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Round 4 — as many predicted, and others probably lamented — is happening. Cleveland and Golden State will meet for the fourth straight year in the NBA Finals.

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MISD: Travis could become first in-district charter

Superintendent calls for collaborative effort, more parental involvement

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland ISD held a conversation on Tuesday about the future of Travis Elementary, and that conversation involves the potential of the first in-district charter. The school in southeast Midland has struggled academically for years. Superintendent Orlando Riddick said the district has an opportunity to dramatically change the school, and on Tuesday he presented that opportunity to interested parents as part of a conversation about ideas to improve the quality of education at Travis. Currently, Travis is a three-time

improvement required campus. District officials said it is too early to know if the trend will continue for this school year, but they said it is important to be proactive about the school's future. Riddick told those in attendance that the future could involve turning Travis into MISD's first in-district charter. Midland ISD would partner with Legacy Traditional Schools, a system of charter schools based in Arizona. Riddick said such a move would be innovative and is not what districts in West Texas or around the state traditionally do. He said the district is still in the midst of conversations with Legacy, but there is a possibility Travis could be changed as

early as the 2019-20 school year. This would be the third change to a poorly performing elementary school in as many years. This year, the former Crockett Elementary became Franks Elementary with a new student population. Next school year, Sam Houston Elementary will become a collegiate preparatory academy. Like Houston, a weighted lottery will help determine Travis' student population. "I want you to have first right of refusal," Riddick said, meaning a Travis parent could always choose to send their child elsewhere. A change to Travis would add another school to the roster of MISD's "choice" campuses. The others are Houston, Bowie

Fine Arts, Peace Communications and Technology Academy, Carver Center, Washington STEM Academy and Early College High School at Midland College. Riddick said he won't refer to Travis as a "failing" school, although that is what the Texas Education Agency improvement required designation means. The superintendent sees the campus as being overlooked by the community and the district, which he said has not provided Travis the funding it has needed. He said funding inequity will no longer be an issue with the district's move to zero-based budgeting at the campus level. Principals will make the

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BACK TO WASHINGTON



Jacy Lewis/Reporter-Telegram

Abell Junior High eighth-grader Srikanth Chamarthi is competing this week at the annual Scripps National Spelling Bee. It's the Odessa resident's third-straight year to make it to the national stage.

Chamarthi returns to national bee for third-straight year

By Jacy Lewis
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Srikanth Chamarthi is competing this week at his third and last Scripps National Spelling Bee. The Abell Junior High eighth-grader qualified for the national bee by winning the 31st annual Midland Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee in February. Chamarthi tied for 172nd place in 2016. Last year, he tied for 23rd place. He is also

one of 18 three-year repeaters to make it back this year, according to the National Spelling Bee website.

The wait to return to Washington, D.C., was too long, he said on Saturday.

Chamarthi hopes to return to the finals, which ESPN will broadcast Thursday.

"I was pretty excited for it," Chamarthi said. "I feel like I should do good this year."

The road to return to the national bee has been a long one, filled with books of words and their origins. Chamarthi usually

studies by repeating the words in his head or writing them down if the word is really confusing. It takes a lot of determination and hard work to make it to three national spelling bees.

"I have spread out study sessions to widen my scope," said Chamarthi, who added "anastasi" is his favorite word to spell currently because it is unique.

In Washington, Chamarthi will go up

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Doobie Brothers concert costs county about \$32,000

By Simone Jasper
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A recent concert brought to the area using the Midland County Horseshoe promotions account cost the county about \$32,000, county commissioners learned in a presentation Tuesday. The information was shared after the approval of a \$50,000 entertainment deposit related to The Doobie Brothers performance.

Overall, the county gets back about \$18,000 from the mid-April rock concert at the Horseshoe amphitheater, according to numbers provided to the Reporter-Telegram.

"When you contrast that to other community things we do — today we approved \$50,000 for the Fourth of July fireworks — we won't get any of that back," County Judge Mike Bradford said. "But that is also a community item for another sector of our community."

In relation to the concert, commissioners in March approved

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By the numbers

Entertainment deposit from county	\$50,000
Returned to promotional fund:	
\$5,185.88 (promotional fund contribution minus proceeds)	
\$44,814.12	
\$44,814.12 (entertainment deposit)	
\$1,185.88 (Midland County investment)	
Total	\$32,000.00

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The big number: 49 legions were donated by XTO for area students.

Word of the Day: **Summat** Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 5A.

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Gov. Abbott to announce school safety plan today

Texas Tribune

Gov. Greg Abbott will unveil a plan today to make the state's schools safer in light of the recent shooting rampage in Santa Fe that killed 10 people.

Gov. Greg Abbott will announce a plan Wednesday to make Texas schools safer in the wake of the deadly Santa Fe shooting, according to his office.

Abbott is set to unveil the set of proposals during two events, one in the morning in Dallas and the other in the afternoon in San Marcos. They come less than two weeks after the shooting rampage at Santa Fe High School, which left 10 people dead.

Abbott's plan will follow three school safety roundtables he held last week at the Capitol, soliciting input from victims, parents, teachers, lawmakers, law enforcement officials and other experts. Abbott tweeted Friday night that he would "soon announce many substantive details that can be implemented before the next school year begins."

Abbott's proposals are expected to fall into two categories: those that can be implemented immediately and those that the Legislature will have to consider the next time it convenes. Lawmakers are not due to return to Austin until January, though Abbott has not ruled out calling a special session to bring them back earlier.

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making a \$50,000 deposit, which was 50 percent of the guarantee. The remaining portion was to come from ticket sales revenue, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

The Doobie Brothers concert was the second time the county used its Horseshoe promotions account, which is used to pay expenses for bringing acts to the facility. Dooley Management Co., which the county has hired to run the Horseshoe complex, was tasked with promoting the event. There were 1,271 paid tickets and about 300 complimentary tickets, according to President Michael Dooley.

Through Live Nation entertainment company's connection to the Vet Tix program, those who served in the military could attend the concert for free. "We were thrilled — not only with the attendance — but the (number) of veterans that came out and enjoyed an evening at no charge," Bradford said.

The county last used its promotions account when it paid expenses to bring comedian Jeff Foxworthy to the Horseshoe pavilion. The county spent more than it received in ticket revenue for that 2015 appearance.

For events that use the promotions account and generate net profit, the county's policy calls for half of that money to be returned to that account. The remaining amount goes to the county's general fund and is later transferred to an account for the Pick-Up Midland County trash collection challenge.

The account was created with an initial balance of \$150,000 that had been moved from the county's general fund. The money came from sales tax. Bradford previously told the Reporter-Telegram.

Also during Tuesday's Commissioners' Court meeting, commissioners approved the supplies and salary for an environmental investigator position in the Midland County District Attorney's Office. The authorization, which is effective Friday, will use \$162,000 from contingency and salary contingency.



Courtesy photo

XTO Energy on Tuesday donated 49 refurbished laptops to nonprofits that serve local students. The donation is part of a partnership between XTO Energy, Midland ISD and Educate Midland.

XTO donates laptops to help stop student 'summer slide'

From staff reports

Six summer programs received a gift from XTO Energy on Tuesday.

The energy company in northwest Midland shipped off 49 refurbished laptops to agencies that are expected to serve 1,000 students in programs across the city. The laptops will be equipped with the same reading and general curriculum software that allows teachers and students to track their progress in school.

The programs are Midland YMCA, Midland Fair Havens, Casa de Amigos, Greater Ideal Baptist Church, Kaleidoscope Ministries and Unlock Ministries.

The donation is part of a partnership between XTO Energy, Midland ISD and Educate Midland. It was collective impact in action.

"We are excited about having our community come together," said Mike Mills, Educate Midland program director. "There are great things happening in Midland." The donation is part of an attempt to

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make a dent in "summer slide," which — according to Scholastic.com — happens to many children when they forget some of what they learned or slip out of practice during the summer months.

"If our kids take a break completely it may take them up to half a semester just to get back on track to where they were when summer started," Mills said.

XTO Operations Manager Enrique Garcia said the company has a commitment to the community and working with educators and students is a priority.

"We have an oil and gas company that understands the importance of providing this bridge of technology for kids," Mills said.

Classes resume at Texas school where gunman killed 10 people

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

SANTA FE — Like some of her classmates, senior Brooke Williams had mixed emotions about returning Tuesday to classes at Santa Fe High School, where a student fatally shot 10 people in the nation's deadliest school attack since the massacre in Parkland, Florida.

"I'm not excited to go back to school. I'm actually pretty scared to, but I feel like that's the reason why I need to go back. I don't want to be scared of this the rest of my life," Williams said.

Less than two weeks after the shooting, students at the school near Houston were greeted by more than 20 law enforcement vehicles and supporters holding signs saying "Santa Fe Strong" and "United We Stand."

Students who had classes in the area of the shooting were the first allowed back in, followed by the rest about two hours later. The teens lined up in front of the school's main entrance, which was the only approved entrance. They were not allowed to carry backpacks or large purses and were required to show an ID before entering.

All students then gathered for a two-hour assembly honoring the victims, and counselors were available for anyone who needed to talk about the May 18 slayings of eight students and two substitute

teachers. Gov. Greg Abbott visited the campus Tuesday, speaking with students, parents, teachers and staff privately and presenting first responders with an award for their actions.

Hailey Hubbard, another senior, was returning for her final week of high school.

"Honestly, I just want to go back so I can see my friends and not spend my last three days of senior year just being secluded in a room," Hubbard said. She said she did not want the shooting to be her last memory of high school.

Hubbard said some of her friends were more ambivalent about returning to campus and that she had to help calm down a friend who suffered a panic attack at the thought of going back to school.

She hopes returning to campus will also give her mother peace of mind because "she's terrified of me going to school." The teen had wanted to go to campus on the school bus that she normally takes. But her mother said no because there's no security on the bus.

Sheila Hubbard wasn't reassured by the extra security at the school and planned to stay on campus all day Tuesday to make sure her daughter and son Nathan, also a senior, were both safe.

"I think them going back is best. It doesn't make it easier for the parents ... We're all scared our kids are going to come to harm," the elder Hubbard,

a 40-year-old nurse, said as she stood outside her home just before driving her kids to school.

Williams said some other seniors she spoke with won't return to campus and plan to show up only for graduation on Friday "because they're so terrified."

She wanted to return to class in part so the shooting would not be her defining memory of her school.

"I hope by the end of the day today I'll be able to look at the school and not cry, not feel hate ... not think of it in grief ... and also to find comfort in the people who are still here," she said.

Authorities have charged Dimitrios Pagourtzis with capital murder in the attack. He's accused of using a shotgun and pistol that belonged to his father. The 17-year-old remained jailed without bond in Galveston.

Also Tuesday, the hospital treating a school police officer who was badly wounded in the attack announced that his condition had been upgraded from critical to serious.

Officer John Barnes was shot in the arm when he confronted the gunman. A bullet damaged the bone and a major blood vessel around his elbow. He remains in the intensive care unit.

Abbott planned to announce a school-safety plan on Wednesday after holding three days of meetings last week following the shooting.

Apache Corp. moves to ramp up Alpine High

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Touted as one of the biggest oil and gas discoveries of the decade, Apache Corp.'s Alpine High development is positioned to expand quickly next year and beyond as the Houston company strikes deals to help build pipelines to carry oil and gas from West Texas to port and refining hubs in Houston and Corpus Christi.

Last week, Apache signed on as an anchor customer of Enterprise Products Partners' Shin Oak natural gas liquids pipeline that will traverse 658 miles from Reeves County to Enterprise's storage hub just east of Houston in Mont Belvieu. Earlier this month, Apache inked a contract as a major customer of the planned Epic Crude Oil pipeline project to move crude from Alpine High to Corpus Christi, where the oil can be refined or exported.

These deals follow Apache's big move in December to become the anchor customer of Houston-based Kinder Morgan's \$1.7 billion gas pipeline from West Texas to the Corpus Christi area.

The Gulf Coast Express Pipeline will transport dry gas to the port hubs where the gas can be shipped to power plants for electricity generation, to liquefied natural gas export terminals, or to Mexico, which is increasingly importing more American gas for its power generation.

All of these pipeline projects are slated for completion no later than the end of 2019, and the contracts give Apache the ability to buy ownership stakes in the pipelines ranging from 15 percent to 33 percent.

The Alpine High development is west of Fort Stockton, in the Delaware Basin, section of the larger Permian Basin. The pipelines are critical to Apache's plans to develop the play, in a remote area without the pipelines, terminals and other infrastructure needed to move the petroleum to market and allow Apache to ramp up production.

Apache High is expected to produce plenty of oil, dry gas and natural gas liquids, called NGLs, much of which are used to manufacture plastics and other petrochemicals. The development has proven controversial because of its proximity to pristine environmental attractions like Balmorhea State Park and the Davis Mountains.

Alpine High, however, continues to move forward. Brian Youngberg, a senior energy analyst at Edward Jones in St. Louis, said the pipeline deals are good moves for Apache, especially in the Permian where there's a shortage of pipelines. Apache is securing its long-term growth while taking it slower for now, Youngberg said.

But some of the luster is off the Alpine High discovery, which was announced in late 2016, Youngberg said. Alpine High is producing more natural gas — which is less valuable than oil — than many analysts and investors had hoped.

Alpine High is believed to hold 15 billion barrels of oil and gas under 350,000 acres of southern Reeves County. But only 3 billion is crude oil.

"Right now oil is the name of the game," Youngberg said. "The liquids are still there, but the gas share is higher than people thought."

Apache's stock has fallen from a recent high of \$66 a share in December 2016 to a closing price of \$39.28 on Friday.

Apache is focusing more than 70 percent of its capital spending in West Texas' booming Permian Basin, including the Alpine High development. Apache last year sold many of its Canadian assets, in part to pour more money into the Permian, including building pipelines to gather oil and gas from wells.

Earlier this month, Apache CEO John Christmann said the company is focused on drilling wells and reducing costs, targeting dry gas and natural gas liquids for the time being with the goal of expanding into oil wells.

"We've said all along that we plan conservatively with Alpine High. And it will get more oily as time progresses," Christmann said. Earnings from from pipeline joint ventures, he added, may go into funding the development of "oilier and more liquids-rich portions of Alpine High."

Meanwhile, he said, Apache has already decreased its cost per well by 20 percent from last year, with a goal of at least 25 percent by year-end. That would shrink costs from \$8 million per well to \$6.2 million, he said.

"It's a great story and is going to only get better," Christmann said.

Justin Timberlake visits Texas shooting survivor in hospital

Associated Press

SANTA FE — Pop star Justin Timberlake made a surprise visit to a Texas school shooting survivor as she recovers from her wounds in a hospital.

Sarah Salazar was among the more than two dozen injured in the May 18 attack at Santa Fe High School. Her mother, Sonia Lopez-Puentes, shared on Facebook a photo that shows Timberlake wearing a medical gown and rubber gloves as he poses next to a smiling Salazar in her hospital room last Friday.

According to an online fundraiser for Salazar, the teenager suffered a broken jaw and will need shoulder replacement surgery after the shooting.

Timberlake performed two shows in nearby Houston last week as part of his Man of the Woods tour.

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against 519 spellers from across the country; the bee field has been expanded by 200. His family will be in the audience at the spelling bee cheering him on. Gobi Chamarthi, Srihar's father, helps him study.

"We're excited," Gobi Chamarthi said. "This year we want him to get into the finals."

Chamarthi is experiencing a lot of feelings as he prepares for his third trip to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

"I'm nervous, yet excited, and yet kind, not really nervous but surprised it's

getting over so quickly," he said.

It's back to a different set of books when he returns from Washington.

"Probably right after I get back, I will start summer reading," Chamarthi said.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" may be required reading, but Chamarthi wants to dive into books from the Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard.

Chamarthi has big aspirations for his future. His favorite subject is science, and he hopes in one day to be a robotics engineer. He says spelling helps him in this pursuit. "Because you have to know a lot of stuff to work."

nature of what needs to take place. Communicating in English — and sometimes in Spanish — he stressed the need for parental involvement in everything from car drop-offs to crowd control at lunch to field day. He said there is an opportunity for a more active PTA, and that adult influence can impact everything from academic performance, to more time for lunch, to reducing the bullying that takes place on campus. Bullying was identified as an issue at Travis, something Riddick said will never be completely eliminated.

"When I have high parent involvement, there is usually not a high number of incidents," Riddick said.

"This is your school. You should be involved with your student," Riddick said. "Parent involvement program is created by you guys. ... Do it in partnership with your principal and there is nothing that can stop you from being able to help."

TODAY IN MIDLAND

WORD OF THE DAY



Flummox
[FLUM-uks]
verb
1: confuse



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Things to do

- Wednesday Storytime with crafts for preschool children, 11 a.m., Barnes and Noble, 2517 West Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.
- Storytime at the Library, 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space.
- Party on the Patio with live music and food trucks, 5 p.m., Shack in the Back, 11610 W. Highway 88, Odessa.
- Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Atkinson Bridge Center, 913 W. Wesley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.
- Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway, Free.
- Rodgers and Hammerstein's Sound of Music, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788, Broadway-Infobasin.com.
- Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 8 p.m., Torino's, 3303 N. Midland Road. challengeentertainment.com.
- Karaoke Wednesdays with DJ Savage and host Ayva Newash, 9 p.m., The Recovery Room, 2602 N. —County Road West, Odessa. Facebook: [therecoveryroom432](https://www.facebook.com/therecoveryroom432).

Lecture to benefit memorial plaza

A fundraiser for Heroes Memorial Plaza is planned for 6 p.m. Thursday at Green Tree Country Club. Jeffrey Addick, director of Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University School of Law, will be the guest speaker. For information about tickets, call Show of Support at 687-2167.

ISD Special Services fair

Midland ISD Special Services is hosting its "Footsteps to Transi-

tion' Fair — an event designed to assist junior high and high school students with special needs and their families in making a successful transition to adult life and independence.

The fair is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. today at the Lee High School Cafeteria, 3500 Neely Ave. To attend, RSVP to Laura Arthur at 240-1434.

Project Graduation

Midland Project Graduation is set for 10 p.m. Saturday to 3 a.m. Sunday at the Horseshoe complex. The event is free for graduating seniors of Midland High, Lee High, Trinity, Midland Christian, Midland Classical Academy, Coleman, Richard Milburn, Early College High School, Hillcrest and the local home school association. The primary objective of Midland Project Graduation is to reduce the number of young people involved in drug- and/or alcohol-related wrecks on graduation night. Prizes are awarded only to those seniors who are present at the end of the party. Source: Midland ISD

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week. Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays. Any violation may result in a fine up to \$500. The ban on washing outdoor surfaces is still in effect. Source: City of Midland
The event is free for graduating seniors of Midland High, Lee High, Trinity, Midland Christian, Midland Classical Academy, Coleman, Richard Milburn, Early College

Party out back

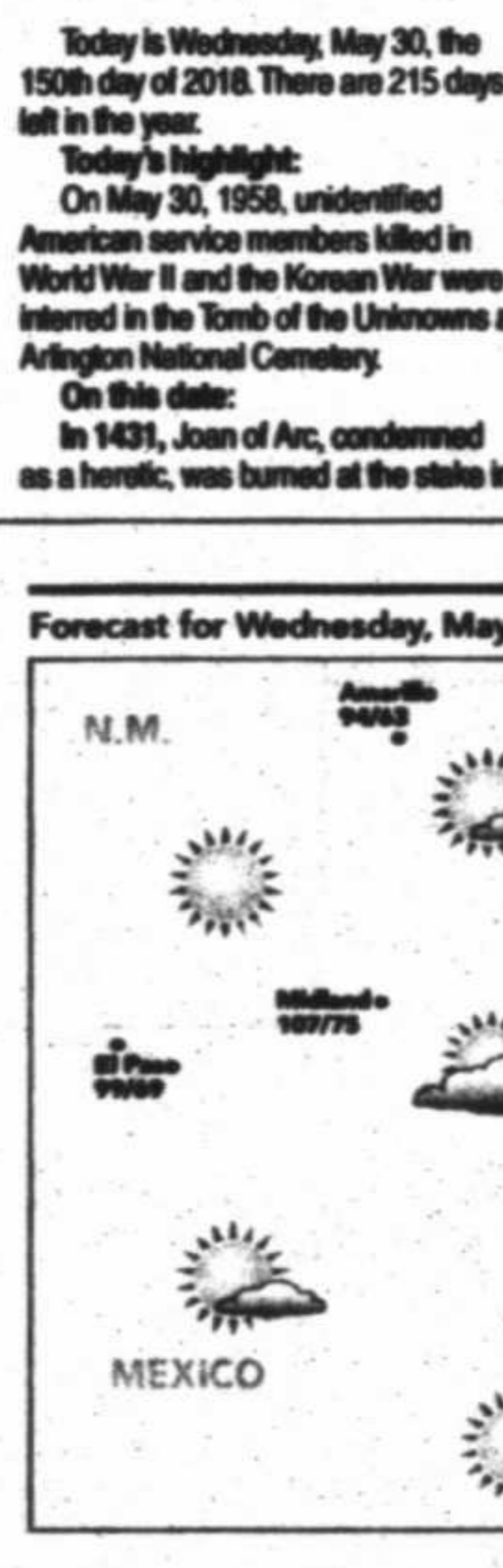


Shack in the Back hosted Party on the Patio on May 23. Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, May 30, the 150th day of 2018. There are 215 days left in the year.
Today's highlight:
On May 30, 1958, unidentified American service members killed in World War II and the Korean War were interred in the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.
On this date:
In 1431, Joan of Arc, condemned as a heretic, was burned at the stake in

Forecast for Wednesday, May 30, 2018



Low: 74
Conditions: Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 10-15 mph during the day/10-20 mph (gusts up to 30 mph) at night

Chance of rain: None

Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.
Sunset: 8:49 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

Lottery

- Pick 3 morning: 3-2-5
- Pick 3 day: 3-5-8
- Pick 3 evening: 6-5-0
- Pick 3 night: 3-7-4
- Daily 4 morning: 6-5-9-0
- Daily 4 day: 5-4-1-9
- Daily 4 evening: 9-1-7-9
- Daily 4 night: 2-7-8-4
- Cash Five: 1-6-18-22-23
- Mega Millions: 2-11-55-58-67
- Mega Ball 2, Megaplier: 3

Weather

Triple Chance: 1-2-6-12-20-21-26-38-39-51
All or Nothing morning: 4-7-8-9-11-13-16-17-19-21-22-23
All or Nothing day: 1-2-4-5-6-7-11-17-18-20-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-8-10-11-12-13-14-15-19-23-24
All or Nothing night: 4-5-6-9-11-14-15-16-20-21-22-23

Today's temperatures

High: 104
Low: 72
Normal high: 91
Normal low: 64

May 29 records

High: 104, set in 1938 and tied Tuesday
Low: 44, set in 1947

Precipitation

Monday: 0.00 inches
Tuesday: 0.00 inches
Month total: 0.68 of an inch
Year total: 0.84 of an inch
Normal total (year to date): 4.11 inches

Winds

Average: 12.4 mph
High sustained: 20 mph
High gust: 27 mph

May 29 forecast

High: 107

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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 Gemini and a Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 30, 2018:

This year you won't be bored for long. Just when you reach a state of calmness edging on boredom, an event or person drops into your life, adding more vigor and excitement to the moment. If you are single, your desirability becomes quite apparent. You enjoy a myriad of potential suitors, but someone appears who encourages you to slow down and get to know him or her better. If you are attached, the two of you could be unusually busy. You will need to schedule more time together. SAGITTARIUS is full of information.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ ★★

You are likely to see a lot of action. Reach out to someone who knows much more about a key topic than you do. Use your instincts to decide whether to follow through on a key

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ ★★

You receive news that you have been waiting quite a while for. You have reason for celebration. A close friend sometimes comes through for you, but not always. Know that this person's intentions are always good, but the follow-through can be iffy. Tonight: Say "yes."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ ★★

Others appear to be unusually dominant. Those closest to you want to hear your opinions and have you give them feedback. What you hear could be vague and not necessarily productive. Ask key questions, especially if you need clarification. Tonight: Let a loved one make plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ ★★

Listen to those around you. You could feel as if a lot of people are seeking you out. Unfortunately, some topics seem taboo or a bit difficult to deal with. Though you can see the purpose of a statement or a critique, you might not be easily swayed. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ Your imagination goes wild and creates many potential options. A loved one attempts to create clarity around an emotional situation. How open, receptive and positive are you? The more upbeat you are, the more likely you are to succeed. Tonight: Let your naughtiness out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ ★★

Be aware of how much you are spending, and avoid extravagances that could cause a problem. You might feel like it's time to splurge for an outing. A child could be somewhat distant, but he or she still seems to be enjoying him- or herself. Tonight: Let your hair down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ ★★

Your priorities need review and thought. Be as patient as possible, unless you have an important decision that requires your time and focus. You find that those around you have endless creativity, which adds to the many ideas that run through your day. Tonight: Head home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ ★★

Listen to news carefully, and avoid wearing rose-colored shades. The better off you will be. Do some heavy thinking about an issue. You could be surprised by what this talk leads to. Enjoy the moment. Your smile helps others relax. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ ★★

Speak your mind and get to the bottom of a problem. Return calls, respond to emails and be willing to debate your perspective. Your patience might be more important than you think. Take your time sorting through the many possibilities. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ ★★

Make it OK not to discuss what is on your mind. However, you might want to test out one or more of your ideas on your own. You might choose to share certain ideas with a close associate whose feedback could

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ ★★

Beam in more of what you want. You could wonder what would be best to do, given someone's recent change of mind. What you decide will have an impact on a group of friends. You might want to share some of what you are considering. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ ★★

Both your public and personal lives could demand a lot of your time. Know that you have other matters that you would like to deal with. Share this more confidential area of your life with someone you trust. Some people might not understand. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

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Young boys sleep in a holding cell June 18, 2014, where hundreds of mostly Central American immigrant children are being processed and held at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Nogales Placement Center in Nogales, Ariz. CPB provided media tours Wednesday of two locations in Brownsville and Nogales that have been central to processing the more than 47,000 unaccompanied children who have entered the country since Oct. 1.

Trump, critics trade angry immigration charges, falsehoods

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and Democratic critics traded outraged, sometimes plainly false accusations about immigration Tuesday as the debate over “lost” children and the practice of separating families caught crossing the border illegally reached a new boiling point.

False charges flew on both sides. The White House wrongly blamed Democrats for forcing his administration to separate children from parents. Liberal activists and others, including some from media outlets, tried to highlight the issue by tweeting photos of young people in steel cages that actually were taken during the Obama administration. Others seized on reports the government had “lost” more than 1,000 children, though that wasn’t quite the case.

It all comes just in time for the midterm elections as Republicans and Democrats try to rally core voters by pointing fingers at one another. Trump won the presidency promising to build a wall along the southern border and end illegal immigration, and the White House believes stressing the same issues will drive voters to the polls and help the GOP hang on to their majorities in the Senate and House.

The White House is “really beating the immigration drum in the lead-up to the midterm elections as a rallying cry and as a way of mobilizing voter support for Trump and the candidates that he chooses,” said Doris Meissner, a senior fellow at the non-partisan Migration Policy Institute and former commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service during the Clinton administration. “It does seem to provoke a ratcheting up across the board.”

Indeed, the situation grew so hostile over the holiday weekend that the president’s eldest daughter, White House adviser Ivanka Trump, came

under fire for tweeting a photo of herself and her youngest son in their pajamas Sunday morning.

“Focus on what is before you, on what you can control and ignore the trolls!” she later wrote.

During a White House conference call on Tuesday, senior adviser Stephen Miller contended the “current immigration and border crisis” is “the exclusive product of loopholes in federal immigration law that Democrats refuse to close.”

That was after Trump lit up social media over the weekend by falsely claiming there was a “horrible law” that separates children from their parents after they cross the border illegally. He had said previously that “we have to break up families” at the border because “the Democrats gave us that law.”

But there’s no law mandating that parents must be separated from their children, and it’s not a policy Democrats have pushed or can change alone as the minority in Congress. The tactic’s increased use is being driven by Trump’s own administration, which recently announced a new “zero-tolerance policy” in which it will press criminal charges against all people crossing the border illegally, even if they have few or no previous offenses. More children are expected to be separated from their parents as a result.

A Customs and Border Protection official told lawmakers last week that 658 children had been separated from their parents at the border from May 6 to May 19 as the parents face charges. That’s in addition to hundreds more who were estimated to have been removed from their parents since October.

The practice has drawn condemnation from Trump critics, who have long accused him of supporting inhumane policies in his efforts to crack down on illegal immigration.

“He actually called the practice horrible. If he thinks it’s so horrible

then he ought to just end it and not make the children a negotiating tool,” said Lee Gelernt, deputy director of the American Civil Liberties Union’s Immigrants’ Rights Project.

Michelle Brane, director of the Migrant Rights and Justice program at the Women’s Refugee Commission, said in a statement: “Family separation is NOT required by any law, this is a Trump administration policy clearly designed to punish parents, who are just trying to get their children to safety.”

But Trump foes made their own missteps.

Over the weekend, some critics of the policy tweeted photos of young-looking immigrants at the U.S.-Mexico border in steel cages and blamed the Trump administration for separating immigrant children from their parents. The problem: The photos were taken by The Associated Press in 2014, when Barack Obama was in office, and the photo captions reference children who crossed the border as unaccompanied minors.

How or why the story resurfaced on social media four years after it was published was unclear. But Trump seized on the error.

“Democrats mistakenly tweet 2014 pictures from Obama’s term showing children from the Border in steel cages. They thought it was recent pictures in order to make us look bad, but backfires,” Trump tweeted Tuesday. “Dems must agree to Wall and new Border Protection for good of country ... Bipartisan Bill!”

It’s unclear what “Bipartisan Bill” Trump might have been referring to.

Congress is heading toward an immigration showdown in the House, as Republican moderates force a June vote on legislation to protect young “Dreamer” immigrants and beef up border security.

GOP leaders are trying to stop the bill, which has robust support from Democrats and some Republicans. They’re worried any legislation that

smacks of “amnesty” for immigrants in the U.S. illegally would dampen conservative enthusiasm ahead of the midterms.

Instead, House Speaker Paul Ryan and his leadership team are trying to put together an alternative approach that most Republicans would support. But finding common ground remains difficult. Trump so far has not engaged in the Capitol Hill debate, even as he repeatedly insists Congress must act.

Also making the rounds on social media over the holiday weekend: Allegations that children placed in custody have been “lost” by federal authorities, which officials say isn’t the case.

The allegation, which sparked the hashtag “WhereAreOurChildren,” grew out of testimony in April by a federal official that the government had lost track of nearly 1,500 unaccompanied minor children it placed with adult sponsors in the U.S.

An official from the Health and Human Services Department told a congressional hearing last month that his department placed follow-up phone calls from October to December to U.S. households that were sponsoring minors who crossed the border without their parents. They reached 86 percent of the children or sponsors, but the department could not verify the whereabouts of 1,475. In some cases, sponsors simply didn’t respond to the follow-up phone call, not surprising because many are themselves in the U.S. illegally and reluctant to speak to authorities.

“If you call a friend and they don’t answer the phone, you don’t assume that they’ve been kidnapped,” Health and Human Services’ Steven Wagner said.

Officials also Tuesday they are planning more thorough screening of both minor children and their sponsor, including a fingerprint background check of every sponsor.

AP fact check: Fallacies exist on both sides in immigration debate

By Anne Flaherty
and Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Since the government acknowledged last month that the Trump administration had lost track of nearly 1,500 immigrant children, the debate over what that means and who is to blame has roiled Twitter. Here’s a look at the partisan claims and a reality check behind the latest immigration fight:

The 2014 photos

■ “Speechless. This is not who we are as a nation.” — Democrat Antonio Villaraigosa, former Los Angeles mayor now running for governor, referring in a tweet Sunday to photos showing young-looking immigrants in steel cages.

■ “This is happening right now, and the only debate that matters is how we force our government to get these kids back to their families as fast as humanly possible.” — Jon Favreau, who was speechwriter for President Barack Obama, referring Sunday to the same photos.

THE FACTS: The photos, taken by The Associated Press, were from 2014, during the Obama administration, but were presented by liberal activists as if they showed the effects of Trump’s immigration policy now. Villaraigosa, Favreau and some others deleted their tweets when the mistake was pointed out.

They had linked to a June 2014 online story by The Arizona Republic titled “First peek: Immigrant children flood detention center.” The story featured photos taken by AP’s Ross D. Franklin at a center run by the Customs and Border Protection Agency in Nogales, Arizona. One photo shows two unidentified female detainees sleeping in a holding cell. The caption refers to U.S. efforts to process 47,000 unaccompanied children at the Nogales center and another one in Brownsville, Texas.

Many tweets used the hashtag “WhereAreOurChildren,” which grew out of testimony in April by a federal official that the U.S. government had lost track of nearly 1,500 unaccompanied minor children it placed with adult sponsors in the U.S.

Trump tweeted: “Democrats mistakenly tweet 2014 pictures from Obama’s term showing children from the Border in steel cages. They thought it was recent pictures in order to make us look bad, but backfires.”

He is right about the misrepresentation, though it’s not clear that many prominent Democrats jumped on this particular Twitter bandwagon.

The ‘lost’ children

■ “1,500 innocent children ripped from their mothers’ arms at our border. Lost in Trump’s ‘system’. Give us your tired, your poor, your huddle masses yearning to breathe free — and we will torture them for wanting a better life. From Shining City to Evil Empire in under 500 days.” — tweet Sunday by actor Jim Carrey.

■ “What is more shameful than forcibly separating, in America, parents from infant children at the border? And then, losing track of those children?” — tweet Friday by Preet Bharara, fired by Trump as U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York.

THE FACTS: The nearly 1,500 children in question arrived at the border without their parents and were not forced from them by U.S. authorities. Critics are conflating those children with others, who came to the border with their parents, only to be separated there.

To call the children lost, as many have, is misleading. It’s more accurate to say the government lost track of them, as Bharara put it.

An official from the Health and Human Services Department told a congressional hearing last month that his department placed follow-up phone calls from October to December to U.S. households that were sponsoring the minors after they came to the border without their parents. They reached 86 percent of the children or sponsors, determining 6,075 remained with their sponsors, 28 had run away, five had been removed from the U.S. and 52 relocated to live with someone else.

The department could not verify the whereabouts of 1,475. In some of many cases, sponsors simply didn’t respond to the follow-up phone call, not surprising because many are in the U.S. illegally and reluctant to speak to authorities. HHS decided 792 of those cases merited more attention and referred them to the National Call Center.

It’s not highly unusual to fail to keep track of many minors who came unaccompanied to the border.

During the last year of the Obama administration, HHS was able to locate 85 percent of the minors or their sponsors, according to an inspector general’s report. The Trump administration slightly exceeded that success rate in the last three months of 2017, even as it is accused of losing children.

Zero tolerance

■ Trump: “Put pressure on the Democrats to end the horrible law that separates children from their parents once they cross the Border into the U.S.” — tweet Saturday.

THE FACTS: No law mandates that parents must be separated from their children at the border, and it’s not a policy Democrats have pushed or can change alone as the minority in Congress. The policy comes from Trump’s own administration, which has decided to enforce criminal charges against people crossing the border illegally with few or no previous offenses. Under U.S. protocol, if parents are jailed, their children would be separated from them.

Discussing the zero-tolerance policy recently, Attorney General Jeff Sessions said: “If we do our duty and prosecute those cases, then children inevitably for a period of time might be in different conditions.”

A Customs and Border Protection official told lawmakers last week that 658 children had been separated from their parents at the border from May 6 to May 19, after border agents began referring every illegal entry to criminal prosecutors. This is in addition to hundreds more who were estimated to have been removed from their parents at the border since October.

A 2008 law, passed unanimously by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush, says children traveling alone from countries other than Mexico or Canada must be released in the “least restrictive setting” — often to family or a government-run shelter — while their cases slowly wind through immigration court. The law came amid concerns about border control officials and their treatment of children.



Mick Tomczak/Northwest Florida Daily News via AP

Beachgoers walk on Okaloosa Island in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Monday, May 28, 2018, as Subtropical Storm Alberto approaches the Gulf Coast. The storm's gusty rain and brisk winds rolled the seas near the U.S. Gulf Coast on Monday, keeping white sandy beaches emptied of their usual Memorial Day crowds.

Tropical Storm Alberto remnants leave flooding, downed trees in wake

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The soggy remnants of Alberto moved toward the nation's interior Tuesday, leaving scattered flooding and downed trees in the wake of the year's first named tropical storm.

More than 25,000 power outages were reported in Alabama, many caused by trees rooted in soggy soil falling across utility lines.

But while forecasters said the subtropical depression could dump as much as 6 inches of rain inland, few major problems were reported so far.

"We've had a lot of rain, but we got lucky. It was a constant rain but not a heavy rain," said Regina Myers, emergency management director in Walker County northwest of Birmingham.

Subtropical storm Alberto rolled ashore Monday afternoon in the Florida Panhandle and then weakened overnight to a depression. Beachcombers had returned to the white sands of the Northern Gulf by Tuesday morning, but forecasters still warned of dangerous currents.

In Cuba, flooding damaged an oil refinery and caused crude oil to spill into Cienfuegos Bay as the remnants of Alberto continued to drench the island in heavy rain.

State-owned TV showed authorities

using barriers Tuesday to try to contain the spill from the Cienfuegos refinery in central Cuba about 150 miles southeast of Havana.

U.S. forecasters said rain could still cause dangerous flash floods in the coming days in northern Alabama and large areas of Georgia, Tennessee and the Carolinas.

In North Carolina, a television news anchor and a photojournalist were killed Monday while covering the weather, when a tree became uprooted from rain-soaked ground and toppled onto their SUV, authorities said.

WYFF-TV of Greenville, South Carolina, said news anchor Mike McCormick and photojournalist Aaron Smeltzer were killed.

"Two journalists working to keep the public informed about this storm have tragically lost their lives, and we mourn with their families, friends and colleagues," North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper said in a statement.

Alberto was more of a rainstorm than a wind threat, but the National Weather Service said at least one tornado had been confirmed.

The weather service said its meteorologists confirmed a weak tornado with maximum winds of 85 mph hit an area around Cameron, South Carolina, on Monday afternoon. No one was hurt.

Falling tree kills 2 journalists reporting on severe weather

Associated Press

TRYON, N.C. — North Carolina's governor is urging his state's residents to exercise caution as rains from a subtropical depression spread into his and other Southern states, noting the deaths of two broadcast journalists killed by a falling tree as they reported on the severe weather associated with Alberto.

The television news anchor and a photojournalist colleague were killed Monday in North Carolina while covering the very fringes of the large system whose core made landfall hundreds of miles (kilometers) away on the northern Gulf Coast. Authorities said a tree became uprooted from rain-soaked soil and toppled on the news team's SUV, killing the two instantly.

"Two journalists working to keep the public informed about this storm have tragically lost their lives, and we mourn with their families, friends and colleagues," Cooper said in a statement. "North Carolina needs to take Alberto seriously. I urge everyone to keep a close eye on forecasts, warnings and road conditions, especially in western North Carolina where even heavier rain is predicted."

The dead were identified as working for a station based in Greenville, South Carolina.

WYFF-TV Anchor Mike McCormick and photojournalist Aaron Smeltzer both had worked in the Greenville market for more than a decade, anchor Carol Goldsmith said on air, breaking the news of their deaths Monday.

"Mike and Aaron were beloved members of our team — our family," Goldsmith said.

The men were driving on U.S. Highway 176 near Tryon when the large tree fell on their vehicle, North Carolina Highway Patrol



WYFF via AP

These April 2016 photo provided by WYFF-TV shows television news anchor Mike McCormick, left, and photojournalist Aaron Smeltzer. North Carolina's governor is urging his state's residents to exercise caution as rains from a subtropical depression spread into his and other Southern states, noting the deaths of McCormick and another broadcast journalist killed by a falling tree as they reported on the severe weather associated with Alberto. McCormick and photojournalist Aaron Smeltzer both had worked in the Greenville market for more than a decade, anchor Carol Goldsmith said on air, breaking the news of their deaths Monday.

Master Trooper Murico Stephens said.

McCormick and Smeltzer had just interviewed Tryon Fire Chief Geoffrey Tennant. They told Tennant to be careful with Alberto's remnants expected to bring more heavy rains and mudslides to North Carolina. He told them to be careful too.

"Ten minutes later we get the call and it was them," Tennant said at a news conference, his voice cracking.

A woman died in a mudslide on May 19 not far from the area and officials in one especially hard-hit county were asking people living in vulnerable areas to voluntary leave before the weather got worse.

Neither Stephens nor Tennant directly blamed the up to 2 inches (5 centimeters) of rain that fell Monday for the deaths. The fire chief said the roots of a large tree were loosened in ground saturated by a week of rain. The TV vehicle engine's was still running and the

transmission was in drive when crews found it. The men died instantly, said Tennant.

McCormick was a weekend anchor for the Greenville station and covered Spartanburg and surrounding areas. He came to the station in April 2007.

Smeltzer worked in Greenville for more than a decade, coming to WYFF-TV from a different station in the market. He touted on his Twitter biography of winning four Emmys.

WHNS-TV reporter Derek Dellinger competed with McCormick and Smeltzer, but also considered them friends. He called Smeltzer a perfectionist and McCormick a hard worker and a nice guy.

"Despite being the competition, I had interactions with (McCormick) both in and out of work, and we would talk about work issues, talk about life — everything," Dellinger said, calling him "a good guy" with a warm heart.

ABC cancels 'Roseanne' following star's racist tweet

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — ABC canceled its hit reboot of "Roseanne" on Tuesday following star Roseanne Barr's racist tweet that referred to former Obama adviser Valerie Jarrett as a product of the Muslim Brotherhood and the "Planet of the Apes."

ABC Entertainment President Channing Dungey said the comment "is abhorrent, repugnant and inconsistent with our values." Barr had apologized and deleted her Monday-night tweet, calling it a "bad joke," but the damage had already been done.

Barr was also dumped by her talent agency, ICM Partners.

The revival of the comedy was a surprise smash for ABC, owned by the Walt Disney Co., and was counted on to lead the network's fortunes next season. Its first new episode in March was seen by more than 25 million people, with delayed viewing counted in, numbers that are increasingly rare in network television. ABC expected advertisers to pay millions of dollars for the chance to be seen during commercial breaks on television's most popular comedy after "The Big Bang Theory."

And it was all killed in a 53-character tweet.

One of the few network shows about a working-class family, "Roseanne" attracted considerable attention upon its return when Barr's character supported President Donald Trump. That made the show popular with conservative viewers, and Trump himself suggested the character's backing had a lot to do with the show's success.

Barr herself has a history of diving into political conspiracy theories on her Twitter feed, and she ended her Memorial Day weekend with a series of statements. She criticized Democratic financier George Soros and tweeted that Chelsea Clinton was "Chelsea Soros Clinton," implying she was married to a nephew of Soros. Clinton herself corrected Barr online. Donald Trump Jr. retweeted two of Barr's statements about Soros, although not the remark about Jarrett.

Jarrett, who is black, was brought up in response to Twitter commentary that raised her name in relation to an Obama conspiracy



AP file photo

Roseanne Barr participates in the "Roseanne" panel during the Disney/ABC Television Critics Association Winter Press Tour on Jan. 8 in Pasadena, Calif. ABC canceled its hit reboot of "Roseanne" on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, following star Roseanne Barr's racist tweet that referred to former Obama adviser Valerie Jarrett as a product of the Muslim Brotherhood and the "Planet of the Apes."

theory. Barr tweeted: "muslim brotherhood & planet of the apes had a baby=vj."

She later tweeted an apology to Jarrett. "Forgive me," she wrote. "My joke was in bad taste."

Barr was quickly condemned. Comic Wanda Sykes, a "Roseanne" writer, tweeted that she wouldn't be returning to the show. Sara Gilbert, a co-star, also tweeted that the remark was abhorrent.

It was a quick decision at ABC for Dungey, who is the first African-American to serve as programming chief for one of the major broadcast networks, and her boss, network president Ben Sherwood. Disney chief executive Robert Iger tweeted his approval: "There was only one thing to do here, and that was the right thing."

Three weeks earlier, "Roseanne" was the toast of ABC's annual presentation of its programming plans to advertisers. Sherwood even joked then: "If anyone came to play a drinking game based on how many times we mention 'Roseanne,' you're welcome."

ABC has lately downplayed the show's political angle. Dungey three weeks ago suggested the show next season would focus more on family than politics.

The NAACP applauded ABC's actions on Tuesday.

"Roseanne Barr's comments were appalling and reminiscent of horrific time in our history when racism was not only acceptable but promoted by Hollywood," said Derrick Johnson, NAACP president and CEO. "We applaud ABC for taking a stand against racism by canceling 'Roseanne.' We commend the network and ... Dungey for placing the values of diversity, inclusion and respect for humanity above ratings."

Barr got what she deserved, said Shonda Rhimes, creator of hit ABC shows like "Grey's Anatomy" and "Scandal."

"As I tell my 4-year-old, one makes a choice with one's actions," Rhimes tweeted. "Roseanne made a choice. A racist one. ABC made a choice. A human one."

ICM dropped Barr within hours of the cancellation, saying in a statement that the agency was "greatly distressed by the disgraceful and unacceptable" tweet. Bruce Helford, executive producer of "Roseanne," said he was "personally horrified and saddened by the comments and in no way do they reflect the values of the people who worked so hard to make this the iconic show that it is."

Sonic joins fast-food trend of taking orders ahead of time

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Sonic Drive-In is joining fast-food industry trends allowing customers to get what they want even faster thanks to smartphones.

The Oklahoma City-based chain has been testing an app that allows consumers to order food and drinks and pick a location and pickup time before they arrive. The app has been tested in Lafayette, Louisiana, and will be

available in Oklahoma City by the end of May.

Sonic hopes to have the service available nationally by the end of the year. McDonald's rolled out a similar app aimed at saving precious seconds and cutting down on pileups in drive-thru lines.

Chief Brand Officer Jose Duena said the app will make Sonic more personalized and competitive. Duena said Sonic studied Starbucks, Panera and Domino's because they use similar technology.

OPINION

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Free speech will not save our country

Across the culture wars of the Trump era, from the controversies over diversity and dissent in academia and Silicon Valley to the president's personal war against protesting pro football players, there is a principled argument that is a stronger cure for polarization everywhere is a stronger respect for freedom of speech.

This argument asks conservatives to recognize that their defense of intellectual diversity on campus is hollow unless they also defend the rights of black athletes to publicly protest. It asks left-wingers to recognize that shouting down right-wing speakers or getting Google engineers fired for "wrongthink" involves the same tactics that they deplore when they're used against progressives. It asks everyone to commit not just to the letter of the First Amendment but to a broader culture of free speech.

I admire the principle of this position, and to some extent I share it. There is no doubt that tolerance and magnanimity are virtues that our society's warring factions need to cultivate. But it's also important to recognize that these virtues depend on deeper forms of wisdom and consensus, and they can't always sustain themselves in cultures and institutions that are simply going bad. Like everything associated with "classical liberalism" — to borrow a label claimed by some of the shouted-down academic dissidents — the idea of free speech is part of a superstructure that can easily be pulled apart from below by contending factions, or crumble when its

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cultural foundation disappears. Consider the NFL protests first. Yes, it would be good if there were a stronger commitment to free speech from team owners, and if they weren't so willing to collude against their players' activism. But the problems run much deeper.

The owners aren't interested in standing up for their employees' right to protest because their bottom line is threatened by Americans exercising their rights and turning off their televisions or ditching season tickets.

The reasons for that counterprotest include an admirable patriotism and an understandable weariness with the politicization of sports and entertainment. But they also include a typical conservative cluelessness about black grievances, a performative and commercialized Americanism that parodies healthy civic life, and the toxic identity politics that Donald Trump is constantly encouraging. And then, of course, the NFL is particularly vulnerable to Trump's demagoguery because its business model depends on gladiatorial combat whose medical risks it has been

desperate to hush up.

So the NFL owners have a multilayered problem, cultural and financial and political and medical, to which a simple why-don't-they-respect-free-speech solution seems woefully insufficient. Everything about the intersection of sports and race relations and the Trump presidency is simply toxic, and expecting free speech to flourish where those rivers meet is like suggesting that a Superfund site cleanup begin by planting daffodils in the most polluted stretch.

There's a similar problem with debates about free speech on liberal college campuses. Yes, it's obviously bad when speakers are denied a platform, threatened and shouted down. But if every protester suddenly fell silent, the atmosphere in elite academia would still be kind of awful — and not only from a conservative perspective.

Meritocracy, materialism and smartphones would still induce mental breakdowns among bright young climbers. The humanities would still be in existential crisis and possibly terminal decline. A "hedge fund with a library attached" model of administration would still prevail. An incoherent mix of ambitious scientism and post-Protestant moralism and simple greed would still be the ruling spirit.

Much of recent left-wing campus activism has to be understood in this depressing context — as a response to a pre-existing crisis, an attempt to infuse morality and purpose into institutions that

employ many brilliant minds but mostly promote incurious ambition and secular conformity.

Which suggests that the dissident, "dark web" intellectuals who have gained a following by warring with those activists ultimately need (as some of them seem to intuit) a competing moral and metaphysical vision of their own, not just the procedural freedom to say some stuff that is politically incorrect.

A cycle of conservative speakers triggering left-wing activists may vindicate the First Amendment, but it won't help the university escape its current incoherence and despondency. A classical liberalism that only wants to defend its own right to argue — because that's what John Stuart Mill would want or something — will end up talking only to itself. If you want a healthy culture of debate, it's not enough to complain that Marxists and postmodernists are out to silence you; you need your own idea of what education and human life itself are for.

Yes, this makes the problem sound insanelly big; the advantage of free speech as common ground is that you don't have to solve the "what's wrong with academia" problem or the equally daunting "what's wrong with big-time sports and race relations."

But sometimes the problems are bad enough that the procedural approach isn't a solution. And with due respect to the First Amendment, I think this is one of those times.

GUEST VIEW

Double standard exists when left comments about 'thoughts and prayers'

It is more predictable than the wind blowing in Amarillo. Following an act of gun violence (sometimes immediately after the act), many on the left take to social media to pile on the National Rifle Association, while many on the right offer their thoughts and prayers for the victims, their loved ones and families.

However, it seems to be only the thoughts and prayers of those on the right that are judged.

As evidence, we offer a recent post by AJ Willingham on www.cnn.com headlined "How 'thoughts and prayers' went from common condolence to cynical meme." (This post is a prime example of how the right is being criticized, in this case.)

Basically, the aforementioned post criticizes those on the right, primarily politicians, for offering thoughts and prayers following acts of gun violence — and for not shredding the Second Amendment.

(On a related note, the individual responsible for the recent school shooting near Houston reportedly used firearms belonging to his father. He did not obtain guns from some perceived gun law loophole. However, sometimes the details — if not facts — do not matter when it comes to a social agenda.)

The truth is this — the right has not cornered the market on social media comments that some may consider useless. Remember the #BringBackOurGirls hashtag campaign? Many on the left probably do not remember — so here is a brief review. This hashtag campaign featured then-first lady Michelle Obama and celebrities such as Angelina Jolie. The campaign was in reference to 276 girls who were kidnapped by a terrorist group, Boko Haram, from a school in Nigeria in 2014.

And what was the result of this social media response? Nothing. Of the 276 "our girls" who were kidnapped, it has been reported that 57 managed to escape.

However, meaningless tweets and social media pictures from the first lady and celebrities had nothing to do with it. America did little, if anything, to help — and the story was soon forgotten.

The point is this — Republican politicians have not cornered the market on social media reactions that some may consider verbal window-dressing.

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Trump's success is good for midterms

JOE SCARBOROUGH
Special to the Washington Post

The Republican Party's dance with President Donald Trump has long been marked by fits and starts. And for much of that troubled relationship, it has been hard to grasp why so many conservatives would sell their political souls to a man who wallows in racist stereotypes, questions federal judges' legitimacy, flogs the free press, undermines Madison's constitutional norms, declares war on America's intelligence community, and attacks Justice Department and FBI leaders he appointed for refusing to kill Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation.

With the GOP's midterm campaign pitch coming more clearly into focus, we may be starting to get our answer.

Proving just how cynical swampland politics can be, most of the Republican politicians and lobbyists debasing themselves daily for Trump once treated the reality-TV star with open contempt. House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., declared a Trump comment to be a "textbook" example of racism before quickly endorsing him. Mike Pence told friends and political allies that the New York billionaire was an unacceptable Republican nominee before eagerly accepting a spot on Trump's ticket. And craven conservatives who once blasted "Morning Joe" for giving presidential candidate Trump airtime now attack us for criticizing Trump's White House antics.

Few things in politics are black and white, but for members of Lincoln's party, opposing Trump should have been one of them. On Dec. 7, 2015, the former Democratic donor called for a "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States. ..." For me, that was it. Who could, after all, vote for a politician who wanted to ban 1.5 billion souls from the United States because of their religious faith? Not me. The fact that Republicans such as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Ryan still support Trump reveals more about their character than mine.

Even after calling for a Muslim ban in 2015, professing ignorance of former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke in 2016, defending white supremacists in 2017 and calling out Hispanic "breeding" in April, Trump still enjoys steadfast support among most Capitol Hill Republicans. Many GOP politicians are so affected by his corrupting influence that they forced the Justice Department and the FBI to expose a source while desperately trying to derail the government's investigation into Russian attacks on America's democracy.

Good luck explaining that to your grandkids, Speaker Ryan.

For much of Trump's reign over Republicans, party members got little more from their dance with The Donald than a Supreme Court appointment.

But as Trump careens toward his first midterm test in November, Democrats should understand that they are in for a fight. The blundering billionaire has actually begun to fill his political trophy case with victories sure to inspire the conservative base.

Republican candidates justifying their support for a man who lies about payoffs to porn stars, lies about policies that rip infants from their mothers' arms and lies about the existence of White House staffers speaking on his behalf now have more than Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch to justify their devotion to the "carnage" president.

For starters, they can point to Trump's conservative judicial nominees beyond Gorsuch as cause for celebration. But their talking points can also include massive tax cuts, a bigger military budget, regulatory reform and the gutting of the Environmental Protection Agency. Other wedge-issue winners include the planned withdrawal from the Paris climate accords, scrapping of the Iran nuclear deal, undermining Obamacare, moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, attacking federal employee unions and promoting extreme immigration policies. Add to that the mocking of political correctness and identity politics, and you have a platform sure to inspire the activists who drive today's Republican Party.

While many of these policies will drive up the federal debt, diminish U.S. power across the globe and likely will be reversed by a stroke of his successor's pen, Trump's list of "accomplishments" are scratching an ideological itch that establishment Republicans could never reach. This is, of course, because many of his moves will prove to be disastrous in short order. But Trump is not concerned with history's judgment. He simply wants to stay out of jail and complete his first term.

Keeping control of Congress after the midterms may allow the president to achieve those modest goals. But the question Democrats should be asking themselves today is whether Trump's expanding populist checklist will sufficiently energize the conservative base in November to keep his congressional handmaidens in charge. Unless Democrats find their voice and an alternative to Trump's bleak agenda, his pathetic populist shtick just may do the trick this fall.

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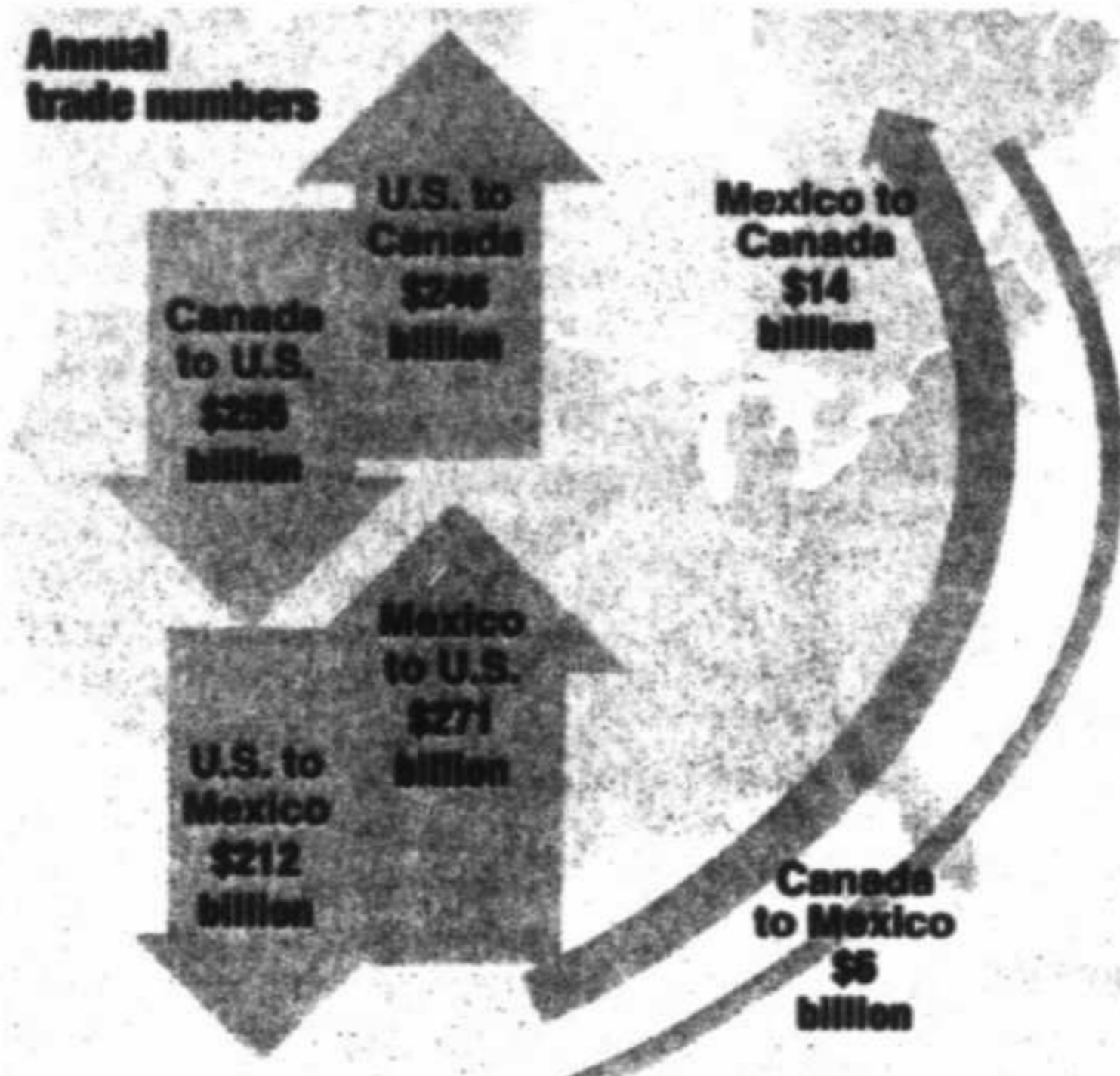


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Flow of trade between NAFTA partners

Billions of dollars worth of goods move each day between the United States and its neighbors — far more than when NAFTA went into effect in 1994.



Source: U.S. Census for US-Canada and US-Mexico trade flows (2016 data); Statistics Canada for Canada-Mexico (2015 data). Graphic: Dallas Morning News/7MS

Push for NAFTA forges on as deadlines loom

By Josh Wingrove, Eric Martin and Jenny Leonard
Bloomberg

Canada's foreign minister is holding talks in Washington as the clock ticks down to reach a deal on updating the North American Free Trade Agreement that could pass Congress this year and skirt metal tariffs.

Christia Freeland spoke to reporters Tuesday afternoon in Washington after meeting for more than two hours with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer. The two will speak again later in the day by phone, she said. Freeland will be in Washington through Wednesday, according to a statement from her office, which didn't provide a detailed itinerary.

"Over the past week our teams have been very intensely engaged," she told reporters outside Lighthizer's office building, adding that she has also been speaking with Mexico's Economy Minister Ildefonso Guajardo. "We have continued working hard on the negotiation."

Time is running out. The U.S. has exempted Canada and Mexico so far from tariffs on steel and aluminum, but tied that to NAFTA talks. Those exemptions are set to expire Friday morning, at the end of what the White House has called a "final" extension. U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan has also suggested a NAFTA deal is needed around then to pass the current Congress. Adding to pressure is a Mexican election on July 1 that could usher in populist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador as president, and the new threat of auto tariffs, which would hurt Canada and Mexico.

The trio of NAFTA ministers doesn't look set to meet. Mexico's Guajardo, leading NAFTA talks for his country, were in Paris on Tuesday and today for Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development meetings. Lighthizer attended those meetings last year and is expected to this year, but hasn't formally confirmed a trip.

NAFTA talks have lately focused largely on the automotive sector, though other key barriers remain, such as over U.S. demands for an automatic termination clause. Mexico is said to have offered a major concession on autos — agreeing to require 20 percent of a car is built at high wages — in exchange for the U.S. dropping other controversial provisions. The U.S. hasn't publicly responded.

Speaking Monday in Ottawa, Freeland said the government is standing "firmly behind" her country's autoworkers, and chastised U.S. officials for the premise of auto tariffs — that Canada's vehicle-manufacturing industry threatened U.S. national security. "The idea that Canada and Canadian cars could pose any kind of security threat to the United States is frankly absurd, and I have made that clear to the U.S. administration," Freeland told lawmakers in Ottawa. She repeated that argument to reporters in Washington on Tuesday.

Guajardo said last week he sees a 40 percent chance of reaching a NAFTA deal before July 1, Mexico's election day. Unifor President Jerry Dias, whose union represents Canadian autoworkers and others, said there are many barriers to a deal.

Ted Cruz fundraising with official looking 'summons' mailers

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Sen. Ted Cruz's re-election campaign is sending fundraising letters in envelopes marked "Summons Enclosed — Open Immediately," suggesting they could contain court appearance orders.

Instead, inside is a letter from the Republican asking for support in his race against Democratic Rep. Beto O'Rourke.

The San Antonio Express News' editorial board has criticized the mailer as looking "like a

legal threat." Cruz spokeswoman Catherine Frazier confirmed that the letter came from the campaign, saying Tuesday that out of 50,000-plus San Antonio area mailers "there was one complaint that came not to us but to the local media."

She called such mailers "effective and critical to identifying and engaging our supporters."

The envelope also reads, "Ted Cruz for Senate 2018," but in smaller print in the upper left corner.

New swamp: Lobbyist tied to Perry seeks energy firm bailout

By Matthew Daly and Richard Lardner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At a West Virginia rally on tax cuts, President Donald Trump veered off on a subject that likely puzzled most of his audience.

"Nine of your people just came up to me outside. 'Could you talk about 202?' he said. 'We'll be looking at that 202. You know what a 202 is? We're trying.'"

One person who undoubtedly knew what Trump was talking about last month was Jeff Miller, an energy lobbyist with whom the president had dined the night before. Miller had been hired by FirstEnergy Solutions, a bankrupt power company that relies on coal and nuclear energy to produce electricity. His assignment: push the Trump administration to use a so-called 202 order — named for a provision of the Federal Power Act — to secure a bailout worth billions of dollars.

Although Trump didn't agree to the plan — he still hasn't — for Miller, a president's public declaration of interest amounted to a job well done.

How a single lobbyist helped carry a long-shot idea from obscurity to the presidential stage is a twisty journey through the new swamp of Trump's Washington. Rather than clearing out the lobbyists and campaign donors that spend big money to sway politicians, Trump and his advisers paved the way for a new cast of powerbrokers who have quickly embraced familiar ways to wield influence.

Miller is among them. A well-connected GOP fundraiser, he served in the past as an adviser to California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and to Texas Gov. Rick Perry, also a close friend. He ran Perry's unsuccessful presidential campaign in 2016. And when Trump tapped Perry to lead the Energy Department, Miller shepherded his friend through confirmation, sitting behind him, next to the nominee's wife, at the Senate hearing.

When Perry came to Washington, Miller did, too. He launched his firm, Miller Strategies, early last year and began lobbying his friend and other Washington officials.

Besides Perry, Miller is close to other Trump-era power players. He is among House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy's best friends, their relationship dating back decades to Miller's days in California. In more recent years, Miller developed a friendship with Vice President Mike Pence adviser Marty Obst.

Obst says the two began working closely together when Perry and Pence held leadership roles at the Republican Governors Association several years ago. "He's very influential in Washington, a leading fundraiser," Obst said of Miller in a brief interview.

Now, after 14 months in business, the 43-year-old has collected more than \$3.2 million from a roster of clients that includes several of the nation's largest energy companies, among them Southern Co., a nuclear power plant operator headquartered in Atlanta, and Texas-based Valero Energy, according to federal filings. Miller also has continued



AP file photo

Jeff Miller attends then Energy Secretary-designate Rick Perry's confirmation hearing Jan. 19, 2017, before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Capitol Hill in Washington. President Donald Trump has talked frequently about draining the swamp of inside dealers in Washington. But lobbyist Jeff Miller might be considered part of the new swamp. Miller, who is a close friend of Energy Secretary Rick Perry, is pushing the administration for a bailout worth billions of dollars for FirstEnergy Solutions, a bankrupt coal and nuclear power company. Miller has earned \$3.2 million in just over a year as a lobbyist for clients that include several large energy companies.

to raise money for GOP politicians. He contributed nearly \$37,000 of his own over the past year to Republicans, including Sen. Ted Cruz and Greg Pence of Indiana, who's seeking the congressional seat once held by his younger brother, the vice president, according to federal campaign records.

He is an active supporter of America First Action, a pro-Trump super PAC that raised \$4.7 million in the first three months of 2018. That work earned him a spot at dinner with Trump, McCarthy and other GOP donors in the upscale City Center complex blocks from the White House.

"What happened to draining the political swamp?" asks Dick Manson with the Environmental Defense Fund, who said he sees FirstEnergy and other coal operators "grasping" for bailouts to solve problems of their own making. "It seems when you don't have solid arguments, you hire well-paid lobbyists and make huge political contributions."

Miller declined to comment for this story. Brian Walsh, president of America First Action, said Miller raises money for the group on a volunteer basis. Miller, who lives in Texas, spent years outside of Washington independently developing an "amazing" network of connections, Walsh said. He described Miller as a "straight shooter" and rejected the notion that he is cashing in on Trump's election and Perry's ascension to energy chief.

"He doesn't play games with people," Walsh said of Miller. But Tim Judson, executive director of Nuclear Information and Resource Service, an activist group, called Miller's involvement in the bailout request the ultimate "Washington swamp" situation.

"We have a special-interest appeal by FirstEnergy, a top lobbyist dining with the president, and that same lobbyist is raising money for a pro-Trump super PAC and asking for 'emergency action' from someone whose presidential campaign he ran," Judson said.

Miller registered as a lobbyist in Washington in February 2017, just after Trump took office. He was hired by FirstEnergy in July 2017. Lobbying disclosure records show he was paid to target the highest levels

of American government: the White House — to include the offices of Trump and Pence — and Perry's Energy Department. Miller has earned \$330,000 from FirstEnergy since last year, making him one of the company's highest-paid outside lobbyists.

The coal industry's top priority at the time was seizing on the campaign promises Trump had made — he pledged repeatedly to bring back coal jobs — to ask for unprecedented federal assistance.

Ohio-based Murray Energy Corp., the nation's largest privately owned coal-mining company, and its largest customer, FirstEnergy, pushed the Energy Department for an emergency order, a measure typically reserved for war or natural disasters. Among other measures, the intervention would have exempted power plants from obeying a host of environmental laws and would have spent billions to keep coal-fired plants open, an unprecedented federal intervention in the nation's energy markets.

CEO Robert Murray and Charles Jones, CEO of FirstEnergy's parent company, met with Trump in West Virginia to discuss the request, informing the president that the power company was on the verge of bankruptcy.

Despite the high-powered lobbying, Perry rejected the request in August, saying the emergency order wasn't the right mechanism. He offered another option, asking federal energy regulators to approve a plan that would reward nuclear and coal-fired power plants for adding reliability to the nation's power grid. But the independent Federal Energy Regulatory Commission rejected the plan in January, saying there's no evidence that past or planned retirements of coal-fired power plants pose a threat to grid reliability.

Soon after, FirstEnergy began pushing anew for the 202. Miller has visited the Energy Department at least twice since June, including on the day Trump delivered a speech on his energy agenda at the agency's Washington headquarters.

The company argues the

emergency order is needed to prevent premature retirement of coal and nuclear plants that "cannot operate profitably under current market conditions." The proposal would allocate money to subsidize the company and other coal operators — an outcome the company says would avert thousands of layoffs and help ensure reliability of the electric grid up and down the East Coast.

The Ohio-based company filed for bankruptcy in late March, days after announcing it would shut down three nuclear plants in Ohio and Pennsylvania within three years. The announcement followed the planned closure of a West Virginia coal-fired plant, one of a series of closings as the coal and nuclear industries struggle to compete with electricity plants that burn natural gas.

FirstEnergy's bid for the emergency request is widely opposed by business and environmental groups as an unfair tipping of the scales in favor of filtering energy sources.

An independent wholesaler that oversees the power grid in 13 states and the District of Columbia has said the Eastern grid is in no immediate danger. FirstEnergy can shut down its three nuclear power plants within three years without destabilizing the power grid, according to a report last month from the wholesaler, PJM Interconnection.

Still, the push for a bailout continues.

Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W. Va., recently suggested that Perry consider using a Korean War-era defense law to prevent the retirement of ailing coal and nuclear units. The Defense Production Act of 1950 is intended to prioritize industries deemed vital to national security. President Harry Truman used the law to cap wages and impose price controls on the steel industry.

FirstEnergy said it supports the premise, although it says it has not specifically urged Perry to use the defense law.

Perry said the administration is looking at the defense law "very closely," one of several options being considered.

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North Korea sees US economic handouts as threat

By Eric Talmadge
Associated Press

ANALYSIS

TOKYO — The U.S.-North Korea summit appears to be back on track, but Pyongyang is showing increased impatience at comments coming out of Washington that what leader Kim Jong Un really wants, even more than his nuclear security blanket, is American-style prosperity.

It's a core issue for Kim and a message President Donald Trump shouldn't ignore as they work to nail down their summit next month in Singapore.

Kim is as enthusiastic as Trump to see the summit happen as soon as possible, but the claim that his sudden switch to diplomacy over the past several months shows he is aching for U.S. economic aid and private-sector know-how presents a major problem for the North Korean leader, who can't be seen as going into the summit with his hat in his hand.

The claim is also quite possibly off target.

North Korea is far more interested in improving trade with China, its economic lifeline, and with South Korea, which it sees as a potential gold mine for tourism and large-scale joint projects. Getting the U.S. to back off sanctions so he can pursue those goals, along with the boost to his legitimacy and whatever security guarantees he can take home, is more likely foremost on Kim's mind.

Even so, the North's perceived thirst for U.S. economic aid has consistently been the message coming from Trump and his senior officials. All Kim needs to do, they suggest, is commit to denuclearization and American entrepreneurs will be ready to unleash their miracles on the country's sad-sack economy.

"I truly believe North Korea has brilliant potential and will be a great economic and financial

nation one day," Trump tweeted Sunday. "Kim Jong Un agrees with me on this."

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has laid Washington's road map out in more detail.

"We can create conditions for real economic prosperity for the North Korean people that will rival that of the South," he said earlier this month in a televised interview. "It won't be U.S. taxpayers. It will be American know-how, knowledge, entrepreneurs and risk-takers working alongside the North Korean people to create a robust economy for their people."

Pompeo suggested that Americans help build out the North's energy grid, develop its infrastructure and deliver the finest agricultural equipment and technology "so they can eat meat and have healthy lives."

Kim has emphatically not agreed to any of that.

Under Trump's "maximum pressure" policy, international sanctions on North Korea are stronger than ever. Sanctions relief would open the door for more trade with China, South Korea and possibly Russia — partners North Korea trusts more than it trusts Washington — and potentially unlock access to global financial institutions.

The last thing Kim wants is to give up his nuclear weapons only to have his country overrun with American businessmen and entrepreneurs.

To Pyongyang's ears, that scenario is less an offer than a threat.

Despite its very real need for foreign investment, Kim's regime has good reason to be wary of economic aid in general. Opening up to aid inevitably involves some degree of increased contact with potentially disruptive outsiders, calls for change, loosening of controls and restrictions



AP file photo

In this undated photo provided Saturday by the North Korean government, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un inspects the construction site of the Wonsan-Kalma coastal tourist area in Gangwon-do, North Korea. The U.S.-North Korea summit appears to be back on track, but Pyongyang is showing increased impatience at comments coming out of Washington that what Kim really wants, even more than his nuclear security blanket, is American-style prosperity. Independent journalists were not given access to cover the event depicted in this image distributed by the North Korean government.

ing of controls and restrictions — all of which could be seen as a threat to Kim's near absolute authority.

North Korea's message on that has been clear.

Almost as soon as Pompeo started talking about his plan to rebuild North Korea's economy, Kim Kye Gwan, the North's first vice foreign minister, shot back that Pyongyang has no interest in that kind of help, saying, "We have never had any expectation of U.S. support in carrying out our economic construction and will not at all make such a deal in future, too."

State media unleashed another attack on the idea Sunday, calling

Fox News, CBS and CNN "hack media on the payroll of power" for airing programs that featured U.S. officials talking about how large-scale, nongovernmental economic aid awaits North Korea if it moves toward verifiable and irreversible denuclearization.

The North's media have been careful not to criticize Trump directly.

But the issue is sensitive enough that the North has also stepped up its response in ideological terms, stressing the superiority of the socialist system and the value of independence, while warning against the underhanded scheming of the "imperialists," which in North Korea speak is

interchangeable with "Americans."

"It is the calculation of the imperialists that they can attain their aims without firing a single shot if they make the people degenerate and disintegrate ideologically and foment social disorder," said an editorial Sunday in the ruling party's newspaper.

The commentary went on to call the capitalist way of life "ideological and cultural poisoning" and concluded, "Unless such poisoning is prevented, it would be impossible to defend independence and socialism and achieve the independent development of each country and nation."

Missouri governor resigns amid widening investigations

By David A. Lieb
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens, a sometimes brash political outsider whose unconventional resume as a Rhodes scholar and Navy SEAL officer made him a rising star in the Republican Party, resigned Tuesday amid a widening investigation that arose from an affair with his former hairdresser.

The 44-year-old governor spent nearly six months fighting to stay in office after the affair became public in January in a television news report that aired immediately following his State of the State address. The probes into his conduct by prosecutors and lawmakers began with allegations stemming from the affair and expanded to include questions about whether he violated campaign-finance laws.

Greitens said his resignation would take effect Friday. "This ordeal has been designed to cause an incredible amount of strain on my family — millions of dollars of mounting legal bills, endless personal attacks designed to cause maximum damage to family and friends," he said in a brief statement from his Jefferson City office, his voice breaking at times.

He said he could not "allow those forces to continue to cause pain and difficulty to the people that I love."

Lawmakers pressuring Greitens to step down included many Republicans, who feared that his troubles could jeopardize the GOP's chances of defeating incumbent Democrat Sen. Claire McCaskill in a race considered essential to the party's hopes of keeping control of the Senate.

The local St. Louis prosecutor's office said it had reached a "fair and just resolution" on criminal charges against Greitens now that he's leaving office. But the prosecutor said details would not be made public until Wednesday.

A St. Louis grand jury indicted Greitens on Feb. 22 on one felony count of invasion of privacy for allegedly taking and transmitting a photo of the woman without her consent at his home in 2015, before he was elected governor. The charge was dismissed during jury selection, but a special prosecutor from Kansas City is considering whether to refile charges and said Tuesday that her investigation is ongoing.

In April, the St. Louis prosecutor, Kim Gardner, charged Greitens with another felony, alleging that he improperly used the donor list for a charity that he had founded to raise money for his 2016 campaign.

Then less than two weeks ago, the Missouri Legislature began meeting in special session to consider whether to pursue impeachment proceedings to try to oust Greitens from office. A special House investigative committee had subpoenaed Greitens to testify next Monday.

Two people with close ties to Republican officials in Washington and Missouri told The Associated Press there was no coordinated effort to push Greitens out.

The governor's business had alienated some GOP legislators even before his affair became public. Senate Leadership Fund President Steven Law said the resignation could help unify Missouri Republicans and free up money.

Trump warns Tennessee supporters against being 'complacent'

By Darlene Superville
and Ken Thomas
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — President Donald Trump on Tuesday warned his supporters against being "complacent" this fall, asking voters to send more Republicans to Congress while crediting Democrats with "sticking together" to oppose his agenda.

Trump traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, as he steps up his efforts to stop Democrats aiming to regain control of the House or Senate — if not both.

"We need Marsha in the Senate to continue the amazing progress and work that we've done over the last year and a half," Trump said of Republican Rep. Marsha Blackburn, who's running for a Senate seat. "To keep on winning, you have to vote Republican in November."

Trump also headlined a fundraiser for Blackburn, who is expected to face Democratic former Gov. Phil Bredesen to replace Republican Sen. Bob Corker, who is retiring. The Tennessee campaign is among several races crucial to Trump's plans to maintain control of the Senate, where Republicans are defending a narrow two-seat majority.

Trump criticized Bredesen for being backed by national Democrats, including the Senate and House leaders.

"He's a tool of Chuck Schumer and of course the MS-13 lover Nancy Pelosi," Trump said. Earlier this month, House Democratic Leader Pelosi criticized Trump's rhetoric and policies on immigrants after he called members of the international gang "animals."

Trump added that Bredesen donated to Hillary

Clinton's presidential campaign in 2016, saying, "Phil Bredesen supported her and he supported her ideas."

Trump plans a series of political rallies and events in the coming months to boost Republicans and brand Democrats as obstructionists to his agenda. He says his supporters can't sit back and relax this fall after working to elect him in 2016. "That's the worst thing that can happen," he said.

"In November, we will reverse a trend," Trump added, alluding to recent precedent in which the party holding the White House tends to lose congressional seats.

He said of Democrats, "They're bad at everything but they're good at sticking together," and appealed for GOP unity come November.

The president held a similar rally in Indiana earlier this month, appearing with Republican businessman Mike Braun and ripping Democratic Sen. Joe Donnelly as a "swamp person" who refused to aid the GOP agenda. Trump will also raise money for

GOP candidates in Texas on Thursday.

Trump is using the campaign appearances to mobilize his core backers by highlighting his accomplishments in office, like improving economic indicators and moving the U.S. embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, and resurrecting some of his go-to lines from the 2016 campaign.

"I don't want to cause a problem, but in the end, Mexico's gonna pay for the wall," Trump said of his signature campaign promise.

Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto quickly replied to Trump Tuesday, writing on his Twitter account — in English, which Pena Nieto seldom does — "NO. Mexico will NEVER pay for a wall. Not now, not ever. Sincerely, Mexico (all of us)."

Earlier Tuesday, Trump raised the prospect of special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia probe affecting the November elections and blamed Democrats for "Collusion." On Twitter, he said the "13 Angry Democrats" on Mueller's team "will be MEDDLING

with the mid-term elections, especially now that Republicans (stay tough!) are taking the lead in Polls. Mueller is a Republican."

Trump has also used his Twitter page to boost California Republican gubernatorial candidate John Cox, hoping to strengthen the party's chances of securing a spot on the ballot in November. He has also set his sights on Montana, where Democratic Sen. Jon Tester is seeking re-election in a state Trump carried in a landslide. Both states have primaries June 5.

Tennessee has a history of electing centrist senators and the race could be complicated by Corker's up-and-down relationship with Trump. Corker once said Trump had turned the White House into an "adult day care center" and the president tweeted that Corker "couldn't get elected dog catcher in Tennessee."

Yet Corker was in the Oval Office on Saturday, receiving praise from the president for his help in securing the release of an American imprisoned in Venezuela.

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the annual screening test is 3D mammography that is paid for by Medicare and all health insurance companies without copay or a deductible expense to the patient.

There is controversy and misinformation about breast cancer and screening mammography in the media these days, causing significant confusion and anxiety among West Texas women. I would like to set the record straight with facts and figures from the medical world where I live and practice every day.

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BLUETOOTH BEACONS



Yi-Chin Lee/Houston Chronicle

METRO Chief Technology Officer Randy Frazier, left, and Mike McCulloch, 63, a member of the test group that helps METRO experiment with Bluetooth beacons, poses for a photograph with an app-in-progress that McCulloch is assisting to develop for visually-impaired passengers at a bus stop Thursday in Houston. For around \$375,000, Metro officials plan to place beacons at bus stops that will communicate with smartphones, giving vision-impaired passengers precise information. They will be the first in the nation to widespread deploy the device.

Houston Metro uses technology to aid visually impaired

■ City's transit agency at forefront nationally by introducing beacons to give disabled riders greater access

By Dug Begley
Houston Chronicle

Houston, with its narrow sidewalks and wide, car-jammed streets, can be

difficult to navigate by bus. Just getting to the right bus stop can be a challenge, as some intersections have stops on every side of the streets and are marked only with a Metropolitan Transit Authority sign and the numbers of approaching routes.

Now close your eyes and try it. "It'd be impossible," frequent bus rider Sheryl Greene said, standing at a stop along Westheimer near Yupon.

"You'd walk right into traffic." For less than the cost of a single bus, however, Metro might be the first transit agency in the country to take a significant step across an entire bus system that could open riding options to scores of vision-impaired customers with the use of a smartphone.

The secret is a small beacon about the size of a garage door opener, placed atop every one of those bus-stop poles.

"It is amazing when you see a need you can address it with new technologies," said Lex Frieden, a member of the transit agency's board and a nationally acclaimed disability-access advocate.

Users can plot their location using a

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Dermatologist pushes for better sunscreens

■ US versions don't adequately block UVA, doctor says

By Jack Kaskey
Bloomberg

Dermatologist Steve Wang treats skin-cancer patients all day at a Sloan Kettering hospital in New Jersey, so he knows better than most that U.S. sunscreens aren't up to the job.

The oily stuff Americans are slathering on before heading to the beach this summer probably won't give them as much protection as the products sold in other countries. Europe, Japan, Australia, Canada all have sunscreens that do a better job shielding against cancer-causing skin damage, and feel better on the skin, too.

Meanwhile, stricter approval standards in the U.S. have brought innovation to a standstill and limited options to defend against the sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation. That means Americans don't have access to more-effective filters developed by chemical makers such as BASF and cosmetics companies like L'Oréal, which have been widely used for years in sunscreens outside the U.S.

"I don't know why this is being held up," said Wang, who has researched and published his findings on the inferiority of U.S. versions. "If you had a better sunscreen, perhaps more people would want to use it."

And that would "theoretically prevent more skin cancers," he said.

The \$1.2 billion sunscreen industry has turned to Congress for help in clearing the way for better sunscreens. Pending legislation aimed at speeding approvals took on even more urgency this month when Hawaiian lawmakers voted to ban two of the ingredients most relied on in the U.S. because the chemicals may harm coral reefs.

"With Hawaii, we are going in the wrong direction," said Michael Kaplan, president of the Melanoma Research Alliance. "It's a real concern from my perspective, because over 9,000 people die every year from melanoma."

U.S. sunscreens protect against the type of ultraviolet rays that cause sunburn, known as UVB, but most aren't as good at blocking UVA, said Wang, director of dermatology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Basking Ridge. UVA penetrates deeper into the skin and can accelerate aging and cause genetic changes that lead to cancer.

Many European sunscreen formulas contain filters that provide better protection against UVA while also protecting against UVB. And they're less oily, which make them more appealing to use, said Parand Salmasinia, a vice president at Dutch cosmetics company DSM Personal

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Honesty, trust, commitment are markers of healthy relationships

Perhaps one of the most difficult things any of us do is to maintain healthy relationships. There are some specific identifying markers that signify that your relationships are



healthy, as well as those that mark a potentially abusive relationship.

Some of the markers for healthy relationships are allowing for individuality, acceptance of each other without wanting to change or control your partner, respect, true intimacy, honesty, commitment, trust and the opportunity to express feelings.

We are all different, and the ability to express our individuality without judgment is what allows us to feel safe and

confident in our relationship. When one partner is unable to feel safe and cannot allow vulnerability, communication begins to break down and the walls go up. We cannot read each other's mind. We have to be able to tell our partner what we think, feel and need without fear of rejection or ridicule. We need to learn to accept, not change, each other.

A healthy relationship is one based on mutual respect. This means that each person allows for differences and individuality, validates and affirms the other's feelings, is understanding, values differing opinions and can listen non-judgmentally.

True intimacy is based on a sense of well-being and self-esteem. We cannot attain intimacy when we feel threatened or judged. Intimacy is the key to

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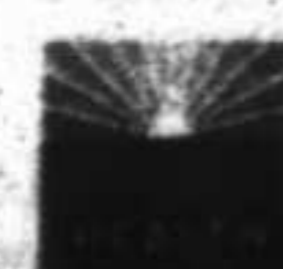
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BEACON

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mapping program, then the beacons are integrated into the directions. Often, the biggest challenge for some users is finding precisely where a bus stop is located at an intersection, or in the middle of a long block.

"It is about getting that information and getting it in your hands," said Randy Frazier, Metro's chief technology officer.

As someone approaches their intended stop, their phone receives signals from the beacon, which can send an alert to their phone. Alerts can be delivered either as audio instructions, such as how a mapping program gives drivers voice instructions to turn left or right, or as tactile directions that use pulsing so someone can understand the instructions via sense of touch. As they draw closer to the stop, the pulses increase until the rider knows they are in the correct spot.

"The beacons make a big difference," said Michael McCulloch, 63, a bus rider who is visually impaired and helping Metro test the system before its release in the fall.

Frieden said the effort is one of the most beneficial steps he's seen any public agency take to link disabled riders with new options.

"Now they can go to a stop in our system reliably," he said. "It gives people the opportunity to shop at places they haven't, go places they could not otherwise. It really opens doors."

McCulloch agreed, noting that while his daily trips are routine and easily navigable, any diversion is much different.

"Now I can use the app to find a restaurant or give me the information for a route I might not typically use," he said.

The beacons are a relatively inexpensive leap that could put Metro at the forefront of making transit more accessible for many potential riders. In addition to an aging population of baby boomers, many of whom will need transit in the future as they lose the ability to drive, Metro and other transit agencies struggle to lessen para-transit costs.

MetroLift, which offers door-to-door service for elderly and disabled passengers, costs Metro \$2.47 per mile, according to 2016 data. Providing a taxi, where applicable, reduces the cost to \$1.26 per mile a passenger is carried.

Conventional transit, meanwhile, costs Metro less, about \$1.11 per mile



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Mike McCulloch, 63, a member of the test group that helps METRO experiment with bluetooth beacons, listens to the audio commands from an app-in-progress that he is assisting to develop for visually-impaired passengers at a bus stop Thursday in Houston.

for a bus and \$1.17 for light rail. When that's considered across nearly 590 million miles of transit travel in the Houston area, shifting riders to buses and trains could save millions of dollars and give elderly and disabled riders more freedom to travel without prearranged plans.

Installing beacons at all of Metro's roughly 9,000 bus stops is expected to cost \$375,000, meaning for less than the cost of a single bus every place that a bus stops will be accessible to the visually impaired and others. The beacons, tucked into stops usually along the poles holding up the signs that list buses served by the stop, cost about \$20 each when bought in bulk.

"The fact that it is a low-cost, proven technology is attractive," Frazier said.

What's also critical is the beacons bring the technology to every stop, not just major ones. McCulloch said finding major stops is possible, largely by poking around and finding the shelters.

"Out in some neighborhood where (the stop) is just a pole, it is hard to know," McCulloch said.

Deployment started small but accelerated quickly. Metro joined with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute and won a research grant to install 30 beacons from Google so they could test the technology — including working with visually impaired pas-

sengers to using a smart-phone app.

A separate app was considered, but Frieden said Metro correctly decided to add the technology to its existing app, meaning disabled riders have the same interface and offerings as others.

Following what officials said was a successful test of the beacons, Metro made plans to add them to every bus stop, train station and bus depot.

The rollout is taking place in two phases, starting with about 2,400 beacons along 11 major routes that act as a backbone for a lot of east-west travel in Houston.

The second phase adds a beacon at every stop in Metro's 1,300-square-mile service area, which covers most of Harris County. That complete coverage includes better directions at transit centers, where someone who is visually impaired might face added complications.

"If you are visually impaired and this is the first time you are riding, you can get to the Downtown Transit Center," Frazier said. "But there are eight bays."

Beacons placed at every bay where a bus arrives can direct someone to exactly where they need to be, he said.

The second phase comes with more testing, Frazier said, as Metro works out bugs.

Compared to some

Metro initiatives, the beacons are less likely to have unforeseen complications. Unlike autonomous shuttles, alternative fuels and speedy platooning of buses down HOV lanes, the technology in the beacons and online maps is well-researched.

Bluetooth was developed in 1998 by consortium of wireless phone companies and has in the past 20 years become the de facto way of connecting devices over short distances using radio frequencies.

The beacons, encased in plastic and protected from weather, have a battery life of 10 years or more, according to the manufacturer, Florida-based Bluvision. Frazier said officials would be pleased to get five to seven years of life out of the beacons. As technology improves, he said, replacing devices every few years also assures better quality as systems change.

Though the beacons and mapping system were styled to help elderly and disabled riders, Frieden said the system has appeal to others as well, when matched with other mapping.

"The first automatic transmission was made for a disabled guy in Canada," Frieden said, a development that improved the automobile for non-disabled drivers as well. "All of these things that get made for the disabled have some value for everyone."

Obituaries

Gloria Bernard Martinez

Gloria Bernard Martinez, 84, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Saturday, May 26, 2018. She was born July 12, 1932 in Imperial, Tx., to Robert and Manuela Bernard. She is survived by her brother, Jose Bernard of Midland, Tx.; her two sons, Rene Martinez of Carlsbad, NM, and Raul Martinez of Victoria, Tx.; her daughter Nancy Martinez Madrid of Victoria, Tx.; her 10 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband Oscar B. Martinez Sr., and her son Oscar Martinez Jr. Rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 29, 2018 at Peaceful Garden Funeral Home in Pecos, Tx. Her mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Pecos, Tx., with a burial to immediately follow at Mt. Evergreen Cemetery in Pecos, Tx.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to Crown Hospice of Victoria, Tx.

He is survived by his wife Jessica Gomez, mother and stepfather, Delia and Francisco Arce, children, Zechariah, Lindsey, Megan, Avonna, Judea, Brijette, Brittany, Dayza, Daylin, Leyah, and Kimberly, 6 grandchildren, and siblings, Cecilia, Clemente Jr., Enrique, Norma, and Celia. He will also be greatly missed by nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

He is preceded in death by father, Clemente Gomez Sr., sister, Susanna Gomez, and brother, Noe Antonio Gomez.

Pallbearers are Clemente Gomez Jr., Enrique Sanchez, Clemente Gomez III, Jesus Gomez, Anthony Rodriguez, Jaime Juarez, Joey Gonzalez, and Antonio Talamantes. Honorary pallbearers are sons, Zechariah and Daylin.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial donations be made to Gifts of Hope, P.O. Box 1323, Midland, TX 79702.

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

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Death Notices

Barry Alan Carter

Barry Alan Carter, 70, of Midland, Texas passed away Monday, May 28, 2018 in Midland. Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Temple Baptist Church in Midland. Floral tributes may be delivered to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland.

Gerald Rodney

"Rod" Stephenson

Gerald Rodney "Rod" Stephenson, 76, died on May 28, 2018 at home surrounded by his loved ones.

There will be a visitation on Friday, June 1, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. On Saturday June 2, 2018 there will be a funeral service held at First United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Oralia Hernandez

Oralia Hernandez, 63, of Midland, Texas passed away Sunday, May 27, 2018. A rosary service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 31, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Funeral mass will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, June 1, 2018 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.



Johnny Joe Gomez

Johnny Joe Gomez, 43, of Midland, Texas passed away on Saturday, May 26, 2018 after fighting a long battle with cancer. A prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 31, 2018 at Stonegate Fellowship. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Johnny "Dido" was born on November 19, 1974 in Lamesa, TX to Delia and Clemente Gomez Sr. He married Jessica Maestas on December 17, 2012 in Midland County. Johnny worked in construction and landscaping.

He was an avid sports fan and truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures. He would not have it any other way but to be spending time with family and watching "dem boys" (Dallas Cowboys). Johnny had a smile to remember and always expressed kindness to all with a loving heart.

SUNSCREEN

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Care.

Wang in a study last year found that nearly half of U.S. sunscreens he tested didn't offer enough UVA protection to meet European Union standards. The situation won't improve until the FDA approves modern ingredients with better protection, he said.

One in five people will develop skin cancer in their lifetime, including 2.3 percent of Americans who will be diagnosed with melanoma, the most deadly form of the disease. The incidence of melanoma has doubled since 1985, according to the National Cancer Institute.

Oxybenzone and zinc oxide — the white stuff — are the only two UVA filters broadly permitted in the U.S. DSM sees the Hawaii ban, which would apply to oxybenzone, as boosting its plans to seek approval from the Food and Drug Administration this year for its sunscreen alternatives. Its Parsol Max and Parsol Shield have been available in Europe for years and provide protection against both UVA and UVB.

No new sunscreen filters have been approved in the U.S. since the late 1990s, mainly because they're regulated as over-the-counter medicines, which have stricter standards than cosmetics. The European Union and most other countries treat sunscreens as cosmetics.

The industry first turned to Congress in 2014 for help in forcing the FDA to make a decision on long-pending applications. The agency responded by rejecting all eight new ingredients and asking for more testing data to prove the chemicals are safe when absorbed by the skin.

Two that are still under FDA review, BASF's Tinorub and L'Oréal's Mexoryl, offer the most promise for improved UVA protection and low toxicity, said David Anderson, a senior scientist at the Environmental Working Group, which publishes an annual Guide to Sunscreens.

In an example of how confusing FDA requirements can be, L'Oréal in 2006 won narrow approval for a handful of specifically formulated and packaged sunscreens

containing Mexoryl, sold in the U.S. under the brand name Anthelios. But the agency's over-the-counter drug program denied permission to use the ingredient more broadly. A company spokesman declined to say whether L'Oréal will continue with its application.

The testing required for U.S. approval is too time-consuming and expensive for many companies to justify. In addition, some of the ingredients under review have been around so long they've lost patent protection, taking away a key financial incentive.

Reviews are still stalled because none of the manufacturers has submitted additional safety and efficacy data, said FDA spokeswoman Sandy Walsh.

That's because ingredient makers are negotiating with the FDA over some of the study requirements, said Joel Robinson, a partner at Holland & Knight, which leads a lobbying coalition called Public Access to Sunscreens. One particular sticking point has been a complicated new test to determine skin absorption — a requirement that doesn't apply to products already on the market, Robinson said.

The FDA issued draft guidance this week on how companies can evaluate absorption characteristics.

"We are particularly interested in learning how these products affect vulnerable populations such as children, the elderly, and pregnant and breastfeeding women," Theresa Michele, director of non-prescription drug products at the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, said on the agency's website.

Some dermatologists see the FDA's cautious approach as reasonable, particularly with ingredients that are "slathered all over babies," said Nancy Lanchina, chair of the Dermatology Department at Oregon Health & Science University.

Sen. Johnny Isakson is spearheading the new push in Congress with a bill to make reviews easier. "The process is antiquated," the Georgia Republican said when he introduced the bill for a successful committee vote last month. Sunscreen, he said, is "the best example" of over-the-counter regulatory failings.

DALENITE

From 1B

Fact No. 1: Breast cancer is a killer.

More American women will die of breast cancer this year than men and women combined from motor vehicle wrecks. It is estimated that in 2018, 40,920 people will die from breast cancer in the U.S. The estimated number of U.S. deaths from motor vehicle wrecks in 2018 is 39,750. Both statistics are unacceptable and need to be reduced.

Fact No. 2: All breast cancers are curable if they are discovered early enough.

Thanks to modern medical procedures and treatments, breast cancer can be eliminated if it is discovered at an early enough stage. Screening for breast cancer saves lives, one of which may be yours.

Fact No. 3: The only way to discover breast cancer early enough for a cure is to screen for it every year with mammography.

Unfortunately, most women wait until they feel a lump or have breast pain to come in for a mammogram. The problem with this is that early, curable breast cancer does not show up as a lump or breast pain. It is a microscopic, painless seed of destruction lurking in your breast for years, becoming bigger and bigger until it shows up as a lump that you can feel.

Unfortunately, 50 percent of all women who

come for mammography because of a lump that turns out to be breast cancer, have regional spread of the cancer to their underarm lymph nodes. This is stage 3 breast cancer and is much harder to treat and cure than stage 1 or 2, which represents breast cancer before it can be felt. Annual screening for breast cancer helps reveal that small seed of cancer before it becomes a large mature cancer that can kill.

Fact No. 4: Breast cancer is more common in older women but is deadlier in younger women.

The older a woman gets, the more likely she will get breast cancer. The incidence of breast cancer peaks at 65-70 but can be discovered in women as young as 20 (this is rare, except for women with a strong family history who have the BRCA gene). The breast cancers that form in older women tend to be slow-growing and slow-spreading over time. The breast cancers that form in younger women, however, tend to grow rapidly and spread like wildfire in the body.

Fact No. 5: 75 percent of all breast cancers are found in women with no family history.

Even though you don't have family history of breast cancer, that doesn't mean you won't get it. It does mean that you are less likely to get it — only 12 percent, or 1 in 8, lifetime risk — compared to those who have strong family

histories — at least a 20 percent, or 1 in 5, lifetime risk.

This deserves repeating: Most women who get breast cancer don't have any family history. Screening only women who have a family history of breast cancer will potentially doom to an early death 75 percent of women who develop breast cancer, especially if they are young.

Fact No. 6: The best age for the average-risk woman to start screening for breast cancer is 40, and with an annual 3D screening mammography.

This annual practice will help prevent the less likely but deadlier event of breast cancer in younger women. Screening every year or every other year from age 50 to 80 will catch the more likely breast cancers, preventing untimely and completely unnecessary deaths in those women with potential decades of future high-quality life.

Fact No. 7: The best time to stop screening for breast cancer is five to seven years before expected death from other causes or old age. Therefore, if you are reasonably healthy, I would keep screening the breast cancer industry.

You may be lucky and win the lottery after all, and by having your annual mammograms, you'll live long enough to spend all that money.

Dr. Ann Dalenite is a diagnostic radiologist at The Breast Center.

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Youth program orientation planned

Orientations for 2018 summer junior volunteer program are planned for 1:30-5 p.m. June 4, 5, 7, 12, 13 and 18. Youth need attend only one of the sessions, which will be in the cafeteria area. The program is for 14- through 17-year-olds.

Training for placements will be assigned after orientation. Cost of the program is \$30 for a uniform.

Volunteer opportunities will include information desks, gift shop, popcorn, surgery waiting room and golf cart transport.

For more information, contact Kim Modisett at kim.modisett@midlandhealth.org.

YMCA accepting applications for garden

Midland YMCA is accepting applications for its new community garden. Thirty-two plots are available to rent.

Applications are available at the YMCA. For more information, call Liz Harris at 682-2551.

Walking club to meet

The Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club will meet 6 p.m. Monday at Murray's Deli, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. The June group walk is June 9 beginning 7 a.m. at Windlands Park parking lot. Breakfast will be served at the end of the walk.

COM Aquatics

COM Aquatics, 3003 N. 'A' St., offers weekly paddle board classes.

The schedule is: Hit the Wave, 7:15 p.m. Monday, 5:15 a.m. Tuesday and Saturday, 6:45 p.m. Thursday and 10:15 a.m. Saturday; and Cardio Wave is 11:05 a.m. Thursday.

Members of COM Water Aerobics Program can reserve a board at any time; non-members can reserve a board two hours before class. (For early-morning classes, call the night before.) To reserve a board, call 684-7755, extension 101.

Midland Health events

■ Lifestyle Medicine Center class: "Stress Management and Relaxation Tech-

niques," 6 p.m. Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 221-5433; \$5 fee; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Find a Job Friday, 9 a.m. Friday, Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-4305.

■ Breastfeeding Support Group, 11 a.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; Amber Cunningham at 221-3283 or childbirtheeducation@midlandhealth.org.

Weekly support groups & hotlines (subject to change)

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

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 3 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 553-1031.

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570-5935.

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

■ PDAP meetings: 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church 11:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays: older group, 1208 W. Wall St., includes lunch.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. "A" St., Building C; 685-3100. 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

■ Alpha Omega, 8 p.m. Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 311 S. Pecos St.

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

■ Al-Anon (support group for family members of alcoholics), Serenity Group 3101 N. "A" St. Bldg. C. noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 8 p.m. Monday

and Wednesday.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

■ Laundry Group, 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 104 N. Marshall St.

■ Xodus Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 634-7609.

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

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

Finding a doctor

Access to a primary care provider is one mission of Midland Health. Residents who need help finding a physician or setting up an appointment can call 221-3627 (221-DOCS).

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is a program that provides support for women during their pregnancy and after their baby is born.

Hope Chest allows mothers and mothers-to-be to earn necessities such as diapers, wipes, clothing and car seats through a point system.

Points are earned by attending prenatal appointments and childbirth classes, and once the baby is born, moms continue to earn points at pediatrician visits until the child turns 2.

The program office is at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. For more information or to enroll in the program, call 221-1150. To make a monetary donation or donate brand new baby items to Hope Chest, call the March of Dimes office at 416-7310.

MMH payment options

Midland Memorial Hospital recognizes that our community is facing challenging financial times. Resources are tight and families are having to make important decisions about what to spend money on now and what has to wait.

Realizing health care can be expensive and the increasing deductibles make it

hard to manage, the hospital has adjusted its payment procedures. We want to make sure you receive the care you need, when you need it. To find out about the new options now offered to better accommodate your payment needs, call 221-4705.

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a nurse triage program "68-NURSE." The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room ... or just staying home.

Help line for long-term or disabled care

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services has a toll-free number residents can call to obtain information on services for the disabled or long-term care.

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

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Ophthalmologists: Wear sunglasses on cloudy days

By Jill U. Adams
The Washington Post

The next time you head to the drugstore to buy sunscreen, don't forget to pick up some sunglasses, too. That's because both products work to protect your body from the sun's damaging ultraviolet rays.

Wearing sunglasses for protection should not be reserved for sunny summer days, says Dianna Seldomridge, spokeswoman for the American Academy of Ophthalmology and practicing eye doctor at Duke University. There's UV light on cloudy days and during other seasons of the year — anytime it's daytime. "It's important to protect your eyes all year round," she says.

What's the harm? Cataracts, other growths and some cancers are directly related to UV exposure.

Americans are perhaps better versed about the risks of skin cancer from too much sun on unprotected skin than they are about the risks to the eye. The underlying process is the same, says Albert Jun, an ophthalmologist at Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute. In human tissues — whether skin or eye — he says: "UV light causes oxidative stress. It plays a role in the aging process and in disease processes."

Cataracts occur with normal aging — the lens of your eye gradually turns cloudy. They can cause your vision to be blurry or doubled, and can lead you to have difficulty seeing at night. When severe impairments of vision result, cataract surgery may be recommended. More than 3 million Americans undergo the surgery each year.

Cataracts progress slowly, Jun says. "A 40-year-old will have some evidence of cataract, but it doesn't affect vision." Fifty percent of white Americans have cataracts in their late 70s; Hispanic Americans and African Americans have somewhat lower prevalences: 45 and 40 percent, respectively, according to the National Eye Institute.

So age is the main risk factor, and research has implicated exposure to the sun's UV rays as another.

"UV exposure increases your risk of getting more advanced cataracts, or cataracts at earlier ages," Jun says. In other words, you might get cataracts in your 40s or 50s instead of your 70s or 80s.

People living near the equator or at high altitudes are at higher risk. "There's regional susceptibility and genetic susceptibility," Jun says. Other risk factors for cataracts include smoking and diabetes. In addition, some evidence sug-

gests UV light has more effect on the eyes in early life, childhood and into your 20s. The public health message to protect eyes from the sun is appropriate for all ages, but perhaps it should be aimed especially at the young.

Other eye conditions are related to UV exposure, including the noncancerous growths known as pinguecula and pterygium. The former is a yellow spot or bump on the white of the eye, and the latter, also known as surfer's eye, is a fleshy growth that can spread to the cornea and affect vision. These growths are related to UV exposure, as well as frequent exposure to dust and wind.

Age-related macular degeneration has been associated with UV exposure, though the evidence for this relationship is weaker. Seldomridge says the data are "very mixed."

Damage from sunlight and its UV rays accumulates, Seldomridge says. "It's a lifetime risk," she says. She recommends parents teach their children to wear sunglasses and hats when they're outside.

There's no need to buy expensive sunglasses. Look for shades that are labeled full UV protection, or protect against UVA and UVB, or "UV 400," which means it blocks light at wavelengths up to 400 nanometers (which covers both UVA and UVB rays).

"Darker lenses don't necessarily offer more protection. The color of the lens doesn't matter," Seldomridge says, adding that what matters is whether they're labeled UV protection. Sunglasses do not wear out, with regard to UV protection, unless they're damaged or scratched, she says.

Think about coverage, though. "I tell all my patients: Large sunglasses or wraparound sunglasses are best," Seldomridge says. More coverage means more protection from light getting in.

Are there alternatives to sunglasses? What about a baseball cap? "A baseball cap gives some protection, but sunglasses are better," Jun says. He advises wearing sunglasses when you're outside doing yard work. In addition to UV protection, you'll be protecting your eyes from debris thrown by the lawn mower or from a branch while pruning.

Your car's windshield does block UV rays, but the car door window may not. Indeed, some studies have noted cataracts being more common in people's left eyes than right, presumably from time spent driving.

So wear your sunglasses. Not just for fashion, but for your eye health.



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Swallowed electronic capsule could spot health problems

By Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press

Scientists have developed a swallowed capsule packed with tiny electronics and millions of genetically engineered living cells that might someday be used to spot health problems from inside the gut.

The capsule was tested in pigs and correctly detected signs of bleeding, researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology reported Thursday in the journal Science. At more than an inch long, it will have to be made smaller for testing in people. But the results suggest the capsule could eventually be used in people to find signs of ulcers, inflammatory bowel disease or even colon cancer, the researchers said.

It's the latest advance in a growing field of sensors that can be swallowed or worn to monitor health. Pills equipped with cameras, thermometers and acidity gauges already look for disease and track digestion. Last year, a psychiatric medica-

tion that alerts doctors when it's taken won U.S. approval. Stick-on skin monitors for recovering stroke patients are in the works.

The MIT device is the first to use engineered cells as sensors in swallowed capsules, said Kourosh Kalantar-zadeh, who is developing a gas-sensing, all-electronic pill at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in Australia.

"The work is yet another step toward showing the great promises of smart, ingestible capsules," said Kalantar-zadeh. The researchers tested the capsules using a harmless strain of E. coli bacteria. The cells were modified with DNA from other bacteria to make them detect blood and then light up. Electronics then take over, relaying signals to a smartphone.

Shrinking the capsule to a normal pill size could be achieved by combining its three electronic chips, said co-author Phillip Nadeau. Data encryption will be needed to protect patient privacy. And it's meant to be used once, so they'll need

to make it flushable, co-author Mark Minceo said.

All that, plus human testing, means a commercial product is years off.

As labs discover DNA with new sensing powers, the capsule could be customized to diagnose multiple conditions. Co-author Tim Lu speculated that future patients could swallow a capsule "once a week or once a month" to screen for early signs of cancer instead of getting a colonoscopy.

The capsule could help doctors monitor tricky-to-reach parts of the small intestine for people with Crohn's disease or to study the normal balance of microbes in the gut, said Dr. Stephanie Hansel of Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, who wasn't involved in the research.

"We're excited about it," said Hansel, while noting that it probably won't replace the need for procedures using flexible scopes.

Texas Instruments and the National Science Foundation helped pay for the research, and the researchers are seeking patents for the capsule. Minceo received a fellowship from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, which also supports The Associated Press Health & Science Department.

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strengthening the bond between us and making us feel closer to our partner.

Honesty, trust and support for each other includes being supportive of each other's goals and having respect for opinions, feelings, friends and activities. It means that we take a look at our behavior and work on changing those destructive patterns that endanger our relationship.

Admitting when we are wrong, acknowledging our mistakes and being honest about our past are building blocks for increased trust.

Commitment to another does not mean that you will never have issues or that you will love and be loved unconditionally. It does mean that, in spite of the rocky times, you are committed to working on the relationship and are willing to stick around to solve problems. One of the hardest things to overcome is the constant threat of breakup whenever there is conflict. This erodes trust and weakens the bond.

Communication is also essential to maintaining a healthy relationship. Good communication involves being able to express exactly what you mean, as well as being able to listen

to what is being said. It also means being able to express your feelings and thoughts spontaneously, welcoming the closeness that this sharing can bring and learning to listen to your partner without judgment. Poor communication seems to be one of the first indications that a relationship is in trouble. It creates so much distance between people that they begin to drift apart and start to feel like strangers.

Couples who seek help when they have reached the point where they have stopped talking or listening to each other are often able to re-establish communication.

Sleeping in on weekends can be beneficial

By Ben Guarino
The Washington Post

Sleeping in on a day off feels marvelous, especially for those of us who don't get nearly enough rest during the workweek. But are the extra weekend winks worth it? It's a question that psychologist Torbjorn Akerstedt, director of the Stress Research Institute at Stockholm University, and his colleagues tried to answer in a study published last week in the *Journal of Sleep Research*.

Akerstedt and his colleagues tracked more than 38,000 people in Sweden over 13 years, with a focus on their weekend versus weekday sleeping habits. This peek at weekend slumber fills in an "overlooked" gap in sleep science, Akerstedt said.

Previous sleep studies asked people to count their hours of sleep for an average night, without distinguishing between workdays and days off. Not in the new study. People under the age of 65 who slept for five hours or less every night, all week, did not live as long as those who consistently slept seven hours a night.

But weekend snoozers lived just as long as the well-slept. People who slept for fewer than the recommended seven hours each weekday, but caught an extra hour or two on weekends, lived just as long as people who always slept seven hours, the authors reported.

"It seems that weekend compensation is good" for the sleep-needy, Akerstedt said, though he cautioned that this was a "tentative conclusion" of this new research.

Epidemiologists who spoke with *The Washington Post* described the result as a plausible finding, if not a statistically robust one, that deserves more investigation.

Michael Grandner, director of the Sleep and Health Research Program at the University of Arizona's College of Medicine, who was not involved with this work, warned that sleep is not like a financial transaction. We can't deposit zzzs over the weekend and expect to cash them out later.

A superior metaphor, he said, is a diet. For the sleep-deprived, sleeping in on a weekend is like eating a salad after a series of hamburger dinners — healthier, sure, but from "one perspective the damage is done."

In September 1997, thousands and thousands of Swedes filled out 36-page health questionnaires as part of a fundraiser for the Swedish Cancer Society. The study's authors followed 38,015 survey participants over 13 years to track their mortality rates. Between 1997 and

2010, 3,234 of these subjects died, most as a result of cancer or heart disease. That's roughly six deaths per 1,000 people per year. By comparison, the world mortality rate in 2010 was nearly eight in 1,000.

The researchers tried to account for the usual gremlins that influence sleep: alcohol consumption, coffee intake, naps, smoking, shift work and similar factors, and used statistical methods to control for their effect. "The only thing that we don't have control over is latent disease," Akerstedt said, meaning diseases that went undetected in a person's life.

Diane Lauderdale, an epidemiology professor at the University of Chicago, pointed out that even by 1997 Swedish standards, this group was not representative of most people. Fewer than average were smokers, for instance (people who regularly smoke might not be as eager to participate in a cancer society event, she said).

Epidemiologist and cardiovascular doctor Franco Cappuccio at the University of Warwick in England, also not a member of the research team, said that the study "looks good" but that the authors missed a trick: "a full explanation of the possibility of daytime napping." The researchers only asked if people took daily naps but did not quantify nap length. "Therefore, the adjustments may not be effective," Cappuccio said.

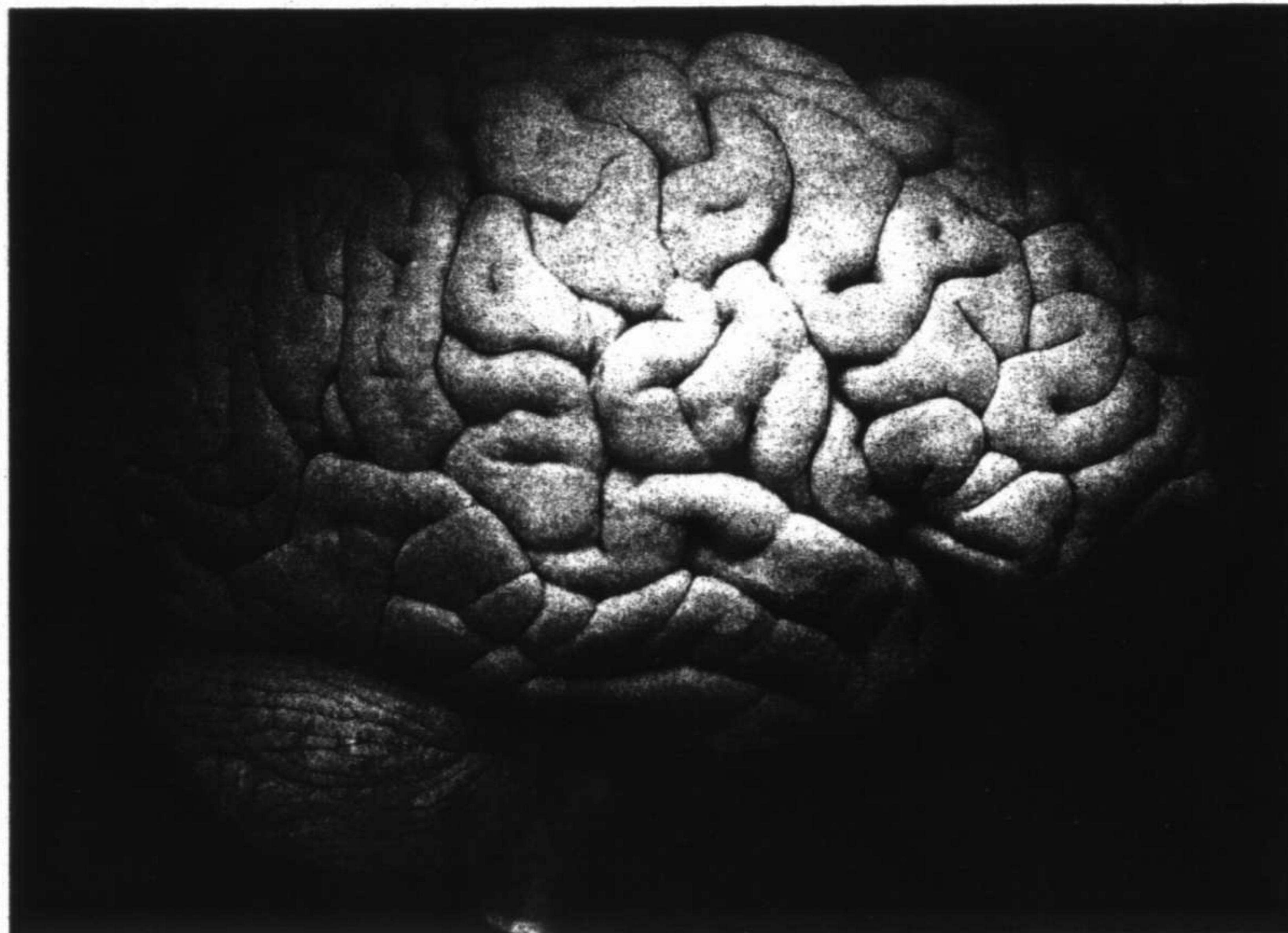
Akerstedt and his colleagues grouped the 38,000 Swedes by self-reports of sleep duration. Short sleepers slept for less than five hours per night. Medium sleepers slept the typical seven hours. Long sleepers, per the new study, snoozed for nine or more hours. (The "consensus recommendation," per the American Academy of Sleep Medicine and Sleep Research Society, is seven-plus hours a night for adults ages 18 to 60.)

The researchers further divided the groups by pairing their weekday and weekend habits. A short-sleeper got less than five hours a night all week long. They had increased mortality rates. A long-sleeper slept nine or more hours every night. They too had increased mortality rates.

The short-medium sleepers, on the other hand, slept less than five hours on weeknights but seven or eight hours on days off. Their mortality rates were not different from the average.

Differences between weekend and weekday sleep were most pronounced at a young age. People in their late teens and 20s slept on average for seven hours a night during the week but 8.5

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This 1885 photo shows a side view of a human brain. In relation to body size, our brains are huge, about six times larger than one would expect from other mammals. And this three-pound organ sucks up 20 percent of the body's energy needs.

Study offers new look at reason for humans' big brains

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Why do people have such big brains? Some researchers asked a really powerful brain — a computer — and got back a surprising answer.

In relation to body size, our brains are huge, about six times larger than one would expect from other mammals. And this three-pound organ sucks up 20 percent of the body's energy needs. Evolutionary theory says to build and maintain something that costly, there must have been a very good reason.

But what is it? Did our ancestors need more brainpower to cope with the environment, such as finding and storing food? Or was it driven more by the social complexities of dealing with their peers? Or was it all about the challenge of learning and teaching cultural knowledge?

In the past, scientists have tried to tease out an answer mostly by analyzing correlations, like how brain size relates to the size of social groups in living apes and our fossil ancestors.

Mauricio Gonzalez-Forero and Andy Gardner of St. Andrews University in Scotland turned instead to computer simulations. They report the result in a paper released Wednesday by the journal *Nature*.

The researchers created a hypothetical population of females, focusing on just one sex for simplicity, and followed them as they faced the challenges of living. The researchers plugged in data on things like a newborn's brain size and the energy costs of the brain and reproductive organs. And they simulated tasks that resemble the environmental and social challenges included in theories about brain evolution.

The computer pondered

how the pressures of each challenge might affect changes of brain size over time. Drawing on evolutionary theory, it calculated how much energy the females would be expected to invest in growing the brain versus other tissues under the different challenges. It found that stronger mental demands tended to produce bigger brains.

Gonzalez-Forero said he and Gardner expected a strong contribution to bigger brains from social challenges, which he said has been the favorite idea for decades. But their surprise, the computer said about 60 percent of the effect on boosting brain size came from an individual dealing

with the environment on one's own, as in finding, storing and cooking food, and making stone tools. Another 30 percent came from cooperating to deal with the environment, such as banding together to hunt. The final 10 percent from competition between groups of people.

While the study didn't specifically look at the impact of cultural tasks, it gave evidence of a substantial influence from them, too, Gonzalez-Forero said. He plans to assess cultural factors in the future.

In any case, the results are not intended to be the final word, but rather an encouragement for other researchers to use computer

simulation for studying the question of brain size. Much exciting work remains to be done, he said.

Experts unconnected to the study were skeptical of the conclusions.

Dean Falk, a brain-evolution expert at Florida State University, said the work doesn't assess the longstanding hypothesis that the development of language may have driven expansion of the brain. Gonzalez-Forero said the language idea is to some extent part of the cultural factors that remain to be addressed.

Falk also said the simulation strategy may have overemphasized the role of energy demands in influencing brain growth.

Robin Dunbar, a professor of evolutionary psychology at Oxford University, and paleoanthropologist Richard Potts of the Smithsonian Institution said they didn't think the simulation adequately mimicked the lives our ancestors lived.



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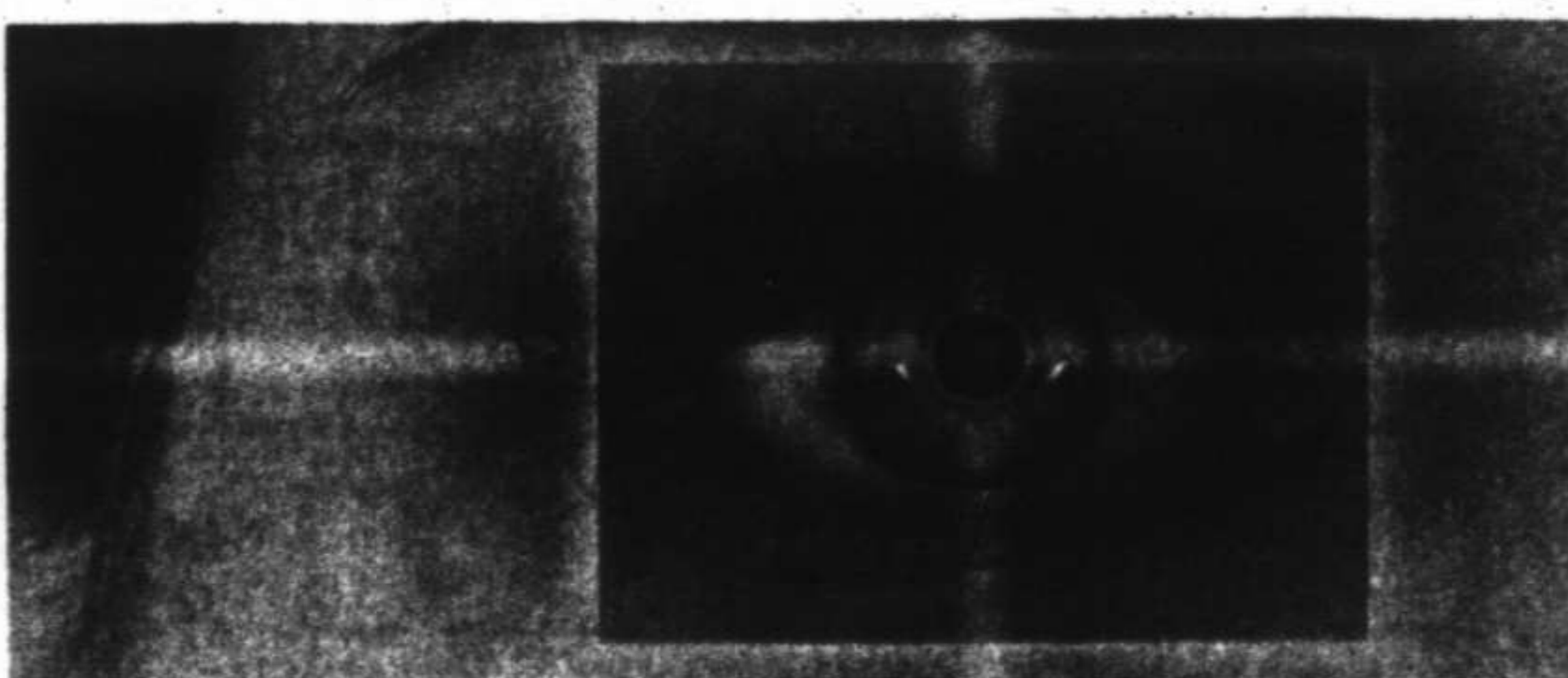
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Study: E-cigarettes don't help people quit smoking

By Marilynn Marchione
Associated Press

It's a big question for smokers and policymakers alike: Do electronic cigarettes help people quit? In a large study of company wellness programs, e-cigarettes worked no better than traditional stop-smoking tools, and the only thing that really helped was paying folks to kick the habit.

Critics of the study say it doesn't close the case on these popular vaping products. It didn't rigorously test effectiveness, just compared e-cigarettes to other methods among 6,000 smokers who were offered help to quit. That's still valuable information because it's what happens in daily life.

Providing e-cigarettes "did not improve the number of people who quit compared to essentially doing nothing," said Dr. Scott Halpern of the University of Pennsylvania. "The very best way to help them quit is to offer them money."

He led the study, published Wednesday by the New England Journal of Medicine. It was sponsored by the Vitality Group, which runs company wellness programs. The makers of NJOY e-cigarettes provided them but had no role in the research.

Separately in the journal, another study reports that lung cancer rates are now higher for white and Hispanic women under 50 than for men that age, a reversal of a long-time trend that can't be explained by smoking patterns alone.

VAPING TO QUIT SMOKING

E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices that vaporize nicotine. They've been sold in the U.S. since 2007 and contain less toxic substances than traditional cigarettes. The Food and Drug Administration is mulling how to regulate them, and earlier this year, a national panel of experts said vaping may help folks reduce smoking but that more research is needed.

The new study differed from usual studies of smokers wanting to quit: It automatically enrolled smokers in 54 company wellness programs and asked those who didn't want to join to opt out. Only 125 did, but the vast majority of the rest didn't actively participate yet their results were tracked as part of the study.

They were put into five groups:



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Jason Hanna smokes an e-cigarette May 15, 2014, at Smoke Dreamz in Houston.

usual care, which was information on benefits of quitting and motivational text messages; free quit-smoking aids such as nicotine patches and medicines like Chantix or Zyban plus e-cigarettes if those failed; free e-cigarettes without any requirement to try other methods first; free quit-smoking aids and a \$600 reward if people were abstinent six months later; and free cessation tools plus \$600 placed in an account at the start of the study that they'd lose if they didn't quit.

The results: Only 0.1 percent in the usual care group succeeded; rates ranged from 0.5 percent to nearly 3 percent for the rest. The groups offered cash did best; rates among the other groups did not differ much from each other.

Success rates were higher — from 0.7 percent to nearly 13 percent — among 1,200 smokers who actively participated.

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Average costs were less than a dollar per participant in the usual care group and around \$100 for those given redeemable cash accounts. But when looked at per successful quitter, the cash programs cost less than e-cigarettes or traditional methods.

Most big companies offer stop-smoking programs and half of them offer financial incentives, study leaders said. It costs com-

panies \$3,000 to 6,000 more per year to employ a smoker versus a non-smoker.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

"E-cigarettes are substantially less harmful than burned or lit cigarettes, but that doesn't mean they're helpful for cessation" and they're not regulated for that, said Cliff Douglas, the American Cancer Society's tobacco policy expert.

Gregory Conley, who heads the American Vaping Association, said the type used in this study is obsolete, and all of the methods proved "pathetic" because smokers were automatically enrolled and may not have wanted to quit. "You're just thrusting the product on people," he said.

Dr. Nancy Rigotti, director of the tobacco research and treatment center at Massachusetts General Hospital who was on the expert panel, said it was a well-done study that gives "a little discouraging and surprising" results. The value of traditional methods is well established, so counseling and support might have been inadequate in this study, she said.

Others were critical of the study's methods. David Abrams, a former tobacco researcher at the National Institutes of Health and now at New York University, said researchers don't know how many in each group actually used the

quit-smoking tools.

"You can't conclude that the treatments didn't work if nobody used them," said Abrams, who called e-cigarettes "the best thing that's come along in 10 years to help people quit."

A smoker took a different view. "For me personally, it was useless," said Georges Touaichi, a 22-year-old San Diego hotel worker who tried e-cigarettes but went back to smoking after a day or two.

An FDA spokesman said the agency was pondering the results, but that this is not the type of study needed to evaluate safety and effectiveness of e-cigarettes for smoking cessation.

LUNG CANCER RATES

For the other study in the journal, researchers used U.S. cancer registries and federal health statistics to track new lung cancer cases by gender and race over various time periods. Rates historically have been higher in men but that trend reversed among whites and Hispanics born since the mid-1960s.

For example, among people ages 45 to 49 and diagnosed from 1995 to 1999, rates in women were 26 percent lower than for men. But in a more recent time period, 2010 to 2014, women had an 8 percent higher incidence rate than men, said one study leader, the American Cancer Society's Ahmedin Jemal.

Women are catching up to men in smoking rates — 14 percent smoke versus 17 percent of men — but that's not enough to explain the switch, he said. Women also smoke fewer cigarettes than men.

One theory is that certain types of lung cancer are more common in women and the risk of them declines more slowly after someone quits, and women have lagged behind men in cessation rates, said Caitlin Murphy of the Simmons Cancer Center at UT Southwestern in Dallas.

"Maybe women are getting diagnosed more often through CT screening," which also would boost their rates compared to men, said Murphy, who had no role in the work.

For smokers who are 50, "if they quit now they can gain about six years of life," Jemal said. "They have this opportunity to avoid not only lung cancer but also other causes of smoking-related deaths."

SLEEP

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hours on days off. Those older than 65, the standard retirement age in Sweden, on average reported no difference in weekend sleep duration — they slept for just under seven hours every night, all seven days. That finding was in line with previous reports, Grandner said, that suggested as we age, we sleep less but our "satisfaction with sleep increases."

Why short-short sleepers as well as long-long sleepers had higher-than-average mortality rates is not fully understood. This study was not an experiment, Akerstedt emphasized, and these data cannot show that short or long sleep is responsible for higher mortality.

Oversleeping is probably not a cause of harm, Akerstedt suspected, but a sign that something else is wrong.

The scientific jury is still out on why too much sleep is associated with an uptick in mortality rates. "There's no obvious biological mechanism," Lauderdale said.

This study relied on people to describe their own sleep habits, which can generate a "mish-mosh," in Lauderdale's view, of "accurate and less accurate information."

Self-reporting is a "limitation but is not a fatal flaw," Grandner said. It is otherwise impractical to accumulate data at such a scale. To the authors' credit, he said, they were aware they did not have a fine brush, and accordingly painted a broad outline of sleep habits.

"It's a fuzzy picture that's true," he said.

Grandner urged the overworked and understudied not to view sleep as time lost. "We live in a society that considers sleep unproductive. What's more un-American than unproductive time?" That's not a healthy approach — as our bodies are built to consume food and water, he pointed out, we are also built to sleep.



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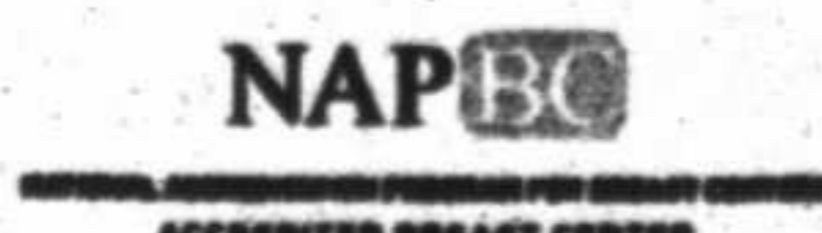
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Joslin takes reins of Coahoma football squad

From staff reports

COAHOMA — The Coahoma ISD Board of Trustees on Tuesday approved the hire of Chris Joslin as the program's new head football coach and athletic director.

Joslin, who spent 10 seasons as an assistant at Big Spring under former head coach Phillip Ritchey, is set to replace the outgoing Fred Dietz, who stepped down as the Bulldogs' head coach after three seasons.

Joslin comes from Rockdale High School, where he spent the last two years as an offensive assistant. Last season, he helped the Tigers to a 45-29 victory over Brock to win the Class 3A Division 1 state



Joslin

championship. In his first season with the program in 2016-17, Joslin's Tigers reached the regional round with an 11-2 mark.

He said he and his family — his wife Kristen and children Zoie, Austin and Trinity — are thrilled to return to West Texas and Howard County to coach Coahoma. Joslin had plenty of success with Big Spring from 2006-16, as he helped the Steers reach the playoffs in six of his 10 years there.

He added that he is ready to step into his new role immediately to begin building on an encouraging campaign that saw

the Bulldogs go 7-4 and make the Class 3A Division II playoffs last season.

"We really loved our time here in West Texas," Joslin said. "When the (Coahoma) position came open, it was really one of the only ones we looked at. We were really happy where we were at (in Rockdale), but we love West Texas and jumped at the chance to come back here."

Said Coahoma ISD Superintendent Dr. Amy Jacobs on Joslin's hire: "We are very excited to welcome coach Joslin and his family to Coahoma ISD. His success as a coach, a leader and a mentor for students will be an asset to our district, and we are honored to have him leading the Bulldogs and the Bulldogettes."

Joslin said as his hire came relatively

late in the spring, there is a real sense of urgency in beginning his tenure as head coach. He had a chance to visit with some of his returning players Tuesday during workouts and he was pleased with what he saw.

Having spent a decade at Big Spring, he said he is familiar with the toughness and grit of Coahoma athletes on the field.

"With it being so late, we've got to get busy right now meeting the coaches, trying to meet the kids as they come up and work out and getting everything in line before August gets here," he said. "I got to meet some of them (Tuesday) and they look good. When I was at Big Spring, I

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Failure to launch



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Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) and Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) scramble for a loose ball during the first half in Game 7 of the NBA Western Conference finals Monday in Houston.

Houston laments its missed chances against Golden State

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets were up by 14 in the second quarter against the Golden State Warriors when they started missing from 3-point range. They shot themselves all the way from prime position to advance to the NBA Finals to the end of a solid season.

James Harden was the first to miss. Eric Gordon soon bricked one, and P.J. Tucker did the same. It was miss after miss after miss as the cold streak stretched to nine by halftime. There were 14 more in the third quarter in a surprising performance for a team that relied on the 3 all season. By the time Tucker connected with about 6 1/2

minutes left, the Rockets had missed an NBA-record 27 straight 3-pointers and the Warriors were on their way to a 101-92 victory.

Though Gordon believes the result would have been different if Houston had Chris Paul for the last two games of the Western Conference finals, saying: "if he was out there, we'd have been playing on Thursday," the rest of the Rockets agreed that even the nine-time All-Star probably couldn't have changed things on a night their shooting was historically bad.

"It's a grown man's league," Tucker said. "It doesn't matter, next man up. You've got to play. You've got to win. It doesn't matter who plays, step up."

The Rockets led the NBA by making an average of 15.3 3-pointers on their

way to a franchise-record 65 wins in their second year in coach Mike D'Antoni's high-octane offense. They made it to the conference finals for the first time since 2015, but were unable to overcome their worst shooting game of the postseason.

Houston made just 7 of 44 attempts in Game 7 on Monday night. Trevor Ariza was 0 for 9. Harden missed his last 11 tries in a 2-for-13 night, and Gordon connected on just 2 of 12 attempts.

"The first half, just our energy defensively was different. That created more opportunities for the 3 and they went in," Harden said. "As a result of that, we got a double-digit lead going

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It's the Cavs vs. the Warriors — again

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Here we go again. And again. And, well, again.

Round 4 — as many predicted, and others probably lamented — is happening. Cleveland and Golden State will meet for the fourth straight year in the NBA Finals, the Warriors looking for a third championship in that span and LeBron James and the Cavaliers trying to wrestle the crown away just as they did in the 2016 series.

On one side, the best team of this era.

On the other, the best

player of this era and maybe any era.

Game 1 will be hosted by the Warriors at Oracle Arena on Thursday night.

"You've got to appreciate the moment," Warriors guard Stephen Curry said. "Somebody asked, 'Four years in a row getting to the finals, do you appreciate it?' Yes."

Both teams are entering this title matchup with injury concerns. Cleveland's Kevin Love is in the concussion protocol and will need to complete a series of tests before he's cleared to return, and Golden State's Andre

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Associated Press file photo
Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) shoots against Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James on June 1, 2017, during the second half of Game 1 of the NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif.

In Paris, new mom Serena Williams wins in return

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

PARIS — For all that has changed in the 16 months since Serena Williams last played in a Grand Slam tournament — she is now married and a mother — so much was familiar about her at the French Open on Tuesday.

The fashion statement, this time in the form of a black bodysuit with a red belt that she said made her feel like a "warrior princess." The cries of "Come on!" The big serves that provided 13 aces. The returns that eventually produced three consecutive breaks of serve.

And, yes, the victory. Competing as a mom for the first time at a major, and only about nine months since giving birth to her daughter, Alexis Olympia, then dealing with postpartum complications, Williams edged 70th-ranked Kristyna Pliskova of the Czech Republic 7-6 (4), 6-4 at Roland Garros.

Already a transcendent sports star and cultural icon, Williams now carries a new title: working mother.

"Well, my priority is Olympia. No matter what, that's my priority. I have given tennis so much, and tennis has actually given me a lot, and I couldn't be more grateful," Williams said. "She's my priority, and I work everything around her."

The 36-year-old American had not played in one of tennis's biggest tournaments since winning the Australian Open in January 2017 for her 23rd Grand Slam title, breaking a tie with Steffi Graf for the most in the professional era.

Williams, the world found out later, was pregnant at the time. Her baby was born Sept. 1; Williams married Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian in November.

Williams eventually revealed that she had an emergency cesarean section, then encountered trouble breathing afterward because of a pulmonary embolism and needed a follow-up operation.

"Just literally not sure if I was going to make it or not at several different times," Williams said. "A lot of people have really reached out, because they have so many similar stories, too. I feel like a lot of people don't talk about it. They talk about the baby and how happy they are. But it's a lot that goes into it with the pregnancy and with giving birth, and it's called a 'miracle' for a reason."

The first match of her comeback was in doubles alongside her older sister, Venus, for the U.S. Fed Cup team in February. She entered two tournaments in singles the next month, going 2-2. An absence of more than two months followed, until Tuesday in Paris.

So a woman who has spent hundreds of weeks ranked No. 1 is currently No. 451 and unseeded at the French Open, a subject of some debate: Should her past success accord her the protection a seeding offers? Williams faces 17th-seeded Ash Barty of Australia next.

"She's a genuine champion," Barty said. "What she's done to be able to get back ... is a pretty amazing thing."

Tuesday's return was striking, from Williams' powerful shots to her outfit, which called to mind the "catsuit" she wore at the 2002 U.S. Open.

It was by far the most significant event of Day 3 at Roland Garros, even though there were so many other Grand Slam champions in action. Rafael Nadal finished off a rain-interrupted victory as he begins his try for a record-extending 11th French Open title. Maria Sharapova, a two-time champ in Paris, was pushed to three sets in a win. Garbine Muguruza, who beat Williams in the 2016 final at Roland Garros, beat another past champion, Svetlana Kuznetsova.

All eyes were on Williams, though. On the fifth point, she delivered an ace at 112 mph (181 kph). Moments later, the chair umpire intoned, "Jeu, Madame Williams." — French for "Game, Mrs. Williams," a change from the "Mademoiselle" used for unmarried female players.

Please see WILLIAMS/2C

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Arkansas 16 Midland 10	Arkansas at Midland 6:30 p.m.	Arkansas at Midland 7 p.m.	NW Arkansas at Midland 7 p.m.	NW Arkansas at Midland 7 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

- Golf**
NCAA Men's Team Match Play, Championship, 3 p.m., GOLF
EPGA: Italian Open, 1st Round, 3:30 a.m., GOLF
Major League Baseball
St. Louis at Milwaukee, Noon, Facebook
Toronto at Boston, Noon, MLB
Cincinnati at Arizona, 3 p.m., MLB
Houston at NY Yankees, 5:30 p.m., ESPN, ATTSW
Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m., FSSW
National Hockey League Stanley Cup Finals, Gm 2: Washington at Vegas, 7 p.m., NBCSN
- Tennis**
French Open, 4 a.m., TENNIS
- RADIO**
Major League Baseball
Houston at NY Yankees, 5:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m., KBST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)
National Hockey League Stanley Cup Finals, Gm 2: Washington at Vegas, 7 p.m., KJTV 950 AM
Texas League Baseball
Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Selected the contract of LHP Jai Rodriguez from Columbus (IL).
HOUSTON ASTROS — Placed C Brian McCann on the 10-day DL. Selected the contract of Tim Lincecum from Fresno (PCL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Sent RHP Evan Serna on a rehab assignment to Fort Myers (FL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent RHP Adam Warren on a rehab assignment to Trenton (IL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Sent RHP Wily Chavarria on a rehab assignment to Durham (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Activated RHP Pedro Rodriguez from 60-day DL and optioned him to Round Rock (PCL). Designated CF Chase Alvarez for assignment.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Sent SS Andruw Jones on a rehab assignment to New Hampshire (IL).
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Sent RHP Shelby Miller on a rehab assignment to Visalia (CAL).
ATLANTA BRAVES — Activated RHP Andruw Jones from 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Lucas Sims to Gwinnett (IL). Returned LHP Max Fried to Gwinnett.
CHICAGO CUBS — Sent 1B Ethen Nowacek on a rehab assignment to Peoria (PCL).
CINCINNATI REDS — Recalled from RHP Jason Hayes from Pensacola (IL). Optioned RHP Trevor Story to Louisville (IL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Recalled RHP OF Bryce Miller from Oklahoma City (PCL). Optioned RHP Brock Stewart to Oklahoma City.
NEW YORK METS — Placed RHP Heath Hembree on the 10-day DL, retroactive to May 28. Optioned LHP P.J. Conlon to Las Vegas (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Sent SS AJ Cook on a rehab assignment to Clearwater (FL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned LHP Tye Wicks to El Paso (PCL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Sent RHP David Lee on a rehab assignment to Sacramento (PCL).
FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed CB Channing Stubblebine. Placed S Michael Carter on the injured reserve.
ALLIANCE OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL
AFL — Announced San Diego will be the new league.
HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Signed C Antoine Mouton to a three-year entry-level contract.
SOCCER
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
MLS — Announced the addition of Cincinnati for next season.
TENNIS
INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION
ITF — Awarded Ukraine's Denys Shapovalov for the 2016 ATP Challenger Tour by an independent hearing officer after being found guilty of tennis match fixing.
COLLEGE
AUBURN — Announced C Austin Wiley and QB Deron Thomas and Jaxson Haugen will be in the NFL draft.
BUFFALO — Agreed to terms with women's basketball coach John Leggett on a one-year contract through the 2017 season.
CALIFORNIA — Named Mike Telzner men's tennis coach following the conclusion of the 2015-16 season.
GEORGIA SOUTHERN — Announced G Taylor Brown will be in the NFL draft.
IOWA — Announced junior G Isaiah Moses will be in the NFL draft.
KENTUCKY — Designated junior S Marcus Walker following his arrest on charges of kidnapping and sexual assault.
MUNICHEN — Announced the retirement of women's soccer coach Leslie Bonser.
NORTHWESTERN — Announced the addition of graduate transfer P. J. Carr to the team.
SYRACUSE — Announced graduate OL Mike Martin transferred to the team from Texas A&M.
TENNESSEE — Named Bryan Lantz video coordinator after being diagnosed with a brain aneurysm.
UCLA — Announced sophomore G Ken Williams will be in the NFL draft.

HS BASEBALL

GREENWOOD'S MERRYMAN EARNS THSBCA ALL-STAR BID
 Greenwood senior right-handed pitcher Dawson Merryman was selected to play for the Class 2A-4A North All-Star Team in the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association's 2A-4A All-Star Game, set for 10 a.m. June 16 at Round Rock's Dell Diamond.
 Merryman was named the District 4-4A Most Valuable Player this past season after posting a 0.37 earned run average over 56 2/3 innings pitched for the Rangers. He allowed just 31 hits, struck out 92 batters, walked 22 and went 7-3 on the season.
 Merryman's head coach Brad Harmon was named one of the North's coaches for the game.



STANLEY CUP GLANCE

Stanley Cup (Best-of-7, 2-0 necessary)	Saturday: Vegas at Washington, 7 p.m.
Washington vs. Vegas	June 4: Vegas at Washington, 7 p.m.
Monday: Vegas @ Washington, 7 p.m.	June 7: Washington at Vegas, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Washington at Vegas, 7 p.m.	June 10: Vegas at Washington, 7 p.m.
	June 13: Washington at Vegas, 7 p.m.

WNBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE				WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	4	0	1.000	—	Los Angeles	3	1	.750
Connecticut	3	0	1.000	—	Seattle	2	2	.500
Atlanta	2	0	1.000	—	Phoenix	2	2	.500
Chicago	2	2	.500	2	San Antonio	2	2	.500
New York	1	2	.333	2 1/2	Indiana	1	2	.333
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MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE				WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T	Pts	
Atlanta United FC	0	3	0	0	Portland	0	2	0
Chicago Fire	0	3	0	0	San Jose	0	2	0
New York City FC	0	3	0	0	Seattle Sounders FC	0	2	0
New York Red Bulls	0	3	0	0	Vancouver Whitecaps FC	0	2	0
Orlando City	0	3	0	0	San Diego	0	2	0
Philadelphia Union	0	3	0	0	San Jose Earthquakes	0	2	0
Real Salt Lake	0	3	0	0	Seattle Sounders FC	0	2	0
San Jose Earthquakes	0	3	0	0	Seattle Sounders FC	0	2	0
Seattle Sounders FC	0	3	0	0	Seattle Sounders FC	0	2	0
Toronto FC	0	3	0	0	Seattle Sounders FC	0	2	0
Washington Spirit	0	3	0	0	Seattle Sounders FC	0	2	0
DC United	0	3	0	0	Seattle Sounders FC	0	2	0

FIGHT SCHEDULE

- June 5**
At Montevideo, Uruguay: Emanuel Sanchez vs. Jose Benavidez, 12, for the vacant WBO junior welterweight title (Santos vs. Benavidez vs. Adnan Covic, 10, co-main).
- June 6**
At Santa Rosa, California: Thomas, N.Y. (10), Diego De La Hoya vs. Jose Benavidez, 12, for the vacant WBO junior welterweight title.
- June 7**
At Manchester, England: Tony Ferguson vs. Max Holloway, 12, for the vacant WBO junior welterweight title (Ferguson vs. Holloway vs. 10, co-main); Matt Frevola vs. Austin Trout, 10, co-main; James Haney vs. Jesse Rodriguez, 10, co-main; James Haney vs. Jesse Rodriguez, 10, co-main.
- June 8**
At Dallas, Texas: Leo Sanchez (WBO), Leo Sanchez vs. Steve Haskins, 12, for the vacant WBO junior welterweight title (Sanchez vs. Haskins vs. 10, co-main); Leo Sanchez vs. Steve Haskins, 12, for the vacant WBO junior welterweight title (Sanchez vs. Haskins vs. 10, co-main); Leo Sanchez vs. Steve Haskins, 12, for the vacant WBO junior welterweight title (Sanchez vs. Haskins vs. 10, co-main).
- June 9**
At London, England: Billy Joe Saunders vs. Martin Murray, 12, for the vacant WBO middleweight title (Saunders vs. Murray vs. 10, co-main); Chao Diabo vs. Jack Leslie, 12, junior welterweight; David Williams vs. Lorenzo Clarke, 10, super middleweight.
- June 10**
At London, England: David Bennett vs. Jonathan Van Zanten, 12, for the vacant WBO junior welterweight title (Bennett vs. Van Zanten vs. 10, co-main); David Bennett vs. Jonathan Van Zanten, 12, for the vacant WBO junior welterweight title (Bennett vs. Van Zanten vs. 10, co-main); David Bennett vs. Jonathan Van Zanten, 12, for the vacant WBO junior welterweight title (Bennett vs. Van Zanten vs. 10, co-main).

Ex-Maryland player killed in Texas accident

Associated Press
BALMORHEA — Former Maryland basketball player Cliff Tucker has been killed in a West Texas van accident that left two other passengers dead. Tucker was 29.
 The Texas Department of Public Safety says the van rolled Monday on Interstate 10 near Balmorhea. Investigators believe the tread on a rear tire separated and the driver lost control.
 Tucker was from El Paso and played four years at Maryland, finishing in 2011. He was one of the school's top 3-point shooters, making 35 percent of his shots from long range.
 He played on NCAA Tournament teams in 2009 and 2010 under former coach Gary Williams.
 "Cliff was a great teammate willing to do whatever it took to make us champions," Williams said in a statement. "One of the great things about coaching is getting to know each player and their passion for their family, life and basketball. That's what makes this so difficult. He touched everyone who was a part of his life."
 Tucker played in 131 games with Maryland, 12th most in the history of the program. Perhaps his most memorable shot was a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to beat Georgia Tech on Feb. 20, 2010. It was the third of seven straight wins for Maryland, which went on to earn a share of the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title.
 Former teammate Greivis Vasquez wrote on Twitter: "Cliff Tucker and I had great moments. He was a great player, but even a better person. ... Cliff, I will always remember that last shot against Georgia Tech. You will be missed, but I know you will always be with us."
 Another former teammate, Eric Hayes, wrote: "You were one of my favorite teammates I ever played with. I could always count on you making me laugh regardless of the situation. You will be missed dearly brother."
 Also killed were Andrew Akaji, 29, of Bellevue, Florida, and Amanda Akaji, 25, of El Paso. The driver and three other passengers were hurt.



Maryland's Cliff Tucker (24) drives to the basket against Duke in the second half at the 2011 Atlantic Coast Conference tournament in Greensboro, N.C. Tucker of El Paso has been killed in a West Texas traffic accident that also left two other passengers dead. The Texas Department of Public Safety says the van rolled Monday on westbound Interstate 10 near Balmorhea.

JOSLIN

From 1C
 was around the Coahoma kids and I couldn't be more excited than I am to be back here. It's going to be a fast summer."
 Joslin said at Coahoma, he plans to implement a spread offense similar to the one he ran at Rockdale the past two seasons. He said the run-pass balance will depend on the Bulldogs' personnel.
 "Offensively, we'll cater to our kids," he said. "Defensively, we'll run some of the same stuff we brought from Rockdale. We're going to play fast and physical on that side of the ball."
 In addition to his duties on the gridiron over the years, Joslin also has a successful track record coaching golf. Under his direction at Rockdale, both the boys and girls teams captured back-to-back district and regional championships in 2017, the Lady Tigers finished third at the Class 3A state tournament.
 While at Big Spring, Joslin's golf teams were also no strangers to postseason play at regional and state tournaments.
 Joslin is a 1993 graduate of Jacksboro High School and from there, he went on to earn a bachelor's in physical education from Tarleton State University in 2002 and his teaching certification from Weatherford College in 2004.
 He made his coaching debut at Jacksboro in 2002, when he served as the program's offensive coordinator, wide receivers and secondary coach until his arrival in Big Spring in 2006.
 Coahoma is Joslin's first head coaching position and the fourth destination overall in his career.

WILLIAMS

From 1C
 Pliskova, a lefty whose twin sister upset Williams in the 2016 U.S. Open semifinals, actually hit more aces, 15. That's the most anyone has hit against Williams since at least 2008, according to the WTA.
 Indeed, Williams appeared to have trouble reading Pliskova's serves early on. There were other blips, of the sort to be expected from someone who hasn't played lately. Williams double-faulted seven times. She had nearly as many unforced errors, 25, as winners, 29.
 But she is not simply skilled. She is smart, too, and she figured things out. After trailing 3-0 in the tiebreaker, she reeled off six points in a row. After falling behind 2-0 in the second set, Williams came up with a trio of service breaks.
 All was not perfect, of course. In the final game, Williams' right foot gave way as she sprinted toward the net and she landed on her backside. At least she was able to laugh at that as she went to the sideline to towel off. A spectator yelled: "That's all right, Serena! You still look great!"
 After months of worrying more about diapers than drop shots, of breastfeeding for what she called "a really, really, really long time," of organizing her practice schedule around her newborn's nap schedule, Williams was back to doing what she's most famous for, in an arena where she earned trophies in 2002, 2013 and 2015.
 On Tuesday, she noted that she showed up at her news conference more promptly than she used to, so she could have more time to spend with Olympia.
 "I don't want her to ever feel like I'm not around. I'm a super hands-on mom," Williams said. "Maybe too much."
 A reporter wanted to know whether Williams believes she can win the title again.
 "I'm definitely here to compete and do the best that I can do, obviously. I'm not putting any pressure on myself as I normally do," Williams began.
 Then, perhaps questioning her own words as she heard them, she paused, before adding with a laugh: "I think deep down, we all know the answer to that."

FRENCH OPEN RESULTS

PARIS — Results Tuesday from the French Open at Stade Roland Garros (parabolics)	Spain, 6-2, 6-1. Eloa Viñes, Sweden, def. Daria Savelen, 7-6 (5), 6-2, 6-1. Barbora Strýcová, Hungary, def. Vera Zvonareva, 6-3, 6-3, 7-6 (5). Flavia Pennetta, France, def. Caroline Garcia, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3. Bernarda Pera, Australia, def. Vera Zvonareva, 6-2, 6-4. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (20), Russia, def. Polina Hingis, Slovenia, 6-4, 7-6 (1). Julia Goerges (11), Germany, def. Dominika Cibulková, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-4. Alison Van Uytendaele, Belgium, def. Isabelle Hengeman, Australia, 6-1, 6-4. Garbiñe Muguruza, United States, def. Kristina Mladenovic, France, 6-2, 6-4. Flavia Pennetta, 6-2, 6-4. Ashleigh Barty (17), Australia, def. Hanna Hantoni, Romania, 6-2, 6-1. Maria Sharapova (20), Russia, def. Polina Hingis, 6-4, 6-2. Stacy Allستر Edward Hoger-Hogers, France and Robin Soderstrom (12), Italy, def. Francesca Schiavone, United States, 6-3, 6-1. Michael Venus, New Zealand and Francesca Schiavone, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4). Artem Sitak, New Zealand and Wesley White, Netherlands, def. Antonio Damico, Croatia and Andre Bogdanovic, France, 6-7 (6), 6-2, 6-4.	Spain, 6-2, 6-4. Caroline Garcia (7), France, def. Yiqi-Ying Chen, China, 6-1, 6-0. Cristina Bucur, Spain, def. Svetlana Kuznetsov, Russia, 7-6 (5), 6-2. Flavia Pennetta, def. Carina Witthöft, Germany, 6-4, 6-2. Bernarda Pera, Australia, def. Vera Zvonareva, 6-2, 6-4. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (20), Russia, def. Polina Hingis, Slovenia, 6-4, 7-6 (1). Julia Goerges (11), Germany, def. Dominika Cibulková, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-4. Alison Van Uytendaele, Belgium, def. Isabelle Hengeman, Australia, 6-1, 6-4. Garbiñe Muguruza, United States, def. Kristina Mladenovic, France, 6-2, 6-4. Flavia Pennetta, 6-2, 6-4. Ashleigh Barty (17), Australia, def. Hanna Hantoni, Romania, 6-2, 6-1. Maria Sharapova (20), Russia, def. Polina Hingis, 6-4, 6-2. Stacy Allستر Edward Hoger-Hogers, France and Robin Soderstrom (12), Italy, def. Francesca Schiavone, United States, 6-3, 6-1. Michael Venus, New Zealand and Francesca Schiavone, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4). Artem Sitak, New Zealand and Wesley White, Netherlands, def. Antonio Damico, Croatia and Andre Bogdanovic, France, 6-7 (6), 6-2, 6-4.
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Astrodome gets Texas historic landmark designation

Associated Press
HOUSTON — The Houston Astrodome, which became known as the Eighth Wonder of the World as the world's first domed stadium, has received the highest honor Texas can give a historic structure.
 A marker designating the Astrodome as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark was unveiled at ceremonies Tuesday outside the Houston icon.
 The stadium opened April 9, 1965, for an exhibition baseball game between the Houston Astros and New York Yankees. For more than three decades, it hosted countless athletic competitions, concerts and other events before falling victim to old age and disrepair.
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 016 4th Annual Hot Dog Run 5K & 1 Mile at Midland College

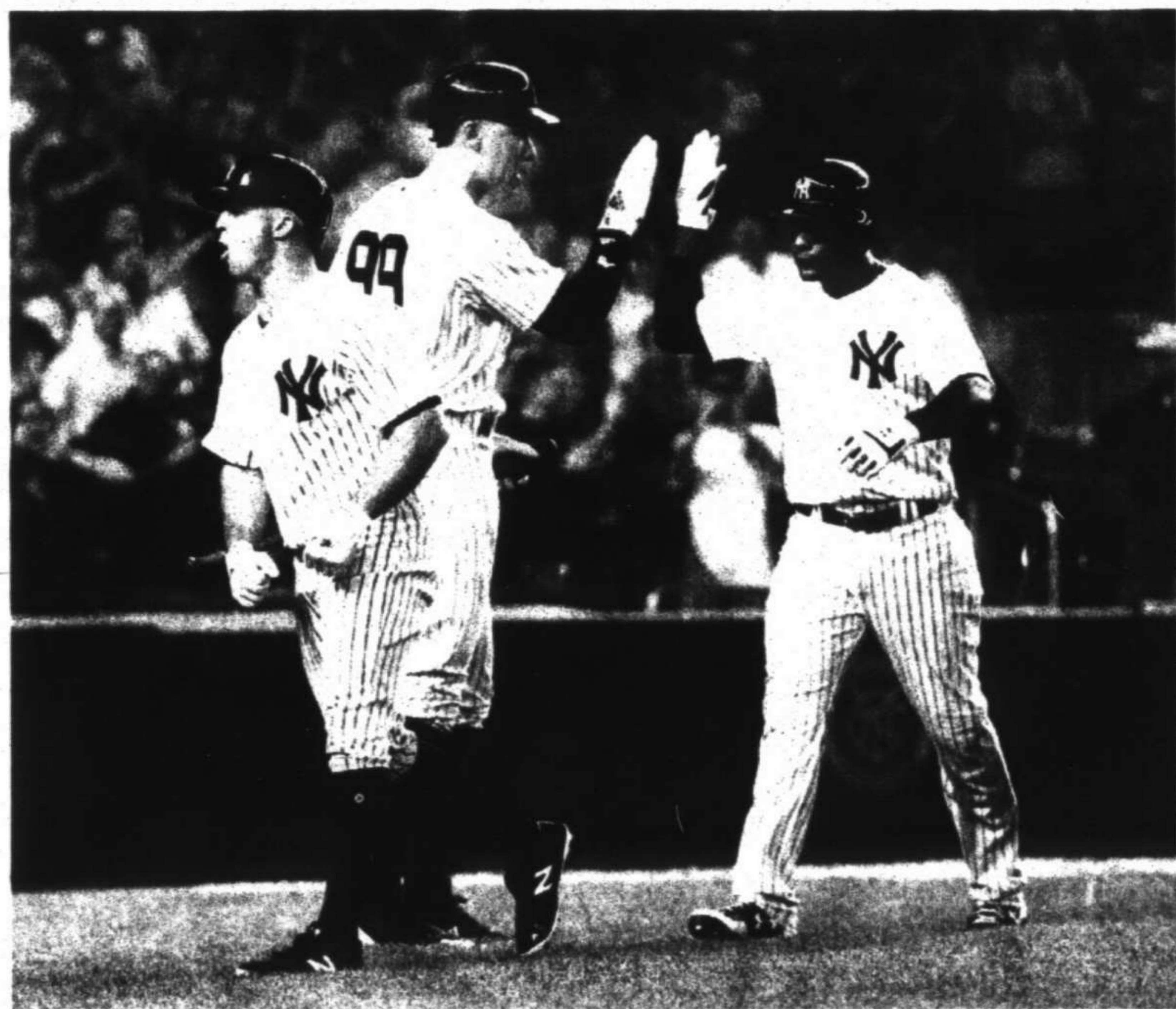
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Associated Press

New York Yankees' Brett Gardner, left, celebrates with teammates Aaron Judge (99) and Miguel Andujar (41) after hitting a two-run home run during the ninth inning of the baseball game against the Houston Astros on Tuesday in New York. The Yankees won 6-5.

Yanks rally over Astros in 10 innings

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brett Gardner tied it with his second homer of the game, a one-out, two-run drive in the ninth inning, Gleyber Torres hit a winning single in the 10th and the New York Yankees rallied to beat the Houston Astros 6-5 Tuesday night.

Yankees 6
Astros 5 (10 innings)

the American League's first eight-game winner. Manager A.J. Hinch chose not to use closer Ken Giles for the third straight day and sent Chris Devenski to the mound with a 5-3 lead for the bottom of the ninth.

chez caught the pitch that ricocheted off the top of the low wall behind the plate and fired a perfect throw to Andujar for the tag.

Andujar doubled against Brad Peacock (1-3) with two outs in the 10th, and Torres lined an opposite-field single to right. Andujar slid in as Springer's throw was wide to the first-base side, and Torres raised his hands and then his helmet after rounding first base.

Pitcher CC Sabathia, Andujar and Sanchez also made errors in the Yankees' worst-fielding game since July 21, 2014, against Texas.

Torres has four errors in four games and six in 32 games since his big league debut. New York's two wild pitches raised the total with Sanchez behind the plate to a major league-high 30.

American League

INDIANS 7 WHITE SOX 3

CLEVELAND — Michael Brantley, Jose Ramirez and Jason Kipnis each hit a solo home run, and the Cleveland Indians beat the Chicago White Sox 7-3 on Tuesday night.

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RED SOX 6 BLUE JAYS 3

BOSTON — Sandy Leon hit a home run and two doubles, Xander Bogaerts also homered and Rick Porcello took a three-hitter into the seventh inning, helping the Boston Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-3 on Tuesday night to match the second-best start in franchise history.

J.D. Martinez also had two of Boston's six doubles. The Red Sox (38-17) won for the eighth time in 10 games to maintain the best record in the major leagues and their best

National League

CUBS 6 PIRATES 6

PITTSBURGH — Anthony Rizzo shook off the boos and sparked a late rally with his ninth home run of the season as the Chicago Cubs held off the reeling Pittsburgh Pirates 6-6 on Tuesday night.

A day after his aggressive slide at home plate that took out Pittsburgh catcher Elias Diaz drew a rebuke from Major League Baseball, Rizzo doubled in the first inning and sent a solo shot off Edgar Santana (2-1) just over the railing of the Clemente Wall in right field to knot the game at 4.

Braves 7
Mets 0

ATLANTA — Johan Camargo homered with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning after the Atlanta Braves rallied from a pair of four-run deficits Tuesday night, stunning New York 7-6 and capping a miserable day for the injury-plagued Mets.

Camargo's liner off Gerson Bautista just cleared the right-field wall. The Braves' second walk-off homer in two days against their NL East rival.

Cardinals 6
Brewers 6

MILWAUKEE — Michael Wacha pitched two-hit ball for 6 2/3 innings and the St. Louis Cardinals, boosted by three home runs, beat the Milwaukee Brewers 6-1 on Tuesday night.

Harrison Bader, Matt Carpenter and Francisco Pena homered to help St. Louis top the NL Central leaders.

Wacha (6-1), who entered the game with a 2.17 ERA in May, allowed just one run. He walked four and struck out three, and combined with two relievers to limit the Brewers to three hits.

Milwaukee scored in the seventh on a pinch-hit double by Jonathan Villar off reliever Sam Tuohy. Cardinals' Hicks finished with two perfect innings, striking out four.

Interleague

NATIONALS 3
ORIOLES 2

BALTIMORE — Bryce Harper hit his NL-leading 17th home run, Mark Reynolds added a solo shot and the Washington Nationals beat the Baltimore Orioles 3-2 Tuesday night to extend their road winning streak to nine games.

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MLB ROUNDUP

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Cards rookie Hicks lights up radar guns

By Will Graves
Associated Press

Jordan Hicks can't explain where the gas comes from. If he's being honest, the St. Louis Cardinals rookie flamethrower doesn't really want to. Best not to overthink it.

So the 21-year-old reliever steps on the rubber and lets his mind go blank before beginning a delivery that looks like it could fit in a phone booth. No long levers. No exaggerated windup. Just straight fire — stuff that makes the readout from the radar gun look like a misprint.

101. 102. 103. 104. 105. It's the kind of speed that sends a jolt through the crowd and the opposing dugout alike. The kind that allowed Hicks to bypass Double-A and Triple-A entirely on his way to The Show.

Even the hair apparent to New York Yankees closer Aroldis Chapman as the hardest-throwing arm in the majors can't help but peek up after letting one rip.

"I like to see because I know I just put that much effort into it, what did I get out of it?" Hicks said. "What was the final outcome?"

Typically, outs. Relying on a two-seam fastball that frequently reaches triple digits, Hicks is 2-1 with a 1.75 ERA in 24 games this season for the Cardinals, one of the constants in a bullpen that's been erratic at best. The learning curve is still in progress — Hicks has 16 walks against 11 strikeouts in 24 2/3 innings — but

Matheny is encouraged that Hicks is trying to truly pitch instead of focusing on lighting up the gun.

Hicks was invited to big league camp for the first time in spring training, only to find his initial stay short-lived after he had issues getting to meetings on time, something Hicks called "a learning experience" when St. Louis brought him up in late March. Though Hicks was impressive from the jump, it looked like he would start the year in the minors.

Then he made an emergency Grapefruit League start in place of Adam Wainwright against the Nationals on March 25 and held a lineup that featured nearly all of Washington's regulars to one hit over four innings. It was the kind of outing that left the Cardinals with little choice. Hicks' stuff was so good, sending him down seemed sort of pointless.

Getting to the majors is one thing. Sticking around is another. Save for a bumpy appearance against the Phillies on May 17 when he gave up three runs without retiring a batter, Hicks has been dominant. Opponents are hitting just .161 against him. Though he only struck out one in 2 2/3 innings against the Pirates over the weekend, he showed the ability to turn hitters' timing into a hot mess.

"The swing and misses are going to come, there's no question about it," Matheny said. "We're going to need as many bullets as he has and get him on the mound as often as we can."

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At Security Bank Ballpark
TOP HITTERS: Arkansas' Dario Pizzano went 3-for-6 with four RBI, while teammate Braden Bishop was 4-for-5 with a double, a home run, three RBI and four runs scored. ... For Midland, Tyler Marinov was 2-for-5 with a pair of home runs and six RBI and J.P. Sportman was 3-for-5 with two home runs.

TOP PITCHERS: Travelers reliever David McKay struck out three batters over two scoreless innings. ... Sam Bragg pitched the eighth and ninth innings in relief for the Rockhounds and allowed two hits while fanning one.

HIGHLIGHTS: Arkansas led 6-0, before Midland scored four runs in the home second on two-run blasts by Marinov and Sportman. ... The Travelers plated four more in the third, highlighted by singles by Pizzano and Taylor. ... In the bottom half, the Rockhounds responded with four runs once again on an inside-the-park grand slam by Marinov. ... Arkansas' clinching five-run sixth was headlined by a two-run triple by Taylor.

NOTES: The two teams combined to produce 35 hits — 16 of them for extra bases — and leave 18 runners on base in Tuesday's game. ... Midland starter Joel Seddon was pulled after allowing 10 earned runs on 13 hits over 2 2/3 innings and 77 pitches. ... Arkansas leads the three-game series 1-0 and improved to 2-2 against Midland this season. ... The series resumes at 6:30 p.m. today.

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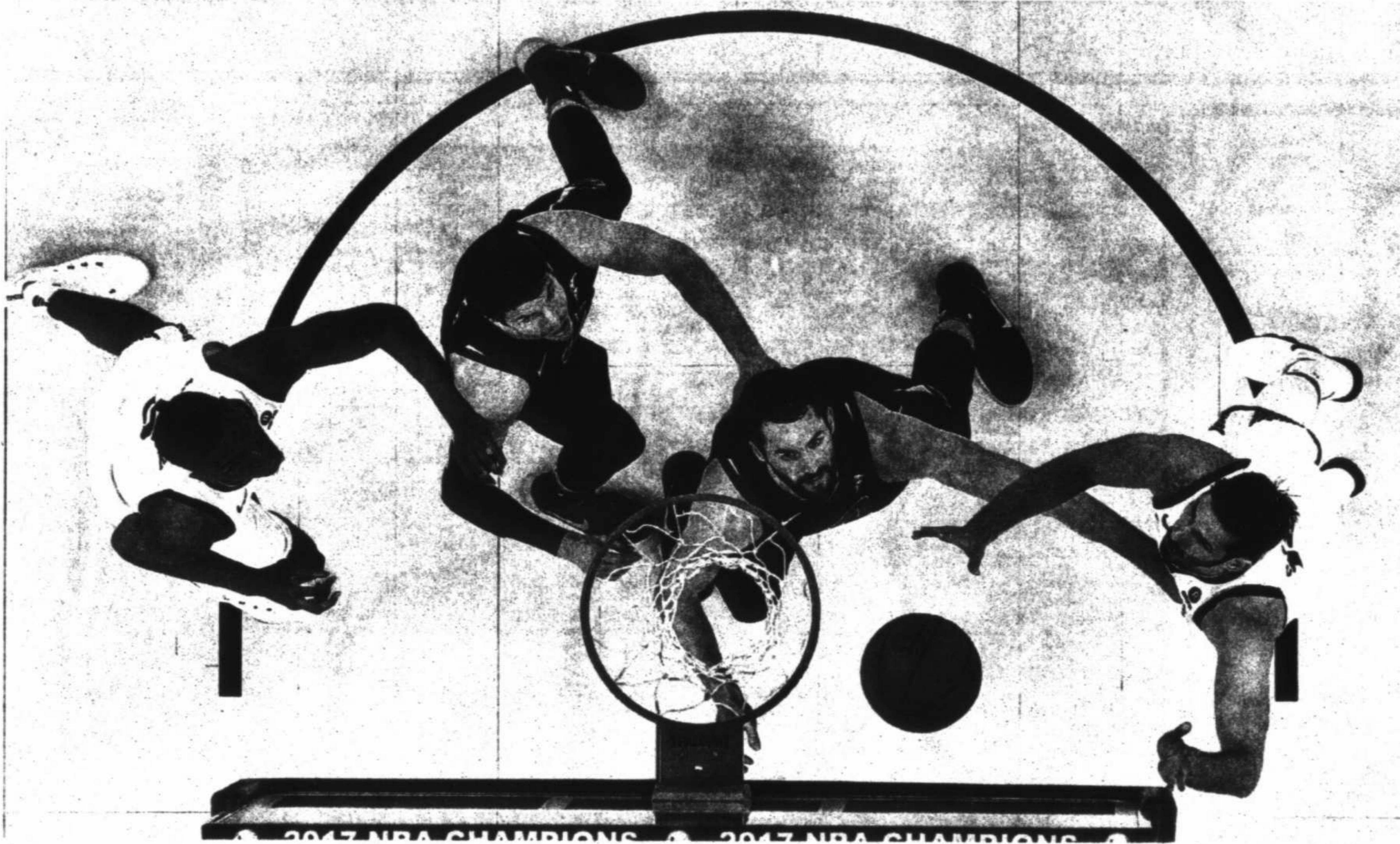
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READY FOR ROUND 4



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Kevin Love (0), Kyle Korver (26), Kevon Looney (5) and Omri Casspi (18) wait for a rebound in the first half as the Golden State Warriors played the Cleveland Cavaliers at Oracle Arena in Oakland, Calif., on December 25, 2017.

Why the Cleveland Cavaliers will win the NBA Finals

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

LeBron James has rescued the Cavaliers from a 3-1 deficit in the NBA Finals and just pulled them out of a 2-0 hole against Boston.

Neither such comeback had ever been accomplished, so James has stared down tough situations before.

Winning another championship now, leading this group of Cavaliers past a much mightier Golden State team, might even be a bigger challenge. Perhaps it's simply too much to ask.

Except for the guy being asked, James is playing at such an extraordinary level that anything is possible, including what would go down as one of the biggest upsets in NBA history.

"No matter what the story line is going to be, no matter if we're picked to win or not, let's just go out and play ball," James said. "We're going to have a great gameplan. We're going to try to get better throughout the series, and we'll see what happens."

The Warriors are better, and few outside James' native Ohio would bother to argue. Golden State is deeper, quicker, more potent offensively and much more reliable defensively. The Cavaliers only got one game off them in last year's finals, and that Cleveland team, with Kyrie Irving, was better than this year's version.

But none of their weaknesses have stopped the Cavaliers from pulling out two Game 7s in this postseason, or from

stomping on a 59-win Toronto team in four straight games. They find a way to play well enough to keep the games in striking distance so James can will the Cavs across the finish line, and that will be the strategy again starting Thursday at Oracle Arena.

As Stephen Curry noted, the Cavaliers are more than just James. Tristan Thompson rarely showed up anywhere but the gossip pages for much of the season, but has regained his role as a rugged rebounder and defender in the postseason. If All-Star Kevin Love is cleared from his concussion in time to play, Cleveland can surround James with dangerous perimeter shooters such as himself, Kyle Korver, George Hill and JR Smith, forcing the Warriors to play James 1-on-1 — and possibly without one of their top defenders in Andre Iguodala if he can't return from his leg injury.

Golden State won two of the three finals meetings and is heavily favored to take this one. But the one Cleveland got is perhaps King James' crowning achievement, when the Cavaliers overcame that 3-1 deficit to beat the 73-win Warriors in Oakland in Game 7.

Another title now wouldn't be far behind. It might require four games of around 34 points, nine rebounds and nine assists — about what James is averaging in 18 games this postseason. It's hard to expect that level of anyone, but that's what's demanded of No. 23 in Cleveland. James can do it.

Believe it or not, so can the Cavaliers. The pick: Cavaliers in seven.

Why the Golden State Warriors will win the NBA Finals

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

If there is a glaring hole on Golden State's championship resume, it's that the Warriors have never gone back-to-back.

That will change. The Warriors are about to win their second straight NBA championship and their third in the last four seasons — all of them coming at the expense of the Cleveland Cavaliers, who won't have enough even if LeBron James plays to the absolute utmost of his capabilities. The Warriors have home-court advantage, and have three of the best four players who will appear in the series. They're just too good to lose.

If they were going to lose, it would have been in the Western Conference finals against the Houston Rockets. Houston was a team that was built for one purpose — beating the Warriors. And the Rockets might have done it, too, had Chris Paul's hamstring not popped in the final seconds of Game 5 and forced him to the sideline for the rest of the series.

Golden State rallied in both Game 6 and Game 7, as Paul looked on helplessly. Yes, the Warriors caught a huge break. They won't waste this chance.

The teams have changed mightily over the last four seasons. There were 20 players who appeared in first Cavaliers-Warriors game of the 2014-15 season — only eight of them will be in uniform during this series. Kevin Durant is in Golden State now, Kyrie Irving isn't with the Cavaliers anymore, the benches are very

different particularly in Cleveland's case.

But the principals are still there: James, Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson, Draymond Green.

And over these four years since James returned to northeast Ohio, the Warriors are 17-9 against the Cavaliers. Golden State needed six games to beat Cleveland for the title in 2015, five games last season and if Andrew Bogut didn't get hurt in Game 5 of the 2016 Finals the Warriors — who ended up blowing a 3-1 lead that year — probably would have won that series, as well.

James might be playing the best basketball of his life. That's why Cleveland is still in these playoffs.

Even he won't be able to save the Cavs this time.

Cleveland looked like a team that couldn't guard anyone in the regular season, and to its credit has greatly improved on that end of the court during this postseason. But facing Golden State will be such a bigger challenge than Indiana, Toronto and Boston could provide. And if the Warriors get Andre Iguodala back, their spacing will be even better and put further demands on the Cavs.

The Cavs won't have any pressure on their shoulders. The Warriors will have it all, but after Curry, Durant and Thompson found a way to rally from 15 points down in Houston to win a Game 7 on the road and capture the Western Conference, Golden State will come into this series brimming with confidence.

That confidence will keep growing until they get another Larry O'Brien Trophy. The pick: Warriors in five.

AGAIN

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Iguodala — a former NBA Finals MVP — wasn't able to finish the Warriors-Rockets series because of a bone bruise in his leg.

The Warriors hoped Iguodala would return to the Houston series, but his progress stalled. "That's just not an easy injury to predict in terms of recovery," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said.

There wasn't a lot of similarity in Cleveland's and Golden State's seasons, but their last few days have been mirror images of one another — both teams had to win Game 6s at home to fend off elimination, then had to go on the road and prevail in Game 7s to win their respective conference finals.

"One of the most challenging seasons I've had," said James, who may be playing the best

NBA Finals glance

Game	Location	Winner
Game 1	Cleveland at Golden State, 9 p.m.	Cleveland
Game 2	Cleveland at Golden State, 7 p.m.	Golden State
Game 3	Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.	Golden State
Game 4	Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.	Golden State
Game 5	Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.	Cleveland
Game 6	Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.	Cleveland
Game 7	Cleveland at Golden State, 7 p.m.	Cleveland

basketball of his life right now at the end of his 15th season.

Here's some of what the Cavaliers have dealt with since Golden State-Cleveland III ended last June: Kyrie Irving got traded for Isaiah Thomas over the summer, coach Tyrone Lue had to miss time to deal with health issues, Love missed two months, they lost 11 games by 16 or more points, revamped their roster in February and spent much of the season unable to guard anybody. They're in the finals again

anyway, led by someone who will play in the last series of the season for an absurd eighth consecutive year.

"It's been a roller coaster," said James, who is seeking a fourth ring in his ninth finals appearance overall. "It's been good, it's been bad. It's been roses. There have been thorns in the roses. There's been everything that you can ask for."

This wasn't all poaches for Golden State, either. The Warriors didn't get the No. 1 seed out

West, lost Curry to a knee injury late in the regular season, lost 10 of their final 17 games and got pushed to the brink.

"I'm glad we're going back," Warriors forward Kevin Durant said.

The Warriors swept the two regular-season meetings with the Cavaliers, winning by seven at home on Christmas Day (without Curry) and prevailing by 10 in Cleveland about three weeks later.

Film-wise, those two games are meaningless now. Of Cleveland's five leading scorers against Golden State this season, three no longer play for the Cavaliers. James and Love combined to score 100 points in the two games, but Dwyane Wade, Joe Crowder and Isaiah Thomas were all shipped elsewhere by the Cavs in a series of trade-

deadline moves.

"We obviously know what LeBron's capable of," Curry said shortly after the Warriors' Game 7 win at Houston ended. "It's a new team over there, so the other guys, we've got to lock in on their tendencies. But we'll worry about that when we get home."

If the Cavaliers win this championship, it might be time to declare the regular season irrelevant.

Cleveland was only 50-32 this season. Should James and his mates get it done, that would be the second-worst, regular-season record for an eventual champion in the last 40 seasons. Houston went 47-35 on the way to the 1995 title; to find another champion who was worse, go back to Washington in 1978 when the Bullets were a mere 44-38.

HOUSTON

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into halftime. Those same opportunities were there in the second half, we just didn't make them. They made tough shots. That's it pretty much."

It was a bitter end to a sweet year for Houston.

Harden turned in an MVP-caliber regular season to help the Rockets get the NBA's top seed for the first time in franchise history. Many doubted that he would play well with Paul after the point guard was acquired in a trade with the Clippers. But the two meshed nicely and helped the

Rockets to a 3-2 lead in the conference finals before Paul's season ended with a hamstring injury in Game 5.

"They were devastated ... we thought we were so close," D'Antoni said. "We had it. We thought we had it. We had the first half ... tip your hat to them, but at the same time guys gave everything they've got, so it's normal to be devastated. I think they're still proud of the work we did, but at the same time, it hurts."

Now the Rockets have to figure out what it will take to get over the hump next year. They have some big decisions to make with Paul, Ariza and center Clint

Capela eligible for free agency. Some believe Houston could make a run at LeBron James if he chooses to leave Cleveland, but the Rockets would have to make a lot of changes to their roster to be able to afford him.

D'Antoni didn't want to get into what he thinks general manager Daryl Morey should do with the roster to improve this offseason.

"It's way too early. That's Daryl's department," he said. "I love each guy. So it's hard to even be objective, me to be objective. That's the upside. That's their job to be cold and objective, and do what

they think is best for the team. Then once we get in the trenches, I'll be happy with whoever we've got."

But he knows the Warriors will continue to be the league's benchmark and they'll have to figure out a way to beat them if they hope to win a championship.

"Golden State has set the bar for the whole league, not just us. We know where we have to go," he said. "We feel like we're really close ... so I'm obviously optimistic because of the guys we're dealing with, and they're winners. You keep knocking on the door, and they'll eventually open."

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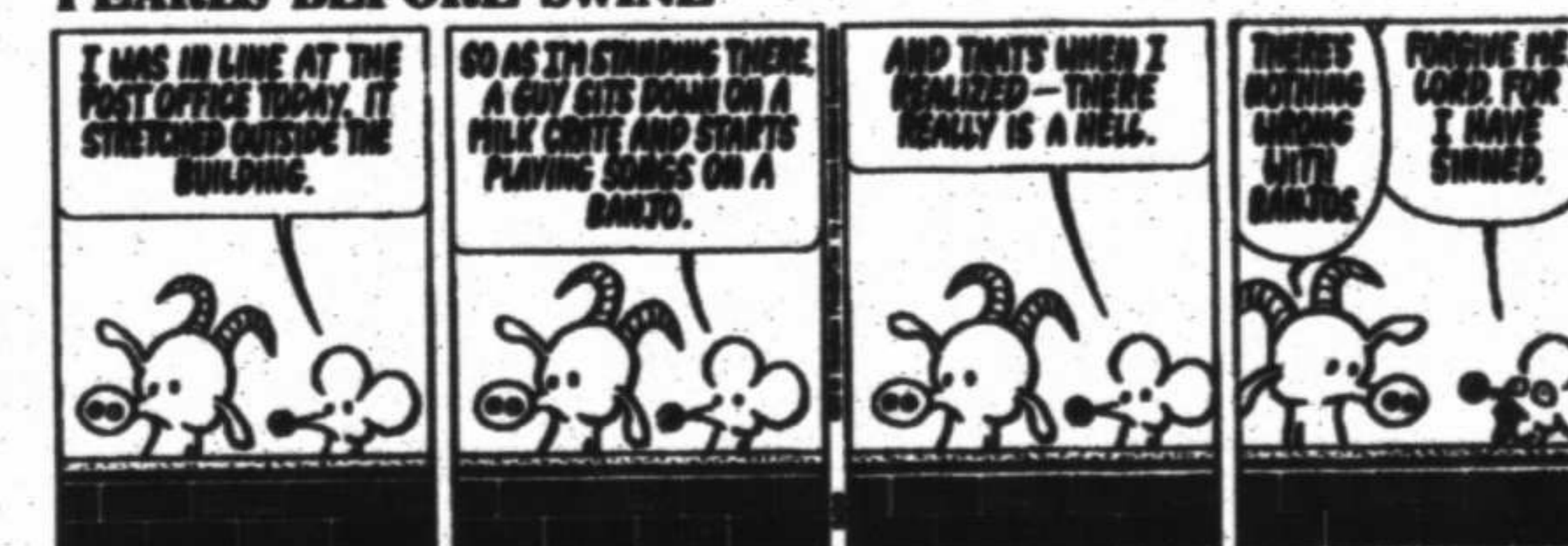
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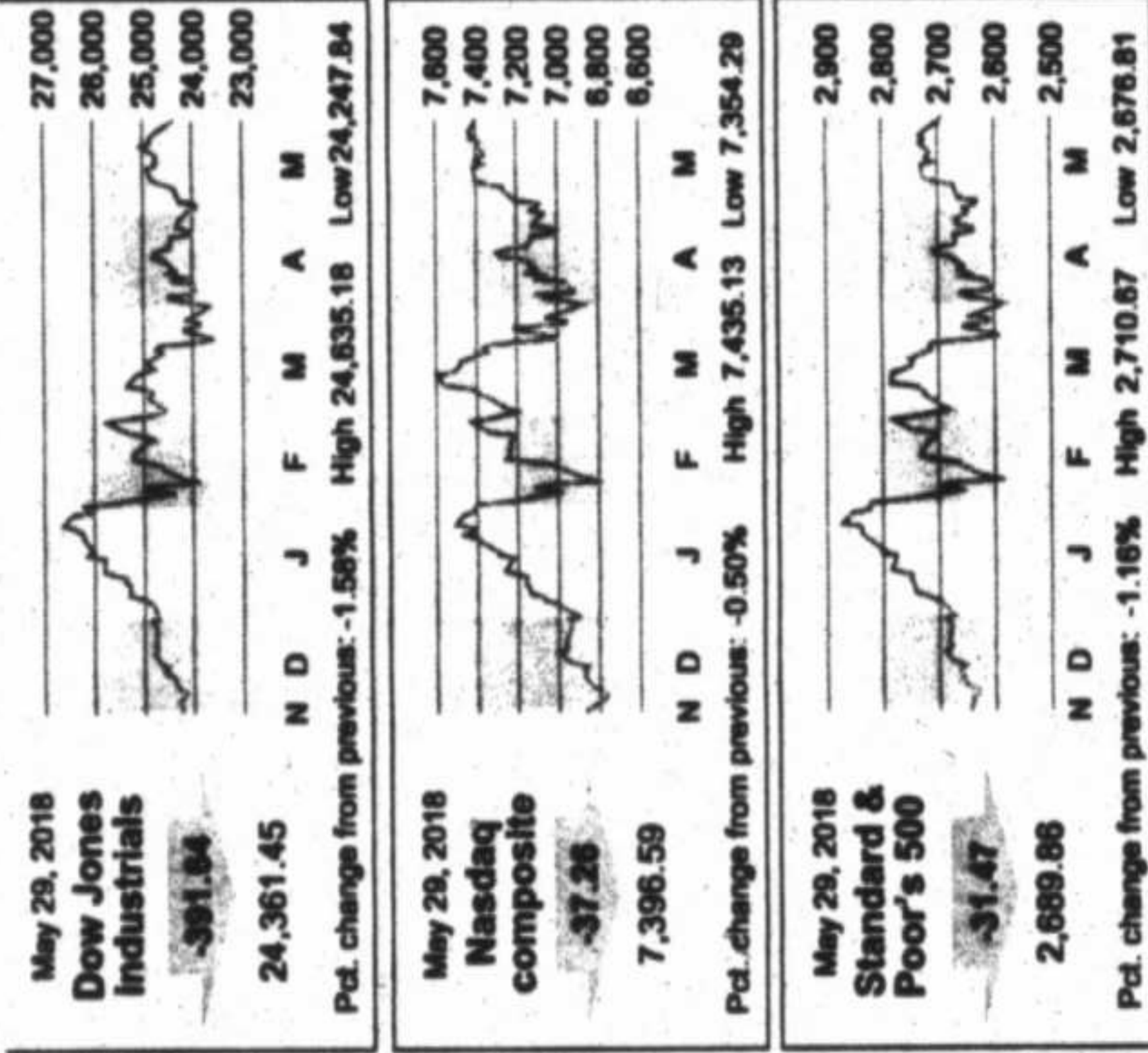
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• Provides planning and direction for GIS growth to serve the City and Public.
• Provides general customer service; responds to concerns and inquiries related to - Division services.
• Negotiates and revises contracts provided by vendors for GIS services, e.g., - LIDAR, ortho-mosaic imagery, Cityworks, etc.
• Develops policies and standards for the GIS Division.
• Manages the setting of priorities for projects, software, database, and application development.
• Oversees development of GIS applications, web services, and tools to ensure they are current and utilize industry standards and practices.
• Oversees the GIS Division in managing ArcGIS Server installation, maintenance, upgrades and use.
• Provides recommendations to the Director of Engineering Services regarding annual GIS Division budget priorities for projects, software, and resources required to complete them.
• Provides user-training services, as requested.
• Independently prepares and delivers reports and presentations to City Commissioners, City Managers, 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 Managers, constituents, 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 analyze 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 design/management and programming is desirable.

Knowledge of land surveying, municipal governmental operations, acquisitions and procedures is desirable.

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

Benefits:
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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.

BUDEATARY RESPONSIBILITIES:
Prepares and administers 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, admin' fees 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.

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Right-Of-Way Manager

This position manages the acquisition, sale, and licensing 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.

Buygetary Responsibilities:
Assist management staff with recommendations and budget data for potential right-of-way and easement acquisitions for public improvements.

Job Duties:
• Develops policies and procedures for standardization of third-party use of City rights-of-way and property.
• Manages 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.
• Develops and negotiates Surface Use Agreements, Right-of-Way License Agreements, Isometric Agreements, for third-party users of City-owned parcels or rights-of-way, and coordinates with appropriate City Departments or Management.
• Prepares and presents reports to City officials, Council members, and representatives of outside agencies.
• Obtains Approvals, Title Work, and coordinates Closings on tracts of interest.
• Coordinates and processes public assessments for City projects.
• Coordinates departmental actions related to acquisition of real property to ensure compliance with City policies, and legal and regulatory guidelines.
• Coordinates preparation of offers to purchase, leases, deeds, exchange agreements, easements, releases, and related property transaction documents.
• Coordinates with others and utilizes engineering plans and plats to determine accuracy of property legal descriptions and boundaries, site 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 governmental 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, constituents, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of Arc GIS software is desirable.

Bachelor's degree required. Minimum of five years' experience in real estate, land acquisition, or a similar field. Valid Texas driver's license required.

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MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE



NOW HIRING
Planner

Performs field and office work related to planning and development programs for utilization of land and physical facilities of the city.

Job Duties:
• Prepares special studies and reports related to code amendments and annexation studies. Assists with comprehensive plan and studies and updates as necessary.
• Prepares statistical reports such as annual production estimates.
• Reviews requests and prepares written reports for zone change and proposed subdivision plat applications and special studies.
• Presents information and recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
• Performs miscellaneous applications including temporary land use, special events, public rights of way, etc.
• Responds to public inquiries concerning development of the city in general as well as specific areas.
• Researches, compiles and analyzes land use and related data.
• Works with the public and develops in answering questions and providing information.
• Performs 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 urban planning, planning, engineering or economic plus one to three years of experience. Valid Texas Driver's License.

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These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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Gate Attendants needed
Gate Guard Services is looking for Gate Attendants in West Texas area, must have RV or Traveling trailer and must pass background. Requirements needed: Non-Commissioned license. Please call Patty for more information @ 381-949-8952.

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Public Safety Dispatcher

Directs calls for service for emergency purposes and directs non-emergency inquiries.

Job Duties:

- Answers the phone and assists citizens with requests for emergency and non-emergency services for police, fire, sheriff and emergency medical service.
- Directs citizen inquiries and non-emergency calls to the appropriate agency or organization.
- Dispatches law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel and notifies support and crisis personnel as needed through the use of multi-channel radio system and computer aided dispatch system.
- Requests and disseminates vehicle registration, driver's license, criminal history information through the use of the Texas Information Computer System (TICS, NCIC).
- Obtains computer information and disseminates to law enforcement officials and investigators. Enters related information into the system.
- Sends and receives teletype information to and from related agencies.
- Maintains records of work performed.
- 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 communicates 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 computer 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)
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5. Memory Recall-Number: (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 callers.

DAYS & HOURS: Rotating Shifts; Rotating Days Off - Valid Texas Driver License

Benefits:

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Recycle Supervisor

Supervises and monitors 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:

- Schedules and monitors the work of subordinate employees.
- Instructs employees in the use, care, and preventive maintenance of equipment and machinery.
- Reads schematics, manuals, and other specifications in order to determine and make necessary repairs and maintenance.
- Maintains equipment in good working order and keeps records of work performed.
- Ensures the cleanliness and maintenance of facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
- Acts as the customer service representative of the Recycle Division at the Citizens Collection Station and on recycle issues.
- Keeps records and reports readily available.
- Coordinates efforts with Solid Waste operations.
- Serve as service attendant when necessary.
- Serve as a Solid Waste Supervisor when necessary.
- Performs 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 utilized in disposal activities. Ability to train others in safe operation of equipment. Ability to work with cash and adhere to 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 and/or supervising and evaluating 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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Accepting applications for the position of 2-1-1 Information and Referral Community Outreach and Resource Coordinator. Job duties include developing and implementing a community and business outreach plan, developing public education and information materials, and networking with agencies to gather resource information for the 2-1-1 database of resources.

Minimum qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in a socialhuman service or related field and minimum of two years' experience with the non-profit community or socialhealth services agencies in the Permian Basin. Bilingual (English and Spanish) preferred. Certified Information and Referral Specialist (CIRS) OR must obtain Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) within 18 months of employment. Position requires ability to work in a team-oriented environment, strong customer service orientation and skills, and ability to build and maintain strong community relationships.

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Systems Administrator

Performs network and system support functions on segments of the computer environment, including planned and emergency maintenance; performance and security analysis; and monitoring, tuning, and implementing new products and procedures. Analyzes emerging technology and makes 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.
- Maintains information storage systems, schedules, and tests, including backup and recovery tasks, 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

Diagnoses, repairs and maintains 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 rebuilds 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

Performs 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:

- 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.
- Researches planned districts, nonconforming uses, plats and legal 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 requirements.
- Conducts field inspections of parked 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 blueprints, 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 training. Certification as Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector, or ability to obtain within one year.

Benefits:

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Customer Service (Field Work)

Performs 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 had been disconnected. Obtains new or current readings due to new service or broken lines.
- Sets meters to establish or re-establish service.
- Pulls meters should instances occur when customer fails to set up service.
- Collects past due utilities bills so that water can be connected.
- Changes our broken meter stop valves and meter box lids.
- Verifies or re-reads meter information when complaints are filed.
- 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 street locations. Skill in math in determining 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. Employee must be bondable.

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Effluent Distribution Technician

Maintains pivots in good working order and prevents holding ponds from overflowing.

Job Duties:

- Determines which pump units to operate and maintains center pivots in good working order. Repairs and services when necessary.
- Operates gates and logson system in order to store water without allowing holding ponds to overflow. Determines where and when 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 pivot 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 TNRCC. 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 Electrician/Electronics Specialist.

Job Duties:

- Performs preventive maintenance on automatic gates, automatic doors, parking lot equipment, lighting, security systems, jetway systems, etc.
- Assists the Electrician/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 electrician required. Journeyman's License as an electrician required. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:

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Electrical/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.
- Instructs users of SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Calculates electrical loads for equipment and installs wiring.
- Determines equipment and supplies required for jobs by reading code books and data 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.
- Perform 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 Apprentice Electrician license from the State of Texas or have successfully completed 12 college hours of electrical coursework would be preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must also obtain a valid state of Texas class 'C' or above water works license.

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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 assists engineers with recommending corrections.
- Performs 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.
- Researches utility locations and right of way, assemble plat and deed information and produces plan views.
- As appropriate, trains 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 regulations 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 plats for boundary surveys.

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
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Equipment Operator - Landfill

Disposes of refuse through the use of heavy equipment at the Landfill.

Job Duties:

- Disposes of refuse with the use of heavy equipment such as compactors, scrapers, bulldozers and related equipment.
- Maintains access roads to the Landfill.
- Covers 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, class 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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MIDLAND
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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 acquired 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 backhoes, ditch witch, and jet truck. 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 90 days of employment. Must possess or be able to obtain Wastewater Certification Class I and Water Distribution D Certificate with in a reasonable length of time.

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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 operations of the City of Midland. They are also responsible for the interpretation and implementation of regulations promulgated by State and Federal authorities.

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.
- Maintains 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.
- Collects, analyzes, and interprets results of environmental, water and wastewater samples.
- Prepares reagents for use at the laboratory and performs standardization of reagents to ensure quality.
- Must maintain work area, supplies, and equipment in an orderly, safe, and clean manner.
- Maintains accurate and extensive analytical data records of data for future use.
- Investigates and reports on complaints and all other problems delegated by the Director of Utilities.
- Makes monthly reports or as required to the Water Regulatory Agencies and Utilities.
- Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
- Keeps apprised of State/Federal regulations and makes recommendations on their impacts to the City.
- Performs 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 performed. Ability to perform chemical analysis. Must have thorough knowledge of chemical 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 hired 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 having direct charge of the operation of a water treatment facility or Water Production Facilities. Positions at this level provide instruction and assistance to lower level 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.

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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 kennel areas, cat facilities, quarantine areas, wildlife facilities and sickling/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.
- Also-chips animals that have animal control custody.
- Unloads dead and live animals from the public, veterinarians and animal control offices.
- 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 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 kennel. Employee 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 Certification within one year of employment. Must be able to obtain euthanasia certification within six months of employment.

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Maintenance Specialist - Parks - Sports Complex

Performs all routine maintenance work for the parks division at the sports complex, including special events.

Job Duties:

- Performs routine building and grounds maintenance.
- Removes trash from containers.
- Repairs grounds and athletic areas and facilities for repairs.
- Operates and maintains equipment used in daily operations. Files out reports and submits to supervisor.
- Helps 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 specific projects.

Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Skill in troubleshooting air conditioning and plumbing. Ability to operate hand tools and equipment such as mowers, gas powered trimmers, axes and other gardening and maintenance tools.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas Driver's License, CDL preferred.

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Plant Maintenance Mechanic - Water Purification Plant

Performs skilled & semi-skilled maintenance duties as they relate to equipment repair and upkeep. Perform 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 painting of equipment.
- Performs electrical repairs including wiring of electric motors, switches, and panels.
- Troubleshoots electrical problems including checking and repairing control circuits.
- Serves as a shift relief as needed, assuming full authority, 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 operations 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 license within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must possess a valid Texas Class "C" CDL or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

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Service Center Technician

Performs tire installation and repair and general maintenance on vehicles and machinery.

Job Duties:

- Repair 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 out as necessary.
- Balance tires.
- Performs engine oil and filter changes. Changes transmission oils and filters.
- Cleans and maintains shop facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
- Orders and issues parts.
- Opens work orders, changes out parts and closes 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 in general automotive repairs. Ability to safely use tools, vehicles and equipment such as wrenches, tire hammers and breaker bars, tire and wheel balancers, tire machines, jacks, air impact wrenches, fork lifts and assorted hand tools. Skill in the reading and practical application of manuals, schematics and other similar specifications used by city departments. Ability to read, measure and calculate types and sizes of materials needed and ability to reason amount of time that will be used in the actual repair process. Ability to speak, understand and follow instructions in English.

High school diploma or equivalent plus one year of general service station experience is required. Experience in towing vehicles, changing oil and oil filters, and changing or repairing auto and large equipment tires is also required. Employee must have dependable transportation and a telephone at their residence. A valid Texas license required, CDL preferred. Must have a State of Texas Inspection License or ability to obtain within 90 days.

DAYS & HOURS:
Monday - Friday, 2:00 pm to 11:00 pm

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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 adjusting equipment. Additionally, an employee performs data collection and reporting functions to ensure compliance with Federal and State water quality requirements & Standards.

Job Duties:

- Collects and computes chemical analysis of water samples. Interprets and logs results.
- Controls water treatment processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and monitors 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 well field production.
- Reports maintenance issues that affect plant operations.
- Assists maintenance personnel as assigned and when needed.
- Performs routine cleaning of work areas.
- Performs other 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" Surface Water license from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications 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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Well Field Technician - Pool Wells

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Purification and associated potable water storage.

Job Duties:

- Assists other Utility Department Divisions as required.
- Performs Operations & 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 report 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 area. Maintains grounds at well field compounds.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

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Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, motors and lower operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity and electronics. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. On call 50% evenings 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 Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must possess a valid Texas Class "C" CDL, required or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

Benefits:

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Well Field Technician - Airport Well Field

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Purification 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 area.
- Maintains house and grounds at 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 lower operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity and electronics. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. On call 50% of evenings 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 Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications 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.

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Utility Plant Operator - WPCP

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 janitorial 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 receive 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 TWRCC within established time constraints. Valid Texas Driver's License.

DAYS & HOURS:
Rotating Shift, Rotating Days Off

Benefits:

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Equipment Operator - Traffic Operations

Perform manual and unskilled labor on traffic signs and markings, which often involves the use of acquired 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 paint machines, sign installation equipment, vehicles and other heavy equipment.
- Perform maintenance, service other repairs on vehicles and equipment.
- Install 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 required in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, 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:

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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:

- Performs 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.
- Performs daily preventative maintenance of equipment.
- Performs manual work and general labor such as making street and curb cuts.
- Maintains tools and equipment.
- Assists with the proper set up of work zone traffic control.
- Assists in loading and unloading of transported material and equipment.
- Fulfills on-call duties as required and outlined on Transportation's on-call roster.
- Assists with the maintenance of Transportation's buildings and grounds.
- Assists other City divisions and departments, as needed.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
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 fluid 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 Operators in the maintenance and/or 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:

- Performs routine maintenance and/or construction on streets, alleys, right of ways, drainage channels, etc.
- Performs daily preventative maintenance of motorized equipment or hand tools.
- Performs manual work and general labor such as weed cutting, pothole repair, shoveling, etc.
- Maintains tools and equipment in good and safe operating condition.
- Performs any related duties needed to complete projects.
- Installs and maintains signage throughout the city.
- Paints lane lines on the streets and thoroughfares. Paints designated curbs.
- Installs lane marking devices.
- Trims trees in order to clear sign obstructions.
- Fabricates signs.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work schedules, status reports and records of work orders.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group.

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to train 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 request/work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

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Sanitation Driver

Drive a single or tandem axle side loading refuse truck and collect and dispose of refuse. Drive as standby driver until a regular route becomes available. Works at recycling center when required sorting recyclables. 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. Collect and dispose of yard waste and large, bulky items when assigned to hand pick up.
- Travel to and from the landfill in order to dispose of waste materials.
- Assists in filter pickup and similar programs when required.
- Maintains and inspects vehicles and performs safety checks daily.
- Maintains records of work performed for supervisor such as vehicle check list, tip logs and repair reports.
- Any solid waste management activity required of the solid waste management division in order to adequately perform public service responsibilities.
- Assists in recycling activities.
- Assists in solid waste disposal related activities when not driving a regular route.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and citizens who will inquire regarding disposal procedures. Ability to work with citizens who may have complaints on services provided.

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0311377
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 16, 2018 Status/Permit No. 638163
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 20, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PERMIAN DEEP ROCK OIL CO., LLC, [RRC Operator No. 655805] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line 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. Applicant also seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement because the location is less than the required Rule 37 distance to an external lease line for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 12, Bk. 39 T2S, GARDNER, J E Survey, A-662, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, MIDLAND County, being 2.4 miles SW direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A 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 protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY **Jun 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.** IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name :	REBEL
Lease/Unit Well No. :	H115DX
Lease/Unit Acres :	205.03
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0
Lease Lines :	720.0 F NW L. 860.0 F SW L
Survey Lines :	720.0 F NW L. 860.0 F SW L
Wellbore Profile(s) :	Horizontal
Lateral: TH1	
Penetration Point Location	
Lease Lines :	10.0 F SE L 430.0 F NE L
Terminus Location	
BH County: MIDLAND	
Section: 36	Block: 39 T1S Abstract: 1
Survey: T&P RR CO / MOODY, J M	
Lease Lines :	100.0 F NW L 252.0 F NE L
Survey Lines :	100.0 F NW L 701.0 F SW L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10600 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Debbie Whiting, at (432)662-6885, x357.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37/38 Case No. 0311562
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 22, 2018 Status/Permit No. 639674
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 26, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DIAMONDBACK ESP LLC, [RRC Operator No. 217012] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code sections 3.37 and 3.38). 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. Applicant also seeks exception to the density requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 8, Bk. 39 T1S, T&P RR CO EDWARDS, W Survey, A-719, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 5.89 miles NW direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A 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 protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY **Jun 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.** IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	BUTTE UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No. :	804WB
Lease/Unit Acres :	320.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1.0
Lease Lines :	2175.0 F WEST L. 306.0 F SOUTH L
Survey Lines :	2175.0 F WEST L. 306.0 F SOUTH L
Wellbore Profile(s) :	Horizontal
Lateral: TH1	
Penetration Point Location	
Lease Lines :	2175.0 F WEST L 306.0 F SOUTH L
Terminus Location	
BH County: MIDLAND	
Section: 17 Block:	39 T1S Abstract: 37
Survey: T&P RR CO	
Lease Lines :	212.0 F WEST L 50.0 F SOUTH L
Survey Lines :	2274.0 F WEST L 2962.0 F NORTH L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10740 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Paula Brunson, at (432)2217442.

OISHI ZHENG, INC DBA OISHI SUSHI & HIBACHI IS MAKING APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION FOR A WINE & BEER RETAILER'S PERMIT LOCATED AT 4706 N MIDKIFF RD, SUITE 15-16, MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS. LI XIONG ZHENG IS DIR, PRES, SEC OF SAID CORPORATION.

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Pursuant to Statewide Rules 26 and 27, interested parties must file objections or requests for hearing in writing to the Railroad Commission office within 21 days after publication, or the Commission may approve the application.

For questions pertaining to the application, please contact Sandra Musselman at (713) 306-5106.

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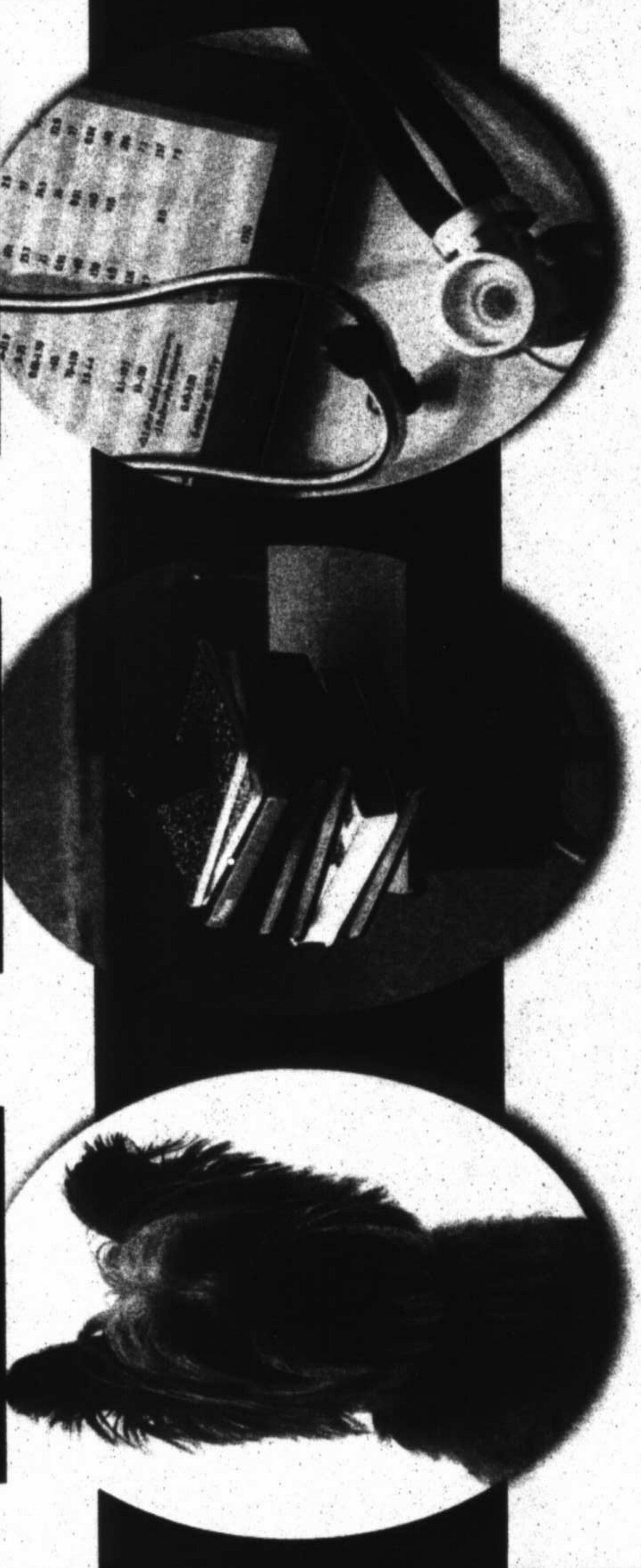
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