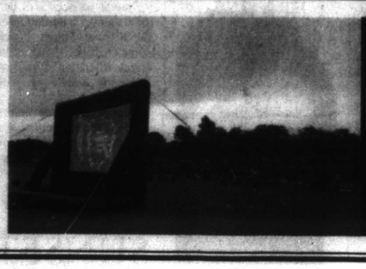
MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM

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Coalition: Underage drinking on campus on the rise

Parent panel scheduled for June 21 at PDAP, will include members of MPD and others

By Erin Stone
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PDAP and Midland Coalition is planning a parent panel that will focus on drinking by minors in response to learning through Midland Municipal Court and Midland Teen Court that many students have been showing up to school drunk, said Ashley Hoppman, of PDAP and Midland Coalition, Wednesday at the coalition's monthly meeting.

The panel is scheduled for June 21 at PDAP and will include members of the Midland Police Department, Endy Sanchez with the Municipal Court and Crystal Bell with PDAP.

A parent panel was held in March and focused on cyberbullying.

Also at Wednesday's meeting:

■ Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse members announced that Geneva Camarena, wife of murdered DEA Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena and president of the Enrique S. Camarena Education Foundation Inc., will be speaking at Midland and Lee high schools on Oct. 19 and at a luncheon on Oct. 18.

Camarena was kidnapped and beaten to death by Mexican drug traffickers in February 1985.

For more information about the luncheon, call 580-5100 or contact Mellessa Brenem at 333-4100 or mbrenem@pbrcada.org.

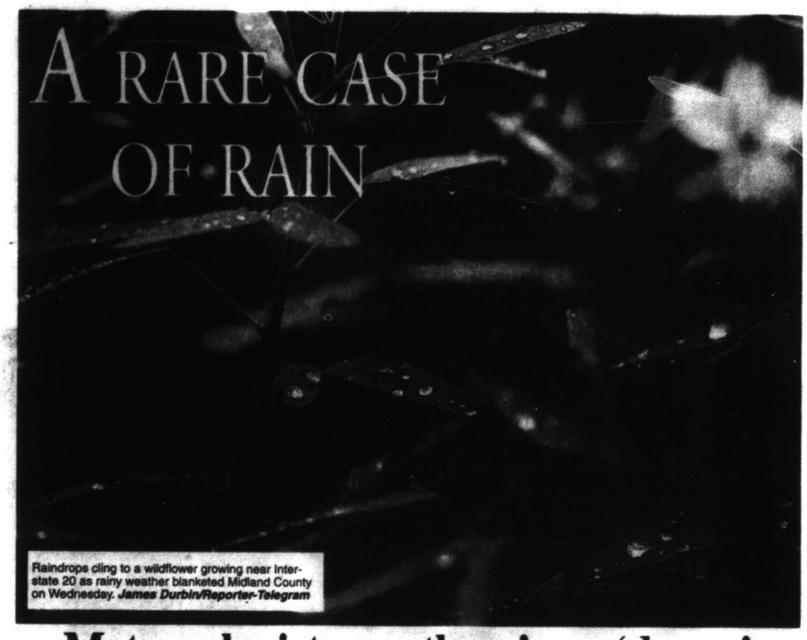
■ PDAP and the Midland Coalition participated in a Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on April 30 and collected 326 pounds of prescription drugs, said Veronica Luna, Midland Coalition coordinator and PDAP staffer.

There are two boxes at the Midland County Sheriff's Office where residents can drop off unused prescription drugs.

■ Tim Flathers, assistant district attorney, was unable to attend the meeting, but he said in an email he is trying to gauge the community's interest in creating a drug court for Midland County.

Eligible drug-addicted misdemeanor offenders could be sent to drug court in lieu of traditional justice system case processing, he said.

Such courts have been shown to be an effective justice intervention system for reducing drug use and crime and saving money, according to the National Association of Drug Court Professionals.



Raindrops cling to a wildflower growing near Interstate 20 as rainy weather blanketed Midland County on Wednesday. *James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*

Meteorologist says there's no 'dome,' climate change is complicated

By Trevor Hawes
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■ Stuck on hot: Earth breaks 12th straight monthly heat record

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On a rare rainy afternoon Wednesday, National Weather Service meteorologist Eric Ahasic spoke to members of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES) at the Midland Country Club ballroom about how West Texas' wild weather comes to be.

And while the region's unique topography — which features tall caprock to the west and sloping terrain descending a mile lower toward the east — plays a major part in weather patterns, many in Midland and Odessa often wonder if the fabled "dome" or "bubble" over the cities that — usually — keeps the rain away is in fact true.

"Everywhere that I have ever lived has had 'the bubble' or 'the dome,'" Ahasic told the Reporter-Telegram after his presentation.

Ahasic, who has worked for the NWS in Midland since 2014, said there sometimes are storms that are so close to the radar that they cannot be detected completely.

"It almost looks like the storms get smaller and changes shape. Probably what a lot of people are looking at is they're just seeing the (storm) come right over the radar and then back to its normal shape as it's getting farther from the radar," he said. "But definitely no Midland bubble."

This doesn't mean Ahasic doesn't participate in the fun.

"So, no, it's not true, but sometimes I'll say it, too," he said as rain fell outside. "I just say, 'Wherever I am.

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Midland firm thrives on offering 'home away from home'

By Mella McEwen
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Born in its founder's spare bedroom, Midland's The Hennessey Group is set to celebrate its fifth anniversary and an expansion to the Midwest.

"We're very excited about the Midwest," said Kristi Hennessey, president of the company that provides extended-stay housing. The Midwest division will be headquartered in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to serve Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and parts of Iowa.

She said the company has hired a national sales manager for the Michigan division and expects to hire more sales representatives in the next few months.

"As we grow nationally, we're hiring locally," she said, listing a newly hired warehouse manager, business manager, additional sales representatives and the need for more staff for accounting and client services.

Each year, the company has grown by double digits and is on track to do $5 million in sales this year, up from $4.2 million in 2015. The goal is to hit $20 million in sales in the next 18 to 24 years, she said.

The Hennessey Group provides short-term housing, whether an apartment or house and then subleasing them "for firms that are hiring someone or has a project or a job that will take (the employee) out of their home area for 30 days or more. Most of our clients stay an average 98 days," Hennessey said. She estimates 75 percent of the company's business is leasing an apartment, furnishing it to the client's requests and subletting to that client.

The Hennessey Group was born of her own experience trying to find short term housing during different work

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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$48.75	▲ $0.48
WTI Posted	$44.75	-- $0.00
WTB Posted	$39.60	-- $0.00
Natural Gas	$2.001	▼ $0.047
Gasoline	$2.084	▲ $0.002

The big number
Earth's avg. temperature is now 56.7 degrees.
Read more about the increase on Page 4A.

Word of the Day: Propinquity
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 4A.

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Obituaries



Barbara Jean DeKunder Olsen

November 25, 1934 - May 16, 2016

On May 16, 2016, Barbara Jean DeKunder Olsen passed from this life to the next. There was a great celebration in Heaven where angels received her.

Suffering from chronic lymphocytic leukemia for many years, her battle became very difficult in the last few weeks. She battled her disease with tremendous grace and dignity, never giving up hope.

The family is thankful for the exceptional care provided by Dr. Roger Lyons and his staff at Texas Oncology; Dr. Fernando Lopez; and the transfusion staff at Methodist Hospital, in particular Nurse Angela. Her family has been faithfully by her side throughout this difficult journey.

Barbara was born in San Antonio on November 25, 1934. She was a proud Coker descendant, with family roots tracing back to the Battle of San Jacinto, Coker Cemetery, and Coker United Methodist Church. She attended Brackenridge High School in San Antonio, where she met the love of her life, Homer. They have been inseparable ever since. Their 60th wedding anniversary would have been on September 1st.

After settling in Midland, Texas, Barbara and Homer raised their four children in a traditional household. Barbara ran an efficient home and focused on her family's needs. They were members of First United Methodist Church where Christian values, integrity, and family devotion were important.

Homer and Barbara moved Olsen Energy, Inc. to San Antonio in 1982. For 35 years, they have been faithful members of Coker United Methodist Church, as well as beloved members of the Questor's class.

Barbara was an exceptional entertainer, and enjoyed hosting friends and family. Her delicious food was always made with loving hands. She had an extraordinary flair for interior decorating, design, and color, and shared this skill with many. Her organizational skills were unmatched.

She loved the game of bridge and played in many groups throughout her life. Barbara lived to plan vacation itineraries and travel with her friends and family. On a recent memorable trip, Barbara and her three daughters attended an Oscar party in Los Angeles where she shone brighter than the stars.

Her family will remember her as a classy, devoted, courageous lady who led her life as an example to all.

Barbara is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, Homer; and by her four children, Cindy Schneider (David), Rusty Olsen (Karen), Cathy Bailey (Dane), and Christy White (Scott).

She left behind 10 wonderful grandchildren, Diana Rendon (Ray), Kristen Boerger (Jonathan), David Schneider, Nicole Olsen, Chris Olsen, Morgan Bailey, Laura Bailey, Delaney White, Kayla White, and Avery White. Two great grandchildren, Ava Rendon and Weston Boerger, are also part of her legacy.

In addition, her bereaved family includes her brothers, Joe DeKunder (Edna), Tom DeKunder (Mary Ann), and Alan DeKunder (Jean.)

A visitation will be held at Porter Loring Mortuary North, 2101 N. Loop 1604 East, San Antonio, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2016.

A service celebrating Barbara's life will be held at Coker United Methodist Church, 231 North Loop Road, San Antonio, at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2016, with burial to follow in Coker Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be David Schneider, Chris Olsen, Larry Brister, and her brothers Joe, Tom, and Alan DeKunder.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Barbara's name to the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center Foundation, Coker United Methodist Church, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

You are invited to sign the Guestbook at *www.porterloring.com*.

Arrangements with Porter Loring Mortuary North, 2102 North Loop 1604 East, San Antonio, TX 78232 - (210) 495-8221.



Charles Ray Johnson, Jr.

Charles Ray Johnson, Jr. passed away in Midland, Texas, on Friday, May 13, 2016, at the age of 32, after a short struggle with cancer.

Charles was preceded in death by his mother, Janice Watson; father, Charles Ray Johnson, Sr.; and by his brother and sister, Cedric and Victoria Johnson.

Charles is remembered by his son, Camren Johnson; wife, Nikki Alexander; nephew, Carter Johnson; and by a host of family, friends, godchildren, and loved ones.

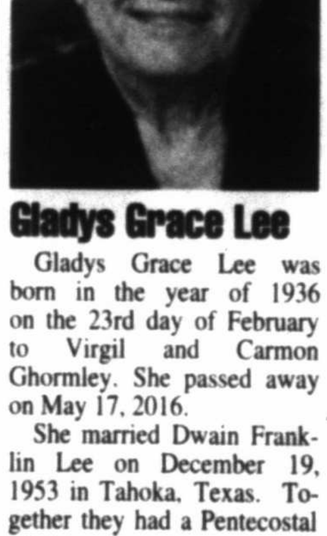
He was born in Midland, Texas in 1983 to Janice Yvette Watson and Charles Ray Johnson, Sr.

Charles loved to play basketball and spend time with his son and family. He had the most generous, loving heart and touched many lives with his presence.

The funeral service will be held at Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church, 1001 S. Main St., Midland, Texas, 79705, on Friday May 20, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend Johnson officiating and Reverend Hale delivering the eulogy; a reception will follow at Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church 1001 S Main St., Midland, TX 79705.

Flowers may be sent to Thomas Funeral Home, 1001 S. Main St., Midland, Texas 79705.

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Gladys Grace Lee

Gladys Grace Lee was born in the year of 1936 on the 23rd day of February to Virgil and Carmon Ghormley. She passed away on May 17, 2016.

She married Dwain Franklin Lee on December 19, 1953 in Tahoka, Texas. Together they had a Pentecostal ministry for many years. At the age of 50, she graduated nursing school of Howard College and became an LVN. She worked at Su Casa Home Health for 12 years.

She was a member of the Jesus Name United Pentecostal Church Family for 21 years. She was faithful, loyal, and true to her pastors. Instead of the usual 10 percent tithe, she felt led by God to pay 15 percent tithe. Sister Lee always supported her pastors' decisions in any thing. She said she was just a benchwarmer but she was an encourager to the pastors and just like family. They wish they had a hundred "benchwarmers" like her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dwain Lee.

She is survived by her brothers and sisters, Christine Murphy of Altus, Arkansas, Betty Weeks of Mullin, Texas, James Ghormley of Clayton, North Carolina, Genell Musick of Big Spring, Texas, Kenneth Ghormley of Virginia Beach, Virgina; her sons and daughters, Roger Lee of Wilson, Oklahoma and his four children and 10 grandchildren, Diann and Dennis Alvarado of Bastrop, Texas and her children Jesse McDonald and Glenda Gomez and her husband Luis and their children Jose and Diego, Sheila and Paul Butler of Midland, Texas and their children Dustin and his wife Whitney and LaTosha and her children Dylan and Eli, Barbara Harrison of Fresno, Caifornia and her children Toby and his wife Samantha Harrison and their children Orian, Paul, and Gracie, and David Harrison and Jovonna Leininger and children Destiney and Cameron, Shane Lee of Midland and his children Cheltz and her husband Jose Renteria and their children Aryana, Afton, and Ayvann, Chaz Lee and Hannah Sides, and Chanler Lee and Brittany Luttrull.

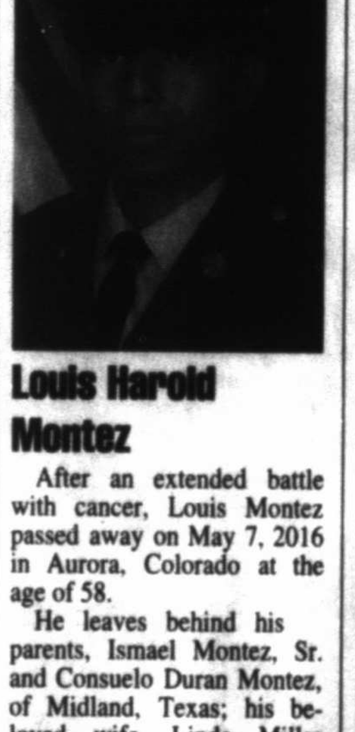
Viewing will be Thursday, May 19, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Jesus Name United Pentecostal Church, 3110 West CR 116, Midland, TX.

A funeral service is set for Friday, May 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Jesus Name United Pentecostal Church, 3110 West CR 116, Midland, TX. A graveside service will follow at 3:00 p.m. at Tahoka Cemetery in Tahoka, Texas.

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

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

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Louis Harold Montez

After an extended battle with cancer, Louis Montez passed away on May 7, 2016 in Aurora, Colorado at the age of 58.

He leaves behind his parents, Ismael Montez, Sr. and Consuelo Duran Montez, of Midland, Texas; his beloved wife, Linda Miller Montez of Aurora; his daughter, Angela Marie Montez of Midland; his granddaughter and grandson, Savannah Montez and Nathaniel Montez Lujan, both of Midland; his brothers, Ismael Montez, Jr. (Lavern) of Midland, Edward Montez (James) of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Ruben Montez of Long Beach, California; and by several nieces and nephews from Midland, Aurora, and Denver, Colorado.

Louis was born on November 16, 1957 in Farmington, New Mexico to parents Ismael and Consuelo Montez. He grew up in a loving family with his brothers Ismael Montez, Jr., Edward Montez, and Ruben Montez.

He graduated from Midland Senior High School in 1976 and shortly after graduating, he joined the United States Army where he finished his training in Field Artillery as an Artillery Survey Specialist at Ft. Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma on October 1, 1976. After completing his training, he spent the remainder of his military career stationed in Germany.

Louis was a motivated professional with a love for rock climbing, camping, skiing, and most importantly, he was a huge Dallas Cowboys fan.

When he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, he remained dedicated and strong in his will to fight against his illness, he remained iron brave in his final months battling AML.

Louis requested to be cremated. A rosary prayer vigil will be held on Friday May 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, located at 1401 Garden Lane, Midland, TX 79701.

A memorial service will also be held on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church 1401 Garden Lane, Midland, TX 79701

The family would especially like to thank Linda Montez, his loving wife, for her outstanding care during his journey.



Nancy Barrera Sanchez

Nancy Barrera Sanchez, 45, of Midland, passed away on Monday, May 16, 2016.

The family invites friends to celebrate her life on Thursday, May 19, 2016 between 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

A memorial mass will be at St. Stephen's Catholic Church on Friday, May 20, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Nancy was born on August 5, 1970 in Pecos, Texas to Esteban and Virginia Barrera. She was an amazing friend with a big heart. She was always smiling and willing to lend a hand. She loved her best friend, her wonderful husband Gary. She enjoyed cooking for her family, baking and reading love stories. Her favorite music was country and Tejano. She was a big collector of angels and lions - they were her favorite.

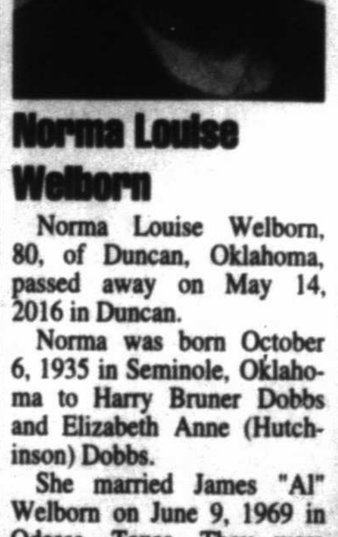
She worked for Wal-Mart 23 years and made many long-term friends during her time there. She enjoyed taking pictures, especially of her nine adopted pets. She truly was the heart and soul of the family and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her loving husband, Gary Sanchez; parents, Esteban and Virginia Barrera; brothers, Esteban, Jr., Mark, and Mario Barrera; sisters, Veronica and Isabelle Garcia; six nephews and three nieces; one great-nephew and two great nieces; her beloved fur babies consisting of five dogs, Coco, Cookie, ReRe, Peanut, and Tita, and four cats, Butter, Miley, Mousey, and Juju; and by numerous friends.

She is preceded in death by her grandmother, Juanita "Granny" Barraza.

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

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Norma Louise Welborn

Norma Louise Welborn, 80, of Duncan, Oklahoma, passed away on May 14, 2016 in Duncan.

Norma was born October 6, 1935 in Seminole, Oklahoma to Harry Bruner Dobbs and Elizabeth Anne (Hutchinson) Dobbs.

She married James "Al" Welborn on June 9, 1969 in Odessa, Texas. They were married for 44 years until his passing on February 12, 2014. She enjoyed painting and taking care of her dogs. She was a member of Westside Church of Christ in Midland, Texas. Norma lived the last two years in Duncan. Norma is preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Elizabeth Dobbs; brothers, Harry B. and William "Bill" Dobbs; her loving husband, "Al" Welborn; and her daughter, Cindy Stichert.

She is survived by her son, Mike Elrod and wife, Lisa of Comanche, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Kristy Huffine of Abilene, Texas, Joe Elrod of Duncan, Elizabeth Bennet of Woodlands, Texas, Chris Elrod of Altus, Oklahoma, Jennifer Travis of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Noel Locker of Odessa; and by nine great grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 20, 2016 at Sunset Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel with Mike Vestal officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To send family condolences please sign the guest registry at *www.sunsetodessa.com*.

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Reverend Hector Rafael Gonzalez, Jr.

Reverend Hector Rafael Gonzalez, Jr., 60, of Midland, Texas, has been refreshed, restored, and renewed, and has gone home to be with his Lord and Savior, May 14, 2016.

His Celebration Service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 21, 2016, at True-Lite Christian Fellowship, 3001 N. "A" St., Midland, TX, where he also served as an Associate Minister.

Hector was born on August 12, 1955 in Wichita Falls, Texas to Hector R. Gonzalez, Sr. and Benita O. Gonzalez. He married Deborah Contreras on June 24, 1978 in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Mr. Hector...gentle, humble in heart, a servant to others, "A Godly life can be lived only by learning what such a life involves. Only then can one continue their life based on God's instruction and teaching." That's what he did, that's the life he lived. He was such a big inspiration and touched the lives of many.

He was preceded in death by his father, Reverend Hector R. Gonzalez, Sr.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Deborah; sons, Jonathan, and Timothy and wife Kaya; and daughter, Talitha and fiancé Noel Hinojos. Also surviving is his mother, Benita O. Gonzalez; brothers, Victor (Rebecca), Richard (Elizabeth), and Dan Gonzalez; sister, Brenda (Dale) Hobson; and many nieces and nephews, all from Midland.

Memorial donations may be made in Hector's name to the Educational Department at True Lite Christian Fellowship.

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

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Rickey T. Pertile

Rickey Tyrone Pertile went to be with his Savior on May 15, 2016. He was born in Midland, Texas on December 17, 1966 to Patricia Pertile Johnson and Joe McCray.

Rickey accepted Christ at an early age and served faithfully in the music ministry at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. He graduated from Lee Senior High School in 1985 where he was a member of the popular performing ensemble *Origin* and received many distinguished UIL awards in choir.

After high school, Rickey worked for Sam L. Majors Jewelers for many years. He later went on to pursue a career at My Community Federal Credit Union where his dedication and ambition led to him being named branch manager until his passing.

Rickey is preceded in death by his father, Joe McCray; step-father, Charles Johnson; grandmothers, Mary V. Pertile and Gussie Richardson; brother, R.L. Pertile; and his nephew, Devon C. Pertile.

He leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Patricia Johnson; sisters, Daneita, Candice, and Rochelle; brothers, Jarrod, Mark, and Jerry Lynn; nephews, Darrick, Dustin, Keylin, Jordan, and Javion; and great niece, Knyla "The" Pertile.

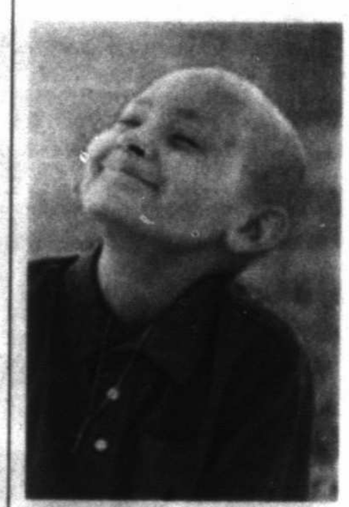
Rickey will be missed by a host of relatives, friends and co-workers.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, 1801 N. Carver St.

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

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

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Matthew Lee Quiroz

Matthew Lee Quiroz, of Fort Stockton, Texas, passed away Sunday, May 15, 2016, in Midland, Texas at the age of 10 years old. Matthew was born on June 17, 2005 in Fort Stockton.

Matthew was a very joyful and loving child. He loved life and cared about people. There were many things that Matthew enjoyed doing such as collecting superheroes, especially Batman, which he got to meet recently, reading comic books provided by the Wounded Warrior Comics sponsored by Luis Martinez, playing video games, watching basketball (Go Spurs!), playing and watching baseball (Go Rockhounds and Texas Rangers!), swimming, visiting the beach, watching movies, and dancing.

Matthew was really sweet, but he was a prankster too! His wishes came true when he went with his family to Disney World, LEGOLAND, WWE, and Universal Studios. Matthew was honored to be part of the Honorary Fort Stockton Firefighters. Most of all, he loved to "chill out" and watch his brothers and sisters play.

Matthew's indestructible faith and unwavering love for God was immeasurable. He asked to receive Jesus in Communion frequently and always prayed fervently.

Matthew is survived by his father, Frank Joseph Quiroz of Odessa; his mother, Violeta Deana Cano of Fort Stockton; his brothers, Andre John Quiroz and Carter Joseph Quiroz; his sisters, Lilly Nadine Quiroz and Aubrey Nicole Quiroz; his grandparents, Isaac Chavez and Yolanda Chavez; grandfather, Frank Quiroz; his great grandmother, Yolanda Baeza; his great-grandparents, Frank and Rosalinda Quiroz; and by his uncles, Isaac Matthew Chavez, Justin Quiroz, Joshua Quiroz, and Jacob Quiroz.

Matthew had many aunts and cousins also that loved him dearly.

Matthew is preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Juan D. Hernandez and Consuelo G. Hernandez; and by his grandmother, Lily Quiroz.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Heritage Funeral Home at

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downtown Fort Stockton.

Rosary will be recited at Saint Agnes Catholic Church in Fort Stockton, starting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday night. A Mass of Christian burial will take place on Thursday morning, May 19, 2016, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Agnes Catholic Church in Fort Stockton. Burial will follow at Fort Stockton Catholic Cemetery.

Matthew's families would like to thank EVERYONE for all of your prayers, support, generosity, and for everything you did for Matthew and his family with so much love and caring ways! God bless you and your family! Carry on Matthew's legacy and spread your love to all!

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choosing. Please watch Team Matthew on Facebook because a foundation in Matthew's name will be set up at a later date.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at *www.heritagefuneralhomeofthebigbend.com.*

Death Notices

Christian Seward, Jr.

Christian Seward, Jr. was born on May 17, 2016 and passed the same day.

He is survived by his parents, Alexandria Risper and Christian Steward.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, May 20, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at American Heritage Cemetery, Funeral Home, and Crematory, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

The Wish List

The Reporter-Telegram has put together a "March Madness"-style bracket of some of the best restaurants not in Midland. Go to mrt.com to pick your favorites and then see which restaurants advance to the next round.

Wednesday's results

All-you-can-eat

1. Taco Bueno def. 8. Jamba Juice
5. Boston Market def. 4. Pluckers Wings Bar
3. Dave & Buster's def. 6. Macaroni Grill
2. In-N-Out def. 7. Braum's

Today's matchups

No room for dessert

1. Joe's Crab Shack vs. 8. Razoo's
5. Fuzzy Tacos vs. 4. P.F. Chang's China Bistro
3. Taco Cabana vs. 6. Golden Chick
7. El Fenix vs. 2. Pei Wei

End of first round. Second round begins Friday.

Things to do

■ Tilted Kilt Tailgating Party with food and beverages available, 5 p.m., SecurityBank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive. tiltedkilt.com.

■ Alma Quartet, 5:30 p.m., Racquet Club of Midland, 3009 Racquet Club Drive.

■ Cory Morrow, 6 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. $12. dosamigos.com.

■ Bradley Allen and Twisted Texas, 6:30 p.m., Mac's BBQ, 2400 W. Indiana Ave. macstexasbbq.com.

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

■ West Texas @ 50 Jazz Party: Swing dance night with Houston Person, Nicki Parrott, Harry Allen and more. 7:30 p.m., MCM Elegante, 5200 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $25. wtjs.org.

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

Note: For more information on the weekend Entertainment's scene, check out the Weekender in today's edition.

Support groups, club meetings today

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Early voting

Early voting for the May 24 primary runoff elections continues through Friday at the following locations:

■ County Annex Building, 2110 N. "A" St., 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

■ Central Library, 2503 W. Loop 250 N., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

■ Fellowship Community Church, 5206 Midland Drive, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

■ Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

■ Manor Park (Cowden Clubhouse), 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Note: Election Day is May 24. For sample ballots, vote centers and other information visit the Election Office's web site:www.co.midland.tx.us/elections

Community Calendar

■ District 2 residents are invited to learn more about their local government and receive updates specific to their neighborhoods at two upcoming community meetings.

Public meetings will take place from 6-8 p.m. today at the MLK Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane, and May 26 at Martinez Bakery, 206 E. Florida Ave. Councilman John B. Love III, County Commissioner Luis Sanchez and city of Midland staff will be available to answer questions and discuss trends related to safety, development and local laws. Officials will be in attendance from the police, fire, utilities, engineering and development services departments.

The meeting will begin with formal comments by each department, followed by a question-and-answer session.

■ Casa de Amigos, 2202 Garden Lane, will be offering free ESL, GED and citizenship classes beginning June 13. Registration begins Monday. A citizenship orientation for those over 55 is set for4-4-6 p.m. June 15.

For more information, call 682-9701

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 4-6-7
Pick 3 day: 8-5-1
Pick 3 evening: 4-8-3
Pick 3 night: 5-9-5
Daily 4 morning: 5-0-5-5
Daily 4 day: 2-1-8-3
Daily 4 evening: 2-7-9-7
Daily 4 night: 1-8-4-5
Cash Five: 14-21-28-29-35
Lotto Texas: 20-26-40-47-48-53
Powerball: 23-25-39-54-67 PB: 11 Power Play: 3
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-4-6-12-14-16-17-19-20-23-24
All or Nothing day: 1-2-4-5-7-8-10-11-15-16-18-20
All or Nothing evening: 2-7-8-12-13-15-16-17-18-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 4-5-6-8-9-11-13-15-16-19-20-23
Texas Triple Chance: 3-7-26-30-31-32-34-35-41-48

Today in history

Today is Thursday, May 19, the 140th day of 2016. There are 226 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On May 19, 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe sang "Happy Birthday to You" to President John F. Kennedy during a Democratic fundraiser at New York's Madison Square Garden.

On this date:

In 1913, California Gov. Hiram Johnson signed the Webb-Hartley Law prohibiting "aliens ineligible to citizenship" from owning farm land, a measure targeting Asian immigrants, particularly Japanese.

In 1962, in a case that drew much notoriety, Mary Jo Buttafuoco of Massapequa, New York, was shot and seriously wounded by her husband Joey's teenage lover, Amy Fisher.

In 1994, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis died in New York at age 64.

Complaint: US Border and Customs officers abusing residents

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Residents along the U.S.-Mexico border in El Paso and New Mexico face repeated verbal and physical abuse from U.S. Customs and Border Protection Customs officers, including accusations of being prostitutes and the seizure of their legal documents without cause, according to a complaint filed Tuesday by a coalition of advocacy groups.

In a complaint submitted to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General, advocates say officers used excessive force, verbal abuse, humiliating searches and intimidation to coerce individuals into surrendering their legal rights.

The complaint, filed on behalf of 13 people, also said the officers have harassed border crossers with legal documents and threatened retaliation when the residents promised to report the violations.

In one case, officers last year falsely accused Amanda Rodríguez Varela, 51, a women's right advocate in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, of being a sex worker and suggested she has a sexually transmitted disease before detaining her at the Paso del Norte Port of Entry in El Paso, the complaint said.

"The CBP officers threatened her with criminal charges for prostitution and belittled her work for gender equality. One said that her work was a 'waste of time'," documents said. The complaint said Varela was forced to sign an English-language document that officers later revised to say she admitted she was a prostitute — a claim she strongly denies.

In a 2014 case, the complaint said officers forced an eight-month pregnant Michelle Fierro, 25, to wait in car for six hours at the Santa Teresa, New Mexico, Port of Entry while her brother-in-law was interrogated. The brother-in-law had a valid visa but Fierro, a U.S. citizen, was denied water, food or the use of her cellphone, the complaint said.

"Fierro suffered from gestational diabetes and was later diagnosed by her doctor as being dehydrated as a result of the prolonged detention," the complaint said.

A spokesman for the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General did not immediately respond to an email from The Associated Press.

According a statement on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's website, Commissioner R. Gil Kerlikowske is leading the agency toward a more transparent and accountable approach to enforcement and workforce integrity.

"At the direction of the Commissioner, CBP commissioned independent review of CBP complaints and discipline systems in September 2014 to improve the agency's accountability and transparency in these areas," the statement said.

Report: Police records show more violent incidents at Baylor

Associated Press

WACO — An examination of Waco police records over a five-year period found more allegations of violent incidents involving Baylor football players who were not charged, appeared to face little or no discipline from the team even though coaches and administrators knew about the allegations and that some documents were shielded from public view by officers, ESPN reported Wednesday.

Baylor has faced mounting criticism in recent months for its handling of reports of sex assault and rapes involving football players and students. The Baptist university hired Philadelphia law firm Pepper Hamilton in 2015 to review how the school handled those cases. The firm presented some findings to the school's board of regents last week, but school officials have not released any details or said whether any will be made public.

ESPN's "Outside the Lines" obtained a database of assault cases that were reported to Waco police and matched them against Baylor football rosters from 2011 to 2015.

In April 2014, a woman told Waco police that Bears running back Devin Chafin grabbed her arm and slammed it against a car in front of teammates. She provided photos of bruises and told police about a previous attack in which she alleged Chafin grabbed her by the throat, slammed her against a wall and kicked her. The reporting officer wrote the woman was uncertain about pressing charges and Chafin wasn't charged.

He played in nine of Baylor's 13 games in the 2014 season, and is still on the team. Baylor football officials referred requests for comment to the university's media relations office, which said it couldn't comment on individual cases.

Records obtained by ESPN also showed that Waco police have kept open for four years a sexual assault investigation against former Baylor All-American safety Ahmad Dixon.

Because the case remains open, Waco police released only the cover page of the police report.

Dixon told "Outside the Lines" the woman made up the January 2012 allegation because she was angry with him.

The woman initially denied to ESPN that she was the same person who reported the incident to police, then later acknowledged trying to get Dixon in trouble by filing the report.

Dixon said an assistant coach called him within a day of the alleged sexual assault.

"They told me there wasn't much that they could do other than to tell me to go to the police station and go from there," he said.

In June 2015, the same woman made a domestic violence allegation against another player. In that report, Waco police noted that she and her family have a long criminal history and that her accounts toward Dixon and the other football player were not believable.

Dixon also was involved in a series of fights in May 2011 at a university-approved party, but was not arrested or charged.

Three other Baylor football players were arrested on misdemeanor assault charges, which were later dropped by the district attorney.

The ESPN report said that a Waco officer discussed the matter with Baylor police and an incident report noted "there were supposed to be some administrative level meetings taking place concerning it, given that it was a university-approved function."

But the incident report was locked in a police department office after a detective pulled it from public view for privacy concerns.

BBB, MPD warn of tech support scam

From Staff Reports

Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin and the Midland Police Department is warning residents of scammers impersonating Dell technical support representatives.

Called a "tech support scam," people will get a phone call or pop-up on their computer claiming to be representatives of a legitimate software company. These scammers will claim there is a problem with the computer, such as a virus, and they need remote access to fix it. However, in order to service the computer immediately, the owner of the computer needs to send money, usually via wire transfer. Instead, the scammers install malware on the computer, steal personal information or take the money and disappear.

In this case, local residents are receiving phone calls from alleged Dell technical support. Residents also report the caller has a foreign accent.

Your BBB and the Midland Police Department offers the following advice to avoid a tech support scam:

■ Do your research. Go online and research the person or business who is calling you. In some cases, scammers use technology — known as "spoofing" — to make it appear on Caller ID like the call originated from a real tech support company. If you're questioning the legitimacy of the call, contact the business directly.

■ Watch out for red flags. These may include enrolling you in a maintenance or warranty program, asking for credit card information to bill you for their services, tricking you into installing malware that could steal sensitive data or directing you to websites in order to obtain your credit card number and other personal information.

■ Be cautious when giving control of your computer to a third party. Allowing a business to take remote control of your computer can open you up to fraud or various malware. Be sure to ask questions and don't feel pressured into allowing a third party access to your computer. Also, never give control of your computer to someone who calls you out of the blue claiming to be from tech support.

■ Protect your personal information. Never provide your credit card, financial information or passwords to someone who calls claiming to be from tech support.

Transformer fire leads to power outage

From staff reports

A transformer and pole fire on the 100 block of Terrell Street resulted in power outage on the east side of Midland Wednesday morning.

The outage began at 4:45 a.m. affecting 2,349 units, including Midland ISD's Washington, Bunche and Travis elementaries and Carver Center, according to Oncor spokeswoman Sue Mercer.

Power at Washington and Carver, as well as 892 other units, was restored at about 8:30 a.m. All power in the remaining units, including traffic signals in the downtown area, was restored at 11:22 a.m., Mercer said.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FORT WORTH

'Affluenza' teen Ethan Couch moved from maximum security

A teenager who used an "affluenza" defense in a 2013 fatal drunken-driving wreck has been moved from the maximum security unit at the Texas jail where he's serving a nearly two-year term.

Ethan Couch was transferred Tuesday from isolation to a single-cell unit at the Tarrant County jail.

Sheriff Dee Anderson said Couch still spends 23 hours a day in his cell, but that he now has access to a gymnasium and a day room with a TV.

ODESSA

Texas teen faces capital murder charge in parents' deaths

A Texas teenager has been charged with capital murder in the fatal shooting of his parents.

James Gabriel "Gabe" McDonald of Odessa is charged as an adult. Attorney Justin Low said Wednesday that 17-year-old suspect will plead not guilty.

An affidavit said Gregory and Jana McDonald were killed as they slept March 2 at the family's home.

Gabe McDonald was arrested hours later. He was indicted on Monday.

Investigators haven't released a possible motive for the shootings.

If convicted of capital murder, McDonald will face a maximum term of life in prison with the possibility of parole.

Low said a doctor has evaluated McDonald and found him not competent to stand trial at this time.

LUBBOCK

Texas mom indicted on felony child sex abuse count

The West Texas mother of a slain mentally disabled teenager has been indicted on a felony count alleging she allowed her husband to sexually abuse the girl.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported that a grand jury indicted the mother Tuesday on aggravated sexual assault of a child.

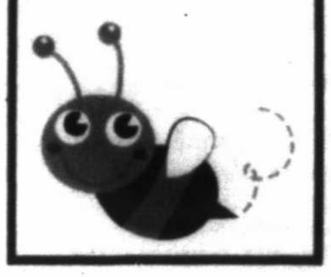
She has been in jail since her arrest last month in Lubbock County. An arrest affidavit details how her 18-year-old daughter was found dead with her uterus removed in February in her family's partially burned home.

No charges have been made in the slaying of the teen, who told a school worker she had been impregnated by her stepfather.

He remains jailed on a charge of sexually abusing the teen's younger sister.

The Associated Press isn't naming family members because that could identify the surviving sibling.

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noun.
1. affinity of nature; similarity.
2. nearness in place; proximity.
3. nearness in time.



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DOME

From 1A

storms go around.' But, no, there's no actual specific evidence."

While Midland was unseasonably cool Wednesday, new data indicates a continued warming trend globally.

Federal scientists released data this week that shows last month was the hottest April on record, marking 12 consecutive months of record-breaking heat. When asked for his perspective, Ahasic said, "That's a good question for a climatologist, not a meteorologist." However, he shared his thoughts about climate change attribution, data and the accuracy of weather instruments.

"Our satellites go back to barely the 1970s, so you can compare satellite data to satellite data — apples to apples — no problem," he said. "When you have a thermometer from 130 years ago (versus) a satellite in 2015, you can't directly compare those two and make a definitive clear line."

While Ahasic said he recognizes the warming trend that has occurred from the late 1990s through the 2000s, pinpointing an exact cause is difficult, particularly when trying to conclude that the temperature increase is solely attributable to the man-made release of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

"Most meteorologists will agree that we're doing something. Our warming, at least a little bit of it, is because of increased CO2 gas," he said.

Natural phenomena such as sunspot cycles have also been associated with warmer weather, and the mix between man-made and natural influences raises many questions.

"How much is the natural cause just overshadowing all of that so it doesn't do anything?" he said. "In the long run, Earth is warming, but is it natural or is it all man-made, and what does it mean? Does it mean that all of our hurricanes are going to be a lot deadlier? Probably not. Does it mean that all of our storms are going to be deadlier? Probably not. Does it mean some places will have increased droughts or increased rain? Probably, but that's where the real debate is: How much of it is us versus natural, and what does it mean in terms of weather?"

Comparing old data with new raises light speculation because of the many changes in how data is recorded, the instruments themselves and other factors.

"It's not that you don't trust (old records), but that was 1932," Ahasic said. "What's something that's a little bit closer current data? So, yeah, there's a little bit of grain-of-salt with them, but the main reason you have to question them is because the environment has changed, the landscape has changed."

Landscape in particular has changed just how and where data is collected.

"There are so many stations (that) in 1930 they were in the middle of a field, and now they're surrounded by concrete," he said. "And that's going to drastically change your temperature, your winds, maybe even some of your precipitation."

In the end, however, Ahasic and others employed in the weather sciences will continue to use old records.

"That's just the data we have, so that's what we have to go with," Ahasic said. All that data together points a warming world.

"Every data you see shows that we've warmed a degree and a half, close to two degrees since 1850, since the Industrial Revolution. That's happened, so global warming is happening," he said. "The real debate is how much of that is us versus natural."

Like Trevor on Facebook and follow him on Twitter at @HowdyHawes.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Kristi Hennessey, president of Hennessey Group, provides anything needed to set up temporary living accommodations, in an apartment or a home.

HOME

From 1A

assignments. She recalled thinking "This could be a business for someone" and finally decided she was that someone.

She was aided by her husband, Monty Hennessey, who worked nights and weekends with her to build the business. Eventually he closed his own Odessa-based business to join her.

In the beginning, they converted a guest bedroom into their first warehouse storing household items. A large closet served as their office.

"Eighteen months later we decided we needed a warehouse with small office space for a year to store furniture, kitchen ware, linens and appliances," Hennessey said.

They then moved to a larger warehouse and are now settled 2706 W. Wall St. between NAPA Auto Parts and Enterprise Car Rental.

Each client will find their home-away-from home stocked with furniture, appliances, kitchen items, linens, even artwork. Locally, the company even provides food service.

Hennessey shows off warehouse space containing stacks of dishes, silverware and kitchen items, linens, dining room chairs, rugs, sofas and more.

"When you walk into our unit, all you need is your clothes. We want to make it your home away from home," she said.

The acquisition of a competitor in late 2014 gave the company locations in Dallas and Las Vegas along with warehouses in those locations.

Initial clients were oil and gas companies. But the list has grown to include construction companies, even doctors and nurses or patients receiving medical treatment. Hennessey also works with insurance companies, helping house-displaced clients or adjusters working a large-scale event.

The area's large-scale construction projects are beginning to wind down and demand has been affected by the downturn in the oil and gas industry.

But "there is still construction going on, traveling nurses, law firms," Monty Hennessey said.

Kristi Hennessey said the company's new Midwest division is working with a technology company relocating 1,000 jobs to the Midwest.

Other clients have included such restaurants as In-N-Out Burger, Cracker Barrel, Outback Steakhouse and Landry's, owner of Saltgrass Steakhouse.

Kayce Hyatt, the company's new business manager, said that the company has also worked with clients moving to the U.S. from Canada.

Hennessey Group will be working with people coming to Midland-Odessa for October's Permian Basin International Oil Show.

On an even larger scale, "We're working with the Super Bowl coming to Houston next year, finding housing for workers preparing the Super Bowl," she said.

Climate change, runaway development worsen Houston floods

By Frank Bajak and Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

HOUSTON — With clay soil and tabletop-flat terrain, Houston has endured flooding for generations. Its 1,700 miles of man-made channels struggle to dispatch storm runoff to the Gulf of Mexico.

Now the nation's fourth-largest city is being overwhelmed with more frequent and more destructive floods. The latest calamity occurred April 18, killing eight people and causing tens of millions of dollars in damage. The worsening floods aren't simple acts of nature or just costly local concerns. Federal taxpayers get soaked too.

Extreme downpours have doubled in frequency over the past three decades, climatologists say, in part because of global warming. The other main culprit is unrestrained development in the only major U.S. city without zoning rules. That combination means more pavement and deeper floodwaters. Critics blame cozy relations between developers and local leaders for inadequate flood-protection measures.

An Associated Press analysis of government data found that if Harris County, which includes Houston, were a state it would rank in the top five or six in every category of repeat federal flood losses — defined as any property with two or more losses in a 10-year period amounting to at least $1,000 each.

Since 1998, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has paid more than $3 billion in today's dollars for flood losses in metropolitan Houston.

While repeat federal flood relief payouts average about $3,000 per square mile nationally, they are nearly half a million dollars per square mile in metro Houston. Six of Texas' eight federally declared disasters since December 2013 included floods.

"Houston has always had a flood problem, and the growth in the paving has only made it worse," FEMA Director Craig Fugate said. When the best building and land-use practices aren't followed, "we see the costs of disasters go up."

Metro Houston, which includes smaller communities and unincorporated parts of Harris County, has added more than a million people since 1992, while the amount of water-absorbing wetlands per capita has been halved. Paved surfaces in the county increased by well over 25 percent in that period, according to researchers.

Paved land generates five times more runoff than woodlands.

"There's basically very little control of development," said Susan Cutter, director of the Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute at the University of South Carolina.

Earth breaks 12th straight monthly heat record

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Earth's heat is stuck on high.

Thanks to a combination of global warming and an El Nino, the planet shattered monthly heat records for an unprecedented 12th straight month, as April smashed the old record by half a degree, according to federal scientists.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's monthly climate calculation said Earth's average temperature in April was 56.7 degrees. That's 2 degrees warmer than the 20th century average and well past the old record set in 2010. The Southern Hemisphere led the way, with Africa, South America and Asia all having their warmest Aprils on record, NOAA climate scientist Ahira Sanchez-Lugo said.

NASA was among other organizations that said April was the hottest on record.

The last month that wasn't record hot was April 2015. The last month Earth wasn't hotter than the 20th-century average was December 1984, and the last time Earth set a monthly cold record was almost a hundred years ago, in December 1916, according to NOAA records.

"These kinds of records may not be that interesting, but so many in a row that break the previous records by so much indicates that we're entering uncharted climatic territory (for modern human society)," Texas A&M University climate scientist Andrew Dessler said in an email.

Things to know: Houston's floods

By Frank Bajak and Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Floods are getting worse and more expensive in Houston, the nation's fourth-largest city, where entire neighborhoods are often overwhelmed shortly after a heavy rainstorm.

Since 1998, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has paid more than $3 billion in today's dollars in Houston flood losses. The latest calamity occurred April 18, when floodwaters killed eight people and caused tens of millions of dollars in damage. Some of the victims had been flooded before.

A look at what's happening:

More extreme downpours

Intense downpours — the type that measure at least 10 inches — have doubled in frequency over the past three decades, and scientists say man-made global warming is a factor. Since 1985, rising average temperatures have packed 7 percent more moisture into the atmosphere above Houston, and waters in the Gulf of Mexico have warmed up.

Runaway development

Metro Houston has added more than a million people since 1992, while the amount of water-absorbing wetlands per capita has been cut in half. Paved surfaces in Harris County, which includes Houston, increased by well over 25 percent in that period. Houston is the only major U.S. city without zoning, and critics say flood-prevention systems are inadequate because of local leaders' cozy relations with developers.

An Associated Press analysis of federal data found:

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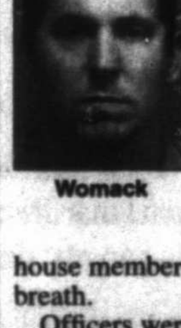
■ Six of Texas' eight federally declared disasters since December 2013 included floods.

CRIMEBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man allegedly chokes woman

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



Womack

Jason T. Womack was released on a $25,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family/house member impeding breath.

Officers were dispatched to a residence Sunday night in reference to a female claiming that Womack had slammed her head to the floor and that she was bleeding, according to the arrest affidavit.

When officers questioned Womack, he was clearly intoxicated, according to the affidavit. The couple had gotten in an argument at Crude Fest Saturday night and she left, according to the affidavit.

When Womack returned, the argument escalated and he eventually pushed the woman to the ground, climbed on top of her and placed his hands around her neck and started to choke her, according to the affidavit.

Womack then slammed the woman's head into the tile floor, according to the affidavit.

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

Facebook admits 'problem' reaching conservatives

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Facebook acknowledged it has a "problem" reaching conservatives in a wide-ranging discussion between CEO Mark Zuckerberg and a group of conservative commentators following a report that accused the social network of bias, according to one of the conservative members in attendance.

Rob Bluey, editor in chief of the website The Daily Signal, made the comment to Fox News' Greta Van Susteren shortly after the meeting ended.

"They certainly acknowledged that there was a problem with getting the message out to conservatives," he said.

Facebook spokesman Andy Stone confirmed that was the tenor of the meeting.

In a Facebook post after the meeting, Zuckerberg did not directly respond to allegations that Facebook employees suppressed conservative stories on its "trending topics" feature. But he said, "I know many conservatives don't trust that our platform surfaces content without a political bias."

"I wanted to hear their concerns personally and have an open conversation about how we can build trust. I want to do everything I can to make sure our teams uphold the integrity of our products," he wrote.

S.E. Cupp, a conservative columnist for the New York Daily News, said in a Facebookpost late Wednesday that the meeting was "very productive" and that she received "strong commitments to address issues, as well as to work together on common goals."

Among others in attendance, according to Facebook, was radio host Glenn Beck, American Enterprise Institute president Arthur Brooks, Tea Party Patriots CEO Jenny Beth Martin and Brent Bozell, president of the Media Research Center, which says its "sole mission is to expose and neutralize the propaganda arm of the Left: the national news media."

Despite the whirlwind of controversy around the Gizmodo story that triggered the backlash, many invitees, including Fox News' co-host of "The Five," Dana Perino, said beforehand that they were going into the meeting called by Zuckerberg with an open mind.

Martin herself tweeted out a smiling picture of herself by "The Facebook Wall" of chalkboard signatures.

Zuckerberg invited the dozen or so conservatives after the Gizmodo report claimed that Facebook downplays conservative news subjects on its trending feature. Facebook denied the report, which relied upon a single anonymous individual with self-described conservative leanings.

The Menlo Park, California, company said it is investigating the matter.

Facebook's trending topics are most visible on the desktop version of the social network, although it is possible to access them on mobile too.

On browsers, the topics appear on the top right corner, separate from the news feed containing updates from your friends and family. On mobile devices, users can tap on the search bar to see the top trends, but they can't see separate categories.

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Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook CEO



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg speaks during a conference at the Mobile World Congress, the world's largest mobile phone trade show in Barcelona, Spain on March 2, 2015. Zuckerberg met with conservative leaders such as radio host Glenn Beck on Wednesday to discuss claims that its "trending topics" feature is biased against their viewpoints. *AP file photo*

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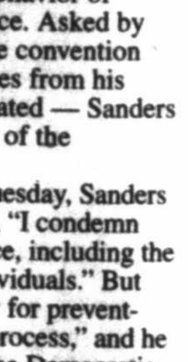
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Bernie Sanders takes aim at Democratic Party



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Editor's Note: This column contains strong language.

Let's examine what Bernie Sanders supporters did in his name this past weekend.

As the Nevada Democratic convention voted to award a majority of delegates to Hillary Clinton — an accurate reflection of her victory in the state's February caucuses — Sanders backers charged the stage, threw chairs and shouted vulgar epithets at speakers. Security agents had to protect the dais and ultimately clear the room.

Sanders supporters publicized the cellphone number of the party chairwoman, Roberta Lange, resulting in thousands of abusive text messages and threats:

"Praying to God someone shoots you in the FACE and blows your democracy-stealing head off!"

"Hey bitch. ... We know where you live. Where you work. Where you eat. Where your kids go to school/grandkids... Prepare for hell."

Veteran Nevada reporter Jon Ralston transcribed some of the choice voicemail messages for the chairwoman, some with vulgar labels for women and their anatomy:

"I think people like you should be hung in a public execution. ... You are a sick, twisted piece of s--- and I hope you burn for this!"

"You f---ing stupid bitch! What the hell are you doing? You're a f---ing corrupt bitch!"

The day after the convention, Sanders supporters vandalized party headquarters with messages saying, among other things, "you are scum."

And the candidate's response to the violent and misogynistic behavior of his backers? Mostly defiance. Asked by reporters Tuesday about the convention chaos — in which operatives from his national campaign participated — Sanders walked away in the middle of the question.

Finally, mid-afternoon Tuesday, Sanders released a statement saying, "I condemn any and all forms of violence, including the personal harassment of individuals." But he blamed the Nevada party for preventing a "fair and transparent process," and he threatened Democrats: "If the Democratic Party is to be successful in November, it is imperative that all state parties treat our campaign supporters with fairness and the respect that they have earned."

It is no longer accurate to say Sanders is campaigning against Clinton, who has essentially locked up the nomination. The Vermont socialist is now running against the Democratic Party. And that's excellent news for one Donald J. Trump.

"The Sanders Campaign spent its time either ignoring or profiting from the chaos it did much to create," the Nevada Democratic Party wrote in a formal complaint to the Democratic National Committee. "Part of the approach by the Sanders campaign was to employ these easily incensed delegates as shock troops."

The Nevada Democrats, warning of similar disruptions at the national convention in July, accused the Sanders campaign of "inciting disruption — and, yes, violence."

A few weeks ago, I wrote that I wasn't concerned about Sanders remaining in the race until the very end, because he doesn't wish to see a President Trump and will ultimately throw his full support to Clinton. Sanders has, indeed, lightened up on Clinton and is instead trying to shape the Democrats' platform and direction. But his attacks on the party have released something just as damaging to the causes he professes to represent. Coupled with his refusal to raise money for the party, his increasingly harsh rhetoric could hurt Democrats up and down the ballot in November and beyond.

"We are taking on virtually the entire Democratic establishment," Sanders proclaims.

"The Democratic Party has to reach a fundamental conclusion: Are we on the side of working people or big-money interests?" he asks.

"The Democratic Party up to now has not been clear about which side they are on on the major issues facing this country," he announces.

This was Ralph Nader's argument in 2000: There isn't much difference between the two parties. It produced President George W. Bush. Sanders said at the start of his campaign that he wouldn't do what Nader did, because there is a difference between the parties.

Yet now his supporters, the Nevada Democratic Party says, are behind "physical threats and intimidation," "scuffles, screams from bullhorns, and profane insults" and "numerous medical emergencies among delegates pressed up against the dais."

This, even though they were wrong on the merits. Ralston writes that "the Sanders folks disregarded rules, then when shown the truth, attacked organizers and party officials as tools of a conspiracy to defraud the senator of what was never rightfully his in the first place."

And this, despite only two additional delegates being at stake, as The Washington Post's Philip Bump points out — not enough to make a difference in the race.

More to the point, no grievance justifies what happened in Nevada. Yet Sanders, recklessly, is fueling the fire.

OUR VIEW

Painter is right about keeping Crude Fest arrests in perspective

There seems to be concern that the Crude Fest country music festival is being singled out for the attention it receives because of the number of people arrested at the event.

We asked Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter if this concern was warranted. His deputies arrested 72 people, gave out citations and even turned other potential law-breakers over to friends who were sober. Painter told the Reporter-Telegram the number of arrests added to what was already a pretty full jail. However, when asked if Crude Fest is being singled out, he provided a thoughtful answer — and that was to keep it in perspective.

Painter said considering the number of people who attended the three-day music festival, which he said was in the tens of thousands, including up to 20,000 on Saturday, 72 people arrested during the three days was a "low amount." In that context, we can certainly agree.

When asked if the number of people arrested was newsworthy, he said it certainly was. "The citizens need to know that."

We have read comments that attention should be given to other events. We certainly pay attention. But there aren't that many other events that combine the sheer number of people and the large amount of alcohol consumed. Thousands of people attend Rock the Desert but alcohol is not allowed at the Christian music festival. Football games have been known to draw thousands, but again, there aren't the number of people arrested like we see at Crude Fest.

There are community events where alcohol has been served — such as Fourth of July celebrations — and there hasn't been the sheer number of arrests.

There are those who believe they have the solution to cutting the number of arrests at Crude Fest. Some will say the festival shouldn't be a bring-your-own-beer event; others would say it should be limited to people 21 and over. Painter says the vast majority of those who attend are law-abiding citizens and whole-sale changes aren't needed. He also said people who attend should be "more responsible with the people they attend the festival with and everything would be better."

We agree with Painter that the event is good for this region and people should appreciate the music that is shared during the weekend. Ultimately, people are responsible for their own behavior, and good friends should keep an eye out for those who are might be headed to the Midland County jail.

So, are the total number of arrests at Crude Fest newsworthy? They can be. Is Crude Fest being singled out? Probably not. But the sheriff is correct that considering the numbers of people who attend, those wanting to point a finger should keep it in perspective.

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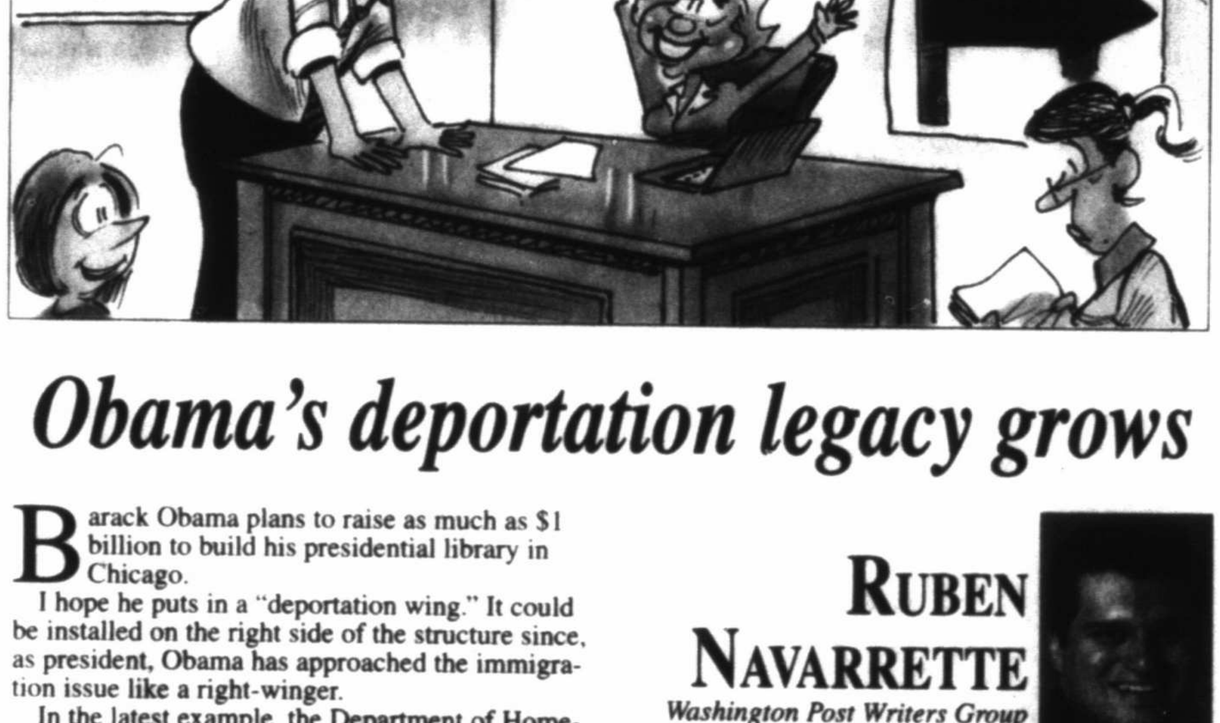
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Obama's deportation legacy grows



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Barack Obama plans to raise as much as $1 billion to build his presidential library in Chicago.

I hope he puts in a "deportation wing." It could be installed on the right side of the structure since, as president, Obama has approached the immigration issue like a right-winger.

In the latest example, the Department of Homeland Security recently announced that the administration is planning, over the next 30 days, a series of raids and a "surge" of arrests that could lead to the deportation of thousands of people from Central America.

These are the desperate souls who streamed across the U.S.-Mexico border and into Texas in the summer of 2014. About 80,000 arrived, mainly women and children. They mostly came from three countries: Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. At the time, many of these people were turned around and sent home — often back into harm's way. Others were locked up indefinitely in detention facilities, without access to legal counsel or a hearing to assess whether they had a legitimate claim to asylum. And a third group of arrivals were processed by immigration officials and released into the care of family members who lived in the United States, with a notice to appear before an immigration judge and an admonition to await further instructions.

This catch-and-release system was totally chaotic. Immigration officials tried to contact people with their date to appear and the location of the court, but the notices often went to unreliable addresses. People moved around the country, passed from one relative to another. Others were reached by officials and told to appear — in the next few days, before a court hundreds of miles away in another state. Thousands of people were found guilty in absentia of being in the country illegally.

Those are the folks that the Obama administration now intends to round up and send home, with a "deportation force" that would make Donald Trump proud.

They came unannounced, as refugees typically do. But they were invited. Their invitation is engraved on the base of the Statue of Liberty, and it's addressed to "your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free."

The freedom that this particular group of refugees yearned for was to be free from civil unrest and marauding gangs of violent youth in Central America that raped young girls, terrorized families and murdered teenagers who resisted being recruited into their ranks.

On second thought, calling Obama a right-winger on immigration is unfair to right-wingers. Plenty of conservatives want to give the undocumented legal status. Not because conservatives like illegal immigrants, but because business likes illegal immigrants and they want to please business.

Flip that coin over, and you'll catch a glimpse of a phenomenon that the media rarely talk about: liberals who favor deporting immigrants, or keeping them out to begin with, because they think foreign labor undercuts American workers.

It's why labor unions were among the lead opponents of the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act, which legalized more than 3 million people. And its why Bernie Sanders has called open borders a scheme cooked up by far-right business leaders, such as the Koch brothers, to hurt American workers.

Obama lives in this protectionist faction of the Democratic Party. In 2008, during a debate in Los Angeles, against primary opponent Hillary Clinton, the then-senator from Illinois began his answer to a question about immigration by expressing concern that employers might hire immigrants instead of Americans.

The president's anti-immigrant credentials are well-established. While in office, he broke his promise to make immigration reform a top priority, deported nearly 3 million people, divided hundreds of thousands of families, dumped into foster care tens of thousands of U.S.-born children whose parents got deported, pushed back for three years against immigration reformers who asked that he use executive power to halt deportations, claimed untruthfully that only criminals were being deported, and then tried to cover his tracks by blaming Republicans for the evil that his administration had done.

Now Obama is getting ready to deport a bunch of refugees from Central America, just a year after he made the case to the nation that we should take in refugees from Syria.

Come to think of it. One wing in the library won't be enough. To do justice to Obama's immigration legacy, they'll need an entire Hall of Shame.

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Millions of millennials may benefit from new rule on overtime

By Jordan Yadoo
Bloomberg

Burning the midnight oil is about to pay off for millions of U.S. millennials.

The White House announced a new rule that will boost the number of Americans who qualify for time-and-a-half pay whenever they work more than 40 hours in a given week. Among the biggest beneficiaries may be overworked young employees, toiling at startups and ad agencies or serving as restaurant managers, who so far haven't been getting the extra compensation for working around the clock.

The new rule, which takes effect on December 1, doubles the salary threshold for overtime eligibility to $47,476 a year from the current $23,660. That means that employees earning an annual salary at the new threshold or lower will automatically be eligible for overtime wages, just like hourly workers who already qualify for this extra rate.

Workers across all age groups stand to benefit, but young workers can especially expect a boost, according to Ross Eisenbrey, vice president of the left-leaning Economic Policy Institute.

"Millennials are disproportionately affected by the overtime rule because they tend to be in the lower end of the wage spectrum," said Eisenbrey, who testified at a congressional hearing last week on the potential effects of the rule. "Though they only represent 28.2 percent of the salaried workforce, they make up 36.3 percent of the newly covered."

According to Eisenbrey's calculations, the share of salaried 25-to-34-year-olds directly benefiting from overtime protections will jump from 9.1 percent now to 38.4 percent under the new threshold. For 16-to-24-year-olds, it will increase from 31 percent to 64.1 percent. That translates to more than 4.5 million newly benefiting workers between the ages of 16 and 34 (and an additional 8 million workers who are 35 or older).

Hourly workers, who already get overtime protections, represent 58.5 percent of the American labor force.The rule marks the federal government's first adjustment to overtime standards in more than a decade. The threshold was last updated in 2004 after almost 30 years without an increase, and the Obama administration says inflation has been cutting into the real value of that threshold.

Q&A: How new US overtime rules could help or hurt employees

By Christopher S. Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More pay? Or just fewer work hours?

The new overtime rule the Obama administration issued Wednesday could mean thicker paychecks for some Americans who work longer hours — or, just reduced time on the job.

The rule doubles the salary level that employees must receive to be ineligible for overtime pay. If they earn less than the new threshold, they get 1 1/2 times regular wages for any work done beyond 40 hours a week. The threshold will be $47,500 a year, up from the current $23,660. Hourly workers are already entitled to overtime pay.

Labor Secretary Tom Perez said the change, which will take effect Dec. 1, will qualify 4.2 million more workers for overtime pay. The higher level is intended to offset inflation, which has eroded the old limits. Some retail and restaurant chains pay low-level managers as little as $25,000 a year and no overtime — even if they work 60 hours a week.

Business groups argue that the rule will raise compliance costs and paperwork because companies will have to track workers' hours more meticulously. They also contend that many small businesses can't afford either to raise managers' salaries above the new threshold or pay them overtime.

Here are some questions and answers about the new rule:

Q: I'm a manager at a fast-food restaurant and frequently work 50 or 60 hours a week. Am I now going to get paid for the extra time?

If you make more than $23,660 but less than $47,500, you will now be eligible for overtime pay. But that doesn't mean you will necessarily get it.

The National Retail Federation said about one-tenth of salaried employees newly eligible for overtime will probably receive raises high enough to lift them above the $47,500 threshold. They will make more money, but won't qualify for overtime pay. Managers paid more than the threshold are ineligible because they fall under the so-called white-collar exemption that excludes supervisors and professionals from overtime.

Q: What if my salary is still below the $47,500 threshold and I work overtime?

Then you might get time and a half. But the NRF, for example, said that more than half of salaried retail and restaurant employees who earn less than the threshold will probably have their base wages cut. As a result, even after receiving overtime pay, their overall income won't change. And an additional one-third will probably have their hours cut to below 40 hours a week, the retail federation estimates.

Administration officials disagree that pay cuts will be so widespread.

"These are their most valuable employees," Perez said Tuesday. "They go to the bank and deposit the money. ... It's irrational to lower the salary of your most trusted employees."

Gene Martin, a 26-year-old manager at a suburban New Orleans Burger King, said she would appreciate the opportunity to earn more for working longer hours.

"Right now, I'm doing a triple shift," Martin said. "I would actually feel the worth of it."

Q: Will this help reduce my time at work?

It could, if your employers cuts your hours rather than paying overtime. But if you're a doctor, lawyer, software engineer or other highly paid professional, the new rule won't affect you. Doctors and teachers are specifically excluded from earning overtime, and most other professionals make more than the threshold. The rules assume highly paid workers have the ability to bargain for either larger salaries or more time off.

More work, more pay? New rule extends overtime to millions

By Christopher S. Rugaber and Julie Carr Smyth
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — More than 4 million U.S. workers will become newly eligible for overtime pay under rules issued Wednesday by the Obama administration.

The rule seeks to bolster overtime protections that have been eroded in recent decades by inflation. A diminishing proportion of workers have benefited from overtime regulations, which date to the 1930s and require employers to pay 1 1/2 times a worker's wage for work that exceeds 40 hours a week.

Vice President Joe Biden announced the changes at Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams in Columbus, Ohio.

Being overworked and underpaid is preventing middle-class Americans from improving themselves and from spending time enjoying their lives and families, Biden said.

"You're deprived of your dignity when you know you're working much, much harder and much, much stronger than you're getting compensated for," he said.

In the fast-food and retail industries in particular, many employees are deemed managers, work long hours but are paid a flat salary that barely exceeds the income of the hourly workers they supervise who receive overtime pay.

Under the new rules, released in draft form last summer, the annual salary threshold at which companies can deny overtime pay will be doubled from $23,660 to nearly $47,500. That would make 4.2 million more salaried workers eligible for overtime pay. Hourly workers would continue to be mostly guaranteed overtime.

The White House estimates that the rule change will raise pay by $1.2 billion a year over the next decade. Some employers, though, might choose to reduce their employees' additional hours to avoid paying overtime, thereby making the workers' schedules more consistent.

"Either way, the worker wins," Biden told reporters Tuesday.

Business groups, however, argued that the changes will increase paperwork and scheduling burdens for small companies and force many businesses to convert salaried workers to hourly ones to more closely track working time. Many employees will see that as a step down, they said.

"With the stroke of a pen, the Labor Department is demoting millions of workers," David French, a senior vice president for the National Retail Federation, said. "Most of the people impacted by this change will not see any additional pay."

The overtime threshold was last updated in 2004 and now covers just 7 percent of full-time salaried workers, administration officials said — down from 62 percent in 1975.

The higher threshold, to take effect Dec. 1, will lift that ratio back to 35 percent, Labor Secretary Tom Perez said. Perez has spearheaded the administration's effort and has worked on formulating the rule for the past two years.

Poll: Americans more upbeat about own finances than economy

By Josh Boak and Emily Swanson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans are of two minds about the economy in the midst of an election race that largely hinges on the issue. They are strikingly pessimistic about the national economy yet comparatively upbeat about their own financial circumstances.

Just 42 percent of adults describe the U.S. economy as good, according to a survey released Wednesday by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. But two-thirds say their own households are faring well.

The divide suggests that despite their own financial gains, many people worry about risks beyond their control — from a volatile stock market to another economic downturn. Just a third say they'd be very confident of finding another job if they were laid-off — a sign of vulnerability even though the Great Recession officially ended nearly seven years ago.

Some of the difference also reflects political views and education levels: Republicans are far more negative about the economy as President Barack Obama finishes his second term. And college graduates are more sanguine about a recovery that rewarded them while largely neglecting workers without college degrees.

The nation's unemployment rate has reached a healthy 5 percent, and workers' pay shows tentative signs of accelerating after years of barely budging. Auto sales hit a record in April.

Housing and construction are rebounding. Americans are treating themselves to more restaurant meals.

But for every gauge of the economy that's pointing up, another has become cause for unease.

Hospitals have become dominant employers in most cities, yet health care costs are outpacing pay. Foreign imports have kept clothing and home appliance prices affordable. But those low-priced imports have cost U.S. jobs that in many cases haven't been replaced. Across the country, the low-educated are struggling.

And nothing has ignited the robust economic growth that Americans remember enjoying until the Great Recession struck in late 2007.

The United States has endured a dreary recovery from the worst downturn since the Great Depression. Just 23 percent of Americans say they think the economy will improve this year.

Some view the slow growth as a sign that the economy has never escaped the threat of another downturn. For years, they have seen the political class feud over how to accelerate economic growth and extend more opportunities to people who have been left out, with little to show for it.

"It's just real shaky right now," said Dorothy Mszanski, 60, a former steelworker who had to retire on disability. "It's like nobody can figure out what to do."

Living outside Youngstown, Ohio, Mszanski sees her family's situation as relatively stable. Her husband works an auto body and paint shop. The couple has built up retirement savings after years of work and raised three adult children.

Yet, Mszanski fears economic risks that could upend their lives.

A stock market crash would deplete her husband's 401(k) account. Her medical bills could keep soaring to impossible heights, a challenge she is already straining to handle.

"I've had chronic back pain, and I'm a diabetic and I'm on oxygen 24-7," she said.

"If my medication keeps going up, there will be a time that I won't be able to afford to eat or buy my medicine. So what are you going to do?"

That anxiety remains rooted in many communities even as Americans see some economic gains. The more than 40 percent who describe the economy as good compare with just 26 percent who said so in an October 2013 AP-GfK survey.

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New Google products, services take aim at its biggest rivals

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — From virtual reality to a new smart-home speaker, Google is showing off just how pervasive it has become even as it's squeezed by its biggest competitors — Facebook, Apple and Amazon.

Google showed off a VR system called Daydream, along with plans for headsets that will compete with Facebook's Oculus Rift. In a jab at Amazon, the company announced Google Home, an Internet-connected speaker that listens for your voice commands to play music or control lights and thermostats in the home. It is reminiscent of Amazon's Echo and will be available later this year for a yet-unannounced price.

In an attempt to outshine Apple, Google is also adding features to its Android operating system, including the ability to run apps without actually installing apps. That's perhaps the one truly new thing Google announced Wednesday. It is Google's answer to the pain of installing phone apps you know you'll use just once or twice, for shopping or booking a parking spot, for example. With this approach, the app runs on Google's servers instead of your phone. Only the parts you need get sent to your phone on an as-needed basis.

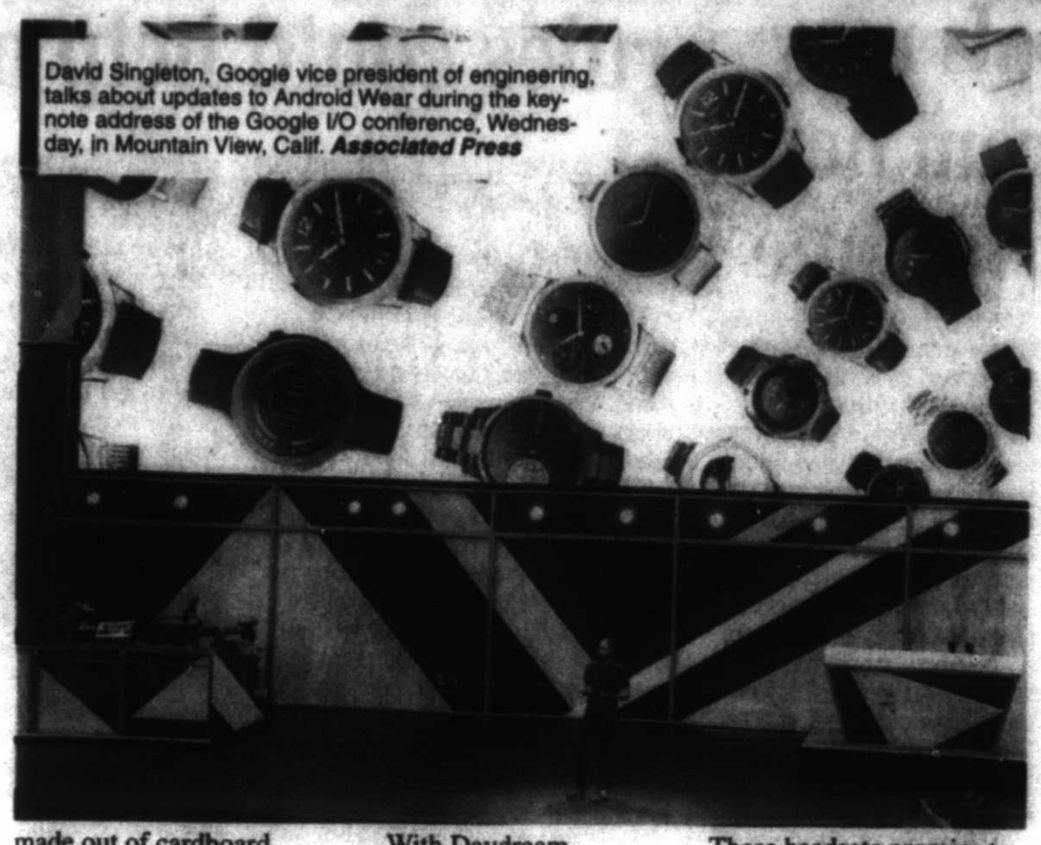
Meanwhile, the chat service Allo will use Google's computers to predict how you want to respond, saving you typing. It will also chat directly with Google to find information or navigate. Allo will compete with popular-chat services such as Facebook's Messenger, which recently announced an artificial intelligence feature, and WhatsApp, also owned by Facebook.

More than 7,000 people attended Google's keynote Wednesday in Mountain View, California. Besides journalists and bloggers, Google's three-day I/O conference attracts thousands of computer programmers, giving Google an opportunity to convince them why they should design applications and other services that work with its gadgets and an array of software that includes the Chrome Web browser and Android operating system for mobile devices.

Android powers about 80 percent of the world's smartphones, largely because Google gives away the software for free to device makers. Google can afford to do that because it designs Android to feature its search engine, maps and other digital services, giving it more opportunities to show the digital ads that generate most of its revenue.

But Apple's iPhone carries more cachet with affluent consumers and often introduces features that Android copies. Apple will hold a similar conference in June to unveil its fall software plans.

Google's bare-bones entry into the still-nascent field of virtual reality came two years ago when it unveiled a cheap headset made out of cardboard. The company is poised to get more serious, given far more sophisticated options available for sale.



David Singleton, Google vice president of engineering, talks about updates to Android Wear during the keynote address of the Google I/O conference, Wednesday, in Mountain View, Calif. *Associated Press*

With Daydream, manufacturers including Samsung, HTC and Huawei will have smartphones capable of handling it. These headsets promise to be more comfortable and more immersive than the cardboard headset. Google is also distributing guidelines for a new controller with a few buttons, a touchpad and sensors to track its orientation and where it's pointing. The controller can be used to flip digital pancakes, throw things and cast a virtual fishing line.

Analysts are touting virtual reality, a technology that casts its users into artificial, three-dimensional worlds, as one of the industry's most promising areas for growth.

Meanwhile, Google Home and Allo will tap Google's computing prowess. Artificial intelligence, a term used to describe efforts to develop software that acts and behaves more like humans, has been a focal point of Google's for years. Progress in the field has helped Google's search engine comprehend the intent of people's inquiries more quickly and vastly improved the comprehension and responsiveness of its voice-recognition services.

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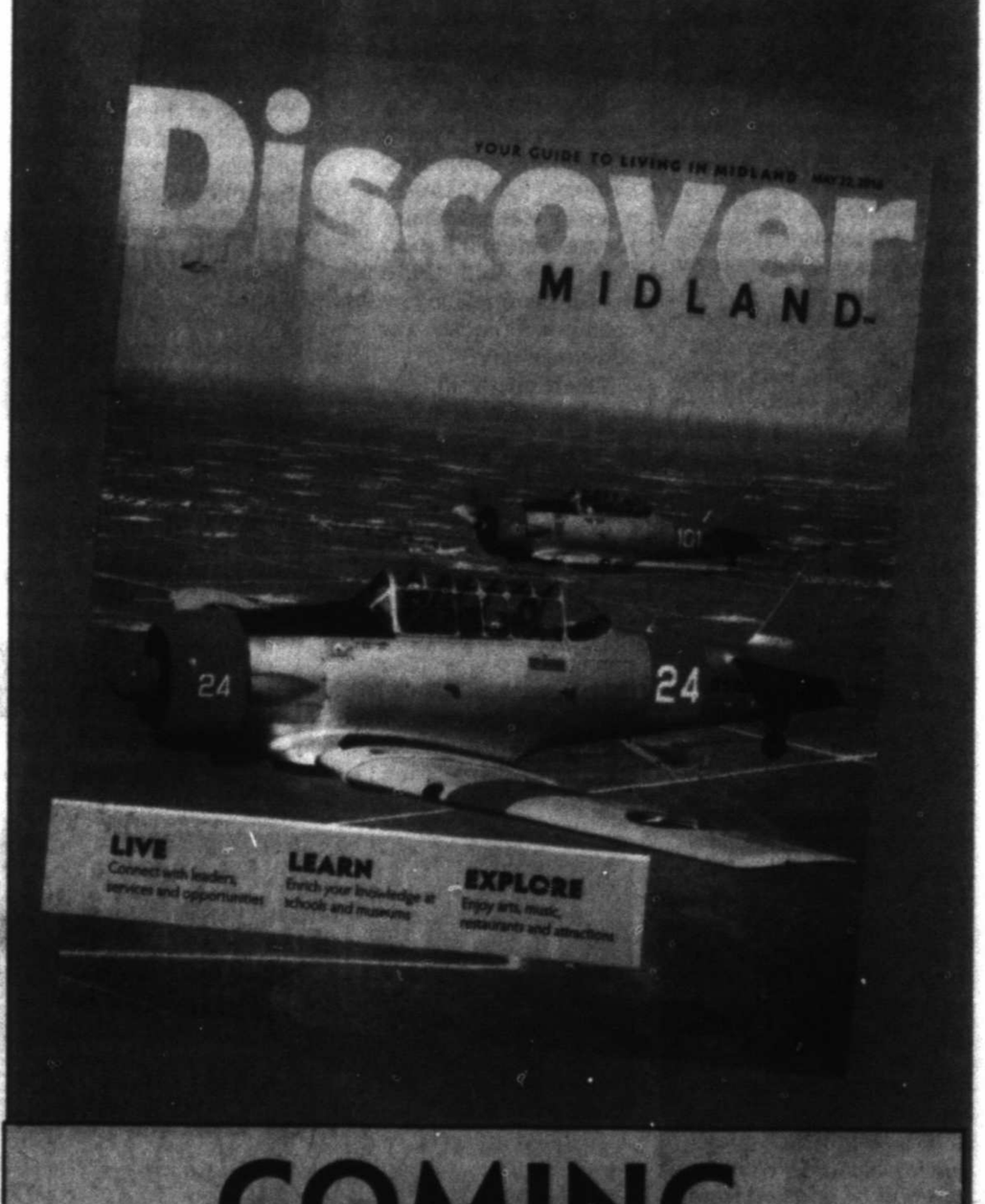
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SWEET TREATS Hight Food will host Whisk Away Midland, which has become famous for its colorful macaron cookies, for a class on making the confection. Owner Nurul Shegrud will show how she makes her delicious treats but space is limited. 5 p.m.

SATURDAY



BOOK MARKET The Midland Downtown Farmers Market will host Authors Day featuring Permian Basin Bookies, a collective of local authors. Now you can add a book to your fresh produce or hot coffee purchases and support area writers.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES



Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "The Angry Birds Movie," "Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising," "The Nice Guys"
Closing: "The Boss," "The Green Room"

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Opening: "The Angry Birds Movie," "Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising," "The Nice Guys"

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

COMING SOON



The Tony Award-winning musical "Ragtime" will come to the Wagner Noel on June 6. Three stories at the turn-of-the-century America find hope in a new age. The show is part of Broadway in the Basin's season.

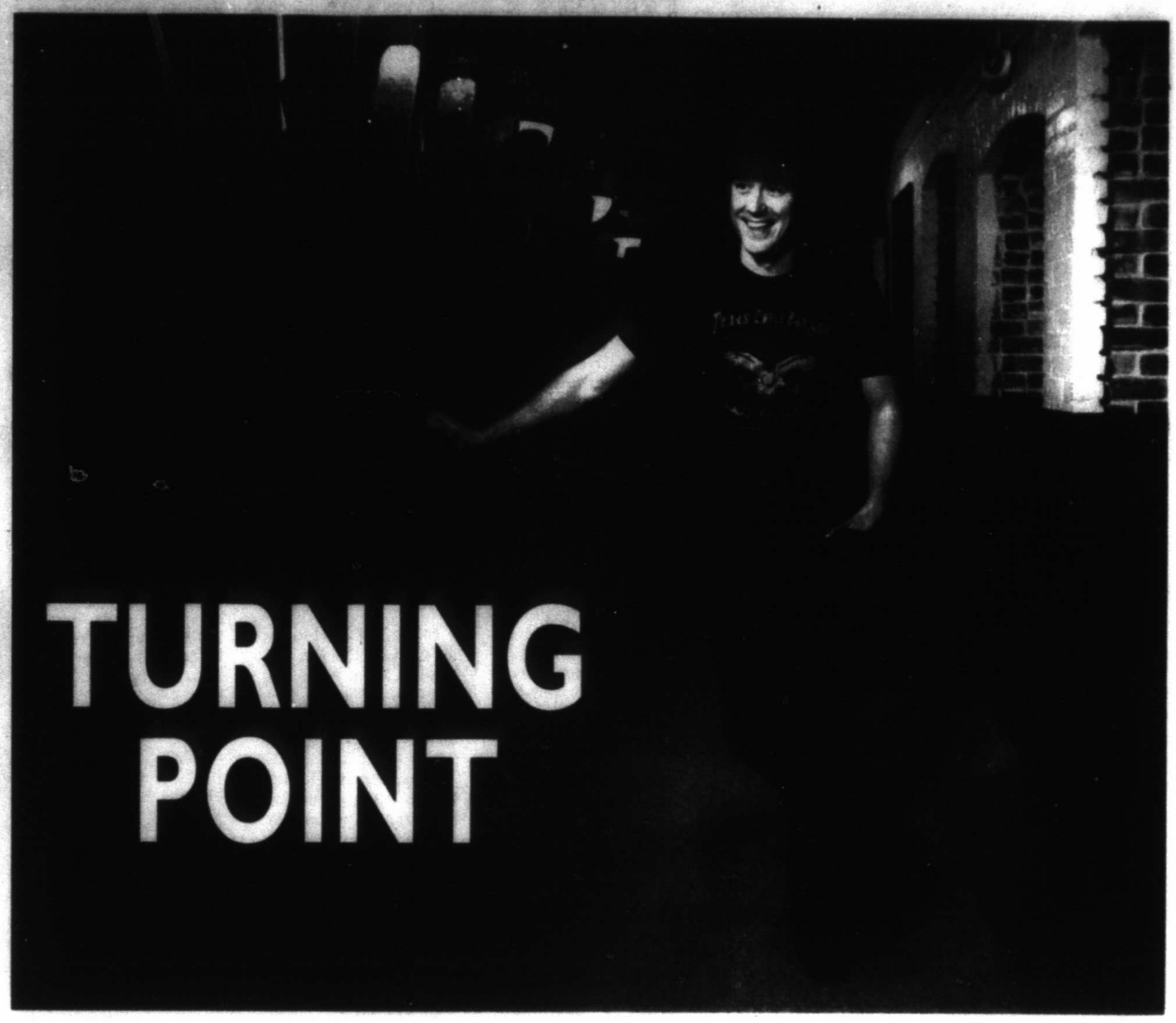


Photo courtesy Natalie Rhea

New album finds Aaron Einhouse in different territory

By Rich Lopez
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Aaron Einhouse's new album "It Ain't Pretty" — released a week ago —has been a turning point in the singer's career. Described by other outlets as darker and challenging, Einhouse sees his growth as an artist. But then again, his fourth album was also cathartic.

"I wrote a lot of personal stuff because that's what connects listeners, and I had material that I thought would make for good writing," he said. "The year before last, my wife and I had a miscarriage and so that put me in a darker place. I was also thinking about the struggles of my career and this business and there was plenty to draw from."

Einhouse brings his new music, along with some fan favorites, to the Lone Star Bar on Friday.

Opening up deeper to his audience was a new experience for him as well as a release. Self-described as introspective, he saw that writing about those personal issues made him analyze both his life and his music more. That led to coming to terms with all that's happened in his life.

"I don't think about the song being soothing to me. The release is more in the expression instead of the song. When you write about something like that, you really think deep about it," he said. "But I get bored writing about myself for too long."

Hence, the cast of characters that make up the new album. Alongside his introspection, Einhouse likes to mix it up with short stories set to music as in the case of "The Fall of Eli Wilde" or "My Susannah." With a deep interest in books (he's on his second round of David Foster Wallace's massive tome "Infinite Jest"), he'll employ literary devices into his songs.

With his creative freedom to make up characters and stories, Einhouse finds it easier to open up about his more personal side.

"I like writing that way but it's hard to write a fictional character, make them believable and not cliché. It's difficult to come up with stuff that is interesting but I like the challenge of that," he said.

If it weren't for music, people could see a different Aaron Einhouse.

"I'm pretty nice to everyone, but I think maybe my anger comes out more in my music and on stage," he said. "I don't get pissed off, but maybe I'm always pissed off enough to create music."

And the more he writes, the less angry he may be, but he's also discovering his potential.

"I feel less confined by the Americana or Texas country genre. I can feel I've grown artistically. The melodies and lyrics on this album are leaps and bounds beyond what I've done before."

Einhouse has often cited Guy Clark as a major influence on his writing. With the news of the legendary musician's passing on Tuesday, Einhouse transformed his melancholy into a song. After this interview, he was going to record a song about his feelings on learning of Clark's death.

"I shed a tear when I heard. Death happens to everyone but it sucks when your heroes die," he said. "To me, he was the master songwriter and he's who I try to be as one."

IF YOU GO

Aaron Einhouse, 9 p.m. Friday at Lone Star Bar, 621 W Wall St

Heat Index: Our list of what's hot to do this weekend

By Trent Johnson
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ART NIGHT AT LORI'S CAFE

Lori's Cafe continues its transformation, as the new location is set to host its first Art Night. Featuring the work of David Michael Harris coupled with specials on drinks and food, the show will help to highlight the new direction the restaurant continues to march toward, fully evolving from retro diner to a vibrant hot spot. The event will also feature live music by Adrian Gonzalez.

5:30-7:30 p.m. tonight at Lori's Cafe, 210 W. Longview Ave., Suite G.

ALL THAT JAZZ

The West Texas Jazz Society brings back its West Texas Jazz Party but this one is pretty special. The society celebrates 50 years. For this year's big jazzy blowout, the party will feature 21 musicians from around the globe across three days. Performers include the Houston Person who performs at Friday's Swing Dance Party, Harry Allen and the Four Freshmen. Patrons can either go to individual performances or purchase a party pass to see all the musicians.

The event will also premiere a clip of David Leonnig's documentary recapping the event's history as well as the effect of jazz music in the Permian Basin.

The West Texas @ 50 Party runs Friday through Sunday with an abundance of performances to watch. MCM Elegante Odessa, 5200 E University Blvd., Odessa. Visit wtjs.org for more information and tickets or purchase at the door.

SCIFRIDAY IS ALL GROWN UP

This week's edition of SciFriday is adults only, which means the jokes made about "Barbarella" will be exclusively hurled by folks aged 18 and up who can appreciate the "so bad it's good" quality of the 1968 film.

Although tame by today's standards, the sci-fi flick starring

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Summer Mummers introduces its first Food Truck Fest

By Trent Johnson
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The Midland tradition Summer Mummers is right around the corner, but before you take a popcorn shower in the Yucca Theatre, prepare to behold more than 14 tons popcorn at the inaugural Mummers Food Truck Festival.

"Our hope is that this will serve as a great kickoff to the summer and not only serve our current fans and volunteers but also generate buzz and attract new patrons," Midland Community Theatre public relations director Mitchell Smith said. "Since we are filming at the event, we intend on having several people in costume and are definitely going to encourage everyone in attendance to get photos with the cast and share on the favorite social media platform."

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ART & DANCE

Art Nights - Session I featuring the works of David Harris. 5:30-7:30 p.m. today at Lori's Cafe, 210 W. Longview Road. Suite G. loriscafe.net.

"Texas Artists Today" by Midland Arts Association on display through June 12, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

The Works of Rachel Long and Michael Pena. The show is on view Fridays throughout May at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

"Dust and Depression" will feature historic photographic works of the country after the Stock Market Crash of 1929. The exhibition includes works by John Collier Jr., Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange and more. Through June 6. Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces Spring Art Show will feature new art by local artists through June 16. MSS, 3500 N. A St. midlandsharedspaces.org.

CLASSES, LECTURES & MEETINGS

Brown Bag Lecture Series: Angie Valenzuela, executive director of Midland Crime Stoppers. Drinks and desserts provided. 11:30 a.m. today at Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. Free. petroleummuseum.org.

Guest Teacher Series: Whisk Away Midland. The founder and owner will teach how to make colorful and delicious macarons. 5:30 p.m. Friday at Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Drive. hightfoods.com.

3D Printing Showcase. The Midland County Public Library will reveal its new 3D printer and discuss its capabilities. The showcase is provided by seven public libraries in West Texas in conjunction with CTLS, Inc. The public libraries from Fort Davis, Fort Stockton, Presidio, Marathon and Marfa will demonstrate applications of 3D printing in education. The Do-It-Yourself personal manufacturing side of 3D printing will be featured by the public libraries of Alpine and Midland. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at MCPL Centennial, 2503 W Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us.

Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series: "Growing Up with Heroes...The Navajo Code Talkers of WWII: A Daughter's Journey" with Zonnie Gorman. 7 p.m. Tuesday at Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. Free but ticketed. Call 683-4403 for reservations. Petroleummuseum.org.

Aquaponics Seminar by Permian Basin Master Gardeners. Peter Woods of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will talk about the basics of aquaponic gardening and how to make it work for you. 6:30 p.m. May 24 and 9 a.m. May 25 at West Texas Food Bank, 411 S. Pagewood Ave., Odessa. $10. Westtexasgardening.org.

EVENTS

Tilted Kilt Tailgating Party with food and beverages available. 5 p.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive. tiltedkilt.com.

Bust a Bird for the Y Clay Shoot is the inaugural fundraiser for the Midland YMCA for their scholarship funds which helps those without the ability to pay for YMCA services 9 a.m. Friday at Jake's Clays, 13301 Farm-to-Market Road 1379. midlandymca.org.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market will feature Authors Day with local writers on site discussing their works. 8:30 a.m. Saturdays through Oct. 29 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Mummers Food Truck Festival will feature area food trucks, characters from the upcoming Summer Mummers production "Midland's Master Munchie Maker or Are You Going to Eat That?" and the popping of 14 tons of popcorn kernels. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. summermummers.com.

FAMILY FUN

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

GAMES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MUSIC

AMERICANA

The Damn Quails, 9 p.m. Friday at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

Taylor Tompkins and the Trainwrecks, 8 p.m. Satuday at Redneck's Drafthouse and Billiards. 2215 N. Midland Drive.

Parker McCollum (Austin), 9 p.m. Saturday at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave.

BIG BAND

Midland Community Band Variety Show 2016, 7 p.m. Saturday at Midland College. Free.

CLASSICAL

MOSC: West Texas Winds performs a Brown Bag Concert in the ClayDesta Atrium. 11:45 a.m. Friday at Clay Desta, 6 Desta Drive. Free. MOSC.org.

COUNTRY

Cory Morrow, 6 p.m. today at Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. $12. dosamigos.com.

Bradley Allen and Twisted Texas, 6:30 p.m. today at Mac's BBQ, 2400 W. Indiana Ave. macstexasbbq.com.

Aaron Einhouse, 9 p.m. Friday at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Tracy Byrd, Brian Mitson Band, 8 p.m. Saturday at KD's Bar B-Q, 3109 Garden City Highway. $25. 21 and older.

Chris Wayne Band, 9 p.m. Saturday at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Randall King Band, 9 p.m. Saturday at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

COVERS/TRIBUTE

3 OG, 6:30 p.m. Friday at Mac's BBQ, 2400 W. Indiana Ave. macstexasbbq.com.

Forgotten Road, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Someplace Else Bar, 7409 W Industrial Ave.

DJ/DANCE

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

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

The Patio's Summer Bash Series 6 pm. Saturday at Hacienda Event Center, 12600 State Highway 191. $7. Haciendamidland.com.

EXPERIMENTAL

Mantra Love (Pearland), Riala (Kansas City), Via Luna (Kansas City), 8 p.m. Saturday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

JAZZ

Alma Quartet, 5:30 p.m. today at Racquet Club of Midland, 3009 Racquet Club Drive.

West Texas @ 50 Jazz Party: Swing dance night with Houston Person, Nicki Parrott, Harry Allen and more. 7:30 p.m. Friday at MCM Elegante, 5200 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $25. wtjs.org.

West Texas @ 50 Jazz Party: The Four Freshmen, 5:30 p.m., Jazz Party, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at MCM Elegante, 5200 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $50. wtjs.org.

West Texas @ 50 Jazz Party 1 p.m. Sunday at MCM Elegante, 5200 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $50. wtjs.org.

KARAOKE

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

LATIN

Grupo El Duelo, 7 p.m. Friday at Far West, 5850 W. University Blvd., Odessa.

Luis Coronel, Chiquis Rivera, 8 p.m. Saturday at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $55. Haciendamidland.com.

POP

Short Stories, 5 p.m. Friday at Rue 432, 106 S. A St.

Egypt, 6 p.m. Friday at Steak 42, 911 S. Big Spring St.

Funky Munky, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

ROCK

Ronnie Eaton, 10 p.m. Friday at The Boardroom, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

Morktra (Biloxi), 7 p.m. Saturday at The Garage Coffee Music and More, 1110 N. Main St., Fort Stockton. All ages. Thegaragetx.com.

SPIRITUAL/INSPIRATIONAL

Big Perk, Saved, Skinny, 7 p.m. Friday at Music City Mall, 4101 E. 42nd St. Odessa. Free.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Midland RockHounds vs. Frisco RoughRiders. 7 p.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

Midland RockHounds vs. Corpus Christi Hooks. 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

10th Annual Victory Run, Walk and Ride, a 1 mile walk, 5K run and 34 mile bike ride benefiting Gifts of Hope. Registration at 7:30 a.m. and race starts at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

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

Midland RockHounds vs. Corpus Christi Hooks. 2 p.m. Sunday at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

Midland RockHounds vs. Corpus Christi Hooks. 6:30 p.m. Monday at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

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

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

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

SciFriday Film Series: "Barbarella." (PG) Although usually kid-friendly, this night will be for adults only. This year's theme is So Bad, They're Good. Screenings include snack bar for all ages, beer and wine for adults and general seating. Seats are first come first served. Parents should note film ratings. Doors at 7 p.m. June 3 at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Minions" Movie in the Park. Beginning at dusk Friday at Hill Park, 1301 W. Cuthbert Ave.

"Good Morning Howard" is this 2015 McLaren Award Winner. In the comedy, a 3 a.m. call by Howard to his former co-worker turns into an out of control situation. Through May 28 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

Comedy Night by Tall City Comedy featuring Willy Olguin, Dave Lonngren and Caleb Davis. 9:30 p.m. Friday at Bourbon ST. D.C., 120 N. Main St. Free. 21 and older.

COMING SOON

MAY

Waco and Julie, 6:30 p.m. May 26 at Mac's BBQ, 2400 W. Indiana Ave. macstexasbbq.com.

Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, 7:30 p.m. May 26 and 27 at The Globe Theatre of the Great Southwest, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa.

Walker McGuire, Abi Ann (country), 8 p.m. May 26 at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. Haciendamidland.com.

Leighton Fields, 6:30 p.m. May 27 at Mac's BBQ, 2400 W. Indiana Ave. macstexasbbq.com.

Boone Cooke and the Remains, 9 p.m. May 27 at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

The Darren Welch Group, 9 p.m., May 27 and 28 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Drive Big Bend is a series of driving tours through Big Bend and includes drive-in movies, car shows, poker run and more. May 27-29. All-access pass $110. Drivebigbend.com.

Justin Moore, 8 p.m. May 28 at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $45. haciendamidland.com.

Midland RockHounds vs. Springfield Cardinals. 6:30 p.m. May 31-June 1 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

JUNE

Art Show featuring works by local artists. 3-8 p.m. June 1 at Green Tree Country Club, 4900 Green Tree Blvd.

158 Breakdown, 6:30 p.m. June 2 at Mac's BBQ, 2400 W. Indiana Ave. macstexasbbq.com.

Midland RockHounds vs. Springfield Cardinals. 7 p.m. June 2 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

Craig Elliott, 6:30 p.m. June 3 at Mac's BBQ, 2400 W. Indiana Ave. macstexasbbq.com.

SciFriday Film Series: "Plan 9 From Outer Space." (unrated) This year's theme is So Bad, They're Good. Screenings include snack bar for all ages, beer and wine for adults and general seating. Seats are first come first served. Parents should note film ratings. Doors at 7 p.m. June 3 at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Midland RockHounds vs. Tulsa Drillers. 7 p.m. June 3-4 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

Hot Summer Nights: Beto and the Fairlanes, 7:30 p.m. June 3 at Noel Plaza, 321 W. 5th St; Odessa. Free. In the event of inclement weather, shows will be moved to Deaderick Auditorium at Odessa College. odessaarts.org.

Cory Dutton, 9 p.m., June 3 and 4 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Justin Langston, 9 p.m. June 3 at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Random Acts of Art: Bagstories. Students will learn the Japanese design style of creating a tsunobukuro bag with Australian artist India Flint. Advance registration is required. For ages 18 and older. Snacks and light lunch provided. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. June 4 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $350. Noelartmuseum.org.

Julieta Venegas, Elefante, 8 p.m. June 4 at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $50. Haciendamidland.com.

The Travis Parker Band, 8 p.m. June 4 at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Midland RockHounds vs. Tulsa Drillers. 2 p.m. June 5 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

Summer Sunday Lawn Concert featuring Weatherstone. 7:30 p.m. June 5 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

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

"Ragtime: The Musical," 7:30 p.m. June 6 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $45.50-$88. broadwayinthebasin.com.

"The Good Dinosaur" at Summer Movie Camp. 9:30 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3:30 p.m. June 7 at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. Ages 5 and up. $5. Petroleummuseum.org.

Little Chefs Basics for children age 6-12, 2 p.m. June 7 at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. $1

Junior Bug Camp: Bees for students K-3. Limit 15 children per camp session. June 8 and 10 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $12 members, $15 non. Sibleynaturecenter.org.

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

The Business of Art lecture series with Dr. Randolph Lewis, 6:30 p.m. June 10 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Inside Out" Movie in the Park. Beginning at dusk June 10 at Grafa Park, Midkiff Road and Ma Mar Avenue.

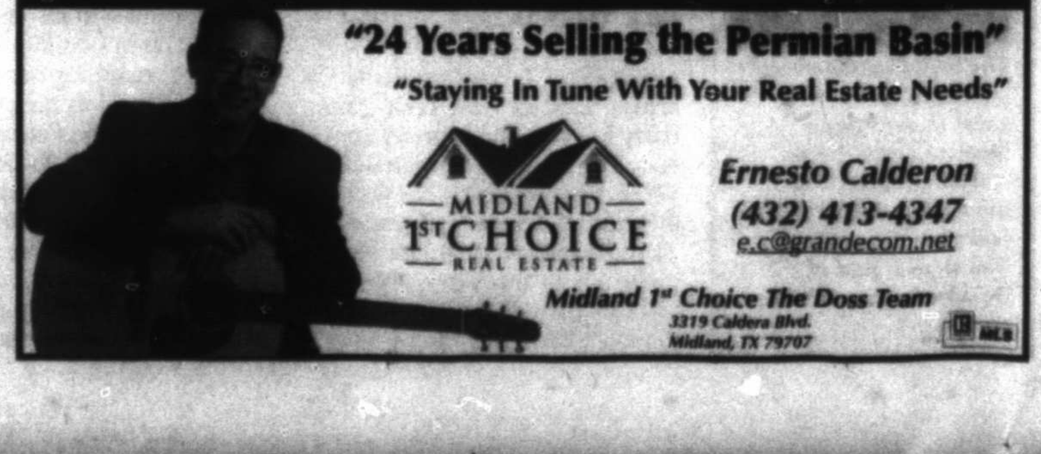
Hot Summer Nights: The Vinyl Stripes, 7:30 p.m. (sundown) June 10 at Noel Plaza, 321 W. 5th St; Odessa. Free. In the event of inclement weather, shows will be moved to Deaderick Auditorium at Odessa College. odessaarts.org.

Blue Cats, 9 p.m., June 10 and 11 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Walk with a Doc, sponsored by the Texas Medical Association, is a one-mile walk around Midland College to raise awareness of obesity and related diseases. Prior to the walk Dr. Manoher Gurru will give a brief lecture. 9 a.m. June 11 at Midland College Fine Arts Building, 3600 N. Garfield St.

Sawman, 8 p.m. June 11 at Beer Garden, 7112 West Highway 80.

Summer Sunday Lawn Concert featuring Midlandaires Band. 7:30 p.m. June 12 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.



EVENTS & MORE

'Neighbors 2' is a funny but ill-conceived retread



JOHN DEFORE
Hollywood Reporter

LOS ANGELES —

Heaven help the next generation of American women if "Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising" represents what Hollywood thinks of them. In Nicholas Stoller's sequel to his 2014 "Neighbors," even the with-it girls — the ones too freethinking to join a cookie-cutter sorority — are so dumb they make the bros in the first movie look like elder statesmen. Smarts aren't the point, of course — the reason these freshmen strike out on their own, renting a house next to Seth Rogen and Rose Byrne, is that they hunger for their very own place to get stoned. But in their awkward attempt to shoehorn these kids into the first pic's formula, Stoller and his writing collaborators care far less about creating believable characters than getting to the next laugh.

Those yuks are plentiful enough to ensure a reasonable box-office return. But viewers prone to worries about Hollywood's treatment of women — a fair chunk of whom are young students this film wants to attract — may be laughing less loudly than those around them.

In an uncharacteristically flat performance, Chloe Grace Moretz plays Shelby, who doesn't fit the Barbie mold at the sorority she's rushing, Phi Lambda. She sticks with rush even after learning that sororities can't host their own parties, and must go to frat houses to get wasted. But at her first such party, the rapey vibe is so intense (is a "No Means Yes!" banner perhaps too subtle a clue?) she and new friends Beth (Kiersey Clemons) and Nora (Beanie Feldstein) decide to start their own club.

The search for a party house to call their own leads them to the vacant home next door to Mac and Kelly Radner (Rogen & Byrne), who successfully ran Zac Efron and his crew out in the last picture. But how will three girls pay the $5,000 rent? Enter an unlikely mentor: Efron's Teddy Sanders, whose bros have done an astonishing amount of growing up in the two years since we saw them (and, in the case of Dave Franco's Pete, come out of the closet).

Mac and Kelly, getting set to have a second child, have just managed to sell this house and buy a bigger one in the suburbs. But this one is in escrow, with the new owners having 30 days to make random inspections and back out for any reason. Reasons like, say, a yard full of beer cans next door.

Teddy, looking to get even with his old neighbors (let's forget they actually patched things up after the last movie's parents-vs.-fratboys warfare), sets out to host parties so outlandish no prospective homebuyer could ignore them. But as they come into their own as party animals, the girls give Teddy the heave-ho, saying the most hurtful thing a low-IQ stud like this could hear: "You're not like us, dude, you're an old person." Teddy rebounds by joining Mac and Kelly in their attempt to shut the sorority down.

The ensuing back-and-forth assault is often funny, but doesn't work nearly as well as the first film's action. A set piece involving a massive weed heist at a tailgate party provides weird madcap action, and yes, it offers the frequently shirtless Efron the opportunity to strip-tease for panting college girls. But another involving iPhone sabotage is incoherent, depending on nonsensical responses from the adult victims.

The movie's neo-sorority villains are not the only brain-deprived characters onscreen — Teddy doesn't understand boiling water; Kelly's best friend is 8.97 months pregnant and doesn't know how labor works. But especially in a sequel that deprives its adult female lead of the comic opportunities she did so well with in the first film, their depiction here feels like a provocation to any woman or man in the crowd who yearns for more sentient female characters in pop culture.

"Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising," a Universal release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "crude sexual content including brief graphic nudity, language throughout, drug use and teen partying." Running time: 92 minutes.

MPAA rating definition for R: Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Gosling-Crowe chemistry livens uneven 'Nice Guys'



JOCELYN NOVECK
Associated Press

Take two charismatic actors. Give them characters that are, on the surface, totally incompatible. Plunk them into your basic whodunit, a mismatched team fighting fill-in-the-blank bad guys. Stir in some shoot-em-up action, and poof: You have a buddy cop movie, one of the most durable formulas in Hollywood.

Now, technically, Ryan Gosling and Russell Crowe don't play cops in "The Nice Guys," by writer-director Shane Black (who knows a thing about buddy cop movies, having written "Lethal Weapon" back in 1987.) One's a bumbling private investigator, the other a low-life hired enforcer. But the equation's the same, and like a buddy-cop movie (or a porn film — more on that later) the important thing isn't the plot. It's the chemistry.

Gosling and Crowe do have chemistry, and an obvious sense of humor which gets them far. They'd have gotten farther, though, if the movie, while at times hilarious, didn't have such an uneven feel, particularly a nasty edge that simply clashes with the desired jocular tone. Yes, there's such a thing as dark comedy, but this is a comedy that occasionally just makes you feel queasy. There were moments I knew I was supposed to be laughing but found myself scribbling in my notes: "hmm, funny but not?"

Then again, there are some inspired moments, such as when enforcer Jackson Healy (Crowe, paunchy and amiably violent) tracks down Holland March (Gosling — sweet, clumsy, effortlessly funny) in a men's room stall. March is understandably wary, considering Healy had broken his arm at their last meeting, leaving him howling on the kitchen floor like a wounded cat.

March also has his pants down. Watch Gosling juggle pointing a gun, keeping an annoying stall door open, and hiding his privates behind a magazine. It's top-notch physical comedy, and you'll laugh out loud. This has to be one of Gosling's most entertaining performances.

The plot isn't easy to explain (or grasp) quickly, but here goes: We're in 1970s Los Angeles, a city rife with smog, porn stars and ill-fitting suits. In a prelude, a young boy reaches under his parents' bed to inspect their "Playboy," featuring naked porn star Misty Mountain. Moments later, the same boy witnesses a horrific car crash in which a dying Mountain herself appears lying just as sexily — and naked — on her wrecked car. (Funny but not?)

What does Misty have to do with Amelia? Thanks for asking, but who knows? Amelia's a missing young woman that March has been hired to find. But Amelia herself has hired Healy to take care of the guys searching for her. At least one of them is March, which is how he ended up howling on that kitchen floor.

But there are bigger forces apparently engulfing Amelia: Corporate greed, and government malfeasance, and environmental activism — stuff like that. Also: Why does everyone involved in Misty Mountain's last porno keep dying?

Helping March and Healy figure it all out is March's whip-smart tween daughter, Holly (an appealing Angourie Rice), who keeps showing up when she's not supposed to. Holly, sort of a Nancy Drew but in an R-rated film, keeps ending up in peril, either to her life or her moral upbringing (the 13-year-old is forced to watch and discuss porn at one point). She's also a moral compass for Healy, at one point sweetly asking if he's just murdered a guy lying in the road while she went to get help, because that would be wrong. (Well, at least it gets him thinking.)

It all ends up in an incredibly energetic, chaotic shoot-em-up. It's fun in a manic sort of way, but it might have been more fun to clear away some of the dust — or smog — and just watch two charismatic pros spar with each other. Maybe in the sequel.

"The Nice Guys," a Warner Bros release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America "for violence, sexuality, nudity, language and brief drug use." Running time: 115 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

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

HEAT INDEX

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Jane Fonda still has its alluring undertones next to its campy schtick.

Beer and wine will be available for those of age along with a snack bar for everyone.

7 p.m. Friday at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free but it's first come, first serve. museumsw.org.

TRACY BYRD BRINGS THE COUNTRY TO KD'S

If you're suffering withdrawals from last week's Crudefest, then fret not because KD's Bar-B-Q has your country music fix in a big way. The restaurant welcomes Tracy Byrd to its sprawling lawn along with opener Brian Milson. We're glad KD's is opening up its space for more concerts as the venue is somewhat of a hidden oasis next to the highway. And it doesn't hurt if you're looking to score some barbecue while hearing some popular country hits at the same time.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show at 8 p.m. on Saturday at KD's Bar-B-Q, 3109 Garden City Hwy. $25. ticketfly.com.

"MOVIE IN THE PARK" SERIES DEBUTS

For families in search of a literal night out the City of Midland's Parks and Recreation Department will kick off "Movie in the Park" series with a free showing of "Minions" at C.J. Kelly Park, 5500 League Dr. Bring your kids, lawn chairs and blankets for this family-friendly event, which will begin around 8:45 p.m.

The full schedule is: "Minions," Friday at C.J. Kelly Park (5500 League Drive). "Inside Out," June 10 at Grafa Park (Midkiff Road & Ma-Mar Ave.). "Cinderella," June 24 at Hogan Park (1201 E. Wadley Ave.). "Jurassic World," July 8 at Butler Park (3801 Bluebird Lane). "The Peanuts Movie," July 22 at Fasken Park (2301 Humble Ave.). "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," Aug. 5 at Windlands Park (1001 W. Dengar Ave.). "Hotel Transylvania 2," Aug. 19 at Beal Park (5200 W. Wall St.).

FEST

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For MCT, the timing was a good opportunity.

"With the rising popularity of food trucks in Midland and Odessa, I have actually been trying to work something out with them," Smith said. "Plus the Moviola calls for a cook-off/food festival scene, so we intend to use the event to film for that."

A list of food trucks schedule for the event includes Beefy J's Roadside Diner, Halo Peno's, Midnight Munchies, Sweet Treats and More by Rosa, The Wandering Gourmet and TCB Mobile Catering.

All of the popcorn made to fuel Mummers will be unloaded during the event, which happens to be a coincidence, Smith said.

While the kernels will pop later, for now people will have to get their fix of Mummers fever by schmoozing around with the characters and dining on some local cuisine.

The 68th Season of Summer Mummers is titled "Midland's Master Munchie Maker or Are You Going To Eat That?" The show runs from June 3 to Sept. 3, and tickets go on sale May 25. Advanced reservations for groups of 11 or more are being taken now.

IF YOU GO

Mummers Food Truck Festival, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the parking lot next to the Yucca, 208 N Colorado St. summermummers.com.

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ON SCREEN



'ANGRY BIRDS'

'Angry Birds' movie will have you seeing Red



RICK BENTLEY
Fresno Bee

You'll known why the birds are so mad after seeing "The Angry Birds Movie." They've been saddled with a thin story, juvenile writing and a look that might be great for flying through the air but otherwise looks a little creepy.

The flying havoc that mimics the popular video game comes after a group of sea-going green pigs pay a visit to the quiet bird community. The only disruption is Red (Jason Sudeikis), a bird with anger management issues, who believes the pigs are up to no good.

The pigs initially appear friendly, a ruse to steal eggs. Quicker than you can say "ham and eggs," they grab the eggs and head back to their island. The egg-napping is an act of war and Red rallies the birds to respond in the form of being tossed at the walls of the pig castle.

This bird tossing is fun when you send the feathered fowl toward the obstacles while playing the game. But just sitting and watching bird after bird tossed into battle with a sling shot gets old fast.

"Angry Birds" writer Jon Vitti shows none of the wit, sarcasm or fun he displayed as the writer of a couple dozen scripts for "The Simpsons." There is such a black hole of jokes that the biggest attempt at humor is a long urination bit. Anytime a writer has to resort to bodily functions to get a laugh, there's a big problem.

And Vitti is so conflicted, the story has no direction. At times it is OK to get angry and at other times it is not condoned. The word angry is in the title, so going politically correct with the script doesn't work.

The film is yet another example of the waste of casting celebrities as the voices. It's bad enough that Bill Hader, Danny McBride and Maya Rudolph bring nothing extra to their voice work. But Sean Penn's Terence rarely speaks. "Angry Birds" is meant to appeal to youngsters. It's hard to imagine a 6-year-old boy tugging on his father's pants leg and asking, "Oh, father, can we see the latest Sean Penn movie?"

Sudeikis is OK as Red, but the role would have been stronger with someone who can go from zero to angry in a blink. If it has to be a celebrity, then someone with the emotional elasticity of a Jason Alexander would have been better.

The animation is good. But the limitations come from having to use the characters from the games that are little more than round shapes with feathers. In a movie like "Minions," the audience embraced the giggling group because they looked and acted funny. Most of the time the birds in this movie just lay an egg.

The makers of "Angry Birds," including directors Clay Kaytis and Fergal Reilly, should be worried after seeing the poor box office for "Ratchet and Clank," another recent release also based on a video game. It suffered from being too late to jump on the game's popularity. "Angry Birds" is flying into theaters about two years after the craze peaked. It's lining up to be just another in the long line of movies based on video games that have failed.

"Angry Birds" is loaded with so many problems it would be easy to get mad about wasting your time at the movie. The only saving grace is that it should keep anyone under the age of 6 entertained. Of course, you can do the same thing with the video game.

"Angry Birds"
1.5 out of 4 stars
Cast: Jason Sudeikis, Peter Dinklage, Sean Penn, Josh Gad, Bill Hader.
Directors: Clay Kaytis, Fergal Reilly
90 minutes
Rating: PG (rude humor, language)

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Reeled & Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

Ryan Reynolds was born to play 'Deadpool'

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Deadpool" (R) Reaching the screen was about 10 years in the making, but it was worth the wait. Marvel's edgy anti-hero is, well, a marvel to behold and no one on the planet could have played him better than Ryan Reynolds. Don't miss the opening credits; they're some of the film's funniest moments. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Regression" (R) Oops, I thought the film was called "Repression," which is what I'm going to try to do with my memory of watching it. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"Alpha and Omega: Dino Digs" (unrated) Although not a particularly impressive franchise to begin with, this new installment is especially disappointing and ridiculous. At about 47 minutes, though, the frustration is relatively short. **C**

"American Hero" (unrated) This week's other film about a brooding superhero is not nearly as much fun as "Deadpool," but it has its own, much lower-budget charm. **B-**

"Beyond Beyond" (PG) Cute, fluffy and nicely animated, but the best part is the four short films from Minuscule available in the bonus features. **B**

"The Boy" (PG-13) In the realm of horror movies about sinister dolls such as the recent "Robert" and "Annabelle," this film is far superior and genuinely chilling. However, it doesn't really compare to the greatest possessed doll franchise of all time: Chucky from "Child's Play," who is both scary and funny. **B**

"The Carrier" (unrated) Muddled and uneven, the story hits its stride only to completely alienate its audience with a ridiculous plot hole. **C-**

"Creative Control" (R) As clever as the concept might seem, the "Terminator" screens are exhausting and unnecessary. **D**

"The Hallows" (unrated) The creatures are amazing achievements in design. It's just too bad you get to see more of them in the featurettes than you do in the actual film. **C+**

"Manson's Lost Girls" (TV 14) This is one of the most historically accurate portrayals of Charlie Manson and his followers, which is almost unfathomable considering that it's a Lifetime movie. **B**

"National Lampoon: Drunk Stoned Brilliant Dead" (unrated) Documentary about the history of the fabled magazine is funny and wildly entertaining, yet seems to focus too much on the efforts of its immature sex-starved staff's misogyny more than their actual accomplishments. **B+**

"Rise" (unrated) Australian prison film based on a true story is both compelling and forgettable. **B-**

"Synchronicity" (R) Worst time-travel movie since "A Sound of Thunder." **D**

"Where to Invade Next" (R) Michael Moore's latest documentary gets off to a slow start and it looked like the angry progressive was starting to lose his touch. But as he starts pointing out the inequities invented by Americans that are used only abroad, he hits his stride. **B+**

TOP RENTALS

The Top 10 DVD rentals at Redbox kiosks for the week of May 9:

1. The 5th Wave — Sony
2. The Choice — Lionsgate
3. Sisters (2015) — Universal
4. Regression — Weinstein
5. Daddy's Home — Paramount
6. Point Break (2015) — Warner
7. Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip — Fox
8. Creed — Warner
9. Star Wars: The Force Awakens — Disney
10. Norm of the North — Lionsgate

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FILM CAPS

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

"Captain America: Civil War" (PG-13) Chris Evans returns as Steve Rogers and faces off against Robert Downey Jr.'s Iron Man as the Avengers split into feuding factions. With Scarlett Johansson. Written by Christopher Markus & Stephen McFeely. Directed by Anthony & Joe Russo. Imax 3D.

"The Darkness" (PG-13) Supernatural forces haunt a family after its return from a Grand Canyon vacation. With Kevin Bacon, Radha Mitchell, David Mazouz. Written by Greg McLean, Shayne Armstrong and S.P. Krause. Directed by McLean.

"Green Room" (R) A shabby white-power outpost in the Oregon boondocks becomes a grim last stand for a nomadic band of college-age punk rockers in the demonically gripping film, the latest tense, brutal genre triumph for writer-director Jeremy Saulnier.

"The Huntsman: Winter's War" (PG-13) Queen Ravenna's ice queen sister Freya returns home to avenge her sister's death. With Chris Hemsworth, Charlize Theron, Emily Blunt, Jessica Chastain. Written by Evan Spiliotopoulos and Craig Mazin. Directed by Cedric Nicolas-Troyan.

"The Jungle Book" (PG) Director Jon Favreau guides this live action and CGI version of Rudyard Kipling's tale, which follows the adventures of the raised-by-wolves boy Mowgli. With Neel Sethi and the voices of Bill Murray, Ben Kingsley, Idris Elba. Written by Justin Marks.

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

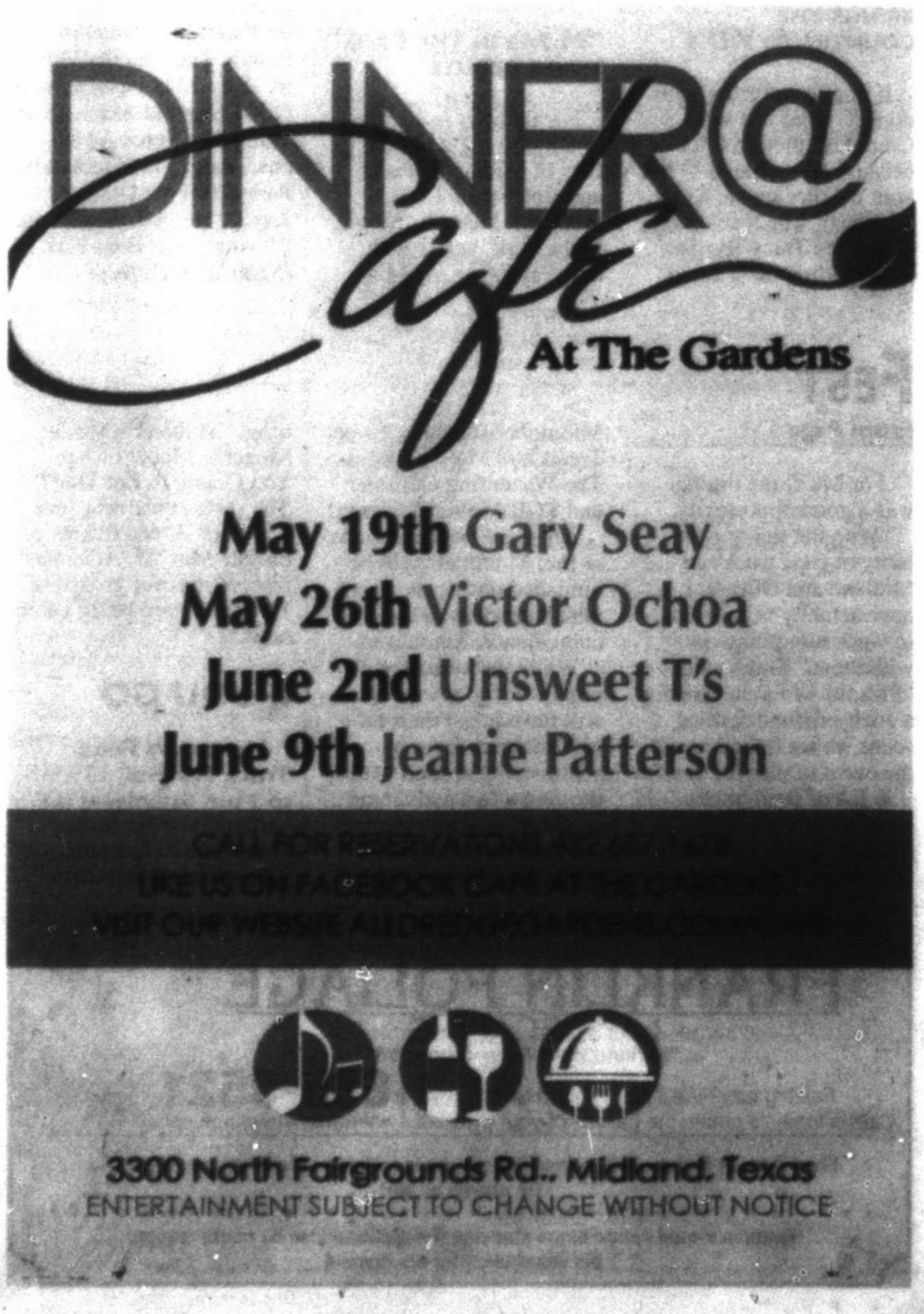
"Mother's Day" (PG-13) Another holiday-themed romantic comedy of ensemble stories from director Garry Marshall. With Julia Roberts, Jennifer Aniston, Kate Hudson. Written by Lily Hollander and Anya Kochoff Romano.

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

"The Nice Guys" (R) Russell Crowe and Ryan Gosling team as a muscle-for-hire and a private eye in this 1970s-set action comedy. With Angourie Rice. Written by Shane Black & Anthony Bagarozzi. Directed by Black.

"Zootopia" (PG) Rookie cop Judy Hopps — a bunny — teams with slick con-artist fox Nick Wilde to solve a mystery in Disney's 55th animated feature. Voices by Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman, Shakira. Directed by Byron Howard, Rich Moore, co-directed by Jared Bush.

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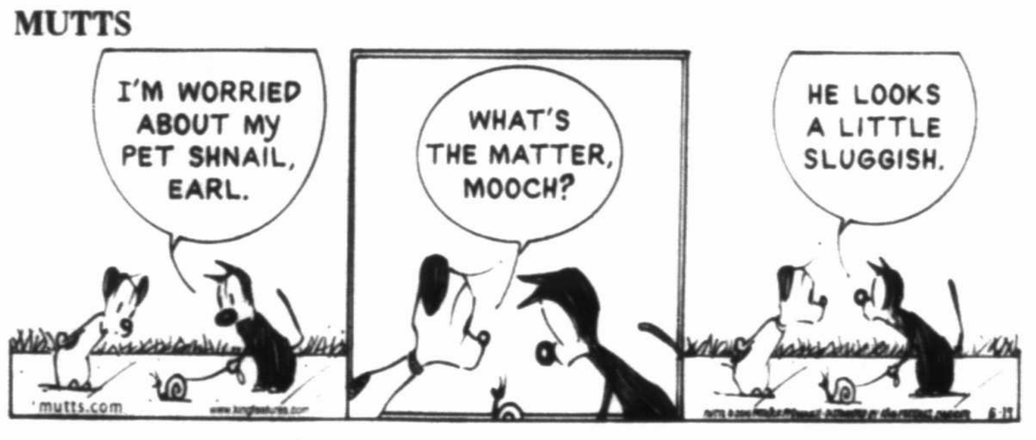
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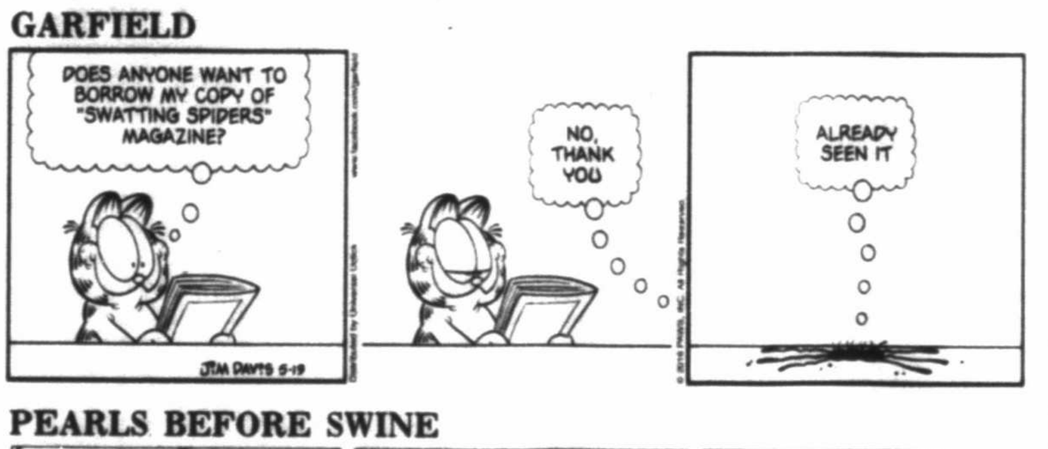
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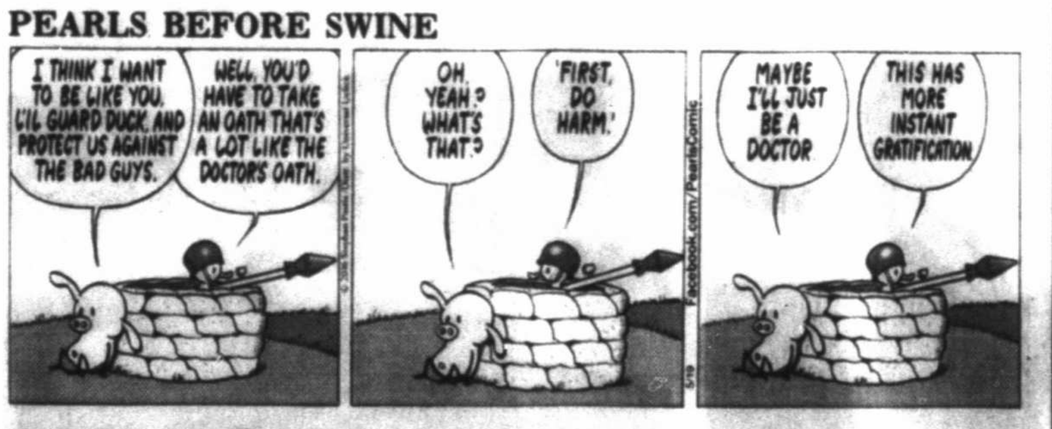


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EL BANQUETE Traditional Mexican cuisine such as soft beef and pork tacos. Breakfast burritos, fajitas and enchiladas. 1802 Rankin Highway 620-0123 | $ | 2 spoons

EL BURRITO RESTAURANT Serving burritos for more than 30 years. Breakfast and lunch burritos on homemade tortillas and other Tex-Mex favorites. Also known for their burgers. 1106 N. Big Spring St. 683-9701 | $ | 4 spoons

FAJITAS BRAVO Delicious and tender beef and chicken fajita burritos. Or try nachos, burgers, quesadillas or barbecue. 409 E. Scharbauer Drive 682-6848 | $ | 3 spoons

FREEBIRDS Create your own burrito, tacos, nacho, salad or bowl with fillings that range from cilantro lime rice, black beans and tomatillo sauce to carnitas, queso and pico de gallo. 3322 N. Loop 250 West www.freebirds.com 689-9100 | $ | 4 spoons

GARCIA'S BURRITOS Pick up a breakfast burrito for $2 starting at 7:30 a.m. on weekdays. Or try a fajita plate with beans, rice, guacamole and sour cream. 1306 N. Lamesa Road 684-4383 | $ | 2 spoons

GERARDO'S CASITA Try the tortilla soup or the fajitas. Don't forget a margarita from the full-service bar. 2407 N. Big Spring St. 570-8012 www.gerardoscasita.net | $ | 4 spoons

JORGE'S CAFÉ Serving Tex-Mex fare. Jorge's does a simple queso without chunks of peppers or tomatoes — you'll either love it or hate it. Two locations. 3323 Midland Dr #100, 689-0032 & 4400 N. Big Spring St. 683-6303 www.jorges.com | $ | 4 spoons

JUMBURRITO Drive-through or eat-in for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Try the stewmeat with cheese and avocado and smother it with queso and/or jumburritos' hot sauce. Expect a line for weekend breakfast. 1301 Lamesa Road, 682-5060 | 2101 W. Wadley Ave., 683-7017 | 908 S. Midkiff Road, 689-0350 | 4509 N. Midkiff Road, 689-3894 | www.jumburrito.com | 4 spoons

LA BODEGA MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND BAR Try the chile rellenos — stuffed with beef, chicken, cheese or shrimp, deep-fried and topped with red sauce, sour cream, pecans and raisins — or the rueda, described on the menu as a Mexican pizza. The upstairs bar allows smoking and keeps later hours than the restaurant. 2700 N. Big Spring St. 684-5594 www.mylabodega.com | $ | 4 spoons

LA HERRADURA MEXICAN CUISINE Go for breakfast and try the huevos rancheros with beans, potatoes and tortillas. Menudo, caldo de res and cabrito en salsa verde on the weekends. 1422 Rankin Highway 687-3000 | $ | 2 spoons

LA MISION Festive, colorful restaurant with great Tex-Mex favorites. In a hurry? Go for the lunch buffet. 1008 S. Big Spring St. 682-0320 | $ | 4 spoons

MANUEL'S AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD Home of the "Son of a Gun" plate — a 90 percent lean hamburger steak with onions, jalapeno gravy, beans, potatoes and tortillas — Manuel's also is known for its hot sauce. After you try it you can buy some to take home with you. 3905 Texas 349 www.manuelsdeli.com 682-2258 | $ | 4 spoons

OSCAR'S SUPER BURRITO Serving Lee High School students, and other loyal customers, for years, Oscar's offers almost endless choices of burritos and other Tex-Mex favorites for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Try the brisket and cheese burrito and don't skimp on the salsa. 4306 Neely Ave. | 699-0242 | 4 spoons

PENO'S CAFÉ & CATERING COMPANY Try the tacos or the variety of breakfast burritos. Some menu items can be bought by the pound. Order tamales by the dozen. 4305 W. Illinois Ave. 262-5720 Facebook: Café J-Peno | $ | 3 spoons

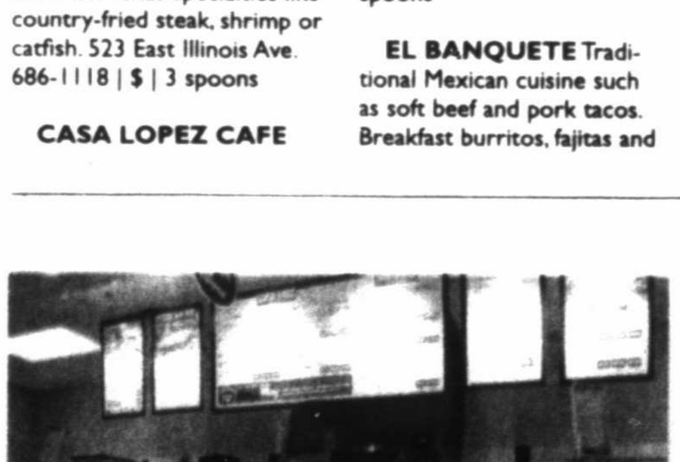
REYNA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT An order of fajitas is too much for one person to eat, but they're so good you'll try anyway. 3601 W. Wall St. 699-2109 | $ | 4 spoons

ROMIE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANTE Don't underestimate this hole-in-the-wall restaurant serving traditional Tex-Mex fare. Quick service, daily specials and delicious food. 701 S. Marienfeld St. 432-683-5344 | $ | 3 spoons

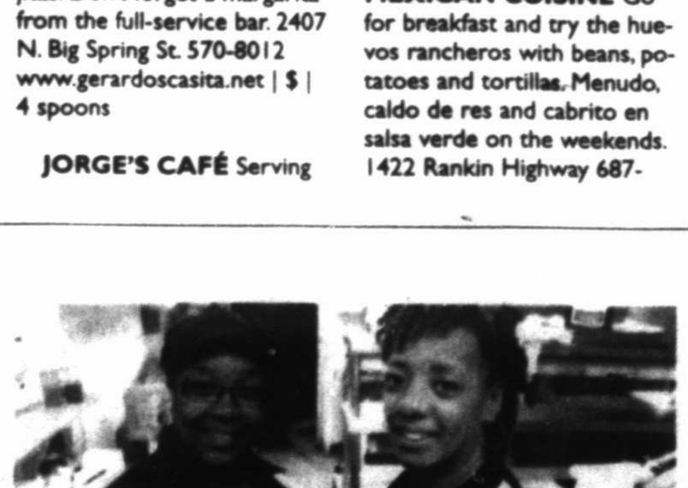
ROSA'S CAFÉ & TORTILLA FACTORY If you're a native Midlander, you get it. If you're not, try the queso and tortillas or the chicken fajitas with queso or the combo burritos. It's worth the long drive-through lines. 903 Andrews Highway 520-2358 2501 N. Big Spring St. 620-0634 | 4301 N. Midland Drive 520-0489 | $ | 4 spoons

SEDONA MEXICAN GRILL & CANTINA Sit on the patio and enjoy drin[illegible]d chile con carne queso before your meal. Live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays. 2101 W. Wadley Ave., # 45 www.sedonamexicancantina.com 570-9600 | $ | 4 spoons

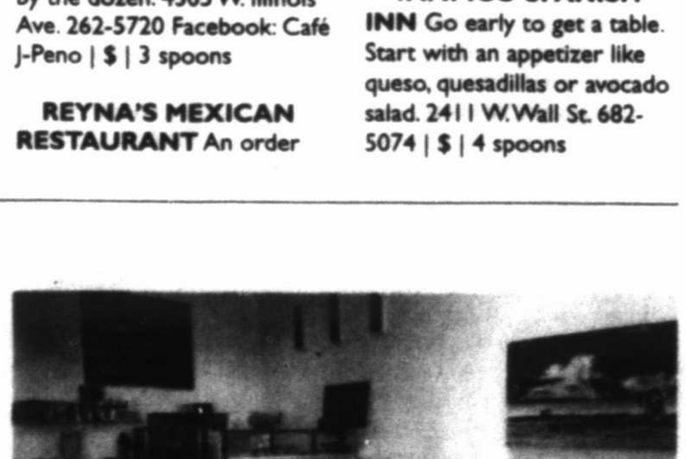
TAMPICO SPANISH INN Go early to get a table. Start with an appetizer like queso, quesadillas or avocado salad. 2411 W. Wall St. 682-5074 | $ | 4 spoons



JERSEY MIKE'S SUBS
4400 N. MIDLAND DRIVE | 695-9990



TASTE OF CHICAGO
1100 E. ILLINOIS AVE. | 682-3200



TASTE@508
508 W. WALL ST. | 687-1755

DELI

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 www.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 www.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

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 www.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

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 www.smilingmoosedeli.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 www.swensons.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

TASTE OF CHICAGO Start with the Italian beef sandwich, add spicy or mild peppers, cheese or cheese sauce and decide if you want it dipped in au jus. You may be surprised that you can — and will — finish the whole thing. 1100 E. Illinois Ave. 682-3200 www.letseat.at/t_o_chicago | $ | 5 spoons

Motivated Spieth back home at Nelson

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

IRVING — Jordan Spieth is back home, at the tournament he and his father have hopped a fence to watch and at the TPC course where as a 16-year-old he played his first PGA Tour event.

Now 22 and the No. 2 player in the world, Spieth has the same ranking he had going into the AT&T Byron Nelson last year — though he has since reached No. 1 and then fallen back to second behind Jason Day, who has won seven of his past 17 tournaments.

"I'm looking to get that back ... definitely there's some motivation there. He's playing his game. He believes his game is better than anybody else's and he's on his game," Spieth said.

"What he's doing right now, I think I can win the next two events and I'm still not going to surpass him in the World Rankings. He's separated himself and that bothers me and it motivates me."

Day went wire-to-wire for a four-shot victory at The Players Championship last week. But Day, who got his first PGA Tour victory at TPC Four Seasons in 2010, won't play the Nelson for the third year in a row.

Spieth played the first two rounds at The Players with Day, who was 15 under during that span and won with the same score.

But Spieth missed the cut in his first tournament since squandering a five-shot lead on the back nine at Augusta in April and missed the chance to win consecutive Masters titles.

What Spieth revealed after making a 15-foot birdie putt on his last hole at The Players was that he felt as if he was beating himself up on the course too much, and needed to do a better job being positive and having

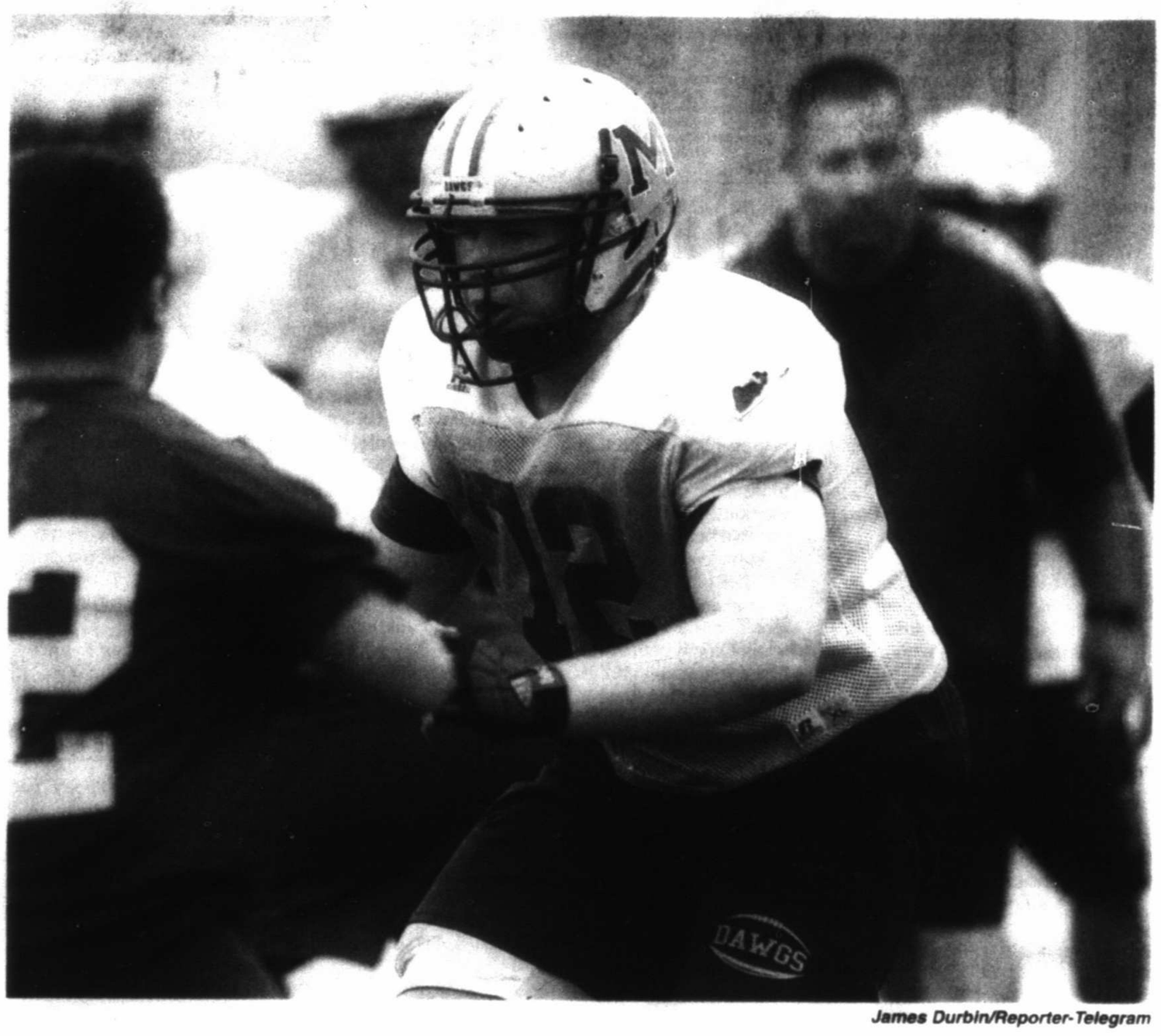
Please see **SPIETH**/4C



AP file photos

At left, in a May 20, 2010, file photo, Jordan Spieth, 16, a junior at Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas, watches his shot off the 12th tee during the first round of the Byron Nelson golf tournament in Irving. At right, in a May 28, 2015, file photo, Jordan Spieth watches his tee shot on the third hole during the first round of the Byron Nelson golf tournament, in Irving.

BACK IN THE SADDLE



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High offensive tackle Paxton Heiting is photographed during team practice Tuesday at Memorial Stadium.

MHS' Heiting excited to be back on gridiron

By Christopher Hadorn
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There might not be a Midland High football player more joyous about spring practice than offensive tackle Paxton Heiting.

Heiting has been back on the field at Memorial Stadium over the last four weeks after missing 10 of the Bulldogs' 11 games in 2015 because of a fractured and dislocated left ankle.

Heiting, now a senior and anchor of the MHS' offensive line, will cap off his spring session today when the Bulldogs hold their annual spring football game at 7 p.m. at Grande Communications Stadium.

"It feels really good to be back," Heiting said. "I've been wanting to get back into pads so it's been great."

"It's been an experience. It's taught me to appreciate (football) a lot more."

Prior to the 2015 season, Heiting was the stalwart of Midland High's then green and inexperienced offensive line, having started 11 games as a sophomore.

More information

Midland High Spring Game
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Grande Communications Stadium

But only one game into the season, the Bulldogs were already facing major adversity when Heiting was injured during a 4-yard touchdown run by quarterback Brady Bolger in the fourth quarter of a 35-28 loss to Keller.

"We called a counter and I just blocked down," Heiting said. "As I was blocking my man down, the quarterback ran in the end zone behind me and I guess the corner that missed the tackle landed on my ankle. It ended up fracturing and dislocating my ankle.

"I have never broken a bone until then. I just heard a snap. I didn't know what happened and I looked down and my ankle was sideways. That's when I knew."

Heiting said the support that he got from his family, friends, teammates and coaches meant the world to him during a trying time.

The 6-foot-3, 280 pound senior said that he waited for four hours in emergency room to get treatment for his ankle injury, and that he underwent surgery the following morning.

After surgery, it took Heiting a few days of recovery at home before he returned to school and got back into his daily routine.

"I couldn't walk on it for three months," Heiting said. "I couldn't put any pressure on it so I had a scooter, which was an experience. Then after that, I started walking on crutches. I had a screw in my ankle. I got that taken out and I was able to walk on my own."

But the toughest part for Heiting might have been watching MHS labor through a rollercoaster 4-7 season marred by injuries.

"It was pretty frustrating because you couldn't do anything," Heiting said.

Please see **HEITING**/4C

Chaps tied for 3rd after 2 rounds of national tourney

From staff reports

MELBOURNE, FLA. — The Midland College golf team sits in a tie for third place after second round play of the NJCAA Men's National Golf Tournament at Duran Golf Club.



McCubbin



Murray

The Chaparrals shot a 286 and have a two-round total of 571 to be in a tie with two-time defending national champion Indian Hills Community College, McLennan Community College and fellow Western Junior College Athletic Conference foe Western Texas College are in a tie for first place with 567 totals.

WJCAC rival Odessa College is in seventh place with a 580 total.

MC coach Delnor Poss said the team had a good day, but No. 1 golfer Stefan Cronje struggled as he shot a 79 after shooting a 68 on Tuesday. Wednesday's round is a rarity for Cronje, who came into the tournament as the nation's leader with a 69.46 scoring average.

"Stefan Cronje had a terrible day and we certainly hope he recovers for (today's) important round," Poss said.

Leading the Chaps on Wednesday was freshman Ben Murray, who shot a 69 on Wednesday. His 141 total puts him in 10th place in the medalist standings.

Poss said Murray had five birdies, two bogeys and 11 pars.

"It was a really good performance under some difficult situations," said Poss, referring to a soggy course.

Sophomore and Andrews grad Casey Fowler had a steady day with 15 pars, one birdie and two bogeys for a 73. Fellow sophomore and Midland High grad Lucas McCubbin shot a 2-under par 70 after 12 pars, four birdies and two bogeys. MC Cubbin's two-round total of 142 puts him in a tie for 11th place. Freshman Hudson Ross had 14 pars, two birdies, one bogey and one double bogey for his 74.

The majority of the field had to play more than a round of golf on Wednesday after inclement weather suspended play on Tuesday. MC was one of six teams to complete its first round on Tuesday.

The third of four rounds will be played

Please see **CHAPS**/4C

Derby winner Nyquist draws No. 3 post as Preakness favorite

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Doug O'Neill couldn't have done any better if he picked Nyquist's post position himself.

After Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist landed the No. 3 post for the Preakness in a blind draw Wednesday, O'Neill looked like a man with a winning lottery ticket.

"The 3 is exactly what I wanted," O'Neill said. "... We're very optimistic that we're going to break good and get into position."

Unbeaten in eight races, Nyquist was made the overwhelming 3-5 favorite among 11 horses in Saturday's race.

His selection as the best horse in the field was justified, according to Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, who will saddle new shooter Collected.

"I'd probably be surprised if he didn't win," Baffert said about Nyquist. "He's going to be tough to beat."

Secretariat started from the 3-hole to win the 1973 Preakness, but California Chrome in 2014 was the only horse to win from third post since 1993.

Starting from the 13th post position in the Derby, Nyquist won the 20-horse race by 1 1/4 lengths over Exaggerator.

Nyquist can expect far less traffic against a smaller field at the Preakness, which covers 1 3/16th miles at Pimlico Race Course.

"He's a very mature horse that has speed away from the gate," O'Neill said. "And he doesn't like to lose."

O'Neill enters the Preakness seeking to keep alive his hopes of winning the Triple Crown. A year ago, American Pharoah became the 12th Triple Crown winner and the first since Affirmed in 1978.

Exaggerator has the best odds behind Nyquist at 3-1. The horse, trained by Keith Desormeaux, drew the fifth post position.

"Being that Nyquist is speed oriented, he'll probably get pressed from the outside," Desormeaux said. "It may make him go a little faster. That could be tactically advantageous for us."

Exaggerator has finished behind Nyquist on four different occasions, but Desormeaux hopes things will be different on Saturday.

"We respect what he's done," Desormeaux said, "but we're hopeful of turning the tables."

Stradavari, at 8-1, was the third choice, as selected by Pimlico handicapper Keith Feustle.

Trainer Todd Pletcher, asked his reaction to having Stradavari starting outside at 11, said, "I'm happy with it. The good thing is you can kind of dictate things instead of them being dictated to you."

The race is scheduled for around 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. The field includes Lani, a Japanese-bred horse who finished ninth in the Derby, and eight new shooters.

Lani will start from the No. 6 post, which has produced 16 Preakness winners — most of any starting spot.

"He wanted the outside draw and No. 6 is technically outside, so he is pretty much satisfied," said Soshi Inoue, spokesman for trainer Mikio Matsunaga.

'HOUNDSWATCH

TUESDAY'S SCORE
Frisco 11, Midland 8, 15 innings

TODAY'S GAMES
Frisco at Midland, 4:30 p.m.

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RECORDS
Frisco 25-12
Midland 20-17

Tuesday	Wednesday	Today	Friday	Saturday
Frisco 11, Midland 8, 15 innings	Frisco at Midland, postponed	Frisco at Midland, 4:30 p.m., DH	Frisco at Midland, 7:00 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Hawthorn vs. Sydney, 4:30 a.m., FS2

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Maryland at Michigan State, 2 p.m., BTN
Florida at LSU, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Ole Miss at Texas A&M, 6 p.m., SEC
Baylor at Texas, 6 p.m., LHN
West Virginia at Texas Tech, 6:30 p.m., FSSW
Dallas Baptist at Wichita State, 6:30 p.m., ESPN3

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
NCAA Regional: Louisville vs. Nebraska, 4:30 p.m., ESPN2
NCAA Regional: BYU at Missouri, 7 p.m., ESPN2

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

CYCLING
Giro d'Italia, Stage 12: Ponte to Roccaraso, 7:30 a.m., beIN, beIN2
Tour of California, Stage 5: Lodi to South Lake Tahoe, 4 p.m, NBCSN

GOLF
2016 Regions Tradition, 1st Round, Noon, GOLF
PGA: AT&T Byron Nelson, 1st Round, 3 p.m., GOLF
Web.com: BMW Charity Pro-Am, 1st Round, 6 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: Kingsmill Championship, 1st Round, 8 p.m., GOLF
IIHF
Quarterfinal: USA vs. Czech Republic, 8 a.m., NBCSN
Quarterfinal: Canada vs. Sweden, Noon, NBCSN

MLB
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 12:30 p.m., MLB
Washington at NY Mets, 6 p.m., MLB
Houston at Chicago White Sox, 7 p.m., ROOT

MEN'S SOCCER
Toulon International U-21: Guinea vs. Paraguay, 10:30 a.m., beIN, beIN2
Toulon International U-21: England vs. Portugal, 12:20 p.m., beIN, beIN2
Bundesliga Relegation Playoff, Leg 1: Eintracht Frankfurt vs. 1. FC Nurnberg, 1:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
Copa Libertadores: Boca Juniors vs. Club Nacional (URU), 6 p.m., FXDEP
Liga MX Semifinal, Leg 1: Leon vs. Pachuca, 8 p.m., NBCU
Copa Libertadores: Atletico Nacional vs. CA Rosario Central, 8:30 p.m., FXDEP

MOTORSPORTS
Camping World Truck Series: NC Education Lottery 200, Final Practice, 3:30 p.m., FS1

NBA
Eastern Conference Final, Gm 2: Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

NHL
Western Conference Final, Gm 3: St. Louis at San Jose, 7 p.m., NBCSN

RUGBY
NRL: North Queensland vs. Brisbane, 4:30 a.m., FSP

ON RADIO

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Frisco at Midland, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

FOOTBALL
MHS Spring Game, 7 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium

Junior college

GOLF
MC at NJCAA National Tournament, Melbourne, Fla.

ROCKHOUNDS BRIEF

ROCKHOUNDS-FRISCO POSTPONED, WILL PLAY DOUBLEHEADER TODAY

Wednesday night's Midland RockHounds' game against the Frisco RoughRiders at Security Bank Ballpark was postponed because of rain.

The game will be made up as apart of a doubleheader beginning at 4:30 p.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark. The doubleheader will consist of two seven-inning games.

This is the second game this week that has been postponed for the RockHounds as Sunday's series finale at San Antonio got postponed because of rain until June.

LOCAL SPORTS

DUTCHOVER WINS AT GOLDEN GLOVES

SALT LAKE CITY — Midland boxer Michael Dutchover defeated Gerffred Olingou, of Buffalo, New York, by a 5-0 decision to win his opening 132-pound weight division bout of the Golden Gloves National Tournament of Champions on Wednesday at the Salt Palace Convention Center.

Dutchover is a senior at Midland High.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled RHP Noe Ramirez from Pawtucket (IL) as 26th man for Wednesday's doubleheader.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned OF Tyler Naquin to Columbus (IL). Recalled RHP Mike Clevinger from Columbus.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Recalled RHP Alec Mills from Northwest Arkansas (TL) as 26th man for Wednesday's doubleheader. Sent 3B Mike Moustakas to Northwest Arkansas and LHP Mike Minor to Omaha (PCL) for rehab assignments. Selected the contract of INF-OF Whit Merrifield from Omaha. Optioned INF Christian Colon to Omaha. Designated OF Jose Martinez for assignment.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Placed C Geovany Soto on the 15-day DL. Recalled C Jett Bandy from Salt Lake (PCL).

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned INF-OF Jose Peraza and RHP Layne Somsen to Louisville (IL). Recalled RHP Jumbo Diaz from Louisville. Selected the contract of RHP Keyvius Sampson from Louisville. Transferred RHP Homer Bailey to the 60-day DL.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Reinstated RHP Miguel Castro from the 15-day DL and optioned him to Albuquerque (PCL).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned INF Charlie Culberson to Oklahoma City (PCL). Reinstated RHP Mike Bolsinger from the 15-day DL.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Assigned LHP Michael Kirkman outright to Colorado Springs (PCL).

NEW YORK METS — Optioned LHP Sean Gilmartin to Las Vegas (PCL). Recalled INF Matt Reynolds from Las Vegas.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Sent RHP Michael Mariot to Lehigh Valley (IL) for a rehab assignment.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Activated 2B Alexi Amarista from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Taylor Cisnero to El Paso (PCL). Acquired OF Jabari Blash from Seattle Mariners for a player to be named or cash and assigned him outright to El Paso.

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released LHPs David Napoli and Derek Callahan and Cs Drew Carlile and Juan Carlos Torres.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released OF Anthony Chelly.

JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed C Michael Pair and OF Zak Burling.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Released RHP Jason Townsend.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Released LHP Francisco Gracesqui.

WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released RHP Robert Mosebach and C Tyler Brown.

Can-Am League

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Released INFs Roberto Ramirez and Johnny Cole and RHP Andrew Worth.

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed RHPs Luis Pardo and Karl Gelinas and C Scott David.

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Released C Bryan DeLaRosa, INFs Luis Gonzalez and Nick Lombard and OF Hunter Lockwood.

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Released RHP Vaughn Hayward.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed C Simon Gravel. RHP Kaohi Downing and INF Delvis Morales.

Frontier League

FLORENCE FREEDOM — Acquired LHP Stetson Nelson from Gary SouthShore (AA) for a player to be named.

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed LHP Brent Chobanian.

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed RHP Ryan Richardson.

BASKETBALL

USA BASKETBALL — Named Mike Jones men's assistant basketball coach for the 2016 U17 World Championship Team.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed OL Laurence Gibson.

BUFFALO BILLS — Placed RB Dri Archer on the reserve/did not report list.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed S Shawn Williams to a four-year contract extension and G Christian Westerman.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived PK Brad Craddock. Claimed PK Jaden Oberkrom off waivers from Jacksonville.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed CB Anthon Brown, S Kavon Frazier and RBs Ezekiel Elliott and Darius Jackson.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed S Jermaine Whitehead.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed DL David Onyemata to a four-year contract.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed DL Jihad Ward.

MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR — Fine Keith Rodden, the crew chief for driver Kasey Kahne, $25,000 and docked Kahne 15 points in the standings, and the Hendrick Motorsports No. 5 team lost 15 points in the owners' standings for a failing post-race inspection.

TENNIS

USTA — Named Amy Choyne chief marketing officer.

COLLEGE

NCAA — Approved a medical hardship waiver for a sixth year of eligibility for Illinois men's basketball C Mike Thorne Jr.

BUTLER — Agreed to terms with men's basketball coach Chris Holtmann on a contract extension through the 2021-22 season.

COLORADO STATE — Announced senioire football C Paul Thurston is transferring to the team from Nebraska.

ILLINOIS — Named Dee Brown director of men's basketball player development and alumni relations.

KENTUCKY — Announced freshman men's basketball G/F Charles Matthews has been granted a full release and will transfer.

SOUTH CAROLINA — Announced freshman F Raymond Doby is leaving S.C. basketball program and F Kory Holden if transferring from Delaware.

UNLV — Named Ben Loorz swimming and diving coach.

WASHINGTON (MD.) — Announced the retirement of director of athletics Dr. Bryan Matthews, effective this summer.

Cavs 9-0 in these playoffs, and joining rarefied NBA air

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Starting a postseason 9-0 does not guarantee a championship.

Neither does 10-0. Or even 11-0, for that matter. But the Cleveland Cavaliers surely aren't complaining about where they are right now, as their perfect postseason run continues.

Cleveland's 115-84 victory over Toronto in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals on Tuesday night pushed the Cavaliers' record in these playoffs to 9-0, and they became just the fifth team to start a postseason with that many consecutive wins.

Here's a rundown of the best starts in NBA playoff history:

11-0, Los Angeles Lakers, 1989 — The Lakers swept the first three rounds of the playoffs (the first round was best-of-five then), storming their way into the NBA Finals. And the title series was also a sweep, albeit of the variety that the Lakers didn't want. The Detroit Pistons won the series 4-0, ending the Lakers' reign as NBA champions in what would be the last games for Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

11-0, Los Angeles Lakers, 2001 — This time, 11-0 was a precursor to a title. The Lakers swept Portland (3-0), Sacramento (4-0) and San Antonio (4-0) in the Western Conference playoffs. "Custer had no idea. That's my statement. Figure it out. The roll they're on is ridiculous," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said after the West finals ended. The Lakers lost Game 1 of the NBA Finals to Philadelphia, then took the next four to finish 15-1 and as world champions.

10-0, San Antonio Spurs, 2012 — The Spurs ended the regular season on a 10-game winning streak, then won their first 10 games in the playoffs. They swept Utah and the Los Angeles Clippers in the first two rounds, then took the first two games of the West finals against Oklahoma City. And then they promptly lost their next four games, getting ousted by the Thunder in a stunning freefall. The Thunder went to the NBA Finals, falling to LeBron James and the Miami Heat in five games.

9-0, Los Angeles Lakers, 1982 — Pat Riley was in his first postseason, having gotten the job as Lakers coach in an in-season change. Los Angeles had a first-round bye, then beat Phoenix and San Antonio by 4-0 counts to get to the NBA Finals. The Lakers won Game 1 of the title series in Philadelphia to take control, and wound up prevailing in six games for one of what is now nine championship rings as a coach, player and executive for Riley.

9-0, Cleveland Cavaliers, 2016 — Want similarities with Riley's rookie season? Tyronn Lue is in his first postseason as Cavaliers coach, getting the job in an in-season change. (Sound familiar?) And here's Cleveland, 9-0 and off to the same start as the Lakers were in Riley's first season. No coach has ever started 10-0 in his playoff career, and that's the opportunity Lue will have in Game 2 of this series against the Raptors.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Monday
Oklahoma City 108, Golden State 102, Oklahoma City leads series 1-0

Tuesday
Cleveland 115, Toronto 84, Cleveland leads series 1-0

Wednesday
Golden State 118, Oklahoma City 91, series tied 1-1

Thursday
Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 22
Golden State at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 23
Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24
Golden State at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25
x-Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 26
x-Oklahoma City at Golden State, 8 p.m.

Friday, May 27
x-Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 28
x-Golden State at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 29
x-Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 30
x-Oklahoma City at Golden State, 8 p.m.

Crosby, Kessel help Penguins beat Lightning

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Sidney Crosby, Phil Kessel and Chris Kunitz scored third-period goals, helping the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-2 in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals Wednesday night.

Carl Hagelin snapped a scoreless tie late in the second period and Matt Murray had 26 saves for the Penguins, who took a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Game 4 is Friday night at Amalie Arena.

Crosby's power-play goal restored a two-goal lead midway through the final period. Kunitz also beat goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy from the right circle to make it 4-1.

Tyler Johnson and Ondrej Palat scored for the Lightning. They have lost two straight after winning the series opener in Pittsburgh. The defending Eastern Conference champions were outshot 48-28, including 38-16 over the last two periods.

Vasilevskiy won Game 1 in relief of the injured Ben Bishop and the Penguins took Game 2 in Pittsburgh when Crosby scored the first overtime playoff goal of his career less than a minute into the extra period.

The Lightning were outshot by a combined 76-41 in the first two games, but weren't as concerned with that disparity as much as by a lack of good scoring chances — a problem they hoped to rectify by coming out more aggressive to try to put more pressure on Penguins goalie Matt Murray on Wednesday night.

And for a while, they did.

Murray, though, had 12 saves in the opening period, but the Lightning couldn't keep up the pace. Pittsburgh controlled the puck for much of the second period, taking 21 shots to Tampa Bay's six and finally breaking through against the 21-year-old goaltender when Kessel chased down a loose puck before flicking a shot from the right circle.

Vasilevskiy, who had stopped Kessel on a breakaway earlier in the period, blocked the shot directly toward Hagelin, who tipped it in at 19:50.

Kessel's team-leading seventh goal this postseason gave the Penguins a short-lived two-goal lead. Johnson countered for Tampa Bay just 14 seconds later, taking a pass from Nikita Kucherov and barreling in on Murray, who was unable to stop a shot that bounced off his upper body before continuing into the net.

Notes: Bishop worked out in full gear before Wednesday's morning skate, and coach Jon Cooper said he's hopeful that the Vezina Trophy finalist can practice Thursday. He hasn't played since leaving Game 1 with a lower left leg injury. "He's progressing," Cooper said.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Friday, May 13
Tampa Bay 3, Pittsburgh 1

Sunday
St. Louis 2, San Jose 1; St. Louis leads series 1-0

Monday
Pittsburgh 3, Tampa Bay 2, OT, series tied 1-1

Tuesday
San Jose 4, St. Louis 0, series tied 1-1

Wednesday
Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 2, Pittsburgh leads series 2-1

Today
St. Louis at San Jose, 8 p.m.

Friday
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay 7 p.m.

Saturday
St. Louis at San Jose, 6:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 22
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 23
x-San Jose at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24
x-Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25
x-St. Louis at San Jose, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 26
x-Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 27
x-San Jose at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

Little League City Tournament
American League
At Windlands Park

Pool Play

Pool 1 — Northern Orioles, Northern Red Sox, Eastern Rangers, Tower Yankees, Mid City Angels

Pool 2 — Mid City Tigers, Mid City Red Sox, Tower Rockies, Eastern Storm, Northern Giants

Pool 3 — Tower Red Sox, Tower Dodgers, Mid City Rangers, Northern Yankees, Eastern Cardinals

Pool 4 — Eastern Monarchs, Eastern Mets, Northern Rangers, Mid City Indians, Northern Rays

Monday's Scores
Pool 1
Northern Orioles 18, Mid City Angels 6
Pool 2
Northern Giants 10, Mid City Tigers 9
Pool 3
Tower Red Sox 6, Eastern Cardinals 3
Pool 4
Northern Rangers 8, Mid City Indians 3
Tuesday's Scores
Pool 1
Northern Red Sox 11, vs. Eastern Rangers 7
Pool 2
Mid City Red Sox 15, Tower Rockies 3
Pool 3
Mid City Rangers 6, Tower Dodgers 3
Eastern Monarchs 12, Northern Rays 10
Wednesday's Games
Pool 1
Northern Orioles vs. Tower Yankees, ppd. rain
Pool 2
Mid City Tigers vs. Eastern Storm, ppd. rain
Pool 3
Tower Red Sox vs. Northern Yankees, ppd. rain
Pool 4
Eastern Mets vs. Northern Rays, ppd. rain
Today's Games
6 p.m.
Pool 1
Northern Orioles vs. Tower Yankees, Field 2
Pool 2
Mid City Tigers vs. Eastern Storm, Field 1
Pool 3
Tower Red Sox vs. Northern Yankees, Field 4
Pool 4
Eastern Mets vs. Northern Rays, Field 3
8 p.m.
Pool 1
Northern Red Sox vs. Mid City Angels, Field 2
Pool 2
Mid City Red Sox vs. Northern Giants, Field 1
Pool 3
Tower Dodgers vs. Eastern Cardinals, Field 4
Pool 4
Eastern Monarchs vs. Mid City Indians, Field 3
Friday's Games (All begin at 6:30 p.m.)
Pool 1
Eastern Rangers vs. Tower Yankees, Field 2
Pool 2
Tower Rockies vs. Eastern Storm, Field 4
Pool 3
Mid City Rangers vs. Northern Yankees, Field 1
Pool 4
Eastern Mets vs. Northern Rangers, Field 3
Bracket play
At Steel Park
Monday, May 23
Quarterfinals
Pool 1 winner vs. Pool 3 runner-up, 6 p.m. at Field 3
Pool 4 winner vs. Pool 2 runner-up, 6 p.m. at Field 1
Pool 2 winner vs. Pool 4 runner-up, 8 p.m. at Field 2
Pool 3 winner vs. Pool 1 runner-up, 8 p.m. at Field 1

Tuesday, May 24
Semifinals
Both games at 7 p.m., Fields 1 and 3
Thursday, May 26
Championship
7 p.m., Field 1

National League
At Steel Park
Double elimination tournament
Winner's bracket
First round
Monday's Scores
Northern Cardinals 24, Mid City Yankees 14
Northern Braves def. Eastern Braves by forfeit
Northern Marlins 14, Eastern Cubs 2
Mid City Rangers 17, Tower Braves 4
Mid City Pirates 18, Tower Marlins 16
Second round
Tuesday's Scores
Mid City Red Sox 8, Northern Braves 1
Northern Cardinals 10, Tower Dodgers 5
Northern Marlins 21, Mid City Rangers 13
Northern Mets 10, Mid City Pirates 2
Winner's bracket semifinals
Today's Games
Mid City Red Sox vs. Northern Cardinals, 6 p.m. at Field 4
Northern Marlins vs. Northern Mets, 6 p.m. at Field 2
Winner's bracket final
Sunday's Game
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m. at Field 4
Championship series
Tuesday, May 24
Winner's final winner vs. loser's final winner, 7 p.m. at Field 4
Wednesday, May 25 (if necessary)
Winner's final winner vs. loser's final winner winner, 7 p.m. at Field 4
Loser's bracket
All elimination games
First round
Tuesday's Score
Eastern Cubs 9, Tower Braves 6
Second round
Wednesday's Scores
Tower Dodgers 3, Eastern Cubs 2
Tower Marlins 8, Northern Braves 1
Mid City Pirates def. Eastern Braves by forfeit
Mid City Yankees 6, Mid City Rangers 2
Third round
Today's Games
Tower Dodgers vs. Tower Marlins, 8 p.m. at Field 4
Mid City Pirates vs. Mid City Yankees, 8 p.m. at Field 2
Fourth round
Friday's Games
Third round loser's bracket winners vs. winner's bracket semifinal losers, 6 p.m. at Field 2 and Field 4
Fifth round
Sunday's Game
Fourth round loser's bracket winners, 6 p.m. at Field 2
Loser's bracket final
Monday, May 23
Winner's bracket fourth round loser vs. Fifth round loser's bracket winner, 7 p.m. at Field 4

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Perez drops to 1-4 despite 3.48 ERA, Rangers lose

By Rick Eymer
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Martin Perez seems to have one bad inning in his starts, and, despite his 3.48 ERA, he has just one win in five decisions.

Perez gave up three runs on three hits in the first inning and then came back to give up one run on five hits over his final six. It was too late as the Oakland Athletics tacked on late runs to beat the Rangers 8-1 on Wednesday and sweep the series.

"Kind of the old nemesis for him, the one inning, showed up in the first," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "After that, settled in, threw strikes, mixed his pitches."

The Rangers (22-19) remain in contention in the AL West despite being outscored 187-186 on the season.

The Rangers' last four wins have been by two runs or less. Five of the last six losses are by three runs or more.

"The story is the first inning, going down three," Banister said. "That puts a lot of pressure on us, especially against a guy like Rich Hill, who throws a big curveball, actually several breaking balls that kept us off balance."

Khris Davis hit his fourth home run in two games and Danny Valencia drove in two for the Athletics, who completed a series sweep at home, of at least three games, for the first time in nearly two years.

"We have to do a better job of putting more runs on the board for our pitching staff," Texas outfielder Ian Desmond said.

Hill (6-3) won for the first time at home, and his third straight, after giving up a run on three hits over his six innings. He walked one and struck out six.

"He didn't throw many mistakes," Rangers' Prince Fielder said. "His curveball, he kept it down. He had good control."

Perez (1-4) gave up four runs on eight hits over seven innings. He walked two and struck out six and is winless over his last four starts.

"I couldn't find my rhythm early but I made some adjustments," Perez said. "I just stayed back and threw the ball."

Fielder drove in a run for the Rangers, who have lost three straight. Fielder has seven RBIs over his last 20 games after driving in 14 in his first 16. Desmond collected a pair of hits.

"We had some good at bats," Fielder said. "We just couldn't get it done."

Altuve, Rasmus, Castro lead Astros to win over White Sox

By John Jackson
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jose Altuve had three hits and two runs batted in, Colby Rasmus and Jason Castro each had a solo home run and the Houston Astros beat Chicago 5-3 on Wednesday night despite the White Sox turning their second triple play of the season.

Altuve went 3 for 4 with a walk and Castro went 2 for 3 with a walk.

Jose Abreu went 2 for 4 with two RBIs for Chicago, which has dropped a season-high four straight and six of seven overall.

Doug Fister (4-3) allowed three runs on nine hits in 6 1/3 innings to get the win. Luke Gregerson, who had blown three of his last four save chances, got the final three outs for his ninth save.

The White Sox turned a 5-4-3 around-the-horn triple play in the eighth inning.

Mat Latos (5-1) suffered his first loss of the season, but the right-hander has been slumping for four straight starts.

During that stretch, Latos has allowed 18 runs in 20 2/3 innings for an earned run average of 7.84. Opponents are batting .396 (36-for-91) with 10 walks against him in those four starts.

Altuve led off the first inning with a single to right and George Springer followed with a walk to put runners on first and second. Correa, the next batter, gave Houston a 1-0 lead with a single to right, scoring Altuve.

Latos, though, was able to avert further damage and the White Sox tied it in the bottom half of the inning on a run-scoring single by Jose Abreu. They might have had a big inning, but leadoff batter Adam Eaton was thrown out at second trying to stretch a single into a double.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

TIGERS 6 TWINS 3

DETROIT — Justin Verlander struck out 10 batters, including the 2,000th of his career, to help the Detroit Tigers beat the Minnesota Twins 6-3 on Wednesday.

The Tigers have won four straight, equaling a season high, after losing 11 of 12 games.

Verlander (3-4) allowed six hits and three runs over 7 1/3 innings while matching his season high in strikeouts. He joined Mickey Lolich as the two pitchers in franchise history with 2,000 career strikeouts, and became the 76th in baseball history to reach the milestone.

Ricky Nolasco (1-2) gave up nine hits and four runs over five innings.

The Twins have lost 11 of 13, dropping to 10-29 for the worst record in the majors.

ROYALS 3 RED SOX 2, GAME 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Eric Hosmer homered for the second straight day, Kansas City turned its first three hits off Steven Wright into runs and held off Boston to open a split-doubleheader.

Hosmer followed a single by Alcides Escobar with a homer in the first inning, and Lorenzo Cain added a sacrifice fly following a triple by Jarrod Dyson in the sixth for the Royals' only offense.

It proved to be enough for Ian Kennedy and their bullpen.

Kennedy allowed two runs on six hits and a walk over 5 2/3 innings, striking out nine, before Brian Flynn — who earned his first career win — and Luke Hochevar combined to strike out four consecutive batters.

Wade Davis worked around a single in ninth for his ninth save.

Wright (3-4) surrendered five hits without a walk in a complete game for Boston.

ORIOLES 5 MARINERS 2

BALTIMORE — Chris Tillman won his fifth straight start with another solid performance against his former team and Baltimore beat Seattle.

Mark Trumbo and Matt Wieters hit back-to-back homers for the Orioles, whose 17-7 record at Camden Yards is the best home mark in the major leagues.

Tillman (6-1) allowed two runs on four hits with six strikeouts over 6 1/3 innings. Closer Zach Britton relieved Brach Brach and worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth. Britton got his 11th save by recording five outs.

Taijuan Walker (2-3) allowed four runs on five hits over five innings.

RAYS 6 BLUE JAYS 3

TORONTO — Kevin Kiermaier hit a two-run homer, Logan Morrison and Desmond Jennings each had solo shots and Tampa Bay beat slumping Toronto to complete a three-game sweep.

Morrison had three hits and scored twice for the Rays, who outscored the Blue Jays 31-7 over the series.

Edwin Encarnacion, Jimmy Paredes and Michael Saunders hit solo homers, but Toronto lost its season-high fifth straight.

Jake Odorizzi (1-2) allowed two runs and two hits in five innings to win for the first time in nine starts this season. Alex Colome got the final four outs for his 10th save.

All three Tampa Bay homers came off R.A. Dickey (2-5), who allowed five runs and eight hits in six innings.

National League

PHILLIES 4 MARLINS 2

PHILADELPHIA — Tyler Goeddel hit his first career homer, Jeremy Hellickson pitched six sharp innings and Philadelphia beat Miami.

Hellickson (4-2) allowed two runs and five hits, striking out four. He retired 11 in a row at one point and pitched well after a shaky start. Jeanmar Gomez tossed a perfect ninth for his 16th save in 17 tries.

The Phillies won two of three for their seventh series win in the past eight, improving to 24-13 since an 0-4 start.

BRAVES 3 PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH — Julio Teheran allowed five hits in 7 2/3 crisp innings and Atlanta gave Brian Snitker his first victory as interim manager.

Teheran (1-4) struck out three without a walk to end six weeks of frustration. Tyler Flowers hit a home run to the bushes in center field and finished with three hits for the Braves, who won for just the third time in their last 13 games.

Arodys Vizcaino gave up a ninth-inning home run to Jung Ho Kang but got the final four outs for his fourth save.

Francisco Liriano (3-3) pitched seven strong innings but the Pirates lost for the first time in Liriano's last 14 starts at PNC Park

NATIONALS 7 METS 1

NEW YORK — Daniel Murphy drove in two runs against his former team to back Gio Gonzalez in his latest win at Citi Field, sending patient Washington past New York.

Anthony Rendon snapped a fifth-inning tie with a two-run single for the Nationals, who stopped a three-game skid and held onto first place in the NL East. They took advantage of uncharacteristic wildness by Bartolo Colon (3-3) and the Mets, drawing 11 walks and getting hit by pitches twice in a game that dragged on for 3 hours, 42 minutes.

Gonzalez (3-1) carried a two-hitter into the seventh before three singles loaded the bases with one out. Felipe Rivero relieved and escaped the jam unscathed, retiring Kevin Plawecki and pinch-hitter Michael Conforto to protect a four-run lead.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	24	14	.632	—
Boston	25	16	.610	½
Tampa Bay	19	19	.500	5
Toronto	19	23	.452	7
New York	16	22	.421	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	24	16	.600	—
Cleveland	19	17	.528	3
Kansas City	20	20	.500	4
Detroit	19	21	.475	5
Minnesota	10	29	.256	13½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	22	17	.564	—
Texas	22	19	.537	1
Oakland	19	22	.463	4
Los Angeles	17	22	.436	5
Houston	17	24	.415	6

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	24	18	.600	—
Philadelphia	24	17	.585	½
New York	22	17	.564	1½
Miami	21	19	.525	3
Atlanta	10	29	.256	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	27	10	.730	—
Pittsburgh	21	18	.538	7
St. Louis	21	19	.525	7½
Milwaukee	17	22	.436	11
Cincinnati	15	24	.385	13

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	23	18	.561	—
Colorado	20	18	.526	1½
Los Angeles	21	19	.525	1½
Arizona	19	23	.452	5
San Diego	17	23	.425	5½

Scores & schedules

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Wednesday's Scores

Detroit 6, Minnesota 3
Kansas City 3, Boston 2
Oakland 8, Texas 1
Baltimore 5, Seattle 2
Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 3
Cleveland at Cincinnati, late
Houston 5, Chicago White Sox 3
Boston 5, Kansas City 2
N.Y. Yankees at Arizona, late
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games

Seattle (Karns 3-1) at Baltimore (Wilson 2-1), 11:35 a.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 5-0) at Cincinnati (Adleman 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (McHugh 4-3) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 6-0), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Estrada 1-2) at Minnesota (Santana 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 1-2) at L.A. Angels (Chacin 1-2), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Nova 2-1) at Oakland (Graveman 1-3), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's Scores

Philadelphia 4, Miami 2
Atlanta 5, Pittsburgh 1
Cleveland at Cincinnati, late
Washington 7, N.Y. Mets 1
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, late
St. Louis 2, Colorado 0
N.Y. Yankees at Arizona, late
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, late
San Francisco at San Diego, late

Today's Games

Chicago Cubs (Hammel 5-0) at Milwaukee (Guerra 2-0), 12:40 p.m.
Atlanta (Folkenwetz 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Locke 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 5-0) at Cincinnati (Adleman 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 6-0) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 3-5), 6:10 p.m.
Colorado (Gray 1-1) at St. Louis (Wacha 2-4), 6:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Samardzija 5-2) at San Diego (Shields 2-5), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 1-2) at L.A. Angels (Chacin 1-2), 9:05 p.m.

Texas box scores

ASTROS 5, WHITE SOX 3

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	4	1	3	2	Eaton rf	4	0	2	0
Springer rf	4	0	1	0	J Rlms ss	4	1	1	0
Correa ss	5	0	2	1	Abreu 1b	4	0	2	2
Col.Rsm cf-lf	5	1	1	1	Frazier 3b	3	1	1	0
Gattis dh	5	0	1	0	Me.Cbrr lf	4	0	2	1
Moran 3b	3	0	0	0	Lawrie 2b	4	0	0	0
Vlbuena 1b	4	0	1	0	Av.Grca dh	4	0	0	0
J.Castro c	3	3	2	1	D.Nvrro c	3	0	2	0
T.Kemp lf	3	0	2	0	Sladino pr	0	1	0	0
Mrcnick cf	0	0	0	0	Avila c	1	0	0	0
A.Jcksn cf	4	0	0	0					
Totals	36	5	13	5	Totals	35	3	10	3

Houston.....110 111 000—5
Chicago.....100 001 100—3

DP—Houston 1, Chicago 2. LOB—Houston 9, Chicago 7. 2B—T.Kemp (1), Eaton (7), J.Rollins (7). 3B—Ma.Cabrera (2), HR—Col.Rasmus (8), J.Castro (3). SB—Correa (7).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston					
Fister W,4-3	6 1-3	9	3	3	1 5
Gillies	2⁄3	1	0	0	0 0
Harris	1	0	0	0	0 2
Gregerson S,9-12	1	0	0	0	0 1
Chicago					
Latos L,5-1	5 1-3	11	5	5	2 3
Putnam	1	1	0	0	1 2
Jennings	2⅔	3	0	0	2 2

T—2:57. A—14,809 (40,615).

ATHLETICS 8, RANGERS 1

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Odor 2b	4	0	0	0	Crisp lf	4	0	1	1
Desmond cf	4	1	2	0	S.Burns cf	5	1	1	0
Beltre 3b	4	0	0	0	Reddick rf	3	2	1	0
Fielder dh	4	0	1	1	Vlencia 3b	4	2	3	2
Rua lf	3	0	0	0	K.Davis dh	2	2	2	1
Mrlend 1b	4	0	0	0	Semien ss	4	0	0	0
Andrus ss	3	0	1	0	Alonso 1b	1	1	1	1
Stubbs rf	2	0	0	0	Semien ss	4	0	2	2
Hmsley c	3	0	0	0	Vogt c	4	0	1	0
Lyndsy 2b	3	0	0	1					
Totals	31	1	4	1	Totals	33	8	12	8

Texas.....000 001 000—1
Oakland.....300 001 04x—8

DP—Texas 2. LOB—Texas 5, Oakland 6. 2B—Crisp (8). HR—K.Davis (12). SB—Desmond (8), Stubbs (3), S.Burns (10), Reddick (9). SF—Crisp (2).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas					
Perez L,1-4	7	8	4	4	1 6
Faulkner	0	1	1	1	0 0
Jackson	0	3	3	3	0 0
Claudio	1	0	0	0	0 2
Oakland					
Hill W,6-3	6	3	1	0	1 6
Rodriguez	2	1	0	0	0 2
Trigg	1	0	0	0	0 1

Faulkner pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
Jackson pitched to 4 batters in the 8th.
HBP—by Hill (Rua). PB—Holladay.
T—2:31. A—14,323 (37,090).

TUESDAY'S LATE BOXES

ASTROS 6, WHITE SOX 5, 11 INNINGS

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	4	0	1	1	Eaton rf	5	0	2	0
Springer rf	5	1	1	0	J.Rlins ss	4	0	0	0
Correa ss	6	0	1	0	Avila c	2	0	0	0
Gattis dh	4	2	2	2	Abreu 1b	5	0	1	0
Col.Rsm lf	6	0	1	0	Av.Grca dh	5	0	0	0
Ma.Gnzl 3b-1b	5	0	0	0	Me.Cbrr lf	5	0	0	0
White 1b	4	2	3	2	Lawrie 2b	5	0	1	0
T.Kemp pr	0	1	0	0	A.Jcksn cf	4	0	0	0
Vlbuena 3b	1	0	0	0	D.Nvrro c	2	1	1	0
J.Castro c	5	0	1	1	C.Snchz pr-3b	2	1	1	0
Mrsnick cf	5	0	1	0	Sladino 3b-ss	4	1	2	1
Totals	45	6	11	6	Totals	43	3	11	3

Houston.....010101010 03—6
Chicago.....000120001 01—5

E—A.Jackson (2), Saladino (2). LOB—Houston 11, Chicago 9. 2B—White (8), Eaton (4), A.Jackson (15), D.Navarro (6), Saladino (1). HR—Gattis (2), White 2 (7), Abreu (6). SB—Springer (3), Correa (6), Marrsnick (1). SF—Altuve (2).

Saladino (2)

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston					
Keuchel	6 1-3	6	3	3	3 5
Gillies	0 2-3	0	0	0	0 2
Harris	1	0	0	0	0 2
Gregerson	1	3	1	1	0 0
Neshek W,1-0	1	0	0	0	0 2
Sipp S,1-2	1	2	1	1	0 2
Chicago					
Rodon	6	6	3	2	0 7
Jones	0 2-3	0	0	0	1 0
Duke	0 1-3	1	0	0	0 0
Putnam	1	2	1	1	1 1
Robertson	1	0	0	0	0 1
Albers L,1-3	1	2	2	2	0 1

T—3:00. A—0 (40,615).

ATHLETICS 8, RANGERS 5

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Odor 2b	5	1	2	0	Crisp dh	5	2	1	0
Desmond cf	5	1	2	2	S.Burns cf	5	0	0	0
Mazara rf	5	1	2	1	Reddick rf	4	1	1	0
Beltre 3b	5	1	2	1	Vlencia 3b	5	1	2	2
Fielder dh	4	1	2	0	K.Davis lf	5	3	3	6
Mrsland 1b	4	0	2	0	B.Bltter 1b	2	0	1	0
Rua lf	4	0	1	0	Alonso 1b	1	0	0	0
B.Wlson c	3	0	1	0	Semien ss	3	0	1	0
Alberto ss	4	0	1	0	Coghlan 2b	4	0	0	0
Lfrdsn 2b	0	0	0	0					
McBride c	3	0	2	0	*				
Vogt ph	1	1	1	0					
Totals	39	5	15	4	Totals	36	8	12	8

Texas.....000 200 003—5
Oakland.....020 001 104—8

E—B.Burns (2), Valencia (7). DP—Texas 1, Oakland 2. LOB—Texas 8, Oakland 7. 2B—Odor (11), Crisp (7), McBride (1). HR—Desmond (6), Mazara (5), Beltre (7), Valencia (6), K.Davis 3 (11). SB—Alberto (1).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas					
Hamels	6 2-3	5	4	3	2 6
Bush	1 1-3	0	0	0	0 2
Tolleson	1	3	4	4	1 1
Oakland					
Hahn	5	10	5	3	1
Doolittle	1	1	0	0	0
Madson W,2-0	1	1	0	0	0

PB—Wilson.

T—3:45. A—37,090.

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TIGERS 6, TWINS 3

Minnesota	000	000	120	—3	7	0
Detroit	102	101	10x	—6	13	0

Nolasco, Rogers (8), Duffey (8) and K.Suzuki; Verlander, Wilson (8), Rodriguez (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—Verlander 3-4. L—Nolasco 1-2. Sv—Fr.Rodriguez (11). HRs—Detroit: Kinsler (10).

ROYALS 3, RED SOX 2

Boston	000	110	000	—2	9	0
Kansas City	200	001	00x	—3	5	0

S.Wright and Hanigan; Kennedy, Flynn (6), Hochevar (7), Herrera (8), W.Davis (9) and Butera. W—Flynn 1-0. L—S.Wright 3-4. Sv—W.Davis (9). HRs—Boston: Young (1). Kansas City: Hosmer (8).

RAYS 6, BLUE JAYS 3

Tampa Bay	000	212	001	—6	10	0
Toronto	010	010	010	—3	4	1

Odorizzi, E.Ramirez (6), Colome (8) and Conger; Dickey, Biagini (7), Floyd (8) and Thole. W—Odorizzi 1-2. L—Dickey 2-5. Sv—Colome (10). HRs—Tampa Bay: Jennings (3), Morrison (1), Kiermaier (5). Toronto: Saunders (6), Encarnacion (8), Paredes (1).

ORIOLES 5, MARINERS 2

Seattle	001	100	000	—2	7	1
Baltimore	020	110	01x	—5	8	0

T.Walker, Montgomery (6), Peralta (8) and Jaramillo; Tillman, Brach (7), Britton (8) and Wieters. W—Tillman 6-1. L—T.Walker 2-3. Sv—Britton (11). HRs—Seattle: Martin (6). Baltimore: Wieters (3), Trumbo (12).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PHILLIES 4, MARLINS 2

Miami	200	000	000	—2	6	1
Philadelphia	003	000	01x	—4	8	0

Koehler, Urena (8) and Realmuto; Hellickson, O.Hernandez (7), Neris (8), Gomez (9) and Rupp. W—Hellickson 4-2. L—Koehler 2-4. Sv—Gomez (16). HRs—Philadelphia: Goeddel (1).

BRAVES 3, PIRATES 1

Atlanta	001	001	001	—3	10	0
Pittsburgh	000	000	001	—1	4	0

Teheran, Vizcaino (8) and Flowers; Liriano, Hughes (8), Caminero (9) and Cervelli. W—Teheran 1-4. L—Liriano 3-3. Sv—Vizcaino (4). HRs—Atlanta: Flowers (1). Pittsburgh: Kang (5).

NATIONALS 7, METS 1

Washington	001	020	202	—7	8	0
New York	000	100	000	—1	6	0

G.Gonzalez, Rivero (7), Kelley (8), Solis (9) and Lobaton; Ramos, B.Colon, Robles (3), Bastardo (7), Verrett (7), Blevins (8), Henderson (9) and Plawecki. W—G.Gonzalez 3-1. L—B.Colon 3-3. HRs—New York, Cespedes (13).

CARDINALS 2, ROCKIES 0

Colorado	000	000	000	—0	6	1
St. Louis	000	000	00x	—2	7	1

Rusin, Garmen (7), Qualls (7) and Wolters; Wainwright, Siegrist (7), Rosenthal (9) and Molina. W—Wainwright 4-3. L—Rusin 1-2. Sv—Rosenthal (8).

MHS' Ryan named MVP, Vines also honored

From staff reports

Midland High senior Brooke Ryan was named the District 3-6A Most Valuable Player in the softball postseason awards that were recently released.


Ryan

Ryan spearheaded the Lady Bulldogs' potent offense with her power hitting in the leadoff spot, and also served as the team's left-handed closer in the circle.


Vines

Midland High's Shawnda Vines was named the district's Coach of the Year for guiding her team to an outright district championship with a 9-1 record.

The Lady Bulldogs were well represented as pitcher Deandra Allen, catcher Natalie Gamboa, second baseman Abbi Sanchez, shortstop Aryn Flores, outfielders Alyssa Flores and Ashley McClellan and designated player Rani Guerra all garnered All-District 3-6A first team honors.

Second baseman Shelby Olivas was the only honoree for Lee on the first team.

Odessa High's Deja Luna earned Offensive MVP honors, while teammate Elva Castillo was the Defensive MVP.

Odessa Permian freshman Monique Pando was the recipient of the Top Newcomer award.

All-District 3-6A Softball Team Superlatives

MVP — Brooke Ryan, Sr., Midland High
Offensive MVP — Deja Luna, Jr., Odessa High
Defensive MVP — Elva Castillo, Jr., Odessa High
Top Newcomer — Monique Pando, Fr., Odessa Permian
Coach of the Year — Shawnda Vines, Midland High

First team

Pitchers — Deandra Allen, Jr., MHS; Miranda Martinez, Jr., Permian
Catchers — Natalie Gamboa, Jr., MHS; Cam Deanda, Jr., Odessa High
Infielders — Abbi Sanchez, So., MHS; Aryn Flores, Sr., MHS; Shelby Olivas, Jr., Lee; Skylar Herrera, Fr., Odessa High; Elizabeth Chastain Permian, Sr.; Abigail Pawlik, Jr., Permian
Outfielders — Alyssa Flores, Jr., MHS; Ashley McClellan, Jr., MHS; Caitlyn Keese, Sr., Odessa High; Brittan Hill, Sr., Abilene High; Kary Bailey, Sr., Permian; Jaci Williams, Jr., Permian
Utility/Designated player — Rani Guerra, Fr., MHS; Tenea Love, Jr., San Angelo Central; Ryee Day, Fr., Permian

Second team

Pitchers — Tori Bryant, Sr., Abilene High; Melanie Mann, Jr., Lee
Catchers — Hannah Barbour, Fr., Permian; Kinsley Newsom, So., Lee
Infielders — Marisa Ruiz, Jr., San Angelo Central; Gaby Ortega, Jr., Abilene High; Kara Saranda Sanchez, Jr., Odessa High; Kyra Jaquez, So., Odessa High; Emily Nunez, Sr., Lee
Outfielders — Brianna Dominguez, So., Permian; Megan McGuiness, Sr., Abilene High; Alexa Garza, Jr., Odessa High; Lindsey Greenlee, Fr., Lee; Alaina Marquez, Sr., Lee
Utility — Sydney Kilgore, Fr., Abilene High; Kenzie Shepperd, So., Abilene High

Honorable mention

Permian: Sarah Welch, Jr.; Kyli Garza
Lee: Jennifer Gonzalez, So.
MHS: Raelyn Hale, So.; Ana Montenegro
Abilene High: Claire Cantu, Jr.; Kayla Otis, Sr.; Sierra Morales
Odessa High: Andrea Molina, Jr.; Kameron Martinez, Sr.
Permian: Alexis Rodriguez, Jr.; Aimee Rodriguez; Jordi Villarreal, Sr.; Sydney Chandler, Jr.

Tide of college football concussion lawsuits begins

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As many as 50 class-action lawsuits contesting how the NCAA, major college football conferences or individual schools handled concussions will be filed in the coming months by former players seeking damages for lingering brain injuries and ailments.

The first batch of six lawsuits was filed Tuesday and Chicago-based attorney Jay Edelson said the next wave will likely be filed within the next two weeks.

"The reason that we're bringing so many of them instead of one giant one is because the NCAA successfully argued to the court that we shouldn't be allowed to bring just one big case," Edelson said Wednesday. "Because of that we have to file suit on a per school basis."

The first six lawsuits were filed by players who played for Georgia, Auburn, Vanderbilt, Oregon, Utah and Penn State. The former football players claim problems ranging from loss of memory and cognitive function to dementia.

The lawsuits come as a settlement in another concussion case against the NCAA is awaiting approval by a federal judge.

Former Eastern Illinois football player Adrian Arrington in 2011 sued the NCAA over its handling of concussions and it resulted in a proposed settlement that provided no damages to be paid to players for injuries.

Arrington opposed the settlement, though other plaintiffs signed off, and Edelson has fought against it.

"These cases appear to be yet another attempt by Mr. Edelson to interfere with efforts to move forward a settlement in the Arrington case. The lawsuits reflect copycat activity and just because they keep repeating the same arguments does not make them true," said Donald Remy, NCAA chief legal officer.

In the Vanderbilt and Penn State cases, the schools are named directly named in the lawsuits. In the other cases, state laws protect the universities from being sued. The conferences named in the lawsuits are the Southeastern Conference, the Big Ten, the Pac-12 and the Western Athletic Conference, where Utah competed while plaintiff and former defensive lineman Richard Seals played for the Utes.

Cowboys sign 1st-round pick RB Elliott to $25M, 4-year deal

Associated Press

IRVING — Ezekiel Elliott has signed a four-year contract with the Dallas Cowboys that includes a $16 million signing bonus and is worth nearly $25 million overall for the Ohio State running back who was the fourth overall draft pick.

Also on Wednesday, the Cowboys signed cornerback Anthony Brown from Purdue, safety Kavon Frazier from Central Michigan and running back Darius Jackson from Eastern Michigan. Dallas took those players in the sixth round of last month's draft.

Elliott is only the third running back the Cowboys have taken with a top-20 pick in franchise history. The other two are Hall of Famers Tony Dorsett and Emmitt Smith, the NFL's career rushing leader.

In his three seasons at Ohio State, Elliott ran for 3,961 yards and 44 touchdowns.

'HOUNDSWATCH

TUESDAY'S SCORE
Frisco 11, Midland 8, 15 innings

TODAY'S GAMES
Frisco at Midland, 4:30 p.m.

INTERNET
www.mlb.com

RECORDS
Frisco 25-12
Midland 20-17

Tuesday	Wednesday	Today	Friday	Saturday
Frisco 11, Midland 8, 15 innings	Frisco at Midland, postponed	Frisco at Midland, 4:30 p.m., DH	Frisco at Midland, 7:00 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Hawthorn vs. Sydney, 4:30 a.m., FS2

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Maryland at Michigan State, 2 p.m., BTN
Florida at LSU, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Ole Miss at Texas A&M, 6 p.m., SEC
Baylor at Texas, 6 p.m., LHN
West Virginia at Texas Tech, 6:30 p.m., FSSW
Dallas Baptist at Wichita State, 6:30 p.m., ESPN3

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
NCAA Regional: Louisville vs. Nebraska, 4:30 p.m., ESPN2
NCAA Regional: BYU at Missouri, 7 p.m., ESPN2

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

CYCLING
Giro d'Italia, Stage 12: Ponte to Roccaraso, 7:30 a.m., beIN, beIN2
Tour of California, Stage 5: Lodi to South Lake Tahoe, 4 p.m, NBCSN

GOLF
2016 Regions Tradition, 1st Round, Noon, GOLF
PGA: AT&T Byron Nelson, 1st Round, 3 p.m., GOLF
Web.com: BMW Charity Pro-Am, 1st Round, 6 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: Kingsmill Championship, 1st Round, 8 p.m., GOLF
IIHF
Quarterfinal: USA vs. Czech Republic, 8 a.m., NBCSN
Quarterfinal: Canada vs. Sweden, Noon, NBCSN

MLB
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 12:30 p.m., MLB
Washington at NY Mets, 6 p.m., MLB
Houston at Chicago White Sox, 7 p.m., ROOT

MEN'S SOCCER
Toulon International U-21: Guinea vs. Paraguay, 10:30 a.m., beIN, beIN2
Toulon International U-21: England vs. Portugal, 12:20 p.m., beIN, beIN2
Bundesliga Relegation Playoff, Leg 1: Eintracht Frankfurt vs. 1. FC Nurnberg, 1:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
Copa Libertadores: Boca Juniors vs. Club Nacional (URU), 6 p.m., FXDEP
Liga MX Semifinal, Leg 1: Leon vs. Pachuca, 8 p.m., NBCU
Copa Libertadores: Atletico Nacional vs. CA Rosario Central, 8:30 p.m., FXDEP

MOTORSPORTS
Camping World Truck Series: NC Education Lottery 200, Final Practice, 3:30 p.m., FS1

NBA
Eastern Conference Final, Gm 2: Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

NHL
Western Conference Final, Gm 3: St. Louis at San Jose, 7 p.m., NBCSN

RUGBY
NRL: North Queensland vs. Brisbane, 4:30 a.m., FSP

ON RADIO
TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Frisco at Midland, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

FOOTBALL
MHS Spring Game, 7 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium

Junior college

GOLF
MC at NJCAA National Tournament, Melbourne, Fla.

ROCKHOUNDS BRIEF

ROCKHOUNDS-FRISCO POSTPONED, WILL PLAY DOUBLEHEADER TODAY

Wednesday night's Midland RockHounds' game against the Frisco RoughRiders at Security Bank Ballpark was postponed because of rain.

The game will be made up as apart of a doubleheader beginning at 4:30 p.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark. The doubleheader will consist of two seven-inning games.

This is the second game this week that has been postponed for the RockHounds as Sunday's series finale at San Antonio got postponed because of rain until June.

LOCAL SPORTS

DUTCHOVER WINS AT GOLDEN GLOVES

SALT LAKE CITY — Midland boxer Michael Dutchover defeated Gerfired Olingou, of Buffalo, New York, by a 5-0 decision to win his opening 132-pound weight division bout of the Golden Gloves National Tournament of Champions on Wednesday at the Salt Palace Convention Center.

Dutchover is a senior at Midland High.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled RHP Noe Ramirez from Pawtucket (IL) as 26th man for Wednesday's doubleheader.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned OF Tyler Naquin to Columbus (IL). Recalled RHP Mike Clevinger from Columbus.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Recalled RHP Alec Mills from Northwest Arkansas (TL) as 26th man for Wednesday's doubleheader. Sent 3B Mike Moustakas to Northwest Arkansas and LHP Mike Minor to Omaha (PCL) for rehab assignments. Selected the contract of INF-OF Whit Merrifield from Omaha. Optioned INF Christian Colon to Omaha. Designated OF Jose Martinez for assignment.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Placed C Geovany Soto on the 15-day DL. Recalled C Jett Bandy from Salt Lake (PCL).

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned INF-OF Jose Peraza and RHP Lisalverto Bonilla to Louisville (IL). Recalled RHP Jumbo Diaz from Louisville. Selected the contract of RHP Keyvius Sampson from Louisville. Transferred RHP Homer Bailey to the 60-day DL.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Reinstated RHP Miguel Castro from the 15-day DL and optioned him to Albuquerque (PCL).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned INF Charlie Culberson to Oklahoma City (PCL). Reinstated RHP Mike Bolsinger from the 15-day DL.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Assigned LHP Michael Kirkman outright to Colorado Springs (PCL).

NEW YORK METS — Optioned LHP Sean Gilmartin to Las Vegas (PCL). Recalled INF Matt Reynolds from Las Vegas.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Sent RHP Michael Mariot to Lehigh Valley (IL) for a rehab assignment.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Activated 2B Alexi Amarista from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Tayron Guerrero to El Paso (PCL). Acquired OF Jabari Blash from Seattle Mariners for a player to be named or cash and assigned him outright to El Paso.

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released LHPs David Napoli and Derek Callahan and Cs Drew Carlile and Juan Carlos Torres.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released OF Anthony Choby.

JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed C Michael Pair and OF Zak Burba.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Released RHP Jason Townsend.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Released LHP Francisco Grecagol.

WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released RHP Robert Mosebach and C Tyler Brown.

Can-Am League

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Released INFs Roberto Ramirez and Johnny Cole and RHP Andrew Worth.

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed RHPs Luis Perlo and Karl Gelinas and C Scott David.

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Released C Bryan DeLaRosa, INFs Luis Gonzalez and Nick Lombardi and OF Hunter Lockwood.

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Released RHP Vaughn Heywood.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed C Simon Gravel, RHP Kashi Downing and INF Delvis Morales.

Frontier League

FLORENCE FREEDOM — Acquired LHP Stetson Nelson from Gary SouthShore (AA) for a player to be named.

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed LHP Brent Choban.

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed RHP Ryan Richardson.

BASKETBALL

USA BASKETBALL — Named Mike Jones men's assistant basketball coach for the 2016 U17 World Championship Team.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed OL Laurence Gibson.

BUFFALO BILLS — Placed RB Dri Archer on the reserve/did not report list.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed S Shawn Williams to a four-year contract extension and G Christian Westerman.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived PK Brad Craddock. Claimed PK Jaden Oberkrom off waivers from Jacksonville.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed CB Anthony Brown, S Kavon Frazier and RBs Ezekiel Elliott and Darius Jackson.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed S Jermaine Whitehead.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed DL David Onyemata to a four-year contract.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed DL Jihad Ward.

MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR — Fined Keith Rodden, the crew chief for driver Kasey Kahne, $20,000 and docked Kahne 15 points in the standings, and the Hendrick Motorsports No. 5 team lost 15 points in the owners' standings for a failing post-race inspection.

TENNIS

USTA — Named Amy Choyne chief marketing officer.

COLLEGE

NCAA — Approved a medical hardship waiver for a sixth year of eligibility for Illinois men's basketball C Mike Thorne Jr.

BUTLER — Agreed to terms with men's basketball coach Chris Holtmann on a contract extension through the 2021-22 season.

COLORADO STATE — Announced seniors football C Paul Thurston is transferring to the team from Nebraska.

ILLINOIS — Named Dee Brown director of men's basketball player development and alumni relations.

KENTUCKY — Announced freshmen men's basketball G/F Charles Matthews has been granted a full release and will transfer.

SOUTH CAROLINA — Announced freshman F Raymond Doby is leaving the basketball program and F Kory Holder if transferring from Delaware.

UNLV — Named Dan Lozzi swimming and diving coach.

WASHINGTON (MD) — Announced the retirement of director of athletics Dr. Bryan Matthews, effective this summer.

Cavs 9-0 in these playoffs, and joining rarefied NBA air

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Starting a postseason 9-0 does not guarantee a championship.

Neither does 10-0. Or even 11-0, for that matter. But the Cleveland Cavaliers surely aren't complaining about where they are right now, as their perfect postseason run continues.

Cleveland's 115-84 victory over Toronto in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals on Tuesday night pushed the Cavaliers' record in these playoffs to 9-0, and they became just the fifth team to start a postseason with that many consecutive wins.

Here's a rundown of the best starts in NBA playoff history:

11-0, Los Angeles Lakers, 1989 — The Lakers swept the first three rounds of the playoffs (the first round was best-of-five then), storming their way into the NBA Finals. And the title series was also a sweep, albeit of the variety that the Lakers didn't want. The Detroit Pistons won the series 4-0, ending the Lakers' reign as NBA champions in what would be the last games for Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

11-0, Los Angeles Lakers, 2001 — This time, 11-0 was a precursor to a title. The Lakers swept Portland (3-0), Sacramento (4-0) and San Antonio (4-0) in the Western Conference playoffs. "Custer had no idea. That's my statement. Figure it out. The roll they're on is ridiculous," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said after the West finals ended. The Lakers lost Game 1 of the NBA Finals to Philadelphia, then took the next four to finish 15-1 and as world champions.

10-0, San Antonio Spurs, 2012 — The Spurs ended the regular season on a 10-game winning streak, then won their first 10 games in the playoffs. They swept Utah and the Los Angeles Clippers in the first two rounds, then took the first two games of the West finals against Oklahoma City. And then they promptly lost their next four games, getting ousted by the Thunder in a stunning freefall. The Thunder went to the NBA Finals, falling to LeBron James and the Miami Heat in five games.

9-0, Los Angeles Lakers, 1982 — Pat Riley was in his first postseason, having gotten the job as Lakers coach in an in-season change. Los Angeles had a first-round bye, then beat Phoenix and San Antonio by 4-0 counts to get to the NBA Finals. The Lakers won Game 1 of the title series in Philadelphia to take control, and wound up prevailing in six games for one of what is now nine championship rings as a coach, player and executive for Riley.

9-0, Cleveland Cavaliers, 2016 — Want similarities with Riley's rookie season? Tyronn Lue is in his first postseason as Cavaliers coach, getting the job in an in-season change. (Sound familiar?) And here's Cleveland, 9-0 and off to the same start as the Lakers were in Riley's first season. No coach has ever started 10-0 in his playoff career, and that's the opportunity Lue will have in Game 2 of this series against the Raptors.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Golden State 118, Oklahoma City 91, series tied 1-1

Thursday
Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 24
Golden State at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 25
x-Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 26
x-Oklahoma City at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 27
x-Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 28
x-Golden State at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 29
x-Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 30
x-Oklahoma City at Golden State, 8 p.m.

Oklahoma City 108, Golden State 102, Oklahoma City leads series 1-0
Tuesday
Cleveland 115, Toronto 84, Cleveland leads series 1-0
Wednesday
Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
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Crosby, Kessel help Penguins beat Lightning

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Sidney Crosby, Phil Kessel and Chris Kunitz scored third-period goals, helping the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-2 in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals Wednesday night.

Carl Hagelin snapped a scoreless tie late in the second period and Matt Murray had 26 saves for the Penguins, who took a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Game 4 is Friday night at Amalie Arena.

Crosby's power-play goal restored a two-goal lead midway through the final period. Kunitz also beat goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy from the right circle to make it 4-1.

Tyler Johnson and Ondrej Palat scored for the Lightning. They have lost two straight after winning the series opener in Pittsburgh. The defending Eastern Conference champions were outshot 48-28, including 38-16 over the last two periods.

Vasilevskiy won Game 1 in relief of the injured Ben Bishop and the Penguins took Game 2 in Pittsburgh when Crosby scored the first overtime playoff goal of his career less than a minute into the extra period.

The Lightning were outshot by a combined 76-41 in the first two games, but weren't as concerned with that disparity as much as by a lack of good scoring chances — a problem they hoped to rectify by coming out more aggressive to try to put more pressure on Penguins goalie Matt Murray on Wednesday night.

And for a while, they did.

Murray, though, had 12 saves in the opening period, but the Lightning couldn't keep up the pace. Pittsburgh controlled the puck for much of the second period, taking 21 shots to Tampa Bay's six and finally breaking through against the 21-year-old goaltender when Kessel chased down a loose puck before flicking a shot from the right circle.

Vasilevskiy, who had stopped Kessel on a breakaway earlier in the period, blocked the shot directly toward Hagelin, who tipped it in at 19:50.

Kessel's team-leading seventh goal this postseason gave the Penguins a short-lived two-goal lead. Johnson countered for Tampa Bay just 14 seconds later, taking a pass from Nikita Kucherov and barreling in on Murray, who was unable to stop a shot that bounced off his upper body before continuing into the net.

Notes: Bishop worked out in full gear before Wednesday's morning skate, and coach Jon Cooper said he's hopeful that the Vezina Trophy finalist can practice Thursday. He hasn't played since leaving Game 1 with a lower left leg injury. "He's progressing," Cooper said.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Pittsburgh 3, Tampa Bay 2, OT, series tied 1-1
Tuesday
San Jose 4, St. Louis 0, series tied 1-1
Wednesday
Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 2, Pittsburgh leads series 2-1
Today
St. Louis at San Jose, 8 p.m.

Friday
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay 7 p.m.
Saturday
St. Louis at San Jose, 6:15 p.m.
Sunday, May 22
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 23
x-San Jose at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24
x-Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 25
x-St. Louis at San Jose, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 26
x-Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 27
x-San Jose at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Tampa Bay 3, Pittsburgh 1
Sunday
St. Louis 2, San Jose 1, St. Louis leads series 1-0
Monday

LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

Little League City Tournament
American League
At Whatley's Park
Pool Play

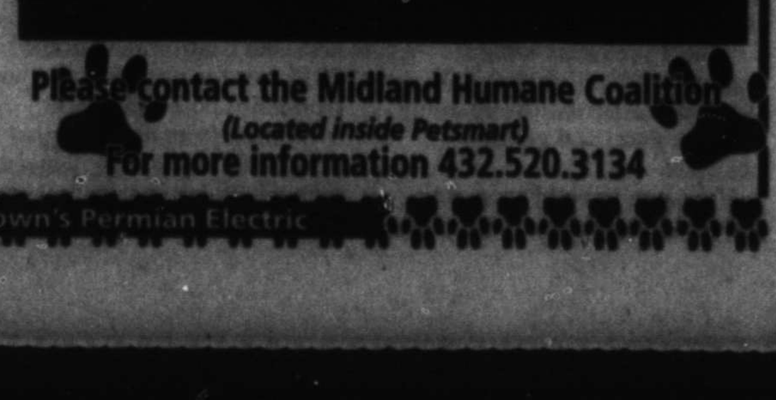
Pool 1 — Northern Orioles, Northern Red Sox, Eastern Rangers, Tower Yankees, Mid City Angels

Pool 2 — Mid City Tigers, Mid City Red Sox, Tower Rockies, Eastern Storm, Northern Giants

Pool 3 — Tower Red Sox, Tower Dodgers, Mid City Rangers, Northern Yankees, Eastern Cardinals

Pool 4 — Eastern Monarchs, Eastern Mets, Northern Rangers, Mid City Indians, Northern Rays

Monday's Scores
Pool 1
Northern Orioles 18, Mid City Angels 6
Pool 2
Northern Giants 10, Mid City Tigers 9
Pool 3
Tower Red Sox 6, Eastern Cardinals 3
Pool 4
Northern Rangers 8, Mid City Indians 3
Tuesday's Scores
Pool 1
Northern Red Sox 11, vs. Eastern Rangers 7
Pool 2
Mid City Red Sox 15, Tower Rockies 3
Pool 3
Mid City Rangers 8, Tower Dodgers 3
Pool 4
Eastern Monarchs 12, Northern Rays 10
Wednesday's Games
Pool 1
Northern Orioles vs. Tower Yankees, ppd. rain
Pool 2
Mid City Tigers vs. Eastern Storm, ppd. rain
Pool 3
Tower Red Sox vs. Northern Yankees, ppd. rain
Pool 4
Eastern Mets vs. Northern Rays, ppd. rain
Today's Games
6 p.m.
Pool 1
Northern Orioles vs. Tower Yankees, Field 2
Pool 2
Mid City Tigers vs. Eastern Storm, Field 1
Pool 3
Tower Red Sox vs. Northern Yankees, Field 4
Pool 4
Eastern Mets vs. Northern Rays, Field 3
8 p.m.
Pool 1
Northern Red Sox vs. Mid City Angels, Field 2
Pool 2
Mid City Red Sox vs. Northern Giants, Field 1
Pool 3
Tower Dodgers vs. Eastern Cardinals, Field 4
Pool 4
Eastern Monarchs vs. Mid City Indians, Field 3
Friday's Games (All begin at 6:30 p.m.)
Pool 1
Eastern Rangers vs. Tower Yankees, Field 2
Pool 2
Tower Rockies vs. Eastern Storm, Field 4
Pool 3
Mid City Rangers vs. Northern Yankees, Field 1
Pool 4
Eastern Mets vs. Northern Rangers, Field 3
Bracket play
At Bost Park
Monday, May 23
Quarterfinals
Pool 1 winner vs. Pool 3 runner-up, 6 p.m. at Field 3
Pool 4 winner vs. Pool 2 runner-up, 6 p.m. at Field 1
Pool 2 winner vs. Pool 4 runner-up, 8 p.m. at Field 2
Pool 3 winner vs. Pool 1 runner-up, 8 p.m. at Field 1
Tuesday, May 24
Semifinals
Both games at 7 p.m., Fields 1 and 3
Thursday, May 26
Championship
7 p.m., Field 1
National League
At Bost Park
Double elimination tournament
Winner's bracket
First round
Monday's Scores
Northern Cardinals 24, Mid City Yankees 14
Northern Braves def. Eastern Braves by forfeit
Northern Marlins 14, Eastern Cubs 2
Mid City Rangers 17, Tower Braves 4
Mid City Pirates 18, Tower Marlins 16
Second round
Tuesday's Scores
Mid City Red Sox 8, Northern Braves 1
Northern Cardinals 10, Tower Dodgers 5
Northern Marlins 21, Mid City Rangers 13
Northern Mets 10, Mid City Pirates 2
Winner's bracket semifinals
Today's Games
Mid City Red Sox vs. Northern Cardinals, 6 p.m. at Field 4
Northern Marlins vs. Northern Mets, 6 p.m. at Field 2
Winner's bracket final
Sunday's Game
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m. at Field 4
Championship series
Tuesday, May 24
Winner's final winner vs. loser's final winner, 7 p.m. at Field 4
Wednesday, May 25 (if necessary)
Winner's final winner vs. loser's final winner winner, 7 p.m. at Field 4
Loser's bracket
All elimination games
First round
Tuesday's Scores
Eastern Cubs 8, Tower Braves 6
Second round
Wednesday's Scores
Tower Dodgers 3, Eastern Cubs 2
Tower Marlins 6, Northern Braves 1
Mid City Pirates def. Eastern Braves by forfeit
Mid City Yankees 6, Mid City Rangers 2
Third round
Today's Games
Tower Dodgers vs. Tower Marlins, 8 p.m. at Field 4
Mid City Pirates vs. Mid City Yankees, 8 p.m. at Field 2
Fourth round
Friday's Games
Third round loser's bracket winners vs. winner's bracket semifinal losers, 6 p.m. at Field 2 and Field 4
Fifth round
Sunday's Game
Fourth round loser's bracket winners, 6 p.m. at Field 2
Loser's bracket final
Monday, May 23
Winner's bracket fourth round loser vs. Fifth round loser's bracket winner, 7 p.m. at Field 4

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Perez drops to 1-4 despite 3.48 ERA, Rangers lose

By Rick Eymer
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Martin Perez seems to have one bad inning in his starts, and, despite his 3.48 ERA, he has just one win in five decisions.

Perez gave up three runs on three hits in the first inning and then came back to give up one run on five hits over his final six. It was too late as the Oakland Athletics tacked on late runs to beat the Rangers 8-1 on Wednesday and sweep the series.

"Kind of the old nemesis for him, the one inning, showed up in the first," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "After that, settled in, threw strikes, mixed his pitches."

The Rangers (22-19) remain in contention in the AL West despite being outscored 187-186 on the season.

The Rangers' last four wins have been by two runs or less. Five of the last six losses are by three runs or more.

"The story is the first inning, going down three," Banister said. "That puts a lot of pressure on us, especially against a guy like Rich Hill, who throws a big curveball, actually several breaking balls that kept us off balance."

Khris Davis hit his fourth home run in two games and Danny Valencia drove in two for the Athletics, who completed a series sweep at home, of at least three games, for the first time in nearly two years.

"We have to do a better job of putting more runs on the board for our pitching staff," Texas outfielder Ian Desmond said.

Hill (6-3) won for the first time at home, and his third straight, after giving up a run on three hits over his six innings. He walked one and struck out six.

"He didn't throw many mistakes," Rangers' Prince Fielder said. "His curveball, he kept it down. He had good control."

Perez (1-4) gave up four runs on eight hits over seven innings. He walked two and struck out six and is winless over his last four starts.

"I couldn't find my rhythm early but I made some adjustments," Perez said. "I just stayed back and threw the ball."

Fielder drove in a run for the Rangers, who have lost three straight. Fielder has seven RBIs over his last 20 games after driving in 14 in his first 16. Desmond collected a pair of hits.

"We had some good at bats," Fielder said. "We just couldn't get it done."

Altuve, Rasmus, Castro lead Astros to win over White Sox

By John Jackson
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jose Altuve had three hits and two runs batted in, Colby Rasmus and Jason Castro each had a solo home run and the Houston Astros beat Chicago 5-3 on Wednesday night despite the White Sox turning their second triple play of the season.

Altuve went 3 for 4 with a walk and Castro went 2 for 3 with a walk.

Jose Abreu went 2 for 4 with two RBIs for Chicago, which has dropped a season-high four straight and six of seven overall.

Doug Fister (4-3) allowed three runs on nine hits in 6 1/3 innings to get the win. Luke Gregerson, who had blown three of his last four save chances, got the final three outs for his ninth save.

The White Sox turned a 5-4-3 around-the-horn triple play in the eighth inning.

Mat Latos (5-1) suffered his first loss of the season, but the right-hander has been slumping for four straight starts

During that stretch, Latos has allowed 18 runs in 20 2/3 innings for an earned run average of 7.84. Opponents are batting .396 (36-for-91) with 10 walks against him in those four starts.

Altuve led off the first inning with a single to right and George Springer followed with a walk to put runners on first and second. Correa, the next batter, gave Houston a 1-0 lead with a single to right, scoring Altuve.

Latos, though, was able to avert further damage and the White Sox tied it in the bottom half of the inning on a run-scoring single by Jose Abreu. They might have had a big inning, but leadoff batter Adam Eaton was thrown out at second trying to stretch a single into a double.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

TIGERS 6 TWINS 3

DETROIT — Justin Verlander struck out 10 batters, including the 2,000th of his career, to help the Detroit Tigers beat the Minnesota Twins 6-3 on Wednesday.

The Tigers have won four straight, equaling a season high, after losing 11 of 12 games.

Verlander (3-4) allowed six hits and three runs over 7 1/3 innings while matching his season high in strikeouts. He joined Mickey Lolich as the two pitchers in franchise history with 2,000 career strikeouts, and became the 76th in baseball history to reach the milestone.

Ricky Nolasco (1-2) gave up nine hits and four runs over five innings.

The Twins have lost 11 of 13, dropping to 10-29 for the worst record in the majors.

ROYALS 3 RED SOX 2, GAME 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Eric Hosmer homered for the second straight day, Kansas City turned its first three hits off Steven Wright into runs and held off Boston to open a split-doubleheader.

Hosmer followed a single by Alcides Escobar with a homer in the first inning, and Lorenzo Cain added a sacrifice fly following a triple by Jarrod Dyson in the sixth for the Royals' only offense.

It proved to be enough for Ian Kennedy and their bullpen.

Kennedy allowed two runs on six hits and a walk over 5 2/3 innings, striking out nine, before Brian Flynn — who earned his first career win — and Luke Hochevar combined to strike out four consecutive batters.

Wade Davis worked around a single in ninth for his ninth save.

Wright (3-4) surrendered five hits without a walk in a complete game for Boston.

ORIOLES 5 MARINERS 2

BALTIMORE — Chris Tillman won his fifth straight start with another solid performance against his former team and Baltimore beat Seattle.

Mark Trumbo and Matt Wieters hit back-to-back homers for the Orioles, whose 17-7 record at Camden Yards is the best home mark in the major leagues.

Tillman (6-1) allowed two runs on four hits with six strikeouts over 6 1/3 innings. Closer Zach Britton relieved Brach Brach and worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth. Britton got his 11th save by recording five outs.

Taijuan Walker (2-3) allowed four runs on five hits over five innings.

RAYS 6 BLUE JAYS 3

TORONTO — Kevin Kiermaier hit a two-run homer, Logan Morrison and Desmond Jennings each had solo shots and Tampa Bay beat slumping Toronto to complete a three-game sweep.

Morrison had three hits and scored twice for the Rays, who outscored the Blue Jays 31-7 over the series.

Edwin Encarnacion, Jimmy Paredes and Michael Saunders hit solo homers, but Toronto lost its season-high fifth straight.

Jake Odorizzi (1-2) allowed two runs and two hits in five innings to win for the first time in nine starts this season. Alex Colome got the final four outs for his 10th save.

All three Tampa Bay homers came off R.A. Dickey (2-5), who allowed five runs and eight hits in six innings.

National League

PHILLIES 4 MARLINS 2

PHILADELPHIA — Tyler Goeddel hit his first career homer, Jeremy Hellickson pitched six sharp innings and Philadelphia beat Miami.

Hellickson (4-2) allowed two runs and five hits, striking out four. He retired 11 in a row at one point and pitched well after a shaky start. Jeanmar Gomez tossed a perfect ninth for his 16th save in 17 tries.

The Phillies won two of three for their seventh series win in the past eight, improving to 24-13 since an 0-4 start.

BRAVES 3 PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH — Julio Teheran allowed five hits in 7 2/3 crisp innings and Atlanta gave Brian Snitker his first victory as interim manager.

Teheran (1-4) struck out three without a walk to end six weeks of frustration. Tyler Flowers hit a home run to the bushes in center field and finished with three hits for the Braves, who won for just the third time in their last 13 games.

Arodys Vizcaino gave up a ninth-inning home run to Jung Ho Kang but got the final four outs for his fourth save.

Francisco Liriano (3-3) pitched seven strong innings but the Pirates lost for the first time in Liriano's last 14 starts at PNC Park.

NATIONALS 7 METS 1

NEW YORK — Daniel Murphy drove in two runs against his former team to back Gio Gonzalez in his latest win at Citi Field, sending patient Washington past New York.

Anthony Rendon snapped a fifth-inning tie with a two-run single for the Nationals, who stopped a three-game skid and held onto first place in the NL East. They took advantage of uncharacteristic wildness by Bartolo Colon (3-3) and the Mets, drawing 11 walks and getting hit by pitches twice in a game that dragged on for 3 hours, 42 minutes.

Gonzalez (3-1) carried a two-hitter into the seventh before three singles loaded the bases with one out. Felipe Rivero relieved and escaped the jam unscathed, retiring Kevin Plawecki and pinch-hitter Michael Conforto to protect a four-run lead.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	24	14	.632	—
Boston	25	16	.610	½
Tampa Bay	19	19	.500	5
Toronto	18	23	.439	7
New York	16	22	.421	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	24	16	.600	—
Cleveland	19	17	.528	3
Kansas City	20	20	.500	4
Detroit	19	21	.475	5
Minnesota	10	29	.256	13½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	22	17	.564	—
Texas	22	19	.537	1
Oakland	19	22	.463	4
Los Angeles	17	22	.436	5
Houston	17	24	.415	6

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	24	16	.600	—
Philadelphia	24	17	.585	½
New York	22	17	.564	1½
Miami	21	19	.525	3
Atlanta	13	28	.256	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	27	10	.730	—
Pittsburgh	21	18	.538	7
St. Louis	21	19	.525	7½
Milwaukee	17	22	.436	11
Cincinnati	14	24	.368	13

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	23	18	.561	—
Colorado	22	18	.550	½
Los Angeles	21	19	.525	1½
Arizona	19	23	.452	4½
San Diego	17	23	.425	5½

Scores & schedules

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Wednesday's Scores

Detroit 6, Minnesota 3
Kansas City 3, Boston 2
Oakland 8, Texas 1
Baltimore 5, Seattle 2
Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 3
Cleveland at Cincinnati, late
Houston 5, Chicago White Sox 3
Boston 6, Kansas City 2
N.Y. Yankees at Arizona, late
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games

Seattle (Karns 3-1) at Baltimore (Wilson 2-1), 11:35 a.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 5-0) at Cincinnati (Adleman 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (McHugh 4-2) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 5-0), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Estrada 1-2) at Minnesota (Santana 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 1-2) at L.A. Angels (Chacin 1-2), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 2-1) at Oakland (Graveman 1-0), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's Scores

Philadelphia 4, Miami 2
Atlanta 6, Pittsburgh 1
Cleveland at Cincinnati, late
Washington 7, N.Y. Mets 1
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, late
St. Louis 2, Colorado 0
N.Y. Yankees at Arizona, late
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, late
San Francisco at San Diego, late

Today's Games

Chicago Cubs (Hammel 5-0) at Milwaukee (Guerra 2-0), 12:40 p.m.
Atlanta (Pollywoncz 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Locke 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 5-0) at Cincinnati (Adleman 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 6-0) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 3-0), 6:10 p.m.
Colorado (Gray 1-1) at St. Louis (Wacha 2-4), 6:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Samardzija 5-2) at San Diego (Shields 2-5), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 1-0) at L.A. Angels (Chacin 1-2), 9:05 p.m.

Texas box scores

ASTROS 5, WHITE SOX 3

Houston

	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	4	1	3	2
Springer rf	4	0	1	0
Correa ss	5	0	2	1
Col.Rsms cf	4	0	1	0
Gattis dh	5	0	1	0
Moran 3b	3	0	0	0
Villarreal 1b	4	0	1	0
J.Castro c	3	2	2	1
T.Kemp lf	3	0	2	0
Maybin cf	0	0	0	0
A.Hicks ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	36	5	13	5

Chicago

	ab	r	h	bi
Eaton cf	4	0	2	0
J.Rmrz ss	4	1	1	0
Abreu 1b	4	0	2	2
Frazier 3b	4	1	1	0
Ma.Cbrr lf	4	0	2	1
Lawrie 2b	4	0	0	0
An.Grcia dh	4	0	0	0
D.Navrro c	3	0	0	0
Skdmre pr	0	1	0	0
Avila c	1	0	0	0
Totals	36	3	10	3

Houston ..... 110 111 000—5
Chicago ..... 100 001 001—3

DP—Houston 1, Chicago 2. LOB—Houston 9, Chicago 7. 2B—T.Kemp (1), Eaton (7), J.Rollins (7), 3B—Ma.Cabrera (2), HR—Col.Rasmus (8), J.Castro (3). SB—Correa (7).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Peter W,4-3	6 1-3	9	3	3	1	5
Gattis	2-3	1	0	0	1	0
Harris	1	0	0	0	0	2
Gregerson S,9-12	1	0	0	0	0	1
Chicago						
Latos L,5-1	5 1-3	11	5	5	2	3
Putnam	1-3	1	0	0	1	2
Jennings	2 2-3	1	0	0	0	2

T—2:57. A—14,999 (40,615).

ATHLETICS 6, RANGERS 1

Texas

	ab	r	h	bi
Odor 2b	4	0	0	1
Desmond rf	4	1	2	0
Beltre 3b	4	0	0	0
Fielder dh	4	0	1	1
Rua lf	3	0	0	0
Mrfield 1b	3	0	0	0
Andrus ss	3	0	1	0
Stubbs cf	3	0	0	0
Gallard p	0	0	0	0
Lowrie 2b	3	0	0	1
Totals	31	1	4	1

Oakland

	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp dh	5	1	2	0
Reddick rf	3	2	1	0
Vlencia 3b	4	2	3	2
K.Davis lf	3	2	2	1
D.Nrmo c	3	0	1	0
Gldschm 2b	4	0	0	0
Smmns ss	4	0	2	2
Vogt c	4	0	1	0
Totals	33	8	12	5

Texas ..... 000 100 000—1
Oakland ..... 320 001 00x—6

DP—Texas 2, LOB—Texas 5, Oakland 8. 2B—Crisp (8), HR—K.Davis (12), Smmns (6), Stubbs (3), B.Burns (10), Reddick (8). SF—Crisp (8).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Perez L,1-4	7	8	4	4	2	3
Fielder	0	1	1	1	0	0
Jackson	0	3	3	3	1	0
Claudio	1	0	0	0	1	2
Oakland						
Hill W,6-3	6	3	1	1	1	6
Rodriguez	2	1	0	0	0	1
Trigg	1	0	0	0	0	1

Fielder pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. L.Jackson pitched to 4 batters in the 8th. HBP—by Hill (Rua). PB—Holaday.
T—2:31. A—14,323 (37,090).

TUESDAY'S LATE BOXES

ASTROS 6, WHITE SOX 5, 11 INNINGS

Houston

	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	4	0	1	1
Springer rf	5	1	1	0
Correa ss	4	0	1	0
Gattis dh	4	2	2	2
Col.Rsms lf	5	0	1	0
Ma.Grcia 3b-1b	5	0	0	0
White 1b	4	2	3	2
T.Kemp pr	0	1	0	0
Villarreal 3b	1	0	0	0
J.Castro c	5	0	1	1
Mrunick cf	5	0	1	0
Totals	45	6	11	6

Chicago

	ab	r	h	bi
Eaton rf	5	0	2	2
J.Rmrz ss	4	0	1	0
Avila c	4	0	1	0
Abreu 1b	5	1	1	1
An.Grcia dh	5	0	1	0
Ma.Cbrr lf	5	0	0	0
Lawrie 2b	5	0	0	0
A.Jckon cf	4	1	1	0
D.Nrmo c	2	1	1	0
C.Sbstn pr-3b	2	1	2	0
Sladino 3b-ss	4	1	1	2
Totals	43	5	11	5

Houston ..... 010 010 020—6
Chicago ..... 000 120 002—5

E—A.Jackson (2), Sabathia (2). LOB—Houston 11, Chicago 9. 2B—White (8), Eaton (8), A.Jackson (10), D.Navarro (6), Sabathia (1). HR—Gattis (2), White 2 (7), Abreu (8), SB—Springer (3), Correa (6), Markrecki (1). SF—Above (2).

Sabathia (2)

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Keuchel	6 1-3	6	3	3	3	5
Giles	0 2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Harris	1	0	0	0	0	2
Gregerson	1	3	2	1	0	0
Neshek W,1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sipp S,1-2	1	2	1	1	0	2
Chicago						
Rodon	5	6	3	2	0	7
Jones	0 2-3	0	0	0	1	0
Duke	0 1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Putnam	1	2	1	1	1	1
Robertson	-	0	0	0	0	1
Albers L,1-3	1	2	2	2	0	1

T—3:00. A—0 (40,615).

ATHLETICS 8, RANGERS 5

Texas

	ab	r	h	bi
Odor 2b	5	1	2	0
Desmond rf	5	1	2	2
Mezara rf	5	1	2	1
Beltre 3b	5	1	2	1
Fielder dh	4	1	2	0
Mrfield 1b	4	0	2	0
Rua lf	4	0	1	0
B.Wlsn c	3	0	1	0
Alberto ss	4	0	1	0
Lndsay 2b	4	0	0	0
McKnctc c	3	0	2	0
Vogt ph	1	1	1	0
Totals	38	6	18	4

Oakland

	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp dh	5	2	1	0
B.Burns cf	5	0	0	0
Reddick rf	4	1	1	0
Vlencia 3b	4	1	3	2
K.Davis lf	5	3	3	6
B.Otter 1b	3	2	1	0
Alonso 1b	1	0	0	0
Semien ss	3	0	1	0
Coghlan 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	39	9	10	8

Texas ..... 000 300 020—5
Oakland ..... 020 001 10x—8

E—B.Burns (2), Valencia (7). DP—Texas 1, Oakland 2. LOB—Texas 8, Oakland 7. 2B—Odor (11), Crisp (7), McKnctc (1). HR—Desmond (6), Mezara (5), Beltre (7), Valencia (6), K.Davis 3 (11). SB—Alberto (1).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Perez	5 2-3	8	4	4	2	3
Hamels	0 1-3	3	1	1	2	0
Bush	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	2
Tolleson L,0-2	0 2-3	3	4	4	0	0
Oakland						
Hahn	6 2-3	10	3	3	1	2
Doolittle	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	3
Madson W,2-0	1	4	2	2	0	1

PB—Wilson.
T—2:45. A—12,718 (37,090).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TIGERS 6, TWINS 3

Minnesota ..... 000 000 120 —3 7 3
Detroit ..... 102 101 10x —6 13 0

Nolasco, Rogers (6), Tonkin (8) and K.Suzuki; Verlander, Wilson (8), Fr.Rodriguez (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—Verlander 3-4. L—Nolasco 1-2. Sv—Fr.Rodriguez (11). HRs—Detroit, Kinsler (10).

ROYALS 3, RED SOX 2

Boston ..... 000 110 000 —2 9 0
Kansas City ..... 200 001 00x —3 5 0

S.Wright and Hanigan; Kennedy, Flynn (6), Hochever (7), Herrera (8), W.Davis (9) and Butera. W—Flynn 1-0. L—S.Wright 3-4. Sv—W.Davis (9). HRs—Boston, Young (1). Kansas City, Hosmer (8).

RAYS 6, BLUE JAYS 3

Tampa Bay ..... 000 212 001 —6 10 0
Toronto ..... 010 010 010 —3 4 1

Odorizzi, E.Ramirez (6), Colome (8) and Conger; Dickey, Biagini (7), Floyd (8) and Thole. W—Odorizzi 1-2. L—Dickey 2-5. Sv—Colome (10). HRs—Tampa Bay, Jennings (3), Morrison (1), Kiermaier (5). Toronto, Saunders (6), Encarnacion (8), Paredes (1).

ORIOLES 5, MARINERS 2

Seattle ..... 001 100 000 —2 7 1
Baltimore ..... 020 110 01x —5 8 0

T.Walker, Montgomery (6), Peralta (8) and Iannetta; Tillman, Brach (7), Britton (9) and Wieters. W—Tillman 6-1. L—T.Walker 2-3. Sv—Britton (11). HRs—Seattle, Martin (6). Baltimore, Wieters (3), Trumbo (12).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PHILLIES 4, MARLINS 2

Miami ..... 200 000 000 —2 6 1
Philadelphia ..... 003 000 01x —4 8 0

Koehler, Urena (6) and Realmuto; Hellickson, D.Hernandez (7), Neris (8), Gomez (9) and Rupp. W—Hellickson 4-2. L—Koehler 2-4. Sv—Gomez (16). HRs—Philadelphia, Goeddel (1).

BRAVES 3, PIRATES 1

Atlanta ..... 001 001 001 —3 10 0
Pittsburgh ..... 000 000 001 —1 6 0

Teheran, Vizcaino (8) and Flowers; Liriano, Hughes (8), Caminero (9) and Cervelli. W—Teheran 1-4. L—Liriano 3-3. Sv—Vizcaino (4). HRs—Atlanta, Flowers (1). Pittsburgh, Kang (5).

NATIONALS 7, METS 1

Washington ..... 001 020 202 —7 8 0
New York ..... 000 100 000 —1 6 0

G.Gonzalez, Rivero (7), Kelley (8), Solis (9) and Lobaton; Ramos, B.Colon, Rieckes (5), Basbardis (7), Worrell (7), Blevins (8), Henderson (9) and Plawecki. W—G.Gonzalez 3-1. L—B.Colon 3-3. HRs—New York, Cespedes (13).

CARDINALS 2, ROCKIES 0

Colorado ..... 000 000 000 —0 6 1
St. Louis ..... 000 000 00x —2 7 1

Ross, Gonman (7), Qualls (7) and Wolters; Wainwright, Siegrist (7), Rosenthal (9) and Molina. W—Wainwright 3-3. L—Ross 1-2. Sv—Rosenthal (8).

MHS' Ryan named MVP, Vines also honored

From staff reports

Midland High senior Brooke Ryan was named the District 3-6A Most Valuable Player in the softball postseason awards that were recently released.


Ryan

Ryan spearheaded the Lady Bulldogs' potent offense with her power hitting in the leadoff spot, and also served as the team's left-handed closer in the circle.


Vines

Midland High's Shawnda Vines was named the district's Coach of the Year for guiding her team to an outright district championship with a 9-1 record.

The Lady Bulldogs were well represented as pitcher Deandra Allen, catcher Natalie Gamboa, second baseman Abbi Sanchez, shortstop Aryn Flores, outfielders Alyssa Flores and Ashley McClellan and designated player Rani Guerra all garnered All-District 3-6A first team honors.

Second baseman Shelby Olivas was the only honoree for Lee on the first team.

Odessa High's Deja Luna earned Offensive MVP honors, while teammate Elva Castillo was the Defensive MVP.

Odessa Permian freshman Monique Pando was the recipient of the Top Newcomer award.

All-District 3-6A Softball Team

Superlatives

MVP — Brooke Ryan, Sr., Midland High
Offensive MVP — Deja Luna, Jr., Odessa High
Defensive MVP — Elva Castillo, Jr., Odessa High
Top Newcomer — Monique Pando, Fr., Odessa Permian
Coach of the Year — Shawnda Vines, Midland High

First team

Pitchers — Deandra Allen, Jr., MHS; Miranda Martinez, Jr., Permian
Catchers — Natalie Gamboa, Jr., MHS; Cami Deanda, Jr., Odessa High
Infielders — Abbi Sanchez, So., MHS; Aryn Flores, Sr., MHS; Shelby Olivas, Jr., Lee; Skyler Herrera, Fr., Odessa High; Elizabeth Chastain, Permian, Sr.; Abigail Pawlik, Jr., Permian
Outfielders — Alyssa Flores, Jr., MHS; Ashley McClellan, Jr., MHS; Caitlyn Keese, Sr., Odessa High; Brittani Hill, Sr., Abilene High; Kaity Bailey, Sr., Permian; Jaci Williams, Jr., Permian
Utility/Designated players — Rani Guerra, Fr., MHS; Teresa Love, Jr., San Angelo Central; Rylee Day, Fr., Permian

Second team

Pitchers — Tori Bryant, Sr., Abilene High; Melanie Marin, Jr., Lee
Catchers — Hannah Banker, Fr., Permian. Kirklynd Newsom, So., Lee
Infielders — Marisa Cruz, Jr., San Angelo Central; Gaby Ortega, Sr., Abilene High; Kassandra Sanchez, Sr., Odessa High; Kyra Jaquez, So., Odessa High; Emily Nunez, Sr., Lee
Outfielders — Brianna Dominguez, So., Permian; Megan McGuiness, Sr., Abilene High; Alizea Garza, Jr., Odessa High; Lindsey Greenlee, Sr., Lee; Alaina Marquez, So., Lee
Utility — Sydnee Killam, Fr., Abilene High; Kenzie Sheppard, So., Abilene High

Honorable mention

Lee — Sarah Welsh, Jr.; Kali Garza, Sr.; Jasmine Gonzales, So.
MHS — Racey Haile, So.; Alli Monarrez, So.
Abilene High — Cailin Cerda; Cierra Woodyard; Kayla Otis; Sierra Morales
Odessa High — Andrea Molinar, Jr.
Permian — Kameron Martinez, So.
San Angelo Central — Aimee Rodriguez, Jr.; Vivi Villarreal, Sr.; Sydnie Gilbert, So.

Tide of college football concussion lawsuits begins

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As many as 50 class-action lawsuits contesting how the NCAA, major college football conferences or individual schools handled concussions will be filed in the coming months by former players seeking damages for lingering brain injuries and ailments.

The first batch of six lawsuits was filed Tuesday and Chicago-based attorney Jay Edelson said the next wave will likely be filed within the next two weeks.

"The reason that we're bringing so many of them instead of one giant one is because the NCAA successfully argued to the court that we shouldn't be allowed to bring just one big case," Edelson said Wednesday. "Because of that we have to file suit on a per school basis."

The first six lawsuits were filed by players who played for Georgia, Auburn, Vanderbilt, Oregon, Utah and Penn State. The former football players claim problems ranging from loss of memory and cognitive function to dementia.

The lawsuits come as a settlement in another concussion case against the NCAA is awaiting approval by a federal judge.

Former Eastern Illinois football player Adrian Arrington in 2011 sued the NCAA over its handling of concussions and it resulted in a proposed settlement that provided no damages to be paid to players for injuries.

Arrington opposed the settlement, though other plaintiffs signed off, and Edelson has fought against it.

"These cases appear to be yet another attempt by Mr. Edelson to interfere with efforts to move forward a settlement in the Arrington case. The lawsuits reflect copycat activity and just because they keep repeating the same arguments does not make them true," said Donald Remy, NCAA chief legal officer.

In the Vanderbilt and Penn State cases, the schools are named directly named in the lawsuits. In the other cases, state laws protect the universities from being sued. The conferences named in the lawsuits are the Southeastern Conference, the Big Ten, the Pac-12 and the Western Athletic Conference, where Utah competed while plaintiff and former defensive lineman Richard Seals played for the Utes.

Cowboys sign 1st-round pick RB Elliott to $25M, 4-year deal

Associated Press

IRVING — Ezekiel Elliott has signed a four-year contract with the Dallas Cowboys that includes a $16 million signing bonus and is worth nearly $25 million overall for the Ohio State running back who was the fourth overall draft pick.

Also on Wednesday, the Cowboys signed cornerback Anthony Brown from Purdue, safety Kavon Frazier from Central Michigan and running back Darius Jackson from Eastern Michigan. Dallas took those players in the sixth round of last month's draft.

Elliott is only the third running back the Cowboys have taken with a top-20 pick in franchise history. The other two are Hall of Famers Tony Dorsett and Emmitt Smith, the NFL's career rushing leader.

In his three seasons at Ohio State, Elliott ran for 3,961 yards and 44 touchdowns.

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AP file photo

In this May 27, 1997 file photo, Arie Luyendyk sprays champagne after winning the 81st running of the Indianapolis 500 auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

After 2 decades, Luyendyk is still Indy's fastest driver

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Twenty years and one week after Arie Luyendyk became the fastest man to conquer Indianapolis Motor Speedway's 2.5-mile oval, his records remain untouched and unchallenged.

And unlikely to fall anytime soon.

The man who sped around the 2.5-mile oval at a mind-blowing 237.498 mph during qualifying in 1996 and finished with a four-lap average of 236.986 finds it hard to believe he's still talking those speeds as the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 nears.

"It seems like a long time," Luyendyk said Wednesday. "I knew it would be a while with the changes going on at the speedway. I anticipated the speeds would be slower for a while, but 20 years is a long time."

It's not that series officials are afraid of pushing the limits.

They call the IndyCar Series the world's fastest and three years ago, Mark Miles, the CEO of Hulman & Co., IndyCar's parent company, discussed the possibility of breaking Luyendyk's records at the centennial race.

But with qualifying set for Saturday and Sunday and the May 29 race less than two weeks away, a record-breaking run is the one element that's missing from this month's grand celebration.

"It used to be if you ran faster than me, fine. If I ran faster than you fine, as long as it was all within the rules," four-time Indy 500 winner A.J. Foyt said.

Some contend the changes have been good for the sport.

By using more standardized equipment, costs have been cut and races have become more competitive. Drivers are safer, too, even at speeds that routinely top 225 mph. Ryan Hunter-Reay, the 2014 Indy 500 winner, had the fastest lap in Wednesday's practice, going 228.202.

But the debate that once drove the month of May — how fast can these cars go? — has been on hold ever since series officials decided to slow things down for the 1997 season.

The late Scott Brayton won the '96 pole with an average speed of 233.718. Luyendyk won it the next year at a seemingly pedestrian 218.263.

"I understand why it (a record-breaking run) hasn't happened because I think at that time there was a transitioning period and Tony George really was pushing hard for the SAFER barriers," said Mike Hull, the managing director for Chip Ganassi Racing. "I think everybody thought we would eventually go again with speed."

Instead, driver safety continued to be a hot-button issue.

AUTO RACING GLANCE

NASCAR SPRINT CUP

SPRINT SHOWDOWN/SPRINT ALL-STAR RACE

Site: Charlotte, North Carolina.

Schedule: Friday, Sprint Showdown practice (FS1, 12:30 p.m.); Sprint All-Star Race practice (FS1, 2 p.m.); Sprint Showdown, 6 p.m. (FS1); Saturday, Sprint All-Star Race qualifying (FS1, 6 p.m.); Sprint All-Star Race, 8 p.m. (FS1).

Track: Charlotte Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).

Race distance: Sprint Showdown, 20 laps (30 miles), 20 laps (30 miles), 10 laps (15 miles), 75 total miles total; Sprint All-Star Race, 50 laps (75 miles), 50 laps (75 miles), 13 laps (19.5 miles), 169.5 total miles.

Last year: Greg Biffle and Clint Bowyer claimed Sprint Showdown wins, and Danny Hamlin held off Kevin Harvick to give Joe Gibbs Racing its first All-Star Race win.

Last week: Matt Kenseth won for the first time in 2016 and for the third time at Dover's "Monster Mile." Kyle Larson was second, less than two-tenths of a second short of his first Sprint Cup victory.

Fast facts: The All-Star format has been tweaked for this year's race. Drivers will run a pair of 50-lap segments with mandatory green-flag pit stops before a 13-lap run culminating in a $1 million prize. ... No driver has ever claimed first in a Sprint Showdown and gone on to win the All-Star event. ... Hamlin will seek to join Dawsy Allison (1991-92) and Jimmie Johnson (2012-13) as the only drivers to win back-to-back All-Star races.

Next race: Coca Cola 600, May 29, Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Online: http://www.nascar.com

XFINITY

Last week: Erik Jones, who won the Camping World Trucks Series title in 2015, won for the second time in four races.

Next week: Hisense 4K TV 300, May 28, Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Online: http://www.nascar.com

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK NC EDUCATION LOTTERY 200

Site: Charlotte, North Carolina.

Schedule: Thursday, practice (11:30 a.m.); practice (1:30 p.m.); practice (FS1, 3:30 p.m.); Friday, qualifying (FS1, 4:30 p.m.), race, 7:30 p.m., FS1.

Track: Charlotte Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).

Race distance: 201 miles, 134 laps.

Last year: Erik Jones led the most laps, but Kasey Kahne led the ones that mattered to pick up the win for JR Motorsports.

Last week: Matt Crafton won for the first time in the Truck series at Dover, holding off Daniel Suarez on a 27-lap, green-flag finish.

Fast facts: Crafton's win put him first in the series standings. Crafton has four wins in five races this season. ... Suarez has been a runner-up six times in NASCAR races but has yet to win one. GMS Racing placed three trucks in the top 10 last week, led by Johnny Sauter (fourth).

Next race: Rattlesnake 400, June 10, Texas Motor Speedway.

Online: http://www.nascar.com

VERIZON INDYCAR

Last week: Simon Pagenaud continued his domination of the series in 2016, winning the third race in a row at the road course in Indianapolis. Scott Dixon was the last driver to notch three straight IndyCar races back in 2013, and he wound up winning the series title.

Next race: The 100th Running of the Indianapolis 500, May 29, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Online: http://www.indycar.com

NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING

NHRA KANSAS NATIONALS

Site: Topeka, Kansas.

Schedule: Friday, qualifying (7:30 p.m.); Saturday, qualifying, (4:30 p.m.); Sunday, eliminations, 2-5 p.m., FS1.

Track: Heartland Park.

Last year: Jack Beckman beat John Force in the finals, capping a weekend in which he completed five three-second runs.

Last race: Doug Kalitta won his second Top Fuel race in a row in Atlanta, beating teammate J.R. Todd.

Fast facts: John Force, the 16-time NHRA Funny Car champion, will debut his new 2016 Camaro SS car this weekend. Force's teammates, daughter Courtney Force and Robert Hight, will introduce Camaro SS rides later this season. ... Courtney Force won at Topeka in 2014, marking the 100th win by a female driver in the series.

Next race: New England Nationals, June 3-5, New England Dragway and Motorsports Park, Epping, New Hampshire.

Online: http://www.nhra.com

FORMULA ONE

Last week: Max Verstappen became the youngest winner in the history of Formula One at 18, taking first in the Spanish Grand Prix after a first-lap crash between Mercedes teammates Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg.

Next week: Grand Prix of Monaco, May 29, Monaco Circuit, Monte Carlo.

Online: http://www.formula1.com

OTHER RACES

WORLD OF OUTLAWS: Sprint Car, Morgan Cup, May 20-21, Williams Grove Speedway, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Empire State Challenge, May 22, Weedsport Speedway, Weedsport, New York.

Online: http://www.woosprint.com/

SPIETH

From 1C

more fun.

Being at home seemingly provides the perfect opportunity for that to happen, but Spieth admitted it might not be that simple.

"I can hit either extreme this week, trying so hard to play so well in front of so many friends and family and if you're not quite doing it, which I hadn't, I haven't in the past four years, it can be really tough to kind of hold it together," he said.

"At the same time, if I can engage with my friends and family maybe, and kind of smile more, it's only going to help me on the course if I'm approaching it like it's just another round with friends."

This will be Spieth's sixth start at the Nelson, his fourth since turning pro. He tied for 16th in 2010, still by far his best finish there, and then missed his high school graduation ceremony the following year after making the cut again and tying for 32nd.

He was playing in the NCAA tournament with Texas during the 2012 Nelson, but hasn't missed his hometown event since turning pro, finishing no better than 30th.

"To be coming to my sixth event, it's bizarre," he said. "It really is kind of an odd feeling."

North Texas is also home to defending Nelson champion Steven Bowditch, the Australian who this season has missed five consecutive cuts and seven of the past nine.

"Hopefully I can turn it around this week," Bowditch said. "I've got great vibes back here, again playing in front of friends and family ... and bring back some great memories."

TPC Four Seasons was a saturated, soggy mess last year after heavy rains in the weeks leading up to and during the tournament. The course played as a par 69 the final three rounds after the difficult par-4 14th became an easy pitch-and-putt par 3 with a temporary tee box because of the flooding on the low-lying hole.

Bowditch, who led all four rounds last May when he had 27 birdies and won by four strokes, might be the only person at TPC Four Seasons who likes the forecast calling for a strong chance of showers and heavy rain during Thursday's first round.

"It's too dry for me this year," Bowditch said with a grin. "This course is in fantastic shape, best I've seen it."



AP file photo

Jordan Spieth tees off on the 18th hole during the third round of the Masters golf tournament April 9 in Augusta, Ga.

CHAPS

From 1C

today, weather permitting.

MC is seeking its fifth national championship and first since 2008.

NJCAA MEN'S NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
at Duran Golf Club, Melbourne Fla.
Par: 72; Yards: 7,127
Wednesday's second round results

Team standings — 1. (tie) McLennan CC 290-277—567; Western Texas College 285-282—567; 3. (tie) Midland College 285-286—571; Indian Hills CC 284-287—571; 5. Hutchinson CC 289-289—578; 6. Pima CC 294-285—579; 7. Odessa College 291-289—580; 8. (tie) Dodge City CC 288-295—583; Wallace State CC 295-288—583; Scottsdale CC 299-284—583; 11. (tie) Iowa Western 292-294—586; Eastern Florida State 296-290—586; 13. Faulkner State CC 298-291—587; 14. Eastern Arizona College 294-295—589; 15. Garden City CC 294-299—593; 16. Central Alabama 299-295—594; 17. Darton State College 299-299—598; 18. Spartanburg Methodist College 306-301—607; 19. McCook CC 305-307—612; 20. Ranger College 315-300—615; 21. Eastern Wyoming CC 315-311—626

Medalist standings (top 10) — 1. Augustin Hole, Odessa, 67-68—135; 2. Colyen Abgrall, Scottsdale CC, 70-67—137; 3. Jackson Bugdalski, Indian Hills, 65-73—138; 4. (tie) Elliott Fullalove, Western Texas, 70-69—139; Trevor Ulfsstad, Indian Hills, 72-67—139; Ryan Scott Johnson, McLennan, 72-67—139; 7. (tie) David Reuer, Pima CC, 73-67—140; Kerry Sweeney, Eastern Florida State, 71-69—140; Cory Matthew Donnell, McLennan, 71-69—140; 10. Ben Murray, Midland, 73-69—141

Midland College (571) — Stefan Cronje 68-79—147; Lucas McCubbin 72-70—142; Ben Murray 72-69—147; Hudson Ross 73-74—147; Casey Fowler 74-73—147



HEITING

From 1C

"You were real helpless. It's like you just sat there and had to watch it."

Once he was cleared for rehabilitation, Heiting said that he didn't miss a session, determined to return to full strength.

Heiting credited a zero-gravity treadmill at City of Midland Aquatics for restoring his mobility.

By winter, Heiting was already competing again for Midland High, qualifying for the state powerlifting meet in the 275-pound weight division.

Heiting didn't stop with powerlifting as he earned a silver medal in the shot put at the District 3-6A Track and Field Championships, advancing to the area meet.

"He's a guy that stays late in the weight room every night, way after hours," MHS head coach Craig Yenzer said. "He did take a lot of work to get back, both mentally and physically."

Even though Heiting got his competitive juices flowing prior to spring football, the offensive tackle admitted that he experienced apprehension before he crossed the white lines on the gridiron.

"I had a lot of butterflies," Heiting said. "I was ready to come back but I was still kind of nervous. Then after getting into it, it's like normal (again), it's like riding a bike."

MHS to unveil spread offense

Midland High will be running an offense similar to the up-tempo spread scheme run by college programs Baylor and Tulsa during today's spring game.

That's a switch from the I-formation/shotgun offense the Bulldogs had been running.

Yenzer said he visited Tulsa head coach and former Baylor offensive coordinator Philip Montgomery over the course of four days this offseason to learn the offense. Yenzer and Montgomery are longtime friends.

"The other day, we ran 175 plays in an hour and 15 minutes," Yenzer said. "That's a big step up for us. Obviously, we are still learning a lot of things. We still hung on to parts of our offense, some of it will still look familiar, but no more two-back, no more quarterbacks under center. It's a lot of the Baylor look."

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THURSDAY PRIME TIME — MAY 19, 2016

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KMID	ABC	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "Family Affair" (SF) (N)		The Catch "The Happy Couple" (N)		The Catch "The Wedding" (SF) (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Couple (N)	Mom (N)	Couple (N)	Rush Hour (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	F. Mason "The Care of the Careless Kitten"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Bones "The Strike in the Chord" (N)		American Grit "Squad Till You Drop" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother
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KWES	NBC	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Strong "Four the Win" (N)		Blacklist "Alexander Kirk: Conclusion" (N)		Game of Silence "Road Trip" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	PBS NewsHour		Daytripper TV	Arts In Context	The Royal Paintbox		Heroes on Deck		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX		(5:25) ★ Beat		★★ The Paper ('94, Com) Michael Keaton.				★★★ Babel ('06, Dra) Cate Blanchett, Brad Pitt.					Movie
HBO		(5:14) ★ Barbershop...		Fight		★★ Fun ('15, Fam) Lexi Miller.			Veep	Silicon	Game of Thrones		Movie
HBO2		(:15) ★★ American Pie 2 Jason Biggs.				★★★★ The Man From U.N.C.L.E.			Real Sex	(:55) ★ A Walk Among the To...			
HBO5		★ Mistress America Lola Kirke.		Vice		★★★★ Juno Ellen Page.		(:45) ★★★ Knocked Up ('07, Com) Seth Rogen.					
MAX		(5:45) ★ The Bonfire...		(:15) ★ The Drop ('14, Cri) Tom Hardy.				★ Taken 3 Liam Neeson.		(:55) ★ Blackhat			
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PLEX		(5:25) ★ The Tender		★ American Anthem		(:45) ★ Top Dog Chuck Norris.				(:15) ★ Jury Duty Pauly Shore.			Movie
SHOW		(5:30) ★ The Stanford Prison Experiment				Penny Dreadful		Lies	Dice	Submis.	Dice	Submis.	Dreadful
TMC		(5:00) ★ Dragon: The...		★★★ The Manchurian Candidate				(:15) ★ Welcome to New York				★ Camp X-Ray	
A&E		60 Days In "Alone for the Holidays."		60 Days In "Institutionalized"		60 Days In: Time Out "11th Hour" (N)		60 Days In "Exodus" (N)		(:05) 60 Days In		(:05) 60 Days In "Institutionalized"	
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BET		★ Hustle & R...		The BET Life "Diddy"		Inside the Label		Wayans	Wayans	Husbands	Husbands	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List (N)		People's Couch (N)		Watch (N)	Million Dollar List		Couch
CNBC		Boss "Sky Zone"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		American Greed (N)		American Greed		Greed	"The Bar Girls"
CNN		Outfront		A. Cooper 360		The Eighties (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		The Eighties	
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HALLMARK		Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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HISTORY		Alone		Alone (N)		Alone (N)		(:05) Mountain (N)		Join/Die	Join/Die	(:05) Alone	
LIFETIME		★ Whitney & Bobby: Addicted to ...		★ Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor Jurnee Smollett.				★ Toni Braxton: Unbreak My Heart ('15, Bio) Debbi Morgan, Lex Scott Davis.				★ Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confe...	
MSNBC		Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs						NHL Overtime (L)		UCI Cycling	
NICK		★ Marmaduke ('10, Fam) Owen Wilson.				F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
SPIKE		(5:58) ★ Snitch ('13, Act) Dwayne Johnson.				Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync
SYFY		(5:00) ★★★★ John Carter Taylor Kitsch.				★★★ Resident Evil Milla Jovovich.				★★★ The Cabin in the Woods			
TBS		Seinf. "The Hot Tub"	Seinf. "The Soup Nazi"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Conan Josh Brolin, Tom Segura		Full Frontal	Conan
TCM		Movie	MGM Par.	★ ★★ Beach Party Frankie Avalon.				★ ★★ Wild Angels		(:45) ★ ★★ The Trip Peter Fonda.			
TELE		Caso cerrado		Eva, La Trailera		La esclava blanca		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	Titulares	La esclava blanca	
TLC		My 600-lb Life "Donald's Story"		600-lb Life "Angel's Story" (N)		Extreme Weight Loss "Bob" Bob is a Wisconsin police officer may lose his job.				Weight "Jonathan McHenry" (N)		600-lb Life "Angel's Story"	
TNT		Castle "Need to Know"		★★★ Catch Me If You Can Leonardo DiCaprio. A forger attempts to stay one step ahead of the lawman determined to bring him to justice.						CSI: NY "Slainte"		CSI: NY "Unwrapped"	
TVLAND		Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray	(:25) Ray "Ping Pong"		G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		NCIS "Better Angels"		WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.				★★★ Fast Five ('11, Act) Paul Walker, Vin Diesel. The crew find themselves on the wrong side of the law as they try to get out of Brazil.					
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Rampone returns to US women's team following knee surgery

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Defender Christie Rampone is returning to the U.S. women's team for the first time since September.

The American captain had arthroscopic surgery on her right knee on Sept. 4, a day after playing until the 51st minute of a 7-0 exhibition win over Mexico. Rampone, 40, has appeared in all five of Sky Blue's games this season in the National Women's Soccer League.

Rampone is among 25 players who will report to Denver on May 27 ahead of a June 2 exhibition against Japan at Commerce City, Colorado, the U.S. Soccer Federation said Wednesday. The Americans also play Japan on June 5 at Cleveland.

The Americans are preparing to defend their Olympic gold medal and will have to select an 18-player roster for the August tournament in Brazil. Seventh-ranked Japan, which lost to the U.S. in the finals of the 2012 Olympics and the 2011 and 2015 World Cups, failed to qualify for this year's 12-nation Olympic field.

Defender Gina Lewandowski will be with the U.S. team for the first time since making her debut in October.

The U.S. is missing midfielder Carli Lloyd, the FIFA Player of the Year, who sprained her right knee on April 23. The top-ranked Americans also are without midfielder Megan Rapinoe, who tore her right anterior cruciate ligament, and midfielder Sydney Leroux and forward Amy Rodriguez, who are pregnant.

The roster:

Goalkeepers: Adrianna Franch (Portland), Ashlyn Harris (Orlando), Alyssa Naeher (Chicago), Hope Solo (Seattle)

Defenders: Whitney Engen (Boston), Jaelene Hinkle (Western New York), Julie Johnston (Chicago), Meghan Klingenberg (Portland), Ali Krieger (Washington), Gina Lewandowski (Bayern Munich, Germany), Kelley O'Hara (Sky Blue), Christie Rampone (Sky Blue), Becky Sauerbrunn (Kansas City), Emily Sonnett (Portland)

Midfielders: Morgan Brian (Houston), Tobin Heath (Portland), Lindsey Horan (Portland), Rose Lavelle (Wisconsin), Allie Long (Portland), Samantha Mewis (Western New York), Heather O'Reilly (Kansas City)

Forwards: Crystal Dunn (Washington), Alex Morgan (Orlando), Christen Press (Chicago), Mallory Pugh (Colorado)

TEXAS FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water murky from windy days; 70 degrees; 2.41 feet low. Black bass are fair on topwaters and crankbaits. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs in 12 to 20 feet. Catfish are slow on cut bait, perch and goldfish up the river.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 68-71 degrees; 0.14 feet low. No reports on black bass. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows in the shallows. Catfish are good on worms and stinkbait.

COLORADO CITY: 20.53 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 68-73 degrees; 0.87 feet high. Black bass are fair on chatterbaits, swimbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 70-74 degrees; 7.24 feet low. Black bass are fair on shallow running crankbaits, weightless flukes and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

NASWORTHY: 69-73 degrees; 1.36 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on jigs. Texas rigged lizards and weightless flukes. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 68-72 degrees; 11.86 feet low. Black bass are fair on drop shot rigs, spinnerbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs in the shallows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse case Worm-Gitz nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 67-72 degrees; 43.86 feet low. Black bass are fair on Senkos, chatterbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 69-73 degrees; 0.71 feet low. Black bass are fair on medium running crankbaits, Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and split shot weighted flukes. Crappie are fair to good on chartreuse jigs and live minnows. White bass are fair to good on Road Runner Tails. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

SPENCE: 54.8 feet low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 0.19 feet high. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 71-75 degrees; 24.31 feet low. No report available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 70-74 degrees; 16.89 feet low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 68-72 degrees; 24.77 feet low. Black bass are good on crankbaits, jerkbaits, crankbaits, spinnerbaits, topwaters, and soft plastics. White bass are fair on crankbaits and minnows. Striped bass are fair on topwaters and Red Fins. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers in 3-12 feet. Yellow catfish are very good on trotlines and throwlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear; 69-73 degrees. Black bass are good on watermelon spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on live bait, shrimp, and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water murky; 84-88 degrees; 6.75 feet high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 64-68 degrees; 1.92 feet high. Black bass are good on watermelon and chartreuse colored crankbaits and spinnerbaits in 5-15 feet. Hybrid striper are fair on chartreuse striper jigs. White bass are good on minnows and LITI Fishies. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs in 10-20 feet. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch.

BUCHANAN: Water murky; 85-89 degrees; 0.25 feet low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse Slop-N-Pop topwaters, Shading Shad Rat-L-Traps, and watermelon Wheelie Sticks in 8-18 feet. Striped bass are good on watermelon swimbaits and Rat-L-Traps on the surface at first light. White bass are fair trolling green Rat-L-Traps and jigging Pink Minnows over rock piles. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and cut bait. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on juglines and trotlines baited with live bait.

CANYON LAKE: Water murky; 66-70 degrees; 0.88 feet high. Black bass are good on Texas rigged watermelon Whacky Sticks, chartreuse topwaters, and green pumpkin jigs in 8-15 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on LiTi Fishies upriver. Smallmouth bass are good on green Rat-L-Traps, watermelon tubes, and white spinnerbaits in 12-18 feet. Crappie are fair on pink tube jigs and minnows around submerged brush piles. Channel catfish are fair on stinkbait and minnows. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on juglines and trotlines baited with live bait.

COLEMAN: Water murky; 85-89 degrees; 1.33 feet high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

FAYETTE: Water murky. Black bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

GRANBURY: Water murky; 67-71 degrees; 0.36 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon Rat-L-Traps and spinnerbaits. Striped bass are good on silver slabs and chartreuse striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows and LiTi Fishies. Crappie are good on minnows. Catfish are good on stinkbait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers.

GRANGER: Water murky; 66-70 degrees; 5.18 feet high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

LBJ: Water stained; 67-71 degrees; 0.86 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon Senkos, pumpkinseed topwaters, and perch colored Rat-L-Traps early in 10-20 feet. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and pink tube jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on minnows and stinkbait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch and carp.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water stained; 66-69 degrees; 2.72 feet high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

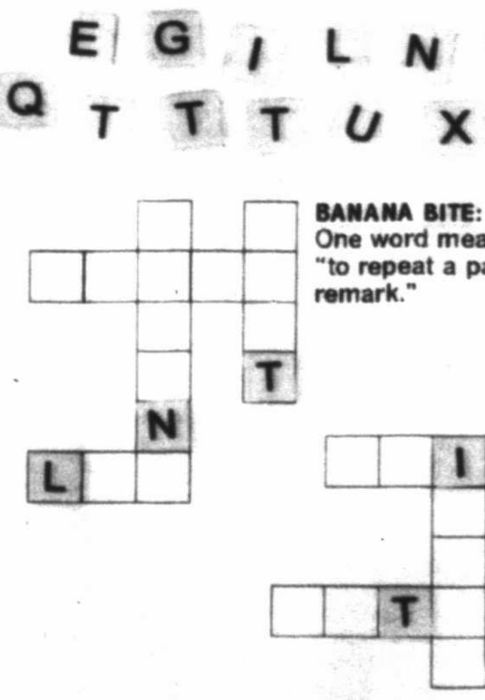
PROCTOR: Water murky; 66-70 degrees; 11.84 feet high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

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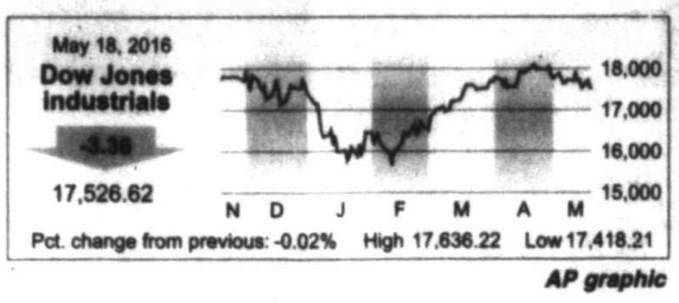
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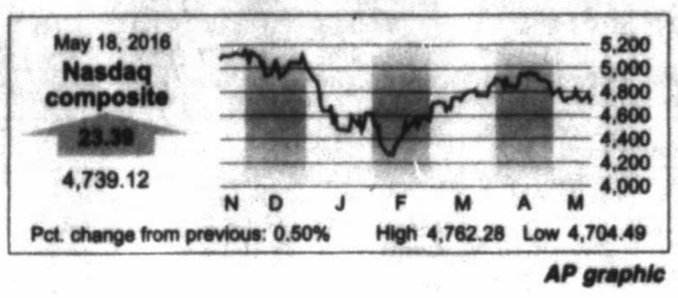
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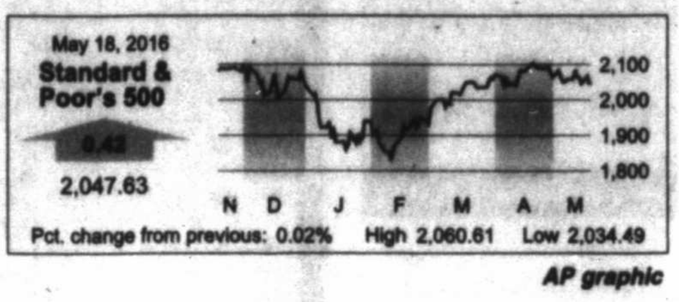
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FUTURES

Wednesday: $48.75
Previous: $48.31

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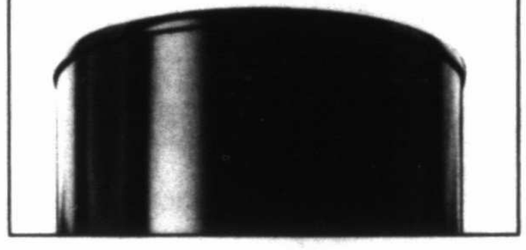
Wednesday: $44.75
Previous: $44.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $39.95
Previous: $39.95

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $2.001
Previous: $2.048



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1481922	14.68	-.02
VanEGold g	1271120	23.56	-.92
S&P500ETF	1159976	204.91	+.06
B iPVixST	963928	15.58	-.06
iShEMkts	892992	32.19	-.32

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CastlgtH	4.05	+.85	+26.6
Comerica wt	17.38	+1.90	+12.3
PNC wt	22.50	+2.33	+11.6
SunTr wtB	5.44	+.55	+11.2
LendingClb	3.99	+.39	+10.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DrGMBll rs	134.68	-42.74	-24.1
DxGBull rs	84.67	-26.29	-23.7
AllegTch	11.98	-2.61	-18.4
AtlasR pfE	3.00	-.65	-17.9
PrUGMin rs	54.48	-10.32	-15.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,045
Declined	2,038
Unchanged	81
Total issues	3,164
New Highs	78
New Lows	34
Volume	3,992,466,899

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MGT Cap	929899	2.62	-1.53
SynergyRs	52148	5.81	-.13
NwGold g	50172	4.24	-.46
B2gold g	36096	2.02	-.22
Globalstar	31537	2.65	+.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GpoSimec	9.20	+.44	+5.0
CmndSec	2.53	+.11	+4.5
Tompkins	64.59	+2.70	+4.4
ParkNatl	91.10	+3.72	+4.3
RELM	4.74	+.19	+4.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MGT Cap	2.62	-1.53	-36.9
B2gold g	2.02	-.22	-9.8
NwGold g	4.24	-.46	-9.8
IDI rs	5.06	-.54	-9.6
GoldResrc	3.52	-.33	-8.6

DIARY

Advanced	130
Declined	231
Unchanged	25
Total issues	386
New Highs	8
New Lows	9
Volume	178,723,300

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVixSh rs	586375	3.21	-.02
Apple Inc	410650	94.56	+1.07
OfficeOpt	311021	3.51	+.13
Cisco	292511	28.72	+.07
PwShs QQQ	268636	105.86	+.38

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GtBasSci rs	3.65	+1.92	+111.0
inContact	13.83	+4.82	+53.5
MazorRbt	13.28	+2.65	+24.9
ChemoCntx	4.77	+.92	+23.9
Andersons	32.07	+6.13	+23.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Venaxis rs	3.63	-.80	-18.1
Midatech n	3.95	-.66	-14.3
CytoriTh rs	2.87	-.46	-13.8
Acxiom	19.67	-2.71	-12.1
Scynexis	2.82	-.37	-11.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,612
Declined	1,152
Unchanged	179
Total issues	2,943
New Highs	22
New Lows	55
Volume	1,858,596,835

Obama's modest biofuels mandate for 2017 disappoints producers

Bloomberg

The Obama administration tried to strike a cautious compromise Wednesday in setting new biofuel quotas for a controversial renewable fuels program that pits Big Oil against Corn Belt interests.

The Environmental Protection Agency proposed compelling refiners to blend 18.8 billion gallons of biofuel into the U.S. gasoline and diesel supply next year, with no more than 14.8 billion gallons of that coming from conventional corn-based ethanol. The overall number — which is higher than oil companies wanted but lower than what biofuel producers sought — represents a modest increase over the 18.11 billion gallons of total renewable fuels the agency required for 2016.

But it is still far below a 24 billion gallon biofuel target that lawmakers established in a 2007 statute, and it dips below the law's 15 billion cap on conventional renewable fuel, limiting the potential for ethanol producers such as POET LLC, Green Plains Inc. and Pacific Ethanol Inc.

The EPA's proposal — like last year's version — appears to accommodate oil companies' concerns that the Renewable Fuel Standard is pushing them beyond a "blend wall" where the targets force them to mix a higher proportion of ethanol into fuel than the 10 percent level approved for use in all cars and trucks.

Biofuel backers blasted the EPA's plan, saying the agency was kowtowing to oil companies.

"The agency continues to cater to the oil industry by relying upon an illegal interpretation of its waiver authority and concern over a blend wall that the oil industry itself is creating," Bob Dinneen, head of the Renewable Fuels Association, said in an emailed statement. "As a consequence, consumers are being denied higher octane, lower cost renewable fuels. Investments in new technology and advanced biofuels will continue to languish and greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles will be unnecessarily higher."

Brooke Coleman, executive director of the Advanced Biofuels Business Council, said the proposed targets don't live up to the goals of the Renewable Fuel Standard: to drive the commercialization and use of low-carbon alternatives on U.S. roads.

"If the administration wants our industry to be aggressive when it comes to financing and commercializing low carbon fuels in the United States, as they have asked us to do, they need to hold up their end of the bargain and make some critical adjustments to the RFS final rule," Coleman said in an emailed statement.

Oil industry trade groups had lobbied the EPA to cap the total ethanol mandate at 9.7 percent of gasoline demand — an amount that would provide a buffer below the 10 percent blend while simultaneously accommodating sales of ethanol-free gasoline.

"Consumers' interest should come ahead of ethanol interests," said Frank Macchiarola, director of the American Petroleum Institute's downstream group. "EPA is pushing consumers to use high ethanol blends they don't want and that are not compatible with most cars on the road today. The administration is potentially putting the safety of American consumers, their vehicles and our economy at risk."

Under the EPA's proposal, refiners would be forced to blend 4 billion gallons of advanced biofuels next year, including 312 million gallons of cellulosic ethanol and 2 billion gallons of biomass-based diesel.

Denatured ethanol for June delivery rose as much as 3.4 cents, or 2.1 percent, on the news, climbing to $1.627 a gallon on the Chicago Board of Trade, the highest since July 2015. Renewable identification numbers, the tradeable credits that EPA and refiners use to show compliance with the law, jumped 12 percent to 83 cents, according to StarFuels, a Jupiter, Florida-based brokerage.

Biofuel producer shares also moved higher Wednesday. Green Plains, the fourth-biggest U.S. ethanol maker, rose 6.2 percent to $15.97 in New York. Renewable Energy Group, an Ames, Iowa-based biodiesel producer, jumped 3.6 percent to $9.56. Pacific Ethanol, a company with plants along the West Coast and in the Midwest, climbed 6.1 percent to $4.37.

The EPA is partly relying on climbing gasoline use to support the higher overall quotas. Americans will consume a record 143 billion gallons of gasoline this year, according to a May 10 forecast from Energy Information Administration.

The proposal is now subject to public comment through July 11, with a public hearing scheduled June 9 in Kansas City, Missouri. The EPA has until Nov. 30 to finalize the quotas for the following year — a deadline it has repeatedly missed. But under a court order last year, the EPA rolled out three years' worth of biofuel targets, and agency officials stress that they are back on schedule.

"This administration is committed to keeping the RFS program on track, spurring continued growth in biofuel production and use, and achieving the climate and energy independence benefits that Congress envisioned from this program," Janet McCabe, acting assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, said in a news release.

The mandates were authorized by Congress 10 years ago in a program that requires steadily escalating volumes of biofuels to be blended into the country's gasoline and diesel fuels. That federal law lays out a target of 24 billion gallons of renewable fuels in 2017, with no more than 15 billion of them coming from traditional corn starch-derived ethanol.

The law also empowers the EPA to lower the numbers in some cases. The agency did that for the first time for overall renewable fuels last year, sparking a legal challenge from biofuel producers.

Stocks gain, utilities fall

By the close, the Standard and Poor's 500 index managed to eke out a gain, up 0.42 points, just 0.02 percent higher, to 2,047.63. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 3.36 points, less 0.1 percent, to 17,526.62. The Nasdaq composite climbed 23.39 points, or 0.5 percent, to 4,739.12.

Utilities fell 1.9 percent on the Fed news, but banks rose because they can make more money on loans if rates go higher. JPMorgan Chase jumped 4 percent and Goldman Sachs climbed 3 percent.

The minutes of the Fed's last meeting showed a widely held view among policymakers that it "likely would be appropriate" to raise rates at its June meeting as long as the economy and labor markets continue to strengthen and inflation shows signs of accelerating.

Among stocks making big moves, Target plunged $5.61, or 7.6 percent, to $68 after reporting that sales had slowed. The company also gave a forecast that disappointed investors.

Shares of many other retailers followed the company lower in what is shaping up to be a miserable year for the sector.

Metals futures lower

Precious and industrial metals futures closed broadly lower. Gold fell $2.50 to $1,274.40 an ounce, silver lost 12 cents to $17.13 an ounce and copper dropped 1 cent to $2.08 a pound.

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Closing Price $116.84 Down 1.99

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Closing Price $6.23 Up 0.28

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $86.93 Down 0.01

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.53 Down 0.21

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.55 Up 0.07

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.09 Up 0.07

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $32.26 Down 0.62

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $7.46 Down 0.35

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.16 Down 0.01

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92	16	38.45	-.66	+11.7
Abraxas	...	...	1.36	-.07	+28.3
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.52	+.02	-2.4
AMD			3.84	+.05	+33.8
Alcoa	12	24	9.02	-.28	-8.6
AllegTch	.32		11.56	-2.61	+2.8
AlonUSA	.60		8.29	+.10	-44.1
Amgen	4.00	16	150.83	+.72	-7.1
Anadarko	.20	...	48.94	-.80	+.7
Apache	1.00	...	56.61	+1.49	+27.3
Apple Inc	2.28f	11	94.56	+1.07	-10.2
ApldMatl	.40	18	19.92	+.28	+6.7
ArcelorMit			4.52	-.23	+40.6
Archrock	.38m	...	6.83	-.09	-9.2
ATMOS	1.68	22	71.77	-.99	+13.8
AutoData	2.12	26	85.60	+.25	+1.0
BP PLC	2.40a	...	32.13	-.09	+2.8
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	17.18	-.20	-.4
BakrHu	.68	...	45.95	-.85	-.4
BcoBrad s	.44e	...	7.02	-.14	+60.5
BkofAm	.20	11	14.69	+.68	-12.7
B iPVixST	...	...	15.58	-.06	-22.5
BarrickG	.08	50	17.62	-1.75	+138.8
BasicEnSv	...	...	2.26	-.12	-15.7
Baxter s	.52f	32	45.08	+.48	+18.2
BerkHa A	...	1421	2200.00	+1504.99	+7.3
BlkHillsCp	1.68f	35	58.17	-.42	+25.3
BrilliSq	1.52f	50	71.09	-.12	+3.3
BrownFA	1.36f	32	103.40	+1.57	-6.1
BrownFB	1.36f	29	96.31	+1.39	-6.0
CVS Health	1.70f	21	101.52	-.59	+3.8
Caterpillar	3.06	18	70.59	-.46	+3.9
Celestic g	...	10	10.11	+.01	-8.3
CntryLink	2.16	14	26.88	-.57	+6.8
ChesEng	...	...	3.85	-.06	-14.4
Chevron	4.28	...	100.06	-.89	+11.2
Chicos	.32f	38	10.75	-.21	+.7
Cimarex	.32	...	116.12	-.21	+29.9
Cisco	1.04f	13	28.72	+.07	-.8
Citigroup	.20	12	45.67	+2.17	-11.4
CityEng	...	...	25.15	-2.51	-14.9
ConocoCnls	1.40f	25	44.49	-.37	+8.5
ConocoPhln	1.00f	25	70.13	-.72	+6.3
ConAgra	1.00	26	44.72	+.06	+6.1
ConchoRes	...	...	116.84	-1.99	+25.8
ConocoPhil	1.00	...	43.34	-.19	-7.2
CrackerB	4.40a	20	145.51	-1.95	+14.7
CSVelIVST	...	...	27.74	+.07	+7.5
CSVLgCrd rs		...		35.07	-1.89
CSVixSh rs	...	...	3.21	.02	-48.7
CrosTlm	1.35e	10	16.57	-.23	+27.4
DCP Mid	3.12	25	32.81	-1.39	+33.0
DTE	2.92	19	87.72	-1.40	+9.4
Dataram h	...	...	.74	+.10	+11.8
DevonE	.24m	...	34.12	-.51	+6.6
DirDGlBr rs	...	...	15.38	+2.88	...
Disney	1.42f	18	99.00	-.94	-5.8
DowChm	1.84	16	50.81	-.70	-1.3
EOG Resrc	.67	...	80.41	-1.16	+13.6
EmpDist	1.04	25	33.49	+.10	+19.3
EnCana g	.06	...	7.47	+.08	+46.8
Energen	.08	...	44.60	-1.35	+5.8
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	24.34	-1.32	+3.6
EnPro	.84	...	47.55	+.12	+8.5
EntProdPt	1.56f	21	26.68	-.41	+4.3
Ericsson	.46e	...	7.58	+.04	-21.1
ExxonMbl	3.00f	29	89.35	-.18	+14.6
Facebook	...	55	117.65	+.30	+12.4
FordM	.60a	6	13.16	+.02	-6.6
FrptMcM	...	...	10.54	-.97	+55.7
FrontierCm	.42	84	5.02	-.12	+7.5
GATX	1.60	8	43.69	-1.39	+2.7
GabMulMT	.84e	...	7.12	-.02	-5.1
GAInv	1.15e	...	30.39	+.01	-4.9
GenElec	.92	37	29.81	-.10	-4.9
GtPlainEn	1.05	22	30.86	-.58	+11.9
HalconRs rs	...	...	.97	-.04	-29.3
HallBrtn	.72	53	40.28	-.89	+18.3
HostHotls	.80a	18	15.00	-.49	-2.2
HuntBncsh	.28	12	10.29	+.52	-7.0
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	26.76	-.77	+29.4
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.82	+.01	-4.1
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	31.41	-.25	-11.0
iShEMkts	.84e	...	32.19	-.32	...
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	57.25	+.02	-2.5
iShBdHYB	5.09	...	83.06	+.01	+3.1
iSHR2K	1.73e	...	109.84	+.57	-2.5
inContact	...	...	13.83	+4.82	+45.0
Intel	1.04	13	29.99	+.01	-12.9
InterDig	.80	17	54.68	+.53	+11.5
iSh UK	.70e	...	16.00	+.17	-.9
iShCorEM	1.09e	...	39.48	-.31	+.2
ItauUnibH	.45e	...	8.82	-.05	+32.6
JPMorgCh	1.76	11	64.04	+2.38	-2.4
JohnJn	3.20f	18	113.89	-.24	+10.6
Keycorp	.30	12	12.52	+.58	-5.1
KimbClk	3.68	35	126.12	-.30	-.9
KindMorg	.50	27	17.04	-.63	+14.2
Kinross g	...	...	4.91	-.41	+169.8
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.53	-.21	+44.6
LendingClb	...	44	3.99	+.39	-63.9
Lubys	...	...	5.02	-.06	+12.3
MGT Cap	...	...	2.62	-1.53	+1039.1
McDnlds	3.56f	24	126.21	-1.48	+6.8
Merck	1.84f	20	54.67	+.35	+3.5
MerltMed	...	36	18.89	+.10	...
MexcoEn	...	...	2.55	+.07	-21.1
MicronT	...	11	10.05	+.38	-29.0
Microsoft	1.44	36	50.81	+.30	-8.4
MorgStan	.80	12	27.24	+1.06	-14.4
Nabors	.24	...	8.03	-.49	-5.6
NatGrid	3.35e	...	72.79	-.36	+4.7
NOilVarco	1.84	17	31.45	-1.37	-6.1
NokiaCp	.16e	...	5.21	+.10	-25.8
NwPtlt	.70a	...	14.69	-.19	+7.5
NwPrt	.52a	...	14.86	-.21	+5.3
NSTPfS	.55a	...	15.13	-.07	+4.1
NTXGl	.65	...	15.13	-.07	+4.9
OcciPet	3.00	56	74.81	-1.53	+10.6
OfficeDpt	...	50	3.51	+.13	-37.8
PerTech	...	46	4.46	-.03	-83.7
ParkDrl	...	...	2.25	+.09	+24.2
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Penney	...	...	7.30	+.04	+9.6
PennaRE	.84	...	21.09	-.80	-3.8
Pmrlan	.34e	19	8.58	-.07	+29.5
Petrobras	...	...	6.75	-.34	+57.0
Pfizer	1.20	17	33.17	+.14	+8.8
PioNtr	.08	77	183.35	-2.17	+30.3
PlainsAAP	2.80	18	34.27	-1.04	+8.1
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	105.86	+.38	-5.4
Praxair	3.00	21	119.78	-1.50	+8.2
PrmEgy	...	...	50.00	...	-5.7
PUVixST rs	...	...	14.38	-.11	-49.3
ProctGam	2.68f	26	79.85	-.77	+.6
ProUShSP	...	...	18.96	-.02	-4.9
RangeRs	.08m	...	38.73	-.55	+57.4
RegionFn	.28f	14	9.64	+.47	+.4
Rowan	.40	23	16.88	-.41	-.4
RoyDShlA	3.76	75	49.61	-1.22	+8.3
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	175.63	+.07	+.9
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	204.91	+.06	+.5
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	34.32	-.49	+13.6
SabnR	2.22e	13	34.65	-.07	+31.9
SanderFm	.88e	12	87.86	-.59	+13.3
Schlmbrg	2.00	27	73.17	-1.71	+4.9
SiriusXM	...	35	3.89	...	-4.4
Smucker	2.68	34	126.72	-1.02	+2.7
Sprint	...	...	3.58	+.06	-1.1
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	51.92	-.81	+2.8
SP Engy	2.04e	...	65.76	-.64	+9.0
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.27	+.40	-2.3
SP Util	1.55e	...	47.70	-.91	+10.2
SunocoLog	1.92f	38	28.21	-.41	+9.8
Target	2.24	13	68.00	-5.61	-6.3
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	10.38	-.01	-6.1
Tesoro	2.00	6	79.48	+2.46	-24.6
3M Co	4.44	21	166.82	+.12	+10.7
Torohmark	.56f	14	69.67	+1.23	+4.6
TriContl	.52e	...	20.04	...	+.1
TylerTech	...	59	148.20	+1.86	-16.7
UBSI	1.32	20	38.64	+1.47	+4.5
US OilFd	...	...	11.70	-.22	+6.4
USSteel	.20	...	13.25	-.88	+66.0
Vale SA	.29e	...	4.13	-.18	+25.5
ValeantPh	...	...	27.86	-1.22	-72.6
ValeroE	2.40	7	56.44	+1.19	-20.2
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.56	-2.02	+71.7
VanE JrGld	...	...	36.06	-3.14	+87.7
VengEng	1.10e	...	32.84	-.26	+.4
Vipshop	...	23	10.81	-1.50	-29.2
VulcanM	.80	51	116.51	-.14	+21.6
WEC Engy	1.98f	20	57.89	-1.01	+12.8
WalMart	2.00f	14	63.15	-1.95	+3.0
WalgBoots	1.44	23	76.54	+.06	-10.1
WeathfInt	...	...	5.36	-.31	-36.2
WellsFargo	1.52f	12	48.65	+1.03	-10.5
WstnRefin	1.52f	7	23.04	+.73	-35.3
WhitingPet	...	...	11.24	-.48	+19.1
WmsCos	2.56	...	20.83	-.68	-18.9
XG Tech rs	...	...	.11	+.03	-49.6
XcelEngy	1.36f	19	40.09	-.77	+11.6
Xerox	.31f	19	9.11	-.03	-14.3
Yamana g	.02m	...	4.60	-.46	+147.3

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,526.62	-3.36	-.02	+.58	-4.15
8,760.71	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,630.35	+22.72	+.30	+1.62	-10.27
672.40	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	642.20	-12.17	-1.86	+11.14	+8.98
11,254.87	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,239.65	-17.98	-.18	+.96	-6.86
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,739.12	+23.39	+.50	+5.36	-5.56
2,134.72	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,047.63	+.42	+.02	+.18	-3.68
1,551.28	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,436.15	-2.66	-.18	+2.69	-5.83
22,537.15	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	21,130.32	-2.02	-.01	-.18	-5.89
1,296.00	943.09	Russell 2000	1,102.95	+5.28	+.48	-2.90	-12.31

TODAY: Showers High: 71 Low: 56

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 88 Low: 63

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 89 Low: 68

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 88 Low: 67

MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 89 Low: 66

TUESDAY: Sunny High: 90 Low: 60

Local forecast

The National Weather Service is again expecting a 50 percent chance of showers today and 10 percent chance tonight. The chance of showers returns to the NWS' forecast Saturday night and continues through Sunday night.

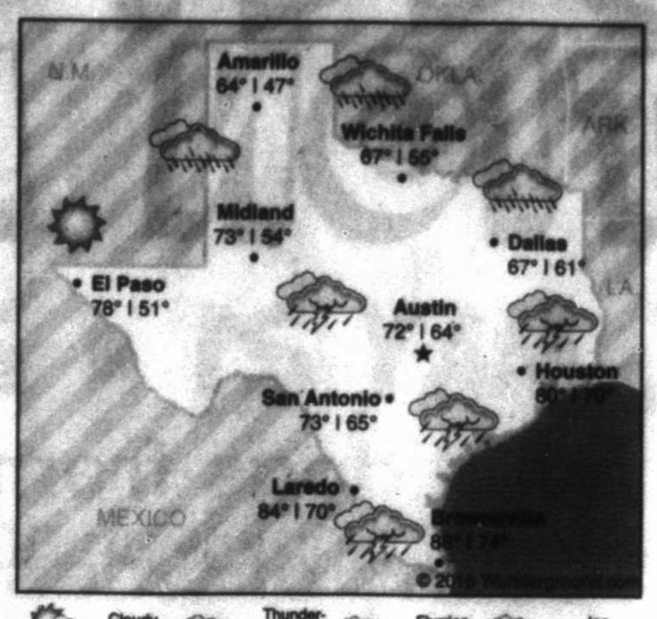
Instead of a high temperature that is more than 30 degrees below average for this time of year (like Wednesday), the NWS is expecting a high temperature today more than 15 degrees below average.

The record high for May 18 is 105 set in 2003. The record low is 45 set in 1969 and 1986. On May 18 of last year, the high was 90 and the low was 62.

Weather brief

A stormy weather pattern impacted the southern tier of the country on Wednesday, while below normal temperatures persisted from the central Rockies to the central Appalachians.

An area of low pressure transitioned across the Four Corners. This system generated showers and thunderstorms over the Desert Southwest and the lower Intermountain West. Socorro, N.M., reported a midday total of 0.40 of an inch of rain.



Partly Cloudy · Cloudy · Showers · Thunderstorms · Rain · Flurries · Snow · Ice

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.01 in.
Wednesday	0.16 in.
Month total	0.23 in.
Year total	2.50 in.
Normal total (year to date)	3.34 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	55
Low	51
Normal high	88
Normal low	60
Sunrise	6:49 a.m.
Sunset	8:42 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, May 19



Wife dances the night away while husband stews at home

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.



DEAR ABBY: My wife of 15 years has recently begun spending a lot of time with a group of women who socialize away from their husbands. They like to meet without their husbands and party at pick-up nightclubs and swingers' bars. When I asked her about it, her response was, "It's just us girls dancing with each other and having a good time. We dance with each other at the table we're at. We never dance with any of the men who ask us." When I asked why they go to these kinds of places, she said the atmosphere and music are better there.

Abby, I object to this type of partying. We married to be together. She's now accusing me of being jealous and possessive. Am I wrong to want her to stop? I think what she's doing is dangerous. — PLEASE STOP IN ARIZONA

DEAR PLEASE STOP: No, you're not wrong. Your wife partying regularly at swingers' bars and pick-up joints IS a threat to your marriage. If the shoe were on the other foot and you were the one out drinking and dancing while she sat at home, she'd probably feel the same way you're feeling now, unless you had both agreed on an open relationship.

Spouses who treat each other without consideration for the other's feelings usually wind up divorced, so while there is time to save your marriage, some sessions with a marriage counselor would be a good investment.

DEAR ABBY: My mom died of cancer last year at the young age of 63. (I am 30.) Not one member of my husband's mother's family (other than my MIL and FIL, whom we live with) acknowledged her death in any way. There were no phone calls, no sympathy cards, no "I'm sorry for your loss," NOTHING. My family and I were extremely hurt by their behavior. We feel that some sort of apology or explanation is in order.

Some members of my mother-in-law's family are now nearing death themselves, and I know I will be expected to go along with my husband, in-laws and their extended family to the various services "out of respect." The problem is, my respect for them no longer exists. Any advice? — DISRESPECTED ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR DISRESPECTED: Yes. If you prefer not to attend, stay home. And if you are asked why you didn't show up, tell them the reason.

DEAR ABBY: A family with young children just moved into the house across the street. They seem like nice people, but one thing concerns me.

Day and night, their 6-year-old son rides his bike all over the street unsupervised, and darts across without looking. Most of the residents on our street drive carefully, but every so often a strange car or two will barrel through. I'm worried that the boy will get hit one of these days.

Should someone go to the parents and tell them their child isn't safe? Or is it nobody's business to scold people on how to raise their children? — CONCERNED NEIGHBOR

DEAR CONCERNED NEIGHBOR: Go there not to scold but to welcome your new neighbors. And while you're there, warn the parents that some drivers ignore the speed limit while driving down that street, so it's important they stress to their boy the importance of looking both ways when he's on his bike.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

A better defense

Both vulnerable, North deals.

NORTH
♠ 7 4 3
♡ A K 3 2
◇ 5
♣ A K J 10 9

WEST
♠ A
♡ Q 10 9 5
◇ Q J 10 8 3
♣ 8 4 2

EAST
♠ K 8 5 2
♡ 8 7 6
◇ K 7 4 2
♣ 7 5

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10 9 6
♡ J 4
◇ A 9 6
♣ Q 6 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♡	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

Today's deal features another fine defense from Australia. East and West were Margaret Abrahams and Hilary Yovich, both from Perth. South might have done more to locate their eight-card spade fit, but he fell victim to a common problem. He recognized North's rebid as a reverse, but he wasn't sure how to continue the auction. He jumped to game in no-trump hoping that that would be a reasonable contract.

The first two diamonds were ducked by South. The third diamond went to East's king and South's ace. South ran off five club tricks hoping that something good would happen. It often does, as the opponents are forced to make discards when they are uncertain about the remaining suits. Informative defensive carding is at a premium.

East had to make three discards, and chose to high-low in spades, showing some strength there, and then a low heart. West needed two discards. A low heart was easy, but what about the second discard? Another heart and all of dummy's hearts would be good — remember that East discarded a heart. A diamond discard would allow dummy to exit with a spade, eventually forcing West to lead hearts. On this lie of the cards, West could prevail by leading the queen of hearts, but that wouldn't work if South started with four spades and three hearts.

Putting great faith in her partner's carding, West rose to the occasion and discarded the ace of spades! Declarer had no answer. A lovely defense.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 19, 2016:

This year you often get into disagreements about certain issues. You actually might enjoy these lively discussions, but make sure the other party feels the same way; otherwise, you could be creating an enemy. If you are single, you could meet someone any time before fall who proves to be an enticing and desirable match. If you are attached, you often consider going away together to keep the emotional bond between you strong. What you desire as a couple becomes a stronger possibility. SCORPIO can be sarcastic and hurtful, but you don't need to acknowledge these traits.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might make demands with the full expectation of getting what you desire. It seems as though there is willfulness in the air. You could be on a collision course without realizing it. Use a little more caution if you want to maintain some sort of control. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your vigorous energy and charisma attract many people, but it also could push others away. You might find a close association to be very challenging. You seem to be in a situation in which someone insists on being right. Gracefully change the conversation. Tonight: Out late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover, and are determined to accomplish all of it. You seem to encounter some interference from others. You'll need to come to terms with a changeable person who can be very demanding. Tonight: You might not be able to choose who, what and where.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You have a way about you that draws many people toward you. You seem to be juggling a need for passion and a need for stability. You will get both because of your changeability. Others look to you for solutions. Tonight: Allow more openness with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You seem to parachute into a black cloud, where everyone is willful and difficult. You could find it difficult to pull away and let go of the right or wrong way of thinking at the moment. Trust your judgments, and you will land well. Tonight: Happiest at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might hear a lot of gossip and wished you had not. You are likely to see others pressuring each other to find agreement. Today the majority of people will take stands in one way or another. Worry less about what is said. Tonight: Hang out with a friend or two.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is going on around you. You might feel pressured by a social issue or by a need to behave a certain way. Don't make any financial decisions right now, as they might not be as powerful as you would like. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You'll think you are right, but the person you are having a conversation with might think he or she is right instead. If you opt to fight this out to the bitter end, you are likely to run into some trouble. Take a step back for now. Tonight: Listen to the other side of the argument.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ On some level, you might feel pulled in different directions, especially if you get involved in several heated issues. Step away from current trends. Why not take part of the day off? You will refresh your mind and gain a new perspective. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Defer to a friend. If this person has a different opinion, let him or her voice it. No one is right or wrong here. What you're witnessing is different types of thinking at work. Go for what you want, while allowing others to follow their own paths. Tonight: All smiles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ The present environment seems to be difficult and demanding. Others might present ideas that they are sure are much better than yours. Few people will honor your limits and boundaries. Let go of these issues, and do what you must. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. Your perspective is likely to transform as a result of these conversation. You get this person's logic. You do trust yourself, but you still might want to get a few different opinions from those you respect. Tonight: Follow the music.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Grace Jones (1948), musician Peter Townshend (1945), journalist David Hartman (1935)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Toddler coddlers
6 Office stock
10 Port container
14 What's made "just in case"
15 Follow
16 Eclipse, to some
17 Overindulged oneself
19 It may sweep you off your feet
20 "Me too"
21 Sleeper's malady
22 Communications feature since the 1870s
26 Breakfast choices
27 Spot for breakfast
28 El __
29 They're usually covered by grilles
33 __ out a living
34 "Don't Go Breaking My Heart" duettist
37 WWII battle site, for short
38 Just beginning to develop
40 Emailed a dupe to
41 Research ctr.
42 White of the eye
44 "Looks pretty good, huh?"
49 1945 meeting site
50 Stern with a bow
51 __ marker
52 Psychology subject ... and what's contained in this puzzle's circles
57 Rapper with the debut album "Trouble"
58 Porch torch type
59 Sun: Pref.
60 Common allergen
61 Right on an atlas
62 A bit off

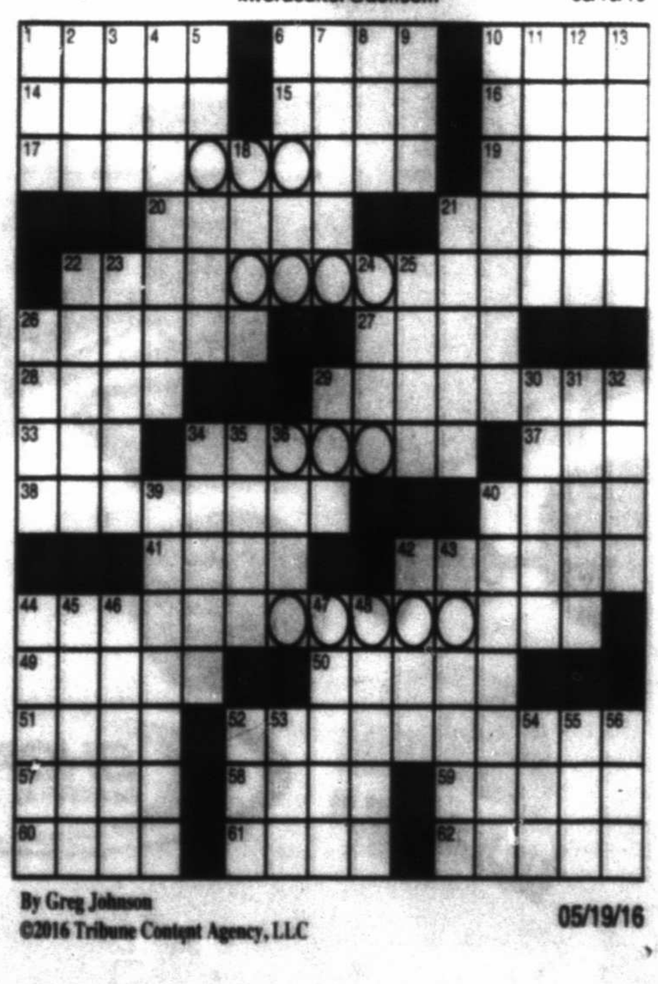
DOWN

1 Litter attention-getter
2 Hefted tool
3 Hood, for one: Abbr.
4 Like Radio City Music Hall
5 "The Daily Show" device
6 Where wee ones go
7 Waiting room read
8 Just out
9 Case, for instance: Abbr.
10 Ranch hand
11 Its website has a range finder
12 Divide into parts
13 Prep. at a pizza parlor
18 Mel and Ed with World Series rings
21 Not subject to, as suspicion
22 Fault product
23 More learned
24 Plains "Queen Wheat City"
25 Days long gone
26 Photo file format
29 Feel poorly
30 Tidy (up), facetiously
31 Dance provocatively
32 Pop
34 Cousin of "-ish"
35 __ many words
36 Pop's Perry
39 Things on strings
40 Played-out sayings
42 Ratings unit
43 Ballroom dance
44 Longtime Rolling Stones bassist Bill
45 17-syllable work
46 Divvy up
47 Down and dirty noises
48 "Can you __ in a sentence?"
52 Relative of "-ian"
53 Actress Peeples
54 Kind
55 One of a rat's pack?
56 Financial measure with 'the'

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

S	T	E	E	P		C	O	O	P		S	H	A	D
O	R	A	T	E		I	N	T	O		T	A	C	O
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Legal & Public Notices

Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

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The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clearfork Formation in the Fullerton Clearfork Unit Lease, well number 936W. The proposed injection well is located 5.5 miles north from Frankel City in the Fullerton Field, in Andrews County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5660' - 7400' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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Legal & Public Notices

Midland Independent School District

Procurement Services Department

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal for RFP #06-011 Printer Supplies through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707-C, Midland, Texas at **2:00 PM C.S.T. on June 16, 2016.** Request for Proposal 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) 240-1960.

General Announcements

Mark Berryhill.com Ministering for Christ Teach the Lord's Word 1-4

Lost & Found

BAG FOUND IN alley between Seaboard and Stanolind. Containing various items of value. Call 432-349-5755 to claim.

FOUND LARGE cat couch cushion on County Road 135. 432-618-0059

$500 REWARD, Lost female Boston Terrier, 4 years old black & white, named Bella. Very shy will run from you, don't chase just please call 307-680-3805 Last seen on Hwy 349 near Midland Country Club.

Legal & Public Notices

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Notice is hereby given to the owners and lienholders of the vehicles listed below that unless such vehicles are redeemed within 20 days of the date of this Notice, at the location listed, Certificates of Authority shall be issued to dispose of such vehicles to a demolisher. Failure on the part of the owners and lienholders to exercise their right to reclaim the vehicles within the time limited provided shall be deemed a waiver by the owners and all lienholders of all right, title, and interest in the vehicle and their consent to the disposal of such vehicles to a demolisher. Call (512) 465-5659 for further information regarding this matter.

DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE AND LOCATION:
1984, SUBA, 4D, 1F1AB43B5EB225566
9060 W TISDALE, ODESSA TX

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Monday, May 30th, 2016

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Tues., May 31st	Fri., May 27th, 4pm

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CIRCULATION HOURS

Customer Service calls will be taken Saturday, May 28th thru Monday, May 30th from 7AM-11AM only.

We will re-open Tuesday, May 31st for regular business hours.

Business Center

Business Opportunity

FOR SALE: 32 year old Bookkeeping and tax Service in small West Texas town. Generated 240K in 2015. Asking 125K. Has much potential and will help you get established. Send inquiries to business 4867 PO box 60013, San Angelo TX 76906.

Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

BUICK LESABRE 1987. Sport T-type w/ sunroof. Nice car. $2,650.00. 432-528-6217

CHEVY MONTE Carlo SS. 2004. Low mileage of apprx. 91K. Automatic. Loaded. Yellow with red pin stripes. Black leather interior. 2 new tires on front. Very clean and well maintained. $5200. 432-934-7756.

HONDA 2015 Accord EX-L V6 4 door Sedan. Excellent condition. Loaded. Maroon w/Tan interior. Mileage: 7400. Price reduced, $22,500 OBO. Below book. In Midland. 281-415-1961

HYUNDAI 2006 Azera Limited all options, leather seats, moon roof. 120,000 miles. Pearl white. One owner, all service records. $4,500 OBO. Call 432-352-3823

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LEXUS LS 430. 2005. 96k miles. White w/Tan interior. Leather, Classic Luxury Car, Loaded. Great Condition. No Accidents, Well Maintained, Lifetime Sirius Radio. $12,500. 432-661-1136

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Pickup Trucks



TOYOTA TACOMA, 2003, XtraCab 4WD, silver/gray, 3.4L, very clean, 164k mi, no accidents, $3200 More info at 502-309-4310.

Vans & Minivans

DODGE 2003 Caravan 140K miles. Everything works. Good tires. $2,900. Call 432-770-6370

4WD & SUV



HONDA CR-V, 2002. EX on Gasoline. Black Ext with Charcoal Interior with 92000 miles. $3400. AWD, no accidents, no damages, all electrical part works. Call or Text me at 646-580-7759.



JEEP WRANGLER Sahara, 1999. $3400. It is very clean inside and out automatic with 113,000 miles. 4.0L Straight Six RARE Black Sahara. Call me at 813-563-3873.

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TOYOTA 2015 4 Runner Limited. Sunroof, heated and cooled seats, beige exterior color with all brown leather interior. Perfect condition with 10,200 miles. Asking $37,000. 830-459-7019

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Clarence Murray, Jr., Deceased, were issued on May 17, 2016, in Cause No. P-18,676, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Martha Elizabeth Murray, Independent Executor, whose residential address is 301 Helen Greathouse Circle, Midland, Texas 79707-6775.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.
DATED the 17th day of May, 2016.

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Friday 9:00am-1:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

This is a beautiful house, full of beautiful things. Yamaha Baby Grand piano, French dining room set, table and chairs, sideboard, Armoire, Asian vases, Van Stavern designed love seat, Pine hutch, bar stools, Cowhide upholstered sofa, beautiful bedding, large arm chair, lamps, wonderful outdoor serving table, Rattan chaise, mens clothing, ladies clothing size medium, seasonal decor, flower arrangements, office desk, conference table, refrigerator. Due to limited parking space we may limit the amount of cars inside the gate - However there is plenty of room to park outside the gate.

No children please to many breakables
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Estate Sales

ESTATE SALE BY JOSEPH & TEAM #3 WILLOW CT., RACQUET CLUB (MIDLAND)

THURSDAY 9AM-3PM
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SATURDAY 9AM-12PM

This beautiful home is full of quality items including...Waterford, Lladro, crystal, silver plate, cut crystal, Mexican pottery, M.H. Hadley pottery, blue transfer ware, leather animals, Dept. 56 Christmas and Halloween, flow blue, large set of Royal Worchester china "Regency", Shelly cup/ saucers, Spode china (Christmas & other), English porcelain, Gaudy Welsh, Pickard etched china, Hutschenreuther German china, German nutcrackers, floral arrangements, large artificial plants, art work (original & prints), reverse painted lamp, Drury rugs, area rugs, antique oriental pottery, primitives, red leather chair/ ottoman, Hooker office desk/ leather office chair, banana leaf ottoman, antique carved entry piece, Bombay chest, breakfast set, large, dining table/8 wicker chairs, French dining table/8 chairs, red slipper chair, footed arm chairs/ottoman, large pine entry table, large Henny armoire, glass top table/ 4 rattan chairs, large display shelf, large vintage pine kitchen table, large pine side board, metal dental cabinet, vintage upholstered chairs, misc. ottomans, marble top chest, oak office desk drafting table, French daybed, queen beds, chests/ book cases/ cabinets, patio furniture, far too much to list.

For pictures go to...
https://www.estatesales.net/TX/Midland/79705/1201440

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1607 W. Louisiana (Midland)
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Beautiful, Original Paintings 40% off
Furniture and Decorator Items 50% off
Rugs 50% off
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1307 W. Texas Friday only 9am-5pm. Offfice furniture, rugs, kitchen items, chest of drawers, full size bed, & misc.

ESTATE SALE. Lots of wood tools, coke stuff, concrete tools, 2-dressers, misc stuff. E. Industrial Loop, look for the signs. May 16 - May 29. 9am-6pm each day.

Yard & Garage Sales

79706

623 EAST County Road 136. Fri. - Sat. Furniture, Coca-Cola memorabilia, craft items.

79707

4212 FAIRWOOD Drive. Thursday 8:30 am-12 noon, Friday 8:30 am -3 pm & Saturday 8:30 am-1 pm. Furniture, marble top buffet, Christmas & fall decorations, cut glass lamp, artwork, golf clubs, wicker chair, 2- large area rugs, chair with ottoman, 2- 6 foot bookshelves and numerous household items. No children please.

5519 HATHAWAY COURT Friday 8am-2pm & Saturday 8am-7 Mathew's Karate Team! All proceeds go to Competitors competing at World Competition. Multi family garage sale! Furniture, TV's, freezer, and much much more.

Yard & Garage Sales

79701

1108 LANHAM Friday & Saturday 7am-12pm. Some of everything! 4 family garage sale. Furniture, clothes for boys, girls, women, shoes, toys, kitchen items & more.

79705

2206 SEABOARD Ave. Saturday 8am-? TV's, strollers, rugs, chairs, furniture, clothes, purses, jewelry, vacuum, tables, mirror, pillows, comforters, shoes, kids & adults items & lots of miscellaneous

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1998 Travel Supreme 32' 5th wheel. 3 slides, lots of room, lots of extra goodies,including fifth wheel hitch. 2412 W. Shandon, Midland. 432-683-2675 or 817-832-2886

2014 PALOMINO PUMA RV model PT31FKBF. Like new! Perfect condition. 2 electric slide outs, sleeps 6, full kitchen, great storage, electric awning, cherry cabinets, all the extras. $19,000. Call 432-557-3480. Midland TX.

2014 ROYAL TRAVEL. 37 foot 5th wheel. 3 Slides, 2 A/C, W/D, electric awning, sleeps 6, many extras. Located in Lubbock, will deliver. $33,500. 210-317-5387.

2015 36' trailer, 2 slides, fairly new, washer & dryer, 2 A/C's, Never had pets, children or smoking. $20,000. 817-846-7875

2015 TRAIL Runner, 36' bumper pull. Beautiful, 3 slides, 2 bedrooms, every option. Selling $23,500. 484-368-2000.

FOR SALE, backhoe trailers, and front loader tractor 445. 480-729-9641.

HARLEY DAVIDSON 2010 Street Glide, Screamin Eagle, good condition. $12,500. 432-466-6060

HARLEY DAVIDSON 2010 Ultra Classic. $12,500. 432-230-3904

HARLEY DAVIDSON Sportster motorcycle 2011 with 10,414 miles in excellent condition. Motorcycle has alloy wheels and a tickler battery charger. Contact 432-553-1668 to make arrangements to see.

HONDA 2003 Goldwing, black, great condition. 27,300 miles, Tulsa windshield and stock windshield, chrome grips, highway pegs $9,500 432-556-2585

VXS YAMAHA Waverunner, 2011. 51 Hours, 1812cc High output engine with 2 security remotes and trailer. $ 7,000.00. Call Dave 432-664-8083 leave message.

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FREE KITTENS house trained. 432-234-1954

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Pets

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4406 CROCKETT 2bed/1bath. $775 mo, $775 dep. 432-978-2074.

APT. FOR RENT 1 BR/ 1 Bath/ KI/ L room. 1501 W Illinois. $700.00/ mo. Call Bill Jackson 432-557-3366.

IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY 1, 2, 3, & 4 bedroom apartments located at the Stanton Housing Authority in Stanton TX. Rent range is $381 - $618. Call 432-756-2812 for info. or pick up an application at office located at 408 East Carpenter St. Stanton TX.

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Townhouse/ Condo for Rent Unfurnished

2 STORY Townhomes 4311 St. Andrews & 4308 B Gieneagles $2,400 month, $2,400, deposit . 2200 sq. ft. 3 bedroom 3 bath, 2 car garage. Yards maintained. Small pets allowed with deposit. Contact Hope 432-638-9040

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MULTIPLE PROPERTIES FOR RENT: 1 Bed apartments Furnished $900 or unfurnished $750, Townhomes with 2 & 3 bed / 2.5 bath, 2 car garage, starting $1,700, deposit 1/2 mo. rent Text for info. 432-210-8068.

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3 BED / 2 BATH + Bonus room, garage, very clean. New appliances. $1,000 month lease/ own/ option 575-937-9377

3 OR 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 car garage, new carpet, storm cellar, refrigerated air, appliances. No pets. Gated, 1 family only. Large yard. Background & credit check. $1,500 month, $1,500 deposit. 432-296-9717

4BD, 2BA, south side. Close to Wal-Mart. $1,450/mo, $1250/dep 432-413-3489.

Residential Rentals

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

Country peaceful, oil-field home. 3/2/2 all stainless appliances, open floor plan, room to roam. Credit check, rental references, no pets. $1,800 monthly, $1,500 deposit. 1 year lease. 432-296-0951

NICE AND clean 2 bedroom, washer & dryer hookups. New fridge, access through the alley. Midland High area. No pet. Background & credit check. For single or couple. $900 month for 1 year lease $900 deposit. Call 689-4241

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Residential Sales

Condos/ Townhouses

OWNER FINANCE. 1 Bedroom, full bath, washer/dryer, living. 865 sq ft, gated pool and courtyard. 3000 West Illinois #20. $45,000 or $5,000 down payments for $429.84. 432-296-8343.

Homes for Sale

3527 GULF, 3BD/2BA, Remodeled, fireplace, 2000+ sf. Large backyard. $219,000. Call 432-631-8100 or 432-266-1212

3608 SINCLAIR 2939sf. 4BD/3BA, fireplace. Water well. Remodeled. $249,000 Call 432-631-8100 or 432-266-1212

FSBO 3004 BAYBRIDGE Court. 3 bedroom 2 bath, big kitchen, small patio backyard. $296,000. 325-262-1304

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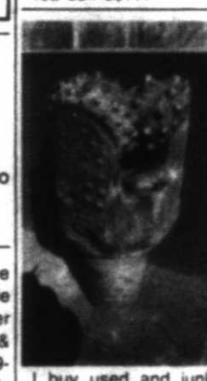
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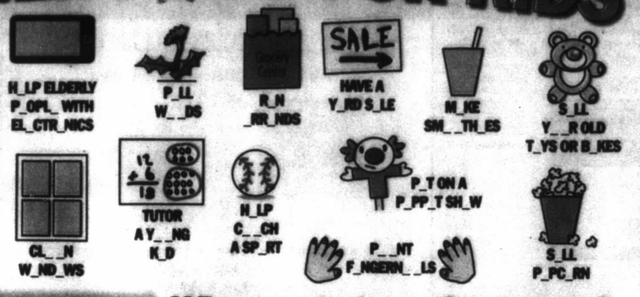
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SUMMER JOBS FOR KIDS

Are you looking to earn some money this summer? You can become an **entrepreneur**! That's a person who starts a business.

Fill in the missing vowels to discover some ideas for types of businesses YOU can start this summer!



What's an entrepreneur?

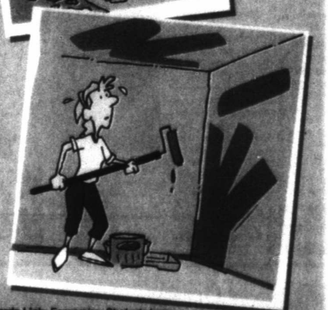
An **entrepreneur** (on-trah-preh-nyur) is a person who sees a way to earn some money by solving a particular problem.

For example, lots of kids have learned that thirsty people on hot days will pay for a cold glass of lemonade.

Entrepreneurial Thinking

Can you see the job opportunity in each of these pictures? Look at each picture. What problems do you see here? What kind of help might they be willing to pay for?





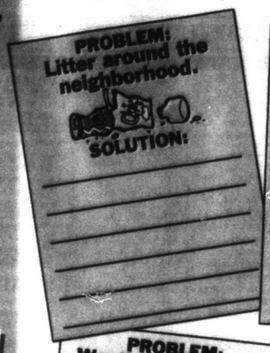
Standards Link: Economics: Students know that entrepreneurs are people who use resources to produce innovative goods and services they hope people will buy.

Who wants to make money?

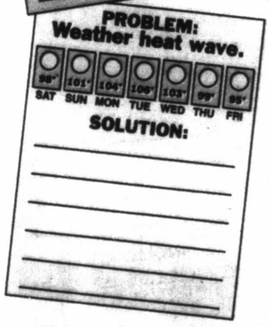
One way to make money is to get a job. But that is not possible for everyone. Often times kids can't get jobs because they are too young.

But that hasn't stopped kids around the world from finding clever ways of earning some cash. Some kids, like Jason, turn doing something they love into a way of earning money.

Look at each of the following pictures. Write down ways a business you could start might be able to help.







Extra! Extra!

Business Search

Look through the newspaper and make a list of all the businesses mentioned. Group these businesses into groups such as restaurants, stores, manufacturers, etc. Put each list into alphabetical order.

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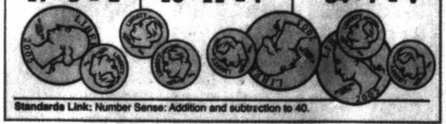
Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do the math to reveal the answer to this riddle.

What has a mouth but doesn't eat, a bank with no money and a bed but never sleeps?

___	___	___	___	___	___
22	26	5	27	9	26

13 + 9 = A	33 + 6 = G	15 + 11 = R
24 - 6 = D	28 + 4 = H	18 + 7 = S
17 - 8 = E	16 - 11 = I	34 - 7 = V



Standards Link: Number Sense: Addition and subtraction to 40.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

Difference Between Want and Need

Here is the difference between wants and needs. Wants are the things you would like. For example, I want a new board game. Needs are things you need in life. For example food, water, and clothes.

Aidan Montes,
4th grade, St Ann's

The difference between a want and a need is a want is something you think you need, but really don't. For example, I wanted a video game. I still want it, but I know we don't need it. A need is something you have to have to live. I need food, water, and air. I hoped you liked this little paragraph.

Jaxon Rusch,
4th grade, St Ann's

I want a phone and other kids say they have phones to annoy me. I can only get a phone until I'm in seventh grade. I need food & water. Food keeps me healthy and strong. Some foods are bad for you and is probably delicious. I need water to keep myself hydrated, water refreshes you.

Nick DelBosque,
4th grade, St Ann's

Something you want. Something you need. Something you want is markers, movies, soda and candy. Something you need is shoes, food, water, and socks.

Dora Machuca,
4th grade, St Ann's

Well, if you want to know what "want" and "need" are, here are some examples. What I want are some shopkins, they are so cool. What I need is shelter, food, and clothing. But I still have all of those.

Kate Pisklak,
4th grade, St Ann's

A want is something you don't need. It is not a basic need so you don't need it, you just want it. A need is a basic need, you need it to survive and that is what you need.

Miller Mcconaughey,
4th grade, St Ann's

The difference between want and need is simple. Want is where you don't need it to live but want it to have. Examples are toys, electronics, and more. Need is where you depend on it to survive. Examples are water, food, shelter, and warmth. So, the difference is, you need something to survive it's a need and if you just desire it, then it's a want. That's the difference.

Sofia Yepes,
4th grade, St Ann's

I want toys but I need more clothes. I want more toys I said to my mom. But you need more clothes she said so I start to cry and get mad. But then I realize I need more clothes. All of my skirts, shirts, and shoes don't fit me. So then I say sorry and we throw it all away and we refresh the day.

Bella Ledbetter,
4th grade, St Ann's

Write On!

Write Words Wonderfully

Write a sentence using words that all or nearly all start with the same letter. Example: ***Broccoli builds better basketball buddies.***

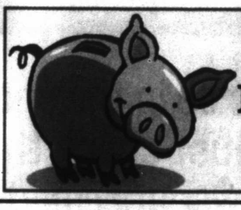
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Standards Link: Number Sense: Round to the nearest dollar.



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