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Recovery will take time, patience, balanced market

Data suggests demand for oil is higher this summer, but not that much higher

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ COMMENTARY

Early summer is usually a happy time around the oil patch, a season when prices tend to spike.

This year is no different, with prices rising from $26 in February to around $50 since May. Oil companies and speculators hope the higher prices are the start of a long-term trend that will pull companies from the maw of bankruptcy.

The data, though, suggests otherwise.

Oil prices tend to rise in late spring and early summer because it's driving season, with parents loading their kids into minivans for treks to see the grandparents or national parks. Higher demand naturally means higher prices from the pump all the way back to the well.

On the supply side, late spring is also the beginning of fighting season, when armies and rebel groups take advantage of warm, dry weather to gain ground against their enemies. That means greater disruption in Libya, Nigeria and Iraq, which also means higher prices.

Both factors are playing into this year's spike on the oil futures market, where speculators have dramatically piled in, according to the Nymex Energy Weekly Commitment of Traders report. But so far the effects on the actual supply-demand balance exist only in the imagination of the traders. Prices will likely go down before they go any higher, something that oil investors and lenders should keep in mind.

Data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration and other sources show that demand is higher this summer because of lower gasoline prices and a stronger economy, but it's not that much higher.

Global consumption is expected to rise 2.3 percent this year and 3 percent in 2017, according to the Energy Information Administration. That's quite a boost compared with the 1.5 percent increase in demand seen in 2015. That increased demand has also shown up in U.S. commercial crude oil stocks, which fell by 1.37 million barrels to 535.7 million barrels in the week ended May 27, EIA data showed last week.

U.S. crude inventories, however, stand 12.2 percent above the EIA five-year average for this time of year, according to Platts, an independent provider of energy data. Gasoline inventories are 8 percent higher than last year, despite the increased consumption.

"The large build-out of global inventories should buffer any differences in supply and demand, potentially constraining near-term crude oil price increases," the EIA reported.

On the other side of the scale, the supply shocks are real, but also small and short-lasting.

Wildfires near the tar sands in Canada have caused the biggest disruption in U.S. imports, and that led to some of the drawdown in crude inventories. But the fires are out, and production will soon resume.

A flare-up in Libyan fighting last month helped raise prices, but ever since the country descended into civil war, it's only produced about 400,000 barrels a day. Iran has already made up for Libya's lost 1.2 million barrels a day and is still adding another 500,000 barrels a day in export capacity by year-end.

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ON THE ROAD AGAIN

MRT file photo

On Wednesday, Texas Department of Transportation officials presented their plan to fund road improvements in Texas' energy sectors. The event took place at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin engineering building and drew political officials and representatives from throughout the Permian Basin.

TxDOT lays out plan to improve road affected by oil industry

By Trevor Hawes
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Effective road improvement is all about dialogue.

That was the key message from Randy C. Hopmann, Texas Department of Transportation director of district operations, at the state transportation agency's workshop Wednesday.

TxDOT introduced its Energy Sector Corridor Improvement Program to several political officials and representatives from areas across West Texas whose roads have been impacted by the recent oil boom.

Oil activity draws heavy truck traffic, and the roads beneath often weren't built to handle the weight nor the density of vehicles traveling to and from the oil field. This can put roads in disrepair and even cause crash fatalities. The Permian has seen a lot of the latter.

According to a graph about reportable motor vehicle traffic fatalities in energy sector regions — the Permian, Eagle Ford, Barnett, Anadarko and Haynesville — the Permian saw about 250 deaths in 2010. By 2014, that number had risen to about 430. That number tapered to about 400 last year.

The Permian doesn't lead the energy sectors in fatalities. Deaths on roads in the Barnett in North Texas totaled about 500 in 2010 and has risen steadily to about 650 in 2015. However, Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance President James Beauchamp and Hopmann put that difference into perspective during a question-and-answer session.

About 1,000 people move to Texas every day, Hopmann said, many of them to the highly populated Dallas-Fort Worth area. The Permian, however, represents just more than 1 percent of the state's population, Beauchamp said, thus the fatality rate here is far higher per capita than in the Barnett.

TxDOT wants to be proactive about improving transportation, which is why it is seeking $1.8 billion to repair, update and modify so-called Priority 1 roads in Texas' energy sectors, while another $1.52 million is needed for Priority 2 roads.

For the Permian, $676 million is being sought for so-called Priority 1 corridors, which include:

- State Highway 302
- Farm-to-Market Road 652
- SH 158
- U.S. Highway 76
- SH 176
- US 67
- US 285
- US 385/SH 214
- SH 349/US 87
- SH 350

Hopmann said the Permian Basin should get more out of road improvements in terms of miles covered.

"What's good about the Permian Basin is you have good sub-grades — nice caliche rock sub-grades out here. When a road has a problem in the Permian Basin, it tends to be more from a pavement

Please see **TXDOT**/4A

City, county experience 20 percent sales tax drops

From staff reports

Both the city of Midland and Midland County reported more than 20 percent decreases in sales tax collections this month.

The Texas Comptroller's Office report again showed a key economic indicator is lagging behind the same month in the previous year as the city reported a 21.26 percent drop in its monthly sales tax collection.

Midland County fared worse with a 28.8 percent drop, according to the comptroller.

The city's drop continues a decline that started 16 months ago. The collection was the 10th straight double-digit decrease and the sixth time in the last nine months that the collection dropped by more than 20 percent, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

The $27.731 million in sales tax this fiscal year trails last year by $6.66 million, or 19.38 percent. With one quarter left in the fiscal year, the city is still on pace to lose more than $8 million in sales tax revenue compared to last year ($44.575 million).

City leaders have said previously that a drop in sales tax was expected, and the impact on next year's budget will force budget cuts — around 5 percent by each department.

The county is showing a drop of 27.34 percent in sales tax this fiscal year. Commissioners budgeted for $30.8 million for the current fiscal year; however, according to the current trend, Midland County is set to take in just less than $30 million. That would be a drop from last year's collection of $41.1 million.

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

City sales tax collection decreases

October	23.61 percent
November	16.08 percent
December	25.77 percent
January	23.84 percent
February	10.21 percent
March	22.41 percent
April	21.32 percent
May	14.37 percent
June	21.26 percent
Fiscal year avg.	19.38 percent decrease

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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$51.23 ▲	$0.67
WTI Posted	$47.75 ▲	$0.75
WTS Posted	$44.15 ▲	$0.75
Natural Gas	$2.486 ▼	$0.008
Gasoline	$2.176 ▼	$0.013

The big number
UTPB has received a **$255,000 grant** to expand its faculty. Read more on Page 4A.

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

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[ahy-ren-ik] adjective.
1. tending to promote peace or reconciliation; peaceful or conciliatory.

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Former Nigeria's manager Stephen Keshi is seen ahead of the international friendly soccer match between Nigeria and Scotland at Craven Cottage Stadium in London on May. 28, 2014. Nigerian soccer player and coach known as "Big Boss" because of his charismatic leadership, has died. He was 54. Keshi, one of only,two men to win the African Cup of Nations as a coach and a player, died early Wednesday.

Former Nigeria captain and coach Stephen Keshi dies at 54

By Gerald Imray
Associated Press

Stephen Keshi, Nigerian soccer's charismatic and outspoken "Big Boss" who won African Cup titles as both captain and coach of his country, died early Wednesday. He was 54.

Keshi, one of only two men to win the African Cup of Nations as a player and a coach, died after being rushed to the hospital in Benin City in southern Nigeria late Tuesday night, the Nigerian Football Federation said.

"This is devastating. We have lost a superhero," NFF president Amaju Pinnick said in a statement.

The federation said Keshi died of suspected heart problems and was experiencing an irregular heartbeat and pain in his legs when he was taken to the hospital. He was preparing to fly back to his home in the United States.

Keshi had lost his wife to cancer late last year.

The South African and Ghana federations, and English club Chelsea, were among those to pay tribute to Keshi.

Keshi captained Nigeria to the African Cup title in 1994 and was coach when Nigeria won again in 2013. He also coached the Togo and Mali national teams. He had immediate success when he turned his hand to coaching, guiding Togo to the World Cup for the first time in 2006.

Although he brought success back to Nigeria, his time in charge of his home nation was marked by disputes with his NFF bosses. But Keshi was so popular that former Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan once personally intervened to make sure he remained as national coach.

As a tall, heavily-built central defender, Keshi led Nigeria's golden age of players to the African Cup title in Tunisia in 1994 and to the brink of the World Cup quarter-finals the same year in the United States. That team contained the likes of Finidi George, Jay-Jay Okocha, Sunday Oliseh and Rashidi Yekini.

"Horrible news & Sad day as Our legendary Captain & brother Stephen Keshi dies," Oliseh, Keshi's former teammate and successor as Nigeria coach, wrote on Twitter. "We lost an iconic Hero 2day."

When Keshi and Nigeria won in South Africa in 2013, he was the first black African coach in two decades to claim victory at the continental championship. A big believer in giving African talent a chance, Keshi then criticized national federations for continually hiring foreign coaches and not giving African coaches a chance.

Sometimes his love for his country and his continent went a little too far: When Malawi's Belgian coach Tom Saintfiet expressed safety fears over playing a qualifying game in Nigeria in 2013, Keshi took the criticism of his country personally and got himself in trouble by calling Saintfiet a "crazy white dude."

Judges must ask about youths' tribal status under new rule

By Mary Hudetz
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A new federal rule will require judges in every state to ask whether a child is a Native American during foster-care and adoption proceedings — especially when there's reason to believe a child is a tribal member.

Under the rule announced Wednesday by the Interior Department, judges also must ask about a child's status as a tribal member during hearings to determine whether or not a mother or father's parental rights will be terminated.

The regulation is set to go into effect in December as part of the Indian Child Welfare Act — a highly scrutinized law that aims to place Native American children, who are removed from their homes at disproportionately high rates, with relatives or another Native American family.

Citing 2013 data, the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs said Native American children nationwide are represented in their state foster care systems at a rate 2.5 times greater than their presence in the general population.

"One of the challenges has been the courts not knowing to ask that very simple question just at the outset," Larry Roberts, the Interior Department's assistant secretary for Indian Affairs, said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Even though it's a very simple question, it will make a world of difference for children and Native communities."

Contentious and high-profile custody cases involving Native American children have regularly tested the law since it passed in 1978, including a recent challenge from a California foster family that is fighting a decision to place a Choctaw girl they had hoped to adopt with relatives of her father.

'Raging Bull' actress Theresa Saldana dies

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Theresa Saldana, the "Raging Bull" actress who survived a stalker's brutal attack to become a crime victims' advocate and reclaimed her entertainment career with "The Commish" and other TV shows, has died. She was 61.

Saldana had been suffering from pneumonia and died Monday at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, according to her longtime friend, Soorya Townley, who called the actress a "warm, caring person" who put others' needs before her own.

Saldana co-starred in the 1991-96 drama "The Commish" as the supportive wife of Michael Chiklis' police commissioner. Her most notable big-screen role was opposite Joe Pesci in "Raging Bull," Martin Scorsese's 1980 film starring Robert De Niro.

"I have such good memories of working with her on 'Raging Bull,' and I always admired the way that she handled the horrifying attack by a stalker — the good that she made of it," Scorsese said. "She was a wonderful actress and a fine human being."

In 1982, Saldana was repeatedly stabbed by an obsessed man in front of her West Hollywood apartment. The attack was stopped by a then-water deliveryman, Jeff Fenn, who held the man for police.

Scottish drifter Arthur Jackson served more than a decade in prison for the crime before he was extradited to Great Britain to face charges in a case there.

Saldana, who endured a prolonged hospitalization, was both physically and mentally scarred and received treatment for both problems. She went on to found a support and lobbying group, Victims for Victims, and played herself in the 1984 TV movie "Victims For Victims: The Theresa Saldana Story." She also wrote "Beyond Survival," a memoir.

In a 1992 interview with The Associated Press, Saldana said her recovery was long in coming but complete.

"It's been a decade, and it's over now, finally," she said. "If someone brings it up, I remember, but I don't think about it all the time. It's certainly not a formidable part of my life anymore. I'm happy and excited. I'm doing really well."

She and actor Phil Peters, who had a recurring role on "The Commish" as police Sgt. William Frawley, married in 1989 and had a daughter, Tianna.

Saldana was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1954 and was adopted at five days by an Italian-Puerto Rican family.

Her first film appearances came in 1978 with "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" and "Nunzio." Other movie credits included "Defiance," "The Evil That Men Do" and "Gang Warz."

Her TV credits included "T.J. Hooker" and "Matlock" in the early and mid-1980s, "Diagnosis Murder" in the '90s and "The Bernie Mac Show" in 2003.

Obituaries

Doris Lee Weaver

Doris Lee Weaver entered this world on December 14, 1931 and left it to be with her Heavenly Father just after sunrise on Sunday, June 5, 2016.

Doris was born in Longview, Texas to Robert and Ella Lee. Doris grew up in Texarkana and earned her Bachelor of Science in Education from North Texas State College.

After graduation, Doris taught school one year in Midland, one year north of San Diego, and then spent the majority of her career as an educator in the Ector County Independent School District. She concluded her public education service by acting as a mentor trainer for the Region 18 Service Center. She obtained her Masters in Education from Sul Ross State University, and as a licensed professional counselor.

In 1957, after she moved to Odessa to teach, Doris met Walter L. Weaver at what would become their home church, Belmont Baptist. They married in 1958 and remained married until his death in 1990. Doris and Walter had two children, Carl David Weaver and Glen Lee Weaver.

Doris left ECISD until her boys started school. When Doris returned to ECISD, she initially served as a classroom teacher but over the years moved on to be a counselor, diagnostician, program director, and finally served as principal at Cameron Elementary and John Ireland Elementary. She loved teaching children and working with new teachers to help them improve their skills.

Doris also enjoyed teaching about her faith. She taught the Esther Sunday school class at Belmont Baptist Church for literally decades.

She and Walter were for many years members of an unofficial dining club known as the Goofy Gourmet Club a/k/a "The Goofies." The food may not have always been great, but the friendships were. The Goofies then expanded their activities to travel, including a tradition of an annual pilgrimage over Labor Day to the Indian Lodge in Fort Davis. Doris also loved to travel to visit family and see historic sites, including many fun family camping trips. After she retired, she traveled extensively with her sister, brother-in-law, and various friends. They visited many cities in Europe, Canada, the Caribbean, and the United States.

Doris Weaver is survived by her children, David Weaver and his wife Pat Long Weaver of Midland, and Glen Weaver of Odessa; sister, Mary Cook Putnam of Galveston; brother, Robert E. "Swede" Lee of Texarkana; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and their children.

She is also survived by her loyal friend of 67 years, Ann Willis of Odessa, who was truly a second mother to David and Glen.

The family would like to thank Dr. Stephanie Kubacak, Dr. Joseph Abijay, and Dr. Sudhir Amaron for their care and support. We would also like to thank the staff at Home Instead Senior Care, especially Bridgette Flournoy.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Belmont Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Belmont Baptist Church, or to the youth charity of your choice. Belmont is located at 1200 W. 8th Street, Odessa, Texas, 79763, phone 432-332-0248.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home.

To send family condolences please sign the guest registry at *www.sunsetodessa.com*.

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OTHERDEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

IDAHO

2 former Idaho lawmakers, Jeff Alltus and Grant Ipsen, die

BOISE — Two former Idaho lawmakers, Sen. Grant Ipsen and Rep. Jeff Alltus, died over the weekend.

Alltus, a 61-year-old from Hayden, died Saturday at a hospice facility after a five-month bout with pancreatic cancer.

Ipsen, from Boise, died at home in Meridian on Sunday. He was 83.

Both men were Republicans. Alltus was known as an outspoken Christian conservative who served three terms after he was elected to the Statehouse in 1994. Ipsen was elected to his first of five terms in the Senate in 1992. Ipsen was a conservative who remained politically active in recent years with anti-gambling causes.

DETROIT

Ackerman, former sportscaster behind 'Bless You Boys,' dies

Al Ackerman, a former TV sportscaster who coined the rally cry "Bless You Boys" for the Detroit Tigers leading up to the team's 1984 World Series win, has died. He was 90.

Family member Philip Handleman says Ackerman died Monday of natural causes at his home in Florida. He says a private service has been held.

Ackerman worked for stations including WDIV and WXYZ during a 25-year career in Detroit from the 1960s to the 1980s.

In 1997, he was inducted into the Michigan Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, a recognition his family says was among his greatest honors.

Handleman described Ackerman as a "Renaissance man" who loved classical music, appreciated literature and was interested in public affairs.

Survivors include Ackerman's wife, Terese Ann; two daughters; a sister-in-law; and grandchildren.

VIRGINIA

Military funeral set for 'Marvelous Mal' Whitfield

ARLINGTON — A standard military honors funeral service is scheduled for Mal Whitfield, a Tuskegee airman who won Olympic track and field titles and served for decades as a sports affairs officer for the U.S. Information Agency.

Arlington National Cemetery said in a news release that the funeral will be conducted Wednesday. Whitfield, 91, died in November at the VA hospital in Washington.

Nicknamed "Marvelous Mal," Whitfield joined the Army Air Force in 1943. He was a member of the 100th Fighter Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group at Lockbourne AFB in Ohio, and flew 27 combat missions during the Korean War.

The first service member to win a gold medal while on active duty, Whitfield also helped the U.S. win the 1,600 meter relay title in 1948. He successfully defended his 800 meter title in 1952.

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STATE&REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Abbott adds 15 counties to flood May disaster proclamation

Gov. Greg Abbott has added 15 counties to his June 1 disaster declaration arising from a month of severe weather and flooding, bringing to 46 the number of Texas counties covered by the proclamation.

The Wednesday proclamation adds Brown, Caldwell, Callahan, Clay, Comanche, Eastland, Falls, Hardin, Harris, Houston, Madison, Somervell, Stephens, Travis and Trinity counties to the proclamation. Already covered by the proclamation were Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Coleman, Colorado, Erath, Fayette, Fort Bend, Grimes, Hidalgo, Hood, Jasper, Kleberg, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Lubbock, Montgomery, Palo Pinto, Parker, Polk, Robertson, San Jacinto, Tyler, Walker, Waller, Washington and Wharton counties.

The proclamation authorizes the use of all available state resources and eases regulatory requirements on emergency contracting and procurement in response to severe weather and flooding since May 26.

DALLAS

Texas hurricane air evacuation drill runs through Thursday

A mock storm dubbed Hurricane Tejas reached Texas, in theory, on Wednesday as part of an air-emergency evacuation practice run at some of the state's larger airports.

The air and ground drills are a chance to practice and evaluate plans for evacuating and sheltering people — some with medical issues — in the event of severe weather, according to Texas Department of Safety Trooper Robbie Barrera.

"Exercise only, this is not a real scenario. It is for training purposes," Barrera said about the 2016 Rio Grande Valley evacuation exercise, which runs through Thursday and is set up to mimic a situation in which 1 million South Texas residents would need to be evacuated.

The drill involves Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, Dallas' Love Field, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and Kelly Field Airport in San Antonio, Barrera said.

Valley International Airport in Harlingen was a departure point for about 300 volunteer evacuees, according to a DPS statement. A Texas Air National Guard C-130 was being used to transport individuals, who will be returned to South Texas on Thursday to simulate repopulation of targeted areas.

Most regular travelers will not be aware of the disaster drill because the exercise involves areas of the airports where there is no commercial traffic, Barrera said.

A statement from the city of Fort Worth said an aircraft from the Rio Grande Valley transporting volunteers would head for DFW airport.

"The evacuees will be deplaned and transported by bus to shelters," the statement said.

NEW MEXICO

Authorities: Man set fire to apartment to escape sex noise

ALBUQUERQUE — Authorities say an Albuquerque man took drastic action to escape the sounds of his neighbors having sex — he set fire to his own apartment.

The Albuquerque Journal reported that Reuben Cook told police Sunday he "tried to burn anything he could think of" in his apartment to run from the annoying sounds.

A criminal complaint filed in Metropolitan Court says police found minor fire damage when they arrived to Cook's apartment.

The complaint said the 36-year-old Cook told police he heard people having sex upstairs and decided he wanted to go to prison and get away from the noise.

Cook was charged with arson. He was released on his own recognizance Tuesday.

It was not known if Cook had an attorney.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Work begins to install mural on Corpus Christi building

Dozens of people have helped paint 65 panels that will be part of a colorful big-as-a-building mural in Corpus Christi.

Sandra Gonzalez said she hopes her mural starts a wave of art. Gonzalez expects the first panels of her artwork, "Endless Sunset: The Colors of Our City," to be glued in place today.

Work began this week to install the dozens of 5-foot-square panels on the side of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times building. The scene will include images of flowers, fish and other wildlife — along with the name: Corpus Christi, Texas.

Gonzalez told the newspaper that about 40 people helped paint the panels. The artwork is expected to debut in August.

Gonzalez said she hopes the participants feel proud of their work and their community.

EL PASO

Group to repay $800K missing from El Paso Catholic school

A religious order will repay $800,000 discovered missing from a Roman Catholic school in Texas after two administrators retired.

Officials with the Roman Catholic Diocese of El Paso on Tuesday announced auditors believe the funds were misappropriated over seven years.

The diocese does not plan to seek criminal charges against the administrators, who retired last year from St. Joseph's School. The men were not employed by the diocese but were under contract with the Brothers of the Poor of St. Francis, known as the Order.

New accounting software, installed after the men retired, revealed discrepancies in which school funds allegedly were diverted for personal expenses.

Officials with the Order confirmed the funds were misappropriated and agreed to reimburse St. Joseph's School.

A diocese statement asks for prayers for both men.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Texas woman faces up to 30 years for babysitting sex scam

A South Texas woman faces up to 30 years in prison for a babysitting scam in which she recorded her convicted sex offender boyfriend molesting a girl.

Rosa Linda Ganceres of Mathis pleaded guilty Wednesday to production of child pornography. Ganceres remains in custody pending sentencing by a federal judge in Corpus Christi.

Prosecutors said Ganceres and her boyfriend, Daniel Benson Billman Jr. of Aransas Pass, advertised online last summer as babysitters. Investigators said a woman hired the pair to watch her daughter, then Billman sexually assaulted the girl and Ganceres recorded the abuse.

Billman in January pleaded guilty to production of child pornography. Billman in March was sentenced to 50 years in prison.

Audit finds problems with Dallas school district payments

Associated Press

DALLAS — An internal investigation by the Dallas Independent School District has found instances in which marketing companies were paid in full before their work with the district was completed.

The report shows that deputy chief of staff Justin Coppedge called an early payment of $150,000 to a marketing agency an "unintentional mistake." The report also says the district made full payments, totaling $83,500, to three other vendors before receiving promised deliverables.

The report says Coppedge and Tammy Kuykendall, a former executive director who worked under Coppedge, gave the Board of Trustees incorrect information about the payments. According to the report, Kuykendall provided incorrect information about payments to Coppedge that he then passed on to trustees.

Kuykendall resigned from the school district, effective Jan. 30.

Coppedge declined The Dallas Morning News' request for comment Tuesday and Kuykendall couldn't be reached for comment.

The report concluded that the two district employees violated the Educator's Code of Ethics.

Dallas Independent School District board president Lew Blackburn called on the Superintendent Michael Hinojosa to take action in response to the audit.

"It is disappointing to learn that employees were not very truthful and forthright with the board," Blackburn said. "I fully expect Dr. Hinojosa to take appropriate disciplinary actions with the employees identified in the internal audit report."

The district, which said in a statement that the audit verified some of the concerns that it had, has not discussed any potential disciplinary action, citing personnel privacy.

Cross-dressing cowboy not welcome in ladies' room at this barbecue joint

By Gordon Dickson
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

CRESSON — This is the story of barbecue, a restroom and a cross-dressing cowboy.

In the tiny North Texas town of Cresson at BBQ on the Brazos — a locally famous restaurant known for its smoked brisket — a simple sign hangs on the women's restroom door:

"No men allowed in the women's bathroom please."

At a glance, a visitor might assume the neatly typed sign was put up by folks at the barbecue place — or the Texaco gas station/convenience store that shares the building — as a knee-jerk reaction to the ongoing national debate over transgender issues.

But that's not the whole story. According to the owner of BBQ on the Brazos, the community of about 1,000 residents a half-hour southwest of downtown Fort Worth has a specific beef with a cross-dressing cowboy who occasionally patronizes the place. The controversy goes back about two-and-a-half years, said John Sanford, who opened the restaurant in 2013.

"Before this gender thing got started, there's a truck driver who comes in here who occasionally has on jeans and boots or occasionally has on a skirt and 6-inch stilettos," Sanford said. "He's a pickup man for rodeos. (Pickup men guide rodeo riders to safety after they've been thrown.) The furthest thing from my mind was to see him in hot pants, a blouse and 6-inch heels."

The sign was typed up, placed in a laminated cover and taped to the restroom door after several women who work at the restaurant and convenience store expressed concern that the man might use their restroom, he said.

"Everybody got together and said, we can't have this guy going into the ladies' restroom," Sanford said. "I don't care if he has on a dress or not."

Sanford said the sign wasn't put up as a protest of President Obama's guidance for public schools to let students use the restroom of their choice, regardless of whether they were born male or female. In fact, it has been taped to the door for months.

But if visitors want to perceive the sign as a protest, Sanford said many residents of Cresson are probably fine with that.

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Texas, short on foster beds, shelters kids at state offices

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — A shortage of foster homes in Texas means dozens of children have been sleeping in state offices, another disturbing trend for a state foster care system that one judge has condemned as "shameful" and another has called so broken it often leaves young people in long-term care worse than when they entered.

More than two dozen children statewide spent at least two nights sleeping in state offices in April, the most recent month for which data is available. The month before that, 42 of them slept in a child welfare office. The new figures on sheltering children in the offices were first reported by the Austin American-Statesman.

State officials say there are not enough foster parents to take in all the children in state custody who need a home. They say compounding the problem is a rising number of children who have been removed from troubled homes.

Officials also point to new restrictions that limit the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services from placing children with extended family members. Children in recent years have died while in the custody of extended family, causing authorities to scramble again for a fix.

Kate Murphy, senior policy associate for child welfare with Texans Care for Children, a nonprofit children's policy organization, said reducing caseloads would give caseworkers more time to find the best place for children as promptly as possible.

"Stability is key for these kids, and stability is something they are missing too often," Murphy said. "Continued state investment in reducing caseloads will contribute to that stability. The state needs to provide the resources to make caseloads more manageable and support the people who are trying to help the children in our child protection system."

Murphy said the state largely relies on a privatized system to secure foster housing for kids.

"Allowing local agencies to be nimble has its advantages, but we also need a statewide strategy to address the gaps," she said.

With children sleeping in the offices, caseworkers have put more shifts in place to provide supervision around the clock, adding to the already demanding caseload for many of the workers.

Court records and advocacy groups detail scores of chronic foster care failures that led a federal judge in December to declare the Texas system unconstitutionally flawed and order an independent overhaul. Texas is fighting the ruling, even as two court-appointed administrators face a September deadline to present a reform plan.

The system, which has about 30,000 children in homes and institutional settings, is "broken, and it has been that way for decades," U.S. District Judge Janis Graham Jack said in her ruling. That's especially true for those labeled permanent wards of the state, she said, who "almost uniformly leave state custody more damaged than when they entered."

That label can be affixed after a child spends just a year in custody and means the child receives less care and oversight, Jack said.

More recently, John Specia, commissioner of Family and Protective Services, told a Senate health committee in April that a surge of foster children with mental or emotional problems could create a $40 million budget shortfall by the end of next year.

"We have too many preventable child fatalities," Specia told the committee. "Every failure hurts and must be scrutinized so we can learn."

Primary draws record number of New Mexico Democrats

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The number of ballots cast in New Mexico's Democratic presidential primary outpaced previous years because overall turnout by eligible voters from both parties was above average.

Preliminary results show more than 325,000 ballots were cast across the state — representing roughly one in three eligible Democratic and Republican voters. That's more than in each of the presidential primaries and caucuses in 2004, 2008 and 2012.

Turnout has averaged 28 percent in presidential election year primaries in New Mexico since 1996.

Albuquerque pollster Brian Sanderoff said a competitive presidential primary helped fuel turnout, with a record 37 percent of Democrats casting votes.

"I think there was a lot of interest in the Hillary Clinton-Bernie Sanders race despite the news on the eve of the election that Hillary became the presumptive nominee," Sanderoff said.

Clinton prevailed at the polls Tuesday without campaigning directly in New Mexico. She lost the state's most populous county to Sanders but edged out the Vermont senator in other counties.

New Mexico Democratic Party Chairwoman Debra Haaland pledged her delegate vote to Hillary Clinton on Wednesday, even while acknowledging that the Sanders campaign helped inspire the record Democratic turnout.

"I have nothing but love for Sanders volunteers," she told reporters during a phone call.

"I feel they played a huge role in bringing voters to the polls yesterday...I will make sure that I keep the conversation going and make sure that they are welcome."

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

This date in Midland

■ On June 9, 2001, Jayson Nix pitched a complete game as the Midland High baseball team defeated Austin High-4-2 to capture the Class 5A title in Round Rock.

Things to do

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

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

■ Jeanie Patterson, 7 p.m., Cafe at the Gardens, 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road, aldredgegardens.com.

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

Note: Check out the weekend entertainment calendar in the Weekender in today's edition.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m., Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234

■ Chronic fatigue fibro-myalgia syndromes support group, noon, Rays of Hope Grief Centre; 520-3500.

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

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

■ The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m., Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church; Doc Weathers 631-7646 or docweathers@suddenlink.net.

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

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

MPD/OPD basketball game

Members of the Midland and Odessa police departments will face off in a basketball game to raise funds for two local organizations.

The charity game will be 7:30 p.m. June 21 at Midland Christian School's gym, 1709 Northrup Drive. Tickets are $5 per person and are available at the door or at ticketriver.com. All proceeds will benefit Odessa Police Athletic League and the Midland Boys and Girls Club.

A game featuring children from the Odessa PAL and Midland Boys and Girls Club will start at 6:15 p.m. Tickets for this game can be purchased online at odessapal.com or from the players.

Book fair to benefit MN2R

Barnes & Noble is hosting a book fair 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday for the benefit of Midland Need to Read (MN2R). Five local authors will be signing copies of their books: Patti Hall, 10 a.m.-noon; Teffanie Thompson, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Claire Banschbach, 1-3 p.m.; Jesica Carlile, 2-4 p.m.; and Patrick Dearen, 3-5 p.m.

With the use of a voucher — available online and at the store on the day of the event — a portion of sales will be donated to the nonprofit organization. An online book fair is set for June 11-16 for customers unable to attend the in-store event. To participate in the online fair, visit www.bn.com/bookfairs and use the ID 11854460 at checkout.

Library exhibit

Midland County Public Library will open its Eric Carle exhibit and kick off its summer reading program 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at the Centennial branch.

The exhibit, "Very Eric Carle," features a variety of hands-on immersive experiences based on his books. The theme for this year's reading program is "On your mark, get set … READ" and blends physical health with literacy.

Activities planned for Saturday's event include jumpers, face painting, a ring toss, miniature golf, a giant game of KerPlunk, relay tic tac toe, fly swatter badminton and crafts.

Families can register online for the reading program at http://midland-tx.beanstack.org and come to the library to pick up a registration bag and free Eric Carle book for each participant.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-3-1
Pick 3 day: 3-1-8
Pick 3 evening: 2-7-1
Pick 3 night: 3-8-8
Daily 4 morning: 6-7-5-2
Daily 4 day: 6-3-4-0
Daily 4 evening: 1-5-1-4
Daily 4 night: 7-6-9-3
Cash Five: 1-4-15-23-34
Lotto Texas: 2-13-22-35-36-39
Powerball: 12-25-37-60-69 PB: 20
Power Play: 3
All or Nothing morning: 2-8-10-11-13-15-16-18-19-20-22-24
All or Nothing day: 1-5-6-7-8-11-14-17-18-21-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-4-5-9-10-12-14-18-19-22-24
All or Nothing night: 1-2-5-6-9-10-11-13-16-17-18-24
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Today in history

In 1954, during the Senate-Army hearings, Army special counsel Joseph N. Welch famously berated Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., asking McCarthy: "Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you left no sense of decency?"

TXDOT

From 1A

standpoint. It tends to be more of a surface problem," he said.

Hopmann added that other areas have soft sub-grades, thus it's more expensive to rehabilitate and reconstruct these roads. In the Permian, repair doesn't go down so deep.

"It's much more economical in the Permian Basin," he said. "In other words, the cost per mile in the Permian Basin is very economical compared to other areas of the state because you do not have to go down to sub-grade in most cases. ... That is an advantage because you're able to spend the money on more miles of roadway in the Permian Basin than you are in other areas of the state because of that softer sub-grade issue."

All of the information presented Wednesday is preliminary and is subject to approval in August by the Texas Transportation Commission, led by former state Rep. Tryon Lewis. The urgency to repair the roads in energy production areas, however, is high.

"We're being proactive because we know the price of oil is going up," Hopmann said. "It's not a matter of 'if'; it's a matter of 'when.' In the past, we were forced to be reactive, repairing deteriorated roads. Now, we're trying to get ahead of the game in anticipation of the energy industry improving."

Getting ahead of the game might be difficult, as increased oilfield activity seemingly happens overnight when energy prices are favorable. TxDOT said it will have to adjust if needed.

"This is not a one-time conversation we hope to have," Hopmann said. "We understand that the priorities will shift, and TxDOT needs shift with those priorities, and that needs to be in concert with the energy industry. We're prepared to do that, but that takes conversation. Our district engineers understand that. They've laid out the scopes of the projects and the estimates of the projects as we understand it today, but we also understand it's somewhat of a moving target, so we'll have to adapt."

More information about the program — including the presentation, which has maps of all Priority 1 and Priority 2 corridors — is available at roadsfortexasenergy.com.

Midland, Ector and surrounding counties are represented by the TxDOT Odessa District, which can be contacted by calling 432-498-4710.

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MARKET

From 1A

A shadowy group known as the Niger Delta Avengers is attacking oil infrastructure, cutting Nigeria's production by 800,000 barrels a day. While no one is quite sure who is behind the group, or what it will take to appease them, the disruptions hurt Nigeria more than the global supply picture. The world market still has an excess 1 million barrels a day.

The Energy Information Administration expects surplus production to persist through the middle of 2017, which may explain why Saudi Arabia and Iran are pumping more oil and offering discounts to European customers. In a world with too much production capacity, capturing market share is the top priority.

The $50 mark is critical for U.S. producers, since many of them can afford to tap new wells in the Permian Basin at that price. The industry added four rigs last week in anticipation of higher prices, which means more oil is coming to market. Traders are watching the rig count closely for signs that the glut will grow.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries didn't take action to cut supply last week, recognizing that higher prices will restart North American production. They are more likely to flood the market than to contract it in order to keep competitors out.

Speculators, meanwhile, have cost the American consumer millions of dollars by running up gasoline prices just as they did last year, when oil hit $61.01 on June 23, 2015, only to drop to $56.96 on July 1 and $52.53 on July 6. Traders needed to book second-quarter profits last year, and I speculate they will do the same this year.

A real recovery of the oil markets will take time and patience, with a significant draining of the storage tanks and a delay in new drilling.

The sector is still six months away from hitting those crucial milestones to a balanced market.

MPD: Crashed plane reported stolen in possible suicide

From staff reports

The man who died in a June 1 plane crash in Penwell allegedly stole the Cessna 150K aircraft and had threatened to kill himself, according to Midland Police Department reports.

Midland police responded to an advise-of-rights call at about 9 p.m. June 1 at Basin Aviation at 901 Veterans Airpark Lane. The caller, identified as the pilot's fiancée, Cathy Mote, was visibly distraught when police arrived and explained that her fiancé — Clayton Chennault — had taken a plane belonging to his boss, identified as Larry Mercer, acording to an MPD report. Chennault, it was later reported, crashed the plane, striking a tower at the Cemex plant in Penwell, located west of Odessa.

MPD reported the Chennault contacted his fiancée as late as approximately 8 p.m., according to her statements. He also contacted family members via phone, and it was reported to police that during this conversation he threatened to kill himself. His family believed that the crash occurred at approximately 8:45 p.m., according to MPD.

Chennault's fiancée notified Mercer of the situation. Police confirmed through DPS officials that Chennault was the deceased occupant of the plane, and police contacted the Midland County Crisis Response Unit to assist in notifying Mote that he had died. Mercer said Chennault did not have authorization to use the plane at night or for personal use, according to the MPD report. Mercer reported the plane as stolen, but because the suspect had died, charges were not filed.

MPD has no further role in connection with the plane crash at this time. The NTSB is conducting the investigation into the crash and is aware of this information, according to MPD.

UTPB receives $255,000 grant to expand its faculty

By Waseem Nabulsi
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"We are pleased to welcome Dr. Sumit Verma to UT Permian Basin and our geology program as the university's first University of Texas System STARs faculty member. … The UT system funding for Dr. Verma's laboratory will support faculty and student research in our growing geology program."

Dan Heimmermann, provost and vice president of UTPB

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin was granted $255,000 from the University of Texas' Science and Technology Acquisition and Retention program to expand its faculty.

The funds will go toward hiring Sumit Verma, a geophysicist and post-doctoral fellow from the University of Wyoming.

"Sumit Verma will be a welcome addition to the geology program," Michael Zavada, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said in a press release. "His experience with oil industry-sponsored projects will reinforce the mission of this program and serve us well in the future."

This grant was part of an effort by the university to broaden the scope of its courses as well as to expand its faculty.

Approved by The UT System Board of Regents in August 2004, the STARs program awards grants to schools in the UT system to help attract top qualified professors. Additionally, the program funds the purchase of state-of-the-art laboratory technology as well as the construction of facilities on UT campuses. The program is funded through the Permanent University Fund's bond proceeds and since its creation has awarded nearly $167.45 million in grants.

This grant also marks the first time that UTPB has received a grant from the STARs program to hire a faculty member.

"We are pleased to welcome Dr. Sumit Verma to UT Permian Basin and our geology program as the university's first University of Texas System STARs faculty member," Dan Heimmermann, provost and vice president of UTPB, said in the release. "The UT system funding for Dr. Verma's laboratory will support faculty and student research in our growing geology program."

Verma said that the new laboratory along with the location of the university will prove to be an advantage to geology students researching solutions to geoscience problems facing the area.

"UTPB's location provides an immense opportunity to work on collaborative research projects with leading E&P companies," he said in the release. "Such research project mirrors research problems that geoscientists face at oil companies. In addition, the high technology geoscience lab, equipped with high power computers, supported by the STAR grant, will be the perfect place to solve these geoscience research programs."

Verma will begin teaching in the fall semester, which begins Aug. 24. The renovation of the geology lab, which will add 12 new high-powered computation work stations, will be completed by December.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man allegedly molests child

A Midland man was arrested June 1 for allegedly sexually assaulting a child, according to court documents.

Joshua Vernon Hess, 31, was held on a $25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of indecency with a child by contact. He was released Friday.

Hess

Midland County deputies were notified during a welfare check on June 1 that Hess allegedly assaulted a child, according to his arrest affidavit.

The child, who was interviewed at the Midland Children's Advocacy Center, said Hess had assaulted her while he was drunk, according to the affidavit. Someone saw the child crying and asked what was wrong; the girl said Hess had assaulted her, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, Hess could face up to 20 years in prison.

Man allegedly throws pregnant woman down stairs

A Midland man was arrested June 1 for allegedly choking a pregnant woman, according to court documents.

Kevin Antonio Gordon Jr., 38, was being held Wednesday on a $15,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault by choking.

Police responded to a disturbance during which Gordon and a woman were engaged in a physical disturbance. After speaking with both parties, officers determined Gordon was the aggressor, according to his arrest affidavit.

Gordon Jr.

Gordon allegedly pushed the woman down a flight of stairs and attempted to grab her neck. The woman went to her car; Gordon followed her and attacked her through the driver's side window and began choking her, according to the affidavit.

A witness pulled Gordon off the woman, who was pregnant, according to the affidavit.

Additionally, injuries were noted to the female's lower lip, legs, back, neck and right wrist, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony, Gordon could face up to 10 years in prison.

US oil reserve future unclear

■ Facilities facing major reduction, shift in purpose

By James Osborne
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — For four decades the U.S. government has stored vast seas of crude oil in underground caverns along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast, providing a backstop in the event the world's oil supply is disrupted.

But as those facilities age and the need for such a large reserve seemingly wanes, the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve faces a significant reduction in size, a potential shift in purpose and hundreds of millions of dollars in repairs and upgrades to its storage and transportation systems.

The sale of more than 160 million barrels of oil — close to a quarter of the entire reserve — has been authorized by Congress.

As that oil is sold off over the next nine years, the money generated by those sales will fund everything from deficit reduction to highway construction to maintenance of the reserve, which is nearing the end of its intended life.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Energy is wrapping up a yearlong review of the program to determine not only if the reserve is too large but also whether it should remain in its current locations. The review also will examine whether the nation's energy security would be better served by storing gasoline and other refined products rather than crude oil.

Significant quantities of the reserve have been sold before to ease potential shortages and moderate prices — most recently when civil war broke out in Libya in 2011. But energy analysts said these latest moves represent a significant shift in U.S. energy policy.

Changing mindset

Kevin Book, managing director of the Washington-based consulting firm ClearView Energy Partners, said the combination of the Obama administration's advocacy of more gasoline reserves and Republicans' desire to generate revenue through oil sales represents a major shift from the government's historical push to grow the nation's oil stockpile.

"They're selling a fifth of the nation's oil security, and only a small part of that is going to preserve the asset," he said.

Created in 1975 following the Arab oil embargo, the national petroleum reserve holds close to 700 million barrels of oil — enough to maintain U.S. consumption for five months. That's more than double the supplies available in 2005, when then-President George W. Bush ordered the Strategic Petroleum Reserve increased to 1 billion barrels.

But since then, the U.S. shale boom has increased domestic oil production 60 percent to 8.8 million barrels a day. That has reduced the need for oil from abroad to feed the country's demand of 19.4 million barrels a day.

Simultaneously, the system of old salt caverns, pipelines and pumps that make up what government officials refer to as the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is falling into disrepair. That came into clear view this year when a water pipe used to move oil around the storage caverns at the Big Hill reserve in East Texas — one of only four storage sites nationwide — burst. The facility was flooded and shut down for weeks, as contractors made emergency repairs.

A report from the Energy Department last year described a long backlog of maintenance work at the four reserve sites as well as an out-of-date design of pipelines and shipping terminals that could not effectively get oil to market in the event of an emergency.

Officials blamed the problem on a shale boom that led the flows of many pipelines to be reversed to get domestic oil and not imported oil to refineries.

Bipartisan sticking point

That and other projects funded by oil reserve sales, which would be worth $8 billion at today's prices, have received bipartisan support. The oil sales are scheduled to begin next year and run through 2025. But the prospect of selling government crude in the midst of an oil bust that has slashed prices to half their 2014 level has rankled lawmakers, both Republicans and Democrats.

Your phone may soon sense everything around you

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Suppose your smartphone is clever enough to grasp your physical surroundings — the room's size, the location of doors and windows and the presence of other people. What could it do with that info?

We're about to get our first look. On Thursday, Lenovo will give consumers their first chance to buy a phone featuring Google's 3-year-old Project Tango, an attempt to imbue machines with a better understanding about what's around them.

Location tracking through GPS and cell towers tells apps where you are, but not much more. Tango uses software and sensors to track motions and size up the contours of rooms, empowering Lenovo's new phone to map building interiors. That's a crucial building block of a promising new frontier in "augmented reality," or the digital projection of lifelike images and data into a real-life environment.

If Tango fulfills its promise, furniture shoppers will be able to download digital models of couches, chairs and coffee tables to see how they would look in their actual living rooms. Kids studying the Mesozoic Era would be able to place a virtual Tyrannosaurus or Velociraptor in their home or classroom — and even take selfies with one. The technology would even know when to display information about an artist or a scene depicted in a painting as you stroll through a museum.

Tango will be able to create internal maps of homes and offices on the fly. Google won't need to build a mapping database ahead of time, as it does with existing services like Google Maps and Street View. Nonetheless, Tango could raise fresh concerns about privacy if controls aren't stringent enough to prevent the on-the-fly maps from being shared with unauthorized apps or heisted by hackers.

Lenovo announced its plans for the Tango phone in January, but today will mark the first time that the company is showing the device publicly. At the Lenovo Tech World conference in San Francisco, the Chinese company is expected to announce the phone's price and release date.

Courtesy of Google via AP

This image provided by Google shows people looking at a view of the solar system using technology Google calls "Project Tango." Tango uses software and sensors to track motions and size up the contours of rooms, which can empower a smartphone to map building interiors. That's a crucial building block of a promising new frontier in "augmented reality," or the digital projection of lifelike images and data into a real-life environment.

The efforts come as phone sales are slowing. People have been holding off on upgrades, partly because they haven't gotten excited about the types of technological advances hitting the market during the past few years. Phones offering intriguing new technology could help spur more sales.

But Tango's room-mapping technology is probably still too abstract to gain mass appeal right away, says Ramon Llamas, an analyst at the IDC research group.

"For most folks, this is still a couple steps ahead of what they can wrap their brains around, so I think there's going to be a long gestation period," Llamas says.

Other smartphones promising quantum leaps have flopped. Remember Amazon's Fire phone released with great fanfare two years ago? That souped-up phone featured four front-facing cameras and a gyroscope so some images could be seen in three dimensions. The device also offered a tool called Firefly that could be used to identify objects and sounds. But the Fire fizzled, and Amazon no longer even sells the phone.

The key to the Tango phone's success is likely to hinge on the breadth of compelling apps that people find useful in their everyday lives. If history is any guide, the early apps may be more demonstrative than practical.

Google already has released experimental Tango devices designed for computer programmers, spurring them to build about 100 apps that will work with Lenovo's new phone. At a conference for developers last month, Google demonstrated an app for picturing furniture in actual living rooms and for taking selfies with digital dinosaurs.

Both large and small tech companies are betting that augmented realty, or AR, will take off sooner than later. Microsoft has been selling a $3,000 prototype of its HoloLens AR headset. Others, such as Facebook's Oculus and Samsung, are out with virtual-reality devices. Google has one coming as well through its Daydream project. While AR tries to blend the artificial with your actual surroundings, virtual reality immerses its users in a setting that's entirely fabricated.

With both, the devices out so far invariably require users to wear a headset or glasses. In many cases, they also must be tethered to more powerful personal computers, restricting the ability to move around.

None of that is necessary with Lenovo's Tango phone. Instead, you get an augmented look at your surroundings through the phone's screen.

"This has a chance to become pervasive because it's integrated into a device that you already have with you all the time," says Jeff Meredith, a Lenovo vice president who oversaw development of the Tango device. "You aren't going to have to walk around a mall wearing a headset."

Google plans to bring Tango to other phones, but is focusing on the Lenovo partnership this year, according to Johnny Lee, a Google executive who oversaw the team that developed the technology.

Tango drew upon previous research in robotics and the U.S. space program. Lee believes three-dimensional imagery and data — whether through the new Tango phone or another technology — will help reshape the way people interact with e-commerce, education and gaming.

Philadelphia could become 1st major US city with soda tax

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A City Council showdown over a proposed soda tax in Philadelphia got off to a stormy start.

Hundreds of people showed up Wednesday for a public hearing and planned key vote. Opponents shouted "No new tax!" and supporters countered with "Kids can't wait."

Mayor Jim Kenney has proposed a 3-cent-an-ounce tax on soda and other sugary beverages to pay for universal prekindergarten, community schools and park improvements. But the council appears to want something different.

An alternative proposal for a tax on non-reusable containers is up for consideration. It also would cover bottled water and even some vegetable juices.

The soda industry has spent millions on a campaign to stop Philadelphia from becoming the first major U.S. city with a sugary drinks tax.

Berkeley, California, is the only U.S. city to approve such a tax.

Rangers end search for man's body in Yellowstone hot spring

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Rangers suspended their attempts on Wednesday to recover the body of a man who wandered from a designated boardwalk and fell into an acidic hot spring at Yellowstone National Park, another in a string of incidents raising concerns over visitor behavior.

"They were able to recover a few personal effects," park spokeswoman Charissa Reid said. "There were no remains left to recover."

Colin Nathaniel Scott, 23, of Portland, was with his sister and had traveled about 225 yards off the boardwalk on Tuesday when he slipped and fell into the hot spring in the Norris Geyser Basin, park officials said.

After Scott's sister reported the fall, rangers navigated over the highly-fragile crust of the geyser basin to try to recover his body. They halted the effort Wednesday "due to the extreme nature and futility of it all," Reid said, referring to the high temperature and acidic nature of the spring.

The death occurred in one of the hottest and most volatile areas of Yellowstone. It follows high-profile incidents at the rugged park in which tourists got too close to wildlife or went off designated pathways onto unique landmarks, sometimes leading to injuries.

"It's sort of dumb, if I could be so blunt, to walk off the boardwalks not knowing what you're doing," said Kenneth Sims, a University of Wyoming geology professor and member of the Yellowstone Volcano Observatory.

The basin is a popular attraction in the nation's first national park, which received a record 4.1 million visitors last year. Water temperatures there can reach 199 degrees, the boiling point for water at the park's high elevation.

At least 22 people are known to have died from hot spring-related injuries in and around Yellowstone since 1890, park officials said.

Most of the deaths have been accidents, although at least two people had been trying to swim in a hot spring, park historian Lee Whittlesey, author of the book "Death in Yellowstone."

Posted signs warn visitors to keep to boardwalks and trails in thermal areas, which feature boiling pools, geysers that can blast hundreds of feet into the air and toxic gases.

The crust that makes up the ground in parts of Yellowstone is formed when minerals underground are dissolved by the high-temperature water, then redeposited on or near the surface.

That crust can be as "thin as a skiff of ice" Reid said.

Other recent tourist incidents at Yellowstone include a 13-year-old boy who got burned days ago when his father, who had been carrying him, slipped into a different hot spring.

In May, a Canadian film crew was accused of leaving an established boardwalk and stepping into a geothermal area where they snapped photos and took video of themselves.

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OPINION

Ryan's endorsement is a bitter pill to swallow

■ Trump's not changing and the speaker of the House didn't need to endorse

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Paul Ryan is a disappointment. That's more difficult for me to write than it should be. My approach to politicians has generally been similar to that of lab researchers to their test animals: Do not get too attached. For scientists, it's a lot easier to stick a guinea pig with a needle if you know it as "test subject 43A" than if you know it as "Mr. Fluffy." For the columnist, it's easier to twist the knife if you don't feel personally invested.

But philosophically and temperamentally, I've long felt that Ryan is my kind of politician, and that judgment didn't change after getting to know him (which is rare, given how most politicians are all too human). His vision for government's role and the kind of party the GOP should be has always resonated with me, even if I didn't agree with him on every policy or vote.

For those reasons I wasn't just pleased that he held the line against Donald Trump, I was proud. And for those reasons, his endorsement of Trump was a true disappointment.

On May 5, Ryan announced that he wasn't ready to endorse. Trump instantly retorted: "I am not ready to support Speaker Ryan's agenda."

Ryan is no naif. His stance was both strategic and principled. We were told that he was giving his GOP caucus "cover" so they wouldn't all have to bend the knee to King Trump at once.

Moreover, Ryan implied that he was holding out in order to push Trump in a more conservative direction; the businessman would have to show good faith and rein in his antics in exchange for party unity. GOP apparatchiks reassured the scattered holdouts, particularly among donors, that Trump would soon stop the scorched-earth insults and histrionics and get on board with the GOP agenda. Even Trump's supporters, such as Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, insisted that the presumptive nominee would "get better."

But Trump never showed signs of improvement. He attacked New Mexico's popular Republican governor, Susana Martinez, for the effrontery of not supporting him. And he vilified the Indiana-born judge in his Trump University fraud case for being a "Mexican."

"You think I'm going to change?" Trump asked reporters at a positively unhinged news conference last week. "I'm not changing."

Yet Ryan endorsed him anyway.

Admittedly, Ryan's endorsement was about as grudging as possible. He announced it on Thursday in a local Wisconsin newspaper. In a video interview with the Associated Press, he showed all the sincerity of a POW muttering into a captor's camera. Ryan said he was "confident" that Trump would help him advance his agenda. Alas, he didn't blink "just kidding" in Morse code.

In throwing his support to Trump, Ryan made two mistakes. The first was tactical.

Because Trump did nothing to earn Ryan's endorsement, the presumptive nominee may conclude that he needn't negotiate with the GOP establishment; he can just count on its eventual submission.

As the Washington Examiner's Philip Klein put it, "If Ryan can't stand up to candidate Trump, why should we expect he'd stand up to a President Trump?"

Ryan also jeopardized the party's long game. Ryan understands better than most that the biggest hurdle for conservatives is how their motivations are perceived. If someone starts out thinking you're greedy, mean-spirited or bigoted, they're not going to listen to your 10-point plan. Ryan has been fighting that perception all his political life.

Trump often embraces that perception, proving conservatism's harshest critics right. For example, the left says conservatives support "wars for oil." Trump says that "taking the oil" of Iraq and Libya should be a top priority. Democrats claim that conservative immigration and national security policies stem from animosity toward Latinos and Muslims. Ryan's honest retort to such claims is that he abhors identity politics. Meanwhile, Trump is perfectly comfortable saying that an American judge's Latino heritage is disqualifying. On Sunday, he said the same might hold for Muslim judges.

From entitlements to trade to the First Amendment, Trump has made it clear that his vision of government isn't Ryan's. And the gulf in temperament and tone between the two men is wider and deeper than the Marianas Trench.

Trump, then, poses an Aesopian challenge to Ryan; the scorpion must sting the frog because that is its nature. The only way to avoid the sting is not to ally yourself with the scorpion in the first place. Trump will fade one day, but even Ryan's halfhearted embrace of Trumpism makes it more likely Ryanism will fade too.

OUR VIEW

No matter your feelings for Clinton, her victory will be significant

In our conservative community, comments about Hillary Clinton's likely nomination victory probably won't be terribly positive.

In Midland, there's not much about the former secretary of state that will inspire voters. Her energy policy is a disaster for our region. Her tax policy will not go over well. There's not much interest here for bigger government and certainly not for a third term of Barack Obama's policies. She represents an establishment that knows better than its electorate. Her desire to turn her back on open information laws should worry all Americans. We can go on.

However, we want to congratulate Clinton for what appears to be a historic victory. For the first time, a major party will nominate a woman for president. We can't help but think of the significance. It is significant for older women who wondered if they would live long enough to see a woman at the top of the ticket. It is significant for younger women who now know that the proverbial glass ceiling has been shattered. We want our daughters and granddaughters to believe they can be anything they want, and Clinton's victory means politically that women can compete with and beat men on the grandest stage.

But a Clinton victory in November wouldn't put the U.S. in rare territory. America would still trail other democracies, such as India, Israel and Great Britain, that elected a woman to their respective top political spots decades earlier.

We don't know what's going to happen in November. Generally, the electoral map favors the Democratic Party, and that appears to be the case again this year. Republican Donald Trump will have to run a campaign for the ages to do what only one Republican has done since 1992 — win the White House.

And he will have to do so against the first female nominee, which is a big deal, considering that a majority of voters in our country are women.

You don't have to like Hillary Clinton to appreciate what she has accomplished. We certainly do, not because of what it means for November but because of its significance for years and decades to come.

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Ali gave many reasons to remember

■ The transcendent prizefighter "managed to combine both pride and humility, and both explosive physical violence and pacifism"

ESTHER CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

Muhammad Ali kissed me once. On the cheek.

According to my dad, I was 4 or 5 years old. We were standing around at a terminal in Chicago's O'Hare Airport waiting on the arrival of a family member when my dad spotted a crowd forming around a large, familiar figure.

My father picked me up in his arms and followed the three-time world heavyweight boxing champion out onto the street shouting for my grandmother and aunt to follow him.

I remember the giant mass of a man bending deeply over to gently kiss my tiny grandmother and aunt on the cheek. Then Ali reached down, picked me up and planted a soft, tiny kiss on my face, which, at the time, I found odd considering we had not been properly introduced.

He was so kind to us in those short few moments, signing the only piece of paper my dad had on him — a five-dollar bill which lives on in family history. There are surely thousands of people out there with similar stories, as Ali was well-known for being very kind to his legions of adoring fans.

And so another hero passes.

As I enter the back half of my life, a sad repeating occurrence is seeing people who have been huge parts of public life as long as I've been alive become consigned to history.

Just in the last six months, there have been so many: Alan Young, of "Mister Ed" fame (a show my father credits for helping him polish his English when he first arrived in this country), the venerated journalist Morley Safer, the legendary Merle Haggard, the far-too-young Prince, the inimitable David Bowie, the irresistible Alan Rickman, to name only a few.

Ali, however, was something of a different order. He managed to combine both pride and humility, and both explosive physical violence and pacifism. He was a civil rights contradiction.

Frankly, until his death, I didn't know much about him. Nothing, really, aside from his excellence in the ring, which was what made him a household name even, apparently, in the hills of the Andes mountains where my grandmother had lived not too long before coming to Chicago, the town where Ali emerged from his former Cassius Clay self.

It turns out that the same guy who eventually went on to say, "Color doesn't make a man a devil. It's the heart and soul and mind that count. What's on the outside is only decoration," had previously broken the golden rule of being a minority in America — you don't put down others who face similar obstacles — by mocking rival Joe Frazier's skin color, hair and other features.

Then there was his conscientious objection to the Vietnam War, and his jump into the arms of the Nation of Islam, which is today classified as an extremist group by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), a top civil rights advocacy organization.

Julian Bond, former longtime chairman of the NAACP and former president of the SPLC, once told The New York Times: "I remember when Ali joined the Nation of Islam. ... The act of joining was not something many of us particularly liked. But the notion he'd do it — that he'd jump out there, join this group that was so despised by mainstream America, and be proud of it — sent a little thrill through you."

That a boxer had that kind of cultural and political cache is amazing just in and of itself.

President Obama said it best in his statement on Ali's passing: "He wasn't perfect, of course. For all his magic in the ring, he could be careless with his words, and full of contradictions as his faith evolved. But his wonderful, infectious, even innocent spirit ultimately won him more fans than foes — maybe because in him, we hoped to see something of ourselves. ... Muhammad Ali shook up the world. And the world is better for it. We are all better for it."

There is a belief in some East and Central African societies that a recently departed person remains in the "Sasha" until the last living person who can remember them also dies. Then he or she moves on to the "Zamani," where they become part of the collective human story.

Undoubtedly, Ali will be among those who will live on in our collective consciousness for a long time to come.

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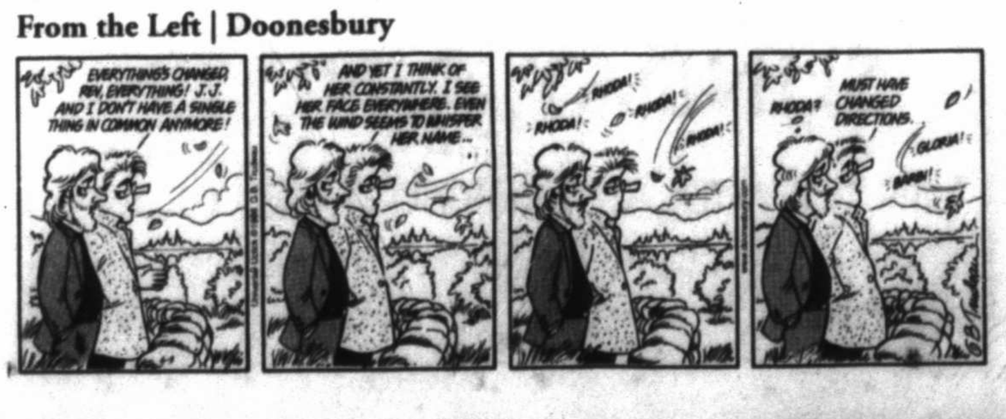

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AP Interview: Clinton says Trump behaving like a demagogue

By Lisa Lerer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Clinton opened her general election campaign against Donald Trump on Wednesday by accusing him of behaving like a "demagogue," likening his attacks on judges, the media, his opponents and their families to dark moments in world history.

"It's classic behavior by a demagogue," she said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "We've seen it many, many places and times in the world, and that's why I think it's so dangerous."

The presumptive Democratic nominee, who declared victory in her race against Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders on Tuesday, a day after reaching the number of delegates needed to claim the nomination, seemed to wonder during the interview whether Trump's candidacy was little more than an elaborate political stunt.

"I don't know if this is just, you know, political gamesmanship that he thinks plays to the lowest common denominator, but whatever the reason for it is, it's wrong and it should not be tolerated by anybody," she said.

But even as she questioned the sincerity of the real estate mogul's rhetoric, Clinton said voters need to take his words seriously and called them evidence that he is untrustworthy, unqualified and unprepared for the rigors of the White House.

While the two candidates have never been personally close, their political and financial circles have occasionally overlapped over the years — especially during Clinton's time as a senator from New York, Trump's home state. Clinton and her husband, former president Bill Clinton, attended Trump's third wedding in 2005, and she said later that she thought Trump was "always entertaining."

But Clinton expressed surprise at what she described as the billionaire's descent into "conspiracy theories" in recent years.

"He always had opinions which he freely expressed," she said.

"I never really ever had any information about him engaging in bigotry and prejudice until he took up the cause of the birthers against President Obama, which is really so bizarre," she added, with an incredulous laugh.

Clinton and Democrats supporting her campaign are attempting to cast Trump as a ruthless con artist who is tricking voters in the same way he duped prospective students into enrolling into his now-defunct Trump University, a business that offered real estate seminars.

It's an argument Clinton and her aides believe will appeal not only to Democrats, but independent voters and even some Republicans worried about how Trump would manage the nation's economy and foreign affairs.

While stopping short of calling Trump a racist for his recent comments about the federal judge overseeing a class-action lawsuit against Trump University, Clinton said her rival has a "very unfortunate and divisive tendency to attack all kind of Americans."

While Clinton seeks to paint Trump as a dangerous huckster, he has spent the past several weeks since claiming the Republican nomination working to define her candidacy. Trump calls Clinton by the nickname "Crooked Hillary" and often says she belongs behind bars for her use of a private email account and server during her time as secretary of state.

"The Clintons have turned the politics of personal enrichment into an art form for themselves," Trump said Tuesday as he won the final five GOP primary elections. "They've made hundreds of millions of dollars selling access, selling favors, selling government contracts, and I mean hundreds of millions of dollars."

Trump promised to deliver a speech next week focusing on "the Clintons." He's also tried to re-ignite past scandals that dogged Bill Clinton's administration, including his impeachment trial and the Whitewater land deal in his native Arkansas.

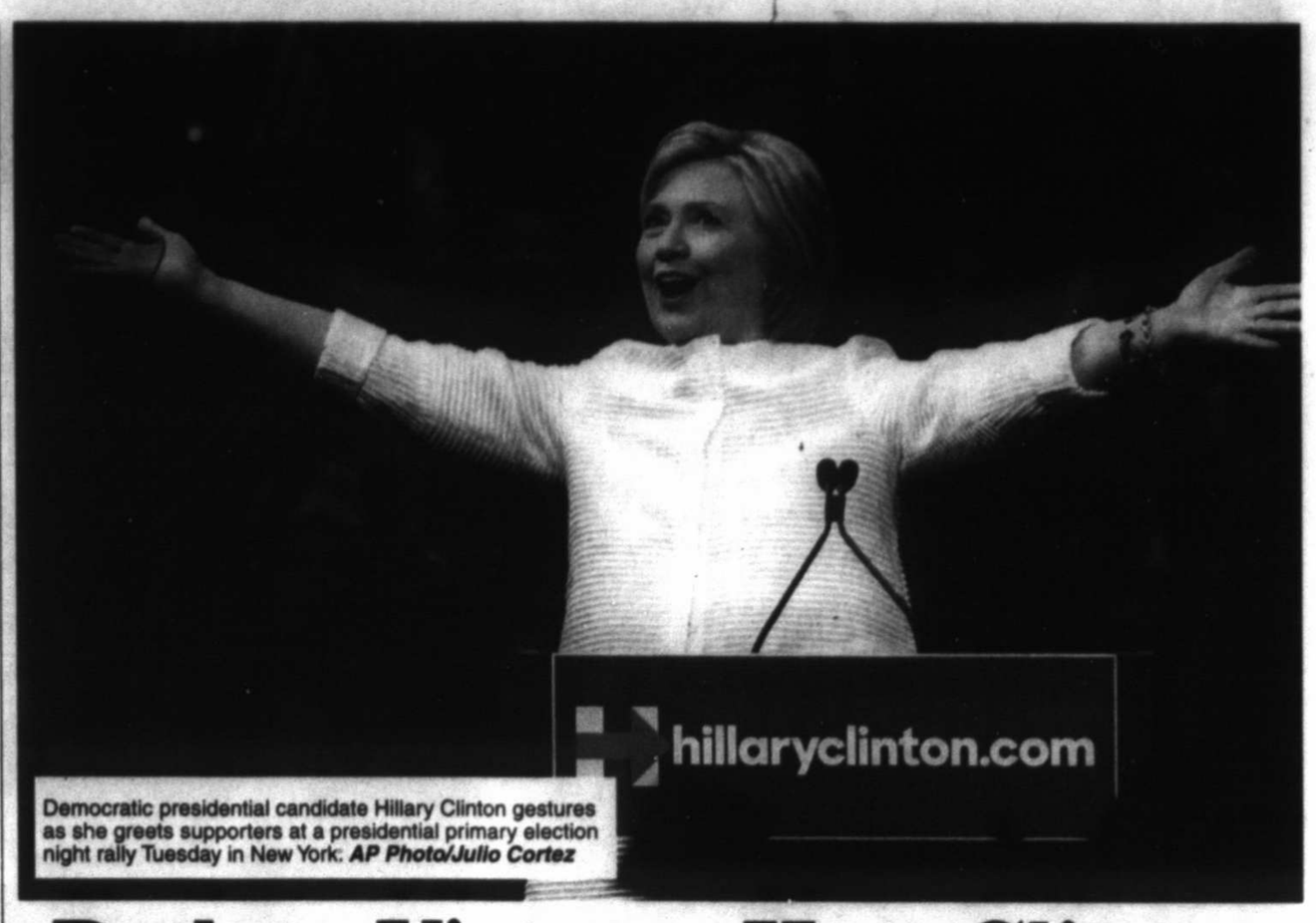
Trump has met with Ed Klein, one of Clinton's most strident critics and the author of books spreading discredited rumors about her marriage. Another influence, GOP consultant Roger Stone, is known for peddling conspiracy theories about the Clintons. There is speculation that political strategist Dick Morris, a former Clinton adviser turned adversary, may also join his campaign.

Clinton said she is unconcerned with all of it.

"I really don't pay a lot of attention to his efforts to attack me personally," she said. "I don't intend to respond to them because this is his, this is his modus operandi."

Instead, Clinton said she is banking on voters turning to her because of her comparative policy depth, arguing that a frustrated electorate is seeking "specific policies" more than "catchy soundbites" and "throwing slogans around."

For example, when asked Wednesday about the upcoming Summer Olympics in Brazil, she offered a lengthy assessment of the public health crisis caused by the Zika virus.



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton gestures as she greets supporters at a presidential primary election night rally Tuesday in New York. *AP Photo/Julio Cortez*

Path to Victory: How Clinton learned from '08 missteps

By Lisa Lerer and Julie Pace
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For two weeks in February, Hillary Clinton's campaign appeared on the brink of falling into an all-too-familiar pattern.

Her razor-thin win in Iowa and crushing defeat in New Hampshire to Bernie Sanders sparked questions about her weaknesses as a candidate and second-guessing about her operation. A flood of "helpers" — the derisive term some aides use to describe the legion of Clinton friends and allies outside the campaign— wanted to offer advice. Press reports began popping up about an internal shakeup.

"We were worried," recalled Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill, a Clinton backer. "We thought this will be really a test, can she withstand everyone talking in her ear?"

It was a test Clinton would pass.

Within weeks, she started opening a delegate lead that would never close. Her campaign team remained intact, displaying discipline that surprised veterans of the Clintons' past political operations. After victories March 15 primaries, aides celebrated at the campaign's Brooklyn headquarters with a boozy, late-night dance party, confident that Clinton had put the nominating fight out of reach for Sanders.

For Clinton, those were the moments when she finally shed the ghosts of her failed first White House run in 2008, a cursed campaign that repeatedly buckled and ultimately collapsed under pressure.

"We just stuck together," said Robby Mook, Clinton's campaign manager and a target of early shakeup rumors. "That was a really galvanizing and important moment for the campaign."

In many ways, Clinton's 2016 success was a redemption story, the tale of how a flawed candidate overcame some of her failings. But the campaign also underscored that Clinton can't help being her own worst enemy.

The question now is which Clinton — the rehabilitated policy wonk or the reflexively defensive politician — will win out as she faces perhaps her most unpredictable challenge: Donald Trump.

Nearly two years before announcing her candidacy, Clinton commissioned an extensive evaluation from a team of Democratic consultants. They made the following recommendations: Clinton would have to run a more disciplined, frugal operation. She'd need to focus far more on winning delegates. And she would have to overcome questions about her authenticity.

On two of those three fronts, Clinton found a winning formula in her primary campaign against Sanders.

Gone were the old Clinton hands, with their warring fiefdoms. Mook, a young operative known for inspiring fierce loyalty among his staff, prided himself on thriftiness.

Aides say Clinton was fixated on the campaign's delegate operation, desperate to avoid one of the most glaring mistakes from 2008. While Clinton captured more votes that Barack Obama in that race, his operation mastered the complex delegate allocation process that ultimately gave him the edge.

So Clinton hired the man who built the system that defeated her, delegate guru Jeff Berman.

Last summer, Berman began locking down crucial superdelegates for Clinton.

By November, Clinton had public support from nearly half the superdelegates, according to an Associated Press count. That gave her 15 percent of overall delegates she would need to win the nomination before voting even started.

Even with her campaign on more solid footing, nothing prepared Clinton for the challenge she would face from Sanders.

A rumpled 74-year-old from Vermont, Sanders quickly began drawing massive crowds around the country and announcing eye-popping fundraising totals.

His supporters appeared to be drawn as much to his populist economic message as his raw authenticity, which stood in sharp contrast to Clinton's carefully scripted style.

Revelations about the private server she used at the State Department saddled Clinton with new questions about her trustworthiness even before she officially launched her campaign. Her sudden pivot on issues such as trade seemed to underscore that she was willing to shift positions to match the political moment.

And, perhaps her biggest problem: Some voters simply didn't like her.

In an effort to solve the likeability issue, Clinton's campaign tried to put her in situations where she'd play to her strengths, maximizing one-on-one interactions in smaller settings and policy-heavy roundtables. And unlike in 2008, when she all-but-ignored her gender, Clinton owned her historic status.

Karen Finney, a campaign spokeswoman, said Clinton "had a real vision about how she wanted to do the campaign and what works best for her."

At times, that meant walking away from her husband's legacy as president, including the 1994 crime bill that is blamed for mass incarcerations, particularly among minorities. Clinton went on to draw massive support from black primary voters.

Clinton's aides say she's eager for a bruising, no-holds-barred battle against Trump and a Republican Party that has targeted her for decades.

It's a fight she's been girding for since her days in Arkansas and the Clintons' early years in Washington. While Clinton may struggle with the softer side of politics, she's at her best when pitted against a partisan opponent, particularly one she deems a policy lightweight.

But at least for a few moments Tuesday, Clinton stopped to relish in her milestone moment as the first woman to ever lead a major U.S. political party.

"She told me to never back down from a bully," Clinton said during an emotional remembrance of her mother.

Then, seamlessly slipping back into the political fight to come, Clinton added: "Which it turns out was pretty good advice."

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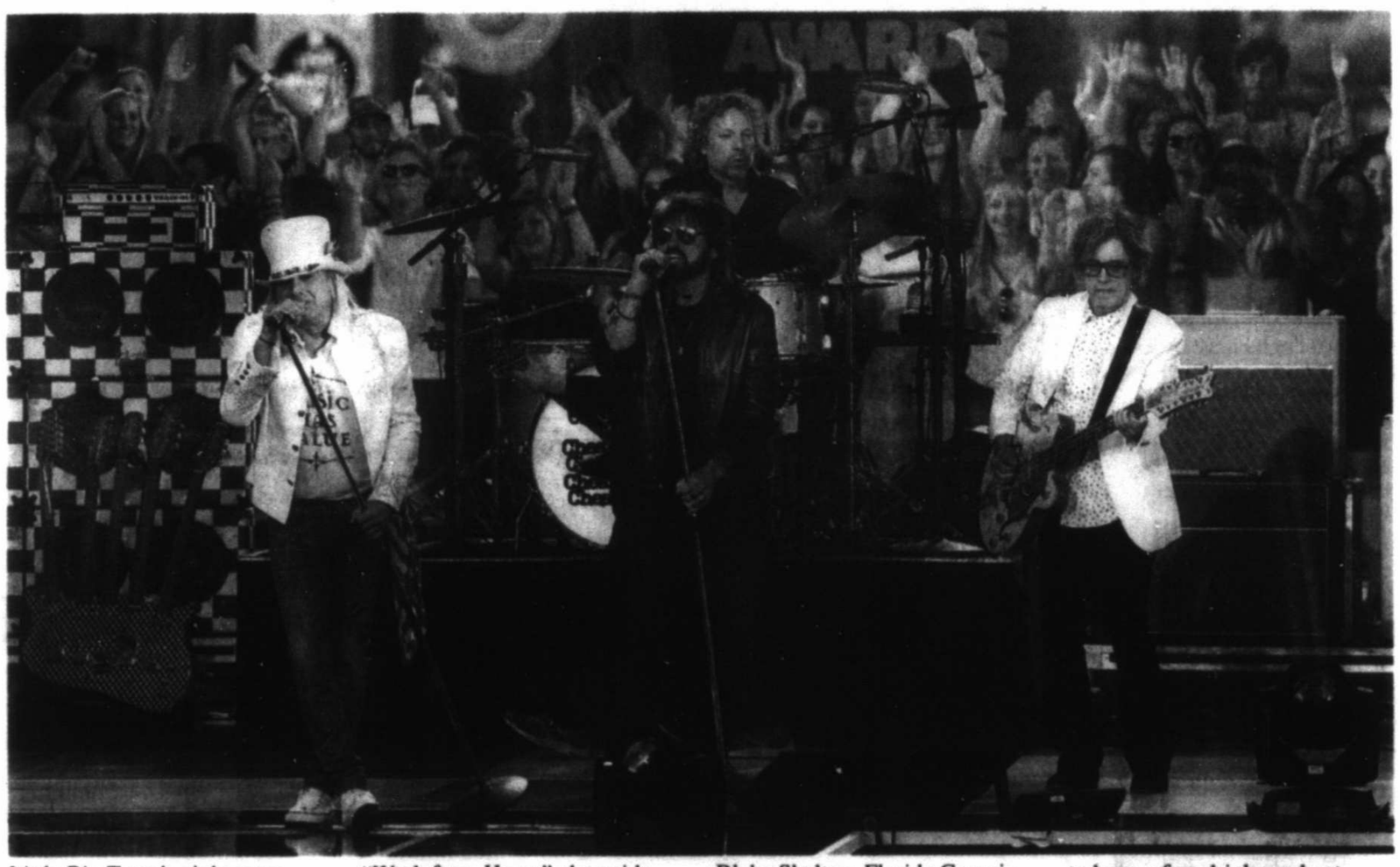
ABOVE: Jason Aldean performs on an outdoor stage during the CMT Music Awards on Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn. **BELOW:** Cheap Trick performs with Billy Ray Cyrus on an outdoor stage.

McGraw, Underwood win big at CMT Awards; Pharrell performs

By Mesfin Fekadu
Associated Press



Tim McGraw ended Carrie Underwood's four-year-winning streak for the top prize at the 2016 CMT Music Awards with his music video for "Humble and Kind" — which features footage provided by Oprah Winfrey — while stars from outside the country music world performed onstage, including Pharrell, Cheap Trick and Pitbull.

McGraw thanked Winfrey, Tyler Perry, video director Wes Edwards and others onstage Wednesday night at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tennessee.

"When we make a footprint as an artist, there's a lot of people involved in making that footprint. And we do it because we hope to move you, we hope that we make a little bit of an impact in your life, and you care a little bit about what we do," McGraw said onstage. "Thank y'all for caring a little bit about what we do, because we care a whole lot about y'all."

"Humble and Kind" was inspired by McGraw's daughter's leaving for college and the touching video features people of all backgrounds and ethnicities. It includes footage from the OWN TV series, "Belief."

At the fan-voted show, he beat out Underwood, who has won video of the year consecutively since 2012 and also won the honor in 2010 and 2007.

Underwood still walked away as the night's big winner with two awards: She took home female video of the year and CMT performance of the year.

The singer also performed while others brought pop, rock and rap stars to help onstage.

Pharrell joined Little Big Town for a fun and funky performance that featured a number of background dancers. The hit-making "Happy" performer produced Little Big Town's eight-song album, "Wanderlust," to be released Friday.

Little Big Town won group/duo video of the year for their Grammy-winning smash, "Girl Crush." It was their first-ever CMT win.

"This is a real surprise," Kimberly Schlapman said onstage, standing next to Karen Fairchild, Jimi Westbrook and Phillip Sweet.

Recent Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Cheap Trick performed with Billy Ray Cyrus outdoors; Pitbull hit the stage with singers Cassadee Pope and Leona Lewis; Grammy-nominated pop-rock singer Elle King sang with Dierks Bentley; and girl group Fifth Harmony sang their pop hit "Work from Home" alongside breakthrough singer Cam.

The country world has recently been welcoming of pop stars, and not just onstage: On her popular album "Lemonade," Beyoncé performs a country original called "Daddy Lessons," which the Dixie Chicks covered in concert and others in the genre praised. And last year, Justin Timberlake was the highlight of the Country Music Association Awards when he performed alongside Chris Stapleton. Timberlake's song "Drink You Away" hit the country charts after the performance.

Other performers Wednesday included some of the country genre's biggest acts: Luke Bryan, Blake Shelton, Florida Georgia Line, Jason Aldean and Keith Urban.

Thomas Rhett, who also performed, beat out Bryan, Shelton, Urban, Eric Church and Sam Hunt for male video of the year.

"This is incredible. I got to thank the Lord first and foremost for giving me a lovely wife named Lauren," Rhett said of his wife, who appeared in the music video for "Die a Happy Man."

Shelton didn't walk away empty-handed though: "The Voice" coach took home the prize for CMT social superstar of the year and joked about drunken tweeting.

"CMT's social superstar? That's not what I was going for, but what the hell? I mean I like to have a few drinks and get on Twitter every now and then. But I didn't know you could get paid for that," he said. "See kids, there's something for y'all to strive for."

Stapleton, who won a pair of Grammys earlier this year and launched to superstar status after his performance with Timberlake, won breakthrough video of the year for "Fire Away."

"It means so much. All the fans, I appreciate everything you've done for me and my family," the singer and songwriter behind hits for George Strait and Kenny Chesney said onstage.

Erin Andrews and J.J. Watt hosted the two-and-half-hour show, which aired live on CMT.

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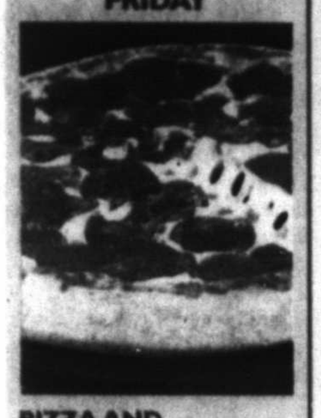

PIZZA AND PUNCHLINES
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SATURDAY

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DOUBLE VISION
Contemporary Christian artists and Dove award winners Shane & Shane from Dallas will headline the Wagner Noel in support of their newest release "The Worship Initiative." 7 p.m.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "The Conjuring 2," "Now You See Me 2," "Warcraft"
Closing: "Jungle Book," "The Nice Guys"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "The Conjuring 2," "Now You See Me 2," "Warcraft"
Closing: "Jungle Book."

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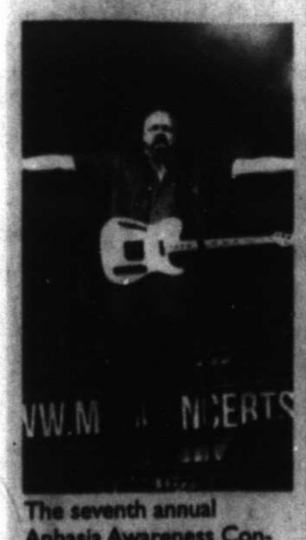
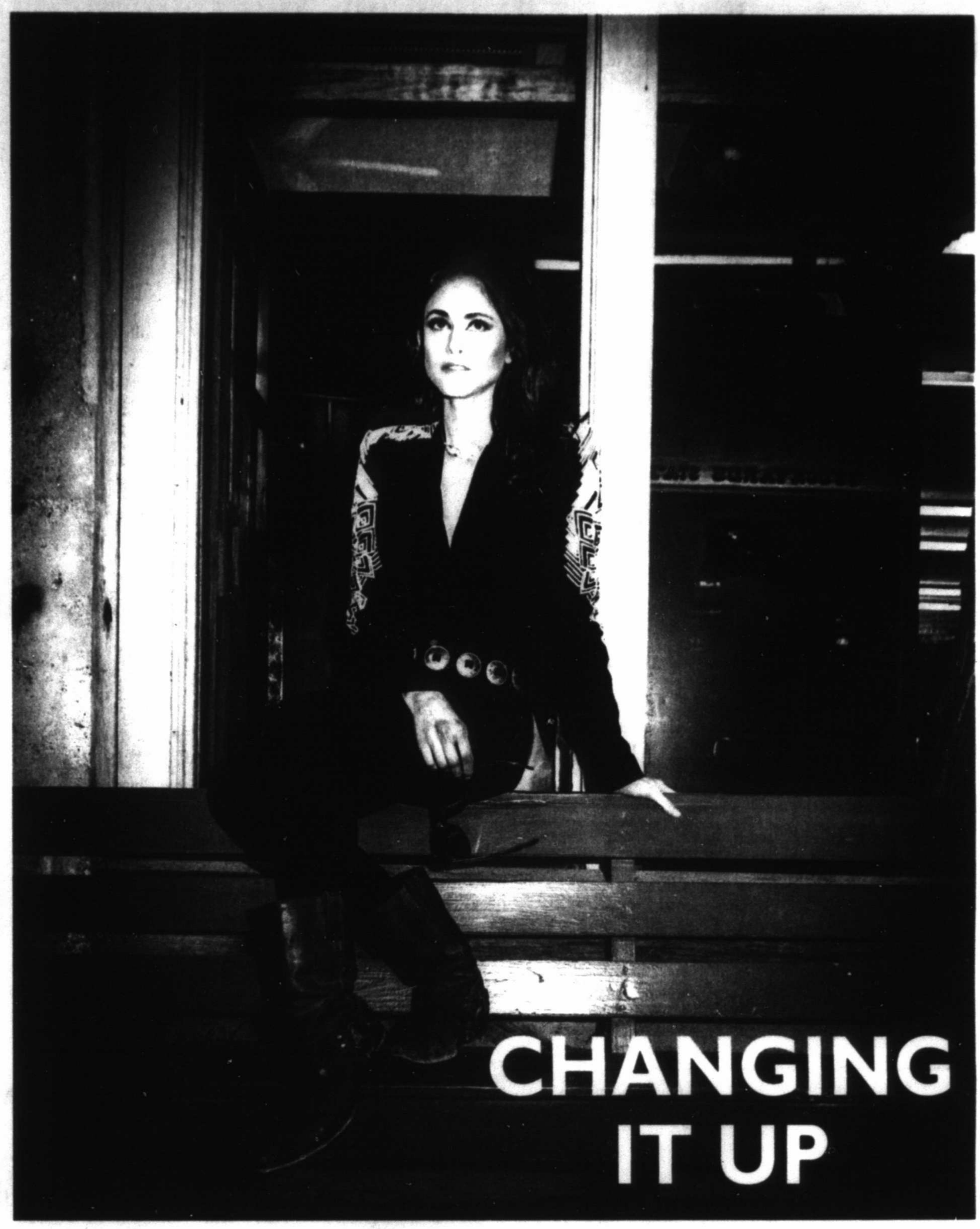
Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. Page 4

COMING SOON



The seventh annual Aphasia Awareness Concert will bring in Turn the Page. The Bob Seger tribute band will bring the free classic rock concert to Horseshoe Pavilion on June 17.



CHANGING IT UP

Askew looks toward an inspired time in Texas

By Rich Lopez
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Fans of Grace Askew's dark, moody sound are about to have a shock. The singer has a new outlook on music and life that has far less angst. She expects her upcoming Texas shows will spur on her musical shift.

"I'm so excited because Texas will be the most inspiring leg for me," she said. "This is where the stories will seep in. It's a spiritual place to me."

Askew will play at Basin Burger House today. The show was scheduled during last year's concert series at the restaurant but it was canceled when the patio flooded out.

Some may remember Askew from her stint on season four of "The Voice" in 2013. Dubbed the "most robbed contestant" by Rolling Stone, Askew just missed making the show's finale. But the country-blues singer moved forward, using the exposure to her advantage.

"People did look at me a different way after it happened. It was a huge bump to my expertise in how to work a stage and have confidence in performing. It was invaluable," she said by phone from Santa Fe.

That wave led to her 2014 album "Scaredy Cat," which garnered attention by Spin and Rolling Stone magazines for its clever approach to songwriting. The album honed her haunting, dark style that she's been cultivating since her 2009 EP "Hawthorne." Now, she's changing it up.

"I'm kind of bored with the Americana label. I don't want to rag on it but it can box you in. I just want to focus on the song," she said.

With looping and electronic music fused into her sound, Askew is about to sound far more different come January when her new album is expected to drop.

She doesn't say if it's coincidence that the change in both her outlook and sound is happening at the same time.

"I wanted to have this hard-drinking, hard-living lifestyle but I noticed that people I was hanging around were stagnant. I'll always have that darkness in me, but artists don't have to suffer to create awesome art. I really found the light again, but I didn't know then if my music would change," she said.

Some of that light could be right here in West Texas. After Midland, she'll head to Terlingua and Marfa where she looks toward the landscapes and big skies.

"I love the grandeur of the nature out there and it helps me see my own," she said. "I have peace and joy when I'm in nature and it's not a fleeting feeling."

WANT TO GO?

Grace Askew, 7 p.m. today at Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St. basinburgerhouse.com.

HEAT INDEX: 5 top events for your weekend

By Rich Lopez
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TASTE OF ARGENTINA DINING EVENT AT HIGHT FOODS

Midland has much to thank for Chef Chip Hight's passport. After visiting France, he hosted a dining event inspired by his culinary tour. Now Midlanders can taste his take on Argentinian cuisine from his recent excursion to the South American country. All he asks is for you to bring your own beer or a bottle of wine — Malbec would do nicely — and an appetite. The menu will include churrasco, empanadas and dulce de leche. Reservations are required.

7 p.m. today at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $60 per person and $10 corking fee. Hightfoods.com.

THE 29TH ANNUAL MEX-TEX FAMILY FIESTA AT SCHARBAUER SPORTS COMPLEX

MEX-TEX FAMILY FIESTA

We are officially in festival season. The Mex-Tex Family Fiesta is a two-day celebration of music, family fun and heritage. The Kid's Corner will have face painting, jumpers, arts and crafts and special appearances by the Minions, Juice the Moose, PK the Coyote and Leon the Lion. The Huacha Tournament enters its 22nd year. And the music lineup includes Noel Olivas and the Benders, Flatland Cavalry, Mike Ryan on Friday and Las Fenix, David Olivarez, La Fiebre, Lucky Joe, Siggno, DJ Kane and Ricky Rick on Saturday. The festival culminates with soccer and softball tournaments.

Friday-Sunday at 5514 Champions Drive. $10 online, $15 gate on Friday. $15 online, $18 gate on Saturday. Children $5 online, $7 gate. Midlandhcc.com.

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MAA's 'Texas Artists Today' closes Sunday

By Rich Lopez
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The Midland Arts Association helped inaugurate the remodeled galleries of the Museum of the Southwest's Wagner Wing with the show "Texas Artists Today." MAA president Mary Lambeth also honored Mary Lou King who served as the MAA president from 1984-1986. The juried show was led by "Glasstire" senior editor Christina Rees.

"I like being reminded that art is made wherever people are," Rees said. "The range of kinds of work in this show is reassuring as well."

The exhibition closes Sunday.

This year's Best in Show was awarded to Chris Stewart's "White Raven." Wendy Cuyler received first place for her piece "Waiting to be Noticed," with second and third going to works by

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

"Indian Flint: Shibusa" exhibition opening and reception. The Australian artist will discuss her work in a gallery walk through her installation. Refreshments provided. 7 p.m. Friday at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Noelartmuseum.org.

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

"Texas Artists Today" by Midland Arts Association closes Sunday, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

CAMPS, CLASSES, LECTURES & MEETINGS

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

The Business of Art lecture series with Dr. Randolph Lewis, Professor of art at the University of Texas, Lewis will present "Native Visions: Cinema and the American Southwest" at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Midland Community Theatre's Summer Theatre School features classes in acting, music, movement and art with a cumulative showcase at the end of each session for family and friends. Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon. June 13-16 (Summer II) at 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $80. Mctmidland.org.

Midland Festival Ballet Princess Camp incorporates movement, arts and crafts and ballet screenings for ages 3-5. Session I 9-10:30 a.m. June 13-16 and Session II 9-10:30 a.m. June 20-23 at The School of Midland Festival Ballet, 4410 N. Midkiff Road $65. $120 for Sessions I and II. Midlandfestivalballet.org.

Kid's Summer Cooking Classes: Cookies. Participants ages 4-14 can learn to cook a variety of eats with throughout the summer. Parents can opt to stay with their children or drop off. Reservations required due to limited space. 3:30-5 p.m. June 13 at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $50 or $40 at five or more classes. hightfoods.com.

Sports Mini Camp: Basketball for boys and girls ages 5-12. 1-4 p.m. June 13-17 at YMCA Midland, 800 N. Big Spring St. midlandymca.org.

Summer Art Camp: Creatures! and Art to Wear, June 13-17 at Ellen Noel Art Museum 4909 E University Blvd., Odessa. $90. noelartmuseum.org.

Little Chefs Basics for children age 6-12, 2 p.m. June 14 at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. $1.

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

Brown Bag Lunch and Film Series: "Fractured." Lunch is encouraged to bring while watching the film. Drinks and dessert provided. 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. Free. Petroleummuseum.org.

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

EVENTS

A Taste of Argentina is a dining event inspired by Chef Chip Hight's culinary excursion through the country. The menu includes grilled meats (churrasco), ham and cheese empanadas and dulce de leche. $60. BYOB with $10 corking fee. Pre-paid reservations required. 7 p.m. today at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. Hightfoods.com.

The 29th Annual Mex-Tex Family Fiesta 2016 will feature its Kid's Corner, the 22nd annual Huacha Tournament and concerts both days including Noel Olivas, Flatland Cavalry, Las Fenix, Siggno and more. Friday -Sunday at Scharbauer Sports Complex. midlandhcc.com.

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

Junior Achievement Financial Literacy Classes, 1 p.m. (first grade), 2:30 p.m. (high school) Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Stanton's Old Sorehead Trade Days features shopping, food and entertainment with vendors from throughout the state and beyond. Saturday and 12. Stantontex.com.

Midland Need to Read Book Fair will feature local authors discussing their works at Barnes & Noble. Portions of the in-store and cafe receipts will go toward the literacy organization. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday at 2617 W Loop 250 N. midlandneedtoread.org.

Summer Reading Program 2016 Kickoff, noon Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Tastes Around Midland is a tour hosted by Midland Shuttle Services. Climb aboard their bus and vist area restaurants. This tour will feature The Lost Cajun, Cork and Pig Market and Big Daddy's Catfish. Complimentary beverages will be served on the bus. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at 1402 E. Wadley Ave. $69. Add $10 to be picked up or dropped off at a specific place, Call 695-6282 for reservations. 21 and older only.

FAMILY FUN

Family Friday: Stupendous Science with Basin PBS, 10 a.m. Friday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Father's Day Painting Event, 6 p.m. Friday at Cabin Creek Coffee and Tea, 2900 W. Loop 250 N. All ages welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAMES

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

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

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

Friday Night Magic at Hastings, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave. Fridays at 7 p.m. Free.

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

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

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

Tabletop players group at Astral Castle, 10 Meta Drive. 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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AMERICANA/FOLK

Grace Askew, 7 p.m. today at Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St. basinburgerhouse.com.

Dan Patterson, 9 p.m. Friday at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Sawman, 8 p.m. Saturday at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Shane & Shane, 7 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $10-$25. wagnernoel.com.

COUNTRY

Bleu Edmondson Band, 7 p.m. Friday at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

Drake Hayes, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Shack in the Back, 11610 W. Highway 80 E.

COVERS/TRIBUTE

ROX, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Your Place, 3704 W Wall St.

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

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

DJ/DANCE

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

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

HIP-HOP

Cryptic Wisdom, Whiteout, Cartier Jones, 8 p.m. Wednesday at The Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St. $15 presale, $20 door. 18 and older. Eventbrite.com.

JAZZ/LOUNGE/SWING

Jeanie Patterson, 7 p.m. today at Cafe at the Gardens, 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road. alldredgegardens.com.

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

KARAOKE

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

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Sockers FC vs. Albuquerque Sol, 7:30 p.m. today at Grande Communications Stadium, 5514 Champions Drive. sockersfc.org.

Walk with a Doc, sponsored by the Texas Medical Association, is a one-mile walk around Midland College to raise awareness of obesity and related diseases. Before the walk Dr. Manoher Gurru will give a brief lecture. 9 a.m. Saturday at Midland College Fine Arts Building, 3600 N. Garfield St.

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

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

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

Sports Mini Camp: Soccer for boys and girls ages 4-8. 1-4 p.m. Through Friday at YMCA Midland, 800 N. Big Spring St. midlandymca.org.

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

Kent Companies' 29th Annual. Golf Tourney for MARC, 8 a.m. Tuesday at Green Tree Country Club, 4900 Green Tree Blvd. For more information, call 432-520-4000 or email mbright@kentoil.com.

Midland Rock-Hounds vs. San Antonio Missions. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

Open Mic Night invites poets, comics, musicians and more to this family-friendly event. Food trucks will be on site. 7 p.m. today at Noel Heritage Plaza, 321 W. 5th St., Odessa.

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

"Inside Out" Movie in the Park. Beginning at dusk Friday at Grafa Park, Midkiff Road and Ma Mar Avenue.

Friday Night Funnies with local comics and a $5 late night pizza buffet. 9:30 p.m. Friday at DoubleDave's Pizzaworks Midland, 3208 N. Loop 250 W.

"Ghostbusters" will screen in a special movie event from Fathom. The '80s comedy classic stars Bill Murray and Dan Aykroyd. The screening will also feature a sneak peek at the upcoming remake of the film. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 W. Loop 250 N. fathomevents.com.

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

COMING SOON

JUNE

Third Thursday Reading will feature the book "Happy Father's Day" with copies given to each child. The monthly event is part of the Laura Bush Literacy Program. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. Refreshments provided. 4:30 p.m. June 16 at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Street Party at The Lofts will feature food trucks, live music, DJ and more. 6 p.m. June 16 at Wall Street Lofts, 218 N. Main St. Free.

Thomas Craig Elliott, 7 p.m. June 16 at Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St. basinburgerhouse.com.

Gary Seay, 7 p.m. June 16 at Cafe at the Gardens, 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road. alldredgegardens.com.

Midland RockHounds vs. San Antonio Missions. 7 p.m. June 16-18 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

Strange Wool, The Texicano Folk Rock Punk, 8:30 p.m. June 16 at Proof, 7270 E. Highway 191, Odessa.

Summer Science Class: Building Bots of Science — Robotics. Second through sixth-grade students. Pre-registration required. 8 a.m. to noon June 17 at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. $25-$30. Petroleummuseum.org.

Peewee Camp includes crafts, swimming, Kids Zumba, trampolines, gymnastics and water safety for ages 3-10. All swimming abilities welcome. 9 a.m.-noon June 17 at COM Aquatics, 3003 N. A St. $50 or $240 for all six sessions. comaquatics.com.

Family Friday: We Can Be Heroes 10 a.m. June 17 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Junior Achievement Financial Literacy Classes, 1 p.m. (second grade), 2:30 p.m. (high school) June 17 at Midland County Public Library Centennial, branch 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Teen Book Tasting is a sampling of Young Adult fiction titles for teens., 2 p.m. June 17 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Letlive., 6:30 p.m. June 17 at Club Patron, 5850 W. University Blvd., Odessa. ticketnetwork.com.

Kylie Rae Harris, Clayton Gardner, 7 p.m. June 17 at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Aphasia Awareness Concert with Turn the Page. The seventh annual event will feature the Bob Seger tribute band and benefits the Aphasia Center of West Texas by raising awareness and funds for the organization. Activities for children will be provided by the Museum of the Southwest. 7:30 p.m. June 17 at Horseshoe Amphitheater, 2514 Arena Trail. Free. aphasiawtx.org.

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EVENTS & MORE

UT professor talks cinema and the southwest at museum's lecture series

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Westerns have been entertaining audiences for decades while showcasing much of the American Southwest. But for some, that came with a price. In The Business of Art lecture series on Friday, Randolph Lewis, professor of American Studies at the University of Texas, will deliver "Native Visions: Cinema and the American Southwest" and discuss how films have shaped the idea of the Southwest while Native Americans suffered under such images.

MRT: How did you come to this topic?

Lewis: I started to recognize that movies played an important part regarding the region and Native Americans but how so much of our sense about it comes through Hollywood. What I want to show is that, that's not the only way to learn about Native American stories. There's a whole thread we can follow in the region where we live based on films but we don't think about it as much.

MRT: In turn, Native Americans began to take ownership of their image.

Lewis: Yes, they've been making their own movies and stories.

WANT TO GO?

The Business of Art lecture series with Dr. Randolph Lewis at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

With the Southwest and with Native Americans, we think of jewelry or pottery, but cinema has also been a place for Native Americans to create art.

MRT: What then is most important for those filmmakers — documenting history or telling stories?

Lewis: From a cultural perspective, both are important. Lots of times, documentaries are cheaper to make, but mostly the films are for themselves or their communities.

MRT: Has Hollywood ever gotten it right?

Lewis: (Laughs.) I think there are many good intentions. "Dances With Wolves" was sensitive about using Native American actors and languages, but then, it's still the story of a white guy at the center.

MRT: What are people missing then when they rely on films for depictions?

Lewis: It distorts who we are as Americans when you leave out the fundamental aspect. Most of us don't know about these issues and were susceptible to mythologies like manifest destiny. In turn, native peoples would see these films and be humiliated or traumatized. America is a complicated place.

MRT: What film do you recommend that counteracts all these notions.

Lewis: I highly recommend "Smoke Signals." It was a turning point because you had a native screenwriter, director, actors and it was a comedy set in present day. There were not stereotypes, but really just a poignant look at contemporary native life.

'Warcraft' won't win any awards, but it isn't all bad

KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

The skepticism has been whirling around "Warcraft" since the first trailer dropped for the epic fantasy adaptation of Blizzard Entertainment's massive multi-player online role playing game, directed by visionary sci-fi auteur Duncan Jones. Orcs … with feelings? And pierced tusks? No good can come of this. Critics have been gleefully sharpening their knives and have wasted no time in eviscerating the blockbuster franchise-launching hopeful. With that context, this may come as a surprise, but "Warcraft" isn't all that bad.

It's all in the expectations, and the lower yours are, the more fun you might have. "Warcraft" isn't going to win any awards, but it's bold, unapologetic, hardcore fantasy. There are times when it feels like watching an '80s heavy metal album cover in cinematic form, which isn't necessarily a bad thing. There's an audacity in how it drops the audience into this fantasy land of orcs, wizards and mages with little to no context or explanation. The film is preposterously silly, but somehow manages to be transporting.

The problems the humans face in this world of "Warcraft" are all too familiar. They're dealing with an immigration problem, as hordes of hulking, pony-tailed orcs pour through a magical portal, their sights set on conquering this new realm with brute force and black magic. There's dissent among the ranks of orcs though, as Durotan (Toby Kebbell) strives for peaceful co-existence, and the evil Gul'dan (Daniel Wu) seeks total, apocalyptic domination.

In the mix are knight Lothar (Travis Fimmel), King Wrynn (Dominic Cooper), and captured orc-human woman Garona (Paula Patton in egregiously bad green makeup), who are relying on the powerful wizard Medivh (Ben Foster) to save the kingdom. When Medivh's powers are compromised, enterprising magical upstart Khadgar (Ben Schnetzer) jumps in. Patton's saddled with a terrible costume, and Cooper is ridiculous, but it's really hard to not enjoy Foster and Schnetzer going all-out with the over-the-top wizarding theatrics.

Much of "Warcraft's" marketing has centered around its technology and effects, bringing real performance to the CGI orcs, and Jones does manage to land some of the emotional moments in the relationship of Durotan and wife Draka (Anna Galvin), who fear the dissolution of their family in the conflict between the orcs. If only more of that had been directed to the interpersonal stories between the humans, which are slapdash or one-note.

For better or for worse, Jones has made a film that looks and feels like playing a multi-player role playing game, using high-angle shots to drop into and pull out of this world via an aerial saga map. That might feel jarring or less than cinematic to some, but it's a daring way to visually imagine how a game of this type and film might find a unifying aesthetic. The effort is noted.

Proceed with caution to "Warcraft," but there is entertainment to be found here. It's certainly more absorbing than the lazily assembled "Alice Through the Looking Glass," because Jones' exertion and drive behind the film is palpable, if a bit sweaty. Some will assume that it's only for pre-existing fans and gamers, but if you're open to some insane, sometimes inane, but uncompromising fantasy, you just might enjoy yourself.

'Warcraft'
2 stars out of 4
Cast: Travis Fimmel, Paula Patton, Dominic Cooper, Ben Foster, Toby Kebbell, Ruth Negga, Ben Schnetzer
Directed by Duncan Jones
Running time: 2 hours, 3 minutes
Rated PG-13 for extended sequences of intense fantasy violence.

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OLD SOREHEAD TRADE DAYS IN STANTON

Head to Stanton for a day full of shopping and food and whatever else you come across at the popular market. Dubbed the "best little shows in West Texas," they live up to it with more than 600 booths and up to 30,000 visitors. Vendors hail from throughout the state and southwest bringing their wares that include woodcrafts, clothing, jewelry, antiques and more.

9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday at 301 St. Peter St., Stanton. stantontex.com

BENEFIT BOOK FAIR AT BARNES & NOBLE

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"VERY ERIC CARLE" EXHIBITION OPENS AT CENTENNIAL

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10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday at 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib

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

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Midland Arts Association President Mary Lambeth speaks during an art show and reception May 17 at the Museum of the Southwest.

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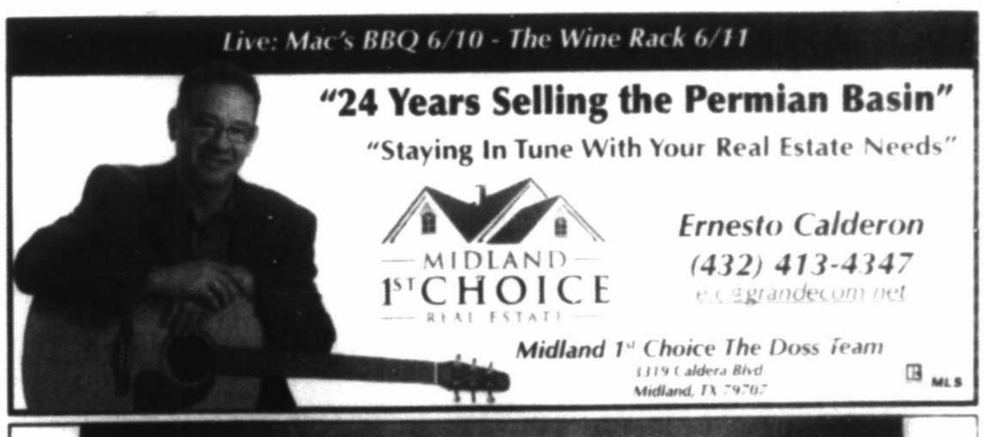
D. Clarke Evans and Kay Smith respectively. Awards of Merit recipients included Hugh Campbell, Joseph Ortiz, Don Parks, Cheryl Roush, Janice Bartke Thompson, Cristina Valenzuela and Jake Weigel.

Works in all mediums made up the collection.

"Texas Artists Today" is on view at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. maaty.org



ON SCREEN

'Zootopia' is a great film for whole family

Reeled & Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Zootopia" (PG) It's nice to see Disney's substantial return to animation domination after years in a brutal funk with box-office losers that made the company oh-so-happy it had Pixar around to keep the coffers full. As delightful as this film is, though, it's almost as if Disney has taken a cue from its competition by using real-life scenarios — albeit with animal characters — and pop culture references to keep the adults as amused as the kiddos, even if they won't get the "Godfather" reference or the universal groan of understanding seeing the DMV is staffed by sloths. Overall, it's the best animated movie of the year, so far. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Gods of Egypt" (PG-13) My generation had a fantasy movie called "Clash of the Titans" starring Harry Hamlin and Laurence Olivier (!) that was thoroughly trashed by critics and filmgoers alike for years. This film should enjoy that same status for you youngsters. **D+**

MORE REVIEWS

"Help! I've Shrunk the Family" (not rated) It's somewhat disturbing that a 3-inch-tall man has petrified the family cat in this odd Dutch film apparently named for some films and a series that peaked about 15 years ago. It's even more disturbing that the kids are upset for only a couple of moments before shrugging their shoulders and moving on to their next adventure, which is also how I felt about this movie. **C**

"Hotel Hell" (not rated) Simply stunning. Oh, not the film. It's stunning that this film got the backing to become a film. **C-**

"Pay Back" (R) Asian film that looked like it was going to be an homage to "Collateral." It takes a different direction, though, with interesting results. **B-**

"Pod" (R) Thriller keeps up the intrigue for the first two acts, then completely makes you regret you followed it that far. **C-**

"Pride and Prejudice and Zombies" (PG-13) It doesn't seem as though the film can keep such different themes interesting, but it does, and in a much better way than did "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter." **B-**

"Pup 2 No Good" (not rated) Perhaps it's because I used up all my childlike wonder on "Zootopia," but this animated feature was a complete waste of time and money. **D**

"Race" (PG-13) The thrill ride loses its luster — and seemingly takes forever to get there — when you know the results. Nevertheless, the story of Jesse Owens deserved this updated treatment. **B-**

"A Royal Night Out" (PG-13) Despite portraying Princess Margaret as somewhat less-than-brilliant, the speculative story — Margaret and Elizabeth did venture outside the palace on V-E day but their adventures are a guarded secret — is charming. **B+**

"Some Kind of Hate" (unrated) Supernatural thriller loses its focus — and my interest — early on. **C-**

"Triple 9" (R) The story is muddled so paying close attention to the goings-on is crucial but if you like police dramas such as "Copland" and "The Departed," this film fits the bill. **B**

"Wild Bill Hickok: Swift Justice" (not rated) Every time a good Western comes along that looks like it's going to restore the genre to its glory days, such as "Hateful Eight" or "The Salvation," something like this comes along that threatens to bury it for decades. **D-**

'Conjuring 2' is a masterful ghost story

KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

Entering the canon of sequels that are better than the original, "The Conjuring 2" exceeds the scope and scares of the surprise '70s-era horror hit from 2013. "The Conjuring," starring Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga as real-life paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren, reminded audiences of the power of a good ghost story and proved director James Wan to be a legitimate master of horror. The trio have returned to spook the pants off audiences again, and the sequel is a perfectly executed retro haunting flick that dives deep below the surface to explore themes of vision, belief and faith in what lies beyond the human realm.

Like its predecessor, "The Conjuring 2" is a bit of a bait and switch. While the first film teased us with the story of haunted doll Annabelle before diving into the haunting of the Perron family, the sequel starts out with a taste of Amityville before hopping across the pond to take on the Enfield Poltergeist in England. Though Lorraine, plagued by blasphemous visions of her husband's death, wants to take time off from their work, they are compelled by the church to verify the veracity of the claims that a vicious inhuman spirit has possessed young Janet Hodgson.

Wan, with veteran cinematographer Don Burgess, shows a mastery over the camera as a storytelling tool and creates evocative, bone-chilling suspense with just a simple pan or tilt. The camera is almost constantly moving, maintaining a sense of unrest in the environment. It switches between handheld point-of-view shots from the perspective of the characters and an omniscient camera that seems to have a mind of its own, weightlessly sweeping through rooms and drifting up into corners with a spectral presence. As a director, Wan activates the audience's mode of looking, and teaches us to fear what lies just outside the boundaries of the frame. The big, scary thing is often hiding in plain sight.

In laying bare the process of sight, Wan mirrors the interlocked, and sometimes contradictory, themes of vision and belief in "The Conjuring 2." For the characters in the film, seeing is believing when it comes to what's happening in the Hodgson home. But visual evidence is complicated in the film; it's never quite trustworthy, despite the reams of video and audiotape of Janet's possession. It's easier to trust Lorraine's psychic visions of otherworldly forces. Belief in the unseen and faith in each other is the bedrock of Ed and Lorraine's relationship, which is the moral compass of the story.

This film is the bigger, badder version of "The Conjuring." Wan, fresh off directing "Furious 7," occasionally strays toward CGI-enhanced bombast to elicit scares, rather than his subtle and effective camera work. Those animated boogeymen just aren't as terrifying as the things we know are there, but can't quite see.

'The Conjuring 2'
3.5 out of 4 stars
Cast: Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson, Madison Wolfe, Frances O'Connor, Simon McBurney, Maria Doyle Kennedy, Franka Potente
Directed by James Wan
Running time: 2 hours, 13 minutes
Rated R for terror and horror violence.

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FILM CAPS

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

"The Angry Birds Movie" (PG) Outliers Red, Chuck and Bomb must figure out what's going on when mysterious green piggies arrive on their island. Voices of Jason Sudeikis, Josh Gad, Danny McBride. Written by Jon Vitti; story by Mikael Hed & Mikko Polla & John Cohen. Directed by Fergal Reilly and Clay Kaytis.

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

"Love & Friendship" (PG) Whit Stillman has finally made a full-fledged Jane Austen adaptation, a master class on the art of comic timing, taking the author's early epistolary novella and infusing it with his own droll, mocking spirit and expert way of looking behind societal facades. Showing at Century 12 Odessa.

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

"Money Monster" (R) A financial TV host (George Clooney) and his producer (Julia Roberts) are held hostage by a desperate man. Written by Jamie Linden and Alan DiFiore & Jim Kouf, story by DiFiore & Kouf. Directed by Jodie Foster.

"Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising" (R) Seth Rogen, Zac Efron, Rose Byrne return in this sequel to the 2014 frat-boys-versus-new-parents comedy. Written by Rogen, Nicholas Stoller, Evan Goldberg, Andrew Jay Cohen, Brendan O'Brien. Directed by Stoller.

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

"Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping" (R) Andy Samberg, Akiva Schaffer and Jorma Taccone (a.k.a. the Lonely Island) wrote and star in this comedy about a rapper enduring a colossal sophomore slump. Co-directed by Schaffer and Taccone.

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

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

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

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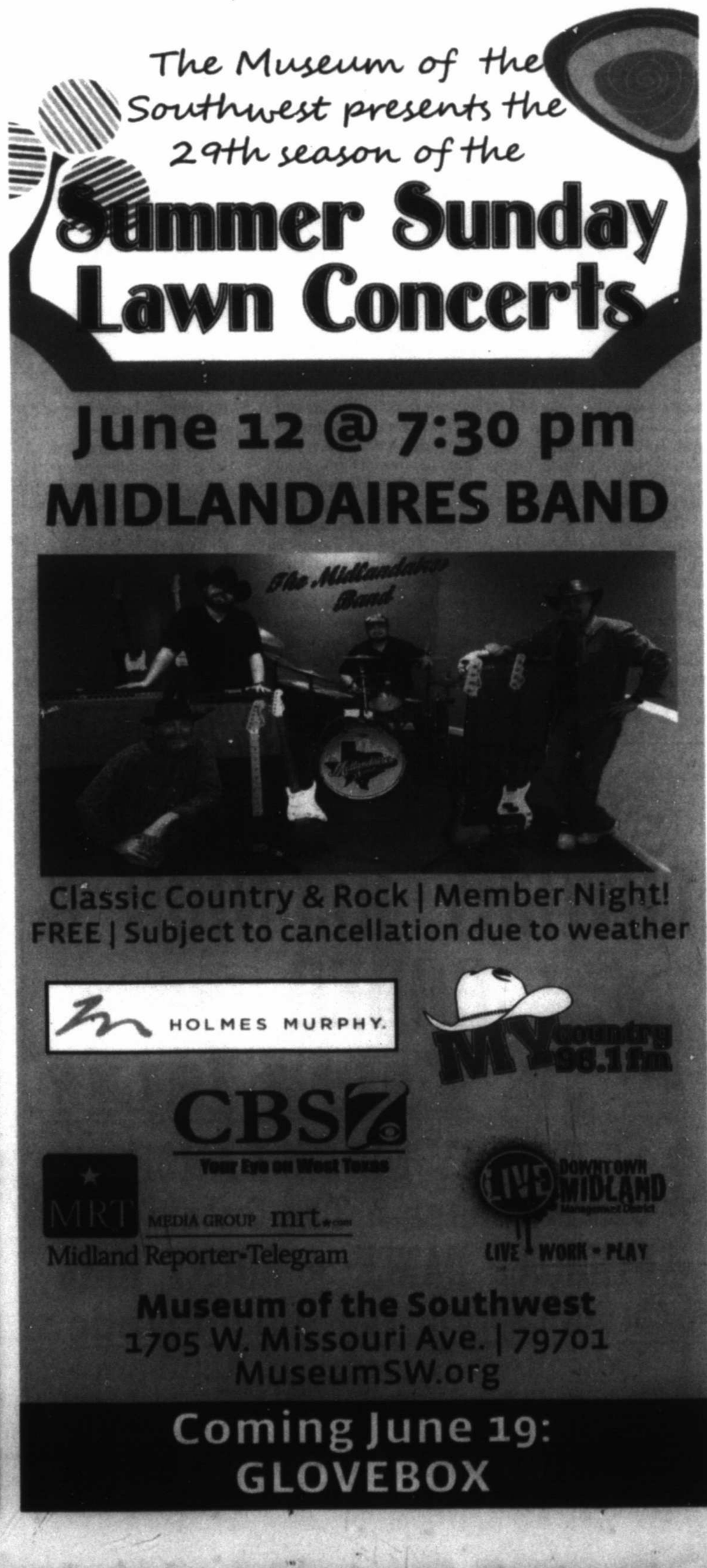

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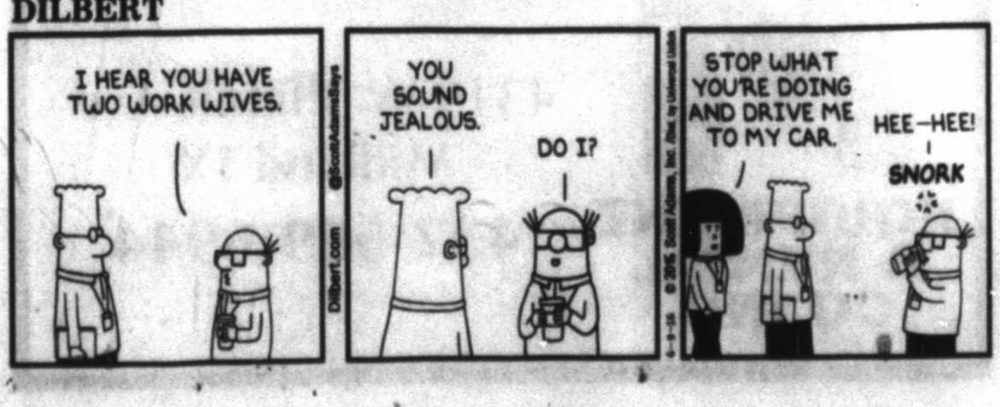

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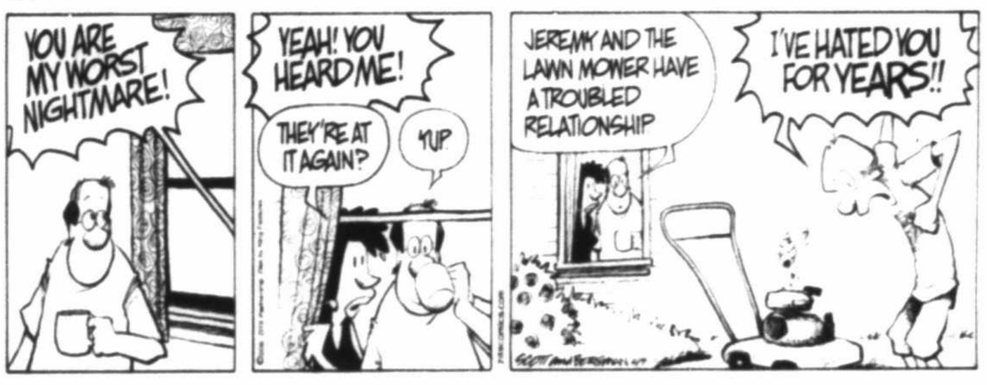

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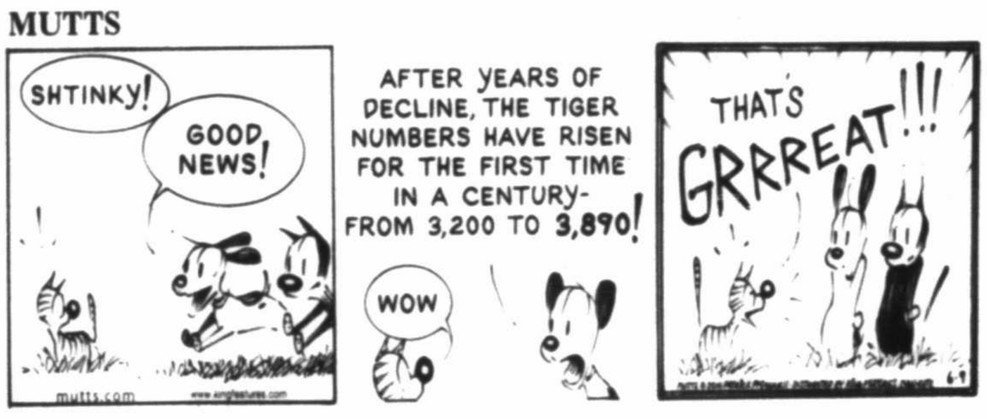

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LUCIANO'S Take a break from shopping for pizza, pasta, calzones or cheesecake. Luciano's serves Italian food in the Midland Park Mall food court. Try the calzone with pepperoni, ham, mozarella and ricotta cheeses or go for a piece of stuffed gourmet pizza. 4511 N. Midkiff Road | 689-2244 | $ | 4 spoons

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College teammates building Sockers' chemistry

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Sockers FC have found a way to gel quickly in the Premier Development League's early going.

In a league where teams have a hodgepodge of collegiate soccer players from all over the country, the Sockers (5-1-0, 15 points) have clicked in the early going as they currently lead the Mid South Division, are the first PDL team to win five matches this season and have gotten off to the best start in franchise history.

At 7:30 p.m. today, the Sockers will seek their fourth-straight win when they host the Albuquerque Sol (1-4-0, 3 points) to begin a two-game homestand at Grande Communications Stadium.

One of the reasons why the Sockers might be rolling in the early going is they have a collection of players that are familiar with each other on the pitch.

The roster is comprised of two or more players from each of the following college programs — St. Edward's University in Austin, University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley, San Jose State, William Penn and Oklahoma Weselyan.

"It just makes it a little bit easier here when we get guys that know each other," said Sockers FC coach Matt Barnes, who just became the winningest coach in franchise history with a 18-10-6 record. "I think that's the whole trick to the PDL. It's so fast and so furious, that if you don't get a group that is really, really on the same page and that's really bought in, your season can slip away like that.

"That was one of our goals this year was trying to bring people in, guys that knew each other a little bit more than they did last year and we've got a pretty good buy in early. That might be part of it."

The Sockers have quite the pipeline with St. Edward's, which has four representatives — midfielders Nate Coons and Grant Mobley and defenders Ty Mobley and Jack Blanton — on this year's squad.

"We have been playing together for two years now, all of us," said Ty Mobley, the Sockers' starting center back. "We know what we like to do, where we like to make runs so it's very easy to make a partnership on

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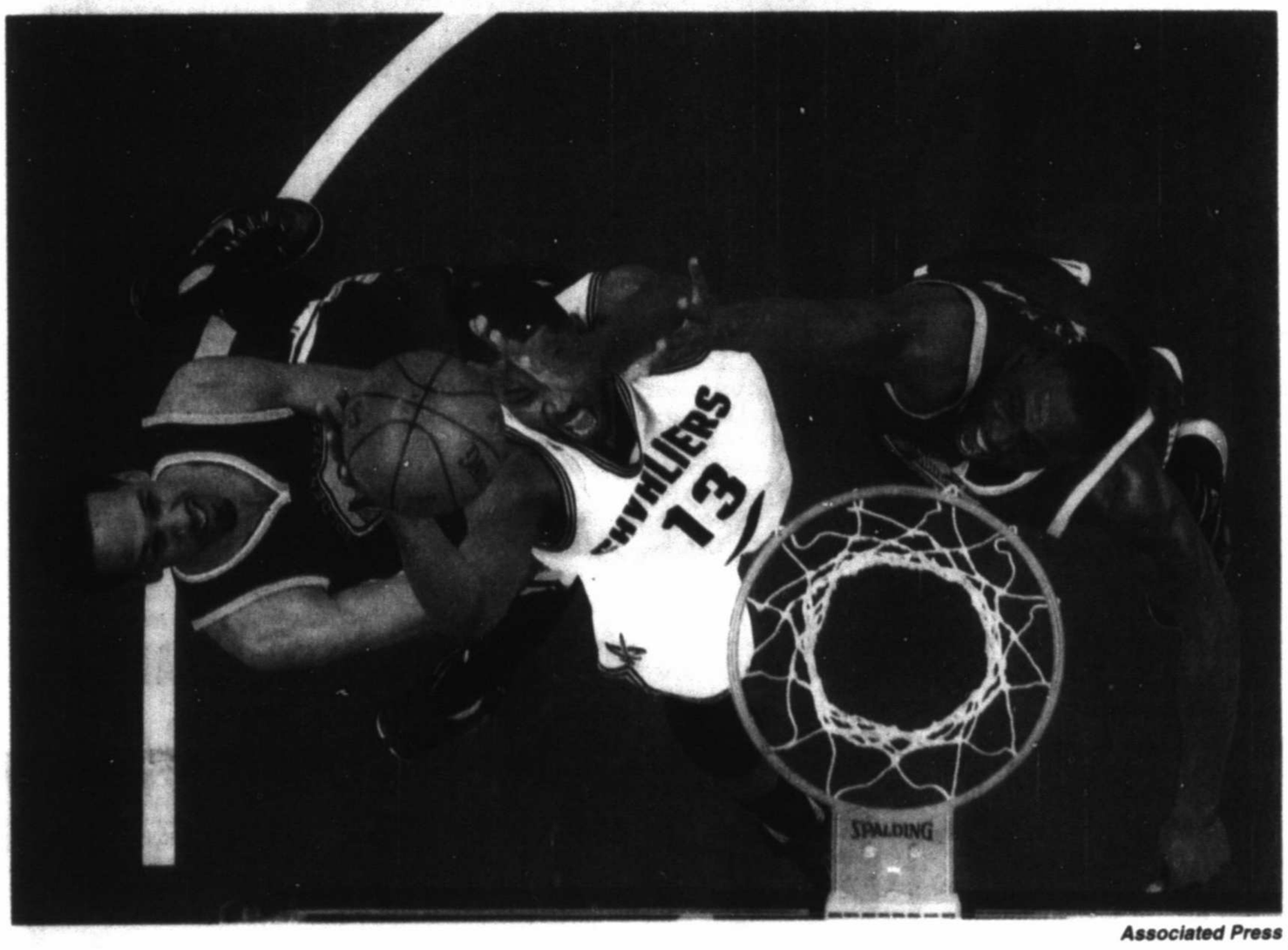
Sockers' player Nate Coons is one of four on the roster from St. Edward's University in Austin.

Cavaliers strike back



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Cleveland Cavaliers center Tristan Thompson (13) drives on Golden State Warriors guard Shaun Livingston, left, and forward Draymond Green during the first half of Game 3 of the NBA Finals in Cleveland on Wednesday.

Cavs wallop Warriors 120-90 in Game 3

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 32 points, Kyrie Irving added 30 and the Cleveland Cavaliers, pushed for 48 minutes by a delirious, championship-starved crowd, hammered the Golden State Warriors 120-90 in Game 3 on Wednesday night to pull within 2-1 in the NBA Finals.

On their home floor, where they have been dominant all postseason, the Cavs pulled their season from the brink of disaster following back-to-back blowout losses in the Bay Area.

"Coaching staff gave us a great game plan and we executed it for 48 minutes," James said.

They did it without starting forward Kevin Love, little help from their bench and by keeping Stephen Curry penned in.

The league's MVP was mostly MIA, scoring 19 points — two in the first half — on 6-of-13 shooting. Harrison Barnes scored 18 and Klay Thompson 10 for Golden State, which had won seven straight over Cleveland — the first two finals games by a combined 48 points — and came back to the birthplace of rock and roll looking to party like they did after winning the title in Quicken Loans Arena last year.

The Cavs, though, have made this a series after it appeared the Warriors were

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Astros beat Rangers 3-1, Darvish exits early

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Jose Altuve hit a tiebreaking two-run double in the seventh inning and the Houston Astros finally beat the Rangers, 3-1 on Wednesday night in a game Texas starter Yu Darvish exited earlier than expected.

Darvish, in only his third start for the Rangers since Tommy John surgery in March 2015, left after feeling tightness in his right shoulder during the fifth inning. He was shaking his arm after throwing a 63 mph breaking pitch to strike out George Springer but faced two more batters to finish the inning.

Houston had lost its first eight games this season against its AL West and instate rival. The Astros had also lost 12 straight in Arlington, matching their club record for longest road losing streak against one opponent.

Doug Fister (6-3) got his fifth straight win over his last eight starts — all Astros victories. The right-hander had five strikeouts while allowing one run over six innings.

Will Harris worked the ninth for his second save, and 26th consecutive scoreless appearance. His 26 1-3 consecutive scoreless innings are the longest streak in the majors this season.

Altuve hit a hard chopper past third base and down the left-field line off Tom Wilhelmsen (2-3) to score Marwin Gonzalez and Springer, who had both singled.

Springer led off the game with his 14th homer, the only run allowed by Darvish.

The Rangers said Darvish was pulled as a precaution, and that an examination by team physician Dr. Keith Meister revealed no issues.

After striking out Springer for the second out of the fifth, Darvish walked Altuve before pitching coach Doug Bro-

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A look at some of the top players eligible for MLB draft

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Some of the top players eligible for the Major League Baseball draft (with position, school, height, weight and college class):

IAN ANDERSON

RHP, Shenendehowa H.S. (New York), 6-foot-3, 170 pounds.

Vanderbilt recruit missed some time on mound with strained oblique, but could still be selected in top half of first round. Has fastball that sits in 91-94 mph range, but gets into mid-90s, and mixes in solid breaking pitch with terrific control. Helped Team USA's 18-and-under team win the gold medal at World Cup in Japan last fall. Has twin brother, Ben, a catcher who is committed to play at Binghamton next year.

ZACK COLLINS

C, Miami, 6-3, 220, junior.

Lefty-hitting slugger could be first catcher selected in draft that is relatively weak at that position this year. Leads super regional-bound Hurricanes in several offensive categories, including HRs (13), on-base percentage (.534), slugging percentage (.631) and walks (69). Baseball America's 2014 national freshman of year is patient at plate — his walks total leads country — and projects as power hitter at next level. Only question is whether he'll stick at catcher in pros or move to first base or outfield, as Kyle Schwarber (a common comparison) has done.

JUSTIN DUNN

RHP, Boston College, 6-2, 170, junior.

Reliever-turned-starter saw stock soar this season as he became Eagles' ace, leading them to first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2009. Struck out career-high 11 in regionals-opening win over Tulane and is at 4-1 with 1.49 ERA, two saves, 66 Ks and 16 BBs in 60 1/3 innings. Fastball is electric, hitting upper 90s regularly, to go along with terrific curve and slider and solid change-up.

BRAXTON GARRETT

LHP, Florence H.S. (Alabama), 6-3, 190.

Lean and athletic lefty has one of best curveballs in draft, dropping in between 76-80 mph, and projects as front end of starting rotation in pros. Fastball sits in upper 80s, low 90s that is expected to improve in velocity, to go along with still-developing change-up. Vanderbilt commit who pitched for Team USA in 18U World Cup. Impressed scouts by tossing four-hit shutout at National High School Invitational in March.

JASON GROOME

LHP, Barnegat H.S. (New Jersey), 6-5, 225.

Has been mentioned in discussions to go No. 1 overall to Phillies because of low- to mid-90s fastball, nasty curve and solid change-up with terrific control of all three. Smooth delivery along with physical and mental makeup have some scouts projecting him as future big league ace. Turns 18 in August. Threw no-hitter with 19 strikeouts early in spring. Was hit around in a few starts later this season, possibly costing his spot at top of draft, but likely to go early. Spent junior season at IMG Academy in Florida before transferring back home for senior year. Was suspended by New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association for not reporting transfer, and had to sit out three weeks of regular season.

KYLE LEWIS

OF, Mercer, 6-4, 195, junior.

Possible No. 1 overall pick is two-time Southern Conference player of year and had 48-game on-base streak and 27 multihit games this season while establishing himself as

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'HOUNDSWATCH

WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
Corpus Christi 6, Midland 3

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

INTERNET
www.milb.com

RECORDS
Midland 27-30
Corpus Christi 36-21

Tuesday	Wednesday	Today	Friday	Saturday
Corpus Christi 6, Midland 1	Corpus Christi 6, Midland 3	Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Essendon vs. Hawthorn, 4:30 a.m., FSP

CRICKET
England vs. Sri Lanka, 3rd Test Match, Day 1, 5 a.m., OWSPN

GOLF
Web.com: Rust-Oleum Championship, 1st Round, 9:30 a.m., GOLF
Senior Players Championship, 11:30 a.m., GOLF
PGA: FedEx St. Jude Classic, 1st Round, 2:30 p.m., GOLF
PGA of America: KMPG Women's Championship, 1st Round, 6 p.m., GOLF
EPGA: Lyoness Open, 2nd Round, 4 a.m., GOLF

MLB
Houston at Texas, 1 p.m., FSSW, ROOT

MEN'S SOCCER
Copa America: Uruguay vs. Venezuela, 6:30 p.m., FS1, UniMás, UDN
Copa America: Mexico vs. Jamaica, 9 p.m., FS1, UNIV, UDN

NHL
Stanley Cup Finals, Gm 5: San Jose at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., NBC

RUGBY
Super League: Castleford vs. Widnes, 1:30 p.m., FSP

TENNIS
ATP: Stuttgart, ATP: s-Hertogenbosch, WTA: s-Hertogenbosch, 4 a.m., TENNIS

TRACK AND FIELD
IAAF Oslo, Norway, 1 p.m., beIN
NCAA Outdoor Championships, Women's Semifinals, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU
NCAA Outdoor Championships, Women's Semifinals, 7 p.m., ESPN

WNBA
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9 p.m., FSSW+, FSSWSA

ON RADIO

MLB
Houston at Texas, 1 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

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

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

Soccer

Albuquerque Sol FC at Sockers FC, 7:30 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Named Patrick Di Gregorio director of professional scouting and special projects.
BOSTON RED SOX — Transferred RHP Carson Smith to the 60-day DL.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Activated RHP Joba Chamberlain from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Cody Anderson to Columbus (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Traded RHP Jose Valdez to the L.A. Angels for cash.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned C Tony Cruz to Omaha (PCL). Recalled INF Christian Colon from Omaha.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Designated LHP Chris Jones for assignment.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Sent LHP Liam Hendriks to Stockton (Cal) for a rehab assignment.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Sent 2B Logan Forsythe to Durham (IL) for a rehab assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS — Sent C Robinson Chirinos and OF Shin-Soo Choo to Frisco (TL) for a rehab assignment.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned 3B Matt Dominguez to Buffalo (IL).
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Placed RHP Williams Perez on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Tuesday. Recalled RHP John Gant from Gwinnett (IL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Released INF-OF Alex Guerrero.
NEW YORK METS — Traded RHP Akeel Morris to Atlanta for INF-OF Kelly Johnson and cash.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Assigned OF David Lough outright to Lehigh Valley (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned RHP Curtis Partch to Indianapolis (IL). Recalled RHP Jameson Taillon from Indianapolis.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with 2B Steve Lombardozzi on a minor league contract.
American Association
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed RHP AJ Quintero.
LAREDO LEMURS — Signed INF Juan Silverio.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Released RHP Taylor Ellman.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Released RHPs Grant Hamilton and Michael Pereslucha.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed RHPs Martin Medina and Charles Nading.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Claimed LHP Bennett Parry off waivers.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed RHP Justin Brantly.
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed OF Brendan Webb. Released C Tyler Clark.
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed 1B Franklin Jacobs and RHP J.B. Kole.
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed 1B J.J. Bissell and RHP Andrew Potter.
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed INF Nico Zych. Released RHP Brandon Poulson.
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed RHP Jeremy Holcombe.
RIVER CITY RASCALS — Traded OF Dominique Taylor to Sussex (Can-Am) for a player to be named.
SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Released C Michael Valadez.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Released C Nate Causey. Signed C Gaby Juarbe.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Named J.B. Bickerstaff associate head coach and Nick Van Exel assistant coach.
NEW ORLEANS PELICANS — Named Danny Ferry special adviser.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Placed OL Manny Ramirez on the reserve/retired list.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed RB Giovani Bernard to a three-year contract extension.
LOS ANGELES RAMS — Placed WR Stedman Bailey on the reserve non-football injury list. Signed DT Cam Thomas, QB Dylan Thompson, TE Benson Browne and RB Terrence Magee.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed CB Artie Burns to a four-year contract.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Waived TE Michael Cooper.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
MINNESOTA WILD — Named John Anderson assistant coach.
Southern Professional Hockey League
PEORIA RIVERMEN — Signed C Jake Hauswerth to a professional tryout agreement.

MOTORSPORTS
NASCAR — Suspended Kyle Larson's crew chief Chad Johnston one race and fined him $20,000 for loose lug nuts during last week's Sprint Cup race.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Loaned Fs Gonzalo Veron and Shaun Wright-Phillips to Red Bulls II (USL).
United Soccer League
USL — Suspended Louisville City's Ben Newman three games and Louisville's George Davis IV, Pittsburgh's Sergio Campbell, Seattle's Jordan Schweitzer, Sacramento Republic's Daniel Trickett-Smith and Vancouver's Sam Adekugbe one game.

TENNIS
ITF — Suspended Maria Sharapova two years for testing positive for meldonium at the Australian Open.

COLLEGE
CHATTANOOGA — Named Kevin Easley men's assistant basketball coach.
CUMBERLAND (TENN.) — Named Hannah Vadakin assistant volleyball coach.
FORDHAM — Named Ali Ton men's assistant basketball coach.
INDIANA — Named Glenn Box women's assistant basketball coach.
NJIT — Named Liz Flooks women's assistant basketball coach.
NOTRE DAME — Named Ryan Humphrey men's assistant basketball coach.
RADFORD — Named Christie Rogers women's assistant basketball coach.
ST. NORBERT —Named Pat McAvoy offensive coordinator.
STANISLAUS STATE — Named Zach Margolis strength and conditioning coach.
THIEL — Announced it has been accepted as an affiliate member of the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference for women's bowling.
VANDERBILT — Named Kelly Komara women's assistant basketball coach.

FISHING REPORT

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water clear. 74 degrees. 1.6 feet low. Black bass are fair early on topwaters, later switching to wacky worms and Texas rigged plastic worms on points. Crappie are fair. Catfish are fair on perch and goldfish.
ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear. 73-79 degrees. 0.32 feet high. No reports on black bass. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows in the shallows. Catfish are good on worms and stinkbait.
COLORADO CITY: 20.67 feet low. No report available.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky. 72-78 degrees. 1.34 feet high. Black bass are fair on Pop-Rs, spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color. 74-80 degrees. 0.79 feet high. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, squarebill crankbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and live shad.
NASWORTHY: 73-79 degrees. 1.06 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, weightless flukes and shallow running shad pattern crankbaits. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.
OAK CREEK: Water stained. 72-78 degrees. 11.39 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs in the shallows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained. 73-80 degrees. 41.37 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on split shot weighted flukes, spinnerbaits, jigs and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color. 74-80 degrees. 0.04 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, chatterbaits, Yellow Magics and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on split shot weighted live minnows. White bass are fair to good on Road Rooster Tails. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.
SPENCE: 54.88 feet low. No report available.
STAMFORD: 0.28 feet high. No report available.
SWEETWATER: Water off color. 73-79 degrees. 23.41 feet low. No report available.
WHITE RIVER: Water stained. 72-78 degrees. 16.79 feet low. No report available.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water murky. 83-92 degrees. 24.28 feet low. Black bass are good on green pumpkin crankbaits and spinnerbaits, and on watermelon soft plastics. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on trotlines and juglines baited with live perch. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and juglines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL
BASTROP: Water murky. 71-75 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.
BELTON: Water murky. 66-70 degrees. 20.72 feet high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.
BROWNWOOD: Water murky. 66-70 degrees. 2.49 feet high. Lake is closed due to floating debris, but may be open by the weekend.
BUCHANAN: Water murky. 66-70 degrees. 0.24 feet low. Black bass are fair on weightless wacky rigged pumpkinseed Whacky Sticks with chartreuse tails, perch colored Skip-N-Pop topwaters, and chartreuse spinnerbaits off points in 10-16 feet. Striped bass are fair on green pumpkin Rat-L-Traps, topwaters, and Carolina rigged soft plastic worms. White bass are fair on Tiny Traps and Shad Raps in 15-25 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and white tube jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are fair on live bait and stinkbait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines and trotlines baited with liver and minnows.
CANYON LAKE: Water murky. 67-71 degrees. 10.45 feet high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Smallmouth bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.
COLEMAN: Water murky. 68-72 degrees. 1.52 feet high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

Associated Press

The Pittsburgh Penguins' Evgeni Malkin, right, celebrates after scoring a goal against San Jose Sharks goalie Martin Jones and Justin Braun (61) during the second period of Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Finals on Monday in San Jose, Calif.

Penguins look to close out Sharks in Game 5

By Will Graves
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Phil Kessel insists nothing has changed. Not his game. Not his attitude. Not the shape of his body or his commitment to winning.

Press all you want. Monkey with the wording of the questions. It doesn't matter. The Pittsburgh Penguins forward, hardened by years of taking the brunt of the criticism for an underachieving franchise in Toronto, refuses to buy into the narrative that he has somehow evolved while leading the Penguins to the cusp of winning the Stanley Cup.

"I just kind of play the same way I have for my whole career," Kessel said Wednesday.

It's everything else that's different. The coach. The talent surrounding him. The pressure that's no longer his to bear alone. Oh yeah, and the stakes are different, too. When Kessel's No. 81 appears on the ice at Consol Energy Center on Thursday night to face the San Jose Sharks in Game 5 of the final, he'll try his best to soak in — but not get lost in — a moment he was never quite sure would come during those challenging seasons with the Maple Leafs.

"It's a big change from where I was at before," Kessel said. "Obviously it's pretty special."

Kessel has certainly done his part. He has 10 goals and 11 assists over the last seven weeks, including setting up a pair of scores in Pittsburgh's 3-1 win in Game 4 that gave the Penguins a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series and provided the franchise an opportunity to win the Cup at home for the first time. The player who spent more than half a decade as a pariah in Toronto, usually for things far beyond his control, is a leading contender to win the Conn Smythe Trophy as the playoff's most valuable player.

"We're not here if it's not for him," Penguins reserve goaltender Jeff Zatkoff said. "He's (risen) to the occasion. It's just something you've grown to expect from him now. These types of games, you know he's going to deliver."

Stanley Cup glance

STANLEY CUP FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Pittsburgh 3, San Jose 1
Monday, May 30: Pittsburgh 3, San Jose 2
Wednesday, June 1: Pittsburgh 2, San Jose 1, OT
Saturday, June 4: San Jose 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT
Monday, June 6: Pittsburgh 3, San Jose 1
Thursday: San Jose at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 12: Pittsburgh at San Jose, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 15: San Jose at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball Dream Team: 1996 gold helped launch WNBA

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — There was much more at risk for the 1996 Olympic women's basketball team than just winning the gold medal when they took the floor against Brazil in Atlanta.

An 18-month journey was coming to an end and anything less than a gold medal would have been considered a huge failure for the Americans. But a defeat also could have been a major blow to the two professional startup leagues in the U.S. looming on the horizon after the Atlanta Olympics.

"We knew what was at stake," backup guard Dawn Staley said. "We knew there was a WNBA in waiting, there was the ABL in waiting. It was all depending on how successful we were as a team. And we also wanted to show America, our nation, that women playing at the peaks of their careers was truly something special."

They didn't disappoint the 32,987 fans at the Georgia Dome.

The U.S. cruised to a 111-87 victory over Brazil, capping off an 8-0 mark in the Olympics. That was the first of five straight gold medals for the Americans. That team dominated, led by Lisa Leslie, Katrina McClain and Sheryl Swoopes. They still hold several U.S. Olympic records, including scoring average (102.4), points (819) and assists (207).

"We were on a mission. We trained for a year and half together. That was the first time USA Basketball had ever put a group of women together," said Nikki McCray, currently an assistant on Staley's coaching staff at South Carolina. "We were machines. Credit Tara VanDerveer and her staff for just getting us ready, and we were unstoppable. To go 60-0? That's never been done before, and we were not going to fall short of winning the gold medal and to win it was truly remarkable."

That team, which started training together in 1995, was the foundation for the launch of the ABL and the WNBA. The ABL lasted only two years, but the WNBA is now in its 20th season. Players earned $50,000 the year they toured with the team. They traveled around the world, flying more than 100,000 miles and winning 52 games before the Olympics.

"Those players, not only did they represent us on the court in winning a gold medal in such a huge fashion, but they were publicizing and promoting the women's game and basically got two leagues off the ground and one has withstood everything, the WNBA," said New York Liberty assistant coach Katie Smith. "So we are indebted to them, a huge 'thank you' for what they did."

Cavs

From 1C

on the fast track to another crown.

James had called it "do or die" for Cleveland.

Well, done and living.

Irving bounced back from two rough games out West, J.R. Smith made five 3-pointers and Tristan Thompson did the dirty work inside, getting 13 rebounds for the Cavs, who improved to 8-0 at home and can even the series with a win in Game 4 on Friday night.

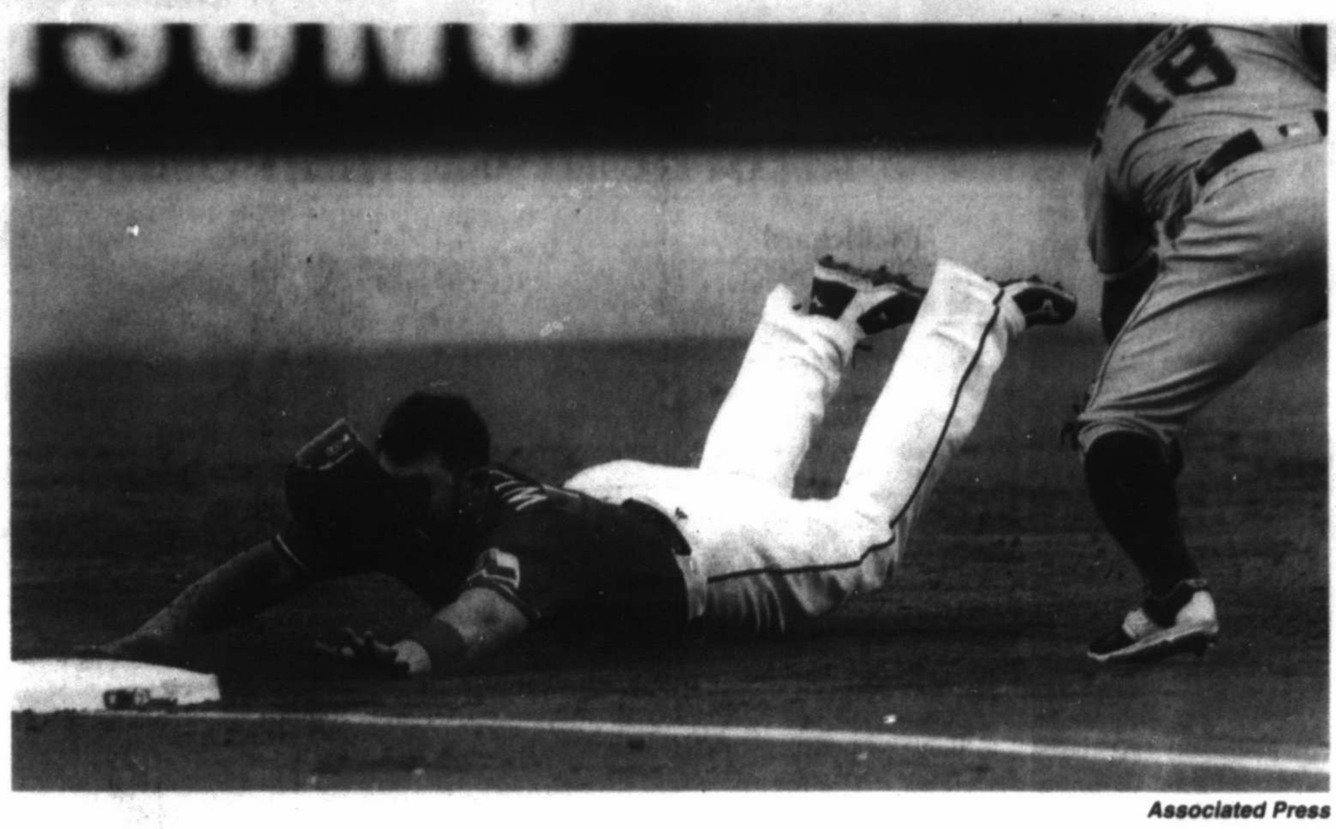
The Cavs hardly missed Love, still suffering from a concussion sustained in Game 2. He wanted to play, but Love is still in the NBA's concussion protocol and has not yet been cleared to return by league and team doctors.

Coach Tyronn Lue started veteran Richard Jefferson and moved James into Love's power forward spot, giving the Cavs a smaller lineup better equipped to run with the Warriors.

The 35-year-old Jefferson gave the Cavs a huge boost in 33 minutes, scoring nine points with eight rebounds.

Leading by eight at halftime, Cleveland took control in the third quarter when James and Irving combined on a play that symbolized the Cavs' resurrection.

Crawling on his hands and knees after a loose ball near midcourt, James got to his feet and whipped a pass to Irving on the left side. Irving returned a lob to James, who leaped high and flushed it with his right hand, a basket that seemed to erase all that went wrong for the Cavs in California.



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The Texas Rangers' Bobby Wilson slides safely into third base against Houston Astros third baseman Luis Valbuena on a single by Rougned Odor during the third inning, Wednesday in Arlington.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

BLUE JAYS 7
TIGERS 2

DETROIT — Josh Donaldson had three hits, including a three-run homer and a triple, and R.A. Dickey won consecutive starts for the first time since last summer, helping Toronto beat Detroit to avoid a three-game sweep.

Justin Smoak hit a two-run homer and Kevin Pillar added a two-run triple as Toronto stopped Detroit's five-game winning streak.

Dickey (4-6) allowed two runs and nine hits in 5 1/3 innings. Combined with Friday's victory at Boston, he won back-to-back outings for the first time since Aug. 28 against Detroit and Sept. 2 versus Cleveland.

Jordan Zimmermann (8-3) gave up seven runs and eight hits in 4 2/3 innings — including two triples and two homers.

National League

BRAVES 4
PADRES 2

SAN DIEGO — Ender Inciarte finished a home run shy of the cycle and scored twice, Julio Teheran pitched eight innings and had an RBI single, and Atlanta beat San Diego to stop a six-game losing streak.

Wil Myers homered twice for the Padres, last in the NL West at 25-36.

Teheran (2-6) allowed two runs and five hits, struck out eight and walked one. Arodys Vizcaino pitched the ninth for his seventh save in nine chances.

Drew Pomeranz (5-6) allowed three runs and nine hits in five innings, struck out six and walked one.

CUBS 8
PHILLIES 1

PHILADELPHIA — John Lackey struck out eight in seven dominant innings, Kris Bryant and Ben Zobrist hit homers and the Chicago Cubs beat the Philadelphia Phillies 8-1 on Wednesday.

Lackey (7-2) gave up three hits and extended his scoreless streak to 13 2/3 innings.

Phillies starter Vince Velasquez left the game after getting one out because of right biceps soreness. Velasquez threw two pitches and quickly left the mound when a trainer came out.

Brett Oberholtzer (2-1) replaced him and allowed one unearned run following his throwing error in four innings.

Bryant hit his 14th homer off Andrew Bailey in the sixth, a two-run shot out to left. Zobrist connected one out later to make it 4-0.

Interleague

RAYS 6
DIAMONDBACKS 3

PHOENIX — Corey Dickerson homered twice and Tampa Bay completed a 10-game trip with a victory over Arizona.

Desmond Jennings also homered for the Rays. Rickie Weeks Jr. hit a home run for the Diamondbacks.

Jake Odorizzi (3-3) went five innings and got the victory, thanks to a two-run Tampa Bay sixth that put the Rays up 4-3.

Archie Bradley (2-2) allowed four runs and five hits in 5 2/3 innings.

RANGERS

From 1C

cail visited the mound with a trainer and an interpreter. Darvish threw a couple of warmup pitches before retiring Carlos Correra on an inning-inning fly out with the game tied 1-1.

Texas had planned for Darvish, who won each of his first two starts, to throw up to 95 pitches. But he threw only 76 pitches, with seven strikeouts and four walks.

Darvish made five injury rehabilitation starts for Double-A Frisco and Triple-A Round Rock last month and rejoined the Rangers May 28 against Pittsburgh, and pitched against Seattle on Friday night.

SHORT HOPS

Springer and Altuve had two hits. In 16 games since Springer took over in the leadoff spot, and Altuve dropped to second, they are hitting a combined .353 (48 of 136). ... The Rangers had their season-best five-game winning streak snapped. ... Ian Desmond had an RBI groundout for the Texas run in the third, after the center fielder threw out Jason Castro trying to score in the top of the inning.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: 3B Adrian Beltre felt tightness in his left hamstring after rounding second base in the eighth inning. Jurickson Profar took over as a pinch-runner and then played third base. The Rangers said Beltre would be re-evaluated Thursday. ... C Robinson Chirinos is expected to be back with the Rangers on Thursday, the same day he is eligible to come off the DL (broken right forearm). It was unclear when exactly he would be reinstated from the DL.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	35	23	.603	—
Boston	34	24	.586	1
Toronto	32	29	.525	4½
New York	29	30	.492	6½
Tampa Bay	27	31	.466	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	32	25	.561	—
Kansas City	30	29	.508	3
Detroit	30	29	.508	3
Chicago	29	29	.500	3½
Minnesota	17	40	.298	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	36	23	.610	—
Seattle	32	26	.552	3½
Houston	29	32	.475	8
Los Angeles	26	33	.441	10
Oakland	25	34	.424	11

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	35	23	.603	—
New York	32	26	.552	3
Miami	30	28	.517	5
Philadelphia	29	31	.483	7
Atlanta	17	42	.288	18½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	41	17	.707	—
Pittsburgh	32	27	.542	9½
St. Louis	31	28	.525	10½
Milwaukee	28	31	.475	13½
Cincinnati	22	37	.373	19½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	35	25	.583	—
Los Angeles	32	28	.533	3
Colorado	26	32	.448	8
Arizona	26	36	.419	10
San Diego	25	36	.410	10½

Scores & schedule

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Wednesday's Scores

Toronto 7, Detroit 2
Tampa Bay 6, Arizona 3
Baltimore 4, Kansas City 0
N.Y. Yankees 12, L.A. Angels 6
Houston 3, Texas 1
Miami at Minnesota, late
Milwaukee 4, Oakland 0
Washington at Chicago White Sox, late
Cleveland at Seattle, late
Boston at San Francisco, late

Today's Games

Houston (McHugh 5-4) at Texas (Perez 4-4), 1:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Chacin 2-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 4-3), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Wilson 2-5) at Toronto (Stroman 5-2), 6:07 p.m.
Miami (Koehler 3-6) at Minnesota (Santana 1-5), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Gonzalez 3-4) at Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 8-1) at Seattle (Karns 5-2), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's Scores

Chicago Cubs 8, Philadelphia 1
Atlanta 4, San Diego 2
Tampa Bay 6, Arizona 3
N.Y. Mets 6, Pittsburgh 5, 10 innings
St. Louis 12, Cincinnati 7
Miami at Minnesota, late
Milwaukee 4, Oakland 0
Washington at Chicago White Sox, late
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, late
Boston at San Francisco, late

Today's Games

Pittsburgh (Locke 5-3) at Colorado (Bettis 4-5), 4:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 5-4) at Cincinnati (Finnegan 2-4), 6:10 p.m.
Miami (Koehler 3-6) at Minnesota (Santana 1-5), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Colon 4-3) at Milwaukee (Nelson 5-4), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Gonzalez 3-4) at Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 0-1), 7:10 p.m.

Texas Box

ASTROS 3, RANGERS 1

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Springer rf	5	2	2	1
Altuve 2b	3	0	2	2
Correa ss	4	0	0	0
Col Rdm rf	3	0	0	0
Villanueva 3b	3	0	1	0
Gattis dh	4	0	0	0
C Gomez cf	3	0	0	0
Ma Gnzl 1b	4	1	2	0
J Castro c	3	0	0	0
Hoying lf	4	0	1	0
B Wilson c	4	1	1	0
Totals	**32**	**3**	**7**	**3**

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Odor 2b	5	0	1	0
Desmond cf	4	0	1	1
Mazara rf	4	0	2	0
Beltre 3b	4	0	1	0
Profar pr-3b	0	0	0	0
Helder dh	3	0	1	0
Rua pr-dh	0	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	0	1	0
Mreland 1b	3	0	1	0
Totals	**35**	**1**	**10**	**1**

Houston	100 000 200—3
Texas	001 000 000—1

E—Odor (5). J.Castro (4). DP—Houston 2. LOB—Houston 7, Texas 9. 2B—Altuve (21), Valbuena (9), Ma Gonzalez (10), Andrus (10), Moreland (10). HR—Springer (14). SB—Altuve (18), J.Castro (2). Desmond (12).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fister W,5-3	6	7	1	1	1	5
Feliz	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sipp	1-3	2	0	0	0	0
Neshek	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Harris S,2-2	1	1	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Darvish	5	3	1	1	4	7
Tolleson	1	0	0	0	1	2
Wilhelmsen L,2-3	2	3	2	2	0	3
Jackson	1	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Fister (Felder). WP—Fister.
T—2:49. A—37,696 (48,114).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BLUE JAYS 7, TIGERS 2

Toronto	203 000 000—7 9 0
Detroit	200 000 000—2 9 0

Dickey, Chavez (6). Storen (8). Loup (9). Floyd (9) and Thole. Zimmermann, A.Sanchez (5). Lowe (8). Hardy (9) and J.McCann. W—Dickey 4-6. L—Zimmermann 8-3. HRs—Toronto, Donaldson (14), Smoak (6). Detroit, Castellanos (11).

ORIOLES 4, ROYALS 0

Kansas City	000 000 000—0 9 0
Baltimore	000 040 00x—4 4 0

Volquez, Hochevar (5), Sona (7). Davis (8) and S.Perez. Tillman, Brach (8) and Wieters. W—Tillman 8-1. L—Volquez 5-6. Sv—Brach (2).

YANKEES 12, ANGELS 6

Los Angeles	121 010 001—6 14 2
New York	201 104 40x—12 17 0

Weaver, J.Alvarez (6), Bedrosian (6), Mahle (7), Guerra (7) and C.Perez. Eovaldi, Swarzak (6), Betances (8), Goody (9) and B.McCann. W—Swarzak 1-0. L—Weaver 5-5. HRs—Los Angeles, Trout (13), Marte (2). Pettit (1). New York, Ellsbury (3), Parmelee 2 (2), Beltran (16).

INTERLEAGUE
RAYS 6, DIAMONDBACKS 3

Tampa Bay	101 002 101—6 10 0
Arizona	021 000 000—3 10 0

Odorizzi, E.Ramirez (6), Cedeno (8), Colome (9) and Casali. Bradley, Barrett (6), Clippard (7), Delgado (8), Ziegler (9) and Herrmann. W—Odorizzi 3-3. L—Bradley 2-2. Sv—Colome (17). HRs—Tampa Bay, Dickerson 2 (11), Jennings (5). Arizona, Weeks (3).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CUBS 8, PHILLIES 1

Chicago	000 013 040—8 13 0
Philadelphia	000 000 001—1 3 1

Lackey, Strop (8). Richard (9) and Montero. Velasquez, Oberholtzer (1), Bailey (5), Murray (7), Araujo (9) and Rupp. W—Lackey 7-2. L—Oberholtzer 2-1. HRs—Chicago, Zobrist (8), Bryant (14).

BRAVES 4, PADRES 2

Atlanta	200 101000—4 14 0
San Diego	000 101000—2 5 0

Teheran, Vizcaino (9) and Flowers. Pomeranz, Maurer (6), Hand (7), Villanueva (8) and Bethancourt. W—Teheran 2-6. L—Pomeranz 5-6. Sv—Vizcaino (7). HRs—San Diego, Myers 2 (12).

CARDINALS 12, REDS 7

St. Louis	310 020 240—12 15 1
Cincinnati	120 110 002—7 15 2

J.Garcia, Bowman (5), Kelehelir (6), Oh (7), Lyons (8) and Molina. Fryer, Simon, Smith (6), J.Ramirez (7), Morris (8) and Barnhart. W—Bowman 1-1. L—Simon 2-6. HRs—St. Louis, Adams (8), Peralta (1). Moss 2 (13). Cincinnati, Barnhart (2), Cozart (9).

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

HOOKS 6, ROCKHOUNDS 3
at Whataburger Field, Corpus Christi

TOP HITTERS: Midland right fielder Tyler Marincov went 2-for-4 with a double and drove in all three of the RockHounds' runs in the game. ... Center fielder Brett Vertigan scored two runs and walked three times with no official at-bats for Midland. ... Hooks center fielder Derek Fisher finished 1-for-4 with a deciding three-run home run in the seventh.

TOP PITCHERS: RockHounds reliever Kris Hall pitched the bottom of the eighth and struck out all three batters he faced. ... Hooks reliever David Paulino pitched three hitless innings in relief of starter Kent Emanuel and struck out three while walking one.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland took a 1-0 lead in the first on an RBI double by Marincov. ... In the third, Marincov singled home a pair to give the RockHounds a 3-0 advantage. ... But the Hooks homered in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings — shots by Chase McDonald, J.D. Davis and Fisher respectively — to take control of the game with a 6-3 lead.

NOTES: With Wednesday's loss, Midland is now 8-6 against Corpus Christi this season and 13-16 away from Security Bank Ballpark. The RockHounds are 15-18 against the Texas League South and are a season-low three games under .500. ... The Hooks are now 27-9 since May 1. ... J.P. Sportman stretched his hitting streak to nine games after going 1-for-4 on Wednesday. The RockHounds will play the third game of their four-game series with the Hooks at 7:05 p.m. today before heading to Frisco for a four-game set against the RoughRiders, Saturday through Tuesday.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP Joel Seddon (1-5, 7.30); Corpus Christi — RHP Francis Martes (2-2, 5.02)

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	33	24	.579	—
Springfield	31	27	.534	2½
Northwest Arkansas	27	31	.466	6½
Arkansas	24	34	.414	9½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	36	21	.632	—
Frisco	33	23	.589	2½
Midland	27	30	.474	9
San Antonio	18	39	.316	18

Wednesday's Scores

Tulsa 1, Northwest Arkansas 0
Arkansas 6, Springfield 0
San Antonio 11, Frisco 3
Corpus Christi 6, Midland 3

Today's Games

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

HOOKS 6, ROCKHOUNDS 3

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Corpus Christi	ab	r	h	bi
Vertigan cf	5	2	0	0	Hernandez rf	4	1	2	0
Sportman 1b	4	1	1	0	Bregman ss	4	2	2	0
Marincov rf	4	2	2	3	Fisher cf	4	1	1	1
Chapman ss	4	0	0	0	Davis 3b	3	1	0	2
Rosa lf	4	0	0	0	Taveras 2b	2	0	0	0
Rodriguez 3b	4	0	1	0	Moor 2b	2	0	0	0
Kirkland 1b	4	0	1	0	Gregory 1b	3	0	0	0
Barrett 2b	4	0	0	0	McDonald dh	4	1	1	2
Paul c	3	0	1	0	Pena c	3	0	2	0
					Ramsay lf	2	0	0	0
Totals	**31**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**Totals**	**30**	**6**	**6**	**5**

Midland	102 000 000—3
Corpus Christi	000 012 303—6

E—Midland 1. DP—Midland 1. Corpus Christi 1. LOB—Midland 5, Corpus Christi 4. 2B—Marincov (1), Sportman (8). HR—McDonald (9), Davis (10), Fisher (11). SB—Marincov 1, Hernandez (2), Bregman (4).

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Alcantara	5.2	4	1	1	3	3
Sanchez (L,1-3)	1	2	2	2	1	3
Hall	1	0	0	0	0	3
Corpus Christi						
Emanuel	4	4	2	2	2	3
Paulino (W,3-2)	3	2	1	1	2	3
West (S,4)	1	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—By Alcantara (Ramirez). T—2:29. A—1,292.

Oklahoma defeats Auburn for its 3rd national softball title

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Paige Parker pitched a complete game to help Oklahoma defeat Auburn 2-1 on Wednesday night for its third national softball title.

Parker put the Tigers down in order in the seventh to improve to 5-0 at the Women's College World Series.

Auburn's Emily Carosone, the star of Tuesday's comeback win with a grand slam in the bottom of the eighth, couldn't follow it up.

In the bottom of the first, she committed an error on a grounder by Shay Knighten, and Caleigh Clifton scored for the Sooners (57-8) when Carosone lost control of a throw to first. Knighten then scored on a slow-bouncing infield single by Fale Aviu to make it 2-0.

Auburn (58-12) loaded the bases with no outs in the third, but Parker struck out Carosone, then the Sooners turned a double play to get out of the inning unscathed.

Jade Rhodes' solo shot in the top of the fourth made it 2-1, but Parker regained control.

Oklahoma won its first two titles in 2000 and 2013. The Southeastern Conference had won three of the previous four, with Oklahoma interrupting.

Oklahoma coach Patty Gasso was questioned about the decision to rest Parker during Game 2, when Auburn rallied from an early 7-0 deficit to beat the Sooners 11-7 in eight innings. Parker was the winner in Game 1, a 3-2 decision, and Gasso felt it would have been unfair to Parker to start her on Tuesday.

HS BASEBALL STATE TOURNEY PAIRINGS

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UIL State Tournament
at Dell Diamond, Round Rock/UFCU Disch Falk Field, Austin

Class 6A
Semifinal

Dallas Jesuit (34-8-2) vs. Houston Langham Creek (30-11), noon Friday, Dell Diamond
Amarillo High (32-14) vs. San Antonio Johnson (31-5), 3 p.m. Friday, Dell Diamond
Final
Semifinal winners, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dell Diamond

Class 5A
Semifinal

Grapevine (33-6-2) vs. Whitehouse (25-11), 4 p.m. today, Dell Diamond
San Antonio Alamo Heights (26-7) vs. College Station (27-14-2), 7 p.m. today, Dell Diamond
Final
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m. Friday, Dell Diamond

Class 4A
Semifinal

Abilene Wylie (31-3-1) vs. Texarkana Pleasant Grove (27-5-1)
Salado (30-11-1) vs. Robinson (29-4-1)
Final
Abilene Wylie (33-3-1) vs. Salado (30-11), 6:30 p.m. today, UFCU Disch-Falk Field

Class 3A
Semifinal

Van Alstyne (31-3-2) vs. Banquete (23-8-3)
West (32-5) vs. Shallowater (32-4-2)
Final
Van Alstyne (33-3-2) vs. West (32-5), 3 p.m. today, Dell Diamond

Class 2A
Semifinal

Beckville (33-1-1) vs. Stamford (22-6)
Fatonia (28-4-1) vs. Bosqueville (31-2-4)
Final
Beckville (33-1-1) vs. Fatonia (28-4), 9 a.m. today, Dell Diamond

DRAFT

From 1C

one of country's top college hitters. Was among nation's leaders in several offensive categories while hitting .395 with 20 HRs, 72 RBIs and finishing season with .535 on-base percentage, 88 hits, 66 walks and 70 runs scored. Will be first first-round pick in Mercer history. Right-handed hitter with great bat speed and power to all fields who has solid speed. Center fielder in college who projects as right fielder with pop in pros.

MATT MANNING

RHP, Sheldon H.S. (California), 6-6, 185.

Son of former NBA power forward Rich Manning is two-sport star, but expected to pursue pro career on mound instead of hardwood. Father was second-round pick (40th overall) by NBA's Atlanta Hawks in 1993, but younger Manning will have family bragging rights by going early in MLB draft. Has mid-90s fastball, power curve and developing change-up. Started baseball season late while helping basketball team in postseason, but hit stride quickly. Committed to Loyola Marymount.

MICKEY MONIAK

OF, La Costa Canyon H.S. (California), 6-2, 190.

Among handful of candidates to be No. 1 overall pick if Phillies go for high school bat. Could become first high school outfielder to be selected first since Tampa Bay drafted Delmon Young in 2003. Tremendous athlete considered five-tools talent whose stock has risen throughout his senior season. Left-handed hitter is consistent to all fields with solid power to gaps. Outstanding defensive player who has good speed and will likely remain in center field in pros. Video of impressive over-the-shoulder catch in Area Code Games in California last summer has nearly 4,000 views.

DELVIN PEREZ

SS, International Baseball Academy (Puerto Rico), 6-3, 165.

Athletic, slick-fielding shortstop expected to become first player from Puerto Rico to go in opening round since Carlos Correa went No. 1 overall in 2012. Draft position in question, though, as MLB Network reported Wednesday that he failed performance-enhancing drug test. Terrific range and strong arm expected to keep him at short in pros. Only 17 and has room to grow physically. Still developing as hitter, but has good bat speed.

RILEY PINT

RHP, St. Thomas Aquinas H.S. (Kansas), 6-4, 210.

Fireballer has chance to become first high school righty in draft history to go No. 1 overall. Throws fastball that sits in mid-90s, but can crank it up to 100 mph, along with an exceptional change-up, power curve and tough slider that all have scouts drooling. Played second base when he wasn't on mound and hit winning two-run double in Kansas Class 5A title game. Also played basketball in high school, but future is clearly baseball. Has commitment to LSU.

A.J. PUK

LHP, Florida, 6-7, 230, junior.

Also in conversation to go first overall. Could become sixth left-handed pitcher to be selected No. 1, but second in three years, joining Brady Aiken (Houston, 2014). Only two college lefties have gone first: Arizona State's Floyd Bannister (Houston, 1976) and Vanderbilt's David Price (Tampa Bay, 2007). Struggled a bit with inconsistency (2-3, 3.21, 95 Ks, 31 BBs) and didn't go deep into many games — also had minor back issue — for Gators, but his size along with upper-90s fastball, fantastic slider and solid change-up have him projected as future ace in pros.

CAL QUANTRILL

RHP, Stanford, 6-3, 185, junior.

Son of former major league reliever Paul Quantrill didn't pitch this season for Cardinal after undergoing Tommy John surgery last year. Still remains likely first-rounder, making him one of more intriguing players in draft. Has worked out for teams to show he's healthy. Before injury, had fastball that would sit in low- to mid-90s, and mixed that with curve, change-up and slider that give him impressive repertoire. Should easily get family bragging rights, father was sixth-rounder of Red Sox in 1989.

COREY RAY

OF, Louisville, 6-0, 190, junior.

Golden Spikes Award semifinalist and All-ACC First Team selection is do-it-all talent expected to be among first players selected. Lefty-hitting slugger sprays ball to all fields with power, makes consistent contact and has outstanding speed in field and on bases. After starring last summer for Team USA collegiate team, has been offensive leader (.319, 15 HRs, 60 RBIs, 44 for 52 in SBs) for Cardinals, who are in NCAA Tournament's super regionals. Likely to be highest-drafted player in school history.

BLAKE RUTHERFORD

OF, Chaminade Prep (California), 6-2, 190.

Combination of power potential, consistency and speed has him projected as possible top-five pick. Was offensive star for two straight summers with Team USA's U18 squad, including leading in HRs and ranking second in SBs last year. Could stick in center field or slide over to right at next level. Quit football after sophomore season to focus on baseball. Committed to UCLA.

NICK SENZEL

3B, Tennessee, 6-1, 205, junior.

Saw draft stock rise dramatically after last summer's performance in Cape Cod League, where he won MVP award and selected as top prospect. Followed up with terrific season for Volunteers, hitting .352 with eight HRs, 59 RBIs and SEC-leading 25 doubles along with 25 SBs that led team. Solid, strong-armed defensive player who could stick at third base or move to shortstop, where he played some this season. Could be top-5 pick, which would make him Vols' highest-drafted position player since Todd Helton (eighth overall) in 1995.

AP file photo

In this Saturday, July 3, 2004 file photo, Russia's Maria Sharapova holds the winner's trophy after defeating Serena Williams in the Women's Singles, final match on the Centre Court at Wimbledon. Sharapova has been suspended for two years by the International Tennis Federation for testing positive for meldonium at the Australian Open. The ruling, announced Wednesday, can be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Maria Sharapova suspended for 2 years for failed drug test

By Chris Lehourites and Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

PARIS — Maria Sharapova was suspended Wednesday for two years for failing a drug test, labeled "the sole author of her own misfortune" because she hid regular pre-match use of a newly banned substance from anti-doping authorities and members of her own entourage.

The tennis star said she would appeal what she called "an unfairly harsh" punishment to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

The ban, handed down by a three-person Tennis Anti-Doping Program tribunal appointed by the International Tennis Federation, is backdated to Jan. 26, when Sharapova last played. She tested positive for meldonium that day after losing to Serena Williams in the Australian Open quarterfinals. The panel said various elements of Sharapova's case "inevitably lead to the conclusion" that she took the substance "for the purpose of enhancing her performance."

Sharapova, who faced up to a four-year suspension, loses all ranking points and prize money she earned in Melbourne.

More significantly, if her suspension withstands an appeal and runs through Jan. 25, 2018, the 29-year-old Russian will wind up missing this year's Rio de Janeiro Olympics and a total of eight Grand Slam tournaments during what might have been prime competitive years.

It certainly throws into doubt the on-court future of a former No. 1-ranked player and owner of five Grand Slam titles who is one of the most well-known and — thanks to a wide array of endorsements — highest-earning athletes in the world.

She is one of 10 women in tennis history with a career Grand Slam — at least one title from each of the sport's four most important tournaments. Sharapova was the 2004 Wimbledon champion at age 17; No. 1 in the rankings at 18; U.S. Open champion at 19; Australian Open champion at 20. An operation to her right shoulder in 2008 took her off the tour for months, and her ranking dropped outside the top 100. But she worked her way back, and in 2012, won the French Open, then added a second title in Paris two years later.

Now comes a dark chapter to the story of someone who was 9 years old when her father moved her from Russia to Florida to pursue a tennis career.

Sharapova was provisionally suspended in early March; shortly afterward, she announced at a news conference in Los Angeles that she had failed a doping test for meldonium in January. She did not mention, as the panel's 33-page ruling does, that she also failed an out-of-competition test for the same drug in February.

Sharapova's defense: She was not aware that the World Anti-Doping Agency barred athletes from using meldonium, also known as mildronate, as of Jan. 1. The panel's ruling, in a nutshell: She should have been aware — and would have been, had she followed proper protocols.

One bit of good news for Sharapova on Wednesday: Sportswear giant Nike announced it "will continue to partner" with her, adding: "We hope to see Maria back on court." In March, Nike said it would suspend its business relationship with Sharapova while an investigation was ongoing.

Sharapova said she was first prescribed the Latvian-made drug, typically used for heart conditions, for medical reasons in 2006, part of a Russian doctor's "medicinal and nutritional regime which at the outset comprised about 18 medications and supplements," according to the panel's findings.

By 2010, that doctor's list of recommended substances grew to 30, the ruling said. She left his care in 2013.

In 2012, Sharapova reduced her pill intake, but continued with meldonium, the panel found.

Meldonium — not approved for use in the United States or European Union — increases blood flow, which improves exercise capacity by carrying more oxygen to the muscles.

"The manner of its use, on match days and when undertaking intensive training, is only consistent with an intention to boost her energy levels," the ruling said. "It may be that she genuinely believed that mildronate had some general beneficial effect on her health but the manner in which the medication was taken, its concealment from the anti-doping authorities, her failure to disclose it even to her own team, and the lack of any medical justification must inevitably lead to the conclusion that she took mildronate for the purpose of enhancing her performance."

The panel, which held a two-day hearing last month, found that only Sharapova's manager, Max Eisenbud of IMG, and her father knew she was taking the drug then.

In what Wednesday's report refers to as "the evident implausibility of his account," Eisenbud said he would check Sharapova's list of medications against WADA's list of prohibited substances during an annual Caribbean vacation after the season ended, but he did not take that same trip in 2015 and, therefore, did not do his usual cross-check.

"The idea that a professional manager, entrusted by IMG with the management of one of its leading global sporting stars, would so casually and ineptly have checked whether his player was complying with the anti-doping (program), a matter critical to the player's professional career and her commercial success, is unbelievable," the tribunal wrote.

Sharapova also did not note her use of mildronate on any of the seven doping control forms she turned in from Oct. 22, 2014, to Jan. 26, 2016, the panel found.

"She must have known that taking a medication before a match, particularly one not currently prescribed by a doctor, was of considerable significance," the decision said. "This was a deliberate decision, not a mistake."

Keeping her use of meldonium secret from her team and anti-doping authorities constituted "a very serious breach of her duty to comply with the rules," the panel ruled.

Russian Tennis Federation president Shamil Tarpishchev told the Tass news agency that Ekaterina Makarova would take Sharapova's spot on the country's Summer Games roster.

Preakness winner Exaggerator 9-5 favorite in Belmont Stakes

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Preakness winner Exaggerator is the 9-5 morning-line favorite in a field of 13 entered for Saturday's $1.5 million Belmont Stakes, the final leg of the Triple Crown.

The 3-year-old colt trained by Keith Desormeaux and ridden by his brother, Hall of Famer Kent Desormeaux, drew the No. 11 post position on Wednesday.

Stradivari, who ran fourth in the Preakness in his stakes debut, is the surprising second choice at 5-1. Destin, sixth in the Kentucky Derby, is the third choice at 6-1. Both are trained by Todd Pletcher, a two-time Belmont winner. Preakness runner-up Cherry Wine is 8-1.

Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist, who finished third in the Preakness, isn't running in the Belmont. He was sidelined briefly by a fever after the Preakness and is back in California.

A year ago, American Pharoah became the first Triple Crown winner in 37 years, sweeping the Derby, Preakness and Belmont.

Being outside should not be an obstacle for Exaggerator, one of several 3-year-olds in the field who like to run well off the lead.

"I can't see any horse that would cross over on him," Kent Desormeaux said. "I'd like to establish position preferably without him getting a grain of sand in his face."

The 46-year-old rider returned to the track Tuesday after a brief stay in a drug and alcohol rehab center in Utah. A one-time regular rider at Belmont Park, he feels he might have an edge over a track that measures 1 1/2 miles.

"I do actually," Desormeaux said of having a home-track advantage, just like he felt he did at Pimlico, where he also used to ride on a regular basis. "I think it holds true to the Preakness, going back to that, and understanding the course."

AP file photo

Jockey Kent Desormeaux, aboard Exaggerator, looks skyward as they are covered in mud after winning the Santa Anita Derby horse race, April 9 at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, Calif.

Cherry Wine, who came flying down the stretch to nip Nyquist for second in the Preakness, has improved his finish in each of his last three starts.

"I hope we're sitting on a big race," trainer Dale Romans said. "His Belmont pedigree says he's set to go a mile-and-a-half as well as anyone else."

Romans also sends out 20-1 long shot Brody's Cause, the Blue Grass winner who ran seventh in the Derby. Also with two horses in the race are Steve Asmussen with 10-1 Creator and Gettysburg, the 30-1 expected pace-setter, and Dallas Stewart with 30-1 long shots Forever d'Oro and Seeking the Soul.

Desormeaux isn't about to predict where Exaggerator will be during the race, but said "I'm going to let Exaggerator get comfortable, wherever that is it's going to be.

"If I could have a dream run, he would be forwardly placed, and I would be able to dreamingly decide when to pull the trigger."

SOCKERS

From 1C

the field with these guys."

St. Edward's has provided the Sockers a good batch of players in recent years, which included 2015 midfielder Andrew Fox.

Fox went onto sign a professional contract with Peterborough United F.C., a third-tier team in the English soccer league system.

Barnes said the St. Edward's pipeline is a result of his close relationship with the team's assistant head coach Matt O'Sullivan.

Coons made such an impression last year that he was invited back for 2016.

"Nate was on a team last year and he kind of knew how things worked here and we were kind of prepared coming into the summer of what Matt Barnes expected of us," Grant Mobley said.

Coons said Barnes seeks specific types of players when he builds his squad.

"Being here over the course of two years, I think the biggest thing that Matt Barnes loves the most is people that work hard," Coons said. "Guys that are willing to die (for the team) out there. That's the way he is as a person and if other players bring that, he will definitely like you and keep you playing. That's the biggest thing is hard work and never giving up, always fighting and going after it."

Barnes has been open to talent suggestions from his own players too.

Caio Ruiz, a returning midfielder from Oklahoma Weselyan, recommended college teammate and defender Fernando Machado during the Sockers' team-building process.

Barnes liked what he saw in Machado, which not only added to the Sockers' talent pool, but also boosted the team's chemistry on the pitch.

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BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	★★ War of the Worlds ('05, Act) Tom Cruise. A man struggles to protect his children when aliens invade Earth wanting to destroy it.						Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Life in Pieces	Mom	The Odd Couple	Code Black "Buen Arbol"		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Gilligan's Island	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Wrathful Wraith"		Twilight Zone
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	American Grit "Tired Out" (N)		American Grit "Over the Falls" (SF) (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother
	KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Lars Enarson	Zola Levitt Presents	Update News	HaYesod	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Hidden in Sight	Wings of Truth	Faith for Families	Biblical Israel
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs San Jose Sharks at Pittsburgh Penguins Final Game 5 Site: Consol Energy Center -- Pittsburgh, Pa. (L)						NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Ind. Lens "The Armor of Light" Follow an Evangelical minister and the mother of a teenage shooting victim.				West. Perspec.		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Sueño de amor		Pasion y poder		El gordo y la flaca	Fútbol Copa America Centenario Jamaica vs. Mexico (L)					Contacto	Deportivo
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Fam. Feud	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Office	Access H.
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	575			165	(4:55) The Jackal		★★ Sneakers ('92, Act) Robert Redford.				(:05) ★★ The Ladykillers Tom Hanks.				★★ Shaft	
	HBO	300	550	14	14		(4:30) Transformers		★★★★ The Martian ('15, Act) Matt Damon.					FirstLook	(:15) Silicon	(:45) Thrones		Movie
	HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(4:55) The Second ...		Ferrell Takes Field		★★★★ Mad Max: Fury Road				Real Sex	(:50) Real Sports		Movie
	HBO5	304	552	16	102		(5:40) ★★ Get Shorty			Vice (N)	★★ Snakes on a Plane				★★ What Happens in Vegas			(:45) Silicon
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(:10) ★★ Focus ('15, Com/Dra) Will Smith.				Outcast		★ Kill the Messenger Jeremy Renner.				(:55) ★★★ 300	
	MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:10) ★★★★ Children of Men Clive Owen.				★ Taken 3 Liam Neeson.				(:50) ★ The Visit ('15, Hor) Olivia DeJonge.			Movie
	PLEX			96			(5:20) ★ Last Stand ...		★★★ Monte Walsh Tom Selleck.				★★★ Six Black Horses			(:25) ★★★ Fletch		
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(4:00) ★ Boyhood		★★★ E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial				Penny Dreadful		Submis.	Lies	Submis.	Dreadful
	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:45) ★★★ Miami Vice Colin Farrell.				★★ Basic Instinct 2 Sharon Stone.				★ Unknown Caller ('14, Thril) David Chisum.			
CABLE	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Murder in Treme"		First 48 "Down on Bourbon/ Deadly Trap"		Compton N.W.A.; Venus and Serena Williams; Paul Rodriquez. Pt. 1 of 2 cont'd June 16 (N)				(:05) To Be Announcad		(:05) The First 48	
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	BET	58	-		40		Road to BET'X (N)		BET Awards "2009"				Comic	Comic	Hell Date	Hell Date	Wendy Williams	
	BRAVO	65	76		41		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar (N)		Odd Mom Out (N)		Million Dollar List		Below "Entrée-Vous"	
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed (N)		American Greed		American Greed	
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Outfront		A. Cooper 360		Eighties "Tech Boom"		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		Eighties "Tech Boom"	
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Naked "Frozen in Fear"		Naked "Rise Above"		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid		Naked "Bad Blood"	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Mickey	Mickey	Mickey /(:05) ★ Cloudy With a...		Mickey		(:15) Bunk'd	LivMad	(:05) Girl M.	Jessie	★ Minutemen	
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Euro Preview (N)		NCAA Track & Field Outdoor Championship Site: Hayward Field (L)						SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	SportNat	Highly?	Battlefrog College		Battlefrog College		Battlefrog College		NFL Live		EURO Preview (N)	
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	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★★ Mean Girls			(:45) ★★ Freaky Friday ('03, Com) Jamie Lee Curtis.					The 700 Club		McGuire	So Raven
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	FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ Thor: The ...				★★★ Jack Reacher ('12, Act) Rosamund Pike, Tom Cruise.						★★★ Jack Reacher ('12, Act) Tom Cruise.	
	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House (N)	VintFlip	VintFlip	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Alone "Adrift" (N)		Alone (N)		(:05) Mountain (N)		Join/Die	Join/Die	(:05) Alone "Adrift"	
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) Roots "Part 2" Pt. 2 of 4 cont'd next		Roots "Part 3" George wishes to buy his family's freedom but is sold. 3/4 cont'd next				Roots "Part 4" George is reunited with his family after the war. Pt. 4 of 4				Roots "Part 3" 3/4 cont'd next	
	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All In With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	43				(5:00) NHL Live! (L)		Rallycross Global			IndyCar	Crazy Train "Wasabi"		NHL Overtime (L)		Crazy Train	
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	F.House	F.House	★ Fun Size ('12, Com) Victoria Justice.				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	(3:00) ★ The Dark Kn...		Lip Sync Battle (N)		Guys Choice "Perfect 10" (N)				Lip Sync Battle		Guys Choice	
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★ The Conjuring Patrick Wilson.				★★ Child's Play Catherine Hicks.				★★ Child's Play 2 ('90, Hor) Alex Vincent.			
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Angie Tribeca	Angie Tribeca	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Conan (N)		2 Broke Girls	Conan
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Jubal		★★★★ The King and I ('56, Mus) Yul Brynner.						★★★ Carousel ('56, Mus) Gordon MacRae.			
	TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Eva, La Trailera		La esclava blanca		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	Titulares	La esclava blanca	
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Amber's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Laura's Story"		Extreme Weight Loss "Staci"		Fat Chance "Lucy" (N)		My Big Fat Fabulous Life "I Wanna Be Fat"		Fat Chance "Lucy"	
	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "The Double Down"		★ The Next Three Days A man decides to break his wife out of jail when he can't find the evidence to free her.						★★ Unknown Liam Neeson. After awakening from a coma, a man discovers that his identity was stolen.			
	TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Lost Traveler"		WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.				★ Sabotage (2014, Action) Joe Manganiello, Josh Holloway, Arnold Schwarzenegger.				(:05) ★★★★ Faster	
	WGN	19	85				Elementary "Blood Is Thicker"		Elementary "On the Line"		Elementary "Tremors"		Elementary "Internal Audit"		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother

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Mickelson among those in Memphis tuning up for US Open

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

Phil Mickelson is in the midst of a busy three weeks, so he made sure he got one of the first tee times bright and early Wednesday morning at the TPC Southwind course.

A man celebrating his 46th birthday on the first day of the U.S. Open next week needs a little break.

"I'm going to go straight back to the room and rest up," Mickelson said.

"I don't feel as though there's anything about my game that I'm worried about, but I want to make sure that I'm physically and mentally rested and ready to go, because for me to play well next week, I think it's important that I play well this week."

Mickelson practiced at Oakmont the past two days after tying for 20th at Memorial last week. He also played the pro-am at that event last week and played again Wednesday in Memphis, Tennessee, before the FedEx St. Jude Classic starts Thursday.

He's got plenty of company in Memphis with players trying to tune up their games under the stress of competition before heading to Pennsylvania.

Dustin Johnson, who lost last year's U.S. Open on a painful three-putt, is back at an event he won in 2012. Former U.S. Open champs Graeme McDowell and Ernie Els also are here.

Defending champ Fabian Gomez of Argentina likely needs to finish at least fourth or higher to play his way into the field at Oakmont.

Strong finishes also could help Gary Woodland and Ryan Palmer earn the U.S. Open berths they've just missed so far with six spots held open for those who break into the world's top 60 by Sunday night.

The U.S. Open is the major that Mickelson has come so close to without winning, and he's working hard preparing himself for another chance at that title. With St. Jude Children's Research Hospital benefiting, this tournament certainly is attractive to anyone.

Mickelson said his reasons for being in Memphis are selfish.

"It really gets me ready ... to get my game sharp, to play competitive for the U.S. Open, which is a tournament I would love to win to cap off my career, and I feel like playing here and playing well gives me the best chance to do that," Mickelson said.

Mickelson, whose last victory was the 2013 British Open, tied for third here a year ago. He likes the par-70, 7,239-yard course and is looking for some consistency in his game, having made nine of 13 cuts this year finishing second at Pebble Beach in February and tying for fourth at Wells Fargo last month.

He has putted well this year, and Mickelson said he's starting to hit shots again where the game is starting to feel easy.

"It's a matter of time, and it's a matter of being patient," Mickelson said. "I haven't won in quite some time, and it's very easy to get impatient and try to force the issue, and so I'm trying to not worry so much about the result and just kind of play because I feel like my game is better than it has been in years, and I'm playing well enough to win."

First-time champs have been the norm this season with 12 taking tournaments. Gomez won his first PGA Tour title here last year, becoming only the fifth Argentinian to win.

He followed that up by winning the Sony Open in January, but he needs another strong performance here to play at Oakmont next week.

Two-time champ David Toms, who qualified Monday for his 19th U.S. Open, also is back here and is grouped with Mickelson and another two-time St. Jude champ in Justin Leonard.

The field also features a few players making their tour debuts. Wesley Bryan, part of a trick-shot duo with his brother, has earned his tour card for the next season with two Web.com Tour wins.

AP file photo

Phil Mickelson, left, talks with his caddie Jim Mackay on the eighth tee during the first round of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament in Memphis, Tenn., in 2015. Playing the week before the U.S. Open means fine tuning putting and driving at the St. Jude Classic in Memphis.

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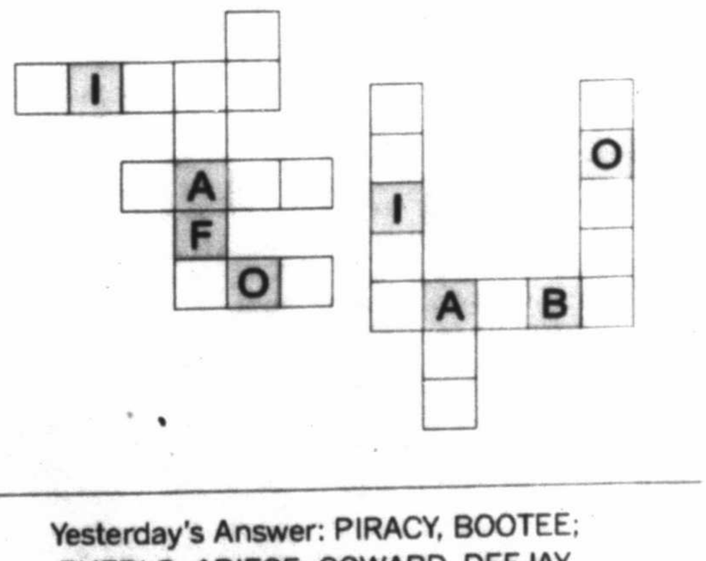

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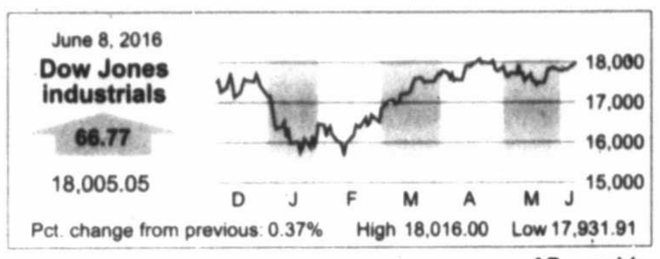

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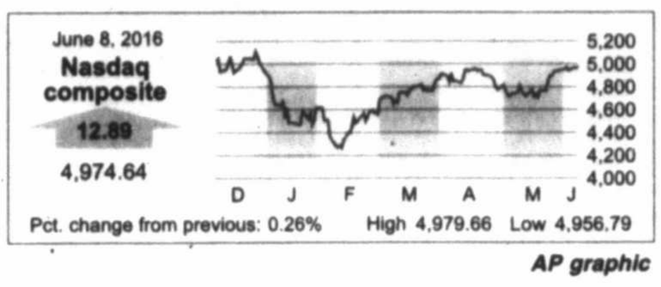

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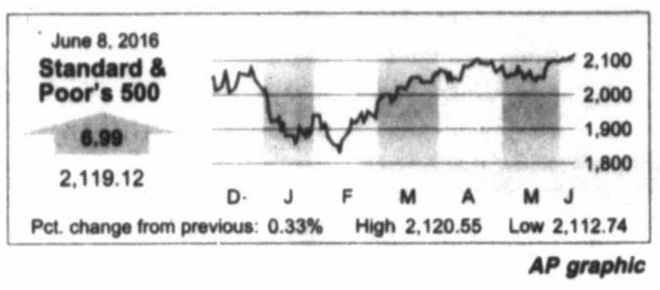

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $51.23
Previous: $50.36

POSTED

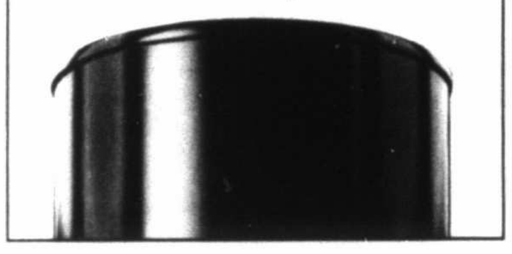
Wednesday: $47.75
Previous: $47.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $44.15
Previous: $43.40

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $2.468
Previous: $2.474



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
VanEGold	811240	25.93	+.82
iShEMkts	730413	34.80	+.25
S&P500ETF	580405	212.37	+.69
BkofAm	557655	14.43	+.08
Petrobras	501279	7.15	+.71

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AshHPrm	14.71	+3.39	+29.9
SiderurNac	2.42	+.40	+19.8
HugotnR	2.18	+.33	+17.8
AK Steel	5.35	+.77	+16.8
NoAltDrl rs	5.01	+.71	+16.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VeriFone	21.27	-6.96	-24.7
DxGlMBr rs	11.55	-1.81	-13.5
ArdmoreSh	8.67	-1.07	-11.0
DrDGlBr rs	10.12	-1.11	-9.9
ClayEng	28.47	-3.11	-9.8

DIARY

Advanced	2,045
Declined	990
Unchanged	122
Total issues	3,157
New Highs	275
New Lows	6
Volume	3,493,991,176

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	234169	1.27	+.14
OversSh n	70513	1.81	-.04
SynergyRs	70081	6.52	+.12
NwGold g	44022	4.19	+.21
B2gold g	41778	2.07	+.11

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ashford	63.61	+11.47	+22.0
MexcoEn	3.50	+.54	+18.1
AskanoG g	4.09	+.35	+9.4
SpdrPRA bt	42.74	+3.10	+7.8
VirnetX	5.05	+.35	+7.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GigPeak	2.41	-.18	-6.9
ComndSec	2.72	-.18	-6.2
Skyline	9.73	-.45	-4.4
CRH Med	3.30	-.14	-4.1
NovaBay rs	2.73	-.11	-3.9

DIARY

Advanced	241
Declined	130
Unchanged	26
Total issues	397
New Highs	22
New Lows	
Volume	148,404,882

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVxSh rs	362880	2.22	+.03
JD.com	273023	21.24	-.77
MicronT	255204	12.58	-.42
Apple Inc	203529	98.94	-.09
Microsoft	203161	52.04	-.06

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BiostPh rs	4.12	+2.75	+200.7
Shiloh	6.72	+1.39	+26.1
Lantheus n	2.99	+.58	+24.1
Ultralife	5.85	+1.09	+22.8
HeilMAn h	13.75	+2.50	+22.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Catabasis n	5.05	-1.80	-26.3
ChinAutLog	2.06	-.42	-16.9
ArgosTher	7.03	-1.09	-13.4
MinervaN	10.32	-1.58	-13.3
VascuBio	5.11	-.74	-12.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,824
Declined	971
Unchanged	165
Total issues	2,960
New Highs	126
New Lows	26
Volume	1,638,614,621

Pinto: Burger King bro strategy unsuitable

Bloomberg

The brash bro culture of Burger King that plays to young male consumers craving fiery chicken fries isn't so welcome in the boardroom, especially in Canada.

Burger King's parent needs to add women to its all-male board, said a Vancouver-based investor who became a shareholder when the company took over the Canadian doughnut chain Tim Hortons in 2014. Fred Pinto, head of OceanRock Investments Inc., wants fellow shareholders at Thursday's annual meeting to vote in favor of his proposal to adopt a clear plan for more female directors. The Tim Hortons board had three female members, but they didn't join the combined company's slate.

Restaurant Brands International Inc.'s decision to base the merged company in Canada instead of Burger King's former home in Miami makes the lack of female board members especially unwise, Pinto said. He contrasted it to newly elected Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's pledge to ensure that half his cabinet members are women.

"It's an odd position to take in Canada, because certainly board diversity and targeting an appropriate number of women representatives is a hot-button issue," Pinto said in an interview. "They fairly and legitimately took over Tim Hortons, but why would you not continue with the policy Tim Hortons had in place?"

The slow progress toward gender parity in the boardroom this year has been criticized roundly by everyone from the United Nations to the U.S. Government Accounting Office. The World Economic Forum estimated during its conference in Davos, Switzerland, this year that at the current rate it may take 80 years for women to reach parity in leadership in the world's companies.

For its part, Restaurant Brands said it has already modified its guidelines to make diversity considerations more apparent. Making a specific pledge to add women might hamper the flexibility to select the best candidates, the company said in an April proxy filing in response to Pinto's measure.

"The supply of women who are well-prepared to be candidates on corporation boards is as good as the supply from the male side" said Irene Chang Britt, a director at Dunkin' Brands Group, TerraVia Holdings and Tailored Brands. "You look at the quality of women out there and I can't believe that people can still be saying that."

Dunkin' Brands, which owns Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins, counts two women, including Britt, on its board. Companies with three or more female directors perform better than average, according to a study from Catalyst Inc.

Corporate-governance adviser Institutional Shareholder Services, which supports Pinto's proposal, said 81 percent of Restaurant Brands' peers have at least one woman on the board. McDonald's has three female directors, while Wendy's has two. There are three women on the Starbucks board.

"It's a sound business issue that can give a competitive advantage if you are inclusive on diversity," said Bill Ide, partner and head of corporate governance at the law firm Dentons US in Atlanta. "Some people just sort of brush this aside."

The pressure won't end with Thursday's vote in Oakville, Ontario. The group 2020 Women on Boards, which seeks to have women represent 20 percent of directors at the largest companies, will target the Burger King owner on June 20 as part of a campaign to pressure companies with all-male boards, said Malli Gero, co-founder of the group.

Among companies the group has targeted, and which later added women, are Facebook Inc., Urban Outfitters Inc. and Monster Beverage Corp., she said.

But similar shareholder proposals haven't fared well in Canada, said Ben Magarik, head of Canadian business development at ISS Corporate Solutions, an ISS subsidiary that advises companies on governance. There have been nine such votes at companies in the Standard & Poor's TSX Composite Index since the beginning of 2014. None has come close to passing, he said.

What does seem to be working is broader push by Canadian regulators to make it easier to compare board diversity, Magarik said. For example, for companies in the Calgary area, there are now an average of about 1.5 female directors per board versus an average of less than one woman in 2014, he said.

The Canadian Parliament has given initial approval to a plan to take out gender-specific words in the the national anthem, "O Canada." The province of Ontario said this week that women should make up 40 percent of appointments to provincial boards and agencies by 2019. And Ontario is encouraging businesses there to set a three- to five-year goal of 30 percent women on their corporate boards by the end of next year.

Whether consumers will care will depend on how much attention the campaign receives. Very few of Burger King or Tim Hortons customers will ever think about the composition of the board unless it becomes a bigger issue, said Dennis Lombardi, president of Insight Dynamics, a restaurant adviser.

"As a rule, adverse publicity doesn't do a brand well," Lombardi said.

Stocks rise

Stocks rose for the third day in a row Wednesday as machinery and mining companies traded higher. Oil prices also continued their rise, and stocks and oil prices are at their highest in almost a year.

Metals prices jumped as the dollar got weaker. Also trading higher were makers of beverages and other consumer goods. That's because a weaker dollar could mean better sales and bigger profits for U.S. companies that do a lot of business overseas.

Kate Warne, an investment strategist for Edward Jones, said the dollar weakness won't last: the Federal Reserve is preparing to eventually raise interest rates, which will make the dollar stronger, while stimulus policies of central banks in Europe and Japan will cause their own currencies to depreciate.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 66.77 points, or 0.4 percent, to 18,005.05. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 6.99 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,119.12. The Nasdaq composite added 12.89 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,974.64. The S&P 500 and oil prices are both at their highest levels since July, and the Nasdaq hasn't been this high since Dec. 31.

Metal prices jump

The price of gold jumped $15.30, or 1.2 percent, to $1,262.30 an ounce and silver leaped 59 cents, or 3.6 percent, to $16.99 an ounce. Copper added 1 cent to $2.06 a pound.

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Closing Price $93.13 Down 1.46

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.47 Up 1.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.50 Up 0.54

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.07 Up 0.42

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $35.62 Up 0.24

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.26 Up 0.02

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $19.47 Down 0.02

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel			5.35	+.77	+138.8
AT&T Inc	1.92	16	39.86	+.07	+15.8
AbbVie	2.28f	17	61.73	-1.37	+4.2
Abraxas	...	...	**1.25**	**+.02**	**+17.9**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**	...	**12.95**	**+.05**	**+.9**
AMD			4.46	-.05	+55.4
Alcoa	.12	27	9.89	+.10	+.2
AlonUSA	.60		7.84	-.07	-47.2
Ambev	.19e		5.68	+.18	+27.4
Amgen	**4.00**	**16**	**158.00**	**-.89**	**-2.7**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**55.18**	**-.04**	**+13.6**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**57.00**	**-1.21**	**+28.2**
Apple Inc	2.28f	11	98.94	-.09	-6.0
ApldMatl	**.40**	**22**	**24.23**	**+.06**	**+29.8**
ArcelorMit			5.62	+.25	+74.8
Archrock	.38m		8.87	+.05	+18.0
ATMOS	**1.68**	**23**	**74.90**	**+.44**	**+18.8**
AutoData	2.12	27	87.22	+.88	+3.0
BP PLC	**2.40a**	...	**33.27**	**+.20**	**+6.4**
BabsCCInv	1.20		17.89	+.24	+3.7
BakrHu	.68		47.93	-.97	+3.9
BcoBrad s	.44e		7.40	+.40	+69.2
BkofAm	.20	11	14.43	+.08	-14.3
B iPVixST		...	12.96	+.07	-35.5
BarrickG	.08	55	19.22	+.40	+160.4
BasicEnSv			2.16	+.18	-19.4
BerkHa A	...	**1521**	**3500.00**	**+1290.00**	**+7.9**
BkHillsCp	**1.68f**	**38**	**62.53**	**+.35**	**+34.7**
BrllySq	**1.52**	**51**	**73.41**	**-.50**	**+6.7**
BrownFA	**1.36f**	**34**	**108.55**	**+3.44**	**-1.4**
BrownFB	**1.36f**	**30**	**100.80**	**+3.45**	**+1.5**
CVS Health	1.70f	20	98.31	+1.69	+.6
Caterpillar	3.08	20	78.11	+1.30	+14.9
Celestic g	...	11	10.90	+.08	-1.2
Cemex	.29t	...	6.86	+.25	+28.1
CntryLink	2.16	14	27.04	-.25	+7.5
ChesEng	...	...	4.97	+.30	+10.4
Chevron	**4.28**	**...**	**103.09**	**-.23**	**+14.6**
Chicos	.32f	46	11.43	-.08	+7.1
Cimarex	.32	...	121.58	+.04	+36.0
Cisco	1.04	14	29.14	+.07	+8.1
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**28.47**	**-3.11**	**-3.7**
CliffsNRs		60	5.41	+.50	+242.4
CocaCola	**1.40f**	**26**	**45.55**	**+.23**	**+6.0**
ColgPalm	**1.56f**	**26**	**72.00**	**+.41**	**+8.1**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**27**	**46.74**	**+.08**	**+10.9**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**126.29**	**+.03**	**+36.0**
ConocoPhil	**1.00**	...	**47.49**	**-.05**	**+1.7**
CrackerB	4.60f	24	169.56	-.36	+33.7
CSVelVST			33.16	-.27	+28.5
CSVLgCrd rs			...	41.77	+2.06
CSVxSh rs			2.22	+.03	-64.5
CrosTlm	**1.32e**	**11**	**17.01**	**+.01**	**+30.7**
Ctrip.com s	...	19	42.00	-2.30	-9.3
DCP Mid	3.12	28	36.94	-.89	+49.7
DTE	2.92	21	93.38	+.68	+16.4
Dataram h			.95	+.12	+43.9
DeltaAir	.54	8	41.85	-.25	-17.4
DevonE	**.24**	**...**	**37.58**	**-1.18**	**+17.4**
DirDGlBr rs			10.12	-1.11	...
Disney	**1.42f**	**17**	**98.04**	**-.31**	**-6.7**
DowChm	**1.84**	**17**	**53.68**	**-.02**	**+4.3**
EOG Resc s	**.67**	...	**85.36**	**-.06**	**+20.6**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**25**	**33.81**	**+.10**	**+20.4**
EnCana g	.06	...	8.84	+.19	+73.7
Energen	.08	...	49.50	-.30	+20.8
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	38.95	+.27	+15.5
EnPro	**.84**	**...**	**50.91**	**-.01**	**+16.1**
EntProdPt	1.56f	22	28.72	-.18	+12.3
Ericsson	.46e	...	7.69	-.09	-20.0
ExxonMbl	**3.00f**	**29**	**90.79**	**+.08**	**+16.5**
Facebook	...	56	118.39	+.63	+13.1
Fordm	.60a	6	13.36	-.02	-5.2
FrptMcM	...	...	11.58	+.34	+71.0
GATX	**1.60**	**9**	**48.54**	**+.49**	**+14.1**
GabMultT	**.94e**	**...**	**7.48**	**+.03**	**-.3**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**31.98**	**+.21**	**+.1**
GenElec	**.92**	**38**	**30.31**	**+.17**	**-2.7**
Gevo h		...	.96	+.36	+54.8
Globalstar		42	1.27	+.14	-11.8
GtPlainEn	**1.05**	**21**	**29.32**	**+.46**	**+7.4**
HalconRs rs	...	...	.36	+.01	-71.4
Hallibrtn	**.72**	**61**	**46.29**	**+.21**	**+36.0**
HP Ent n	**.22**	**34**	**19.35**	**+.19**	**+27.3**
HuntBncsh	.28	12	10.35	-.06	-6.4
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	29.03	+1.40	+40.4
iShSilver	...	...	16.21	+.61	+22.9
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	34.74	+.10	-1.6
iShEMkts	.84e	...	34.80	+.25	+8.1
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	59.59	+.12	+1.5
iShBxHYB	5.09	...	84.57	+.32	+5.0
iShR2K	1.73e	...	118.43	+.87	+5.2
Intel	**1.04**	**14**	**31.89**	**+.01**	**-7.4**
InterDig	.80	18	59.49	+.36	+21.3
JD.com	...	...	21.24	-.77	-34.2
JohnJn	**3.20f**	**19**	**115.80**	**+.07**	**+12.7**
Keycorp	.34f	12	12.70	+.01	-3.7
KimbClk	**3.68**	**36**	**129.78**	**+.50**	**+1.9**
KindMorg	.50	29	18.12	-.34	+21.4
Kinross g	...	...	5.19	+.26	+185.2
LegacyRes	.60m		2.47	+.11	+41.1
LendingClb	...	49	4.42	+.03	-60.0
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**5.04**	**+.13**	**+12.8**
MarathnO	.20	...	14.53	-.09	+15.4
McDnlds	3.56f	23	122.11	+.21	+3.4
Merck	1.84	21	57.62	+.62	+9.1
MeritMed	**...**	**38**	**19.65**	**-.13**	**+5.7**
MexcoEn	...	...	3.50	+.54	+8.4
MicronT	...	13	12.58	-.42	-11.2
Microsoft	1.44	37	52.04	-.06	-6.2
Nabors	.24	...	10.77	-.02	+26.6
NatGrid	**3.35e**	**...**	**72.23**	**+.38**	**+3.9**
NOILVarco	1.84	20	36.98	+.78	+10.4
NvPM	**.78e**	**...**	**14.86**	**-.01**	**+8.8**
NuvPI	**.82a**	**...**	**15.16**	**+.01**	**+7.5**
NSTFI3	**.55e**	**...**	**15.38**	**-.04**	**+5.7**
NTXQI	**.65**	**...**	**15.44**	**-.01**	**+7.0**
OcciPet	**3.00**	**57**	**75.44**	**-.68**	**+11.6**
OfficeDpt	...	52	3.61	-.03	-36.0
Orexigen h	...	...	.64	+.22	-62.8
ParTech	**...**	**47**	**4.74**	**-.02**	**-29.6**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**2.62**	**+.27**	**+44.0**
PattUTi	**.08m**	**...**	**21.86**	**+.07**	**+43.0**
PennsRE	**.84**	**...**	**22.21**	**+.57**	**+1.8**
Pmian	.34e	21	7.30	...	+44.3
PetbrbrA	...	...	5.53	+.58	+62.6
Petrobras	...	...	7.15	+.71	+66.3
Pfizer	**1.20**	**18**	**35.25**	**+.41**	**+9.2**
PioNtrl	.08	79	167.10	+1.51	+33.3
PlainsAAP	**2.80**	**20**	**27.09**	**+.36**	**+17.3**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	110.37	+.19	-1.3
Praxair	**3.00**	**22**	**113.67**	**+1.81**	**+11.0**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**62.00**	**+.25**	**+17.0**
PUVixST rs	...	...	9.85	+.06	-65.3
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RangeRs	.08	...	44.47	-1.75	+80.7
RegionsFn	.26f	14	9.82	+.06	+2.3
RiteAid	...	48	7.61	-.10	-2.9
Rowan	.40	26	19.40	+.10	+14.5
RoyDShllA	3.76	80	52.96	+1.35	+15.7
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	180.06	+.68	+3.5
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	212.37	+.69	+4.2
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	37.21	-.29	+23.1
SabnR	2.10e	14	35.29	+.33	+34.4
SanderFm	**.88e**	**13**	**80.83**	**-2.87**	**+4.3**
Schlmbrg	2.00	30	80.81	+.71	+15.9
SeadrillLtd	...	...	3.75	+.03	+10.6
SiriusXM	...	36	3.98	-.01	-2.3
Smucker	2.68	36	132.71	+.18	+7.6
SwstnEngy	...	...	14.12	-1.09	+98.6
SP Engy	2.04e	...	69.39	-.16	+15.0
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.62	+.02	-.9
Suncor g	1.16	...	27.94	-.59	+8.3
SunocoLog	1.92f	39	29.06	-.37	+13.1
TelefEsp	**1.03e**	**...**	**10.35**	**-.02**	**-6.4**
Tesoro	2.00	6	80.83	-1.64	-23.3
3M Co	4.44	22	171.42	+.51	+13.8
Torchmark	**.56**	**15**	**61.15**	**+.21**	**+7.2**
Transocn	...	23	11.53	+.14	-6.9
TriContl	**.82e**	**...**	**20.84**	**+.12**	**+4.1**
TriangPet	...	...	.32	+.11	-58.4
TylerTech	**...**	**65**	**160.48**	**+.89**	**-7.9**
UBSI	**1.32**	**20**	**39.01**	**+.57**	**+6.5**
US OilFd	...	...	12.43	+.21	+13.0
USSteel	.20	...	17.70	+1.77	+121.8
Vale SA	.29e		5.05	+.25	+53.5
ValeantPh	...	...	23.92	-.72	-76.5
ValeroE	2.40	7	54.39	-1.25	-23.1
VanEGold	.12e	...	25.93	+.82	+89.0
VanE JrGld	...	...	39.90	+1.78	+107.7
VangEmg	1.10e	...	35.49	+.29	+8.5
VeriFone	...	20	21.27	-6.96	-24.1
VulcanM	**.80**	**52**	**118.36**	**+1.29**	**+24.8**
WEC Engy	1.98f	21	61.65	+.75	+20.2
WPX Engy	...	...	10.89	-.07	+89.7
WalgBoots	1.44	24	79.44	+.32	-6.7
WeatherIntl	...	...	6.82	+.11	-18.7
WellsFargo	1.52f	12	50.00	-.27	-8.0
WstnRefin	1.52f	7	22.04	-.70	-38.1
WhitingPet	...	...	13.60	-.25	+44.1
WmsCos	2.56	...	23.18	-.39	-9.8
XcelEngy	**1.36**	**20**	**42.17**	**+.16**	**+17.4**
Xerox	**.31**	**21**	**10.24**	**-.04**	**-3.7**
Yamana g	.02m	...	5.19	+.19	+179.0

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,188.81	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	18,005.05	+66.77	+.37	+3.33	+.03
8,530.82	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,900.68	+45.56	+.58	+5.22	-5.53
675.46	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	674.97	+5.15	+.77	+18.81	+20.12
11,170.82	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,638.36	+39.14	+.37	+4.68	-3.79
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,974.64	+12.89	+.26	-.65	-2.01
2,132.82	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,119.12	+6.99	+.33	+3.68	+.66
1,551.28	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,525.14	+6.40	+.42	+9.05	-.34
22,537.15	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	21,985.12	+84.38	+.39	+3.86	-1.27
1,296.00	943.09	Russell 2000	1,188.95	+8.98	+.76	+4.67	-6.15

TODAY: Sunny High: 93 Low: 69

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 93 Low: 71

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 93 Low: 72

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 94 Low: 72

MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 98 Low: 72

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 97 Low: 72

Local forecast

There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms on Saturday and a slight chance on Sunday night and Monday, according to the National Weather Service. Otherwise, it will be dry and hot.

The record high for June 8 is 105 set in 2011. The record low is 57 set in 1949 and 1933. On June 8 of last year, the high was 92 and the low was 68.

Weather brief

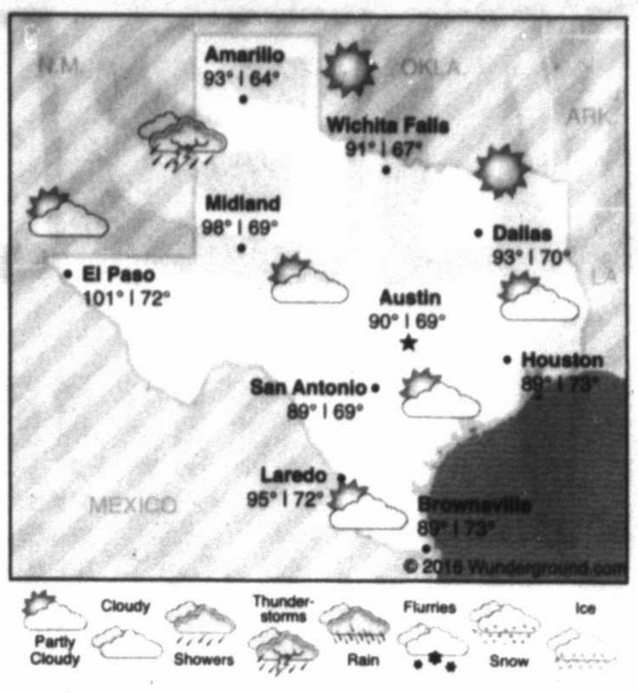
DALLAS

Texas hurricane air evacuation drill runs through Thursday

A mock storm dubbed Hurricane Tejas reached Texas, in theory, on Wednesday as part of an air-emergency evacuation practice run at some of the state's larger airports.

The air and ground drills are a chance to practice and evaluate plans for evacuating and sheltering people — some with medical issues — in the event of severe weather, according to Trooper Robbie Barrera of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"Exercise only, this is not a real scenario. It is for training purposes," Barrera said.



Cloudy, Partly Cloudy, Thunderstorms, Showers, Flurries, Rain, Ice, Snow

Precipitation

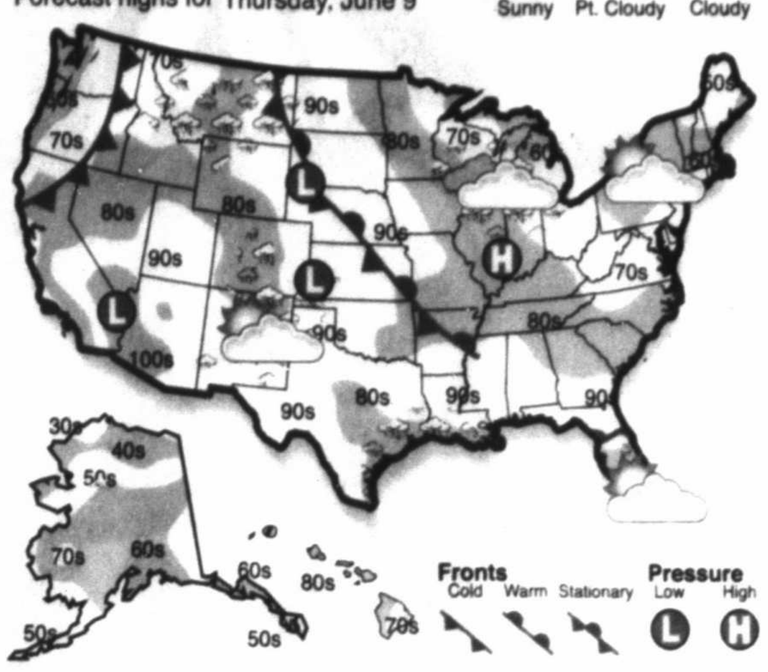
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.11 in.
Year total	3.85 in.
Normal total (year to date)	4.80 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	94
Low	65
Normal high	93
Normal low	66
Sunrise	6:42 a.m.
Sunset	8:54 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, June 9



For the record: interpreters talk and translators write

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about your answer to "An International Educator" (Dec. 27), who asked about translators at parent-teacher conferences.

Your answer was only partially correct.

I am a professional interpreter and translator. First I should note that translators do written work; interpreters speak aloud. Different skills are involved, which is why there are different terms.

Second, during interpretation, the interpreter is not considered to be part of the conversation, just a "conduit" through which communication takes place. Persons being interpreted for do not need to look at the interpreter while facilitating their communication.

A professional interpreter will interpret everything that is said; for example, they will not leave out curse words or "filter" or embellish anything. They also try to approximate the same voice tone.

I should also note that professional interpreters are bound by privacy codes much like doctors and nurses.

We are not allowed to divulge any information we have learned from our interpretation jobs. Another thing to realize is that a professional interpreter (or translator) will be completely neutral, regardless of who hired him/her or with which party he/she enters the room.

If someone is using a non-professional interpreter, a person who just happens to know both languages but has not had the training to be an interpreter, he/she may not adhere to these privacy or conduct codes, and their interpretations may not be of the best quality. Just knowing two languages does not guarantee that someone is capable of doing accurate interpretations (the same goes for translations). — ONE WHO KNOWS IN KANSAS

DEAR O.W.K.: Thank you for clarifying the difference between the two terms. You were one of many readers who wrote to explain it, and I'm glad you did.

DEAR ABBY: Please tell your readers that even though gay people are more integrated into our lives, it does not provide an open invitation to pry into anyone's sexual practices. I have been asked many times about the physical mechanics of my relationship, although I would never consider requesting such information from my heterosexual friends, neighbors or co-workers.

I think the bottom line should be: Keep your noses out of your friends' bedrooms and everything will be just fine.

I am a gay 49-year-old man in Texas and honestly would never dream of asking any couple — straight or gay — what they do when they are alone.

It bothers me that some people think being accepted means I welcome these kinds of questions. — MYOB IN AUSTIN

DEAR MYOB: There is no end to the nosy and intrusive questions people with poor judgment will ask.

However, there is a standard response that may resolve your problem if you say it with a smile. It's, "If you'll forgive me for not answering that question, I'll forgive you for asking!"

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

He came to bid

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ J 10 6 2
♥ A J 9
♦ K Q 7 6
♣ K 4

WEST
♠ 7 5 4 3
♥ 8 4
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 9 8 3 2

EAST
♠ A K 9 8
♥ K 10 7 6 5
♦ 4 3
♣ Q 6

SOUTH
♠ Q
♥ Q 3 2
♦ A J 10 8
♣ A J 10 7 5

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♠	2♣	Pass	2
Pass	3	Pass	4NT
Pass	5	Pass	6
All pass			

Opening lead: Eight of ♠

Most players with the North hand would have bid a simple three notrump at their first turn. This particular North player came to bid, however, and bid he did. North elected to cue bid the opponent's suit, despite the fact that this showed a fit for partner. North reasoned that a player who overcalled in a minor suit at the two level would usually have a six-card suit, or very sound values, and that king doubleton would be adequate support. This unearthed the diamond fit, and there was no stopping North. He put South in a perilous slam, but with a big advantage — South knew where all the missing points were from the opening bid.

South won the opening heart lead with dummy's ace and started on clubs immediately. He was pleased to see the queen appear from East without needing to finesse for it. After two rounds of clubs, declarer drew trumps in three rounds before cashing his three remaining club tricks, discarding two hearts and a spade from dummy.

South exited with the queen of spades and East had no answer. A spade continuation would promote dummy's jack and a heart lead would promote declarer's queen. He chose to lead the king of hearts. South ruffed in dummy and claimed the rest with a trump and the queen of hearts. What's the problem?

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, June 9, 2016:

This year your temper, even if it's suppressed, could create some interesting scenarios. Traveling, going out and/or experiencing a new sport or hobby that takes place out of your home will add to the quality of your life. If you are single, you most definitely will expand your circle of friends. In the process, you are likely to meet your next sweetie. Know what type of relationship you want, and the odds are that you will receive it. If you are attached, demonstrate more interest in what your sweetie cares about; you will find that your relationship becomes stronger as a result. LEO helps you relax when you get uptight.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Take in new information, and integrate these opinions and facts into your present situation. Use your ability to offer a fresh perspective, and, if need be, learn more about your career or a key issue. A partner will open up to you. Tonight: Act as if the workweek is coming to an end.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Your focus is on achieving a long-term goal. Certain friends are well-aware that you are on the verge of hitting a home run. Follow-through is imperative. Tie up loose ends, and know that you have done a great job of getting to a certain point or goal. Tonight: Onward to the next step.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Make calls, and schedule and confirm meetings. The more organized you are, the better your day will be. You might find a partner to be irritating and challenging at the moment. If you do say something, be diplomatic. A friend is likely to surprise you. Tonight: Be a duo.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You could get a response that you would prefer not to hear. You are likely to ignore what goes down if the outcome isn't up to snuff. You could be full of praise if you feel that the results are noteworthy. You might experience an internal struggle. Tonight: Keep to your budget.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Use your Lion pride and finesse, and you could be surprised by what occurs. Others can't resist you, nor do they want to. Don't let what could be a very sexy moment deteriorate into a fight; otherwise, you will be very unhappy. Tonight: Your imagination determines the next step.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ To be reticent is normal for you. However, you might be wondering what the purpose is of saying nothing. This behavior won't be helpful for anyone. Question whether it would be more beneficial in the long run if you were to push yourself to be more available. Tonight: Lie low.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Zero in on a long-term goal. You will see a personal matter in a different light once you get to the next step. Be willing to come to terms with a changeable and sometimes touchy person in your life. Allow greater flexibility in your responses. Tonight: Let your hair down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Examine the many possibilities that surround you. You often make decisions based on what you think your options are instead of exploring other paths. Today could be a prime example of that kind of thinking. Try to broaden your horizons. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might be juggling as much as you can handle. Others will notice too, as you are likely to have a short fuse. Take a walk instead of losing your temper. The ramifications will not be as bad, and you will be happier. The unexpected occurs. Tonight: Start planning a getaway.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ One-on-one relating takes an abrupt turn. At first, you might not note the sense of hostility that seems to be developing between you and the other party. Proceed with care. A boss or someone you look up to will provide some excitement to your day. Tonight: Make dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Defer to someone else, and watch what happens as a result. In the next few days, you could meet someone so special and unique that you might have very little time to adjust. Don't worry so much — just enjoy the feelings and the connection. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might need to rethink a tense conversation where you not only find the other party to be difficult, but you also experience an element of the unexpected. Adjusting to this situation and making it work can happen if you so choose. Tonight: Go with the flow of the moment.

BORN TODAY

Screenwriter Aaron Sorkin (1961), actor Michael J. Fox (1961), actor Johnny Depp (1963)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Two cents
4 Place for pews
11 Hubcap holder
14 NASDAQ news
15 Awabi sushi mollusk
16 Actress Brenneman
17 Get-even competition
19 "Tell Me More" broadcaster
20 __ de Cervantes
21 El stop: Abbr.
22 City SSE of Sana'a
23 Bath oil additive
24 Kunta Kinte's country
26 Traffic slower
29 Suffix in skin product names
30 Pressure letters
32 Usual
34 Tests using mice
38 They're often seen under hoods
42 "It's __ simple"
43 The other side of midnight?
44 __ reaction
45 Skated
48 Crammer's tablet
50 "I didn't get that"
54 One of a Social Security card pair
57 Problem for Lady Macbeth
58 Unwritten parts of some addresses
59 Scarlet letter, e.g.
61 Babe's environs
62 Last-minute interception, say, and a hint to this puzzle's circles
64 Torah holder
65 Fallacious
66 Cauliflower __
67 "Street Dreams" rapper
68 Droopy face feature
69 Like about half the counties in Arkansas

DOWN

1 18th Greek letter
2 4, at times
3 Cry of support
4 Herb in a ballad
5 Genesis brother
6 "We Were Soldiers" setting
7 What stripes and polka dots do
8 Added (up)
9 Free, as a bird
10 "Does nothing for me"
11 Anita Baker genre
12 1983 Pritzker prize recipient
13 Loy of "Thin Man" films
18 Fight with rules
22 Mideast capital
24 __ paper
25 Tycoon Hammer
27 Its capital is Luanda
28 Sushi topper
30 Sports org. founded in 1916
31 Co-star of James and Natalie in "Rebel Without a Cause"
33 Wise __
35 Went like lightning
36 Former French coin
37 2003 retiree briefly
39 Positive point
40 Fifth state: Abbr.
41 Half a beverage
46 Reptile with a "third eye"
47 Blocked, beaver-style
49 God in both Eddas
50 Where to see the House
51 Dvorak's "Rusalka," for one
52 Some ascetics
53 Rhone tributary
55 Sully
56 Bother no end
59 It's about a foot
60 Works on roads
62 PX patrons
63 Blubber

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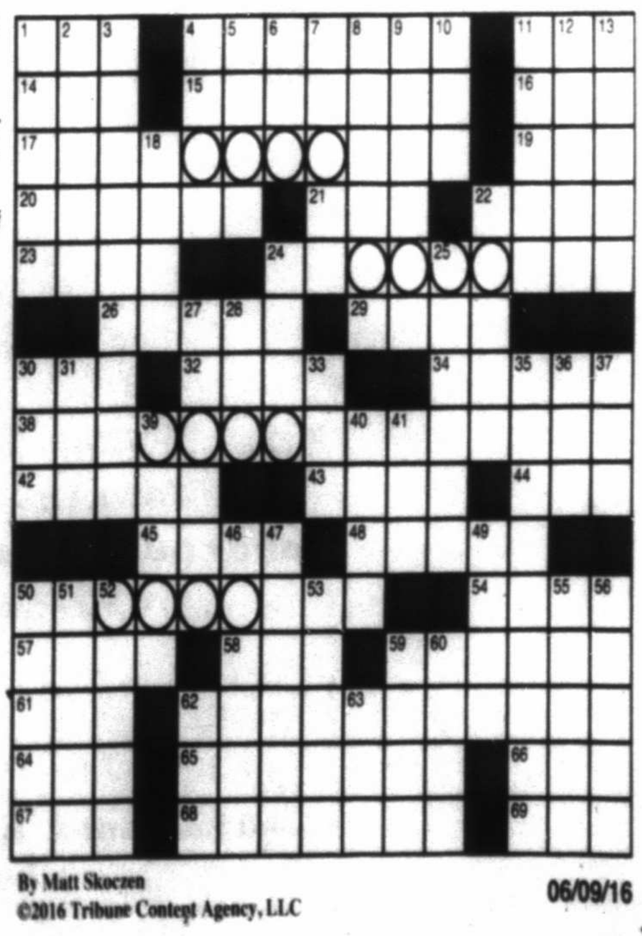

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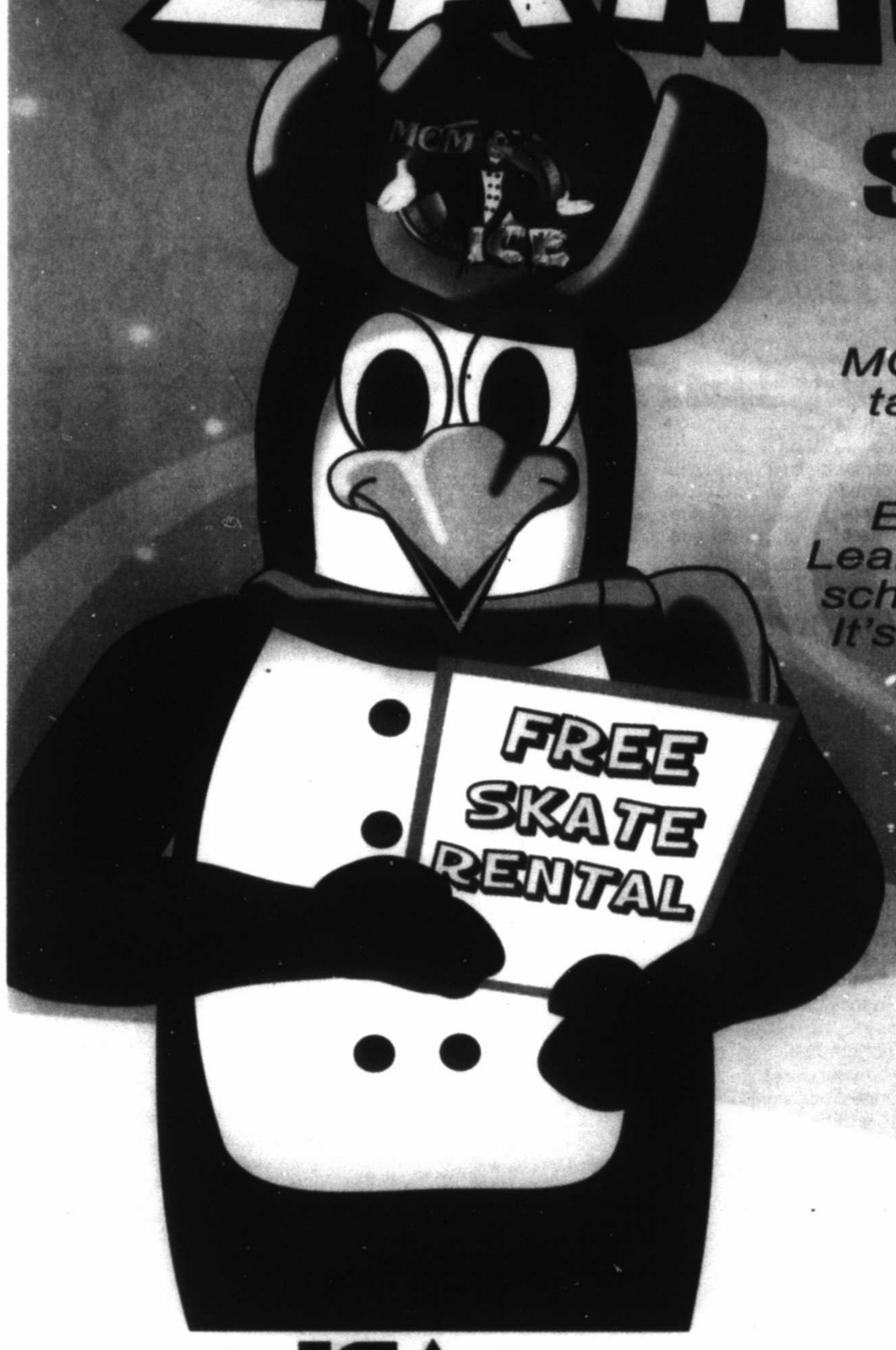

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For More Information
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SKILLED LABOR

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Experienced Secretary needed for a long time independent oil company in Big Spring. Requires good typing skills and data entry. Ability to handle multiple tasks. Competitive pay and benefits. Please send resume to PO Box 1888, Big Spring, TX 79721, or you may email it to mdevans@basin-net.net.

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CDL Drivers

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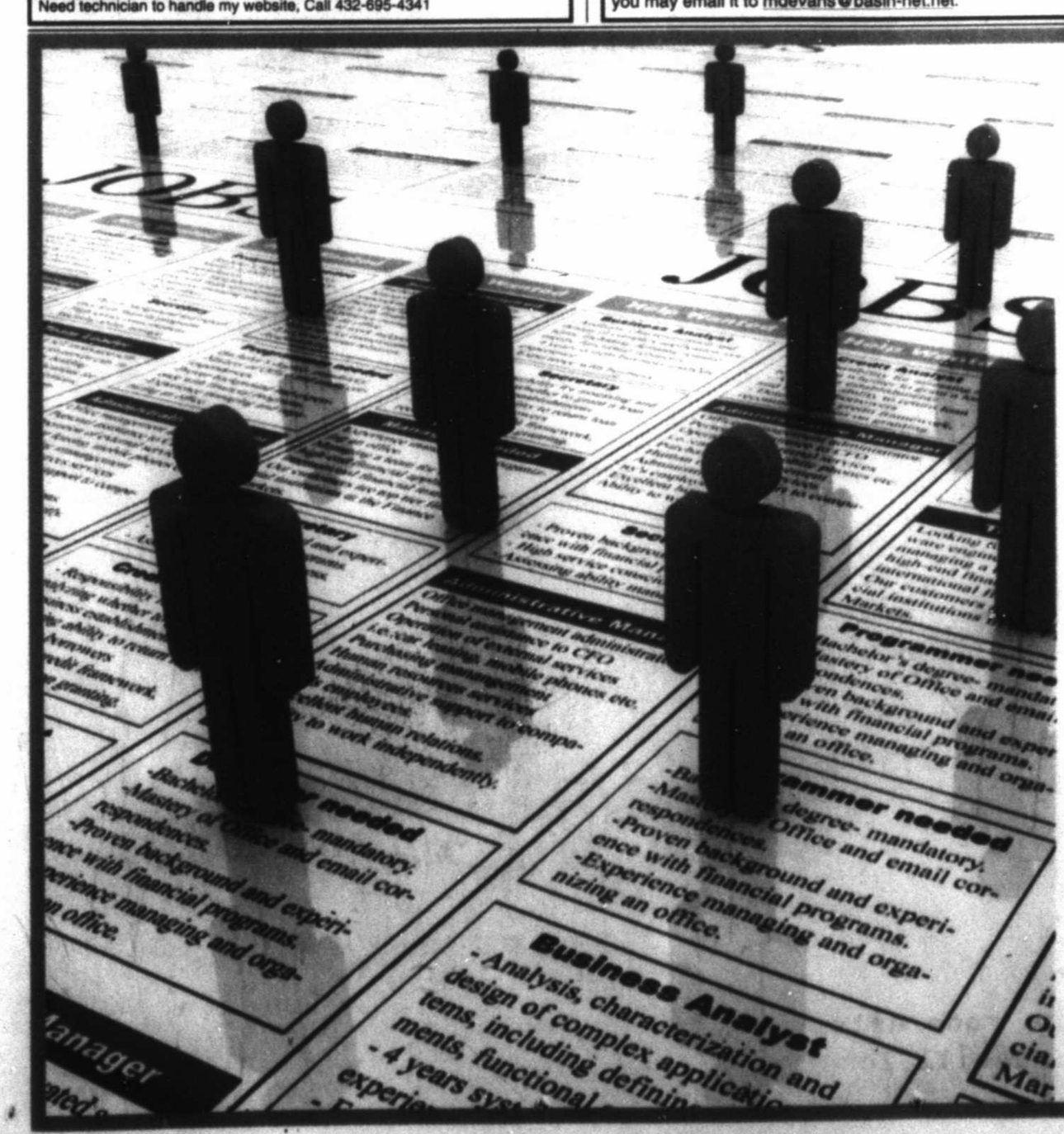

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE of Cancellation for the City Council Meeting of June 14, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., the City Council will conduct a Public Hearing and consider an ordinance, adopting the Tall City Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan, as authorized by Chapter 213 of the Texas Local Government Code, said Comprehensive Plan illustrating the future development of the City, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine Street.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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LEGAL AUTHORITY:

Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of The Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Donette W. Schwisow, Deceased, were issued on June 7, 2016, in Cause No. P-18688, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Clyde Ronald Schwisow, Independent Executor, whose residential address is 806 Palomino, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79705.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 8th day of June, 2016.

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By: Robert H. Dawson
State Bar No. 05606000

ATTORNEYS FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

Legal & Public Notices

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wholesaler's, Private Carrier's, Branch Distributors and Importers License/Permit by Glazer's Beer and Beverage of Texas, LLC to be located at 3909 South County Road 1290, Odessa, Midland County, Texas. Managers/Officers of said LLC are Bennett J. Glazer, Manager & President; Barkley J. Stuart, Manager & Exec VP/Asst. Secretary; Michael S. Glazer, Manager & Exec VP & Secretary; Betty Glazer Silverman, Manager & VP & Treasurer

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF R.W. KUZMICH, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of R.W. Kuzmich, deceased, were issued to Clinton J. Kuzmich and Berkley Ann Kuzmich, Independent Co-Executors, on June 7, 2016, in the proceeding styled "Estate of R.W. Kuzmich, Deceased," Cause No. P18711 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Co-Executors, c/o W. Scott Ryburn, 300 N. Marienfeld, Ste. 700, Midland, Texas 79701 before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Clinton J. Kuzmich and Berkley Ann Kuzmich, Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of R.W. Kuzmich, Deceased, Cause No. P18711 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 8, 2016
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 12, 2016
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Rule 37 Case No. 0299165
Status/Permit No. 812704

N O T I C E O F A P P L I C A T I O N

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC. [RRC Operator No. 642652] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 3, Bk. Y, GC&SF RR CO Survey, A-185, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 13.9 miles NE direction from RANKIN, Texas.

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

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Aug 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	: ROGERS '3-40'	
Lease/Unit Well No.	: 4407H	
Lease/Unit Acres	: 642.5	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	: 1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	: 1320.0	
Lease Lines	: 2271.0 F N L,	2310.0 F W L
Survey Lines	: 2271.0 F N L,	2310.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 2271.0 F N L
2310.0 F W L
Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 40 Block: Y Abstract: 719
Survey: TC RR CO/STOKER, R
Lease Lines: 15.0 F SOUTH L
2310.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 15.0 F SOUTH L
2310.0 F WEST L

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

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC :
GAS Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.
OIL Special Rules 330/1200, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9300 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737)7042339.

General Announcements

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FOUND SMALL black Chihuahua vicinity of Ohio & Crestview. Call 432-559-1110

Lost & Found

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of OTHAL IKE FITZGERALD, Deceased, were issued June 7, 2016 in Docket Number P-18597, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas to LARRY JAMES BOLER, Independent Executor.

The address of record for LARRY JAMES BOLER is 4614 Princeton, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79703.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 8th day of June, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

LAW OFFICE OF J. BRIAN MARTIN
J. Brian Martin
600 North Loraine
P.O. Box 3881
Midland, Texas 79702
Ph. 432-686-7133
Fax 432-683-2217
State Bar # 13084500

ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF OTHAL IKE FITZGERALD

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To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of **Ramona Schall**, deceased.

Karla Schall Colle, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of **Ramona Schall**, deceased, late of Midland, Midland County, Texas, by the Judge of the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Cause No. P18674 on June 7, 2016, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to said Independent Executor within the time prescribed by law, at the following address:

Karla Schall Colle
Independent Executor of the Estate of
Ramona Schall, deceased
c/o Mary Lou Cassidy
550 W. Texas, Suite 800
Midland, Texas 79701

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Max O'Neal Scarbrough, Deceased, were issued on May 31, 2016, under Docket No. P18720, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Linda Jo Ann Scarbrough.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

Representative, Estate of Max O'Neal Scarbrough, Deceased
c/o The Law Office of G. Lance Holland, PC
600 North Loraine
Midland, Texas 79701

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated May 31, 2016

LAW OFFICE OF G. LANCE HOLLAND
600 North Loraine
Midland, Texas 79701
432/682-1340
432/683-2217 (FAX)
Lance@LoneStarAbstract.com

By: G. LANCE HOLLAND
State Bar No. 09847300

ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT

4WD & SUV

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4715 SHADYLANE. Thursday & Friday 8-?. Clothes, shoes, & much more.

79705

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79707

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Yard & Garage Sales

79703

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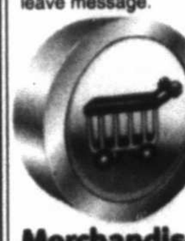

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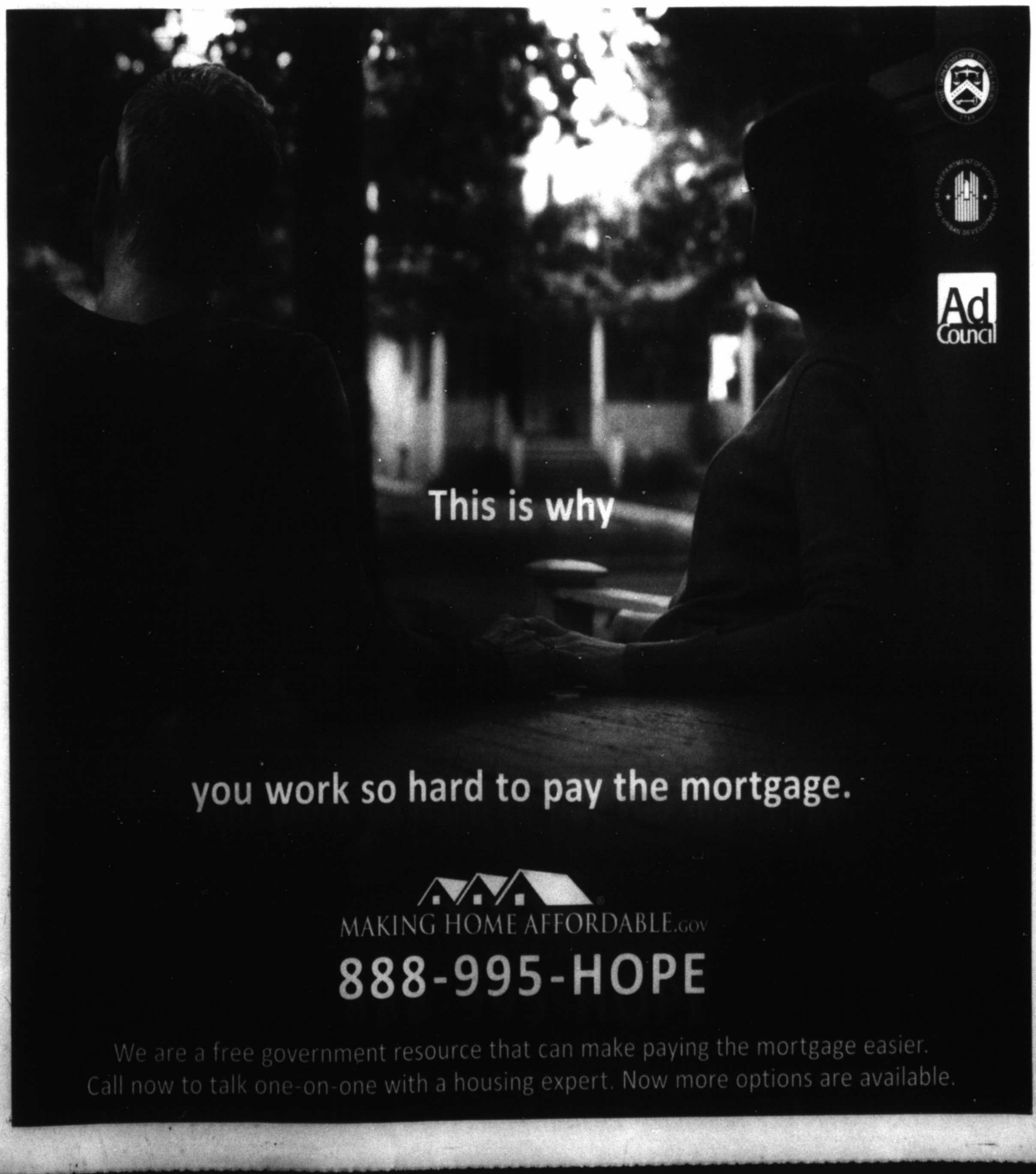

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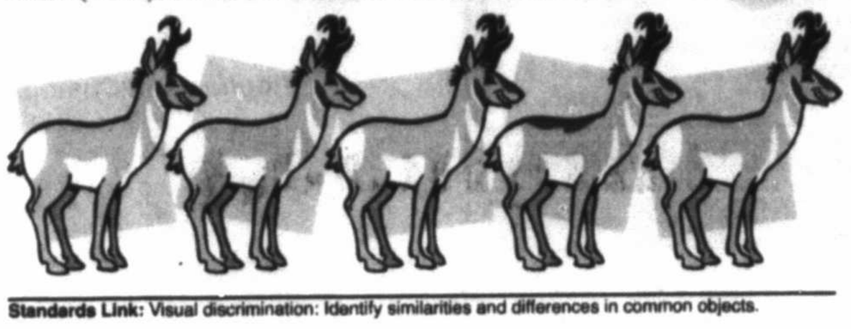
AMAZING ANIMAL ATHLETES

Who would win the medals if Mother Nature held Olympic Games for the other animals on this planet?

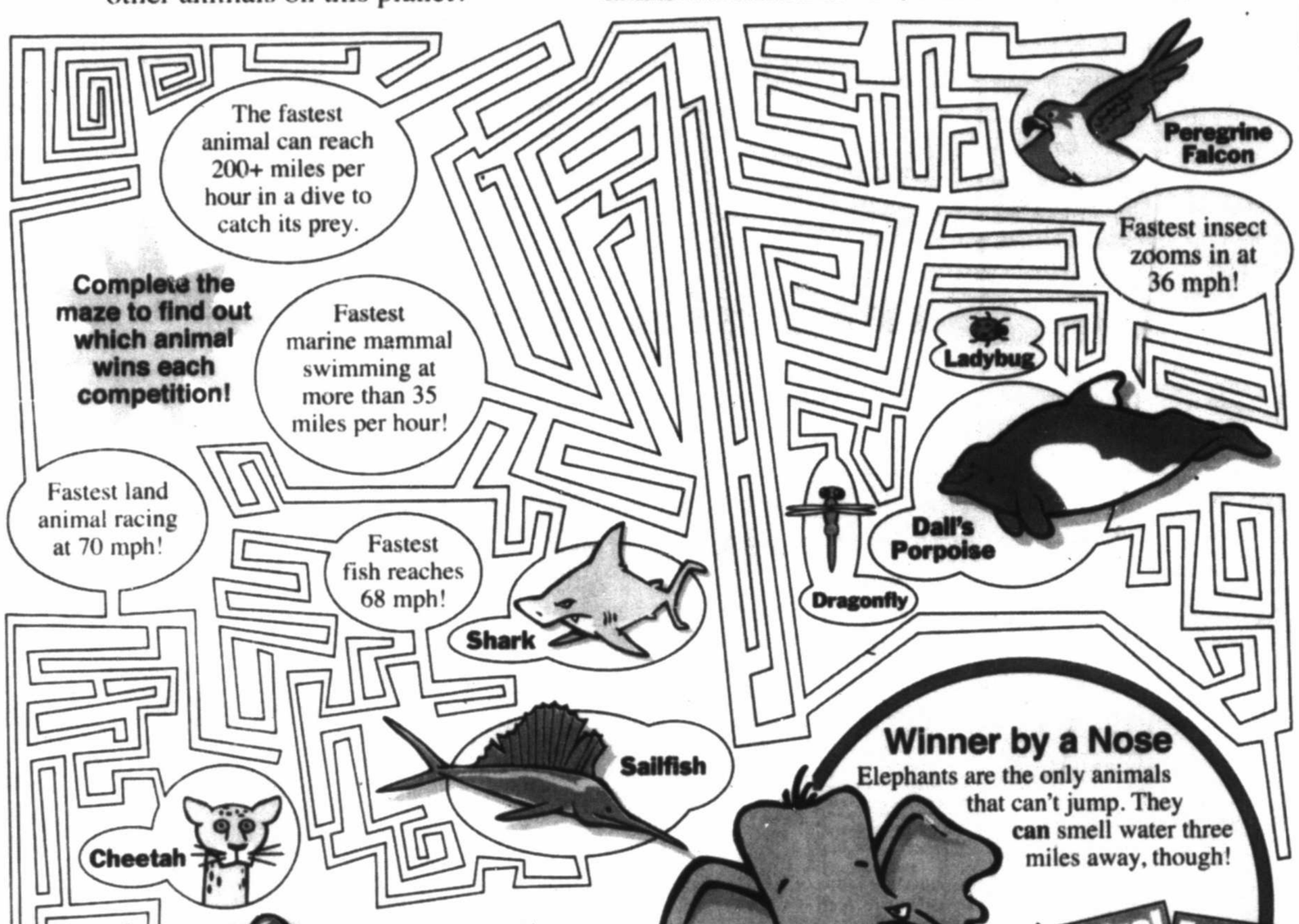
Speed and Endurance

The gold medal for long-distance running would have to go to the pronghorn antelope. It can maintain a steady speed of 35 mph (56 km/hr) for a distance of 3 miles (5 km). No other animal can run so far so fast.

Find the two identical pronghorn antelope.



Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Identify similarities and differences in common objects.



Winner by a Nose

Elephants are the only animals that can't jump. They can smell water three miles away, though!

SNIFF!

Strongest Animal

The strongest animal, relative to body size, is the Rhinoceros beetle. It can support 850 times its own body weight on its back.

High Jump

The puma, a member of the cat family, holds the record for the highest-jumping mammal. It can leap up to 18 feet (6 meters) in the air from a standing start.

Long Jump

The common flea can cover 220 times the length of its body in one leap! If humans could do that, we would be able to complete the 800 meter race in just two leaps!

Traveling as fast as it can, without taking a rest, it would take a garden snail more than eight days to finish a 10,000 meter race!

Standards Link: Life Science. Animals meet their needs in different ways, animals inhabit different kinds of environments and have external features that help them survive and thrive in different kinds of places.

Extra! Extra! Spelling Hurdles

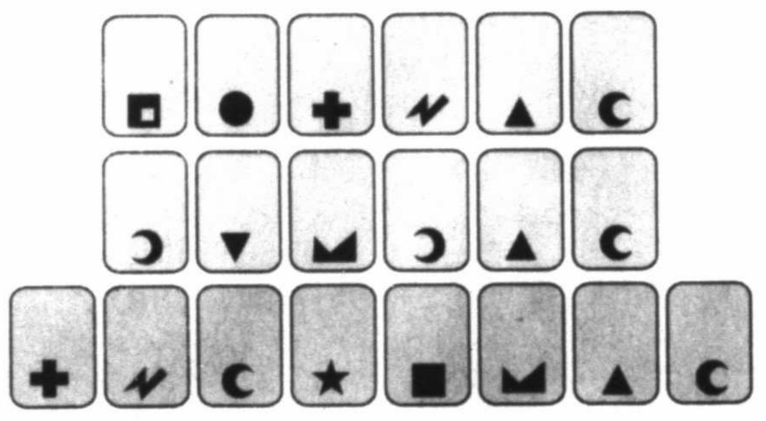
Race through the newspaper and find and cut out letters that spell the names of each of the following Olympic events:

- Equestrain
- Javelin
- Steeplechase
- Swim

Standards Link: Language Arts: Spelling: Spell a variety of grade level words correctly.

Crack the Code

What is the Olympic motto? Use the code to find out!



A = ● G = ◣ N = ■ S = ✚
E = ▲ H = ☽ O = ★ T = ⸙
F = ◘ I = ▼ R = ☾ U = ➢

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

WINNER
FLEA
RACE
SPEED
MAMMAL
FISH
ANIMAL
METER
LEAP
JUMP
GOLD
DISTANCE
NATURE
BODY
CAT
FALCON

K	R	R	E	N	N	I	W	E	V
I	E	A	R	G	O	L	D	C	E
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A	T	A	E	B	P	A	A	I	N
T	R	E	T	E	M	S	M	D	Z
A	E	L	F	D	D	B	O	D	Y

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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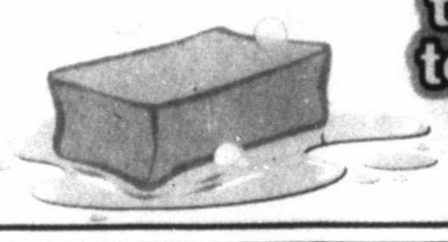
Long Distance Read-a-thon

Read parts of today's newspaper. Measure the length of each column you read. Add up all of the inches (or centimeters). Give yourself a reward if you read more than 100 inches or 254 cm!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students read from a variety of texts including newspapers; Math: Measurement.



What happened to the cheetah who took a bath three times a day?

ANSWER: After a week, he was spotless!

Weekly Writing Corner

Favorite Fast Animal

My favorite fast animal is a cheetah. A cheetah can go from 0 to 60 miles an hour in only three seconds! Before unleashing their speed, cheetahs use exceptionally keen eyesight to scan their grassland environment for signs of prey, especially antelope and hares. This big cat is a daylight hunter that benefits from stealthy movement and a distinctive spotted coat that allows it to blend easily into high, dry grasses. I love cheetahs because their coat is beautiful and when it's a cub, it is very cute. They are also very fast.

Susana Salcedo,
4th grade, St Ann's

The animal I think is fast is a dolphin. A dolphin swims really fast. They also save humans from sharks. They are so sweet. That's the animal I think that's really fast.

Malaya Garcia,
4th grade, St Ann's

The falcon is known as the king of speed. Falcons can fly over 75 miles per hour! Falcons are close related to hawks! Hawks are pretty cool too! Go Falcons!

Kyndi Hines,
4th grade, St Ann's

My favorite animal that is fast is the Miniature Schnauzer. It average life span is 14 years. It's the 12th most registered dog in the US. Its puppy hood is approximately 1 year. I think miniature schnauzers are very cute.

Alec Mancilla,
4th grade, St Ann's

The fastest animal is a jaguar. The jaguar is the largest cat in the Americas. Even though it is not the fastest cat, it can still run up to 64 mph in short distances. The jaguar usually runs in order to catch prey or to escape a larger threat. The jaguar is a very agile cat. It can weigh up to 350lbs and still run that fast.

Maloree Holt,
4th grade, St Ann's

My favorite animal is a shark. The first fact about sharks is what they can smell blood a mile away. The second fact about sharks is that they have ears they're basically holes in their skin. The last fact about sharks is when a shark hears something moving in the water, the shark swims even faster.

Alex Do,
4th grade, St Ann's

My favorite fast animal is a leopard. Leopards are a big cat. Leopards can run up to 35 kilometers per hour. When leopards hunt they get down low, so the animal can't see them, to sneak up on their prey. There are 3 facts about my favorite fast animal a leopard.

Isabella Durgin,
4th grade, St Ann's

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My Favorite Olympic Event

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