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POWER PLAY

Persistence pays off for mid-Texans fuelled by sky-high power prices.

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PLENTY TO DO

West Texas Blowout and the second Ice Cream Festival headline the entertainment schedule this weekend. Read about the details inside.

Weekender

Study finds Permian producers heavily hedged

Programs expected to fuel operators' aggressive production targets

By Mella McEwen
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Oil and natural gas operators focused on the Permian Basin began the year announcing ambitious production targets for 2017. And they've been as aggressive in their efforts to lock in support for those targets.

A just-released report from IHS Markit found that exploration and production companies focused on the Permian hedged 65 percent of their oil production at an average price of about $50 a barrel, far more than the 19 percent of production hedged by companies focused on other producing basins.

Paul O'Donnell, principal equity analyst at IHS Markit and author of the hedging analysis, told the Reporter-Telegram the dominant reason is Permian operators' ambitious growth plans.

"They have way more production growth targets," he said

The median Permian-focused company is expecting to increase production by 25 percent this year, while those focused outside the Permian expect a median decline of 1 percent in production this year, according to O'Donnell.

Aggressive hedging programs helped Permian Basin operators through the recent downturn, said Doug Robison, chief executive officer of ExL Petroleum.

"The hedging market is what helped the Permian survive Saudi efforts to put West Texas operators out of business," he said. "Strong hedging positions were instrumental (in our survival) and overlooked by the Saudis."

Robison said his company hedged production because "we felt crude prices in the spring were more than market conditions warranted."

Locking in prices for 12 to 18 months protects operators from a price downturn and gives them more stability as they make their plans and in carrying them out, O'Donnell said.

Robison agreed that hedging does offer some protection — "insurance if you will." He said that in his observations, the economic ups and downs of the industry have intensified in recent years — the ups and downs have become more dramatic.

Any program that can smooth out those ups and downs into more of a straight line is beneficial, Robison said.

Permian operators already have hedged 25 percent of their 2018 production at $51 oil, a percentage far less than this year's 65 percent "but still significantly higher than non-Permian-focused companies," O'Donnell said.

Unless oil prices improve, operators will find it challenging to replicate their current hedged price levels, given the current weakness in oil prices and flat futures curve, he said.

O'Donnell said he will be watching exploration and production companies' second-quarter earnings announcements for reports

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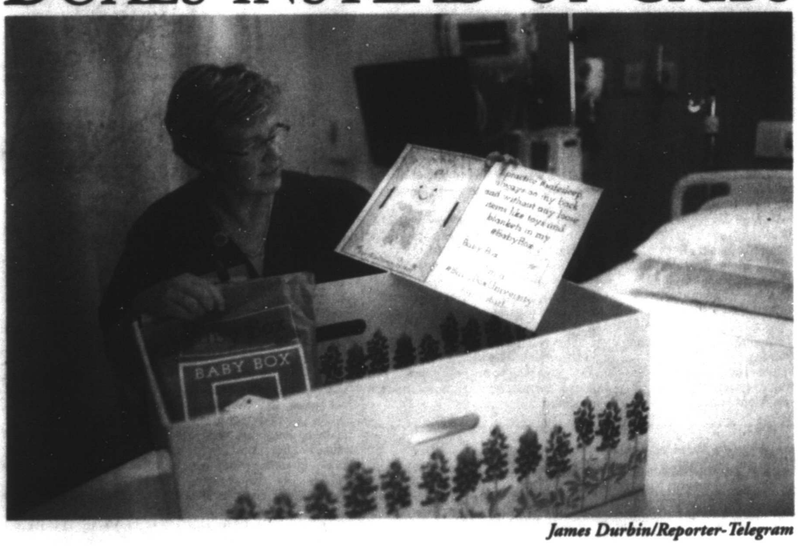

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Donna Doyle, clinical manager for pediatrics at Midland Memorial Hosptial, shows off baby boxes that were given to parents of newborn children Wednesday. The padded boxes provide infants with a safe place to sleep without objects or loose bedding causing harm to the baby. See a future edition of the Reporter-Telegram for more information about the baby boxes.

Local Scouts get leadership message, pride from Trump speech

■ Former gov. Rick Perry elicits state pride from scouts

By Simone Jasper
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West Texans attending the 2017 National Scout Jamboree took messages of leadership and encouragement from President Donald Trump's speech, according to David Baker, president of the Boy Scouts of America's Buffalo Trail Council.

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■ Texas Scouts found Donald Trump's speech inspirational, despite controversy.

■ Trump gets do-over with youth after panned Boy Scouts speech.

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"You're future leaders of your state, country and community — it was really positive," Baker said in a phone interview Wednesday.

Baker is Scoutmaster for Jamboree Troop 4219, a contingent of 36 youth and four adults from the council. He didn't think the speech was political and thought the president's comments about the Affordable Care Act were a way to inform attendees about current events.

"He's going to say something you can look at as political," Baker said. "He's president of the United States."

Some parents and former Scouts thought the content of Trump's speech was "not appropriate," according to an Associated Press story.

Baker said the crowd was cheering during the speech, and people were impressed the president spoke, something that didn't happen at the last National Jamboree.

"It was awesome," Baker said. "We felt slighted last time (when Obama) didn't come."

Baker said another highlight of the Jamboree was the opportunity to see Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, former governor of Texas and an Eagle Scout.

"They just got state pride along with national pride," Baker said. "They were able to exhibit that while having a former governor on stage."

The Jamboree is at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia. The gathering began July 19 and wraps up on Friday.

Texas GOP deciding where to go on bathrooms

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

■ ANALYSIS

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Senate backs bill that would roll back cellphone safety laws in dozens of Texas cities.

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Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Gov. Greg Abbott have figured out how to make mainstream Republicans a splinter group in their own party. Or maybe it's the other way around: The party's traditional establishment has slipped out of the mainstream and is just now coming to realize what a pickle it's in.

The "bathroom bill" is popular with social conservatives, who are loud and energetic about it, and not with business conservatives, who have been quiet and passive for most of the year. The lieutenant governor is on the side of the social conservatives. Abbott was late to the game, but he joined in with Patrick by resurrecting the issue for consideration during the special session when the business community would have preferred leaving it in the legislative mortuary.

Now that the issue has resurfaced, that conservative old guard is showing a sign or two of life, and the Texas Legislature's special session offers voters some foreshadowing of the Republican cage match coming in the party's 2018 primaries.

The prompt, you might remember, was a directive from the Obama administration's Department of Education on how public schools might handle restroom and locker room access for transgender students. That guidance has since been rescinded by the Trump administration, but Patrick and other advocates have forged ahead anyway, trying to override school districts and other local governments with a state policy requiring people to use the facilities designated for their "biological sex."

It's been politically rewarding in spite of their lack of success in making it the law of the land. Patrick latched onto a powerful issue — for Republican primaries, at the very least. With the notably persistent exception of House Speaker Joe Straus, that issue set the state's conservative business establishment on its heels, sticking Republicans in the Legislature with a dilemma: Vote for your business supporters or for your socially conservative constituents.

Straus bugled for help early in the year, saying the

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The big number
The Senate voted **55-45** to reject legislation undoing major parts of the Affordable Care Act law without replacing it. Page 6A

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Mexican government reuniting smuggling victims with families

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Mexican government officials said Wednesday they were working to reunite families with some of the survivors of a failed human smuggling operation and had been assured by U.S. immigration officials that they would not question relatives about their legal status in the United States.

Ten immigrants, including seven from Mexico, died after a sweltering ride from the Texas border city of Laredo in a tractor-trailer without air conditioning on Sunday. Another of the dead was identified as being from Guatemala; two others were not publicly identified.

At least 29 immigrants survived, according to U.S. officials. Twelve remained hospitalized Wednesday in San Antonio.

The driver of the big rig, James Matthew Bradley Jr., waived a detention hearing that had been scheduled for Thursday and remained in federal custody, charged with illegally transporting immigrants for financial gain, resulting in death. Federal court records indicated a new hearing was set for Aug. 23, when Bradley was expected to a give video deposition. The 60-year-old Florida trucker could face the death penalty, if convicted.

Latin American diplomats worked, meanwhile, to confirm names of the dead and injured, most of who were not publicly identified.

The top Mexican diplomatic official in San Antonio said relatives of some of the immigrants didn't even know their family members had left for the United States. Consular officials were working to notify families, repatriate bodies and arrange hospital visits for relatives of the survivors.

"We have to make sure everyone is informed and everyone knows where their children are," said Reyna Torres Mendivil, the Mexican consul general for San Antonio.

U.S. immigration authorities assured her, she said, that any relatives escorted by consular officials on hospital visits would not be questioned about their legal status.

Thirteen immigrants were in federal custody, being held as material witnesses in the government's case against Bradley, the U.S. Attorney's office announced.

Their appointed attorney, Michael McCrum, said it was too early to know whether they would receive visas or be allowed to settle in the United States in consideration for their help.

"One of my concerns is that they begin to be treated as chips in a political game instead of real people who have been severely abused," McCrum said.

It's not clear how many immigrants in total were in the tractor-trailer. An unknown number fled once its doors were opened in a Walmart parking lot early Sunday, on foot or into six waiting black SUVs, according to a federal criminal complaint against the driver.

Official: Driver in smuggling attempt part of larger group

SAN ANTONIO — Investigators believe a truck driver accused in the deaths of 10 people found inside a packed, sweltering tractor-trailer is just one member of a larger organization involved in human smuggling that they are looking to identify and dismantle, a U.S. immigration official said Tuesday.

Some of the 29 identified survivors have told authorities they hired smugglers who brought them across the U.S. border, loaded some of them onto trucks that took them to the tractor-trailer, and marked them with different colored tape to identify them to various smugglers who would be picking them up after the tractor-trailer reached its destination.

"We're certainly not stopping at looking at the driver. We're trying to investigate and identify the different cogs, the stash houses, the other members, where the money came from," Shane Folden, special agent in charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations office in San Antonio, told The Associated Press.

The driver, James Matthew Bradley Jr., 60, of Clearwater, Florida, is facing charges of illegally transporting immigrants for financial gain, resulting in death. Bradley could face the death penalty. Authorities allege he drove a trailer full of immigrants from South Texas that was discovered in the parking lot of a Walmart in San Antonio early Sunday morning.

Folden said charging Bradley is just the first step in the case as investigators work to find others involved in the scheme, including those responsible for facilitating money transfers and bringing the immigrants across the border.

"The ultimate goal is to dismantle the complete organization. You don't get there by only focusing on one aspect. You have to look at potential targets and potential related locations, both north and south," he said.

Associated Press

NM monument fight marked by race, land ties

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The battle over the Trump administration's review of two national monuments in New Mexico is bringing up a historic clash that goes back generations and is tainted by race, heritage and the right to land.

And both sides are framing it as a civil rights issue.

Those who support keeping the monument designation say it is about preserving ancient Native American petroglyphs, helping bring tourism to area battling poverty and setting aside important New Mexico landscape where outlaw Billy the Kid and Apache leader Geronimo once sought refuge.

Opponents, like some Hispanic ranchers with ties to the region that go back generations, say the designations are just another attempt by the federal government to attack grazing rights and water access while discounting their historical connection to the land.

These are the tensions that will greet U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who is scheduled to visit Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Thursday in connection with the Trump administration's review of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument and the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument.

He is slated to meet with supporters and opponents after touring the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument by helicopter.

But Zinke is not scheduled to attend a heated town hall meeting at the Las Cruces Convention Center where supporters of the monument designations promise to project large Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument images and promotional videos.

His meetings Friday with the Mescalero Apache and Organ Mountains Desert Peaks proponents are closed to the press.

The Rio Grande del Norte National Monument in northern New Mexico and the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument near the U.S.-Mexico border are among 27 monuments where a review ordered by President Donald Trump might remove protections previously considered irreversible under the Obama Administration.

The review is rekindling a fierce debate about oversight of lands marked by ancient petroglyphs and towering mountain spires in New Mexico.

Mark Allison, executive director of the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, said the monument designations have "an overwhelming" and diverse base of support, which includes the mayors of Las Cruces, Mesilla, Anthony and Sunland Park

"The monument designations protect some iconic landscape from future oil and gas development," Allison said. "We've certainly seen an increase in tourism, visitations and economic development connected to the monuments."

The designations also are protecting sites where the Apollo missions trained for the moon landing and those connected to ancient Native American pueblos.

But Dave Sanchez, a New Mexico rancher and a member of the Northern New Mexico Stockmen's Association, said the designations hurt Hispanic ranchers whose families have long fought the federal government over uses of historical land ties in colonial Spanish land grants.

"This is a massive land grab in northern New Mexico," Sanchez said. "Our people are being displaced, and our heritage is not being respected."

Officer hurt, suspect killed in morning gunfight

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Police officers and a home invasion suspect exchanged gunfire Wednesday morning outside a San Antonio apartment complex, killing the suspect and leaving one of the officers in serious condition, authorities said.

Police Chief William McManus said officers responded to a disturbance call at the complex where investigators believed a home invasion may have occurred.

Officer Nathan Becerra confronted three suspects in a car and began struggling with the driver, McManus said. A back-seat passenger got out of the car and began firing, striking Becerra at least once.

Becerra and one other officer returned fire, killing the gunman, McManus said. Becerra, a four-year department veteran, underwent surgery for a stomach wound and is recovering.

The car's driver and the second passenger were taken into custody. Police say the gunman was 26 years old but have not identified him.

The shooting is the latest violent confrontation to have left a San Antonio police officer either dead or seriously wounded.

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Bill further limiting abortion providers clears Texas Senate

Cities and counties in Texas couldn't partner with abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood under a bill approved by the Republican-controlled state Senate.

The measure cleared the chamber 21-10 on Wednesday, after first hitting the floor in a post-midnight session. Approval came less than a week after Planned Parenthood and others sued Texas over a new state law banning a common second-trimester abortion procedure.

Taxpayer money isn't used to fund abortion procedures, and Texas doesn't allow abortion providers in a state-run program that offers health screenings for low-income women.

Republicans now want to prohibit local governments from partnering with abortion providers for events such as health fairs or giving them grant money.

Senate backs bill that would roll back cellphone safety laws in dozens of cities

The Texas Senate on Wednesday gave tentative approval to a measure that pre-empts local ordinances on drivers' mobile phone usage, effectively rolling back safety laws in the 45 Texas cities where local governments enforce stricter regulations than the state.

If the Senate grants Senate Bill 15 final approval, as expected, the legislation will head across the Texas Capitol to the House.

The measure accompanies the statewide texting-while-driving ban that Gov. Greg Abbott signed into law June 6. Abbott has called the pre-emption measure a necessary fix to the "patchwork quilt of regulations that dictate driving practices in Texas," arguing that mobile phone usage laws should be uniform across the state for drivers who may be navigating between localities with different sets of rules.

But opponents — including police officers from Austin and San Antonio who testified against the bill Saturday at a committee hearing — have asserted that the stricter phone laws are important for public safety. Sen. Kel Seliger voted no, opposing the bill.

SB 15 passed by a vote of 20–11 over the strong objections of Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, who was the texting ban bill's Senate sponsor during this year's regular session, which concluded in May. The texting ban goes into effect Sept. 1.

Texas Senate OKs stricter mail-in voter requirements

The Texas Senate has given final approval to a bill increasing criminal penalties for stealing someone else's mail-in ballot, part of an attempt to curb absentee voting fraud.

Gov. Greg Abbott convened a special legislative session to tackle a number of conservative priorities, including mail-in voter fraud.

Disabled Texans, or those 65 or older, or who will be out of their home counties on Election Day, can vote by mail.

Passed 21-10 on Wednesday, the bill by Republican Sen. Kelly Hancock of North Richland Hills makes mail-in voter fraud punishable by up to a year behind bars and a $4,000 fine. It now heads to the Texas House.

Senate OKs governor-backed ban on local tree ordinances

The Texas Senate has voted to ban local tree-cutting ordinances, seeking to void existing rules in more than 50 cities statewide.

Wednesday's 17-14 final approval sends the bill to the state House.

Gov. Greg Abbott has long opposed tree ordinances, which he's called "socialistic" governmental overreach and confusingly inconsistent from one community to the other. Abbott made banning tree rules one of 20 issues he wants tackled during the 30-day special legislative session.

Abbott has previously complained publicly about wanting to cut down two trees to install a swimming pool on his Austin property before becoming governor.

Obituaries

Amanda Jamie O'Dear-Hooser

Amanda Jamie O'Dear-Hooser, age 42, of Midland, TX. was called to God on Saturday, July 22, 2017. She was born in Rock-wood, TN. on December 1, 1974.

Amanda was a loving housewife, an amazing mother, and grandmother. She lost her battle with brain cancer after a long 9 year fight.

Amanda is survived by her husband, Mitchel Hooser, her daughter; Courtney O'Dear, Brittany O'Dear, Ashley O'Dear and her step-son Cole Hooser and also her mother Mae O'Dear, sisters; Linda Reed-Abeyta (Joe), Fleshia Lujan (Chris) and her brother Paul Lemons, two grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Amanda's memorial service will be held Friday, July 28, 2017 at Temple Baptist Church located at 4301 Thomason Dr., Midland, TX. at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to 3000 W. Illinois, Apt # 27, Midland, TX. 79701

Ben J. Dumas

Ben J. Dumas passed from his life on earth, July 24, 2017. Ben was born July 28, 1932 in Walkerville, Arkansas. He graduated from Oklahoma State University followed by service in the United States Army Signal Corps. He married Frances Zello, August 5, 1959.

Ben was survived by, Frances; his two children, Joel Dumas and Mary Carol Finley; as well as four grandchildren, Reid and Robyn Dumas, Meg and Anne Finley. In addition, Ben was survived by two sisters, Myrble Baker and Charlotte Hudman.

Ben was known for his love for the Lord, his kindness, and his humble and gentle spirit. Admired by all his family and friends for his compassion for others. While Ben has gone to be with the Lord, his legacy will endure.

Memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church Chapel, Midland, on Thursday July 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Roger Dale Allen

It is with deep and heavy sadness that we announce the passing of Roger Dale Allen on July 25, 2017.

He was born and reared an only child to Merle and Pauline Allen on October 22, 1926 in Enid, Oklahoma. By 1943, all of the boys in his high school graduation class decided to join the service. On the day after his graduation, at 17 years old and a mere 130 pounds, Roger joined the United States Navy during World War II. He was stationed in Guam in the South Pacific as a radio man at Admiral Nimitz Headquarters. Roger was proud to serve this country from 1944 to 1946.

On his return to the states, he headed to the University of Oklahoma. Roger joined Phi Gamma Delta fraternity following in the footsteps of his father and uncle. Roger graduated in 1951 with a law degree and shortly thereafter passed the Oklahoma Bar.

In 1952, Roger entered the oil and gas business as the youngest landman in the district of Abilene with Lion Oil. It was here that he began a lifelong career and fascination with the Permian Basin. This passion would be with him until the day he died and would extend into New Mexico and Louisiana. Roger became founder of Falcon Drilling Corporation and became an Independent Oil and Gas Operator in 1957 and operated in that capacity for 60 years. In 1971, Roger established BANAM Corporation. He was a member of many civic and benevolent organizations.

Roger met and married Barbara Kay Burt on August 7, 1958. Two lucky and grateful daughters ensued. Amy Allen Fullerton and Angela Kay Allen. Both have one child; Amy with Jason Allen Dwyer and Angie with Tara Rose Marzolf. Roger is also survived by Sara Walsh and Dale Walsh from a previous marriage.

Roger showed strength and love, courage, and commitment right up until his last breath. Little armor is provided for the wound of our loss. He exemplified munificence as an incredible father, a loving and devoted husband, and a loyal friend to so many.

We would like to honor his colorful life with family and friends on July 29, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in our home at 1600 W. Ohio, Midland, TX.

We extend our gratitude to Hospice of Midland and all the excellent care from the staff at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Dad's Motto to Live By:

Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, martini in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming, "WOO HOO, what a ride!"

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800

Death Notices

Charles R. Polk

Charles R. Polk, 85, of Midland, Texas passed away on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 28, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church in Midland.

Charles is survived by his wife, Marilyn Polk, and four daughters.

Flowers may be delivered to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland.

Jesus Serrata

Jesus Serrata, 49, of Big Spring, Texas passed away on July 21, 2017.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Survivors included his wife, Rosemary Serrata; mother, Gregoria Serrata; sons, Robert Serrata and Jesus Serrata; daughter, Patricia Serrata; 1 brother; and 6 sisters.

Arrangements are under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Nestora De Anda

Nestora De Anda was born on March 10, 1947 and passed away, at the age of 70, on July 26, 2017.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 27, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Funeraria Del Angel Chapel of Remembrance.

Funeral Service will be Friday, July 28, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Funeraria Del Angel Chapel of Remembrance.

Burial to follow at Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Funeraria Del Angel, 3611 Taylor Rd, Mission, TX 78573.

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Gridiron
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noun
1. a football field.
2. a utensil consisting of parallel metal bars on which to broil meat or other food.

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Things to do

■ Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

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

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

■ National Theatre Live: "Angels in America - Pt. 2: Perestroika" starring Andrew Garfield. 7 p.m., Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $25.98. fathomevents.com.

■ Jon Wolfe, 8 p.m., Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $10. rockinrodeomidland.com.

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

■ Viva Big Bend 2017 in Marfa, Alpine, Marathon and Fort Davis, through Sunday. $52 for 4-day pass, $107 VIP. vivabigbend.com.

Meetings

Hospital District
11:45 a.m.
Administation boardroom

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.

Roadhouse to host Tip a Cop

Police officers and Law Enforcement Torch Run members from Midland and Odessa will be at Texas Roadhouse 5-9 p.m. today for the annual Tip A Cop Night, a fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. Officers will serve tables and collect tips, which will be donated to Special Olympics.

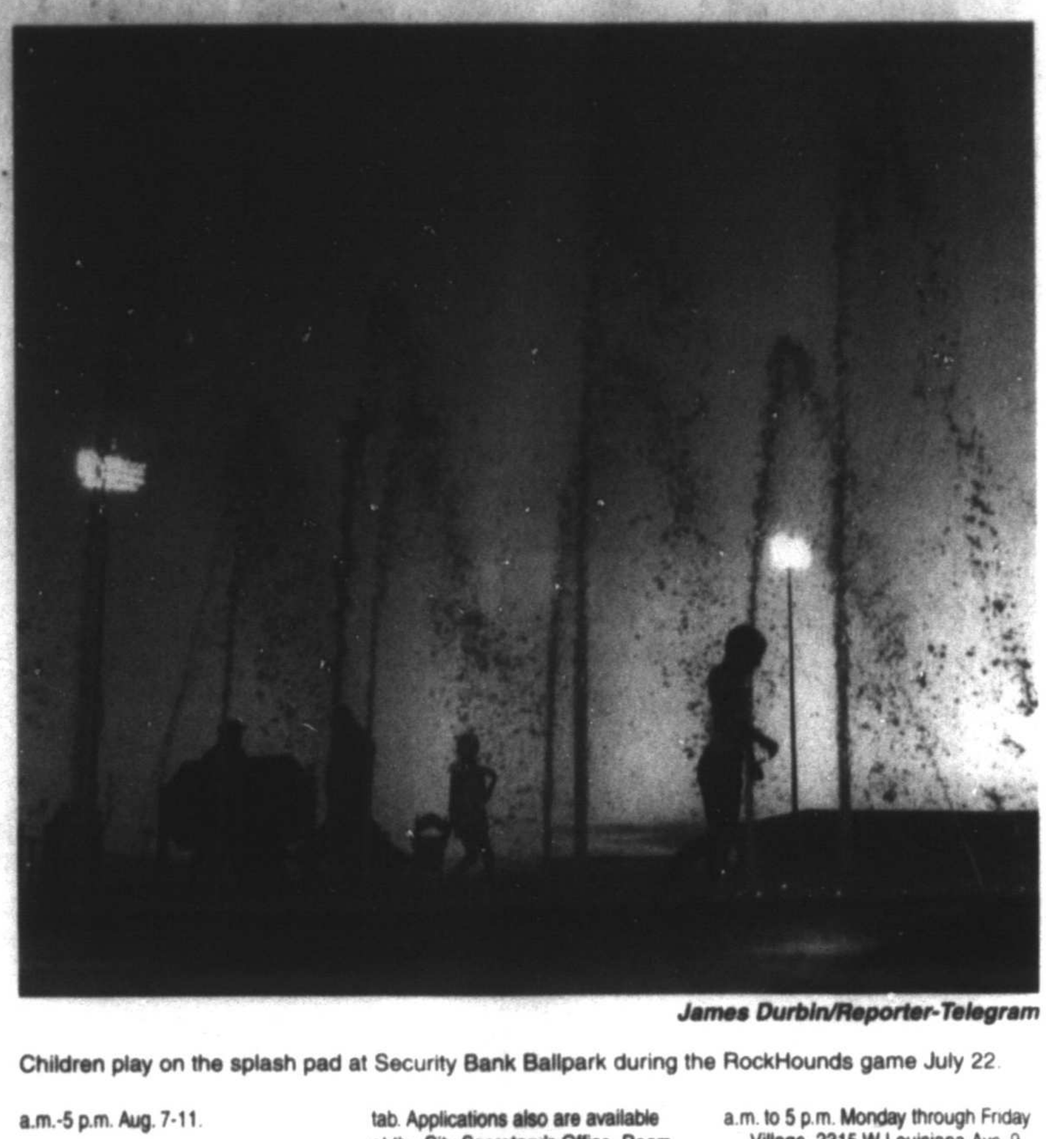
All tips will go toward SOTX programming for the more than 360 athletes in the Permian Basin/Big Bend area.

Clinic to offer student physicals

MISD Care Clinic, 709 W. Louisiana Ave., has scheduled physicals, which are available to any student in the district.

The physicals will be administered 8 a.m.-noon today and Friday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 7-11.

A SPLASH BASH



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Children play on the splash pad at Security Bank Ballpark during the RockHounds game July 22.

City board positions

The Midland City Council soon will be making appointments to city boards and commissions for the new fiscal year.

Terms generally vary from two to four years; most terms begin on Oct. 1.

Applications can be downloaded from the city's website, www.midland-texas.gov by selecting "Boards and Commissions" under the Government tab. Applications also are available at the City Secretary's Office, Room 330, in City Hall located at 300 N. Loraine St., or by calling 685-7430.

A list of vacancies also is available at the city's website.

The deadline to submit applications is 5 p.m. Sept. 1. Council will begin making appointmennts later that month.

When it's open

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ClayDesta, 612 Veterans Airpark Lane, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

GMF Midland, 1000 Loop 40 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

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■ 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday
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■ 201 E. Texas

Roadhouse to host Tip a Cop

Police officers and Law Enforcement Torch Run members from Midland and Odessa will be at Texas Roadhouse 5-9 p.m. today for the annual Tip A Cop Night, a fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. Officers will serve tables and collect tips, which will be donated to Special Olympics.

All tips will go toward SOTX programming for the more than 360 athletes in the Permian Basin/Big Bend area.

Clinic to offer student physicals

MISD Care Clinic, 709 W. Louisiana Ave., has scheduled physicals, which are available to any student in the district.

The physicals will be administered 8 a.m.-noon today and Friday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 7-11.

City board positions

The Midland City Council soon will be making appointments to city boards and commissions for the new fiscal year.

Terms generally vary from two to four years; most terms begin on Oct. 1.

Applications can be downloaded from the city's website, www.midland-texas.gov by selecting "Boards and Commissions" under the Government tab. Applications also are available at the City Secretary's Office, Room 330, in City Hall located at 300 N. Loraine St., or by calling 685-7430.

A list of vacancies also is available at the city's website.

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Large item pickup

For residential customers, the city of Midland will pick up furniture and appliances at no additional charge. These items must be placed in the alley in the city right-of-way; the city will not go onto private property. Do not place your item next to the Dumpster; it needs to be behind your home, in the alley. These larger item collections must be scheduled with the Solid Waste Division. Please call 432-685-7278 to schedule this service.

Source: City of Midland

Today in History

Today is Thursday, July 27, the 208th day of 2017. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On July 27, 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of urban rioting, the same day black militant H. Rap Brown told a press conference in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie. Americans taught the black people to be violent. We will use that violence to rid ourselves of oppression if necessary."

On this date:

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon.

In 1980, on day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed Shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside of Cairo, Egypt, at age 60.

In 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, directly killing one person and injuring 111. (Anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded guilty to the bombing, exonerating security guard Richard Jewell, who had been wrongly suspected.)

Today's birthdays. Comedian Bill Engvall is 60. Golfer Jordan Spieth is 24.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 8-7-9
Pick 3 day: 3-7-4
Pick 3 evening: 5-8-2
Pick 3 night: 0-8-6
Daily 4 morning: 1-6-9-3
Daily 4 day: 3-0-6-9
Daily 4 evening: 1-4-1-9
Daily 4 night: 3-9-9-5
Cash Five: 3-21-26-32-37
Lotto Texas: 12-16-17-33-38-43
Texas Two Step: x-x-x-x BB: xx
Powerball: 7-19-21-42-6 PB: 12 Power Play: 2
Texas Triple Chance: 2-8-28-30-39-40-49-51-53-55
All or Nothing morning: 6-7-8-10-11-13-18-19-20-21-22-24
All or Nothing day: 1-5-8-10-12-15-17-19-20-21-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-5-6-7-8-13-16-17-18-19-21-22
All or Nothing night: 3-7-8-10-16-17-18-20-21-22-23-24

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Weather

Wednesday's temperatures
High 97
Low 74
Normal high 95
Normal low 50

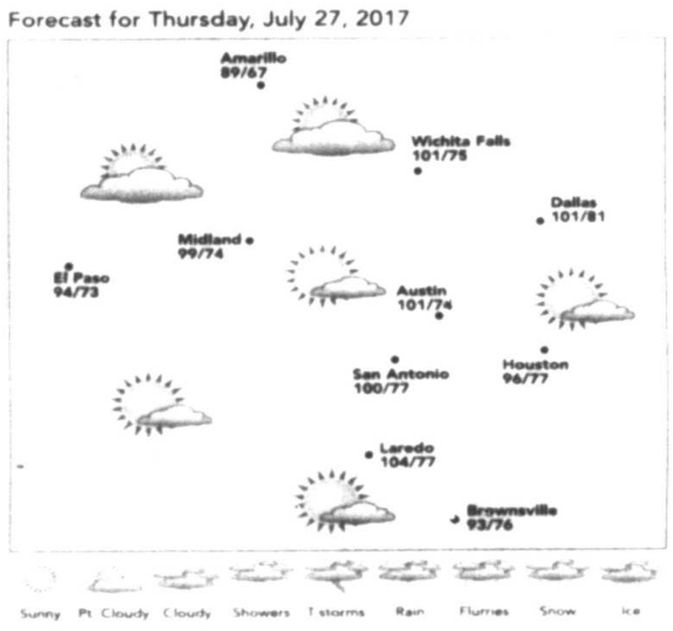
July 26's records
Record high: 105 set in 1944 and equaled in 1995
Record low: 61 set in 1933 and equaled in 2004

Precipitation
Wednesday ..... 0.00 in.
Tuesday ..... 0.94 in.
Month total ..... 1.48 in.
Year total ..... 10.22 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 7.60 in.

Winds
Highest sustained: 23 mph
Highest gust: 27 mph

July 27 forecast

Forecast for Thursday, July 27, 2017



High: 97
Low: 74
Conditions: Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 10-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: none
Sunrise ..... 7:00 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:50 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Leo and a Moon in Virgo if born before 11:37 a.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 27, 2017:

This year you open up to new opportunities that result from your strong goals and caring temperament. Others respond to you. You develop an unusual meticulousness when it comes to handling money. You also have expansive views. If you are single, you will have many potential suitors. Making choices would be easier if you knew what type of relationship you desire. If you are attached, your interactions with your sweetie deepen with greater trust and more understanding. Your relationship seems to flourish. LIBRA always adds some positive energy to your day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You can clear out a lion's share of the work today. You will complete even more than you thought possible. Others clearly appreciate what you are doing and will let you know. A friend's words might inspire you; recognize the importance of this feedback. **Tonight:** Defer to others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Use the morning to the max. Others respond well to your overtures. You will need to settle into a pattern of accomplishing key tasks by the afternoon. You cannot let details and other matters slip by. **Tonight:** Demonstrate how efficient you can be, and squeeze in some exercise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your creativity and ability to understand others' issues could encourage you to be more forthright and expressive. Your drive to communicate what you feel comes through. Do not hesitate to express yourself and elicit strong reactions. **Tonight:** Out and about with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Listen to news, and understand how it will affect you. Consider a new possibility more openly. Although this option could cost you financially, it also might create the stability you seek. Seek a new way to approach a recurring problem. **Tonight:** Happiest at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your energy will carry you past others' resistance. You might be surrounded by people who are conservative thinkers and not risk-takers. Understand the limitations you are facing. Be more direct in how you handle those who try to hold you back. **Tonight:** Just be yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You might feel at your best in the morning. You'll notice that others can't seem to say "no" to you. However, know that this abundance of congeniality could subside by the afternoon. Understand the moodiness of the moment. **Tonight:** Be more accessible to loved ones.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You might be amazed by how one day can have such highs and lows. The good news is that your day will be mostly positive, especially if you include a male friend in a discussion. You know what is happening beyond the obvious. Tonight: Go for what you want — you deserve it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Use the morning for any matter in which you are vested in the outcome. You are sailing with a tail wind at that point in the day. Unfortunately, the winds could reverse in the afternoon. You might have second thoughts, and will decide to head in a new direction. **Tonight:** All smiles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Others clearly trust your perspective and are willing to move forward with you leading the way. You could be touched and pleased by this acknowledgment. Your positive light and high energy allow others to know what to do. **Tonight:** Time to have some fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Observe what is happening behind the scenes. You might want to move a personal matter forward. Someone else could be pushing you to follow his or her lead. You need to make your own choice. Your confidence will determine your actions. **Tonight:** A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your high energy will encourage you to have a long-overdue conversation with someone you care a lot about. Your perspective will make a difference, as will his or hers. Together, you make a great team. Relax and detach before making a strong decision. **Tonight:** Take the reins.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to understand where someone else is coming from, but you could feel put off by his or her words. Know that this person's intention is well-meaning. Ask questions, if need be. Maintain your high visibility with an important project. **Tonight:** Paint the town red.

BORN TODAY

Baseball player Alex Rodriguez (1975), figure skater Peggy Fleming (1948), screenwriter Norman Lear (1922)

Texas Scouts found President Trump's speech inspirational

By Lauren Fox
Dallas Morning News

President Donald Trump's politically tinged speech Monday at the Boy Scouts' National Jamboree stirred national criticism, but some North Texans who attended called his words motivational, not controversial.

"The message was very inspiring. He talked about momentum and building a successful career," said Fort Worth Eagle Scout Stratton Thomas, 17.

Other Scouts agreed Trump's message had been misinterpreted.

"Every Scout that I've encountered at the Jamboree said, 'That was great.'" said Hunter Reynolds, a Willow Park 17-year-old. "The point of the speech was to gear us to success — to get us ready to become leaders of this world."

Trump peppered his speech with criticism of the "fake media," the Affordable Care Act and other politicians, including Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton.

But the themes of the speech were success and how to achieve it.

"Never quit, never give up," Trump said. "Do something that you love."

Scoutmaster Greg Thomas said most of the boys understood Trump's larger point.

The next day, the inspirational message was sticking with Scouts, including one who told Thomas, "Gotta keep my momentum up!"

Trump also took a jab at Obama for not attending the Jamboree during his presidency, but Thomas said that criticism was fair.

"They would've been thrilled to have Obama show up," said Thomas, 49, of Fort Worth. "The fact that he chose not to is kind of a slap in the face to the boys."

Nationwide, some parents have said they will withdraw their sons from Scouting because of the president's appearance. But Debbie Kerrigan, a Longhorn Council crew adviser who attended the speech, called such reactions "extremely small-minded."

"What are we teaching our boys and our girls about forming their own opinions about people? These are smart people. They're motivated. These are kids who are driven," said Kerrigan, a Willow Park resident.

Others have noted that the Boy Scouts of America was not responsible for what the president chose to say.

"The Boy Scouts of America is wholly nonpartisan and does not promote any one political position, candidate or philosophy," the organization said in a news release Tuesday. "The invitation for the sitting U.S. president to visit the National Jamboree is a long-standing tradition dating back to President Franklin Roosevelt in 1937."

Flower Mound 17-year-old Kirk Thomas said it was an honor Trump attended.

"He feels strongly enough about the Scouting community that he's here," Kirk said. "I don't think his speech was at all out of place."

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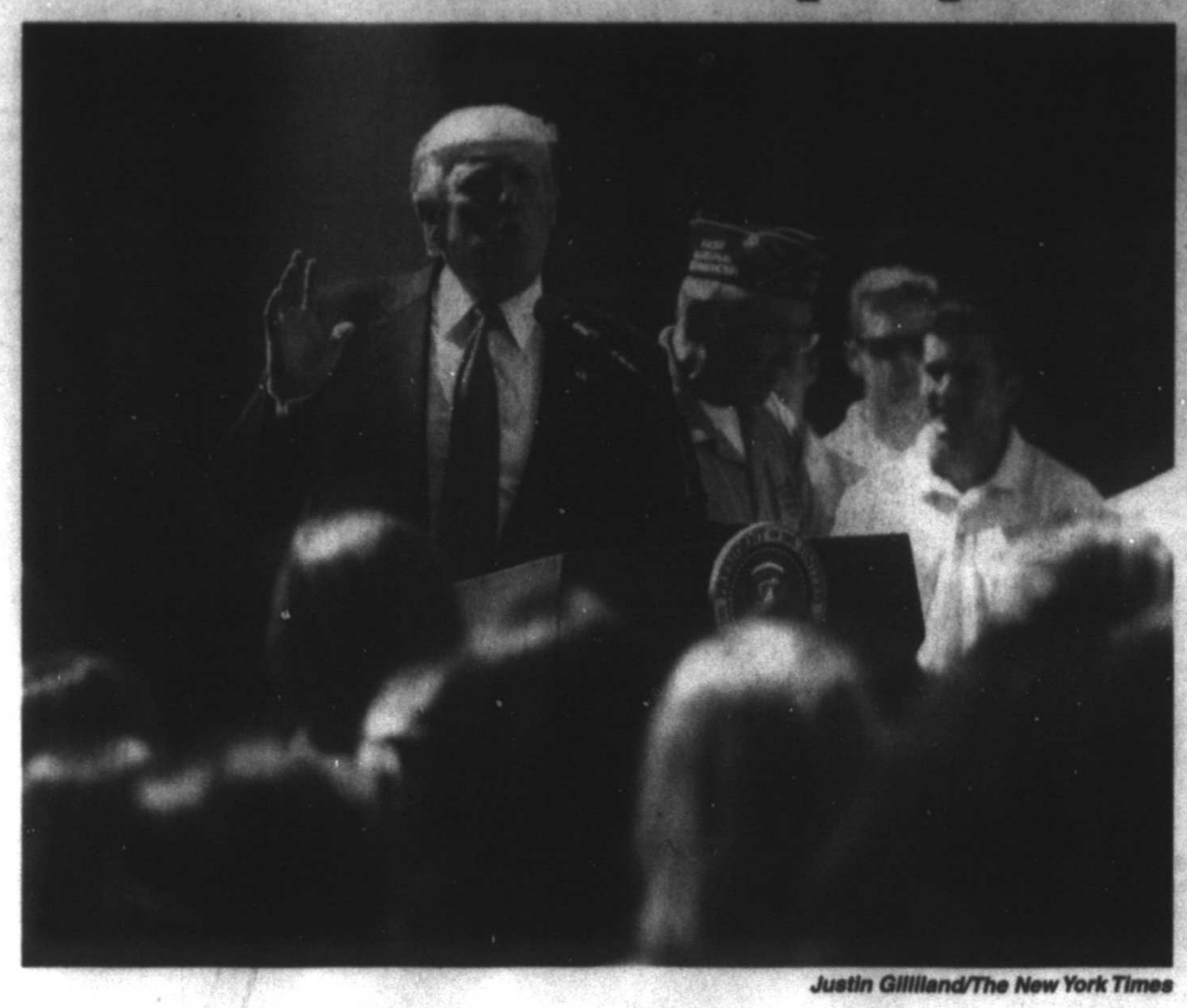

Justin Gilliland/The New York Times

President Donald Trump speaks to boys and girls with the American Legion's youth programs, in the Rose Garden at the White House in Washington on Wednesday. Trump's declaration that transgender individuals would be barred from military service was met with surprise at the Pentagon, outrage from advocacy groups and praise from social conservatives on Wednesday.

Trump gets do-over with youth after panned Boy Scouts speech

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump got another chance Wednesday to connect with young people after a widely panned political speech to Boy Scouts this week. But he couldn't part company without bringing up his victory in the presidential election nearly nine months ago.

It was Trump's decision to add similar political touches to his remarks to the scouts that led to the blowback.

"Think of the amazing moments in history you will witness during your lifetime," Trump told scores of high school juniors participating in the American Legion Boys Nation and American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation leadership programs.

"But you saw one on Nov. 8, right? That was a pretty amazing moment," he said, referring to his electoral upset over Hillary Clinton.

Then Trump shifted to dispensing advice, telling the students who represent all 50 states they have "what it takes." Students who participated in the past have gone on to become governors, U.S. senators and even a president: Bill Clinton.

"We have them all, and we have them all here today," Trump said. "And some of you don't even really know what it might be, but we have people that are going to be so successful, so incredible in their lives. And you're going to be happy. Do what you love. Do what you love. Follow what you love.

"Pour your whole heart into everything you do," he continued. "Being successful is about finding your purpose in life and never, ever giving up."

Those gathered in the sunny Rose Garden saw firsthand Wednesday how the White House press corps works. As Trump posed for photos with them at the end of his remarks, a journalist shouted for the president to comment on the ban on transgender troops that he announced that morning.

Associated Press

RAMSEY

From 1A

state needed to protect its economic successes. "If you are concerned — I know many of you are — now is the time to speak up," Straus told members of the Texas Association of Business (TAB), which had taken a position against the bill.

For whatever reason, their backing was more private than public during the regular legislative session.

Between January and June, while Patrick was trying to gain enough support to get his pet through the Senate and also Straus' House, business appeared to be asleep at the switch. A group of top execs from Amazon, Apple, Celanese Corp., Cisco, Dell Technologies, Facebook, Gearbox Software, Google, GSD&M, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, IBM, Microsoft Corp., Salesforce and Silicon Labs eventually sent a letter to state leaders objecting to what they saw as discriminatory legislation. It landed on the last weekend of the session, when the bill's demise was already all but certain — more a punctuation mark than a game-changer. But it was a sign of opposition to come.

Patrick couldn't get his version of that legislation out of the regular session, and forced a second round by blocking consideration of must-pass "sunset" bills needed to keep five state agencies in operation.

Now, the business establishment is making its presence known in a way it failed to do during the regular session earlier this year. TAB last week brought a gaggle of business leaders to the south steps of the Capitol — the regular gathering place for protests — to talk about their opposition to the bill and their assertion that it would cloud the state's business climate. On Tuesday, several big-city law enforcement leaders — presumably the people who'd be policing the potties if the legislation passes — spoke against it from that same location.

TAB and others have peppered lawmakers with letters from regional business leaders who oppose the legislation, including some notable conservatives who've backed the same state officials promoting it.

A sprinkling of prominent Republicans have decided to speak out against the "bathroom bill," too, including Denton County Judge Mary Horn and Michael Williams, a former Texas education commissioner and railroad commissioner.

"Spending time on this during a legislative session is time wasted trying to solve a problem that does not exist," Horn wrote in a public letter to Abbott, Patrick and Straus. "There are already laws on the books protecting individuals from all criminal acts. Focusing attention on this issue wastes time, money, and is bad for Texas."

Williams was more informal about it. "35 years ago when I 'came out' as a Republican it never crossed my mind my party would some day worry about what bathrooms people used," he wrote in a Sunday afternoon tweet.

Those voices were muted earlier in the year and might provide some cover for lawmakers opposed to the "bathroom bill" now. But this is all prelude to the March primaries, when Republican voters will get a chance to say what side they're on — and to identify the GOP's real mainstream.

STUDY

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of spending cuts or lower production targets. He said Permian-focused companies are less likely to announce such cuts compared to their non-Permian counterparts.

Permian-focused companies have also hedged 50 percent of their remaining natural gas production at $3 per Mcf, compared to 29 percent of natural gas production hedged by non-Permian companies, he said.

O'Donnell said hedging remains important for exploration and production companies in 2017, especially the more debt-laden companies that otherwise would be less likely to withstand sustained low prices or price volatility. He said the group that is weighted toward oil production increased its 2017 oil hedging from 22 percent to 34 percent since his previous study based on third quarter 2016 data.

For this study, IHS Markit evaluated oil and gas hedging in place for a group of 18 oil-weighted E&P companies, including a subgroup of 10 Permian Basin-focused operators.

Permian operators with the best downside protection if prices were to drop to $35 per barrel include Concho Resources, Parsley Energy and Laredo Petroleum, which would have hedged prices above $50 per barrel in 2017 and 2018.

Persistence pays off for rural Texans besieged by sky-high power prices

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

"We're pretty excited about it, for sure. It's like the little guy taking on corporate America and actually succeeding."

Nancy Raney, cattle rancher and farmer

After struggling to pay sky-high power line rates for more than three years, thousands of rural Texans are set to get relief.

Sharyland Utilities, which charges the highest power delivery rates in Texas, announced a deal on Monday that should substantially ease the burden for roughly 54,000 customers scattered across North, West and West Central Texas.

The tiny utility signed an agreement with Oncor Electric Delivery to exchange assets and operations. The proposal, which requires approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, would transform Sharyland ratepayers into Oncor customers. As the state's largest electric transmission utility, Oncor charges the lowest rates.

Customers were told to expect rates slashed by 40 percent.

"We're pretty excited about it, for sure," said Nancy Raney in a phone interview as she fed bleating goats and sheep on her farm near Big Spring. "It's like the little guy taking on corporate America and actually succeeding."

Raney, whose family saw their farm's monthly electric bills grow by thousands of dollars under Sharyland's service, was part of a contingent of struggling customers who peppered the utility, state regulators and state lawmakers with complaints over the years — including emails, letters and in-person testimony — over their predicament: the utility's residential rates were more than twice the state average, which Sharyland attributed to a host of challenges, the biggest being that it has too few customers scattered over too many miles.

While those customers — like most Texans — could choose their retail electric providers on the competitive power market, they were stuck with Sharyland's pricey power lines.

A private Facebook group for aggrieved customers grew to more 2,100 members over the years, with folks swapping pocketbook horror stories and trading advice. But following a host of public meetings, a Public Utility Commission investigation and a rate challenge at the commission, plenty of Sharylanders cheered this week's news.

"About two years, I tell you, of writing letters and all. We're happy to see a resolution," said Janey Burke, one of 60 parishioners at Champion Baptist Church in Roscoe, which saw its monthly utility bills soar hundreds of dollars, to more than $800, despite a frantic push to conserve energy.

Sharyland and Oncor said they expect to file their proposal to the Public Utility Commission soon, and approval could take as long as six months.

Sharyland is asking the commission to approve an interim rate reduction — about 10 percent for the average resident — within the next 60 days. Sharyland said it also poured $150,000 into a charitable fund, administered by The Dallas Foundation, to assist places of worship that were hit particularly hard by rate hikes.

"This transaction is the right thing to do for our customers and for the communities we serve," David A. Campbell, CEO of Sharyland Utilities, said in a statement Monday.

Brian Lloyd, executive director of the Public Utility Commission, called the deal, which was part of a settlement to end a rate challenge at the agency, a "landmark" that will "provide substantial rate relief to Sharyland customers by rolling them into the much larger customer base of Oncor."

In an email to Raney, Lloyd credited her and other persistent Sharyland customers for this week's results.

"I know you have had to learn more about utility rate-making than any sane person should every have to," Lloyd wrote. "I want you to know — and I hope you are proud — that your efforts to bring attention to this issue was one of the main things that generated all the creative thinking and hard work that went into this solution."

MISD: Parents can save time by enrolling students online

From staff reports

Parents and guardians of students returning or new to Midland ISD can save time by accessing the parent portal (txConnect) through their existing account or by creating a new account to fill out first day enrollment forms online.

The link to the online registration portal is accessible from the Midland ISD homepage at www.midlandisd.net. Parents may also visit: www.midlandisd.net/enroll to begin the process.

RETURNING STUDENTS

Parents of returning students can get a head start and log into their txConnect parent portal account to review/update student information and complete the registration forms. Parents can update the following information now through Aug. 20 on txConnect Parent Portal.

- address,
- parent guardian information
- emergency contacts.

After you have submitted the updated information, your campus will receive the request and process accordingly. If the request cannot be granted, parent/guardian will receive an email with the reason for rejection. Follow the online instructions to complete the registration process.

NEW STUDENTS

Parents of new students to the district may enroll their students online by creating a txConnect account. The following documents are required to register any student in MISD schools: a proof of residency, immunization record from previous school or family doctor, birth certificate and social security number (optional). Acceptable forms of residency include either a utility bill (water, gas, electric), apartment lease, formal rental agreement or home closing documents. Follow the online instructions to complete the enrollment process.

If you have any questions or concerns about txConnect, please contact your campus administration. If you need further assistance contact the department of Information Management Services at 240-1250 or 240-1251.

First 2017 case of Texas Zika transmission reported

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas health officials have reported what they believe to be the state's first case this year of local Zika virus transmission.

A statement Wednesday by the Texas Department of State Health Services says the person hasn't traveled outside his home area recently, so the virus was probably transmitted by a mosquito in the last few months. The infected person lives in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

A U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention spokesman says that if the agency confirms the case resulted from a local transmission, it would be the first this year in the U.S.

Viewers taking a patient attitude toward Megyn Kelly, new show

By David Bauder
Associated Press

AP file photo

Megyn Kelly poses for a portrait May 5, 2016, in New York. After her brassy start at NBC News, viewers are taking a wait-and-see attitude toward Megyn Kelly in anticipation of her big test this fall. Kelly's show isn't as popular as its predecessor in the time slot, "Dateline NBC," and lost viewers each week. But many shows are seeing audience declines, including direct competitor "60 Minutes."

NEW YORK — After her brassy start at NBC News, viewers are taking a wait-and-see attitude toward Megyn Kelly in anticipation of her big test this fall.

Her newsmagazine ends its eight-episode summer run this weekend, featuring Kelly's interview with comic Ricky Gervais. That's a light sign-off after her newsy debut in June interviewing Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Kelly's show isn't as popular as its predecessor in the time slot, "Dateline NBC," and established the ominous trend of losing viewers from the week before with every episode. But NBC pronounces itself pleased, and points to Kelly's range in conducting interviews with Putin, ESPN's Erin Andrews, "Hillbilly Elegy" author J.D. Vance, TV personality Maria Menounos, conservative firebrand Alex Jones and women who work at Silicon Valley firms.

Now the former Fox News Channel anchor turns her attention to the more important part of NBC's investment: a one-hour weekday morning show that premieres on Sept. 25.

"Our intention was to do some really good journalism, and I think we did, to do some fun pieces, and I think we did that, and to give Megyn a chance to do some pieces and she really came through for us in great style," said David Corvo, NBC News executive in charge of newsmagazines.

Her interview with Jones attracted the most attention, with critics wondering why NBC gave a platform to someone who questioned whether the Sandy Hook school shootings took place. The interview that aired was tougher than a promotional clip distributed early in the week had led people to believe.

The debut of "Sunday Night" with Putin reached 6.2 million viewers and this past Sunday's episode, which aired late opposite "Game of Thrones," had 2.85 million. The show has averaged 3.71 million viewers, down 10 percent from "Dateline NBC" on Sundays last summer, the Nielsen company said. A repeat "Dateline" rerun that aired on July 2 reached more viewers than all but the first episode of "Sunday Night."

Yet television viewing is off in general. CBS' "60 Minutes," which airs in the same time slot as Kelly, has dropped 15 percent in viewership over the same period, Nielsen said.

"I don't think you can say it's a failure at all," said Brian Wieser, analyst at the Pivotal Research Group. "It's way too early to say it's a failure. It's safe to say she hasn't hit a home run yet."

Marc Berman, executive editor of the Programming Insider newsletter, said he thinks NBC did Kelly no favors by putting her on the air during the little-watched summer months opposite the well-established "60 Minutes." Better to air it in a time slot behind a more popular show — "America's Got Talent," perhaps? — or simply build anticipation so she starts at NBC with her morning show, he said. Instead, she goes into the fall with questions about her popularity, he said.

Corvo said another time slot wasn't considered, primarily because Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. has been the home of a news show for more than two decades on NBC.

There's also something to be said for giving Kelly experience and exposure in a different role than she played at Fox, before her morning show starts.

"I don't know if the audiences are the same," Corvo said. "I think that NBC News viewers who didn't know who she was, who sampled the program, will have a very positive view of her because I think the stories she did were really strong."

Kelly brought baggage with her to NBC. She's caught in the middle between people who don't like Fox and regard her with suspicion, while some Fox fans harbor bitterness for her tough questioning of Donald Trump in a presidential debate. Trump's attacks led to a sharp increase in general awareness of Kelly, said Henry Schafer, spokesman for Marketing Evaluations, Inc., whose widely followed "Q" score measures the popularity of public figures.

The company's most recent measurement, from earlier this year before she started at NBC, showed Kelly with a positive "Q" score of eight, below the average of 10 for television personalities, Schafer said. Her negative score was 38, well above the average of 22, he said. Kelly's scores are worse among women, and women make up the bulk of the available audience for her morning show.

If there's a silver lining, it's that morning competitor Kelly Ripa is a polarizing figure, too. And many people with high negatives — Rush Limbaugh and Bill O'Reilly come to mind — still command large fan bases, Schafer said.

"She has yet to prove to be offensive and if she ever proves to be offensive, that would be a problem," said Lisa Herdman, director of national programming and branded entertainment at the RPA advertising agency. "So far there has been nothing in that way. I'm impressed with any woman who has come out from major challenges and has persevered and evolved

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CALIFORNIA

Teen charged in fatal crash recorded on Instagram

FRESNO — Prosecutors charged a teenage driver Wednesday with vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and other counts after she lost control of her car while livestreaming on Instagram and recorded a crash that killed her younger sister.

The behavior of 18-year-old Obdulia Sanchez captured by the video was "disturbing and shocking," Merced County Chief Deputy District Attorney Harold Nutt said in a statement.

Sanchez

He did not elaborate, but the footage shows she was dancing to music while she drove and taking her hands from the steering wheel.

Prosecutors say the video will be a key piece of evidence in the case.

Sanchez was driving the car on Friday when it veered onto the shoulder of a road about 75 miles northwest of Fresno, authorities said.

She overcorrected, causing the vehicle to swerve and overturn into a field, ejecting and killing her 14-year-old sister, Jacqueline Sanchez, authorities said.

After a gap in the livestream, the driver is seen leaning over the girl's body, saying she was sorry. She said she expected to spend the rest of her life in prison but doesn't care.

"This is the last thing I wanted to happen, OK? ... Rest in peace, sweetie," the teen says. "If you don't survive, I'm so (expletive) sorry."

Another 14-year-old girl suffered a leg injury in the crash.

The five counts against Sanchez also include drunken driving resulting in injuries. Prosecutors say Sanchez could spend more than 13 years in state prison if convicted of all the charges.

Sanchez is expected to appear in court later in the day. An attorney representing her could not be reached for comment.

LAS VEGAS

At hacker summit, a new focus on preventing attacks

Against a backdrop of cyberattacks that have grown into full-fledged sabotage, Facebook chief security officer Alex Stamos brought a sobering message Wednesday to hackers and security experts at the Black Hat conference.

In short: it's time for hackers once known for relatively harmless mischief to shoulder responsibility for helping detect and prevent major attacks that threaten billions of internet users around the world.

The Black Hat security gathering, happening this week in Las Vegas, follows a series of attacks and data breaches that have paralyzed hospitals, disrupted commerce, caused blackouts and interfered with national elections.

Stamos joined Facebook from Yahoo, which last year disclosed breaches of more than a billion user accounts.

He called for a culture change among hackers and more emphasis on defense — and basic digital hygiene — over the thrilling hunt for undiscovered vulnerabilities. And he called for diversifying an industry that skews white and male, and generally showing more empathy for the people whom security professionals are tasked to protect.

"It's unfair for us to say that users should be better," said Stamos, challenging his profession to find better ways to help people solve the most common vulnerabilities, such as reuse of passwords, email phishing attempts, and not updating devices to patch bugs.

Facebook's ads just keep creeping into new apps

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Scrolling through an ad-free Instagram is now a distant memory, much like the once ad-free Facebook itself. Soon, users of its Messenger app will begin to see advertisements, too — and WhatsApp may not be too far behind.

Welcome to the Facebook ad creep.

The world's biggest social media company has squeezed about as many ads onto its main platform as it can. The fancy term for this is "ad load," and Facebook warned investors back in 2016 that it has pretty much maxed it out. Put any more ads in front of users and they might start complaining — or worse, just leave.

As such, Facebook, a free service that relies almost completely on ads to make money, has to keep finding new and creative ways to let businesses hawk their stuff on its properties.

One solution is to spread ads beyond Facebook itself, onto the other popular messaging and photo-sharing apps it owns.

So far, it's working. On Wednesday, Facebook posted a 71 percent increase in net income to $3.89 billion, or $1.32 per share, from $2.28 billion, or 78 cents a share, a year ago.

Revenue for the three months that ended on June 30 rose 45 percent to $9.32 billion from $6.44 billion. The Menlo Park, California-based company's monthly active user base grew 17 percent to 2.01 billion.

■ Instagram

Ads began arriving on Instagram, which Facebook bought in 2012 for $1 billion, in 2013. It was a slow and careful rollout, and tells us a lot about Facebook's subsequent ad strategy.

The company didn't want to upset Instagram's loyal fans, who were used to scrolling through beautiful landscapes, stylized breakfast shots and well-groomed kittens in their feed. An ad for headache pills would have interrupted the flow. So Instagram started off with just a few ads it considered "beautiful," selected from hand-picked businesses. For a while, CEO Kevin Systrom reviewed every ad before it went live.

Four years later, things have changed a bit, although to Instagram's credit, not so much as to alienate significant numbers of its 700 million users (up from 100 million in 2013). There are more ads now, Systrom no longer inspects them before publication, and while many could still be called "beautiful," users are also likely to see generic ads not specifically created for Instagram.

By this point, though, people seem to have gotten used to them.

■ Messenger

Facebook has already been testing ads on its primary chat app, and earlier this month it announced it will expand this test globally. Paralleling its experience with Instagram, Facebook told developers and businesses they can start showing ads — specifically for brands that people "love" or that offer an "opportunity to discover experiences" — to Messenger's 1.2 billion users.

A tsunami it won't be. Facebook product manager Ted Helwick wrote in a blog post that a "small percentage" of Messenger users will start seeing ads by the end of July. The company will then study that limited rollout to ensure that it's delivering "the best experience."

Of course, even a small percentage of 1.2 billion users could be tens of millions of people. But this gives Facebook a chance to see what works and what doesn't without mass revolt.

And it highlights the importance of Facebook's decision to spin out the Messenger app from its main Facebook app (and to start pressuring people to use it). While Facebook billed its decision as a way to make Messenger easier to use, it also essentially doubled the available real estate for its mobile ads.

■ WhatsApp and more

With its popularity outside the U.S. and in developing countries, WhatsApp might be a harder nut to crack when it comes to ads. But there are signs it's coming. It's true that WhatsApp's CEO Jan Koum promised users they can count on "absolutely no ads interrupting your communication" when Facebook bought the company in 2014 for $19 billion.

But last August, WhatsApp updated its privacy policy to reflect that the service would be sharing user data with Facebook so that it could "offer better friend suggestions" and "show you more relevant ads" on Facebook and its other properties.

That doesn't mean that ads will appear on WhatsApp right away. But in the same post, the company also said it wants people to be able to communicate with businesses, not just people. That's exactly how Messenger began dabbling in the advertising business.

What else can Facebook do?

"One, they will raise their rates on ads," said Matt Britton, CEO of social media marketing company CrowdTap. "Because they can. The value is tremendous for advertisers right now, including for video ads."

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OPINION

Don't expect changes to matter with Trump

■ Trump puts the bullets in the social media gun, pulls the trigger and aims at his own foot with unerring accuracy

JONAH GOLDBERG
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Let's review a few recent developments. Last week, Sean Spicer, the White House press secretary, resigned. This was part of a "White House shakeup" to get the Trump administration back on track. The new communications director, Anthony Scaramucci, would fix the White House's "messaging problem."

Within 24 hours of Scaramucci's appointment, the president returned to Twitter and unloaded another torrent of political bombshells, including talking about his power to pardon, even as his attorneys were denying that Donald Trump was thinking about pardoning anyone.

Speaking of lawyers, earlier last week, the president's legal team underwent another "shakeup." That shakeup had similar results: no change.

Over the weekend, Trump returned to Twitter to vent his ire at his attorney general, Jeff Sessions. The former senator was the first major politician to endorse Trump, and more than any other figure, Sessions lent conservative credibility and legitimacy to Trump's campaign.

The president insisted on Twitter that the "beleaguered" attorney general was taking a "weak position" on the need to prosecute Hillary Clinton for various alleged crimes.

This is an odd claim. The president himself announced after he was elected that Hillary had suffered enough and that all the "Lock her up!" stuff was campaign bluster.

When I say it is "odd," I'm being generous, because the claim is almost certainly a politically expedient lie. How do we know this? Because just days earlier, Trump sat down for an Oval Office interview with what he calls the "failing" and "fake" New York Times and said as much.

The president whined that Sessions had been "unfair" to him when the attorney general recused himself from the investigation into allegations of collusion between the Trump campaign and the Russian government. Never mind that the recusal was a political necessity at the time (whether it was a legal or ethical necessity is debated). Trump told the Times that if he had known Sessions was going to behave so ethically, he never would have appointed him.

In political terms, this was the equivalent of saying something to the New York Times that you would normally whisper to your closest advisor, if anybody at all.

The president has an elaborate theory that if Sessions hadn't recused himself, special counsel Robert Mueller wouldn't have been appointed.

It's a strange theory. Trump admitted he was taking the Russia investigation into consideration when he fired FBI Director James Comey. Trump tweeted about the possible existence of "tapes" of his conversations with Comey. Trump hired the man who appointed Mueller. On the campaign trail, Trump had openly called on Russia to continue its cyber war on the Cliaton campaign.

In short, at every turn, the president has acted as if he has something to hide. Whether he actually does is an open question, but his obsession with the unfairness of the Russia story — and his refusal to credit claims that the Russians meddled in the election, or to criticize Russian President Vladimir Putin — is a perpetual smoke machine causing people to think there's got to be a fire somewhere.

So what's my point? Simply: The author of Donald Trump's problems is first and foremost Donald Trump. It's fine to point out the excesses of the Democrats and the media. There's certainly ample reason to criticize his staff. It's understandable that Trump supporters think the "establishment," the "swamp" or the "Deep State" have undermined him — because they have.

But Trump is not a victim. He is the hamster spinning the wheel in the massive Rube Goldberg machine that is the spectacle of presidential dysfunction.

Every few weeks, the debate about his tweeting starts again. It's like the gun control debate. Guns are to blame! No, criminals are to blame! Guns don't kill people, people do.

It's all nonsense. Twitter is a tool. Barack Obama had a Twitter account, too. Trump puts the bullets in the social media gun, and Trump pulls the trigger, aiming at his own foot with unerring accuracy.

After every good speech, the clock restarts and the Trump train is "back on track." Then, Trump acts like Trump again and the clock gets reset to zero. Spicer's departure changed nothing. Firing Jeff Sessions will change nothing. Shakeups change nothing. Shake the White House snow globe all you like. The scene doesn't change much, and when things settle down, there Trump remains, being Trump. It won't change, because he can't change. Character is destiny, now and forever.

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OPINION EXTRA

The left protects Islam to destroy Western civilization

Richard Dawkins is no friend to conservatives. The atheist author has spent much of his life deriding Judaism and Christianity. He once stated, "An atheist is just somebody who feels about Yahweh the way any decent Christian feels about Thor or Baal or the golden calf." Dawkins says that even moderate religious people "make the world safe for extremists." He's far to the left on politics: He's pro-abortion rights, and a supporter of the Labour Party and the Liberal Democrats in Britain.

But he's also smart enough to recognize that radical Islam is a greater threat to human life than Christianity or Judaism. He explains: "I have criticised the appalling misogyny and homophobia of Islam, I have criticised the murdering of apostates for no crime other than their disbelief. ... Muslims themselves are the prime victims of the oppressive cruelties of Islamism."

Such language makes him a pariah among leftists.

This week, Dawkins was scheduled to speak at an event with KPFA radio in Berkeley, California. All went swimmingly — until leftists realized that Dawkins had said some untoward things about Islam. The station then canceled the event, citing his "abusive speech." It explained: "We had booked this event based entirely on his excellent new book on science, when we didn't know he had offended and hurt — in his tweets and other comments on Islam, so many people. KPFA does not endorse hurtful speech."

This is no shock. The same left that barred Dawkins from his Berkeley event cheered this week while Palestinian Arabs rioted over metal detectors at the Temple Mount. Those leftists proclaim that the true obstacle to peace in the Middle East isn't Palestinian Arab violence — it isn't Palestinians who stab Israeli Druz officers on the Temple Mount; or the Palestinians who invade homes and slaughter old men and women; or the Palestinians in government who cheer, honor and financially support such behavior. No, the problem is the Jews.

The same left that blames metal detectors for murderous assaults and Richard Dawkins for offending Islam makes excuses for radical Muslim. Women's March on Washington organizer Linda Sarsour, who has called for certain apostate Muslims to have their genitals removed, says that Zionists cannot be feminists and stands up for terrorists and terror supporters.

Why does the left seek to support radical Islam so ardently? Because the left believes that the quickest way to destroy Western civilization is no longer class warfare but multicultural warfare: Simply ally with groups that hate the prevailing system and work with them to take it down. Then, the left will build on the ashes of the old system. In this view, Dawkins is an opponent — how can the left recruit Muslims to fight the system if Dawkins is busy alienating them? They support the Palestinian terror regime — how can that colonialist outpost, Israel, be defeated without a little blood? They applaud Sarsour — she's an ally, so she must be backed.

Alliance with nefarious forces calls your own morality into question. KPFA has a lot more to answer for than Dawkins. But the left will never have to answer such questions as long as it focuses on its common enemy, a supposedly conservative establishment that must be fought with any tool at its disposal.

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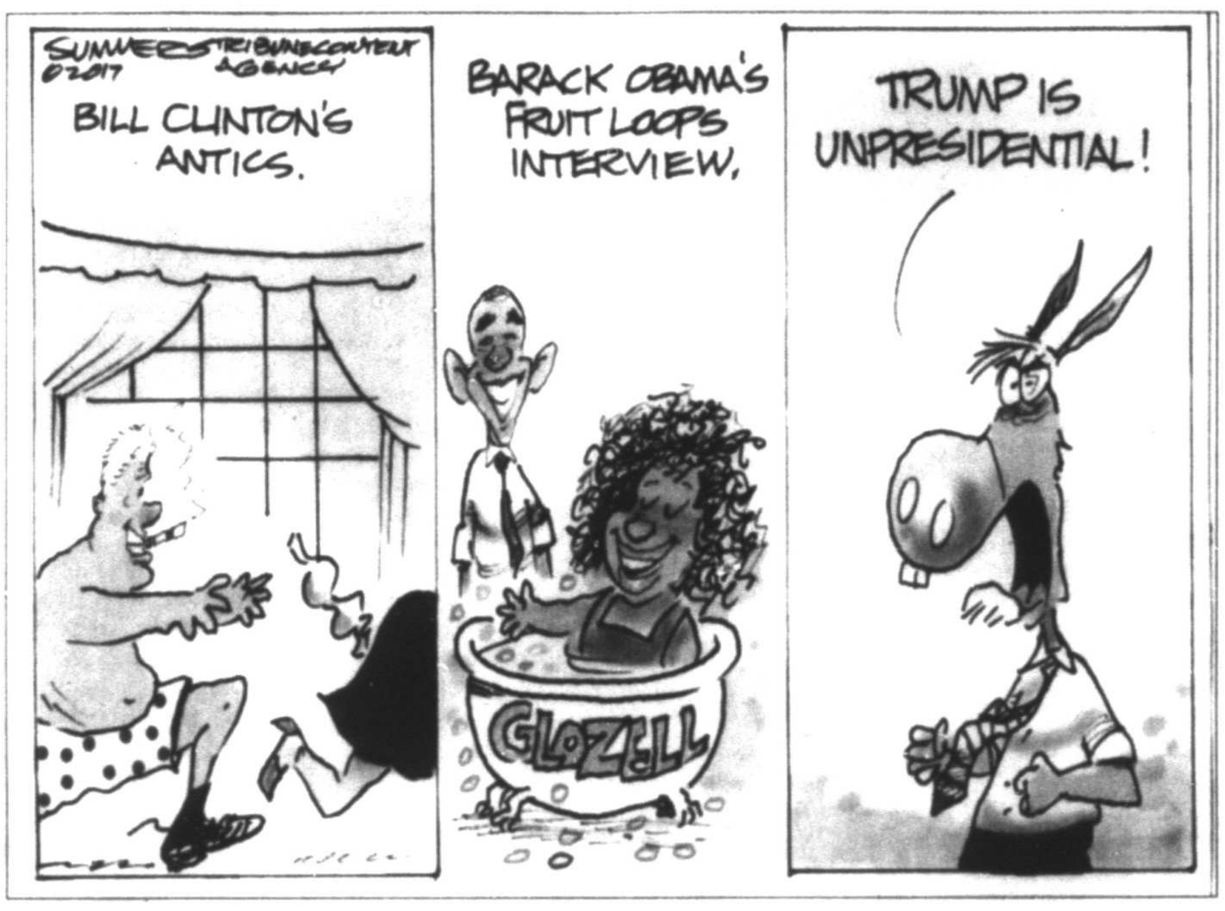

Trump should leave Sessions alone

■ A president should never, ever go after a good, decent, able Cabinet member in adolescent tweets to the public

JAY AMBROSE
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The way many of his political enemies go after President Donald Trump is a national disgrace, an antidemocratic, snarling, hateful dismissal of protocol, sometimes of law. Techniques have even included jokes about his getting killed, and you would think no one could go further. Someone can. Trump can.

He's doing it in his attacks on Attorney General Jeff Sessions that are at the same time vicious attacks on himself. They portray him as immature, narcissistic and downright mindless. They arm his enemies with still more criticisms and discourage Republicans and any number of civic groups respecting Sessions as an honest, hard-working, capable public servant loyal to the president's goals.

After all, Sessions was the first senator to back Trump in his bid for the presidency and, time and again, defended Trump's positions in a knowledgeable, rational way. As attorney general, he has been forceful on getting tough with sanctuary cities and has acted in concrete ways to support police. Under his guidance, the Justice Department recently arrested hundreds of people accused of illegally abetting this country's murderous opiate epidemic, and the department is now looking into at least six felonious leaks of information from intelligence agencies.

What he did wrong, in Trump's eyes, was to recuse himself from playing a role in the investigation of Russian intervention in the 2016 presidential election. He took the action for the obvious reason that some had suggested he could somehow have been involved in collusion with a Putin gang. He wanted no hint of guiding the probe away from truth and turned it over to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein. He's the one who appointed Robert Mueller as general counsel to get to the bottom of things.

The problem is that Mueller sinks to the bottom to get to the bottom. Once, as an FBI director trying to get the goods on a congressman, he ignored the law along with urgings from the attorney general and the president that he correct himself. In his current position, he has a good friend, former FBI director James Comey, as a key witness — despite a law that says nothing doing.

To pursue the case against Trump, he has brought aboard Democratic devotees and, apparently getting nowhere on the Russian probe, expanded his attention to obstruction of justice. Then, perhaps stubbing his toe there, too, he included Trump's enormous financial holdings. Considering Trump's billions in assets, my guess is that a persistent enough, government-financed gotcha guy could find something amiss even if Trump had given everything to Goodwill.

On top of all of that, news reports seem to indicate the Mueller office to be leaking lots of stuff, and you can see why Trump is upset. But why take it out on Sessions in public tweets that in Trump's usual crude way go after the recusal and even laxity in investigating Hillary Clinton. Trump himself dropped the goal of locking her up after the election, but one person who didn't was former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

In his mayoral job he was one of the most effective public servants in recent times, essentially saving the city from runaway crime and a downturn in its prosperity. He would be a good attorney general, but an embittered Sessions is not likely to resign and Trump would be crazy to fire him, although that in itself is no deterrence. He could also fire Rosenstein and maybe find a deputy attorney general who would fire Mueller, but obstruction of justice charges would be in his face again.

The main point here is that a president should never, ever go after a good, decent, able Cabinet member in adolescent tweets to the public. Private discussions in the White House? Fine. Frustration at what really could be a "witch hunt" as he calls it? Understandable. But play the kinds of games he is playing, and one cannot help but wonder about the way he proceeds on other matters.

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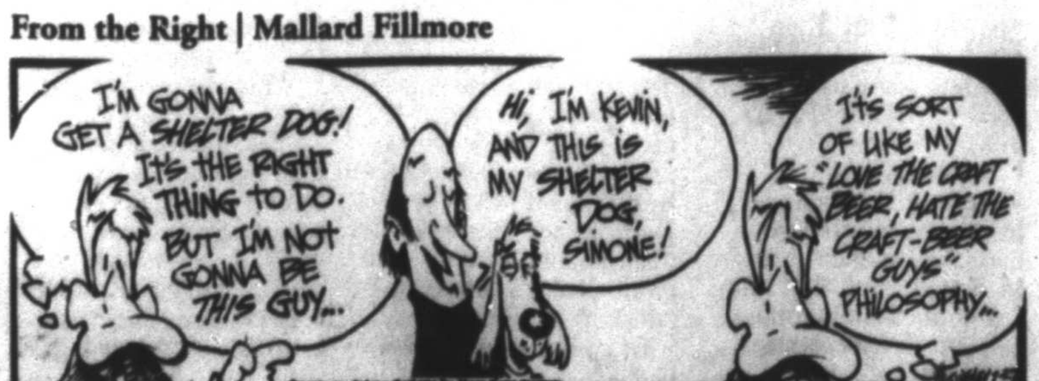

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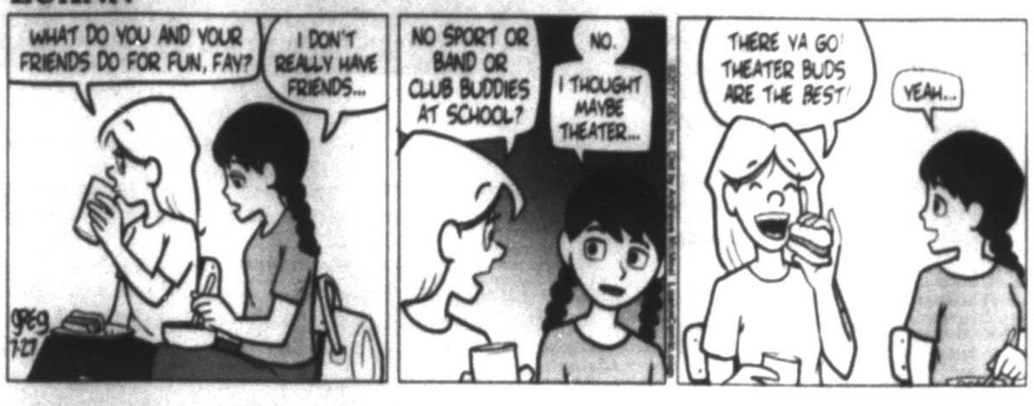

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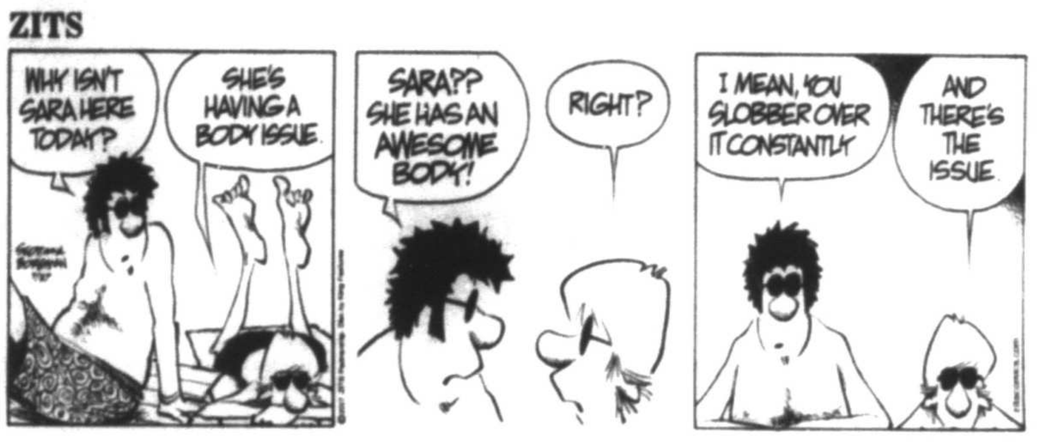

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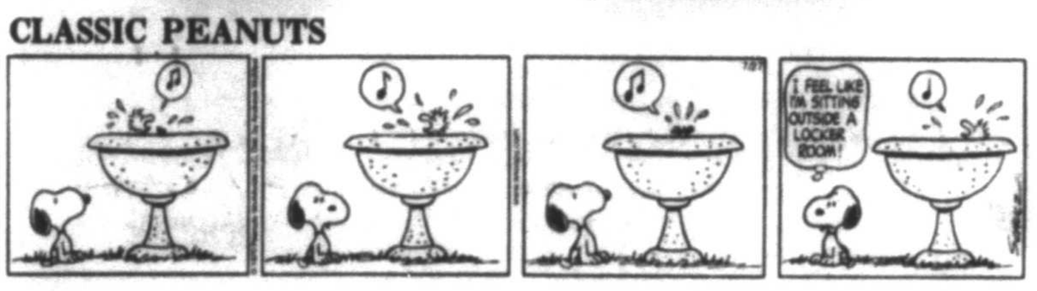

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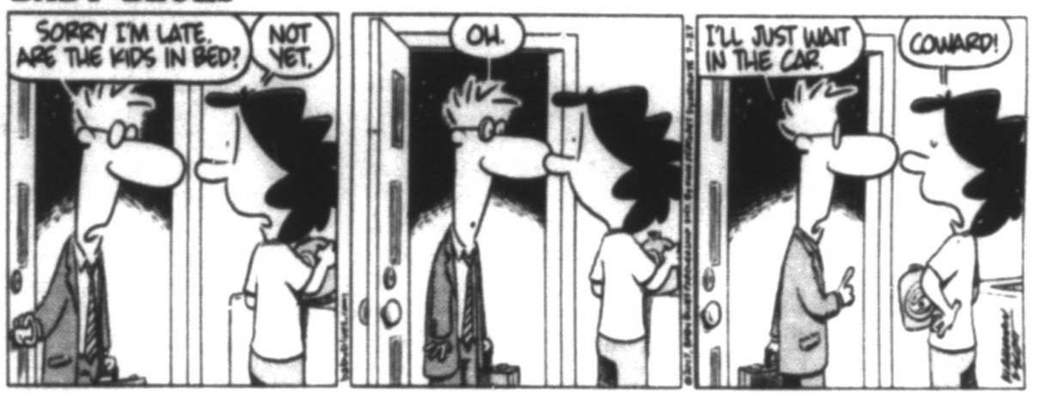

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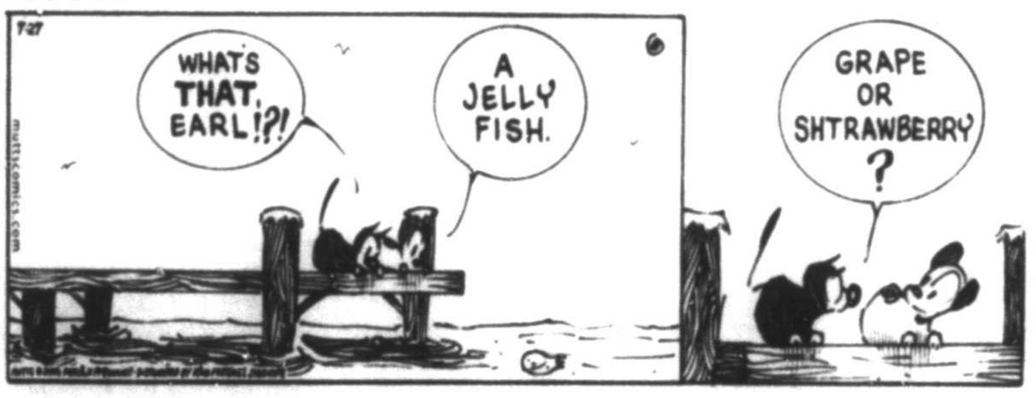

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"I DON'T WRITE DOWN BEER AND PRETZELS BECAUSE YOU NEVER FORGET THOSE."

DILBERT

GOP senators blink on a big chance to repeal 'Obamacare'

By Erica Werner and Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After seven years of emphatic campaign promises, Senate Republicans demonstrated Wednesday they don't have the stomach to repeal "Obamacare" when it really counts, as the Senate voted 55-45 to reject legislation undoing major portions of Barack Obama's law without replacing it.

Seven Republicans joined all Democrats in rejecting a measure by GOP Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky that would have repealed most of former President Obama's health care law, with a two-year delay but no replacement. Congress passed nearly identical legislation in 2015 and sent it to Obama, who unsurprisingly vetoed it.

Yet this time, with Republican President Donald Trump in the White House itching to sign the bill, the measure failed on the Senate floor. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that repealing "Obamacare" without replacing it would cost more than 30 million Americans their insurance coverage, and that was a key factor in driving away more Republican senators than Majority Leader Mitch McConnell could afford to lose in the closely divided Senate.

The result frustrated other GOP senators, some of whom expressed disbelief that their colleagues would flip-flop on legislation they had voted for only two years ago and long promised to voters. Of the current Republican senators, only moderate Susan Collins of Maine opposed the 2015 repeal bill.

"Make no mistake: Today's vote is a major disappointment to people who were promised full repeal," said Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska. "We still have a long, long way to go — both in health policy and in honesty."

Yet the outcome was hardly a shock in a Senate that's already shown that unity is elusive when it comes to dealing with Obamacare. The real-world implications of repeal have proven sobering to GOP senators answering to voters who've come to rely on expanded insurance coverage under the law.

What the party's senators will end up agreeing on instead is far from clear. Yet they plunged forward with debate toward their unknown goal, pressured by an impatient president. By week's end, Republicans hope to reach agreement among themselves, and eventually with the House, on some kind of repeal and replacement for the Obama law they have reviled for so long.

"We have to keep working hard," said McConnell, R-Ky. "We're determined to do everything we can to succeed. We know our constituents are counting on us."

One possibility taking shape in talks among senators was a "skinny repeal" that would abolish just a few of the key elements of Obama's law including its mandates that everyone purchase insurance and its taxes that all GOP senators can agree to oppose. But in a sign of the general confusion, some said the tactic was aimed chiefly at moving the process forward into the purview of a committee of Senate-House bargainers while others expressed the hope that the House would swallow a "skinny bill" whole, freeing Congress to move on to other issues.

Either way, after weeks spent on the issue including false starts and near-death experiences that have eaten up months of Trump's presidency, the realization was dawning on senators that they may be unable to pass anything more complex for now than a lowest-common-denominator bill.

"At the end of the day, we've got to start somewhere. This is a start," said Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C.

The day's proceedings began with prodding from Trump, who's proven impatient and inconsistent throughout the health care debate and yet can claim some credit for resuscitating Senate talks after McConnell essentially declared them dead last week.

The president singled out Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski, who'd voted the day before against opening long-awaited debate on the legislation, and also opposed a wide-ranging McConnell amendment Tuesday that offered a replacement for Obamacare and went down to defeat.

"Senator @lisamurkowski of the Great State of Alaska really let the Republicans, and our country, down yesterday. Too bad!" Trump wrote.

"I don't really follow Twitter that much," Murkowski remarked to reporters later with a shrug.

Murkowski was also among the seven GOP senators who voted "no" Wednesday on the repeal-only bill. The others were Collins, Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia, Dean Heller of Nevada, John McCain of Arizona, Rob Portman of Ohio and Lamar Alexander of Tennessee.

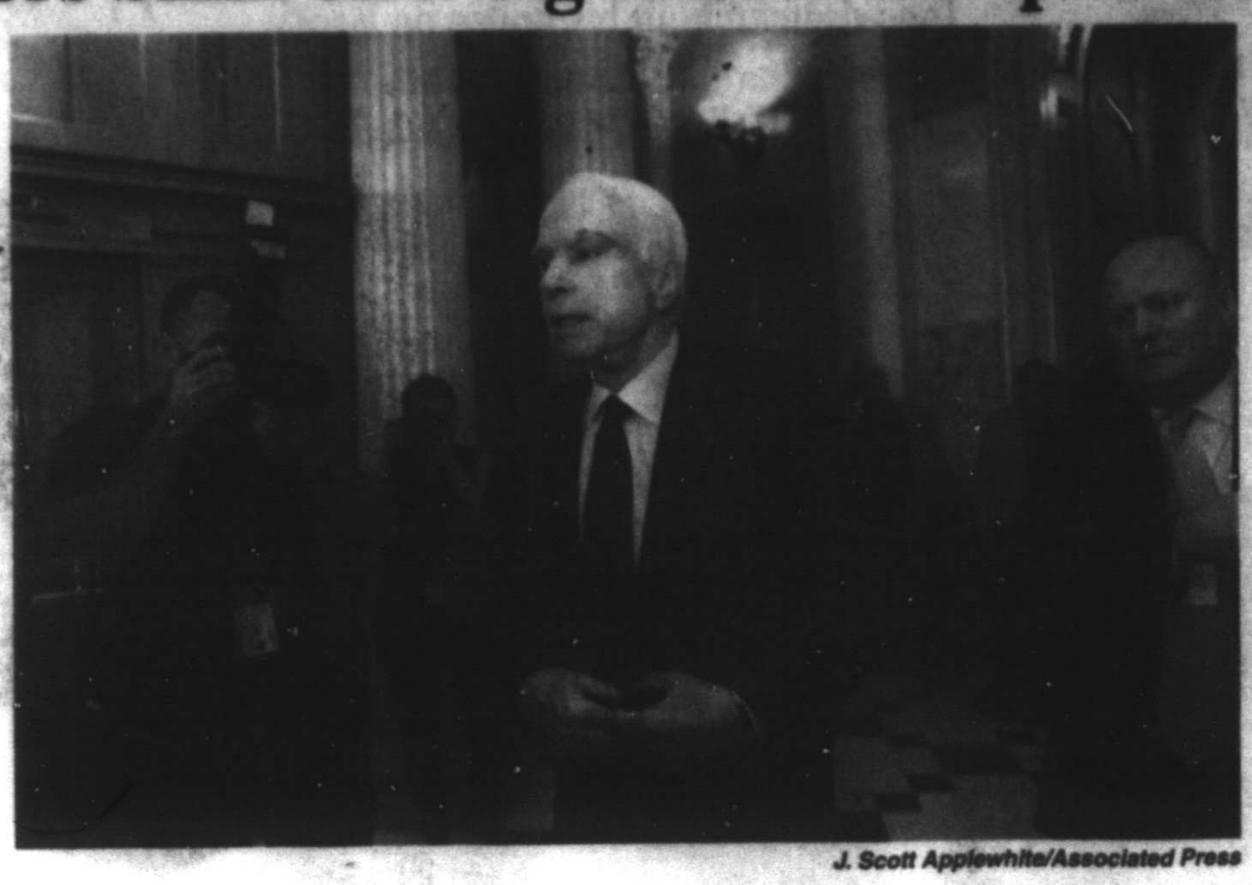
In a statement defending his vote, Portman wrote: "We need a rescue plan for Ohio families who are suffering under the status quo, not one that makes the health care system worse for Ohio families."

Senators were working their way through 20 hours of debate. At week's end, a "vote-a-rama" of rapid-fire voting on a mountain of amendments was expected before moving to final passage — of something.

Internal GOP differences remain over how broadly to repeal the law, how to reimburse states that would suffer from the bill's Medicaid cuts and whether to let insurers sell cut-rate, bare-bones coverage that falls short of the requirements.

While pressure and deal-making helped win over vacillating Republicans to begin debate, they remained fragmented over what to do next. Several pointedly left open the possibility of opposing the final bill if it didn't suit their states.

"It seems the Republican majority is no clearer on what the end game is, because there's no good way out of this," said Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York.



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Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who returned to Capitol Hill after being diagnosed with an aggressive type of brain cancer, leaves the chamber after the Republican-run Senate rejected a GOP proposal to scuttle President Barack Obama's health care law Wednesday in Washington. President Donald Trump and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., have been stymied by opposition from within the Republican ranks.

Trump again rips into Sessions but may want him to stay

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans and influential conservatives rallied around Attorney General Jeff Sessions on Wednesday as President Donald Trump kept up his public pelting of the nation's top law enforcement officer and left his future in doubt.

Sessions' former colleagues in the Senate denounced the president's broadsides against the first senator to endorse him.

Key forces in the conservative media, including Rush Limbaugh and Breitbart News, sharply criticized Trump's broadsides. And even as Trump again turned to Twitter to rap Sessions, the White House suggested the attorney general should just press ahead with doing his job.

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said of Sessions that the president "wants him to lead the department."

"Look, you can be disappointed in someone and still want them to continue to do their job," she said during the daily briefing.

That sent a different signal than the seemingly daily barrage of negative tweets that Trump has aimed at Sessions, fueling speculation that the president is going to fire his attorney general or was pressuring him to quit.

Trump's onslaught continued Wednesday with a tweet wondering why Sessions didn't "replace Acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe," whom the president characterized as a friend of fired former FBI director James Comey and an ally of Hillary Clinton. A day earlier, Trump repeatedly expressed regret over choosing Sessions for the Cabinet position and refused to say whether he'd fire him.

Sessions, who has privately told allies that he does not plan to resign, has not addressed the president's criticism this week. But several Senate Republicans, many of whom had been previously reluctant to break with the president for fear of alienating conservatives loyal to Trump, spoke up on his behalf.

Trump says trans people should be barred from military

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump abruptly declared a ban Wednesday on transgender troops serving anywhere in the U.S. military, catching the Pentagon flat-footed and unable to explain what it called Trump's "guidance." His proclamation, on Twitter rather than any formal announcement, drew bipartisan denunciations and threw currently serving transgender soldiers into limbo.

"Please be advised that the United States Government will not accept or allow Transgender individuals to serve in any capacity in the U.S. Military," the commander in chief tweeted.

Trump wrote that he had consulted with "my generals and military experts," but he did not mention Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, the retired Marine general who less than one month ago told the military service chiefs to spend another six months weighing the costs and benefits of allowing transgender individuals to enlist. At the time, Mattis said this "does not presuppose the outcome of the review," but Trump's tweets appeared to have done just that.

The Pentagon has refused to release any data on the number of transgender people currently serving. A Rand Corp. study has estimated the number at between 1,320 and 6,630 out of 1.3 million active-duty troops.

Criticism for Trump's action was immediate and strong from both political parties.

His action is "harmful, misguided and weakens, not strengthens our military," said Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York.

John McCain, the Arizona Republican and Vietnam War hero, said Trump was simply wrong.

"Any American who meets current medical and readiness standards should be allowed to continue serving," he said. "There is no reason to force service members who are able to fight, train and deploy to leave the military — regardless of their gender identity."

Not everyone at the Capitol agreed.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said, "The president's decision was the absolute right decision. ... It's about time that a decision is made to restore the warrior culture and allow the U.S. military to get back to business."

Transgender people already in uniform were concerned about what comes next.

"Everybody is hurt, everybody is scared," said Rudy Akbarian, 26, who is in the military but did not want to identify his branch.

Akbarian, who said his chain of command was supportive as he transitioned from female to male, said his time to re-enlist is coming up and he might stay to ensure there is a strong voice for transgender troops like himself.

"I'm going to remain hopeful," he said. "America is really progressive and definitely smart, and there are a lot of transgender members serving in critical roles."

Hours after Trump's tweets, Defense Secretary Mattis, who has been on vacation this week, was publicly silent and the Pentagon referred all questions to the White House.

Navy Capt. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said the Pentagon was working with the White House to "address the new guidance" from Trump. That suggested there is not yet any new written policy or executive order.

Trump's sudden declaration appears to halt a decadeslong trend toward more inclusive policies on military service, including the repeal in 2010 of a ban on gays serving openly. President Bill Clinton in 1993 began the push to allow gays to serve. In December 2015, President Barack Obama's Pentagon chief, Ash Carter, announced that all military positions would be open to women. Liberalizing policy on transgender troops was the next step.

Just last week, when asked about the transgender issue at a Senate hearing, Gen. Paul Selva, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said, "I am an advocate of every qualified person who can meet the physical standards to serve in our uniformed services to be able to do so." He mentioned no opposition among service chiefs to allowing transgender service.

Transgender service members have been able to serve openly since 2016, when Carter ended the ban. Since Oct. 1, transgender troops could receive medical care and start changing their gender identifications in the Pentagon's personnel system.

Carter also gave the services until July 1 to develop policies to allow people already identifying as transgender to join the military if they normal standards and have been stable in their identified genders for 18 months.

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WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

TODAY

ON SCREEN If you saw last week's screening, Fathom Events continues National Theatre Live's "Angels in America - Part 2" starring Andrew Garfield at Regal Tall City. 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

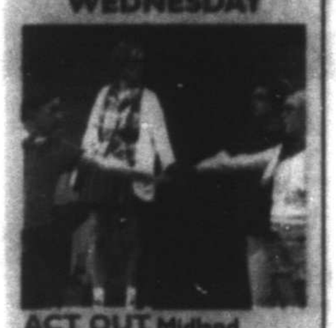
JAZZ HANDS This week's Hot Summer Nights concert features the West Texas Jazz Project. Chill with the cats under the night sky at Noel Heritage Plaza in Odessa. 6 p.m.

MUMMER'S THE WORD Head to the Yucca Theatre for the 69th season of Summer Mummers with "Psychedelic Trip to the Summer of '69." Through Sept. 2. 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

SWIPE RIGHT The theme for this week's Summer Sunday Lawn Concert is Date Night with sexy, romantic Latin music by Oscar David. 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY



ACT OUT Midland County Public Library hosts a child-friendly improv show by Austin's Hideout Theatre at the downtown branch. 10:30 a.m.

See a complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Atomic Blonde," "The Emoji Movie."
Closing: "The Big Sick," "Wish Upon."

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Atomic Blonde," "The Emoji Movie."
Closing: "The Big Sick," "The House," "Wish Upon."

STAYING IN?
Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. Page 3

COMING SOON

Rock the Desert takes over Midland Aug. 3-5. Headliners include Skillet, For King and Country, Passion and many more. For more information, visit rockthedesert.com.

SIGGNO AARON WATSON

FESTIVE DAYS

Summer is high time for local festivals

By Rich Lopez
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The West Texas Blowout and the second Ice Cream Festival highlight this weekend's events. Big cities often have a festival every weekend. Midland might not be far behind when it comes to the summer season. With last week's Tall City Blues Fest and next week's Rock the Desert, the trend seems to be settling in here.

The West Texas Blowout

This music festival celebrates Latin and country music with two days of concerts. The event welcomes children with its Kids Zone, which offers face painting, jumpers, live entertainment and an appearance by Princess Moana and Captain America. The Garyo Rib Cook-off welcomes competitors to flame on for the best pork spare ribs of the day.

Visit westtexasblowout.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

Location
Cimarex Energy Pavilion, 5514 Champions Drive.

Tickets
$25 general admission. $65 VIP. $125 cook-off entry.

Schedule
Friday
4 p.m. | Gates open with live DJ
5:30 p.m. | Chet Johnson Band
6:30 p.m. | Flatland Cavalry
7:30 p.m. | The Electric Cowboys
8:30 p.m. | Whiskey Myers
10 p.m. | Aaron Watson

Saturday
6 a.m. | Cook-off set up
11 a.m. | Gates open with live DJ
Noon | Anjelique
1 p.m. | Brown Express
1 p.m. | Pork spare ribs turn in
2 p.m. | Art Tijerina, Sunny Sauceda and Eddie Gonzales
3 p.m. | Cook-off awards
3:15 p.m. | Little Joe y La Familia
4:30 p.m. | Ruben Ramos
6 p.m. | Dezigual
7:15 p.m. | Tropa F
8:30 p.m. | Hometown Boys
9:45 p.m. | A.J. Castillo
11:15 p.m. | Siggno

Ice Cream Festival

The Ice Cream Festival is in its second year. But with summertime heat and cool dessert, how can it go wrong?

If you can handle sampling more than two dozen ice cream flavors, this is the event for you. Guests can also learn about the dessert with the Cow-to-Cone experience and brave a brain freeze in the ice cream eating contest.

Tiki Island Water Park inflatable slides will offer another way to cool off. The Blue Crush, the nation's tallest inflatable slide, will be a highlight of the activities.

As if ice cream isn't enticing enough, ticket purchases include a free scoop of ice cream.

Visit doyourcity.us for more information and to purchase tickets.

Location
100 N. Colorado St.

Tickets
$7 advance, $10 gate.

HEAT INDEX: Rodney Carrington, Pat Benatar head to West Texas

By Rich Lopez
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Rodney Carrington at Wagner Noel

The comedian returns to Midland with his signature mix of humor and music. Carrington is often known for his rude and crude humor, but he also puts himself right in the middle of it. Whether he's talking about his divorce or his politics, he can definitely make a joke out of real life.

7 p.m. Friday at 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $53-$63. Wagnernoel.com.

'Fast Times at Ridgemont High' screens at Regal

Go back to high school with this '80s film that starred future Oscar winners Sean Penn, Forest Whitaker and Nicolas Cage. Written by Cameron Crowe of "Jerry Maguire" fame, "Fast Times" looks at a slice of teen life in which the kids rule the school. So slip on the parachute pants and Ocean Pacific T-shirt for the 35th anniversary of this modern classic.

2 and 7 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.53. fathomevents.com.

PAT BENATAR AND NEIL GIRALDO

Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo at Ector County Coliseum

With four Grammys and a long catalog of hits, Pat Benatar is a music legend. As one of the few defining women's voices in the 1970s and '80s, she mixed her strong voice with equally strong sex appeal to stand out with hits such as "Heartbreaker," "Shadows of the Night" and "Treat Me Right." She hasn't recorded much since the late '90s but continues touring with her husband, Neil Giraldo. Extend your weekend fun when they headline this year's Ector County ISD Foundation Concert.

8:30 p.m. Tuesday at 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. $49-$65. westtexastix.com.

Slam poetry contest at Kamiposi

Can you spit out some mad verses? Poets are invited to bring their words to perform for cash prizes. Kamiposi is keeping it simple, too. No props, costumes or music is allowed. So it's just the poet and the microphone turning out original work for bragging rights and a fatter wallet. Audiences can cheer on their favorites all the way to the final round. Outside beverages are allowed.

7:30 p.m. Friday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

In 'Atomic Blonde,' Theron heats up Cold War

People don't usually move very fast in Cold War thrillers. Mostly, the only time anyone runs is right before they get shot in the back. Most of the "action" happens in a film cabinet, down a back alley or with a silencer. The classic Cold War tale — which is to say a John le Carre one — is characterized by a deathly stillness: grave faces meeting under gray clouds.

This is not quite so in "Atomic Blonde," a post-war thriller set in the final moments of the Cold War (1989 Berlin) starring Charlize Theron as the MI6 spy Lorraine Broughton. She's not your traditional European operator. Let's just say

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

FINE ART & DANCE

Works by Mike Richardson and John Richardson Fridays in July at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

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

NEW: "Three Millennia of Art in West Texas" will feature works by Donald Judd, rock art and art from the 1920s. Through Sept. 24 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Lauren Strohacker: Confrontation" features the solo and collaborative work of the Phoenix-based artist 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.

"Alpha by Artist" is an exhibition of works by Herb Williams runs through Sept. 7 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd. noelartmuseum.org.

Works by Erwin E. Smith features 30 images by the early Texas photographer who documented cowboys and the open range. On display through Sept. 22. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at Haley Memorial Library & History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. haleylibrary.com.

Works by Ken Rowland will display watercolors by the local artist depicting the Southwest and Big Bend on display through Sept. 30 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

FAMILY & YOUTH

Summer Science Class: Earth and Space for grades 2-6 8 a.m.-noon Monday-Aug. 3 at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20 West. $80 members. $100 nonmembers. pbpetro.org.

Mermaid Camp will teach how to swim with a monofin, oceanic education and preservation, crafts and more. Open to children ages 6-14. Monday-Aug. 3 at COM Aquatics, 3003 N. A St. For more information, call 684-7755. COMaquatics.com.

Zombie Preparedness Training Summer Camp. Children can learn to prepare themselves in the event of a zombie apocalypse. Camp will feature the OC police, the OFD, a scavenger hunt and more. For ages 8-12. 9 a.m. Monday-Aug. 3 at Odessa College Sports Center, 201 W. University Blvd., Odessa. $99. wranglersports.com/summercamps.

"Super Kids Save the World:" Potato Porcupine Class is a craft class that also teaches about composting. "Super Kids" is a collaborative exhibition with Keep Midland Beautiful and the library. 1 p.m. Tuesday and Aug. 3 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250. To register, email asizemore@keepmidlandbeautiful.org. Free.

Writing is Magic Teen Writing Club for ages 13-19. Writing is Magic 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.

"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.

Youth Day Camps: Coyotes, Foxes and Bobcats Oh My: Predators in West Texas. These camps are are open to students entering grades K-3. Most camps are full, but waiting lists are available by calling 684-6827. 9 a.m.-noon, Wednesday and Aug. 4 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $12 members, $15 for non-members. Sibleynaturecenter.org.

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

Storytime at the Library. 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. 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. 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

Midland Downtown Farmers Market is in its 10th season. 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.

Ice Cream Festival 2017 with 25 flavors to sample, inflatable water rides and more. 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday at 100 N. Colorado St. $10. doyourcity.us.

GAMES

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

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** are 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.

Midland Palette Club: Wire Wrapping with copper. Led by Susan May. 6-9 p.m. Friday (demo) and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday (class) at 907 W. Wadley Ave. $90. paletteclubmidland.com.

MUSIC

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James Cook, 7 p.m. Friday at Mac's BBQ and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave.

Clete Bradley, 8 p.m. Friday at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Hwy 80.

Tom Ben Lindley, 8 p.m. Saturday at Escape Lounge, 3001 E. Business 20, Odessa.

Matt Bradford, 7 p.m. Tuesday at Corky's, 6705 Andrews Hwy., Odessa.

COUNTRY

Jon Wolfe, 8 p.m. today at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $10. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Allen Ray and Southern Comfort, 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Brian Milson, 8 p.m. Friday at Zucchi's, 1541 John Ben Shepperd Pkwy., Odessa.

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.

FESTIVALS

Viva Big Bend will feature more than 50 bands across 10 venues in four cities including Marfa, Alpine, Marathon and Fort Davis. today-Sunday at various locations. $52 for 4-day pass, $107 VIP. vivabigbend.com.

Fourth annual West Texas Blowout: Aaron Watson, Whiskey Myers, Flatland Cavalry, Chet Johnson Band and The Electric Cowboys, 4 p.m. Friday at Citibank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive. $25. westtexasblowout.com.

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JAZZ/SWING

Hot Summer Nights: West Texas Jazz Project. 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.

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

Summer Sunday Lawn Concert: Oscar David. This show's theme is Date Night. 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

ROCK

Madison Rising, 7 p.m. Friday at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave., Odessa. Dosamigos.com.

Trouble No More, 9 p.m. Saturday at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Hwy 80.

Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo play the annual concert by the Ector County ISD Foundation. 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Hwy., Odessa. $49-$65. Westtexastix.com.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Couples Yoga. Partners will support each other in various modified yoga poses in this Hatha-based class. Refreshments to follow after class. 6:30 p.m. Friday at Lacy J Pilates, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. $40 advance, $50 door. lacyjpilates.com.

Benefit Golf Tournament hosted by Henry Gonzales featuring a two-man scramble, food and drinks. 7 a.m. Sunday at Hogan Park Golf Course, 3600 N. Fairground Road. $150 per team. To register, call 553-2194 or 425-9092.

Asana Yoga will mix the hip-hop sounds of Drake with some vinyasa flow. 4 p.m. Sunday at Lacy J Pilates, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. $5. lacyjpilates.com.

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

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

Meditation with Art with Lynn Alsup. 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

Kundalini Yoga with Kasie Lunson. All levels are welcome. Bring your own mat and dress in comfortable clothing. 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

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

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

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.

National Theatre Live: "Angels in America - Pt. 2: Perestroika" starring Andrew Garfield. 7 p.m. today at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $25.98. fathomevents.com.

Rodney Carrington, 7 p.m. Friday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $53-$63. Wagnernoel.com.

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.

Poetry Slam with cash prizes awarded to first and second places. 7:30 p.m. Friday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5. BYOB.

TCM Big Screen Classics: "Fast Times at Ridgemont Hight" 35th Anniversary Event. 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.53. Fathomevents.com.

Hideout Theatre Improv Show, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Midland County Public Library downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

"New Horizons" dome show, noon, Tuesdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 31. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"The Secret Lives of Star" dome show, 2 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through Aug. 31. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Dawn of the Space Age" dome show, 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through Aug. 31. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

COMING SOON

AUGUST

Rock the Desert Festival, Aug. 3-5 at RTD grounds, 2000 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $30 general admission, $50-$850 VIP packages. rockthedesert.com.

Yappy Hour is a pet mixer by the Midland Humane Coalition. The event will also offer microchipping for $20. 6:30 p.m. Aug. 3 at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Hwy 80. Midlandhumane.org.

First Friday: Andrew Lawson monthly art show features works by a select artist. Opening reception at 6 p.m. Aug. 4 at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

Hot Summer Nights: Mark Lyon. The outdoor concert series will feature food trucks and children's activities. Lawn chairs are encouraged. 6 p.m. Aug. 4 at Noel Heritage Plaza, 321 W. 5th St., Odessa. Odessaarts.org.

Movies in the Park: "Secret Life of Pets," 8 p.m. (dusk), Aug. 4 at Beal Park, 5200 W. Wall St. Free. midlandtexas.gov.

Kevin Fowler, 7 p.m. Aug. 4 at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave. dosamigos.com.

Old 97's, Shooter Jennings, 8 p.m. Aug. 4 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com.

Traviezoz de la Zierra, Los Huracanes del Norte y Re, 8 p.m. Aug. 4 at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $55. extremetix.com.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market: Dog Days of Summer will feature a best dressed pup contest. Sara Rachel performs. The market is open Saturdays through Oct. 28. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Aug. 5. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Midland Palette Club: Fused Glass Plates led by Leslie Slaughter. 9 a.m.-noon, Aug. 5 at 907 W. Wadley Ave. $55. Register by Aug. 2. Paletteclubmidland.com.

'ATOMIC BLONDE'

COYLE

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that if Theron's Broughton turned up in "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy," the old boys would've soiled their trench coats.

Broughton is black and blue at the opening of David Leitch's "Atomic Blonde," and the first thought is that Theron must be licking her wounds from playing Furiosa in "Mad Max: Fury Road." If that film didn't prove that Theron is today's most badass action star, "Atomic Blonde" — while not anywhere near the kinetic explosion of "Fury Road" — will certainly make it official.

The bruises turn out to be from the story she soon relates. Broughton spends the movie in a testy interrogation with her MI6 boss (Toby Jones) and a CIA chief (John Goodman). The mission she recounts is her dispatching to West Berlin to assist the station chief there, David Percival (a zany James McAvoy), in recovering a missing list with the names of every British asset — something the Russians are rather keen to obtain.

So far, that might sound somewhat le Carre-like. But it's not minutes after being picked up from the airport that Lorraine finds herself jabbing an assailant with her heel, pushing him out of a moving car, and forcing the driver into flipping the car over.

Leitch is a veteran stuntman who co-directed the action hit "John Wick," in which Keanu Reeves wrecks endless vengeance on those who killed his dog. The backdrop is more lavish in "Atomic Blonde," but the hand-to-hand combat is no less primary. Whereas another spy thriller might gradually go deeper into its complex networks of allegiances, "Atomic Blonde," based on Antony Johnston's graphic novel "The Coldest City," stays on the surface, keeps the body count increasing and the '80s score blaring.

And, man, does it blare. The soundtrack, especially early in the film, is bludgeoningly prominent. The combination of violence with '80s pop hits is, to Leitch, an inexhaustible cleverness. So if you want to see someone fatally beaten with a skateboard to the tune of Nena's "99 Luftballons" or a stabbing set to "Til Tuesday's "Voices Carry," you have finally found your film.

"Atomic Blonde" is largely a vacant, hyper-stylistic romp that trades on the thick Cold War atmosphere of far better films (not to mention "The Americans"). It's all dagger, no cloak. But it has two things going for it.

One is Leitch's facility with an action scene. The film, technically speaking, gets off to a rough start when a body is sent flying by a ramming car in the kind of blatantly unrealistic CGI fling that ruins movies. But he later goes for a much more bravura scene in a seemingly uncut sequence in which Broughton takes on a number of assailants on a stairwell in a fight that eventually spills out into the streets.

It's easy to see that Leitch is aiming for a more acrobatic version of the famous corridor scene from Park Chan-wook's "Oldboy." And there's no doubt it will have some fans cheering for its audacious seamlessness. But the virtuosity on display is spoiled by its own showoff-y self-awareness. The sequence, a hermetic burst of filmmaking finesse, has nothing to do with the rest of film; it's just a calling card for a filmmakers' highlight reel.

But the other asset of "Atomic Blonde" is altogether more formidable. Theron doesn't so much as dominate "Atomic Blonde" as steadily subjugate every other soul in the film — and those in the audience — into her complete command. Like her more timid le Carre forebearers, there's no pleasure in her victories. There's only ruthless survival in a grim game.

She is most definitely atomic, but I'd try to do better than calling her a blonde.

"Atomic Blonde," a Focus Features release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "sequences of strong violence, language throughout and some sexuality/nudity." Running time: 114 minutes. Two stars out of four.

ON SCREEN

'THE EMOJI MOVIE'

FILM CAPS

"Atomic Blonde" (R) — Charlize Theron stars as an MI6 agent ordered to Berlin to break up a savage spy ring. With James McAvoy, John Goodman, Toby Jones. Written by Kurt Johnstad, based on the graphic novel by Antony Johnston and illustrator Sam Hart. Directed by David Leitch. (1:55)

"Baby Driver" (R) Writer-director Edgar Wright spins a music-fueled saga about a youthful getaway driver whose romantic dreams of escape take a detour when a planned final heist goes sideways. With Ansel Elgort, Kevin Spacey, Lily James, Jon Bernthal, Eiza Gonzalez, Jon Hamm, Jamie Foxx.

"Despicable Me 3" (PG) Supervillain-turned-hero Gru and his family return in this animated comic-adventure. Voices by Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, Trey Parker, Miranda Cosgrove, Dana Gaier, Nev Scharrel, Steve Coogan, Jenny Slate, Julie Andrews. Written by Cinco Paul & Ken Daurio. Directed by Pierre Coffin & Kyle Balda. Co-directed by Eric Guillon.

"Dunkirk" (PG-13) British and Allied forces are pinned down on the French coast and facing long odds in writer-director Christopher Nolan's World War II tale. With Kenneth Branagh, Cillian Murphy, Fionn Whitehead, Harry Styles, James D'Arcy, Jack Lowden, Mark Rylance, Tom Hardy.

"The Emoji Movie" (PG) — The tiny expressions living inside your smartphone come alive in this animated adventure. Voices by T.J. Miller, James Corden, Anna Faris. Written by Tony Leondis & Eric Siegel and Mike White. Directed by Leondis.

"Girls Trip" (R) Regina Hall, Queen Latifah, Jada Pinkett Smith and Tiffany Haddish play longtime friends who trek to New Orleans for wild times. With Larenz Tate, Kate Walsh, Mike Colter. Written by Kenya Barris & Tracy Oliver, story by Erica Rivinoja and Barris & Oliver. Directed by Malcolm D. Lee.

"Spider-Man: Homecoming" (PG-13) Fresh off his adventures with the Avengers, Peter Parker adjusts to life as a webslinger and faces off against the villainous Vulture. With Tom Holland, Michael Keaton, Zendaya, Jon Favreau, Donald Glover. Written by Jonathan Goldstein & John Francis Daley and Jon Watts & Christopher Ford and Chris McKenna & Erik Sommers. Directed by Watts.

"Transformers: The Last Knight" (PG-13) Mark Wahlberg returns to team with Anthony Hopkins as everything we knew about Transformers is turned upside down. With Josh Duhamel, Laura Haddock, Jerrod Carmichael, Isabela Moner, Santiago Cabrera. Written by Art Marcum & Matt Holloway & Ken Nolan, story by Akiva Goldsman. Directed by Michael Bay.

"War for the Planet of the Apes" (PG-13) Caesar and his apes battle a human army led by a brutal colonel in this third film in the latest series inspired by Pierre Boulle's 1963 novel. With Andy Serkis, Woody Harrelson, Steve Zahn, Amiah Miller, Terry Notary, Karin Konoval. Written by Mark Bomback, Matt Reeves. Directed by Reeves.

"Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets" (PG-13) Based on the graphic novel series in which government operatives travel to a rapidly expanding intergalactic metropolis called Alpha, a Utopian convergence of talents where dark forces are at work. With Dane DeHaan, Cara Delevingne, Clive Owen, Rihanna, Ethan Hawke, John Goodman. Written and directed by Luc Besson.

"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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Kong climbs atop this week's list of releases

Reeled & Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@hearstnp.com

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Kong: Skull Island" (PG-13) Although there are remnants of the older King Kong movies — including Peter Jackson's wonderful 2010 remake, which he managed to produce without turning it into a trilogy — this Kong is a whole new beast, and he's marvelous. He's bigger and madder than his predecessors but he still can't keep his big old paws off the pretty girl, played by Oscar winner Brie Larson. Plus, he's still a growing boy, and he'll need his strength so he can square off against Godzilla in 2020's "Godzilla vs. Kong." The only negative is the violence, which was massive considering its PG-13 rating. It was shocking, actually. The body count is huge, and there was blood. Not a lot but more than you would expect for the rating. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Bonejangles" (unrated) The parts that are supposed to be funny in this comedy-horror film are not, though there are some unintentional laughs. The horror part is a complete failure. All the killings are done in a fashion that shows the slaying about to happen then cuts to the aftermath, meaning there was probably a lack of money in the budget for effects. That fiasco could have been executed with far more creativity if the filmmakers had any. All of this should have been evident from the ridiculous title but I couldn't stop myself. **F**

TOP 10 REDBOX RENTALS

The top 10 DVD rentals at Redbox kiosks for the week of July 17:

1. CHIPs — Warner
2. The Lost City of Z — Broadgreen
3. Smurfs: The Lost Village — Sony
4. Logan — Fox
5. Get Out — Universal
6. Fist Fight — Warner
7. Beauty & the Beast (2017) — Disney
8. Power Rangers — Lionsgate
9. John Wick: Chapter Two — Lionsgate
10. The Zookeeper's Wife — Universal

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MORE REVIEWS

"Alienate" (not rated) The style and substance in the film's first half completely evaporates once the actual action starts. All is then lost in what becomes yet another "Independence Day" wannabe. **C**

"Bad Frank" (not rated) Slightly above-average crime thriller excels when the cat-and-mouse game between the lead character and his nemesis, nicely played by Tom Sizemore, gets out of control. Its lowest point comes when the lead character has an argument with his partner in crime over the lyrics of Rick Astley's "Never Gonna Give You Up." **B-**

"Free Fire" (R) Although a John Denver song has never been used so brilliantly in a film, the introduction to all the characters is muddled and never recovers. **B-**

"The Promise" (PG-13) The period romance set against the backdrop of war is a slippery slope, and few filmmakers have achieved greatness with the theme. This film focuses too much on the relationship early on. By the time it hits its stride in the third act, it becomes the great film it should have been. **B-**

"Toni Erdmann" (R) German film that was an Oscar and Golden Globe nominee for best foreign language film is a bizarre but unforgettable story of a father trying to make amends to the adult daughter he abandoned when she was little. **A-**

Netflix makes Hall H debut with big budget Will Smith movie

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Imagine "End of Watch" but with orcs and fairies and magic. That's the vibe of Will Smith's big budget Netflix film "Bright," which unveiled its first full trailer in a presentation at Comic-Con.

The film reunites Smith with his "Suicide Squad" director David Ayer and takes audiences to a gritty Los Angeles setting where two police officers, one human (Smith) and one orc (Joel Edgerton) have to contend with some mythical, evil forces plaguing the city. Noomi Rapace and Edgar Ramirez also star.

It was the Hall H debut for the streaming service, which brought out Smith, Edgerton, Ayer and the film's other stars to charm the 6,500 super fans in attendance and get them excited about the $90 million movie, which makes its Netflix debut Dec. 22.

Ayer said "Bright" is not some "standard issue PG-13 movie."

"I was able to do some real (expletive)," Ayer said. "I was able to tell a real story. I was able to do my thing."

He praised Netflix for its support.

Smith said the film has the hard "rated-R grind of 'Training Day'" mashed up with "Lord of the Rings."

His character is stuck with the force's first orc cop, which Smith said gave him a rare character opportunity: to be racist.

"You never get to be racist when you're black," Smith said. "You're like, 'Look man, I don't want no orcs in my car.'"

Smith is just the latest A-list movie star to try his luck doing a big film with Netflix and has made waves in Hollywood with his support of the service.

"There is a difference between seeing a movie in a theater and seeing it on Netflix," Smith conceded, but added that he is "really excited" to see "whatever this new wave of entertainment is going to be."

Netflix also trotted out the director and cast of its upcoming film horror pic "Death Note," which some Comic-Con attendees will get to see in full Thursday night before its Aug. 25 Netflix launch.

Based on the manga series of the same name "Death Note" follows a high school student (Nat Wolff) who discovers a supernatural notebook that grants him the power to decide who dies and how. All he has to do is write a name and a method in the notebook and the Willem Dafoe-voiced demon Ryuk carries out the grim task.

Netflix is just one of a few studios previewing films for audiences at the annual fan convention. Earlier on Thursday, Fox showed footage from "Kingsman: The Golden Circle" and Saturday, the comic book giants DC and Marvel will go head-to-head with lengthy presentations.

Matt Bomer plays haunted whiz kid in 'The Last Tycoon'

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When he landed the lead in Amazon Prime's "The Last Tycoon," Matt Bomer had never read the timeless F. Scott Fitzgerald novella on which the series is based. But by chance, he had just finished another celebrated novel set in 1930s Hollywood, Nathanael West's "The Day of the Locust."

"I was contemplating the themes both books deal with: How do you maintain your artistry in such a commercial industry as the movies — and can you? And I was thinking about how much Hollywood has changed since that time period. And how little has really changed."

Before long, Bomer would be poring over Fitzgerald's prose to prepare for his "Last Tycoon" portrayal.

To be released Friday, "The Last Tycoon" tells of Monroe Stahr (Bomer), a whiz-kid film producer with a sure eye but a broken heart — a congenital heart defect that means he is living on borrowed time while he mourns the recent death of his wife (and the studio's biggest star). Consumed with making a perfect motion picture that can stand as his legacy, he clashes with his studio boss and father figure, Pat Brady, played by Kelsey Grammer.

The role fits Bomer as comfortably as the rakish double-breasted suits in which Stahr presides as the studio's golden boy. (Or maybe even more comfortably: "Those suits were so snugly tailored that sometimes I had a hard time breathing," Bomer said with a laugh.)

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WEEKENDER PUBLISHES A PORTION OF THE RESTAURANT GUIDE EACH WEEK. ENTREE PRICE RANGE IS BASED ON THE AVERAGE ENTREE PRICE ON THE MENU: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 AND $$$ = $20 OR MORE. RESTAURANTS ARE GIVEN A GENERAL RATING BASED ON QUALITY OF FOOD, SERVICE, CLEANLINESS, ATMOSPHERE AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE. 1 SPOON = POOR, 2 SPOONS = AVERAGE, 3 SPOONS = ABOVE AVERAGE, 4 SPOONS = GOOD AND 5 SPOONS = EXCELLENT.

FIREHOUSE SUBS National chain with tribute to local firefighters. Try the meatball sub or the Italian. Order it "fully involved" if you want all the veggies, mayonnaise, mustard and a pickle slice. 2900 W. Loop 250 N. 689-6500 | firehousesubs.com | $ | 4 spoons

JASON'S DELI National chain has a salad bar that's hard to beat and a nice selection of sandwiches and soups. Plenty of vegetarian, organic and gluten-free options. 4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D 1-B 682-2200 | jasonsdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

JERSEY MIKE'S SUBS The New Jersey-based sub shop offers freshly sliced meats and special sauces on its made-to-order sandwiches. 4400 N. Midland Drive, 695-9990 | jerseymikes.com | $ | 4 spoons

JIMMY JOHN'S GOURMET SANDWICHES The chain puts an emphasis on freshness of ingredients in its menu selections, which includes sandwiches, chips and cookies. 3201 N. Midland Road Suite 110 689-0468 | $ | 4 spoons

LIVING 360 ORGANICS All organic, non-GMO menu includes juices, smoothies and acai bowls. Soups change daily. Sandwiches, wraps and a la carte items are available. Try the cold quinoa salad and a cup of soup. 3211 W Wadley Ave. Suite 21 | 262-3411 | living360organics.com | $ | 4 spoons

McALISTER'S DELI Hot and cold sandwiches, salads and soups. Combo options let you customize your meal and watch your calorie count. Two Midland locations. 2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100. 687-0880 | 4415 W. Wadley Ave. 694-1800 | mcalistersdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

MURRAY'S You're sure to spot someone you know at this Midland lunch hotspot. Try the cheese soup or the turkado with curly fries. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. 697-3433 | $ | 5 spoons

PANERA BREAD Freshly-baked pastries and cookies paired with one of its coffee drinks makes this a nice dessert spot. Or snag a one of their many types of breads on display. Salads, sandwiches and soups make up the menu for a nice lunch or dinner. 2804 W. Loop 250 N | 689-0933 | panerabread.com | $$ | 5 spoons

POTBELLY SANDWICH SHOP With a fairly small menu, the chain sticks to classics such as ham and cheese, turkey and Swiss and roast beef with provolone. The shop also features a plethora of salads, cookies, shakes and soups. 1401 N. Loop 250 W | 704-5500 | $ | 3spoons

SCHLOTZSKY'S Chain serving deli fare, such as its original sandwich, specialty pizzas, soups and salads. Two locations: 5211 W. Wadley Ave., 683-9169; 1109 Andrews Hwy., 689-2867 | schlotzskys.com | $ | 4 spoons

SMILING MOOSE DELI Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, this deli serves breakfast burritos, wraps, soups, sandwiches and salads. The namesake sandwich starts with ground beef on a hoagie bun. 3322 North Loop 250 West | 697-3354 | smilingmoosedeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

SUBWAY The popular sandwich chain has 10 locations in the Tall City. The menu offers standard deli fare such as turkey and roast beef on your choice of bread along with heart-healthy items, all veggie sandwiches, salads and breakfast specialties. 610 N Big Spring St 682-4816, 2300 W Wadley Ave, 682-5541, 329 Dodson St. 684-0005., 1220 N Midkiff Road 683-8132, 101 E Longview Ave. 685-5090. Westwood Village, 4310 West Illinois Suite 140 689-3469, 4324 Andrews Hwy. 520-0770, 4509 N Big Spring St. 684-4058, 4517 Midland Dr. 699-1991, 3201 State Highway158 683-8132, 2109 S Midkiff Road 684-4533, 4400 N Midkiff Road | 699-2428 | subway.com | $ | 4 spoons

SWENSEN'S One menu for sandwiches, burgers, patty melts and salads and an entirely separate full menu for ice cream. Try the sourdough cheeseburger. Friendly service and a clean atmosphere. 900 W. Loop 250 N. 570-7271 swensens.com | $ | 4 spoons

TASTE@508 Stop by the chic downtown cafe for breakfast, lunch or a coffee break. We recommend the chocolate croissant, Cubano Westie panini and beet and goat cheese salad. 508 W. Wall St. | 687-1755 | taste508.com | $ | 4 spoons

WHICH WICH In addition to custom sandwiches, Which Wich also offers shakes, cookies and ice cream sandwiches. The restaurant has free Wi-Fi, and several silver chairs and tables outside for sunnier days. 100 N Main St Suite 400 685-1203 | $ | 4 spoons

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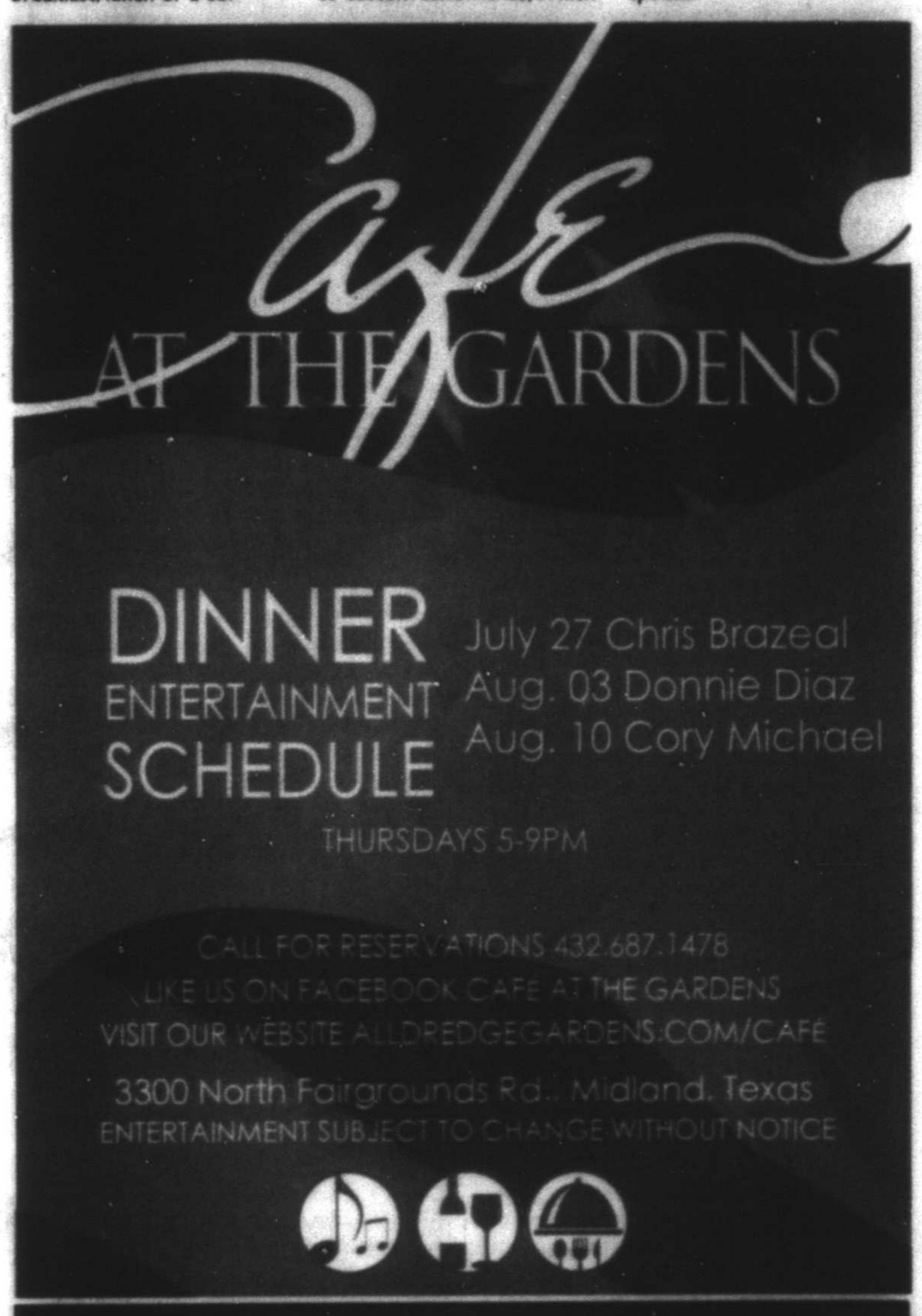

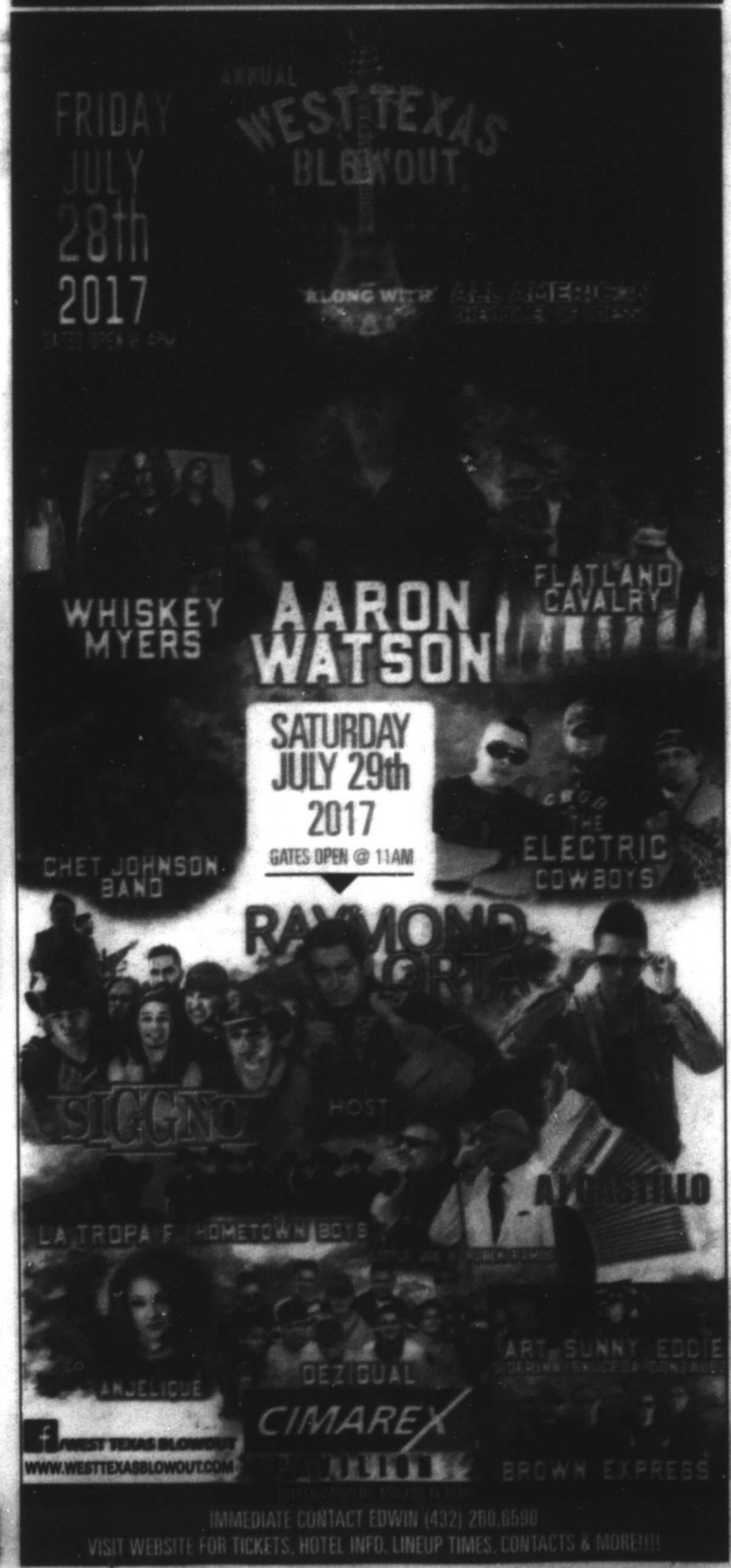

Browns' top pick Garrett healthy, ready for camp

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — The Cleveland Browns already have their first win: Myles Garrett is ready for training camp.

The rookie defensive end and No. 1 overall pick in the NFL draft has recovered from a foot sprain and will be on the field Thursday when Cleveland opens camp following a miserable 1-15 season.

Garrett suffered a left lateral foot sprain while rushing quarterback Brock Osweiler during minicamp in June. He was placed in a walking boot and there was some concern that he might be sidelined for an extensive period.

However, coach Hue Jackson said Wednesday that Garrett is "totally healthy" and will be on the field for the team's first workout. Garrett will be monitored during practices and it's possible he could be kept out of some drills.

"We will definitely monitor him but I think he's totally healthy, maybe hasn't done all the conditioning that you like to see right before training camp," Jackson said. "But I think he's up to speed and ready to go. And he's looking forward to it."

Garrett was limited by a sprained ankle during his junior season at Texas A&M, but he was still one of the nation's best pass rushers. He recorded 32½ sacks during three seasons with the Aggies.

Despite their need for a franchise quarterback, the Browns locked in on the 6-foot-4, 275-pounder and selected Garrett, who quickly impressed Cleveland's coaches and his new teammates with his speed off the edge.

But when Garrett collapsed to the ground during an 11-on-11 drill, it appeared his injury could be serious and yet another blow for the Browns, who have endured more than their share of costly injuries in recent years.

The fact that he'll be in pads and not on crutches is already a victory.

"I was super excited that he was OK," cornerback Joe Haden said. "When he went down, it was just ... injuries happen, but sometimes it seems like it happens to us even more. But I was just hoping that he would be able to be good to go."

Haden has kept tabs on Garrett and thinks the 21-year-old can have an immediate impact on Cleveland's defense.

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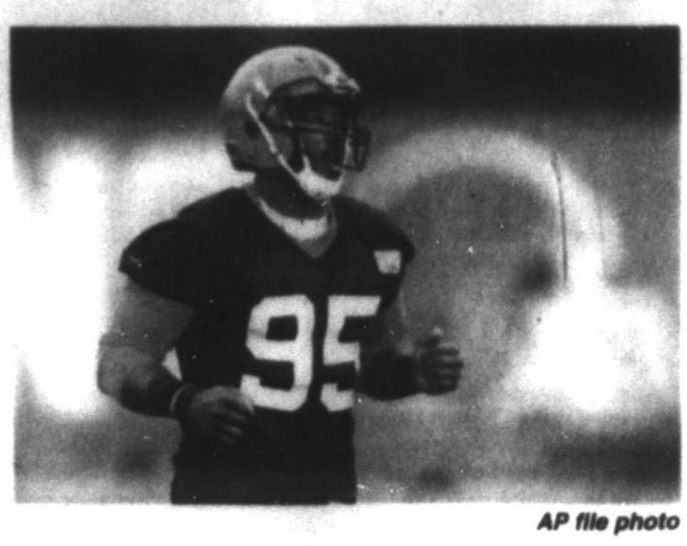

AP file photo

Cleveland Browns' Myles Garrett runs through drills during NFL rookie minicamp May 12 in Berea, Ohio. Garrett has fully recovered from a foot sprain and is ready for training camp, the team announced Wednesday. Garrett, the No. 1 overall pick in this year's draft, suffered a left lateral foot sprain during minicamp in June.

Trouble off the field

Michael Owen Baker/Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott, left, hands off to running back Ezekiel Elliott during practice at the NFL team's training camp Monday in Oxnard, Calif.

Elliott smiles for fans, shuns media as issues loom

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — Ezekiel Elliott stopped for a few moments to greet military personnel and pose for a few pictures on the opening day of training camp.

Just like that, the star running back of the Dallas Cowboys darted out of a large crowd of reporters and ran toward a fence to sign a few autographs.

Last year's NFL rushing leader as a rookie isn't talking to media members because of lingering issues off the field, but Elliott is still hamming it up with adoring fans. And he's also going through complete workouts a year after a hamstring issue limited his time in camp.

"I'm not even worrying about Zeke because that guy loves football," said receiver Dez Bryant, who had his share of trouble upon entering the league in 2010.

"I understand it's more than football. He's got a great supporting cast, and he can't lose with guys like us around him."

The NFL has been investigating Elliott for more than a year over a domestic violence complaint that prosecutors in Ohio declined to pursue.

Owner Jerry Jones seems less convinced than he was a few months ago over whether the former Ohio State star will get suspended.

Elliott potentially damaged his standing a week before training camp by getting involved in a bar fight that ended with a 30-year-old man getting punched in the nose, although Elliott's name didn't appear in the police report.

Dallas police halted the investigation when the man who was punched couldn't be reached. Jones has said he doesn't have any other details on the incident.

While Elliott waits for word from the NFL, he's preparing for an encore to his 1,631-yard season that helped the Cowboys take the top seed in the NFC at 13-3 before losing to Green Bay in a divisional playoff.

Elliott, who turned 22 the day the Cowboys reported for camp in California, wasn't the only rookie sensation for Dallas. Dak Prescott won NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year honors with one of the best debuts for a quarterback in league history.

And Prescott has proven to be a solid citizen off the field after having to answer to a drunken-driving charge in his college town of Starkville, Mississippi, after the Cowboys drafted the former Mississippi State standout.

Prescott has since been cleared in the case, but was emphatic a year ago in saying it wouldn't happen again.

"I've made probably as many bad decisions as any of these guys have, only being 23, so I'm definitely not one that I can point fingers and be mad," said Prescott, who turns 24 Saturday. "All I can do is give from my young experience and the things that happened to me."

If the budding franchise quarterback can help his young backfield mate , he

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Stunner in Hungary: Ledecky loses for 1st time at worlds

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Katie Ledecky reached for the wall.

Someone else was already there.

For the first time ever at the world championships, Ledecky knows what it's like to lose.

Bidding to become only the second female swimmer to win six golds at a single worlds, Ledecky settled for silver in the 200-meter freestyle Wednesday evening when Italy's Federica Pellegrini surged to a stunning victory on the final lap.

Pellegrini, the world-record holder, avenged a close defeat at the hands of Ledecky two years ago in Kazan, Russia. This time, it was the Italian touching first in 1 minute, 54.73 seconds.

Ledecky and Australia's Emma McKeon tied for the silver at 1:55.18.

"I just didn't really have it today," Ledecky said. "I can't complain really with the silver medal."

While Pellegrini covered her mouth in delight and climbed atop a lane rope to celebrate, Ledecky stared blankly at the scoreboard.

She had never seen a "2" beside her name at the world championships.

It was there in Budapest, where Ledecky's unbeaten

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Italy's Federica Pellegrini, front right, kisses her medal as United States' silver medal winner Katie Ledecky, left, looks on after the women's 200-meter freestyle final during the swimming competitions of the World Aquatics Championships on Wednesday in Budapest, Hungary.

NCAA rule ending two-a-days forcing teams to adjust

By Steve Megargee
Associated Press

The two-a-day football practices that coaches once used to toughen up their teams and cram for the start of the season are going the way of tear-away jerseys and the wishbone formation.

As part of its efforts to increase safety, the NCAA approved a plan this year that prevents teams from holding multiple practices with contact in a single day.

The move has forced plenty of schools to alter their practice calendar, with many teams opening their preseason as early as this week. Officials don't mind if it causes a few logistical headaches as long as it reduces the head injuries that had become all too common this time of year.

According to the NCAA's Sport Science Institute, 58 percent of the football practice concussions that occur over the course of a year happen during the preseason. Brian Hainline, the NCAA's chief medical officer, says August also is a peak month for catastrophic injuries resulting from conditioning rather than contact, such as heatstroke and cardiac arrest.

"There was just something about that month really stood out," Hainline said. "We couldn't say with statistical certainty if this was because of the two-a-days, but there was enough consensus in the room and enough preliminary data that it looked like it was because of the two-a-days."

Some coaches believe the benefits could go beyond reducing concussions.

"I don't think you're going to have the number of injuries that you had, especially the soft tissue injuries — hamstring pulls, quad pulls, groin pulls," Louisiana Tech coach Skip Holtz said.

Teams still can hold two practices on a given day, but one of those practices can only be a "walkthrough" that includes no contact, helmets, pads or conditioning activities. Three hours of recovery are required between a practice and a walk-through, though meetings can be held during that period.

"It just makes all the sense in the world," Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh said.

Most programs were trending away from two-a-day practices long before this decision.

More than three-quarters of the 89 Football Bowl Subdivision teams that responded to an Associated Press survey on the subject said they conducted multiple practices on certain days last year. But in the overwhelming majority of cases, teams made sure one of those workouts had limited or no contact.

Those teams won't have to change their approach too much.

Hainline said he didn't know exactly how many programs were still holding multiple contact workouts on certain days before the NCAA ruling, but he said it was more common in the Division II ranks than among FBS schools.

Coaches say that because players are on campus working out all year, there's no need to work them quite as hard once preseason practices begin.

"Back in the day, we used two-a-days to get in shape," Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher said. "You weren't there all summer. You didn't come until the second half. They didn't train from January until June like they do now."

Marshall athletic director Mike Hamrick, a member of the Division I football oversight committee, agrees that times have changed. As an example, he cites the grueling workouts Paul "Bear" Bryant

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WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
Midland 11, Frisco 3

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

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Midland 11, Frisco 3	Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi, 6:05 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Australian Football League
Hawthorn vs Sydney, 4:30 a.m., FSP

Baseball
NYBC: Lamorinda Vikings (CA) vs. Kangaroo Court (FL), 9 a.m., CBSSN
NYBC: Wilson MVP Elite (CA) vs. LBC Broncos (TX), Noon, CBSSN

Basketball
The 8 Tournament, 6 p.m., ESPNU
The 8 Tournament, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Canadian Football League
Montreal at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2

College Football
Pac-12 Media Days, 11:30 a.m., P12

Golf
Senior Open Championship, 1st Round, 6 a.m., GOLF
LPGA: Aberdeen Asset Management Ladies Scottish Open, 1st Round, 8:30 a.m., GOLF
PGA: RBC Canadian Open, 1st Round, 2 p.m., GOLF
US Girl's Junior Championships, Quarterfinals, 3 p.m., FS1
EPGA: Porsche European Open, 2nd Round, 4 a.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball
Tampa Bay at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., MLB
NY Mets at San Diego, 9 p.m., MLB

Men's Soccer
ICC: Bayern Munich vs. Inter Milan, 6:30 a.m., ESPNDEP, ESPN3
Copa Sudamericana: Arsenal de Sarandi vs. Sporting Club do Recife, 5 p.m., FXDEP
Copa Sudamericana: Independiente Medelin vs. Racing Club, 7:30 p.m., FXDEP

Men's Water Polo
World Aquatics Championship Semifinal 1, 1:30 p.m., OLYHD
World Aquatics Championship Semifinal 2, 3 p.m., OLYHD

Rugby
NRL: Parramatta vs. Brisbane, 4:30 a.m., FS2

Swimming
Day 5 from Budapest, Hungary, 10:30 a.m., NBCSN
Day 6 from Budapest, Hungary, 2:30 a.m., OLYHD

Tennis
World Team: Orange County at New York, 6 p.m., TENNIS
ATP: German Tennis Championships, 4 a.m., TENNIS
WTA: Ericsson Open/Jiangxi Open, 5 a.m., beIN

Women's Soccer
UEFA Women's EURO 2017: Portugal vs. England, 1:45 p.m., UDN, ESPN3
UEFA Women's EURO 2017: Scotland vs. Spain, 1:45 p.m., ESPN3
Tournament of Nations: USA vs. Australia, 9 p.m., ESPN, UDN

RADIO

Texas League Baseball
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

LOCAL GOLF BRIEFS

ARRAS SETS COURSE RECORD

Jared Arras, a recent graduate of Lee, shot a course record 64 during a North Texas Junior PGA tournament held Wednesday at Nueva Vista Golf Club.

Arras' record setting round consisted of eight birdies and no bogeys.

Permian Basin Ladies Association Playday
At Odessa Country Club
Tuesday
First Flight

First Gross — Debbie Peden, Odessa Country Club, 80. Second Gross — Jerry Gasser, Green Tree Country Club, 82. First Net — Lori Carrasco, Odessa Country Club, 69. Second Net — Jamie Gortney, Odessa Country Club, 69.

Second Flight

First Gross — Suzanne Wallin, Hogan Park Golf Course, 87. Second Gross — Bobbi Bowling, Ratliff Ranch Golf Links, 89. First Net — Alice Watkins, Andrews Country Club, 66. Second Net — Pat Wickson, Odessa Country Club, 66. Low Putts — Barbara McIntosh, Green Tree Country Club, 26.

Third Flight

First Gross — Elsa Garcia, Ratliff Ranch Golf Links, 97. Second Gross — Lori Gaze, Odessa Country Club, 97. First Net — Liz Lara, Ratliff Ranch, 68. Second Net — Mary Jane Belden, Hogan Park Golf Course, Low Putts — Frances Longshore, Andrews Country Club, 31.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed RHP Ben Taylor on the 10-day DL, retroactive to July 23. Designated LHP Luis Ysla for assignment. Reinstated RHP Blaine Boyer from the 10-day DL.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Traded RHP Anthony Swarzak to Milwaukee for OF Ryan Cordell. Reinstated RHP Jake Petricka from the 10-day DL.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned LHP Tyler Olson to Columbus (IL). Reinstated OF Austin Jackson from the 10-day DL.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Assigned LHP Ashur Tolliver outright to Fresno (PCL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned RHP Jake Junis to Omaha (PCL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Sent LHP Hector Santiago to Rochester (IL) for a rehab assignment.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Sent RHP Bobby Wahl to Nashville (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed RHP Jake Odorizzi on the 10-day DL, retroactive to July 25. Recalled RHP Andrew Kittredge from Durham (IL). Sent RHP Diego Moreno to Charlotte (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned OF Anthony Alford to New Hampshire (EL). Placed RHP Danny Barnes on the 10-day DL. Assigned LHP Jeff Beliveau outright to Buffalo (IL). Recalled LHP Matt Dermody from Buffalo.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned RHP J.J. Hoover to Reno (PCL). Reinstated RHP Rubby De La Rosa from the 10-day DL.
MIAMI MARLINS — Placed 1B Justin Bour and SS JT Riddle on the 10-day DL. Riddle retroactive to July 22. Recalled C Tomas Telis from New Orleans (PCL). Selected the contract of SS Mike Aviles from New Orleans.
NEW YORK METS — Sent LHP Tommy Milone to the GCL Mets for a rehab assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Jonathan Albaladejo on a minor league contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned RHP Ricardo Pinto to Lehigh Valley (IL). Recalled RHP Jake Thompson from Lehigh Valley.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Recalled RHP Mike Mayers from Memphis (PCL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Traded 3B Eduardo Nunez to Boston for RHP Gregory Santos and RHP Shaun Anderson.
American Association
TEXAS AIRHOGS — Released RHP Tyler Bremer.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released OF Harrison Kain.
Can-Am League
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Released INF Kelvin Ramos.
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Released RHP Andrew Brockett.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Re-signed G Tyler Ennis.
PHOENIX SUNS — Signed C-F Alan Williams to a three-year contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Placed S Colt Anderson on the PUP list.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Placed HB Jeremyer Williams on the PUP list and S Brandon Wilson on the NFI list.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Promoted Charles Walls to area scout. Named Brandian Ross scouting intern.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Placed S Reshad Jones and OT Avery Young on the NFI list and WR Rashawn Scott the PUP list. Activated RB De'Veon Smith and OT Eric Smith from the PUP list.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed DE Everson Griffen to a contract extension. Signed CB Sam Brown. Waived OT Arturo Uzdavinis.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Placed DE Jacquies Smith on the PUP list.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed assistant coaches John MacLean and Scott Allen to multi-year contracts.
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Signed F Rocco Grimaldi and D Jesse Graham to one-year contracts.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Re-signed Fs Blake Coleman, Stefan Noesen, Blake Pietila, Kevin Rooney and Ben Thomson.
VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS — Named Brian Killingsworth senior vice president, chief marketing officer.
ECHL
IDAHO STEELHEADS — Agreed to terms with F Jefferson Dahl on a one-year contract.
QUAD CITY MALLARDS — Traded F Nolan LaPorte to Florida for future considerations.
SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Re-signed D Danny Federico to a one-year contract.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLORADO RAPIDS — Signed M Stefan Aigner to a multi-year contract.

COLLEGE
BUTLER — Named Will Vergollo men's basketball analyst.
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON — Named Maliyah Willis women's basketball assistant coach.
SOUTH CAROLINA — Named Jerry Meyers pitching coach, Stuart Lake assistant baseball coach, Mark Current baseball recruiting coordinator, Trip Couch director of player baseball development and Tyson Lusk director of baseball operations.
SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE — Promoted softball coach Chris Hawkins to associate athletic director. Named Darian Riley assistant women's basketball coach.
TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY — Named Eric Sparks assistant strength and conditioning coach.

WNBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	13	9	.591	—
Washington	13	9	.591	—
New York	10	10	.500	2
Atlanta	10	11	.476	2½
Chicago	8	14	.364	5
Indiana	8	14	.364	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	17	2	.895	—
Los Angeles	15	6	.714	3
Phoenix	11	10	.524	7
Dallas	11	12	.478	8
Seattle	9	12	.429	9
San Antonio	3	19	.136	15½

Wednesday
No games scheduled
Today
No games scheduled
Friday's Games
New York at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Connecticut at Washington, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 9 p.m.

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Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott speaks at Pac-12 NCAA college football Media Day on Wednesday in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

USC, Washington picked to win their divisions in Pac-12

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Southern California is the preseason pick to win the Pac-12 in a poll of football media, and defending champion Washington is favored to win the North Division.

The conference announced the results Wednesday before its preseason media availabilities in Hollywood.

USC got 28 of 52 overall first-place votes, topping the Huskies' 22. Both schools were clear favorites in their respective divisions, getting 49 of the 52 votes for the top spot.

The Trojans won their final nine games last season behind returning quarterback Sam Darnold, culminating in a thrilling Rose Bowl victory over Penn State. Although USC must replace playmakers at several key positions, coach Clay Helton returns for his second full season with the school's usual roster loaded with NFL-caliber talent.

USC has been greeted annually with frenzied preseason expectations, particularly since the dominant Pete Carroll era. The Trojans have far more coaching changes than conference titles in the past decade, failing to take the crown after being installed as the preseason favorites in 2012 and 2015.

Another word of warning for the Trojans: The media has correctly picked the conference champion only twice in the last decade.

Washington went 12-2 and won the conference title game over Colorado last season. The Huskies lost to Alabama in the College Football Playoff semifinal, but star quarterback Jake Browning returns along with several key components of coach Chris Petersen's burgeoning powerhouse.

The Buffaloes are picked to finish fourth in the Pac-12 South behind Utah and UCLA despite their breakthrough season under coach Mike MacIntyre. Arizona State ranked fifth in the division, and Arizona was last.

Stanford is picked second in the North after going 10-3 last season. The Cardinal are followed by revitalized Washington State and rebuilding Oregon, which replaced coach Mark Helfrich with Willie Taggart after going 4-8 last fall for its worst season in a quarter-century.

Oregon State is picked fifth in the North, with California expected to finish last under new coach Justin Wilcox.

Oregon and Utah got one vote apiece as Pac-12 title game champions.

ELLIOTT

From 1C

doesn't want to share that possibility publicly.

"But definitely he's a good friend," Prescott said. "So yeah, I mean, I take pride in helping him out every way on and off the field, yes."

Bryant clashed with veterans when he was a rookie and faced lawsuits over unpaid jewelry bills. He had a run-in with police over wearing sagging pants in a mall, and then a more serious brush with the law in a domestic incident with his mother.

Other than a few on-field tantrums, he's been mostly trouble-free the past five years.

And now the 28-year-old is the dean of Dallas' receiving group.

"I had an older guy tell me once, you'll get it over time," said Bryant, an All-Pro in 2014. "That's for any young guy that's having any type of situation. Even if I intentionally did something or didn't mean to do something, you still got to go through some things to understand that's not how you do certain things."

Elliott's backup, Darren McFadden shares the experience and spotlight of being a fourth overall pick. McFadden was chosen in 2008, Elliott eight years later. Now they share the running back room.

"At the end of the day, you can't be right there with somebody every moment of their life," McFadden said. "I just try to give him the best advice that I can and go from there."

NCAA

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held at Texas A&M during the 1950s, which were chronicled in the book and ESPN movie "Junction Boys."

"There ain't no 'Junction Boys' anymore because the players are in tip-top shape when we start football practice," Hamrick said.

Even so, some players say they'll miss the grind.

"Going through a two-a-day is tough, and that's a big part of football," Kansas State offensive lineman Dalton Risner said. "That builds you for the season. I wish that could go back to what we used to do."

While two-a-days already were going out of fashion, this new rule is still forcing teams to adapt in other respects.

Although the NCAA is preventing multiple full-scale workouts on the same day, teams are still permitted to hold 29 total preseason practice sessions, the same as before. That creates a dilemma for coaches trying to hold that many practices without the benefit of two-a-days. Chris Ash of Rutgers is concerned that increasing the length of training camp conflicts with new NCAA rules about time demands placed on athletes and could end up increasing the overall amount of contact practices.

"We've got to manage five weeks of training camp very carefully," Ash said.

Division I schools received a blanket waiver for this season allowing them to start practice one week earlier than usual. Nearly two-thirds of the FBS programs that responded to the AP survey are starting practice in July rather than in August, as is customary.

Those early starting dates led to scheduling complications for some programs. Hamrick said Marshall will still have nearly two weeks remaining in its current summer school session when it starts practice Friday.

"If I were to take the full 29 days of practice, we would have to go back into summer school, and our players would not have a chance ever to get home after summer school and summer program," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said.

That raises the question of whether the NCAA should continue allowing 29 practice sessions. Further complicating the matter, the oversight committee would like to find a way to have every FBS team have 14 weeks to play 12 regular-season games.

"Do we need 29 practices? Probably not," North Carolina coach Larry Fedora asked. "We can get away with less than that."

GARRETT

From 1C

"I actually watch Myles a lot just to see what he's got," Haden said. "The way that he can move, the way that he can bend, how big and strong he is, I can tell that that's something I haven't seen too much of and I think that he can be a really, really good force on the team. I just hope our team is able to go into this season healthy and ready to go because I know we have a lot of players that are just ready to get after it and ready to change what happened last year.

"Me, for one, so just hungry to get back out there and start playing."

Also, Jackson said Cody Kessler will begin camp as the first-team quarterback. Kessler, who started eight games a rookie in 2016, will compete with Osweiler and rookie DeShone Kizer for the starting job.

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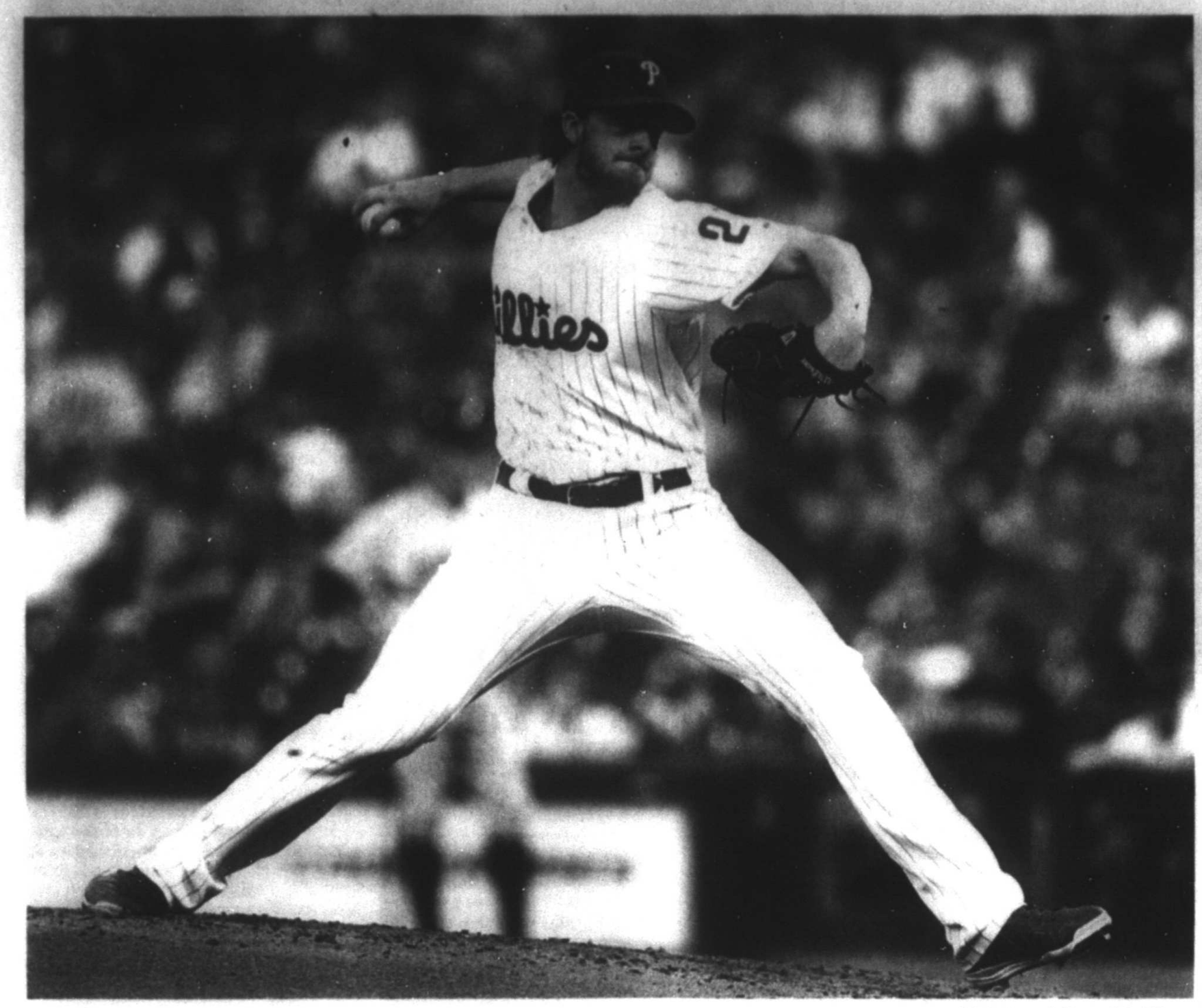

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Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Aaron Nola throws during the third inning of a baseball game against the Houston Astros on Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Rupp, Nola help Phillies blank Astros 9-0

By Aaron Bracy
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Cameron Rupp hit two home runs and had four RBIs and Aaron Nola set a career high with 10 strikeouts over six innings to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to a 9-0 victory over the Houston Astros on Wednesday night.

Maikel Franco homered and doubled and Tommy Joseph had two doubles for the Phillies, who had 14 hits while setting season highs with five doubles and nine extra-base hits.

Nola (8-6) continued his impressive stretch, limiting Houston to four hits and improving to 5-1 with a 1.49 ERA over his last seven starts.

Houston's Jose Altuve doubled and singled to extend his hitting streak to 18 games. It was the 13th multi-hit game during the streak for Altuve, who is batting .513 over that stretch. At 67-34, the Astros still lead Seattle by 17 games in the AL West.

Mike Fiers (7-5) allowed three runs and five hits in four innings, continuing his struggles against the Phillies. The right-hander is 0-3 with a 10.12 ERA in three career starts against Philadelphia.

Rupp took Fiers deep in the fourth, driving a 1-1, 89-mph fastball into the seats in right to give the Phillies a 2-0 lead. Nick Williams' two-out single to right made it 3-0.

After snapping an 0-for-16 skid with a first-inning double, Franco launched a two-run homer just inside the foul pole in left off Michael Feliz in the fifth to give Philadelphia a five-run lead.

The Phillies scored four more in the sixth, highlighted by Rupp's first career multi-homer game with a two-run shot to left-center.

A night after he failed to run on a dropped third strike, Odubel Herrera was not in the starting lineup. Herrera struck out pinch-hitting in the sixth and was loudly booed.

The loss was in the first in interleague play for the Astros, who are 9-1. It also was just the third time they were shut out.

Double the fun

Altuve and Josh Reddick doubled, giving Houston a two-base hit in 58 straight games.

Trainer's room

Astros: All-Star left-hander Dallas Keuchel is set to rejoin the Astros' rotation on Friday at Detroit. The 2015 AL Cy Young Award winner has not pitched since June 2 due to a neck injury. ... Manager A.J. Hinch said before the game that outfielders Alex Bregman (right hamstring) and George Springer (left quadriceps) and reliever Will Harris (right shoulder) could return to the lineup on Friday against Detroit.

Phillies: OF Howie Kendrick was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the fourth inning due to left hand soreness after being hit by a pitch in the third. ... Daniel Nava (left hamstring strain) was placed on the 10-day DL retroactive to Sunday. ... Aaron Altherr tripled and singled in his return from the DL. Altherr had been sidelined since July 17 with a right hamstring strain.

Up next

Astros: Keuchel (9-0, 1.67 ERA) will look to pick up where he left off before landing on the DL when the Astros open a three-game series at Detroit on Friday night.

Phillies: After a day off, Philadelphia RHP Jeremy Hellickson (6-5, 4.73) begins a four-game home series versus Atlanta on Friday night. RHP Julio Theran (7-8, 4.67) goes for the Braves.

ROCK-HOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 11, ROUGHRIDERS 3
At Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Midland's J.P. Sportman was 3-for-5 with a home run and two RBI. ... RockHounds third baseman Jordan Tarsovich went 3-for-5 with a run scored. ... Midland's Tyler Ramirez reached base safely in three of five plate appearances, while homering, scoring twice and driving in a pair.

TOP PITCHER: RockHounds starter Casey Meisner improved to 2-3 after limiting Frisco to only two runs, five hits and one walk over six innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: Ramirez's solo home run gave Midland a 1-0 lead in the first inning. ... The RockHounds extended their advantage to 5-0 in the third behind an RBI single by B.J. Boyd, a two-run double by Viosergy Rosa and a hit-by-pitch RBI from Ramirez. ... Leading 7-2 through 4 1/2 innings, the RockHounds scored three runs in the fifth, highlighted by a two-run homer by Sean Murphy. ... Sportman provided a solo homer in the eighth, which extended Midland's advantage to 11-3.

NOTES: Midland won its sixth straight and swept the three-game series against Frisco. The RockHounds went 5-1 in their homestand. ... Midland has scored 56 runs on 66 hits in its last five games. The RockHounds have reached double-digits in hits in 12 of their last 15 contests. Midland has compiled 179 hits in their last 15 games, an average of 11.9 per contest. ... Midland's Jermaine Curtis doubled to extend his on-base streak to 27 games. ... Rosa has a Texas League-best 84 RBI. ... The RockHounds begin a seven-game road trip, starting with four games in Corpus Christi today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP Joel Seddon (3-3, 4.71 ERA); Corpus Christi — RHP Cy Sneed (7-5, 5.40).

ROCKHOUNDS 11, ROUGHRIDERS 3

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Kiner-Fifa 3b	4	0	0	0	Tarsovich 3b	5	1	3	0
Ibanez 2b	4	0	0	0	Boyd cf	5	2	1	1
Tendler dh	3	0	0	0	Curtis dh	4	1	1	0
Trevino c	4	1	2	0	Rosa 1b	4	1	1	3
Bolinger rf	4	1	2	0	Sportman rf	5	1	3	2
O'Neill rf	4	1	2	0	Schrock 2b	4	0	1	0
Profar 1b	4	0	1	1	Ramirez lf	3	2	1	2
Cardona cf	2	0	0	2	Murphy c	5	1	1	2
De Leon ss	3	0	1	0	Martin ss	3	2	1	0
Totals	**32**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**Totals**	**38**	**11**	**13**	**10**

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Midland ..... 014 230 01x—11

E — Kiner-Falefa (12). De Leon (14). DP — Midland 1. LOB — Frisco 4. Midland 9. 2B — Martin (11). Rosa (26). Curtis (9). HR — Ramirez (3). Murphy (1). Sportman (8). SF — Cardona.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Frisco						
Mendez L, 7-7	2 1	7	5	5	0	1
Slack	1 2	2	2	0	0	0
Cook	0 1	2	3	3	1	0
Filomeno	1 2	0	0	0	0	1
Sadzeck	2 0	2	1	1	0	2
Midland						
Meisner W, 2-3	6 0	5	2	2	1	1
Kurtz	2 0	3	1	1	0	0
Bragg	1 0	0	0	0	0	1

HBP — by Mendez (Schrock); by Mendez (Ramirez); by Cook (Martin).
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TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield (Cardinals)	21	12	.636	—
Tulsa (Dodgers)	19	14	.576	2
Arkansas (Mariners)	15	17	.469	5½
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	13	19	.405	7½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio (Padres)	20	13	.606	—
Corpus Christi (Astros)	16	17	.485	4
Midland (Athletics)	14	19	.424	6
Frisco (Rangers)	13	20	.394	7

Wednesday's Scores
Midland 11, Frisco 3
Springfield 7, Tulsa 6
Corpus Christi 11, San Antonio 3
Arkansas 6, Northwest Arkansas 4

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

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

RAYS 5, ORIOLES 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Evan Longoria and Steven Souza Jr. homered, and Alex Cobb (9-6) gave up one run and four hits in seven innings.

Longoria's two-run homer off Ubaldo Jimenez (4-7) put Tampa Bay ahead 2-1 in the sixth, and Souza hit his 21st homer this season in the seventh against Darren O'Day.

RED SOX 4, MARINERS 0

SEATTLE — Chris Sale pitched seven innings of three-hit ball, 20-year-old Rafael Devers became the youngest Boston player to hit a home run since Tony Conigliaro in September 1965 and the Red Sox beat the Seattle Mariners 4-0 on Wednesday to stop a four-game losing streak.

Sale (13-4) struck out 11, reaching double digits for the 14th time this season.

A day after his big league debut, Devers homered in the third off Andrew Moore (1-3) for his first major league hit. Sandy Leon hit a two-run homer off Moore in the fourth.

INDIANS 10, ANGELS 4

CLEVELAND — Rookie Bradley Zimmer homered and drove in the go-ahead run with a seventh-inning double and the Cleveland Indians matched a season high with their sixth straight win, 10-4 over the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday night.

Zimmer hit a leadoff homer and broke a 2-all tie with a two-out double off the wall in left-center against Ricky Nolasco (4-12). Zimmer also hit a grand slam in Tuesday's 11-7 win.

Bryan Shaw (4-4) retired the last two hitters in the seventh and recorded an out in the eighth to earn the win.

Cleveland, which is a season-high nine games over .500, put the game away with a seven-run eighth.

Zimmer is batting .281 since being called up May 16. He's 9 for 22 in the last six games and crashed into the wall for a game-saving catch in the 10th inning Tuesday.

BLUE JAYS 3, ATHLETICS 2

TORONTO — Justin Smoak hit a game-tying two-run homer in the ninth inning and Kendrys Morales followed with a game-winning blast as the Toronto Blue Jays rallied to beat the struggling Oakland Athletics 3-2 on Wednesday night.

It was the sixth time this season the Blue Jays have hit consecutive home runs. Smoak and Morales have been involved in each of the past three occasions.

Both homers came off A's closer Santiago Casilla (2-5).

Joe Biagini (3-8) worked 2/3 of an inning for the win.

Casilla's meltdown spoiled a strong performance by Athletics rookie Paul Blackburn, who allowed two hits in seven shutout innings. It also kept Oakland manager Bob Melvin stuck on 999 career wins.

Blackburn lowered his ERA through five starts to 2.25. He issued three walks, two of which were erased by double plays.

National League

DIAMONDBACKS 10, BRAVES 3

PHOENIX — J.D. Martinez homered twice and Ketel Marte hit an inside-the-park, two-run homer.

Martinez has homered three times in three days, his first home runs since he was acquired from Detroit.

Patrick Corbin (8-9) gave up two runs and seven hits in six innings. Aaron Blair (0-1) allowed five runs, five hits and five walks in three innings.

GIANTS 2, PIRATES 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Brandon Belt hit a tiebreaking double in the seventh against Tony Watson (5-3) on a routine fly that left fielder Starling Marte had trouble seeing because sun and wind.

Jeff Samardzija (5-11) allowed one run and four hits in seven innings, and Sam Dyson worked the ninth for his sixth save.

NATIONALS 8, BREWERS 5

WASHINGTON — Ryan Zimmerman and Adam Lind each had two-run doubles in a seven-run eighth inning to help the Washington Nationals rally past the Milwaukee Brewers 8-5 on Wednesday night.

Bryce Harper was ejected for arguing with home plate umpire Chris Segal after striking out in the eighth inning with runners on the corners. Harper's single in the first inning extended his hitting streak to a career-high 18 games.

Tied 2-2, Zimmerman immediately picked up his fellow All-Star by lacing a liner into the right field corner. All-Star Daniel Murphy's homer pulled Washington within 2-1 in the seventh.

Jimmy Nelson struck out 10 and allowed one run and four hits in seven innings plus a batter. Jacob Barnes (3-2) entered with a 2-1 lead and surrendered two runs and two hits while recording only one out.

Ryan Madson (1-0) tossed one scoreless inning for the win.

Interleague

YANKEES 9, REDS 5

NEW YORK — Luis Severino (7-4) struck out nine over seven innings, allowing a pair of unearned runs and three hits as New York completed a two-game sweep.

Didi Gregorius hit his fourth homer in three games and Todd Frazier hit his first homer for the Yankees, who have won consecutive series after going 0-8-2 in series after sweeping Baltimore from June 9-11. The Yankees have won eight of 12 following a 7-19 slide.

Cincinnati has lost three straight and is 2-11 since the All-Star break. Homer Bailey (2-5) lost his third start in a row, giving up seven runs — five earned — and 10 hits in six-plus innings.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	56	47	.544	—
New York	53	46	.535	1
Tampa Bay	53	49	.520	2½
Baltimore	48	53	.475	7
Toronto	47	54	.465	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	54	45	.545	—
Kansas City	53	47	.530	1½
Minnesota	49	50	.495	5
Detroit	45	55	.450	9½
Chicago	39	58	.402	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	67	34	.663	—
Seattle	51	52	.495	17
Texas	49	51	.490	17½
Los Angeles	49	53	.480	18½
Oakland	44	57	.436	23

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	60	39	.606	—
Atlanta	49	52	.480	12½
New York	47	51	.480	12½
Miami	45	53	.459	14½
Philadelphia	35	64	.354	25

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	52	47	.525	—
Milwaukee	54	49	.524	—
Pittsburgh	50	52	.490	3½
St. Louis	49	51	.490	3½
Cincinnati	41	60	.406	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	70	31	.693	—
Arizona	58	43	.574	12
Colorado	58	44	.569	12½
San Diego	43	57	.430	26½
San Francisco	40	63	.388	31

American League
Wednesday's Scores
Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 1
N.Y. Yankees 9, Cincinnati 5
Boston 4, Seattle 0
Philadelphia 9, Houston 0
Toronto 3, Oakland 2
Kansas City 16, Detroit 2
Cleveland 10, L.A. Angels 4
Miami at Texas, late
Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox, late
Minnesota at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games
L.A. Angels (Ramirez 9-8) at Cleveland (Bauer 8-8), 11:10 a.m.
Oakland (Manaea 8-5) at Toronto (Stroman 9-5), 11:37 a.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 7-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 9-3), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lester 7-6) at Chicago White Sox (Pelfrey 3-7), 7:10 p.m.

National League
Wednesday's Scores
N.Y. Yankees 9, Cincinnati 5
Arizona 10, Atlanta 3
San Francisco 2, Pittsburgh 1
Philadelphia 9, Houston 0
Washington 8, Milwaukee 5
Miami at Texas, late
Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox, late
Colorado at St. Louis, late
Minnesota at L.A. Dodgers, late
N.Y. Mets at San Diego, late

Today's Games
Milwaukee (Blazek 0-0) at Washington (Scherzer 11-6), 11:05 am.
Cincinnati (Stephenson 0-3) at Miami (O'Grady 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Arizona (Godley 3-4) at St. Louis (TBD), 6:15 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lester 7-6) at Chicago White Sox (Pelfrey 3-7), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Flexen 0-0) at San Diego (Perdomo 4-5), 8:10 p.m.

Texas box

PHILLIES 9, ASTROS 0

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	4	0	2	0	C.Himan 2b	4	1	2	0
Fisher cf	4	0	0	0	Galvis ss	3	0	0	0
Reddick rf	4	0	1	0	N.Williams rf	5	1	2	1
Y.Grisel 3b	4	0	0	0	Kendrick lf	1	0	0	0
Ma.Gruis ss	3	0	1	0	Perkins ph-lf	3	0	1	0
Beltran lf	4	0	2	0	Altherr cf	5	2	2	0
B.McCann c	4	0	1	0	Franco 3b	5	1	2	2
White 1b	4	0	2	0	T.Joseph 1b	4	2	3	2
Fiers p	1	0	0	0	Rupp c	4	2	2	4
Aoki ph	1	0	0	0	Aa.Nola p	3	0	0	0
M.Feliz p	0	0	0	0	Q.Hrina ph	1	0	0	0
Minnick ph	1	0	0	0	L.Garcia p	0	0	0	0
Sipp p	0	0	0	0	Benoit p	0	0	0	0
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E—Altherr (2). DP—Philadelphia 1. LOB—Houston 9, Philadelphia 10. 2B—Altuve (32). Reddick (24). C.Hernandez (11). Perkins (4). Franco (19). T.Joseph 2 (21). 3B—Altherr (4). HR—Franco (15). Rupp 2 (9). SB—C.Hernandez 2 (9). Galvis (7).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fiers L,7-5	4	5	3	3	3	7
Feliz	2	8	6	6	0	5
Sipp	1	0	0	0	0	1
Grgerson	1	1	0	0	0	1
Philadelphia						
Nola W,8-6	6	4	0	0	1	10
Garcia	1	2	0	0	0	0
Benoit	1	1	0	0	0	1
Neris	1	2	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Fiers (Kendrick), by Fiers (Hernandez).
T—3:25. A—19,718 (43,651).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RAYS 5, ORIOLES 1
Baltimore ..... 000 100 000—1 6 0
Tampa Bay ..... 000 002 12x—5 8 0
Jimenez, O'Day (7), Britton (8) and Joseph. Cobb, Hunter (8), Boxberger (9) and Ramos. W—Cobb 9-6. L—Jimenez 4-7. HRs—Baltimore, Schoop. Tampa Bay, Souza Jr., Longoria.

RED SOX 4, MARINERS 0
Boston ..... 011 200 000—4 9 0
Seattle ..... 000 000 000—0 5 0
Sale, Boyer (8), Kimbrel (9) and Leon. Moore, Rzepczynski (7), Pagan (8), Cishek (9) and Ruiz. W—Sale 13-4. L—Moore 1-3. Sv—Kimbrel (25). HRs—Boston, Leon, Devers.

BLUE JAYS 3, ATHLETICS 2
Oakland ..... 000 020 000—2 3 0
Toronto ..... 000 000 003—3 5 0
Blackburn, Treinen (8), Casilla (9) and Maxwell. Estrada, Osmondy (8), Leone (8), Loup (8), Biagini (9) and Montero. W—Biagini 3-8. L—Casilla 2-5. HRs—Oakland, Semien. Toronto, Smoak, Morales.

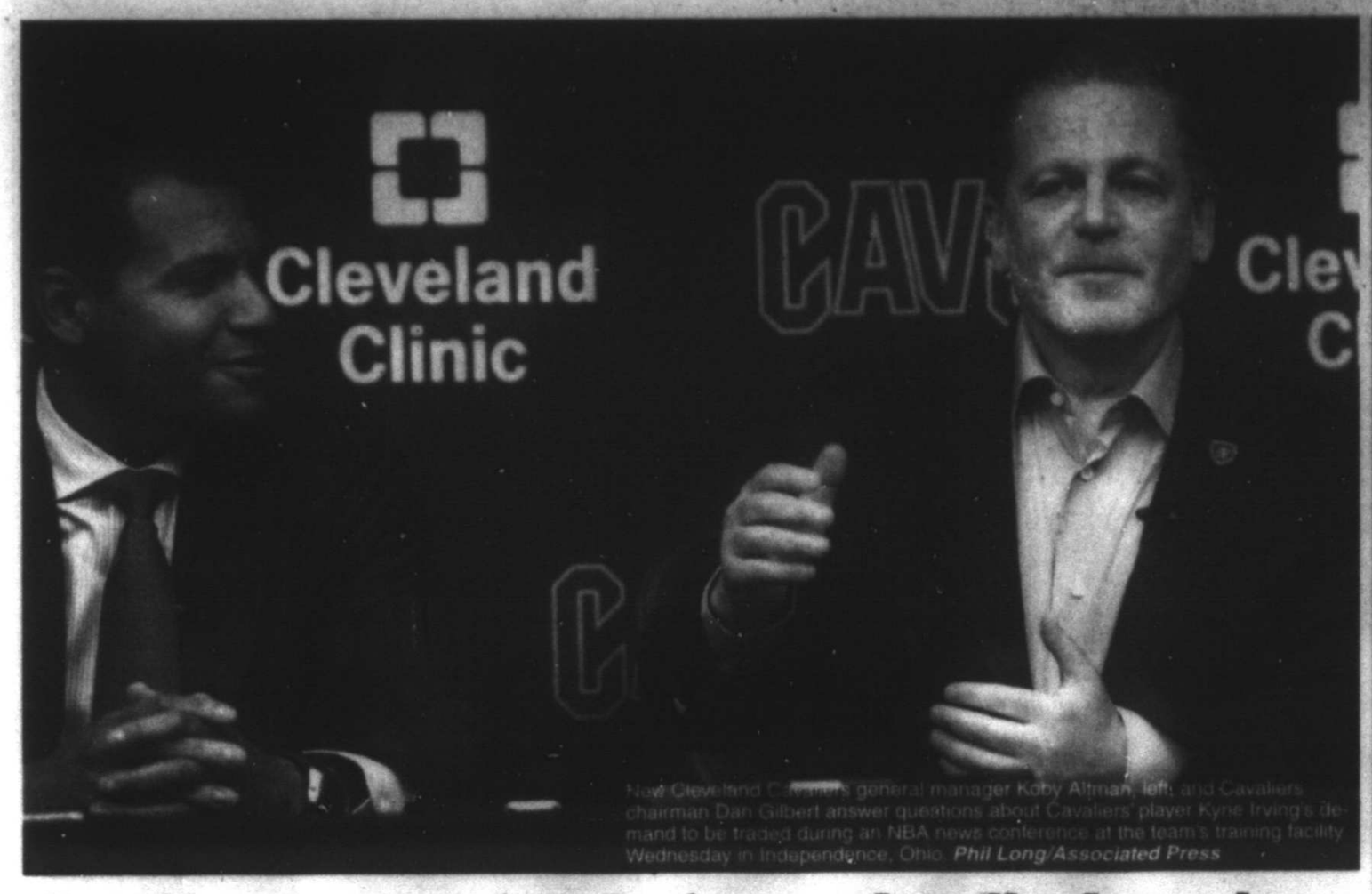
INDIANS 10, ANGELS 4
Los Angeles ..... 010 020 100— 4 12 0
Cleveland ..... 100 100 17x—10 17 0
Nolasco, Middleton (7), Bedrosian (8), Pounders (8) and Maldonado. Carrasco, B.Shaw (7), A.Miller (8), Osuna (9) and Gomes. W—B. Shaw 4-4. L—Nolasco 4-12. HRs—Los Angeles, Valbuena. Cleveland, Zimmer.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
GIANTS 2, PIRATES 1
Pittsburgh ..... 010 000 000—1 5 0
San Francisco ..... 100 000 10x—2 7 0
Williams, Watson (7), Nicasio (8) and Cervelli. Samardzija, Strickland (8), Dyson (9) and Posey. W—Samardzija 5-11. L—Watson 5-3. Sv—Dyson (6).

DIAMONDBACKS 10, BRAVES 3
Atlanta ..... 100 100 010— 3 11 0
Arizona ..... 104 200 12x—10 12 0
Blair, Jackson (4), Morris (5), Kelz (7) and Flowers. Corbin, Barrett (7), J.De La Rosa (8), R.De La Rosa (9) and Mathis. W—Corbin 8-9. L—Blair 0-1. HRs—Arizona, Marte, Martinez 2.

NATIONALS 8, BREWERS 5
Milwaukee ..... 300 000 002—5 9 0
Washington ..... 000 000 170—8 10 1
Nelson, Barnes (8), Hader (8), Hughes (9) and Pina. Gonzalez, Madson (8), Doolittle (9) and Wieters. P.Severino. W—Madson 3-4. L—Barnes 3-2. HRs—Milwaukee, Brinson, Santana. Washington, Murphy.

INTERLEAGUE
YANKEES 9, REDS 5
Cincinnati ..... 000 000 230—5 4 2
New York ..... 301 012 50x—9 12 1
Bailey, Cingrani (7), Wojciechowski (7), Iglesias (8) and Barnhart. L.Severino, Cessa (8), Robertson (9) and Sanchez. W—L.Severino 7-4. L—Bailey 2-5. HRs—Cincinnati, Duvall. New York, Gregorius, Frazier.



Now Cleveland Cavaliers general manager Koby Altman, left, and Cavaliers chairman Dan Gilbert answer questions about Cavaliers' player Kyrie Irving's demand to be traded during an NBA news conference at the team's training facility Wednesday in Independence, Ohio. *Phil Long/Associated Press*

Cavaliers execs reject Irving trade talk, deny chaos

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert spent more than 30 minutes presenting a positive portrait of his franchise.

The reality is that the Cavs are troubled.

In his first public comments since Kyrie Irving asked to be traded, Gilbert would not confirm whether he'll honor the All-Star point guard's request, but he also didn't rule out the real possibility that Cleveland may deal its second best player — or if he thinks LeBron James will stay around beyond next season.

"These things are fluid," Gilbert said. "We think that Kyrie Irving is one of the best guards in the NBA. He was part of a championship, three years straight to the Finals and we value his talent — significantly."

Despite several direct questions about Irving's status, Gilbert would not provide any specifics about recent conversations with him or his agent. Gilbert said he expected the 25-year-old, whose jumper in Game 7 of the 2016 NBA Finals propelled Cleveland to its first championship since the Browns in 1964, to be at training camp with the team in September.

"Right now Kyrie Irving is under contract with the Cleveland Cavaliers for two or three years, depending on the last year," Gilbert said. "As of now he's one of our best players and sure, we expect him to be in camp."

Gilbert was clearly attempting to avoid making things worse for the Cavs or doing any further damage to the club's relationship with Irving, who has blossomed into the one of the league's best backcourt players.

While Irving may want out, the Cavs aren't obligated to move him and new general manager Koby Altman said Irving remains an important piece for a team that has been to three straight Finals.

"He's a core piece of what we've done," said Altman, who was promoted to full-time GM after filling in when David Griffin left earlier this summer. "Kyrie is a tremendous player. He has made great contributions to this franchise and we enjoy him as a player. We're going to keep this stuff in house in terms of what was said in those meetings, but he continues to be a core piece of who we are and what we do."

It's been turbulent summer for the Cavs, who were beaten in five games by Golden State in the Finals. The bumpy ride began with Griffin parting ways with the club over philosophical differences with Gilbert, who was then rebuffed in adding former Pistons guard Chauncey Billups to his front office.

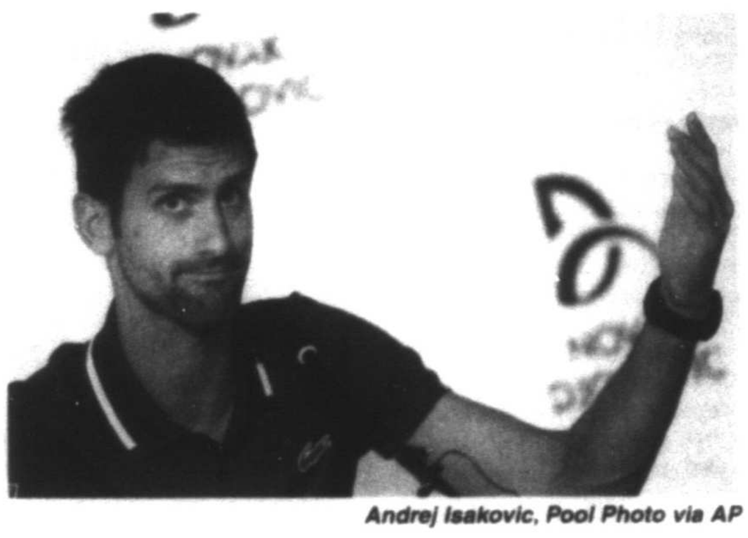
And while numerous teams got stronger via free agency, Cleveland was hamstrung financially by salary-cap issues.

Then, the Irving trade demand was a cannonball in Gilbert's basketball pool.

"Well, how is your guys' summer going?" Gilbert quipped in a light-hearted moment.

Djokovic will sit out rest of 2017 because of injured elbow

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press



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Tennis player Novak Djokovic gestures, during a press conference Wednesday in Belgrade, Serbia. Djokovic will sit out the rest of this season because of an injured right elbow, meaning he will miss the U.S. Open and end his streak of participating in 51 consecutive Grand Slam tournaments.

For more than a year, Novak Djokovic's right elbow hurt when he hit serves or forehands. The pain kept getting worse, and now he's going to give his arm a chance to heal by sitting out the rest of 2017.

Djokovic will miss the U.S. Open, ending his streak of participating in 51 consecutive Grand Slam tournaments, and aims to return to the ATP tour in January. He made the announcement Wednesday — exactly a year to the day after Roger Federer said he would be sidelined for the second half of last season.

"This is one of those injuries where nothing can really help instantly. You just have to allow natural rehabilitation to take its course," Djokovic said. "Professionally, this is not, obviously, an easy decision for me."

Since entering his first major tournament at the 2005 Australian Open, Djokovic has never missed one, the third-longest active run among men and seventh-longest in history.

In that time, the 30-year-old Serb has won 12 Grand Slam titles, including the U.S. Open in 2011 and 2015. Only three men have won more major tennis singles championships: Federer (19), Rafael Nadal (15) and Pete Sampras (14).

"The remarkable series has come to an end," Djokovic said. "My body has its limits, and I have to respect that and be grateful for all that I have achieved so far."

He said that Andre Agassi, with whom he recently began working on a part-time basis, will be his coach after the hiatus. Djokovic plans to start with a tuneup tournament ahead of the Australian Open at the start of 2018.

"He supports my decision to take a break and remains my head coach," Djokovic said about Agassi, also noting that he'll be looking for a new fitness trainer. "He is going to help me get back into shape and bounce back strong after the recovery period."

Djokovic made his announcement via Facebook, his website and at a news conference in Belgrade, Serbia.

His last match was on July 12, when he stopped playing during his Wimbledon quarterfinal against Tomas Berdych because the elbow was too painful. Djokovic said then he had been struggling with the elbow on his racket-swinging arm for about 1½ years, which he reiterated Wednesday. He said he does not need surgery.

Since winning the 2016 French Open to become the eighth man to complete a career Grand Slam and the first man in nearly a half-century to win four consecutive major trophies, Djokovic's form has dipped. His ranking dropped from No. 1 to No. 4; he failed to defend any of those major titles.

He acknowledged Wednesday that he "felt worn out" and "flat" after the run of success that culminated at Roland Garros in 2016.

"I was searching for myself, for motivation," he said.

Djokovic made it past the quarterfinals at only one of the past five majors: last year's U.S. Open, where he lost in the final to Stan Wawrinka.

Djokovic, who also mentioned Wednesday that his wife is expecting their second child, reached at least the semifinals at Arthur Ashe Stadium each of the past 10 years. That includes seven appearances in the final.

Henri Laaksonen of Switzerland, who is ranked 95th, will get Djokovic's spot in the field at Flushing Meadows. This year's U.S. Open starts Aug. 28.

"All the doctors I've consulted, and all the specialists I have visited, in Serbia and all over the world, have agreed that this injury requires rest. A prolonged break from the sport is inevitable," Djokovic said. "I'll do whatever it takes to recover."

Federer demonstrated the benefits of a break last year, sitting out after Wimbledon to let his surgically repaired left knee heal fully.

He missed the Rio Olympics and U.S. Open and dropped out of the top 10 in the rankings.

But Federer was rejuvenated at age 35 when he returned at the beginning of this season and won the Australian Open to end a 4½-year Grand Slam drought, plus titles at Indian Wells and Miami. He took more time off after that, missing the clay-court circuit, and returned for the grass, winning his eighth Wimbledon championship and 19th major title overall this month.

"Well, I hope it's not a trend," Federer said about lengthy absences, the day after he won Wimbledon. "You've got to have the same issues that I had. I didn't just walk away from the game for six months last year just because I was in the mood to. I actually had to, so it's a big difference there, as well. But, yes, everybody needs to manage their own schedules."

WORLDS

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streak in the second-biggest swimming competition after the Olympics finally ended.

"I didn't really feel at the end that I had that extra gear that I normally have," said the 20-year-old Stanford student from the Washington, D.C., suburbs.

Ledecky had been 12 of 12 over the last three world championships, including three golds in this stately European capital. But her most audacious schedule yet — six freestyle events covering distances ranging from 100 meters (on a relay) to 1,500 (the grueling metric mile) — finally caught up with her along the banks of the Danube.

Missy Franklin will remain the only female swimmer to win a half-dozen events at worlds, while Ledecky can take comfort in being the winningest female swimmer overall. Twelve golds leave her trailing only fellow Americans Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte for the most victories.

Now she's got a silver, too.

"It happens," said Ledecky, who will be a heavy gold medal favorite in her last two events, the 4x200 free relay and the 800 free. "It happens to every athlete at some point. I know this race will really motivate me moving forward and the rest of the week as well."

Of course, losing to Pellegrini was hardly an embarrassment.

The 28-year-old became the first swimmer in the history of the championship to capture seven medals in a single individual event. Pellegrini's incredible run in the 200 free began at the 2005 worlds in Montreal, where she grabbed a silver. She was third in 2007 at Melbourne, and then had back-to-back victories, including a world-record performance at Rome in 2009 (1:52.98) that still stands from the rubber-suit era.

Pellegrini was runner-up at the last two worlds, finishing behind Franklin in 2013 at Barcelona and Ledecky two years ago.

On Wednesday, the Italian was back on top in what she called the last 200 of her career.

"I honestly thought the one to win the race would be Katie," Pellegrini said. "It wasn't."

McKeon got off to a blistering start, making the first turn more than a half-second below the record pace, while Ledecky — normally a slow starter because of her distance background — was lagging in fifth.

Ledecky turned on the speed and was just one-hundredth of a second behind the Aussie when they made the final flip. But the two leaders, having spent so much energy dueling each other, didn't have anything left for the final lap.

Pellegrini sure did.

Her closing 50 was a blistering 28.82 — nearly a full second faster than both Ledecky and McKeon.

"Everything seemed to be in slow motion to me in the water," Pellegrini said. "At 150 meters on the turn we were all there, so I closed my eyes."

She paused for a moment, as if trying to convince herself that it really happened.

"I didn't believe I would make it." Pellegrini said. "I still can't believe it."

She wasn't the only Italian atop of the medal podium. Gabriele Detti rallied to win the men's 800 free, racing past both teammate Gregorio Paltrinieri and Poland's Wojciech Wojdak after those two put on a thrilling back-and-forth duel.

Detti finished in 7:40.77, holding off Wojdak by less than a second while Paltrinieri faded to bronze.

Standing in the aisles and screaming furiously, the packed house at Duna Arena came to cheer for Katinka Hosszu, who also was in the 200 free final, and Laszlo Cseh, one of the favorites in the 200 butterfly.

Hosszu wasn't a factor, finishing seventh. Cseh rallied furiously over the final lap but couldn't catch South African star Chad le Clos, who took the gold in 1:53.33.

Cseh settled for silver, though that didn't prevent him from pausing on deck to salute the raucous crowd. The bronze went to Japan's Daiya Seto.

Britain's Adam Peaty cruised to victory in the 50 breaststroke, a non-Olympic event, but his time was a bit of a letdown. After breaking the world record in both the preliminaries and the semifinals — the latter in 25.95 — Peaty settled for only the second-fastest time ever (25.99) in the final. Brazil's Joao Gomes Junior claimed the silver and South Africa's Cameron van der Burgh took bronze.

After Ledecky's disappointment, the U.S. finished on a strong note with its second world record of the day in the 4x100 mixed medley relay. Matt Grevers, Lilly King, Caeleb Dressel and Simone Manuel won gold with a time of 3:38.56, easily beating the mark of 3:40.28 put up by an entirely different U.S. foursome — Ryan Murphy, Kevin Cordes, Kelsi Worrell and Mallory Comerford — in the morning preliminaries.

Australia took the silver, while Canada and China tied for bronze in an event that will be part of the Olympics for the first time in Tokyo.

"It's pretty cool," Grevers said, "that we had two relays that would've won tonight."

TEXAS FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water clear on the main lake, stained up the river. 78-84 degrees. 3.85 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. 79-84 degrees. 1.47 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, later switching to weightless flukes, Texas 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: 13.78 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky. 78-83 degrees. 0.15 feet low. Black bass are fair on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs, squarebill crankbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color. 77-84 degrees. 0.76 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on buzzbaits early and late, midday switching to jerkbaits, 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. 1.16 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, drop shot rigs, Carolina rigs and weightless Senkos. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained. 79-85 degrees. 6.83 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on split-shot weighted flukes, Texas rigs and shaky heads. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained. 78-84 degrees. 34.76 feet low. Black bass are good on Whopper Poppers early, later switching to weightless flukes, Texas rigs, jigs and squarebill crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color. 78-83 degrees. 0.02 feet high. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, later switching to drop shot rigs, Texas rigs, medium running crankbaits and jigs. 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: -8.88 feet low. No report available.

STAMFORD: Water stained. 79-83 degrees. 0.9 feet high. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early and late, midday switching to shallow running crankbaits, Texas rigs and finesse jigs. Crappie are good on live minnows around cover. White bass are fair to good on live bait and tail spinners. Blue catfish are fair to good on cut and live bait.

SWEETWATER: Water off color. 78-84 degrees. 22.61 feet low. No report available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained. 77-83 degrees. 20.41 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. 79-83 degrees. Black bass are fair on watermelon spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water stained. 78-82 degrees. 0.30 feet high. Black bass are fair on watermelon spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Hybrid striper are fair on live shad in coves. White bass are fair on pet spoons. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on summer sausage. Yellow catfish are fair on perch and live shad.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained. 77-81 degrees. 0.40 feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon seed, green pumpkin, and redbug soft plastic worms around docks in 8-10 feet. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and white 1/1 Fishies over baited brush piles in 5-15 feet. Channel catfish are fair on cut shad and prepared bait over baited holes. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water stained. 77-81 degrees. 0.71 feet low. Black bass are fair on Chug Bugs, flukes, and watermelon/candy Whacky Sticks in creeks early. Striped bass are good on watermelon Rat-L-Traps and plastic swim baits at daylight. White bass are fair on Tiny Traps and plastic swim baits in creeks. Crappie are fair on pink/white and chartreuse tube jigs and live minnows. Channel catfish are good on liver, minnows, and dipbait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on goldfish and perch upriver.

CANYON LAKE: Water stained. 79-82 degrees. 1.23 feet low. Black bass are good on green pumpkin flukes and JDC Skip-N-Pop topwaters early. Striped bass are fair trolling Gizz 4 crankbaits over humps and jigging 1-oz. Pink Minnows at daylight. White bass are slow. Smallmouth bass are fair on smoke JDC grubs and pumpkin Curb's jigs early. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs in standing timber. Channel catfish are fair on live bait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on goldfish and perch upriver.

COLEMAN: Water stained. 77-81 degrees. 0.70 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastic worms and perch colored crankbaits. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel catfish are good 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 good on chartreuse crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps early. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

GRANBURY: Water stained. 77-81 degrees. 0.02 feet low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin soft plastics and crankbaits. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on shad/1/1 Fishies. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on stinkbait, nightcrawlers, and frozen shrimp.

GRANGER: Water stained. 76-80 degrees. 0.23 feet high. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits in flooded willows upriver. White bass are fair on slab spoons over humps in the main lake. Crappie are good on marabou jigs in 4-12 feet. Blue catfish are good on shad and prepared bait in 4-10 feet. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait upriver.

LBJ: Water stained. 77-81 degrees. 0.73 feet low. Black bass are fair on perch colored crankbaits, white jigs, and green pumpkin tubes in 6-15 feet early. Striped bass are good on 2-inch Spoiler Shads and Little Fishies at night. White bass are good on 1/1 Fishies at night. Crappie are good on chartreuse tube jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on nightcrawlers, liver, and dipbait. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water stained. 76-80 degrees. 0.14 feet high. Black bass are fair on watermelon shallow running crankbaits near the dam. White bass are fair on Hundingers, Little Georges, and silver spoons. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse jigs off docks in Liberty Hill Park. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait over baited holes. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky. 77-81 degrees. 0.32 feet high. Black bass are good on green pumpkin crankbaits and soft plastics. Striped bass are good on live shad. White bass are fair on live shad and pet spoons. Crappie are good on minnows and pearl tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on trotlines and juglines baited with live bait and cut shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky. 77-81 degrees. 0.13 feet low. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are fair on silver striper jigs. White bass are fair on silver spoons. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shad, live minnows, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.

STILLHOUSE HOLLOW: Water murky. 76-80 degrees. 0.24 feet high. Black bass are fair on watermelon spinnerbaits and soft plastics. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on hot dogs and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water stained. 78-82 degrees. 6.15 feet low. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair on chartreuse striper jigs. White bass are fair on 1/1 Fishies at night. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water murky. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastics and crankbaits. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are good on pot spoons and hellbenders. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and live bait. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water stained. 76-80 degrees. 1.26 feet low. Black bass are good on green pumpkin soft plastics and crankbaits. Striped bass are slow. White bass are good on white 1/1 Fishies. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and stinkbait.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky. 79-83 degrees. 32.56 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastics and perch colored Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are fair on silver slabs. White bass are good on topwaters and slabs. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and punchbait. Yellow catfish are fair 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.

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		G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Boy Band "Soundtrack Hits" (N)		Battle of the Network Stars (N)		The Gong Show (N)		Local 2 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Kevin Can Wait	Big Brother (N)		Zoo "Drop It Like It's Hot" (N)		CBS 7 News (N)	(: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	P. Mason "The Case of the Final Fade-Out"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Beat Shazam "Episode Eight" (N)		Love Connection "Evan 'n Hell" (N)		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	All About Us	Mission: M25	Update News	Wings of Truth	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Faith for Families	Our Messiah	Hidden in Sight	Biblical Israel
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	Game Night "The More You Ne-Yo" (N)		The Wall "Angela and Jodi" (N)		The Night Shift "Family Matters" (N)		NewsWest 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Wild West	Articulate With Jim	The Tunnel (N)		Remember Me		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Jose de Egipto		La doble vida de Estela Carrillo		Rosario Tijeras		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA	MNT	16	16			16	Last Man	Last Man	Bones "The Finder"		Bones		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX		340	575			165	(5:00) ★ A Civil Action				★ Survival Island	Billy Zane.	(:45) ★ Open Water 2: Adrift			(:20) ★ Bangkok Dangerous Nicolas Cage.		
HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	Vice News	★ Hacksaw Ridge ('16, Doc) Andrew Garfield.				(:20) VICE			(:45) Real Sports		Thrones
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	Movie	Ballers	Thrones "Stormborn"		(:05) ★ Keeping Up With the Joneses				(:55) ★ Harold & Kumar Esca...			Movie
HBO5		304	552	16	102		(:20) ★ Sully ('16, Bio) Tom Hanks.				★★★ Speed ('94, Act) Keanu Reeves.				★★★ Erin Brockovich Julia Roberts.			
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(5:10) ★ Deadpool		★ The Box ('09, Myst) Cameron Diaz.				★ Ouija: Origin of Evil			(:40) ★ The Rookie		
MAX2		382	558	18	122		★★★ Gran Torino Clint Eastwood.				★★★ The Martian ('15, Adv) Matt Damon.					(:25) ★ Morgan Kate Mara.		
PLEX				96			(5:20) ★ Company ...		★ The Skulls				(:50) ★ The Messengers			(:20) ★★★ Stargate Kurt Russell.		
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(:55) ★ Southpaw Jake Gyllenhaal.				I'm Dying Up Here		Twin Peaks		Gigolos	Gigolos	I'm Dying Up Here	
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:15) Brand: Second		★★★ Mr. Brooks Kevin Costner.				★ Pet Dominic Monaghan.			(:35) ★★★ Hard Candy		
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Mother of Two"		The First 48 "Chopper"		The First 48 "See No Evil" (N)		Fugitive H. (N)	Fugitive H. (N)	(:05) Fugitive	(:35) Fugitive	(:05) The First 48 "Chopper"	
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(4:00) ★ Goodfellas		★★★★ The Princess Bride Cary Elwes.				★★ The Karate Kid ('84, Dra) Pat Morita, Ralph Macchio.					
BET		58	-		40		(3:00) ★★ Training Day Denzel Washington.				Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Lil Rel Howery REL			Martin
BRAVO		65	76		41		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar (N)		Million Dollar List		Watch (N)	Below Deck		Million
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit		The Profit "Hip Pops"	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	The Lost Cage		Sharks-City: L.A.		Shark Exile (N)		Shark Storm (N)		Shark (N)	Shark Exile		SharkSto
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Bizaard.	StuckMid	Andi M.	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Underc.	Underc.	Bunk'd	Jessie	StuckMid	Andi M.
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter Special				SportsCenter		FIFA Soccer Tournament of Nations (L)				SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	Football	Baseball Special (N)		CFL Football Montreal Alouettes at Winnipeg Blue Bombers (L)						SportsC.	Nación ESPN (L)	
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	The Story		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five		Hannity		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(5:20) ★ Willy Wonka & the C...			(:50) ★★ Hercules ('97, Ani) Tate Donovan.					The 700 Club		★★ Tooth Fairy	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Sport-sDay (N)	Focused	H.S. Baseball UIL Tournament 6A Final Deer Park vs. San Antonio Reagan					Stars Insider	CbCampL) /MediaDay	SportsD-ay OnAir	Texas Insider Fishing Report (N)	
FX		31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ The Gambler			★★★ Jack Reacher ('12, Act) Rosamund Pike, Tom Cruise.					The Strain		Snowfall "Trauma"	
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipATL	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House (N)	Flippers	H.Hunt	FlipATL	FlipFlop
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Mountain Men		Mountain Men (N)		Mountain Men (N)				(:05) Alone (N)		(:05) Mountain Men	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Marrie-d1stSight	(:45) Married at	Married at First Sight "Final Decisions" (N)				To Be Announced				Married/ First Sight "Final Decisions"	
MSNBC		47	53		.49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	AMA Moto. Racing		Hammers	Hammers	Grudge	Grudge
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	Thunder	★ Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs				Nashville		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	(2:30) ★ Stephen Kin...		★ Demonic ('15, Hor) Maria Bello.				The Mist (N)		★★★ It ('90, Hor) Tim Reid.			
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(4:30) ★ G.I. Joe: Ret...		★★★ Immortals ('11, Act) Henry Cavill.					★★ L Frankenstein Yvonne Strahovski.			Movie	
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Seln. "The Pool Guy"	Seinf. "The Sponge"	Seln. "The Gum"	Seinfeld "The Rye"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Tony Hale		People of Earth	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:30) ★ Saddle the ...		★★★★ A Double Life Ronald Colman.				★★★★ Random Harvest				(:15) ★ The Talk of ...	
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Jenni Rivera: Ma (N)		Sin Senos Si Hay (N)		Señor de cielos (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin Senos Si Hay Par	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Teretha's Story"		My 600-lb Life "June's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Diana's Story" Once thin and active, Diana is now 620lbs.				My 600-lb Life "Teretha's Story"		My 600-lb Life "June's Story"	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Promise in the Palace"		★★ Run All Night A hit man finds his loyalties tested when he's forced to kill the son of his best friend.					★★★★ Walking Tall ('04, Act) Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.			Law & Order "Knock Off"	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Spiraling Down"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Granting Immunity"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Forty-One Witnesses"		Queen South "Sacar Con Sifón el Mar" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Daydream Believer"		Shooter "Remember the Alamo"	
WGN		19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Dad suspects he's judged for his stay-at-home status

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I'm at my wits' end. I have been unemployed for almost two years. My wife has been working during that time. We have two girls I take care of as a stay-at-home dad. Although I have consistently searched for work, I haven't found anything, and it's driving me crazy. I have edited and re-edited my resume, but nothing has happened.

My question is, do women (and men) think stay-at-home dads are lazy people who leech off their wives? I have to admit negative thoughts have crossed my mind, and I sometimes worry that people — relatives — think I'm a low life or incompetent. Is this true? — STAY-AT-HOME DAD

DEAR DAD: I know you are frustrated, but you are being needlessly hard on yourself. While some people still think that way, an increasing number no longer do. The traditional roles of the woman staying home and the man being the breadwinner have, of necessity as well as choice, become increasingly reversed since the beginning of the new millennium.

The realities of today are far different than they were 10, 20, 30 years ago. I don't know if your relatives feel the way you suspect they do, but if you think that's what's happening, talk to them, and straighten them out. This truism isn't original, but it applies to much that's happening in the world today: The only thing that's constant is change.

DEAR ABBY: My son and his wife live 6 miles from me. They have a 4-year-old daughter and a 2-year-old son. The only time I am guaranteed to see my son and his family is on my birthday. The most I have ever seen my grandkids is four or five times a year.

Last year, I saw them on my birthday and on my grandson's birthday. They never initiate any other interactions. I occasionally see my son if he needs to come by to pick up personal items still at my house. I have the impression that they see her family members frequently.

My son works two jobs and drives 70-plus miles to work four days a week. The only time they really have together is Sunday. I realize my son is very busy, but I would like to see them more often.

Do you have any suggestions about approaching him about more contact? In the past when I've mentioned it, he became defensive, as if I were trying to put a guilt trip on him. — HOPING FOR MORE

DEAR HOPING: Your mistake may be in waiting for your son and daughter-in-law to do the inviting. You might have better luck if you offered to stop by for a visit, or to watch the grandkids so their mother can have a little time for herself. Clearly, your son is on a tight schedule, and he does need to have time alone with his wife and kids. Granted, you would not be seeing your son, but half a loaf is better than none.

GOREN BRIDGE

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East-West vulnerable. North deals

NORTH
♠ K J 10 2
♡ Q 4
♢ K 7 4 3
♣ A 5 2

WEST
♠ Void
♡ J 10 9 7 2
♢ J 9 5
♣ J 9 8 7 4

EAST
♠ 8 6 4 3
♡ A 8 6 5
♢ Q 10 6 2
♣ 6

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 7 5
♡ K 3
♢ A 8
♣ K Q 10 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♢*	Pass	6♣	All pass

*Two key cards without the queen of spades

Opening lead: Jack of ♡

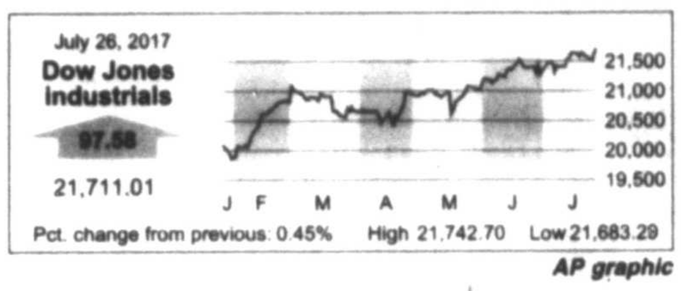
North-South were using a version of Blackwood known as Key-Card Blackwood. The king of trumps is treated as a fifth ace, with all five of these cards considered "key cards." The asker can also find out if partner holds the queen of trumps. That was irreleyant here, as the asker, South, held the queen himself, but it can be important on other deals. This treatment, or some variation of it, is standard among today's tournament bridge players.

East won the opening heart lead with the ace and continued the suit to South's king. A 2-2 or 3-1 trump split would make this hand a breeze, as declarer's fourth club could be ruffed in dummy if the jack didn't fall on the first three rounds of clubs. South cashed the ace of spades and discovered that trumps were splitting 4-0. What to do?

South's first thought was to draw all of the trumps and rely on bringing in the club suit for four winners. That would have had a reasonable chance, but declarer came up with a plan that was even better — a dummy reversal. South cashed the ace of diamonds, led a low diamond to dummy's king, and ruffed a diamond. He crossed back to dummy with a spade to the 10 and ruffed dummy's last diamond. The now singleton queen of spades was overtaken by dummy's king and declarer continued with the jack of spades to finish drawing the last of East's trumps. The only cards left were the three high clubs. Making six!

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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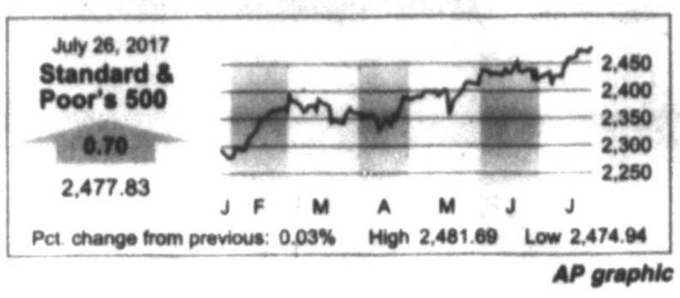

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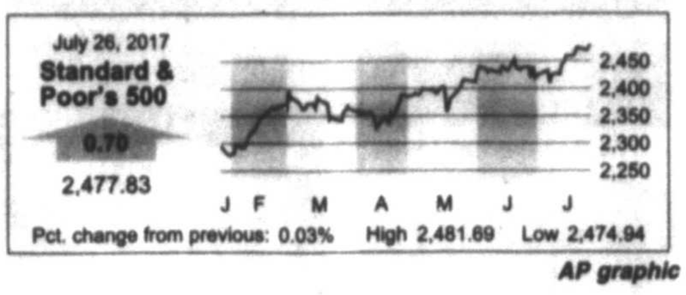

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $48.75
Previous: $47.89

POSTED

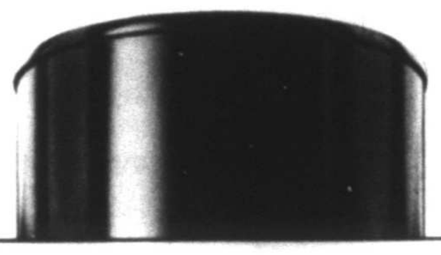
Wednesday: $45.25
Previous: $44.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $41.85
Previous: $40.85

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $2.924
Previous: $2.944



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AT&T Inc	679802	38.03	+1.81
FordM	668838	11.06	-.21
BkofAm	614946	24.21	-.27
VanEGold	578773	22.84	+.57
AK Steel	548894	6.24	-.54

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Celadon	4.85	+.70	+16.9
Binnies	80.40	+9.70	+13.7
Boeing	233.45	+20.99	+9.9
Unifi	33.05	+2.75	+9.1
SpeedM	20.24	+1.65	+8.9

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LSB Inds	7.65	-2.98	-28.0
TrumpNtl Gp	27.30	-6.00	-18.0
KindredHlt	9.55	-1.65	-14.7
Wabash	20.91	-2.75	-11.6
USANA s	57.45	-7.30	-11.3

Diary

Advanced	1,465
Declined	1,432
Unchanged	129
Total issues	3,026
New Highs	168
New Lows	15
Volume	3,447,217,881

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BarcGSOil	66054	5.08	-.09
NwGold g	45057	3.17	+.15
SRC Eng	35202	8.23	-.06
NovaGld g	34260	4.58	-.25
B2gold g	32432	2.72	-.10

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SachemC n	5.00	+.85	+20.5
Skyline	7.35	+1.03	+16.3
MastechD	10.10	+1.13	+12.6
MexcoEn	5.85	+.58	+11.0
Contango	6.28	+.61	+10.8

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IntelligSys	3.63	-.31	-7.9
Cel-Sci rs	2.25	-.12	-5.1
Plymind n	17.55	-.90	-4.9
GoodrPet n	12.51	-.61	-4.6
CRH Med	3.45	-.15	-4.2

Diary

Advanced	232
Declined	103
Unchanged	21
Total issues	356
New Highs	21
New Lows	3
Volume	89,821,310

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	372911	5.39	...
Comcast s	250194	39.35	-.40
MicronT	243710	29.81	-.09
Facebook	242563	165.61	+.33
Cisco	196580	31.98	-.46

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChinLend n	3.80	+1.05	+38.2
iRobot	106.49	+18.59	+21.1
Adomani n	10.50	+1.64	+18.5
SmartGlb n	19.00	+2.77	+17.1
ZonB wt18	10.56	+1.33	+14.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EaglePhm	53.37	-16.67	-23.8
Amedisys	48.69	-10.72	-18.0
DareBio rs	4.11	.89	-17.8
AkamaiT	45.49	-7.79	-14.6
Neurotrpe n	4.42	.75	-14.5

Diary

Advanced	1,366
Declined	1,463
Unchanged	206
Total issues	3,035
New Highs	186
New Lows	36
Volume	1,884,639,431

Coca-Cola revamps Coke Zero under pressure to perk up soda

Bloomberg

Coca-Cola Co., grappling with consumers drinking less soda, is introducing a new version of Coke Zero to the U.S. as part of a strategy to reignite interest in its core soft-drink brands.

The product makeover includes a new name, look and taste. Coca-Cola Zero Sugar will be packaged in cans and bottles that largely resemble Coca-Cola Classic — mostly red with the famous Spencerian script.

Underneath the white Coca-Cola lettering, "zero sugar" is written in bold black. The top of the package will also be black.

The goal is that the new look will keep more consumers inside the Coca-Cola brand family, Chief Executive Officer James Quincey said on a call with media. That, in turn, could help the Atlanta-based company see top-line growth.

"In the past, we had original Coke, with its red dressing, and then if people wanted a zero-sugar version they either had to go to Diet Coke with the silver look or they went to Coke Zero with the black look," he said. "In the end, you're asking people to some extent to change brand."

Keeping consumers drinking soda is a challenge for the company and its peers. Coke says its "One Brand" strategy will help.

Per-capita soda consumption in the U.S. fell to a 31-year low in 2016, according to Beverage-Digest, a trade publication.

Revenue fell 16 percent in the second quarter to $9.7 billion, which Coca-Cola largely attributed to its efforts to spin off bottling operations.

While the measure exceeded analysts' estimates, Quincey has said his longer-term goal is for top-line growth.

Coca-Cola is pushing to expand its non-soda offerings, but carbonated soft drinks still make up the majority of sales. To adjust to consumer preferences, the company has introduced smaller cans and bottles — which have higher margins — and reformulated drinks.

The new Coca-Cola Zero Sugar has been successful in other parts of the world. It grew by double-digit percentages last quarter in the Europe, Middle East and Africa and Latin America regions.

The new look will reach shelves in the U.S. next month. Coca-Cola Zero is one of the company's many reformulations in the works.

"It's all in search of the same overall strategy, which is to grow the business while reducing the added sugar, principally through smaller packs, reformulation, innovation and more zeros," Quincey said.

The CEO, who took office May 1, is also looking to new products for growth. He is pushing Coca-Cola to become a "total beverage company," that relies less on its core carbonated soft drinks.

Quincey's strategy is already affecting the C-suite and management structure. Coca-Cola now has a chief growth officer and a chief innovation officer who report directly to the CEO.

The company is no longer reporting results in terms of sparkling and still beverages.

.Instead, the portfolio is split into "category clusters": sparkling soft drinks; juice, dairy and plant-based beverages; water, enhanced water and sports drinks; and tea and coffee. Quincey has also stressed the importance of taking some risks to drive innovation.

Fed: balance-sheet unwind to start 'relatively soon'

Bloomberg

Federal Reserve officials said they would begin running off their $4.5 trillion balance sheet "relatively soon" and left their benchmark policy rate unchanged as they assess progress toward their inflation goal.

The start of balance-sheet normalization — possibly as soon as September — is another policy milestone in an economic recovery now in its ninth year.

The Fed bought trillions of dollars of securities to lower long-term borrowing costs after cutting the main interest rate to zero in December 2008.

"Near-term risks to the economic outlook appear roughly balanced," the Federal Open Market Committee said in a statement Wednesday following a two-day meeting in Washington. "Household spending and business fixed investment have continued to expand."

Fed watchers had anticipated the inclusion of the term "relatively soon" would signal the central bank could announce the timing of the balance-sheet reduction program at its next meeting, scheduled for Sept. 19-20. U.S. stocks rose slightly and 10-year Treasury yields fell following the Fed's statement.

U.S. central bankers have raised the benchmark policy rate four times since they began removing emergency policy in December 2015, and project another increase before the end of this year.

In June, the FOMC outlined gradually rising runoff caps for maturing Treasuries and mortgage-related securities, and said the program would start "this year."

Fed Chair Janet Yellen has allowed the labor market to strengthen while inflation has remained lower than the 2 percent goal of officials, with price pressures declining in recent months. The target range for the benchmark federal funds rate was held at 1 percent to 1.25 percent.

US stocks edge higher; bond yields fall following Fed

NEW YORK — U.S. stock indexes inched further into record territory Wednesday after AT&T, Boeing and others joined the parade of big companies reporting stronger profits than analysts expected. Stocks that pay big dividends were particularly strong after the Federal Reserve took a pause in its slow-moving campaign to lift interest rates, as Treasury yields sank lower.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index edged up by 0.70 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 2,477.83 and added a whisper to its record high set a day earlier.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 97.58 points, or 0.5 percent, to 21,711.01, and the Nasdaq composite rose 10.57 points, or 0.2 percent, to 6,422.75. Both are at record highs. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks dipped 8.11 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,442.28, and the New York Stock Exchange was nearly evenly split between stocks that rose and fell.

While announcing its decision to hold short-term rates steady, the Federal Reserve said that it may begin paring the massive $4.5 trillion balance sheet it built up following the financial crisis "relatively soon," which some analysts took to mean as September.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold lost $2.70 to $1,249.40 an ounce. Silver fell 8 cents to $16.46 an ounce. Copper gained 3 cents to $2.87 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $132.06 Up 0.36

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.11 Up 0.08

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $96.48 Up 0.76

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.33 Up 0.03

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.85 Up 0.58

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.05 Down 0.05

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $13.50 Up 0.45

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $34.76 Up 0.34

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.96 Up 0.06

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.46 Up 0.68

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		16	6.24	.54	38.9
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	38.03	+1.81	10.6
Abraxas	...	...	1.77	+.10	-31.1
AdeDvsEq	.92e	...	14.81	...	+16.5
AMD			14.76	+.65	+30.2
AkamaiT		23	45.49	-7.79	-31.8
Alibaba		45	155.79	+3.35	+77.4
Amgen	4.60f	16	175.89	-5.00	+20.3
Anadarko	.20	...	45.17	-.55	-35.2
Apache	1.00	...	48.86	...	-23.0
Apple Inc	2.52f	18	153.46	+.72	+32.5
ApldMatl	.40	19	47.45	+1.05	+47.0
Archrock	.48		11.30	.05	-14.4
ArgosThr n			31	+.01	93.7
ATMOS	1.80	25	86.77	-.13	+17.0
AutoData	2.28	27	105.98	+2.80	+3.1
BP PLC	2.38	52	34.84	-.06	-6.8
BcoBrad s	.37e		9.43	-.02	+31.2
BkofAm	.48f	14	24.21	-.27	+9.5
B iPVxST rs			11.10	+.04	-56.5
BarngsCp s	1.20		15.65	+.15	+1.1
BarrickG	.12f	28	16.24	+.20	+1.6
BasicEnS			45		
BerkHa A	...	17259600.00	+189.98	+6.3	
BlkHillsCp	1.78f	21	69.78	-.15	+13.8
Boeing	5.68	27	233.45	+20.99	+50.0
BritySq	1.56	33	55.96	+.03	-4.2
BrownPA s	...	30	50.51	+.18	+9.2
BrownFB s	...	...	48.99	+.16	+9.1
CVS Health	2.00	13	78.29	-.62	-.8
CallonPet	...	35	11.32	-.03	-26.4
Caterpillar	3.12	30	113.52	-1.02	+22.4
Celestic g		9	12.71	-.73	+7.3
Cemex	.29t		9.86	-.24	+27.7
CntryLink	2.16	10	22.86	-.10	-3.9
ChesEng		44	4.84	-.01	-31.1
Chevron	4.32	...	105.12	+.73	-10.7
Chicos	.33	12	8.95	-.09	-37.8
Cimarex	.32	45	96.75	-.69	-28.8
Cisco	1.16	16	31.66	-.46	+4.8
CggVeoLCrd	...	...	14.96	+.71	-45.9
Citigroup	1.28	14	67.98	-.05	+14.4
CliffsNRs	...	8	7.73	-.13	-8.1
CocaCola	1.48	28	45.74	+.50	+10.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ColgPalm	1.60	25	73.00	+.95	+11.6
Comcast s	.63	22	39.35	.40	+14.0
ConAgra	.85f	19	33.83	-.33	-14.5
ConchoRes	...	...	132.06	+.36	-.4
ConocoPhil	1.06	49	43.70	+.05	-12.8
Corning	.62	19	30.42	-1.71	+25.3
CrackerB	4.80f	24	156.39	-2.04	-6.3
CrosTim	1.10e	15	15.30	-.12	-14.9
DCP Mid	3.12	20	34.22	.38	-10.8
DTE	3.30	25	107.38	+1.08	+9.0
Delcath rs			14	-.01	-85.2
DevonE	.24	...	32.99	+.01	-27.8
DianaCn h rs				19	-.27
·99.0					
DrGBull rs	...		33.09	+2.67	...
DrGMBll rs	...		18.48	+1.77	...
Disney	1.56	19	106.94	+.52	+2.6
DowChm	1.84	21	66.42	-.43	+16.1
DryShips s	...	1	1.04	.37	-100.0
eBay s		5	37.04	+.72	+24.8
EOG Resce	.67	...	94.75	-.12	-6.3
EnCana g	.06	20	10.02	-.33	-14.7
Energen	.08		53.10	-.08	-7.9
EnPro	.88	45	72.88	-.36	+8.2
ENSCO	.04	1	5.39	-.20	-44.5
EntProdPt	1.68f	21	27.60	+.02	+2.1
Ericsson	.11e		6.30	-.05	+8.1
ExxonMbl	3.08	36	80.37	+.10	-11.0
Facebook	...	37	165.61	+.33	+43.9
FordM	.60a	12	11.06	-.21	-8.8
FrptMcM	...		15.06	+.19	+14.2
GATX	1.68	11	61.16	-1.77	-.7
GabelliET	.84e	...	9.20	-.02	+27.1
GAInv	1.15e	...	35.19	...	+12.9
GenElec	.96	24	25.59	+.15	-19.0
GenMotors	1.52	5	35.62	+.05	+2.2
Goldcrp g	.24		13.79	+.37	+1.4
GtPlainEn	1.10	19	30.42	+.21	+11.2
Hallibrtn	.72	...	43.32	+.63	-19.9
ICICI Bk	.16e	...	9.72	+.18	+42.8
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	37.17	+.04	+11.5
iShEMU	.95e	...	41.69	+.35	+20.5
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	42.52	+.42	+22.5
iShEMkts	.84e	...	44.01	+.36	+25.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	66.87	+.41	+15.8
iShR2K	1.77e	...	143.25	-.80	+6.2
Intel	1.09	15	34.75	+.08	-4.2
InterDig	1.20	9	78.20	-1.55	-14.4
Interpublic	.72	16	21.44	-.72	-8.4
ItauUnibH	.32e	...	11.72	+.04	+14.1
JD.com			45.87	+1.41	+60.3
JPMorgCh	2.24f	14	91.93	-.87	+6.5
JohnJn	3.36	20	130.95	-.93	+13.7
JnprNtwk	.40	17	28.06	-1.90	-.7
Keycorp	.38	17	18.03	-.45	-1.3
KimbClk	3.88	20	122.24	-2.44	+7.1
Kinross g	...	61	4.27	+.16	+37.3
Kroger s	.50f	12	23.72	+.04	-31.3
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.33	+.03	-37.3
LloydBkg	.47a	...	3.65	+.01	+17.7
Lubys	...	...	2.87	-.03	-32.9
MGM Rsts	.39p	30	33.87	-.40	+17.5
MarathnO	.20	...	12.18	-.16	-29.6
McDnlds	3.76	27	156.51	-2.56	+28.6
Merck	1.88	16	61.80	-.56	+5.0
MeritMed	...	48	37.80	-1.05	+42.8
MexcoEn			5.85	+.58	+17.0
MicronT	...	11	29.81	-.09	+36.0
Microsoft	1.56	26	74.05	-.14	+19.2
Nabors	.24	...	7.88	-.12	-52.0
NOilVarco	.20	26	33.34	-.24	-11.0
NokiaCp	.17e	...	6.17	+.01	+28.3
NSTPR	.55e	...	14.68	-.01	+3.8
NTXGI	.66	...	14.98	-.06	+6.3
Nvidia	.56	53	167.26	+1.91	+56.7
OasisPet			7.86	+.15	-48.1
OceiPet	3.08t	...	61.89	+.58	-13.5
PDC Engy	...	...	47.40	+.05	-34.7
ParTech	...	22	8.94	+.02	+60.2
ParkDri	...	...	1.25	...	-61.9
PattUTI	.08	...	19.75	+.01	-26.6
PayPal n	...	47	58.79	+.53	+48.9
PennaRE	.84	8	12.19	+.18	-36.7
Pmian	.63e	27	9.80	+.10	+24.5
Petrobras	...	...	8.63	-.06	-14.6
Pfizer	1.28	14	32.89	-.21	+1.3
PioNtrl	.08	...	162.60	...	-9.7
PlainsAAP	2.20	29	28.74	-.06	-17.2
PwShs QQQ	1.32e	...	144.87	+.47	+22.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Praxair	3.15	24	135.03	-.83	+15.2
PrmEgy	...	...	47.00	...	-13.0
PUVixST rs	...	...	29.11	+.07	...
ProctGam	2.76f	23	89.30	+.16	+6.2
RangeRs	.08	30	21.86	+.04	-36.4
RegionsFn	.36f	15	14.45	-.11	+.6
RiteAid	...	40	2.39	-.05	-71.0
Rowan	.40	5	11.67	+.01	-38.2
RoyDShllA	3.76	83	54.52	+.15	+.3
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	216.81	+.95	+9.8
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	247.43	+.01	+10.7
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	32.58	-.05	-21.3
SabnR	2.24e	19	39.70	-.35	+12.9
SanderFm	.96	13	126.16	+3.19	+33.9
Schlmbrg	2.00	60	66.99	-.02	-20.2
SeadrillLtd	...	1	.39	-.13	-88.6
SeagateT	2.52	8	32.34	-.86	-15.3
SiriusXM	.04	36	5.39	...	+21.1
Smucker	3.12f	16	120.71	-.31	-5.7
Snapinc A n	...	...	13.40	-.49	-45.3
SwstnEngy	...	...	5.91	-.01	-45.4
SP Engy	2.04e	...	65.88	+.07	-12.5
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	25.05	-.17	+7.7
StateNatl	.24	17	20.86	+1.19	+50.5
TeleEsp	1.20e	...	10.99	+.10	+19.3
Tesoro	2.20	16	97.79	-.01	+11.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Tetraphase	...	...	7.88	+.98	+95.5
3M Co	4.70	23	199.03	-.36	+11.5
Torchmark	.60	17	77.96	-.83	+5.7
Transocn	...	8	8.54	-.23	-42.1
TriContl	.98e	...	24.96	+.04	+13.2
Twitter	...	...	19.61	-.36	+20.3
TylerTech	...	58	181.33	+.32	+27.0
USBk	1.32	19	56.95	-1.35	-20.1
US OilFd	...	...	9.96	+.15	-15.0
USSteel	.20	...	26.20	+1.76	-20.6
Vale SA	.29e	...	9.39	-.18	+23.2
Vale SA pf	.29e	...	8.87	-.15	+28.7
ValeroE	2.80	18	67.99	-.45	-.5
VanEGold	.12e	...	22.84	+.57	+9.2
VanE JrGld	...	...	33.52	+1.21	+6.2
VerizonCm	2.31	11	44.40	+.42	-16.8
VulcanM	1.00	40	125.65	-1.45	+.4
WEC Engy	2.06	22	62.62	+.44	+6.8
WalgBoots	1.60f	16	78.68	-1.38	-4.9
WealthfrnI	...	...	4.37	+.03	-12.4
WellsFargo	1.52	14	54.91	-.15	-.4
WhitingPet	...	...	5.22	-.03	-56.6
WmsCos	1.20	45	31.61	+.01	+1.5
XcelEngy	1.44f	22	47.27	+.57	+16.1
Xerox rs	.25p	11	30.49	-.54	+32.6
Yamana g	.02	...	2.62	+.14	-6.8

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
21,681.53	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	21,711.01	+97.58	+.45	+9.86	+17.53
9,763.66	7,622.92	Dow Jones Transportation	9,484.12	-5.36	-.06	+4.87	+20.84
738.82	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	722.59	+6.73	+.94	+9.55	+2.52
11,965.80	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	11,964.92	-.80	-.01	+8.21	+11.41
6,425.45	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,422.75	+10.58	+.17	+19.31	+24.96
2,481.24	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,477.83	+.70	+.03	+10.68	+14.37
1,795.14	1,475.38	S&P Midcap	1,776.69	-15.24	-.85	+6.99	+14.74
25,843.68	21,583.94	Wilshire 5000	25,705.86	-100.33	-.39	+9.73	+14.43
1,452.09	1,156.08	Russell 2000	1,442.27	-8.12	-.56	+6.27	+18.32

SUDOKU

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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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4	6	8	3	5	1	2	7	9
9	3	7	2	4	8	6	1	5
5	7	4	9	2	3	1	6	8
6	8	3	5	1	4	7	9	2
1	9	2	8	6	7	3	5	4

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 "Dawn of the Dead" (1978) director
7 Street, in Stuttgart
14 *Billboard entry
16 "S'pose so"
17 First of a film series about Damien Thorn
18 Cultural environments
19 Marines NCO
20 *Upright instrument in a bluegrass band
22 Head of Hollywood
24 Switchback feature
25 Bordeaux wine
28 Hankering
30 Mauna __
33 19-Across boss
34 Conniption
35 "Oh, crud!"
36 *Place to land when there's no land in sight
40 Span. miss
41 "U R 2 funny!"
42 Goosebump-inducing
43 Neptune's realm
44 Hot state
45 Irritating inconvenience
46 Post-Manhattan Project org.
47 Selling points?
49 *LensCrafters products
53 Grouch
57 "Let's talk in my office"
58 Word in many hymns
60 "Inka Dinka Doo" singer
61 Hollywood family name ... and what the answers to starred clues have in common
62 Son of Clytemnestra
63 Campaign ugliness

DOWN

1 Official accts.
2 Sounds of amazement
3 Compressed video file format
4 Abstruse knowledge
5 Corn can follow it
6 At all
7 "The Urbz: __ in the City": video game
8 Long-odds bet
9 It's often put on a dog
10 Litmus reddeners
11 Short itinerary?
12 Motown music
13 First word of Massachusetts' motto
15 Pest in a swarm
21 Lazy
23 Stag, for one
25 Elegance
26 French wine valley
27 Main artery
29 It may be nervous
30 Hibernation spots
31 NBC newsman Roger
32 Come to terms
35 Specification regarding threads
37 Like many steakhouse menus
38 London bank?
39 Harvest
44 Give in
45 Unmannerly sorts, in Canadian slang
46 Turkish honorifics
48 Window box plant
49 Opposite of exo-
50 Part of FYI
51 Raison d'__
52 Witnesses
54 Latvian capital
55 Taiwan-based computer giant
56 Gershwin heroine
59 Parsons of "Hidden Figures"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Divided equally	SERHDA
5. Horse relative	ABERZ
6. ___ pollution	SEONI
7. ___ school	ATNMGE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Frying sound	EZLISZ
2. European country	NAILAAB
3. Tax ___	SVOINEA
4. Under ___	SARETR

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: This fictional character made his debut in 1912.

BONUS

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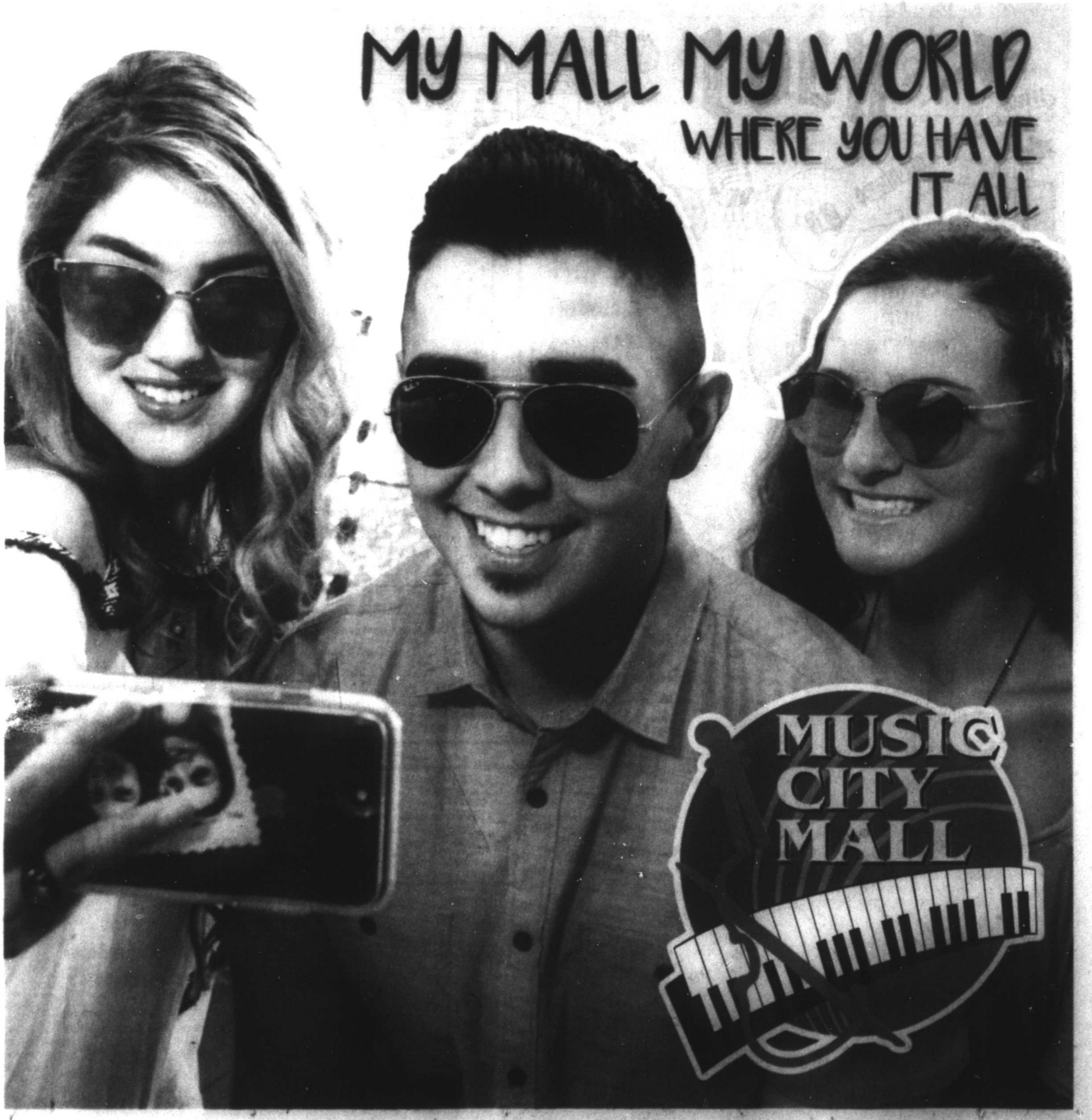

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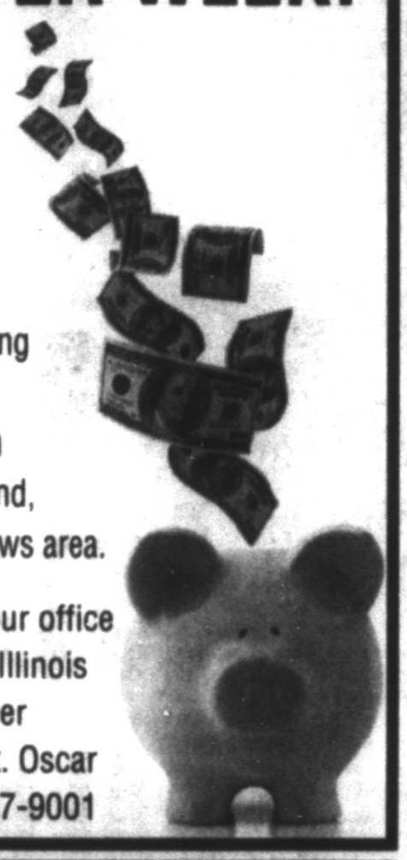

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TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

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TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

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TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

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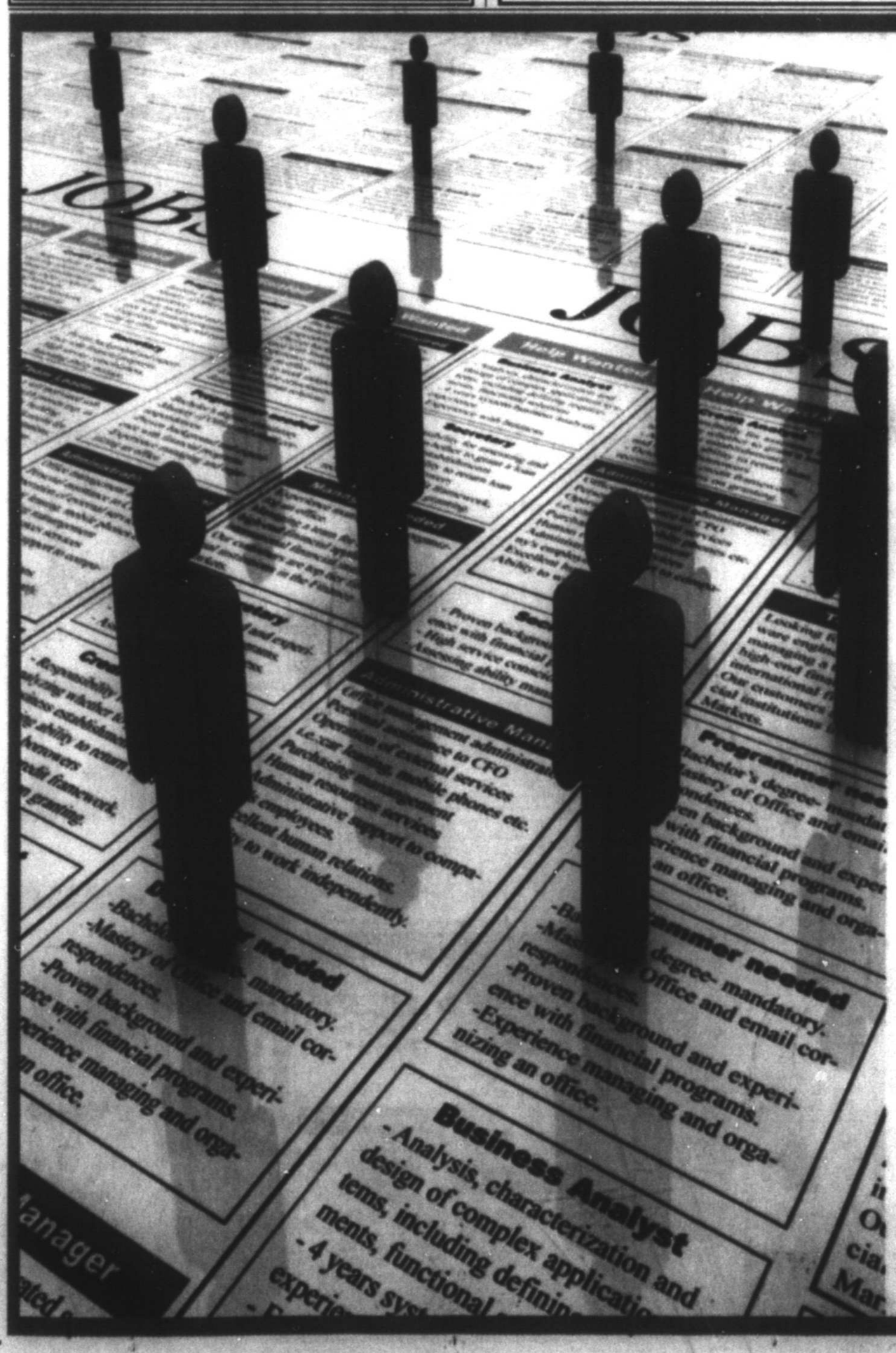

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Request for Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM local time, August 9, 2017, in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following:

RFP 17002944 Request for Proposals for Parks and Recreation Reservation Software

To receive a copy of the RFP, please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Office at 432-685-7234 or email us at purchasing@midlandtexas.gov. Proposals must be submitted no later than 08/09/17 at 2:00 PM local time to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code.

City of Midland, Texas

Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

Request for Qualifications #17-26
Special Education Professional Services

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal(s) for **RFQ #17-26 Special Education Professional Services** through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the proposal documents in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, Texas at 2:00 P.M. C.S.T. on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. Request for Qualifications documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1965.

Notice of Application
for Commercial Surface Treatment Facility Permit

On July 6, 2017, Amrich Operating, L.L.C. filed an application with the Railroad Commission of Texas for a commercial surface treatment facility permit to operate a washout pit, waste separation and oil reclamation facility for oil and gas waste treatment. The facility will also reclaim oil from the waste separation process.

The proposed treatment site is located approximately 12 miles southeast of Midland off of FM 1349, Abstract 1101, Block 37, T-2-S, L.A. Webb Survey, Midland County. The proposed treatment site is located on real property owned by Buchs Dough, LLC, 2401 Chaparral Park Road, Manchaca, Texas 78652.

Affected persons may protest this application. Protests must be in writing and must be received by the 15th day after the last date of publication of this notice. The last date of publication of this notice is expected to be August 3, 2017 which means protests should be received by August 18, 2017.

Protests must be sent to: Technical Permitting Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-3840).

Estate Sales

Estate Sale
by Wall St Antiques
3009 Goddard PL. - Midland
Thurs. - Fri. 9-2 Sat. 9-12

French Provincial living room set, Thomasville hutch, dining table & 6 chairs, bar stools, silverplate, server, silk trees, desk, rocker, coffee table, misc. lamps, tables & chairs, TV's, patio furniture, king bed, full bed, twin beds, dressers, dresser/armoire, ladies clothing, hats & shoes, wigs, lawn mowers. Snap-on tool cabinet, misc. tools, washer, dryer, fridge, freezer, vintage sofa, sewing notions, fabric, lace, Kimball piano, plants, bench, oil paintings, house and garage full.

View full details at EstateSales.NET:
https://www.EstateSales.NET/TX/Midland/79705/1610097

Estate Sales

Downsizing/ Remodeling Sale
Sale by Linda L. Biden
2216 N. "H" Street - Midland, Texas 79705
Fri. July 28th 9am-5pm (One Day Only)
Maximum Occupancy at One Time is 20

Special Interest: Liadro figurines; Jean Johnson oil painting, full-length mink coat; mink stole; fur jacket and fur collars.
Furniture: Broyhill nightstand; two club chairs; drop leaf table with two leaves and two chairs; pedestal.
China, Crystal & Silver: Pickard Champagne china; crystal (Baccarat, Tiffany, & Waterford); pink depression glass; Cobalt blue and Flo blue items; Rose Medallion bowl; silver plate items including punch bowl; Limoges platter.
Miscellaneous: Decorating décor; Rhythm clock; florals; throws; pillows; figurines; Christmas décor; watercolors; draperies; linens.
See full ad and photos at estatesales.net

Estate Sales

★★ ESTATE SALE ★★
★★ by PATRICIA & TEAM ★★
2817 Haynes - Midland, Texas
Thurs. July 27th & Fri, July 28th, 8:30am-3:00pm
Sat, July 29th 8:30am -12:00pm

Dining room table with six chairs, China cabinet, sofa, recliner,beds, dresser with mirror. So much more.

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Estate Sales

ESTATE SALE
BY JOSEPH AND TEAM
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  - *1,771 ac. windmill, creek, blinds and feeders, great w-tail and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail $850
- **Nolan County**
  - *646 ac. over 1 mile creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oak ..... SOLD $3,550/ac
  - *565 ac. Pecan Creek, New Living/Shop, 200 acres cleared for cattle, blinds/feeders, windmill $4,425/ac
- **Howard County**
  - *642 ac. canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, surface water, some outlined traffic $750/ac
  - *150 ac. big canyon, creeks, cedar/mesquites, great deer, turkey, jav ..... SOLD $895/ac
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Lost and Found

Found female elderly poodle. Found on Wall St. Please call 432-631-2663.

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Passenger Cars

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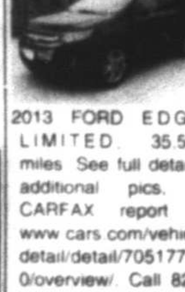

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RV Vehicles

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Yard - Garage Sales

79703

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79705

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Yard - Garage Sales

79705

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79706

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79707

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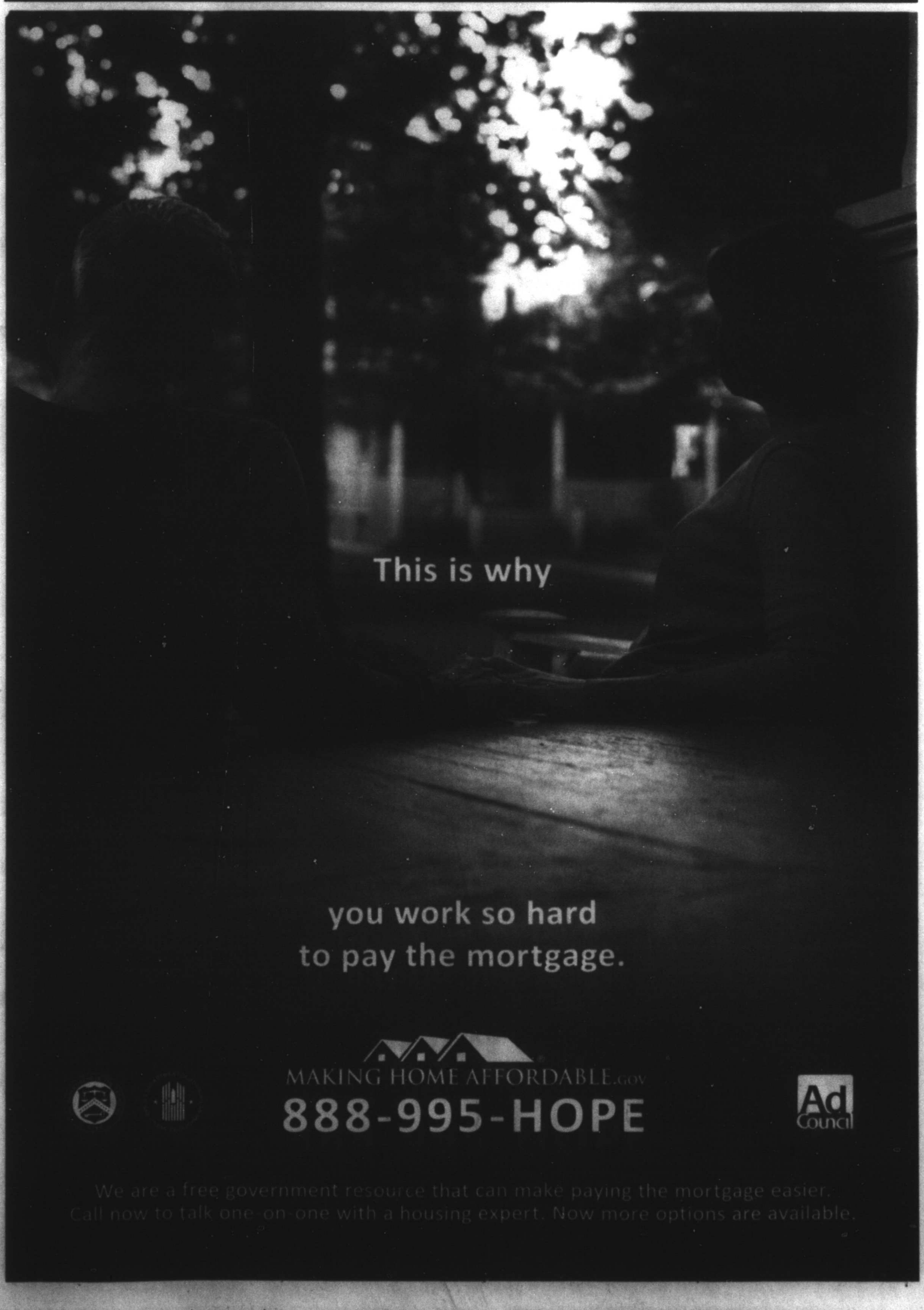

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Saturn and the Rings

With its colorful rings, Saturn is one of the most recognizable planets in our solar system. But depending on the time of year, the rings can play tricks with your eyes!

Dear Kid Scoop Readers -

Saturn is amazing! Rings of _____ circle this planet and it has _____ of moons. It's the second largest _____ in our solar system. If it were _____, more than 700 planet Earths could fit inside Saturn.

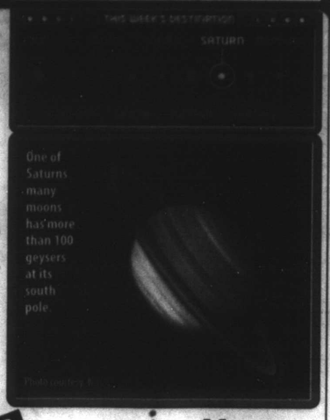
Saturn is a gas planet - which means you can't _____ or _____ on it. But it is pretty to look at!

- Woodword

Replace the missing words.

BREATHE
HOLLOW
DOZENS
PLANET
WALK
COLOR

THIS WEEK'S DESTINATION
SATURN



One of Saturns many moons has more than 100 geysers at its south pole.

Photo courtesy NASA

Saturn's Rings

Saturn has seven large rings. Each ring is named for a letter of the alphabet.

The rings do not sit still. They spin around Saturn at very high **speeds**. A closer look shows that each large ring is **made** up of many small rings, these are called **ringlets**.

Scientists think more rings could be discovered in the future.

Color Saturn and its rings.

USE THE CODE: SATURN'S RINGS ARE MADE OF

5	2	4		1	7	3		9	8	2	6

A=1 C=2 D=3 E=4 I=5 K=6 N=7 O=8 R=9

Meet Cassini

Cassini is the latest NASA spacecraft to explore Saturn. Cassini left Earth in 1997 and arrived at Saturn in 2004. How many years did it take Cassini to get to Saturn?

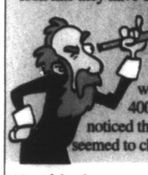
_____ YEARS

Cassini now orbits Saturn and sends back new pictures and information all the time. It has already taken more than 330,000 photos of Saturn!

Image courtesy NASA/JPL

Galileo and Disappearing Planets

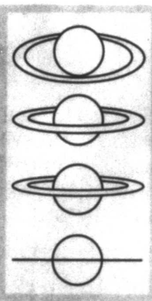
Like the Earth, Saturn is tilted in relationship to the sun. Because of the tilt of Saturn and the thinness of the rings, every few years, the rings look like they have disappeared.



When Galileo watched Saturn with his telescope 400 years ago, he noticed that the planet seemed to change over time.

He wrote, "I have discovered a most extraordinary marvel … the planet Saturn is not one alone, but is composed of three, which almost touch one another." What he thought were extra planets, were actually Saturn's rings.

After a couple of years, he couldn't see what he thought were the two extra planets. But four years later, he saw what he thought were "handles" mysteriously appear.



Use this chart to answer these questions.

1. It would take about 58 Earth years for Saturn to orbit the sun two times.
   ☐ True ☐ False
2. The diameter of Earth is larger than that of Saturn.
   ☐ True ☐ False

	SATURN	EARTH
DISTANCE FROM THE SUN	938 MILLION MILES	93 MILLION MILES
TIME TO ORBIT THE SUN	29 EARTH YEARS	365 DAYS
ORBIT SPEED	21,675 MILES PER HOUR	70,000 MILES PER HOUR
LENGTH OF DAY	10 HOURS, 14 MINUTES	JUST A BIT OVER 24 HOURS
DIAMETER	74,500 MILES	7,926 MILES
NUMBER OF MOONS	62 OR MORE	1

SOURCE: planetfacts.org

Extra! Extra! Saturn Adjectives

Look through the newspaper to find five adjectives that describe Saturn.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How Saturn Got Its Name

The Romans knew of seven bright objects in the sky: the Sun, the Moon, and five bright planets. They named them after their most important gods. The planet Saturn was named after the Roman god of agriculture.

Do the math to discover another common word named after this Roman god.

23 + 7 = A
24 + 2 = C
29 + 4 = D
21 + 7 = E
22 + 1 = R
20 + 7 = S
22 + 9 = T
21 + 1 = U
23 + 2 = Y

27	30	31	22	23	33	30	25

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

ASTEROIDS
COMPOSED
GALILEO
CASSINI
SATURN
PLANET
MARVEL
BROKEN
ORBITS
RINGS
MOONS
TILT
ROCK
GAS
ICE

S	D	I	O	R	E	T	S	A
N	E	K	O	R	B	I	T	S
O	S	T	U	M	A	R	V	E
E	O	S	G	N	I	R	O	C
L	P	C	A	S	S	I	N	I
I	M	N	S	T	E	N	A	L
L	O	R	I	I	U	N	O	G
A	C	L	O	C	F	R	I	O
G	T	E	R	O	E	C	N	K

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

Walking on Air

Students describe what life would be like without gravity.

It will be fun, I could do tricks in the air. I will eat dinner and lunch in the sky on a flying table and chairs. I could sleep on a cloud. The animals will glide in the air. All of the cars will glide in the sky. We will learn at air school. I will take a shower in a rain cloud storm and brush my teeth. We will have all the same seasons. We could not make a snowman because we have no gravity. We don't have any wars because all the supplies would fly away.

Austin

If there was no gravity and you want to eat, you have to tape the table to the ground and tape the food to the table, then you can eat. But when you are done leave the table taped, so it does not float away.

Sarah

When the day comes that we have no gravity I think by then we would have flying cars and everyone will have clothes that suit humans in space. So we would all float up into space and we would find things we can build with to make houses so we can at least change into new suits, and we can all live happily ever after in space while we all float in the air and eat marshmallows.
Isabella

If there was no gravity the world would break apart. We might have lots of earthquakes. We would be floating. I could jump up and catch the ball during a football game, and run super-fast. I'm glad there's gravity.

Jerry

If I had to live in a world with no gravity, it would be magnificent and horrible at the same time. The great times would be being able to touch the stars. The bad thing is once you touch the stars how are you going to get down?

Jennifer

Our life would be weird without gravity because if we had no gravity we couldn't do fun stuff like going to the pool. You wouldn't have to go shoe shopping because nothing would be there for you to walk on, and you probably wouldn't be able to eat because your food would be floating in the air. The good things about not having gravity would be that you don't have to worry about walking in puddles, you would get to walk on air, and you wouldn't have to walk because you would be floating on air. Those are the good things and the bad things about not having gravity.

Maddie

Write On!

Stop Bullying Now!

Pretend you have been asked to write an advertisement asking kids not to bully other kids. What would your advertisement say?

Deadline: August 20
Published: Week of Sept. 17
Send your story to:

Newspaper In Education
201 E. Illinois
Midland, TX 79701
ljdiaz@mrt.com

Please include your school and grade.

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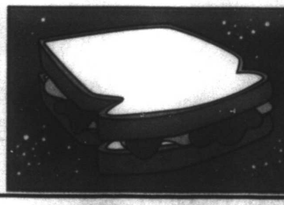
Saturn Syllables

Saturn is a two-syllable word: Sat - urn. Each syllable has one vowel sound. Look through the newspaper for five or more words that have two syllables. Divide each word into its syllables.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



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