed. Only once in 10 years was I left with a thank-you note and a gift card to a local store. Most of the time I find a bottle of cheap wine. (I don't drink.)

How can I stop this? I'm being taken advantage of. I know I'm partly at fault for being so generous. This cottage was bought for me, my children and grandchildren to enjoy. — **TOO GENEROUS**

DEAR TOO GENEROUS: People can be taken advantage of only if they allow it. You need to learn to say no. And when (not if) you are asked why you no longer allow friends and family to use the cottage in your absence, tell the individuals exactly what you have told me about your reasons.

DEAR ABBY: How do you deal with having a mental disorder? I have quite a few, and

DEAR ABBY

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I wish I didn't. At work, I feel inadequate because I'm a few steps behind everyone mentally, emotionally and socially. At home I feel the same way. The meds I take help, but I still feel inadequate.

Abby, how do I deal with these feelings? I rarely talk to my dad about it. I find more comfort in putting my feelings down on paper than talking about them with my dad. What should I do? — **FRUSTRATED GIRL IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR FRUSTRATED: One way to deal with your feelings would be to remember that everyone — not just you — has challenges. Some people find it helpful to talk about their feelings with others who are fighting similar battles. You might feel better if you find a support group to join so you won't feel so isolated. To locate one, you and your dad should contact NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Its website is nami.org, and the

toll-free helpline to call is 800-950-6264.

DEAR ABBY: My question has to do with a present I bought for a friend's birthday. It was a gift certificate for a spa. Unfortunately, when she went to use it, the doors were locked and the place had shut down. I was very upset and embarrassed. Should I have replaced it even though I didn't have the money? — **UPSET AND EMBARRASSED**

DEAR UPSET: You bought the gift certificate in good faith. It wasn't your fault that the spa went out of business, and you shouldn't feel guilty. I do not think people should spend money they don't have, and you shouldn't feel obligated to do so. Explore any possible recourse for getting reimbursement for the gift certificate. If you paid for it with a credit card, your provider may credit you back the money.

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Signaling

Both vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠AQ42
♥1072
♦Q1096
♣53

WEST
♠J753
♥QJ65
♦KJ4
♣A6

EAST
♠K1086
♥84
♦7
♣Q109872

SOUTH
♠9
♥AK93
♦AK532
♣KJ4

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
10 Pass 10 Pass
20 Pass 30 Pass
3NT All pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣
What would you rebid with the South hand? One no-trump would show a balanced hand with 12-14 points, so that's out. A reverse into two hearts would show a better hand than this, so that's out also. Two diamonds isn't perfect, but it's better than two clubs.

Today's deal is from a team competition. There was East-West bidding at

the other table, allowing North-South to settle in a diamond partial taking 10 tricks. At this table, where North had quite a good hand in support of a partner with a presumed six-card diamond suit, North-South reached a slim game that required competent defense to defeat it.

South won the opening heart lead with his ace and then led the ace and another diamond, West winning with his king. What now? Another heart would give declarer a good chance to get to nine tricks. The ace and another club would get a thank you note from declarer. East had played a discouraging heart on the opening lead and discarded a discouraging club on the second diamond. This all pointed West to a spade shift. He showed good imagination by shifting to the jack of spades!

After some thought, declarer covered this with dummy's queen, losing to East's king. The fall of the nine from South saw East continue with the 10 of spades, setting up two more spade tricks for the defense. Declarer drifted down two from here, giving an excellent result to East-West and their teammates.

THE MARKET IN REVIEW

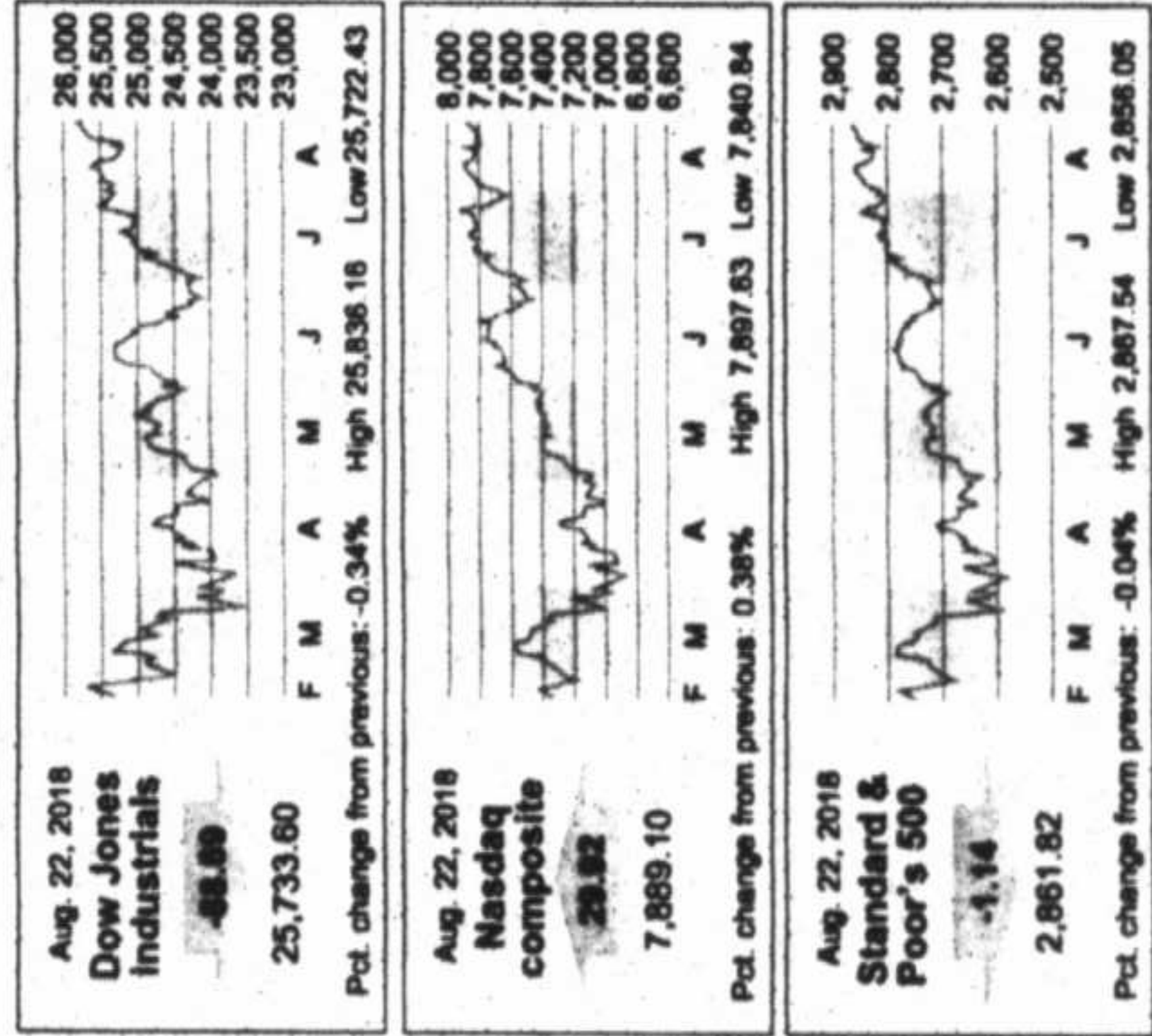
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Name	Div	Last	Chg
NYSE Composite		25,733.80	+25.30
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Nasdaq Composite		7,889.10	+1.14
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A DAY ON WALL STREET



NYSE	AMEX	NASDAQ
Most Active (in thousands)	Most Active (in thousands)	Most Active (in thousands)
IBM 1,410	IBM 1,410	IBM 1,410
Microsoft 1,310	Microsoft 1,310	Microsoft 1,310
Apple 1,210	Apple 1,210	Apple 1,210
Amazon 1,110	Amazon 1,110	Amazon 1,110
Google 1,010	Google 1,010	Google 1,010
Facebook 910	Facebook 910	Facebook 910
Twitter 810	Twitter 810	Twitter 810
LinkedIn 710	LinkedIn 710	LinkedIn 710
Slack 610	Slack 610	Slack 610
Dropbox 510	Dropbox 510	Dropbox 510
Zoom 410	Zoom 410	Zoom 410
Zoom 310	Zoom 310	Zoom 310
Zoom 210	Zoom 210	Zoom 210
Zoom 110	Zoom 110	Zoom 110
Zoom 10	Zoom 10	Zoom 10

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

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MUTUAL FUNDS

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AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

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PERMAN BASIN STOCKS

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Perman Basin Stocks and the Oil Report every Sunday to catch up with business news topics in the region.

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Texas Leadership Charter Academy (TLCA) is seeking teachers for the 2018-19 school year in all subjects and all grades in Midland (K-10).

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HEALTH CARE

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OB/GYN Clinic in Midland, TX looking for an energetic Registered Nurse. If you are seeking a rewarding career and want to be a part of a team of professionals who touch lives, come join our team.
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OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.

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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
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FT Floral Designer

Floralist
FT Designer needed. Must have good customer relations and phone etiquette. Floral design & computer experience preferred. Fax resume to 432-682-6222. Apply in person at 415 Andrews Hwy Midland, TX, or Email resume to chriscollum@flowerlandmidland.com. No phone calls.

Vet Technician/ Kennel Technician

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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

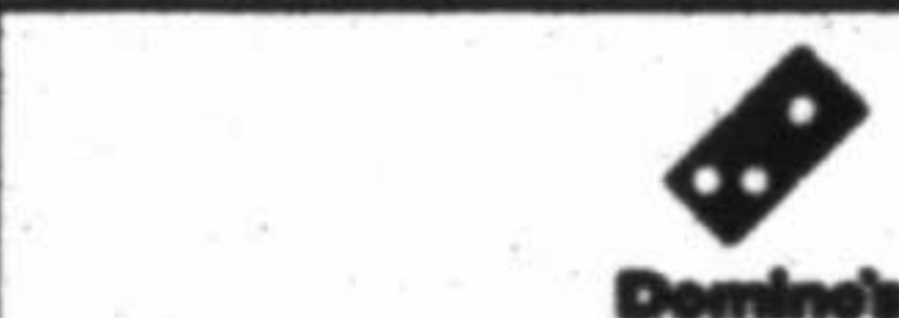
Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

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SALES JOBS

Digital Media Account Executive

"We must be alarmingly enterprising and startlingly original. We must be honest and fearless. And we must spark a revolution."
William Randolph Hearst, 1887

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking a Digital Media Account Executive just like you to join our team! Our industry is changing into a digital world, and we are looking for experienced professionals who are eager to facilitate our innovative efforts.

Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve their business objectives. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses. Our ideal candidate will be goal oriented, is a relentless hunter, driving to win new businesses, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

As a Digital Media Account Executive, you can expect the following:

- Drive digital product sales.
- Be the Digital Media Guru with a solid understanding of Digital Media, Marketing and Advertising.
- Ability to conduct sales calls with SMB owners.
- Be in the field and on sales calls, leading by example, to sell our various digital products using the current and evolving sales process.
- Consult and educate clients in Digital Advertising and Marketing.
- Assist sales and marketing in promoting the entire line of digital products.
- Develop coaching plans and track results through sales management team.
- Identify trends, quantify impact, and communicate improvement opportunities to the product team.
- Primary source of sales pitch and strategy development and implementation for digital products.

Requirements:

- Highly knowledgeable with digital media: SEO, SEM, Digital Advertising.
- Confidence in pitching and closing business.
- Strong focus on teamwork and ability to manage relationships across multiple departments.
- Ability to multi-task, meet deadlines, and thrive in a fast-paced, deadline-oriented environment.
- Bachelor's Degree preferred.
- Valid US driver's license and reliable transportation.

The perks:

- A great work environment it's never boring here!
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DIGITAL SALES SPECIALIST

Reports to VP of Advertising

Summary

The primary responsibility of the Digital Sales Specialist is to increase digital advertising revenues by actively engaging with clients and Multi-Media Sales Executives (MMSEs) in field calls, client visits, and overall revenue-driving activities. This position directly affects and is responsible for achieving or exceeding individual and team digital revenue targets in the market.

Key Responsibilities

- Super User for all digital services and platforms. Key contact with vendors of each digital asset.
- Consistently meets/exceeds individual and the market's overall digital revenue targets.
- Demonstrates expert knowledge and understanding of all MRT Media sales and marketing assets, including all digital products and digital marketing services and able to transfer the knowledge to clients and the MMSE's they support.
- Follows MRT Media's prescribed best practices on Pipeline Management and Gap Analysis and completes all required sales process activities.
- Builds monthly reports to show digital activity on MRT.com and eEditions of the newspaper.
- Drives customer retention through excellent customer service.
- Develops new business by understanding customer needs and selling products and services that provide value to the customer individually and in team support.
- Effectively communicates with management to provide accurate revenue forecasts.
- Spends significant time with MMSEs visiting customers in the field with the purpose of deepening account relationships, uncovering revenue opportunities and driving revenue.
- Works in tandem with the Management team to identify revenue opportunities and in market support.
- Help drive consultative, customer-centric selling behaviors.
- Develops a strong sales plan with team and assists in the achievement of KPIs and digital revenue goals.
- Assists the sales team in achieving their goals in both digital, print and specialty publications.
- Train new sales reps on ordering system and report generation.
- Other responsibilities as assigned.

Position Requirements

- Digital Sales Experience preferred; or equivalent work experience in media-related business.
- Must have prior experience with digital marketing platforms.
- Minimum of one-year sales support experience.
- Professional presentation skills.

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WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICE MANAGER/TECHNICIAN

We are seeking a Full-Time Wireless Internet Area Manager/Technician to become a part of our growing team! You will be responsible for sales support, installation and service call schedules as well as overseeing any employees in your area. You will configure data communications systems as well as identify areas of improvement to increase efficiency. Compensation \$45,000 to \$55,000 annually, and Medical Benefits Offered.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 30, 2018
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Sep 4, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRCC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the OXY USA INC., [RRCC Operator No. 630591] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 10, Bk. 35 T3S, T&P RR CO / COOK, P W Survey, A-956, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, GLASSCOCK County, being 11.7 miles NW direction from GARDEN CITY, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: POWELL 1001
Lease/Unit Well No.: 1281.48
Lease/Unit Acres: 1.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 3339.0

Lease Lines: 334.0 F N L, 648.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 334.0 F N L, 648.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location: 334.0 F N L, 648.0 F W L

Terminus Location: BH County: GLASSCOCK, Section: 15, Block: 35 T3S, Abstract: 319

Survey T&P RR CO: Lease Lines: 10.0 F S L, 565.0 F W L, 10.0 F S L, 565.0 F W L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Cathy Duffield, at (713)350-4930.

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Lease/Unit Well No.: 1281.48
Lease/Unit Acres: 1.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 1045.0

Lease Lines: 313.0 F N L, 682.0 F W L
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Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location: 313.0 F N L, 682.0 F W L

Terminus Location: BH County: GLASSCOCK, Section: 15, Block: 35 T3S, Abstract: 319

Survey T&P RR CO: Lease Lines: 10.0 F S L, 1610.0 F W L, 10.0 F S L, 1610.0 F W L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9000 feet.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the OXY USA INC., [RRC Operator No. 630591] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission State-wide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 10, Br. 35 T3S, T&P RR CO / COOK, P W Survey, A-956, SPRABERY (TREND AREA) Field, GLASSCOCK County, being 11.7 miles NW direction from GARDEN CITY, Texas.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	POWELL 1003
Lease/Unit Well No. :	1WA
Lease/Unit Acres :	1281.48
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1278.0

Lease Lines :	33.0 FNL,	1813.0 FEL
Survey Lines :	33.0 FNL,	1813.0 FEL

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

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