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TERROR IN ALEXANDRIA

Matt McClain/ Washington Post

Police cover the area near a shooting in Alexandria, Va. A rifle-wielding attacker opened fire on Republican lawmakers at a congressional baseball practice Wednesday, wounding House GOP Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana and several others as congressmen and aides dove for cover.

Conaway: Shot sounded like explosion

■ Midland lawmaker was 15 yards from wounded Louisiana colleague

"It's the first time I've been shot at in anger. I was in the Army, and we did the obligatory boot camp deal where you crawl in the dirt and they shoot a machine gun over your head. It hasn't really hit me yet that I could have been shot."

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway

By Trevor Hawes
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U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway was only 15 yards away from Rep. Steve Scalise when the House majority whip was shot Wednesday morning while Republicans were taking batting practice in preparation for their annual charity game against Democrats.

What started as a great morning with perfect weather turned tragic after a gunman, identified as James T. Hodgkinson of Illinois, opened fire upon lawmakers from behind the third base dugout at a baseball complex in Alexandria, Virginia.

"I was at first base shagging ground balls and taking throws from third, second and short while the other guys batted," Conaway told the Reporter-Telegram early Wednesday afternoon. "Steve Scalise was at second, (Rep.) Gary Palmer was at short, (Rep.) Trent Kelly was at third."

Conaway said the first shot sounded more like an explosion than gunfire. After the first shot, "there was a bit of delay, then there were the second and third rounds. Everyone started running toward the dugout trying to get away from the guy, who was over behind the third-base dugout, where he was shooting from."

"Scalise goes down between first and second in the grass just off the infield dirt," the congressman from Midland said. "A bunch of folks dive into the dugout, and a bunch get scrapes and beat up because you're jumping on concrete."

Please see **CONAWAY**/4A

Member of Texas lawmaker's staff among those shot

By Abby Livingston and Bobby Blanchard
Texas Tribune

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A staffer of U.S. Rep. Roger Williams, who was among those shot at a congressional baseball practice Wednesday morning, is expected to make a full recovery, the Austin Republican said.

The four Texas lawmakers on the Republican team – U.S. Reps Joe Barton, Kevin Brady, Mike Conaway and Williams – were at the practice. Conaway, Williams, Barton and Brady are safe.

"Congressman Williams was not shot; however a member of his staff was shot and is receiving medical attention," his office said in a statement shortly after the shooting.

Williams said the staffer, Zack Barth, is doing well and is expected to make a full recovery.

A gunman fired on members of Congress practicing baseball Wednesday morning. U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise, R-Louisiana, was among those shot. Scalise underwent surgery for a gunshot wound to the hip and was in critical condition. News reports said two Capitol Hill police officers also were shot.

A Capitol Hill police chief said the officers are in good condition. In a televised address, President Donald Trump said that the shooter, identified by multiple news outlets as James Hodgkinson, 66, of Illinois, died from his injuries in the shooting.

Williams told the Tribune on Wednesday afternoon that he was hitting ground balls to Scalise at second base when the commotion started.

He dove for the dugout and "tore up" his leg and ankle. Inside the dugout, members crowded around Barton's young son to protect him. And that's when Williams realized his own staffer, Zack Barth, was among those shot.

"Then all of the sudden one of my directors in my office – he got shot and he came hauling into the dugout and fell into my arms and we were both hugging each other," Williams said.

U.S. Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Arizona, offered aid to Barth.

Please see **TEXAS**/4A

Rifle-wielding gunman wounds lawmaker, killed by police during gun battle

By Erica Werner and Chad Day
Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A rifle-wielding attacker opened fire on Republican lawmakers at a congressional baseball practice Wednesday, wounding House GOP Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana and several others as congressmen and aides dove for cover. The assailant, prepared with "a lot of ammo," fought a gun battle with police before he, too, was shot and later died.

Hodgkinson

Colleagues said Scalise dragged himself away from the infield leaving a trail of blood as they rushed to his assistance. He was taken to a hospital where he underwent surgery and was listed in critical condition. His office said that before surgery for a wound in his hip he was in good spirits and spoke with his wife by telephone.

The shooter was identified as James T. Hodgkinson, a 66-year-old home inspector from Illinois who had several minor run-ins with the law in recent years and belonged to a Facebook group called "Terminate the Republican Party."

Shortly after the shooting, Bernie Sanders, the former candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, said on the Senate floor that the shooter apparently was a volunteer for his campaign last year. Sanders said he denounced the violence "in the strongest possible terms."

Please see **SHOOTING**/4A

PBBOR says local housing market saw boom during May

■ Average home sold in May goes for more than $315,000

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland County housing market roared in May, topping $315,000 average price for a home sold, according to statistics from the Permian Basin Board of Realtors.

The PBBOR reported not only a near record price for an average home sold but that the number of homes sold topped 200 for the third straight month. That three month performance is a first for the PBBOR in statistics going back to 2012.

The month of May also showed that houses are staying on the market fewer days (an average of 37). The average number of days on the market (DOM) was the lowest going back to November 2015 and the lowest for a month of May going back to 2014.

Nearly all statistics pointed to a heated market getting hotter, according to PBBOR officials.

"The Midland County residential home sales continue to be strong and

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Analyst: $40 oil could slow down Permian drillers

By Alex Nussbaum
Bloomberg

U.S. shale is coming perilously close to puncturing its own rally.

Just months after predicting double-digit production increases, largely based on crude prices sitting between $55 and $60 a barrel, drillers are suddenly contemplating the possibility of retrenchment as a stubborn global supply glut is keeping prices near $46.

It's a reversal that could accomplish what OPEC and other global producers have failed to do this year: slow down America's booming shale industry. Analysts and company officials say a drop to $40 a barrel could halt rig growth for smaller drillers in less active U.S. shale basins, and undercut efforts by fracturing service providers such as Halliburton Co., FTS International and Patterson-UTI Energy Inc. to raise their fees.

"The growth outlooks proposed by many oil E&Ps appear tenuous at best and not resilient to prolonged weak oil prices," Mizuho Securities USA analysts Timothy Rezvan and James Lizzul wrote in a June

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Price of oil
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The big number
$20 is how much the you'll pay to see Tom Braxton perform for Juneteenth. More details in Weekender.

Word of the Day: opprobrious
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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Obituaries

Bertha Emily Voss Dorner

Bertha Emily Voss Dorner, 93, of Ballinger, Texas, passed away Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at Heartland House in Lubbock, Texas.

She was born April 19, 1924 to Edwin and Emilie (Vogler) Voss in Wingate, Texas. Bert married Andrew Adolf Dorner on August 29, 1944 in Winters, Texas. They lived in Midland for 33 years before moving to Ballinger in 1981.

She worked in the telephone office in Wingate and San Angelo, was an Avon Representative, and worked for Kent/Gerber in Ballinger. Bert was involved with the VFW in Rowena and an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Andrew; a son, Michael Dorner; and a daughter, Linda Sue Dorner.

Bert is survived by her daughter, Jo Ann Ely and husband, Terry of Lubbock; daughter-in-law, Barbara Dorner of Kingsland, Texa; granddaughter, Breanna Williams of Austin; grandsons, Adam Dorner and wife, Melinda, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Jace Dorner of Big Spring, Texas; and great-grandchildren, Jordan Neill, Isabella Burrell, Atlas Dorner, Ashlyn Dorner, and Sterling Dorner.

Visitation for family and friends will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 16, 2017 at Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Lange Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Allen Brakke officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family requests memorials to Meals on Wheels or a favorite charity.

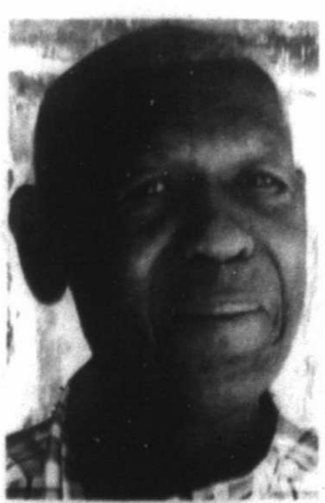
Arrangements are with Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger.

Guests may register online at *ballingerfuneralhome.com* .

Just a Housewife

"I haven't accomplished great deeds in my life, I am only just a housewife. Well! I was three time a mother, God took one babies life, and left us with two beautiful others. My! My! How fast they grew, They would leave us someday we knew. To meet their mates on their own, It's wonderful how they all have grown. Then the grandchildren came along, and we knew to us, they did belong. We love all our children so, It's great to watch them grow. No! I haven't done great deeds, Just cared for my family's needs. But I could not have done it all alone, God gave me a wonderful, loving husband of my own."

Bertha Voss Dorner.
May 6, 1993



Curtis McGriff

Curtis McGriff, 67, of Midland, Texas, passed away Monday, June 12, 2017.

A Celebration of Mr. McGriff's Home Going will be held Friday, June 16, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at True-Lite Christian Fellowship in Midland, with Pastor Roy Smith officiating.

Curtis was born August 17, 1949 to Estella (Loving) and June Lockhart in Big Spring, Texas.

This was Curtis's way . . . .

So as you won't think that you're celebrating the wrong man's Home going, Let me make a final stand. I played long, strong and sometimes wrong, but I stayed true to me; only why it could be! I played it to the end by my rules, not something I learned in school. I was too cool, but at times I had acted like a fool! But hey, again in the end, I did it my way; after all; we're not here to stay. Please before that final curtain, make sure you call Him by name, say to Jesus your Savior, please forgive my past behavior. God speed! I'm outta here!

He is survived by sisters, Sharon Billeh (Waleed) and Shirley Swearengin (Lueroy, Sr.); brothers, Willie McGriff and Roger S. Williams, Jr. (Carolyn); nieces, Felisha Kelly, Shenitha Swearengin (Rocky), and Aaliyah Fox; nephews, Lueroy Swearengin, Jr. (Stacey) and Robbie Fox, Jr.; aunts, Vernie Franklin and Jessie Morris; and a host of family and friends. God's Grace to all.

Curtis is preceded in death by his parents, Estella Loving and June Lockhart.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward Nancy Torres Martinez, Midland EMT staff, and Midland Memorial Hospital staff for being so diligent in taking care of Curtis during his time with each of them.

"Imagine This"

Imagine this there is no pain, nothing to gain.

Imagine there's no more worries. You don't have to hurry.

Imagine there is no more shedding tears for he made it clear the righteous shall be in the presence of

Christ who has made the sacrifice.

Imagine that for, it's true.

From His Sisters

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

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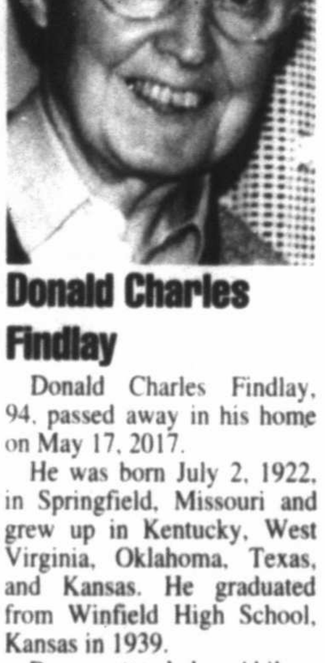

Donald Charles Findlay

Donald Charles Findlay, 94, passed away in his home on May 17, 2017.

He was born July 2, 1922, in Springfield, Missouri and grew up in Kentucky, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas. He graduated from Winfield High School, Kansas in 1939.

Don attended Abilene Christian College, but in 1943 he was drafted and served as an army technical sergeant in World War II. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and was honorably discharged in 1946. Don then received his B.A. from Phillips University, his M.A. from the University of Tulsa, and his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Texas in Austin.

While in Austin, he met Merle Evelyn Gipson in 1949 and they married three months later in San Antonio.

After Don completed his Ph.D., he became associated with the Human Resources Research Office of George Washington University (HUMRO), focusing on military training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

In 1956, Don joined the RAND Corporation; while with RAND, and later Systems Development Corporation (SDC), he worked in military training with the 33rd, 9th, and 64th Air Divisions; the latter located in St Johns, Newfoundland and Thule AFB, Greenland.

In 1960, Don and family transferred with SDC to Wiesbaden, Germany where he worked in military training and nuclear defense at Headquarters United States Air Force Europe (USAFE) and United States European Command in Paris.

During Don's assignment, he travelled extensively through Western Europe with Merle and their children, Rebecca, Clyde, and Sarah in their green VW camper.

Don continued his career with SDC in Santa Monica, California, assigned to the world-missioned Tactical Air Command. Don then worked in several directorships, ending his career at the Ohio State University as tenured professor and Director of R&D for the National Center for Vocational & Technical Education in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1978, Don and Merle retired to Hide-away-Lake in East Texas. There they hosted many family gatherings with their children and grandchildren. However, from 1985-2003, they continued their love of European travel with annual, six-month, camping trips in their blue VW camper. Their favorite campgrounds were in Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland and Oxford, England. Don spent many hours at the Bodleian Library researching his Scottish heritage.

In 2007, Don and Merle moved to Midland.

Don's family and career were important, but his legacy was his lifelong love for Merle. They were inseparable and always strongly dedicated to each other. A true gentleman, Don influenced all he met with his devotion and quiet love for Merle.

He is survived by his three children, Rebecca Ann Arnold and husband Tony of Columbus, Ohio, Clyde Pitt Findlay II and wife Jennifer of Midland, and Sarah Ann Philpy and husband Mark of Midland.

Grandchildren include Laurin Arnold of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Wesley Arnold of Columbus, Deeann Camp and husband Drew of Midland, Clyde Pitt Findlay III and wife Jenny of College Station, Holly Findlay of Austin, Christopher Cliver of Houston, Olivia Cliver of Midland, and Clara Cliver of College Station. There is one great-grandchild, Isla June Findlay of College Station.

The family would like to extend their deep appreciation for their five loyal and compassionate caregivers, Crystal Haynes, Dorothy Jacobs, Dianna Nelson, Annie Norice, and Sharonda Petterson.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Merle Evelyn Gipson Findlay; brother, Robert C. Findlay; and his parents, Clyde P. Findlay and Lettie Mae St. Clair Findlay.

A memorial service to celebrate Don's life will be held Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland with a family visitation following.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Boy Scouts of America.

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

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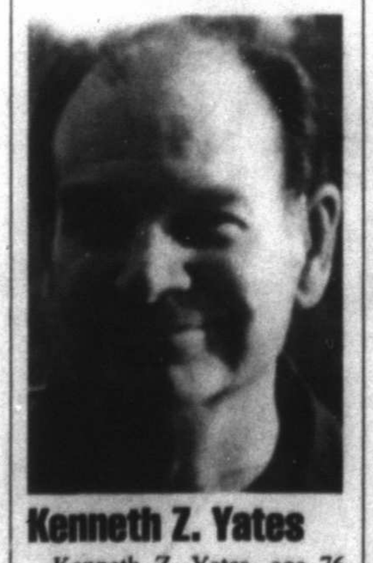

Kenneth Z. Yates

Kenneth Z. Yates, age 76 of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, passed away on June 13, 2017 in Springdale, Arkansas at Circle of Life Hospice Home after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

Kenneth is preceded in death by his father, Sidney Allen Yates; mother, Doris Winona Yates; sister, Robbie Jean Graves; and niece, Terri Rae Rose.

Kenneth is survived by his spouse, LaRue Yates of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; three children, son Todd Yates of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, daughters Tracy Williams and husband, Christopher of Midlothian, Texas, and Tiffany Marshall and husband, Steven of Cypress, Texas; a sister, a brother-in-law; six grandchildren; two great-granddaughters andmany beloved family members and life long friends.

The family will receive friends for visitation on Friday June 16, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Gilbreath Funeral Home, 209 N. Saint Charles, Stanton, Texas.

A Memorial funeral service to honor his life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on June 17, 2017 at Trinity Memorial Park Cemetery, 6900 US-87, Big Spring, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, if desired, contributions can be made to Circle of Life Hospice Home 901 Jones Road, Springdale, Arkansas 72762 phone/479-750-6632 in the name of Kenneth Z. Yates.

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

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Mary "Judy" Walker McCourt

Mary "Judy" Walker McCourt, 83, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Monday, June 12, 2017.

Graveside services will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland under the direction of Bailey Howard Funeral Home of Clyde. Following the service, there will be a Celebration of Life at a family member's home.

She was born Mary J. Walker on August 12, 1933 in Carbon, Texas in Eastland County to E.G. and Pearl (Howard) Walker on the family farm. She was raised with two sisters and three brothers; since she was the oldest girl in the family, she helped raise her siblings. She helped cooking, cleaning, and feeding the animals. She graduated from Rising Star High School in 1951 and the family packed up to move to Odessa, Texas where she worked at an insurance office.

She enjoyed watching any sports but her favorite team was the Dallas Cowboys, even if they were losing. She told us that she decided she would never marry someone shorter than her, a Yankee, or a Catholic. She was a member of Crestview Baptist Church of Midland.

On January 15, 1954, she married Robert Henry McCourt in Odessa and they settled in Midland to raise their family. Robert was from Buffalo, New York, two inches shorter than her, and Catholic; who would've thought it. She was a great stay-at-home mother and a wonderful cook. In November 1954, their first child was born, Kathleen Ann McCourt; in May 1956 came a bouncing baby boy, Robert James McCourt, then several years later, July 1959, their third child was born, Debra Lynn McCourt.

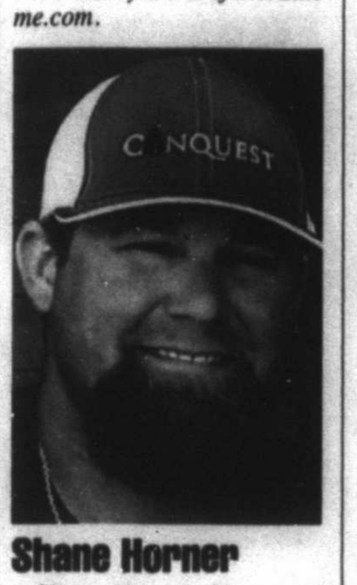
Her legacies are her three children, Kathleen McCourt Reeves, Robert McCourt and wife Mary Wright McCourt, and Debra McCourt Hostas, all of Midland; two sisters, Wanda George of Stephenville and Joann Willard of Odessa; six grandchildren, Randy Hodge and wife Gale Hodge of Stockdale, Brandy Pagett and husband Greg Pagett of Midland, Quinten McCourt of Port Aransas, Amanda Munda and husband Dempson Munda of Gardendale, Corey Hostas of Midland, and Jarret Hostas and wife Kira Hostas of Midland; 12 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Robert McCourt, and by three brothers, Harold, Wayne, and Jim Walker.

Honorary pallbearers are Dempson Munda, Randy Hodge, Corey Hostas, Jarret Hostas, Josh Tucker, Quinten McCourt, Dayton Neff, and Timothy Neff.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or your favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at *www.baileyhowardfuneralhome.com*.



Shane Horner

Shane Horner, 31, passed away suddenly Saturday, June 10, 2017.

Shane leaves behind his wife, Phenix; two beautiful daughters, Emma LaRue and Sadie Mae; mother, Kelly Dunn Hogue; father, Stuart Horner; brother, Max Horner; sisters, Amanda Dunn and Cristy Jameson and husband Geoffrey; niece, Azaria; nephews, Kobe and Omarion; along with aunts, uncles, cousins, and many close friends.

He will be welcomed into Heaven by his grandparents, Richard and Laura Braggs and John and Sadie Horner.

Shane was a genuine, compassionate, comedic, and hardworking man who always placed others before himself. This was a result of his passionate and real relationship with the Lord. Shane never met a stranger and had a heavy influence and impact on everyone he came in contact with.

He had a leader's heart, which made him a loving husband and father. He was a wonderful son and caring brother and a best friend to many. While our days are darkened by the grief that comes from a life ended too soon, we are so grateful to have gotten to share in Shane's life, and we take comfort in the 31 years' worth of joyful memories that we have as a result. Those memories, along with Shane's smile and laugh, will forever burn brightly in our hearts.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward Midland and Odessa Texas Roadhouse and the numerous people that have expressed their love during this time.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Phenix Horner at Heritage Bank Account #38495.

The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2017.

A Homegoing Celebration will be at Stonegate Fellowship at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 16, 2017. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Pastor David McReynolds will be officiating the services.

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

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Death Notices

Earline Cole

Earline Cole, 87, of Midland, Texas, passed away June 10, 2017.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday June 16, 2017 at New Jerusalem Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Nathaniel Cole.

Francisco N. Gonzalez

Francisco N. Gonzalez, 75, of Midland, Texas, passed away on June 6, 2017.

He is survived by his sister, Monserrat Nogal Gonzalez.

Family will be receiving friends Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A prayer service will begin at 5:00 p.m. and a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home.

Jewel D. Cook

Jewel D. Cook, 84, of Midland, Texas, passed away Friday, June 9, 2017.

A Celebration of Life will be 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 19, 2017 at Macedonia Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

There will be a wake service from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 18, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel.

Survivors include two daughters, Rolanda Cook-Witt and Karen Cook.

Kenneth Z. Yates

Kenneth Z. Yates, 76, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, passed away on June 13, 2017.

Kenneth is survived by his spouse, LaRue Yates; a son, Todd Yates; daughters, Tracy Williams, and Tiffany Marshall; and by a sister.

The family will receive friends for visitation on Friday June 16, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

A memorial funeral service to honor his life will be held at 10:00am on June 17, 2017 at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Mary Louise Bishop-Spencer

Mary Louise Bishop-Spencer, 58, of Midland, passed away June 2, 2017.

She is survived by her husband, Scott Spencer.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at American Heritage Funeral Home.

Nona Bernice Jackson

Nona Bernice Jackson, 53 departed this earth on Friday June 9, 2017. She was born September 23, 1963. Nona married Johnny Jackson and they had one daughter, Keosha Jackson. She leaves to mourn; her daughter, husband and two beautiful grandchildren.

Wake services will be held at Thomas Funeral Home on Friday June 16, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at Greater Ideal Baptist Church at 411 S. Tyler Street, Midland, Texas 79701 on June 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Nona Jackson

Nona Jackson, 53, of Midland, Texas, passed away on June 9, 2017.

Funeral services will be held at Greater Ideal Baptist Church on Saturday June 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Serenity Cemetery.

Survivors include husband, Johnny Jackson; daughter, Keosha Jackson; father, R. L. Haynes; and two brothers.

Robert Kiker

Robert Kiker, 102, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Friday, June 16, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Virginia Brooks

Virginia Brooks, 84, of Midland, Texas, passed away June 10, 2017.

No funeral services are planned.

Survivors include her brother, Doyle Brooks.

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

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Opprobrious
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adjective
1. conveying or expressing opprobrium, as language or a speaker.

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TODAYINMIDLAND

Things to do

■ Storytime at the Library.10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ The 84th Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo at Guardian Oilfield Services Rodeo Bowl. $6-$10 advance, $8-$12 door. Bigspring rodeo.com.

■ "Super Kids Save the World." Recycled Paper Craft, 1 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250. Participants will learn to create an object from an item that otherwise would be thrown away. Registration encouraged.

■ Third Thursday Reading, 4:30 p.m., George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. The monthly event is part of the Laura Bush Literacy Program. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. bushchildhoodhome.org.

■ Le Theatre de Marionette, 5 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.

■ RiffTrax Live: Summer Shorts Beach Party. 7 p.m., Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250-N. fathom-events.com.

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

■ Brit Floyd, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagner-noel.com.

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

Pools today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 Midland Drive, noon to 7 p.m. Family night is planned from 7-9 p.m.

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

Juneteenth celebrations are set for Saturday

The first event will take place from 3-5 p.m. at the Midland County Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250. Tom Braxton and special guest Pervis Evans will be performing. The event is free to the public.

The second event is scheduled for 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Carver Center Auditorium, 1300 E. Wall St. The Finger Prints Jazz Band with special guest Tom Braxton are scheduled to perform. Tickets are $20.

Veterans health care town hall planned

West Texas VA Health Care System (WTVAHCS) will hold a quarterly town hall meeting from 6-8 p.m. June 22 at Ector County Administrative Annex, 1010 E. Eighth St. in the County Commissioners Courtroom.

The meeting is an opportunity for veterans to hear from the leadership team about new programs or initiatives within VA. Staff will be on hand to assist veterans with enrollment, scheduling and other health care needs. Procedures to protect veterans' privacy will be shared at the start of the meeting.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Community National Bank and the Midland County Public Library partnered to collect books for the United Way. From left, Rhonda Medellin, senior vice president of branch operations, John Trischitti, library director, Michelle Evans, director of community impact for United Way, Cindy Wagler, executive assistant at CNB and liason to United Way, Brad Bullock, COO of CNB, Eddie Montoya, mortgage originator, and Ryan Lovell, CFO of CNB, photographed Wednesday. The United Way book drive continues through Friday. The donated books — new or gently used — will be distributed to local non-profits that provide summer services for children.The books may be dropped off at United Way, 1209 W. Wall St.; Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. "A" St.; all Wells Fargo branches; and Energen Resources, 3510 N. "A" St. For more information, contact United Way at 685-7700 or Educate Midland at info@educatemidland.org.

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Gemini and a Moon in Aquarius if born before 6:17 a.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, June 15, 2017:

This year you might be more focused on your image, community presence and/or career. You want to make an impression in every single way. Be sensitive to your audience. If you are single, consider being as authentic as you can be. You are likely to meet someone significant at any given time. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy many happy times together. Your biggest squabble will be over money. Consider keeping separate checking accounts. PISCES trusts his or her intuition more than you trust yours.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
★★★ Your mind seems to be focused on everything except what is happening right around you. A subtle jab from a friend might jolt you and bring you back to the here and now. Don't let yourself be challenged by some confusing communication. **Tonight:** Choose a favorite stress-buster.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what is important to you. A financial matter could be of major importance. Know that some dissension is OK, as it forces you to rethink your logic and understand the other party's. Questioning conclusions will bring better results. **Tonight:** Where the action is.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
★★★ Take the lead on a major project. Others respect your ability to pick up information and present what you have gathered. An associate might be more challenging than you had anticipated. Fatigue could be a major player in this situation. **Tonight:** In the limelight.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Gain a new perspective of what is going on around you. You might sense some type of surprise or an element of the unknown. Fatigue could have an impact on an associate and how you deal with him or her. Be aware of others' needs. **Tonight:** Read between the lines.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You could be out of sorts when dealing with a new friend. Try to neutralize your energy and gain a better understanding of where this person is coming from. You have been swallowing a lot of anger, which can pop up at any given moment. **Tonight:** Go along with someone else's choice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could feel challenged by others; you might be surprised by what they share and by the words that they choose. A close friend or family member seems withdrawn and uptight. Listen carefully to what this person has to say. **Tonight:** At a favorite place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You know when to stop and change direction. Others might be acting in the most unexpected way. These instances of unusual behavior seem to surprise you each time they occur, but they are happening more and more regularly. **Tonight:** Return calls and emails first.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Follow your instincts. You'll be more pleased if you allow your intuitive side to dominate. You are likely to discover areas of your life where you might want to be a little less logical and a little more spontaneous. Listen to a few different perspectives. **Tonight:** Follow the music.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ When you greet someone with a big smile, more often than not, the same is returned. Though you might be negative about a certain situation, you'll try to loosen up and be more upbeat. Doing so could change the scenario completely. **Tonight:** Homeward bound.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You hear news that could force you to stop and think. You obviously did not count on this event occurring. Was there a miscalculation in your thinking? Remember that hindsight is 20/20, but you can prevent this type of problem if you see the indicators. **Tonight:** Visit with friends.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ An unexpected yet exciting tone seems to flow through your day. A casual get-togetaher could transform into a fun event. Try to reduce some of your stress by going on a long walk or by heading to the gym for some exercise. **Tonight:** Balance your checkbook first.

PISCES
(Feb.19-March 20)
★★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover. A child or new friend could disrupt your schedule, but only because you want to give this person some extra time. A boss might assume that you are not giving a work-related matter enough time. Be careful. **Tonight:** All smiles. You call the shots.

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Actress Helen Hunt (1963), comic Jim Belushi (1954), actor Neil Patrick Harris (1973)

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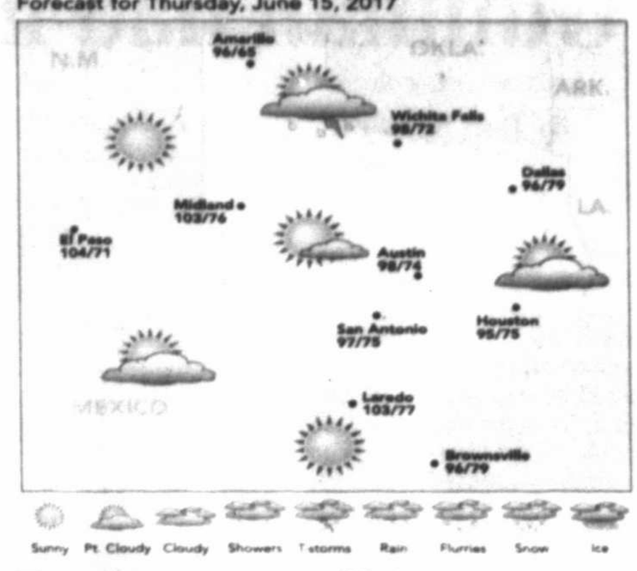
Forecast for Thursday, June 15, 2017



Weather

Wednesday's temperatures

High	100
Low	75
Normal high	94
Normal low	67

June 14's records
Record high: 108 set in 2011
Record low: 56 set in 1947

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.91 in.
Year total	6.60 in.
Normal total (year to date)	5.14 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 21 mph
Gust speed: 25

June 15 forecast
High: 94
Low: 70

Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/partly cloudy at night
Winds: 15 mph during the day/15-20 mph (gusts around 25 mph) at night
Chance of rain: 30 during the day/10 percent at nigh

Sunrise 6:42 a.m.
Sunset 8:56 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

Lottery

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Pick 3 evening: 8-9-9
Pick 3 night: 3-6-1
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Daily 4 day: 8-5-4-5
Daily 4 evening: 4-1-4-9
Daily 4 night: 3-5-4-1
Cash Five: 2-12-23-26-29
Lotto Texas: 11-20-37-39-44-49
Powerball: 5-22-43-57-63
PB: 24 Power Play: 2
Texas Triple Chance: 2-8-12-13-29-30-31-34-42-43
All or Nothing morning: 1-4-5-9-10-13-16-18-19-21-23-24
All or Nothing day: 1-2-4-9-12-13-14-15-17-21-22-23
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Gunman had history of anti-Republican activity

By Don Babwin and Jim Salter
Associated Press

BELLEVILLE, Ill. — The gunman who shot a top GOP congressman and several other people Wednesday at a baseball practice outside the nation's capital had a long history of lashing out at Republicans and recently frightened a neighbor by firing a rifle into a field behind his Illinois house.

James T. Hodgkinson, 66, wounded House Rep. Steve Scalise before he was fatally shot by police who had been guarding the House majority whip.

In the hours after the attack in Alexandria, Virginia, a picture began to emerge of a shooter with a mostly minor arrest record who worked as a home inspector and despised the Republican Party.

On Facebook, Hodgkinson was a member of a group called "Terminate the Republican Party," a fact that seemed to take on chilling new meaning in light of an account from South Carolina Rep. Jeff Duncan. He said he was preparing to leave the baseball field when a man politely asked him whether it was a Democratic or Republican team before quietly walking off.

Until recently, Hodgkinson ran a home-inspection business out of his house in southern Illinois. His Facebook page shows that he was a fan of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who last year made an unsuccessful bid for the Democratic presidential nomination. Sanders acknowledged Wednesday that Hodgkinson had apparently been among many volunteers on his 2016 campaign.

A search of online newspapers show that Hodgkinson frequently wrote letters to his local newspaper, the Belleville News-Democrat, which published nearly two dozen of them between 2010 and 2012. Many included complaints about the same theme: income inequality.

Hodgkinson, who spent most of his life in the community of 42,000 just across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, compared the economic conditions of the time to those that preceded the Great Depression and excoriated Congress for not increasing the number of tax brackets and adopting other tax-reform measures.

On May 14, 2010, he wrote: "I don't envy the rich; I despise the way they have bought our politicians and twisted our laws to their benefit."

Less than a year later, on March 4, 2011, he wrote that Congress should rewrite tax codes to ease the tax burdens of the middle class.

"Let's get back to the good ol' days, when our representatives had a backbone and a conscience," he wrote.

Later that year, in October 2011, he applauded the Occupy Wall Street protesters in New York and Boston, writing that the demonstrators "are tired of our do-nothing Congress doing nothing while our country is going down the tubes."

Hodgkinson also had arrests in his background for a series of minor offenses and at least one more serious matter. Court records show that his legal trouble started in the 1990s with arrests for resisting police and drunken driving.

In 2006, he was arrested on a battery charge after allegedly punching a woman in the face, then striking her boyfriend in the head with the wooden stock of a 12-guage shotgun before firing a round at the man, according to a sheriff's department report.

While trying to drive away from that confrontation, the report said, Hodgkinson used a pocket knife to cut a seat belt. The charges were dismissed later that year, according to the court clerk.

Three years earlier, Hodgkinson served as an independent contractor on a county weatherization program. He was banned from the program after he was apparently caught rummaging through someone's desk in search of a check, according to Mark Kern, the St. Clair County board chairman.

Though no other legal problems are listed in St. Clair County, which includes Belleville, since 2011, Hodgkinson did come to the attention of local law enforcement as recently as last spring.

On March 24, Bill Schaumlefel recalled hearing shots being

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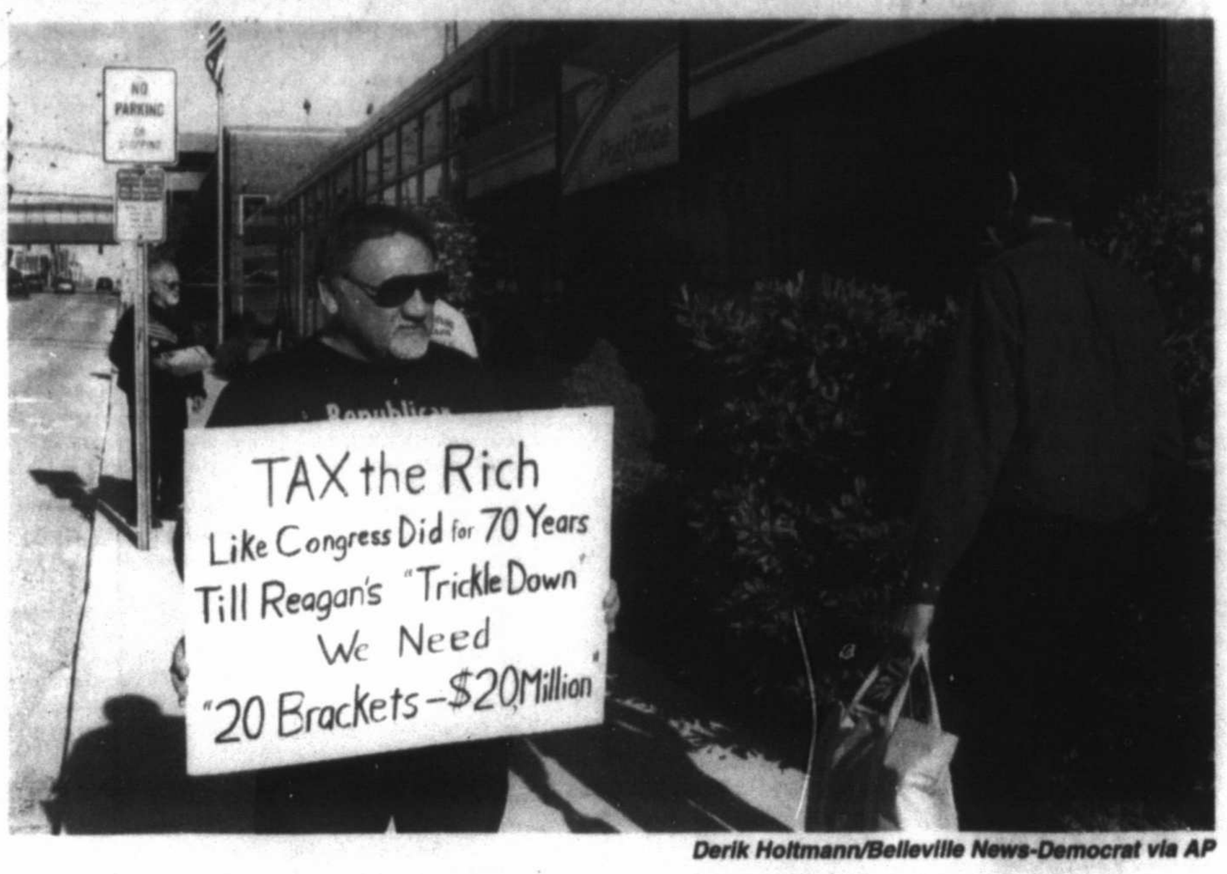

Derik Holtmann/Belleville News-Democrat via AP

In this undated file photo, James Hodgkinson holds a sign during a protest outside of a United States Post Office in Belleville, Ill. Hodgkinson has been identified as the suspect in the Wednesday on Washington D.C. shooting.

Some in GOP say threats of violence against them ignored

WASHINGTON — Whatever the motive of the shooter at a congressional baseball practice, some Republicans say that in the era of President Donald Trump, they're being threatened like never before.

They point to a virulent backlash against Trump that they say goes beyond the bounds of moderate political dissent and — subtly or not — encourages violence.

"I've been saying, 'What is it going to take for this to get some visibility,'" said Charlie Kirk, a young conservative activist. "And now here we are."

During a news conference at the shooting scene Wednesday, Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, a Democrat, declined to comment about whether America's political climate could be a factor. But he said, "There's too much, I believe, raw discourse that's pulling people apart."

The gunman, identified as James T. Hodgkinson, opened fire Wednesday on Republican lawmakers and associates practicing baseball in a Virginia suburb of Washington. A top House Republican, Steve Scalise of Louisiana, and several others were wounded, Scalise critically. Trump said the gunman had been killed.

Police haven't stated a motive. But Hodgkinson's strong anti-Republican stances and background as a former volunteer on Bernie Sanders campaign only added to suggestions that the shooting was politically motivated.

Such an assessment could be premature. Some initially attributed the 2011 shooting of Rep. Gabby Giffords, an Arizona Democrat, to intense partisanship, though no clear motive emerged at the gunman's trial.

Speaking from the White House after the shooting, Trump called for unity and avoided singling out Democrats. Yet prominent Republicans, including Trump's children, have long been unsettled by the rage against the president. Daughter and White House adviser Ivanka Trump said in a recent television interview that she did not expect the "viciousness" and "ferocity" of her father's critics.

Donald Trump Jr. is among those arguing that "liberal hate speech" leads to violence. He tweeted support for a comment by conservative political consultant Harlan Hill: "Events like today are EXACTLY why we took issue with NY elites glorifying the assassination of our president."

He was referring to a New York City production of "Julius Caesar" that portrays the assassinated title character looking like Trump in a business suit. That came on the heels of comedian Kathy Griffin posing with a bloodied rendering of Trump's head.

In both cases, there were consequences: lost sponsorships for the theatrical production and CNN dropping Griffin as host of its New Year's Eve special, despite her apology.

Kirk has been chronicling threats that get little attention outside conservative media.

John Griffin, a media arts and animation professor at the Art Institute of Washington, for example, commented on Facebook about the Republican health care plan, saying: "They should be lined up and shot. That's not hyperbole; blood is on their hands."

When Kirk tweeted about the professor's threat, the University of Georgia chapter of the Young Democratic Socialists, a student group at the Athens campus, wrote, "This is absolutely outrageous! House Republicans should NOT be shot! They should be guillotined."

Griffin later apologized on Facebook for using "inappropriate" language, but said it spoke to "the fear so many feel right now in this country." Neither he nor the student group responded to requests for comment.

Democrats, in turn, point to Trump's rough language — he has urged on fights at his rallies — as justification for their own. And on Wednesday, House Democratic leader James Clyburn of South Carolina said plenty of Democrats have experienced the same level of hatred as Republicans.

By Julie Bykowicz
Associated Press

Texas

From 1A

"Jeff Flake got his belt off and put at tourniquet on his leg and stopped the bleeding," said Williams, who also said Barth has been discharged from the hospital.

The shooter attempted to gain access to the field, but a locked fence restricted his access.

Scalise is the third-ranking Republican in the U.S. House. As such, he has a constant U.S. Capitol Police detail. Williams, like so many others Wednesday, credited those officers for preventing a massacre.

"Capitol Police came and they took a step forward and not a step back," Williams said. "I'm..thankful to God for keeping us safe with the bravery of these Capitol Police.

"The Alexandria Police along with the Capital Police secured a ceasefire, capturing the suspect," Barton said. The entire exchange lasted around 10 minutes.

At a mid-morning press conference, law enforcement officials said it was too early to comment on a number of aspects of the shooting, including whether the lawmakers were targeted.

Williams, a former minor-league baseball player, has coached the GOP congressional team since 2013, according to his office.

Amid news of the shooting, House members were alerted that that no votes were expected in that chamber Wednesday. Several committee hearings were postponed.

Both U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi spoke briefly on the House floor, recognizing the bravery of the Capitol police and calling for unity.

"We are all imperfect, but we do not shed our humanity when we enter this chamber," Ryan said. "For all the noise and all the fury, we are one family."

"Tomorrow, we'll go out on the field, we'll root for our team," Pelosi added, referring to today's scheduled baseball game between Republican and Democratic lawmakers. "We'll want everyone to do his or her very best, and we'll use this occasion to bring us together and not separate us further."

Statements from Texas lawmakers on Wednesday expressed prayers for those who were shot and praise for Capitol Hill police for their response.

"We are all Americans, and we must stand together against any attempt to divide us," U.S. Rep. Kay Granger, R- Fort Worth, said in a statement.

U.S. Rep. Marc Veasey of Fort Worth, the lone Texan on the Democrats' congressional baseball team, tweeted his support and prayers after news of the shooting came out.

The shooting drew reactions from several statewide officials, who said they were keeping the victims in their thoughts and prayers. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued a statement condemning the shooting, saying, "This hatred and violence has no place in America — it flies in the face of the very democracy our nation is rooted in."

The Congressional Baseball Game is the pinnacle event of the summer among Washington and Capitol Hill insiders. For more than 100 years, Democrats and Republicans in Congress have played against one another.

Members from both teams practice for weeks ahead of time, rising before sunrise to hit the diamond around 6:30 a.m. While Republicans practice at a park in Alexandria, Democrats practice closer to the Capitol, at a college in Northeast Washington, D.C.

Today's game will be held at Nationals Park, where the Washington Nationals play.

Conaway

From 1A

Because he's the No. 3-ranking House member, Scalise has a Capitol Police detail. Conaway said their cars were parked behind the first base dugout, and that's where the congressman sought cover after he saw the gunman. "Both cops have their guns out; they're trying to find the shooter. I'm pointing at the guy's direction. From where they were, they were shielded from any visual site of this guy. The sound was running through trees," he said.

"Had Capitol Hill police not been there, had their training not been appropriate, a lot of things could have gone the other way and this would have been a worse tragedy than it already is," Conaway said. "Our two Capitol Hill police officers responded exactly the way you'd think they would and saved lives today."

The gunman used what appeared to be an AR-15-style rifle before switching to a handgun, Conaway said. Alexandria Police shot Hodgkinson, who died from his wounds.

Other shooting victims were Zack Barth, an aide to Rep. Roger Williams; Matt Mika, a former congressional aide who now works as director of government relations for Tyson Foods' Washington, D.C., office; and two Capitol Police officers.

Conaway said he went to Mika's aid after Hodgkinson had been shot.

"I go over to where (Hodgkinson) was down, they put handcuffs on him, and I see the pistol and what appeared to be an AR-15. I went back over to check on the former staffer that's down. He's now rolled over on his back; he has a gunshot wound to the chest. I'm trying to comfort him while we wait on the paramedics to get there. Shortly after, paramedics start showing up.

"The Capitol police-woman was shot in the ankle near her Achilles tendon," Conaway said. "She's down and behind the car. She's right beside Matt, the kid who was shot. EMTs were working on him and her. Another group goes out to help Steve, and another works on the shooter. They start transporting people, and it's over."

Conaway said it hadn't sunk in that he potentially could have been shot and killed Wednesday.

"It's the first time I've been shot at in anger," he said. "I was in the Army, and we did the obligatory boot camp deal where you crawl in the dirt and they shoot a machine gun over your head. It hasn't really hit me yet that I could have been shot.

"You just don't think that happens to anybody."

Conaway said he isn't going to implement additional security measures at this point.

"Let's find out what (Hodgkinson's) motivation was. If it's something that can be replicated-or it's a pattern, then, yeah, let's do that. Right now, it's just one bad guy and there's no reason to overreact in that regard."

The good-natured charity baseball game that pits Democrats against Republicans has been a tradition since 1909. It was started by Rep. John Tener of Pennsylvania, a former professional baseball player, according to the House of Representatives' History, Art & Archives website, curated by the Office of the Historian and the Clerk of the House's Office of Art and Archives.

Speaker Paul Ryan said the game, scheduled for today at Nationals Park, will go on, and Conaway supported the decision.

"We should never kowtow to anything like this. We are bigger than that. We're tougher than that. We just ought to play the game and not let one individual dictate how we react and what we do," he said.

Shooting

From 1A

Capitol Police officers who were in Scalise's security detail wounded the shooter, who was taken into custody. He later died of his injuries, President Donald Trump told the nation from the White House.

"Everyone on that field is a public servant," Trump said. "Their sacrifice makes democracy possible."

Scalise, 51, the No. 3 House Republican leader, was first elected to the House in 2008. The popular and gregarious lawmaker is known for his love of baseball and handed out commemorative bats when he secured the No. 3 job of House whip several years ago.

Texas Rep. Roger Williams, who coaches the GOP team, said that one of his aides, Zack Barth, was shot, but "is doing well and is expected to make a full recovery." Two Capitol Police officers were also injured but were expected to recover, along with a former congressional aide who was hospitalized.

Rep. Jeff Duncan of South Carolina said he had just left the practice and encountered the apparent gunman in the parking lot before the shooting. The man calmly asked which party's lawmakers were practicing and Duncan told him they were the Republicans. The man thanked him.

The gunman had a rifle and "a lot of ammo," said Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona, who was at the practice.

The shocking event left the Capitol horrified and stunned. The House canceled proceedings for the day. Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California both spoke on the floor issuing calls for unity. "An attack on one of us is an attack on all of us," Ryan said.

The shooting occurred at a popular park and baseball complex in Alexandria, Virginia, where Republican lawmakers and others were gathered for a morning practice about 7 a.m. They were in good spirits despite the heat and humidity as they prepared for the congressional baseball match that pits Republicans against Democrats. The popular annual face-off, which raises money for charity, is scheduled for Thursday evening at Nationals Park across the Potomac River in Washington, and will go forward as planned.

The team was taking batting practice when gunshots rang out and chaos erupted.

Scalise was fielding balls on second base when he was shot, according to lawmakers present, then dragged himself into the outfield to get away from the gunman.

Rep. Mo Brooks, an Alabama Republican, said his colleague "crawled into the outfield, leaving a trail of blood."

"We started giving him the liquids, I put pressure on his wound in his hip," Brooks said.

Texas Rep. Joe Barton, still in his baseball uniform, told reporters a shooter came out to the practice and opened fire, shooting at Rep. Trent Kelly, R-Miss., who plays third base.

"He shot at Steve Scalise, our second baseman. He hit Steve Scalise," Barton said. "Scalise's security detail and the Capitol Hill police immediately returned fire, and Alexandria Police also immediately came and began to return fire. They shot the shooter. The security detail saved a lot of lives because they attacked the shooter."

Barton said the shooting lasted 5-10 minutes, and there were dozens or more of shots fired.

"It was scary," Barton said.

Lawmakers took cover in the dugout. Barton said his son, Jack, got under an SUV.

FBI special agent in charge Tim Slater said it was "too early to say" whether it was an act of terrorism, or whether Scalise was targeted.

Speaker Ryan identified the wounded Capitol Police officers as David Bailey and Crystal Griner. Also wounded was former congressional aide Matt Mika, who now works for Tyson Foods in its Washington office. Mika's family said the lobbyist was shot multiple times and was in critical condition and in surgery.

Lawmakers talk more security, packing a gun after shooting

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One Republican congressman says he's going to start carrying a gun in public after a gunman opened fire on a baseball practice, injuring Rep. Steve Scalise and several others. Some lawmakers want beefed up security at town halls.

Wednesday's shooting jolted many lawmakers, leaving them feeling vulnerable. And as the political rhetoric becomes more shrill, many members of Congress said they are receiving more threats, by email and by phone.

Shortly after the shooting, Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-N.Y., received an email. The subject line: "One down, 216 to go..."

There are 238 Republicans in the House, but 217 voted for a bill that would repeal and replace President Barack Obama's health law. It was unclear whether the email writer was referring to that vote.

Tenney's spokeswoman, Hannah Andrews, said the office alerted U.S. Capitol Police.

Two weeks ago, the Capitol police dispatched two officers to the Houston district of Rep. Al Green, D-Texas. Green said his office got threatening phone calls after he called for President Donald Trump to be impeached.

Green, who is black, said the callers called him the N-word and said he should be lynched.

"Since May, someone has threatened to shoot Rep. (Martha) McSally in the head. Someone tried to run Rep. (David) Kustoff off the road with her car, and now a man seemingly attempted to assassinate several members of Congress at a baseball practice," said Rep. Ralph Abraham, R-La. "I know we're a divided country, but Americans do not settle political disagreements with violence."

McSally is a Republican from Arizona and Kustoff is a Republican from Tennessee.

The U.S. Capitol is one of the best-guarded buildings in the country, but when the vast majority of lawmakers leave the fortress of Capitol Hill, they're on their own. Wednesday's shooting highlights the vulnerability of lawmakers when they are in public. Only the congressional leaders have security details.

Rep. Chris Collins, R-N.Y., told a Buffalo radio station that he plans to start carrying a gun in public.

"It's going to be in my pocket from this day forward," said Collins, who added he has a permit.

Rep. Jeff Duncan, R-S.C., said he feels adequately protected at the Capitol complex and feels no need to carry a gun.

"That's the wrong way to approach this. We've got Capitol police coming out of every office in the Capitol complex," Duncan said.

As majority whip, Scalise is the third-ranking Republican in the House. That's the only reason members of the U.S. Capitol Police were at the practice — rank-and-file senators and House members don't get security details.

"I think the security detail saved a lot of lives because they attacked the shooter," said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas. Barton manages the baseball team.

Two officers were injured along with a congressional aide and a lobbyist. The assailant later died after the incident.

Attacks on members of Congress are rare. In 2011, a gunman shot Rep. Gabby Giffords, D-Ariz., in the head during a shooting rampage at a public event outside a grocery store in Tucson. The gunman killed six people and wounded 13, including Giffords.

The last sitting member of Congress who was killed in the U.S. was Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in 1968, while he was running for president. Two others were killed abroad.

Incidents at the Capitol are more common, even though the ornate tourist attraction is ringed with heavily armed Capitol Police and metal detectors at every entrance.

Last year, Capitol police shot and wounded a Tennessee minister who, they said, pulled a gun and pointed it at officers as he was entering the Capitol Visitor Center. In 2015, a former postal worker from Florida flew a one-man gyrocopter onto the lawn of the Capitol. He said he was protesting the influence of money in politics.

GUNMAN

From 4A

fired outside his house, which stands about 500 feet behind Hodgkinson's home. When he went outside, he saw Hodgkinson shooting a rifle into a cornfield. He was squeezing off five or six rounds at a time and, according to the report of the incident, fired about 50 shots in all.

"I yelled, 'Quit shooting toward the houses,'" Schaumleffel said.

When Hodgkinson refused to stop, Schaumleffel called the sheriff's department.

St. Clair County Sheriff Rick Watson said Wednesday that Hodgkinson showed the deputy all required firearms licenses and documentation for the high-powered hunting rifle, which he said he was simply using for target practice.

The deputy cautioned Hodgkinson about shooting around homes, given that the rounds can travel up to a mile. No charges were filed.

"He said, 'I understand,' and said he needed to take the gun to a range to shoot it, Watson said. "There was nothing we could arrest him for, and there was no indication he was mentally ill or going to harm anyone.

"The only thing I was concerned about was that it was such a high-powered gun, and that somebody could possibly get hurt."

Watson said the deputy on Wednesday recalled Hodgkinson being "very cordial."

Hodgkinson's wife told ABC News that her husband had been living in Alexandria for the past two months. His Facebook page indicated that he had left his job in Illinois.

Over the last several weeks, Hodgkinson spent time at a YMCA near the site of the shooting, sitting with a computer in the lobby or at a table in an exercise area that overlooked the baseball field.

He never talked to anyone, recalled Stephen Brennwald, an attorney who said he saw the man every time he visited the facility recently.

"I would try to chat him up and say stuff, but he never looked back at me," Brennwald said.

Brennwald thought it was odd that Hodgkinson was never exercising or wearing workout clothes. He thought about asking a staffer about the man but never did, he said.

"Looking back with 20/20 hindsight, I can see how the guy was troubled, but at the time I thought he was working," Brennwald said.

The office of Republican Rep. Mike Bost, whose district includes Belleville, said it had a record of 10 contacts with Hodgkinson between June 2016 and last month. The contacts were made via phone calls and emails. Spokesman George O'Connor described them as "negative in nature on a variety of legislative issues, but not threatening."

Dale Walsh, 65, of Belleville, said he was a lifelong friend of Hodgkinson's. He said Hodgkinson never talked politics with him, but he was a passionate person who occasionally got into fights.

"He was the type of person that if you challenged him, he wouldn't back off."

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2018 elections will be all about the president

■ Warning: Trump will be impeached if Republicans lose the House

JONAH GOLDBERG

Tribune News Service

The 1998 midterm election was a debacle for Republicans, particularly then-Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. Since Reconstruction, no president had seen his party gain seats in the House in a midterm election six years into his presidency. Gingrich, who made the election a referendum on impeaching President Bill Clinton, resigned after the loss. Clearly, voters had sent the signal, "Don't do it."

The White House thought it had dodged a bullet. But one morning, over Thanksgiving break, then-White House Chief of Staff John Podesta was running in Washington's Rock Creek Park when it hit him: GOP leaders are "not going to let their members off the hook. They're going to beat and beat and beat on them until they vote for impeachment."

It fell to Podesta to tell the still-celebrating White House staff that the midterms meant nothing, that the push to impeach the president in the House was a runaway train that could not be derailed. "This thing is rigged," Podesta announced at a Monday-morning staff meeting. "We are going to lose."

President Trump's White House could use a John Podesta about now. Because no one seems to have told Trump's team that the Democrats are every bit as committed to impeaching Trump as the GOP was to impeaching Clinton. The difference, of course, is that the Democrats don't control the House — yet.

If they did, as the Washington Examiner's Byron York rightly noted recently, impeachment proceedings would already be underway. And if the Democrats take back the House in 2018, it won't matter to most members whether the country as a whole supports impeachment, because the voters who elected them — and the donors who supported them — will be in favor of it. (A recent Public Policy Polling survey found that 47 percent of Americans support impeachment while 43 percent oppose it.)

Personally, I think it would be folly to impeach the president given what we know now. But that's meaningless. The phrase "high crimes and misdemeanors" notwithstanding, the criteria for impeachment have little to do with criminal law and everything to do with politics. If 218 members of the House think it is right — or simply in their political interest — to impeach the president, he can be impeached. Whether two-thirds of the Senate decides to remove the president from office is also an entirely political decision. Given the likely composition of the Senate after the next election, however, that remains unlikely.

Then again, who knows? Given how Trump responds to criticism and political pressure, would you want to bet that the tweeter-in-chief would be a model of statesmanlike restraint during an impeachment ordeal? So many of his current problems are the direct result of letting his ego or frustration get the better of him. What fresh troubles would he mint when faced with removal from office? What might he say under oath to the special counsel? Clinton, recall, was impeached and disbarred because he perjured himself in a deposition.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi has cautioned against making the midterms a referendum on impeachment. But that is an electoral strategy, not a plan for when she gets the speaker's gavel. And even if she declines to go straight to impeachment hearings on Day 1, a Democratic-controlled House would still be a nightmare for the White House. Any hope of passing a conservative agenda would die instantaneously. Worse, once Democrats gained the power to subpoena documents and compel testimony from members of the administration, the Hobbesian internal politics of today's White House would look like a company picnic by comparison.

In short, the only hope for the Trump presidency is for the GOP to maintain control of the House.

According to various reports, the GOP thinks it can hold on by running "against the media" in 2018. As pathetic as that would be, it might work. Though I doubt it. A better strategy would be to actually get things done.

And the only way for that to happen is for both houses of Congress to get their act together. Voting bills out of the House may be enough to justify a Rose Garden party, but it will do little to sway voters who've been told for years that the GOP needs control of all three branches to do big things. Trump won't be on the ballot in 2018, but his presidency will hang in the balance.

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OUR VIEW

We all did a poor job holding leaders accountable for roads

There is an interesting reaction to J Ross Lacy's announcement that he will call for a November road bond.

Some Midlanders are calling into talk radio and citing previous councils' neglect as an excuse to oppose a road bond, and there are some on the council who have used decades of inactivity as an excuse to pass a bond issue now.

It isn't often that the same excuse can be cited as a reason to side for or against an item, but that is actually what is going on here.

In our view, the inaction of previous councils is often overstated. We believe politicians react to what their constituents say they want.

More people directly contacted their representatives about Uber's withdrawing from Midland than just about any issue in recent memory. The council reacted accordingly last year, changing how it handled transportation network companies.

This spring, people emphatically told the council to take care of the essentials, especially roads, and one councilman has announced his intention to come forward with a bond issue. It is representative government in its truest form.

In 1988, Midlanders voted down a road bond and other infrastructure improvements. Since then, political candidates and elected officials generally have run for office — or re-election — citing their intention to address the tax rate or work on quality-of-life issues. With few exceptions, we don't hear from candidates who say they're running for office to improve roads in the community.

Not long ago, a former elected official came to the Reporter-Telegram and talked down the idea of using Type 4B funds for roads for infrastructure because there wouldn't be anything left for other needs or wants.

Our point is, Lacy is coming before the community now because residents and its leaders hadn't previously called for road improvements. He and the rest of the council are having to dedicate more money for road maintenance now because this community never made roads a priority with previous councils.

We, as a community, have to call on government leaders to make sure they are taking care of the basics. If we hadn't, we would have waited until one of the worst droughts on record before deciding to build a pipeline to connect into a water source purchased decades earlier.

We, as a community, have to demand better. If we don't call for consistent maintenance, our community leaders will wait until at least 30 percent of roads are said to be unrepairable before calling for a road bond.

Why are Lacy and the council now asking for your support in a once-in-a-generation bond program? Because no one ever required city leaders to take care of our roads earlier.

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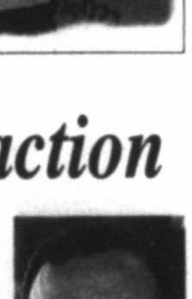
Trump is a weapon of mass distraction

■ Pay attention to what Republicans are doing while the country's attention is diverted by Sessions and Comey



DANA MILBANK

Washington Post Writers Group

Monday was the first anniversary of the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando that left 49 dead. Saturday will be the second anniversary of the church shooting in Charleston, South Carolina, where nine were murdered at Bible study.

In between these two somber remembrances, House Republicans will be commemorating the occasion in their own way: They will begin work relaxing restrictions on firearm silencers — thereby making it easier for shooters to shoot without being noticed. Classy.

To this injury, the legislators add insult with the bill's name: a provision of the "Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act" called the "Hearing Protection Act" — as if it were subsidizing earplugs. That's like calling legislation that expands the availability of machine guns the "Carpal Tunnel Protection Act" because it spares would-be shooters the repetitive motion of trigger pulling.

With all the hullabaloo over Attorney General Jeff Sessions, the Russia scandal and President Trump's latest tweets, few are likely to notice when the bill gets a hearing before a House natural resources subcommittee. And that's the point. Trump, as candidate and president, has been a weapon of mass distraction.

Admittedly, nobody would wish on himself the kind of distractions Trump has been generating lately. The inquiries into his and his aides' Russia ties and his firing of FBI Director James Comey could ultimately end his presidency. But though these are consequential and necessary matters — and though there's no way to avoid attention going to the many other bizarre happenings in Trump world — these inevitably distract from serious matters that, in any normal time, would dominate headlines.

As the Comey craze and Sessions obsession entertain the nation, Senate Republican leaders have used the diversion to advance Trumpcare legislation in the shadows.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) invoked "Rule XIV," a procedure that allows legislation to skip committees and go directly to the floor. McConnell is hoping to rush the healthcare bill to a vote before the July 4 recess, and GOP senators working on the Senate legislation aren't even sharing the specifics with their Republican colleagues.

The news outlet Axios this week reported that Senate Republicans don't plan to divulge publicly the details of their legislation. "We aren't stupid," one senior GOP aide told Axios. No, they aren't. And their subterfuge is working. Unnoticed by most, Senate Republicans believe they have cobbled together the 50 votes necessary to repeal Obamacare.

On the very day that Comey testified before the Senate, the House passed legislation largely repealing the Dodd-Frank financial reforms implemented after the 2008 crash. The bill would, among other things, remove the requirement that retirement advisers put their customers' interests before their own. The House on Tuesday afternoon took up another controversial matter under cover of the Sessions distraction: As the attorney general testified in the Senate, the House voted along party lines to require a Social Security number for people to get Obamacare benefits. It is meant to block illegal immigrants from accessing health-care benefits. Opponents say it would also deny medical care for many newborn babies who are citizens.

The Comey contretemps has also obscured splits between mainstream and conservative Republicans that have made a budget resolution unlikely. House Republicans are moving on with appropriations legislation for 2018 without a budget. This split could jeopardize tax reform and increase the likelihood of a government shutdown or default later this year.

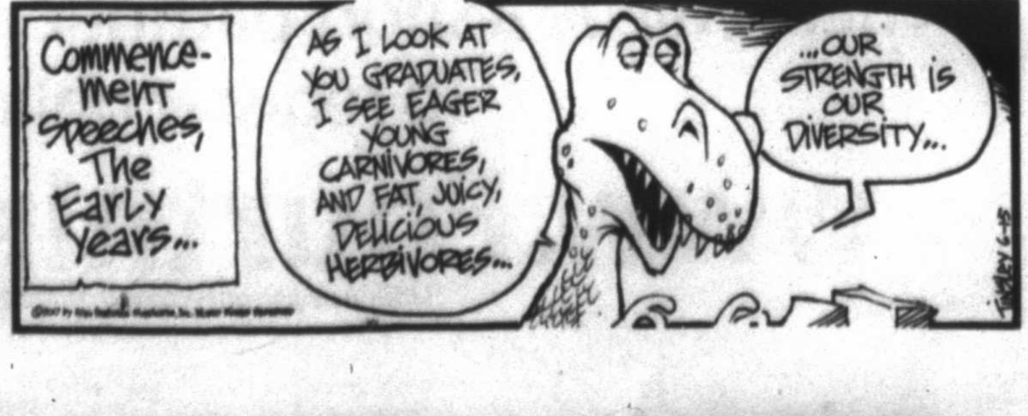
It's difficult to focus on budget nuances, though, when Trump has turned the White House into a circus. In addition to the Comey and Sessions performances, there is also the clown show: At this week's Cabinet meeting, nearly all of Trump's Cabinet members offered praise for their boss. There were, in all, 46 occurrences of "thank you," 32 of "great," 15 of "honor" and seven of "privilege" as they extolled Trump and his virtues: "Just the greatest privilege of my life. ... My hat's off to you. ... What an incredible honor. Thank you for the opportunity and the blessing that you've given us to serve your agenda."

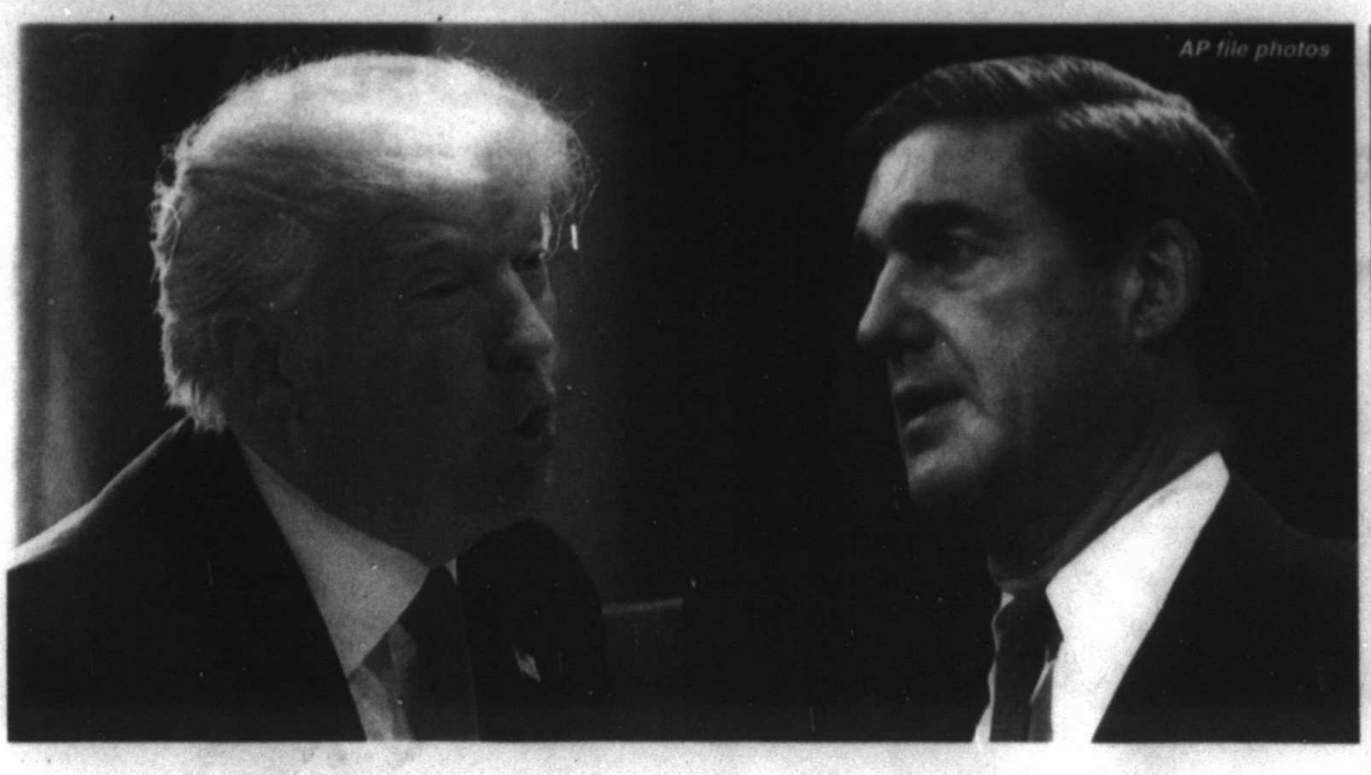
As we gape in astonishment at a president receiving tributes from his coterie — like a strongman from his junta — Americans might find it difficult to concentrate on an equally astonishing thing happening this week: that House "hearing protection" bill, which would end nearly a century of strict regulation of silencers and thwart the new gunfire-detection technology cities use to fight crime.

It's no small irony that those trying to make silencers more available are relying on noise — the din of Trump's antics and the clatter of the Russia probes — so that most Americans don't hear what's happening until it's too late.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

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Special counsel is investigating Trump for possible obstruction of justice

The Washington Post

The special counsel overseeing the investigation into Russia's role in the 2016 election is interviewing senior intelligence officials as part of a widening probe that now includes an examination of whether President Donald Trump attempted to obstruct justice, officials said.

The move by Special Counsel Robert Mueller to investigate Trump's own conduct marks a major turning point in the nearly year-old FBI investigation, which until recently focused on Russian meddling during the presidential campaign and on whether there was any coordination between the Trump campaign and the Kremlin. Investigators have also been looking for any evidence of possible financial crimes among Trump associates, officials said.

Trump had received private assurances from former FBI Director James Comey starting in January that he was not personally under investigation. Officials say that changed shortly after Comey's firing.

Five people briefed on the requests, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly, said Daniel Coats, the current director of national intelligence, Adm. Mike Rogers, head of the National Security Agency, and Rogers' recently departed deputy, Richard Ledgett, agreed to be interviewed by Mueller's investigators as early as this week. The investigation has been cloaked in secrecy and it's unclear how many others have been questioned by the FBI.

The NSA said in statement that it will "fully cooperate with the special counsel," and declined to comment further. The office of Director of National Intelligence and Ledgett declined to comment.

The White House now refers all questions about the Russia investigation to Trump's personal lawyer, Marc Kasowitz. "The FBI leak of information regarding the President is outrageous, inexcusable and illegal," said Mark Corallo, a spokesman for Kasowitz.

The officials said Coats, Rogers and Ledgett would appear voluntarily, though it remains unclear whether they will describe in full their conversations with Trump and other top officials, or will be directed by the White House to invoke executive privilege. It is doubtful the White House could ultimately use executive privilege to try to block them from speaking to Mueller's investigators. Experts point out that the Supreme Court ruled during the Watergate scandal that officials cannot use privilege to withhold evidence in criminal prosecutions.

The obstruction of justice investigation into the president began days after Comey was fired on May 9, according to people familiar with the matter. Mueller's office has now taken up that work, and the preliminary interviews scheduled with intelligence officials indicate his team is actively pursuing potential witnesses inside and outside the government.

The interviews suggest Mueller sees the attempted obstruction of justice question as more than just a "he said, he said" dispute between the president and the fired FBI director, an official said.

Probing the president for possible crimes is a complicated affair, even if convincing evidence of a crime is found. The Justice Department has long held that it would not be appropriate to indict a sitting president. Instead, experts say the onus would be on Congress to review any findings of criminal misconduct and then decide whether to initiate impeachment proceedings.

Comey confirmed publicly in congressional testimony on March 20 that the bureau was investigating possible coordination between the Trump campaign and the Russians.

Comey's statement before the House Intelligence Committee upset Trump, who has repeatedly denied that any coordination with the Russians took place. Trump had wanted Comey to disclose publicly that he wasn't personally under investigation but the FBI director refused to do so.

Soon after, Trump spoke to Coats and Rogers about the Russia investigation.

Officials said one of the exchanges of potential interest to Mueller took place on March 22, less than a week after Coats was confirmed by the Senate to serve as the nation's top intelligence official.

Coats was attending a briefing at the White House together with officials from several other government agencies. When the briefing ended, as The Post previously reported, Trump asked everyone to leave the room except for Coats and CIA Director Mike Pompeo.

Coats told associates that Trump had asked him if he could intervene with Comey to get the bureau to back off its focus on former national security adviser Michael Flynn in its Russia probe, according to officials. Coats later told lawmakers that he never felt pressured to intervene.

A day or two after the March 22 meeting, Trump telephoned Coats and Rogers to separately ask them to issue public statements denying the existence of any evidence of coordination between his campaign and the Russian government.

Coats and Rogers refused to comply with the president's requests, officials said.

It is unclear whether Ledgett had direct contact with Trump or other top officials about the Russia probe, but he wrote an internal NSA memo documenting the president's phone call with Rogers, according to officials.

As part of the probe, the special counsel has also gathered Comey's written accounts of his conversations with Trump. The president has accused Comey of lying about those encounters.

Mueller is overseeing a host of investigations involving people who are or were in Trump's orbit, people familiar with the probe said. The investigation is examining possible contacts with Russian operatives as well as any suspicious financial activity related to those individuals.

LOCALBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

City: Texas Rangers are investigating Midland's interim fire chief

The city of Midland has confirmed that the Texas Rangers are investigating its interim fire chief.

City spokeswoman Sara Bustilloz said Wednesday that, in late May, the city was made aware of an allegation concerning interim Chief Chip Balzer. She said the allegations were immediately turned over to the Texas Rangers for an independent investigation.

Any decisions regarding his employment are pending the results of the investigation, according to Bustilloz.

She did not comment on what the allegations were.

Balzer began his career with the Midland Fire Department in January 1982. Balzer, who oversees administration for the department, was named interim fire chief in November after it was announced former Chief Robert Isbell took the same position in Round Rock.

Broken boiler at DoubleTree displaces guests

Guests at the DoubleTree By Hilton Midland Plaza had a rude awakening early Wednesday morning thanks to a broken boiler.

Shafik Tejani, vice president, acquisitions and asset management for MTP Hospitality — which owns the property — said the event happened about 2 or 3 a.m.

Electricity had to be shut off to avoid issues because water from the busted boiler had gotten into the panels, he said.

The company is trying to help guests displaced by the incident, but Tejani said most area hotels are full because Tuesday and Wednesdays are peak days for their business.

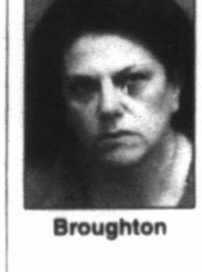
Tejani said the company hopes to have the hotel back up and running Friday afternoon.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Woman charged with child endangerment

A Midland woman was arrested June 8 after allegedly endangering a child, according to court documents.


Broughton

Shelly Anne Broughton was being held Wednesday on a $30,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of abandoning or endangering a child with imminent danger of bodily injury.

Midland police were dispatched to a location near Lamesa Road at about 9 a.m. on June 8.

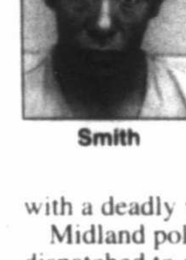
Upon arrival, the officer noticed it was the same child involved in two previous incidents regarding a child who was found.

The officers made contact with Broughton, who told them she was unaware the child was not in the house, according to her arrest affidavit.

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

Woman charged in stabbing incident

A Midland woman was arrested Monday after she allegedly stabbed a man, according to court documents.


Smith

Myra Bernice Smith, 47, was being held Wednesday on a $75,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Midland police were dispatched to a residence at about 10 p.m. Monday in reference to a reported stabbing.

Smith displayed a knife and stabbed a man, according to her arrest affidavit. The man had a small cut on his chest as a result of the assault, according to the affidavit.

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

HOUSING

From 1A

active," said Carroll Nall, MLS/Member Services director for the PBBOR. "We continue on record trends for sales as we sold 229 residential properties in the month of May. We have a good inventory going into the summer sales season as days on market seem to be shortening a bit."

Sales were strong with a total of $72.254 million in homes sold during the month. The average price $315,522 trailed only August of last year for the highest mark going back to 2012.

The average was boosted by a number of the area's most expensive homes that came off the market. There were 85 homes sold for more than $300,000, including 22 for more than $500,000 and three for more than $1.25 million.

Realtor Victoria Printz said her company sold two of the $1 million-plus homes, and that the buyers are out there. One home, she said, had a pair of cash offers. She also said she had a $950,000 home sold after being listed for just three days.

"(The market) is absolutely crazy," Printz said Wednesday. "I have had to cancel a trip to Dallas because there is so much going on."

To put the $72.254 million in perspective, the PBBOR reported $66.458 million in homes sold in March during what is the record for homes sold in a month (231).

More Midlanders appear to be looking to see what the market can do for them as the number of homes on the market rose from 364 to 398. That figure is still less than two months inventory, which shows that the market still very much favors the seller.

By the numbers: May housing

Average total on the market	398
Homes sold	229
Average days on the market	37
Average sold price	$315,522
Average list price	$322,291
Median sold price	$250,000
Median list price	$257,500
Total house sales sold (dollar volume)	$72.254 million

Average number of houses on market in May

2012	248
2013	228
2014	294
2015	424
2016	590
2017	398

Total houses sold in May

2012	184
2013	163
2014	171
2015	196
2016	164
2017	229

Average days on market in May

2012	33
2013	28
2014	30
2015	43
2016	41
2017	37

Average sold price in May

2012	$246,101
2013	$249,648
2014	$264,266
2015	$282,071
2016	$279,479
2017	$315,522

Source: Permian Basin Board of Realtors

SLOW

From 1A

11 note. They cited rising service costs and the industry's lack of hedging protection for next year.

Drillers at an RBC Capital Markets energy conference in New York last week insisted they were sticking with their spending plans, noting they'd emerged from last year's oil-market slump with leaner costs and lower debt levels. But they acknowledged the shakier ground their budgets stand on.

Noble Energy Inc. has the flexibility to "toggle activity" if prices decline further, Chief Financial Officer Ken Fisher said at the meeting, while EOG Resources Inc. Executive Vice President Billy Helms said the company will "moderate" production if needed, according to summaries published by RBC analyst Scott Hanold.

Messages seeking comment from EOG weren't immediately returned on Tuesday. Reba Reid, a spokeswoman for Noble, confirmed the content of the RBC note.

The market got yet another bearish bump Tuesday as West Texas Intermediate oil, the U.S. benchmark, dipped below $46 a barrel on an industry report showing an unexpected boost for U.S. crude stockpiles. Inventories rose by 2.75 million barrels last week, according to an American Petroleum Institute report Tuesday, people familiar with the data said.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration is due to report its highly watched tally of U.S. stockpiles on Wednesday.

A $45 barrel "slows most U.S. shale plays," UBS AG analysts led by William Featherston wrote in a June 9 note. At $40, companies will "hit the brakes" on growth even in the Permian, the prolific oil play in West Texas and New Mexico, the analysts predicted.

Oil has been mired below $50 a barrel by concerns that growing U.S. supplies are overwhelming production cuts by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies. The U.S. oil rig count is at its highest level since April 2015. Last week, the U.S. Energy Department forecast national crude production would hit a record 10 million barrels a day next year.

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Ages 5+ 6:00-6:30
Beginner Class

Basic Skills
Ages 9+ 6:30-7:00
Beginner/Intermediate Class

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Beginner Class

Hockey 101
Group 1 Ages 5-8 6:00-6:30
Group 2 Ages 9+ 6:30-7:00
Beginner Class
Helmet & Gloves Recommended

For More Information
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Adjusments might be made after the first week of classes
based on skill level and class sizes

WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

TODAY

STRINGS ATTACHED North Texas theater company Le Theatre de Marionette will peform a special show at the downtown library. Free but space is limited. 5 p.m.

DARK SIDE The world's greatest Pink Floyd show comes to town with the Brit Floyd Immersion World Tour at the Wagner Noel. 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

IN A GALAXY Grab a blanket or chair and head out to Movies in the Park for a screening of "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" at Windlands Park. Dusk.

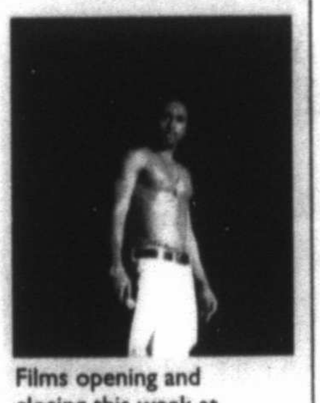
POPCORN FRENZY The 69th season of Summer Mummers is upon us with the "Psychedlic Trip to the Summer of '69" at the Yucca Theatre on Fridays and Saturdays. 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

DAD ROCK Creedence Clearwater Revisted brings two original members of CCR to the Wagner Noel stage complete with all the classic hits. 7:30 p.m.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES



Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "47 Meters Down," All Eyez on Me," "Cars 3," "Rough Night."
Closing: "Alien: Covenant," "Everything, Everything," "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2."

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "47 Meters Down," All Eyez on Me," "Cars 3," "Rough Night."
Closing: "Baywatch," "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2."

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

COMING SOON

Metalcore band In This Moment brings the noise to La Hacienda Event Center on June 23. Tickets available at haciendamidland.com.

ALUMINUM WORLD

'Cars 3' steers a welcome if imperfect gender shift

JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Three films in, it's time to ask some hard questions about the world of "Cars."

What are their interiors like? Brains and a heart or plush leather seating and cup holders? Do they pay life or car insurance? And where, good God, have all the people gone? Are they, as I fear, hidden away in the trunks?

Although the cycle of life and death is movingly detailed in most every Pixar movie, particularly in the "Toy Story" series, the aluminum-thin world of "Cars" has always been the exception. The movies and their windshield-eyed cars have none of the existential soul of "Inside Out" or "Finding Nemo." They're fun enough — and still dazzlingly animated — but they're Pixar on cruise control.

Yet kids — boys especially — love them, and so Pixar keeps making them, even while reproduction, itself, remains a foggy issue in "Cars"-land. Thankfully, after the wayward European trip of the scattershot "Cars 2," there's more under the hood of "Cars 3." But despite all the colorful shine, this is still the used-car lot of Pixar's high-octane fleet. Lacking the magic of Pixar's more tender touchstones, "Cars 3" mostly makes you pine for the halcyon summers of "Ratatouille" or "WALL-E," an era that unfortunately continues to recede in the rearview.

Previous "Cars" director and Pixar chief John Lasseter cedes the directing to veteran Pixar storyboard artist Brian Fee for "Cars 3," which finds an aging Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) getting outraced by a new pack of metrics-optimized young racers like the arrogant Jackson Storm (Armie Hammer). With retirement suddenly looming after a bad crash, McQueen endeavors to train his way back to the top, ala "Rocky III."

This is, at first, a fairly unpleasant ride. The movie is almost as loud as a NASCAR race. Wilson's McQueen — a confident winner, not a humble underdog — remains the most uninteresting of Pixar protagonists; and the whole thing, like previous installments, is nauseatingly male, without a female racecar in sight. (The first "Cars" film, while full of charming Route 66 nostalgia, sunk low enough to have twin girl cars "flash" McQueen with their high-beams.)

But redemption is belatedly, imperfectly at hand. After McQueen's old sponsor, Rust-eze is bought by a tasteful billionaire named Sterling (Nathan Fillion), he's assigned a trainer, Cruz Ramirez (Cristela Alonzo), who works him out like a motivation-shouting spin-class instructor.

This, at first, begs an eye roll from wiper to wiper. Cruz is blandly yellow, over-eager and named like a celebrity baby. But as "Cars 3" chugs along, her story fuses with McQueen's and eventually speeds away. Her latent, untapped racing dreams emerge just as McQueen is making peace with getting older.

Pixar, a high-tech digital animator predicated on old-school storytelling, has long made calibrating progress with tradition its grand mission. Think of WALL-E and the newer, iPhone-like model, Eve; the threat of Buzz Lightyear to a rootin'-tootin' cowboy; or the fear Riley experiences moving from rural Minnesota to San Francisco.

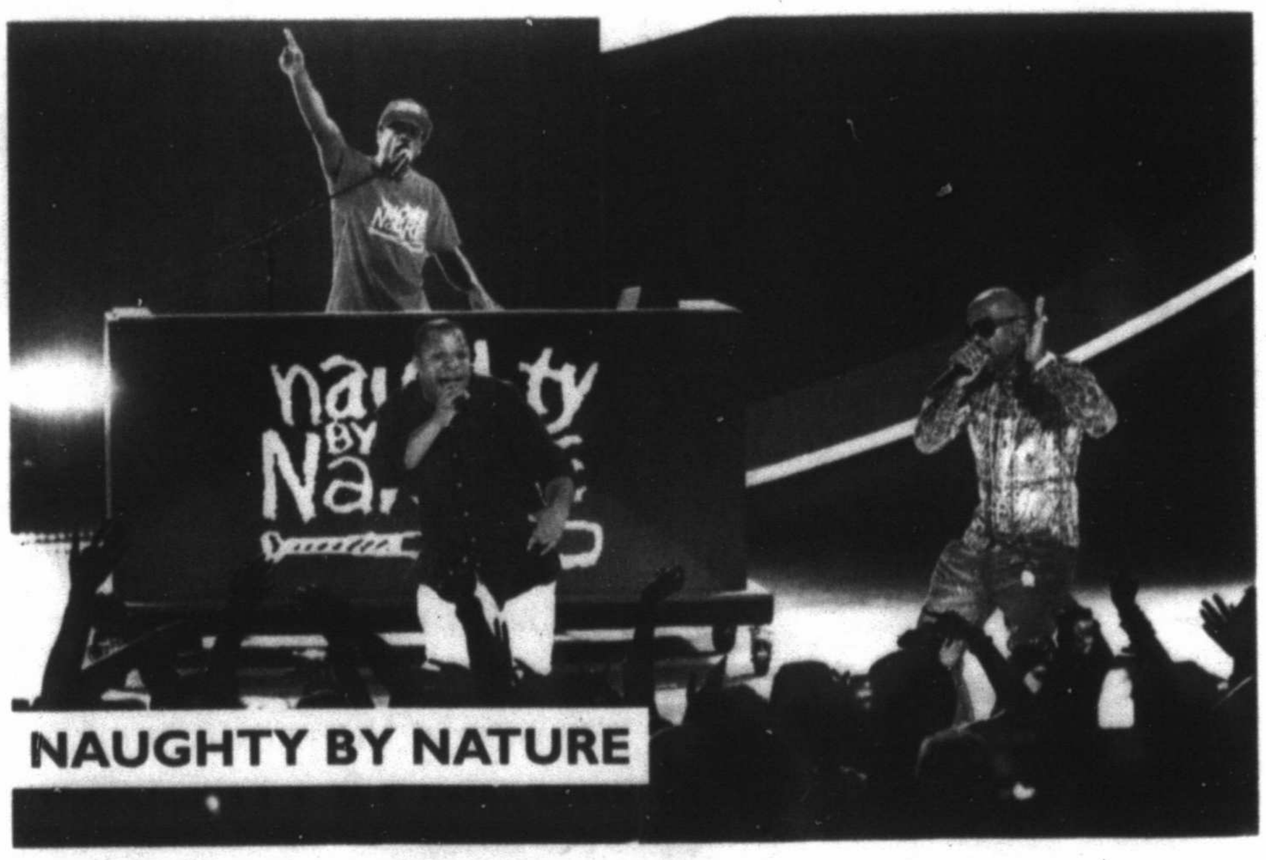
Now it's Lightning McQueen's turn to face a new chapter in life. "Cars 3" is at its best, narratively and visually, when the story brings McQueen to a long forgotten dirt track in what appears to be the Smokey Mountains. There, he encounters a handful of old veteran racing legends (Chris Cooper, Isiah Whitlock Jr., Junior Johnson, Margo Martindale) who school McQueen not just on racing but on the joys of mentorship. They are old friends of Doc Hudson (Paul Newman), whose posthumous Obi-wan-like presence still steers McQueen.

"Cars" (2006) was Newman's last movie, and one of the best things about this sequel is hearing the actor's majestically gravelly voice again. His words from the original are called back numerous times, and they lend a gravity these movies otherwise lack.

Still, I'm not sold on Cruz's story line, which ultimately depends less on her own drive than the permission of the males around her. And even while rooting for her, I wished she was a more dynamic character, defined by more than her insecurity.

Yet the left-hand, gender-flipping turn that "Cars 3" takes is the most welcome and surprising twist yet in the "Cars" movies. Pixar, as ever, has some moves left and fuel in the tank.

"Cars 3," a Walt Disney Co. release, is rated G by the Motion Picture Association of America. Running time: 109 minutes. Two stars out of four.



NAUGHTY BY NATURE

HEAT INDEX: Hip-hop legends to perform at Wagner Noel PAC

By Rich Lopez
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"A Splash of Color & Wine" art show at Brew St. Bakery

Local artist David Harris will feature a collection of new works at the coffee shop and cafe. Harris is also the first artist Brew St. has featured with a show. His works and series are often a vibrant display of colors.

"My goal with my art is just to bring a smile and make someone happy," he said.

Along with his collection of works, Brew St. will offer special pricing on wine bottles and bruschetta boards.

5:30 p.m. today at Brew St. Bakery, 4610 N. Garfield St.

"Alpha by Artist" opening at the Ellen Noel

The museum will host an opening reception for Herb Williams, who will walk with guests through the exhibition. He will give an talk about his pieces, which he created using crayons. While you're there, step to the other gallery for a peek at the Andy Warhol exhibition "15 Minutes of Fame." How's that for a double-header of modern art?

"Alpha" will run through Sept. 7.

5:30 p.m. today at 4909 E. University Blvd. noelartmuseum.org.

Naughty by Nature, Coolio and Rob Base at Wagner Noel

It takes three to make a thing go

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Fingerprints brings smooth sounds to the Juneteenth celebration

By Rich Lopez
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Fredrick Nichelson is originally from Memphis, Tennessee. So, when he came to Texas more than 30 years ago, he hadn't heard of Juneteenth.

Now, the Dallas resident and founding member of the jazz group Fingerprints will join in the celebration this weekend hosted by the Midland African-American Roots Historical Cultural Arts Council.

IF YOU GO

Fingerprints with Tom Braxton. 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Carver Center Auditorium, 1300 E. Wall St. $20. rootscouncil.com.

Fingerprints will perform with special guest Tom Braxton Saturday at the Carver Center Auditorium.

The show will be preceded by the free Family Community Concert with Tom Braxton and Pervis Evans at 3 p.m. at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

For Nichelson, he hopes the concert invites all people to celebrate.

"I feel a duty to keep music

Please see **FINGERPRINTS**/Page 3

CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

FINE ART & DANCE

OPENING: "Alpha by Artist" is an exhibition of works by Herb Williams. Opening reception and artist talk at 5:30 p.m. today. The exhibition runs through Sept. 7 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd. noelartmuseum.org.

CLOSING: Lone Star Legacies in Contemporary Texas Art through Friday at Haley Library and History Center: 1805 West Indiana Ave.

Third Year Anniversary show will feature new works by local artists in three-foot by three-foot. Fridays in June at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

"Merritt Mauzey: Texas Faces and Texas Places," through July 30 at Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Lauren Strohacker: Confrontation" features the solo and collaborative work of the Phoenix-based artist. Opens Saturday and runs through Aug. 6 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Andy Warhol: 15 Minutes of Fame" features original prints, photographs, Polaroids, documentary film and more. On display through Sept. 3. at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Ellenoelartmuseum.org.

EVENTS

The 84th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo will feature sporting events, rodeo parade, Saturday dance with Jason Boland and The Stragglers, trick rider performance and more. today-Saturday at Guardian Oilfield Services Rodeo Bowl. $6-$10 advance. $8-$12 door. Bigspring rodeo.com.

Adult Date and Paint: "Kissing Fish" 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Kidd's Canvas and Parties, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

FAMILY & YOUTH

"Super Kids Save the World:" Recycled Paper Craft shows participants how to create an object from an item that otherwise would be thrown away. Registration encouraged. 1 p.m., today at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250.

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

Family Fridays: Infinity and Beyond are come-and-go sessions with educational activities for the whole family. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Mermaid Camp will teach how to swim with a monofin, oceanic education and preservation, crafts and more. Open to children who have completed grades 1-6. June registration available through Midland College's Kids College. Monday and Tuesday at COM Aquatics, 3003 N.A St. For more information, call 684-7755. Comaquatics.com.

Build a Better World Postcard Day at Centennial, in partnership with Senior Link Midland, has children write, decorate and send postcards that will be delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients. 11 a.m., Tuesday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250.

Summer Movie Camp: "Moana." includes popcorn, experiments and games. 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Tuesday at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20 West. $5 per child. Adults join for free. pbpetro.org.

"Super Kids Save the World:" Planting. Children will learn about gardening and locally grown food. 1 p.m., Tuesday and June 22 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250.

"Super Kids Save the. World" is a collaborative exhibition with Keep Midland Beautiful. Through a superhero theme, this show provides information on green practices such as recycling and reusing. On display through Sept. 9 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Writing is Magic Teen Writing Club for ages 13-19 is a creative writing club with writing time and weekly topics that will meet monthly. 4:30 p.m. Every first Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

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

Storytime at the Library is 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years). Thursdays. Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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

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

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

FOOD & DRINK

Strawberry Picking, today through Saturday at Plants and Produce, 6412 S. County Road 1130. Reserve your spot by calling 559-5978.

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

Sit, Stay, Sip is part of The Blue Door's Give Back Mondays. Mondays in June, The Blue Door will share its profits from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. to benefit the Midland Humane Coalition.

Kids Cooking Classes: Picnic Favorites for participants ages 4-14 will learn about kitchen basics, cooking techniques and more. 3-4:30 p.m. Monday at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $50. Register online. hightfoods.com.

Kids Cooking Classes: Cupcake Wars for participants ages 4-14 will learn about kitchen basics, cooking techniques and more. 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesday and June 27 at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $50. Register online. hightfoods.com.

Kid's Taste Test Tuesday is 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Boys and Girls Club Haiff, 110 E. New Jersey Ave. Free.

GAMES

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 Saturdays 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Thursdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.

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

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

Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

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

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

LECTURES, MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

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

SNAP: Diabetes Prevention, 5:30-6:30 p.m. today at West Texas Food Bank, 1601 Westcliff Ave. Free.

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

Arts Council Midland subgrant information meeting will discuss applications and guideline for ACM grants. 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at ACM, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

Tool Tips: Sharp Gardening, 6 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. Wednesday at West Texas Food Bank, 411 S. Pagewood Ave.

MUSIC

CHORAL

Austin Girls' Choir will perform a selection of classical and sacred music as well as selections from the American Songbook and more. 7 p.m. Monday at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2801 N. Garfield Road. girlschoir.com.

COVER/TRIBUTE

Summer Sunday Lawn Concert: Current Nine. This show's theme is Dad Night. 7:30 p.m. June 18. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.

DJ/DANCE

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

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

HIP-HOP

Naughty by Nature, Coolio, Tone-Loc, 8 p.m. Friday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. wagnernoel.com.

JAZZ

Juneteenth Weekend Family Concert with Tom Braxton at Centennial is hosted by Midland African-American Roots Historical/Cultural Arts Council. 3 p.m., Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250.

Juneteenth Celebration with Fingerprints and Tom Braxton is 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Carver Center Auditorium, 1300 E. Wall St. $20.

KARAOKE

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

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

Karaoke and pool tournament, Tuesdays at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

LATIN

Los Rieleros, Alfredo Olivas, 8 p.m. Friday at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. haciendamidland.com.

NATIVE AMERICAN

Hot Summer Nights: Great Promise for American Indians. The outdoor concert series will feature food trucks and children's activities. Lawn chairs are encouraged. 6 p.m. Friday at Noel Heritage Plaza, 321 W. 5th St., Odessa. Odessaarts.org.

ROCK

Brit Floyd, 8 p.m. today at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. wagnernoel.com.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited, 7:30 p.m. June 18 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.. wagnernoel.com.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Midland RockHounds play the Corpus Christi Hooks. The night benefits Family Promise. 7 p.m. Friday at Security Bank BallPark, 5514 Champions Drive. $8. Purchase tickets at familypromiseofmidland.com.

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

Free skateboarding lessons are offered at noon-1:30 p.m. Thursdays at RTD Skatepark. rtdskatepark.com.

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

Yoga at the Museum for museum members. 8 a.m. Wednesdays at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E University Blvd, Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

Film Festival at the Lofts hosted by screenwriter and filmmaker David Perkins. This weekly independent film series will feature a variety of genres and filmmakers Skyping in. 6 p.m. at Wall St. Lofts, 100 W. Main St. $10. RSVP to 432-685-7041.

RiffTrax Live: Summer Shorts Beach Party. 7 p.m. today and Tuesday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. fathomevents.com.

Le Theatre de Marionette at downtown is a family-friendly performance by the Dallas-Fort Worth-based company. Space is limited. 5 p.m., today at Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Movies in the Park: "Star Wars: Rogue One," 8 p.m. (dusk), Friday Windlands Park, 1001 W. Dengar Ave. Free. midlandtexas.gov.

The 69th Season of Summer Mummers: "Psychedelic Trip to the Summer of '69" at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. $12-$25. Opens Friday and runs weekends through Sept. 2. MCTmidland.org.

"Resident Evil: Vendetta." 7 and 10 p.m. Monday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.53. fathomevents.com

"Oasis in Space" dome show, noon, Tuesdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays through June 30. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Super Volcanoes" dome show, 2 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through June 30. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Astronaut" dome show, 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through June 30. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

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EVENTS & MORE

'ROUGH NIGHT'

A questionable murder derails 'Rough Night' fun

LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

In "Rough Night " four women on a wild and crazy bachelorette weekend in Miami accidentally kill a guy and try to get away with it.

You know it's coming. It's right there in the trailer. In the middle of the party, Jillian Bell's coked out character runs full speed toward a male stripper to straddle him and inadvertently knocks the guy over. As his seat falls back, his head cracks into the sharp edged fireplace ledge behind him.

What the trailer doesn't show is the reddish black blood oozing out from the dead guy's head onto the white tile floor. Have I mentioned this is a comedy? Was the trailer warning us about this moment so we could be prepared? Or was it selling it as part of the laughs?

Others have tried to venture into this questionable terrain before, like the insanely awful "Very Bad Things," in which the dead stripper is referred to as a "105 pound problem." Comedies are welcome to test our moral flexibility, but it was extremely hard to get on board with the privileged cover-up antics of the "Rough Night" crew after the man bleeds out — no matter what narrative gymnastics they try to concoct to make it OK. Not even "Weekend At Bernie's" had the gall to make the protagonists the murderers.

The thing is, there is a lot of funny in "Rough Night," the directorial debut of Lucia Aniello, who wrote the script with her partner Paul W. Downs (he also plays the straight-laced fiancé of Scarlett Johansson's character). The comedy duo has the chops to make something wild and great — they've worked as co-producers and writers on the wonderfully manic millennial friendship comedy "Broad City," which Aniello also directs occasionally.

For "Rough Night" they assembled a great (and brilliantly random) cast, including "Broad City's" salty star Ilana Glazer, Saturday Night Live's pinch-hitter Kate McKinnon, the fearless up-and-comer Bell and the wonderfully versatile Zoe Kravitz. They're put in an initial situation that's both relatable (college friends reuniting years later for a bachelorette) and gives room for things to get out of control (just add some cocaine, missed connections and a pair of crazy neighbors in Demi Moore and Ty Burrell). But it lacks "Broad City's" delicious edge and deranged specificity in favor of something more broad and generic.

We meet the girls briefly in college. Jess (Johansson), Alice (Bell), Blair (Kravitz) and Frankie (Glazer) are inseparable and unapologetically sloshed at a frat party owning a game of beer pong.

Cut to few years later and they've gone their separate ways and grown up, sort of. Jess is even running for office, sporting a politician crop and dowdy wares. There's a great bit between her and her campaign staff about the reasons she's lagging in the polls.

That most have evolved beyond their college selves makes the reunion feel a little bit like forced joy at the outset. But that's a good thing, and you find yourself cringing and laughing in equal measure as they negotiate how the weekend is going to go. Things take a turn, too, when Jess' friend Pippa (McKinnon, affecting an Australian accent) from a semester abroad shows up — throwing Alice into a jealousy spiral. But then the stripper comes, and dies, and it's excruciatingly hard to care or worry about whether or not they're going to get away with it, let alone how the friendship is going to survive this trial.

There are some wild moments that come after, and some of them are fun (watch out for the "sad astronaut"). I just wish they weren't in service of a throwaway gimmick that is too dark to stomach.

"Rough Night," a Sony Pictures release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "crude sexual content, language throughout, drug use and brief bloody images." Running time: 101 minutes. Two stars out of four.

MPAA Definition of R: Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Despite delays, timing just right for Tupac biopic star

By Ryan Pearson
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Demetrius Shipp Jr. never acted before playing Tupac Shakur in "All Eyez on Me." But his connections to the rapper, and to acting, go back to his childhood.

Shipp's uncanny resemblance to Shakur inspired his friends to call him "Pac" in high school. And even before that, Shakur's music was part of his life. Shipp's dad is a music producer who worked on one of Shakur's songs.

"My fondest memory of Tupac is my father producing 'Toss It Up' for him when I was 7 years old and hearing that," Shipp said. "He produced that, and that was the biggest guy at the time. So, I was like, 'Wow this is dope, my pops did this single.' ... From then on it was like Tupac forever."

"Toss It Up" was the first single released after Shakur was shot to death in Las Vegas in 1996.

Those connections didn't exactly prepare Shipp to play Shakur in a biopic. But a four-year delay between casting and production was enough time for the look-alike to really get camera-ready.

"I look at it now as like, even through 2011 back then... and all of these years, being able to see now that I wasn't ready," Shipp said. "It happened at the exact perfect time for me, just even with the alignment of the people that were involved."

The delays — prompted by the departure of two potential directors and a legal battle with Shakur's estate over his life rights — allowed Shipp to properly study acting, and he was unexpectedly reunited with a teacher from his youth.

"As a kid, I was going to her acting classes, not to act for myself but to support my friend," he recalled. "And she was my acting coach all these year later for the Tupac movie... It feels like destiny."

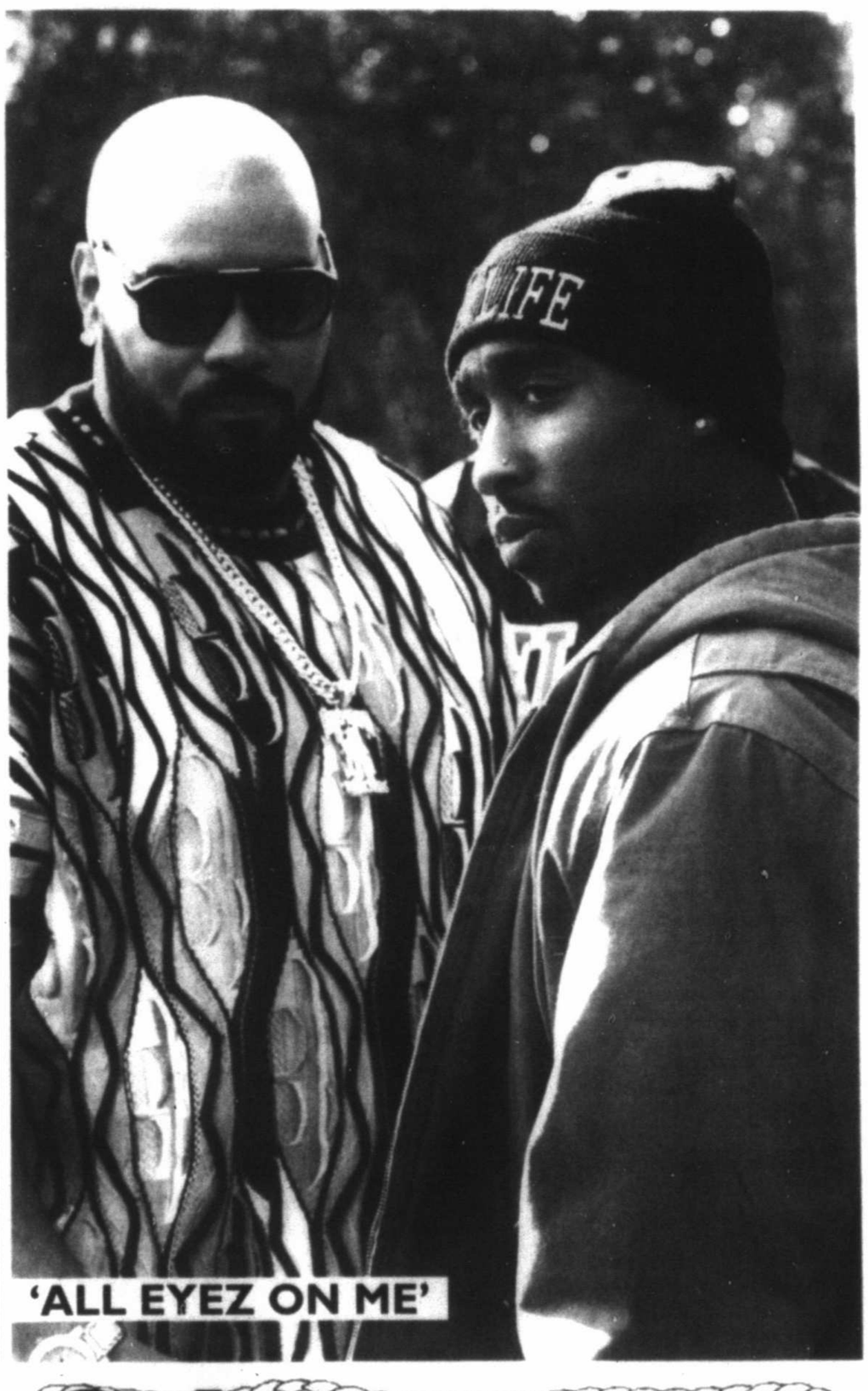
Shipp, 28, appears in nearly every frame of "All Eyez on Me," which tracks Shakur's life from his teens to his violent death in 1996, with nods to his activist upbringing by his Black Panther parents.

Producer L.T. Hutton, a former Death Row Records producer who worked with Shakur, said he needed to cast a lead actor audiences would believe as Tupac, and Shipp was the one.

"I knew from his background and upbringing that Demetrius had the makings of becoming Tupac all the way," Hutton said. "If I'd cast any one of the actors Hollywood was pushing me to use, people would have spent the first hour of the movie wondering, 'Why is this guy trying to be Tupac?'"

Shipp said he's been inspired by the experience, and by Shakur's indefatigable work ethic. He recorded hundreds of songs and made six movies before his death at age 25.

"His mindset was 'Get the work done. Time doesn't wait for no man. You need to be working, especially for the things that you want to obtain and accomplish,'" Shipp said. "If you want it and you want to get it, then you've got to work hard for it, like Tupac was working hard for it."



'ALL EYEZ ON ME'

FINGERPRINTS

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real and to perpetuate live music. That keeps the spirit alive," he said. "So I hope that the show can spread that to people who come, regardless of their background."

The Dallas-based band has celebrated 25 years of music mixing jazz sounds with classic R&B and soul grooves through original music and covers.

In many ways, Nichelson finds that the band's music connect younger generations to older ones.

"I think young folks know a little bit more about older music today. I can see the generational gap close because a lot of popular music is sampled from covers we'll play," he said. "There are so many interpolations of '70s songs in today's hip-hop. They hear that and then start connecting the dots."

The band was formed at North Texas State — now University of North Texas — in 1986 by Nichelson and guitarist Roy Machado. Through the years, the band has gone through many iterations, one that included Odessan Robert LaCroix as guitarist.

With Saturday's concert, Fingerprints will feature Nichelson, longtime members Tim Jones on vocals and Claud Hardrick on saxophone and Kennan Wylie on drums. A new album is in the works, but in the meantime, Fingerprints will help usher in this year's Juneteenth celebration and use music as something more than just a show.

"It is an important mission for the group to be able to share our music for the benefit of all people, and particularly we want to encourage young people to use music as a way to find positive expression in their lives," Nichelson said.

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right at this concert, which was rescheduled from earlier this year. This trio of hip-hop legends bring some iconic songs to the Tall City. Naughty by Nature's 1991 hit "O.P.P." was one of the first rap songs to break into the pop charts. The 1995 song "Gangsta's Paradise" was a monster smash for Coolio and was not only a No. 1 hit, but garnered him a Grammy award. And Rob Base's "It Takes Two" with the late DJ E-Z Rock was certified platinum and a club favorite. Along with a slew of other hits, expect this night to raise the roof.

8 p.m. Friday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $43-$63. wagnernoel.com.

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Musical hater loves 'Beauty and the Beast'

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PICK O' THE WEEK

"Beauty and the Beast" (PG) Even though it tacks on almost an hour's worth of anxiety that the original animated version didn't have, this glorious fantasy feature will tug at the heartstrings of the inner princess in every little girl and the inner beast of every little boy. As a well-known musical hater, the almost endless parade of tunes grew a bit exhausting. They were staged so well, though, that the barrage was not only acceptable but welcome. Truly a visual feast that's not to be missed. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"The Assignment" (R) The premise is rather clever. Sigourney Weaver is excellent, and Michelle Rodriguez gives the best performance of her career. What ruins it is the misogyny, which is extreme, callous and unwarranted. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"Aftermath" (R) Regardless of his politics, President Trump is right about one thing: "Celebrity Apprentice" was much better when he hosted. Arnold Schwarzenegger, indeed, failed when he took over the show. That's because he's a movie star. The small screen and the setting did him no favors. So, in his latest big-screen effort, Schwarzenegger brings more emotion and depth — and a naked backside — to the role than he possibly ever has. However, it's a story that ultimately doesn't deserve what he brings. **C+**

"Before I Fall" (PG-13) The story brings new elements to the table that keep the film from being a teenage version of "Groundhog Day." But watching the lead character relive one day of her life over and over becomes as burdensome to the audience as it does to her. **C**

"Boneless Ones" (not rated) Part "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre" and part "The Evil Dead," this indie horror fare lacks the guts — literally and figuratively — to be either and winds up falling woefully short of either. **D+**

"Enter the Warrior's Gate" (PG-13) As goofy as the plot sounds, the film works on several levels, just not all. As far as the plot and dialogue, that's where it doesn't work. But the production design and chemistry between the characters rescue its weaker elements. **B-**

"In the Dog House" (not rated) Above-average family fare falls into the cute category. Don't think it's a dog movie just because of the title and the fluffy white pooch on the DVD cover. The canine is not a major character. It's more watchable for adults than a Disney Channel sit-com, but it's a movie that you wouldn't seek out unless the cable is out and all the other kid-friendly titles are out of stock. **B-**

"Land of Mine" (R) Superb World War II film that depicts the true story about Denmarks's use of young German POWs to clear millions of mines set by the Germans on the country's beaches. An Oscar nominee for best foreign language film. **A**

"The Last Word" (R) Shirley MacLaine has found a niche playing the grumpy old woman in films such as "Steel Magnolias" and "Bernie," while still maintaining a lovable quality. That's lacking in this film, which is not up to her standards or mine. C

"Let Me Make You A Martyr" (R) Film doesn't ever live up to its ambition, but Marilyn Manson's sociopathic weirdness steals the show. **B-**

"The Sense of an Ending" (PG-13) Jim Boadbent brings a magnificent dimension to his character that makes him vulnerable despite his lifetime of selfishness. B

"Staying Vertical" (not rated) The title has many layers of meaning — none so potent as the final scene — which make this French film both sublime and raw. Be warned of the lack of an MPAA rating, though, which would undoubtedly be an NC-17 had it been theatrically released in the U.S. There's lots of nudity, both male and female, and lots of sexual situations, all but one of which are not remotely sexy, which was intentional. **B**

"The Ticket" (not rated) Things go exactly where you expect them to in this story of a blind man who inexplicably regains his sight. Watching the character go through a range of emotions still leaves the viewer detached from him but deeply involved in what's going to happen to those around him. **C+**

"You're Gonna Miss Me" (not rated) The lack of a budget is painfully evident in the opening scene in which John Schneider plays a country singer. The stage is sparse and unlike any real performance I've ever seen. However, once it settles in to the story of his two sons on a road trip to cash in on an inheritance, it transforms into an unexpected pleasure to watch. Wal-Mart's idea to jump on the "exclusive" bandwagon with this film available only in its stores, is not off to a grand start but it's respectable. **B-**

FILM CAPS

"47 Meters Down" (PG-13) Two sisters find themselves trapped in a shark cage on the seabed floor. With Mandy Moore and Claire Holt. Written by Johannes Roberts and Ernest Riera. Directed by Roberts.

"All Eyez on Me" (R) Demetrius Shipp Jr. stars as Tupac Shakur in this biopic tracing his meteoric rise in New York City. With Kat Graham, Lauren Cohan, Hill Harper, Jamal Woolard and Danai Gurira. Written by Jeremy Haft, Eddie Gonzalez and Steven Bagatourian. Directed by Benny Boom.

"Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie" (PG) Animated adaptation of the hit illustrated book series by Dav Pilkey about a pair of wildly imaginative boys and their creation of a not-so-bright superhero. Voices by Kevin Hart, Ed Helms, Thomas Middleditch, Nick Kroll, Jordan Peele, Kristen Schaal. Written by Nicholas Stoller. Directed by David Soren.

"Cars 3" (G) Lightning McQueen faces a new generation of racers with the help of enthusiastic young race technician Cruz Ramirez and the wisdom of an old friend. Voices by Owen Wilson, Cristela Alonzo, Armie Hammer, Larry the Cable Guy, Kerry Washington, Nathan Fillion and Lea DeLaria. Directed by Brian Fee.

"It Comes at Night" (R) Writer-director Trey Edward Shults follows "Krisha" with a dystopian horror story about a man and his family under siege. With Joel Edgerton, Riley Keough, Christopher Abbott, Carmen Ejogo and Kelvin Harrison Jr.

"Megan Leavey" (PG-13) A Marine corporal trains and bonds with a combat dog as they deploy to Iraq and complete more than 100 missions before being injured by an IED explosion. With Kate Mara, Edie Falco, Ramon Rodriguez, Bradley Whitford, Common. Written by Pamela Gray, Annie Mumolo, Tim Lovestedt. Directed by Gabriela Cowperthwaite.

"The Mummy" (PG-13) Tom Cruise stars in this reboot about an ancient princess, denied her destiny, who awakens in the present but brings with her the malevolent past. With Sofia Boutella, Annabelle Wallis, Jake Johnson, Courtney B. Vance, Russell Crowe. Written by Jon Spaihts, Christopher McQuarrie. Directed by Alex Kurtzman.

"Pirates of the Caribbean: Dean Men Tell No Tales." (PG-13) Johnny Depp returns as Captain Jack Sparrow, again trying to stay one step ahead of a vengeful crew of ghost pirates, this time led by Javier Bardem. With Orlando Bloom.

"Rough Night" (R) A bachelorette party gets way out of hand when a male stripper dies in this raucous comedy. With Scarlett Johansson, Kate McKinnon, Jillian Bell, Ilana Glazer, Zoe Kravitz and Paul W. Downs. Written by Lucia Aniello & Paul W. Downs. Directed by Aniello.

"Wonder Woman" (PG-13) The Amazonian princess gets her own movie and leaves her island paradise to fight a war to end all wars. With Gal Gadot, Chris Pine, Robin Wright, Danny Huston, David Thewlis, Connie Nielsen. Written by Allan Heinberg, story by Zack Snyder & Allan Heinberg and Jason Fuchs. Directed by Patty Jenkins.

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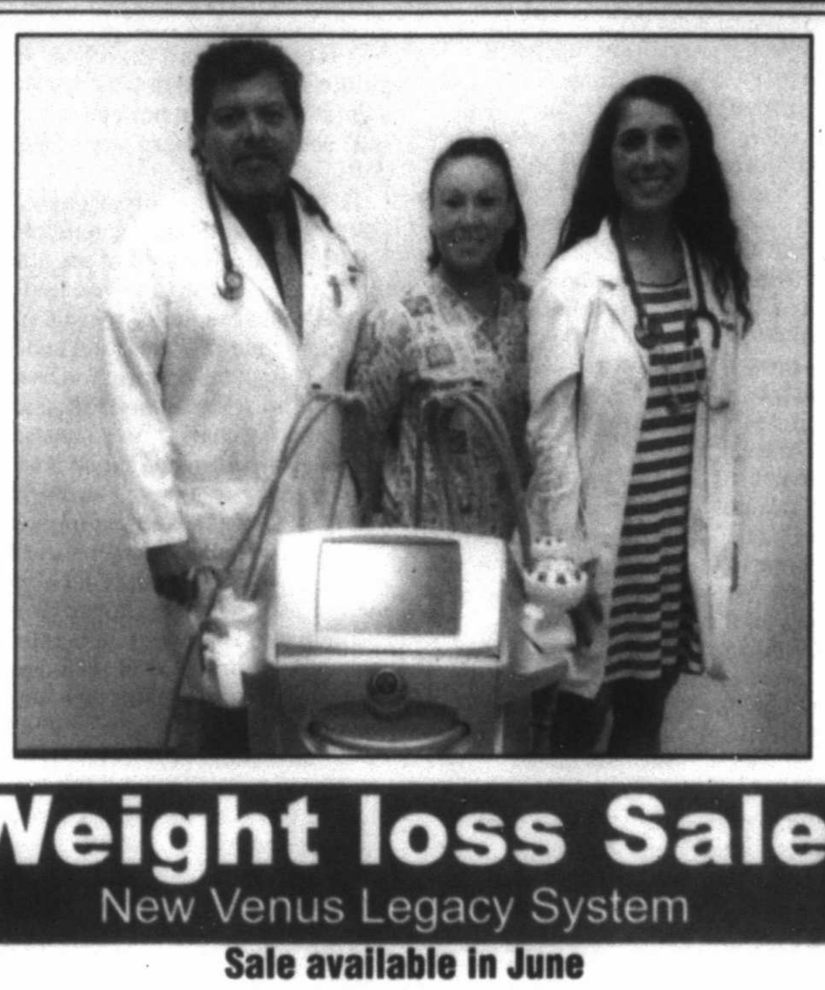

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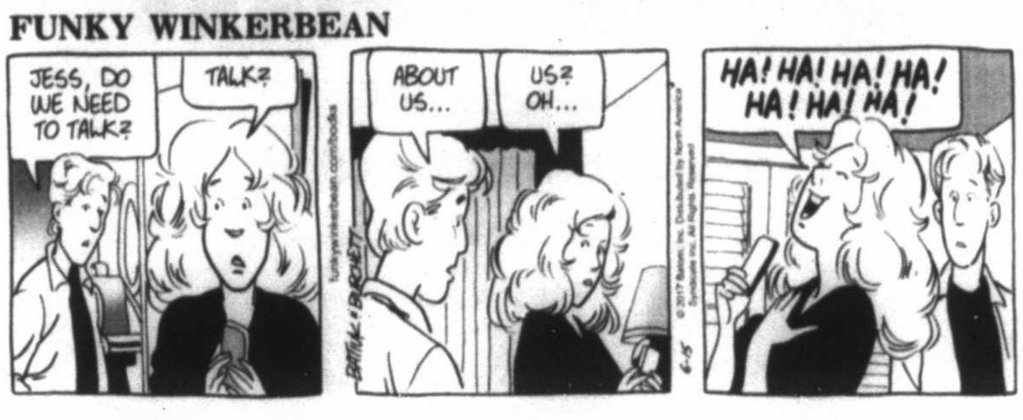

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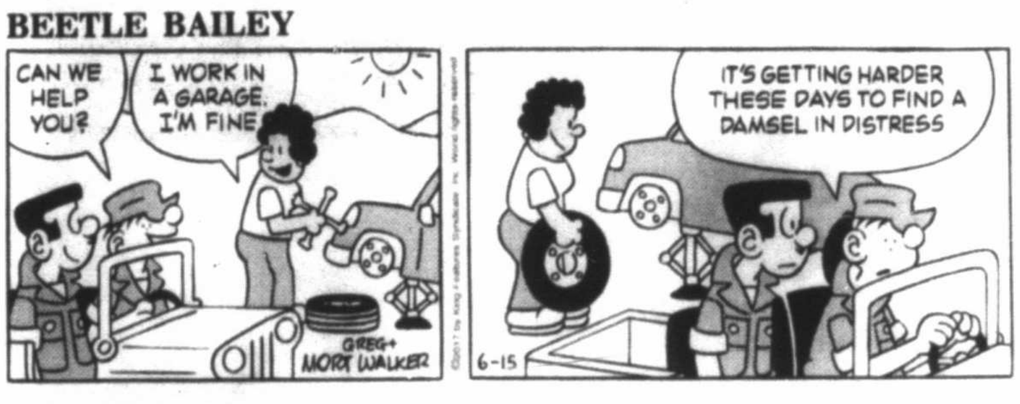

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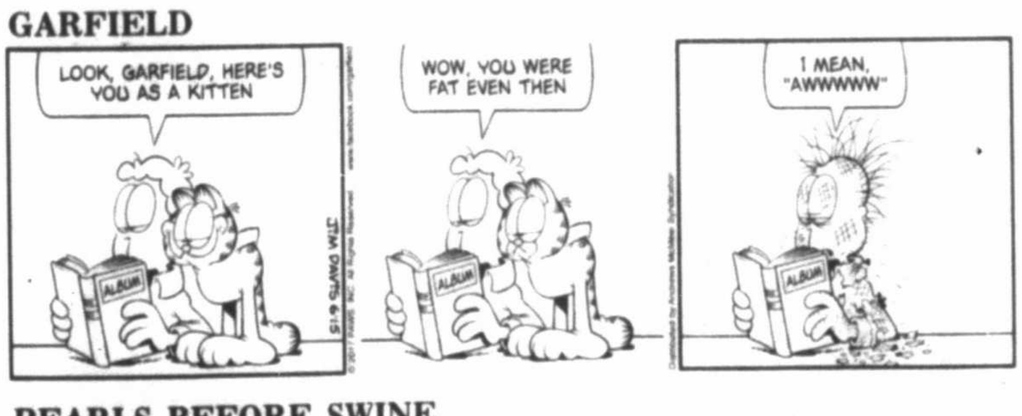

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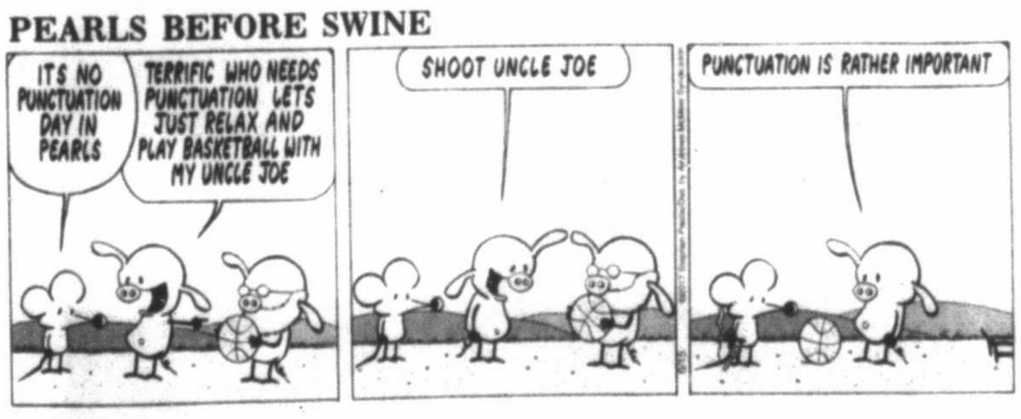

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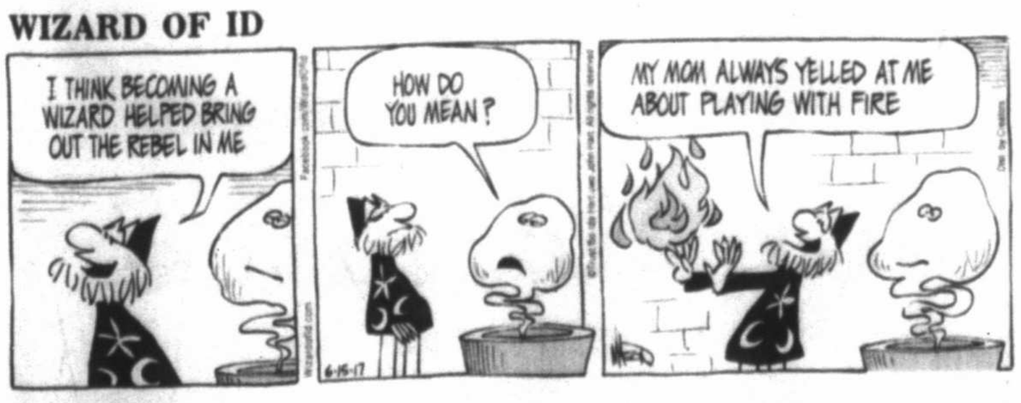

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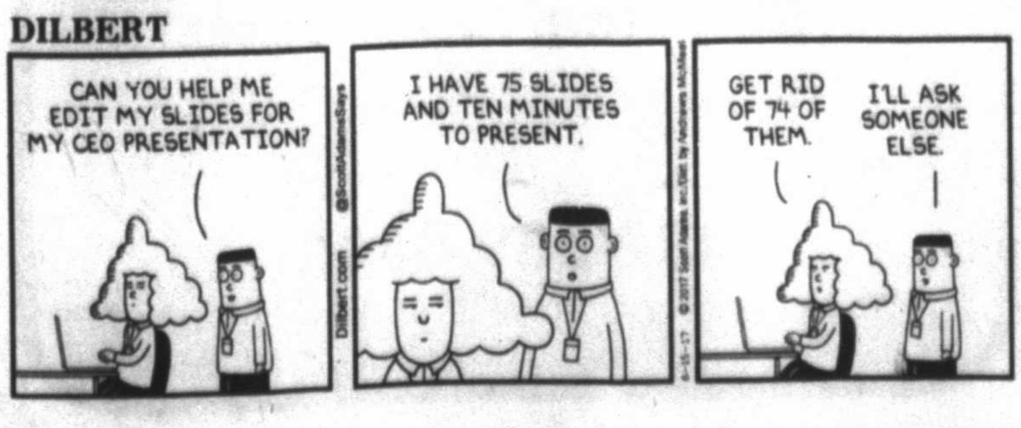

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ITALIAN & PIZZA

CARINO'S Classic Italian chain restaurant serving familiar & modern fare in a family-friendly setting. Try the Spicy Chicken Romana. 4711 Loop 250 Frontage Rd., 520-7600 | carinos.com | $$ | 4 spoons

CHUCK E. CHEESE'S Kid-friendly chain known for its arcade games, pizza parties, play zones & mouse mascot. Perfect for the kids' birthday parties, not so great for date night. 4703 Loop 250 Frontage Rd., 697-2322 | chuckecheese.com/storedetails/tx/midland/928 | $ | 2 spoons

CICIS Italian chain offering buffets with an array of specialty pizzas, plus simple pastas and salads. The chain places an emphasis on its affordability so you can eat a lot for not a lot of money. 2106 Rankin Hwy. 685-3020 | http://bit.ly/2tk5V5X | $ | 2 spoons

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DOUBLEDAVE'S PIZZA-WORKS Chain counter-serve pizzeria known for its Peproni Rolls and make-your-own pizzas. 3208 N Loop 250 W #100, 618-3283 | $$ | 3 spoons

FAZOLI'S Casual restaurant chain known for baked pastas, subs, pizza and other Italian fare. We recommend the Three-Cheese Tortellini Alfredo. 4505 Loop 250 Frontage Rd., 520-4260 | http://bit.ly/2t02GkM | $ | 3 spoons

GATTI'S PIZZA Long-running chain delivering pies with a wide variety of toppings, plus spicy wings & salad. Food is served buffet-style with fresh pizza doesn't always seem to be a priority. Popular family-friendly spot with a huge game room that's possibly more popular than the food. 614 W Wadley Ave. 688-3977 | http://bit.ly/2s2Nntl | $$ | 3 spoons

LITTLE CAESAR'S Carry-out chain featuring chicken wings, signature breadsticks and pizza tossed from housemade dough. There are three locations serve the Tall City. 5109 W Wadley Ave #107, 618-1719; Town & Country Barber Shop, 1000 N Midkiff Rd., 694-3676; 2106 Rankin Hwy #100, 618-8776 | littlecaesars.com | $ | 2 spoons

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

LUIGI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT Eat by candlelight at tables covered in red and white checkered table clothes in the heart of downtown Midland. Go for the pizza snack and the antipasto salad. 111 N. Big Spring St. 683-6363 | $ | 5 spoons

MANNY'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE Traditional Italian food — pasta, chicken, veal, seafood. Try the fettucini di flavia with shrimp, prosciutto, broccoli and artichokes in a creamy vodka sauce. 3211 W Wadley Ave. 684-6595 mannysitalianvillage.com| $$ | 5 spoons

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MI PIACI ITALIAN Traditional Italian food restaurant in Odessa. The garlic bread and dipping sauces make it worth the drive from Midland. 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa 432-362-8060 | $$ | 4 spoons

OLIVE GARDEN ITALIAN RESTAURANT Lively, family-friendly chain known for its breadsticks features Italian standards such as pastas and salads, with a full bar. For a delicious change of pace, try the calimari for an appetizer and the Zuppa Toscana soup instead of the salad. 2705 Loop 250 Frontage Rd., 687-4400, olivegarden.com | $$ | 4 spoons

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PAPA MURPHY'S TAKE 'N' BAKE PIZZA Order a pizza with whatever toppings you like. Papa Murphy's puts it together and you take it home and bake it. It's almost like home-cooking. 4416 Briarwood Ave., Suite 113 699-7272 | papamurphys.com | $ | 4 spoons

PIZZA HUT Three locations offer dine-in, carryout and delivery. 4400 Midland Dr #201, 694-7225; 4320 Andrews Hwy., 697-5581; 2200 W Wadley Ave.,683-2240 | pizzahut.com | $$ | 4 spoons

RAY'S ITALIAN BISTRO Offering many standard Italian dishes, Ray's also offers a wide variety of pasta dishes featuring chicken, seafood and veal plus pizza. Internet reviews rave about the food and the service. 2300 W Wadley Ave., 682-7297, http://bit.ly/2rivfJd | $$ | 4 spoons

TORINO'S Comination pizza joint and sports bar. Go for other game-time snacks like wings, cheese sticks or fried mushrooms. 3303 N. Midkiff #110 218-6943 | $ | 4 spoons

VENEZIA RESTAURANT Fine dining in a beautiful atmosphere. Sit on the patio if there's room and enjoy a glass of wine, veal piccata and something from the impressive dessert table. 2101 W Wadley Ave. #20 | veneziarestaurant.info | $$$ | 4 spoons

ZUCCHI'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE Well-known Odessa restaurant with unique atmosphere and distinctive menu. Try the baked harvarti in phyllo dough with raspberry sauce for an appetizer. 1541 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa 550-7443 | $$ | 4 spoons

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Senior leads 3 former Chaps drafted on final day

From staff reports

The Midland College baseball team had three former players drafted during the final day of the 2017 Major League Baseball Draft on Wednesday.

Heading the list was outfielder Eric Senior, who was drafted in the 13th round (403 overall) by the Washington Nationals.

Former Chaparral catcher Bryndan Arredondo was a 23rd round selection (698 overall) by the Baltimore Orioles, while former MC outfielder Yahir Gurrola was a 27th round (803 overall) pick by the Philadelphia Phillies.

Senior, a Toronto native, just finished an outstanding sophomore season with the Chaparrals as he batted .398 with a team high 17 home runs, 91 RBI, plus seven triples and 15 doubles. His 91 RBI ranked third in NJCAA.

Senior

In addition to his work at the plate, Senior showed outstanding speed on the base paths and a very strong arm playing in right field.

Arredondo, a Lubbock native, spent his last two seasons at Lamar University after enjoying a successful two-year stay at Midland College, where he helped the Chaps finish third in the 2014 JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado. This past season as a senior, Arredondo started in 54 of 55 games, batted .311 with five home runs and 32 RBI.

Gurrola, an El Paso native, also spent two years at Midland College before transferring to the University of North Florida after last season. The junior was an Atlantic Sun all-conference selection in his first year at UNF and he led the ASUN is doubles (19) and total bases (132), while he finished second in runs (59), RBI (51) and triples (4).

The only other player drafted out of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference was freshman right-handed pitcher Riley Richert from Howard College. Richert made seven appearances with six starts for the Hawks, going 1-1 with a 9.17 ERA.

The Texas Tech baseball team had three more players selected in the draft on Wednesday after Tanner Gardner and Parker Mushinski were drafted Tuesday.

Junior left-handed pitcher Jacob Patterson was the first Red Raider taken on Wednesday afternoon, drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals with the 394th pick in the 13th round. Junior shortstop Orlando Garcia (456th overall) was picked in the 15th round by the San Francisco Giants, while senior Hunter Hargrove (751st overall) was chosen by the Oakland Athletics in the 25th round.

Tech has had 30 student-athletes selected in the MLB Draft in five years under head coach Tim Tadlock and his staff. All five Red Raiders taken in this year's draft came to Lubbock undrafted out of high school.

Shaping up ?

Tony Gutierrez/Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) takes the handoff from quarterback Dak Prescott, right, during NFL football practice at the team's training facility Tuesday in Frisco.

Cowboys' Elliott wants an encore

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO— Ezekiel Elliott plopped a cowboy hat on his head and flashed a wide smile that made him look like someone closing in on a few weeks of vacation.

"Feel like a real cowboy," the star Dallas running back said after the second-to-last offseason practice Wednesday. "Do I look the part?"

Hard to say with the beard, but he looked the part in what mattered last year: NFL rushing champion as a rookie fourth overall draft pick. Now the question is the encore, and the offseason handling of a known commodity at a position predisposed to short careers.

"We don't really talk about taking it easy," offensive coordinator Scott Linehan said. "I think we're pushing forward with him. We've got to still manage that for him. But certainly we'll want to amp it up this year as far as his ability to affect the game in the run game and the pass game."

Elliott missed the first week of offseason practices after hitting his head as a passenger in a car accident, the second straight year he was involved in a car wreck during the offseason program.

Still not cleared by the NFL despite authorities dropping a domestic case in Ohio last year, Elliott made headlines again in March when he pulled down a woman's shirt during a St. Patrick's Day parade. As a result, questions about his off-field activities persist.

Running backs coach Gary Brown says he sees a more disciplined Elliott, and the former Ohio State star acknowledged easing up on his nightlife in recent weeks as the team's offseason program accelerated.

"You learn from your mistakes," Elliott said. "And if you don't, it could be brutal. Just part of life."

When Elliott reports to training camp after a five-week break, he'll be preparing for what figures to be a similar workload after he led the NFL with 322 carries for his league-best 1,631 yards.

Because Elliott is a good blocker and pass-catcher, the Cowboys really don't have a reason to take their All-Pro off the field, except they know they must.

And that's why the question comes up even though Elliott turns just 22 the day the team is scheduled to arrive in California.

"You have to learn how much your body can take," said Elliott, the fifth rookie to lead the NFL in rushing since the 1970 merger.

"That's really important, so developing a routine, week in, week out, that will keep you fresh, that will keep you from having those nagging injuries."

Quarterback Dak Prescott was the fellow rookie sensation who helped the Cowboys to a 13-3 record and top seed

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'Hounds players picked for Texas League All-Star Team

From staff reports

Six members of the Midland RockHounds have been [illegible]d to the Texas [illegible]ue All-Star Team.

Outfielders B.J. Boyd and Tyler Marincov, second baseman Max Schrock, first baseman Viorsergy Rosa and pitchers Kyle Finnegan and Lou Trivino were all named to the South Division roster for the Texas League All-Star Game taking place June 27 in Frisco.

Only Corpus Christi had more players selected to the South team with seven.

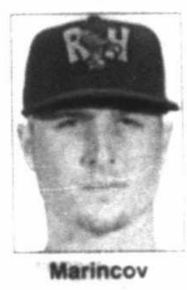
The Frisco field staff will lead the South against the North, which will be coached by the Northwest Arkansas field staff, in the game.

Boyd, in his first season at the Double-A level, is eighth in the Texas League with a .308 batting average to go with a home run, five triples, 14 doubles and 23 RBI. This is the second time Boyd has been selected to an all-star team as he made the New York-Penn League roster in 2013.

Marincov is making his first all-star appearance and is fifth in the league in with .863 mark. He is batting .283 with a team-leading nine homers, 18 doubles, 47 RBI and a triple.

With Schrock on the disabled list with an Achilles/hamstring injury, it's unclear if he will be available to participate in the All-Star Game but he is 11th in the league in batting with a .304 average. He's also hit five home runs, seven doubles, one triple and has driven in 19 runs. This is the second All-Star selection for Schrock, who was named

Boyd



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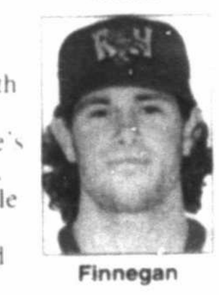

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Derek Fisher hits first homer as Astros down Rangers 13-2

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Derek Fisher homered and had an RBI single for his first major league hits in a nine-run sixth inning to help the Houston Astros to a 13-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night to avoid a three-game sweep.

The Astros led by three with no outs in the sixth when Fisher, who made his debut on Wednesday, connected off Jeremy Jeffress for a solo home run to the seats in left field. Two pitches later, Jake Marisnick hit a pitch into nearly the same spot to extend the lead to 6-1.

Houston had pushed the lead to 10-1 when Fisher came up again with two outs in the inning. This time he laced a single to right field to send another run home.

But the Astros weren't done scoring in that inning yet. Dillon Gee plunked Marisnick before George Springer added a two-run double to make it 13-1. The Rangers finally escaped the sixth when the 13th batter of the inning, pinch-hitter Alex Bregman, grounded out.

Houston's top prospect Francis Martes (1-0) allowed three hits and one run while fanning seven in five innings in his first major league start.

Rangers starter Andrew Cashner (3-6) yielded 10 hits and four runs in 4-plus innings for the loss.

Joey Gallo hit his 18th home run on a 466-foot shot to straightaway center field in the seventh for the Rangers, whose five-game winning streak was snapped.

Marwin Gonzalez drove in three runs and Brian McCann and Carlos Beltran added two RBIs apiece for the Astros.

Houston took a 1-0 lead on a groundout by Carlos Correa in the first. McCann doubled to start the second and the Astros extended their lead to 2-0 when he scored on a single by Gonzalez.

Martes sailed through the first four innings, retiring 12 of the first 14 batters he faced. He ran into trouble in the fifth when Jonathan Lucroy started the inning with a single. Martes then walked Gallo before plunking Jurickson Profar.

Martes struck out Jared Hoying before Lucroy scored on a wild pitch to cut the lead to 2-1. Delino DeShields drew a walk to load the bases again, but Martes retired the next two batters to escape the jam.

Trainer's room

Rangers: LHP Cole Hamels, who has been out since May 3 with a strained right oblique, could begin a rehabilitation assignment with Double-A Frisco as soon as Friday. ... OF Carlos Gomez (right hamstring strain) went 0 for 3 in a rehabilitation start at Frisco on Wednesday night. He is likely to come off the DL on Friday.

Astros: Fisher was called up when OF Josh Reddick was placed on the 7-day concussion list on Wednesday, retroactive to Tuesday. Reddick was injured when he crashed into the wall trying to make a catch on Monday night.

Up next

Rangers: Texas is off on Thursday before Tyson Ross will make his debut for Texas on Friday when the team opens a three-game series against the Mariners. Ross has been out all season after having thoracic outlet surgery in October.

Astros: Houston also has a day off on Thursday before opening a three-game series against Boston on Friday with Mike Fiers (4-2, 4.29 ERA) on the mound.

'HOUNDSWATCH

TUESDAY'S SCORE
Game 1: Midland 6, Frisco 2
Game 2: Frisco 5, Midland 3

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

INTERNET
www.milb.com

RECORDS
Midland 33-30
Frisco 28-35

Wednesday	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Game postponed because of rain.	Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland DH, 4:30 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Australian Football League
North Melbourne vs. St. Kilda, 4:30 a.m., FSP
Baseball
CanAm League: Rockland vs. Sussex County, 6 p.m., ELVN
Texas League: San Antonio at Frisco, 7 p.m., FSSW
Billiards
World Cup of Pool, Session 5, 6:30 a.m., ELVN
World Cup of Pool, Session 6, 12:30 p.m., ELVN
Golf
US Open, First Round, 10 a.m., FS1
US Open, First Round, 5 p.m., FOX
Major League Baseball
LA Dodgers at Cleveland, 11 a.m., MLB
Washington at NY Mets, 6 p.m., MLB
Rugby
Challenge Cup Quarterfinal: Salford vs. Wakefield, 2 p.m., FSP
NRL: South Sydney vs. Gold Coasts, 4 a.m., FS2
Tennis
WTA: Ricoh Open, Day 2, 7:30 a.m., beIN
ATP: Stuttgart; ATP: s-Hertogenbosch, 4 a.m., TENNIS
Track and Field
IAAF Diamond League: Oslo, 1 p.m., NBCSN
RADIO
Texas League Baseball
Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Placed 1B Chris Davis on the 10-day DL. Selected the contract of INF David Washington from Norfolk (IL). Transferred OF Anthony Santander to the 60-day DL.
BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled RHP Hector Velazquez from Pawtucket (IL). Optioned INF Deven Marrero to Pawtucket.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Selected the contract of RHP Daniel Gossett from Nashville (PCL). Optioned 1B-OF Matt Olson to Nashville.
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Activated RHP John Brownell. Placed LHP Rafael Perez on the inactive list.
American Association
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released RHP Brandon Guilds.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Sold the contract of INF Zach Walters to Kansas City (AL).
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed RHP Garrett Gould.
Can-Am League
OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Released RHP Alex Luna.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Exercised the contract option on F Robert Covington for the 2017-18 season.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed QB DeShone Kizer and CB Chris Lewis-Harris. Waived CB Taurean Nixon.
DENVER BRONCOS — Signed CB Chris Lewis-Harris. Waived CB Taurean Nixon.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed LB T.J. Watt to a four-year contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Named Sheldon Brookbank assistant coach for Rockford (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Activated D Matt Greene from injured reserve.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with F Matt Puempel. Bought out the remaining three years of the contract of D Dan Girardi. Named Jed Ortmeyer director of player development. Steve Eminger professional scout and Ben Prentiss strength and conditioning consultant.
OLYMPIC SPORTS
USA Hockey
USAH — Named Joel Johnson coach, associate coach Maura Crowell and Courtney Kennedy assistant coach of the U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team for the 2017-18 season.
USA Wrestling
USAW — Named Kevin Jackson national freestyle development coach.
COLLEGE
BROWN — Named Matt Meuleners assistant wrestling coach.
GEORGE WASHINGTON — Announced women's sophomore basketball F Olivia Gumbs has transferred from Lafayette.
GEORGETOWN — Named James Howard women's basketball coach.
NORTHWESTERN — Named Tasha Pointer women's assistant basketball coach.
OKLAHOMA — Named Ruffin McNeill assistant head coach and defensive tackles coach.
VANDERBILT — Announced WR Alex Stump (Ohio State) and LS Scott Sypniewski (Michigan) have transferred to the school.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES GLANCE

At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha
Omaha, Neb.
(Double Elimination; x-if necessary)
Saturday, June 17
Game 1 — Cal State Fullerton (39-22) vs. Oregon State (54-4), 2 p.m.
Game 2 — LSU (48-17) vs. Florida State (45-21), 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 18
Game 3 — Louisville (52-10) vs. Texas A&M (41-21), 1 p.m.
Game 4 — TCU (47-16) vs. Florida (47-18), 6 p.m.
Monday, June 19
Game 5 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, June 20
Game 7 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, June 21
Game 9 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 loser, 6 p.m.
Thursday, June 22
Game 10 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 7 p.m.
Friday, June 23
Game 11 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2 p.m.
Game 12 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 24
x-Game 13 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, TBA
x-Game 14 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, TBA
If only one game is necessary, it will be played at night.
Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
Monday, June 26: Pairings TBA, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, June 27: Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 28: Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.

NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP

Schedule and standings
June 18 — FireKeepers Casino 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
June 25 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
July 1 — Coke Zero 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 8 — Quaker State 400, Sparta, Ky.
July 16 — New Hampshire 301, Loudon, N.H.
July 23 — Brickyard 400, Speedway, Ind.
July 30 — Pennsylvania 400, Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 6 — Watkins Glen 355, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 13 — Pure Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 19 — Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 3 — Bojangles' Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 9 — Federated Auto Parts 400, Richmond, Va.
Sept. 17 — Tales of the Turtles 400, Joliet, Ill.
Sept. 24 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H.
Oct. 1 — Dover Fall Race, Dover, Del.
Oct. 7 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 15 — Alabama 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 22 — Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 29 — Old Dominion 500, Martinsville, Va.
Nov. 5 — AAA Texas 500, Fort Worth, Texas
Nov. 12 — Can-Am 500, Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 19 — Ford Ecoboost 400, Homestead, Fla.

x-non-points race
Points Leaders
Through June 11
1. Martin Truex Jr., 584
2. Kyle Larson, 563
3. Kevin Harvick, 480
4. Kyle Busch, 463
5. Brad Keselowski, 454
6. Chase Elliott, 438
7. Jimmie Johnson, 421
8. Jamie McMurray, 416
9. Denny Hamlin, 386
10. Clint Bowyer, 369
11. Joey Logano, 362
12. Ryan Blaney, 360
13. Matt Kenseth, 359
14. Kurt Busch, 331
15. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 325
16. Ryan Newman, 322
17. Erik Jones, 322
18. Trevor Bayne, 303
19. Daniel Suarez, 300
20. Austin Dillon, 287

NFL CALENDAR

Aug. 3 — Hall of Fame game.
Aug. 5 — Pro Football Hall of Fame inductions.
Sept. 7 — Season opener, Kansas City at New England.
Sept. 10 — First full day of regular-season games.

NBA CALENDAR

June 22 — NBA draft, New York (Brooklyn).
June 26 — NBA Awards, New York.
July 7-17 — NBA Summer League, Las Vegas.

NHL CALENDAR

June 18 — Distribution of expansion draft player-protected list
June 21 — NHL Awards, Las Vegas
June 21 — NHL expansion draft, Las Vegas
June 23-24 — NHL draft, Chicago
July 1 — Free agency begins.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

June 17
At Wetzlar, Germany: Tyron Zeuge vs. Paul Smith, 12, for Zeuge's WBA World super middleweight title; Stefan Haertel vs. Patrick Mendy, 10o, super middleweights.
At Trattlos Championship Plaza, Frisco, Texas (ESPN2): Fidel Maldonado Jr. vs. Pablo Cesar Cano, 10, for the vacant WBC FECARBOX super lightweight title.
At Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, Las Vegas (PPV): Andre Ward vs. Sergey Kovalev, 12, for Ward's WBO/IBF/WBA Super World light heavyweight titles; Guillermo Rigondeaux vs. Moises Flores, 12, for Rigondeaux's WBA Super World/IBO junior featherweight titles; Dmitry Bivol vs. Cedric Agnew, 10, light heavyweights; Luis Arias vs. Arif Magomedov, 10, middleweights.
June 20
At Sam's Town Hotel, Las Vegas (FS1): Thomas Dulorme vs. Yordenis Ugas, 10, welterweights.
June 23
The Dome at The Ballpark, Rosemont, Ill. (CBSSN): Mike Jimenez vs. Aaron Pryor Jr., 10, super middleweights; Mike Lee vs. Aaron Quattrocchi, 10, for Lee's USBA light heavyweight title.
June 24
At Freedom Hall, Louisville, Ky. (CBSSN): Derric Rossy vs. Carlos Negron, 10, heavyweights.
June 27
At Sands Bethlehem (Pa.) Events Center (FOX): Miguel Cruz vs. Alex Martin, 10, welterweights; Jamal James vs. Samuel Figueroa, 10, welterweights.

MHS' Alvarez hired as head coach at Lamesa

From staff reports

Midland High junior varsity baseball coach Bobby Alvarez confirmed to the Reporter-Telegram Wednesday that he has been named the new head baseball coach at Lamesa.

Alvarez spent the last nine seasons directing what has been a very successful MHS JV program.

He said he wasn't seeking out other opportunities but was approached by Lamesa Athletic Director Gregg Moreland about the position.

"I was planning on being here, sticking with coach Russell at Midland High," Alvarez said. "But I got a call from Gregg Moreland and he asked me to come up to talk about baseball and they offered the position. (My family and I) prayed about it, talked about it for a while. This is something I've always wanted to do, was to be a head baseball coach."

This season, Lamesa was the fourth playoff seed out of District 2-4A and was swept by Bushland, 2-0 in the bi-district round.

Texas Tech's Gingery named National Pitcher of the Year

From staff reports

Texas Tech baseball's Steven Gingery has been awarded National Pitcher of the Year by the College Baseball Foundation.

It is the first time a Red Raider has been selected for the award, which will be presented by the College Baseball Foundation in July in Miami in conjunction with the MLB All-Star Game festivities.

The awards for the Huntington Beach, California, lefty are starting to pile up, as he was honored as the Big 12 Pitcher of the Year at the end of the conference slate. He also garnered first team All-America nods by Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball Newspaper, making him the 98th overall All-American in school history and the 16th under head coach Tim Tadlock and his staff.

In his second season at Tech, Gingery was masterful on the mound, racking up a 10-1 record over 15 starts. Through 91 1/3 innings, he allowed only 21 runs, 16 earned, for an ERA of 1.58. He struck out a team-best 107, while holding opposing batters to a measly .186 at the plate.

His 10 victories marked back-to-back seasons a Red Raider pitcher has hit double-digit win totals, as Davis Martin accomplished the feat in 2016. It was also the 10th time Tech has had pitchers register 10-win seasons in consecutive years. The win total also ranks 10th in the NCAA in 2017 and is tied for ninth all-time at Texas Tech.

It was also announced on Wednesday that Gingery, senior first baseman Hunter Hargrove and junior shortstop Orlando Garcia have been named to the 2017 American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings All-Midwest Region teams.

Gingery was placed on the Midwest All-Region First Team, while Hargrove & Garcia garnered second team accolades. It is the first time each of the three Texas Tech student-athletes have been honored by the ABCA.

Mayweather coming back to fight UFC star McGregor Aug. 26

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Floyd Mayweather Jr. will come out of retirement to meet UFC star Conor McGregor in an Aug. 26 boxing match that will feature two of the top-selling fighters in the world.

The two fighters both announced the fight Wednesday, after months of speculation about whether Mayweather would return at the age of 40 to face a mixed martial arts fighter who has never had a pro boxing fight.

Oddsmakers immediately made Mayweather a big 11-1 favorite in a fight that will take place in a boxing ring and be governed by boxing rules. It will take place at 154 pounds.

"It's official," Mayweather said on Instagram next to a video poster of both fighters.

"THE FIGHT IS ON," McGregor tweeted several minutes earlier, posting a picture of himself next to one of Mayweather's father, Floyd Sr.

Mayweather, who retired in September 2015 after winning all 49 of his pro fights, will face the Irish UFC superstar at the T-Mobile arena on the Las Vegas Strip. He had tweeted a picture of himself sparring in recent days to show he was already getting ready for the bout.

"This is really an unprecedented event," said Stephen Espinoza, who heads Showtime Sports, which will handle the pay-per-view. "Really we haven't seen anything in modern history that resembles it, it's impossible to predict how many sales this will do."

Espinoza said the fight came together quickly after McGregor and the UFC reached agreement last month on their end of the deal and Mayweather's team pushed for the fight in recent days.

"All parties were motivated and reasonable and thrilled we could get everything done," he said. "The sky's the limit on this."

Financial terms were not released, though Mayweather got the greater share of revenue when he fought Manny Pacquiao and is expected to have a similar percentage against McGregor.

Depending on pay-per-view sales, both fighters could earn huge purses, though probably not the $200 million or so Mayweather earned for Pacquiao.

"Everybody's happy," said Mayweather's adviser, Leonard Ellerbe.

McGregor, the wildly popular UFC star, is 21-3 in UFC fights, and is coming off a win in November against Eddie Alvarez. Though he hasn't boxed professionally, McGregor did box while growing up and is known for his striking expertise in UFC.

"The reason he's such a superstar is this guy will fight anyone, anywhere and at any time," UFC chief Dana White said about his fighter. "It's the right fight at the right place at the right time."

The two fighters are expected to do a press tour that should provide fireworks shortly before going into final training for the fight.

The cost of tickets and the price of the pay-per-view has not been decided, though the pay-per-view is expected to be at or near the $99.95 charged for Mayweather's 2015 fight with Manny Pacquiao that drew a record 4.4 million pay-per-view buys.

Darren Baker, Dusty's son, plucked by Nats on draft's Day 3

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Darren Baker got scooped up by dad's team again.

The son of Washington manager Dusty Baker was drafted by the Nationals in the 27th round of the Major League Baseball draft Wednesday — 15 years after he first made headlines on the baseball diamond.

The younger Baker, now an 18-year-old speedy shortstop at Jesuit High School in California, was just 3 when he was a bat boy for the San Francisco Giants, managed by his father, in the 2002 World Series. During Game 5 against the Angels, Darren Baker had run to the plate to pick up a bat when J.T. Snow scored — and David Bell was flying down the third-base line and heading home.

Snow quickly plucked Baker out of the way , a moment that instantly became a part of World Series lore.

Darren Baker, who has a commitment to play at the University of California, hit .396 with a .476 on-base percentage as a senior.

The Nationals took two other players with familiar names: Penn right-hander Jake Cousins — cousin of Washington Redskins quarterback Kirk Cousins — in the 20th round, and California high school shortstop Jake Boone — son of former All-Star second baseman Bret Boone — in the 38th round.

Cousins was 7-2 with a 3.15 ERA in 11 starts this season for the Quakers, and his 20 career wins rank him third in program history.

"Congrats to my cousin, Jake, being drafted by the Washington Nationals today!" Kirk wrote on Twitter . "There's room for another Cousins in DC!"

Detroit took Mississippi infielder Colby Bortles, the brother of Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Blake Bortles, in the 22nd round after the infielder hit .269 with a team-leading 10 homers and 42 RBIs.

The three-day draft concluded Wednesday night with 1,215 players selected over 40 rounds, but Oregon State left-hander Luke Heimlich was not among them.

The ace of College World Series-bound OSU asked to be excused from the team last weekend after a story detailing his criminal history was reported by The Oregonian/Oregon Live. He pleaded guilty as a teenager five years ago to molesting a 6-year-old girl, and teams opted to not draft him.

Heimlich, originally projected as a third- or fourth-round pick, was 11-1 with a 0.76 ERA this season.

Several other notable names were selected during the final day of the draft:

■ University of Kentucky right-hander Justin Lewis, cousin of Seattle Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman and former NBA forward/center Chuck Hayes, was taken by Tampa Bay in the 11th round.

■ Arizona high school right-hander Cole Bellinger, son of former reliever Clay Bellinger and brother of the Dodgers' Cody Bellinger, went in the 15th round to San Diego.

■ Georgia high school lefty Peyton Glavine, son of Hall of Famer Tom Glavine, was a 37th-round selection of the Angels.

■ Seminole State Junior College right-hander/shortstop Gunner Halter, son of former infielder Shane Halter, was drafted in the 22nd round by Toronto.

■ UNC Charlotte outfielder Zach Jarrett, son of NASCAR Hall of Fame driver Dale Jarrett, was picked by Baltimore in the 28th round after hitting a career-best .342 with 13 homers and 45 RBIs.

■ California high school righty Cole Percival, son of former All-Star closer Troy Percival, was taken in the 31st round by Arizona.

■ New York high school third baseman Daniel Alfonzo, son of former infielder Edgardo Alfonzo, was taken by the Mets in the 38th round.

■ The Chicago White Sox took right-hander Chance King, the son famed TV newsman Larry King, was taken by the White Sox in the 39th round. The elder King, a longtime Dodgers fan, tweeted: "One of the greatest thrills of my life was learning my son Chance has been picked by the @whitesox in the 39th round of the #MLBDraft2017!!" Chance King played at IMG Academy in Florida and is from Beverly Hills, California

■ The White Sox also drafted former Indiana basketball coach Tom Crean's son Riley in the 35th round. Riley, a right-handed pitcher, is headed to Indiana. He is also Michigan football coach Jim Harbaugh's nephew.

University of Texas redshirt sophomore shortstop Kody Clemens, son of Roger Clemens, went undrafted a day after older brother Kacy was taken in the eighth round by Toronto.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
UPCOMING EVENTS
6/19 & 6/26 4-10 Sit, Stay, Sip Profit Share at The Blue Door
6/24 9-12 Shot & Chip Clinic at Midland College
7/6 6:30-8:30 Microchipping at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
7/15 9-12 Shot & Chip Clinic at Dennis the Menace Park
MORE AT MIDLANDHUMANE.ORG

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Rusty is a 4 mo male who's very loving & would do well w/most other cats & older children. Visit him at MHC's Adoption Center within Midland's PetSmart 432.520.3134 ext. 7.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

BLUE JAYS 7, RAYS 6

TORONTO — Russell Martin hit a tiebreaking home run in the bottom of the eighth inning to lift the Toronto Blue Jays to a 7-6 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday night.

Kendrys Morales homered among his two hits and drove in four runs for the Blue Jays, who won after giving up a three-run lead in the top of the eighth.

Trailing 6-3, the Rays tied it on Logan Morrison's 19th homer, a two-run shot off reliever Joe Smith (3-0) and Derek Norris' sacrifice fly.

Martin then connected for his sixth home run of the season off reliever Jose Alvarado (0-1) over the center-right-field fence in the bottom half.

Roberto Osuna ensured it stood up in the ninth, finally forcing Evan Longoria to pop out to second base to earn his 17th save of the season.

Tampa Bay lost for just the second time in eight games.

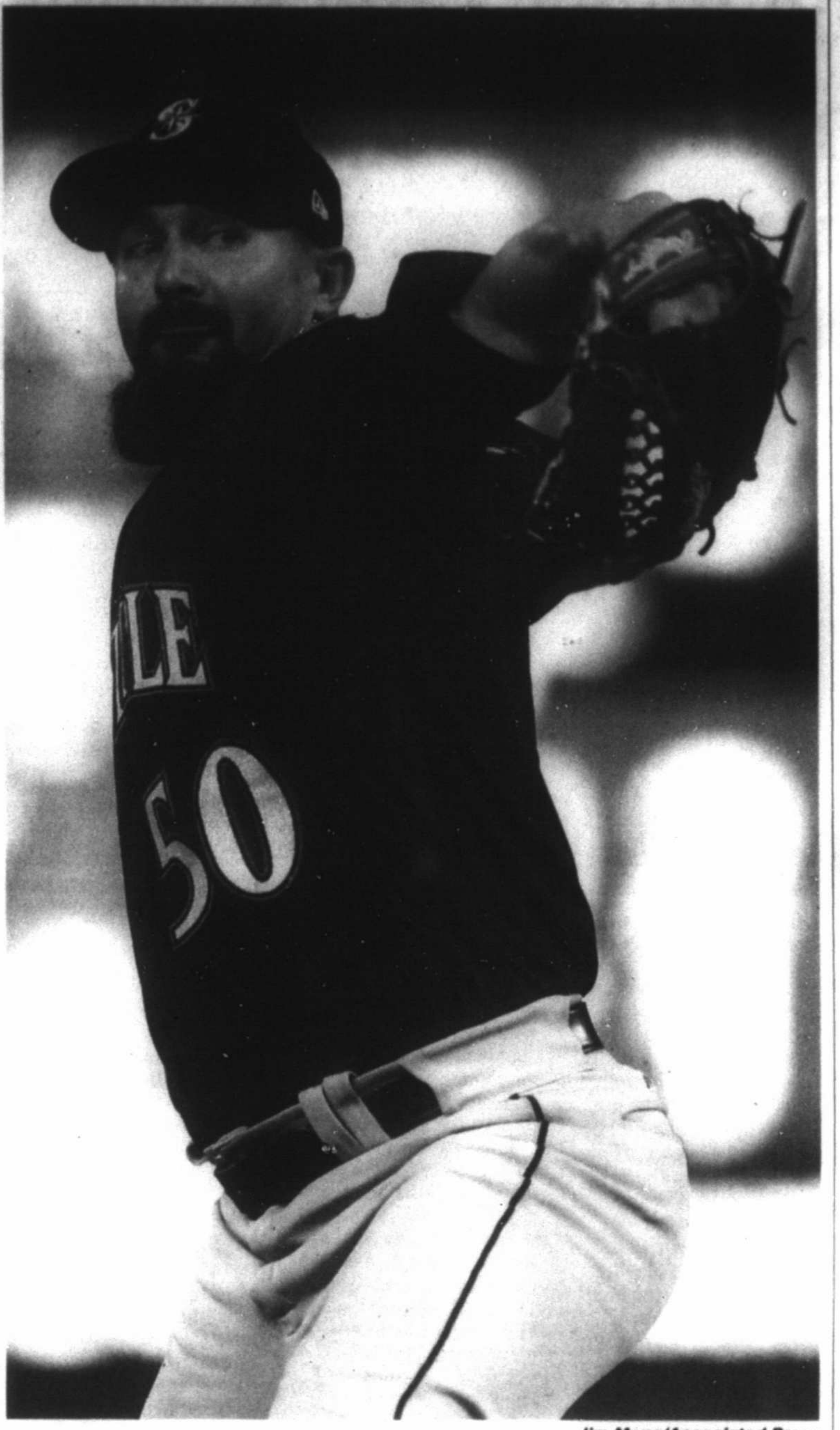
MARINERS 6, TWINS 4

MINNEAPOLIS — Mitch Haniger and Mike Zunino homered against Ervin Santana early, and the Seattle Mariners bullpen held off the Minnesota Twins late in a 6-4 victory Wednesday night.

Ben Gamel added three hits and two runs for the Mariners, who have won 12 of 17 games. Rookie Sam Gaviglio picked up the win by pitching into the sixth inning, and four relief pitchers combined to close the door on the Twins' attempt to come back from a 5-0 deficit.

Edwin Diaz recorded four outs and dealt with a scare in the ninth inning to pick up his 11th save in 13 opportunities and bring Seattle one win away from the .500 mark.

The Mariners never trailed, grabbing the lead before Santana recorded an out when Haniger drove a two-run homer to left. Two innings later, Zunino continued his hot hitting with a three-run homer off the facing of the second deck in left-center field to give Seattle a five-run lead. Zunino is hitting .396 since May 29 with four homers against the Twins in that span.



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Seattle Mariners relief pitcher Nick Vincent throws against the Minnesota Twins in the eighth inning of a baseball game Wednesday in Minneapolis.

National League

ROCKIES 5, PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH — Ian Desmond hit his fourth home run of the season and rookie German Marquez pitched effectively into the sixth inning as the Colorado Rockies beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-1 on Wednesday night to snap a three-game losing streak.

Marquez (5-3) gave up one run and four hits in five-plus innings as the Rockies avoided being swept for the first time this season. Raimel Tapia went 4 for 4 and scored three times for Colorado. Jake McGee bailed the Rockies out of a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the seventh. Colorado picked up its major-league best 25th road win.

The Pirates managed just one extra-base hit and left eight men on as their season-high four-game winning streak came to an end.

Chad Kuhl (1-6) remained winless since the first week of the season. He gave up three runs in five innings and his ERA sits at 5.61 through 12 starts.

BRAVES 13, NATIONALS 2

WASHINGTON — Kurt Suzuki homered, Julio Teheran earned his third consecutive victory and the Atlanta Braves defeated the Washington Nationals 13-2 on Wednesday to earn a rare series victory on the road against their NL East rival.

Brandon Phillips had four hits and three RBIs for the Braves, who had dropped seven consecutive road series against the Nationals and had lost 23 of their last 25 games in Washington before taking two of three this week.

Braves outfielder Matt Kemp left the game in the third inning after suffering an apparent leg injury while sliding into third base.

Atlanta was in control from the start against Washington starter Tanner Roark (6-4), who gave up two runs before he recorded an out and three total in the first inning.

The Braves would add three more in the third, with Nick Markakis scoring from third after Nationals catcher Jose Lobaton's pickoff attempt of Kemp caught first baseman Ryan Zimmerman off guard and sailed into right field. Kemp was thrown out and injured at third on the play.

PADRES 4, REDS 2

SAN DIEGO — Franchy Cordero's go-ahead single in the seventh inning capped a comeback that included Hunter Renfroe's two-run homer, sending the San Diego Padres to a 4-2, sweep-completing victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday.

Jhoulys Chacin (6-5) pitched seven innings, allowing five hits and two runs.

With the score 2-2 after Renfroe's tying shot an inning earlier, Padres pinch-hitter Matt Szczur and Jose Pirela scored after drawing walks against reliever Michael Lorenzen (3-2) to open the seventh.

The Reds, who have lost their past eight road games, were swept at both Dodger Stadium and Petco Park to go 0-6 on the West Coast trip.

Cordero, a rookie center fielder who made his major league debut May 27, hit three home runs in the series and knocked home Szczur with a single to right field.

METS 9, CUBS 4

NEW YORK — Curtis Granderson opened a five-run eighth inning with his 300th homer, a tiebreaking shot that helped the New York Mets rally past the Chicago Cubs for a 9-4 victory Wednesday night.

Injury replacement Lucas Duda added a three-run homer off Hector Rondon, and T.J. Rivera capped the outburst with an RBI single for his third hit.

With sluggers Yoenis Cespedes and Michael Conforto on the bench to begin the game, the resurgent Mets came back from a 4-1 deficit and took two of three from the defending World Series champions despite losing second baseman Neil Walker to a left leg injury.

Granderson received a standing ovation and came out for a curtain call after connecting in the eighth off Carl Edwards Jr. (2-1).

Jerry Blevins (4-0) struck out three of his four batters to earn the win.

Interleague

DIAMONDBACKS 2, TIGERS 1

DETROIT — Taijuan Walker pitched five sharp innings in his return from the disabled list, and the Arizona Diamondbacks won their fourth straight game, 2-1 over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night.

Walker (5-3) allowed a run and six hits in his first appearance since May 19. He had been out because of a blister on his right index finger.

The Diamondbacks scored two runs in the first inning, and that turned out to be all they needed. Walker was lifted after 82 pitches, but Randall Delgado pitched three scoreless innings of relief. Fernando Rodney struck out the side in the ninth for his 18th save in 21 chances.

Jordan Zimmermann (5-5) allowed two runs and six hits in eight innings.

Arizona is 9-1 in interleague play this season. The lone defeat was at home May 10 against Detroit.

ROYALS 7, GIANTS 2

SAN FRANCISCO — Mike Moustakas hit his 18th home run leading off the second inning, Jorge Bonifacio and Lorenzo Cain followed with back-to-back shots in the third and the Kansas City Royals beat the San Francisco Giants 7-2 on Wednesday to complete a two-game sweep.

Bonifacio finished with two hits and three RBIs, Whit Merrifield added three hits and three runs while Alcides Escobar singled three times to help Jason Hammel end an eight-game winless stretch on the road that dated to 2016.

Hammel (3-6) allowed one run over 6 2/3 innings to beat the Giants for the first time in 12 starts. The right-hander gave up eight hits, struck out four and walked one.

Moustakas, one of Kansas City's top hitters over the past two weeks, stayed hot with his home run off former Royals pitcher Johnny Cueto (5-6) that landed in the waters of McCovey Cove. It was the fifth homer in 12 games for Moustakas, who is already just four shy of his career-high.

RED SOX 7, PHILLIES 3

PHILADELPHIA — Mookie Betts homered twice and Xander Bogaerts had three RBIs to help the Boston Red Sox beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-3 on Wednesday night.

Betts had four hits and drove in three to lead an offensive barrage off Phillies starter Jeremy Hellickson (5-5). Boston tagged him for six runs on nine hits in just five innings.

Betts led off the game with a single, had an RBI double in the second, but his biggest hit was a solo home run, his 10th of the season, in the fourth inning after the Phillies had scored three runs to close within 5-3.

He had a chance to get the cycle in the ninth inning, but instead of a triple connected for home run No. 11 to put the game out of reach. It was his eighth career multi-homer game.

Betts was dazzling defensively as well, and made a stellar diving catch in right field to rob Howie Kendrick of a hit in the fifth inning.

RockHounds game postponed, will play DH on Friday

From staff reports

Wednesday's Double-A baseball game between the Corpus Christi Hooks and Midland RockHounds at Security Bank Ballpark was postponed after a 55-minute rain delay.

The game was stalled immediately following the end of a scoreless first inning.

The two teams will play a doubleheader of two seven-inning games on Friday beginning at 4:30 p.m. Game 2 will start approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of Game 1. Today's game is at 7 p.m. as regularly scheduled.

This was the second time in three days that the RockHounds had a game postponed because of inclement weather.

TL standings

First Half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa (Dodgers)	32	31	.508	—
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	32	31	.508	—
Springfield (Cardinals)	31	32	.492	1
Arkansas (Mariners)	30	33	.476	2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio (Padres)	36	27	.571	—
Midland (Athletics)	33	31	.516	3.5
Corpus Christi (Astros)	30	33	.476	6
Frisco (Rangers)	29	35	.453	8

Tuesday's Scores
Frisco 5, Midland 3
Arkansas 11, Northwest Arkansas 4
Midland 6, Frisco 2
San Antonio 8, Corpus Christi 4
Tulsa 8, Springfield 1

Today's Games
Arkansas at Springfield, TBD
Arkansas at Springfield, 5:10 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

2017 TEXAS LEAGUE SOUTH ALL-STARS

Player	Position	Team
Rogelio Armenteros	Pitcher	Corpus Christi
Kyle Finnegan	Pitcher	Midland
Ariel Jurado	Pitcher	Frisco
Michael Kelly	Pitcher	San Antonio
Yohander Mendez	Pitcher	Frisco
Cody Palmquist	Pitcher	Frisco
Kyle Smith	Pitcher	Corpus Christi
Lou Trivino	Pitcher	Midland
Collin Wiles	Pitcher	Frisco
Trey Wingenter	Pitcher	San Antonio
Eric Yardley	Pitcher	San Antonio
Garrett Stubbs	Catcher	Corpus Christi
Jose Trevino	Catcher	Frisco
J.D. Davis	Infielder	Corpus Christi
Isiah Kiner-Falefa	Infielder	Frisco
Jack Mayfield	Infielder	Corpus Christi
Jose Rondon	Infielder	San Antonio
Viosergy Rosa	Infielder	Midland
Max Schrock	Infielder	Midland
Jon Singleton	Infielder	Corpus Christi
Luis Urias	Infielder	San Antonio
B.J. Boyd	Outfielder	Midland
Jose Cardona	Outfielder	Midland
Drew Ferguson	Outfielder	Corpus Christi
Tyler Marincov	Outfielder	Midland
Joe Mikulik	Manager	Frisco
Carlos Maldonado	Coach	Frisco
Jason Hart	Hitting Coach	Frisco
Brian Shouse	Pitching Coach	Frisco

2017 TEXAS LEAGUE NORTH ALL-STARS

Player	Position	Team
Scott Barlow	Pitcher	Tulsa
Walker Buehler	Pitcher	Tulsa
Corey Copping	Pitcher	Tulsa
Zac Curtis	Pitcher	Arkansas
Jack Flaherty	Pitcher	Springfield
Tyler Herb	Pitcher	Arkansas
Dakota Hudson	Pitcher	Springfield
Jake Newberry	Pitcher	Northwest Arkansas
Matt Pearce	Pitcher	Springfield
Sam Selman	Pitcher	Northwest Arkansas
Peter Tago	Pitcher	Arkansas
Paul Hoenecke	Catcher	Tulsa
Tyler Marlette	Catcher	Arkansas
Michael Ahmed	Infielder	Tulsa
Humberto Arteaga	Infielder	Northwest Arkansas
Matt Beaty	Infielder	Tulsa
Samir Duenez	Infielder	Northwest Arkansas
Tim Locastro	Infielder	Tulsa
Jack Lopez	Infielder	Northwest Arkansas
Alex Mejia	Infielder	Springfield
Edwin Rios	Infielder	Tulsa
Kyle Garlick	Outfielder	Tulsa
Oscar Mercado	Outfielder	Springfield
Ian Miller	Outfielder	Arkansas
Chuck Taylor	Outfielder	Arkansas
Vance Wilson	Manager	Northwest Arkansas
Leon Roberts	Hitting Coach	Northwest Arkansas
Steve Luebber	Pitching Coach	Northwest Arkansas

TEAM

From 1C

MVP of last year's Sally League All-Star Game.

Rosa, a former Odessa College standout, shrugged off a slow start to the season and has hit .282 since the end of April. For the season, he is batting .248 with nine home runs, 14 doubles and 44 RBI. Rosa is making his third All-Star list as a professional after being selected as a New York-Penn League All-Star in 2012 and a 2013 Sally League All-Star in 2013.

Hard-throwing right-handers Finnegan and Trivino have been really good at the back-end of the Midland bullpen.

Finnegan, who made the Midwest League All-Star Team in 2014 has converted seven saves in eight opportunities and has a 3.16 ERA over 25 2/3 innings of work. He has 24 strikeouts and just seven walks this season.

Trivino is 6-0 with a 1.80 ERA and has struck out 30 and walked just nine over 30 innings. This will be his first All-Star appearance.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	38	24	.613	—
Boston	37	28	.569	2½
Tampa Bay	35	33	.515	6
Toronto	32	33	.492	7½
Baltimore	31	32	.492	7½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	33	29	.532	—
Cleveland	31	31	.500	2
Kansas City	30	34	.469	4
Detroit	30	35	.462	4½
Chicago	28	35	.444	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	45	22	.672	—
Los Angeles	34	34	.500	11½
Seattle	33	34	.493	12
Texas	32	33	.492	12
Oakland	27	38	.415	17

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	39	26	.600	—
New York	30	34	.469	8½
Miami	29	35	.453	9½
Atlanta	29	36	.446	10
Philadelphia	21	43	.328	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	34	32	.515	—
Chicago	32	33	.492	1½
St. Louis	30	33	.476	2½
Pittsburgh	30	36	.455	4
Cincinnati	29	36	.446	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	41	25	.621	—
Arizona	42	26	.618	—
Colorado	42	26	.618	—
San Diego	27	40	.403	14½
San Francisco	26	41	.388	15½

Scores and Schedules

American League

Wednesday's Scores
Miami 11, Oakland 6
Kansas City 7, San Francisco 2
Boston 7, Philadelphia 3
Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 6
Arizona 2, Detroit 1
L.A. Dodgers 6, Cleveland 4
Seattle 6, Minnesota 4
Baltimore at Chicago White Sox, late
Houston 13, Texas 2
N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games
L.A. Dodgers (Hill 3-2) at Cleveland (Tomlin 3-8), 11:10 a.m.
Seattle (Miranda 6-2) at Minnesota (Berrios 5-1), 12:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 1-4) at Chicago White Sox (Holmberg 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
Boston (Sale 8-2) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 5-5) at Detroit (Verlander 4-4), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 4-4) at Oakland (Gray 2-2), 9:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Strahm 1-3) at L.A. Angels (Nolasco 2-7), 9:07 p.m.

National League

Wednesday's Scores
Miami 11, Oakland 6
San Diego 4, Cincinnati 2
Kansas City 7, San Francisco 2
Atlanta 13, Washington 2
Boston 7, Philadelphia 3
Colorado 5, Pittsburgh 1
Arizona 2, Detroit 1
L.A. Dodgers 6, Cleveland 4
N.Y. Mets 9, Chicago Cubs 4
Milwaukee at St. Louis, late

Today's Games
L.A. Dodgers (Hill 3-2) at Cleveland (Tomlin 3-8), 11:10 a.m.
Boston (Sale 8-2) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Washington (Gonzalez 5-1) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 1-0), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Davies 7-3) at St. Louis (Wacha 3-3), 6:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Moore 2-7) at Colorado (Hoffman 4-0), 7:40 p.m.

Texas box

ASTROS 13, RANGERS 2

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
DShelds lf	3	0	0	0	Sprnger rf	5	1	2	2
Choo dh	4	0	2	0	Aoki rf	1	0	1	0
Mazara rf	4	0	0	0	Altuve 2b	3	3	3	0
Beltre 3b	3	0	0	0	Bregman ph-3b	1	0	0	0
Rua 1b	1	0	0	0	Correa ss	4	2	2	1
Odor 2b	3	0	0	0	Beltran dh	4	1	1	2
Kozma 2b	1	0	0	0	B.McCnn c	5	2	2	2
Lucroy c	4	1	2	0	Ma.Gnza 3b-2b	5	0	3	3
Gallo 1b-3b	3	1	1	1	Y.Grrel 1b	5	0	2	0
Profar ss	3	0	2	0	Fisher lf	3	2	2	2
Hoying cf	4	0	0	0	Mrsnick cf	4	2	1	1
Totals	33	2	7	1	Totals	40	13	19	13

Texas ... 000 010 100— 2
Houston ... 110 029 00x—13

DP—Texas 2, Houston 1. LOB—Texas 7, Houston 9. 2B—Lucroy (11), Springer (11), Altuve 2 (17), B.McCann (6). HR—Gallo (18), Fisher (1), Marisnick (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Cashner L,3-6	4	10	4	4	1	4
Jeffress	1	3	4	4	0	0
Barnette	0	2	3	3	2	0
Gee	3	4	2	2	1	3
Houston						
Martes W,1-0	5	3	1	1	2	7
Hoyt	2	1	1	1	0	4
Sipp	1	1	0	0	0	1
Giles	1	2	0	0	0	2

Cashner pitched to 3 batters in the 5th.
Jeffress pitched to 4 batters in the 6th.
Barnette pitched to 4 batters in the 6th.
HBP—by Martes (Profar), by Jeffress (Altuve), by Gee (Marisnick). WP—Cashner 2, Martes.
T—3:37. A—37,221 (42,060).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BLUE JAYS 7, RAYS 6

Tampa Bay ... 002 100 030—6 8 2
Toronto ... 001 041 01x—7 10 1

Odorizzi, Whitley (5), Alvarado (8) and Norris, Liriano; J.Smith (8), R.Osuna (9) and Martin. W—J.Smith 3-0. L—Alvarado 0-1. Sv—R.Osuna (17). HRs—Tampa Bay, Morrison. Toronto, Martin, Morales.

MARINERS 6, TWINS 4

Seattle ... 203 001 000—6 12 0
Minnesota ... 000 022 000—4 8 1

Gaviglio, Pazos (6), Vincent (8), Rzepczynski (8), Diaz (8) and Zunino; Er.Santana, Boshers (6), Belisle (7), Rogers (8) and Castro. W—Gaviglio 3-1. L—Er.Santana 8-4. Sv—Diaz (11). HRs—Seattle, Zunino, Haniger. Minnesota, Escobar, Sano, Buxton.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PADRES 4, REDS 2

Cincinnati ... 100 100 000—2 6 1
San Diego ... 000 002 20x—4 8 0

Garrett, Lorenzen (7), W.Peralta (8) and Barnhart; Chacin, Hand (8), Maurer (9) and Torrens. W—Chacin 6-5. L—Lorenzen 3-2. Sv—Maurer (12). HRs—Cincinnati, Peraza, Votto. San Diego, Renfroe.

BRAVES 13, NATIONALS 2

Atlanta ... 303 010 600—13 16 1
Washington ... 020 000 000— 2 7 1

Teheran, Freeman (8), Hursh (9) and K.Suzuki; Roark, Gott (6), Treinen (7), Blanton (8), J.Turner (9) and Lobaton. W—Teheran 6-4. L—Roark 6-4. HRs—Atlanta, Suzuki. Washington, Goodwin.

METS 9, CUBS 4

Chicago ... 200 200 000—4 9 2
New York ... 010 201 05x—9 13 0

Montgomery, Strop (6), Edwards (7), Rondon (8) and Montero, Contreras; Harvey, Sewald (5), Salas (7), Blevins (7), Reed (9) and d'Arnaud. W—Blevins 4-0. L—Edwards 2-1. HRs—Chicago, Rizzo, Schwarber, Happ. New York, Granderson, Duda.

ROCKIES 5, PIRATES 1

Colorado ... 010 020 101—5 8 0
Pittsburgh ... 000 001 000—1 6 1

Marquez, Ottavino (7), McGee (7), Holland (9) and Wolters; Kuhl, E.Santana (6), Hudson (7), Watson (8), Marinez (9) and Cervelli. W—Marquez 5-3. L—Kuhl 1-6. HRs—Colorado, Desmond.

INTERLEAGUE

MARLINS 11, ATHLETICS 6

Oakland ... 130 100 001— 6 10 1
Miami ... 022 321 10x—11 13 1

Gossett, Coulombe (4), Axford (4), Hendriks (6), Neal (7) and Vogt; Phegley, Volquez, Barraclough (5), Ziegler (6), Wittgren (7), Garcia (7), McGowan (8), Steckenrider (9) and Realmuto. W—Barraclough 2-1. L—Gossett 0-1. HRs—Oakland, Healy. Miami, Ozuna, Moore.

ROYALS 7, GIANTS 2

Kansas City ... 013 001 020—7 16 1
San Francisco ... 000 100 001—2 10 0

Hammel, Moylan (7), Minor (8), Herrera (9) and Butera; Cueto, Osich (6), Law (8), Strickland (9) and Posey. W—Hammel 3-6. L—Cueto 5-6. HRs—Kansas City, Bonifacio, Moustakas, Cain.

DIAMONDBACKS 2, TIGERS 1

Arizona ... 200 000 000—2 6 0
Detroit ... 001 000 000—1 7 1

T.Walker, Delgado (6), Rodney (9) and Iannetta; Zimmermann, Greene (9) and Avila. W—T.Walker 5-3. L—Zimmermann 5-5. Sv—Rodney (18).

RED SOX 7, PHILLIES 3

Boston ... 230 100 001—7 13 0
Philadelphia ... 003 000 000—3 6 0

Johnson, Velazquez (3), J.Kelly (7), Barnes (8), Scott (9) and Leon; Hellickson, L.Garcia (6), Morgan (8) and Rupp. W—Velazquez 1-1. L—Hellickson 5-5. HRs—Boston, Betts 2. Philadelphia, Altherr.

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What's in a name? Ask Paulina Gretzky

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ERIN, Wis. — Dustin Johnson has been in complete control of his golf game during his rise to No. 1.

But at home?

Paulina Gretzky calls the shots, especially when it comes to naming their children.

Johnson revealed Monday that their second child, another boy, was named River Jones Johnson. Asked where the name River came from, he said, "Mama."

The middle name was easy to explain. Jones is the maiden name of Gretzky's mother (Janet Jones), and the last name of Johnson's late grandmother (Carole Jones), his biggest influence during his teenage years.

But back to River. What was Paulina thinking?

"I can't think how she thinks, that's for sure," Johnson said. "I don't know where she got it. I tried to ask. She said, 'I don't know, I just like the name.'"

They plan on calling him Riv, which is how several people refer to Riviera. That's where Johnson won big this year at the Genesis Open to reach No. 1 in the world and start his three-tournament winning streak.

So maybe there's something to that.

"That was how she got started was from Riviera," Johnson said. "But I didn't come up with that on my own."

What will phil do next?: Bad news for Phil Mickelson without even being at Erin Hills: The forecast calls for a reasonable chance of storms for all but one day this week — Thursday, when he'll be in California for his daughter's high school graduation.

Mickelson has yet to withdraw, saying he will need a four-hour delay in the first round of the U.S. Open to have any chance of flying to Wisconsin (more than three hours in the air) and getting to the first tee.

He is to play at 2:20 p.m. in Wisconsin. Graduation is noon (Wisconsin time).

At least his caddie, Jim "Bones" Mackay, made it to Erin Hills to scout the course on the rare chance of Mickelson making it to the U.S. Open. Mackay thinks Erin Hills is perfect for Mickelson, mainly because of wide fairways and the need for a great short game.

"He wants it, obviously, as badly as he wants anything else," Mackay told Fox Sports. "So it would be a really cool thing if it worked out for him tomorrow. Knowing Phil and knowing how much he wants to play, it wouldn't surprise me if he left if rain wasn't in the forecast. You never know out here with this kind of humidity. Storms can roll up unexpectedly.

"I'm leaving him alone, but it wouldn't surprise me if he left, flew a little bit and then if the guys tee off at 2:20, turn around and go home."

Ring the bell: In a sunken patch of rough, just beyond the seventh tee box at Erin Hills, stands a rusted-out bell with the clapper removed.

When Erin Hills was first built, the bell stood near the green on what was then a blind par-3. Since the putting surface was not in sight from the tee box, players had to ring the bell to let the next group know the green was clear. A white rock behind the green was positioned every day to indicate the aiming point for the day's pin position.

The hole was nicknamed the "Dell Hole," after a similar hole at Lahinch Golf Club in Ireland.

But during one of the course redesigns, then-owner Bob Lang ordered the area in front of the green bulldozed to make room for a new set of tees, and what had been the eighth hole was lengthened and turned into the new par-5 seventh.

Johnson hopes time is right for another US Open title

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

David J. Phillip/Associated Press

Dustin Johnson hits a drive on the 12th hole during a practice round for the U.S. Open golf tournament Wednesday at Erin Hills in Erin, Wis.

ERIN, Wis. — Dustin Johnson wrapped up his final day practice round for the U.S. Open just as the sky began to rumble and the horn sounded to stop play at Erin Hills.

The timing couldn't have been better for the world's No. 1 player, as it has been the past two weeks.

As much as he hates missing cuts, the Memorial two weeks ago was a good time for Johnson to have a weekend off. It allowed him to spend two days in Wisconsin getting to know the longest course in U.S. Open history, realizing that he would be a late arrival to Erin Hills because of some important family matters.

River Jones Johnson, his second son, was born on Monday.

He finds out Thursday whether his game is in shape for Johnson to become the first back-to-back U.S. Open champion in 28 years, but his mood couldn't be better. About the only thing to fear, outside of the thick fescue that frames the fairways at Erin Hills, is the house where he is staying.

It has a double-spiral staircase.

"I sit down when I go down the stairs now," Johnson said with a smile. "I slide down on my butt."

Stairs were the only thing that could stop him earlier this year. A winner of three straight tournaments — against the strongest fields of the year — Johnson slipped in his socks going downstairs to move his car in the rain on the eve of the Masters and bruised his back so badly that he had to withdraw the next day.

He hasn't won in four starts since then, and his game hasn't looked as sharp as it once did. He concedes he lost some momentum.

Even so, he is the betting favorite at the 117th U.S. Open on a course that would appear to suit his game perfectly, especially with more rain Wednesday afternoon and a forecast for occasional storms on Friday and Saturday. The greens are soft enough that Johnson is getting yardages to the hole, knowing his shots won't bounce away too far.

"I hope they play it all the way back on every hole," he said. "Why not? It's going to be soft. I hope it's windy. I hope it's long, but it doesn't matter."

Johnson isn't one to feel much pressure — he doesn't show much, anyway — even playing his first major as the No. 1 player in the world.

If anything, the pressure is on the USGA in how they set up the golf course, and the meteorologist to give an accurate forecast of the wind. There are a few holes at Erin Hills where if the tees are all the way back and the wind shifts into the players, some won't be able to reach the fairway or will face blind shots.

"It's nerve-wracking, honestly, more than most Open sites," USGA executive director Mike Davis said.

Johnson isn't the only long hitter whom Erin Hills favors. Rory McIlroy, who crushed U.S. Open scoring records on a rain-softened course at Congressional in 2011, was delighted to feel the soft turf under his feet.

Jason Day is starting to turn his game around, finally. Along with his power, Day is an expert with the short game, which should come in handy around the greens that feature shaved slopes instead of dense rough.

Johnson, however, is such an intimidating figure that even Curtis Strange is a little nervous.

Strange, who now works for Fox Sports as the on-course analyst, won the 1989 U.S. Open at Oak Hill to become the first player since Ben Hogan (1950-51) to win the U.S. Open in consecutive years. "Move over, Ben," Strange famously said after his second title.

"I've got to tell you, it's tailor-made for Dustin Johnson," Strange said after his first look at the course.

The Masters (three times) and the PGA Championship in stroke play (twice, by Tiger Woods) have fewer back-to-back winners than the U.S. Open, but it's the major that has gone the longest without a repeat winner.

The closest call for Strange was in 2005 when defending champion Retief Goosen had a three-shot lead at Pinehurst No. 2. He shot 81 in the final round. Four-time champion Jack Nicklaus never went back-to-back. Neither did Woods.

"You've got to be lucky, have it be the right time," Strange said. "Dustin is more dominant than anybody who has ever done it back-to-back because of his length and the whole bit. But you still have to do it."

Johnson starts out Thursday morning with the last two U.S. Open champions, Martin Kaymer and Jordan Spieth. It's a comfortable group, especially with Spieth, a close friend, his partner from the Presidents Cup and his regular pro partner in recent years at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Plus, he has the personality for the U.S. Open. It's a mental test, and Johnson's brain is not very cluttered. Paulina Gretzky gave birth to their second child on Monday in Los Angeles. He flew to Wisconsin on Tuesday and got in 18 holes. He played nine holes Wednesday.

Asked how he handled the range of emotions for such a whirlwind week, Johnson shrugged.

"You just do it," he said. "I wish I had an explanation on how I do it, but I don't. ... But now I've got to play golf. This is why I'm here. I'm here to play golf. I'm here to compete."

USGA pledges no repeat of rules gaffe from last US Open

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ERIN, Wis. — Determined to avoid the embarrassing rules mess from a year ago, the USGA is shaking up the way it officiates the U.S. Open at Erin Hills.

It pledged to respond quicker and not wait to make a ruling.

"I think last year there were two things we fell short on — it took too long to make the ruling and it left uncertainty with the competition," said John Bodenhamer, the USGA's managing director of rules and competition. "I think should a similar circumstance happen, I think we are poised to move quickly."

The U.S. Open, as well as the USGA's other biggest events, will no longer have referees who walk with each group, a practice that dates to 1991. Instead, officials will be stationed at various spots on each hole around the course.

The biggest advancement is having four video monitor stations, along with the use of tablets, that will allow officials to review any rules discrepancies on the course to reach conclusions immediately.

That might have made it a lot easier on Dustin Johnson — and everyone else — last year at Oakmont.

Johnson's golf ball moved slightly as he stepped in for a 3-foot par putt on the fifth hole. He didn't think he caused it to move, called in the walking referee and no penalty was assessed. But when the USGA saw video, officials thought there might be a penalty.

They told Johnson when he was on the 12th tee, saying he might be penalized and they could review it after the round. That would have been fine except that it was the final round. Johnson played the last seven holes not knowing if he would be penalized, and thus not knowing the score.

It was a major gaffe, saved only by Johnson playing so well that he had a four-shot lead when he birdied the final hole to win the U.S. Open. After meeting with officials, he was given a one-shot penalty that affected only the margin of victory, not the name on the trophy.

The USGA has a five-member rules committee led by Thomas Pagel, the senior director of rules. Pagel will be the chief referee for the U.S. Open, who can make immediate decisions that would stand.

A repeat of the Johnson incident is unlikely this year, and not just because the greens at Erin Hills are nowhere near as fast as Oakmont's putting surfaces. The USGA introduced a local rule last year that if a golf ball or marker moves accidentally, the player puts it back without penalty.

Having video more readily available for review should help avoid uncertainty.

Bodenhamer said the rules committee — not always the player, in some cases — would be able to look at the video and quickly decide whether it's a penalty.

It was the most significant change for a U.S. Open that is desperate to have a smooth tournament. The previous year at Chambers Bay, the grass on the greens was starting to die before the U.S. Open began and at times on the weekend, players were putting through what amounted to matted dirt.

Jordan Spieth won when Johnson, needing a 12-foot eagle putt to win, three-putted for par to finish second. He missed a 4-foot birdie putt on the bumpy green.

Part of that could be attributed to weather in the Pacific Northwest that week.

As for Oakmont a year ago, that was a breakdown in communication and delivering the ruling at the right time.

"We not only learned from it, but we made changes," USGA executive director Mike Davis said. "And I think that's the way you have to approach anything that doesn't go right: 'How can we make it better? How can we make sure it doesn't happen in the future?'"

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June 15-18
At Erin Hills
Erin, Wis.
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Thursday-Friday
First Hole-10th Hole

6:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Jordan Niebrugge, United States; Talor Gooch, United States; Kevin Dougherty, United States.

6:56 a.m.-12:41 p.m. — Andres Romero, Argentina; Brice Garnett, United States; Davis Love IV, United States.

7:07 a.m.-12:52 p.m. — Yusaku Miyazato, Japan; J.T. Poston, United States; Aaron Rai, England.

7:18 a.m.-1:03 p.m. — David Lingmerth, Sweden; Paul Dunne, Ireland; Li Haotong, China.

7:29 a.m.-1:14 p.m. — a-Stewart Hagestad, United States; Chez Reavie, United States; Gene Sauers, United States.

7:40 a.m.-1:25 p.m. — Brandt Snedeker, United States; Alex Noren, Sweden; Tyrrell Hatton, England.

7:51 a.m.-1:36 p.m. — Rafa Cabrera Bello, Spain; Thomas Pieters, Belgium; Brooks Koepka, United States.

8:02 a.m.-1:47 p.m. — Gary Woodland, United States; J.B. Holmes, United States; Jason Kokrak, United States.

8:13 a.m.-1:58 p.m. — Russell Knox, Scotland; a-Scott Gregory, England; Martin Laird, Scotland.

8:24 a.m.-2:09 p.m. — Kevin Kisner, United States; Billy Horschel, United States; Branden Grace, South Africa.

8:35 a.m.-2:20 p.m. — Webb Simpson, United States; Ernie Els, South Africa; Lucas Glover, United States.

8:46 a.m.-2:31 p.m. — Tyson Alexander, United States; a-Chris Crawford, United States; Max Greyserman, United States.

8:57 a.m.-2:42 p.m. — Matthew Campbell, United States; Garrett Osborn, United States; a-Walker Lee, United States.

Thursday-Friday
10th Hole-First Hole

6:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Whee Kim, South Korea; Ted Potter Jr., United States; Daniel Chopra, Sweden.

6:56 a.m.-12:41 p.m. — Shugo Imahira, Japan; Ryan Palmer, United States; Matthew Wallace, England.

7:07 a.m.-12:52 p.m. — Charley Hoffman, United States; Jason Dufner, United States; Hideto Tanihara, Japan.

7:18 a.m.-1:03 p.m. — Jeunghun Wang, South Korea; Thomas Aiken, South Africa; Bradley Dredge, Wales.

7:29 a.m.-1:14 p.m. — a-Scott Harvey, United States; Jamie Lovemark, United States; Michael Putnam, United States.

7:40 a.m.-1:25 p.m. — Brian Harman, United States; Tommy Fleetwood, England; Bud Cauley, United States.

7:51 a.m.-1:36 p.m. — Hideki Matsuyama, Japan; Rickie Fowler, United States; Jon Rahm, Spain.

8:02 a.m.-1:47 p.m. — Lee Westwood, England; Ross Fisher, England; Graeme McDowell, Northern Ireland.

8:13 a.m.-1:58 p.m. — Danny Willett, England; Zach Johnson, United States; Angel Cabrera, Argentina.

8:24 a.m.-2:09 p.m. — Matt Kuchar, United States; Francesco Molinari, Italy; Patrick Reed, United States.

8:35 a.m.-2:20 p.m. — Martin Kaymer, Germany; Jordan Spieth, United States; Dustin Johnson, United States.

8:46 a.m.-2:31 p.m. — a-Joaquin Niemann, Chile; Stephan Jaeger, Germany; Joel Stalter, France.

8:57 a.m.-2:42 p.m. — Daniel Miernicki, United States; a-Sahith Theegala, United States; Tyler Light, United States.

Thursday-Friday
First Hole-10th Hole

12:30 p.m.-6:45 a.m. — Jack Maguire, United States; Corey Conners, Canada; Ben Kohles, United States.

12:41 p.m.-6:56 a.m. — Eddie Pepperell, England; Chan Kim, United States; Gregory Bourdy, France.

12:52 p.m.-7:07 a.m. — Jhonattan Vegas, Venezuela; Yuta Ikeda, Japan; Sean O'Hair, United States.

12:03 p.m.-6:18 a.m. — Andrew Johnston, England; Brian Stuard, United States; George Coetzee, South Africa.

1:14 p.m.-7:29 a.m. — Marc Leishman, Australia; Pat Perez, United States; Si Woo Kim, South Korea.

1:25 p.m.-7:40 a.m. — Russell Henley, United States; a-Scottie Scheffler, United States; Harris English, United States.

1:36 p.m.-7:51 a.m. — Bubba Watson, United States; Adam Scott, Australia; Sergio Garcia, Spain.

1:47 p.m.-8:02 a.m. — Henrik Stenson, Sweden; Charl Schwartzel, South Africa; Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa.

1:58 p.m.-8:13 a.m. — Jimmy Walker, United States; Justin Thomas, United States; Paul Casey, England.

2:09 p.m.-8:24 a.m. — Jason Day, Australia; Justin Rose, England; Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland.

2:20 p.m.-8:35 a.m. — Steve Stricker, United States; Stewart Cink, United States; Phil Mickelson, United States.

2:31 p.m.-8:46 a.m. — Ryan Brehm, United States; a-John Oda, United States; Jonathan Randolph, United States.

2:42 p.m.-8:57 a.m. — a-Mason Andersen, United States; Derek Barron, United States; Roman Robledo, United States.

Thursday-Friday
10th Hole-First Hole

12:30 p.m.-6:45 a.m. — Wade Ormsby, Australia; Oliver Bekker, South Africa; Kyle Thompson, United States.

12:41 p.m.-6:56 a.m. — Brandon Stone, South Africa; Troy Merritt, United States; Chris Wood, England.

12:52 p.m.-7:07 a.m. — Satoshi Kodaira, Japan; Daniel Summerhays, United States; Alexander Levy, France.

1:03 p.m.-7:18 a.m. — William McGirt, United States; Keegan Bradley, United States; Kevin Na, United States.

1:14 p.m.-7:29 a.m. — a-Brad Dalke, United States; Wesley Bryan, United States; Brendan Steele, United States.

1:25 p.m.-7:40 a.m. — Nick Flanagan, Australia; Richie Ramsay, Scotland; Bryson DeChambeau, United States.

1:36 p.m.-7:51 a.m. — Daniel Berger, United States; Roberto Castro, United States; Bill Haas, United States.

1:47 p.m.-8:02a.m. — Adam Hadwin, Canada; Emiliano Grillo, Argentina; C.T. Pan, Taiwan.

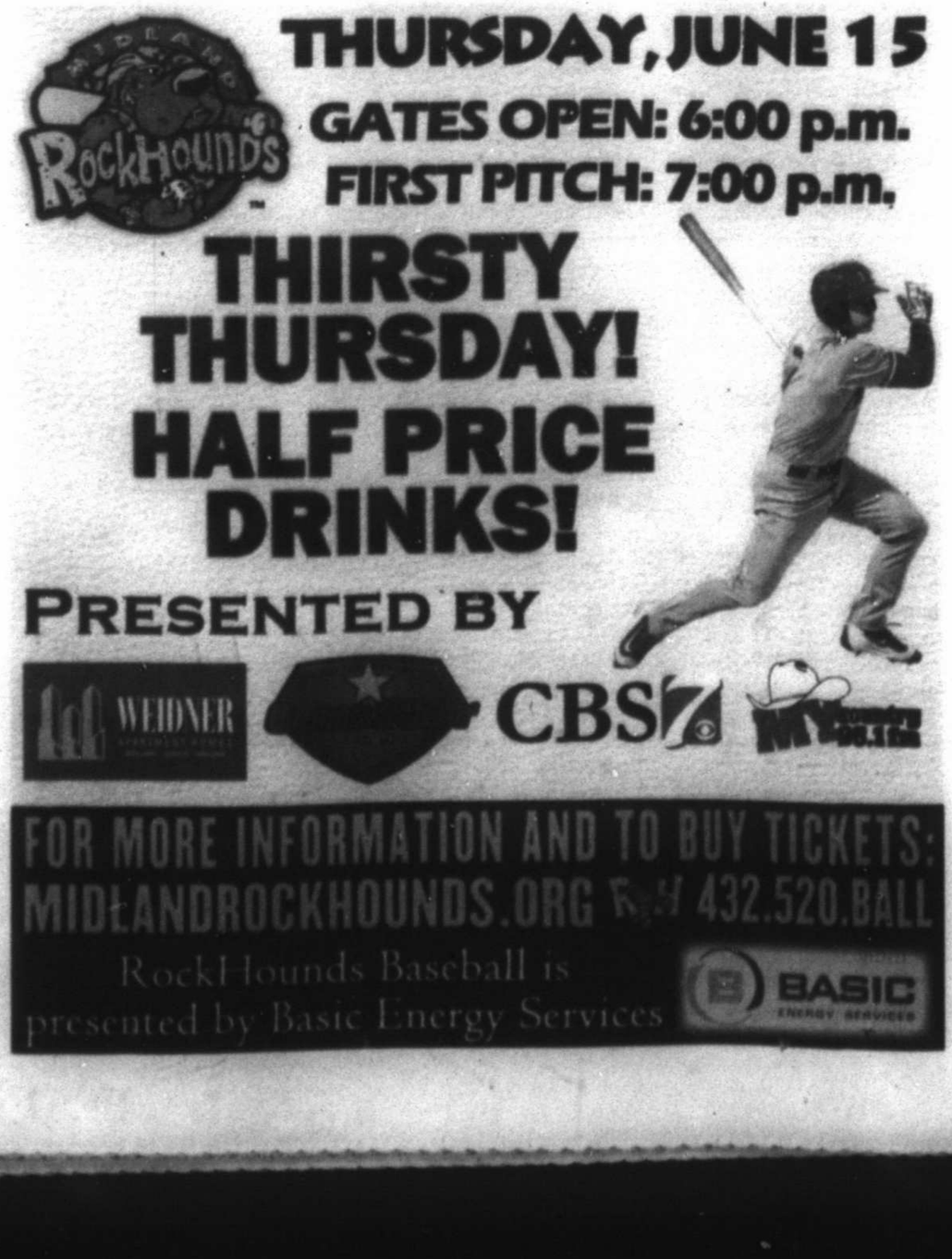
1:58 p.m.-8:13 a.m. — Scott Piercy, United States; Shane Lowry, Ireland; Jim Furyk, United States.

2:09 p.m.-8:24 a.m. — Matt Fitzpatrick, England; Peter Uihlein, United States; Byeong Hun An, South Korea.

2:20 p.m.-8:35 a.m. — Kevin Chappell, United States; a-Maverick McNealy, United States; Bernd Wiesberger, Austria.

2:31 p.m.-8:46 a.m. — Xander Schauffele, United States; Trey Mullinax, United States; a-Cameron Champ, United States.

2:42 p.m.-8:57 a.m. — Sam Ryder, United States; a-Aldi Smalley, United States; Andy Pope, United States.



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KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang	Superior Donuts	Mom	Life In Pieces	Scorpion		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Late Show	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason	Twilight Zone
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AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★★ Ghostbust...		★★★ The Day After Tomorrow Dennis Quaid.				★★ Black Hawk Down ('01, Act) Josh Hartnett.					
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CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
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FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(4:40) Madea's ...		(:20) ★★ The Best Man ('99, Rom) Nia Long, Taye Diggs.						The 700 Club		The Waterboy	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	ACC (N)	SportsDay (N)	MILB Baseball San Antonio Missions at Frisco RoughRiders Site: Dr. Pepper Ballpark -- Frisco, Texas (L)						Destination Pol.	SportsDay OnAir	Texas Insider Fishing Report (N)	
FX		31	56	59	64	+9	(4:00) ★★★ Interstellar						★★ Blackhat ('14, Act) Viola Davis, Chris Hemsworth.				★★ Blackhat	
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	FlipVega	FlipVega	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House	VintFlip	VintFlip	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Mountain Men		Mountain Men (N)		Mountain Men (N)		(:05) Alone (N)		(:05) Mountain Men		(:05) Mountain Men	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Married (N) /(:05) Married "Intimacy"		Married "Trust"	(:45) Married	Married'1stSight "Celebrations" (N)		(:15) Married Second Seat and the Cold Truth" (N)		"The Hot	(:45) Married	Married "Trust"	(:45) Married
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The 11th Hour		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				NASCAR (N)		Mecum10	Mecum10	Nitro	Nitro	Nitro (N)	Nitro (N)	Nitro	Nitro	NitroLiv	NitroLiv
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	GShakers	Thunder	★★ Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs				Nashville		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	(4:30) Now You ...		★★ Limitless ('11, Myst) Bradley Cooper.						★★ Limitless ('11, Myst) Bradley Cooper.			
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(5:35) ★★★ Alice in Wonderland						★★ Troy ('04, Action) Orlando Bloom, Eric Bana, Brad Pitt.				Percy Jackso...	
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Big Bang	The Big Bang	The Big Bang	The Big Bang	Conan	Armie Hammer	Seinfeld	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(4:30) North by...		★★★ Rebel Without a Cause				(:15) ★★★ All That Heaven Allows				Cat on a Hot ...	
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		El Capo		Querida centauro		Querida centauro		Al rojo	Titulares	Querida centauro	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Kirsten's Story"				My 600-lb Life "Cynthia's Story" Cynthia is a 610-lb single mother raising five kids.				My 600-lb Life "Kirsten's Story" Kirsten is close to losing all her mobility.			
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	★★★ The Help Tension and surprises abound as three women struggle against prejudice in this drama.						AFI Life Award "A Tribute to Diane Keaton" (N)			AFI Life Achievement Award "A Tribute to Diane Keaton"		
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	M*A*S*	(:35) MASH	MASH	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Ray	Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Juvenile"		★★★★ John Wick ('14, Act) Adrianne Palicki, Keanu Reeves.				Queen South "Dios Y El Abogado" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Ballerina"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Hell"	
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DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I'm in my late 20s and have a male companion who is 30-plus years older than I am. We were together for a while, then stopped so we could both try to find someone closer to our ages. Neither of us did, and we recently started seeing each other again.

Although we are good for each other and compatible in many ways, we are realistic that our relationship isn't long-term for major reasons. (I want children; he's happy with grandchildren. He wants to travel after retirement; I'm just starting my career.) We live for the moment and don't dwell too much on the future.

My problem is, this time I'm really falling in love with him. Last time, I was reluctant to become emotional because I was afraid of getting hurt. But this time, I am all in. Can any good come of this? We meet each other's relationship needs in the here and now, but is the end just heartbreak? — LOVING FOR THE MOMENT

DEAR LOVING: It's time for you to start compiling a list of the pros and cons of this romance. You and this man are at different stages of life and have very different goals. If you really want to have a family and a career, you will have to sacrifice something for it, and that "something" may be devoting much more time to this man. Sorry, but something's gotta give.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, my husband and I were walking down the sidewalk in our neighborhood and came across $160 in cash strewn all over the ground. We picked it up, and as we were doing so, our neighbor came outside. We knew her husband had just gotten home, and the money was near his car, so we asked if it might be his. We handed her the cash and told her to let us know.

Two weeks have gone by and no one has claimed it. Our neighbor still has it in her possession, and has mentioned in passing that we should spend it on toys for our kids or food/drinks at the next get-together.

While I think these are OK ideas, I'm a little bitter because my husband and I found the money, and I feel we should be the ones who get to keep it if no one comes forward to claim it. I don't want to damage the friendship we have with our neighbors, but I feel like we're losing a bit. What do you think? — FINDERS KEEPERS

DEAR FINDERS KEEPERS: I think that before handing over the money, you should have had your neighbor ask her husband if he had lost any and how much. Because you didn't do that and they have the cash, perhaps you should "remind" her that "per her suggestion," you would LOVE to spend some of it on toys for your kids, and ask for some or all of it back. If she's a good neighbor, she'll agree. If not, you will have learned an expensive lesson.

DEAR ABBY: I have a good friend I always invite to attend parties and events. She invariably RSVPs accepting the invitation, but never shows up or explains her absence. This has been going on for years and it hurts my feelings. Do I have to keep inviting her? — COLORADO HOSTESS

DEAR HOSTESS: Allow me to offer you some insight: The woman's behavior is extremely rude. "Good friends" do not treat each other this way. If you're asking my permission to scratch her off your guest list, you have it.

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Didn't you hear me?

Both vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ Q 4 2
♡ 10 5 3 2
♢ K 10 3 2
♣ 6 5

WEST
♠ J 5
♡ K 4
♢ Q J 9 6 4
♣ Q J 10 3

EAST
♠ 7 6
♡ A Q 9 8 7
♢ A 8 7 5
♣ 9 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 9 8 3
♡ J 6
♢ Void
♣ A K 8 7 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

Ishmael DelMonte is originally from New Zealand and made a name for himself as an expert player in Australia. Last we heard, he was living in Las Vegas. Wherever he's living, he's a terrific bridge player. He was West in today's deal.

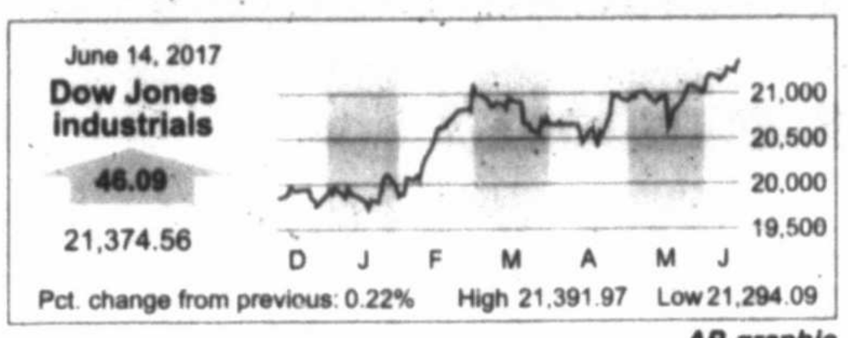
South won the opening club lead with his ace and could have made his contract by drawing trumps, ruffing a club, and conceding a club and two hearts. He didn't know that, of course, and he was worried that one of the defenders might have three trumps to the jack. He took a line of play that catered to that possibility. Declarer cashed the ace of spades and the king of clubs, then ruffed a club with dummy's queen of spades. He crossed back to his hand with a diamond ruff and ruffed another club with a low trump in dummy. South thought that a defender short in clubs was likely to have the long trumps.

East over-ruffed this and led the ace of hearts. DelMonte took some time to consider what he knew about the hand. South was known to have started with five clubs, a diamond void, and probably at least six spades to the ace-king (since he thought he could afford to ruff with the queen of spades). That left South with two hearts. Should his second heart be the queen, there was no defense. DelMonte saw a chance if his partner held the queen of hearts, so he played his king of hearts under the ace!

East wasted no time in cashing the queen of hearts and continuing with a third heart. There was no way to prevent DelMonte from scoring the fourth defensive trick with the jack of spades.

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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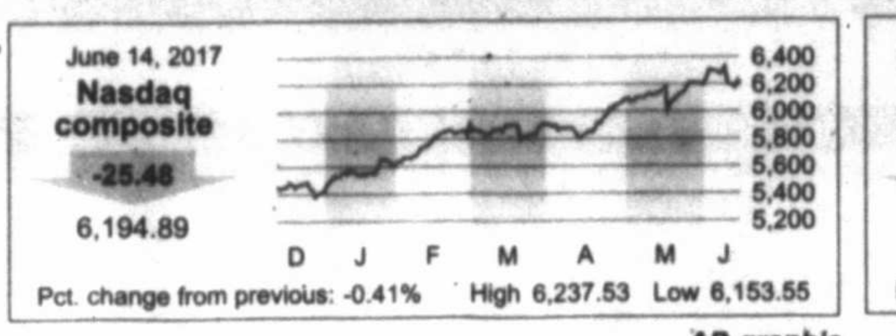

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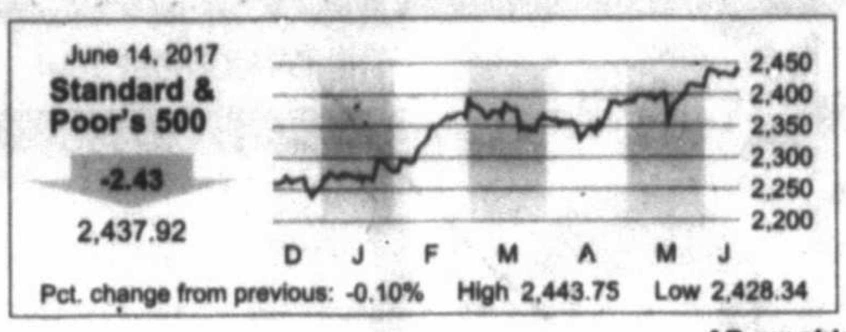

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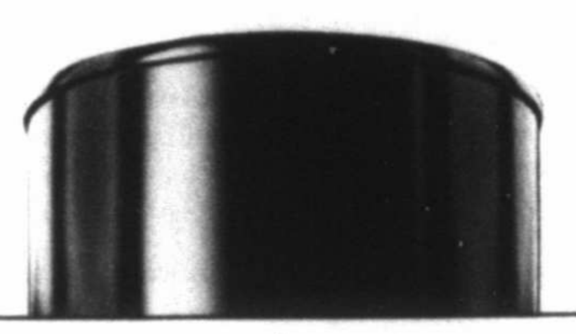
OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Wednesday: $44.73
Previous: $46.46

POSTED
Wednesday: $41.25
Previous: $43.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Wednesday: $37.85
Previous: $39.60

NATURAL GAS
Wednesday: $2.933
Previous: $2.966



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR Fncl	1116721	24.51	+.04
BkofAm	997212	23.76	-.01
VanEGold	927053	22.22	-.75
B iPVxST rs	809873	12.92	-.07
iShEMkts	685290	41.58	-.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Lee Ent	2.05	+.25	+13.9
Carvana A n	16.70	+1.59	+10.5
Brookdale	15.24	+1.17	+8.3
BlockHR	29.13	+2.14	+7.9
HertzGl	10.34	+.73	+7.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HalconRs n	5.14	-.95	-15.6
DrGMBll rs	17.72	-2.80	-13.6
DxSPOGBl s	21.46	-3.18	-12.9
WhitingPet	5.89	-.84	-12.5
ExcoRs rs	4.21	-.56	-11.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,371
Declined	1,569
Unchanged	113
Total issues	3,053
New Highs	157
New Lows	31
Volume	3,460,827,737

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
B2gold g	107343	2.69	-.08
NwGold g	101347	2.99	-.16
BarcGSOil	61142	4.73	-.19
NovaGld g	55425	4.03	-.31
KlondexM g	39500	3.45	-.15

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Flanign	29.00	+1.75	+6.4
ContMatls	20.00	+.00	+5.2
MatinasB n	2.55	+.12	+4.9
Pfenex	4.81	+.21	+4.6
SwGA Fn	20.26	+.88	+4.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VirnetX	4.55	-.55	-10.8
Zedge n	2.43	-.28	-10.3
AsteriasBio	3.20	-.35	-9.9
AvalonHld	2.61	-.27	-9.4
Sifco	7.20	-.70	-8.9

DIARY

Advanced	153
Declined	187
Unchanged	21
Total issues	361
New Highs	11
New Lows	7
Volume	126,767,244

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Yahoo	649322	52.63	+.63
PwShs QQQ	579578	139.75	-.61
Apple Inc	307183	145.16	-1.43
Nvidia	290937	151.72	+.32
MicronT	257085	31.06	-.48

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Aethlon rs	2.40	+.80	+50.0
Ominto n	8.16	+2.23	+37.6
WolvBcp	39.55	+7.60	+23.8
NeuroDerm	28.75	+3.85	+15.5
GalmedPh	5.95	+.79	+15.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TSR Inc	6.37	-1.78	-21.8
Highpwrlnt	3.75	-.90	-19.4
WecastNt h	2.00	-.37	-15.6
Advaxis wt	3.22	-.42	-11.6
LibertyTax	11.50	-1.45	-11.2

DIARY

Advanced	1,173
Declined	1,648
Unchanged	215
Total issues	3,036
New Highs	104
New Lows	49
Volume	1,861,492,058

Fed presses on with rate hike, asset plan amid inflation worry

Bloomberg

Federal Reserve officials forged ahead with an interest-rate increase and additional plans to tighten monetary policy despite growing concerns over weak inflation.

Policy makers agreed to raise their benchmark lending rate for the third time in six months, maintained their outlook for one more hike in 2017 and set out some details for how they intend to shrink their $4.5 trillion balance sheet this year.

"Near-term risks to the economic outlook appear roughly balanced, but the committee is monitoring inflation developments closely," the Federal Open Market Committee said in a statement Wednesday following a two-day meeting in Washington. "The committee currently expects to begin implementing a balance sheet normalization program this year, provided that the economy evolves broadly as anticipated."

Policymakers also issued forecasts showing another three quarter-point rate increases in 2018, similar to the previous projections in March.

The Fed's actions and words struck a careful balance between showing resolve to continue tightening in response to falling unemployment while acknowledging the persistence of unexpectedly low inflation this year.

"Inflation on a 12-month basis is expected to remain somewhat below 2 percent in the near term but to stabilize around the committee's 2 percent objective over the medium term," the statement said.

The committee had previously described inflation as close to their goal.

Data released earlier Wednesday showed that, on a year-over-year basis, the core version of consumer price inflation, which strips out food and energy components, slowed for the fourth straight month, to 1.7 percent in May. Following that news, the probability that the June hike would be followed by another increase this year dropped to about 28 percent from 48 percent, according to pricing in fed funds futures contracts

In a separate statement on Wednesday, the Fed spelled out the details of its plan to allow the balance sheet to shrink by gradually rolling off a fixed amount of assets on a monthly basis. The initial cap will be set at $10 billion a month: $6 billion from Treasuries and $4 billion from mortgage-backed securities.

The caps will increase every three months by $6 billion for Treasuries and $4 billion for MBS until they reach $30 billion and $20 billion, respectively.

Officials didn't reveal the exact timing of when the process will begin this year, as well as specifically how large the portfolio might be when finished.

The FOMC retained language that it expects to keep raising interest rates at a "gradual" pace if economic data play out in line with forecasts.

Wednesday's decision brings the Fed's target for the federal funds rate, which covers overnight loans between banks, to a range of 1 percent to 1.25 percent.

The vote was 8-1, with Minneapolis Fed President Neel Kashkari dissenting from a rate increase for the second time this year, preferring no change.

Quarterly projections for 2018 and 2019 showed Fed policy makers largely maintained their expected path for borrowing costs.

The median forecast still has the central bank making three quarter-point increases in 2018; the end-2019 rate is seen at 2.9 percent, a slight change from 3 percent in the March projections.

The new forecasts may in part reflect changes in the FOMC since the last meeting, including the departures of Governor Daniel Tarullo and Richmond Fed President Jeffrey Lacker, and the arrival of new Atlanta Fed President Raphael Bostic.

In any event, interest-rate projections for 2018 and 2019 are becoming less reliable guides to future policy amid the likelihood that the Fed's Board of Governors will see a major makeover in the next year.

The Fed has in recent weeks wrestled with contradictory signals from unemployment and inflation. Joblessness in the U.S. dropped to a 16-year low at 4.3 percent in May. Despite that, the Fed's favorite measure of price pressures, excluding food and energy components, rose just 1.5 percent in the 12 months through April, down from 1.8 percent in February. The Fed's target for inflation is 2 percent.

The recent economic developments prompted FOMC members to drop their median projection for inflation to 1.6 percent in 2017, from 1.9 percent forecast in March.

Stocks slip as investors seek safety after weak sales data

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks dipped Wednesday as investors worried about weak retail sales and oil prices sank. The Federal Reserve raised interest rates for the third time in six months.

The Commerce Department said retail spending decreased in May, which surprised experts. Investors reacted by buying traditionally safe assets like government bonds and high-dividend companies while selling stocks from other industries that depend more on economic growth. Bond yields hit their lowest level of 2017. Oil prices also hit an annual low after the government's weekly report on oil stockpiles.

In the last few weeks Wall Street has been disappointed by several economic reports. That did not appear to change the Fed's thinking even though higher interest rates tend to slow down economic growth.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index slid 2.43 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,437.92. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 46.09 points, or 0.2 percent, to a record 21,374.56. Home Depot and Goldman Sachs contributed most of the blue-chip index's gain. After a late tumble in technology stocks, the Nasdaq composite lost 25.48 points, or 0.4 percent, to 6,194.89.

Metal prices mixed

Gold rose $7.30 to $1,275.90 an ounce. Silver jumped 37 cents, or 2.2 percent, to $17.14 an ounce. Copper slipped 2 cents to $2.57 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $121.55 Down 3.30

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.28 Up 0.04

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $89.40 Down 3.04

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.49 Down 0.10

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.07 Down 0.18

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.65 Down 1.25

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $14.02 Down 0.68

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $33.64 Down 1.49

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.20 Down 1.008

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.55 Down 0.38

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		22	6.25	-.17	-38.8
AT&T Inc	1.96	15	38.72	+.04	-9.0
Abraxas	...	...	**1.89**	**-.09**	**-26.5**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**	...	**14.33**	**-.01**	**+12.7**
AMD			11.77	-.19	+3.8
Alibaba		40	136.67	+.07	+55.6
AlonUSA	.60		12.71	-1.22	+11.7
Ambev	.06e	5	5.50	-.02	+12.0
Amgen	**4.60f**	**15**	**165.10**	**+.67**	**+12.9**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**47.28**	**-1.94**	**-32.2**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**47.72**	**-1.50**	**-24.8**
Apple Inc	2.52f	17	145.16	-1.43	+25.3
ApldMatl	**.40**	**17**	**43.98**	**-.87**	**+36.3**
Archrock	.48	...	11.00	-.95	-16.7
ATMOS	**1.80**	**24**	**85.09**	**+.76**	**+14.8**
AutoData	2.28	26	101.25	-.62	-1.5
Avon			3.66	+.16	-27.4
BP PLC	**2.38**	**53**	**35.37**	**-.66**	**-5.4**
BakrHu	.68	...	56.11	-.96	-13.6
BcoBrad s	.37e	...	8.28	+.30	+15.2
BkofAm	.30f	15	23.76	-.01	+7.5
B iPVxST rs	...	...	12.92	-.07	-49.4
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.12	+.10	-2.3
BarrickG	.12f	27	15.95	-.38	-.2
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	**17**	**257150.00**	**-50.00**	**+5.3**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78f**	**21**	**70.74**	**+.76**	**+15.3**
BlockHR	.96f	14	29.13	+2.14	+26.7
BrMySq	**1.56**	**32**	**54.52**	**+.33**	**-6.7**
Brookdale	...	...	15.24	+1.17	+22.7
BrownFA s	...	**30**	**50.60**	**+.09**	**+9.4**
BrownFB s	...	...	**49.34**	**+.10**	**+9.8**
CVS Health	2.00	14	80.80	+.95	+2.4
CallonPet	...	**34**	**10.77**	**-.74**	**-29.9**
Caterpillar	3.12f	32	104.71	-1.04	+12.9
Celestic g	...	10	13.85	-.22	+16.9
CntryLink	2.16	12	27.31	+.07	+14.8
ChesEng	...	46	5.02	-.26	-28.5
Chevron	**4.32**	...	**106.60**	**-1.53**	**-9.4**
Chicos	.33	13	9.22	-.21	-35.9
Cimarex	.32	46	97.51	-3.63	-28.2
Cisco	1.16	16	31.60	-.10	+4.6
CgpVelLCrd	...	...	12.27	-1.52	-55.7
Citigroup	.64	13	64.72	+.03	+8.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CliffsNRs		6	5.88	-.35	-30.1
CocaCola	**1.48**	**28**	**45.30**	**+.27**	**+9.3**
ColgPalm	**1.60**	**27**	**75.88**	**+.19**	**+16.0**
ConAgra	**.80**	**20**	**38.96**	**-.02**	**-1.5**
ConchoRes	...	...	**121.55**	**-3.30**	**-8.3**
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**50**	**45.42**	**-1.01**	**-9.4**
CrackerB	4.80f	26	165.32	+1.51	-1.0
CSVelIVST	...	...	82.61	+.36	+76.7
CrosTim	**1.10e**	**15**	**15.52**	**-.18**	**-13.6**
DCP Mid	3.12	19	32.16	-1.36	-16.2
DTE	3.30f	25	110.49	+1.08	+12.2
Delcath rs	...	...	.06	+.01	-93.6
DevonE	**.24**	...	**32.19**	**-1.30**	**-29.5**
DxGBull rs	...	...	31.31	-3.39	...
DrGMBll rs	...	...	17.72	-2.80	...
DirDGlBr rs	...	...	30.56	+2.65	-36.8
Disney	**1.56f**	**18**	**106.14**	**-.42**	**+1.8**
DowChm	**1.84**	**21**	**64.53**	**-.73**	**+12.8**
EOG Rescs	**.67**	...	**88.93**	**-1.63**	**-12.0**
EnCana g	.06	34	9.30	-.42	-20.8
Energen	.08	...	54.27	-1.29	-5.9
EngyTrfPt	2.08f	22	19.76	-.78	-17.7
EnPro	**.88**	**43**	**70.26**	**-1.73**	**+4.3**
ENSCO	.04	1	5.90	-.26	-39.3
EntProdPt	1.66f	21	26.47	-.22	-2.1
Ericsson	.11e	...	7.10	-.13	+21.8
ExxonMbl	**3.08f**	**36**	**82.07**	**-.89**	**-9.1**
Facebook	...	33	150.25	-.43	+30.6
FordM	.60a	6	11.22	-.05	-7.5
FrptMcM	...	...	12.09	-.27	-8.3
FrontierCm	.16m	...	1.27	-.07	-62.4
GATX	**1.68**	**11**	**64.65**	**-.89**	**+5.0**
GabMultT	**.94e**	...	**9.05**	**+.02**	**+25.0**
GAInv	**1.15e**	...	**34.20**	**+.04**	**+9.7**
GenElec	**.96**	**20**	**28.69**	**+.24**	**-9.2**
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**18**	**29.55**	**+.02**	**+8.0**
Hallibrtn	.72	...	44.83	-1.01	-17.1
HertzGl	...	...	10.34	+.73	-52.0
IAMGld g	...	63	5.00	-.43	+29.9
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	34.32	+.36	+2.9
iShSilver	...	...	15.95	...	+5.6
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	39.93	-.18	+15.0
iShEMkts	.84e	...	41.58	-.01	+18.8
iSh20 yrT	3.05	...	126.30	+1.92	+6.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	66.52	-.05	+15.2
iShR2K	1.77e	...	141.26	-.84	+4.8
Intel	**1.09f**	**16**	**35.53**	**-.35**	**-2.0**
InterDig	1.20	9	82.40	-1.35	-9.8
ItauUnibH	.32e	...	11.02	+.16	+7.3
JD.com	...	...	38.40	-.87	+50.9
JPMorgCh	1.92	14	87.09	-.18	+.9
JohnJn	**3.36f**	**20**	**132.77**	**+.75**	**+15.2**
KimbClk	**3.88**	**21**	**130.37**	**+1.00**	**+14.2**
KindMorg	.50	63	18.96	-.27	-8.5
Kinross g	...	59	4.13	-.14	+32,8
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.49	-.10	-29.7
Lubys	...	...	**3.09**	**-.03**	**-27.8**
MarathnO	.20	...	12.64	-.37	-27.0
Mattel	1.52	25	22.15	-.50	-19.6
McDnlds	3.76	28	150.68	+.86	+23.8
Merck	1.88	17	63.37	+.10	+7.6
MeritMed	...	**44**	**34.85**	**-.30**	**+31.5**
MexcoEn	...	...	4.07	-.18	-18.6
MicronT	...	37	31.06	-.48	+41.7
Microsoft	1.56	29	70.27	-.38	+13.1
Nabors	.24	...	8.52	-.47	-48.0
NOilVarco	.20	25	32.77	-1.69	-12.5
NokiaCp	.17e	...	6.38	-.04	+32.6
NSTFI3	**.55a**	...	**14.74**	**+.03**	**+4.0**
NTXQI	**.65**	...	**14.35**	**+.03**	**+4.6**
Nvidia	.56	48	151.72	+.32	+42.1
OasisPet	...	...	8.73	-1.02	-42.3
OcciPet	**3.04**	...	**60.12**	**-.88**	**-15.6**
Oclaro	...		9.73	+.25	+8.7
PDC Engy	...	...	**46.59**	**-2.42**	**-35.8**
Pandora	...	...	7.58	-.38	-41.9
ParTech	...	**21**	**8.44**	**-.04**	**+51.3**
ParkDrl	...	...	**1.35**	**-.05**	**-48.1**
PattUTI	**.08**	...	**20.22**	**-1.15**	**-24.9**
Penney	...	16	4.92	+.15	-40.8
PennaRE	**.84**	**8**	**11.73**	**+.10**	**-38.1**
Prmian	.46e	26	9.22	-.34	+19.6
PetrbrsA	...	...	7.72	-.09	-12.4
Petrobras	...	...	8.29	-.13	-18.0
Pfizer	**1.28**	**14**	**32.69**	**+.11**	**+.6**
PioNtrl	.08	...	164.86	-3.89	-8.4
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**27**	**24.83**	**-1.08**	**-23.1**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	139.75	-.61	+18.0
Praxair	**3.15**	**24**	**135.19**	**-1.09**	**+15.4**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PrmEgy	...	...	**44.10**	**-1.45**	**-18.3**
PUVixST rs	...	...	10.05	-.09	...
PrUCrude rs	...	...	14.13	-1.11	...
ProctGam	**2.76f**	**23**	**88.44**	**+.38**	**+5.2**
RangeRs	.08	32	23.18	-.76	-32.5
RegionsFn	.28f	16	14.50	+.08	+1.0
Rowan	.40	6	12.55	-.45	-33.6
RoyDShllA	3.76	82	53.79	-.71	-1.1
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	213.84	+.47	+8.3
SpdrGold	...	...	119.82	-.66	+9.3
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	244.24	-.31	+9.3
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	32.20	-1.46	-22.3
SabnR	2.24e	17	37.20	-.40	+5.8
SanderFm	**.96**	**13**	**128.10**	**+.23**	**+35.9**
Schlmbrg	2.00	68	68.18	-1.17	-18.8
SiriusXM	.04	34	5.16	-.08	+16.0
Smucker	3.00	17	127.48	-.76	-.5
SwstnEngy	...	...	6.08	-.35	-43.8
SpiritRltC	.72	9	7.70	-.01	-29.1
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	57.11	+.36	+10.4
SP Engy	2.04e	...	66.17	-1.22	-12.1
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	24.51	+.04	+5.4
SP Tech	.78e	...	55.82	-.27	+15.4
SP Util	1.55e	...	53.99	+.29	+11.2
TelefEsp	**1.20e**	...	**10.98**	**-.07**	**+19.3**
Tesoro	2.20	15	92.13	-2.09	+5.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
3M Co	4.70	26	210.01	+.90	+17.6
Torchmark	**.60**	**17**	**76.94**	**-.02**	**+4.3**
Transocn	...	8	8.69	-.47	-41.0
TriContl	**.98e**	...	**24.36**	**+.09**	**+10.5**
TylerTech	...	**54**	**169.14**	**-.76**	**+18.5**
UBSI	**1.32**	**21**	**40.65**	**+.25**	**-12.1**
US OilFd	...	...	9.23	-.37	-21.2
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WalgBoots	1.50	18	82.88	+1.08	+.1
Weathfintl	...	...	4.15	-.37	-16.8
WellsFargo	1.52	14	54.53	+.08	-1.1
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WmsCos	1.20	41	28.79	-.76	-7.5
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**22**	**47.37**	**+.30**	**+16.4**
Xerox	**.25**	**10**	**6.93**	**-.08**	**+20.5**
Yahoo	...	...	52.63	+.63	+36.1
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11,799.19	9,918.72	NYSE Composite	11,779.81	-16.98	-.14	+6.54	+14.40
6,341.70	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	6,194.89	-25.48	-.41	+15.08	+28.13
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Lake Fong/Pittsburgh Post-Gazette via AP

Sidney Crosby walks toward celebrating Penguins fans as he holds the Stanley Cup on Grant Street in Pittsburgh on Wednesday during the Pittsburgh Penguins' victory parade and rally.

650,000 fans at parade cheer Penguins for Stanley Cup win

By Joe Mandak
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Penguins' Stanley Cup championship, the first an NHL team has won back to back in almost 20 years, spawned by far the biggest victory parade of any of the franchise's five titles.

An estimated 650,000 people turned out along a downtown parade route that ended with a rally at Point State Park, city public works and public safety officials said Wednesday. A sunny day with temperatures in the 80s didn't hurt, as the smell of sunscreen was as pungent as the Penguins' love in a city that boasts, officially, only 305,000 residents.

"These guys are fierce competitors," coach Mike Sullivan told the crowd from a stage in the triangular park formed by the confluence of the city's three rivers. "They just know how to win."

Roughly 400,000 fans attended last year's celebration, which was the biggest for any of the team's Stanley Cup championships to that point.

The Penguins won the cup Sunday against the Nashville Predators with a 2-0 win in Game 6. And judging from signs and chants from the crowd, this championship was sweetened by the adversity the team overcame.

Playoff MVP and Penguins captain Sidney Crosby was knocked out for the better part of two games with a concussion against the Washington Capitals, and the Penguins played without their best defenseman, Kris Letang, who had neck surgery before the playoffs.

As the players took the stage to PPG Paints Arena announcer Ryan Mill's introductions, fans also learned that Ian Cole, another defenseman, played through a broken hand and broken ribs. And Brian Bonino, who broke his leg blocking a shot but still finished Game 2 of the finals before missing the rest, hobbled around on crutches while taking selfies with fans.

A couple of bittersweet story lines punctuated the festivities: 40-year-old veteran Matt Cullen, who has won two Cups since joining the Penguins as a free agent last season, has hinted he might retire, prompting fans to chant, "One more year!" And, perhaps the best story of the playoffs was how former starting goalie Marc-Andre Fleury regained that job when rookie Matt Murray was injured during warm-ups in the first game of the playoffs. Fleury was in net for nine of the 16 victories the Penguins needed to win the Cup before Murray returned from injury to replace Fleury after a shaky third-round game against Ottawa and was in net for Pittsburgh's final seven playoff wins.

Fleury, one of the most popular Penguins with fans and teammates, is likely to leave when the new Las Vegas franchise drafts its players or in an offseason trade.

Phil Kessel, another fan favorite since the Penguins acquired him from Toronto two seasons ago, drew some of the biggest cheers.

Fan Kristen Pearce, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, drove down to honor Kessel, a Wisconsin native, and was lucky enough to have him autograph her jersey and her sign, which read, "We drove from Wisconsin to see our Stanley Cup champion!"

Some fans lined up the night before, and most waited several hours for the parade to start.

Karla and Don Donahue drove 30 miles from Freeport to claim their seats in Point State Park at 2:30 a.m. This was the third victory parade for the Donahues, who also attended in 2009 and 2016.

Karla Donahue said if they aren't at the games they're watching on TV.

"If we're somewhere else, it's on the radio," she said. "We haven't missed a game in years."

The Penguins also won the Cup in 1991 and 1992. They became the first team to repeat as champions since the Detroit Red Wings did it in 1997 and 1998.

From jeers to Cheers: Danica 'had a moment' with booing fan

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — Danica Patrick emerged from some recent fan encounters with a couple of bruises: One resulted in a swollen ring finger after a girl shook her hand too enthusiastically, and another left its mark on her image.

The 35-year-old NASCAR star said Wednesday that she "had a moment" when she cursed out a booing fan after qualifying for last week's race.

"In a perfect world, I would have never walked over there and I'd have just kept going," she said during a previously scheduled promotional tour in Boston. "That's mostly what I do, every single day, if someone boos me, is you just keep walking.

"But every now and again they just catch you in a moment. And I had a moment."

In a video that went viral after the race in Pocono, Pennsylvania, Patrick stormed over to the fan and said: "I'm a person, too. I have feelings. When you boo me, it hurts my feelings."

She explained during a stop at the "Cheers" bar to promote next month's New Hampshire 301 that a fan in Pocono had gone through the security cordon in an attempt to get her autograph.

"I didn't feel it was right to honor that person for disrespecting the security guard and trying to get past him by signing his stuff," she said. "So I was put in this awkward situation."

On Wednesday, Patrick tried to turn the jeers to Cheers.

During a student-guided tour designed to focus on influential women in history, Patrick shook or slapped every hand that was held out to her in Boston, and signed dozens of autographs for the students or other tourists who approached her along the way.

"Days like today, when you hear that you're an inspiration, that's the good part," she said. "That makes the work, which is sometimes frustrating, worth it."

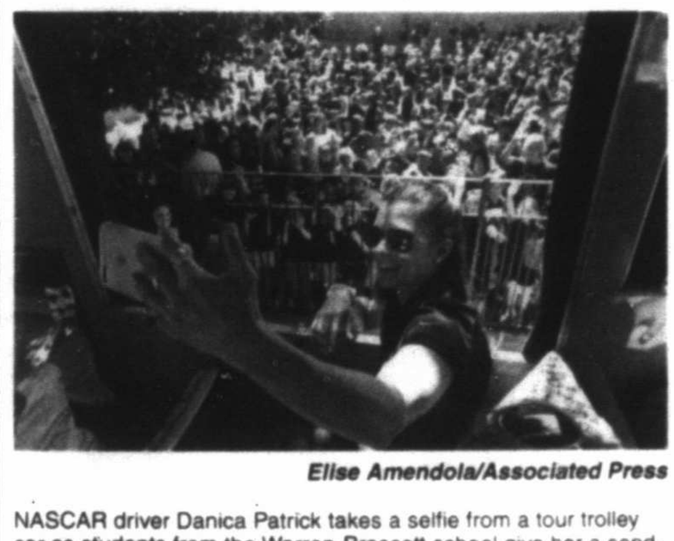
Starting her day at the Warren-Prescott school in Charlestown, eight grades worth of students chanted "Da-Ni-Ca!" as she arrived, and an a capella group serenaded her. Other students performed a drum routine, and Patrick bobbed her head to the rhythm and took video on her phone.

Then, Patrick boarded a trolley with a handful of students for a tour of the city, from Bunker Hill and Faneuil Hall to the iconic swan boats that paddle through the Public Garden. The tour ended at the bar that inspired the TV show "Cheers."

"It's cool to see the old historical stops," Patrick said. "We've seen the stops that were historical back in the 1700s and we've seen the ones that were historical back in the '90s — the 1990s."

Asked what the oldest thing in her hometown of Roscoe, Illinois, is, Patrick joked, "Me, probably, at this point."

But she said she was eager to continue driving after her contract with Stewart-Hass Racing expires at the end of the year. Although she has been increasingly active off the track — with a food and workout book and a clothing line and even some time in the booth — she says is not ready to retire.



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NASCAR driver Danica Patrick takes a selfie from a tour trolley car as students from the Warren-Prescott school give her a send-off rally for a tour of historic sites Wednesday in Boston. Patrick says she "had a moment" when she lost her temper at a booing fan after qualifying for last week's NASCAR race

ELLIOTT

From 1C

in the NFC before losing to Green Bay in a divisional playoff. The NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year faces the same encore question.

"We're going to get better together," said Prescott, who set rookie records in passer rating (104.9) and completion rate (67.8 percent). "He's kind of my partner in crime. If I need something, he's going to make sure on the field and off the field it happens."

Elliott had a 60-yard score and an 83-yard touchdown on a screen pass as a rookie, but breakaway runs top his list of ways to improve in his second season. Brown said drills where Elliott tries to elude defensive backs are one way to work on what they call second-level running.

"You try to come up with different creative ways to keep him motivated, other than the way he is motivated already by just being better," Brown said. "But you've still got to give him more. You don't want it to get stale."

Elliott is listening.

"You can say I've proven myself, but I've got to keep doing that," he said. "So it's all just kinda learning this offense inside out and kind of learning more beyond what I do."

TEXAS FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water clear on the main lake, stained up the river; 76 degrees; 3.28 feet low. Black bass are slow on 7-inch Power Worms, spoons and jigs. Crappie and bass are slow on minnows. Catfish are fair on live perch and goldfish.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 73-79 degrees; 0.91 feet low. Black bass are good on Yellow Magics early, later switching to Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and shallow running crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows around structure. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

COLORADO CITY: 13.11 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 75-79 degrees; 0.46 feet high. Black bass are fair on chatterbaits early, later switching to Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 74-78 degrees; 0.41 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Whopper Ploppers early, later switching to squarebill crankbaits, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows around cover. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

NASWORTHY: 73-78 degrees; 1.17 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot rigs, finesse jigs and Texas rigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 74-80 degrees; 8.26 feet low. Black bass are good on Texas rigs and topwaters. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 73-79 degrees; 33.43 feet low. Black bass are good on Whopper Ploppers early, later switching to Texas rigs, jigs and Senkos. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 72-78 degrees; 0.11 feet high. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs, shallow running crankbaits and shaky-heads. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs and inline spinners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 48.4 feet low. No report available.

STAMFORD: Water stained; 71-77 degrees; 1.08 feet high. Black bass are fair to good on buzzbaits early, later switching to Texas rigs and Senkos. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows around cover. White bass are fair to good on Rooster Tails. Blue catfish are fair to good on cut and live bait.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 72-77 degrees; 21.95 feet low. No report available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 72-78 degrees; 20.72 feet low. Black bass are very slow (the bass population was greatly reduced during the drought). No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water stained; 75-79 degrees. Black bass are good on green pumpkin soft plastics. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on frozen shrimp, minnows, and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water stained; 74-78 degrees; 0.47 feet high. Black bass are fair on watermelon spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Hybrid striper are fair on silver striper jigs. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and blue tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 75-79 degrees; 0.01 feet low. Black bass are fair on Bass Hogg buzzbaits and spinnerbaits over grass, and on watermelon red worms with chartreuse tails around docks. Hybrid striper are good on shad in Hybrid Alley. White bass are fair on Li'l Fishies off lighted docks at night. Crappie are fair on minnows in 8-15 feet. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

BUCHANAN: Water stained; 76-80 degrees; 0.49 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on watermelon flukes, white crankbaits, and Texas rigged watermelon candy Whacky Sticks in 4-8 feet early. Striped bass are good on Rattlin' Rogues, Rat-L-Traps, and plastic swim baits. White bass are fair on Tiny Traps and plastic swim baits in creeks. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are good on liver, minnows, and dipbait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on goldfish and perch upriver.

CANYON LAKE: Water stained; 75-79 degrees; 0.22 feet low. Black bass are fair on topwaters, watermelon flukes, and Whacky Sticks around flooded bushes. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Smallmouth bass are fair on clear grubs and watermelon crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and pink tube jigs in standing timber. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp. Yellow and blue catfish are good on goldfish and perch upriver.

COLEMAN: Water stained; 76-80 degrees; 0.16 feet low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin soft plastics and crankbaits. Hybrid striper are fair on live shad. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles in 20-30 feet. Channel catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait. Yellow catfish are slow.

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

FAYETTE: Water murky. Black bass are fair on watermelon red Carolina rigged soft plastics off points, and on topwaters and buzzbaits early. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and cut shad.

GRANBURY: Water stained; 74-78 degrees; 0.02 feet high. Black bass are good on Carolina rigged soft plastic worms and lizards, and on shad colored crankbaits. Striped bass are fair on silver striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows and silver spoons. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers, chicken livers, and frozen shrimp.

GRANGER: Water stained; 73-77 degrees; 0.26 feet high. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits in willows upriver. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on marabou jigs in 5-15 feet. Blue catfish are good on shad and prepared bait in 5-12 feet. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait upriver.

LBJ: Water stained; 75-79 degrees; 0.71 feet low. Black bass are fair on motor oil Berkley Power worms, watermelon topwaters, and watermelon red Whacky Sticks in 6-12 feet. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and watermelon jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water stained; 74-78 degrees; 0.42 feet high. Black bass are good on silver Rat-L-Traps in Liberty Hill Park, and on shallow running crankbaits near the dam. White bass are fair on slabs over humps. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs off docks early. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait in 4-5 feet. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water stained; 73-77 degrees; 0.61 feet high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 75-79 degrees; 0.32 feet high. Black bass are good on watermelon spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are fair trolling slab spoons near the dam. White bass are fair trolling slab spoons near the dam. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on punchbait, and on juglines baited with cut shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

STILLHOUSE HOLLOW: Water murky; 74-78 degrees; 0.82 feet high. Black bass are good on white spinnerbaits and watermelon red soft plastics. White bass are good on slabs and minnows. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on doughbait, chicken livers, and chicken bloodbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water stained; 75-79 degrees; 1.44 feet low. Black bass are good on plum worms and smoke grubs in 10-25 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on chrome spoons and white grubs. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on bloodbait and shrimp in 25-40 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water murky. Black bass are fair on shad. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and frozen shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water stained; 74-78 degrees; 0.67 feet high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are slow.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 77-81 degrees; 32.05 feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon and green pumpkin crankbaits and soft plastics in 18-20 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good 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.

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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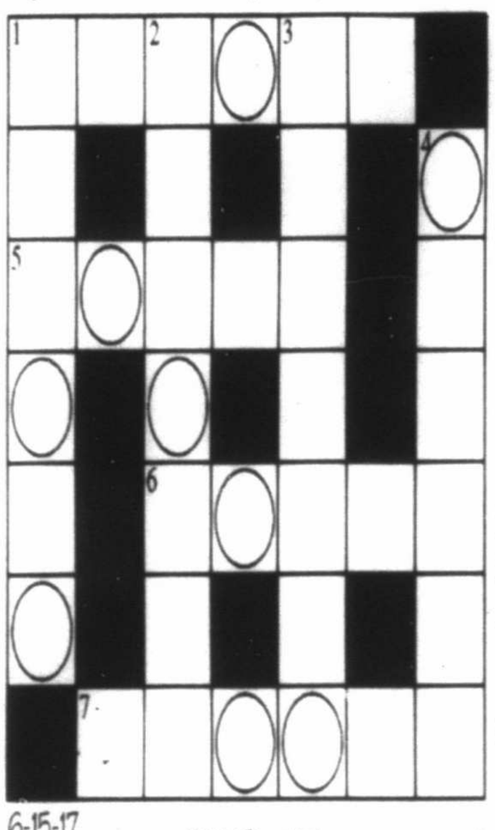
JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Type of vertebra	BURALM
5. "The ___ Suspects"	SLAUU
6. ___ Sea	TROHN
7. Waxy stick	OCNARY

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Noisily	UOYLDL
2. Funeral attendee	UREMNOR
3. ___ medication	GRAELLY
4. Dash	YEHNPH

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: "The ___ ___" date back to the late 1920s.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Lumpar 5A-Usual 6A-North 7A-Crayon 1D-Lowly 2D-Hoarser 3D-Allergy 4D-Hypnor B-Henry Boyle

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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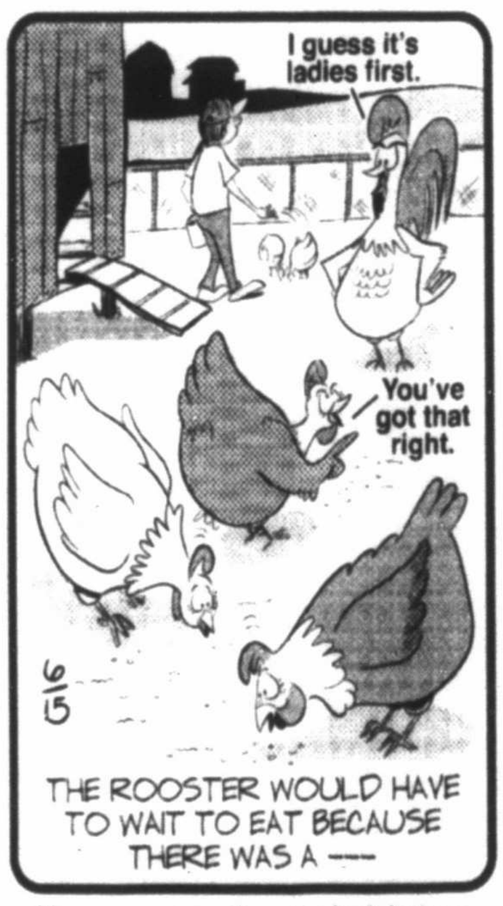

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: IVORY LOBBY GEYSER ADJOIN
Answer: For them, saying goodbye took — SO LONG

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Port initials
4 Fallon's predecessor
8 Negative quality
13 Late July arrival
14 No longer hung up on
15 Composed
16 Going rate?
18 Younger daughter of Hi and Lois, in comics
19 Admission of defeat
20 Petal pusher?
22 Baseball's Wills and TV's Povich
24 __ zone: shallowest oceanic region that sunlight doesn't reach
27 Co. once led by Baryshnikov
28 Sap sucker
31 Green prefix
32 Suffix with Bieber
34 Like aged cheddar
36 With some unscrambling, the contents of each set of circles
40 Invoice word
41 Blow one's fuse
42 Once-sacred snake
43 Straight sides of a pizza slice, e.g.
45 Relaxation destination
48 Low-down prank?
51 __ torpedo: "Star Trek" weapon
54 Symbol of complementary principles
57 Watching intently
58 Bakery-café chain
60 Man of steel?
62 "Wild" author Strayed
63 Actor Baldwin
64 Tillis of country
65 "Sonatine Bureaucratique" composer
66 Soothing succulent
67 Pitches during breaks

DOWN

1 Word's last syllable
2 Aquanaut's base
3 Block during rebounding, in basketball
4 Up in the air
5 Actress Longoria
6 Soft toy brand
7 Russian city where Turgenev was born
8 Positive quality
9 "Fighting" Indiana team
10 When some fans have to wait till
11 Solitary prefix
12 "Told you!"
15 Fine fiddle
17 Med. nation
21 Sapporo sash
23 Reasonable
25 Zoning unit
26 Cut
29 Shot
30 Word repeated twice in a Roger Ebert title about bad movies
32 Injured pro's test, perhaps
33 Toward the stern
34 "What's doin'?"
35 Haberdasher's item
36 Latin American capital
37 Like some late-game hockey goals
38 Hindu title
39 Wisecrack
40 Fan sound
43 __ blue
44 Words with clip or crossroads
45 Mark of shame
46 Paid (up)
47 Cloud dwellers?
49 Guy in the kitchen
50 Deli order
52 For this reason
53 "Listen up," to Luis
55 Indiana-based sports org.
56 Chutzpah
58 Best Buy buys
59 "That's it!"
61 Flying Cloud, for one

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

I	P	O	S		I	R	A	N		P	A	U	L
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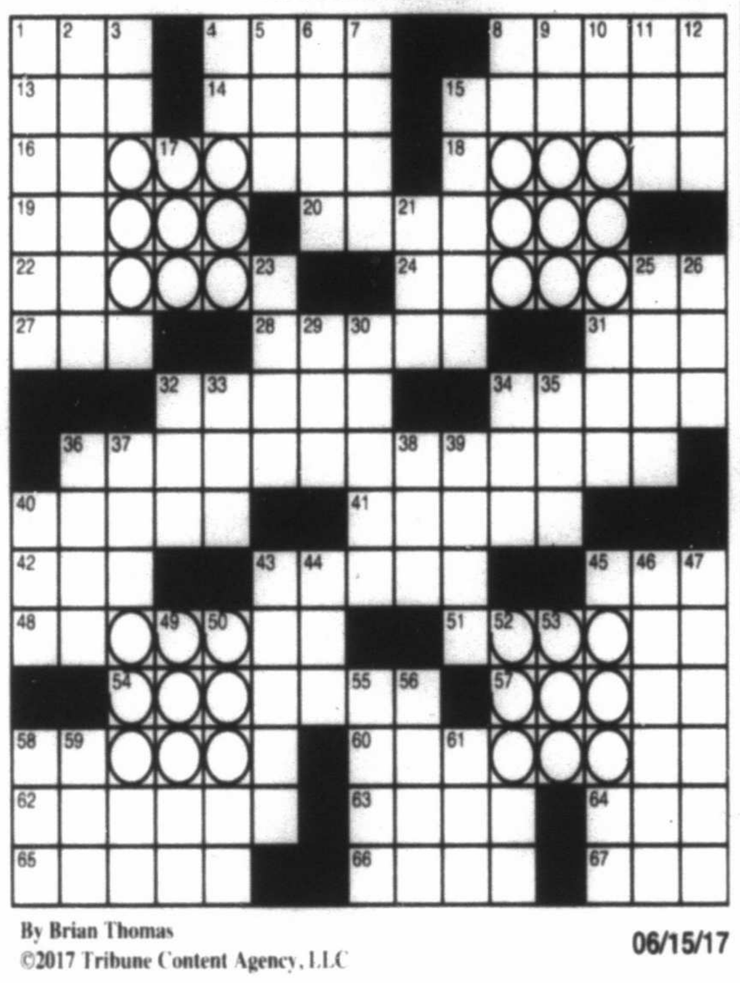

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ARTS-ENT-PUBLISHING

MRT MEDIA GROUP mrt.com
Midland Reporter-Telegram

THE REPORTER-TELEGRAM IS LOOKING FOR A

COPY EDITOR/ DESIGNER

Qualifications:

- Willing to work nights, weekends and holidays
- An eye for detail
- Ability to learn quickly
- A firm grasp of punctuation, grammar
- Creativity
- Not afraid to ask questions

Preferred:

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About the job:

This is an entry-level position that offers paid vacation, a 401(k) and other benefits. Experience in both copy editing and design is preferable, but we're willing to work with the right candidate. Recent college graduates are encouraged to apply. Candidate must be willing to relocate to Midland.

If you're interested:

Submit your cover letter, résumé and clips in PDF format to Brenna Norrell at bnorrell@mrt.com or send a hard copy to Midland Reporter-Telegram, Attn.: Brenna Norrell, 201 E. Illinois Ave. Midland, TX 79701.

CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative Assistant & Receptionist

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF STANTON - MIDLAND BRANCH

Our downtown Midland location is currently seeking an administrative assistant and receptionist. Duties include general banking transactions, customer service, loan officer support involving loan processing, credit file maintenance, and loan documentation through closing and funding various commercial, consumer and real estate transactions. Two years of recent banking experience preferred and excellent customer service required. General computer knowledge preferred with strong skills required in word and excel. Part-time or full-time positions available. Salary and benefits DOE. Please submit resumes to The First National Bank of Stanton - Midland Branch, 200 N. Loraine St., Ste. 1200, Midland Texas 79701. or fnb@fnbstanton.com

CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITIES

Fencing

Must have 2 years of fence construction experience, including chain link and high game fence. Drug test, physical, and good driving record required. Call Gary Mariott at 432-238-3718.

EDUCATION-TRAINING

St. Luke's Development Program

We are currently hiring for full and part time positions. Must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or its equivalency. We offer vacation, sick and personal time/401k/Health plan/paid holidays for full time positions. Apply in person at 3011 W. Kansas, Midland TX.

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

Downhole Tool Service Techs

National Oilwell Varco now hiring downhole tool service technicians. Competitive pay and benefits. Apply in person or submit resume online at nov.com/careers or 8301 Groening Road. Odessa, TX 79765. (near the H & P Yard) 432-563-1173

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

Field Service Representative

Quality- conscious individual to supervise installation of specialty tubular products, communicate service issues to customers on location. Reports to field service coordinator. Requires downhole tool or completion experience, good driving record. Full benefits, medical, dental, vision, and 401k. Please apply at Composite Lining Systems, 7812 W. Business 20, Midland, Texas.

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin
Department of Engineering and Technology
Adjunct Faculty Positions in Mechanical and Petroleum Engineering

The Department of Engineering and Technology at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin is accepting applications for adjunct professors who can teach Petroleum Engineering and Mechanical Engineering courses. The positions require a Master's degree in engineering. Openings exist for teaching courses in upper level undergraduate courses as well as fundamental lower division courses such as Petroleum Fundamentals, Statics, Dynamics, Mechanics of Materials, Thermodynamics, Fluid Mechanics, and related laboratory courses. The anticipated start date is in August, 2017. The courses are taught face-to-face in the Odessa/Midland, Texas area. Interested candidates should submit a resume including three professional references to Becky Gardner at gardner_b@utpb.edu.

MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

District Manager

The Midland Reporter-Telegram

The MRT has an opening for a Circulation District Manager. This individual would be responsible for overseeing a delivery force of independent contractors/carriers, as well as performing other duties involved with the delivery and distribution of our newspaper, other contracted products, and niche publications.

This position requires excellent communication skills, must be able to work flexible hours (largely in the early morning hours including weekends), have reliable transportation. Candidate with previous newspaper delivery experience preferred but not required.

This is a full time salaried position, eligible for full benefits including health, vision, dental and paid time off with excellent starting salary.

To apply, please email your resume and cover letter to sheckler@hearstnp.com. No phone calls please.

OTHER JOBS

Assembly Technician

Assemble and wire electrical control panels. Must be mechanically inclined and able to follow wiring diagrams. Pre-employment drug screen required. Apply in person at R&D Specialties, 2629 Faudree Road #B-7, Odessa, Texas 79765, or send resume via fax 432-561-5696 or email: rdspec@rdspec.com.

OTHER JOBS

Gate Attendants needed

Gate Guard Services is looking for Gate Attendants in West Texas area, must have RV or Traveling trailer. Please call Patty for more information @ 361-949-6992.

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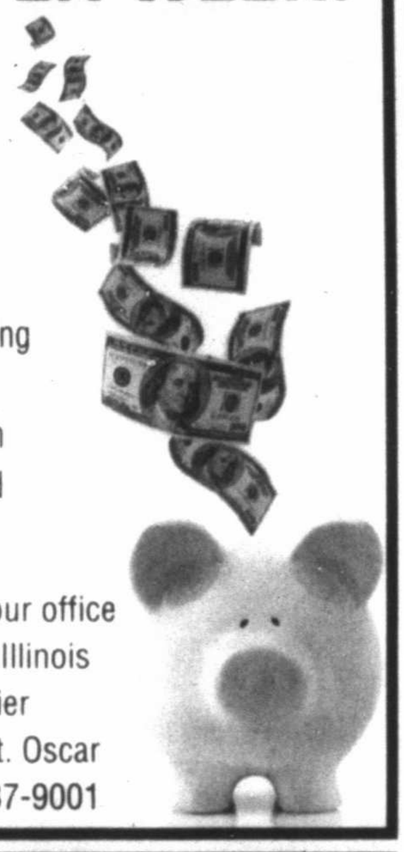
OTHER JOBS

EARN UP TO $500 PER WEEK!

Do you have a reliable car with insurance and a phone?? Become an independent contractor delivering the Midland Reporter-Telegram in the Midland and Andrews area.



Please come by our office located at 201 E. Illinois and fill out a carrier information sheet. Oscar Ronquillo 432-687-9001

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

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occassionally. We will train the right person. $10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday - Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com NOPHONECALLSPLEASE

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

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person. $10.00 per hour

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OUT OF CITY DELIVERY DRIVER/ PACKAGING ASSOCIATE

The Midland Reporter Telegram

- **Must have a clean, valid license & acceptable driving history**
- **Late night/Early morning hours**
- **Obey all traffic laws**
- **Strong commitment to safety is a must**
- **Professional communication with management, co-workers and customers**
- **Ability to lift, push or pull up to 50-lbs**
- **Must be able to reach, bend, lift as needed**
- **Must be able to work independently & in a team environment**
- **Ability to read, understand & follow oral and written instructions**
- **Perform other duties as delegated or assigned by Supervisor**
- **Required education. High School or equivalent**

This is a full time position that offers paid vacation and full package of benefits.

Please email your resume to: jmaddox@hearstnp.com

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PT Merchandiser for State wide Beverage Distributor

Flexible Hours-Weekends REQUIRED
Please send resume to: dustinbrown@benekeith.com

Warehouse Worker & Delivery Driver

Part-time help wanted. Early hours. Must have valid drivers license. Apply in person at: Quick Salad Produce, 1011 S. Goode St. Midland 79701

RESTAURANT FOOD SERVICES

The Hemingway Cigar & Wine Bar

Experienced waitstaff and barback needed. 3pm-11pm Mon-Sat shifts. Retail experience is a plus. TABC certification needed. Come in between 10am-3pm Mon-Fri. to apply or pick up an application. Resume preffered but not required

Schlotzskys

Now hiring at **both** Midland locations: 5211 W. Wadley & 1109 Andrews Hwy

- Promotions from within
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- Family enviornment

SALES JOBS

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is looking for someone with excellent communication skills to provide outstanding customer service to our Retail Advertising customers. Responsibilities include prospecting new clients, working closely with new and existing clients to develop multi-media advertising campaigns that provide outstanding results, tracking sales activity, and meeting/ exceeding established monthly sales goals.

Qualified candidates must be a self-starter and possess excellent communication and organizational skills, be detail oriented and assertive, excel in spelling/grammar/ punctuation, excel in time management, and possess a positive attitude.

We are willing to train and offer a competitive compensation and benefits package, guaranteed commission for three months and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

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TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

Class A CDL Drivers

Purity Oilfield Services, LLC. (EOE) is now hiring Class A CDL drivers with winch and/or vac truck experience. Competitive pay and excellent benefits. $1,000 Signing Bonus. Please contact 432-699-8600 for more information, submit a resume at mkiker@purityoilfieldservices.com, or stop by in person to apply at 11109 West CR 46, Midland, TX 79707.

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

Warehouse/Delivery Driver

CDL not required.
Please apply in person at: **Sims Plastics** 2700 W Front Midland, TX 79701

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

DRIVERS & SPOOLERS

JW Enterprise is looking for Drivers & Spoolers with Class A CDL. Must have good driving record and pass drug screen. Competitive wages and on the job training for spooling. Pay DOE. Contact 432-770-1190 or 432-664-3408 for more information. Serious inquires only.

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

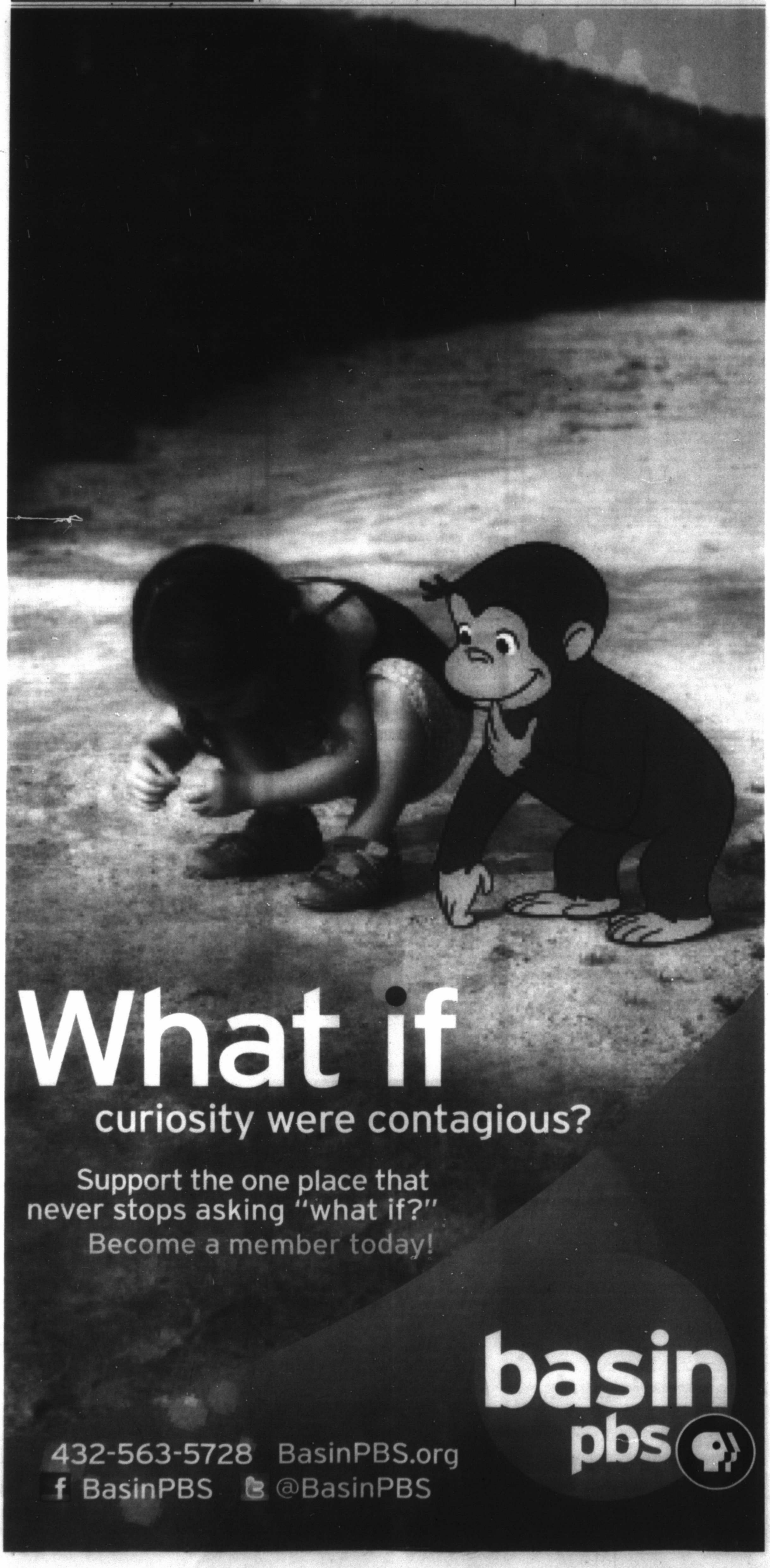
Service Driver

B&W Chemical Toilets Inc.
Service driver needed. Good driving record required. Apply in person 4500 S. State Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79706.

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

LIGHT DUTY MECHANIC

JW Enterprise is hiring a light duty mechanic or general shop help. Must be able to pass drug test and have a Class C drivers license with a clean driving record. Flexible pay to be determined by experience. Contact 432-664-0954.



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Legal and Public Notices

A RESOLUTION declaring intent to issue bonds and authorizing publication of notice in connection therewith

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. Pursuant to Chapter 223 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (the "*Act*"), the Midland County Hospital District of Midland County, Texas (the "*Issuer*") intends to issue bonds or notes (the "*Bonds*"), in one or more series, in an aggregate original principal amount not to exceed $15,500,000 for paying "hospital project costs" (as defined in the Act) of the Issuer, namely (a) constructing, remodeling, renovating, improving, furnishing, or equipping a neonatal intensive care unit, pharmacy, sterile processing and hospital materials management departments and the acquisition and implementation of an electronic medical records system for the Issuer; and (b) professional services rendered in connection therewith. It is intended that the Bonds will be secured by a pledge of all or part of the revenues of the Issuer and a mortgage of certain of the Issuer's real property.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of the Issuer (the "*Board*") intends to adopt a resolution pursuant to which the Issuer will authorize the issuance of the Bonds at a meeting of the Board to be held tentatively on June 29, 2017, at 11:45 a.m. in the Midland Memorial Hospital Administration Board Room, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas.

Section 3. The Issuer's administrative staff is hereby directed to cause a substantial copy of this resolution to be published three times in a newspaper of general circulation in the territorial limits of the Issuer. The first publication must be made no earlier than the 45th day before the date referenced in Section 2 above and the third publication must be made not later than the 11th day before such date.

Legal and Public Notices

BID #17000529

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS

Project Name: Water, Wastewater & Fire Hydrant Taps Expanded Program 04

The City of Midland, Texas is soliciting bids for the furnishing of materials and labor for the Water, Wastewater and Fire Hydrant Taps Expanded Program 04 together with other miscellaneous and appurtenant work.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the basement conference room of City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas at 3:00 p.m. CST on June 28, 2017. Bids will be accepted only from those bidders who attend the meeting.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to condition of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract.

The contract may be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value to the municipality as referred to in Section 252.043(b) of the Texas Local Government Code.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file for viewing in the office of the Purchasing Manager, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas. The contract documents may be purchased at the office of the Purchasing Manager, second floor, 300 North Loraine Street, Midland, Texas for a non-refundable purchase price of $50.00 per set.

Bids will be received at the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Midland, Texas, until 2:00 PM CST on the 5th day of July, 2017. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
Cause No. 048-289249-16
Plaintiff:
Ace American Insurance Company
vs.
Defendant:
Juan M. Lavastida
In the 48th Judicial District Court of
Tarrant County, Texas
The State of Texas

To: Juan M. Lavastida

Plaintiff Ace American Insurance Company filed an Original Petition, seeking judicial review of an administrative decision regarding Defendant Juan Lavastida's benefits from his workers' compensation injury. Plaintiff has also moved for summary judgment on all issues.

The citation was issued on or about June 8, 2017, therefore Defendant Lavastida must appear or file an Answer to Plaintiff's petition with the 48th Judicial District Court of Tarrant County, TX by 10:00 AM, Monday July 24, 2017.

Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment is set for a hearing at the 48th Judicial District Court of Tarrant County, TX, 401 W. Belknap Street, Fort Worth, TX 76196, on August 2, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., and thus Defendant must file a response to the Motion with the Court by July 26, 2017.

Summary

Defendant, Juan M. Lavastida, filed a workers' compensation claim alleging he sustained an injury on June 28, 2013 while working at U.S. Galvanizing, LLC when he sustained chemical burns to his forearms and chest. Plaintiff is the workers' compensation insurance provider for U.S. Galvanizing, LLC., against whom Mr. Lavastida filed his workers' compensation claim. The issues on appeal are the extent of the June 28, 2013 injury, when Mr. Lavastida reached maximum medical improvement, and with what impairment rating, if any, and whether Mr. Lavastida suffered disability from October 22, 2013 through July 4, 2015.

Autos For Sale-Lease

Passenger Cars

86 BUICK LESABRE, 1 owner 84,000 mi. title, Midland, $1000. Leave msg. 432-694-1295. Mitsubishi Montero Sport $1200, Odessa. Call/text 432-559-1485.

Passenger Cars

PONTIAC FIREBIRD TRANS AM 1986. Does not have engine. 104,000 Miles. I installed tires & windshield. $1,000.00 Please call or text for pictures 432-528-6217.

TOYOTA, 2003 MR2 Spyder convertible; 69,000 miles, 5-speed manual, A/C, new paint job and tires, runs perfectly, $8500. (432) 254-6953.

Antique and Vintage

SHELBY CORBA 1965 Replica, very low mileage, excellent condition. SERIOUS inquires only. Asking $48,500. 432-661-0233

Pickup Trucks

CHEVROLET 3500, 1999 Crew Cab Diesel. Flatbed. Cold air, good tires, runs great. AM/FM/CD. $4500. 432-248-7181.

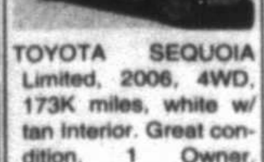
Pickup Trucks

GMC SIERRA, 2003, 1500 Extended Cab pickup with 5.3L V-8 engine. 127,000 miles. Good condition with nearly new tires. Call 432-556-1440 for information.

Pickup Trucks

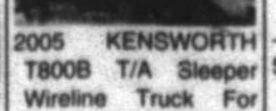
NISSAN KING-CAB pick-up, 1997. 92,000 One owner miles. 5 Speed manual, air, good tires. Recent alternator, radiator, tune-up and injector treatment. $2,800. 432-683-7607, leave message.

4WD and SUV



TOYOTA SEQUOIA Limited, 2006, 4WD, 173K miles, white w/ tan interior. Great condition. 1 Owner. $9,900. 432-349-6330.

Specialty Vehicles



2005 KENSWORTH T800B T/A Sleeper Wireline Truck For Sale. Newly refurbished. Wonderful Condition. JOB READY! Please call for information, will lease as well. 432-213-4744.

Lost and Found

FOUND: BROWN pomeranian puppy in the vicinity of Robert Lee Jr. High on Oak Ave. No chip insert. Contact Mary at 432-570-8101 or 432-352-2838.

A.M. PRO CONSTRUCTION providing metal shops, outdoor kitchen additions, kitchen & restroom remodeling, paint texture, electrical & stoneblock work. c:432-214-5793 office:432-262-3138

General Announcement

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Ministering for Christ
Teach the Lord's
Word 1-4

Recreation Vehicles

2014 ROYAL TRAVEL, 37' 5th wheel. 3 Slides, 2 A/C's, W/D, electric awning, large hot water heater, hide a bed sofa & queen size bed, sleeps 6, many extras. $30,900. Will deliver. 210-317-5357.

2017 44' Monte Carlo 5th Wheel 5 Slideouts, 2 bedrooms, washer, dryer, large hot water heater, fireplace. All the bells and whistles. Mint condition. In Gardendale 720-362-0739.

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FOR SALE by owner. 2007 Yamaha Midnight Star, $1700. Black motorcycle, serviced regularly. New tires, brakes and accent lights. Mileage 36,377. Contact Ray at 432-634-7272.

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HOLIDAY RAMBLER 2011 32' trailer trailer. 2 slide outs, fully self contained. Sleeps 6. Family owned, not oil workers. Non smoker. $13,500 OBO. 432-234-5090.

SILVERBACK BY Cedar Creek, 2007, 32 ft fully self contained, fiberglass full private bedroom great condition, two slideouts. $13,500 Must sell 432-413-0394.

IN MONAHANS
2005 35'
Fleetwood Bounder motorhome
Has 2 super slideouts, backup camera, washer & dryer, generator, automatic awning, has 2004 Ford Explorer 55,000 with car, or $52,000 without car.
432-940-1184

PRICE REDUCTION 2010 KEYSTONE Larado Super Lite, 29' bumper, 1 slide. Most bells & whistles. Low mileage, new tires. Excellent condition. $19,500. 432-889-1006.

Legal and Public Notices

BID #17002606

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS

Project Name: Utility Extension Program 03

The City of Midland, Texas is soliciting bids for the furnishing of materials and labor for the Utility Extension Program 03 together with other miscellaneous and appurtenant work.

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Estate Sales

BLUEBONNET ESTATE SALE
2606 Northrup
Thursday, Friday & Saturday - June 15-17
8 A.M. - 2 P.M.
2000 square foot home with lots to offer! 2 New Sealy Posturepedic pillow top queen size beds. Cherry Grove oval leg dining table set with 6 dining chairs in excellent condition. Quoizel Tiffany lamp, 5 recliners, glider, arm chairs, 2 queen size bedroom suits, women's hats, jewelry, linens, lamps, a large vanity, luggage, purses, women's clothing size 12-16, three desks, filing cabinets, Christmas items, books and book shelves, VHS tapes & VCR, DVDs, & coffee tables, Fitz & Floyd cups, tons of kitchen items, stoneware set, rugs, military trunk, carpet, victrola cabinet, handicap rails and multiple handicap items plus so much more.

Estate Sales

Sale by Linda L. Biden
2009 Douglas - Midland, Texas
Friday & Saturday June 16th & 17th 9:00am-3:00pm

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Fri. 9-3, Sat. 9-1, Sun. 2-4
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Beautiful STEUBEN Teardrop Bubble, Baluster water and wine glasses. "Sheila" stemware by Waterford, cut glass, depression glass, Flora Danica china, Sterling bowl, Baroque tea service, fine rug from Pakistan, oil paintings, Chippendale style secretary, antique display cabinet, sofas, game table/chairs, twin rope type beds, king bed, marble top chest/secretary, NEOZ lights, costume jewelry, Bergere chair & ottoman and more! NO CHILDREN PLEASE - TOO MANY FRAGILE ITEMS
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79701

THIS IS THE ONE! 1611 Hodges Street - Friday and Saturday. Crib and bumpers, girl and boy toddler clothes/shoes, stroller, car seat, toys, area rugs, miscellaneous furniture, dishes, home décor, Christmas and seasonal decorations, bicycle, air compressor, chrome pickup toolbox, pedestal sink, so much more. Cash only.

705 N TYLER. Thur., Fri. & Sat. 8am-?

3125 KESSLER AVE 6/15 & 6/16 8-12. Bar w/ 2 stools, 19in' flat screen tv, children's books & clothes, tools & miscellaneous.

79705

405 CEDAR AVE 6/16 & 6/17 8am-2pm. Lots of baby clothes, newborn-18mo, swing, play yard, jumper, toys, women's clothes sz 0-7, shoes sz 6.5-7.

79706

6305 E. COUNTY RD. 120 MIDLAND, TX 79706. 6/16 8am-2pm 6/17 8am-12pm. Multi family, electronics, baby gear, clothes, housewears, shoes, kitchen supplies & tools.

79707

3312 PROVIDENCE Dr. 06/16: 7am-4pm & 06/17: 7am-noon; women's plus sz & men's clothing, boy/girl kids clothes, love seat, microwave, household items, country decor, craft items, kitchen stuff and much much more.

Garage-Estate-Yard Sale

Yard - Garage Sales

79703

4709 BEDFORD Ave. 7/17 from 7am-12pm. Everything must go so the proces are low!

Yard - Garage Sales

79707

3805 NEELY Ave. Friday & Saturday 8am-12pm. Multi-home garage sale: home furnishings, tools, toys, kids clothes, art, household items, and much more!

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4913 WOODHOLLOW Dr. Saturday June 17 8:00 - ? Whirlpool electric dryer, queen headboard, high chair, bookshelf, outdoor chair cushions, set of outdoor rockers, kids clothes, home decor & kitchen misc. & much more.

Pets-Animals

Cats

FREE KITTENS: 8 Weeks only gray/white and gray/white tabby. Please call or text 432-559-0949 if interested.

Dogs

$500 REWARD! Lost Chihuahua named Ruby. Lives near Storey Ave. No questions asked! Please call if found 432-661-4390

Merchandise

Furniture

BEIGE COUCH- $120. Desk with floor mat- $120. 432-687-3880.

Furniture

OFFICE FURNITURE for sale. Glass display case, standing clothes rack, two desks, two bookcases and more. Call 432-553-7311.

Miscellaneous 4-Sale

14' Trampoline w/ Enclosure. Great condition. $100. Call 432-260-0835.

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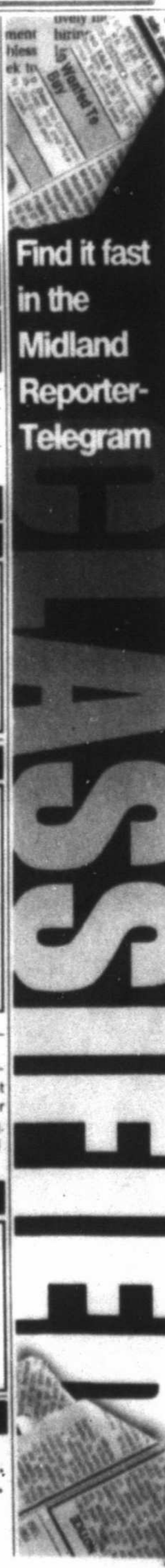

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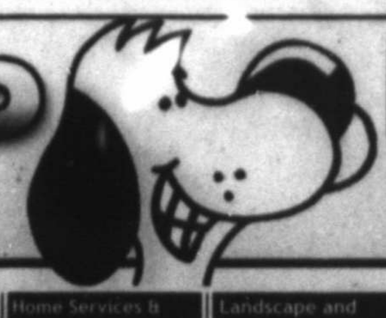

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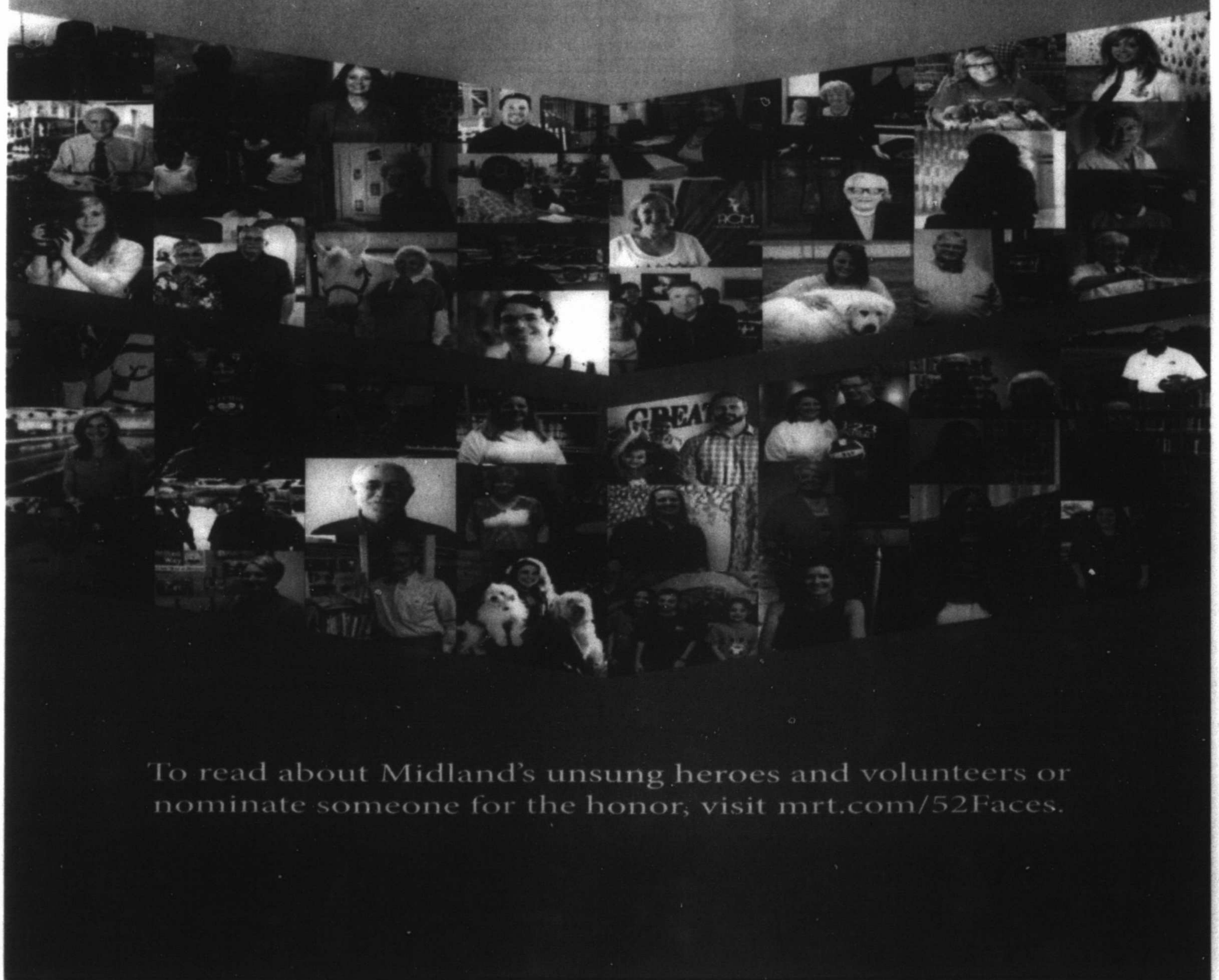

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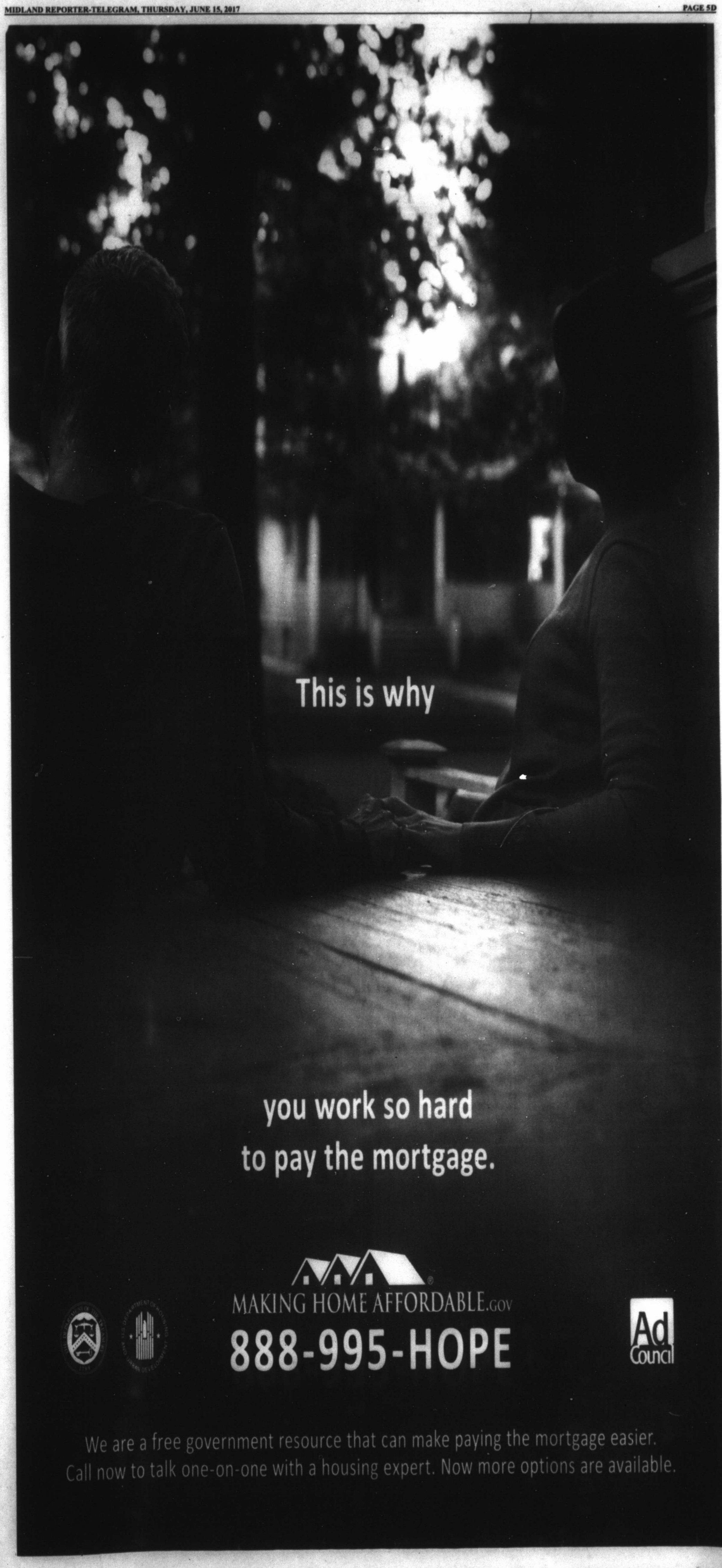
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THIS WEEK'S DESTINATION
sun

Fun with the Sun

Woodword is beginning his summer solar system journey starting at the sun. But his spacecraft text message is breaking up. Can you replace the missing words?

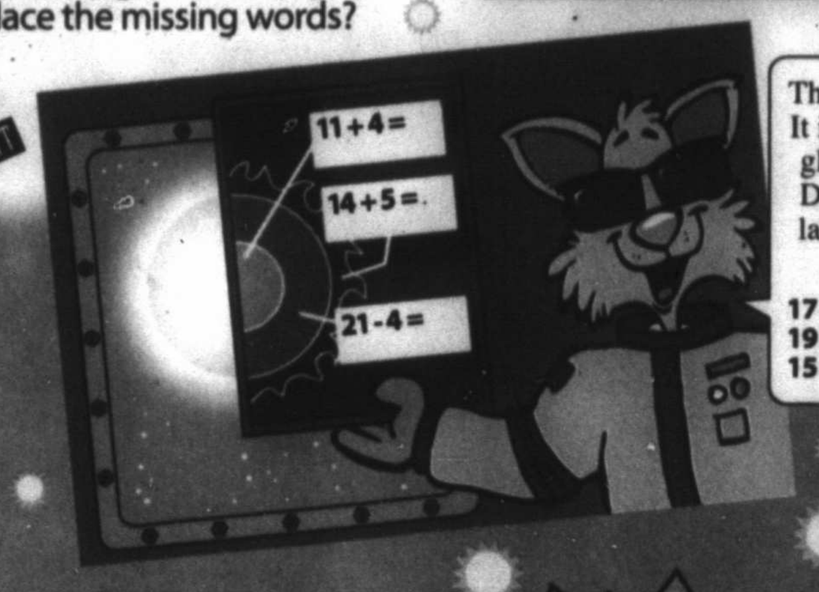
MILLIONS PROBLEMS JOURNEY LAND SURVIVE LIGHT

Dear Kid Scoop Readers -

I am starting my solar system _____ with a fly-by visit to our sun. Of course, I can't _____ there because it is way too hot!!!

Even though our sun is _____ of miles away, it provides the _____ that makes life possible on Earth. All plants need sunlight to _____. Animals need plants to survive, and people need plants and animals to survive.

The sun's solar flares can cause _____ for electronic communication on Earth.



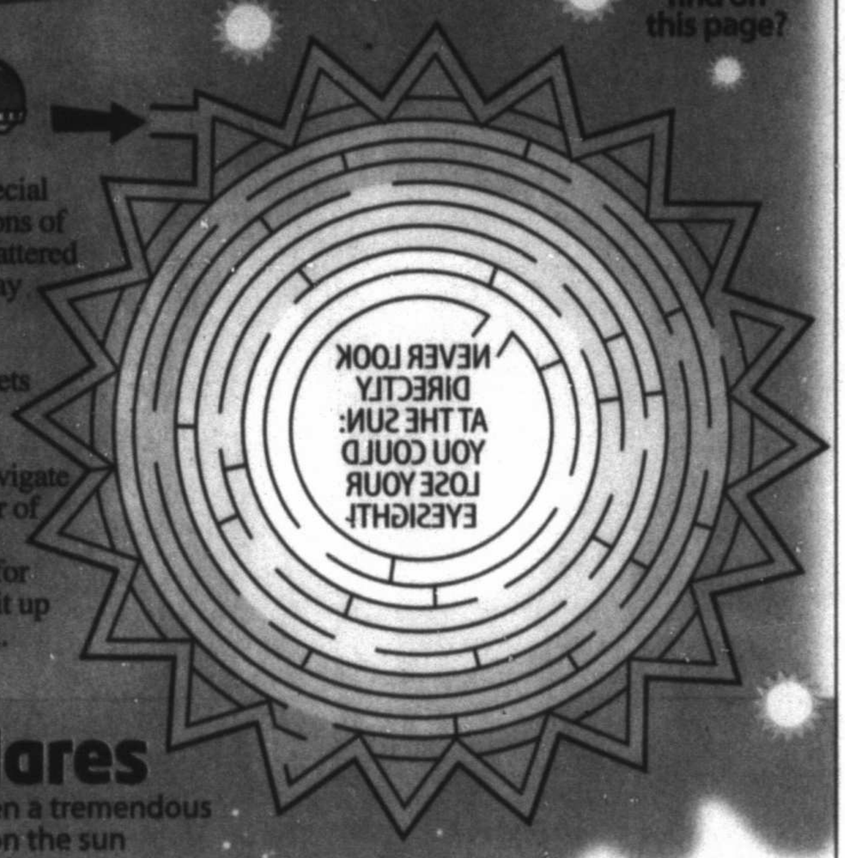
The sun is a star. It is a hot ball of glowing gases. Do the math to label the layers of the sun.

17 = photosphere
19 = corona
15 = core

How many suns can you find on this page?

While our sun is special to us, there are billions of stars like our sun scattered across the Milky Way galaxy. The sun's gravitational pull is what keeps the planets in orbit.

Help Woodword navigate his ship to the center of this maze, where an important message for YOU awaits! Hold it up to a mirror to read it.



How big is the sun?

If the sun was the size of your front door, Earth would be the size of this fruit:

WSKTJRBANWYBKENRSRTY
(Circle every other letter)

S _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

How many Earths could fit inside our sun?

AMBOLRNE
RTAHBALN
ROGNSE
VMWIJLBLKILOCN
(Circle every other letter on each row)

M _ _ _
T _ _ _
O _ _
M _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Solar Flares

Every now and then a tremendous explosion occurs on the sun releasing gas into the atmosphere. These are called **solar flares.**

Solar flares can affect radio and wireless communications millions of miles away on Earth and create light shows such as the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights.

Sunspots

Sunspots are dark areas that appear on the surface of the sun. They are caused by strong magnetic activity within the sun. Sunspots can change size and move slowly across the surface of sun.

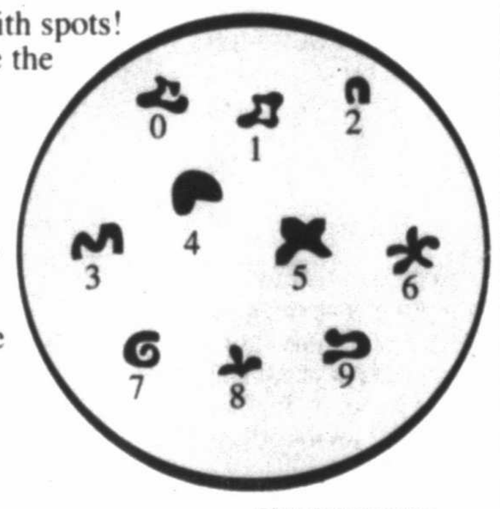
Extra! Extra! Sun Adjectives

Look through the newspaper to find 5 adjectives that describe the sun.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The sun is covered with spots! Use the spots to solve the mystery questions.



How far is the sun from the Earth?
93 million miles (149.6 million km)

How long does it take the sun to make one complete rotation?
25 Earth days

What is the diameter of the sun?
864,000 miles (1.4 million km)

WARNING!
Never look directly at the sun as this can damage your eyesight!

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know about the sun, planets and stars.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

EXPLOSION
MAGNETIC
SUNSPOTS
PLANETS
SURFACE
FLARES
MILKY
SOLAR
GASES
RADIO
MILES
DARK
BALL
DOOR
WAY

A	S	T	O	P	S	N	U	S	N
K	S	C	R	E	O	R	M	C	O
S	R	T	R	S	O	T	I	G	I
U	L	A	E	O	H	T	L	A	S
R	L	E	D	N	E	M	E	S	O
F	A	U	N	N	A	I	S	E	L
A	B	I	G	R	A	L	O	S	P
C	R	A	D	I	O	K	P	V	X
E	M	E	R	S	E	Y	A	W	E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

From the Kid Scoop Lesson Library

Without the Sun ...

Without the sun, we wouldn't have newspapers because paper is made from trees and trees need the sun to grow. Look through the newspaper for other things that need the sun to exist.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Why did the cow go to outer space?

ANSWER: To visit the Milky Way

Weekly Writing Corner

Greatest Dad

Students recommend a recipient for a Greatest Dad award.

I think that my dad is the greatest dad ever because he has never spanked me and he always plays around with me. He tells the best jokes. He loves me a lot and I am not joking. Everything that he does makes him the best dad.

Paige,
4th grade

If there was an award for fathers it would be for my brother Mike. He's intelligent, friendly and funny. He spends time with me while my dad is away. Mike is strong, honest and fast. Mike is the best brother in the universe.

Daniel,
2nd grade

My dad would get the greatest award because he makes me breakfast every day. He helps me with my bed. He helps me do my chores. He does my hair when my mom is at work. He helps me clean. He helps me with my homework. He helps me read. He helps me feed the cats and the dog. He plays with me.

Terri,
1st grade

I would give the award to my dad because he always thinks about me and my sisters first, putting himself last. He is generous and always makes us happy. He always has a smile on his face. If he sees something at a store that he thinks we might like, he'll buy it for us. He goes out of his way to do things for us.

Skyler,
5th grade

If there was an award for the greatest dad, I would give it to my dad because he helps me build stuff like a tree house. My dad has good manners because he does good things for me. My dad is funny because he tells good knock-knock jokes. My dad is cool.

Brandon,
2nd grade

If I had the greatest dad award, I would award it to my father. I love him very much. I get to see him once a week. I get to go to his hotel room and we can play games and watch T.V. I love him very, very much.

Avery,
4th grade

I think my dad is the best because he is very careful. I love my dad because he loves me back. I think my dad is the best because he makes me laugh. I love him because he keeps me healthy. If I was hurt, he would come to help me as fast as lightning!

Maggie,
2nd grade

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