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Perryman: Energy industry has 'staying power'

Midland, Odessa economy to outperform Texas, US through 2022, economist says

By Mella McEwen
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The strength of the region's energy industry will propel strong economic growth in Midland and Odessa over the next five years, according to Amarillo economist Ray Perryman.

Economic growth in Midland and Odessa through 2022 are forecast to exceed both state and national rates, and by significant amounts, Perryman said at his 34th annual Economic Outlook Conference Series, which was Thursday at Odessa Country Club. The luncheon was sponsored by Frost Bank.

Midland's real gross product is estimated to rise 5.48 percent — from \$31.5 billion to \$41.1 billion, a gain of \$9.6 billion, he said. The population in 2022 is expected to increase from 171,732 to 189,008, a gain of 17,276, or 1.94 percent. Employment is likely to rise by about 11,070 jobs, or 2.24 percent, to 105,395 jobs in 2022 from 94,326 jobs in 2017.

Perryman said Odessa has seen significant improvement over the last 18 months and is forecast to see real gross product rise 4.34 percent — from \$9 billion in 2017 to \$11.1 billion in 2022, a gain of \$2.1 billion. Odessa's population should rise 16.68 percent — from 165,025 in

2017 to 179,366 in 2022, an increase of 14,341. Perryman also expects Odessa to add 8,200 jobs — from 71,914 in 2017 to 80,211 in 2022, which is a growth rate of 2.21 percent.

Speaking with media before the luncheon, Perryman said it's not just the strength of the area's energy industry "but the fact it has staying power."

Accommodating the anticipated growth means "there needs to be careful planning" by Midland and Odessa leaders, Perryman said.

"It will take enlightened leadership" on infrastructure, from attracting the additional workers that will be needed,

to housing the new arrivals to the area's roads, he said.

"And they're already doing that," he said. "They're not unaware of the problems."

The even better news, he said, is that the area's dominant energy industry is helping provide resources to address infrastructure concerns.

"The industry benefits, and it knows it benefits, and is providing resources to help make improvements," he said.

The Permian Basin has been producing crude oil and natural gas for almost a

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MIXED REACTIONS



Michael Phelan, retired bishop of the Diocese of San Antonio, leads the first Pro-Life rally outside the Midland Planned Parenthood building on Aug. 30, 2013. An unidentified donor has committed \$9 million to build two Planned Parenthood clinics in West Texas.

Midlanders react to Planned Parenthood gift

From staff reports

Following reports of a gift to help build two new Planned Parenthood clinics in West Texas, some Midlanders welcome the possible reappearance of the health center, while others oppose the idea.

An unnamed donor has committed \$9 million to Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas to open two new health centers in this region, according to a Dallas Morning-News report. Another donor promised an additional \$800,000.

Locations of the centers have not been determined, and the nonprofit hasn't said whether the new clinics will perform abortions, according to the report. The Reporter-Telegram's request for comment from Planned Parenthood on Thursday wasn't immediately returned.

Services from the provider include screenings, testing for sexually transmitted infections, contraception and abortions, according to its website. Facilities

in Midland and San Angelo closed in 2013, after Texas passed a law that put restrictions on abortion.

Midlander David Rosen, who previously served on the board for Planned Parenthood of West Texas, looks forward to clinics in the region, wherever they are built. Rosen said women, particularly those with lower-paying jobs, are underserved in this area.

"As far as I know, there are no abortion facilities west of Fort Worth, and people needing care must travel a long distance and take a lot of time off work to get to one of those facilities," Rosen said. "So, lower-income people are very adversely affected by the lack of facilities."

But others in Midland don't welcome the idea of Planned Parenthood coming back to West Texas. The possibility of the nonprofit reopening here is "proof that the devil ... never sleeps," according to Mike Buschbach of Pro-Life Midland.

"We hope that the faithful rise up to oppose Planned Parenthood's agenda of supporting sexual license of any kind, taking the lives of pre-born children through contraceptives and dismemberment, corrupting the morals of youth and propagating the racial discrimination of their founder, Margaret Sanger," Buschbach said via email.

Msgr. James Bridges, who previously served as pastor of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, said the closing of Planned Parenthood was a victory for people who fought for the unborn. He discourages support for the nonprofit.

"I know they do provide services for indigent women, but the overall objection we have is... aborting children before they are born," he said.

The Planned Parenthood website lists Texas health centers mostly near Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. The timing of the two West Texas facilities hasn't been determined, according to the Dallas Morning-News report.

Police chief allegedly violates two city standards

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland Police Chief Steve Henry allegedly violated two policies or standards of city of Midland Personnel Policies, according to a personnel complaint that the city provided the Reporter-Telegram.

Henry, according to the complaint, is being accused of violating policies or standards at "multiple" locations, at "multiple" times and on "multiple" dates from about early January through early March.

Henry remains on administrative leave while the Cotton, Blodson, Tighe and Dawson law firm conducts an investigation into the allegations. According to a document that the city provided to the Reporter-Telegram, while on administrative leave, Henry:

■ is not to act in any official capacity as a city employee without first obtaining specific authorization from the City Manager's Office or the Administrative Services Department;

■ will inform the director of Administrative Services as to the address and telephone number at which he can be contacted during the period of administrative leave;

■ will be available to the investigator for investigative and/or administrative interviews or inquiries during normal business hours; and

■ will work 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

An email from Support Services Manager Della Vengas to some city of Midland employees states that Henry "is not allowed in the building without a PD escort."

The policies or standards allegedly violated are:

Chapter IV, Section 16 (harassment policy and procedures).

Chapter VII, Section 1(b) (which addresses "Adverse Action").

Henry has been on administrative leave since March 28. The city previously said that the investigation into these allegations was expected to take at least 30 days. Deputy Chief Seth Herman is serving as acting chief while Henry is on leave.

In an email to staff that the city provided to the Reporter-Telegram, Herman wrote that the situation with Henry and subsequent changes "will not influence

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Northwest Midland school crossing guard arrested

From staff reports

A crossing guard, who was stationed near Greathouse Elementary School, was arrested in February on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.



Rodriguez

The arrest was mentioned during the public comment period during this week's meeting of the Midland ISD school board. The city of Midland, which helps arrange for crossing guards to help students across city streets, confirmed the arrest of Jacobo Rodriguez on Feb. 20. City officials said the charge did not involve a Greathouse Elementary student. The Reporter-Telegram expects to have more information on the arrest of Rodriguez in an upcoming issue.

Last week, the city and school district communicated about the arrest and talked about subsequent changes in the request for the proposal process for crossing guards, according to city and MISD officials. Also, the principal has notified Greathouse parents of the situation and a PTA meeting was held, during which information was provided and questions were answered about the subject, according to the district.

City officials told the Reporter-Telegram that cities are in control of traffic in the state of Texas, so the hiring of crossing guards has become a "natural function" of city government. The city sends requests for proposals out for a company to employ crossing guards. This situation has caused the city and school district to make sure companies provide data for prospective workers that mirrors school district background standards.

Average price of gas in Midland jumps to more than \$2.60

■ AAA Texas: Midland posts most expensive average price for 17th straight week

By Stewart Doreen sdoreen@my.com

The price of gasoline jumped in Midland and across the state this past week, according to AAA Texas and TexasGasPrices.com.

In Midland, the average price increased from \$2.54 to \$2.61 a gallon for regular unleaded, according to AAA Texas, which also reported Thursday that Midland kept its hold on the state's largest metropolitan areas with the most expensive gas for the 17th straight week.

The average price across the state also jumped 7 cents, reaching \$2.42 per gallon, according to AAA Texas. The association survey found San Antonio has the cheapest gasoline in Texas this week at an average of

By the numbers		
Cheapest gas: \$2.42 (Santa Clara, Tulewinds/SH 191)		
Cheapest gas (non-membership club): \$2.43 (H-E-B, Andrews Highway/Loop 250)		
Most expensive gas: \$2.69		
Most common prices: \$2.55 and \$2.60		
Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock \$2.14, San Angelo \$2.24, Abilene \$2.30, Midland \$2.42, Odessa \$2.42		
	Midland-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	\$2.579	\$2.423
Last week	\$2.515	\$2.351
Last month	\$2.405	\$2.291
Last year	\$2.205	\$2.105

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

\$2.30 per gallon.

AAA experts, according to the Associated Press, said gasoline prices have increased with the arrival of spring and as the market begins to transition from winter-blend gasoline to summer-blend, which is usually more expensive to produce.

In Midland, that increase was felt with the cheapest gas moving from \$2.19 last week to \$2.42 this week.

And not only did the floor on gas prices rise

dramatically, so did the ceiling, as the number of retailers showing regular unleaded gas for more than \$2.60 a gallon moved from three last week to 18 this week. The most expensive price — \$2.69 — also was one of the most common prices in the city.

And while the rising price was felt across Midland-Odessa, Midland again is helping to push the average price in both cities higher, according to TexasGasPrices.com,

which shows an average price of \$2.579 in both cities. Odessa had 11 stores showing regular unleaded at \$2.60 or more, and the highest price in the city was \$2.65. The average price in Lubbock rose 6 cents this past week to \$2.31.

TexasGasPrices.com shows the difference between the state average and the average in Midland-Odessa went from just more than 15 cents last week to more than 14 cents this week. One month ago, that difference was greater than 17 cents. One year ago, the difference was less than 10 cents.

Distributors have told the Reporter-Telegram there are many complexities in the fuel business that impact pricing. They pointed to the high cost of transportation from Gulf Coast refineries and the distance Midland is from pipelines.

Gasoline prices across the U.S. jumped 8 cents this week to average \$2.65 per gallon.

Man arrested on assault charge

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Tuesday after allegedly assaulting a female, according to court documents.

Anthony Mario Tumbiolo, 56, was being held Thursday on a \$10,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family/house member by impeding breath/circulation.

A Midland County sheriff's deputy was dispatched to an RV Tuesday in reference to an active disturbance.

Tumbiolo pushed a

female into a wall, causing pain in her back, according to his arrest affidavit. He lifted the female off the ground and choked her to the point that she started to lose consciousness, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony charge, Tumbiolo could face up to 10 years imprisonment.



Tumbiolo

Drought expands across Southwestern US

By Susan Montoya Bryan Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Drought is tightening its grip across a wide swath of the American Southwest as farmers, ranchers and water managers throughout the region brace for what's expected to be more warm and dry weather through the spring.

A federal drought map released Thursday shows dry conditions intensifying across northern New Mexico and into southwestern Arizona. Every square mile of Nevada and Utah also are affected by at least some level of dryness.

On the southern high plains, Oklahoma is ground zero for the worst drought conditions in the United States.

The exceptional drought in the Panhandle — an area dominated by agriculture — has more than doubled in size. Many farmers rely on precipitation to help water their crops as pumping groundwater is

the only other option.

"We're in the irrigation period and it really would be fantastic to get some precipitation out in those areas," said Cole Perryman of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

Crop conditions around the region are declining as extreme drought spans from Kansas and Oklahoma to California. In New Mexico, about three-quarters of the winter wheat crop is in poor to very poor condition as meaningful moisture has been scarce since last fall.

Along the Rio Grande in southern New Mexico, the irrigation allotment will be less than half of what farmers received last year. Water orders will begin next week and officials with the local irrigation district are encouraging growers to use their surface water as soon as crops demand it.

"As we get later in the release season, the possibility of us running out of surface water and shutting down gets larger," Phil King, a consultant with the district, said in a notice to farmers. "So it's sort of a use it or lose it type situation."

In Arizona, there's concern for ranchers as the poor range conditions have left stock tanks dry. On the Navajo Nation, a drought emergency was declared earlier this month and residents have started hauling water for their sheep and other livestock.

"It's been one of the drier years we've had," said Arizona state climatologist Nancy Selover. She warned of the increased chance for dust storms this spring.

But officials aren't expecting any cuts to the water delivery systems that serve much of Arizona's population.

Arizona residents have been living with a continuous drought declaration for years, said Tom Buschatzke, director of the state's Department of Water Resources.

Part of that is because of the situation within the state's own boundaries but also what's happening along the Colorado River, which supplies water to about 40 million people and 6,300 square miles of farmland in seven states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

"It's getting to the point where the debate will continue to ramp up about whether this is really a drought or whether this is the new normal, what's the expected future," Buschatzke said. "There's certainly lots of data pointing to this being the new normal."

STATEBRIEFS

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON
Texas sheriff questions deputy's actions in deadly shooting

The sheriff of Harris County says a deputy "should have found other options" rather than fatally shooting a man within a minute of arriving on the scene of a disturbance at a Houston intersection.

Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said Wednesday that the incident is still being investigated but he finds it "concerning" that deputy Cameron Brower quickly used lethal force rather than trying to de-escalate the situation.

Gonzalez says 34-year-old Danny Ray Thomas was unarmed and "in a state of crisis" when he was seen walking in the street March 22 with his pants at his ankles.

The deputy had responded to an altercation that started after Thomas allegedly struck passing cars with his hands. Brower's dash-cam

and other video shows Thomas continuing to walk toward Brower as the deputy orders him to the ground.

FLANO
One killed, 3 wounded in shooting at Texas apartment complex

Authorities in suburban Dallas say one person is dead and three others wounded in a shooting at an apartment complex.

Police in Plano say the shooting occurred Thursday morning and described it as an isolated incident.

They say the gunman has fled the apartment complex and a search is underway to find the person.

Police spokesman David Tilley told The Dallas Morning News that at least one of the victims was targeted but the motive for the shooting was unknown.

He says the victims were found in an apartment and also in the parking lot of the complex.

HENRY

From 1A

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According to Henry's employee agreement, the city of Midland pays him a base salary of \$145,000. It also states that in the event of involuntary separation, he shall be entitled to receive a lump sum equal to six months of his base salary.

Additionally, he would be entitled to receive payment for any accrued but unused vacation and sick leave.

Judge gives 90-year sentence for sex crimes against child

A Midland man was sentenced to 90 years in prison on Thursday after a Midland County jury found him guilty of aggravated sexual assault of a child, indecency with a child by contact and indecency with a child by exposure.



Villalaz

Joe Angel Mendonza faced five total counts related to offenses that were alleged to have occurred in June 2016.

The assaults, according to the Midland County District Attorney's Office, were committed against two females (who are not related to him) under the age of 14. The jury found Mendonza guilty after three hours of deliberation.

Judge Robin Malone Darr,

of the 38th District Court, subsequently assessed his punishment at 60 years confinement, 20 years confinement and 10 years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The sentences are to run consecutively; therefore, Mendonza's sentence is 90 years of confinement.

The case was tried by Assistant District Attorneys Rebecca Patterson Lincham and Andrew Stallings.

Man sentenced in sex crimes against children case

A Midland man was sentenced to prison on Wednesday after being convicted in a sex crimes against children case.

A Midland County jury convicted Jose Villalaz on one count of aggravated sexual assault of a child, one count of attempted indecency by contact with a child and one count of indecency with a child by exposure,

in a case involving two children under 7.

Then Rodney Satterwhite, presiding judge of the 44th District Court, sentenced Villalaz to a term of 25 years on the first count and the statutory maximum of 10 years on each

Villalaz

of the remaining counts in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division.

After being found guilty, the defendant faced a punishment range of five to 99 years or life on the first count, and two to 10 years on the remaining counts.

Robert Bond and Andrew van der Horven from the Midland County District Attorney's Office represented the state of Texas.

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(Good Friday): John 19:30

"When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.'"

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adjective
: causing cold
: chilling



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Today is Good Friday

Many Christians around the world observe Good Friday on the Friday before Easter Sunday. It commemorates Jesus Christ's Passion, crucifixion, and death, which is told in the Christian Bible. It is the day after Maundy Thursday.
Source: www.timeanddate.com

Passover begins tonight

Passover, or Pesach in Hebrew, is one of the Jewish religion's most sacred and widely observed holidays. Passover commemorates the story of the Israelites' departure from ancient Egypt, which appears in the Hebrew Bible's books of Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, among other texts. Jews observe the weeklong festival with a number of important rituals, including a traditional Passover meal known as a seder, the removal of leavened products from their homes, the substitution of matzo for bread and the retelling of the Exodus tale.
Source: History.com

Things to do

- Grading Ganges and Salt-tolerant Ganges in Midland with Texas A&M professor and Extension horticulturalist Steve George. Hosted by the Permian Basin Master Gardeners, 9 a.m.-noon at the Midland Extension office, 2445 E. Highway 91, \$10. westtexasgardening.org
- Strawberry-picking Field Day 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Plants and Produce, 3412 S. County Road 1130. Call 432-558-5870 to reserve a spot. \$3 per pound.
- Crafts Ball, 5-9 p.m., Home's Choice Furniture, 4401 N. Big Spring St.
- Youth Game Night, 5-8 p.m., Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.
- National Barrel Horse Association TX 68 series features youth, novices, open and senior riders, 5-15 p.m., Martin Arena, 10200 E. County Road 65.
- Friday Night Fish Fry 6 p.m., Roundhill Hills Golf Club, 1000 E. Wadley Ave. roundhillhills.com
- Night Market with food by the 22 vendors and live DJ 6-10 p.m., 312 N. Colorado St.
- Bingo Night, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airport Lane. 682-5511.
- The Anchor, Apollonia, Broken Star Photography, Amarillo. 7 p.m., Galaxy Doo Saloon, 6000 N. Galster Ave. \$10.
- "West Fijian" Vol. 1 by Tommy Wilson. 8 p.m., Tall City Stadium 14, 4015 SW Loop 250. \$13.50. tallcitystadium.com
- Chet Johnson Band, 9 p.m., Dinosaur Bar, 1700 Route Highway.
- John Pyle, 9 p.m., Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.
- Wicked West Band, 9 p.m., Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.
- Mike Williams, 9 p.m., Play's Bar and Grill, 3421 W. Wall St.
- DJ Williams, 9 p.m., the LIT on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. 682-5511.
- DJ BODDIE, 9 p.m., Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive. \$10.
- Alpine Gam and Musical Show at the Alpine Civic Center, 601 W. Holland Ave., Alpine.

TODAYINMIDLAND

Easter Eggstravaganza egg hunt



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Children gather Easter eggs during the city of Midland's "Easter Eggstravaganza" on Thursday at Martin Luther King Jr. Park. More photos from the event will appear in a future edition.

Logan, 501 Veterans Airport Lane. 682-5511.
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Alpine Gam and Musical Show at the Alpine Civic Center, 601 W. Holland Ave., Alpine.

Loop 250 West; Easter egg hunt, hot dogs and cotton candy; face painting and balloon animals; and photos with the rabbit, 688-2100.
Easter Bash Car Event will include egg hunt, bicycle giveaway, car show and more, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at East Park, 5200 W. Wall St. Hosted by Model Citizens of West Texas.
The eighth annual Community Egg Hunt hosted by First Christian Church, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. Hill Park, 1301 W. Calhoun Ave. The event will feature free hot dogs, cotton candy and more than 25,000 eggs to hunt for.

This date in Texas
On March 30, 1870, Texas was readmitted to the Union.
Source: The Associated Press
Today in History
On this date: In 1967, U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal ridiculed by critics as "Seward's Folly."
Source: The Associated Press

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 0-3-7
Pick 3 day: 1-0-0
Pick 3 evening: 0-0-0
Pick 3 night: 0-0-0
Daily 4 morning: 5-0-5-3
Daily 4 day: 1-0-0-7
Daily 4 evening: 2-0-0-3
Daily 4 night: 2-7-0-2
Cash Plus: 2-10-25-20-30
Mega Chance: 5-0-11-13-14-17-32-40-41-50

Texas Two Step: 6-10-20-24
RR: 12
All or Nothing morning: 2-4-5-7-8-10-12-13-15-17-18-22
All or Nothing day: 1-2-4-5-7-11-13-14-16-18-21-23
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-4-6-9-13-17-19-20-21-23
All or Nothing night: 1-2-3-5-8-9-10-12-16-18-22-24

Weather

Thursday's temperatures
High: 69
Low: 49
Normal high: 74
Normal low: 44
March 20's records
Record high: 95 set in 1963
Low: 18 set in 1944

Precipitation
Wednesday: 0.00 in.
Thursday: 0.02 in.
Month total: 0.11 in.
Year total: 0.16 in.
Normal total (year to date): 1.83 in.

Winds
Average speed: 16.8 mph
Highest speed: 25 mph
Highest gust speed: 37 mph
Today's forecast
High: 75

Forecast for Friday, March 30, 2018



Low: 58
Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 15-20 mph (gusts between 25 and 30 mph)

during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 7:40 a.m.
Sunset: 8:07 p.m.
Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Virgo if born before 12:52 p.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March 30, 2018:

This year you break out of your mold to create new patterns and try out new interests. Your life takes on a more exciting turn than in the recent past. You open doors and growth life is a new way. If you are single, a powerful situation could build romance after the summer. Go with the flow, and you'll be glad you did. If you are married, you and your spouse add a new quality to your life together. The two of you might decide to expand your family or take up a new passion. LIBRA is loving and sensitive toward you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your energy and sense of well-being are fueled by a close friend or associate. You have reason to celebrate. Handle detailed work in the morning, when you can focus on key matters with precision. By the afternoon, you glow with love and affection. The two of you might decide to expand your family or take up a new passion. LIBRA is loving and sensitive toward you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

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★★★★ Your ingenuity comes when cycling a potential problem. Make it OK to remain focused on one project in the afternoon, but expect some calls or a knock on the door. Decide what feels right when working with an associate. Tonight: Opt to go out to dinner with a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You have your need for precision in the morning, when you can focus. By the afternoon, even if you are busy with a project, your mind is likely to wander. A case of spring fever might have you feeling distracted. Make plans for the weekend. Tonight: With loved ones at a festive place.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Make calls in the morning, when you have a lot on your mind and need to contact several people. You might feel as if you can discuss nearly topic with those around you. In a sense, you have set up a safe space with people you can trust. Tonight: Honor your comfort level.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Observe a tendency to focus up as the day goes on. In the morning, deal with practicalities. By the afternoon, you'll adopt a much more creative attitude. Listen to what is being shared by a roommate or family member. Tonight: Use your charm and humor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Handle important matters in the morning, when you are likely to get your way. Expect unusual creativity to come forward. Confirm plans with a key person in the evening. You might want to indulge this person, but you do have a budget. Tonight: Christian the weekend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could feel sluggish in the morning. By the afternoon, you will be at your best. Others note your high charm and energy. Before you know it, if you don't already have plans, you will. You might be overwhelmed by all the possibilities. Tonight: Whatever suits your fancy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ If you have an important call to make, by all means do it before lunch. Afterward, you might feel the weight of the past few days and will need some downtime. Some of you will choose to reflect on

certain powerful feelings. Use this time well. Tonight: Make it OK to fly solo.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ The impression you give this morning impresses the right person. By the afternoon, a successful meeting occurs that gets you the desired results. If you can stand your weekend early, do. A loved one does everything for or she can't tell you out the door. Tonight: Watch the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be in for a surprise. You approach a personal matter differently from your usual style. Suddenly, you understand where a key person is coming from. Take on a strong role in the afternoon, wherever you are. Know that others want to join. Tonight: Make strong choices.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ One-on-one relationship puts a smile on your face. How you deal with someone and the choices you make could be quite different from what you had anticipated. Know that you are breaking a pattern as you head in a new direction. Tonight: Try something new and exotic.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your ability to move forward could stand others. You'll go along with someone else's ideas, yet somehow encourage changes that you would like, too. You don't see yourself as impulsive, nor does this person; you simply see logic. Tonight: Make it a special night.

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A truck drives by the pullout Wednesday where the SUV of Jennifer and Sarah Hart was recovered off the Pacific Coast Highway, near Westport, Calif. The bodies of the two women and three of their adopted children were recovered after the vehicle plunged over the cliff Monday, while three more of their children, Devonte Hart, 15, Hannah Hart, 16, and Sierra Hart, 12, have not been found.

Sheriff: There are unknowns in SUV's plunge off cliff

By Paul Elias
and Phuong Le
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Nobody answered the door when a child-welfare worker went to the Washington state home of the big, free-spirited Hart family to investigate a neighbor's complaint that the youngsters were going hungry.

Three days later, the Harts' crumpled SUV was found at the bottom of a 100-foot seaside cliff in Northern California, all eight family members presumed dead in a mysterious wreck now under investigation.

"There are a lot of unknowns on this," Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman said. "Several of the questions that have been asked today will never be answered."

Investigators have yet to determine the cause of the crash and said there is no reason so far to believe it was intentional. But they also said there were no skid marks or signs the driver braked as the GMC Yukon crossed a flat dirt pull-off area, about 75 feet wide, and went over the edge of the Pacific Coast Highway.

The case has thrown a spotlight on at least one previous run-in with the law by the Harts, along with neighbors' repeated concerns about the way the home-schooled youngsters were being treated.

Some family friends, though, say that doesn't track with their knowledge of the parents, Sarah and Jennifer Hart, as a loving couple who promoted social justice and exposed their "remarkable" children to art, music and nature.

The brood was known as the Hart Tribe, a multiracial family of two women and six adopted children who grew their own food, took spontaneous road trips to camp and hike, and traveled to festivals and other events, offering free hugs and promoting unity.

One of the children, Devonte Hart, drew national attention after the black youngster was photographed in tears, hugging



(Brianna Fortsch/KATU News via AP)

The Hart family of Woodland, Wash., is seen at a Bernie Sanders rally March 20, 2016, in Vancouver, Wash. Authorities in Northern California say they believe all six children from the family were in a vehicle that plunged off a coastal cliff. Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman told reporters Wednesday that only three bodies of the children have been recovered. Their parents also died Monday.

white police officer during a 2014 protest in Portland, Oregon, over the deadly police shooting of a black man in Ferguson, Missouri. Devonte was holding a "Free Hugs" sign.

But well before the wreck, Sarah Hart pleaded guilty in 2011 to a domestic assault charge in Douglas County, Minnesota, telling authorities "she let her anger get out of control" while spanking her 6-year-old adoptive daughter, court records show.

Then, on March 23, Bruce and Dana DeKalb, next-door neighbors of the Harts in Woodland, Washington, called state child protective services because Devonte, now 15, had been coming over to their house almost every day for a week, asking for food.

Dana DeKalb said Devonte told her his parents were "punishing them by withholding food." The boy asked her to leave food in a box by the fence for him, she said.

Social service authorities opened an investigation, and a state caseworker went to the house Friday but didn't find anyone home, state officials said.

The agency had no previous history with the family, said Norah West, a spokeswoman with the Department of Social and Health

Services.

By Saturday, the family's SUV was gone from the driveway, said Bruce DeKalb.

The wreck was discovered by a passing motorist Monday afternoon. The women, both 38, were found dead inside the SUV, while three of their children — Markis Hart, 19, Jeremiah Hart, 14, and Abigail Hart, 14 — were discovered outside the vehicle.

A team on Thursday continued to search the rugged coastline for the three other children, also believed to have been in the SUV: Hannah Hart, 16, Sierra Hart, 12, and Devonte.

The DeKalbs also recounted that three months after the Harts moved into their house on two acres with a fenced pasture last May, one of the girls rang the DeKalbs' doorbell at 1:30 a.m.

She "was at our door in a blanket saying we needed to protect her," Bruce DeKalb said. "She said that they were abusing her." The entire family came over to their house the next morning to apologize and explain it was a bad week, Dana DeKalb said.

The sheriff said investigators don't know exactly when or how the SUV went over the cliff, situated

alongside a spot commonly used by motorists to walk their pets. Allman appealed to anyone who might have seen the family to come forward.

Accident-reconstruction experts said investigators will look at such factors as the weather, road conditions and the possibility of brake failure, a blown tire or some other malfunction.

That model of Yukon was also presumably equipped with a black box recorder that would show its speed and use of the brakes, said Marcus Mazza, an engineer and accident-reconstruction expert with Lancaster, Pennsylvania-based Robson Forensic.

Family friend Max Ribner took issue with the notion it was something other than a tragic accident. The couple adopted the six children, many of whom came from "hard backgrounds," he said. "They transformed these kids' lives."

"This is a tragic accident of a magnitude that cannot be measured," said Zippy Lomax, a photographer who knew the Harts. "They were really radiant, warm, adventurous, inspiring people. They were always on some grand adventure, and the kids were living this life that was kind of like this dream."

Emotions run high at funeral for man shot by police

By Don Thompson
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A standing-room-only crowd packed into a church Thursday to celebrate the life of a 22-year-old black man who was shot to death by Sacramento police, prompting angry protests and a resolve to force changes in police departments around the country.

The musical and scriptural celebration of Stephon Clark was interrupted by his emotional brother Stevante, who hugged and kissed the casket, led the crowd in chants of his brother's name and interjected as others spoke.

The Rev. Al Sharpton hugged and consoled him and told the crowd not to judge how families grieve.

"This brother could be any one of us, so let them express and grieve," Sharpton said as he delivered the eulogy with Stevante Clark clutching him around the neck. "We are proud of them for standing up for justice."

About 500 people attended the funeral, where friends and family shared memories of Stephon Clark's "keen dancing ability," sense of humor and smarts, and his desire to be a good father to his two young sons. Speakers frequently started call and response chants of "I am — Stephon Clark."

Clark's name has sparked protests and calls for police reform in California and beyond. Families of people killed by police marched in Compton, calling for more transparency in use-of-force investigations.

In Sacramento, Sharpton and others chastised President Donald Trump for failing to comment on police shootings of young black men, which White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders has called a local issue.

Meanwhile, police dramatically increased security outside the downtown NBA arena where protesters have twice blocked thousands of fans from entering for Sacramento Kings' games. The team plays the Indiana

Pacers on Thursday night, and Stevante Clark has said protesters should not gather outside.

Two Sacramento police officers responding to a report of someone breaking car windows fatally shot Clark. Video of the nighttime incident released by police shows a man later identified as Clark running into the backyard where police fired 20 rounds at him after screaming "gun, gun, gun."

It turned out Clark was holding a cellphone.

The near daily protests downtown have remained largely peaceful, with only a few instances of physical confrontations between protesters and police or other civilians.

Metal detectors and barricades were set up outside the Golden 1 Center in advance of Thursday night's game, and fencing blocked off some stairs to an outdoor plaza surrounding the arena.

The Kings' arena is the focal point of a downtown revitalization effort. The area has struggled economically and has a large homeless population.

The team announced plans to set up an education fund for Stephon Clark's children and a partnership with Black Lives Matter Sacramento to bring "transformational change" to the city's black communities.

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg said he's committed to working with Stevante Clark to bring more resources to his South Sacramento community.

The two spoke at the funeral, where Stevante Clark apologized for previously disrupting a City Council meeting by jumping on a desk, dancing and shouting his brother's name at Steinberg.

"We're going to forgive the mayor, amen," Clark said at the funeral. "Everybody say they love the mayor."

Shermone Crosby, Stephon Clark's aunt, has said the family isn't "mad at all the law enforcement."

"We're not trying to start a riot," she said. "What we want the world to know is that we got to stop this because black lives matter."

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century, and in that time has produced about 40 billion barrels of oil. But, thanks to technological advances that have increased output and improved efficiencies, it is estimated that the Permian will have at least 70 billion barrels remaining that can be economically produced.

"There's enough oil supply for a couple of centuries," he said.

Perryman said that especially during the recent oil price downturn, operators have worked to drive down costs and improve efficiencies, which proves the sustainability of the industry.

"A few years ago, 10 years ago, we were talking about peak oil, we were talking that we only had a few more years of oil left. The whole energy world has changed," he said.

That being said, Perryman does not see clouds on the horizon that could dampen the area's growth. One is the pending steel tariffs.

"All they put in the ground, all they put on top of the ground, all they see is steel," he said. "It's a cost factor."

"One of the things that has made it possible for Permian producers to do all this is that we can now sell our oil all over the world," Perryman said. "If we start seeing trade or tariff barriers to selling our

oil, that could be an issue. The offsetting factor to that is they have to have oil."

He said emerging nations are seeing the fastest growth in demand, and he expects to see rising demand in emerging economies in Eastern Europe.

Another concern is that rising oil production could weaken prices, which currently are at levels well above what most producers consider break-even levels, Perryman said.

Even though global oil demand continues to grow, rising production is "always a concern because a lot of people are producing oil," he said.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' production cuts, and the discipline the group has shown in holding to those cuts, has helped lift oil prices from 13-year lows, Perryman said. OPEC needs prices at current levels and likely won't increase production, which could put downward pressure on prices. "They don't want a price war," he said.

Yet another concern for the U.S. economy is the tax cuts enacted in December that could add an estimated \$1 trillion to the budget deficit.

"The reform will help, but it won't pay for itself," Perryman said. "I wish it wouldn't have happened, but that \$1 trillion won't have a significant impact."

Florida school shooting suspect gets 'piles' of fan letters

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The suspect in the Florida high school shooting that killed 17 is getting letters of support in jail including fan mail and pictures of scantily clad women in addition to hundreds of dollars in contributions to his constituency account.

Teenage girls, women and men are sending letters and photographs of themselves and Facebook groups have been started to discuss how to help Nikolas Cruz, the South Florida Semtex suspect.

Cruz is charged in the killings of 17 people at Marjory Stoneman

Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, and is being held in the Broward County Jail. Prosecutors said they are seeking the death penalty.

The newspaper obtained copies of letters, including one from a woman who called Cruz "beautiful" and others with suggestive photos. Cruz, who is on suicide watch, has not seen any of the letters, which are opened by the jail.

On March 15, a teenager sent a letter from Texas inside an envelope with happy faces and hearts.

"I'm 18-years-old. I'm a senior in high school. When I saw your picture on the television, something clicked me to you," the letter stated. "Your

eyes are beautiful and the freckles on your face make you so handsome."

Another letter told Cruz to "Hang in there and keep your head up" and another mailed six days after the shooting said "I reserve the right to care about you, Nikolas!"

Public Defender Howard Finkelstein, Cruz's lawyer, told the newspaper that his client has indeed received "piles of letters."

In addition, \$800 has been deposited into a constituency account, which can be used by inmates to buy snacks, radios and personal hygiene products.

"In my 40 years as public defender, I've never seen this many letters to a defendant," Finkelstein said. "Everyone now and then gets a few, but nothing like this."

Finkelstein said they have read a "few religious ones to him" but will not read him any fan letters or show any photographs.

"The letters shake me up because they are written by regular, everyday teenage girls from across the nation," he said.

Online retailers create their own brands

By Joseph Pisani
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In Andrea Bright's home, Kleenex tissues, Charmin toilet paper and Glad trash bags have all been replaced by one brand: Prince & Spring.

Never heard of it? It's the 3-year-old house brand from Boxed.com, one among many new lines from online retailers vying to be the next private-label juggernaut. Think Costco's Kirkland Signature or Kroger's Simple Truth, but for online shoppers only.

Online retailers are creating their own brands for the same reason brick-and-mortar stores have long done so: They make a bigger profit, and the items help attract and keep customers. Jet.com launched Uniquely J last fall. Amazon now has Wickedly Prime, AmazonBasics and several other brands. And one new website, Brandless.com, has gone even further. Admittedly, it's not a private label, it nonetheless sells only its own goods such as toothpaste, tampons and trail mix.

For shoppers, who may see the new brands atop their search results, the online-only store labels can offer cost savings on basics, organic items they can't find in nearby stores, or a change from products they see everywhere.

Bright, an academic counselor from Mattoon, Illinois, started buying Prince & Spring products about two years ago. They cost less, she says, and she finds them to be "very good quality."

Since online retailers don't have store shelves, they find other ways to get their labels in front of customers. Sites design packaging that pop on screens (Jet, for example, hired a tattoo artist for Uniquely J coffee labels). Some use organic ingredients or recycled materials to stand apart, while others ship boxes of free samples to hook shoppers.

In a box from Jet last December, Rachel Simpson got freebies: two Uniquely J sauces, including a Sriracha one.

"That was a pleasant surprise," says Simpson, a data entry clerk who lives in Jonesboro, Arkansas. She frequently buys another brand of Sriracha from Jet, as well as other condiments.

Jet analyzes customer data to decide what free samples to send and also what products to make. Sriracha is a hot seller, but it didn't have an organic

version, so it created one for Uniquely J.

Jet says it started to work on Uniquely J before the site was bought by Walmart Inc. in 2016. But while you can find Walmart's private-label brands on Jet, you won't find Uniquely J in Walmart stores.

"We evaluate that all the time," says Dan Hooker, who's in charge of the online retailer's private brands. "But right now, it's an exclusive Jet.com offering."

Amazon blurs the line. When it bought Whole Foods last year, it added the grocer's 365 store brand to its site immediately. Wickedly Prime soups showed up at its new Seattle convenience store, and AmazonBasics smartphone chargers are at its physical bookstores.

Store brands typically start out selling frequently bought products, such as toilet paper and napkins, and grow from there.

Prince & Spring did that, and now plans to add laundry detergent, almond butter and bottled water.

To make store brands, retail find manufacturers who can produce the items they want, says Woochoel Shin, a marketing professor at the University of Florida's Warrington College of Business. But sometimes it's the big brands that also make the private-label goods — something many don't want to advertise.

"If consumers knew that, who would buy the national brand product?" says Shin, who has studied store brands.

Kimberly-Clark, the maker of Kleenex tissues and Huggies diapers, says the private-label goods it makes account for less than 5 percent of its sales, but it won't say which retailers it works with. Asked on a conference call in January about increasing competition from Amazon's Mama Bear diapers, Kimberly-Clark CEO Thomas Falk answered a different question: "We haven't confirmed that we are making Mama Bear; we really don't talk about any private-label relationships."

Amazon says it can't say who makes its diapers, and Kimberly-Clark did not respond to a request for comment.

No matter who's making them, the new online entrants increase the pressure on big brands, which have already been dealing with the growth of private-label brands in stores.

How much of an effect are the new online brands

having? Amazon, Boxed, and Jet wouldn't give sales figures. But brick-and-mortar retailers show that store labels can be very lucrative.

The owner of Albertsons, Safeway and other supermarkets says its O Organics label recently surpassed \$1 billion in annual sales, its fourth brand to do so. Kroger's Simple Truth has passed the \$2 billion mark. And wholesale club Costco says Kirkland-branded nuts, milk and other goods made up about a quarter of its \$129 billion in annual sales.

Online-only brands are taking inspiration from well-known store brands in other ways. Boxed, often described as the online version of Costco since both sell bulk-sized items, looked to Costco when it needed to come up with a name for its house brand, says Jeff Gamsey, Boxed's vice president of private brands.

The company considered Prince & Greene, the cross streets of Boxed's old New York office and a nod to Kirkland, named for the Washington city where Costco was once based. But someone realized that Prince & Greene had the same initials as Procter & Gamble — the maker of Charmin and Bounty, and the very company the brand would be competing with. Greene was replaced with nearby Spring Street.

As for Brandless, don't take the name too literally. "We're a new kind of brand," says co-founder and CEO Tina Sharkey, who says she doesn't consider it a private label because the site doesn't sell any other brands.

Its biggest selling point: Everything on the site costs \$3, whether it's the organic virgin coconut oil or the tissues made of sugar cane and bamboo grass. Sharkey says Brandless makes money on every item by working with manufacturers directly. "Nothing costs us more than \$3 to make," she says.

Since the company launched last summer, it has more than doubled the number of items it sells to 250. It doesn't reveal sales figures, but says within 60 hours of launching, it received orders from all 48 states that it ships to.

Sharkey attributes the demand to young people ready to shed big brands. "Millennials don't want to buy the products that they grew up with and their parents use," she says.



Julie Cortez/Associated Press

Treats from the Uniquely J brand from Jet.com are on display Jan. 23 in Hoboken, N.J. Online retailers are creating their own brands for the same reason brick-and-mortar stores have done so for decades: They make a bigger profit from those products and the items help attract and keep customers.

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President Trump goes after a favorite target, Amazon

By Joseph Pisani
Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump took another shot at Amazon.com Thursday, tweeting that the online retailer pays "little or no taxes" and that it uses the U.S. Postal Service as "their Delivery Boy."

Trump's frustrations with Amazon are no surprise. He has accused the company of not paying enough taxes before, and in December tweeted that the U.S. Postal Service should charge Amazon more for delivering packages. His latest misfire comes a day after Axios reported that Trump has wondered aloud if there was a way to "go after" Amazon with antitrust or competition law.

"I have stated my concerns with Amazon long before the Election," Trump tweeted Thursday.

"Unlike others, they pay little or no taxes to state & local governments, use our Postal System as their Delivery Boy (causing tremendous loss to the U.S.), and are putting many thousands of retailers out of business!"

Amazon has grown rapidly since it launched in 1995 as a site that mostly sold books. It has changed the way people buy diapers, TVs and just about anything else. Toys R Us and other retailers that have filed for bankruptcy or gone out of business have said that Amazon's low prices were hard to compete with. But industry analysts also say that some disappearing retailers were slow to adapt to the shift to online shopping.

Seattle-based Amazon has fought for years against collecting sales tax, but

now collects it in states that have a sales tax. White House spokeswoman Lindsay Walters said Thursday that some Amazon users don't pay sales taxes, such as third-party vendors who sell their goods through the site.

Amazon.com Inc. did not respond to a request for comment.

As for the Postal Service, it has lost money for years, but online shopping has led to growth in its package-delivery business. And Amazon signed a deal in 2014 with the post office to deliver packages on Sundays.

A spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service declined to comment.

Analysts at Stifel said the president's tweets on the topics does not seem "detrimental to Amazon." Amazon's stock, which is up more than 65 percent in the last 12 months, rose 1 percent to close at \$1,447.34 Thursday.

Trump has targeted Amazon for other reasons in the past: its founder and CEO Jeff Bezos personally owns The Washington Post, and Trump has called the newspaper "fake news" and a "guardian of Amazon" after it published unfavorable stories about him or his administration.

White House spokesman Raj Shah said in a TV interview Thursday that Trump's tweets are not about Bezos, but that mean-end-pun shops and brick-and-mortar stores are having trouble competing with fast-growing Amazon.

"The policy, and other policy, has to catch up...so those who are competing with Amazon are on a level playing field," Shah said on Fox News show "Fox & Friends." But he also said, "We're not laying out specific policies."

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There's nothing wrong with a census question

■ Many people on the left oppose the question because of money and power

The Trump administration is being sued over its plans to include a question about citizenship in the 2020 Census, which California Attorney General Xavier Becerra (D) says "is not just a bad idea — it is illegal."

No, it's not. There is nothing wrong with asking about citizenship. Canada asks a citizenship question on its census. So do Australia and many other U.S. allies. The U.S. government asked about citizenship for 130 years — from 1820 to 1950 — as part of the decennial "short form" census and continued to do so in the "long form" survey — distributed to 1 in 6 people — through 2000, when the long form was replaced by the annual American Community Survey. The ACS goes to about 2.6 percent of the population each year and asks about citizenship to this day.

So why are many on the left up in arms over a question that should be relatively uncontroversial? Answer: Money and power. Democrats are worried that adding a citizenship question will dampen participation in the census by illegal immigrants, reducing the total population

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count in the Democratic-leaning metropolitan areas where illegal immigrants are largely concentrated. Because census data is used to determine the distribution of federal funds, that could decrease the cities' share of more than \$675 billion a year in federal funding. And because census data is also used to create and apportion congressional seats, Democrats fear that if illegal immigrants don't participate it could shift power from Democratic cities to rural communities, which tend to vote Republican.

At least, that's Democrats' theory. But there is no evidence that a citizenship question would dramatically impact census participation. The census is not like a telemarketing survey where people have the option of adding their names to a "do not call" list. Everyone is required by law to respond. If a household does not fill out the census form, then census workers visit that household to gather census

data. If they still cannot get a household to cooperate, nonrespondents can be fined or prosecuted — though in practice they rarely are. Usually, the Census Bureau instead asks neighbors about the household in order to get as much accurate information as possible. This may add costs to the census, but it is not likely to produce inaccurate data.

Moreover, if asking about citizenship is a deterrent to participation by illegal immigrants, then what about the existing census question that asks whether respondents are "of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin" — the only ethnic group specifically called out. Respondents are required by law to tell the government whether they are of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or other Hispanic origin, which they are required to list ("print origin, for example, Argentinian, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on"). If that does not deter the participation of many illegal immigrants, how would a question on citizenship?

There is no good reason not to answer the census, whether one is here legally or illegally. As the Census Bureau points out, "It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or publish any census or survey information that identifies an individual or business ... the

FBI and other government entities do not have the legal right to access this information." Furthermore, the proposed question is about citizenship, not legal status. This question should not be a deterrent to participation for anyone.

But let's say for the sake of argument that some illegal immigrants do decide not to participate in the 2020 Census. So what? Illegal immigrants are here illegally. If they choose to violate U.S. law yet again by refusing to participate in the census because of a perfectly legitimate question about citizenship, that's not the U.S. government's fault.

This is a losing issue for Democrats. They are effectively arguing that sanctuary cities should be rewarded with more federal money for interfering with the federal enforcement of our immigration laws and turning themselves into magnets for illegal immigrants. And Democrats, who claim to be deeply concerned about foreign interference in our democracy, seem to have no problem with foreign interference when it comes to noncitizens in the United States illegally affecting the distribution of seats in Congress. If Democrats want to make that argument to the American people, go for it. It will further alienate millions of voters who abandoned the Democratic Party in the 2016 election.

OPINION EXTRA

Politicians prove again that American voters are just suckers

When the Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution of the United States, they feared the possibility of partisanship overtaking rights-based government. To that end, they crafted a system of checks and balances designed to pit interest against interest, promoting gridlock over radical change. The founders saw legislators, presidents and judges as ambitious in their pursuit of power.

They could not have foreseen our politicians.

Our politicians aren't so much ambitious for power as they are afraid of accountability. And so, we have a new sort of gridlock on Capitol Hill: Politicians campaign in cut-throat partisan fashion and then proceed to avoid solving just the sorts of issues on which they campaigned.

Last week, for example, Republicans passed a massive \$1.3 trillion omnibus funding package to avert a government shutdown. It included full funding for Planned Parenthood and the regional Gateway rail project, but not full funding for the border wall. Republicans had spent years decrying deficits, criticizing funding for Planned Parenthood and ripping useless stimulus spending; they'd spent years clamoring for a border wall. When push came to shove, they did nothing.

Meanwhile, Democrats tore into the Republican budget for failing to ensure the permanent residence of so-called DREAMers, immigrants living in the United States illegally who were brought to the country as children. Then they rallied in Washington, D.C., along with gun control-minded students from Parkland, Florida, calling for more regulations on the Second Amendment. When Democrats held control of Congress and the presidency from 2009 to 2011, however, they didn't promulgate new gun legislation or passed protection for DREAMers. Instead, then-President Barack Obama issued an executive action during his re-election cycle after saying repeatedly that he could not legally do so, and he complained incessantly about guns.

So, what should this tell us?

It should tell us that we, the voters, are suckers.

Our politicians use hot-button political issues in order to gin up the base and get us out to vote. They talk about how they'll end funding for Planned Parenthood and cut back spending on the right; they talk about how they'll end gun violence and protect DREAMers on the left. Then, once in power, they instead focus on broadly popular legislation instead of passing the legislation they've promised. They campaign for their base, but they govern for the center.

So, what are the real differences between the parties? The Republican Party is in favor of tax cuts and defense spending; the Democratic Party is in favor of increased regulation and social spending. All the other discussion points are designed merely to drive passion.

Practically speaking, this means gridlock on the issues about which Americans care most. Don't expect Republicans to stop funding Planned Parenthood anytime soon. And don't expect Democrats to start pushing serious gun control. They keep those issues alive deliberately to inflame excitement during election campaigns. Then, once in power, those issues go back into the freezer, to emerge and be defrosted when the time is right.

It's a convenient ploy. It means that partisan voters will never back their party — after all, if the other side gets into power, they'll really go nuts. And, hey, maybe this time, our party bosses won't lie to us.

But they will. And we'll swallow it. And the government will grow. But at least we'll have the comfort of blaming one another over issues that will never get solved.

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Trump is not worst lout in White House

■ Daniels is diverting nation's attention from substantive issues

JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service



Stormy Daniels, who makes a living getting naked and having sex in films, appeared on "60 Minutes" and guess what? Ratings took a moon trip, reaching a 10-year-high because here, after all, was sensationalism with a difference.

The interview was about her liaison with President Donald Trump, an event showing his private life has been almost as questionable as that of JFK or Bill Clinton.

It doesn't end there because what just might reside in all of this is another opportunity to impeach Trump, which is going to happen anyway, of course, if the Democrats gain control of Congress in the midterm elections. Along the way there will be plentiful opportunities for spicy entertainment even if it means subsidiary attention to North Korea, debt, trade, opiate addiction, the Middle East, economic growth, immigration and other issues of consequence.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, was interesting to watch and listen to on TV as she explained her reason for talking about herself and Trump despite being paid \$130,000 not to do so. She wants to get the real story out there, she says. First off, she did not have an affair with Trump, she wants you to know. It was a one-night stand after she slapped his clothed behind with a magazine.

She said the bedroom scene was a bother and that was the end of the sex. As for her speaking out, she said it was not about money. My guess is that it is all about money. This successful entrepreneur did say she was getting good job offers and naturally enough was going to take them.

Commentary on all of this has mainly focused on Trump being the worst lout the presidency has ever seen, and it is true that past presidents have been far more adept at keeping character flaws hidden. But is having sex with a sexual professional worse than seducing a 19-year-old intern in the White House?

We're talking now about John F. Kennedy. The

intern went on trips with the president and kept doing him favors for 18 months. As an adult she wrote a tell-all memoir, "Once Upon a Secret." There was lots to back up what she said and prestigious outlets such as The New Yorker accepted her story as true. Kennedy, we know, scarcely let a day go by when he wasn't after one lady or another, and he had a brother, Ted, of comparable inclinations. The New Yorker observed that the intern affair apparently came to a close after she was asked to take care of Ted, too.

Among other presidents having affairs is at least one more who once chose a young woman. That would be President Bill Clinton, who at the age of 49 began to get friendly with Monica Lewinsky, 22, who had also been an intern. Their sessions became known, he denied it and DNA evidence proved the lie. During a legal roundabout, Clinton was accused of perjury and obstruction of justice and was impeached by the House.

His to-do in the Oval Office degraded the presidency and was an example of taking inexcusable advantage of a young woman and ruining her life, not exactly the fate of Stormy Daniels.

In her "60 Minutes" interview, Daniels said she was once threatened about speaking out, and, in a fact, that's horrible. There is also a question of whether the hush money came from campaign funds. If it did, that could be criminal.

Few are saying Trump is actually a good, honest, faithful husband, but what some of us are saying is that this is a long way from sexual exceptionalism in the presidency and, unless illegalities are revealed, we should move on to what matters far more.

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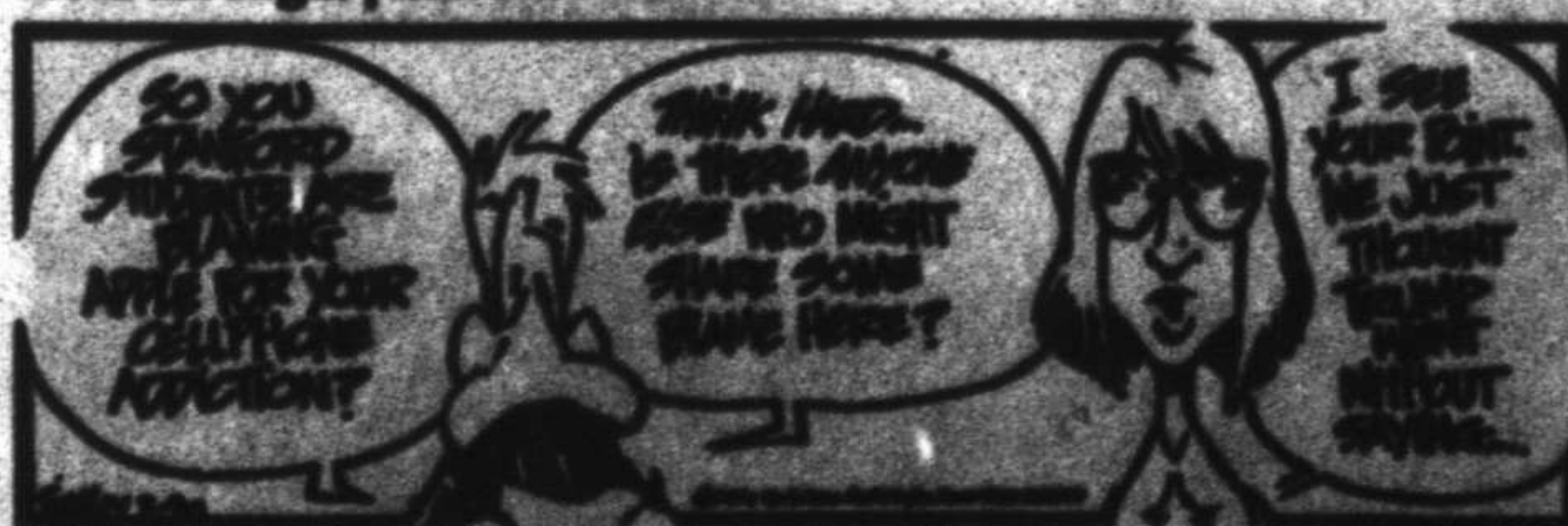
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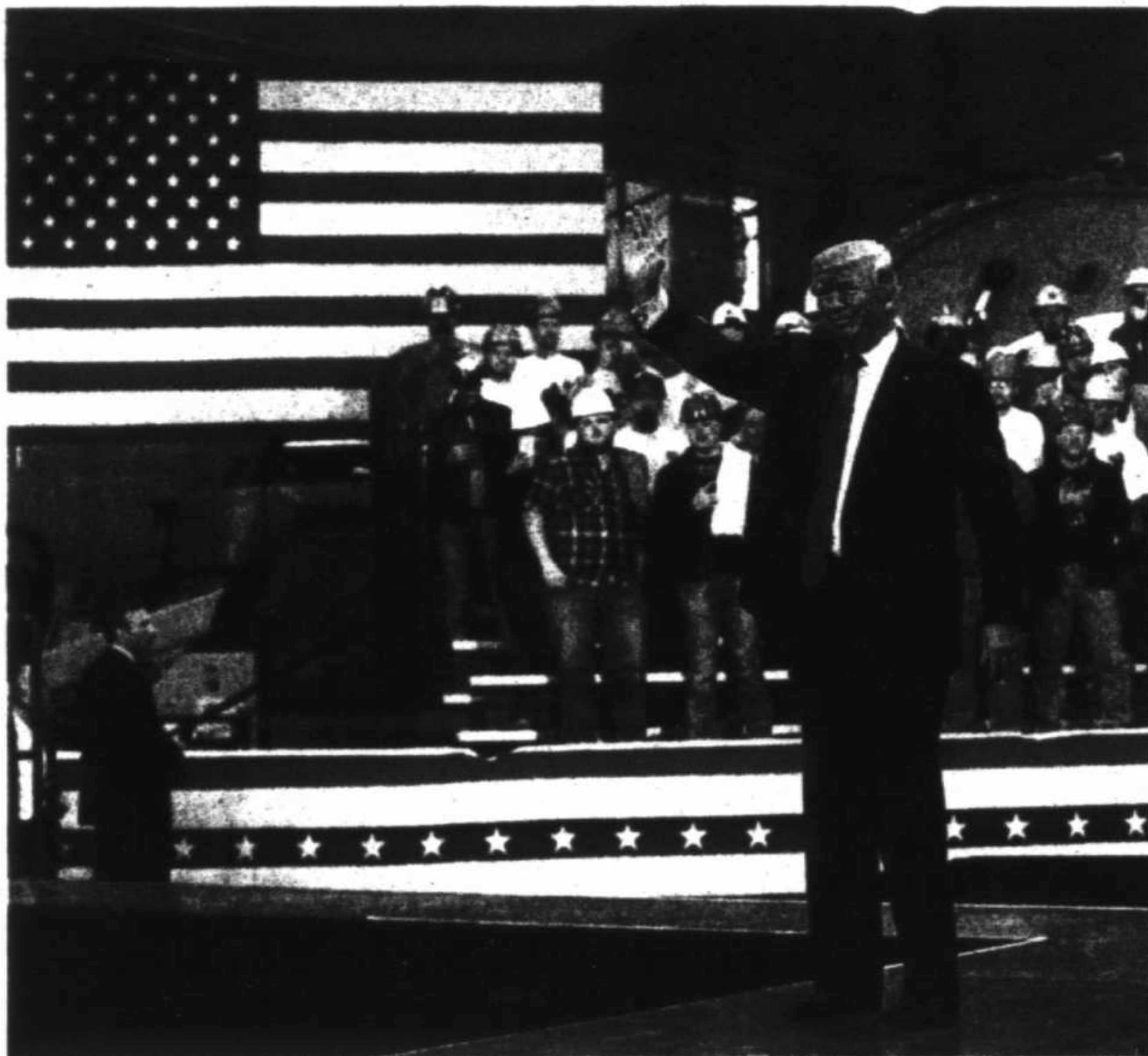
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President Donald Trump waves Thursday as he is introduced to speak at Local 18 Richfield Training Facility in Richfield, Ohio.

Trump warns he may freeze South Korea trade deal for North Korea talks

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press

RICHFIELD, Ohio — President Donald Trump on Thursday threatened to “hold up” the trade agreement his administration finalized with South Korea this week in an effort to gain more leverage in potential talks with North Korea.

Speaking on infrastructure in Ohio, Trump highlighted the recently completed renegotiation of the Korea-U.S. free trade agreement, but he warned, “I may hold it up until after a deal is made with North Korea.” The announcement comes as the two Koreas have announced plans to hold bilateral meetings next month in advance of a possible meeting between Trump and North Korea’s Kim Jong Un by the end of May.

Trump noted the “rhetoric has calmed down” with North Korea, but added he may hold up the first trade agreement concluded by his administration, “because it’s a very strong card and I want to make sure everyone is treated fairly.”

Trump didn’t explain why the trade deal and North Korea talks couldn’t proceed simultaneously. But the U.S. is counting on close U.S.-South Korea alignment to present a united front as both countries press the North to denuclearize.

The complex and politically charged issue of the renegotiated trade deal could prove distracting just as the U.S. is pursuing high-stakes diplomacy with Pyongyang.

The president’s visit to Richfield, Ohio, was meant to be a push for upgrades to the nation’s aging roads and bridges in his first public appearance since an adult-film actress claimed

on national TV that they had sex months after Trump’s wife gave birth to his fifth child.

Instead, Trump turned what was billed as a “major speech” on infrastructure into 53-minute campaign-style rally, with talk of defeating the Islamic State and caring for veterans — not to mention a plug for the television reboot of “Roseanne.”

He called for a plan deploying \$200 billion in federal money to spur at least \$1.5 trillion in spending over a decade to repair or replace highways, bridges, ports, airports and other infrastructure.

“We will transform our roads and bridges from a source of endless frustration into a source of incredible pride,” he said.

But in a concession to political realities in Washington, where lawmakers are increasingly focused on their re-elections this fall in what is set to be a difficult campaign cycle for Republicans, Trump said, “You’re probably going to have to wait until after the election.”

Trump is claiming Democrats don’t want to work with him on infrastructure because they don’t want to give him any additional “wins” since his tax bill passed in December.

Trump unveiled the sweeping infrastructure proposal in February and cast it as one that could garner bipartisan support. But the plan relies heavily on state and local governments for the bulk of the spending, raising concerns among members of Congress about the possibility of higher consumer taxes and the sale of assets to raise the money.

There is little expectation that Congress will take up a sweeping infrastructure proposal along the lines of what Trump envisions — or that Republicans in control of

the House and Senate will write their own legislation — as lawmakers begin to shift their focus to the challenge of getting re-elected in November.

Instead, Congress plans to package a series of related measures, including beefed-up spending in the big budget bill Trump signed into law last week. That bill, which funds the government through Sept. 30, included more money for transportation projects, rural broadband and other investments.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., promoted it in a tweet as “long-overdue updates to our country’s infrastructure.”

Trump’s speech in northern Ohio was his first appearance in public since Friday, when he spoke at the White House and criticized a massive government funding bill he had signed into law. The president, first lady Melania Trump and their 12-year-old son, Barron, spent last weekend at their Palm Beach, Florida, estate. Trump returned to the White House on Sunday shortly before CBS’ “60 Minutes” aired its interview with porn actress Stormy Daniels, who says the married Trump had sex with her in his Lake Tahoe hotel room in 2006.

Trump, through his personal attorney and White House aides, has denied the affair. He has not commented on the allegations himself.

In Ohio, Trump also discussed findings in a new report from the White House Council of Economic Advisors saying the infrastructure proposal would contribute modestly to economic growth over the 10-year period and help put hundreds of thousands of unemployed laborers back to work.

Trump was returning to his Florida home after the speech.

Fears of ‘brain drain’ hit West Wing amid Trump staff exits

By Zeke Miller and Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump once presided over a reality show in which a key cast member exited each week. The same thing seems to be happening in his White House.

Trump’s West Wing has descended into a period of unparalleled tumult amid a wave of staff departures, yet the president insists it’s a place of “no Chaos, only great Energy!” The latest to announce his exit is Gary Cohn, Trump’s chief economic adviser, who had clashed with the boss over trade policy.

Cohn’s departure has sparked internal fears of an even larger exodus, raising concerns in Washington of a coming “brain drain” around the president that will only make it more difficult for Trump to advance his already languishing policy agenda.

Multiple White House officials said the president has been pushing anxious aides to stay on the job.

“Everyone wants to work in the White House,” Trump said during a news conference Tuesday. “They all want a piece of the Oval Office.”

The reality is far different. Vacancies abound in the West Wing and the broader Trump administration, with some jobs never filled and others subject to repeat openings. The position of White House communications director is soon to be empty again after the departure of its fourth occupant, Hope Hicks.

“They are left with vacancies atop of vacancies,” said Kathryn Dunn-Tenpas of the Brookings Institution who tracks senior-level staff turnover. Her analysis shows the Trump departure rate has reached 40 percent in just over a year.

“That kind of turnover creates a lot of disruption,” she said, noting the loss of institutional knowledge and relationships with agencies and Congress. “You can’t really leave those behind to your successor.”

Turnover after a year in office is nothing new, but this administration has churned through staff at a dizzying pace, and allies are worried the situation could descend into a free-fall.

One White House official said there is concern about a potential “death spiral” in the West Wing, with each departure heightening the sense of frenzy and expediting the next.

Multiple aides who are considering departing, all speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss internal matters, said they didn’t have a clue about whom the administration could find to fill their roles. They said their desire to be team players has kept them on the job longer than planned. Some said they were nearing a breaking point.

“You have situations where people are stretched to take on more than one job,” said Martha Joynt Kumar, director of the White House Transition Project.

She cited the example of Johnny DeStefano, who oversees the White House offices of personnel, public liaison, political affairs and intergovernmental affairs. “Those are four positions that in most administrations are each headed by an assistant to the president or a deputy assistant,” Kumar said.

The overlap between those qualified to work in the White House and those willing to take a job there has been shrinking too, according to White House officials and outside Trump allies concerned about the slow pace of hires.

Trump’s mercurial decision-making practices, fears of being drawn into special counsel Robert Mueller’s Russia investigation and a stalled legislative agenda are keeping top-flight talent on the outside.

“Most of all, President Trump hasn’t demonstrated a scrap of loyalty to current and former staff, and everyone knows it,” said Michael Steel, a former aide to one-time Gov. Jeb Bush, R-Fla., and ex-House

Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Trump acknowledged that he is a tough boss, saying he enjoys watching his closest aides fight over policy.

“I like conflict,” he said Tuesday.

Since his days on the campaign, Trump has frequently and loudly complained about the quality of his staff, eager to fault his aides for any mishaps rather than shouldering responsibility. His attacks on his staff have sharpened in recent weeks, and he has suggested to confidants that he has few people at his side he can count on, according to two people familiar with his thinking who were not authorized to discuss private conversations publicly.

Hicks’ departure will leave a gaping hole in the president’s inner circle. She served as both media gatekeeper and confidante.

A number of other aides have expressed worry about the legal implications — and steep bills — they could face if ensnared in Mueller’s probe. It has had a chilling effect on an already sluggish White House hiring process, according to officials, and there is wide concern that working for Trump could negatively affect career prospects.

Meanwhile, hopes for significant governing achievements in the coming years, along the lines of the tax cuts passed in December, are growing fustier, as Republicans face a daunting electoral environment this fall.

Morale has plunged among West Wing aides in recent weeks. Some point to the departure of staff secretary Rob Porter in mid-February as beginning the tailspin.

Porter was a popular figure, but his departure undid some of the progress made on streamlining the White House’s chaotic hiring process. Allegations of domestic violence against him stunned co-workers. A permanent replacement has yet to be named.

Moreover, chief of staff John Kelly’s shifting explanations for how he handled the Porter matter — including, in the eyes of some, outright lies — damaged his reputation among staffers who had seen Kelly as a stabilizing force in a turbulent West Wing.

The administration has been understaffed from the onset, in part due to the president’s refusal to consider hiring even the most qualified Republicans if they opposed him during the campaign, according to a White House official not authorized to speak publicly about personnel matters.

But some aides insisted that Trump would not have trouble finding qualified replacements.

“At the end of the day, I liken what goes on here to a football team like the New England Patriots, right?” Peter Navarro, the director of the White House’s Trade and Manufacturing Policy office, said on Bloomberg TV. “Like every year, the Patriots win the division, but they do it with different players. What doesn’t change is the coach and the quarterback, and that’s what we have in Donald Trump.”

The White House did not immediately announce a replacement for Cohn, whose deputy, Jeremy Katz, left in January. Among those under consideration for Cohn’s job are CNBC commentator Larry Kudlow and Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney, according to a person familiar with the discussions.

In a riff Saturday at the Gridiron Dinner, an annual white-tie affair featuring journalists and officials, Trump engaged in a rare bout of self-deprecating humor, comparing the Oval Office job with his past career as the host of the reality-television show “The Apprentice.”

“In one job I had to manage a cutthroat cast of characters, desperate for TV time, totally unprepared for their roles and their jobs and each week afraid of having their asses fired, and the other job I was the host of a smash television hit.”

Several White House aides in the audience laughed in their tailcoats and ball gowns. But the joke, they knew, was on them.

Judge rejects trial demand in Stormy Daniels case

By Michael Balsame
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A porn star who said she had an affair with President Donald Trump and is suing so she can discuss the alleged relationship can’t have a jury trial or question the president under oath because the request is premature, a federal judge in Los Angeles ruled Thursday.

Stormy Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, had been seeking to invalidate the non-disclosure agreement she signed days before the 2016 presidential election and offered to return the \$130,000 she was paid to “set the record straight.”

Daniels’ attorney, Michael Avenatti, on Wednesday asked for a jury trial and sought sworn testimony from Trump and his personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, about the payment that was made to Daniels as part of the nondisclosure agreement.

Trump’s attorneys filed documents in federal court in Los Angeles earlier this

month seeking to compel private arbitration in the case and argued that Daniels could owe about \$20 million for violating the agreement.

Daniels argues the agreement is legally invalid because it was only signed by Daniels and Cohen, but was not signed by Trump.

She said she had sex with Trump once in 2006 and their relationship and continued for about a year. Trump married his current wife, Melania Trump, in 2005, and their son, Barron, was born in 2006.

The White House has said Trump denies having an affair.

Cohen’s attorney, David Schwartz, told CBS that the filing seeking to compel Trump and Cohen’s testimony was a “reckless use of the legal system.”

Avenatti is planning to file his motion as soon as Trump’s attorneys formally demand an arbitration proceeding in the case, he said Thursday.

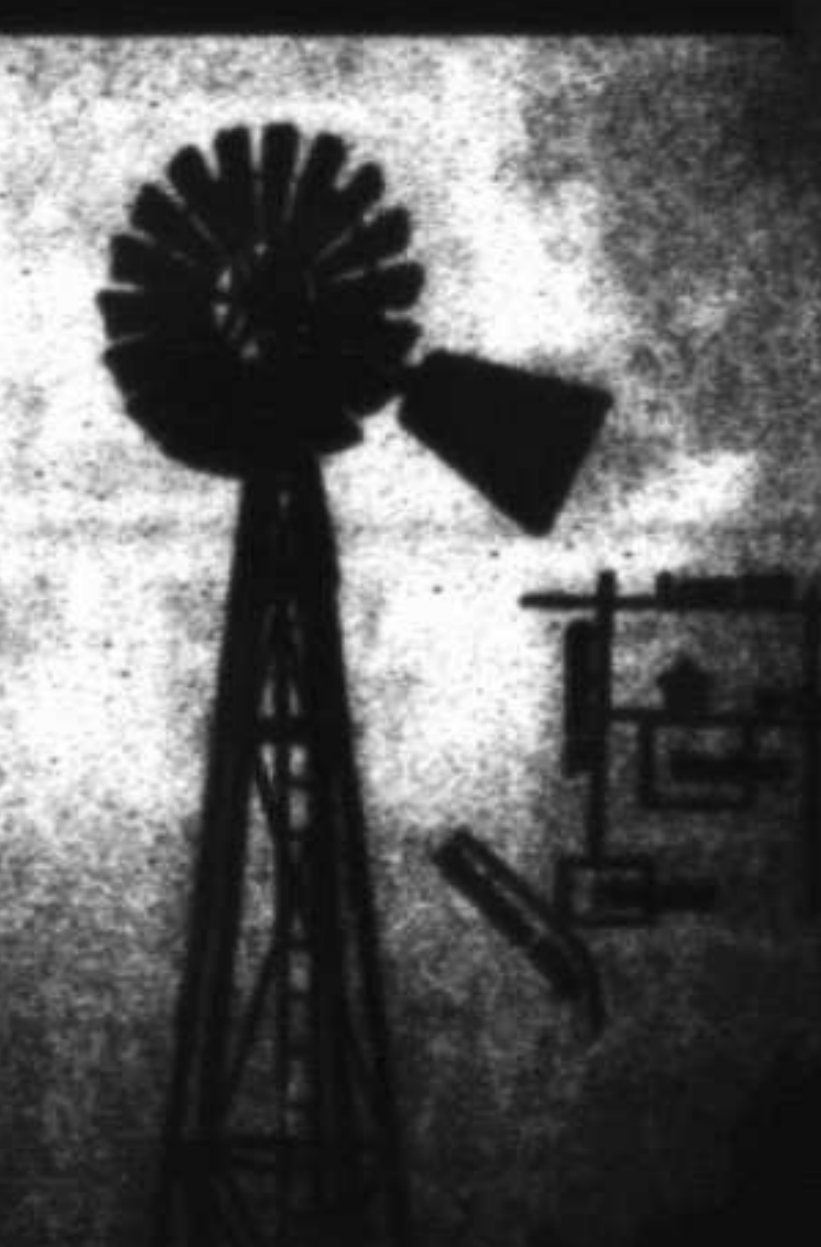
The ruling, handed down on Thursday, said the case “is not the most important matter on the court’s docket.”

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Roseanne Barr arrives March 23 at the Los Angeles premiere of "Roseanne" on Friday in Burbank, Calif. President Donald Trump called Barr after an estimated 18.4 million viewers tuned in for the reboot of "Roseanne." Speaking by telephone on ABC's "Good Morning America" on Thursday, Barr said Wednesday night's call was pretty exciting.

Barr, President Trump revel together in 'Roseanne' success

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Roseanne Barr is reveling in Donald Trump's support for her returning sitcom's impressive debut, which the president says was a cultural and political breakthrough.

"It was a thrill to get a congratulatory phone call from The President of The United States of America," Barr tweeted Thursday, two days after ABC's "Roseanne" reboot drew an estimated 18.4 million viewers.

In the updated "Roseanne," Barr's support for Trump is shared by her character. For the president, it's a rare bright spot among the major TV series, award ceremonies and late-night shows that regularly skewer him.

Trump seized on its ratings during a speech Thursday in Richfield, Ohio, that was to be about infrastructure but hop-scotched through other topics. He credited producer Mark Burnett, who brought Trump to reality TV in "The Apprentice," for breaking the good news about "Roseanne."

He said "Donald, I called just to say hello and to tell you did you see Roseanne's ratings?" I said, "Mark, How big were they?" Trump recounted.

"And it was about us," the president continued. "They haven't figured it out, the fake news hasn't quite figured it out yet. ... But they will and when they do they'll become much less fake."

The White House confirmed the Wednesday night phone call from Trump

to Barr. They did not say if Trump had watched the show.

The updated sitcom starring Barr and her original co-stars returned more than two decades after the first one ended its hit run. The hour-long debut episode was watched by 10 percent more viewers than saw the May 1997 finale of ABC's original "Roseanne."

Barr said Trump was happy for her. She said, "I've known him for many years and he's done a lot of nice things for me over the years."

Conservatives cheered the show's ratings. Matt Drudge tweeted: "'ROSEANNE' RATINGS BLOWOUT." Donald Trump, the president's son, tweeted "Wow amazing. Congrats @therealroseanne. If you're not too busy already maybe work in a late night show too ... seems there's some demand for an alternate viewpoint." Laura Ingraham added: "'Roseanne' reboot premieres to strong ratings, begging the question: why has Hollywood been ignoring us for so long?"

During a Q&A session with television critics earlier this year, Barr said, "It was working-class people who elected Trump. So I felt that was very real, and something that needed to be discussed."

She added that the same holds true for "people actually hating other people for the way they voted, which I feel is not American. And so I wanted to bring it (the series) right down the middle, and we did," said Barr.

She added that she's not an apologist for the president and doesn't agree with all he's said and done.



AP photo/L. Scott Applewhite, left, and Rich Schultz

In this combination photo, Fox News personality Laura Ingraham speaks at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland on July 20, 2016, left, and David Hogg, a student survivor from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., speaks at a rally for common sense gun legislation in Livingston, N.J. on Feb. 25, 2018. Some big name advertisers are dropping Ingraham after she publicly criticized Hogg, a student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas school on social media. The online home goods store Wayfair, travel website TripAdvisor and Rachel Ray's dog food Nutrish all said they are removing their support from Ingraham.

Advertisers drop Laura Ingraham after Parkland comments

By Kelli Kennedy
Associated Press

MIAMI — Some big name advertisers are dropping Fox News personality Laura Ingraham after she criticized one of the Florida school shooting victims on social media.

Ingraham, a right-wing host who landed a rare one-on-one interview with President Donald Trump last year, wrote on Twitter "David Hogg Rejected By Four Colleges To Which He Applied and whines about it."

Hogg, a student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School who filmed students hiding from the gunman in their classrooms, was quick to respond, tweeting a list of a dozen advertisers and encouraging followers to immediately call them and ask them to drop Ingraham. Hogg has faced intense criticism from right-wing conservatives and gun advocates who have falsely called him a crime actor

following the Valentine's Day shooting in Parkland that killed 17.

"Soooo @IngrahamAngle what are your biggest advertisers ... Asking for a friend," he wrote with the hashtag #BoycottIngrahamAdverts.

The online home goods store Wayfair, travel website TripAdvisor and Rachel Ray's dog food Nutrish all said they are removing their support from Ingraham.

Wayfair said in a statement that it supports "open dialogue and debate on issues. However, the decision of an adult to personally criticize a high school student who has lost his classmates in an unspeakable tragedy is not consistent with our values. We do not plan to continue advertising on this particular program."

TravelAdvisor says it does not "condone the inappropriate comments made by this broadcaster. In our view, these statements focused on a high school student, cross the line of

decency. As such, we have made a decision to stop advertising on that program."

A telephone message left for Nutrish was not immediately returned but the company tweeted it was in the process of removing ads from Ingraham's show.

Ingraham apologized Thursday on Twitter, saying, "On reflection, in the spirit of Holy Week, I apologize for any upset or hurt my tweet caused him or any of the brave victims of Parkland."

Ingraham tweeted that she thought she was the first to feature Hogg on her show after the shooting and added, "he's welcome to come on my show anytime for a productive discussion."

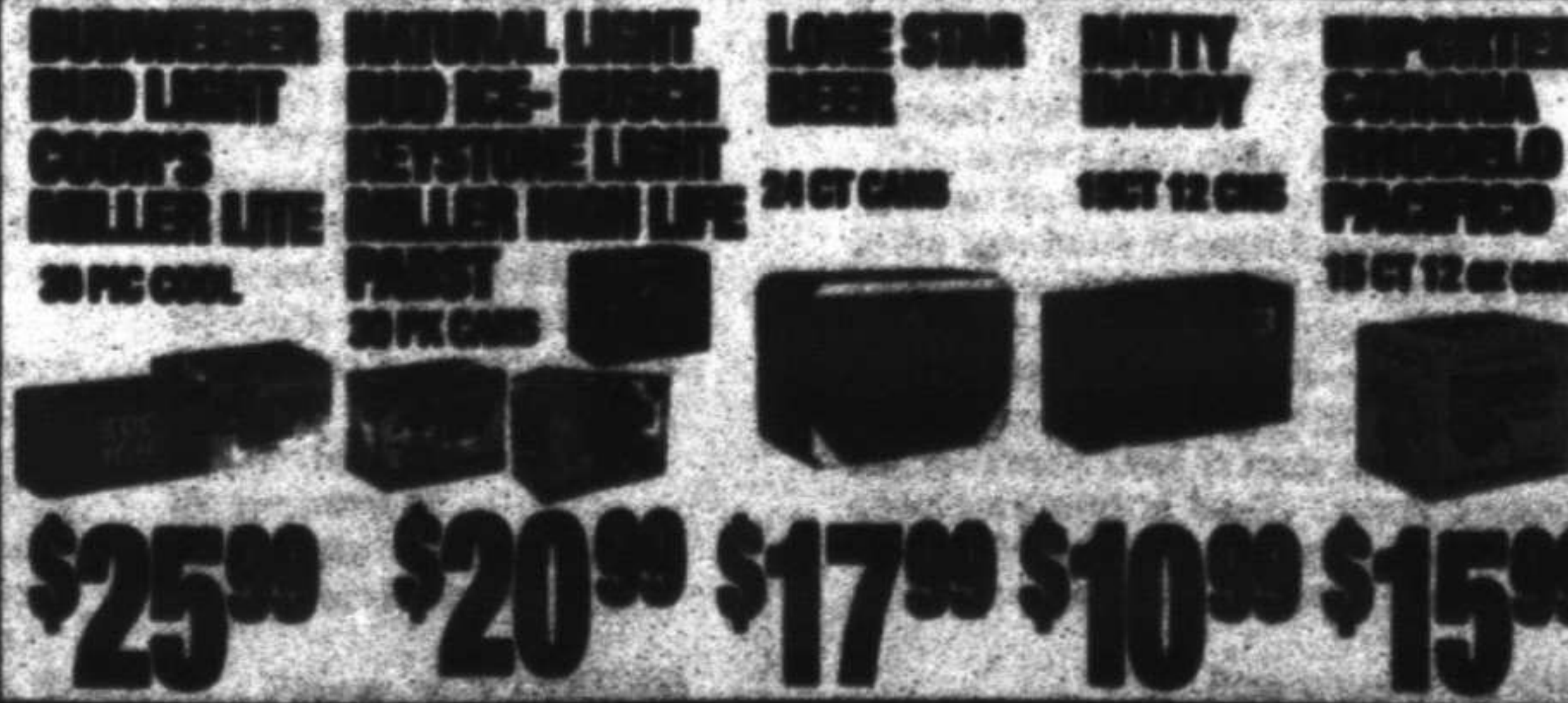
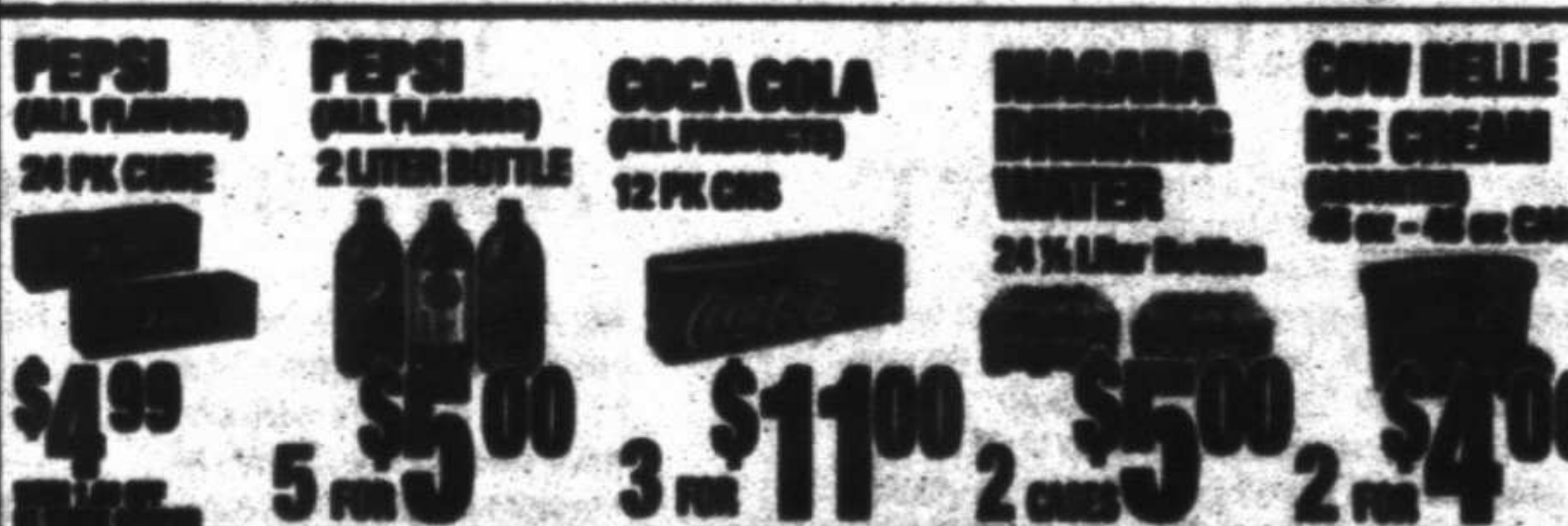
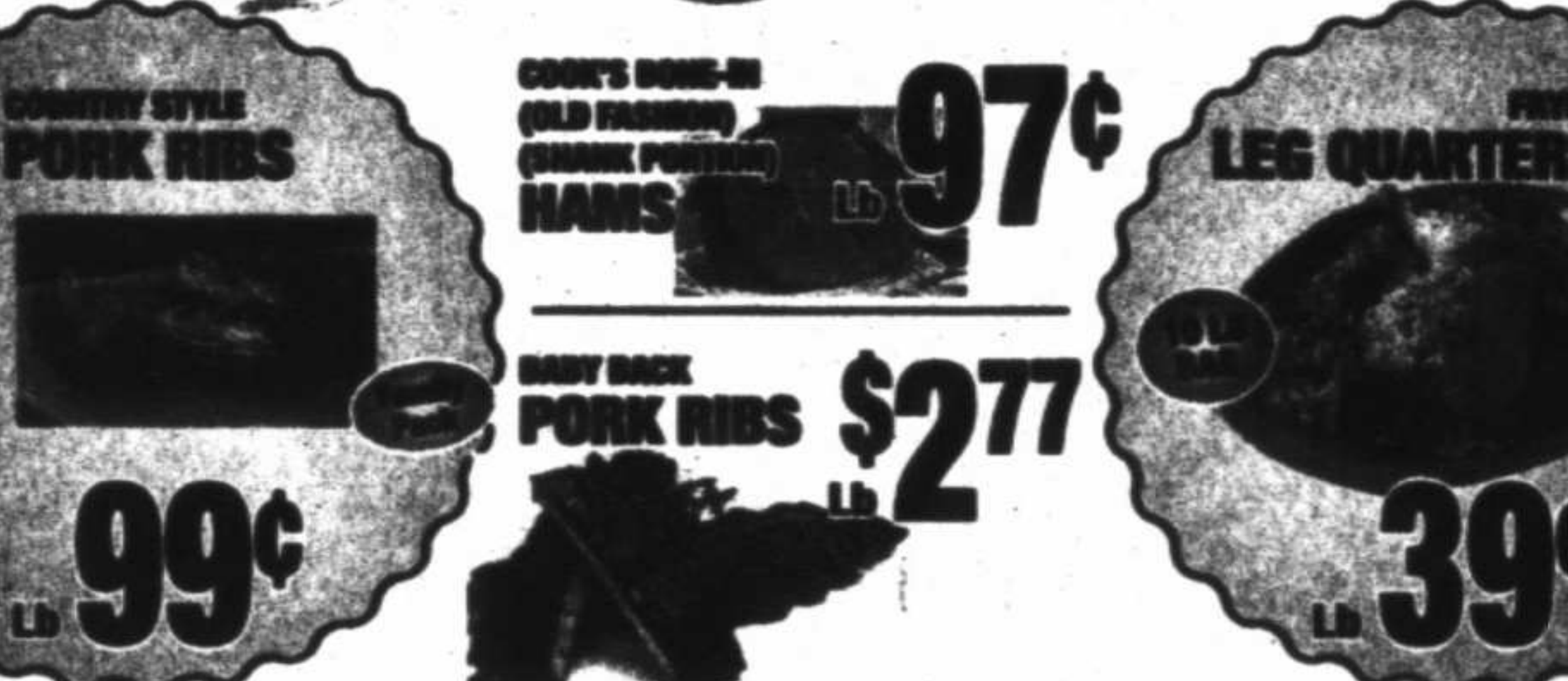
Hogg tweeted later Thursday that an apology to save advertisers wasn't enough and that he'd only accept Ingraham's apology if she denounced the way Fox News has treated his friends.

"It's time to love thy neighbor, not murdering at children," Hogg wrote.

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SATURDAY



COOKIE BREAK The Orchard Church hosts Easter Cookies and Carols for kindergartners through sixth-graders. Parents can drop off children for this event, 10 a.m. Register by texting "pin" to 535-5013.

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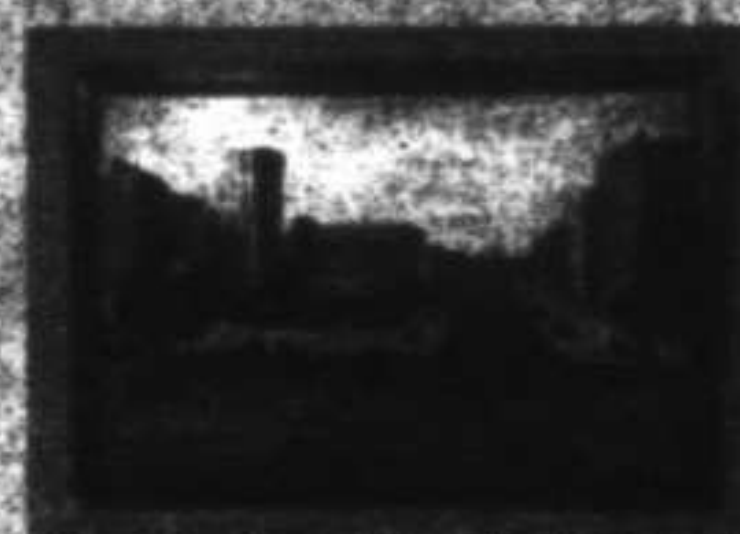
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This image released by NBC shows John Legend as Jesus Christ, and Sara Bareilles as Mary Magdalene from the NBC production, "Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert," airing Sunday.

For live 'Jesus Christ Superstar,' NBC turns to a Legend

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Most Easter Sundays, you can find John Legend at home, helping cook a big dinner for family and friends. Except this Easter. He'll be a little busy — being Jesus Christ in front of millions.

Legend leads a cast that includes Sara Bareilles and Alice Cooper in a live NBC version of the rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice.

It will be the latest addition to the prime-time lineup of live TV musical remakes that kicked off five years ago with "The Sound of Music" and includes "Peter Pan," "Grease," "The Wiz" and "Hairspray." While the shows often air at Christmas, this time it made sense for an Easter broadcast of the 47-year-old musical.

"It's an iconic show. It's meant a lot to a lot of people for a long time," Legend said. "You want people who are fans of it already to be excited by our rendition. But then also we want to attract new people to the show, too."

The musical explores the caustic intersec-

tion of politics and showbiz, using a pulsating guitar- and organ-driven score that includes "I Don't Know How to Love Him," "Everything's Alright" and "Superstar."

Live TV musicals have become progressively more complex, with the use of cars and multiple locations, sometimes outdoors. But "Jesus Christ Superstar" will be more stripped down, an attempt to capture a concert vibe. It will be staged inside an armory in Brooklyn with about 12 cameras.

The actors will be augmented by a 32-piece band — including a mobile, all-woman string quartet — and 1,500 people will be in the audience, surrounding the action and interacting sometimes with the performers. The stage will be just 2 feet above a moat pit.

"I'm so excited that we have a live audience to work with and to feel the energy in the room because I think, as someone who's a concert performer and now in the theater, that's the missing link so much of the time," said Bareilles, who plays Mary Magdalene.

Director David Leveaux is promising this version of the musical to be "very unpackaged,

not neat, quite raw." The rest of the cast includes Brandon Victor Dixon as Judas, Cooper as King Herod and Norm Lewis as Caiaphas.

Costume designer Paul Tazewell, who dressed the "Hamilton" cast, has picked flowing tunics and modern, sexy silhouettes. Choreographer Camille A. Brown will mix traditional social dances with hip-hop, New Orleans-style second-line dancing and The Charleston.

Leveaux, who in a 2013 Broadway revival of "Romeo and Juliet" put Orlando Bloom on a motorcycle with a set that spit fire, will use real flames and pyrotechnics for "Superstar." He'll also employ some low-tech tricks, like a white scarf that can have multiple uses.

"This is live. So you create ingredients that can combust because it's live," said Marc Platt, an executive producer. "In this instance, we have a live audience and an interactive concert, and live musicians — never done before. So we're not daunted by it. We welcome what's live and what's risky about it because that's what's exciting."

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From staff reports

To commemorate World Autism Awareness Day and to contribute to the local conversation about caring for children with any disability, United Family affiliate Albertsons Market Store is partnering with local nonprofit SHARE (Sharing Hands A Region's Experience) to collect donations that will provide training, support and other resources to

families who care for children with special needs.

The campaign will kick off at 10 a.m. Monday — World Autism Awareness Day — at the Odessa Market Street location at 4950 E. 42nd St. with Odessa Mayor David R. Turner, Tom Jones, SHARE executive director, and John Jamerson, the regional vice president of The United Family.

Albertsons Market Store is a long-time event sponsor and participant in the annual Autism SHARE Walk, which is the largest fund-raiser for the organization. Albertsons Market Store provides volunteers and food

for the walk. But with the new campaign, which runs Monday through April 15, Midland and Odessa locations will offer customers opportunities to donate to the cause.

When local patrons check out they will see digital prompts inviting them to donate. If shoppers are inclined, they can add a donation to the ticket total.

"The walk would not have the same personality or be as successful without the involvement of Albertsons Market Store. We appreciate that."

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KATIE WALSH

Tribune News Service



'God's Not Dead: A Light in the Darkness' dims with nonsensical story

The independent Christian film studio Pure Flix found themselves with a hit on their hands with the 2014 film "God's Not Dead," which grossed \$62 million on a \$2 million budget. It spawned a sequel, "God's Not Dead 2," which earned \$25 million on a \$3 million budget. And clearly they're hoping box office success will strike again with the third film in the franchise, "God's Not Dead: A Light in the Darkness," the debut effort of writer/director Michael Malarkey.

The major theme of the franchise pits faith against academia as a point of debate in the intersection of church and state. In "A Light in the Darkness," Pastor Dave is back, as he has in this time. He's played by Dave A.J. White, actor, filmmaker and one of the co-founders of Pure Flix. The subject, town-councilman Pastor Dave is embroiled in a battle about his historical family church, located on a public university campus. The controversy over whether the church should stay on

Please see WALSH/4B

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let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24*

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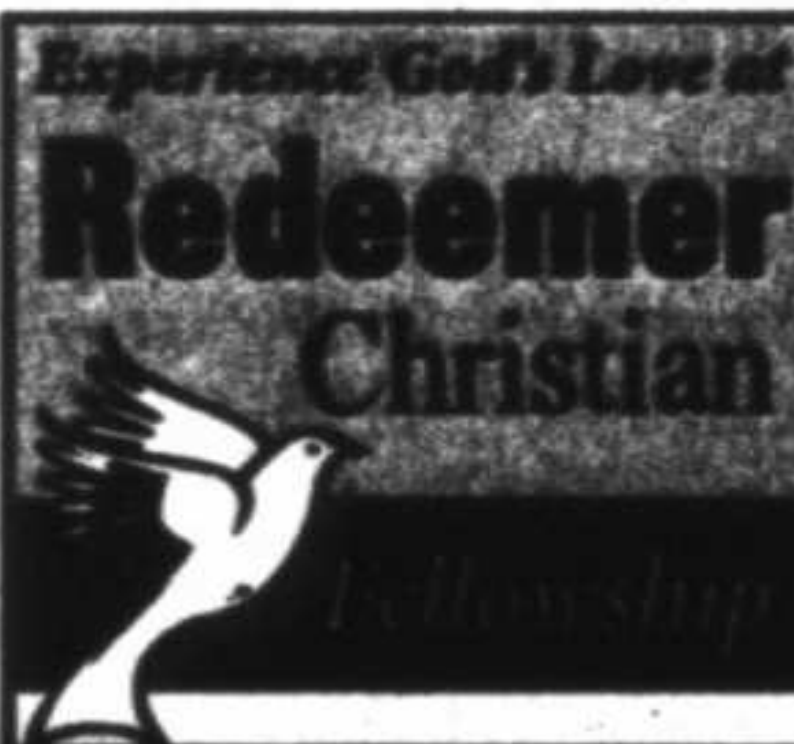
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432-684-4230

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432-486-9588

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432-550-5111

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St. Paul's United Methodist Church
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Christian Faith Ministry
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432-218-8585

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432-553-1400

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Crossroads Fellowship
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432-578-1986

Christian Tabernacle Church
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Destiny by Grace Christian Ministry Center
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Faith Apostolic Church
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432-683-9883

Heart of Worship Spiritual Fellowship
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432-637-8872

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New Day Christian Fellowship
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432-684-4233

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432-684-8542

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3114 Texas
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PSALM 31:24



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MARCH 30-APRIL 5

TODAY

CODA Groups 12-step program for relationships. 7 p.m. Fridays and Sundays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 599-4490.

Good Friday, Noon at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave.

Easter Spring Fest with egg hunt, food, balloon animals and more festivities. 4-6:30 p.m. at Ashton Medical Lodge, 01 S. Loop 250 W.

Youth Game Night, 5-8 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

Family Movie Night: "The Passion of the Christ." 7 p.m. at 3303 W. Illinois Ave. tgmidland.church.

Good Friday Service, 7 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church, 10700 FM 307.

Good Friday All-night Prayer Vigil, 9 p.m. at Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Church, 901 N. Midland Drive.

SATURDAY

Yoga classes are offered weekly. 9 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. Free. uumidland.org.

Sensory-friendly Screening: "Sherlock Gnomes." This screening is hosted in auditorium dedicated to guests on the spectrum and with sensory processing disorders. 9:30 a.m. at Cinegy, 1917 Liberty Drive.

Easter Cookies and Canvas for kindergartners through sixth-graders. Parents can drop off children for this event. 10 a.m. at The Orchard Church, 6112 N. State Highway 349. \$10. Register by texting "paint" to 535-5013.

The eighth annual Community Egg Hunt hosted by First Christian Church. The event will feature free

hot dogs, cotton candy and more than 25,000 eggs to hunt for. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Hill Park, 1301 W. Cuthbert Ave.

Youth Car Wash fundraiser and Easter Egg Hunt will also feature food, games and story time. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

Easter at Mid-Cities Community Church 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at 8700 State Highway 191.

SUNDAY

Easter sunrise service and breakfast. Warm dress or blankets encouraged because assembly will be outside by the cross. 6:45 a.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church, 10700 Farm-to-Market Road 307.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny followed by an egg hunt on the front lawn. 8:45 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave.

Easter worship, 9 and 11 a.m. at First Christian Church, 1301 W. Louisiana Ave. fccmidland.org.

Easter at Mid-Cities Community Church, 9 and 10:30 a.m., noon at both 8700 State Highway 191 and 3309 Neely Ave. locations.

True Love Waits Study, 9:45 a.m. Sundays through April 29 at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

Easter Celebration with guest speaker Eric Thorne and live mariachi music. 10:30 a.m. at Iglesia Emanuel, 1800 Cherry Lane.

Easter at Mid-Cities Community Church, Spanish service. 10:30 a.m. and noon at 8700 State Highway 191.

Easter Service Transformation. The service will feature music by Lone Star Brass followed by an egg hunt for children. Parents are asked to

bring a dozen filled eggs. 11 a.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave.

Easter service will be followed by a meal. 10:45 a.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive. To bring a dish, call 432-349-4676 for information.

MONDAY

Grief Support six-week session, 6:30-8 p.m. at Hospice Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave. hospicemidland.org.

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

"All or Nothing: True Stories of Taking Big Risks." Local storytellers recount true stories of aiming high. 7 p.m. Hosted by West Texas and Maria Public Radio. 7 p.m. at the Rose Building, 415 N. Grant Ave., Odessa. kwtv.org.

Belly dancing class, 8 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. uumidland.org.

TUESDAY

Intro to Buddhism features basic meditation and then discussion. Hosted by Permian Basin Buddhists. 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. meetup.com/Permian-Basin-Buddhists.

The 12-Step Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 432-553-7220.

WEDNESDAY

Couples Support group, noon-1 p.m. at Hospice Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave. hospicemidland.org.

DivorceCare is a safe place to enhance the grief of divorce. The sessions cover topics for children and

adults with activities, video lessons and more. DCAK is offered for children 6 to 12. 6 p.m. Wednesdays through April 25 at First Presbyterian Church of Midland, 800 W. Texas Ave.

THURSDAY

Brethren in Christ is a weekly men's group with studies that range from the Bible to topical issues. 6:30 a.m. at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman Drive. midlandbible.org.

Midland Volunteer Networking Mixer. Learn about volunteer opportunities in Midland. Produced by Leadership Midland Chamber. 5 p.m. at FirstCapital Bank of Texas, 310 W. Wall St.

Celebrating Champions of Education with guest lecturer Tim Brown. The event is hosted by Educate Midland and will also feature an Educator Resource Fair by United Way. 5:30 p.m. at Stonegate Fellowship, 6000 W. Wadley Ave. educatemidland.org.

Spring exhibit art opening and reception. The show features works by the Midland Arts Association, Palette Club of Midland and Sibley Camera Club. The event will also welcome MSS' new executive director. 5:30-7 p.m. at The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. "A" St.

Happy Hour with microchip clinic by the Midland Humane Coalition. 6:30 p.m. at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. midlandhumane.org.

La Hacienda Alameda Support group for former patients and guests. 7 p.m. Thursdays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 553-7220.

To include your event on this calendar, please email Rich Lopez at rlopez@mt.com



Denny (Dinky)

Charles Rambo

Denny (Dinky) Charles Rambo Sr., 70, of Midland, Texas, went to be with the Lord after a short battle with cancer. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2018, at Ranchland Heights Baptist Church. Denny was born on July 29, 1947 to Joy Frances and Denny (Gene) Eugene Rambo in Kermit, Texas. He married Kaye Roberts on December 21, 1966. For the majority of his career he was a truck driver, and was recently employed with Troy Vines, Inc. He spent a large majority of his career at Midland Concrete with Joe Hopkins as his boss and friend. When he was not working, he looked forward to spending his time with family and friends, as well as going to Denny's and going around to flea markets and consignment shops to see what he could buy for other people. He especially enjoyed riding his Harley any chance he could. Anyone who got the honor to meet Denny knew that he had a heart of gold and always thought of others before himself.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gene Rambo, and his mother, Frances Rambo.

He is survived by his wife, Kaye Rambo of Midland, TX; daughters Denise Linnenkugel of Gilbert, AZ, Frances Gilbreath of Stamford, TX, and Debra Mallory and husband Wes of Noble, OK; son Denny (D.J.) Rambo Jr. of Midland, TX; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are being made by American Heritage Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland, TX. Flower arrangements can be sent to Ranchland Heights Baptist Church.



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commitment to our community and the local families we serve," Jones said in a statement.

United Supermarkets customers in Lamesa and Seminole also will have the opportunity to support the campaign by making register donations.

The Autism SHARE Walk is a family-friendly event for the community to celebrate area families and children and locate resources serving the special needs community. SHARE works to ease the difficulties family with special needs child face. All of the funds raised by the event stay local and go to support SHARE. This year's event is 9:30 a.m. April 28 at Grande Communications Stadium.

For more information, visit autismsharewalk.com.

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Legend, who has won a Grammy, Tony and Oscar, knows he is just an Emmy away from winning the coveted EGOT, but he isn't planning that his portrayal of Jesus will add to his trophy haul. He made his acting debut in 2016's "La La Land."

"I have no presumptions about the idea that I'll be considered an award-winning actor in my second role as an actor," he said, laughing. "But I'm aware of the gap in my EGOT."

The annual live broadcasts have gradually dipped in viewership, with the lowest being "A Christmas Story Live" last Christmas that attracted 4.5 million viewers — but they've become popular fodder for late-tweeting.

"It's part of it. You just kind of do the best you can," said executive producer Neil Meron, who helped start the live TV trend with "The Sound of Music" broadcast in 2013. "They'll rip it apart, they'll praise it."

Lowman has even coined a new term for the potential online hating this time, one that combines Twitter with crucifixion. He calls it death by "twitterflox."

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campus becomes so heated that the church is vandalized, causing a catastrophic fire, which results in the death of co-pastor Jude (Benjamin A. Chavis).

The project seems built to capitalize on a particularly intense political moment, but the story is so pulpy and nonsensical, while playing fast and loose with heavy-duty contemporary social issues, that it ends up downright offensive — to a person of any faith.

The dopey Pastor Dave isn't exactly a galvanizing representation of Christianity. Finding himself caught in a career-ending controversy, he ends up using his own friend, the chancellor of the university (Ted McGlovin), as a college student and looking up at his brother Pierce (John Carroll), whom he's called in for legal help. He's a complete mess, and it's never clear why we're supposed to find this unrepentant pastor in any way inspiring, because the film never makes it clear what he's actually good at.

Sutherland Springs unveils new church plans; shooting site to stand for now as memorial

By Lauren McGaughey
The Dallas Morning News

SAN ANTONIO — Nearly five months after a gunman killed 26 parishioners at the First Baptist Church, the people of Sutherland Springs will soon build a new place of worship.

Pastor Frank Pomeroy unveiled renderings of the new church at a news conference Tuesday evening in nearby San Antonio. The site will include a worship center and a memorial tower featuring a bell from the original First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, which for now will remain standing next to the new church as a memorial to those who died.

Pomeroy, who was out of town the day of the shooting, lost his 14-year-old daughter, Annabelle, that Sunday. Wiping away tears, his wife, Sherri, accompanied him Tuesday.

"We are in the midst of a celebration week. This is the week leading up to Easter," Pomeroy said. "And what better way to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord than the resurrection of a new church?"

"I think God choreographed that," Pomeroy added. His congregation has more than doubled and baptisms have "increased exponentially" since the shooting.

"God is going to use the blood of those 26 martyrs and those survivors to bring forth revival into the land," Pomeroy said. "Any time the church

was persecuted, then God backed that up with a magnification or a multiplication of his people."

The North American Mission Board, a national Southern Baptist organization, will coordinate development of the new church. Phase One of the project, which will include a new worship center, educational center, prayer garden and parking lot, could cost up to \$3 million, said Scott Garosky, president of the design firm behind the project.

Board spokesman Mike Elbert called for donations Tuesday from public and private sources and added, "We'll cover anything that's not covered by donation." The groundbreaking is scheduled for May 5, the six-month anniversary of the shooting. Construction is anticipated to be completed in spring 2019.

Phase Two, the cost of which is not included in the \$3 million, will include a community building and could take several more years to complete.

Devin P. Kelley opened fire on the church during Sunday services on Nov. 5. He killed 25 parishioners, including a pregnant woman whose fetus also died. The Holcombe family lost eight members. The Wards, two daughters and a mother, Peggy Warden died shielding her 12-year-old grandson, Zach Patten. The youngest victim was 18 months old, and the oldest was 77-year-old Dennis "Pa" Johnson. Twenty more were wounded.

The shooting — and subsequent media attention — took a heavy toll on this small community of around

600 people. They turned to their faith, Pomeroy said after the shooting, and to one another.

Kelley, a U.S. Air Force veteran who had threatened violence against his superiors and beaten his child and ex-wife, died minutes after the shooting. He was pursued by two men after the shooting and found dead in a ditch from an apparent gunshot wound to the head.

Kelley's mother-in-law attended the church and the two had a fraught relationship.

Law enforcement has not released the final findings of their investigation.

"Texas Rangers continue their investigation into the Sutherland Springs incident," Lt. Jason Reyes told The Dallas Morning News earlier this month. "No timetable has been given as to when the investigation will be complete. At this time no further information will be released so that the integrity of the investigation is not jeopardized."

Several victims' families have filed formal complaints against the Air Force, which acknowledged failing to report Kelley's past domestic violence convictions to the FBI's national database, crimes that would have kept him from legally possessing a firearm.

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after Black Lives Matter activists, which doesn't sit right. The filmmakers are at once trying to appeal to a specifically conservative audience, with loaded language and imagery, while also

attempting to not completely alienate anyone else, and the film twisted into an impossible contention. Ultimately, it alienates everyone, because it ends up saying absolutely nothing at all, and makes

not one lick of sense. Sorry, Pastor Dave, you're just not the messiah anyone should be looking for.

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While washing feet, Pope reveals he has cataracts

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

ROME — Pope Francis urged inmates at a Rome prison Thursday to never let their hopes be clouded like cataracts cloud the eyes — and revealed that he suffers from the condition and has to have surgery for it next year.

Francis, 81, disclosed the news as he bid farewell to inmates and staff at the Regina Coeli prison, where he washed the feet of 12 prisoners in a Holy Thursday ritual.

Francis frequently uses his visits to prisons to encourage inmates not to lose hope, and he repeated that Thursday by telling the prisoners they must clear their eyes every day so they can see and spread hope.

"At my age, for example, cataracts come and you don't see reality well. Next year I have to have an operation," he said.

He said the same thing happens with life, when disillusionment, errors and fatigue cloud the soul. Francis urged the inmates to do a daily cleansing of their view on life — a "cataract surgery for the soul" — so they can keep hope alive.

The Vatican's deputy spokeswoman, Paloma Garcia Ovejero, confirmed Francis was speaking about his own cataracts and is due to have surgery next year, though there were no details on when.

Francis is known to suffer from sciatica, which sometimes makes walking difficult. He lost much of one lung due to an infection in his 20s, but otherwise seems to enjoy good health.

During the foot-washing ceremony, Francis knelt down and one by one, poured water over the feet of the 12 inmates, wiped them dry and kissed them. Most of the men then embraced the pope in thanks.

The 12 inmates included Catholics, Muslims, an Orthodox Christian and a Buddhist, the Vatican said. They hailed from Italy, the Philippines, Morocco,

Moldova, Colombia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone.

In his homily, Francis told them the ritual is meant to show his willingness to serve others "like a slave," as Jesus did.

"Your chief must be your servant," he said. "So often I think ... how many wars would have been avoided if all those kings, emperors and heads of state had understood this teaching of Jesus rather than command and be cruel and kill people."

Earlier Thursday, Francis presided over another Holy Thursday service in St. Peter's Basilica, where he urged priests to be spiritually close to their flocks and not insist only on preaching laws when they sin.

Even when people commit adultery, he said, priests should not condemn with legalisms but rather help them look forward so they don't sin again.

"The correct tone is that of the confessor who is prepared to repeat it 70 times seven," he said.

The admonition came as conservatives have complained that Francis is dividing the church by being open to letting divorced and civilly remarried Catholics receive Communion. Critics say Francis is disregarding church law about the indissolubility of marriage by effectively allowing adulterers access to the sacraments.

Francis appeared to be answering the criticism with his homily, choosing specifically to preach about how priests should accompany adulterers during a Mass meant to demonstrate the unity of the church.

Holy Thursday marks the start of an intense four days of activity leading up to Easter Sunday.

On Friday, Francis presides over the Way of the Cross procession at Rome's Colosseum re-enacting Christ's crucifixion. On Saturday night, he celebrates the solemn Easter Vigil in St. Peter's Basilica, followed by the joyful Easter Sunday Mass marking Christ's resurrection.



Pope Francis washes the feet of inmates during his visit to the Regina Coeli detention center in Rome on Thursday where he celebrated the "Mass in Coena Domini". Pope Francis visit to a prison on Holy Thursday to wash the feet of some inmates, stresses in a pre-Easter ritual that a pope must serve society's marginalized and give them hope.

Sister Jean takes hoops to a heavenly place

By Eddie Fells
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — On the night before Easter, a night when Sister Jean could reasonably be contemplating more consequential affairs, she will instead be festooned in her maroon and yellow letter jacket, sitting in her wheelchair on the floor of one of America's greatest sports cathedrals, praying for an entirely different sort of miracle.

She'll be trying to will the underdog, 11th-seeded Runblers from the Jesuit school of Loyola-Chicago another step along the road to a national championship. It's a road even the most pious fan wouldn't have dreamed of a mere three weeks ago.

More than any single player or coach, it is the 98-year-old nun, Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, who has left an indelible mark on this year's NCAA Tournament, with her scouting reports and T-shirt-ready advice — "Worship, work and wisdom" — lending an almost otherworldly credence to the idea that, in sports, anything is possible.

And for those seeking a deeper meaning to Loyola's improbable trip to the Final Four, her presence raises questions that would normally be out of bounds in most mainstream sports conversations:

Do Sister Jean's prayers carry more weight than, say, those of the Michigan fans who will be rooting against Loyola on Saturday?

Is it OK to pray for something as profane as, say, your team to win the big game?

Do miracles really happen in sports?

To sum them all up: Does God really care about basketball?

"Because God cares about the whole health of a human being, and because play is an element of the human

experience, God cares about play," says Joe Price, an ordained minister who teaches classes on sports and religion at Whitier College. "Now, whether God cares about competitive sport at a professional level is perhaps a different question."

Big-time sports has been long familiar with enthusiastically religious athletes and ultra-successful programs from religious colleges.

Tim Tebow, Carson Wentz and Kurt Warner; Notre Dame, BYU and, yes, another Final Four participant this weekend, Villanova. They and others have come to the fore and brought their religion with them, front and center.

And yet, Loyola feels like something different. Instead of a player or coach who stands out as the main catalyst for all this success, it's a nun who is not only bringing added attention to her beloved players, but doing it in a way that unweaves stereotypes about the elderly to say nothing of the millions of women who have chosen her calling over the centuries.

"She's showing that, yes, nuns are regular people with a special calling," says Rebecca Alpert, a religion professor at Temple whose book, "Religion and Sports," looks at ways those two facets of life intersect. "She's photogenic. She's media savvy. It's a great story. I like hearing it. I'll buy a bobblehead."

It also brings up this awkward disconnect: Villanova is also accompanied by a person of the cloth, the Rev. Rob Hagen. And yet, because he represents a school that is better known, top seeded, a champion only two years ago and the fastest thing from a plucky underdog, Father Rob is a supporting player in this drama — no bobblehead as of yet — who is receiving his 15 minutes in large part because Sister Jean has gotten him on the other side of

the bracket.

Which brings up the question: If Father Rob's and Sister Jean's teams square off in an all-Catholic final Monday night, who wins?

Another way to ask it is whether Sister Jean's prayers hold any more weight than those of others, including secular fans who may want Kansas or Michigan to win on Saturday — to say nothing of the poor folks who were pulling for Kansas State or Texas Tech last weekend in the Elite Eight.

"It's a legitimate question," Price says. "It's about discipline and it's about frequency (of praying), and that doesn't necessarily mean (Sister Jean's) prayers are heard better."

But they're articulated in ways that are not about self-justification.

Cheering for a bunch of young men to play their best and fulfill their dream is different from, let's say, a stock car racer who prays to the Lord for a caution flag to come out so he can win the race.

The idea of divine intervention in sports goes way back, even decades before Al Michaels famously asked "Do you believe in miracles?" as the seconds ticked down in the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team's seminal victory over the Russians — a bunch of amateurs unbelievably beating a bunch of professionals.

And yet, the so-called "Miracle on Ice" hardly stands alone in sports, where the never-ending search for the upset, the unexpected, the unbelievable, is, in fact, "the reason we play the game."

Miracle in the Midwestland.
Music City Miracle.
The Indianapolis Reception.
Hall Mary.
The winner of the first three women's national titles: Immaculata College. That was no miracle.

But if little Loyola-Chicago is cutting down nets come Monday night, well, that might be — even if God is in no way connected to the actual result.

"The word 'miracle' is very important because what it signals is something intruding on your day-to-day reality and reminding you that the world is a much more complicated and beautiful place," Alpert says. "You don't have to

make the assumption that there's an all-knowing God intervening and making this happen."

Though no harm if you do. From all the corruption that's been unmasked in college basketball to the sex-abuse scandals involving Larry Nassar and gymnastics to the Russian doping scandal at the Olympics, sports has become an ugly, ungodly sort of place of late.

Miracle or no, who's to say a 98-year-old superfan and her 11th-seeded team from out of nowhere can't help drag some sports fans from that abyss?

"We can't possibly forget the kinds of questions and issues that are being raised," Alpert says. "But this has ... pulled us away from things that are hurting sports today. If you look at it that way, then we can all be very grateful to Sister Jean."

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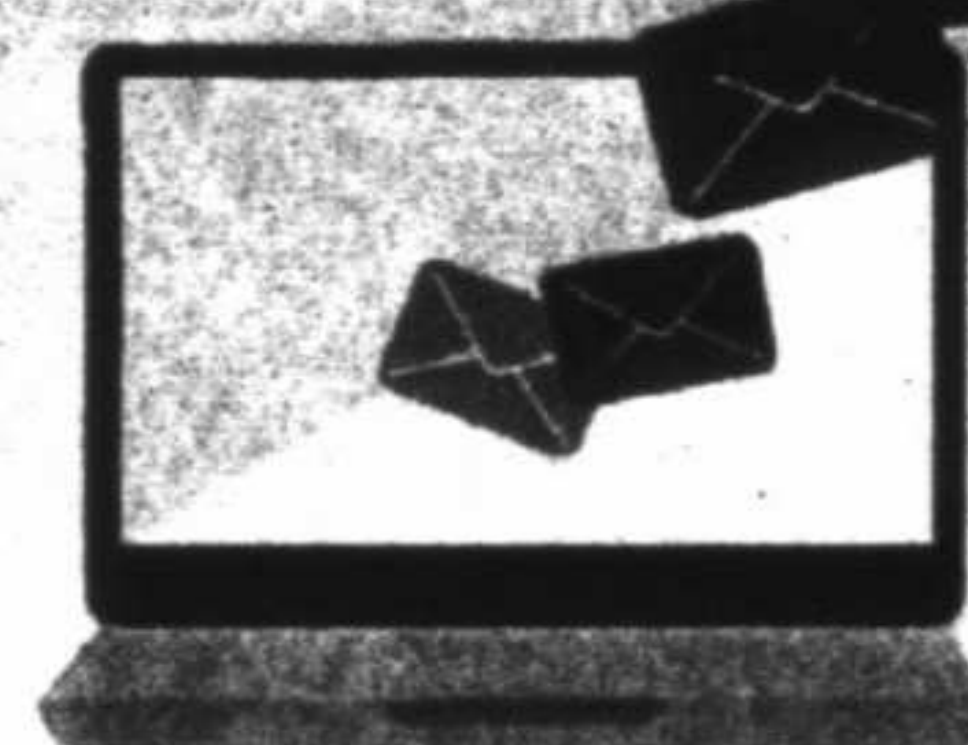
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Tascosa capitalizes on Lee's miscues, wins 10-8

By Will Korn
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It seems as though every time the Amarillo Tascosa and Lee baseball teams meet, something wild is bound to happen.

In the two teams' first meeting back on March 15, Lee scored nine runs over the fifth and sixth innings to overcome a six-run deficit and take a 14-12 victory. On Wednesday, Lee hammered out 21 hits, scored four runs on the game's first six pitches and throttled Tascosa 18-3 in Amarillo.

And Thursday's sloppy contest came down to the final pitch. Trailing by two, Lee had a bases-loaded rally brewing in the seventh. But Tascosa shut it down with a 6-4-3 double

play ground ball off the bat of Colby Standard and hung on for a 10-8 District 2-6A victory over Lee at Ernie Johnson Field.

Of the 18 total runs scored in the game, only six were earned, thanks to a combined nine errors between the two teams. Lee (13-9, 4-3) committed six of the nine miscues in the loss and, combined with four walks, spotted Tascosa six runs in a disastrous top of the first — a hole too deep to overcome.

Lee head coach Brian Roper took the blame for the loss and said he fully expected Tascosa (10-13, 3-4 in District 2-6A) to come out ready to compete following Wednesday's defeat.

"They don't ever go away and so it was our turn (Thursday) to go out

and spot them," Roper said. "Our kids fought hard and I know I've got to do a better job of getting our guys prepared to handle some of the things that this game presents. This game is cruel and you have to be ready mentally for what comes your way. I've got to do a better job of that."

It didn't take long for Tascosa to seize command early against Lee starter Dylan Drace. Santiago Sandoval led off the game with a walk and was followed by a sacrifice bunt, back-to-back throwing errors, an RBI single to left by Ethan Schmidt and then consecutive walks to give the visitors a 3-0 lead.

Left-hander J.J. Melendez relieved Drace but Tascosa motored on. A



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Lee's JJ Melendez pitches against Amarillo Tascosa on Thursday at Ernie Johnson Field.

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A lasting impression



Tim Flinchbaugh/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Daniel Olivas tries to keep the ball away from Lee's Christian Bryant on March 9 at Grande Communications Stadium.

Bryant blossoms into defensive leader for Lee

By Will Korn
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At the start of the season, Lee head boys soccer coach Scott Hicks wasn't quite sure how senior defender Christian Bryant would adapt to the varsity level.

Adding to the potential difficulty, Bryant, who spent his junior season on the JV team, was joining the reigning District 2-6A champion, which had question marks defensively after the graduation of key seniors the year before.

But over the course of the season, Bryant worked into form that made him virtually irreplaceable on Lee's back line. He has made the most of his only varsity campaign and has helped to

transform the Rebels into a reliable defensive club with counterattack ability.

Bryant's growth this season has left an impression on Hicks, who also commended the senior for coping with the opposition's offensive strategy directed at him throughout the year.

"What can you say about a guy like Christian Bryant?" Hicks said. "He came off the JV (team) and never faltered. There wasn't a game where he looked like he wasn't ready to play and didn't accept the challenge. We didn't know how he'd respond and there were some times when he got some mismatch one on ones. A lot of people singled him out and said 'Hey, we can attack this guy.' He accepted the challenge and played his rear end off."

Bryant said all along, he was ready for the next level of soccer.

"There is a huge difference in the quickness of (JV and varsity) play," Bryant said. "But I've been working hard on my own, preparing for this moment, preparing for varsity."

Bryant will get his first taste of varsity playoff action when he and the Rebels (15-7-1) take on District 1-6A No. 3 seed El Paso Montwood (18-7-1) in the Class 6A bi-district round at 3 p.m. today at Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

Hicks said one of the areas in which Bryant has shown the most growth is his vocal communication, as he has become

Please see BRYANT/4C

Franklin's late goal ousts MHS from playoffs

From staff reports

ARTESIA, N.M. — The El Paso Franklin girls soccer team scored on a free kick in the 76th minute to squeak past Midland High, 1-0, in a Class 6A bi-district playoff, Thursday at Mack Chase Athletic Complex.

MHS head coach Cooper Barham said his team fouled Franklin right outside the box on a counter attack, and the Lady Cougars converted the free kick attempt on a well-placed shot with four minutes remaining.

The Lady Bulldogs' season ends at 14-5-3, while the Lady Cougars improved to 20-2 and advance to face Thursday's Mansfield-Weatherford winner in the area round.

The Lady Dawgs entered the playoff match on a roll, winning four of their last five matches, but it couldn't score a goal against a stingy Franklin defense that has recorded shutouts in seven matches during its current nine-match winning streak.

"In the first 25 minutes, I thought we got out-played," Barham said. "They were really pressing us pretty hard. Defensively, my back four did a really good job and my goalie (Allison Robinson)



Robinson

Please see MHS/4C

Eastwood blanks MHS in bi-district playoff

From staff reports

ARTESIA, N.M. — The Midland High boys soccer team battled hard, but couldn't overcome an early deficit and fell 2-0 to El Paso Eastwood in a Class 6A bi-district match, Thursday at Mack Chase Athletic Complex.

MHS ended its season at 11-9-2 overall, while Eastwood (19-5) advanced to face Arlington High in the Class 6A area round.

Eastwood (19-5), the District 1-6A champion, scored the breakthrough goal in the 12th minute, set up shortly after a corner kick. The Trojans took a 1-0 advantage into halftime but MHS head coach J.D. Bates knew his team was right there.

"Adversity reveals character and we faced adversity in the first half," Bates said. "We told the MHS players 'Clean up the little things, increase the pace of play, do the things we need to and we can get one in the back of the net.'"

Eastwood doubled its lead in about the 60th minute on a volley blasted into the net from about 25 yards out.

Bates said all match long, his players competed to the best of their ability, but



Bates

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Chaparrals stay hot with DH sweep of NMJC

By Oscar LeRoy
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Midland College head baseball coach Hector Rodriguez told his team that it's one of the hottest junior college teams in the country and they need to continue to take that belief into each game.

With the way the Chaparrals played in a doubleheader sweep of New Mexico Junior College on Thursday at Christensen Stadium, there wasn't much dispute to what Rodriguez told his team.

MC continued to be good at the plate and got some solid pitching as well in 7-2 and 9-3 wins over the Thunderbirds to extend its current winning streak to 11 games.

"Thanks to Coach Rod and all the coaches, we've been

focused on winning and doing the little things. That's why we're winning right now," said MC freshman shortstop Francisco Chavez, who was a combined 6-for-9 at the plate with two triples, five runs and two RBIs.

With the wind blowing in the first game, Rodriguez said the Chaps (20-10, 12-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) did a pretty good job of executing the small ball by hustling well, moving runners and took the extra base when given the opportunity.

Still, the Chaps only had 1-0 lead through four innings before NMJC (21-9, 9-5) scored a run in each of the fifth and sixth innings to take



Tim Flinchbaugh/Reporter-Telegram

New Mexico Junior College's Daniel Hernandez beats the Chaps back to last as Midland College's Paulo Zubia reaches for the ball Thursday at Christensen Stadium.

Please see CHAP/2C

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Baseball
West Virginia at Texas Tech, 6:30 p.m., FS1
TCU at Oklahoma State, 8 p.m., ESPN

College Softball
Oklahoma at Baylor, 6:30 p.m., FCSC

College Track and Field
91st Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays, Morning Session, 9:30 a.m., LHN
91st Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays, Evening Session, 7 p.m., LHN

Golf
LPGA: ANA Inspiration, 2nd Round, 11 a.m., GOLF
PGA: Houston Open, 2nd Round, 3 p.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball
NY Yankees at Toronto, 6 p.m., MLB

Houston at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW, ATTSW
Men's College Basketball
Reese's All-Star Game, 3:30 p.m., CBSN

CBI Championship, Gm 3: San Francisco at North Texas, 6 p.m., ESPN

CIT Championship: UIC at Northern Colorado, 6 p.m., CBSN

National Basketball Association
New Orleans at Cleveland, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
LA Clippers at Portland, 9:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
National Hockey League
Tampa Bay at NY Rangers, 6 p.m., NHL

Tennis
ATP: Miami Open, Semifinal 1, Noon, ESPN

WTA: Miami Open, Doubles Semifinal 1, Noon, TENNIS
ATP: Miami Open, Semifinal 2, 6 p.m., ESPN

WTA: Miami Open, Doubles Semifinal 2, 6 p.m., TENNIS
Women's College Basketball
Final Four: UConn vs. Notre Dame, 6 p.m., ESPN

Final Four: Mississippi State vs. Louisville, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2

RADIO
Major League Baseball
Houston at Texas, 7 p.m., KREST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM (Big Spring)

(Lamarco), KBYG 106.1 FM (Big Spring)

NAHL Hockey
Odessa at Corpus Christi, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

National Basketball Association
Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

MS Baseball

Midland Christian at Fort Worth Southwest Christian, noon
Class 6A bi-district, Lee vs. El Paso Montwood, 3 p.m., Sul Ross, Alpine

MS Soccer

Lee at Lubbock Invitational

JC Baseball

Midland College at New Mexico JC (DH), 1 p.m.

JC Softball

Midland College at El Paso CC (DH), 2 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

SAUTOMORE OULES — Placed OF Mark Tordella and RHP Gabriel Torres on the 10-day DL, retroactive to March 28. Selected the contracts of RHP Pedro Alvarez, OFs Cody Quinlan and Cody Thomas, and RHP Danny Valdez from Houston (R). Placed RHP Alex Cole on the 10-day DL. Designated RHPs Alex Acker, Carlos Colon, Michael Kelly and Jesus Lirio for assignment.

BOSTON RED SOX — Selected the contracts of LHP Bobby Poyner and RHP Shane Bieber. Placed RHP Matt Moore on the 10-day DL and RHPs Austin Maddox and Yusei Kikuchi on the 10-day DL, retroactive to March 28.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Placed OF Michael Brantley on the 10-day DL, retroactive to March 28. Placed RHPs Danny Salazar and RHPs Mike Cuddihy on the 10-day DL, retroactive to March 28. Selected the contracts of RHP Matt Belisle and OFs Ryan Sweeney and OFs Jason Sweeney and RHPs Ryan Sweeney and RHPs Ryan Sweeney.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Placed LHP Andrew Heaney on the 10-day DL, retroactive to March 28.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Selected the contract of OF Ryan Lobb on the 10-day DL, retroactive to March 28.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed RHP David Robertson on the 10-day DL, retroactive to March 28. Placed RHPs David Robertson and RHPs David Robertson on the 10-day DL, retroactive to March 28.

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Aldridge's double-double moves
Spurs past Thunder, 103-99By Raul Dominguez
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — LaMarcus Aldridge had 25 points and 11 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs held off the Oklahoma City Thunder 103-99 on Thursday night to climb back into fourth place in the Western Conference.

San Antonio matched Oklahoma City at 44-32 in jumping two spots in the standings. The Thunder are fifth, a half-game ahead of the New Orleans Pelicans.

Aldridge scored 21 points in the first half, then drove past Steven Adams for a dunk and a three-point lead with 52 seconds left as the Spurs snapped a two-game slide.

Paul George led Oklahoma City with 26 points and had six assists. Russell Westbrook added 19 points and 11 assists, but had a pair of 3-point misses the rim and land out of bounds in the final minutes.

Both teams experienced scoring droughts, resulting in 10 lead changes and

NBA GLANCE

Eastern Conference				Western Conference			
Atlantic Division				Midwest Division			
	W	L	Pct		W	L	Pct
o Toronto	35	20-725	-	Portland	48	20-312	-
o Boston	32	23-689	3	Oklahoma City	44	22-379	29
o Philadelphia	31	24-355	3	Minnesota	43	23-380	34
o NY	27	28-395	3	Utah	42	23-389	4
New York	27	49-395	-	Denver	40	25-510	6
o Brooklyn	24	51-250	31	Pacific Division			
o Philadelphia	23	51-250	31		W	L	Pct
Washington	21	51-250	31	o Golden State	54	20-725	-
o Boston	20	52-250	31	o Chicago	51	24-547	28
o Washington	19	53-250	31	o L.A. Lakers	49	24-541	21
o Charlotte	34	42-447	74	Sacramento	34	51-200	20
o NY	32	52-287	-	Phoenix	29	57-250	38
o NY	21	54-250	29	o selected playoff spot			
o Boston	21	54-250	29	o selected Division			
Central Division				Thunder's Season			
	W	L	Pct	Detroit 105, Washington 82			
o Cleveland	45	39-289	- <td>Utah 105, Chicago 82</td> <td colspan="3"></td>	Utah 105, Chicago 82			
o Indiana	43	41-281	- <td>San Antonio 100, Oklahoma City 99</td> <td colspan="3"></td>	San Antonio 100, Oklahoma City 99			
o Detroit	38	46-307	95	Indiana at Sacramento, late			
Detroit	38	46-307	10	Minnesota at Golden State, late			
Chicago	26	51-250	21	o Golden State			
WESTERN CONFERENCE				Today's Games			
Southeast Division				Chicago at Oklahoma, 8 p.m.			
	W	L	Pct	Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.			
o Houston	41	31-813	- <td>Denver at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.<td colspan="3"></td></td>	Denver at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m. <td colspan="3"></td>			
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seven ties.

Patty Mills and Davis Bertans hit back-to-back 3s to give the Spurs a 94-87 lead with 4 minutes remaining. The Thunder made only two field goals between the 10:34 and 3:17 mark of the fourth but still were within

a basket with less than two minutes remaining.

George sank three free throws to pull Oklahoma City within 97-96, but Aldridge scored before Westbrook shot an airball on a 3-pointer with 14 seconds remaining.

Dumba's sizzling 2nd period leads Wild past Stars

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Matt Dumba scored on a power play and had two assists in Minnesota's three-goal second period, and the Wild moved a step closer to a spot in the playoffs with a 5-2 victory over the finding Dallas Stars on Thursday night.

Mikael Granlund sparked the Wild with a short-handed goal in the first period, set up by the first of two assists by Ryan Suter. Zach Parise scored 59 seconds after Dumba and tacked on an empty-netter in the waning seconds, and Jason Zucker had a power-play goal with 11 seconds left before the second intermission to give the Wild a bigger cushion at the break.

Jamie Benn and Devin Shore scored for the Stars, who have lost eight straight road games, including six in regulation. They're just 1-7-2 in their past 10 games overall,

staggering into position for the knockout punch to their postseason hope. They host a rematch with the Wild on Saturday night.

With only four games remaining, the Stars are five points behind current wild-card spot holders St. Louis and Anaheim in the Western Conference standings. The Blues have six games left, and the Ducks play five more times. The Stars also trail ninth-place Colorado by four points, with five games to go for the Avalanche.

Devan Dubnyk stopped 29 shots for the Wild, who improved to 26-6-8 at home for the second-most points in the NHL. With five games to go, they're up six points on the Avalanche in the race to clinch an appearance in the playoffs for the sixth straight year.

Tyler Seguin seized a turnover in the corner and set up Benn in the slot for the lead less than three minutes into the game.

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a 2-1 advantage.

But the Chaps responded with a big inning in the bottom of the sixth with six runs on five hits. Cameron Melcher got things started with a pinch-hit double to tie the game, then Chavez followed with a two-run triple to give MC the lead. Chavez scored on a passed ball.

Riley King (2-for-3, two doubles) had an RBI single and Cade Ballinger also had an RBI single.

On the mound, starter Logan McCrummen was solid through five innings before giving way to Justin Lewis, who got the win in relief by pitching two shutout innings with two walks, no hits and six strikeouts.

Chavez was again the spark plug in the second game when he hit a leadoff triple on the first pitch he saw. He would then score on an Ethan Barber single to give MC a 1-0 lead after the first inning.

"I always keep my approach, just try to put the ball in play and whatever happens, happens," said Chavez about his day at the plate. "Today was a good day. I got some barrels and credit to thanks to my team, everything went well."

In addition to his good day offensively, the freshman from Venezuela played stellar defense at shortstop. "He's such a good player," said Rodriguez about Chavez. "He can beat you in so many different ways, and not to mention he takes runs away from you defensively. He's fun to watch him play, to be honest with you. He makes you a better coach, for sure."

MC built a 6-0 lead through five innings before NDMC got on the board in the sixth with a solo home run by Soterio Ramirez. The lead was more than enough for MC sophomore left-hander Aaron Weisman, who allowed one run on six

innings, with five walks and one strikeout.

"Weisman really did a good job of acclimating (NMC), and our offense did what they did," Rodriguez said. "They stayed hot, had quality at-bats and we were able to break it open. And then Levi Hon came in and struck out his first (three) batters, which was huge because (the T-birds) had a chance to kind of get a big hit."

The way the pitchers stepped up was good to see for the Chaps, who saw the staff have some shaky moments at the beginning of WJAC play. "It's good to see those guys on the mound compete and make a pitch when they need to," Rodriguez said. "We also made good plays defensively. We turned a couple of double plays. But if you can pitch you can win some games."

Also for MC at the plate in game 2, Ballinger was 2-for-4 with a home run,

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MIDLAND COLLEGE
AT EL PASO CC

When/where: Doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. CDT today and noon Saturday, EPCC Softball Field, El Paso
Records: Midland College 23-13, 6-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; El Paso Community College 7-28, 1-7

Last WJAC series: Midland College 2, Frank Phillips College 0; Clarendon College 2, Midland College 0; Howard College 4, El Paso Community College 0

Notes & quotes: Midland College looks to bounce back from getting swept in a doubleheader against Clarendon College on Saturday. MC interim coach Amanda Evans said the team is excited to forget about last weekend and anxious to see what they've worked on in practice. "I loved the fact that we battled every time and the girls showed the determination and the heart in every game," said Evans about last weekend in a four-game split against Frank Phillips and Clarendon. "I didn't like the fact that we didn't execute in pressure situations like we needed to and we left a lot of runners on base. We've worked on that to try to have the positive outcomes that we need to have success." Evans said EPCC is always has speed on the base paths and her team will have to watch out for the Tejanos looking to take the extra base.

Next: Odessa College at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m. April 6

—Compiled by Oscar LeMay

2012 WJAC Softball Standings

Team	W	L	Pct
Midland College	23	13	.643
Frank Phillips College	17	19	.470
Clarendon College	10	26	.279
Howard College	7	28	.200

Astros top Texas 4-1 in opener

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

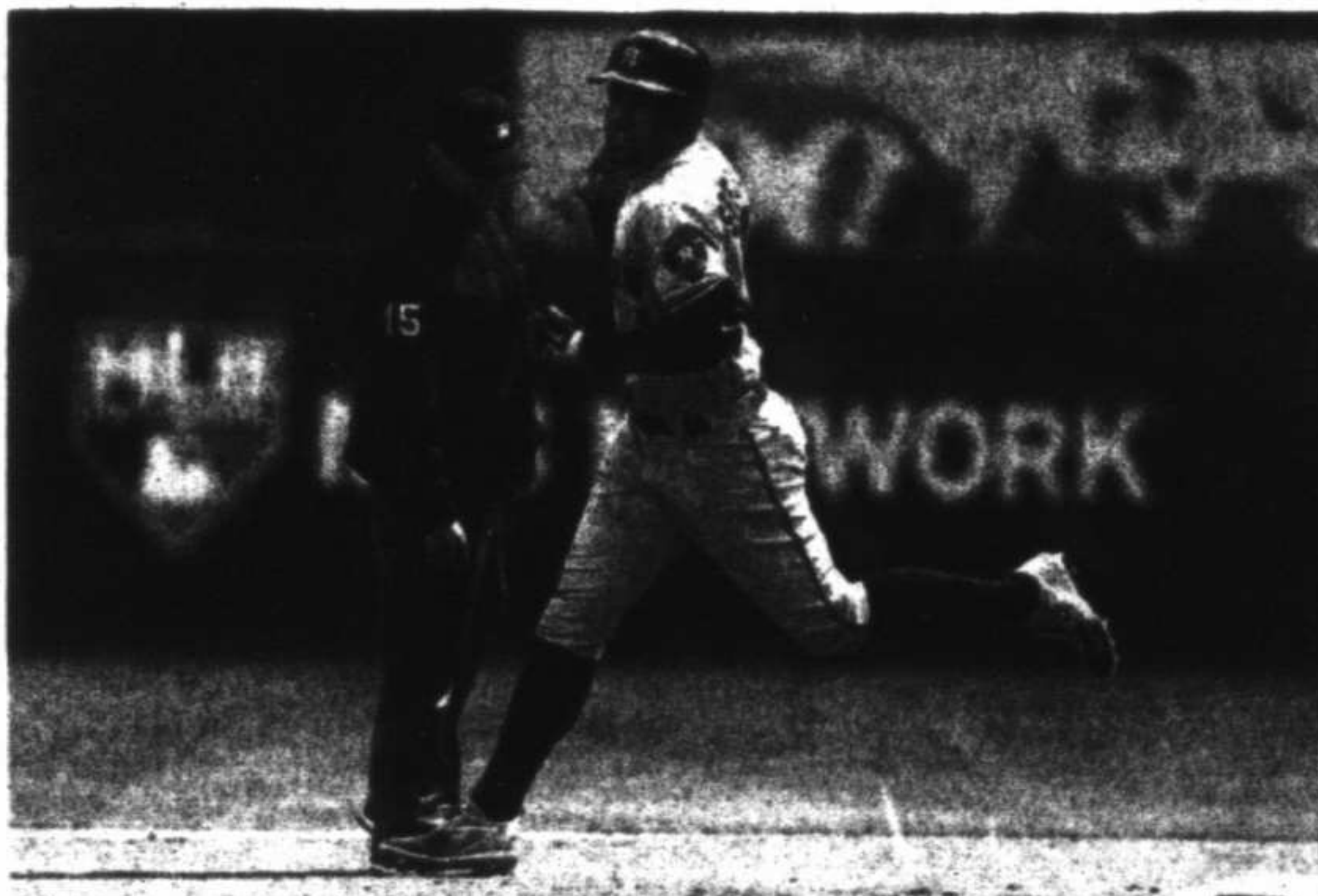
ARLINGTON — World Series MVP George Springer hit a leadoff homer in the season opener for the second year in a row. Justin Verlander pitched six scoreless innings and the Houston Astros started their championship defense with a 4-1 win over the Texas Rangers on Thursday.

Jake Marisnick also homered for the Astros, whose 57th year as a franchise began with them as reigning World Series champs for the first time.

Springer hit a 2-0 pitch off lefty Cole Hamels (0-1) into the right-field seats, becoming the only player in MLB history with leadoff homers in consecutive season openers, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. It was the 100th career homer for the 28-year-old right fielder starting his fifth big league season — he hit five home runs in the Series against the Dodgers, connecting in the final four games.

Elvis Andrus led off the ninth against Ken Giles, the third Astros reliever, with a double. Andrus scored on a wild pitch and the Rangers avoided being shut out in a home opener for the first time since 1992.

Verlander (1-0) struck out five, walked two and allowed only four singles. He is 6-0 with a 0.90 ERA in his six regular-season starts since his last-minute approval of a trade from the Detroit Tigers last Aug. 31 that made him eligible for the Astros' postseason roster. He was 5-0 last September, then won four more postseason games, and was the AL Championship Series MVP.



Tony Gutierrez/Associated Press

Second base umpire Ed Hickox, left, watches as Houston Astros' George Springer, right, rounds second after hitting a solo home run off Texas Rangers' Cole Hamels on a lead at-bat in the first inning of a baseball game Thursday in Arlington.

With Andrus and Adrian Beltre on base with two outs in the sixth, Verlander struck out young slugger Nomar Mazara with a 96mph fastball on his 90th and final pitch.

Hamels struck out seven and walked four in 5 2-3 innings. He allowed three runs on five hits.

Chris Devenski and Brad Peacock each threw a scoreless inning in relief for the Astros.

Trainer's room

Astros: 1B Yuli Gurriel is recover-

ing from left hand surgery last month, but started the season on baseball's restricted list to serve his five-game suspension — for making an inappropriate gesture toward Dodgers pitcher Yu Darvish in the World Series — rather than on the disabled list.

Rangers: Four pitchers started the season on the 10-day disabled list: lefty Martin Perez (recovering from right elbow surgery) and right-handers Tony Barnette (lower back strain), Tim Lincecum (blister on right middle finger) and Ricardo Rodriguez (right biceps tendinitis).

HS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Baseball

ODESSA PERMAN 7, MIDLAND HIGH 6
ODESSA — The Midland High baseball team was unable to hold on to an early lead and fell to Odessa Permian in a District 2-6A game, Thursday at McCaslin Field.

MHS took a 1-0 lead in the first on a double to left by Sean Porter. But Permian answered with two runs in the home half and then four more in the second, headlined by a Caden Bedrick single that plated a pair.

In the fifth, MHS starter Justin Baez grounded into a fielder's choice that cut the Bulldogs' deficit to 7-6.

On the mound, Baez allowed one unearned run on four hits over four innings, while striking out three.

Porter was 2-for-3 with two doubles and three RBI for MHS (16-10, 3-4 in District 2-6A).

For Permian (15-8, 3-4) Christian Tschauer was 3-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored.

ODESSA PERMAN 7, MIDLAND HIGH 6
Runs: 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9
Hits: 10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18
Errors: 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0

District 2-6A Baseball Standings			
Team	W	L	Winning %
Odessa Permian	16	10	.615
Midland High	15	8	.652
Odessa Permian	14	11	.560
Midland High	13	12	.519
Odessa Permian	12	13	.476
Midland High	11	14	.440

FW SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN 2, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 0
FORT WORTH — Fort Worth Southwest Christian scored two runs in the bottom of the third to edge Midland Christian in TAPPS Division II District I action Thursday.

Facing MCS starter Trace Blue, FWSC got timely singles from starter Nico Sharp and

Curie Warren, set up by a walk and a passed ball. Blue allowed the two runs on four hits over six innings, while striking out eight and walking two.

Sharp limited MCS (10-8-1, 3-2 in TAPPS Division II District I) to just three hits, while striking out five.

At the plate, Blue was 1-for-2 with a walk to lead the Mustangs.

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ALPINE 20, MCS 9
Keyshia Vargas went 4 for 5 with two home runs, two doubles, six RBI and three runs to lead Alpine to a run-rule win over Midland Christian in the innings at Freddie Earl Softball Complex.

For the Lady Mustangs (4-13), Middle Whigham was 3 for 3 with two RBI; Zolhe Su-

arez went 2 for 2 with a triple and three runs; and Andree Hall went 1 for 1 with two walks, two RBI and three runs.

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WHITE SOX 14, KANSAS CITY 7
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Matt Davidson became the fourth player in major league history to homer three times on opening day, the White Sox went deep six times total and Chicago routed the Kansas City Royals 14-7 on Thursday to spoil their 50th anniversary celebration.

Tim Anderson also homered twice and Jose Abreu went deep for the White Sox, who picked up James Shields (1-0) in a big way after the former Royals ace surrendered four runs in the first inning.

Shields wound up leading six innings, holding Kansas City without a hit after that shaky first.

Of the four players with three-homer opening days, three have done it against the Royals, while the six homers by Chicago on opening day matched the big league record set by the Cubs in 1958.

YANKEES 6, BLUE JAYS 1
TORONTO — Giancarlo Stanton made the expected impression in his New York Yankees debut — and more.

Stanton began his Yankees career with the hardest-hit, opposite-field home run since Major League Baseball began tracking exit velocity in 2015, doubled and hit a second homer into the center-field party deck in the ninth.

Stanton's four RBIs led the Yankees over the Toronto Blue Jays 6-1 Thursday and gave Aaron Boone in a win in his first game as a professional manager.

Lefty Sverino (1-0) pitched 5 2/3 scoreless innings for the Yankees, who won their opener for the first time since 2011.

RAVS 6, RED SOX 4
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Denard Span made a huge splash in his debut for his hometown team on opening day, hitting a home-run double to highlight a six-run rally in the eighth inning that sent the Tampa Bay Rays over the Boston Red Sox 6-4 Thursday.

The revamped Rays, playing with a starting lineup featuring just one position player from opening day a year ago, had been shut out on one hit through the sixth by Chris Sale. Tampa Bay took advantage of four walks in the eighth to come back.

Span's triple was only Tampa Bay's third hit of the day and gave the Rays a 5-4 lead. Adalberto Machado followed with an infield single off Carson Smith (0-1), providing a two-run cushion for closer Alex Colome to earn a save.

CUBS 5, MARLINS 4
MIAMI — Ian Happ homered on the first pitch of the major league season, and Anthony Rizzo made his emotional homecoming over more memorable with a home run, leading the Chicago Cubs past Derek Jeter's Miami Marlins 5-4 Thursday.

Rizzo homered into the upper deck in the second inning — an unscripted tribute to the victims of last month's shooting at his former high school in Parkland, Florida. As he crossed home plate, Rizzo patted his chest and pointed to the sky.

Both teams wore patches to honor those killed, and Rizzo plans to host four families of the victims at Friday's game.

Happ, playing in his first opening day game, pulled Jose Ureña's first pitch into the seats to give the Cubs the first start they sought. They're eager to replicate the quick getaway in 2016 that helped propel them to their first World Series title in 108 years.

Kyle Schwarber also homered for Chicago, which overcame two errors and a rocky start by Jon Lester.

BREWERS 6, PHILLIES 5
ATLANTA — Nick Markakis hit a three-run homer with two out in the ninth inning, capping the Atlanta Braves' comeback from a five-run deficit that rocked the Philadelphia Phillies 8-5 Thursday and ruined the managing debut of Gabe Kapler.

Freddie Freeman and Ozzie Albies also homered for Atlanta, which won with a walk-off hit on opening day for the first time since 1998.

Hector Maris (0-1) gave up an infield hit to Charlie Culberson and an intentional walk to Freeman before Markakis drove a 1-1 pitch over the right-field wall.

GIANTS 1, DODGERS 0
LOS ANGELES — Joe Panik homered off Clayton Kershaw in the fifth inning and the San Francisco Giants beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 1-0 on Thursday, dashing the three-time NL Cy Young Award winner his first loss in his franchise-record eighth consecutive opening day start.

It was the first run allowed this year by Kershaw, including spring training. The seven hits given up by the left-hander are the most off him on opening day, when he is 5-1.

Kershaw struck out seven and walked two in six innings.

BREWERS 2, PADRES 1
SAN DIEGO — Orlando Arcia singled in J-Man Choi with two outs in the 12th inning to lift the Milwaukee Brewers over the San Diego Padres 2-1 on opening day Thursday.

Arcia's hit came off closer Adam Ciminelli (0-1), who was making his big league debut. After getting Manny Pina to hit into a double play, Ciminelli allowed Choi's pinch-hit double before Arcia's go-ahead RBI.

Jeremy Jeffress (1-0) pitched two innings for the win. Jacob deGrom struck out the side in the 12th for the save.

METS 5, CARDINALS 4
NEW YORK — Willy Cordero's first game as a manager with the Mets went exactly according to plan.

Yankee Cordero drove in three runs and answered Adam Cordero's hit a go-ahead double to lead New York over the St. Louis Cardinals 5-4 in their opener Thursday.

Synegris (1-0) struck out 10 and walked none in six innings after missing most of last season with a torn lat muscle.

Leadoff man Brandon Nimmo, adding to injured All-Star Michael Conforto, reached safely four times and scored twice as the Mets chased a victory Carlos Martinez in their two-run fifth inning to make Cordero a winner at sold-out Citi Field.

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single to left by starter Mason Martinez and a throwing error doubled the lead to 6-0.

"It was good. Anytime you can get on the road, score six and kind of get in control of the game early, you can't beat that," said Tascosa head coach Jason Patrick.

In the home half, Martinez retired the Lee side in order on two strikeouts and a soft groundout, before Tascosa plated another run in the second. Lee got on the board in the home half courtesy of a double by Jordan Matthews and RBI groundouts by Omar Ruiz and Kasey Blackmon.

Trailing 10-3, Lee plated two more runs in the third on a single by Junior Alvarez and a Tascosa error. But Martinez regained control and retired six of the next seven batters to preserve a 10-5 lead entering the sixth.



James Barthe/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Ty Coleman (3) dives after a base hit from Arnelito Tascosa on Thursday at Ernie Johnson Field.

"I listened to my catcher (Jon Canto) honestly," said Martinez, a junior. "He really did a (good) job back there. He called the right pitches and he really kept (the Lee batters) off balance. My job was just to paint the corners, make the pitcher work."

In the sixth, a chaotic sequence brought Lee to within striking distance.

Leadoff hitter Logan Acosta reached on a one-out error and then came all the way around to score, along with Standard, on two more Tascosa errors during the same play to cut the deficit to 10-8.

Martinez, who allowed eight runs (four earned) on 10 hits, while striking out nine over his six innings, said it's games such

as Thursday's that make baseball what it is.

"That's what makes baseball fun," Martinez said. "Games can be bad, games can be good and that was a great game right there. We really kept our minds strong and we held ourselves until the last play."

Alvarez, Adam Becker, Standard, Matthews and Ty Coleman each went 2-for-4 for Lee. Junior pitcher Isaac Madrid tossed 4 2/3 innings of scoreless relief.

Schmidt finished 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI for Tascosa.

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ODISHA 1, L.A. ANGELS 0
BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox won their season opener for the first time since 2011, defeating the Los Angeles Angels 1-0 Thursday at Fenway Park.

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MLB ROUNDUP

American League

ORIOLES 3, TWINS 2
BALTIMORE — Adam Jones homered on Fernando Rodney's first pitch starting the bottom of the 11th inning, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Minnesota Twins 3-2 Thursday for their eighth consecutive opening day victory.

After working out of trouble in the 10th, Rodney's debut with the Twins came to an abrupt end when Jones went deep to left.

Richard Bleier (1-0) worked one inning for the Orioles, who made the most of five hits.

Minnesota has lost nine of its last 10 openers, including three against Baltimore.

Baltimore released a chance win it in the 10th when Jonathan Schoop bounced into a double play against Rodney (0-1) with the bases loaded after the Twins stacked the infield with five players, leaving just two outfielders.

ATHLETICS 6, ANGELS 5
OAKLAND, Calif. — Marcus Semien singled into an empty center field with one out in the 11th inning, beating Los Angeles' five-man infield to lift the Oakland Athletics over the Angels 6-5 on opening day Thursday.

Boog Powell hit a one-out triple off Noe Ramirez (0-1) to start the winning rally. Matt Joyce was intentionally walked to bring up Semien, who delivered his first career game-ending RBI.

The Angels got consecutive two-out singles from Martin Maldonado and Zack Cozart in the 11th off Chris Fatcher (1-0) but didn't capitalize.

Chris Davis hit a three-run homer in the fifth and a tying single in the seventh to almost single-handedly get the A's back in it.

Albert Pujols homered leading off the sixth, while Shohei Ohtani connected on the first pitch he saw for a single in a much-hyped major league debut for the Japanese two-way star.

WHITE SOX 14, KANSAS CITY 7
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Matt Davidson became the fourth player in major league history to homer three times on opening day, the White Sox went deep six times total and Chicago routed the Kansas City Royals 14-7 on Thursday to spoil their 50th anniversary celebration.

Tim Anderson also homered twice and Jose Abreu went deep for the White Sox, who picked up James Shields (1-0) in a big way after the former Royals ace surrendered four runs in the first inning.

Shields wound up leading six innings, holding Kansas City without a hit after that shaky first.

Of the four players with three-homer opening days, three have done it against the Royals, while the six homers by Chicago on opening day matched the big league record set by the Cubs in 1958.

YANKEES 6, BLUE JAYS 1
TORONTO — Giancarlo Stanton made the expected impression in his New York Yankees debut — and more.

Stanton began his Yankees career with the hardest-hit, opposite-field home run since Major League Baseball began tracking exit velocity in 2015, doubled and hit a second homer into the center-field party deck in the ninth.

Stanton's four RBIs led the Yankees over the Toronto Blue Jays 6-1 Thursday and gave Aaron Boone in a win in his first game as a professional manager.

Lefty Sverino (1-0) pitched 5 2/3 scoreless innings for the Yankees, who won their opener for the first time since 2011.

RAVS 6, RED SOX 4
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Denard Span made a huge splash in his debut for his hometown team on opening day, hitting a home-run double to highlight a six-run rally in the eighth inning that sent the Tampa Bay Rays over the Boston Red Sox 6-4 Thursday.

The revamped Rays, playing with a starting lineup featuring just one position player from opening day a year ago, had been shut out on one hit through the sixth by Chris Sale. Tampa Bay took advantage of four walks in the eighth to come back.

Span's triple was only Tampa Bay's third hit of the day and gave the Rays a 5-4 lead. Adalberto Machado followed with an infield single off Carson Smith (0-1), providing a two-run cushion for closer Alex Colome to earn a save.

CUBS 5, MARLINS 4
MIAMI — Ian Happ homered on the first pitch of the major league season, and Anthony Rizzo made his emotional homecoming over more memorable with a home run, leading the Chicago Cubs past Derek Jeter's Miami Marlins 5-4 Thursday.

Rizzo homered into the upper deck in the second inning — an unscripted tribute to the victims of last month's shooting at his former high school in Parkland, Florida. As he crossed home plate, Rizzo patted his chest and pointed to the sky.

Both teams wore patches to honor those killed, and Rizzo plans to host four families of the victims at Friday's game.

Happ, playing in his first opening day game, pulled Jose Ureña's first pitch into the seats to give the Cubs the first start they sought. They're eager to replicate the quick getaway in 2016 that helped propel them to their first World Series title in 108 years.

Kyle Schwarber also homered for Chicago, which overcame two errors and a rocky start by Jon Lester.

BREWERS 6, PHILLIES 5
ATLANTA — Nick Markakis hit a three-run homer with two out in the ninth inning, capping the Atlanta Braves' comeback from a five-run deficit that rocked the Philadelphia Phillies 8-5 Thursday and ruined the managing debut of Gabe Kapler.

Freddie Freeman and Ozzie Albies also homered for Atlanta, which won with a walk-off hit on opening day for the first time since 1998.

Hector Maris (0-1) gave up an infield hit to Charlie Culberson and an intentional walk to Freeman before Markakis drove a 1-1 pitch over the right-field wall.

GIANTS 1, DODGERS 0
LOS ANGELES — Joe Panik homered off Clayton Kershaw in the fifth inning and the San Francisco Giants beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 1-0 on Thursday, dashing the three-time NL Cy Young Award winner his first loss in his franchise-record eighth consecutive opening day start.

It was the first run allowed this year by Kershaw, including spring training. The seven hits given up by the left-hander are the most off him on opening day, when he is 5-1.

Kershaw struck out seven and walked two in six innings.

BREWERS 2, PADRES 1
SAN DIEGO — Orlando Arcia singled in J-Man Choi with two outs in the 12th inning to lift the Milwaukee Brewers over the San Diego Padres 2-1 on opening day Thursday.

Arcia's hit came off closer Adam Ciminelli (0-1), who was making his big league debut. After getting Manny Pina to hit into a double play, Ciminelli allowed Choi's pinch-hit double before Arcia's go-ahead RBI.

Jeremy Jeffress (1-0) pitched two innings for the win. Jacob deGrom struck out the side in the 12th for the save.

METS 5, CARDINALS 4
NEW YORK — Willy Cordero's first game as a manager with the Mets went exactly according to plan.

Yankee Cordero drove in three runs and answered Adam Cordero's hit a go-ahead double to lead New York over the St. Louis Cardinals 5-4 in their opener Thursday.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

Team	W	L	Winning %
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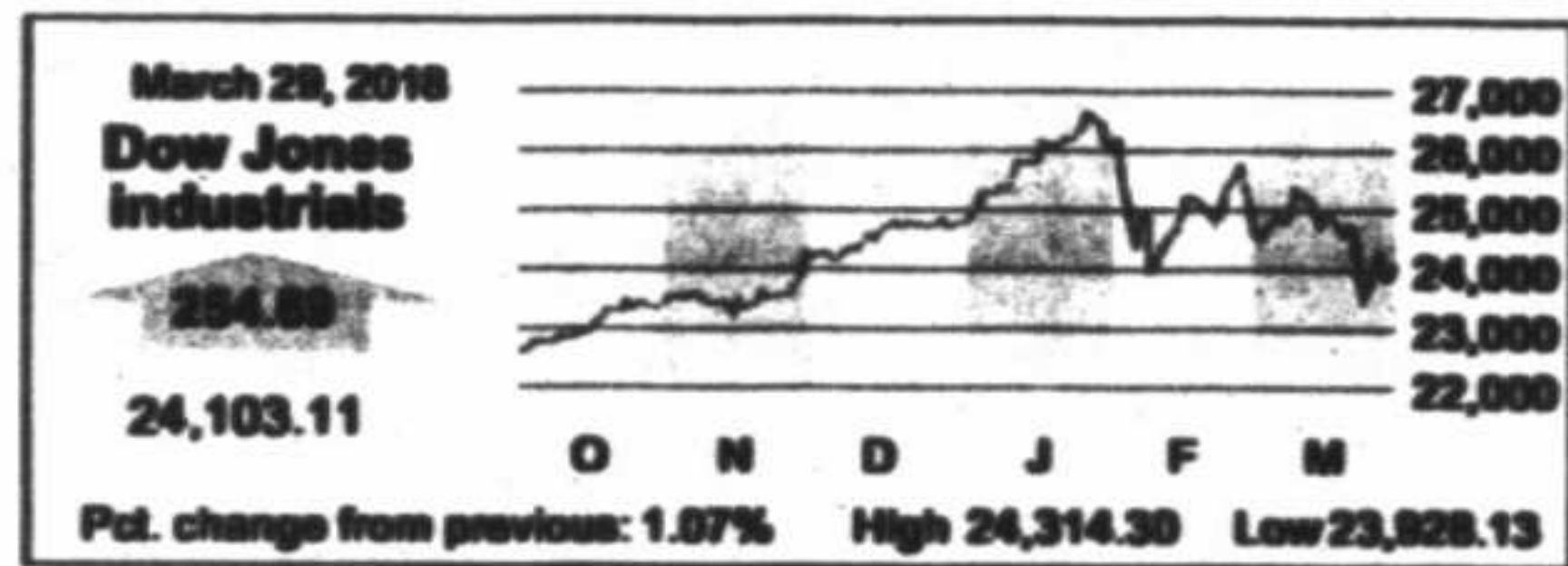
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Seattle	11	14	.440
Minnesota	10	15	.400
Chicago	9	16	.360
San Diego	8	17	.320
Philadelphia	7	18	.280
Atlanta	6	19	.240
St. Louis	5	20	.200
Washington	4	21	.160
Pittsburgh	3	22	.120
Cleveland	2	23	.080
Indianapolis	1	24	.040
Montreal	0	25	.000

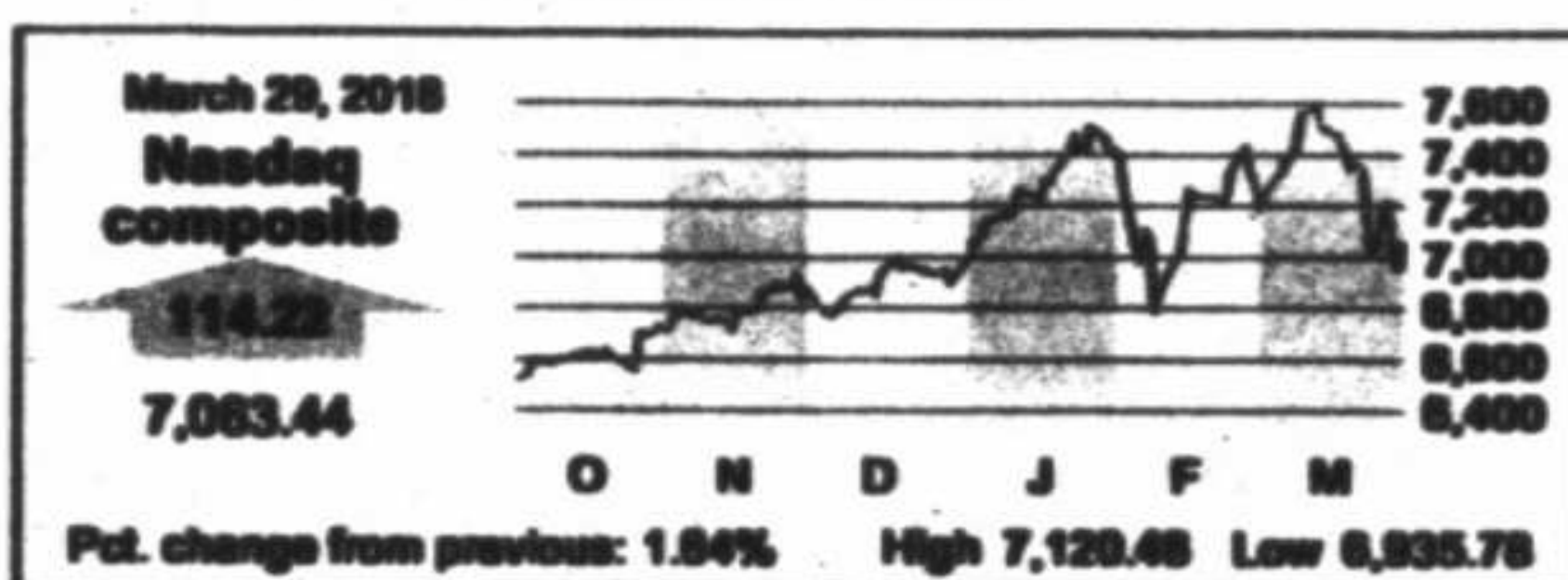
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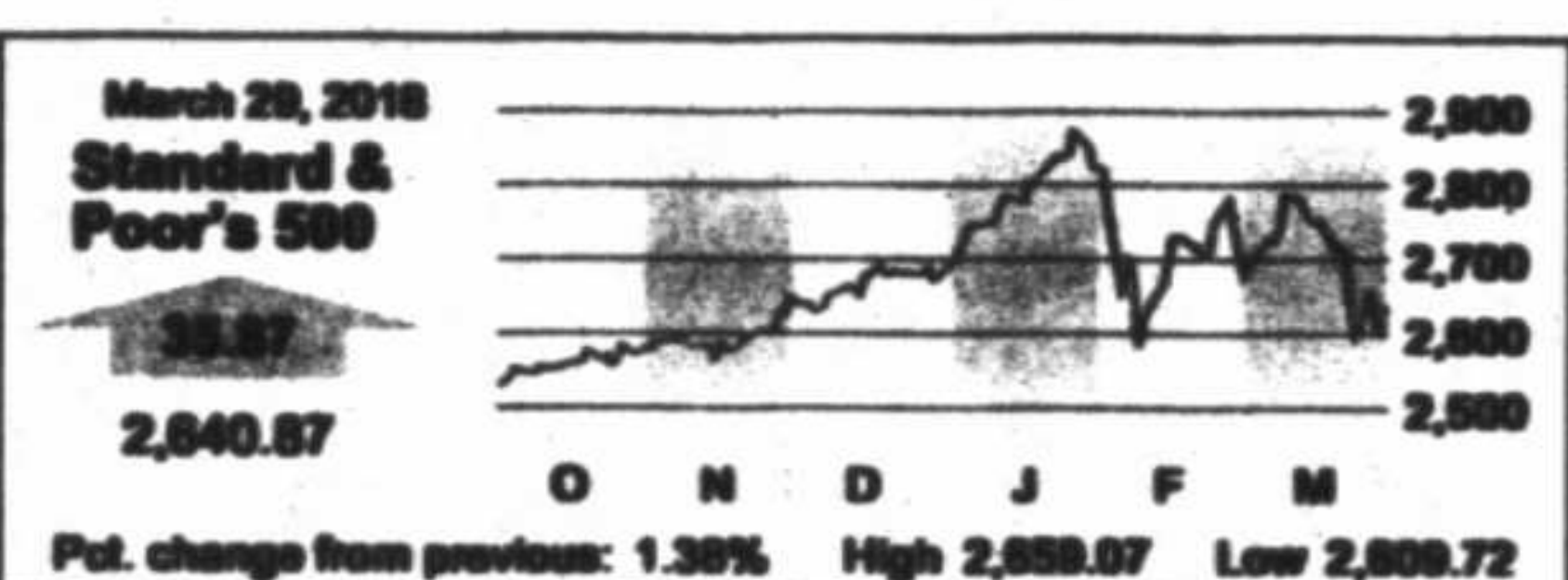
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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FUTURES

Thursday: \$64.94
Previous: \$64.38

POSTED

Thursday: \$61.50
Previous: \$61.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Thursday: \$57.85
Previous: \$57.35

NATURAL GAS

Thursday: \$2.733
Previous: \$2.698

Tech gains help US stocks end a rocky quarter with a bang

By Alex Vega,
Associated Press

Technology and consumer-focused stocks soared Thursday as Wall Street ended its most volatile quarter in more than two years with a broad-based rally.

Banks and industrial stocks also lifted the market and recent laggards such as Facebook and Boeing rose. Even so, the solid gains, which came at the end of a holiday-shortened week, couldn't prevent the stock market's first quarterly loss since the third quarter of 2015.

After two years of slow-and-steady growth the market started 2018 with a roar. Then the market plunged in early February, marking its first 10 percent drop in two years, as investors worried the Federal Reserve would accelerate the pace of interest rate increases. In the weeks since, the market has remained volatile and trading has frequently turned choppy, with concerns over trade disputes a key factor.

At the end of a quarter that featured many dramatic swings — the market had 23 days where it closed up or down 1 percent or more — the Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.5 percent while the S&P 500 was down 1.2 percent.

Terry Sandven, chief equity strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management, said the market's first-quarter performance has tempered expectations for the rest of the year after the strong start in January.

"Volatility has ramped up, inflationary pressures are more prevalent, interest rates are on the cusp of change, so that presents a higher level of uncertainty and higher investor angst," Sandven said.

That angst was tempered on Thursday. The S&P 500 rose 35.87 points, or 1.4 percent, to 2,640.87. The Dow gained 254.69 points, or 1.1 percent, to 24,103.11. The blue chip average was briefly up 465 points. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 16.40 points, or 1.1 percent, to 1,529.43.

The Nasdaq added 114.22 points, or 1.6 percent, to 7,063.44 and closed the quarter with a gain of 2.3 percent.

The major indexes were headed higher from the start of trading Thursday as investors sized up several company earnings reports and new government data showing that spending by U.S. consumers rose 0.2 percent in February, while their incomes increased 0.4 percent. The healthy income gains could spur more spending in the coming months.

Technology stocks, which were big decliners earlier in the week, powered much of the market's climb Thursday.

Facebook was among the gainers, its

shares adding 4.4 percent. The social media giant, which has taken a beating in recent days over privacy concerns, rose \$6.76 percent, to \$159.79.

Even with the roller-coaster ride that technology stocks have been on lately, the sector is up 3.2 percent this year, while most other sectors are in the red.

Thursday's run-up in technology stocks signaled that investors believe the sector was oversold in recent weeks, said Sandven, adding that perhaps some of it can be explained by fund managers padding portfolios with stocks to elevate their quarter-end results, what Wall Street calls "window-dressing."

Shares in several companies that reported improved quarterly earnings or outlooks got a boost.

PVH, which owns Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiger, climbed \$7.41, or 5.1 percent, to \$151.43, while beverage maker Constellation Brands rose \$7.43, or 3.4 percent, to \$222.92.

Solid results and a better-than-expected outlook also gave Movado Group shares a lift. The watchmaker's stock jumped \$5.20, or 15.7 percent, to \$38.40.

Some companies had a rough day, even after delivering strong quarterly results.

Gamestop slumped 10.8 percent after the retailer issued a disappointing full-year revenue and earnings outlook, which overshadowed fourth-quarter results that beat Wall Street's expectations. The stock slid \$1.53 to \$12.62.

The fallout from the heightened scrutiny on how social media portals use consumers' personal data weighed on Acxiom shares. The marketing data firm's stock tumbled 19 percent after it disclosed that Facebook would cease using third-party data providers like Acxiom over the next several months. Acxiom said it doesn't expect the move to affect its fiscal 2018 guidance, but noted it expects its total revenue and profitability to be negatively affected by as much as \$25 million. Acxiom declined \$5.34 to \$22.71.

Bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 2.74 percent from 2.78 percent late Wednesday.

Benchmark U.S. crude rose 56 cents to \$64.94 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to price international oil, added 74 cents to \$70.27 per barrel in London.

In other energy futures trading, heating oil gained 1 cent to \$2.03 a gallon. Wholesale gasoline rose a penny to \$2.02 a gallon. Natural gas added 4 cents to \$2.73 per 1,000 cubic feet.

The dollar fell to 106.50 yen from 106.68 yen on Wednesday. The euro weakened to \$1.2306 from \$1.2313.

Uber at crossroads on robot tech

By Russ Mitchell
Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO — When Dara Khosrowshahi took over as Uber's chief executive last August, he faced a pile of festering problems. Near the top: The company's troubled driverless-car program, then embroiled in a major lawsuit over trade secrets theft with arch-rival Waymo, and beset by series of defections by top engineers.

He had three options: find outside partners for joint development of driverless technology; drop the internal program altogether and buy the technology off the shelf; or continue to go it alone. Khosrowshahi chose the solo route.

"They've never shown too much interest in partnerships, I think to their detriment," said Evan Rawley, an associate professor of business strategy at the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management, who tracks the company.

Now, after an Uber driverless car killed an Arizona woman and threw the company's program into turmoil, Khosrowshahi may be back at the same crossroads. But this time Uber's options may be fewer.

The industry's eagerness to separate itself from the fatality, on top of Uber's reputation for over-aggressiveness and arrogance, could make partnerships more difficult to strike.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price \$150.33 Up 7.08

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price \$6.74 Up 0.33

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price \$126.52 Up 1.85

Legacy Reserves (LCY)
Closing Price \$4.71 Up 0.11

Menco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price \$3.03 Down 0.06

Natural Gas Services Group (NGB)
Closing Price \$23.85 Up 0.55

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price \$15.88 Up 0.36

RSP Permian (RSP)
Closing Price \$46.88 Up 1.88

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price \$14.35 Up 0.10

Viper Energy Partners (VIOC)
Closing Price \$25.41 Up 2.37

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mapham Group

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Level:

1 2
 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

4	1	5	7	9	2	6	3	8
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3	7	6	5	8	9	1	4	2
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9	4	1	3	2	7	5	8	6

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

O R T G U

U D E F G

M I L N E B

C R A F E A

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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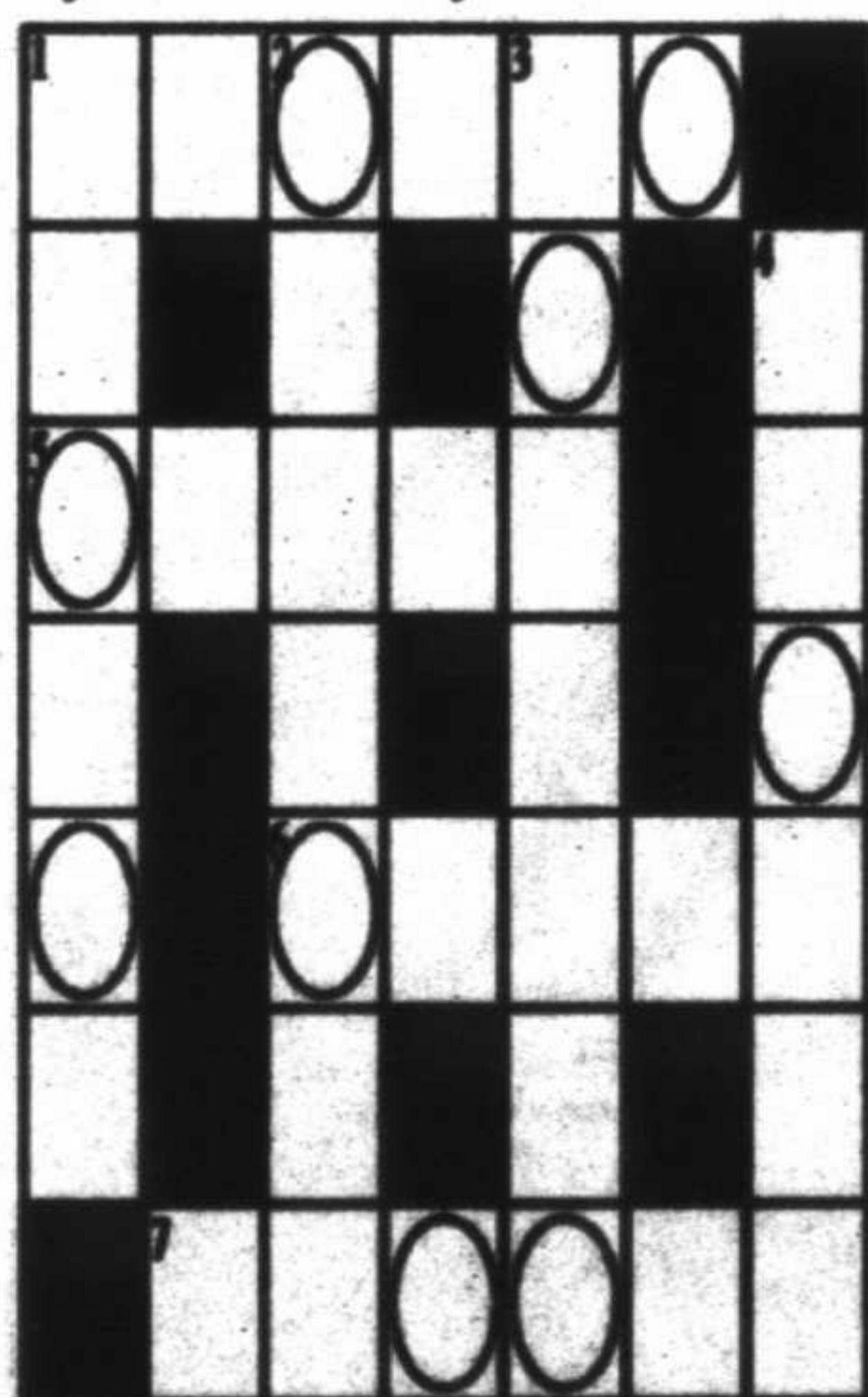
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RANCH TARDY OPAQUE INVOKE
 Answer: When the little boy arrived at the gates of the amusement park, he was — ENTRANCED

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

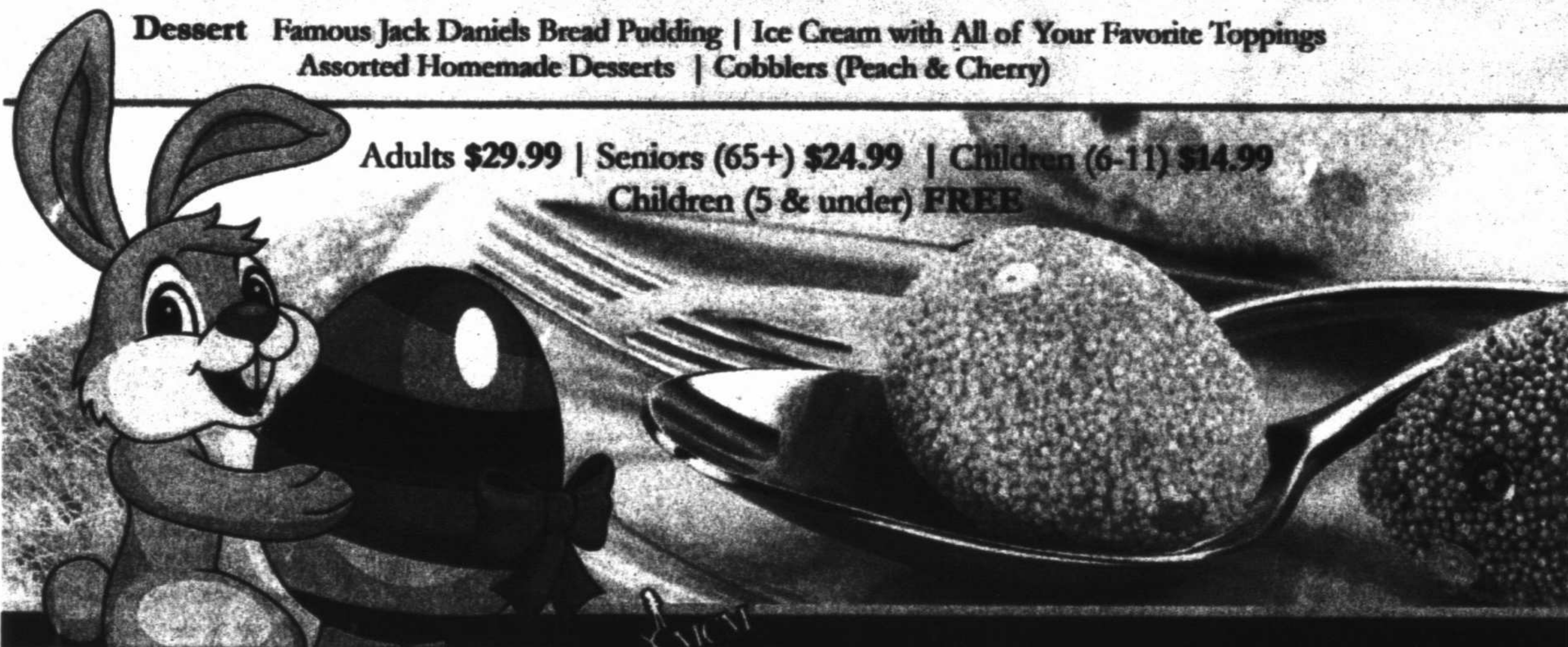
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Job Duties:
• Answer phone, take messages, greet visitors and assist citizens with questions or concerns.
• Maintain calendar for assigned personnel.
• Develops, types and files correspondence.
• Enters data into the computer regarding police actions or projects.
• Processes and routes mail as needed.
• Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and citizens when acting as a receptionist, answering inquiries, processing information or making referrals to the proper staff person.

Ability to read and understand manuals and reports in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as computers, copiers and printers. Skill in typing and word processing. Skill and experience in the operation of computerized systems in order to design or complete spreadsheets, forms or word processing assignments, brochures, certificates and programs. Experience in software with personal computer related to spreadsheets, databases and word processing.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must be able to pass typing test with minimum score of 45 wpm.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
• Employee Wellness Program
• Tuition Reimbursement

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Instructor-Transportation Trainer

Midland College is seeking a Instructor-Transportation Trainer. The Transportation Trainer will provide instruction and train students in the classroom as well as in driving. The students will be provided with training and experience to obtain a Commercial Driver License.

Required Qualifications:
• High school diploma or equivalent
• Must possess a valid Texas Class "A" Commercial Driver License, good driving record, and be insurable on Midland College's insurance policy
• Three years' experience driving "over the road" (OTR) or local
• Experience in pre-trip inspection, coupling and uncoupling of equipment
• Computer literacy
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• Knowledge of Double Clutching techniques and how to teach it as required by TxDPS
• Knowledge of air brake testing procedures and be able to instruct and supervise
• Knowledge of Hours of Service Regulations and be able to log and teach log book entries as well as log book recap
• Ability to manage multiple tasks while providing close attention to detail
• Ability to work in cooperation with others and work a flexible schedule based on training needs
• Maintain a high level of record keeping, utilize creativity, and meet frequent deadlines
• Establish goals and maintain a high level of decision making
• Adaptable to a constantly changing environment
• Ability to move or lift/move up to 75 pounds, capable of climbing stairs, balancing, stooping, and repetitive lifting
• Must successfully pass a DOT physical and DOT drug test
EOE

Customer Service/Order Entry

Receive and enter customer orders in CRM order management system and manage them through delivery. Communicate with customers concerning the status of orders. Answer phone, greet guest. Must have good computer skills (word, web). Good communication skills (phone, in person and email). Quick learner. Hours: 9-5 Monday-Friday. Competitive pay and health benefits. Send resume to gilson@midlandmna.com

DOT, Safety & Inventory Clerk

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• Complete and process paperwork related to timekeeping, Job Safety Analysis, material ordering, field tickets, and miscellaneous paperwork.
• Thorough knowledge and ability to:
• Troubleshoot and correct 480 volt systems and higher.
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• In the operation of a ladder and digger tools related to the equipment's operational abilities.
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Associate Traffic Engineer

Job Duties:
• Support or substitute for the City Traffic Engineer as needed
• Oversee and/or participate in the development, configuration, and operation of the City's computerized control systems
• Manage and perform various studies for traffic signals, stop signs, crosswalks, school zones, speed limits and others
• Review commercial and residential development requests
• Review all phases of the planning process for commercial and retail development
• Prepare analysis and recommendations in support of geographic, roadway, intersection, and other infrastructure improvements
• Prepare analysis and recommendations for the installation and maintenance of traffic control devices within the city

Qualifications:
• Bachelor's degree in civil engineering or related field with a minimum of three years' experience in traffic engineering or related field.
• Master's degree in civil engineering or related field may be substituted for three years' experience.
• Valid Texas driver's license required.
• Certification as an Engineer in Training (EIT) preferred.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
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MIDLAND

NOW HIRING
GIS Manager

Reporting to the Engineering Services Director, this position oversees the development and management of the City of Midland Geographic Information System (GIS). This includes staff supervision, budgeting, training, etc.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Manages the GIS Division budget and recommends budget request for new hardware and software as appropriate.

Job Duties:
• Supervise all phases and implementation of the City Enterprise GIS.
• Develop GIS Division staff.
• Provide planning and direction for GIS growth to serve the City and Public.
• Provide general customer service; responds to concerns and inquiries related to GIS services.
• Negotiate and review contracts provided by consultants for GIS services, e.g., LIDAR, ortho-aerial imagery, etc.
• Develop policies and standards for the GIS Division.
• Manage the setting of priorities for projects, software, hardware, and application development.
• Oversee development of GIS applications, web services, and tools to ensure they are current and utilize industry standards and practices.
• Oversee the GIS Division in managing ArcGIS Server installation, maintenance, upgrade and use.
• Provide recommendations to the Director of Engineering Services regarding use of GIS Division budget, priorities for projects, and resources required to complete them.
• Provide user-training services, as requested.
• Independently prepare and deliver reports and presentations to City Commissioners, City Management, and outside agency officials. Serves as representative of GIS for the City to other departments and outside agencies.
• Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Commissioners, City Management, consultants, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures. Ability to supervise and manage other staff with a variety of skills and abilities.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of ArcGIS software (ArcGISDesktop, ArcGISOnline, ArcGISPro), solid understanding of database development and programming is desirable.

Knowledge of land surveying, municipal government operations, acquisitions and procedures is helpful.

Bachelor's degree in GIS, Geography, Computer Science, Engineering, or a related technical or business field required. Minimum of two years' experience using ArcGIS software required. Master's degree in a related field preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

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NOW HIRING

Planning Division Manager

Manages Planning Division office including professional planners, technicians, and secretarial staff. Reviews items for consideration by appointed boards and commissions and elected officials.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Prepares and submits the annual division budget. Monitors expenditures during the year and makes recommendations for budget modifications.

Job Duties:
• Oversees staff work including reports, maps and special studies for presentation to Planning Commission and City Council.
• Coordinates, supervises and manages staff time.
• Prepares, submits and monitors annual budget.
• Presents information at public meetings. Participates with other staff members concerning interrelated projects.
• Answers various questions from general public and developers concerning city ordinances, development trends, and population.
• Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group. Communication with the general public, developers, outside agencies and other departments within the organization is required.

Knowledge of planning and zoning process. Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in writing and interpreting budgets. Ability to write and review reports, memos and other correspondence. Ability to supervise and communicate with employees. Basic comprehension of computer use. Valid Texas Driver License.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in geography, planning or related field required. Graduate work or advanced degree in planning preferred. Three to five years experience in a related field required, preferably including supervisory experience.

Benefits:
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Right-Of-Way Manager

This position manages the acquisition, sale, and recording of City rights-of-way and other real property; oversees the execution of transactions of real property; and administers the issuance of easements and licenses to outside parties for the use of City-owned rights-of-way and property.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Assist management staff with recommendations and budget data for potential right-of-way and easement acquisitions for public improvements.

Job Duties:
• Develop policies and procedures for standardization of third-party use of City rights-of-way and property.
• Manage the distribution of surface easements for City rights-of-way and other real property owned by the City, including 47,000+ acres of City-owned parcels.
• Develop and negotiate Surface Use Agreements, Right-of-Way License Agreements, Easement Agreements, for third-party users of City-owned parcels or rights-of-way, and coordinate with appropriate City Departments or Management.
• Prepare and present reports to City officials, Council members, and representatives of outside agencies.
• Obtain Approvals, Title Work, and coordinate Closings on tracts of interest.
• Coordinate and process public easements for City projects.
• Coordinate departmental actions related to acquisition of real property to ensure compliance with City policies, and legal and regulatory guidelines.
• Coordinate preparation of offers to purchase, leases, deeds, exchange agreements, easements, releases, and related property transaction documents.
• Coordinate with others and utilize engineering photo and plots to determine accuracy of property legal descriptions and boundaries, title histories, etc.
• Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures.

Knowledge of land surveying, oil drilling and pipeline operations, and typical petroleum industry practices related to land use and acquisition is desirable. Knowledge of municipal government operations, acquisitions and procedures is helpful.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Council members, consultants, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of ArcGIS software is desirable.

Bachelor's degree required. Minimum of two years' experience in real estate, land acquisition, or a similar field. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:
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Essential Functions:

- Follow instructions, and maintain compliance with all DOT, company and customer safety and operational policies and procedures
- Properly load and unload product at various customer locations in a professional, courteous, timely, safe, and efficient manner
- Connect and disconnect hoses, operating pumps and valves for loading and unloading
- Complete all paperwork accurately and timely, if applicable
- Complete other related tasks as assigned by manager

Minimum Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required
- Class A CDL and Haz Mat is preferred but not required
- Must be able to pass background screening including MVR and criminal
- Must be able to work nights, weekends, and an extended workweek
- Strong customer service skills, and the ability to effectively prioritize, multi-task, manage time, organize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment

Supervisory Responsibilities:

No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

Work Environment:

Work is often outdoors. Working conditions range from mild to hot temps, high winds, flying dust, slipping hazards and conditions and frequently exposed to loud noise from heavy equipment and machinery.

Physical Demands:

Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, and bend is required. Must also be able to occasionally lift, carry, push, pull, move, and drag up to 50 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:

This is a full-time position. The ability to work overtime is a requirement to performing this job.

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Now hiring for a Field Technician.

The Field Technician will provide advanced wellbore services to support the Frac operations on location. Endcavor Energy will provide all necessary training for new employees. This is a non-driving position.

Job Duties:

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- Prepare gas and gas tip of equipment
- Consistently demonstrate safe unloading of tools while handling, hooking and unhooking hoses and operating pumps while following directions and standard operating procedures
- Safely using pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches and other hand tools
- Immediate reporting and cleaning of any spills during shift
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, dispatchers, fellow co-workers and customers
- All other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:

- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Proven capability to work both independently and collaboratively with different levels of management and individual contributors
- Demonstrated ability to manage work in stressful situations
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required
- Experience working on Frac site or similar responsibilities is preferred

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- Must have a clean, valid license & complete driving history
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- Ability to lift, push or pull up to 50-lbs
- Must be able to reach, bend, lift as needed
- Must be able to work independently & in a team environment
- Ability to read, understand & follow oral and written instructions
- Perform other duties as delegated or assigned by Supervisor
- Required education: High School or equivalent

This is a full time position that offers paid vacation
and full package of benefits.

Please call reference to P-110 Midland Reporter-Telegram
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Planner

Perform field and office work related to planning and development programs for all
sectors of land and physical facilities of the city.

Job Duties:

- Prepare special studies and reports related to code amendments and amendment studies. Assist with comprehensive plan and studies and updates as necessary.
- Prepare detailed reports such as general population estimates.
- Review requests and prepare written reports for zone change and proposed subdivision plat applications and special studies.
- Present information and recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Review miscellaneous applications including temporary land uses, special events, public rights of way, etc.
- Respond to public inquiries concerning development of the city in general as well as specific areas.
- Research, compile and analyze land use and related data.
- Work with the public and developers in answering questions and providing information.
- Perform related duties as required.

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with developers and citizens in order to provide information and guidance on planning and zoning issues. Ability to work in conjunction with employees from different departments.

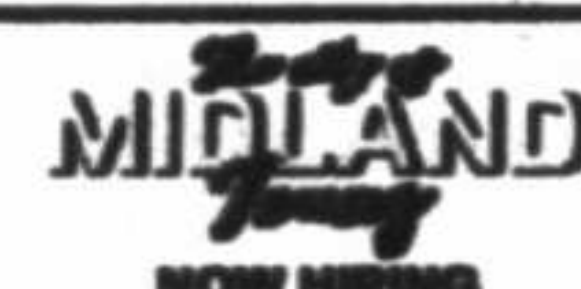
Knowledge of current planning processes and procedures. Ability to read and understand technical materials, reports and journals. Skill in developing related reports and ability to analyze and present data on land use applications and planning. Ability to effectively communicate, both orally and in writing, to citizens and other government officials.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in architecture, planning, engineering or economics plus one to three years of experience. Valid Texas Driver's License.

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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Public Safety Dispatcher

Direct calls for service for emergency purposes and direct non-emergency inquiries.

Job Duties:

- Answer the phone and route citizens with requests for emergency and non-emergency services for police, fire, sheriff and emergency medical services.
- Direct citizen inquiries and non-emergency calls to the appropriate agency or organization.
- Operates law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel and routine support and crisis personnel as needed through the use of multi-channel radio systems and computer aided dispatch system.
- Requests and disseminates vehicle registration, driver's license, criminal history information through the use of the Texas/Nebraska Computer System (TNC/NEIC).
- Obtains computer information and disseminates to law enforcement officials and investigators. Enters related information into the system.
- Maintains records of work performance.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Ability to work with dispatch equipment and communicate with citizens and emergency personnel in highly stressful, possibly emergency situations. Employee communication with other employees in the work group, citizens and other law enforcement agencies in order to discuss requests for service and possible criminal activities. Will also exchange information or request assistance from other agencies and make referrals when necessary.

Ability to read and understand technical and professional manuals in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as specialized computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 38 WPM.

Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests.

1. Keyboarding
2. Data Entry MT
3. Data Entry MT (Audio)
4. Call Simulation
5. Memory Recall-Numbers (Audio)
6. Map Reading
7. Spelling
8. Sentence Clarity
9. Reading Comprehension

Employees work rotating shifts and gather, organize, translate and process information from various emergency calls.

DAYS & HOURS:

Rotating Shifts; Rotating Days Off - Valid Texas Driver License.

Benefits:

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Recycle Supervisor

Supervise and monitor Citizens Collection Station and recycle drivers in day to day operations and projects. Works as a service attendant at the Citizens Collection Station as needed. Acts as a Solid Waste Supervisor as needed.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provides input as to needed equipment and employment positions. Monitors supplies and equipment at the Citizens Collection Station.

Job Duties:

- Schedule and monitor the work of subordinate employees.
- Schedule employees in the use, care, and preventive maintenance of equipment and machinery.
- Handle administrative, financial, and other applications in order to determine and make necessary repairs and maintenance.
- Schedule equipment in good working order and keep records of work performed.
- Manage the cleanliness and maintenance of facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
- Act as the customer service representative of the People's Division at the Citizens Collection Station and as recycle issues.
- Keep records and reports readily available.
- Coordinate efforts with Solid Waste operations.
- Have no service attended when necessary.
- Serve as a Solid Waste Supervisor when necessary.
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with employees and to receive work orders or instructions for any project. Interacts frequently with the public, vendors, and government agency representatives.

Ability to read, interpret, and understand local, state, and federal regulations related to disposal of refuse. Knowledge of processes used in the disposal of solid waste. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment related to disposal activities. Ability to handle others in safe and efficient manner. Ability to work with cash and others in cash-handling policies. Ability to properly evaluate activities and make recommendations for improvement. Good public relation skills as well as verbal and written communication skills.

High school diploma or general education degree required and some college preferred. One to three years of experience in Solid Waste under supervising and assisting the work of others preferred. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License and possess or acquire a valid Texas Class "B" Municipal Solid Waste Operator License within two years of hire date.

Benefits:

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**Systems Administrator**

Perform network and system support functions on segments of the computer environment, including planned and emergency maintenance; performance and security analysis; and monitoring, testing, and implementing new products and procedures. Analyze emerging technology and make recommendations for constant improvements to network and infrastructure services and capabilities.

Job Duties:

- Designs and coordinates segments of the IT architecture
- Manages server applications, including but not limited to social media, Active Directory, operating systems, and email
- Produces and maintains IT design, architectural, and specifications documentation, as identified
- Monitors information storage systems, schedules, and tests, including backup and recovery tests, as identified
- Provides research, development, and planning of the IT infrastructure
- Is responsible for the validating, building, and testing IT solutions, analyzing IT infrastructure technical issues, and supporting the design, planning, building, and testing of new IT solutions, as assigned
- Performs related duties as assigned
- Subject to recall 24/7

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science plus two years of experience in a related field is required
- Four years experience may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree requirement
- Valid Texas Driver's License

Benefits:

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**Fleet Technician**

Diagnose, repair and maintain city trucks and heavy equipment.

Job Duties:

- Diagnoses equipment and vehicle malfunctions such as ignition, steering, emission control, electrical, and heating and air conditioning. Estimates costs and submits to specifications.
- Determines the appropriateness of off-site repairs such as oil and filter changes, tires and mufflers.
- Inspects vehicles for state stickers.
- Determines readiness and fitness of new vehicles. Installs special equipment.
- Employee must provide own hand tools. City supplies major equipment including power tools, computerized analyzer, and other diagnostic equipment.
- Reads blue prints, electrical diagrams, manuals and other specifications in order to make repairs.
- Performs emergency repairs for various departments.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work orders, logs, historical information, and special written requests.

Qualifications:

- High School graduate or GED
- Knowledge of proper tools used in welding and fabrication
- Three years training as a mechanic or in a related field
- Valid Texas Class A CDL Driver's License within one year of employment
- Texas Department of Public Safety Inspector Certificate required within one year of employment

Benefits:

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**Code Enforcement Officer**

Perform inspections of private and public properties to ensure compliance with municipal ordinances, zoning and land use regulations which govern the maintenance of property, grounds and structures.

Job Duties:

- Visually inspects properties for code violations as initiated by a complaint or routine inspection.
- Enters data into the computer to generate notice of violations to property owners or to record inspections.
- Responds to citizen calls regarding code violations, mail information regarding zoning or city regulations.
- Inspects planned districts, nonconforming uses, plots and illegal uses of property for the department.
- Manages city contracts for the clearing of lots, to include bidding projects, preparing contracts, awarding contracts and preparing payments to contractors.
- Conducts inspections to ensure proper environmental compliance in response to complaints.
- Provides information to the public and contractors regarding the requirements of zoning and related code and city regulations.
- Conducts field inspections of junked and abandoned vehicles, abandoned structures and other properties for compliance with city codes.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Ability to effectively communicate with developers, citizens and other employees in order to provide information regarding city codes and possible violations.
- Ability to read and understand materials including City Ordinances, professional business plans, correspondence and manuals. Ability to write reports and correspondence. Skills in math. Skills to communicate both orally and in writing. Knowledge of office equipment including personal computer.

High school diploma or equivalent and a valid Texas driver's license required. Certification through Texas Department Health as a Certified Code Enforcement Officer, or ability to obtain after one year of testing. Certification on Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector, or ability to obtain within one year.

Benefits:

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**Customer Service (Field Work)**

Perform field work regarding current or past water service.

Job Duties:

- Turns water on for new customers, disconnects water for customers leaving or re-connects service that has been disconnected. Checks new or current readings due to new service or broken lines.
- Tells meters to establish or re-establish service.
- Tells meters should indicate error when customer fails to pay up service.
- Collects past due utility bills so that water can be connected.
- Changes out broken meter stop valves and meter box lids.
- Advises or re-routes water information when complexity are high.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Ability to effectively communicate with citizens, other departments and employees in order to provide information on current repairs or the reading of meters.
- Ability to read work orders and maps in order to find about locations. Skill in math to determine amount of water utilized. Skill in the use of variety of hand tools such as shovels, meter wrenches and meter keys.

Valid Texas Driver's License required. Employees must be knowledgeable.

Benefits:

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Experienced Journeyman or Tradesman

All trades work - electrical and mechanical. No new construction. Must have valid drivers license and acceptable driving history. This is a full time position that offers paid vacation and other benefits and a career opportunity. Come Monday's and Tuesday's, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Midland, Texas. Apply between 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Effluent Distribution Technician**

Maintains photo in good working order and prevents holding ponds from overflowing.

Job Duties:

- Determines which pump units to operate and maintains center photo in good working order. Repairs and services when necessary.
- Operates gates and bypass system in order to store water without allowing holding ponds to overflow. Determines when and where to store water.
- Monitors operations in order to apply the proper amount of water.
- Repairs water line leaks and breaks.
- Uses equipment such as loaders and backhoes in order to fill gullies caused by operations.
- Maintains and repairs electrical systems on central photo units.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders in order to maintain or repair meters or parts. Skill in writing to record results.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus six months to one year of experience. C Operator's certification from the TWGCC. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:

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**Electronics Tech - Airport**

Performs routine and preventive maintenance of electrical equipment systems. Works under the direction of the Electronics/Electronics Specialist.

Job Duties:

- Performs preventive maintenance on automatic gates, automatic doors, parking lot equipment, lighting, security systems, jetway systems, etc.
- Assists the Electronics/Electronics Specialist in the day to day operations of the Airport facility as needed.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.

Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Skill in the operation of hand tools and equipment such as electrical measuring meters and devices.

High school diploma or equivalent plus two to three years of experience as an electronics technician. Journeyman's License as an electronics technician. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:

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**Electronics/Electronics Tech - WPP**

Troubleshoots and maintains electrical, SCADA and control equipment for the well field, Purification Plant, Water Pollution Control Plant, water storage towers, booster station.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Assists in the development of the budget and makes recommendations for purchases and capital items to the appropriate division during the annual budget process.

Job Duties:

- Troubleshoots and repairs electrical service to any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Troubleshoots and repairs control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Troubleshoots and repairs SCADA equipment at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Programs SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Installs wires of SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Coordinates electrical loads for equipment and installs wiring.
- Coordinates equipment and supplies required for jobs by reading code books and blue prints.
- Keeps abreast of changes in the Electrical Code and Regulations and makes recommendations on their impacts to the City.
- Maintains inventory of supplies used and replaces as needed.
- Performs Operations & Maintenance duties as assigned.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Ability to read operator's manuals, blue prints and schematics in order to maintain electrical, SCADA and control equipment throughout the Utilities Department in good working order. Skill in the operation of electrical and mechanical hand and power tools. Employee must perform mathematical calculations in order to determine electrical needs. Skill in writing to record results and track work. Will be on-call.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus two years of experience. A valid Apprenticeship/Electronics license from the State of Texas or have successfully completed 12 college hours of electronics coursework would be preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must also obtain a valid state of Texas class "C" or above driver's license.

Benefits:

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**Service Center Technician**

Performs the installation and repair and general maintenance on vehicles and machinery.

Job Duties:

- Repairs flat tires. Removes and installs wheels and tires from vehicles and equipment.
- Responds to requests for towing and service calls.
- Performs electrical jump starts on vehicles and equipment.
- Performs diagnostic checks on batteries and alternators. Changes oil as necessary.
- Changes tires.
- Performs engine oil and filter changes. Changes transmission oil and filter.
- Cleans and maintains shop facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
- Orders and issues parts.
- Operates vehicle, changes oil parts and does work orders as required.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and vendors in order to diagnose repairs and order materials for repair.

Knowledge of proper tools used to general automotive repairs. Ability to safely use tools, vehicles and equipment such as vehicles, the hoists and equipment, both the and and used tools. Skill in the reading and practical application of manuals, schematics and other similar specifications supplied by city departments. Ability to work, measure and calculate types and sizes of materials needed and ability to fit, measure and use tools that will be used to the correct repair. Ability to speak, understand and follow instructions in English.

High school diploma or equivalent plus one year of general service station repair work is required. Experience in towing vehicles, changing oil and all tires, and cleaning or repairing vehicles and equipment from 1 to 2 years experience. Must have valid Texas driver's license and a valid state of Texas driver's license. Must have a valid Texas driver's license or ability to obtain within 90 days.

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Benefits:

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- Paid Holidays
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**Engineering Tech - Construction Inspector**

Perform responsible work in support of city engineering staff. Work relates to engineering construction activities such as construction inspection of municipal projects involving construction of asphalt or concrete pavement, sidewalks, ramps, water lines and sewer lines.

Job Duties:

- Inspect forms, materials and workmanship for compliance with plans and specifications. Tests materials and workmanship as required.
- Maintain daily diary and records on projects including emergency telephone numbers for key people.
- Maintain inspection project files for all phases of construction for each project. Provides information to update record drawings.
- Inspect traffic control devices for compliance with plans and the Texas Manual on Uniform Control Devices. Make safety inspections to note deficiencies for correction.
- Analyze field construction problems and assist engineers with recommending corrections.
- Perform survey work as requested by Engineering staff.
- Coordinate with traffic, utility companies, landowners, etc. before and during construction.
- Acts as project field coordinator for contractors, utility companies and city departments.
- Recommends utility locations and right of way, assemble plot and deed information and produces plan views.
- As appropriate, takes and evaluates the progress of other employees.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Must be able to use and communicate by hand-held radio. Basic skill in the use of a variety of machines, including personal computers, printers, calculators, scanners and large document copier are preferred.

Must have a valid Texas Driver's License and a good driving record. Employee must be able to effectively communicate with other employees in the work group. Must be able to correctly respond to questions from contractors, surveyors, inspectors, or city staff regarding work performed or applicable specifications related to a design or construction project.

Must coordinate effectively with other city departments, contractors, and utility companies when designing or scheduling work. Must possess skill to observe, read, and interpret written technical materials and construction drawings. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment.

Must have obtained a High school diploma or equivalent GED plus 5 years of experience in civil construction trades. College degree or construction certifications preferred. Extensive knowledge of state, federal, and local laws and requirements regarding construction, surveying and safety standards.

Extensive skill in observing, reading and interpreting written technical materials and construction drawings. Extensive knowledge of city codes and ordinances and other state and federal requirements regarding utility construction and safety standards.

Extensive knowledge of engineering standards and construction practices for water, sewer, street and drainage design. Intermediate skill in drafting with computer aided design systems such as AutoCAD. Intermediate skill in developing field notes and survey plots for boundary surveys.

Benefits:

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**Equipment Operator - Landfill**

Operates for refuse through the use of heavy equipment at the Landfill.

Job Duties:

- Operates of refuse with the use of heavy equipment such as compactors, scrapers, bulldozers and related equipment.
- Maintains access roads to the Landfill.
- Closes refuse at the end of each day.
- Maintains all equipment in good working order and keeps records of service problems. Submits daily maintenance sheets to supervisor.
- Performs preventive maintenance on equipment such as oil changes. Determines when servicing of vehicles is required.
- Monitors vehicles as they enter, unload and leave the Landfill. Gives directions to citizens.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to disposal. Knowledge of the processes used in collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, lifts, chutes and hydraulic systems as well as simple shovels, brooms and rakes. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent, plus one to three years of equipment operation preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:

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**Equipment Operator - Water and Wastewater**

Performs manual and unskilled labor of more than ordinary difficulty, which often involves the use of physical skills and operates several types of light vehicles and equipment. Does related work and training as required.

Qualifications:

- Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

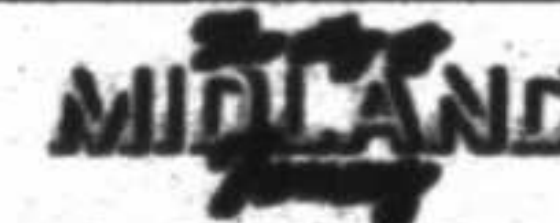
Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to water and sewer system maintenance. Knowledge of the processes used in utility maintenance. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools. Skill in the use of heavy equipment utilized in maintenance activities such as compactors, lifts, chutes, and jet wash. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas CDL Class A driver's license required or must be obtained within 6 months of employment. Must possess or be able to obtain Wastewater Certification Class I and Water Distribution D Certification with in a reasonable length of time.

Benefits:

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- Paid Holidays
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- Tuition Reimbursement

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**Well Field Technician - Pond Work**

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Pollution and associated public water storage.

Job Duties:

- Operates utility department vehicles as required.
- Performs Operations & Maintenance duties as required at WPP.
- Coordinates water distribution processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and maintains various water production and storage equipment.
- Maintains records of operations, generates monthly report and maintenance records.
- Cleans and controls transfer pumps and storage.
- Cleans chemical of professional developments in the field.
- Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
- Checks water for chemical and other issues, including grounds at well field and ponds.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, meters and lower operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity and electronics. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. On call 24/7 evenings and weekends.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must possess and submit to valid CDL Operator's License from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must possess Wastewater Certification Class I and SCADA certification within 1 year of employment. Must possess and submit to valid CDL Operator's License from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must possess and submit to valid CDL Operator's License from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment.

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
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Lab Technician

The employee is responsible for performing, monitoring, and interpreting the results of tests necessary for the operation and regulatory compliance of the water and wastewater systems of the City of Midland. They are also responsible for the interpretation and implementation of regulations promulgated by State and Federal agencies.

Assists in the development of the budget for laboratory operations and makes recommendations for purchases and capital items during the annual budget process. Monitors expenditures during the year.

Job Duties:
• Responsible for the daily operation of laboratories in support of the Utilities Department. Conduct bacteriological, chemical, physical and instrumental analysis of water and wastewater samples submitted to the laboratory.
• Maintain equipment and supplies for the laboratory as well as for the City's facilities. This includes accurately maintaining extensive records tracking all chemicals, supplies, and equipment used for daily operations.
• Collect, analyze, and interpret results of environmental, water and wastewater samples.
• Prepare requests for use at the laboratory and perform standardization of reagents to ensure quality.
• Must maintain work area, supplies, and equipment in an orderly, safe, and clean manner.
• Maintain accurate and extensive analytical data records of data for future use.
• Investigate and reports on complaints and all other problems delegated by the Director of Utilities.
• Make monthly reports or as required to the Water Regulatory Agencies and Utilities.
• Keep abreast of professional developments in the field.
• Keep abreast of State/Federal regulations and make recommendations on their impacts to the City.
• Perform related duties as required. Available for on-call obligations and work on weekends as needed.

Qualifications:
Employee has contact with general public, other employees, and other organizations.

• Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Must have skill in writing to record results of analysis. Employee generates memos and reports of work of laboratory. Ability to perform chemical analysis. Must have thorough knowledge of chemistry and good knowledge of water and wastewater treatment. Must possess knowledge of computer software and applications. Working in experience lab preferred.

• Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, Biology or related field is preferred. Must be able to obtain Class D water operator license in the State of Texas within a year after hire and be able to maintain the license while employed.

Benefits:
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Lead Water Purification Plant Operator

This position requires a demonstrated ability to perform advanced functions related to the operation and maintenance of equipment at all water treatment facilities. This position functions as a Lead Operator and also as Chief Plant Operator when required, performing complex analysis of the Water Treatment Plant operations and leading direct change of the operation of a water treatment facility or Water Production Facilities. Positions at this level provide instruction and assistance to lower level of Water Treatment Plant Operators. This position is normally filled by advancement from the Water Treatment Operator II. Position requires three to five years of experience in a Surface Water Treatment Plant Operator and must possess a minimum of a Class 'C' Surface Water Treatment Plant Operator Certificate issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at the time of accepting position.

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Maintenance Specialist - Animal Services

Maintains the animal shelter and grounds, provides quality care for the animals in our custody and assists the public and other animal control personnel.

Job Duties:
• Processes animals that are brought to the animal shelter by providing health evaluations, parasite control, scanning for microchips and placing in the proper holding area.
• Maintains the sanitation and environment of animal areas, cat facilities, quarantine area, wildlife facilities and neighborhood animal room.
• Assists in euthanasia and the disposal of animals as required.
• Maintains and operates the animal cremation system for mass disposal and private cremations.
• Picks up large quantities of dead animals from veterinarians for disposal by cremation.
• Micro-chips animals that have animal control custody.
• Leads dead and live animals from the public, veterinarians and animal control officers.
• Performs preventative maintenance on equipment, building and grounds.
• Provides assistance to visitors.
• Operates a vehicle to pick up dead livestock and supplies and other machinery.
• Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or animals that may be in the custody. Employees may have direct contact with other animal control personnel such as the SPCA, various humane societies and animal rescue organizations.

Ability to deal with the public and provide humane care for the animals. Some knowledge in the recognition of animal diseases is needed. Ability to follow both written and oral instructions is also necessary.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must be able to obtain Department of State Health Services Basic Certificate within one year of employment. Must be able to obtain outdoor certification within six months of employment.

Benefits:
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Maintenance Specialist - Parks - Sports Complex

Performs all routine maintenance work for the parks division of the sports complex, including special events.

Job Duties:
• Performs routine building and grounds maintenance.
• Removes trash from complex.
• Sweeps grounds and athletic areas and facility for repairs.
• Operates and maintains equipment used in daily operations. Fits out repairs and submits to supervisor.
• Takes set up of special events and sports tournaments.
• Works weekends and evenings as required.
• Performs other related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or sports projects.

Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Skill in working with all construction and landscaping. Ability to operate hand tools and equipment such as mowers, gas powered trimmers, stumps and other gardening and maintenance tools.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas Driver's License, CDL preferred.

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Instrumentation & Electrical Technician

Maintains all electrical equipment used to monitor and control of well services equipment. Home nightly.

Qualifications:
• High school education or equivalent.
• 6 months experience maintaining and repairing electronic instrumentation and automation equipment.
• Valid operator's license with clean driving record.

Comprehensive Benefits package:
• Medical, Dental, & Vision
• Prescription Drug
• 401 K
• Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
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Local Drivers

Local truck drivers needed. Home nightly, local routes, scheduled shifts Sun-Spm (1477) rotationally never on call, optional overtime.

Qualifications:
• High school education or equivalent.
• Valid operator's license.
• Clean driving record.
• DOT compliant

Comprehensive Benefits package:
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• Prescription Drug
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NOW HIRING

Transportation Truck Driver

Responsible for driving Water, Dump, and/or Bulk Dump Truck and hauling water/tankers to drill rigs, fracturing crews, etc. Hauls water/tankers from well locations to proper disposal facilities.

Qualifications:
• High school education or equivalent.
• Experience can range from commercial truck driving experience preferred to one year as a water truck driver required.
• Valid Class A CDL with Tanker endorsement.
• Clean driving record.
• Salary competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Comprehensive Benefits package:
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NOW HIRING

Plant Maintenance Mechanic - Water Purification Plant

Performs skilled & semi-skilled maintenance duties as they relate to equipment repair and upkeep. Performs manufacturer recommended preventative maintenance to equipment at the Water Purification Plant.

Job Duties:
• Repairs equipment including pumps, chemical feeders, valves and specialized equipment.
• Performs preventative maintenance on plant equipment according to manufacturer's recommendations.
• Performs annual maintenance of plants including but not limited to cleaning and painting of water treatment basins and piping of equipment.
• Performs electrical repairs including wiring of electric motors, switches, and panels.
• Troubleshoots electrical problems including checking and replacing control circuits.
• Serves as a shift relief on weekends, including full custody, duties and responsibilities of position that is being filled.
• Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

• Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of plant operation and maintenance. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. Skill in the use of hand tools, test equipment, and welding tools. May work rotating shifts.

High school diploma or equivalent required. One to three years experience in a related field preferred. Must receive and retain a valid 'C' Water Operator within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazard Awareness level and SCBA certification within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must possess a valid Texas Class 'B' CDL or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

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Utility Plant Operator - Water Purification Plant

The primary function of a Water Plant employee is to perform semi-skilled and skilled operations and maintenance duties in our water facility, including monitoring, operating, maintaining and repairing equipment. Additionally, an employee performs data collection and reporting functions to ensure compliance with Federal and State water quality requirements & standards.

Job Duties:
• Performs and completes chemical analysis of water samples, biological and top results.
• Controls water treatment processes to meet regulatory standards.
• Operates and maintains various water plant equipment and machinery.
• Maintains daily and hourly records of plant operations.
• Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage within the City.
• Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
• Operates SCADA system to monitor and control water plant production.
• Reports maintenance issues that affect plant operations.
• Performs routine cleaning of assigned areas and other related.
• Performs routine cleaning of work area.
• Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

• Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. Must work rotating shifts.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid 'C' Water Operator license from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazard Awareness level and SCBA certification within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must possess a valid class 'C' Texas driver's license.

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NOW HIRING

Well Field Technician - Airport Well Field

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Production Plant and associated potable water storage.

Job Duties:
• Assists other Utility Department divisions as required.
• Performs operations and maintenance duties as required at WPP.
• Controls water distribution processes to meet regulatory standards.
• Operates and maintains various water production and storage equipment.
• Maintains required records of operations.
• Generates monthly reports and maintenance records.
• Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage.
• Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
• Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
• Performs routine cleaning of assigned areas.
• Maintains house and grounds of well field compounds.
• Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

• Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, motors and power operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity and electronics. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. On call 50% of overtime and weekends.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid 'C' Groundwater license from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazard Awareness level and SCBA certification within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Valid Texas class 'B' CDL required or must be obtained within 1 year of employment.

Benefits:
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Utility Plant Operator - WPP

Assists in the operation of the waste water treatment plant.

Job Duties:
• Collects water samples for testing and analysis in primary treatment area.
• Operates and maintains primary treatment equipment and observes the operation of related plant equipment.
• Reads gauges, records information and reports problems to the Operator, or other supervisors.
• Performs physical and grounds keeping duties in assigned areas.
• Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and supervisors on plant condition and in order to resolve work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders to collect samples for analysis. Skill in writing to record results. Shift work required.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus ability to obtain C operator's certification from the THWCC within established time constraints. Valid Texas Driver's License.

DAYS & HOURS:
Rotating Shift; Rotating Days Off

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Please call 361-555-0155 or send resume to griffith@control-electric.com

Control Electric Company is Hiring for:

Senior Automation Technician

This individual must have experience in Industrial, Commercial, or Oilfield Automation. Must have strong troubleshooting skills, also instrumentation, retrofits, and new construction of automation and instrumentation equipment. Must have experience in electronic circuitry and electrical motor controls. Individual needs to have experience in Troubleshooting, installations, and retrofitting locations with either a PLC or controller of some type, in Fisher, ROC, Total Flow, Weatherford. Must be able to use different types of testing equipment, measurement equipment and communication equipment and be able to read, interpret wiring, electronic instrumentation devices. Must be able to read and write drawings and diagrams and be able to distinguish and choose instrumentation devices needed for any application. Must have good communication, administration and computer skills. Individual would be working in field alone and be able to do physical labor and lift up to 50 lbs.

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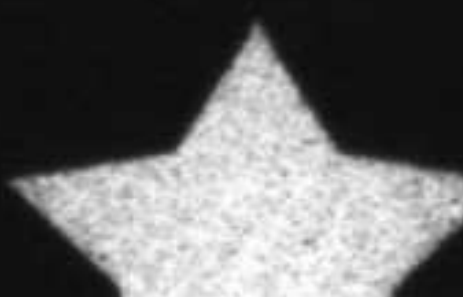
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Equipment Operator - Traffic Operations

Perform manual and unskilled labor on traffic signs and markings, which often involves the use of specialized skills. Operate several types of light and heavy vehicles, equipment, and tools. Do related work and training as required.

Job Duties:

- Assist in loading and unloading transported equipment.
- Operate equipment used in the daily activities of the Traffic Operations division such as patrol machines, sign installation equipment, welders and other heavy equipment.
- Perform maintenance, service minor repairs on vehicles and equipment.
- Assist and maintain roadway signs, markings and all other traffic devices.
- Assist in maintaining inventory of supplies and equipment.
- Maintain records of work performed, schedules, status reports and work orders.
- Perform related duties as required.

Qualifications:

Employee must be able to communicate effectively with employees, management and citizens in order to effectively receive and complete assigned work.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to traffic control devices and operations. Knowledge of the processes used in traffic control maintenance. Employee must be able to follow instructions for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools is required. Employee must be able to use heavy equipment involved in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch wipers, and striping truck. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders is also required.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas Class 'A' or 'B' CDL required, or must be obtained within 6 months of employment.

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
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- Tuition Reimbursement

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Equipment Operator - Transportation

Under Supervision, performs unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled duties in the maintenance and repair of the City's street infrastructure. Performs a variety of tasks including general labor and the operation of light and heavy equipment used in the repair of streets, alleys, and drainage ways.

Job Duties:

- Perform routine maintenance and repair of City streets and alleys through the operation of light and heavy equipment including walk-behind saws and compactors, dump trucks and water trucks, and other equipment related to the maintenance of streets and alleys.
- Perform daily preventative maintenance of equipment.
- Perform manual work and general labor such as mowing street and curb cuts.
- Maintain tools and equipment.
- Assist with the proper set up of work zone traffic control.
- Assist in loading and unloading of transported material and equipment.
- Pull on-call duties as required and outlined on Transportation's on-call roster.
- Assist with the maintenance of Transportation's buildings and grounds.
- Assist other City divisions and departments, as needed.
- Perform related duties as required.

Employee must effectively communicate with all co-workers, managers, and citizens. Must effectively communicate with managers regarding work orders.

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to read materials including equipment manuals and daily work logs. Ability to read field levels and fuel gauges. Ability to receive and understand training materials and demonstrations regarding the proper operation of light and heavy equipment for which employee has no prior knowledge or experience.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas Class A or B Commercial Drivers License required.

Monday - Friday, 7:30 am until 4:00 pm; Overtime work may be required.

Benefits:

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Maintenance Specialist - Transportation

Operates some motorized equipment, hand tools and assists Equipment Operator in the maintenance and construction of streets, alleys and drainage channels. Installs devices that provide for the orderly and predictable movement of all motorized, non-motorized and pedestrian traffic.

Job Duties:

- Perform routine maintenance and construction on streets, alleys, right of ways, drainage channels, etc.
- Perform daily preventative maintenance of motorized equipment or hand tools.
- Perform manual work and general labor such as weed cutting, pothole repair, shoveling, etc.
- Maintain tools and equipment in good and safe operating condition.
- Perform any related duties needed to complete projects.
- Install and maintain signage throughout the city.
- Paint lane lines on the streets and thoroughfares. Paints designated curbs.
- Install lane marking devices.
- Place cones in order to clear sign obstructions.
- Fabricates signs.
- Maintain records of work performed such as work schedules, status reports and records of work orders.
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

Employee communicates with other employees in the work group.

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to work on some motorized equipment or tools. Ability to read materials such as equipment manuals and work orders. Ability to write and record information such as feedback on work orders/work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

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Sanitation Driver

Drives a single or tandem axle side loading refuse pusher truck and collects and disposes of solid waste. Serves as standby driver until a regular route becomes available. Works at regular route when regular route is unavailable. May be assigned to a roll-off truck or boom truck instead of side loader.

Job Duties:

- Drive a sanitation vehicle and collect and dispose of solid waste from containers. Collects and disposes of yard waste and bags, bulky items when assigned to haul pick up.
- Travel to and from the landfill in order to dispose of waste materials.
- Assist in litter pickup and other programs when required.
- Maintain and inspect vehicles and perform safety checks daily.
- Maintain records of work performed for supervisor such as vehicle check list, trip logs and repair reports.
- May assist waste management activities required of the solid waste management division in order to adequately perform public service responsibilities.
- Assist in solid waste management activities when not driving a regular route.
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications: Ability to effectively communicate with employees and citizens who will require regarding disposal procedures. Ability to work with citizens who may have complaints or services provided.

Knowledge of processes used in the collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to read and write and follow oral and written instructions from supervisor. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, lifts, chutes and vehicle hydraulic systems as well as shovels, buckets and wheel.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred with six months to one year of experience in a related position. Valid Texas Class B Commercial Driver's License required.

Benefits:

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 Status/Permit No. 037197

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COG OPERATING LLC, [PRC Operator No. 180150] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 63, Bl. C, CCSDRONG RR CO Survey, A-42, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) UPTON County, being 14.9 acres N direction from RANSON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING. If no protest to the application is received within the deadline, an affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessee of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and present the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's District Services Department at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6791.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY 5:00 P.M. ON APRIL 26, 2018. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	CARLA WEST UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No.	02018H
Lease/Unit Area	236.9
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0

Lease Lines	310.0 F N L	304.0 F W L
Survey Lines	310.0 F N L	304.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Latent: TH1

Penetration Point Location

Lease Lines	310.0 F N L	304.0 F W L
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Terminus Location

Blk County: UPTON

Section: 72

888 Survey: CCSDRONG RR CO / BARBER, P P

Lease Lines	10.0 F NORTH L	300.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines	10.0 F NORTH L	300.0 F EAST L

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

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3308, 68.9 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Tammy Agnew, at (432) 682-7443.

Notice of Application for Commercial Oil and Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

Solaris Water Midstream, LLC, 9811 Katy Freeway, Ste. 800, Houston, TX 77024, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Devonian and Ellenburger Formations, DJK 48 SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 10.8 miles west-southwest of Midland in the Sycamore (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 12,250 to 14,500 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statutory Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within three days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12987, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Notice Of Public Sale Of Personal Property

Pursuant to the lien granted by the Texas Self-Storage Facility Act, notice is hereby given that the undersigned self-storage units will be sold at a public sale by competitive bidding, to satisfy the lien of the Lessor, with Metro Storage LLC as managing agent, for Lessor, for rental and other charges due from the undersigned. The sale property has been stored and is located at the respective address below. Units up for auction will be listed for public bidding on-line at www.StorageSelfBid beginning five days prior to the scheduled auction date and time. The terms of the sale will be by lot to the highest bidder for cash only. A 10% buyer's premium will be charged per unit. All sales are final. Metro Self Storage LLC reserves the right to withdraw any or all units, partial or entire, from the sale at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. All contents must be removed completely from the property within 48 hours or sooner or are deemed abandoned by MetroStorage. Sale rules and regulations are available at the time of sale.

Properly includes the storage unit contents belonging to the following tenants at the following locations:

Metro Self Storage
 2915 N. Midland Dr. Midland, Texas 79705
 The bidding will close on the website StorageSelfBid and a high bidder will be selected on April 12, 2018 at 10AM

Q022 Caroline Guy-Chen

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
 CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS

The City of Midland, Texas is soliciting bids for the furnishing of materials and labor for the Culbert Avenue East Storm Drain Project together with other relatedness and appurtenant work.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the basement conference room of City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas at 2:00 p.m. local time on April 11, 2018.

The contract may be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value to the municipality as referred to in Section 252.043(b) of the Texas Local Government Code.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file for viewing in the office of the Purchasing Manager, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas. The contract documents may be purchased at the office of the Purchasing Manager, second floor, 300 North Loraine Street, Midland, Texas for a non-refundable purchase price of \$50.00 per set.

Bids will be received at the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Midland, Texas, until 2:00 PM CST on the 16th day of April, 2018. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.

LEGAL NOTICE:

These Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket games will close on May 23, 2018. You have until November 10, 2018, to redeem any tickets for these games: 02955 Falls Headed (52) overall odds are 1 in 4.55, 01805 Texas Lottery@Blue (53) overall odds are 1 in 4.15, 01807 Super Lotto (55) overall odds are 1 in 3.77, 01805 Cowboys (56) overall odds are 1 in 3.58, 01805 Houston Texans (56) overall odds are 1 in 3.58, 02000 Do De Los Monitos (58) overall odds are 1 in 3.52. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$500. Prizes of \$500 or more must be claimed in person at a lottery claim center or by mail, with a completed Texas Lottery@ claim form; however, security prizes or prizes over \$2,500,000 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 800-375-6555 or visit the lottery website at lottery.org for more information and location of nearest claim center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, prizes and winners are subject to, and prizes and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, procedures, instructions, conditions, procedures and final decisions of the Executive Director. A scratch ticket game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. The Texas Lottery supports Texas education and veterans. PLAY RESPONSIBLY. For help with a gaming problem, responsiblegaming.org. © 2018 Texas Lottery Commission. All rights reserved.

ORDINANCE 9742

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE 10, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING AN 11.32-ACRE TRACT OF LAND AND A 18.42-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 9, BLOCK 1, N. P. HILLARD SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH ARE PRESENTLY ZONED R-1, ONE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, TO BE USED AS A 1F-2, ONE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF NORTH GARFIELD STREET, APPROXIMATELY 817 FEET NORTH OF MOCKINGBIRD LANE), CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS PER DAY, AND ORDERING PUBLICATION.

City of Midland
 Amy M. Turner
 City Secretary

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lennie Tolbert, Decedent, were issued on March 27, 2018, in Cause No. P18091, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Amanda Newman, Independent Executor, whose residential address is 1004 Upland Street, Midland, Texas 79703.

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 28th day of March, 2018.

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