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Drivers die in separate wrecks in Midland County

■ Number of deaths on roads inside the county moves to five in last seven days

From staff reports

The total number of people killed in wrecks on roads in Midland County this year now stands at 23, according to Reporter-Telegram records, after the Texas Department of Public Safety on Monday reported two crashes that occurred last week.

According to Reporter-Telegram records, the two fatalities bring the total number of deaths on roads inside Midland County to five since July 10.

A 35-year-old Murchison man died late Thursday night in a two-vehicle wreck on Farm-to-Market Road 307, according to a press release from DPS.

Cody M. Kuykendall was driving a 2015 Dodge Ram south on South County Road 1050, and a 2011 Dodge Ram was westbound on FM 307.

Kuykendall disregarded the stop sign at the intersection and hit the other pickup, according to the press release. He died at the scene of the wreck that occurred shortly before midnight. He was not wearing his seat belt.

Deaths this year

January	0	May	3
February	2	June	3
March	4	July	5
April	6		

The driver of the 2011 Ram, a 56-year-old Comanche man, and his passenger, a 25-year-old Comanche woman, were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with incapacitating injuries, according to the release.

The next night, a 28-year-old Stanton man died in a one-vehicle crash on the Interstate Highway 20 south service road, according to a separate press release from DPS.

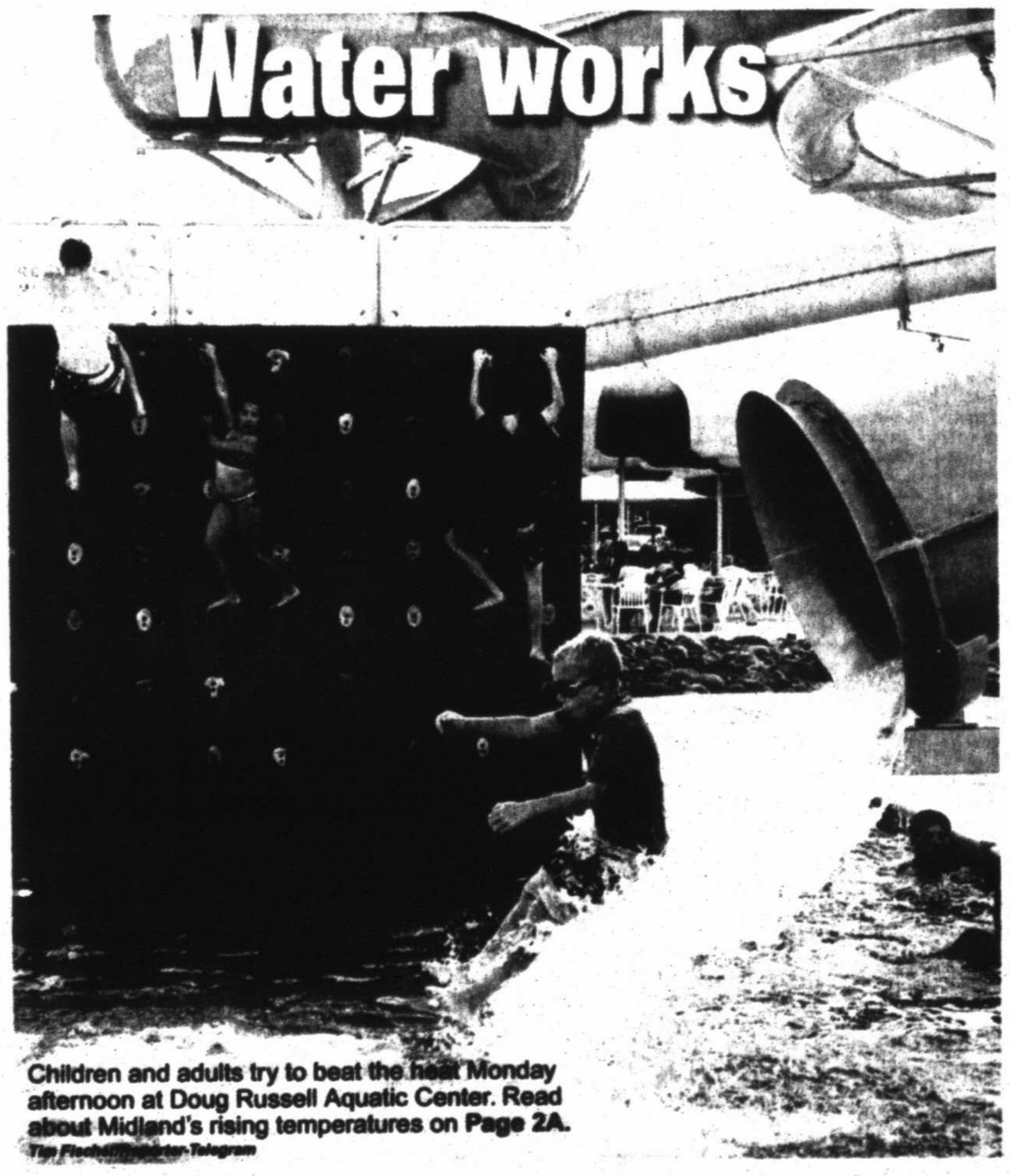
Michael A. Doshier was driving a GMC Yukon eastbound in the westbound lane about 13 miles east of Midland. The SUV left the roadway and rolled, according to the release.

Doshier died at the scene of the wreck that occurred at about 7:15 p.m. Friday, according to the release. He was not wearing a seat belt.

Kuykendall and Doshier are the fourth and fifth people to die in wrecks on roads in Midland County in the past week, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

A motorcyclist died Saturday morning in a two-vehicle wreck at the intersection of Bankhead Highway and Front Street, and two men died in a five-vehicle hit-and-run crash on I-20 on July 10, according to previous Reporter-Telegram articles.

July is now one behind April for the most deaths on roads inside Midland County. There were six in April. The 23rd fatality in 2017 happened on July 18.



Children and adults try to beat the heat Monday afternoon at Doug Russell Aquatic Center. Read about Midland's rising temperatures on Page 2A.

Tim Fischer/Midland Reporter-Telegram

Barbershop, bar get P&Z's OK to serve alcohol

By Trevor Hawes
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A pair of alcohol permits could bring new life to a former downtown hot spot and a new concept to the city's mall.

The Planning & Zoning Commission on Monday unanimously approved separate specific-use permits for the sale of alcohol for The Buffalo Nickel by Cibolo Creek and Coiffures, a barbershop and salon.

Patrons of Music City Mall in Odessa might have seen a Coiffures in operation near 10 Sports Bar & Grill. "I got the idea because sometimes we have two- to three-hour waits because of how many people come to the shop, and they would spend their time waiting at 10 Sports," owner Tim Cuevas told the Reporter-Telegram after the meeting. "I thought I could capitalize on that and bring (the bar) here. We figured Midland would be a great opportunity for us."

Cuevas is keeping with the mall-location concept and opening shop in Midland Park Mall — 4511 N. Midkiff Road, space D03 — near clothing retailer Rue 21. The Odessa location doesn't have a bar.

Cuevas is using the Midland shop to test the bar-and-barbershop concept. Mall owner Simon Properties "looked at me like I was crazy," Cuevas said. He hopes to franchise the concept to other cities if it's successful in Midland.

Coiffures in Midland will have 28 barbers and will cater to all clientele. "It'll be a one-stop shop. Dad can come in and get a fade, mom can get her hair cut and colored, and their son can get a cool design like Spider-Man," Cuevas said.

The barbershop will be 3,490 total square feet; the serviceable area for alcohol will be 450 square feet. Service hours are noon-9 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Only beer and wine can be served.

The location will have direct access to the parking lot. Cuevas said his target opening date is Nov. 1.

A more traditional place to grab an adult beverage is opening downtown. The Buffalo Nickel by Cibolo Creek, 216 N. Main St., hopes to open in September, co-owner Crystal Wright told the Reporter-Telegram after the meeting. "We're super excited about it," she said.

The Buffalo Nickel is taking over the space formerly occupied by Cigar Frogs. The location's alcohol permit expired in 2017.

Please see P&Z/2A

Loss of Fasken leaders concerns parents

By Stewart Doreen
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One of the top performing schools in Midland ISD lost its top two administrators, and concerned parents believe the departure of Fasken Elementary's principal and assistant principal could have been avoided.

Principal Adelina Baiza retired, and Assistant Principal Theresa Slocum provided her resignation after a situation that parents and supporters of the school believe was mishandled by central office.

According to trustee Bryan Murry — whose wife teaches at Fasken and who is a Fasken parent — said after the meeting that Slocum resigned because she wouldn't accept a move to another school and Slocum's resignation led the principal to retire.

"(Slocum) wanted one more year (to train under Baiza)," Murry said. "She was a shining star."

There are few other details from the district about what happened, but supporters of Fasken were vocal in the public comment period about the loss of leadership at the school. These supporters include Kaci McDaniel, a former Fasken PTA president whose three sons attend MISD.

She called on district leadership to put a greater focus on retaining talent, not just recruiting new talent. That point was brought up later in the evening when Midland ISD leaders mentioned that the district has more vacancies than normal.

Midland ISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick said during the meeting that an emphasis will be put on building retention and this will be added to the school performance framework.

"We will not get where we need to go

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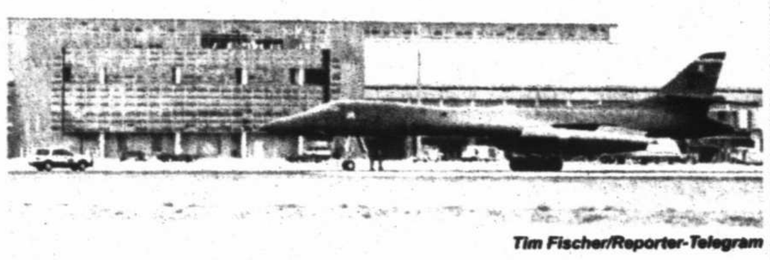
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Olive oil is coming
out of a weeping Virgin Mary statue in Las Cruces. Page 5A

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

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A U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer made an emergency landing May 1 at Midland International Airport. The aircraft is being housed in a hangar at the airport.

B-1B crew members receive Flying Cross

■ Officers honored for actions during in-flight emergency that led to landing in Midland

From staff reports

ABILENE — The Air Force Global Strike Command commander recently honored the B-1B Lancer aircrew members who experienced an in-flight emergency in May in Midland.

Gen. Robin Rand, AFGSC commander, during a ceremony on July 13 at Dyess Air Force Base, presented Distinguished Flying Cross medals to Maj. Christopher N. Duhon, Air Forces Strategic — Operations Division chief of future operations at, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, and an instructor pilot with duties at the 28th Bomb Squadron; Capt. Matthew Sutton, 28th BS weapons system officer instructor; 1st Lt. Joseph Welch, 28 BS student pilot; and 1st Lt. Thomas C. Ahearn, then-28 BS student weapons system officer who has since completed training and is currently assigned to the 37 BS, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota.

"Our background is rooted and grounded in blood, sweat and tears. All of us who wear uniforms, we don't have to look very far to find heroes who have been in our past," said Rand. "It's our heritage; it's where we came from."

Rand and Dyess airmen honored the four officers who remained dedicated to one another throughout the incident that ended with all crewmembers landing unharmed.

"Thank you for showing us how to be extraordinary. Thank you for your service. Thank you for your sacrifice. I have never been prouder to wear this uniform than I am today



Senior Airman Emily Copeland/ U.S. Air Force

U.S. Air Force Gen. Robin Rand, commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, left, takes a group photo with the B-1B Lancer aircrew during a Distinguished Flying Cross medals presentation Friday at Dyess Air Force Base. Rand formally recognized the heroism and exceptional professionalism of the B-1B aircrew members involved in the May 1. in-flight emergency and resulting emergency landing in Midland. Aircrew members on that flight were Maj. Christopher N. Duhon, Air Forces Strategic - Operations Division chief of Future Operations, Barksdale AFB, La., and an instructor pilot with duties at the 28th Bomb Squadron; Capt. Matthew Leroy Sutton, 28th BS weapons system officer instructor; 1st Lt. Joseph Welch, 28th BS student pilot; and 1st Lt. Thomas C. Ahearn, then 28th BS student weapons system officer who has since completed training and is currently assigned to Ellsworth Air Force Base.

because of you four," said Rand, addressing the four airmen who earned the Distinguished Flying Cross.

During a routine training flight May 1, the B-1 indicated fire warnings in three areas of the aircraft. With fire visually confirmed by the aircrew, they took appropriate flight procedures to extinguish the flames. One fire indicator light remained, which prompted the aircraft commander to heed technical orders.

Despite auditory warning systems and depressurization, the aircrew safely landed at Midland International Airport. This was the first-ever successful landing of a B-1B experiencing these malfunctions.

"I am extremely proud of these four individuals who exemplified excellence in an uncertain and potentially fatal situation," said Col. Brandon Parker, 7th Bomb Wing commander. "It's humbling for me as a leader to be reminded of the caliber of airmen with whom I have the privilege to serve. These accomplishments reflect the very best of who we are as a nation and service.

"It was their training and skill that led them through the actions to get the plane safely landed on the ground, but it was their bravery that ensured they got through the situation together," Parker added.

The Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded by the Department of the Air Force for heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight. Both heroism and achievement must be entirely distinctive, involving operations that are not routine.

Source: Dyess Air Force Base

Abbott continues to erode legislative authority

■ Governor informs state agencies they'll be required to seek his office's approval before making new rules and regulations or changing old ones

■ ANALYSIS

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

When Texas lawmakers return for a regular legislative session in January, two big things will be different: The governor will have a stronger hand in state law and policy than ever before, and the state's financial condition will be better than expected.

Take the second bit first: Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar revised the official estimate of how much money is available to the state, adding $2.8 billion to his previous estimate, and crediting the state's robust retail economy for the boost. That's a partial relief to budget-writing legislators who have been fretting over a projected $7.9 billion hole in the next budget — a difference between what it would take to continue current programs and cover deficits in the current budget, and what the state is expected to collect in future taxes.

They're not out of trouble, but they're in a shallower hole than they feared.

The other big change comes from Gov. Greg Abbott's quiet assertion of power over rule-making in the state's executive branch — a letter to state agencies that essentially tells them to ask his office for approval before making new rules and regulations or changing old ones.

Passing laws is only the first part of exercising state control. Much of the implementation happens at the state agency level, as the unelected professionals in state government interpret the laws passed by the elected ones.

They're usually quieter about it, but the state government operates, in this regard, the same way the federal government does. Administrative rulings and regulations have at least as much impact on Texans as anything the more closely watched Legislature does.

The change is in the governor's decision to pick up what was designed to be a loose leash. Texas governors appoint the boards that hire the agency heads who make the rules that describe which behaviors are lawful and which ones are not. But they can't easily fire the people they appoint; this isn't like a presidential cabinet where the secretaries of various government divisions can be fired for getting out of line.

Abbott's letter raises a question: Who should care? (Looking at you, state legislators). Time was, agency officials were very fast to return calls from lawmakers in charge of appropriations and in charge of substantive committees. Also, sometimes, governors. But legislators' hold on the purse strings was generally more persuasive than the pleas of a relatively weak (by design) chief executive.

Perry, whose strengthening of the state's executive branch — and his stealthy 14-year theft of power from legislators — has gone largely unheralded, started this when he became governor in 2000. Only a former legislator, budget writer, executive agency head and lieutenant governor had the right tool set for this. He actually did know where the bodies were buried in state government, where the power points were and how to move them around. And he took power slowly, gradually seeding state agency offices with former employees, loyalists and others who shared his view of how government should work. It amounted to a subtle but very real shift in power.

Now Abbott, his successor, is putting a

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Obituaries



Clarence R. Chandler

Clarence R. Chandler was born on March 31, 1939 to Mattie & Nap Chandler in Corpus Christi, Texas. He grew up and attended school in Benavides, Texas. He went to Miller High School in Corpus his senior year. Then, Clarence headed to Texas A & M University which opened up a whole new world for him. He earned a BS Degree in Geological Engineering in the class of 1961.

Soon he reported for duty in the US Army as a 1st Lieutenant. He was sent to Korea for a 12 month assignment. While in Korea, he contacted an Aggie friend; and the two soldiers learned of the possibility of "hitchhiking" with the military traveling west, rather than the traditional route from Korea to San Francisco. For two young men, it was the experience of a lifetime. This resulted in a love of travel for Clarence.

In 1966, Clarence started his oil industry career with Texaco in Liberty, Texas. While there, he met and married Dana Huggins. After being located in Alvin, Texas, and Oklahoma City, they moved to Midland, Texas in 1976. Clarence went to work for Erd Johnson at Reserve Oil and Gas. In 1980, Clarence joined Marshall & Winston, Inc. as their production engineer. The experience provided him with many wonderful memories. In 2009, Clarence retired as President of Marshall & Winston, Inc. ready to enjoy the rewards of retirement.

Clarence also made significant contributions to the community by serving on the board of Kimberlea, volunteering for Junior Achievement, President of Green Tree Country Club, and President of Hospice of Midland.

Clarence's greatest pleasure was spending time on his ranch, RPP, for his "mesquite therapy". He loved hunting birds with his buddies and seeing his grandchildren enjoy the outdoors.

After a long courageous fight against the disease named PSP (type of Parkinson's), Clarence died Saturday afternoon (July 14, 2018) at home with his wife, Dana, and caregiver, Fred Jimenez.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mattie & Nap Chandler. Also, he had a twin brother named James Allan Chandler who lived only four days.

He is survived by his wife, Dana Chandler of Midland; two sons, Greg Chandler (Kristi) of Spring Branch, Texas, and Eric Chandler (Katie) of Richardson, Texas; and ten grandchildren, Mason, Grace, Davis, Nolan, Faith, Lincoln, Mercy, and Jackson (Greg & Kristi) and Annie and Luke (Eric & Katie); brother and sister-In-Law Brent and Delores Huggins of Liberty, Texas.

Clarence's family wish to express gratitude to Dr. Summer Merritt, MD, Clarence's caregiver, Fred Jimenez (who took care of the entire family!!) and the most caring group from Hospice of Midland. Thank you all!!!

Memorial services will be held at 10:30am, Thursday, July 19, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to CurePSP, Inc., 404 Fifth Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10018, Hospice of Midland, Inc, First Presbyterian Church, or organization of your choice.

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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Steve L. Hernandez

Steve Hernandez, 62 of Midland, went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Thursday, July 12, 2018. He was born February 15, 1956 in Midland, Texas.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Trinidad Sr. and Maria Hernandez; two brothers, Trinidad Hernandez Jr. and Nicanor Hernandez; sister, Crucita Hernandez.

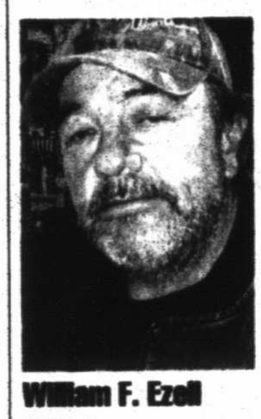
He is survived by two brothers, Eddie Hernandez of Midland, Texas and Artemio Hernandez Sr. of Ennis, Texas; three sisters, Catarina Medrano, Helena Hernandez-Salazar, and Carmen Hernandez all of Midland, Texas.

Family will be receiving friends for visitation on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 from 5:00pm - 9:00pm with a rosary starting a 7:00pm Wednesday evening at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

A Memorial Service is set for Thursday, July 19th at 10:00am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish & Shrine.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.

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William F. Ezell (Billy)

William F Ezell (Billy) was born on August 25, 1960 and passed away from a lengthy illness on July 13, 2018.

Billy attended Midland Christian School and Robert E. Lee High School in Midland. He was employed as a truck driver until his illness.

Billy is preceded in death by his father Farrell Ezell.

He is survived by his mother Frances Ezell of Midland; daughters Lorie Ezell and Nicole Willingham of Midland; brothers Tom Ezell and wife Barbara of Midland and David Ezell and wife Patty of Rankin; grandchildren Kelsy Meekins, Emilea Meekins, Kaela Henry, Marcus Henry, and Trey Henry and his special friend and caregiver Jonetta Tate.

There are no services scheduled at this time.

Online condolences maybe offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

Ellis Funeral Home
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Death Notices

Loye Loyd

Loye Loyd, 92, of Midland, passed away Saturday, July 14, 2018. Memorial services will be held 10:00am, Friday, July 20, 2018 at First Baptist Church Chapel. Loye is survived by his wife, Barbara Loyd and son Terry Loyd.

Marilyn J. Craig

Marilyn J. Craig, 90, of Midland, passed away Sunday, July 15, 2018, in Odessa. Memorial services will be held at 12:00pm, Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. She is survived by her daughters, Sandra Soria and Susan Paddack.

Triple digits return to Midland forecast

From staff reports

Triple-digit high temperatures return to the forecast this week, according to the National Weather Service.

Following a high temperature of 99 degrees on Monday, the NWS in Midland is expecting at least six straight days of triple-digit temperatures, according to its seven-day forecast on its website.

The six-pack of triple-digit temperatures include a high of 103 on Wednesday, 104 on Thursday and 103 on Friday.

The NWS reports Midland has not reached triple digits since July 1 (100 degrees that day).

Some days, including Monday, have been at or below average for this time of year.

Monday's high was 95 degrees, which is the normal high for July 16, according to the NWS.

Along with the higher temperatures, the NWS is showing dry conditions for the next six days.

Including the 0.14 of an inch of rain that fell Monday morning, 1.33 inches of rain have fallen at Midland International this month.

There were 13 days of 100-degree temperatures in June, which was the third warmest June on record in Midland, according to the National Weather Service.

P&Z

From 1A

Wright said she was concerned about The Buffalo Nickel's close proximity to First United Methodist Church across the street; however, city staff said during the hearing that was 390 feet away from the church's sanctuary door, meeting the minimum 300 feet.

Wright said she and co-owner, Michelle Kettle, have hired a mixologist from the Dallas-Fort Worth area who will create the menu. A variety of craft cocktails will be served, as well as "snacky things" such as chips and salsa for those looking for a light bite to eat.

The establishment is 3,400 square feet in size but will have a serviceable area of 2,036 square feet.

Service hours are 3 p.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 3 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday; and noon-9 p.m. Sunday. The Buffalo Nickel was approved to sell all types of alcohol.

Wright said construction is almost complete. "We're on our way."

The Planning & Zoning Commission is a recommending board. City Council will decide whether to approve the alcohol permits at a future meeting.

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Things to do

■ Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon, Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

■ Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

■ Brown Bag Lunch and Film Series: "Petroleum Refining in Nontechnical Language," 11:30 a.m., Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 W. Free.

■ Bridge game play, 1 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ Dog Tales, 2-3 p.m., Children can read aloud to certified therapy dogs. Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers. 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ "Civilizations" screening by Basin PBS, 6-8 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. basinpbs.org.

■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St.

■ West Texas Legends in Line dancing classes for all levels, 7 p.m., Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. meetup.com/crossingth-elinewesttexas.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m., Midland Downtown Lions Club, 200 Plaza St. $6. For more information, call 432-638-3707.

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

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



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midlanders participate in the fifth annual West Texas Family Christian Festival on Saturday at Hogan Park.

Today's pool schedule

■ Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., noon-7; family time, 7-9 p.m.

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center is closed today

The entry fee for both pools is $3 per person. Children under 2 are free.

Meetings

Midland College
4 p.m.
Gibson Board Room

City to host job fair

The city of Midland will be hosting a job fair 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 8 at the MLK Community Center, 2300v Butternut Lane.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with multiple departments and receive assistance filling out applications. On-site interviews will be conducted, according to the city's spokeswoman.

Nearly 60 positions are available across 26 job categories. Registration is not required to attend. To view employment opportunities, visit www.midlandtexas.gov/jobs. For questions or more information, please contact Administrative Services at 685-7245.

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, July 17, the 198th day of 2018. There are 167 days left in the year.

On this date

In 1955, Disneyland had its opening day in Anaheim, California.

In 1981, 114 people were killed when a pair of suspended walkways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed during a tea dance.

In 1996, TWA Flight 800, a Europe-bound Boeing 747, exploded and crashed off Long Island, New York, shortly after departing John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 230 people on board.

In 1997, Woolworth Corp. announced it was closing its 400 remaining five-and-dime stores across the country, ending 117 years in business.

Today's birthdays: Actor Donald Sutherland is 83. Actor David Hasselhoff is 66. German Chancellor Angela Merkel is 64. Country singer Luke Bryan is 42.

The Associated Press

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 washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

Lottery

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Pick 3 day: 7-9-8
Pick 3 evening: 2-7-0
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Daily 4 morning: 4-1-0-7
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Daily 4 evening: 4-2-2-9
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Weather

Monday's temperatures

High	95
Low	74
Normal high	95
Normal low	70

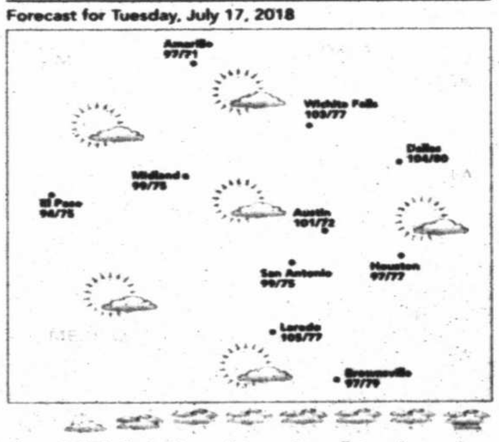
July 16's records
Record high: 105, set in 1989 and equaled in 2000
Record low: 63, set in 1975 and equaled in 2013

Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.14 in.
Month total	1.33 in.
Year total	4.73 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.00 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 6.4 mph
Gust speed: 20 mph
Highest gust speed: 31 mph

Forecast for Tuesday, July 17, 2018



Today's forecast
High: 99
Low: 74
Conditions: Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 5-10 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None

Sunrise 6:55 a.m.
Sunset 8:55 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Cancer and a Moon in Virgo if born before 3:42 p.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, July 17, 2018:

This year you could experience some innate tension. You also might feel a need to change your surroundings. With some time, it will be easier to move through these transformations. If you are single, you could meet someone you consider to be a catch. Take your time making sure that this person is who he or she appears to be. If you are attached, you might find that your significant other is ready for a change. You will emphasize your domestic life far more than in the past. LIBRA is easygoing — or so you might think.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You could become fiery this morning just thinking about a friend. Try as you might to reorient yourself, you are likely to have a difficult time. Allow others to dominate for a while and handle key issues. Consider a vacation in the next few weeks. **Tonight:** With a favorite person.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your easygoing personality wins out over an innate feistiness. No matter what choices you make, you'll discover that there is a better way to handle a problem. Your creativity surges, but acting on a good idea could be more difficult than you realize. **Tonight:** Head to the gym.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A domestic issue needs to be handled quickly. You might want to postpone dealing with this matter, but resist the urge. A project could become much more important and interesting than you originally had thought. Understand what is happening around you. **Tonight:** Time to play.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be tired and withdrawn by the late afternoon. Deal with high-priority matters in the morning, when you are at your best. Be aware of what is going on, and plan accordingly. Try not to deal with a personal matter in a heavy, serious tone. **Tonight:** Remain upbeat.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might be overwhelmed by all the requests that head your way. You can't seem to say "no" to many of them. Try to be as direct as possible. You also might need some personal time. You finally will be able to make a change in a situation. **Tonight:** Celebrate the moment.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could be overly tired and wondering which way to go when dealing with a loved one. You might feel as if you need some input. Get feedback from people who have dealt with a similar situation. Make an effort to contact a loved one later in the day. **Tonight:** All smiles!

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Be willing to let others know that what they are doing doesn't please you. You could find yourself in a problem that you can't get away from, unless you are willing to walk away. Take news with a grain of salt. Curb a tendency to go overboard. **Tonight:** Be fully in the moment.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might not want to reveal all of what you are thinking just yet. Your opinions could change once you become more aware of a fundamental concept that others have based their thinking on. Be willing to ask questions and get answers. **Tonight:** Get a little extra R and R.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You could be holding yourself back, wondering what the best way to proceed would be. Your sense of humor might cause you to move in a new direction, to a friend's delight. Listen to what is happening with someone you deal with financially. **Tonight:** Catch up on others' news.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You could be unusually disciplined. Others might sense your mood and shy away from you. Once you relax, you will feel much better. Emphasize what you want without stomping on someone else's will. You will be in the limelight today. **Tonight:** Everyone seems to notice you.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You will accomplish more than you had thought possible. Your emphasis on accomplishment could help make your wish become a reality. Recognize the importance of a cat nap; you need to recharge your batteries. **Tonight:** Follow the music, or be where there is music.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ One-on-one relating is highlighted, but you might not appreciate the results. Your ability to clear hurdles and bring others closer together emerges. You have the ability to make quite a difference. Loosen up, and you will be happier. **Tonight:** Make time for an older friend.

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Comedian Phyllis Diller (1917), actor David Hasselhoff (1952), actor Donald Sutherland (1935)

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Santa Fe class reunion becomes victims' fundraiser

By Shelby Webb
Houston Chronicle



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Serena Bear wears a Santa Fe Strong shirt while observing the items available for auction Sunday at the Santa Fe High School's Class of 2008 fundraising event benefiting Santa Fe shooting victims.

SANTA FE — Months ago, Rachel Lyons assumed her 10-year high school reunion would be a low-key affair. Perhaps she and other members of Santa Fe High School's class of 2008 would go to Top Golf in Webster, she thought, or rent out a restaurant near the small Galveston County community.

The Houston Chronicle reports that all changed on May 18, when she and other alumni learned a gunman had killed 10 people and wounded 13 at their alma mater. A 17-year-old student was arrested and charged with capital murder.

"We didn't want to have fun while the town was in so much pain," Lyons said. "We figured, why don't we try to do something to bring something positive back to town? Let's bring on the school pride."

Lyons and dozens of other Santa Fe alumni from as far back as the class of 1988 spent the past couple of months planning The Alumni Santa Fe Strong Benefit Concert, which on Sunday brought hundreds to the nearby Galveston County Fairgrounds.

The fundraiser felt more like a community barbecue than a solemn remembrance, something Lyons strove for as she helped organize the event from her new home in Bay City. She went so far as to cash in all of her vacation and sick days so she could make the three-hour round trip to Galveston County multiple times each week to help get everything together.

Children shrieked as they bounced down inflatable slides and slurped snow cones in the steamy summer heat. Adults perused donated items up for auction and raffles, which included horse bridles, fire pits, a wagon filled with bottles of whiskey and an all-inclusive trip for two to Africa. Some stood underneath a large, metal awning and held cold cans of Miller Lite to their faces and necks as pockets of thunderstorms rolled across the fairgrounds.

Aaron Ricicar and Jennifer Currier, who both graduated from Santa Fe High in 2003, drove more than three and a half hours from Shertz, located between San Antonio and New Braunfels, to sell koozies, stickers and phone grips in their hometown.

Saudis offer extra oil in Asia

■ OPEC leader seems to be heeding Trump's call to keep market supplied

By Sharon Cho and Serene Cheong
Bloomberg

Evidence is mounting that Saudi Arabia is heeding President Donald Trump's call for OPEC to keep the oil market amply supplied and rein in prices.

The Middle East kingdom is offering extra crude volumes on top of its contractual supplies to some buyers in Asia, according to people with knowledge of the matter, as the OPEC's defacto leader plans record oil output after unwinding a deal with its allies to curb output.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries has come under pressure from Trump to pump more before the U.S. midterm elections in November, after a rally in crude to a 2014 high lifted American gasoline prices. Meanwhile, some Saudi customers such as India have warned that higher prices will curb demand. In China, Unipec — the trading unit of the nation's biggest refiner — had cut purchases citing costly pricing by the kingdom.

Saudi Arabian Oil Co. has pitched additional cargoes of its Arab Extra Light crude to at least two buyers in Asia for August, according to people with knowledge of the matter who asked not to be identified because the information is private. That's beyond monthly contractual volumes from the state-run producer known as Saudi Aramco. The company's press office declined to comment.

One of the Asian processors that received the offer for Arab Extra Light grade has taken the additional supplies, one of the people said, without giving details about the volume.

Saudi Arabia is making the offer at a time when investors are watching for any signs that it will step in to fill any potential supply gap caused by renewed U.S. sanctions on Iran, falling output in Venezuela and disruptions in Libya. The nation and Russia last month persuaded OPEC and its allies to boost output after 18 months of production curbs succeeded in shrinking a global glut and boosting prices to levels last seen in 2014.

"The Saudis were under immense pressure from President Donald Trump to raise production to keep a cap on prices," said Virendra Chauhan, a Singapore-based oil analyst at Energy Aspects Ltd. "Saudi Arabia has pre-emptively raised output ahead of a potential shortfall from lost Iranian volumes later in the year. It will most likely continue to place its volumes in Asia" as its increased supply of lighter grades has shut some other arbitrage cargoes flowing to the east, he said.

Brent crude, the benchmark for more than half the world's oil, lost as much as 1.95 percent to $73.86 a barrel before trading $1.32 lower at $74.01 at 11:17 a.m. in London. West Texas Intermediate, the U.S. marker, was down 1.7 percent at $69.83 in New York.

Saudi Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih committed at last month's OPEC meeting to "do whatever is necessary to keep the market in balance" and prioritize its customers. Earlier this month, the world's top crude exporter also gave full contractual volumes to at least six Asian customers for August. U.S. imports from Saudi Arabia jumped 51 percent in July.

The Middle East nation is said to be aiming to boost production this month to an unprecedented 10.8 million barrels a day. Its compliance with OPEC's output-cut deal fell to 26 percent in June, according to Bloomberg calculations from the producer group's secondary source data. That's the first time the kingdom has failed to comply with the agreement since it began in January 2017 and compares with an average compliance rate of 122 percent for the previous 17 months.

Billionaires fuel US charter schools movement

■ AP EXCLUSIVE

By Sally Ho
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Dollar for dollar, the beleaguered movement to bring charter schools to Washington state has had no bigger champion than billionaire Bill Gates.

The Microsoft co-founder gave millions of dollars to see a charter school law approved despite multiple failed ballot referendums. And his private foundation not only helped create the Washington State Charter Schools Association, but has at times contributed what amounts to an entire year's worth of revenues for the 5-year-old charter advocacy group.

All told, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has given about $25 million to the charter group that is credited with keeping the charter schools open after the state struck down the law, and then lobbying legislators to revive the privately run, publicly funded schools.

It's an extreme example of how billionaires are influencing state education policy by giving money to state-level charter support organizations to sustain, defend and expand the charter schools movement across the country.

Since 2006, philanthropists and their private foundations and charities have given almost half a billion dollars to those groups, according to an Associated Press analysis of tax filings and Foundation Center data. The review looked at 52 groups noted by a U.S. Department of Education website as official charter school resources in the 44 states plus Washington, D.C., that currently have a charter law, as well as the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools.

Most of the money has gone to the top 15 groups, which received $425 million from philanthropy. The Walton Family Foundation, run by the heirs to the Walmart fortune, is the largest donor to the state charter advocates, giving $144 million to 27 groups.

"We ought to be paying more attention to who these organizations are, and what kind of vision they have, and what drives them. A lot of these organizations have extraordinary influence, and it's often pretty quiet influence," said Jon Valant, an education policy expert at Brookings.

Charters aren't subject to the same rules or standards governing traditional public schools but are embraced by Gates and other philanthropists who see them as investments in developing better and different ways to educate those who struggle in traditional school systems, particularly children in poor, urban areas. Studies on academic success are mixed.

The charter support groups, as nonprofits, are typically forbidden from involvement in political campaigns, but the same wealthy donors who sustain them in many cases directly channel support to pro-charter candidates through related political action committees or their own contributions. In one indication of the philanthropy's success in asserting its priorities, Georgia's lieutenant governor was recorded saying he was motivated to support school choice laws to curry the Walton foundation's favor for his gubernatorial campaign. The Walton foundation has denied any connection to the candidate.

Nationwide, about 5 percent of students attend charters. They have become a polarizing political issue amid criticism from some, notably teachers unions, that they drain resources from cash-starved schools and erode the neighborhood schooling model that defines communities.

The Walton foundation notes the groups it funds have resources that often pale in comparison to the war chests of teachers unions, the usual foes in their battles over state education policy.

"The philanthropic support is essential for a small group of schools" that represents disadvantage families without their own political power, said Robin Lake, director of the Center on Reinventing Public Education, a University of Washington-affiliated think tank that has in the past been funded by the Gates foundation to support charter schools and traditional school districts working together.

But John Rogers, an education policy expert and UCLA professor, said it's a problem for democracy that billionaires who back a certain model of education reform can go toe-to-toe with a critical mass of professional teachers.

"A handful of billionaires who are advancing their vision of education reform is very different than having 200,000-some odd teachers across the state representing their understanding of public education through their union representation," Rogers said.

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From 1A

without adult people," Riddick said.

Last week, the Reporter-Telegram contacted Midland ISD about staffing and about the vacancies at Fasken Elementary as job notices for the principal position had been posted on the district's website.

The district turned down multiple requests to provide additional information.

At Monday's school board meeting, members of the public had the opportunity have their say. McDaniel called Baiza and Slocum the "heart and soul" of Fasken.

"It is a pretty big blow (to the school)," McDaniel said. "They are beloved at our campus."

Murry said Monday night it was hard wearing the hats of administrator and parent. He said the district is changing, with campuses trying to become autonomous. Still, there are few schools performing academically like Fasken.

The northwest elementary campus was one of five in the entire district to perform at or better than the district average on all of the STAAR tests administered.

"We have to be able to listen better," Murry said.

Editor's note: More coverage of Midland ISD's meeting will appear in future editions.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man charged with aggravated assault

A Midland man was arrested July 9 after he allegedly almost hit a woman's vehicle head-on, according to court documents.



Williams

Damont Laquan Williams, 26, was being held Monday on a $75,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault of a date/family/house member with a weapon.

Midland police were dispatched at about 9:50 a.m. July 9 in reference to a disturbance.

Williams drove toward another vehicle in the same lane that vehicle was traveling, according to his arrest affidavit. Once Williams was close to striking the vehicle, he allegedly turned his wheel and avoided a collision.

The female driver was in fear for her life because of past incidents involving Williams, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the first-degree felony charge, Williams could face up to life imprisonment.

Man arrested on assault charge

A Midland man was arrested July 10 after allegedly assaulting a woman, according to court documents.



Garcia

Guadalupe I. Garcia, 34, was released Wednesday on a $10,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family/house member by impeding breath/circulation.

A Midland police officer responded at about 12:35 p.m. July 10 in reference to a disturbance.

Garcia allegedly grabbed a woman by the shoulders, threw her onto a bed and held her down. The woman's breathing later was impeded, according to Garcia's arrest affidavit.

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

GRAND PRAIRIE

Police seek car, driver in death of Dallas-area bicyclist

Police are looking for a driver after her car struck and killed a bicyclist on a Dallas-area road then she allegedly stopped before fleeing.

Grand Prairie police say the crash around 6 a.m. Sunday killed Calvin Middleton Jr. of nearby Cedar Hill. Police say two women were in the sedan.

The victim's brother, Shon Middleton, told KTVT-TV that a detective said police think the driver got out, glanced at the victim, got back into the vehicle and fled. KXAS-TV reports police say the victim wore protective gear and was bicycling legally on the road.

Grand Prairie police say the car being sought, a 2008 dark Chevy Malibu, was damaged with the passenger side headlight out. Investigators also believe another driver tried to stop the suspect from fleeing, but failed.

GRAND PRAIRIE

Man accused of killing boss surrenders in Louisiana

Police in North Texas say a man accused of fatally shooting his boss on the Fourth of July and then fleeing has surrendered in Louisiana.

Grand Prairie police say 56-year-old Jimmie Reynolds turned himself in over the weekend to the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office. Jail records show Reynolds was being held without bond Monday while awaiting extradition to face a murder charge.

Authorities believe 57-year-old Carlos Aparicio and Reynolds argued before the victim was shot while at his Dallas-area business. Aparicio died later at a hospital. Police say Aparicio employed Reynolds for years at a road construction trucking company.

Online jail records Monday did not list an attorney to speak for Reynolds.

PENNSYLVANIA

Mother accused of killing baby with drug-laced breast milk

DOYLESTOWN — A 30-year-old woman with a painkiller addiction has been accused of killing her 11-week-old son with a lethal mix of drugs in her breast milk.

Samantha Jones was charged Friday with criminal homicide in the April 2 death of her baby.

An autopsy found the baby died from a combination of methadone, amphetamine and methamphetamine, the Bucks County District Attorney's office said in a statement.

According to an affidavit, Jones told police she'd been too tired to make the baby a bottle when he awoke crying at 3 a.m. and instead breastfed him.

A few hours later, the baby was pale and had bloody mucus coming from his nose, she told police.

Jones's mother began CPR at the instruction of a dispatcher after they called 911, the affidavit said.

Police arrived at the home in New Britain, about 35 miles north of Philadelphia, to find the baby in cardiac arrest. He was taken by ambulance to a hospital, where he died.

The affidavit stated that Jones said she primarily had been breastfeeding the baby, but switched to formula a few days before the baby's death, saying the infant wasn't getting enough milk.

RAMSEY

From 2A

lawyer's touch on that grab, most recently telling executive branch agencies their proposed rules and rule changes need to go through his office before they're published for public comment. Rules are the things that put laws into effect — an "interpretation" of what the Legislature was trying to do when it wrote a particular statute. What better way to rewire a piece of legislation that doesn't quite suit the executive branch than to take control of the rules?

Abbott can't force the agencies to do that, but he can make it uncomfortable if they don't — especially if the Legislature isn't offering any resistance.

This isn't the first round of this, either. Abbott successfully weathered a legislative challenge to some of his budget vetoes in 2015, winning — with the support of one of the legislative leaders whose pocket he was picking — a battle his predecessors had regularly lost. Budget-writers regularly hide some state spending in "informational items" they said were outside a governor's line-item veto authority. To cut to the ending, Abbott took away one of the Legislature's favored tricks for working around the state's chief executive.

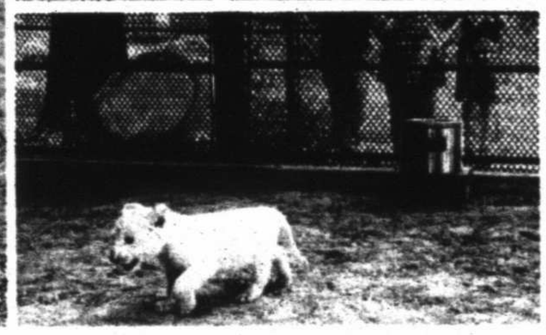
With his rules letter to state agencies, he's eroding legislative authority again — putting his office in place to interpret how the statutes passed by the House and the Senate should be put into operation by the agencies in his branch of government.

It's subtle, because we're all accustomed to watching presidents work this way and because a lot of people think Texas governors have similar powers.

They do, but only if they assert themselves — and legislators let them.







ABOVE: Jaymis Werner, park director, feeds milk to Luna, a seven-week-old white African lion cub, as she makes her public debut at Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary on July 11 in Tyler. Luna will go on display twice a day at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. ***Photos by Sarah A. Miller/ Tyler Morning Telegraph via AP***

STATE&REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TYLER

Endangered white lion cub on display at Texas sanctuary

A rare 7-week-old white lion cub is on public display at an animal sanctuary in northeastern Texas.

The Tyler Morning Telegraph reports that Luna, a white African lioness, made her debut last week at the Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary in Tyler. She is among fewer than 500 white lions left in the world.

Sanctuary director Emily Owen says white lions are endangered due to over hunting. Only about a dozen white lions are left in the wild due to poachers and "canned hunting facilities" where people pay to hunt the lions.

Luna weighs just 12 pounds (5.4 kilograms) and is bottle-fed every two to three hours. She will be moved to her own habitat when she is 6 months old.

NEW MEXICO

3 patients improve following deadly bus crash

BERNALILLO — The conditions of three patients have been upgraded following a deadly crash involving a commercial passenger bus and three other vehicles on a New Mexico highway early Sunday.

Twelve people remained hospitalized Tuesday, and officials at University of New Mexico Hospital say three of the four who were initially listed in critical condition have improved.

Authorities said three people were killed and a total of 24 were injured. Investigators have yet to positively identify the dead.

One of the people killed was in a car that struck a pickup truck from behind about 2 a.m. Sunday on Interstate 25 north of Albuquerque. The bus driver took evasive action to avoid the disabled car but lost control. The bus rolled and was sideswiped by a semi-truck.

The wreck forced the closure of the interstate for hours.

NEW MEXICO

Investigation into weeping Virgin Mary statue continues

LAS CRUCES — The Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces continues to investigate a Virgin Mary sculpture in a Hobbs church that appears to be weeping.

The sculpture, which stands in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, has been attracting attention worldwide since visitors first reported the fluid in May.

Bishop Oscar Cantu of the diocese said Friday a sample of the fluid collected from the sculpture was sent for chemical analysis, and it was determined that it was olive oil, the Las Cruces Sun-News reported.

"Some of the witnesses claimed it smelled of roses, so something similar to the oil I bless and consecrate each year that we use for baptism, for confirmations and for ordination of the priests," Cantu said.

That fact doesn't preclude the occurrence from being deemed a church miracle. But an investigation is under way to determine whether there was a natural cause behind the liquid found on the hollow bronze sculpture, Cantu said.

The diocese also examined the interior of the statue and determined nothing irregular, Cantu said.

"There's nothing on the interior that's not supposed to be there, except for cobwebs," he said. "So we took pictures; we examined it."

Cantu was reassigned last week to a diocese in California. His last day in the southern New Mexico diocese is Sept. 28. But he said one of the items remaining on his agenda before he leaves is to take a trip to Hobbs and see the sculpture himself.

NEW MEXICO

Las Cruces woman found dead inside her burning home

LAS CRUCES — Authorities say a Las Cruces woman has been found dead inside her home that was engulfed in flames.

The Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office says it is investigating the death of 47-year-old Shannon Evans. Her body has been sent to the medical examiner's office.

Deputies and fire crews responded to Evans' home early Friday and found her body inside a bedroom.

ARIZONA

Prosecutors change policy for marijuana smuggling

TUCSON — People caught smuggling marijuana into Arizona from Mexico will also face penalties for crossing the border illegally under a shift in policy by federal prosecutors.

The increased penalty called for by the U.S. attorney's office in Arizona is in line with the Trump administration's "zero-tolerance" immigration policy, the Arizona Daily Star reports.

Federal public defenders and defense lawyers in Tucson were notified of the new policy in mid-June.

The policy targets the several hundred people arrested each year in southern Arizona who smuggle marijuana in backpacks across the border instead of paying hefty fees to human smugglers to get themselves into the United States illegally.

The policy doesn't appear to target people attempting to smuggle hard drugs in vehicles across the border, the newspaper said.

Elon Musk's social media conduct may be bad for his business

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

Whether it's investors betting against his stock or reporters or analysts who ask tough questions, Elon Musk has fought back, often around the clock on Twitter.

In the past few months, the Tesla and SpaceX CEO has become a bigger, more snarling presence on social media. But when Musk called a British diver involved in the Thailand cave rescue a pedophile in front of 22.2 million Twitter followers Sunday, he may have gone one tweet too far.

The tweet, later deleted, sent investors away from Tesla stock and could expose the temperamental rocket scientist to a libel suit. In the tweets, Musk strayed from a vigorous defense of his companies into personal insult, with no facts to back it up.

"This has nothing to do with defending Tesla," said Erik Gordon, a business and law professor at the University of Michigan. "This goes over a line where he can't claim 'Well, my big sin is that I go too far in defending the company.'"

In a TV interview, British diver Vern Unsworth criticized Musk and SpaceX engineers for sending a small submarine to help divers rescue the 12 Thai soccer players and their coach from a flooded cave. The submarine was not used. Unsworth called it a "PR stunt" and said it wouldn't have worked anyway.

Musk responded with a tweet branding Unsworth a "pedo." In a second tweet, Musk said he bet the claim was true. Unsworth told CNN he is considering legal action.

A Tesla spokeswoman wouldn't comment on the tweets.

For the first four months of the year, Musk was averaging around 100 tweets per month. But the tweets spiked to about 400 per month starting in May as Musk was under pressure to raise production of the Model 3 lower-priced electric car, which starts at $35,000.

As the spike occurred, Musk gained thousands of Twitter followers. He has almost half as many as President Donald Trump, who likewise attacks his critics with relish on Twitter.

Mark Spiegel, an outspoken hedge fund manager who has been betting on Tesla's stock falling for years, said the tweets are showing Musk's fans his true personality.

The company, which has had only two profitable quarters, is deep in debt and will have trouble meeting Musk's prediction of a profit in the second half of this year, Spiegel said.

"It's all based around this rabid Elon Musk fan base. Once that fan base starts to see what kind of person they've been worshipping, they will turn on you on a dime," he said.

Spiegel likened Musk to Trump, saying the two men have an "amazing amount of personality defects in common."

Previous comparisons with Trump have angered Musk. This spring, critic Andrew J. Hawkins tweeted that Musk was transforming into a "media-baiting Trump figure screaming irrationally about fake news."

Musk responded by lashing out at the media for the Trump comparisons, writing: "Why do you think he got elected in the first place? Because no one believes you any more."

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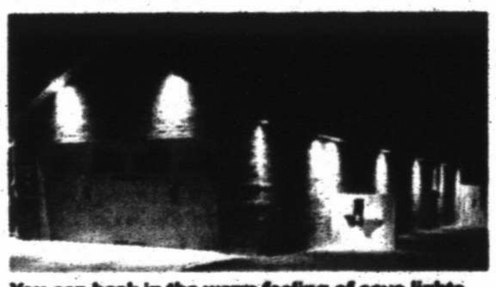
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Democrats join list of Supreme Court skeptics



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Democracy is in peril. The majority no longer rules; a determined minority has the whip hand. The least accountable branch of government, the Supreme Court, has fallen into the hands of an aggressively counter-majoritarian faction, which intends to traduce self-government for ideological ends. The time has come to consider drastic countermeasures against our robed masters and their nascent tyranny.

These arguments are on the lips of many liberals lately. With the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, general Trump-era anxieties have found a focal point in the fear of right-wing judicial activism, of a high court that pushes policy rightward and allows Republicans to lock in anti-democratic advantages.

But any liberal with an ounce of self-awareness should recognize the resemblance between their sudden fear of juristocracy and the longstanding conservative critique of exactly the same thing. Indeed it's quite striking, and ironically amusing, to have Trump-era liberals striking the same anti-Supreme Court notes as the talk-show populists and religious-conservative intellectuals of my own not-so-distant youth.

Partisanship being what it is, I don't really expect either side to learn anything from these echoes and convergences. But for liberals newly awakened to the dangers of judicial power, let me offer two suggestions for thinking seriously about democratic accountability in Congress and the courts.

First, it would be wise for liberals to recognize that neither a judiciary out of step with democratic majorities nor an electoral advantage for one political apparatus are new things in American history — because when the Democratic Party dominated American politics both were important aspects of liberalism's rule.

The politics of the 1940s and '50s and '60s would have still been generally liberal without judicial activism; Democrats would have still held congressional majorities, mostly, without the baked-in advantages that gave them more House seats than their share of the popular vote.

But the countermajoritarian sweep of liberal jurisprudence in that era was still dramatic, extending beyond race and segregation to encompass the entirety of the culture war, where majorities were consistently overriden, legislative debates consistently short-circuited, and longstanding features of American life — ecumenical school prayer, Christian-influenced morals legislation — overruled or uprooted by fiat.

At the same time, the political majority that generally supported this judicial activism was buttressed by less-than-democratic advantages. If today's Republican Congress has slightly more power than its vote share would imply, the old Democratic coalition regularly won House majorities dramatically larger than their share of the two-party vote — a pattern that persisted well into the Reagan era.

Oh, and even if you discount Cook County voter fraud, there's a strong case that Richard Nixon actually won the popular vote in 1960 — so even liberalism's Camelot was quite possibly countermajoritarian.

Now, liberals freaking out about the current Republican Party's undemocratic advantages are under no obligation to abjure the Warren Court or JFK or the achievements of, say, the 1974-76 Congress (where the Democrats enjoyed a two-thirds supermajority in the House despite winning only 57 percent of the popular vote). But how they think about their past advantage should inform the change they seek today.

If what they want most is just a return to that liberal-dominated past, then they'll be inclined to embrace hyperpartisan ideas like the court-packing fancy that swept liberal Twitter recently, or to continue answering Republican House gerrymanders like the one attempted in Pennsylvania with the liberal equivalent that's operative in Maryland.

They'll also be inclined to embrace convenient theories for why the current conservative coalition deserves to be not just beaten but buried — like the nonsense conceit, floated by Hillary Clinton among others, that the much larger share of U.S. GDP in Clinton-voting regions is somehow a mark of the liberal coalition's virtue, an indicator that those places deserve more representation than their mere share of the popular vote supplies.

On the other hand, if liberals genuinely want to permanently reduce the power of unelected justices and make the House more democratically responsive, they'll seek reforms that don't just attempt to grab back liberalism's lost advantages. Term limits for Supreme Court justices are one obvious example of a neutral reform that might weaken juristocracy. Similarly, there are structural reforms to the House, like a big expansion of the number of representatives and the abolition of the single-member district, that could increase democratic accountability without obviously serving either coalition's partisan interests.

Of course, liberal ambitions will also be shaped by what conservatives are doing with their present power. A conservatism that seeks to widen its narrow coalition and practices the judicial restraint it preaches might open more space for reforms that aren't just one-sided grabs for partisan power. A conservatism that skips gleefully down the countermajoritarian path, embracing voting restrictions and judicial activism at every opportunity, will inevitably encourage purely partisan countermeasures from liberals.

The latter is more likely; the former more desirable. And because we are something of a juristocracy, the choices of one man, Brett Kavanaugh, will play an outsize role in determining which scenario we get.

OPINION EXTRA

Propositions 1 and 7 help thaw Texas' frozen gas tax

Perhaps Texas' mummified gas tax can just stay in the crypt. Periodically through the many years I've been on this beat, I've written about Texas' 20-cents-a-gallon gas tax and how it hasn't been increased by the Texas Legislature since 1991. So has the Statesman's editorial page.

And the message, either subtle or overt (in the case of the opinion page), was always that lawmakers needed to raise the dang thing.

Because of inflation and better fuel economy, the purchasing power of that revenue source has been falling almost since the day the Legislature hiked it from 15 cents a gallon. Yes, the state's population has risen through the years, usually causing the revenue raised by the gas tax to creep up 1 or 2 percent. But the cost of building and maintaining highways was usually rising even faster.

Our Legislature and Governor's Mansion, controlled or occupied by Republicans for the past generation, has never shown any interest in increasing that gas tax, a quarter of which goes to public education under a provision in the Texas Constitution. The Texas gas tax rate, consequently, has fallen steadily when compared with other states'.

For instance, in 2003 (when I became the Statesman's transportation writer), Texas had the 27th-highest gas tax rate in the country. About in the middle, in other words. And the highest rate at that time was Rhode Island's 30 cents a gallon.

Now, according to statistics from the American Petroleum Institute, Texas is sitting at 45th for motor fuel taxes. Washington state has the highest stand-alone gas tax, at 49.4 cents a gallon. While Texas has only the gas tax, other states have other means of placing an additional tax on fuel. Pennsylvania now extracts 58.4 cents in taxes from each gallon of gasoline or diesel sold.

We're way low, in other words.

But that comparison ignores Proposition 1 and Proposition 7. Those state constitutional amendments, passed by voters in 2014 and 2015, now direct revenue from general sales tax and oil and gas severance taxes to the Texas Department of Transportation.

According to the Texas comptroller's latest estimates, released last week, that 20 cents-a-gallon gas tax will yield $2.74 billion for TxDOT in the 2018-19 fiscal year. That's about $137 million for each cent of the levy.

Propositions 1 and 7, however, will kick in another $3.87 billion in 2018-19. To get that much money through the gas tax, you'd have to charge another 28 cents a gallon.

So Texas kinda-sorta has a 48 cents-a-gallon gas tax, at least in terms of how much tax money is automatically dedicated to highways. And that doesn't even taken into account vehicle registration fees, which in 2018-19 will throw another $1.53 billion into TxDOT's accounts.

Highway advocates, looking at the snarling urban traffic congestion of our ever-growing state, say TxDOT still needs a few more billion a year, especially if future toll roads are taken off the table as an option. How to get that money is a whole other conversation.

But take me off the list of those dismissive of our elfin gas tax rate. Propositions 1 and 7 pretty much erased that talking point.

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Yes, the Supreme Court is undemocratic



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In an era of partisan polarization, it is rare to get agreement on anything, but about this there should be a consensus: The Supreme Court is an undemocratic institution whose power should be carefully circumscribed.

The right has long been of this view, and the left is suddenly and opportunistically partway there.

In an essay capturing progressives' newfound skepticism, Ezra Klein of Vox wrote that the Supreme Court "has always been undemocratic" and is now becoming even "more dangerous."

This represents a welcome turnabout from cheering the high court's de facto legislating, although the left is about a half-century late to the insight that the court isn't a democratically elected legislature.

In the 1960s, the court became markedly more assertive, delivering a raft of activist decisions, especially on matters of criminal justice and sexual morality.

In their excellent recent book on the history of the Constitution, Michael Stokes Paulsen and Luke Paulsen write of this era: "The dominance, supremacy, and near-exclusivity of judicial and especially Supreme Court interpretations of the Constitution and the free-wheeling interpretive liberty that accompanied such essentially unrestrained judicial power were new, distinctive, and profoundly important phenomena in the history of the Constitution."

Progressives cheered all the while. They happily pocketed all the court-mandated policy changes to their liking, relieved of the burden of enacting them through democratic means.

Needless to say, the court was never meant to be an unelected lawmaking body, and it has taken on such a highly charged role in our politics, in part, because it arrogated this power to itself.

The court's legitimacy comes from faithfully interpreting laws passed by the legislature and adhering to the Constitution that is the foundational governing document of the country, adopted and amended by "We the People." Anything else is a usurpation.

Progressives are, perversely, taking a hostile view of the court precisely when it may get a reliable majority of justices devoted to this vision of it.

Klein alleges that the court is becoming affirmatively "anti-democratic," meaning it isn't striking down democratically adopted voter rules and gerrymandered districts.

Klein may oppose the Ohio law that purges nonvoters from the rolls if they fail to respond to a government notice after a period of years, but there is a remedy readily at hand — changing the law in Ohio, which continues to have regularly scheduled elections.

As for gerrymandering, the court punted on it this term. But gerrymandering is not a partisan phenomenon. Both parties avail themselves of it when they win elections at the state level. Last month, the court slapped down a Republican challenge to a congressional district drawn by Democrats in Maryland.

If the left were serious about its new worries about an undemocratic court, it would welcome the prospect of overturning Roe v. Wade.

Indeed, the belief that voters in states will ban abortion or more stringently regulate it if Roe is overturned is the single biggest motivating factor in opposition to Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. In other words, on this issue, the worry is that the court will allow too much democracy.

Of course, the court should act as a check on the popular will at times. But in doing so, it must limit itself to enforcing the law and the Constitution. This is the goal of originalism, which should be embraced by the left as well as the right as the appropriately modest view of the court's role in our republic.

But this would represent an enormous loss for progressives.

First, a court that no longer envisions itself as an instrument of social change wouldn't hand the left totalist victories unachievable in the political realm. Two, the animating vision behind the Constitution — written by men with a strong suspicion of centralized power — runs counter to the logic of progressive government.

So the left will bang on about the undemocratic court without changing its core belief that it is rightfully the vehicle for imposing its policies.

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Trump embraces longtime US foe Putin, doubting own intel

By Jonathan Lemire, Jill Colvin and Vladimir Isachenkov
Associated Press

HELSINKI — In an extraordinary embrace of a longtime U.S. enemy, President Donald Trump on Monday openly questioned his own intelligence agencies' firm finding that Russia meddled in the 2016 U.S. election to his benefit, seeming to accept Russian President Vladimir Putin's insistence that Moscow's hands were clean.

The reaction back home was immediate and visceral, among fellow Republicans as well as usual Trump critics. "Shameful," "disgraceful," "weak," were a few of the comments. Makes the U.S. "look like a pushover," said GOP Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee.

Trump's meeting with Putin in Helsinki was his first time sharing the international stage with a man he has described as an important U.S. competitor — but whom he has also praised a strong, effective leader.

His remarks, siding with a foe on foreign soil over his own government, was a stark illustration of Trump's willingness to upend decades of U.S. foreign policy and rattle Western allies in service of his political concerns. A wary and robust stance toward Russia has been a bedrock of his party's world view. But Trump made clear he feels that any firm acknowledgement of Russia's involvement would undermine the legitimacy of his election.

Standing alongside Putin, Trump steered clear of any confrontation with the Russian, going so far as to question American intelligence and last week's federal indictments that accused 12 Russians of hacking into Democratic email accounts to hurt Hillary Clinton in 2016.

"I have great confidence in my intelligence people, but I will tell you that President Putin was extremely strong and powerful in his denial today.

"He just said it's not Russia. I will say this: I don't see any reason why it would be," Trump said.

His skepticism drew a quick formal statement — almost a rebuttal — from Trump's director of national Intelligence, Dan Coats.

"We have been clear in our assessments of Russian meddling in the 2016 election and their ongoing, pervasive efforts to undermine our democracy, and we will continue to provide unvarnished and objective intelligence in support of our national security," Coats said.

Fellow GOP politicians have generally stuck with Trump during a year and a half of turmoil, but he was assailed as seldom before as he returned home Monday night from what he had hoped would be a proud summit with Putin.



Alexander Zemlianichenko/Associated Press

Russian President Vladimir Putin gives a soccer ball to U.S. President Donald Trump, left, during a press conference after their meeting at the Presidential Palace on Monday in Helsinki.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona was most outspoken, declaring that Trump made a "conscious choice to defend a tyrant" and achieved "one of the most disgraceful performances by an American president in memory." House Speaker Paul Ryan, who rarely criticizes Trump, stressed there was "no question" that Russia had interfered.

Even staunch Trump backer Newt Gingrich, the former House speaker, called Trump's comments "the most serious mistake of his presidency" and said they "must be corrected — immediately."

Former CIA Director John Brennan, who served under President Barack Obama, called Trump's words "nothing short of treasonous." Brennan tweeted: "Not only were Trump's comments imbecilic, he is wholly in the pocket of Putin. Republican Patriots: Where are you???"

In a Fox News Channel interview after the summit, Putin pronounced the meetings "the beginning of the path" back from the West's past efforts to isolate Russia. "I think you see for yourself that these efforts failed, and they were never bound to succeed," he said.

As he flew home to Washington aboard Air Force One, Trump tried to clarify his position via tweet, saying: "As I said today and many times before, 'I have GREAT confidence in MY intelligence people.' However, I also recognize that in order to build a brighter future, we cannot exclusively focus on the past - as the world's two largest nuclear powers, we must get along!"

In an interview with Fox News' Sean Hannity that aired later Monday, Trump said "it's a shame" that he and Putin were being asked questions about the Russia probe while they were trying to discuss issues like Syria and nuclear proliferation. "We've had a phony witch hunt deal drive us apart," he said.

In their totality, Trump's remarks amounted to an unprecedented embrace of a man who for years has been isolated by the U.S. and Western allies for actions in Ukraine, Syria and beyond. And it came at the end of an extraordinary trip to Europe in which Trump had already berated allies, questioned the value of the NATO alliance and demeaned leaders including Germany's Angela Merkel and Britain's Theresa May.

The two leaders' long-awaited summit began with a private face-to-face sitdown — just the leaders and their interpreters — that lasted more than two hours, before additional meetings joined by senior aides.

The pair had held lengthy talks before — on the sidelines of world leader meetings in Germany and Vietnam last year — but this was their first official summit and was being watched closely, especially following the announcement Friday of new indictments against 12 Russian intelligence officers accused of hacking Democratic emails to help Trump's campaign.

Asked about the indictments, Putin suggested that Moscow and Washington could jointly conduct the investigation, inviting special counsel Robert Mueller's investigators to come to Russia to interview the 12 people — an idea Trump hailed as an "incredible offer."

Putin said he'd expect the U.S. to return the favor and cooperate in the Russian probe against William Browder, a British investor charged with financial crimes in Russia. Browder, an outspoken Putin critic, was a driving force behind a U.S. law targeting Russian officials over human rights abuses.

The summit began just hours after Trump blamed the United States — and not Russian election meddling or its annexation of Crimea — for a low-point in U.S.-Russia relations.

"Our relationship with Russia has NEVER been worse," Trump tweeted Monday morning, blaming "many years of U.S. foolishness and stupidity and now, the Rigged Witch Hunt!"

The Russian foreign ministry responded by liking Trump's tweet and then replying, "We agree."

Asked whether Russia was responsible at all, Trump said "we're all to blame" for the soured relations.

However, "that changed," he said, "as of about four hours ago."

Putin ridiculed as "sheer nonsense" allegations that Russian intelligence agencies had collected compromising information on Trump during his visit to Moscow years before the election, saying that he had no idea Trump was even visiting.

Trump also dismissed the idea in his interview with Hannity, adding, "If they had it, it would have been out."

Still, Putin said he had indeed wanted Trump to win the election — a revelation that might have made more headlines if not for Trump's performance — but had taken no action to make it happen.

"Yes, I wanted him to win because he spoke of normalization of Russian-U.S. ties," Putin said. "Isn't it natural to feel sympathy to a person who wanted to develop relations with our country? It's normal."

Analysis: Slogan becomes 'Me First' as Trump meets Putin

By Matthew Lee and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump's "America First" slogan morphed Monday into "Me First" as the president unloaded on his own intelligence community and Justice Department to portray himself as the victim of a conspiracy to deny him legitimacy. Trump also blamed American "foolishness and stupidity" for the poor state of U.S.-Russia relations, returning to themes he has repeated at political rallies around the United States.

This time, though, he was on foreign soil, standing next to Vladimir Putin, the very man whose government is accused of interfering in the 2016 election to favor Trump. As such, his extraordinary performance fueled criticism of his presidency from both the right and left. And it will likely embolden Putin, who faced no pushback from Trump over the election allegations or a long list of other Kremlin actions, ranging from Syria to Ukraine.

Sure enough, critics and even some usually reliable defenders were quick to pounce.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., called it "one of the most disgraceful performances by an American president in memory."

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., a cautious Trump supporter, said, "The president must appreciate that Russia is not our ally." And Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., who has been critical of the Russia probe, said that "Russia is not our friend" and expressed hope that Trump's national security aides could convince him that "it is possible to conclude Russia interfered with our election in 2016 without delegitimizing his electoral success."

But after his two-hour, one-on-one meeting with Putin in Helsinki, Trump cast doubt on U.S. intelligence findings that Russia interfered in the election, and he dismissed special counsel Robert Mueller's probe into the meddling, suggesting there is no reason to doubt Putin's denials of malfeasance.

"I have great confidence in my intelligence people, but I will tell you that President Putin was extremely strong and powerful in his denial today," he said.

Current and former Trump White House and campaign officials describe the president as obsessed by any suggestion that his elevation to the White House came as anything other than the product of his own hard work. They say the former reality star and relentless tabloid self-promoter believes that any suggestion of Russian interference undermines his victory — and his brand.

It's for that reason that since the 2016 campaign Trump has forcefully rejected any suggestion of Russian support for his candidacy. After his electoral victory, which caught even Trump by surprise, the president reluctantly acknowledged Russian meddling in the election — the unanimous consensus of the intelligence community — while in the same breath suggesting other countries could be responsible.

Months later, Trump said he fired FBI Director James Comey because of the lingering investigation into Russian meddling and possible collusion with elements of Trump's campaign. And Trump continues to reject Mueller's probe as a "witch hunt," despite the indictments of Russian hackers and intelligence officials.

On Monday, Trump also resurrected several debunked conspiracy theories about his opponent Hillary Clinton and the Democratic Party, called out an FBI agent involved in the meddling probe by name and complained about media coverage.

All the while, Trump praised his electoral success and again denied any collusion with Russia, something Putin was happy to agree with, though the Russian leader did admit to a preference for Trump, who campaigned for better ties with Moscow.

"We ran a brilliant campaign, and that's why I'm president," Trump said at one point.

"That was a clean campaign, I beat Hillary Clinton easily," he said at another. "It's a shame that there could even be a little bit of a cloud over it."

Trump couched the summit as a triumph of diplomacy, saying he was demonstrating statesmanship by agreeing to the meeting with Putin and savaging those who have expressed concern over its timing and what might have been on the table.

Yet, despite vague vows of better ties to come and new cooperation in Syria and on nuclear nonproliferation, neither Trump nor Putin was able to offer details of progress or specific improvements in relations as they spoke to reporters at a news conference in Helsinki after their long-awaited summit.

Trump: Putin made 'incredible offer' in Russian hacking case

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Monday that Russian President Vladimir Putin privately made an "incredible offer" to help American investigators in their prosecution of 12 Russian intelligence officers accused of hacking crimes during the 2016 presidential election season.

"He offered to have the people working on the case come and work with their investigators with respect to the 12 people," Trump told reporters during a news conference in Helsinki following his joint summit with Putin. "I think that's an incredible offer, OK?"

The special counsel investigating potential coordination between the Trump campaign and the Kremlin charged a dozen Russian military intelligence officers on Friday with hacking the Democratic National Committee and the Hillary Clinton campaign and then releasing the stolen communications online as part of a sweeping conspiracy to meddle in the election.

Trump did not elaborate on Putin's "incredible offer," though Putin himself suggested that special counsel Robert Mueller could ask Russian law enforcement agencies to interrogate the suspects. He said U.S. officials could request to be present at such questioning in line with a 1999 agreement on mutual legal assistance in criminal cases.

He noted that Russia would expect the U.S. to return the favor and cooperate in the Russian probe against Bill Browder, a British investor charged with financial crimes in Russia. Browder was a driving force behind a U.S. law targeting Russian officials over human rights abuses.

It seemed unlikely that American authorities would take seriously any such offer from Putin, and some U.S. lawmakers openly ridiculed the suggestion.

The United States does not have an extradition treaty with Russia, making it highly doubtful the Kremlin would ever voluntarily send over the defendants to be prosecuted in an American court. And the detailed allegations in the indictment make clear that the FBI and Mueller's team believe they were able to pinpoint the hackers by name and establish how the cyberattacks unfolded.

Putin has long insisted that the Kremlin had nothing to do with the hacking, denials that Trump said the Russian leader repeated during their private meeting Monday.

CNN's Cooper calls Trump's summit performance 'disgraceful'

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Seconds after President Donald Trump's news conference with Russian President Vladimir Putin ended Monday, CNN anchor Anderson Cooper called the American leader's performance "disgraceful."

It was the most startling of several strong media reactions to the session, televised live by the largest American broadcasters and cable news networks, primarily because of Cooper's role. He was the news anchor directing CNN's coverage, as opposed to a pundit paid to be opinionated.

"You have been watching perhaps one of the most disgraceful performances by an American president at a summit in front of a Russian leader, certainly that I've ever seen," he said.

Cooper later said it was embarrassing and compared the way Trump repeatedly brings up the issue of former opponent Hillary Clinton's emails to something the autistic lead character in the movie "Rain Man" might do.

For the president, it's likely to add another to his list of grievances about a network he has denounced as "fake news." The White House over the weekend took action following CNN reporter Jim Acosta's attempt to interject a question into a Trump news conference Friday by pulling Trump national security adviser John Bolton from a planned appearance on Jake Tapper's weekend show.

Monday's news conference turned on some sharp questions by Jonathan Lemire, White House correspondent for The Associated Press. Lemire asked Trump whether he agreed with the nation's intelligence community, which has concluded Russia interfered in the 2016 elections, or Putin, who has repeatedly denied it. Lemire also asked whether Trump would denounce election meddling and warn Putin not to do it again, and asked Putin whether Russia had gathered incriminating material on the American president.

Trump responded, "I have great confidence in my intelligence people, but I will tell you that President Putin was extremely strong and powerful in his denial today." He denounced the federal investigation into Russian interference efforts as a "disaster for our country."

Putin said allegations that Russian intelligence agencies had collected compromising information on Trump were "sheer nonsense." But he acknowledged that he had personally favored Trump in the race over Clinton.

"It's hard to find words to describe," ABC's George Stephanopoulos said after the news conference. "All of you who are watching today will be able to tell your friends, family, your children, your grandchildren you were watching a moment of history. It may not be for the right reasons."

Added NBC's Hallie Jackson: "I think a fair word would be extraordinary. I have covered this president since the moment he was sworn in and have never been at a press conference like this one."

CBS' Margaret Brennan said she was messaging some U.S. officials during the speech who said they were turning off the television. "It's a punch in the gut," she said.

There were mixed reactions on Fox News Channel, whose commentators usually represent Trump's biggest supporters. Fox will have a key role in the leaders' attempt to spin the summit, since Trump is being interviewed by Sean Hannity on Monday night, and Putin has sat down with Chris Wallace on Monday. An interview with Trump by Tucker Carlson will air on Fox on Tuesday night.

"Shameful, disgraceful, treasonous — those are some of the descriptions of what President Trump did today in Helsinki," Fox's Shepard Smith said to open his news show. Wallace appeared with Smith to describe his own 35-minute interview with Putin.

Wallace said he did what he suspected Trump did not do in the president's private meeting with Putin — show the Russian leader a copy of the indictments handed down last week against a dozen Russian intelligence officials for their actions in the 2016 presidential election.

First Comic-Con of MeToo era grapples with harassment

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Comic-Con, the annual gathering of over 130,000 fans, artists, collectors and geek culture savants, has already been changed by the #MeToo and Time's Up era, with at least one notable figure stepping aside due to sexual misconduct allegations. But questions remain about its atmosphere and whether convention organizers will take any extra steps to address longstanding allegations of harassment issues during the event which kicks off Wednesday night in San Diego.

The convention has always been a home for comic book and genre enthusiasts, and a refuge for like-minded fans to mingle, but it's also been a place rife with harassment of women and others, whether it's cosplayers (people who dress up in costumes), general attendees or even those hawking merchandise (sometimes called "booth babes").

"I don't think any convention has historically been a safe or inviting space for women," says Cher Martinetti, the managing editor of SYFY Wire's Fangrrls site.

Sexual harassment at fan conventions is a subject that is often raised, but the scrutiny will be even more intense this year with the heightened awareness about misconduct.

Just weeks ago, Nerdist founder Chris Hardwick, a mainstay at Comic-Con and moderator of numerous panels, stepped aside from moderating AMC and BBC America panels amid allegations from an ex-girlfriend , which Hardwick has denied. And since last fall a handful of familiar Comic-Con faces, have been accused of misconduct as well, like Ain't It Cool News founder Harry Knowles and "Honest Trailers" creator Andy Signore.

Comic-Con has a code of conduct that representatives say was, "Intentionally created to serve as a comprehensive measure that makes attendee safety a priority.

"We want all participants to feel if they are treated in a manner that makes them uncomfortable, that there is a system in place that will respond to misconduct and sexual harassment," Comic-Con International told The Associated Press in a statement Sunday.

According to the code, attendees must "respect commonsense rules for public behavior" and "personal interaction" and that "harassing or offensive behavior will not be tolerated." The code specifies that anyone who feels at risk should report it to a security person or a staff member and outlines the location of the show office in the San Diego Convention Center, which is open during show hours. Anyone who violates the code is at risk of losing their pass.

But as with most big confabs and entertainment festivals, events don't stop when the convention center closes, and many attendees will continue their nights at parties and offsite installations, beyond the reach of convention hall security and staff, during the four-day event. And Comic-Con has the unique distinction that many attendees dress in costume, some of which can be revealing.

In 2014, a group called Geeks for CONsent made waves petitioning for a formal anti-harassment policy at Comic-Con. The group organizers carried signs and passed out temporary tattoos that year that read, "Cosplay does not equal consent."

Since #MeToo shook the culture, other large-scale gatherings have reevaluated their own safety protocols. Some have addressed the issue openly and instituted hotlines for attendees to report instances of harassment. The Sundance Film Festival earlier this year updated its code of conduct and partnered with the Utah Attorney General's Office to implement a 24-hour hotline.

Sunu Chandy, the Legal Director for the National Women's Law Center has observed other best practices emerging in the wake of #MeToo and Time's Up as well.

"I see a lot of organizations taking this moment to be very clear and upfront at the opening sessions about expected behaviors, what's off limits and where someone should go," says Chandy. "That will go a long way in setting the tone for the event and making sure that all the participants can take part in a safe and enjoyable manner."

Representatives for Comic-Con International declined to provide specifics about its security measures but said that they work closely with the San Diego Police Department and other law enforcement entities. They also employ several private security companies.

Some attendees expect the atmosphere to be changed this year because of the social movements and the implicit message sent when Hardwick stepped aside from his panels. Martinetti, who is hosting a session Friday about women changing the game in sci-fi and genre with panelists like "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" creator Rachel Bloom, is one, but with a caveat.

"I think it'll be a little different because when you see someone who is a bigger name and a known personality be held accountable for their actions and their behavior, it puts everyone else on alert," Martinetti says. "But I think it's a temporary thing."

Still, she has seen some positive changes over the past few years, "not just in the makeup of the panels and the topics that were discussed but also in the verbiage that's used toward cosplayers and being more accommodating toward not just women but anyone who isn't a straight, white, able-bodied cisgender male."

There are several female-centric panels this year, including Entertainment Weekly's annual Women Who Kick Ass panel, ones on body positivity, women in publishing, women of color in comics, the women of Star Wars and the "fake geek girl fallacy." The convention is also hosting panels on intersectional Afrofuturism, queer comics for queer kids (and another about being queer and black) and general diversity in comics. There's even one titled "#METOO to #TIMESUP: An Action Summit for Comics." But like many of these more inclusive panels, the #METOO panel is programmed in a smaller room directly against a presentation from a major Hollywood studio — in this case, Sony Pictures.

Fandango correspondent and TCM host Alicia Malone is returning this year to host a panel called "The Future of Film is Female" with participants like directors Jennifer Yuh Nelson and Susanna Fogel. She says the enthusiasm from Comic-Con is palpable.

"It started last year with 'Female Voices in Film Twitter' which was well-received and encouraged by Comic-Con, but this year I feel like everyone is really excited to talk about Women in Film and celebrate these achievements," says Malone.

As an eight-year Comic-Con veteran, Malone, is also hopeful that things are evolving.

"There is so much focus on it that the #MeToo and Time's Up movement can't be ignored," Malone says. "I'm so optimistic, more than ever, that things are going to change from now on."

Lava crashes through roof of tour boat, injures 23

By Audrey McAvoy and Caleb Jones
Associated Press

HONOLULU — An explosion caused by lava oozing into the ocean sent molten rock crashing through the roof of a sightseeing boat off Hawaii's Big Island, injuring 23 people Monday, officials said.

A woman in her 20s was in serious condition with a broken thigh bone, the Hawaii County Fire Department said. Three others were in stable condition at a hospital with unspecified injuries. The rest of the passengers suffered burns, scrapes and other superficial injuries.

They were aboard a tour boat that takes visitors to see lava plunging into the ocean from a long-erupting volcano that has been vigorously shooting lava from a new vent in the ground for the past two months. The lava punctured the boat's roof, leaving a gaping hole, firefighters said.

Shane Turpin, the owner and captain of the vessel that was hit, said he never saw the explosion that rained molten rocks down on top of his boat.

He and his tour group had been in the area for about 20 minutes making passes of the ocean entry about 500 yards offshore, Turpin said.

He didn't observe "any major explosions," so he navigated his vessel closer, to about 250 yards away from the lava.

"As we were exiting the zone, all of a sudden everything around us exploded," he said. "It was everywhere."

Turpin said he had no idea just how big the blast was until he saw video of the event later on shore.

"It was immense," he said. "I had no idea. We didn't see it."



Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources via AP

This photo provided by the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources shows damage to the roof of a tour boat after an explosion sent lava flying through the roof off the Big Island of Hawaii on Monday injuring at least 23 people. The lava came from the Kilauea volcano, which has been erupting from a rural residential area since early May.

The U.S. Geological Survey says explosions of varying sizes happen whenever 2,000-degree lava enters much colder seawater. Some of those explosions can be so tiny they are hard to see.

"That's one way we generate black sand," said USGS geologist Janet Babb. But when the conditions are just right, much larger explosions send molten rock and other debris high into the air. Lightning is sometimes produced within the plumes of gas and lava that are ejected from the so-called "littoral" explosions.

But Monday's large blast may also be related to the undersea landscape and the amount of lava being produced by a fissure miles from the coast.

Babb said sometimes molten rock can become encrusted underwater, and when that crust breaks large amounts of lava hit the water and create huge steam explosions.

"How high and how far really depends on the vigor of the steam explosion, and that depends on the amount of lava going into the ocean," Babb said. "Based on a lot of years of observations of ocean entries," USGS estimates these explosions can send debris up to 300 meters in any direction.

Supreme Court nominee's paper trail might color confirmation

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The paper chase is on.

Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh's opponents are digging through documents at President George W. Bush's library in Texas and other repositories around the country looking for anything that could help derail his nomination.

The trail of documents is extensive as Kavanaugh spent five years in the Bush White House and 12 years as a federal judge. Kavanaugh supporters say they'd be shocked if anybody found anything that would taint a man they say has unquestioned integrity.

During his past 12 years on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, he has written roughly 300 opinions and law review articles and has given speeches across the country.

Before that, he spent two years in the White House counsel's office and three years as staff secretary where he had eyeballs on nearly everything Bush saw, signed and said. Tens of thousands of pages of documents crossed Kavanaugh's desk and if lawmakers demand to see the bulk of them, the Senate confirmation process could be a drawn-out affair.

The archival staff at the Bush library in Dallas is working to provide access to open records related to Kavanaugh's White House years. The National Archives says the documents are being compiled on one webpage as was done for the records of Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, Trump's first pick for the high court.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, which will vote on the nomination, has been in preliminary discussions with various places that maintain records from Kavanaugh's public service.

The panel also has asked Kavanaugh to provide information about his work for Bush, and for independent counsel Kenneth Star's team, where Kavanaugh co-wrote the report that served as the basis for President Bill Clinton's impeachment.

In questionnaires sent out last Friday, the committee also asked about his work on the Bush campaign effort to halt the recount of votes in Florida in the disputed 2000 election.

After Trump nominated Neil M. Gorsuch for the Supreme Court, the executive branch released all the internal White House correspondence that was related to him. But Kavanaugh was so involved in the inner workings of the Bush White House, some of his correspondence might still be classified under provisions of the Presidential Records Act.

The paper chase began just hours after Trump announced his pick.

The next morning, American Bridge 21st Century, a political action committee that's funded by Democrats and does opposition research, had someone at the Bush library waiting for it to open. The group also has filed dozens of Freedom of Information Act requests and dispatched dozens of people around the country to peruse Kavanaugh-related material.

Besides the Bush library, the group has people scouring files at sites in the nation's capital, Yale University where Kavanaugh earned his law degree, the National Archives and the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum in Little Rock, Arkansas.

"We are searching through all of the publicly available information we can get our hands on because we hope to properly highlight the dangers of having Kavanaugh on the Supreme Court," said Harrell Kirstein, communications director for the group.

Former White House press secretary Scott McClellan, who worked and traveled with Kavanaugh during the Bush presidency, said he's not surprised liberal operatives are looking for derogatory information on Kavanaugh. But he said he would be surprised if anyone found something on Kavanaugh, who he says has "unquestioned integrity."

"The other side is saying he's extreme," McClellan said. "Personally, that's not the way he comes across. He comes across as someone who's pragmatic, someone who is open-minded — not some rigid ideologue."

If confirmed, Kavanaugh would replace retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy, who was often the swing vote in politically charged cases on gay rights, abortion and affirmative action. Democrats fear that Kavanaugh would swing less and vote more often with conservative justices on the court. That could tip the balance of the court to the right for years to come.

Families bury dead after bloody weekend in Nicaragua

By Luis Manuel Galeano
Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Families began burying the dead Monday following a bloody weekend in Nicaragua as police and paramilitary groups attacked roadblocks set up by anti-government demonstrators demanding President Daniel Ortega's exit from office.

The family and friends of 20-year-old university student Gerald Vasquez, one of two students killed Saturday when pro-government groups attacked the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua, carried his casket to a Managua cemetery, chanting "They were students, they weren't delinquents!"

Also Monday, the U.S. State Department and the United Nations condemned the continued violence.

"Every additional victim of this violence and intimidation campaign further undermines Ortega's legitimacy," said spokeswoman Heather Nauert. "Early free, fair and transparent elections are the best path back to democracy and respect for human rights in Nicaragua."

The U.N. issued a statement saying "the use of lethal force is not only unacceptable but is also in itself an obstacle to obtaining a political solution to the current crisis."

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TRACI PEQUENO

MIDLAND FRESHMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Subject: Special education math

Number of years with Midland ISD: 10 years

What is your favorite moment on your campus or with the district? My favorite moments within the district are watching former students walk the stage at graduation. I have worked with many students who have learning disabilities and have overcome great obstacles throughout their high school journey. One year, I had a senior student who was not at school for his final exams. I called home to speak with his mom and begged her to get him to school to take his tests. He ended up showing up and took all his exams. He walked the stage. Later that evening, I received a text message from him thanking me for helping him graduate.

Why did you choose a career with Midland ISD (or your campus name)? After college, I worked for Child Protective Services, which inspired me to work with at-risk kids. I initially wanted to work at the elementary level, but I was offered a resource "sped" position and jumped with that to get in the district. That was when I realized I truly have a passion to work directly with at-risk youth.

How have you found innovative ways to impact your colleagues, parents and/or students? Maybe I haven't found that "innovative" way to impact my students, but I have found that building a rapport from the beginning helps so much throughout the year. Getting to know my students and allowing them to get to know me helps those students see we are all humans who aren't perfect. They know that I want the best for them.

What is one lesson you have learned from working in an educational environment? One lesson I have learned from working in an educational environment would be team work. I see how having a true professional learning community (PLC) structure within our department impacts our students' great success. Not only do our students progress, as teachers, we grow, as well.

How do you inspire others aiming to make a difference at Midland ISD? Patience. I often hear people say, "I couldn't do what you do." It takes patience to work with students who are struggling learners. I would say by having patience, others can see how that can make a difference.

What are your professional goals for the future? My professional goals include transferring to the CTE department in the area of Family and Consumer Sciences. I am ready to start programs on campus to help engage our students and our local businesses around our campus, as well as preparing students to enter our society ready to succeed.

What is the greatest challenge of working at Midland ISD/campus name? The greatest challenge working at MISD would have to be getting EVERY student inspired about their future. As a district, we do what we can but we still have many students who are unsuccessful once they reach a certain age.

What support can Midlanders provide you and your campus? Encourage students to BE their best and shed light on all the positive things teachers are doing in the classroom.

TO THE READER

The Midland Development Corp. has partnered with the Reporter-Telegram to honor teachers and other district officials who make a difference in students' lives.
The MDC, as part of its commitment to education, will sponsor this series that will appear every Tuesday on the front of the Education section. The MDC and Reporter-Telegram thank Midland ISD for its help with Educator Honor Roll.

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Thomas: MC can never stop improving

Leader hopes to continue providing quality education

By Simone Jasper
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As the fall semester nears, Steve Thomas is marking a decade as the leader of Midland College. Thomas, who grew up in this region, became the school's fourth president after holding positions at the college and other institutions, according to the MC website.



Thomas

Since he assumed his current role in 2008, the college has expanded dual-credit offerings and implemented a pathways advising initiative. Thomas took time via email to reflect upon his experiences and share thoughts about issues affecting MC.

MRT: What has been the highlight of your time as MC president?

Thomas: It is impossible to distill my tenure as President to one highlight, but some of our accomplishments that stand out include implementing Early College High School at Midland College in partnership with Midland ISD and community donors, securing a Branch Campus Maintenance Tax for the Williams Regional Technical Training Center in Fort Stockton in cooperation with the voters of Pecos County, transforming our enrollment management system to include a guided pathways approach to assisting students make informed choices about their college careers, working with a supportive and philanthropic community of foundations, business and industry partners and donors, and hosting the Cowan Performing Arts and Davidson Distinguished Lectures Series. These a just a few of the highlights, but as I have often said, it is a pleasure and a privilege to be the President of Midland College. I have the advantage of working with an experienced and professional Board of Trustees who have supported my leadership from day one.

MRT: What have you learned in your role as the leader of the college?

Thomas: I've learned that rust never sleeps. By that I mean that as a valuable resource for Midland and the region, we can never rest on our laurels. We can never become self-satisfied with our accomplishments and we can never stop improving our programs and services for our students and community because our community expects nothing less. I have also learned that Midland College is fortunate to have a gifted and talented group of faculty and staff who do great work day in and day out, and who challenge me to do my best every day.

MRT: MC and Midland ISD last year announced an expanded partnership for dual-credit opportunities. How has that continued collaboration impacted the college?

Thomas: Since the mid-1990's, MC and Midland ISD have partnered to offer dual credit courses in academic subjects that transferred to universities. Students accrue credit hours paying MC costs for tuition and fees at a fraction of the costs for the same courses at a university. This has been a very successful program.

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Courtesy photo

Midland ISD Police Department officers David Lopez, from left, Ron Mather, Oscar Rodriguez and Carlos Gonzales check out the bulletproof vests the department received last week from Complex Community Federal Credit Union. The department also received vehicle mounting brackets for police rifles, training pistols with online training software and a monetary donation for future training and supplies, according to the district's spokeswoman. Purchase of these items was made possible through a clay shoot the credit union hosted earlier this year.

Colleges must do more to ensure students graduate

GUEST VIEW
Dallas Morning News

Students drop out of college for many reasons, some preventable, some not. One troubling and persistent national statistic caught our attention and should catch yours, too.

About 20 percent of high school students entering college will leave without a degree, according to an analysis by the Hechinger Report, a nonprofit news organization that tracks higher-education trends. This is particularly frustrating and alarming, since the high school graduation rate nationwide is more than 84 percent, an all-time high.

When college students fail to graduate, the setback threatens their long-term success and the economic prospects of communities — especially in states such as Texas where the population is increasingly young and Hispanic. Texas has made strides, but it is critical that we figure out what is happening and not waste the contributions bright young minds can make.

Poor high school preparation, expensive tuition and family issues are factors why students don't complete their degree. But Texas colleges and universities also have found they need to intervene early in a student's academic career and remove barriers before those build to the point that students simply quit.

Texas schools tell us the odds of graduating improve if students, especially minority and first-generation college students, can remain enrolled through their sophomore year. The University of Texas at San Antonio, for example, assigns small groups of incoming first-generation students to mentors. The University of Texas at Dallas, among other things, encourages first-generation students to live on campus before other students to ease the adjustment to college life.

However, one of the more innovative approaches comes from the University of Texas in Austin, which uses data from academic transcripts and personal records to identify about 500 entering freshmen who could be at risk of not graduating on time.

Six-year graduation rates at some major Texas public universities, 2011-17

Texas A&M University: 86.8 percent
UT-Austin: 86 percent
University of Texas at Dallas: 74.6 percent
Texas Tech University: 69.5 percent
University of North Texas: 59.3 percent
Statewide average: 60.9 percent

Source: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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At-risk youth learn culinary skills in Dallas

■ Planned community center will provide services for Cafe Momentum's interns

By Nanette Light
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — You'll find it in an abandoned stretch of downtown Dallas' maze of tunnels underneath Thanks-Giving Square.

There's no sign pointing toward it. You have to know where to go or have Chad Houser as your guide.

It's in this forgotten space — vacated long ago by a Lone Star Credit Union and one of those anything-goes restaurants serving everything from ham sandwiches to Chinese spring rolls — that Houser has targeted for the next phase of Cafe Momentum.

The downtown restaurant and nonprofit, where Houser is founder, CEO and executive chef, gives at-risk youth jobs while teaching them culinary skills. Since opening in 2015, Cafe Momentum has worked with more than 300 young men and women, of whom 85 percent have not reoffended during the critical first year, according to data from the organization.

This fall, Houser plans to dish out a lot more from Cafe Momentum's community services center. The space, now under construction, will bring in additional resources for youth outside the restaurant.

"Having a job is important, and it solves a lot. But it doesn't solve everything," Houser said. "It doesn't solve trauma. It doesn't solve undiagnosed health care. It doesn't solve education. It doesn't solve all of these things. We're diligently working to achieve that."

He cups his hands around his eyes and peers through the glass, past the old credit union's hours, still stuck on the wall.

Right now, it's just a shell of a space with concrete floors and exposed ceilings. But Houser — a self-proclaimed optimist — sees a lot more.

He talks of a classroom where interns will be taught academics before their shifts, a private therapy room, a space for snacks, a room stocked with emergency clothing and hygiene products, a wellness room for yoga and staff offices.

"Momentum is a good word for it," Houser said, riffing off the program's name to describe the ongoing progress.

The center has been a few years coming. In 2015, Houser

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Texas college executives among nation's highest-paid

■ Former UT chancellor, A&M chancellor are in top five, according to Chronicle of Higher Education

By Shannon Najmabadi
Texas Tribune

The chancellors of Texas' largest university systems were among the top five highest-paid public university leaders last year, according to a national survey conducted by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The former chancellor of the University of Texas System, Bill McRaven, and John Sharp, chancellor of the Texas A&M University System, earned a respective $1,500,140 and $1,285,147 in combined base pay, bonuses and other financial benefits in the 2017 fiscal year.

McRaven, who stepped down in May, was the third highest-paid leader in the Chronicle's annual report. Sharp was the fifth.

The heads of the University of Louisville, Auburn University and Temple University were also among the top five highest-paid, with former Louisville president James Ramsey topping the list with $4,290,232 in compensation. Ramsey, who left the school less than a month into the fiscal year, received the bulk of his pay from a $3.55 million deferred payout and $687,683 in severance.

Other top-earning Texans were:

■ Michael Young, president of Texas A&M University, who earned $1 million.

■ Renu Khator, chancellor of the University of Houston System and president of the University of Houston, who earned $913,351.

■ Greg Fenves, president of the University of Texas at Austin, who earned $762,220. Fenves turned down a salary offer of $1 million when he was hired in 2015.

■ Lee Jackson, former chancellor of the University of North Texas System, who earned $750,838.

■ Brian McCall, chancellor of the Texas State University System, who earned $746,000.

■ Robert Duncan, chancellor of the Texas Tech University System, who earned $716,583.

Karen Adler, a spokesperson for the UT System, said in a statement that the "chancellor's salary is funded entirely through private contributions," and that their board of regents "strives to be as competitive as possible when recruiting leadership."

The average pay among public college leaders surveyed was around $560,000 — 5 percent more than the year before, the Chronicle found — and 12 earned $1 million or more. The Chronicle surveyed 220 public colleges and university systems for the report; the highest-paid Texas executives were around the median of public college leaders in terms of their pay compared to their institution's total expenses.

"Generally, there's always a pressure pushing wages upward for executives," said Dan Bauman, a data reporter at the Chronicle who compiled the report. "Cost of living obviously plays a role. Additionally, for executives, those who negotiate with boards of trustees tell us those trustees feel they need to meet certain wage demands to remain competitive."

McRaven, Sharp, Young and Fenves' compensation held relatively constant from the 2016 fiscal year; McRaven's pay ticked up by

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FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped "Epic Eats"		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped "Fire It Up!"	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) 🅕 Duplicable ...		Bold Type "Betsy" (N)		🅕 ★★ Paul Blart: Mall Cop Kevin James.				The 700 Club		Mother	Mother
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	(5:00) Rodeo		Rodeo RodeoHouston Super Series Championship -- Houston, Texas						Texans (N)	MediaDe yReca (N)	Media-DayReca	Maveric-ks Insider
FX	31	56	59	64	60	(4:30) 🅕 How To Tra...		🅕 Kung Fu Panda 3 ('16, Ani) Jack Black.				🅕 Kung Fu Panda 3 ('16, Ani) Jack Black.					🅕 The Longest Ride
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) 🅕 Switched f...		🅕 The Mistletoe Inn Lacey Chabert.				Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Hidden P	Seaside	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		(:05) CounterCars (N)		(:05) Forged in Fire		(:05) Forged in Fire	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Marrie-d1stSight	Married at First Sl. (N)	Marrie-d1stSight	Married at (N)	Married "Who Did I Marry?" (N)		(:05) Seven Year "Switch Perfect" (N)		(:05) Seven Year "Switch Perfect"		Marrie-d1stSight	Married at First
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				American Ninja War.		UCI Cycling Tour de France Stage 10 Annecy - Le Grand-Bornand						American Ninja War.		UCI Cycling	
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SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	🅕 ★★★ A Nightmare on Elm Street				Face Off (N)		Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Eva Longoria, Luke Hemsworth		Brooklyn "Payback"	Conan
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TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Younger	Teachers	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Super Smackdown				Chrisley Knows (N)	Cromar-tles (N)	Shooter "The Importance of Service"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Liberties"	
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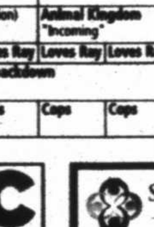
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Food-loving family makes no exception for special diet

DEAR ABBY



Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I am a diagnosed narcoleptic. Medication helps with the symptoms, but not entirely. I looked into alternative options and found a fantastic diet. I recently went on it with amazing results.

My dad's side of the family is Italian, and a huge part of the culture is food. During celebrations, it's considered offensive to refuse food, and my family has always looked down on diets. If a family member is on one, they'll argue that it's a special occasion and it's only for one day.

Abby, I'm exhausted at family gatherings. If I try to turn something down, I get attacked because "Grandma made it," or "It's your favorite and we made it for you." I have tried explaining to them that I don't want them to alter their dinner arrangements to accommodate me, but I should be allowed to forgo eating foods that will make me feel like a zombie. They just don't get it, and it has caused arguments. How do I re-open this discussion without offending anyone? — PANICKED OVER PASTA

DEAR P. OVER P.: Do it BEFORE the celebration by calling your hosting family member and explaining that there are now foods you cannot eat because of your diagnosed medical condition. Explain that you know they would not feed certain foods to a diabetic, and you need the same dispensation. Ask them to kindly not put you in the embarrassing position of having to refuse their delicious food, and if they feel it will cause a problem, they should excuse you from the event.

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago, my friend "Lindy's" husband committed suicide. I have been there for her and understand it takes time, but I'm reaching my limit.

I make plans with her for dinners at our home and at restaurants and have planned various outings, because I know it's difficult to be in the house alone. However, she constantly manipulates, yells at me when she doesn't get her way, and uses the loss of her husband as a rationale for why I and others must do what she wants regardless of what's happening in our own lives, and expects us to tolerate this behavior.

Because of the circumstances, I have given her several passes on the disgusting behavior she has displayed, and have gently spoken up on some occasions when she went too far. She's pushing people away and quite vicious about it, but doesn't see that she's doing it to herself. How long must I tolerate her grieving process before enough is enough? — CONFUSED IN NEW YORK

DEAR CONFUSED: Lindy is not only grieving the loss of her husband, but raging because of what caused it. She's a "survivor of suicide," and the conflicting emotions — including anger and guilt — she's carrying can make a person sick. If she isn't receiving grief counseling, urge her to find some before she destroys her support system entirely. When Lindy becomes manipulative or abusive, you are within your rights to call her on it and take a step back. For your own sake, you shouldn't continue to allow her to mistreat you.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Get the count

Both vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ A K
♡ A Q 4
◇ 8 5 4 3 2
♣ A J 4

WEST
♠ 9 8 7 4
♡ 7 2
◇ K J 10 9 6
♣ 10 3

EAST
♠ 5 3 2
♡ J 9 6 3
◇ 7
♣ 9 8 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10 6
♡ K 10 8 5
◇ A Q
♣ K Q 7

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	6NT	All pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♠

North could count that his partnership held at least 33 combined points, so he made the obvious bid. With two balanced hands, however, 33 points is sometimes not enough. This deal required careful play despite a combined 35 points.

South won the opening spade lead with dummy's ace. He could count 11 tricks and he would have to develop an extra trick from one of the red suits. He led a low diamond to his queen at trick two, losing to West's king. A diamond continuation would reveal the diamond position, so West exited safely with a spade to dummy's king, instead.

South now cashed all of his black-suit winners before touching hearts. He led a club to his king, cashed his two high spades, and then two more clubs. He learned that West had started with four spades and only two clubs. This made West a big favorite to hold length in hearts, but things changed when declarer took the thoughtful precaution of cashing his ace of diamonds before starting hearts. Bingo! When East showed out, the puzzle was complete. South cashed dummy's ace and queen of hearts, and then, knowing that West held no more hearts, led a heart to his 10 and claimed his slam. Well done!

We wonder how many readers would have gone down by not cashing the ace of diamonds? We mean the readers of other columns, of course. All of our readers would have gotten it right. Right?

Financial institutions collecting school supplies

Two local financial institutions — Frost and First Basin Credit Union — are collecting school supplies.

Frost's supply drive is part of the banking company's 150th anniversary celebration.

Frost will accept school supply donations until July 27 at its 130 financial centers across Texas, including the three in Midland: 508 W. Wall Street, 800 W. Wadley Ave. and 4101 N. Midland Drive. At the end of the drive, Frost will deliver the donations to the nonprofit agencies serving the various communities.

Items sought include No. 2 pencils, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, ballpoint pens, markers, dry-erase markers, highlighters, crayons, five-inch scissors, 12-inch rulers, composition notebooks and spiral notebooks, folders, binders, dividers, notebook paper, index cards, glue bottles and sticks and USB drives.

Frost launched its anniversary celebration with a food drive in the first quarter and a toiletry drive in the second quarter.

FBCU locations in Midland and Odessa are collecting school supplies through July 31 for Rainbow Room of the Permian Basin, which works Child Protective Services.

Supplies that are needed are markers, crayons, rulers, scissors, folders, spiral notebooks, binders, pens, pencils, highlighters, backpacks, tissues and hand sanitizer.

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Cheerleading clinic planned

"One Team — One Town" cheer clinic, a joint fundraiser benefiting the Midland High and Lee High cheerleading programs, is planned for 6-8 p.m. Aug. 10 and 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 12 at Auxiliary (GMFL) Fields.

The two-day clinic is for kindergartners through sixth-graders.

Fee is $50 in advance and $55 the day of the clinic. To register, call 528-8105 or 978-0840 or email MHScheermidland@gmail.com.

MISD to host job fair

Midland ISD is hosting a job fair 4-6 p.m. Thursday at the administration building, 615 W. Missouri Ave.

For a list of job openings, visit the district's website, midlandisd.net and click on "careers" and then "human resource openings."

Scammers target those with outstanding student loans

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

"Congratulations! You can get your student loans forgiven — it's quick and easy!" If you think this sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Student loan debt affects more than 42 million Americans, with outstanding balances of more than $1.4 trillion. The Federal Trade Commission and Better Business Bureau are warning consumers of deceptive scammers.

The FTC has reached multimillion dollar settlements with a student debt relief company and a law firm. Under the settlement, the student debt relief company, Strategic Student Solutions, will pay $17.7 million; the law firm, Bloom Law Group PC in California, will pay $9.1 million. This is part of its "Operation Game of Loans," a nationwide initiative to crack down on deceptive student loan practices. Both Strategic Student Solutions and the Bloom Law Group PC have an "F" rating with the BBB.

This company and firm allegedly preyed on consumers with student loan debt by falsely promising to lower their payments through enrollment in student loan forgiveness or other programs. They also falsely promised to apply monthly payments to consumers' student loans and to improve credit scores. Consumers were told that all they had to do was pay a small fee and the company and law firm would negotiate with the lender on their behalf. In another version, scammers claim they could consolidate student loans for a minimal fee.

The FTC and BBB offer these tips for protection against these scammers:

- Visit bbb.org to read business profiles and check out companies before working with them.

If you have been a victim of this scam, report it at bbb.org/ScamTracker.

- Only scammers promise fast loan forgiveness.

Before they know your situation, scammers might say they can quickly get rid of your loans through a loan forgiveness program. But they can't.

- A Department of Education seal doesn't mean it's legitimate.

Scammers use official-looking names and logos and say they have special access to certain federal programs. They don't.

- Don't share your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID with anyone.

Scammers could use it to take control of your personal financial aid information on U.S. Department of Education websites.

Consumers can apply for loan deferments, forbearance, repayment and forgiveness or discharge programs directly through the U.S. Department of Education or their loan servicer at no cost, and do not require a third party. For federal student loan repayment options, visit StudentAid.gov/repay. Student loans can be forgiven only under specific circumstances, so contact your lender directly to see if any options are available to you.

If you feel you have been a victim of a student loan scam, you can report it at bbb.org/ScamTracker.

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For more consumer information, BBB Business Reviews or to file a complaint, visit your local Better Business Bureau online at bbb.org/central-texas.

HIGHEST-PAID

From 2B

$140 — longevity pay, according to the Chronicle — and Young's remained unchanged. But Jackson and McCall both saw their total compensation rise by about $16,000; Duncan's increased $30,000; and Khator received a $62,000 pay bump in fiscal year 2016, largely stemming from an added $50,000 in bonus pay.

Bauman, speaking about national trends he observed, said that "bonuses may reflect certain institutional goals being met, like a successful giving campaign, or a carrot to keep a president from taking a job at another university." On the other hand, severances "come up when an institution wants to get rid of someone and is willing to pay a price to avoid legal liability. And to keep presidents long-term, boards use deferred compensation packages to entice CEOs to stay with an institution – thereby providing it stability and consistent vision."

Texas university leaders saw their pay climb quickly between 2012 and 2016, increasing about 70 percent for the state's chancellors and for presidents of its flagship schools. At the time, the rising compensation was criticized by lawmakers, but deemed necessary and justified by governor-appointed regents who oversee the university systems and are in charge of setting and approving pay rates.

"We believe Chancellor McRaven is worth the investment and that the people of Texas will benefit from his time at the UT System for generations to come," the then-chairman of the UT System's board of regents said in 2016.

The chairman of the University of Houston System's governing board wrote the same year that Khator's salary "is appropriate based on her stellar track record," and her dual role as a president and the chancellor of a system that's budget now tops $2 billion.

The Chronicle's analysis also notes benefits a chancellor or president receives, including retirement, house, car, personal services and social club perks. McCall and Khator were the only Texas chancellors who received benefits associated with all of those categories as part of their total compensation. McRaven had access to a house and personal services; Sharp a house; and Duncan a house, car and entry to a social club.

The "personal services" category includes compensation for house-cleaning and yard-keeping — chancellors' residences are often used to host work functions — and Bauman said it could cover amenities such as a "maid, chauffeur, security service, or chef service that is paid for by the university."

Though above the national average, the pay of some Texas university presidents was far outmatched by the compensation doled out to their football coaches. Not including financial perks, for example, Khator's base salary of $704,983 and her $200,000 bonus is about $300,000 less than what was paid in the 2017 fiscal year to Major Applewhite, the University of Houston's head football coach. Young was paid about one-quarter the salary of Texas A&M University's football coach at the time, Kevin Sumlin, and Fenves earned less than one-seventh of Charlie Strong, who was head coach at the time.

SKILLS

From 2B

asked a team of graduate students at Southern Methodist University's Master of Arts in Design and Innovation program to help develop a stable housing situation for the interns — about two-thirds of whom are homeless.

But instead of a housing option, the graduate students suggested a community services center that would serve as a home base for the interns and expand the program's "hours of influence" — and theoretically its impact — through other programs outside of the restaurant.

Using an approach called "human-centered design," the grad students worked to understand the struggles the interns faced and what it's like to work at Cafe Momentum, said Kate Canales, former director of the design and innovation program at SMU's engineering school.

The SMU team spent time in the restaurant, washed dishes, set tables and slowly built trust with the interns, said Canales, who recently joined the Department of Design at the University of Texas at Austin. They learned that interns needed more than a place to rest at night — they needed more waking hours under the Cafe Momentum system.

"Some of them did need a place to sleep. That was true," Canales said. "But the more immediate problem was this thing they came to call 'hours of influence.'"

About a year ago, Houser sent Canales a text with a picture of an architectural firm's rendering of the community services center concept the graduate students had developed.

"I just started crying. I thought, 'Oh my gosh, it's real. It's going to come to life,'" Canales said. "It's what every design student hopes for."

Cafe Momentum signed the lease to rent the space from the city in January. Negotiations had lagged for a couple of years because city leaders were unsure what to do with the disconnected and somewhat abandoned underground tunnels.

The pedestrian network of passages and sky bridges — designed in the 1960s with a vision to bring a world of food and dining underground — is controversial. Critics have said the tunnels rob sidewalks of their traffic and downtown of its vibrancy.

The space Houser has under construction sat dormant for more than a decade. He discovered it while scouting spaces for the restaurant, nixing the idea of an underground restaurant for a place above on Pacific Avenue.

"I wasn't trying to create a retail space to drive people down here," Houser said of the community center. "This is a private space for my kids."

The project's estimated cost is $450,000. Already, about $190,000 has been raised through donations of materials, money and grants. Details such as who will teach interns in the center's classroom and where the rest of the money will come from are being sorted out.

Houser said that more than three years ago, he opened a restaurant staffed primarily with juvenile offenders.

"I'm a dreamer, but it's almost like the sky's the limit," he said.

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THOMAS

From 2B

Again in partnership with MISD, we have added dual credit courses in career and technical programs that are meeting the needs of a growing population of students in the public school system. We have added workforce academies beginning in high school in health sciences, petroleum technology and plan to add business, information technology and hospitality and food service academies in the future. Obviously, this has had a positive impact on Midland College, but more importantly students now have more career options than ever before, and they can begin their college journey beginning in high school.

MRT: Fluctuations in the economy have historically impacted enrollment at MC. What is the institution's approach in the current economic climate?

Thomas: Historically, MC's enrollment has been the inverse of the economy so when the economy slowed down enrollments went up and when the economy heated up, enrollments declined. We are anticipating this trend to continue for the fall semester as we are in a very heated economy, but we are being proactive in all of our recruiting and outreach efforts to enroll more students. As I mentioned, we have also implemented new programs such as the workforce academies to caste a wider net that we think will attract more students. We are also beginning a new marketing campaign to recruit young adults who have never enrolled in college because we have some great career options for those students.

MRT: What are your expectations for the upcoming academic year?

Thomas: I expect a year filled with challenges and opportunities. Due to retirements and turnover, I have the opportunity to form a new senior leadership team to address the many pressures and issues we are facing next year and beyond. Pressures include the critical need to meet workforce demands in a vibrant economy, filling faculty and staff vacancies in health sciences, IT, grounds and maintenance, and when the Legislature meets in January, securing adequate state funding for college operations which is a perennial challenge. These are just a few examples of the myriad challenges we face next year and these only touch the surface. These and other challenges are in the context of Midland and the Permian Basin projecting phenomenal growth over the next few years. Demands for education and workforce training will increase, competition to fill faculty and staff vacancies will be even harder, having adequate resources to offer new programs while maintaining the quality of existing programs will be imperative. In short, my expectations are that next year will be a year like no other in the history of Midland College, but we will continue to be the quality institution that you have supported and counted on for over 46 years.

GRADUATE

From 2B

Those students are put in the University Leadership Network, which pays students $5,000 a year if they stay on their degree track and maintain at least a 2.0 grade-point average. Students must attend weekly seminars, maintain campus internships and receive peer support from others who were in the program the previous year.

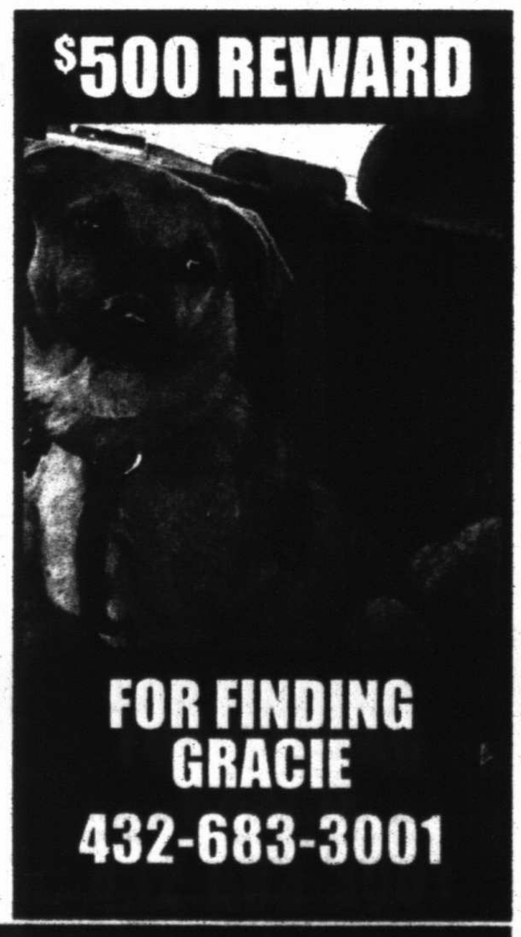
UT-Austin officials say such programs helped about 1,000 more students graduate in 2017 than in 2011 and enabled more than 1,000 first-time freshmen to enroll. The school's four-year graduation rate also improved from roughly 51 percent in 2012 to 65.7 percent in 2017, with nearly 5 percentage points of that gain occurring from 2016 to 2017. UT-Austin's six-year graduation rate is about 86 percent.

Our final thought is that the state can't prosper until more schools improve graduation rates. It is embarrassing that the six-year graduation rates of most Texas public colleges and universities fall below the statewide average of 61 percent and several fall below 50 percent.

Thanks in part to several legislative initiatives, the state has come a long way since the late 1980s, when the six-year graduation rate was just 45 percent. Long term, the state's overall competitiveness depends on continued improvement and smart efforts to help students succeed.

It's a challenge, but one that, as a state, we must win.

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MHS grad Feldt named MISD's executive AD

■ District finds its new executive director of Athletics in Permian's football coaches' office

From staff reports

A Midland High graduate has returned home to lead the Athletics Department at Midland ISD.

And at the same time Odessa Permian High School has lost its football coach.

Blake Feldt was presented to the Midland ISD board as the new executive director of Athletics for MISD. In his introduction of Feldt, Midland ISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick said a "prodigal son" is returning. Feldt showed his trademark enthusiasm in saying this position was one of the best four or five in the state and that his goal was for Midland ISD to be the best athletic department in the state.

While Permian football fans might not agree with the timing – with the start of football just weeks away – Feldt said it was hard to ignore that his life was coming full circle as the board meeting Monday was at Bowie Elementary where Feldt started school as a child.



Feldt

Feldt said he has been working on an "exit strategy" from coaching for two years. He said the plan this season was to coach the team and then look for an athletic director's position at season's end. This Permian team will go into the season with a talented roster and as one of the favorites in District 2-6A.

Feldt said that a majority of a coach's life doesn't go as planned, and that was the case when the executive director of Athletics position became available. In May, MISD officials reassigned former executive director Randy Rowe to athletic director.

"I have been coaching more than 33 years," Feldt said. "This obviously is a chance that I have been chasing for years."

The executive director of athletics will "assist the superintendent in the administration of all district athletic policies and programs," according to the job listing on Midland ISD's website this weekend. Feldt is scheduled to make between $100,241 and $135,619.

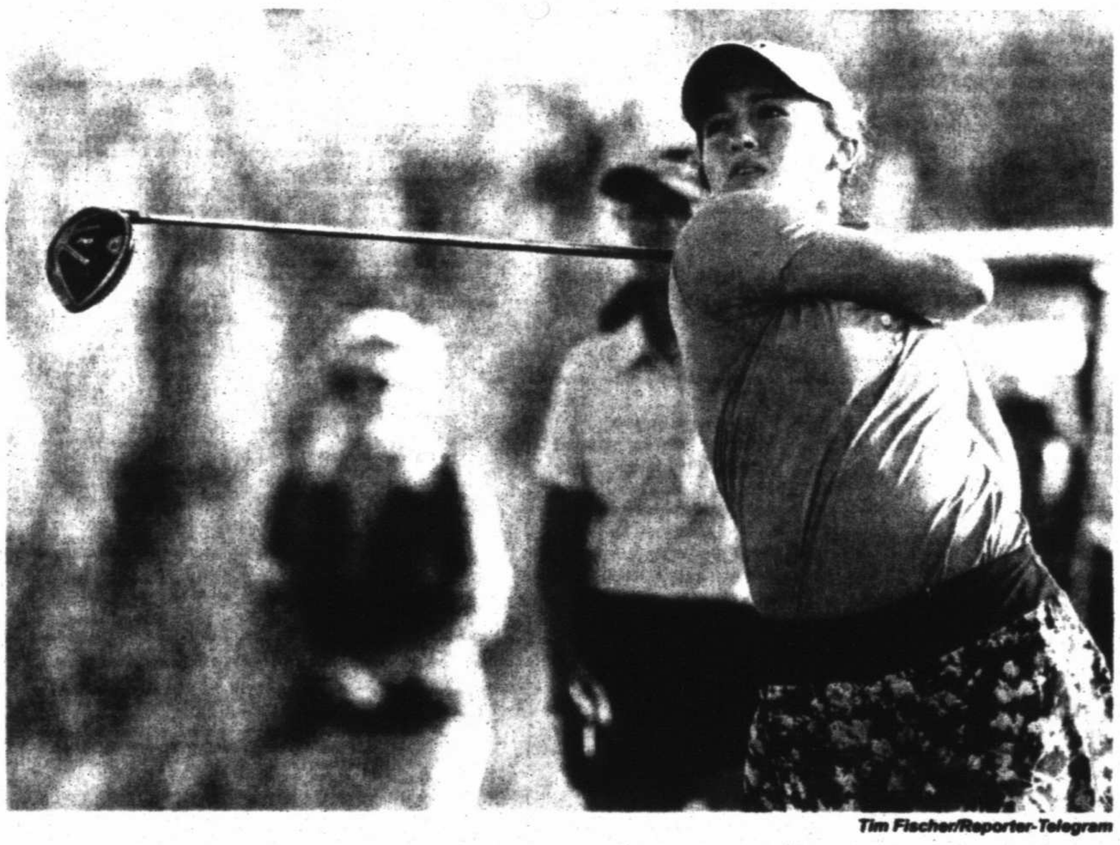
ECISD confirmed Monday that Feldt resigned his position as the Panthers' head coach following five seasons with the program. During that span, he guided Permian to a 38-18 record and three playoff appearances, including a run to the Class 6A regional round in 2014. Feldt said Monday night he would like to see the new coach come from his now-former coaching staff.

"I was excited about coaching this fall," Feldt said. "They will have a great team if I was there or not."

Feldt is a graduate of Midland High and a former assistant coach with the Bulldogs. He went on to become a three-year starter at offensive line at Texas Tech and then served as a graduate assistant coach at both Texas Tech and the University of Texas.

"There is no doubt this is the best decision for my family," Feldt said. "People will make different things about it, but it is just that easy."

BATTLE OF CHAMPIONS



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Aspen Escamilla follows her tee shot Monday during the qualifying round of the Midland Women's City Golf Tournament at Hogan Park Golf Course.

Midland Women's City Golf Tournament features top talent, champion players

By Will Korn
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There will be plenty of anticipation when the 55th annual Midland Women's City Golf Tournament tees off today at Ranchland Hills Golf Club.

With Monday's 16-player qualifying round in the books, today's first round at Ranchland Hills GC will begin at 8 a.m. and follow match play rules. The tournament will shift over to Midland Country Club for Wednesday's second round and Green Tree Country Club will host Thursday's final round.

This year's five-flight field of 40 players features some of the area's top high school golfers, as well as several dedicated returners who have helped build the MWCGT into the event it is today.

Longtime MWCGT participant, 2015 tournament chairman and former Lee star Paula Bettis, said this year's event is particularly special because of the impressive amount of talent competing.

"We haven't had this strong a field in a long time," said Bettis, who was also a first-team All-Big Eight player at the University of Oklahoma. "To have this many young girls playing, it's a long time coming. It just shows the strength of women's golf in Midland. It's becoming contagious."

Headlining this year's field is Midland High graduate, four-time Region I-6A qualifier and 2017 city champion Faith DeLaGarza, the top overall seed. Aiming to defend her city crown, the Dallas Baptist University signee will take on the eighth-seeded Bettis at 9:04 a.m.

Joining that pair in the championship flight will be Trinity star junior and two-time TAPPS state champion, Aspen Escamilla. Her first-round opponent is MHS sophomore Anaya Perales, a regional qualifier for the Lady Bulldogs last season.

The championship flight's 9:12 a.m. matchup will feature a pair of up-and-coming siblings in Sarah Reed and Alexandra Escamilla, both in the eighth grade. Sarah is the younger sister of Lee senior star Rebecca Reed, while Alexandra is Aspen's younger sister.

Lee grad Brooke Schlemeyer, last year's championship finalist, also returns to action this year. She will face Lettia Collins, the tournament's back-to-back champion in 2005 and 2006, beginning at 9:20 a.m.

The first flight is headlined by MHS junior Mikayla Childers, who missed the cut for the championship flight by two strokes in Monday's qualifying round.

Bettis said the tournament's warm camaraderie has always been a major draw for participation. The next three days should be a wonderful opportunity for players of all ages and skill levels to

Please see MWGCT/2C

Baseball's shifting culture set to play out in All-Star Game

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — David Ortiz can now laugh, sort of, at the shifting culture of baseball. For Mike Trout, Nolan Arenado, Bryce Harper and most every other All-Star hitter, dealing with different defensive alignments is just part of the game.

Tune in Tuesday night and there's no telling where fans will see fielders at Nationals Park. Especially in what's become merely an exhibition — why not try a five-man outfield?



Ortiz

Count Joey Votto among the boppers who'd love to do away with infielders clustered on the grass.

"From someone who's really been dinged by the shift, I would welcome it," the Cincinnati first baseman said Monday. "Once they started shifting more without question, I adjusted my approach and you have to or else you get burned by it because .290 turns into .250 turns into .220 like nothing."

But the career .312 hitter can see why Major League Baseball might want to avoid delving into rules to define defensive positions.

"I like the idea of a dynamic ballplayer. It's really hard to shift against a really fast left-handed hitter for a multitude of reasons," he said. "Removing the shift may lend itself to the left-handed pull hitter that hits flyballs, groundballs and strikes out a ton. I'm not sure if Major League Baseball is excited about that."

To Ortiz, these overloaded infields are reshaping the sport. Not in a good way, either.

"It seems crazy, it seems like it's taking some fun part of the game away," the retired Red Sox slugger said Sunday before managing the Futures Game.

"It seems like there are 20 guys playing defense against you," Big Papi said, playfully estimating shifts took "like 500 hits away from me."

There's been talk that baseball, concerned that less action in the field could translate to fewer fans in the stands, might consider a rule regarding shifts.

Perhaps it would mean only two infielders on each side of the diamond. Or possibly they'd all be required to stay on

Please see ALL-STAR/3C

TCU surprises with QB at Big 12 media day; Sooner stays home

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FRISCO — TCU coach Gary Patterson didn't bring Shawn Robinson to Big 12 media days to declare the young quarterback a starter.

"Superstitious reasons," Patterson said Monday about having the sophomore with one career start as one of five players there for the Horned Frogs. "I kidded I didn't bring Kenny (Hill) the first year and we went 6-7, then you bring him and we went 11-3. So I didn't want to skip a year."

At least Patterson brought a quarterback. Oklahoma appeared without Kyler Murray, the first-round MLB draft pick and expected successor to Baker Mayfield, the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback who led the Sooners to the past three Big 12 titles.



Cooper Neill/Associated Press

Big 12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby speaks Monday during college football Big 12 media days in Frisco.

"Kyler is not the quarterback yet," Sooners coach Lincoln Riley insisted. "There is good competition going on and Kyler is going to have to fight like crazy to win this job."

Only four of the league's 10 teams will be represented by quarterbacks during the two-day midsummer talkfest. That includes two from Kansas State on Tuesday, when West Virginia senior Will Grier is also featured. Grier is the preseason Big 12 offensive player of the year, and only returner from the league's top six passers last year.

The only Big 12 quarterback other than Robinson answering questions Monday was Kyle Kempt, the sixth-year Iowa State player whose first career start was a 38-31 win at then-No. 3 Oklahoma last season.

"It's been great, eye-opening," Robinson said. "I never expected to be here at this point in time in my career."

Kempt became an unlikely starter after Jacob Park's midseason departure from the Cyclones, then threw 15 touchdowns in nine games with a 66.3 percent completion rate that was a single-season school record. The NCAA granted an extra season of eligibility after circumstances surrounding his transfer from Oregon State and a community college.

"I've grown a lot as a person," said Kempt, who was 5-3 as a starter. "Just being able to take that, and that's more so with the sixth year of taking that leadership role and growing physically

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'HOUNDSWATCH

MONDAY'S SCORE
San Antonio 9, Midland 3

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at San Antonio
7:05 p.m.

INTERNET
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RECORDS
Midland 6-18
San Antonio13-10

Monday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
San Antonio 9 Midland 3	Midland at San Antonio 7:05 p.m.	Midland at San Antonio 7:05 p.m.	Midland vs Corpus Christi 7:00 p.m.	Midland vs Corpus Christi 7:00 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Football
Big 12 Media Days, 9 a.m., FSSW, FS2, FCSC
Big 12 Media Days, 10 a.m., FSSW, FS2, FCSC, LHN
Cycling
Tour de France, Stage 10: Annecy to Le Grand-Bornand, 6:30 a.m., NBCSN
Lacrosse
FIL World Championship: England vs. USA, 10 a.m., ESPNU
Major League Baseball
2018 MLB All-Star Game, 7 p.m., FOX, FXDEP
NBA Summer League
Summer League Championship, 8:30 p.m., ESPN
Tennis
ATP: Bastad, ATP: Newport, 4 a.m., TENNIS
Women's National Basketball Association
New York at Dallas, Noon, FSSW+, Twitter
RADIO
Texas League Baseball
Midland at San Antonio, 7 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned C Francisco Mejia to Columbus (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Sent OF Leonys Martin to Toledo (IL) for a rehab assignment.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent C Gary Sanchez to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL) for a rehab assignment.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned RHP Matt Festa to Arkansas (TL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Designated RHP Ryan Weber for assignment. Optioned RHP Chih-Wei Hu to Durham (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned LHP Yohander Mendez from Down East (Carolina) to Frisco (TL). Announced OF Austin Jackson cleared release waivers and is a free agent. Reinstated C Carlos Perez from the 10-day DL and assigned him outright to Round Rock (PCL) and LHP Joe Palumbo from the 60-day and optioned him to Down East.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed OF Kevin Pillar on the 10-day DL and 2B Lourdes Gurriel Jr. on the 7-day DL. Reinstated LHP Jaime Garcia and RHP Ryan Tepera from the 10-day DL.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Assigned RHP Brooks Pounders outright to Albuquerque (PCL). Optioned RHP Carlos Estevez to Albuquerque.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Traded LHP Hoby Milner to Tampa Bay for cash. Placed RHP Zach Eflin on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Thursday. Recalled RHP Enyel De Los Santos from Lehigh Valley (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned OF Austin Meadows and RHP Clay Holmes to Indianapolis (IL). Recalled RHP Tanner Anderson from Indianapolis.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned RHP Trevor Gott to Syracuse (IL). Sent 1B Ryan Zimmerman to Potomac (Carolina) for a rehab assignment.
American Association
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released RHP Andrew Thorne.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Sold the contract of RHP Tyler Falkenli to the Philadelphia Phillies.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Released INF J.J. Gould.
Atlantic League
SUGAR LAND SKEETERS — Signed OF Slade Heathcott, LHP Pat McCoy and RHPs Vicente Campos, Mark Haynes, Yasutomo Kubo and RHP Jean Machi. Announced the retirement of RHP Ben Rowen.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
DETROIT LIONS — Named Jen McCollum senior director of community relations and Detroit Lions charities.
NEW YORK JETS — Waived WR Dawn Smith. Signed S Brandon Bryant.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Signed C Adam Henrique to a five-year contract extension.
CALGARY FLAMES — Signed F Elias Lindholm to a six-year contract.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Re-signed F Oliver Bjorkstrand to a three-year contract and D Ryan Murray to a one-year contract.
DALLAS STARS — Signed D Dillon Heatherington to a one-year, two-way contract. Will renew its affiliation with Idaho (ECHL) through the 2019-20 season.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed F Ryan Hartman to a one-year contract and G Juuse Saros to a three-year contract.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Signed D Michael Kapla to a one-year, two-way contract.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Agreed to terms with D Kyle Burroughs on a two-year, two-way contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with D John Gilmour on a one-year contract. Announced D Chris Bigras and Rob O'Gara and Cs Steven Fogarty and Boo Nieves accepted qualifying offers.
LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League
BUFFALO BANDITS — Traded D Zac Reid to Philadelphia for expansion draft considerations. Traded D Ethan Schott and the No. 17 overall 2018 draft pick to San Diego for D Bryce Sweeting.
TENNIS
WORLD TEAM TENNIS — Named Chris Renner CEO.
COLLEGE
AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE — Named Ryan Kelly director of football operations.
AUSTIN PEAY — Named Gerald Harrison athletic director.
HOFSTRA — Named Shaun Foster assistant men's soccer coach.
MICHIGAN STATE — Named Bill Beekman athletic director.
OKLAHOMA CITY — Named Hadzo Habibovic men's and women's rowing coach.
RUTGERS — Named Rod Radcliffe and Brandon Duncan assistant softball coaches.
SAINT AUGUSTINE'S — Named Montel Jones women's basketball coach.

WHAT'S ON DECK

Local Golf
Midland Women's City Tournament, first round, Ranchland Hills Golf Club

WNBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	13	9	.591	—
Atlanta	12	9	.571	½
Connecticut	12	10	.545	1
New York	7	14	.333	5½
Chicago	7	15	.318	6
Indiana	2	20	.091	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	16	6	.727	—
Phoenix	15	8	.652	1½
Los Angeles	14	9	.609	2½
Dallas	12	9	.571	3½
Minnesota	12	10	.545	4
Las Vegas	10	13	.435	6½

Monday's Scores
No games scheduled.
Today's Games
New York at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

MLS GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC	12	4	5	41	43	24
New York City FC	12	4	4	40	40	24
New York	11	5	2	35	37	19
Columbus	8	7	6	30	24	25
New England	7	5	7	28	32	28
Montreal	9	12	0	27	26	35
Philadelphia	7	9	3	24	25	30
Chicago	6	10	5	23	33	41
Orlando City	7	11	1	22	27	42
Toronto FC	4	11	4	16	30	38
D.C. United	3	7	5	14	26	30
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
FC Dallas	11	3	5	38	31	22
Los Angeles FC	10	4	5	35	41	28
Sporting Kansas City	9	5	6	33	37	27
Portland	8	3	6	30	25	22
Real Salt Lake	9	9	2	29	29	37
LA Galaxy	8	7	4	28	34	30
Houston	7	6	5	26	36	25
Vancouver	7	8	5	26	30	40
Minnesota United	7	11	1	22	26	36
Seattle	4	9	5	17	16	23
Colorado	4	11	4	16	22	32
San Jose	2	11	6	12	29	39

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Scores & Schedule

Monday's Scores
No games scheduled.
Today's Games
No games scheduled.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

July 20
At WinnaVegas Casino (SHO), Sioux Falls, Jaron Ennis vs. Armando Alvarez, 10, welterweights.
July 21
At Moscow, Oleksandr Usyk vs. Murat Gassiev, 12, for undisputed cruiserweight title (World Boxing Super Series final).
At Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas (HBO), Jaime Munguia vs. Liam Smith, 12, for Munguia's WBO junior middleweight title; Alberto Machado vs. Rafael Monash, 12, for Machado's WBA junior lightweight title.
July 28
At Kissimmee, Fla., Christopher Diaz vs. Mickayle Ito, 12, for vacant WBO junior lightweight title; Carlos Adames vs. Antonio Reyes, 10, welterweights.
At Staples Center, Los Angeles (SHO), Miguel Garcia vs. Robert Easter Jr., 12, for Garcia's WBC lightweight title and Easter's IBF lightweight title; Luis Ortiz vs. Razvan Cojanu, 10, heavyweights; Mario Barrios vs. Jose Roman, 10, super lightweights.
Aug. 3
At Sydney, Australia, Billy Dib vs. Tevin Farmer, 12, for the vacant IBF junior lightweight title.
At Albuquerque, N.M. (ESPN2), Antonio Orozco vs. Pablo Cesar Cano, 10, junior welterweights.
Aug. 4
At Sydney, Australia, Billy Dib vs. Tevin Farmer, 12, for vacant IBF junior lightweight title.
At Hard Rock Hotel, Atlantic City, N.J. (HBO), Sergey Kovalev vs. Eleider Alvarez, 12, for Kovalev's WBO light heavyweight title; Dmitry Bivol vs. Isaac Chilemba, 12, for Bivol's WBA light heavyweight title.
Aug. 11
At Avalon Theater, Hollywood, Calif., Jesus Rojas vs. Joseph Diaz, Jr., 12, for Rojas' WBA World featherweight title.
Aug. 18
At Tokyo, Ryosuke Iwasa vs. T.J. Doheny, 12, for Iwasa's IBF junior featherweight title.
Aug. 19
At Cebu City, Philippines, Donnie Nietes vs. Aston Palicte, 12, for vacant WBO junior bantamweight title.
At Belfast, Northern Ireland, Carl Frampton vs. Luke Jackson, 12, for Frampton's WBO interim featherweight title; Crisitofer Rosales vs. Paddy Barnes, 12, for Rosales' WBC flyweight title.
At the Sands Bethlehem (Pa.) Casino and Event Center, Sullivan Barrera vs. Sean Monaghan, 10, light heavyweights.
Sept. 15
At T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas (PPV), Gennady Golovkin vs. Canelo Alvarez, 12, for Golovkin's WBC and WBA middleweight titles.

WORLD GOLF RANKINGS

Through July 15

1. Dustin Johnson	USA	9.69
2. Justin Thomas	USA	8.46
3. Justin Rose	ENG	8.13
4. Brooks Koepka	USA	8.04
5. Jon Rahm	ESP	7.50
6. Jordan Spieth	USA	7.13
7. Rickie Fowler	USA	6.74
8. Rory McIlroy	NIR	6.49
9. Jason Day	AUS	6.28
10. Tommy Fleetwood	ENG	5.89
11. Alex Noren	SWE	5.48
12. Patrick Reed	USA	5.45
13. Bubba Watson	USA	5.45
14. Paul Casey	ENG	5.40
15. Francesco Molinari	ITA	5.35
16. Hideki Matsuyama	JPN	5.05
17. Henrik Stenson	SWE	4.79
18. Marc Leishman	AUS	4.59
19. Sergio Garcia	ESP	4.45
20. Phil Mickelson	USA	4.23
21. Webb Simpson	USA	4.15
22. Bryson DeChambeau	USA	4.13
23. Tyrrell Hatton	ENG	3.88
24. Xander Schauffele	USA	3.85
25. Rafael Cabrera Bello	ESP	3.69
26. Brian Harman	USA	3.52
27. Matt Kuchar	USA	3.50
28. Patrick Cantlay	USA	3.47
29. Ian Poulter	ENG	3.44
30. Kiradech Aphibarnrat	THA	3.39
31. Tony Finau	USA	3.35

Bush to lead MHS boys soccer

By Will Korn
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Jason Bush has been hired as Midland High's new varsity boys soccer coach.

Bush, a 2002 MHS graduate who played for the Bulldogs, signed his contract with Midland ISD last Thursday and is the program's third coach in the last four seasons. He is set replace J.D. Bales, who accepted a coaching job at Fort Worth Bridgeport in late June after two seasons with MHS.

Bush spent the last four seasons as a varsity soccer and football assistant at District 2-6A rival Odessa High, his first job as a soccer coach.

He said as soon as the MHS vacancy came open following Bales' resignation, he submitted his resume and proceeded through the interview process quickly. He said he is anxious to continue the winning tradition of Bulldog soccer set by Bales and longtime former head coach Warren Cottle before him.

"The opportunity came open and I took advantage of it," Bush said. "I'm excited to get back there. "Hopefully we can keep going with it and instill what they have going. The focus is winning district, winning a couple of playoff games and hopefully making a run."


Bush

MHS head football coach and athletic coordinator Tim Anuszkiewicz said he selected Bush from a pool of five to six applicants. He said Bush's local connections, quality experience as an assistant, ties to MHS and his encouraging visions for the program were deciding factors in his hire.

"I think it's a neat thing having him back at MHS," Anuszkiewicz said. "Jason comes with some good assistant experience at Odessa High and some of our coaches spoke highly of the job he did over there. I thought he had a really good plan in the interview about the things he wanted to do with the program. When he showed interest in the job, we were excited that we had a Midland High grad interested in the position."

Bush, a Midland native who spent six years in the army after graduating from MHS, said he would like to implement a more attacking style of play this season. But he also emphasized the importance of remaining defensively responsible and playing a well-rounded game.

He added that he is excited to have the chance to return to his alma mater and direct his old program. He is looking forward to sharing his experiences as former Bulldog with the current returning players.

"I'm excited about it. It's all still settling in," Bush said. "All the stuff from when I was back in high school, it's cool to look back on it."

Last season, the Bulldogs went 11-9-2 overall, finished fourth in District 2-6A and fell to El Paso Eastwood in the bi-district round.

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Rally falls short, Northern 9-11s eliminated from state tournament

From staff reports

ABILENE – San Antonio McAllister Park defeated the 9- to 11-year-old Midland Northern Little League All-Stars, 8-7 on Monday in the loser's bracket final of the Texas West Little League State Tournament.

With the loss, Northern was eliminated from the tournament. McAllister Park advanced to today's 9 a.m. state final against Abilene Dixie, where it must win twice to take the state crown.

Northern, which finished the tournament 1-2, led McAllister Park 3-1 after the first inning and then stretched its lead to 5-2 heading to the bottom of the second. McAllister Park answered with three runs in the home second and tied the game at 5-5 in the third.

McAllister jumped out to an 8-5 lead thanks to a three-run fifth. Northern rallied with two runs in the top of the sixth but fell short.

No other information was available at press time.

MWGCT

From 1C

bond over the game they love.

"I always get excited because we have so many young juniors and returners," Bettis said. "We also have so many new ladies. It's a fun time to get together with people from five different golf courses and we get to play all four courses here in Midland."

This year's tournament is being held in honor of Sarah Lands, who will compete as the No. 1 seed on the third flight.

"She is a go-getter, she loves the game and she loves to play," Bettis said.

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55TH Annual Midland Women's City Golf Tournament
Monday's qualifying
Stroke play
Hogan Park Golf Course
1. Lelia Collins 67; 2. Aspen Escamilla 72; 3 Alexandra Escamilla 73; 4. Sarah Reed 74; 5. Anaya Perales 75; 6. Brooke Schlemeyer 76; 7. Paula Bettis 77; T-8. Mikayla Childers 79; Riley Grunewald 79; 10. Jamie Gortney 80; 11. Judy Hillard 81; 12. Tobi Ash 85; 13. Melissa Peterson 87; T-14. Nicole Rutledge 88; Lori Barker 88

Today's first round pairings
Ranchland Hills Golf Club
Match play
Championship flight
9:04 a.m. – (1) Faith DeLaGarza vs. (8) Paula Bettis
9:12 a.m. – (4) Alexandra Escamilla vs. (5) Sarah Reed
9:20 a.m. – (2) Lelia Collins vs. (7) Brooke Schlemeyer
9:28 a.m. – (3) Aspen Escamilla vs. (6) Anaya Perales
First flight
10:08 a.m. – (1) Mikayla Childers vs. (8) Nicole Rutledge
10:16 a.m. – (4) Judy Hillard vs. (5) Tobi Ash
10:24 a.m. – (2) Riley Grunewald vs. (7) Lori Barker
10:32 a.m. – (3) Jamie Gortney vs. (6) Melissa Peterson
Second flight
9:36 a.m. – (1) Kim Bice vs. (8) Karen Dickerson
9:44 a.m. – (4) Abigail Jimenez vs. (5) Beth Bomar
9:52 a.m. – (2) Bobbi Bowling vs. (7) Kathy Cowan
10 a.m. – (3) Marlene Roach vs. (6) Lydia Thomson
Third flight
8:32 a.m. – (1) Sarah Lands vs. (8) Joan Bohannon
8:40 a.m. – (4) Karen McDonald vs. (5) Janet Garrett
8:48 a.m. – (2) Donna Winborn vs. (7) Sheree Hill
8:56 a.m. – (3) Andrea Morren vs. (6) Mary Brown
Fourth flight
8 a.m. – (1) Fonni Murphy vs. (8) Laura Moss
8:08 a.m. – (4) Shirley Pendleton vs. (5) Debbie Bounds
8:16 a.m. – (2) Jennifer Mangum vs. (7) Jonna Watson
8:24 a.m. – (3) Kathy Thompson vs. (6) Gloria Preece

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through July 15
All-around
1. Tal Cooper, Decatur $131,777
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur $104,756
3. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $84,841
4. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $70,892
5. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $68,083
6. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $52,949
7. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. $49,992
8. Clayton Hass, Weatherford $42,295
9. Seth Hall, Albuquerque, N.M. $41,958
10. Paul David Tierney, Oklahoma City, Okla. $41,693
11. Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss. $40,037
12. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $38,238
13. Wesley Brunson, Terry, Miss. $33,921
14. Bart Brunson, Terry, Miss. $32,303
15. Zack Jongbloed, Iowa, La. $31,581
16. Cody Doescher, Oklahoma City, Okla. $30,244
17. Chant DeForest, Wheatland, Calif. $29,584
18. Trell Elbauer, Goodwell, Okla. $28,335
19. Tanner Green, Cotulla $27,127
20. Chance Ollendahl, Pemberton, Minn. $25,871
Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $116,181
2. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $112,891
3. Mason Clements, Springville, Utah $80,636
4. Jake Brown, Cleveland, $76,519
5. Bill Tutor, Huntsville, $67,957
6. Clayton Biglow, Clarkston, Calif. $65,179
7. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $62,044
8. Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, $58,116
9. Kaycee Feild, Spanish Fork, Utah $57,285
10. Orin Larson, Ingle, Manitoba $56,907
11. Tilden Hooper, Carthage, $56,255
12. Shane O'Connell, Rapid City, S.D. $54,149
13. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $52,506
14. Wyatt Denny, Minden, Nev. $50,128
15. Ty Breuer, Meridan, N.D. $48,117
16. Clint Laye, Cadogan, Alberta $41,949
17. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore. $39,693
18. Logan Corbett, Las Cruces, N.M. $39,653
19. Luke Creasy, Hobbs, N.M. $38,553
20. Tanner Aus, Grande Falls, Minn. $30,252
Steer Wrestling
1. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss. $61,886
2. Cole Edge, Durant, Okla. $60,886
3. Scott Guenthner, Provost, Alberta $57,172
4. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $57,093
5. Jacob Talley, Keatchie, La. $53,201
6. Bridger Chambers, Stevensville, Mont. $50,415
7. Tanner Brunner, Ramona, Kan. $48,941
8. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La. $47,345
9. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $46,702
10. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $46,698
11. Riley Duvall, Checotah, Okla. $46,489
12. Blake Mindemann, Blanchard, Okla. $46,457
13. Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala. $45,941
14. Blake Knowles, Hepprar, Ore. $45,260
15. Cameron Morman, Glen Ullin, N.D. $44,413
16. Matt Reeves, Cross Plains, $42,054
17. Hunter Cure, Holliday, $39,742
18. Dirk Tavernier, Rigby, Idaho $39,304
19. Chason Floyd, Buffalo, S.D. $37,078
20. Billy Bugarej, Ferndale, Calif. $34,735
Team Roping (header)
1. Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla. $75,326
2. Dustin Egusquiza, Mariana, Fla. $65,876
3. Cody Snow, Los Olivos, Calif. $60,536
4. Bubba Buckaloo, Kingston, Okla. $59,750
5. Luke Brown, Rock Hill, S.C. $58,315
6. Aaron Tsinigine, Toba City, Ariz. $50,128
7. Kaleb Driggers, Hoboken, Ga. $49,352
8. Logan Olson, Flandreau, S.D. $49,339
9. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $46,548
10. Andrew Ward, Edmond, Okla. $44,996
11. Joshua Torres, Ocala, Fla. $42,714
12. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $39,588
13. Tyler Waite, Terrell, $38,751
14. Jesse Stipes, Selma, Okla. $37,127
15. Cory Kidd V, Statesville, N.C. $35,111
16. Spencer Mitchell, Orange Cove, Calif. $34,977
17. Jr. Dees, Aurora, S.D. $34,728
18. Nelson Wyatt, Clanton, Ala. $34,601
19. Steven Duby, Melba, Idaho $34,324
20. Garrett Rogers, Baker City, Ore. $32,138
Team Roping (heeler)
1. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $75,326
2. Kory Krontz, Stephenville, $65,876
3. Trey Yates, Pueblo, Colo. $62,224
4. Jake Long, Collbyville, Kan. $58,315
5. Wesley Thorp, Throckmorton, $56,846
6. Joseph Harrison, Owasbrook, Okla. $54,595
7. Matt Kasner, Cody, Neb. $50,250
8. Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil $48,302
9. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $45,355
10. Reagan Ward, Edmond, Okla. $44,996
11. Jonathan Torres, Ocala, Fla. $42,714
12. Chase Tryan, Helena, Mont. $40,916
13. Trace Porter, Leesville, La. $40,159
14. Cole Davison, Stephenville, $39,213
15. Clint Summers, Lake City, Fla. $38,686
16. Jake Smith, Broken Bow, Okla. $38,386
17. Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan. $35,740
18. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $35,731
19. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $32,139
20. Logan Medlin, Tatum, N.M. $31,242
Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Jacobs Crawley, Boerne, $108,836
2. Brody Cress, Hildadale, Wyo. $87,527
3. Wade Sundell, Bozeman, Iowa $86,822
4. Rusty Wright, Milford, Utah $81,324
5. Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta $73,868
6. Isaac Diaz, Deadernone, $70,380
7. CoBurn Bradshaw, Beaver, Utah $63,458
8. Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, $63,062
9. Ryder Wright, Milford, Utah $61,447
10. Clay Elliott, Nanton, Alberta $53,185
11. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $49,204
12. Chase Brooks, Deer Lodge, Mont. $49,204
13. Joey Sonnier, New Iberia, La. $48,375
14. J.J. Elshere, Hereford, S.D. $47,390
15. Tana Muncy, Corona, N.M. $45,114
16. Cody DeMoss, Hellin, La. $44,212
17. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $44,040
18. Allen Becna, Axtell, Utah $42,594
19. Spencer Wright, Milford, Utah $36,197
20. Tyrel Larsen, Weatherford, Okla. $33,516
Tie-down Roping
1. Tyson Durfey, Weatherford, $85,002
2. Tal Cooper, Decatur, $77,397
3. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $70,149
4. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La. $65,782
5. Jake Pratt, Ellensburg, Wash. $64,869
6. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, $57,854
7. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $55,677
8. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, $54,458
9. Marty Yates, Stephenville, $53,335
10. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho $52,675
11. Blane Cox, Cameron, $48,992
12. Cooper Martin, Alma, Kan. $48,206
13. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $48,089
14. Tyler Milligan, Pinehusks, Okla. $45,042
15. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $44,436
16. Sterling Smith, Stephenville, $43,679
17. Marcos Costa, Childress, $41,795
18. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. $41,344
19. Cody Ozaway, Cheney, Kan. $40,349
20. Scott Kormos, Teague, $40,289
Steer Roping
1. Tal Cooper, Decatur, $81,097
2. Scott Snodgrass, Fredericksburg, $60,946
3. Rocky Pittsinger, Pratt, Kan. $60,409
4. Tony Reins, Wharton, $57,885
5. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $34,287
6. Chris Glover, Keenesburg, Colo. $33,628
7. Garrett Hale, Snyder, $32,891
8. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, $31,771
9. Cody Lee, Gatesville, $28,919
10. J Tom Fisher, Andrews, $27,306
11. Will Gasperson, Decatur, $25,222
12. Jim Locke, Miami, $25,202
13. Chet Herren, Pinehusks, Okla. $22,610
14. Brodie Poppino, Big Cabin, Okla. $21,861
15. Jarrett Blessing, Paradise, $21,845
16. Corey Ross, Liberty Hill, $20,717
17. Roger Branch, Wellston, Okla. $18,227
18. Bryce Davis, Ovalo, $17,276
19. Shay Good, Midland, $17,266
20. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M. $15,608
Bull Riding
1. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $109,308
2. Parker Breding, Edgar, Mont. $114,747
3. Trey Benton III, Rock Island, $80,739
4. Trevor Kastner, Roll, Okla. $69,637
5. Boudreaux Campbell, Crockett, $68,840
6. Clayton Sellars, Fruitland Park, Fla. $68,593
7. Dustin Boquet, Sturg, La. $67,513
8. Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah $65,731
9. Garrett Tribble, Bristow, Okla. $63,269
10. Jeff Askey, Athens, $60,159
11. Cole Melancon, Belton, $59,609
12. Tyler Bingham, Horseville, Utah $59,323
13. Koby Radley, Montpelier, La. $59,005
14. Chase Dougherty, Canby, Ore. $57,351
15. Eli Vasbinder, Athens, $56,482
16. Tristan Mize, Bryan, $52,081
17. Lon Danley, Tularosa, N.M. $51,813
18. Ritar Carter, Stone, Idaho $50,508
19. Joseph McConnel, Bloomfield, N.M. $49,079
20. Elliot Jacoby, Fredericksburg, $48,297
Barrel Racing
1. Hailey Kinsel, Cotulla, $108,057
2. Nellie Miller, Cottonwood, Calif. $104,618
3. Taci Battis, Round Top, $94,614
4. Ambertagh Moore, Salem, Ore. $71,188
5. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $66,443
6. Kylie Wood, Comanche, Okla. $65,817
7. Brittany Pozzi Torocco, Victoria, $61,504
8. Tiany Schuster, Keum, $59,375
9. Tracy Nowlin, Nowata, Okla. $54,539
10. Carmen Pozzebon, Aldergrove, British Columbia $54,168
11. Jessica Telford, Caldwell, Idaho $53,780
12. Carley Richardson, Perryss, $53,749
13. Kellie Collier, Haraland, $53,519
14. Staci Hilliton, Weatherford, $49,959
15. Jessica Routier, Buffalo, S.D. $48,217
16. Tammy Fischer, Ledbetter, $47,927
17. Ericka Nelson, Century Fla. $44,899
18. Christine Laughlin, Pueblo, Colo. $44,220
19. Emily Miller, Weatherford, $40,557
20. Lucinda Rose, Willard, Mo. $40,499

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

MISSIONS 9, ROCKHOUNDS 3
At Nelson Wolff Stadium, San Antonio

TOP HITTERS: San Antonio's Josh Naylor went 2-for-4 with two doubles, three RBI, two runs and a walk, while teammate Ty France was 2-for-5 with a double, three RBI and two runs. ... The Missions' Austin Allen was 2-for-5 with a home run and two RBI. ... For Midland, Richie Martin was 2-for-3 with three stolen bases, while Seth Brown was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI.

TOP PITCHERS: Missions reliever Gerardo Reyes earned his first win of the year after holding to Midland one hit over a scoreless fifth and sixth innings. He struck out one. ... The RockHounds' Cody Stull allowed one hit over a scoreless 1 1/3 innings in the seventh and eighth.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first on a single by Brown and a wild pitch that scored JP Sportman. ... The Missions tied the game in the home half on a two-run home run to left center off the bat of France. ... San Antonio reeled off six runs in the sixth, a rally that included doubles by Naylor, France and a two-run long ball to right by Austin Allen. ... Matthew Batten's RBI single in the seventh pushed the Missions' lead to 9-2, before Midland's Tyler Ramirez belted a solo home run in the eighth.

NOTES: San Antonio leads the four-game series, 2-0 and improved to 16-6 against Midland this season. ... The RockHounds have dropped their last four contests and have slipped to 6-18 in the Texas League South second half standings. ... The series resumes at 7:05 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland – TBD; San Antonio – RHP Jacob Nix (1-2, 1.95)

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa (Dodgers)	17	5	.773	—
Arkansas (Mariners)	13	8	.619	3½
Springfield (Cardinals)	6	17	.261	11½
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	4	17	.190	12½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi (Astros)	17	6	.739	—
Frisco (Rangers)	14	9	.609	3
San Antonio (Padres)	13	10	.565	4
Midland (Athletics)	6	18	.250	11½

Monday's Scores
San Antonio 9, Midland 3
Northwest Arkansas at Springfield, late
Northwest Arkansas at Springfield, late
Arkansas at Tulsa, late
Frisco at Corpus Christi, late
Arkansas at Tulsa, late
Frisco at Corpus Christi, late.

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

MISSIONS 9, ROCKHOUNDS 3

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi
E. White 2b	4	1	1	0	Kohlwey cf	5	1	3	0
Bolt cf	5	0	0	0	Batten ss	4	1	1	1
Sportman rf	4	1	1	0	Naylor lf	4	2	2	3
Brown 1b	4	0	2	1	France 3b	5	2	2	3
Martin ss	3	0	2	0	Allen c	5	1	2	2
Ramirez dh	4	1	1	1	Overstreet dh	5	0	1	0
Mondou 3b	4	0	1	0	Rivas 1b	4	1	1	0
Goldstein c	3	0	0	0	Van Gansen 2b	4	1	2	0
Barrera lf	4	0	1	0	Schulz rf	3	0	1	0
Totals	35	3	9	2	Totals	39	9	15	9

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San Antonio ..... 100 000 10x –9

E – Barrera (1), Batten (4). DP – Midland 1, San Antonio 2. LOB – Midland 8, San Antonio 9. 2B – Brown (21), Mondou (1), Van Gansen (10), Naylor 2 (17), France (19). HR – Ramirez (7), France (14), Allen (18).
SB – Barrera (1), Martin 3 (14), White (15).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Seddon L, 4-6	5.2	9	2	2	2	1
Walter	1.0	5	5	5	1	0
Stull	1.1	1	0	0	0	1
San Antonio						
Scholtens	4.0	6	2	2	2	4
Reyes W, 1-1	2.0	1	0	0	0	1
Yardley	2.0	1	1	1	1	1
Munoz	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

WP – Scholtens.
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MIDLAND CONNECTION IN PRO BASEBALL

Here is an update of baseball players from Midland or players with a Midland connection who are active, playing professional baseball and have statistics for this season.

Through July 15

Pitchers

Carson Smith (Midland Christian), RHP, Boston Red Sox, 60-day disabled list

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
18	14.1	1-1	0	14	7	6	3	14	1.40

Logan Bawcom (Greenwood, Midland College), RHP, Tulsa Drillers (Los Angeles Dodgers Double-A), 7-day disabled list

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
11	54.2	4-5	0	59	34	28	17	35	4.61

Thomas McIlraith (Midland College), RHP, St. Lucie Mets (New York Mets Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
18	32.0	1-2	0	44	21	18	13	27	5.06

Jason Zgardowski (Midland College), RHP, Palm Beach Cardinals (St. Louis Cardinals Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
21	26.1	1-0	2	29	15	11	9	28	3.76

Tucker Davidson (Midland College), LHP, Florida Fire Frogs (Atlanta Braves Advanced A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
17	82.2	6-6	0	81	40	36	44	61	3.92

Position players

Blaine Prescott (Midland College), 2B, Down East Wood Ducks (Texas Rangers Advanced A), 7-day disabled list

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
113	23	25	7	0	6	12	9	5	.221

Chris Shaw (Midland College), C, Delmarva Shorebirds (Texas Rangers Single-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
54	6	11	3	0	2	6	3	0	.204

Austen Wade (Midland High), CF, AZL Indians (Cleveland Indians Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
5	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	.400

Lake County Captains (Cleveland Indians Single-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
128	18	34	10	0	2	16	25	7	.266

Bryndan Arredondo (Midland College), C, Aberdeen IronBirds (Baltimore Orioles Short-A season)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
11	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	.000

Grant Little (Midland Christian), OF, Tri-City Dust Devils (San Diego Padres Short-A season)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
41	2	12	1	0	0	7	3	3	.293

Eric Senior (Midland College), LF, GCL Nationals (Washington Nationals Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
51	4	14	3	0	0	6	2	1	.275

Frainyer Chavez (Midland College), SS, AZL Rangers (Texas Rangers Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
66	12	19	3	2	1	14	5	8	.288



Patrick Semansky/Associated Press

Chicago Cubs Kyle Schwarber (12) reacts to his hits during the MLB Home Run Derby on Monday at Nationals Park in Washington. The 89th MLB baseball All-Star Game will be played today.

Hometown hero Harper wins thrilling HR Derby over Schwarber

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The ball cleared the center field wall, and the sellout crowd roared. Bryce Harper threw his bat in the air, thrust both index fingers skyward and yelled with delight as a shower of streamers rained upon the crowd of 43,698.

It could have been a scene from a playoff game. That it was merely the All-Star Home Run Derby mattered not to Harper or the Washington Nationals fans, who were thrilled to see their hometown hero deliver the night's final longball Monday.

In the midst of it all — and in the middle of trying season — Harper grabbed the microphone and said: "This crowd: Wow! Washington Nationals, baby!"

With an exceptional display of power and clutch hitting, Harper rallied in the final round, connecting on pitches from his father to beat Kyle Schwarber of the Chicago Cubs 19-18.

Harper hit the contest-winning blast in extra time, the reward for hitting two homers at least 440 feet during the 4 minutes of regulation. After he connected with the game winner, the Nationals star immediately went into celebration mode.

"We have some of the best fans in all of baseball, and to be able to that with my family out there, that's an incredible moment, not only for me but for the organization and the Nationals fans," Harper said.

Harper's teammate, Max Scherzer, the NL starter on Tuesday night, also appreciated the moment.

"It's awesome. Hometown," Scherzer said. "The crowd is behind him. He found some rhythm, kept it simple and just continued to hit home run after home run."

Wearing a headband that resembled the District of Columbia flag and displaying a right sleeve with stars and stripes, Harper trailed 18-9 with 1:20 left before rallying. He homered on nine of his last 10 swings before entering extra time.

The six-time All-Star arranged to have his dad, Ron, pitch to him in the annual contest on the eve of the All-Star Game. That made the victory even sweeter.

"I'm only as good as my BP guy," Harper said with a grin.

Hours before the session, Harper spoke excitedly about having his dad pitch to him in the contest. The 25-year-old said his father "worked his tail off every single day to provide for me and my family" and "now being able to have him throw to me in a big league ballpark is the cherry on top."

Afterward, Ron Harper said of his son: "He did great. So I'm really proud of him. He's a great kid. You couldn't ask for anything better."

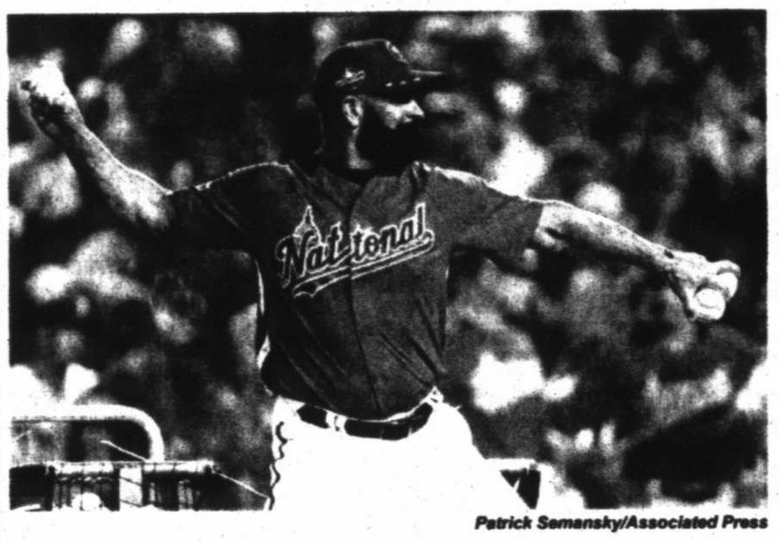
It's been a tough year for Harper, who's hitting only .214 for the disappointing Nationals. He won a contest that many sluggers avoid, fearful it might wear them out and throw them off.

He can only hope this helps him get back into the swing.

The 2015 NL MVP beat Freddie Freeman of the Atlanta Braves and Max Muncy of the Dodgers before trumping the fifth-seeded Schwarber, who put the pressure on with a solid outing before Harper stepped to the plate.

"As soon as I got done with that round I told myself that (Harper) had it," Schwarber said. "I knew that he had the home crowd behind him."

Harper, who has 23 home runs this season, advanced to the final with an astonishing spree of longball hitting. He trailed Max Muncy of the Dodgers 12-4 with 2:20 left, then peeled off six homers in 47 seconds before calling a timeout.



Patrick Semansky/Associated Press

Ron Harper throws to his son, Washington Nationals Bryce Harper, Monday during the MLB Home Run Derby at Nationals Park in Washington. The 89th MLB baseball All-Star Game will be played today.

Harper to bat 6th, Scherzer vs. Sale to start All-Star Game

By Stephen Whyno
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — By the time Bryce Harper gets to the plate at the All-Star Game, Max Scherzer could already be out of the game.

Harper is batting sixth in his fifth All-Star start, the lowest he has been in the National League lineup since the No. 9 spot in 2013. Scherzer getting the start against Boston's Chris Sale is no surprise as the hometown ace, but Harper faces a much different dynamic knowing this could be the final time he's honored on a big stage by Nationals fans when he trots out to center field on Tuesday night.

In a contract year that could be his last with Washington, Harper is hitting .214 with a .365 on-base percentage, .468 slugging percentage, 23 home runs and 54 RBIs. That batting average is 60 points lower than the next-closest NL All-Star hitter, while his HR total is one shy of the league lead.

"I look up there and see my average as well, and I look up there and go, 'Aw man, well that sucks,'" Harper said Monday, hours before taking part in the Home Run Derby. "But I look over a little bit to the right side of that and see 23 homers and (54) RBIs and 80 walks and runs scored and stuff like that. I don't know.

"Should I be hitting .300 or .280? Yeah, absolutely. But I guess I am where I'm at, and hopefully the only way I can go is up."

Harper reiterated it's no secret he's in the final year of his contract and brushed aside a question about trimming his beard last month when the New York Yankees came to town. But it's a shadow hanging over the first All-Star festivities in Washington since 1969.

"Everybody knew that at the beginning of the year this could be possibly my last year in D.C.," Harper said. "There's no elephant in the room. Everybody knows that that's a possibility. But I'm not really focused on that. I'm focused on what I can do to help the team win on a daily basis."

Scherzer was a no-brainer choice given his 12 victories, 2.41 ERA, NL-best 182 strikeouts and the game being in Washington. NL manager Dave Roberts of the Los Angeles Dodgers complimented New York Mets right-hander Jacob deGrom, who will get the ball second, but said the setting was the tiebreaker.

"It's his city. It's his ballpark," Roberts said. "I've always tried to make things bigger than me and the club. And I think that Max, for the game of baseball, for our country, he's the right guy to take the baseball."

Red Sox left-hander Chris Sale opens for the American League as he and Scherzer join 13 other pitchers who have started three All-Star Games. Sale is starting for the third consecutive time and is the third player to do that, following Lefty Gomez and Robin Roberts.

Each pitcher made his first All-Star start with a different team — Sale for the White Sox and Scherzer for the Tigers — and has now gotten the nod in back-to-back years. It's the first time the same set of pitchers started the game two years in a row since 1939 and 1940; Paul Derringer and Red Ruffing.

When asked what each admired about the other, Scherzer said: "I think we said this last year."

Sale's Boston teammate Mookie Betts leads off for the AL, followed by the Astros' Jose Altuve, Angels' Mike Trout, Red Sox's J.D. Martinez, Indians' Jose Ramirez, Yankees' Aaron Judge, Orioles' Manny Machado , White Sox's Jose Abreu and Royals' Salvador Perez.

Cubs second baseman Javier Baez leads off for the NL, followed by the Rockies' Nolan Arenado, Diamondbacks' Paul Goldschmidt, Braves' Freddie Freeman, Dodgers' Matt Kemp, Harper, Braves' Nick Markakis, Giants' Brandon Crawford and Cubs' Willson Contreras.

Harper hit third, second and third in his past three All-Star Games and has bounced around the Nationals' lineup during his rough season that's attracting attention around baseball. Retired outfielder Torii Hunter, who was in town to manage in the Futures Game , believes Harper must adjust his mindset.

"I don't know if his mind (is) into just hit home runs and 'chicks dig the long ball' type deal, but I definitely think this guy could hit .330," Hunter said. "If you're a competitor, you want no weaknesses. So if Bryce Harper sees that he's hitting .214, his job is like, 'OK, what am I doing mentally? What am I thinking or what am I feeling?' Figure out what's going on so you can become a complete player."

ALL-STAR

From 1C

the dirt.

"Maybe something where you can only shift a couple guys each inning," Arenado offered.

Of course, Max Scherzer, Jacob deGrom, Luis Severino and other aces might see it a bit differently.

"I am extremely pro-shift, especially against lefties because I pound lefties in and then changeups away," Dodgers right-hander Ross Stripling said. "I know there are pitchers that don't like it as much. When you think about the shift it's easier to remember the ones that hurt you than the 10 that helped you."

As for the debate about shifts damaging the game, "certainly I understand it," he said.

"We were just talking about this the other day and we looked up the research a little bit. It's led to way less singles, but more walks and more doubles," he said.

No manager employs more shifts than AL skipper A.J. Hinch of Houston, so look for second baseman Jose Altuve and shortstop Manny Machado to be moving around when Paul Goldschmidt, Matt Kemp and the other NL stars come to bat.

"The shift has transformed the game," Astros third baseman Alex Bregman said. "We did it a lot last year and won the World Series, so I guess it works."

Despite all the top talent at the plate, All-Star Games rarely turn into run-fests. They're often limited by the strong stable of pitchers each team brings, boosted by dominant relievers such as Craig Kimbrel, Josh Hader and Kenley Jansen ramped up to throw one inning apiece.

The AL won last year 2-1 at Miami on Robinson Cano's homer in the 10th inning. Not since 2007, in fact, have both teams scored more than three runs in a game.

That's the trend across baseball these days. Going into the break, there have been more strikeouts than hits in the majors. The overall batting average is .247 at the break, and it could dip to the lowest figure in nearly a half-century.

"I think offenses are down because of the shift. I see a lot of guys hit balls hard up the middle that are usually hits that are outs," Trout said.

The decrease on the scoreboard has increased calls for more radical changes — outlawing shifts, lowering the mound, forcing relievers to face more than one batter.

"This is a game of adjustments. Everybody is constantly making adjustments to you," Atlanta outfielder Nick Markakis said. "You're going to want to cry about it and not have the shift any more? I think it's silly."

No one has suggested cutting the bases to 88 feet or stretching the mound-to-plate distance beyond 60 feet, 6 inches.

Meanwhile, home runs continue to rise at a record rate. Strikeouts, too.

Harper, a six-time All-Star at 25, is caught in the vortex. Set to play in the showcase at his home ballpark, he's batting only .214 with 102 strikeouts, along with 23 homers.

How can a batter beat the shift?

"You can't," Harper said. "If you hit a ball in the hole, then you're out. If you hit a ball up the middle, you're out."

"If I have a kid, I'm not going to tell him to stay through the middle anymore because if you hit a ball up the middle, you're out," he said. "I guess guys could bunt down the first base line or third base line if they shift you the other way. But you don't get paid to bunt. If you hit it over all of them, that's how you beat it."

Sports gambling is legal, and the SEC is open to eventually releasing injury reports

By Aaron Reiss
The Kansas City Star (TNS)



John Bazemore/Associated Press

Southeastern Conference commissioner Greg Sankey speaks during SEC football Media Days Monday in Atlanta.

ATLANTA — The legalization of sports gambling will change college sports, but Southeastern Conference commissioner Greg Sankey isn't quite sure how.

Beginning the conference's annual football media days here at the College Football Hall of Fame, Sankey said his league began to research sports gambling in 2011 and has been corresponding with the NFL, NBA, MLB and PGA offices about the topic.

He's not opposed to requiring teams to release injury reports, but he said that likely won't happen this season, and whenever those reports do start coming out, they won't be just like NFL injury reports.

"FERPA and HIPAA requirements, academic suspensions, other team or athletics' department imposed suspensions and NCAA eligibility issues make something more like an availability report relevant for discussion," he said.

If there's one certain positive to the legalization, Sankey said, it's that there will be more "sunshine" on the topic. Gambling will be out in the open.

"Those involved in legalized gambling are the best at knowing what's happened," he said in response to a question about how the conference would monitor gambling. "I think some of the state laws include expectations for communication around transparency. If there are oddities, I think that's one much those elements that we would encourage."

Sankey said the conference has not hired a service to monitor fishy gambling activity on the league's games yet, but doing so remains "a topic of conversation."

No plans to change conference schedule

Don't expect the SEC to move away from its 6-1-1 football scheduling model, which includes six permanent divisional games, one permanent cross-division game and one rotating cross-division game.

Missouri's permanent cross-division game is against Arkansas, which the conference has tried to turn into Tigers' rival — though MU athletic director Jim Sterk recently said Mizzou's rival varies by sport. Mizzou's rotating cross-division game for this upcoming season is against Alabama, a school MU won't play again until 2025, when the Crimson Tide come to Columbia.

The Atlantic Coast Conference is the only other Power Five league to use an eight-game conference schedule. Big Ten, Big 12 and Pac-12 schools all play nine league games.

"I've seen observations that we should be (have a) nine-game (conference) schedule," Sankey said. "One of those conversations that we've had with the College Football Playoff selection committee chair is about the conference schedule piece. And I want to try to be intentional: What they've said is, 'We look at the entire schedule.'

"That's the issue that our schools have to be and our teams have to be mindful of, is the entirety of their schedule needs to be robust," added Sankey, whose conference had two schools — Alabama and Georgia — face off for the 2018 national title. " … The level of play in this league is uniquely robust, not simply in our opinion, but what has been reflected over time."

Sankey said the current scheduling model has created some rivalries that fans like, and the conference doesn't want to "interrupt" that.

"Could that change? That's why we have conversations every year," the commissioner said. "But those rivalries are really healthy and I think really unique, particularly in the number of those that exist in this conference."

Media Days on the move again?

For the first time in 18 years, SEC Media Days aren't in Hoover, Ala. Instead, they are taking place at the Omni Hotel and College Football Hall of Fame in downtown Atlanta. Sankey said the recent opening of Mercedes-Benz Stadium, where the Atlanta Falcons play and where the 2018 national championship took place, was part of the impetus for moving media days. The conference even considered moving last year's media days here.

"Construction made that a possibility that wasn't real for us, so we had to make a change relatively early on — not really a change, but remain in Hoover," he said as he stood on a podium atop a turf football field, across from a goal post. "But (considering a move) started a set of thoughts and preparations that led us here today. And then, believe it or not, there's a lot of work with changing something you've done in the same place for well over a decade to relocating to a different city in a different facility."

The event will move back to Hoover, a suburb of Birmingham, next year, and Sankey is open to having some "portability" after that.

In the College Football Hall of Fame lobby, fans are lining along a blue carpet to collect autographs, and Sankey figures moving media days has given fans a chance to experience the event for the first time.

"We can do that in different places," Sankey said. "Just like we had a men's basketball tournament in St. Louis in March this year."

More replay

The SEC will continue to use centralized basketball replay monitoring out of its Birmingham office, Sankey said. Just before league play this past season, the conference began using the system, which has Terry Moore, the Birmingham-based SEC coordinator of men's basketball replay, tell the lead official which camera angle to consult.

The league will begin offering centralized replay for baseball starting in 2019, too, and SEC volleyball games will now include a third official to review replays.

College basketball changes

Sankey expects the NCAA to adopt all of the Commission on College Basketball's recommended changes in August.

Those changes include: allowing basketball players to remain their eligibility if they declare for the NBA Draft but are not drafted, contracting rule enforcement to an outside agency and creating recruiting events that would be outside of the AAU circuit and under NCAA control.



Peter Morrison/Associated Press

Jordan Spieth on the 14th hole during a practice round for the 147th Open golf Championship on Monday at Carnoustie golf club, Scotland.

Spieth returns claret jug, faces tough task getting it back

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland (AP) — Jordan Spieth figured someone from the R&A would be waiting for him when he pulled into the parking lot at Carnoustie to take back the silver claret jug. Instead, he was part of a ceremony with enough pomp to drive home the point.

His reign as British Open champion was over.

"The traditions of the Open are very special," Spieth said, "even if you're on the wrong end of that one."

This "tradition" is only a few years old, though typical of the august manner of this major, nothing was left to chance. Spieth was to arrive in a car provided by one of the R&A's sponsors, and as it drove slowly down a dirt path behind the grandstands on the first hole, cameras moved into position. The door opened and a woman slowly emerged from the back seat. That's where Spieth would be sitting. This was just a rehearsal to make sure the cameras had the right angle.

Moments later, an R&A employee asked people sitting in the right portion of the grandstands to move to the other side so it would appear fuller.

"It's the coolest trophy that our sport has to offer," Spieth said. "So having to return that was certainly difficult. Kind of hit me a little bit there on the tee box."

It's far more enjoyable to pose with golf's oldest trophy — it first was awarded in 1873 — at the 18th hole on Sunday, not the first hole on Monday. That's the task that awaits Spieth, and it figures to be a monumental one.

Only four players in the last 50 years have repeated as British Open champions, the most recent being Padraig Harrington in 2008.

More than history, it's the nature of Carnoustie that figures to be the stiffest challenge — or at least on Monday, the most mysterious one. A dry summer has turned the links into a combination of brown (fairways), yellow (wispy rough) and green on the tee boxes and putting surfaces.

That translates into the fastest conditions at an Open since Tiger Woods won at Hoylake in 2006. That was the year Woods hit only one driver — yes, he missed the fairway — and relied mainly on long irons off the tee because the golf ball was running forever.

Early samples indicate this might be just the opposite.

Because the rough isn't up, and because it's difficult to judge how far shots will roll out on the fairways, the answer might be to just smash driver over the trouble. Jon Rahm said he planned to hit driver every day on the 396-yard opening hole.

Tommy Fleetwood, who shot 63 at a much different Carnoustie last year during the Dunhill Links Championship, was most perplexed when he reached the 350-yard third hole. It usually is a mid-iron off the tee and a wedge to the green. Now it's more like a 6-iron off the tee. Or maybe a 7-iron. And even that's not safe, because the undulations in the fairway could send the ball rolling until a pot bunker gets in the way.

"You feel like on such a short hole, you should have a chance at birdie," he said. "When actually, you can hit a 6-iron or 7-iron and it ends up in a fairway bunker."

Spieth couldn't speak to that because he had yet to see Carnoustie except on television in 2007, and he doesn't remember much of that, anyway. He was in France over the weekend to see the Ryder Cup courses, and he went to St. Andrews on Sunday as part of the Junior Open.

He recalls Muirfield being fast on Sunday in 2013, his first Open, though that wasn't nearly as fiery as this course. And even a light rain overnight didn't change that.

"It doesn't matter what club you hit. There's so many holes where you're going to be taking fairway bunkers on," Fleetwood said. "You can't just ... 260 (yards) is just a completely irrelevant number because any amount of clubs can go that far just with it playing that firm."

The other challenge facing Spieth is this mini-slump he's in.

He would not have imagined when he left Royal Birkdale last year with that wild finish and his name on the jug that he wouldn't hoist another trophy. His only close call this year came in the Masters, where he started the final round nine shots behind Patrick Reed and nearly caught him until a bogey on the last hole for a 64. He finished third.

Since then, Spieth has not been closer than 12 shots off the lead in four of the seven tournaments in which he made it to the weekend.

He missed the cut at Shinnecock Hills in the U.S. Open, opened with a 63 at the Travelers Championship and still tied only for 42nd, and then took a break. He went to Seattle to watch his little sister be a cheerleader at the U.S. Special Olympics, and then headed to the Mexico beaches for relaxation and fun golf.

"I needed a break," he said. "I was kind of dragging along, cut-line golf for a whole, and playing a pretty heavy schedule. ... And coming to an Open Championship requires a lot of feel and imagination, and I think that's what I needed a bit of in my game."

And that's what he most likely needs this week to figure out Carnoustie, along with everyone else.

Bowlsby has reasons to feel bullish about Big 12 Conference

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press



Bowlsby

FRISCO — Bob Bowlsby never bought into the negative perceptions some have about the Big 12, and these days the commissioner has plenty of reasons to feel bullish about his league.

Even more money is coming into the Big 12, the smallest of the Power Five conferences with only 10 schools, and there are fewer contentious issues around the league.

Three-time defending league champion and preseason favorite Oklahoma went the College Football Playoff for the second time in three years last season. The Big 12 was the only league this past year to have teams in the CFP, along with the NCAA Final Four in men's basketball, the College World Series and the Women's College World Series.

"I thought it was a perception previously, and things have gone well for us," Bowlsby said Monday at Big 12 football media days, the seventh for the former Stanford athletic director since taking the Big 12 job in 2012. "I couldn't be any more excited about the future."

Bowlsby touted the overall health of the league, even without specifically mentioning the record $365 million in revenue generated for the 2017-18 academic year. The average distribution per school trailed the SEC and Big Ten, but was more than the Pac-12 and ACC. It was the 12th consecutive increase for the Big 12, and it will grow even more in the upcoming year.

The Big 12 remains the only Power Five league to play a round-robin schedule in football, and last year resurrected its championship game and matched the top two finishers in the league standings.

"We think the Big 12 path to the end of the season is not only the most challenging but the highest quality," Bowlsby said. "Nobody is going to win the Big 12 by who they don't play. It's a difficult path but I think it's one that will serve us well."

After a six-year hiatus, the Big 12 championship game returned last year. Oklahoma beat TCU for the second time in a four-week span in a game at the home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys that drew about 63,000 fans and was termed "an unqualified success" by Bowlsby.

Big 12 teams had a winning record in postseason games for the second year in a row, even with Oklahoma's double-overtime loss to Georgia in the Rose Bowl that was one of the national semifinal games.

"We were 5-3 in the postseason. We had a chance to win a couple of more of those, and had even more of a positive buzz about it coming into this," Bowlsby said. "I think Oklahoma last year was every bit good enough to win a national championship."

Among other items addressed by Bowlsby:

■ Oklahoma State announced last week it would start selling alcohol at football games this season, joining Texas and West Virginia. Said Bowlsby: "It's largely a matter of institutional culture. From a personal standpoint, I do think that probably selling alcohol in the stadium is probably superior to having pass-outs at halftime where everybody goes out and power drinks for the length of the halftime. I think that from a game management standpoint it's better managed with a controlled environment inside."

■ On whether the four-team playoff should be expanded: "Frankly I think it's been pretty good. We've had good matchups. ... We had three aspirations going into the playoff. We wanted to keep the postseason strong, keep October and November as the best regular season in all of sports and we wanted to strengthen September. I really feel like we've accomplished all of those things, so I think we have to be a little bit careful moving away from it."

■ The Big 12 is still working to verify that Baylor is fully implementing 105 recommendations for reforming the school's Title IX process after a campus sexual assault scandal broke two years ago.

"I expect we will bring it to a close in the not too distant future," Bowlsby said, adding the league will issue a written report when that is completed.

■ The media days were held in the Ford Center at the Star, where the Dallas Cowboys have their headquarters and practice facility. Bowlsby said the media days will be held the next two years at AT&T Stadium, where the NFL team plays its home games and is the host of the Big 12 title game through at least 2021.

Big 12

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off the field, continuing those bonds with those guys and also being a role model for the young guys that come into our program."

Patterson didn't bring Hill to media days two years ago, and the Frogs went 6-7 with a loss to Georgia in the Liberty Bowl. It was only their third losing record for Patterson, now going into his 18th season.

Hill was there last summer before TCU went 10-2 in the regular season, including a late win at Texas Tech that Robinson started for an injured Hill. The Frogs lost to Oklahoma in the Big 12 championship game before beating Stanford in the Alamo Bowl.

So Robinson got the nod for media days.

"Obviously he's the guy that played the most games. He played in six and obviously he started, which was a hard place to play," Patterson said. "So obviously he's proven himself, he probably has the edge."

The other potential candidates are a fifth-year senior with no starts, a transfer from Penn and a freshman.

Murray, also a speedy outfielder, will play football as a junior at Oklahoma this fall after getting a $4.66 million signing bonus from the Oakland Athletics after they picked him ninth overall in the MLB draft last month.

The former Texas A&M transfer appeared in seven games last season, completing 18 of 21 passes for 359 yards and three TDs while running for 142 yards on 14 carries.

Austin Kendall, who redshirted last season after appearing in two games behind Mayfield in 2016, is a sophomore competing with Murray for the starting job.

"Both have been Baker's backups in the last two years and they've been in multiple years and they're both ready to be the starting quarterback at Oklahoma," Riley said. "We've got two guys that are more than capable of getting this team where we need to be."

Kliff Kingsbury, the former Texas Tech quarterback going into his sixth season as the Red Raiders head coach, hasn't decided who will be Nic Shimonek's successor this season. The options are junior McLane Carter, sophomore Jett Duffey or freshman Alan Bowman.

"This is the first fall camp I don't know who it's going to be so working with the quarterbacks, it's exciting, it's a challenge," Kingsbury said Monday. "All very talented, they're inexperienced players. ... Each athletic, can extend plays, can do what we want them to do. We just gotta figure out who is going to extend themselves and be the guy."

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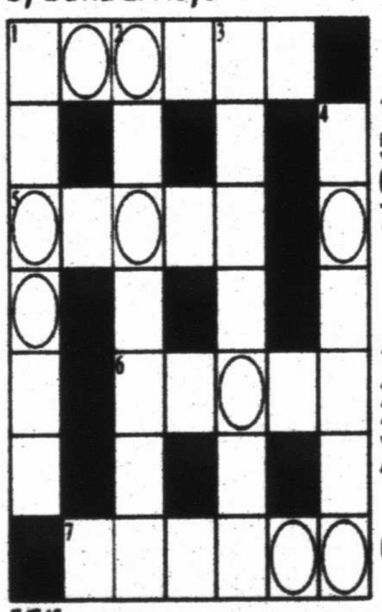
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ACROSS

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1. Movie: "American ___"	PESIRN
5. Corner	ENALG
6. ___ Empire	ZTECA
7. Male or female	DGEREN

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Position	CAETNS
2. Thankless person	NRIAGET
3. Chosen	TLEDEEC
4. Flying ___	UCSERA

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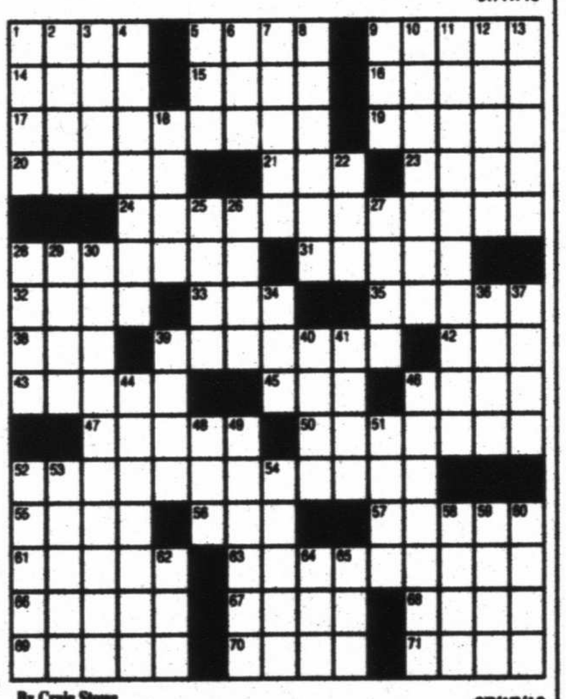
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14 When doubled, a fish
15 Computer folder item
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19 Go halfsies
20 Creator of the Hundred Acre Wood
21 Onetime comm. giant
23 Concerning
24 "Subconscious revelation
28 Unethical
31 __ brûlée: custard dessert
32 Wild hog
33 Excite, with "up"
35 Up to now
38 Pipe shape
39 "Solution for an itchy Spot?
42 __-Magnon
43 Honking birds
45 Cookie container
46 Woman in a family tree
47 Armada
50 Eurasian grasslands
52 "Escapes
55 Beat really fast
56 "Gimme a __"
57 Cacophony
61 Not up to the task
63 Opposites, and what the answers to starred clues literally contain
66 Ford replaced him as VP
67 Folded Tex-Mex treat
68 Daily paper material
69 Back in style
70 Underworld river
71 Stun with a police gun

DOWN
1 Radio switch
2 Landlocked African country
3 Three-time Masters champ Mickelson
4 Formally accept, as a delivery
5 Toward the stern
6 Camera shot
7 Kilt pattern
8 __ tank
9 Neg. opposite
10 Deep divides
11 Hockey trophy
12 Purple-haired twin on "The Simpsons"
13 Brew
18 German gent
22 Shingle sealant
25 Royal wedding guest, perhaps
26 Peter Fonda's beekeeper
27 Tide type
28 "__ your pardon"
29 Spy story staple
30 Like evildoers
34 Laundry tub
36 Shore bird
37 Youngsters
39 Charges for members
40 Part of DJ
41 Really enjoying, as a hobby
44 Unexpected hit
46 Name officially, as to a position
48 Sci-fi invaders
49 Robberies
51 Seemingly forever
52 Monastery figure
53 Jessica of "American Horror Story"
54 Panache
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60 To be, to Brutus
62 Word before time or piece
64 Like an "if looks could kill" look
65 Quaint curse

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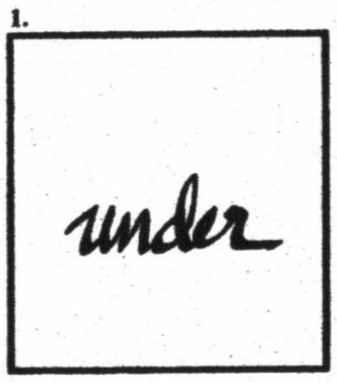
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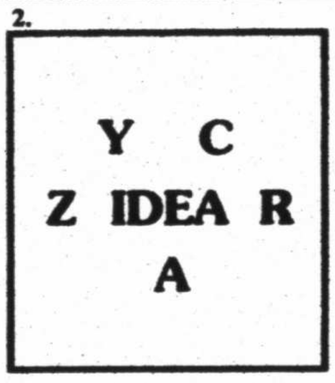
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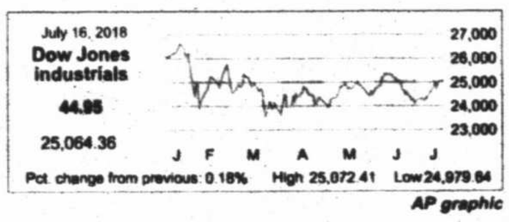
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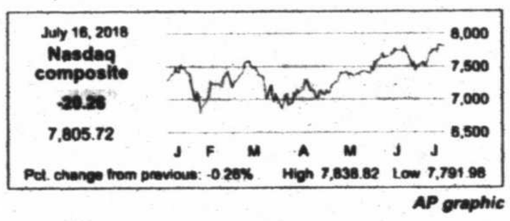
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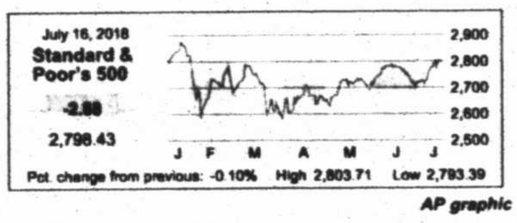
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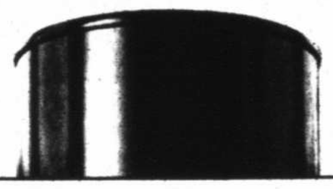
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SPDR Fncl	556740	27.46	+.48
S&P500ETF	480842	279.34	-.25
FordM	461238	10.85	-.13
GenElec	426397	13.90	+.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ARC Docu	2.04	+.40	+24.4
Arconic	19.20	+1.82	+10.5
GolLnh s	6.38	+.54	+9.2
ZTO Exp n	22.43	+1.82	+8.8
DeutschBk	12.14	+.90	+8.0

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Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TribMda A	32.12	-6.44	-16.7
USCF Oil n	61.82	-8.82	-12.5
VaalcoE	2.91	-.36	-11.0
PS Crde n	49.07	-6.00	-10.9
UBS 3xLCr	31.26	-3.81	-10.9

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NwGold g	35036	1.95	-.06
iShIndia bt	27499	33.76	-.34

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

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inTestCorp	7.85	+.35	+4.8
GldFld	4.55	+.20	+4.6
Silco	5.35	+.20	+3.9
CaledaMn n	8.72	+.32	+3.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

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Intellichk	2.10	-.17	-7.5
IEC Elec	5.51	-.33	-5.7
ShrcpMt n	2.64	-.15	-5.4

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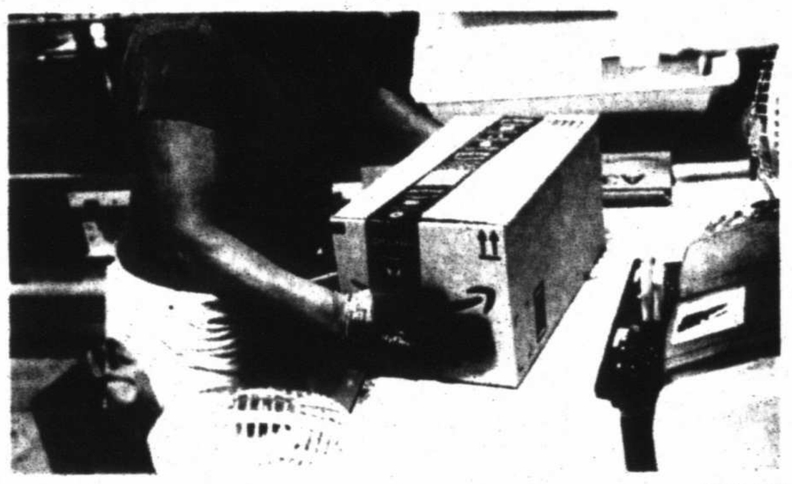
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Ability rs	5.05	-2.04	-28.8
ShiftPay n	3.33	-1.29	-27.9
ClaimPtr n	10.71	-1.83	-14.6
CitiusPh n	2.65	-.44	-14.2

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In this Aug. 3, 2017, photo, Myrtice Harris applies tape to a package before shipment at an Amazon fulfillment center in Baltimore. Amazon's Prime Day started Monday, and will be six hours longer than last year's and will launch new products.

Amazon's Prime Day runs into early snags

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Amazon's website ran into some early snags Monday on its much-hyped Prime Day, an embarrassment for the tech company on the shopping holiday it created.

Shoppers clicking on many Prime Day links after the 2 p.m. launch in the U.S. got only images of dogs — some quite abashed-looking — with the words, "Uh-oh. Something went wrong on our end." People took to social media to complain that they couldn't order items.

By about 3:30 p.m., many Prime Day links were working, and Amazon said later Monday that it was working to resolve the glitches.

In an email to The Associated Press, it said "many are shopping successfully" and that in the first hour of Prime Day in the U.S., customers ordered more items than in the same time frame last year.

Still, the hiccups could mute sales and send shoppers elsewhere during one of Amazon's busiest sales periods that's also a key time for it to sign up new Prime members. Shoppers have lots of options, as many other chains have offered sales and promotions to try to capitalize on the Prime Day spending.

Analyst Sucharita Mulpuru-Kodali at Forrester Research called the glitch a "huge deal."

"This is supposed to be one of their biggest days of the year," she wrote in an email. "I am shocked this caught them off guard. But I guess the lesson is to not have a big unveil during the middle of the day when everyone comes to your site all at once."

Amazon, which recently announced that Prime membership would be getting more expensive, was hoping to lure in shoppers by focusing on new products and having Whole Foods be part of the process. It was also hoping parents would use the deals event to jump start back-to-school shopping.

Jason Goldberg, senior vice president of commerce at Publicis.Sapient, noted that the problems could turn off shoppers for a while, particularly those who planned to sign up for Prime membership.

"If you were planning to find Prime deals to lower the cost of back-to-school (purchases), you're almost certainly going back to your traditional venue of choice," he said.

Goldberg noted that it's easy for Amazon to extend deals on its own devices and brands, but trickier for it to extend deals for its third-party sellers because they signed up for different promotional slots.

While Amazon doesn't disclose sales figures for Prime Day, Deborah Weinswig, CEO of Coresight Research, had estimated that it will generate $3.4 billion in sales worldwide, up from an estimated $2.4 billion last year. Prime Day also lasts six hours longer than last year.

Meanwhile, other retailers like Macy's, Nordstrom, Best Buy, Walmart and Target have rolled out their own promotions, said Charlie O'Shea, lead retail analyst at Moody's.

"Brick-and-mortar retailers know that they have little choice but to continue offering their own deep discounts, which is evident in the proliferation of 'Black Friday in July' deals that are being launched earlier each year, as well as various 'price match' offers," he said in a note earlier Monday.

Amazon created Prime Day in 2015 to mark its 20th anniversary, and its success has inspired other e-commerce companies to invent shopping holidays. Online furniture seller Wayfair introduced Way Day in April, becoming its biggest revenue day ever.

Prime Day also usually helps boost the number of Prime memberships. Amazon disclosed for the first time this year that it had more than 100 million paid Prime members worldwide. It's hoping to keep Prime attractive for current and would-be subscribers after raising the U.S. annual membership fee by 20 percent to $119 and to $12.99 for the month-to-month option.

"It has been one of the best vehicles" for signing up members," said Goldberg.

Stocks fall; banks climb

NEW YORK — Major U.S. indexes closed mostly lower Monday as investors bought banks but sold most other types of stocks, including health care and technology companies. Energy stocks sank along with oil prices.

Oil prices fell more than 4 percent after U.S. officials suggested the U.S. will take a softer stance on countries that import oil from Iran after sanctions on Iran's energy sector go back into effect in November. Banks rose along with interest rates as well as a solid second-quarter report from Bank of America. A strong forecast gave Deutsche Bank its biggest gain in more than a year.

Stocks finished at five-month highs Friday as investors remained optimistic about the U.S. economy even as they worried about the trade war between the U.S. and China.

The S&P 500 index lost 2.88 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,798.43. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 44.95 points, or 0.2 percent, to 25,064.36 as Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase, and Boeing climbed. The Nasdaq composite fell 20.26 points, or 0.3 percent, to 7,805.72.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks declined 8.54 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,678.54.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold fell 0.1 percent to $1,239.70 an ounce. Silver was unchanged at $15.81 an ounce. Copper lost 0.4 percent to $2.76 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $147.86 Down 0.22

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $7.81 Down 0.14

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $129.99 Down 1.35

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $5.88 Down 0.29

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.64 Down 0.46

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.15 Down 0.45

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $15.34 Down 0.25

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $47.26 Down 0.07

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.85 Down 0.65

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $30.67 Down 1.05

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	21	4.54	-.07	-19.8
AT&T Inc	2.00	12	31.90	+.23	-18.0
Abraxas	...	40	2.77	-.12	+12.6
AdeusDrsEq	1.32e	...	16.79	+.02	+6.1
AMD	...	...	16.58	+.31	+61.3
Alibaba	...	56	190.35	+.31	+10.4
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	10.25	-.06	-5.0
Altaba	...	...	74.66	+.16	+6.9
Ambev	.05e	8	4.92	+.11	-23.8
Amgen	5.36	17	194.88	-1.83	+12.1
Anadarko	1.80	66	72.84	-1.75	+35.8
Apache	1.80	29	46.89	-1.46	+9.0
Apple Inc	2.92f	22	190.91	-.42	+12.8
ApldMatl	.80	13	48.91	+.16	-9.4
Archrock	.48	34	12.75	-.05	+21.4
Arconic	.24	...	19.20	+1.82	-29.5
ATMOS	1.94f	17	91.11	-.82	+8.1
AutoData	2.76f	37	137.12	-.22	+17.0
BP PLC	2.38	24	44.82	-.75	+6.2
BkofAm	.48	17	29.78	+1.23	+.9
B /PVnST rs	...	...	31.23	-.22	+11.9
BeringsCp s	1.20	...	15.21	-.01	-.3
BerkHa A	...	...	23280000.00	-1600.00	-2.0
BlkBst n	...	49	13.80	...	+22.8
BlkRkCp	1.59f	16	61.20	-.12	+1.8
BrBySq	1.60	36	66.43	-.49	-7.9
Broadcinc	7.00	5	203.25	+.70	-20.9
BrownFA s	.79	30	91.70	+.20	+3.4
BrownFB s	...	29	91.17	+.15	...
CA Inc	1.02	26	44.05	-.01	+32.4
CSX	.80	19	64.80	-.71	+16.3
CVS Health	2.00	12	68.24	-.39	-5.9
CeresnrEnt	...	...	11.65	+.15	-7.9
CalResPat	...	24	19.88	-.03	-19.8
Caterpillar	3.44f	17	138.66	-2.67	-12.4
Celestic g	...	10	12.22	+.04	+16.6
CntryLink	2.16	9	19.61	-.27	+17.6
ChasEng	...	8	4.80	-.29	+23.7
Chevron	4.48	66	122.66	-1.66	-4.8
Chicos	.34	16	8.25	+.19	-8.5
ChinAuLeg	...	...	2.37	+.07	-25.9
Cimarex	.64	21	97.62	-2.65	-19.7
Cisco	1.32f	21	42.50	+.72	+11.0
CgnAntCnl	...	...	7.54	+.72	-46.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Citigroup	1.28	12	69.46	+2.46	-6.7
ClevCliffs	...	7	8.20	-.20	+13.7
CocaCola	1.56	76	44.73	-.91	-2.5
CodaOct n	...	...	6.15	+2.42	+26.9
ColgPalm	1.68	23	65.62	-.13	-13.9
Comcast s	.76	17	34.97	+.27	-12.3
ConAgra	.86	17	35.69	-.36	-6.3
ConchoRes	...	22	147.86	-.22	-1.8
ConocoPhil	1.14f	56	70.58	-1.42	+28.6
Crocker0	5.00f	16	149.73	-.79	-5.8
CrosTim	1.02e	14	14.70	+.10	+.1
DCP Mid	3.12	59	42.01	+.07	+15.6
DTE	3.53	19	106.30	+.11	-2.9
DeltaAir	1.40f	11	50.67	-.10	-9.5
DenburyR	...	...	4.64	-.25	+110.0
DeutschBk	.83e	...	12.14	+.90	-36.2
DevonE	.32f	28	44.21	-.91	+6.8
Disney	1.68	16	110.39	+.29	+2.5
eBay s	...	25	37.73	+.12	...
EOG Resrcs	.74f	...	134.61	-1.16	+16.6
EnCana g	.06	22	12.75	-.49	-4.4
Energen	.00	26	73.83	-.63	+28.2
EnPro	.96f	41	72.06	-1.12	-22.9
ENSCO	.04	...	7.34	-.26	+24.2
EntProPt	1.72f	21	26.18	-.22	+6.3
Ericsson	.13e	...	7.65	-.08	+14.5
ExxonMbl	3.28f	16	82.49	-.82	-4.4
Facebook	...	39	207.23	-.89	+17.4
FordM	.60a	6	10.85	-.13	-13.1
FrptMcM	.20	11	16.77	-.05	-11.6
GATX	1.76f	14	77.00	+.14	+23.9
GGP Inc	.88	31	20.81	-.09	-11.0
GoldStdT	.00e	...	9.87	-.02	-4.4
GMInv	1.19e	...	36.16	-.06	+2.2
GenElec	.48	...	13.90	+.01	-20.6
GenticT rs	...	...	1.48	+.39	+27.6
HalliBrtn	.72	...	44.06	-.39	-8.0
HalMrAn h	...	...	.11	-.04	-60.2
HP Ent n	.56f	12	15.64	+.15	+8.9
Hugh n	...	...	37.92	+.99	+138.1
ICICI Bk	.16e	...	7.72	-.10	-20.7
IQIYI n	...	...	36.93	+2.89	+137.5
iShBrazil	.67e	...	33.89	-.16	-16.2
iShChinaLC	.87e	...	42.41	-.49	-8.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShEMkts	.59e	...	43.61	-.24	-7.4
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	67.76	-.03	-3.6
iShR2K	1.77e	...	166.77	-.65	+9.4
Intel	1.20	19	52.91	-.21	+12.7
IntcDig	1.40	12	83.35	-1.40	+9.5
IntuitInH	.32e	...	11.41	-.09	-12.2
JPMorgCh	2.24f	15	110.56	+4.22	+3.4
JohnJn	3.60f	17	134.69	-1.34	-10.8
KimbCln	4.00	21	105.40	-.32	-12.6
KindMorg	.80f	25	17.80	-.11	-1.5
LegacyRes	...	...	5.88	-.29	+285.2
Lullys	...	...	2.53	-.02	-4.2
MER Tel rs	...	...	2.84	+1.26	+34.6
MGM Rsts	.48	9	31.12	+.17	-6.8
MarathnO	.20	...	20.04	-1.44	+18.4
MarvellTch	.24	20	21.15	-.71	-1.5
McDnlds	4.04	24	159.78	+.27	-7.8
Merck	1.92	23	62.50	-.30	+11.2
MetWMed	...	85	55.89	-.15	+28.7
MexcoEn	...	...	5.64	-.46	+43.5
MicronT	...	6	56.15	-.20	+36.6
Microsoft	1.68	61	104.91	-.52	+22.6
MorgStan	1.00	12	48.90	+.82	-6.8
Nabors	.24	...	6.03	-.04	-11.7
NOVarco	.20	...	43.85	-.39	+21.7
Navsac g	...	...	.04	...	-93.7
Netflix s	...	...	400.48	+4.68	+108.6
NobleCp	.19e	...	5.86	+.07	+26.2
NSTAR	.88e	...	14.49	-.05	-4.6
NTXKI	.85	...	12.62	+.04	-8.9
OasisPet	...	...	11.90	-.65	+41.5
OpalPet	3.12f	...	62.63	-1.11	+12.0
Oracle	.76	55	48.46	+.02	+2.5
PDC Engy	...	...	55.21	-2.72	+14.9
ParTech	...	41	16.89	-.15	+69.7
ParkDrl	...	...	.32	+.04	-68.8
PattUTI	.56f	...	17.32	-.65	-55.2
PennantE	.04	15	10.94	-.33	-8.9
Penton	.64e	25	8.90	-.15	+1.2
Petrobras	...	...	10.61	-.08	+3.1
Pfizer	1.36	16	37.30	-.16	+8.2
PhilMrt	.32f	...	103.60	-1.55	+5.9
PldmAAP	1.86	30	23.49	-.13	+13.4
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	172.74	...	+10.9
Praxair	3.20	28	167.04	+.36	+8.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PrmRgy	...	...	79.95	...	+36.8
PUVisST rs	...	...	9.51	-.10	-6.9
ProShtVix s	...	...	13.81	+.04	-89.2
ProctGam	2.87	21	79.53	+.22	-13.4
PSNQQQ rs	...	...	12.59	+.10	-41.5
RangeRs	.08	18	16.14	-.26	-5.4
RegionsFn	.36	16	17.51	+.30	+1.3
Rowan	.40	28	16.92	-.45	+1.7
RoyDShlA	3.76	...	69.07	-.93	+3.5
SpdrDJIA	3.66e	...	250.67	+.47	+1.3
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	279.34	-.25	+4.7
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	42.32	-.87	+13.6
SabnR	2.34e	21	44.60	-1.30	...
SandRPm	1.28	8	101.93	-.67	-38.6
Schlmbrg	2.00	42	67.42	-.66	...
SiriusXM	.04	39	7.04	-.06	+31.3
Smucker	3.40f	14	108.41	-2.65	-12.7
Snapinc A n	...	...	13.07	-.29	-10.5
SwstnEngy	...	6	5.22	-.16	-6.5
SP CrEtr	1.28e	...	52.49	-.25	-7.7
SP Engy	2.04e	...	75.38	-.88	+4.3
SPDR Fncl	.48e	...	27.46	+.48	-1.6
SP Inds	1.12e	...	73.45	-.30	-2.9
SP Util	1.55e	...	52.49	-.05	-.4
Starbucks s	1.44f	23	58.94	-.68	-11.3
TelefEsp	1.39e	...	8.66	+.03	-8.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
3M Co	5.44f	30	201.11	-.07	-14.8
Torchmark	.84	7	84.46	+1.03	-8.9
Transocn	...	...	13.10	-.37	+22.7
TriContl	1.62e	...	20.97	-.04	+.1
TribMda A	1.00	10	32.12	-6.44	-24.4
21stCFoxA	.36	21	46.71	-.85	+35.3
Twitter	...	...	44.26	-.23	+84.3
TylerTech	...	98	226.14	+.39	+33.4
UBBI	1.36	21	36.99	...	+2.3
US OilFd	...	...	13.94	-.53	+16.1
Vale SA	.29e	13	12.99	-.15	+8.2
ValeroE	3.20	28	106.30	-1.04	+15.7
VanEGold	.06e	...	21.67	-.09	-5.9
VangFTSE	1.10e	...	43.26	+.01	-3.8
VerizonCm	2.36	7	51.59	+.16	-2.5
Vulcanlll	1.12	26	122.91	-3.25	-4.3
WEC Engy	2.21	21	65.04	-.15	-2.1
WalgBoots	1.76f	14	65.16	-.01	-10.3
WestRefnl	...	...	3.40	-.12	-18.5
WellsFargo	1.56	14	58.99	+1.03	-8.1
WmsCos	1.36	10	27.25	-.07	-10.6
XcelEngy	1.52	28	46.87	-.39	-4.2
Xerox rs	1.00	31	24.97	-.30	-14.3
ZTO Exp n	...	...	22.43	+1.82	+41.5
Zynga	...	71	4.25	-.09	+6.3

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26,616.71	21,270.30	Dow Jones Industrials	25,064.36	+44.95	+.18	+1.40	+15.89
11,423.82	9,010.10	Dow Jones Transportation	10,435.52	-110.69	-1.05	-1.67	+7.60
778.69	647.81	Dow Jones Utilities	721.05	-.82	-.11	-.32	+1.54
13,637.02	11,579.68	NYSE Composite	12,748.76	-29.73	-.16	-.47	+7.22
7,843.52	6,161.83	Nasdaq Composite	7,805.72	-20.26	-.26	+13.07	+23.62
2,872.87	2,412.79	S&P 500	2,798.43	-2.88	-.10	+4.67	+13.89
2,015.59	1,685.25	S&P Midcap	1,985.37	-10.98	-.55	+4.48	+12.29
29,799.89	25,030.07	Wilshire 5000	29,225.89	-37.76	-.13	+6.14	+14.39
1,788.56	1,349.35	Russell 2000	1,678.54	-8.54	-.51	+8.31	+17.25

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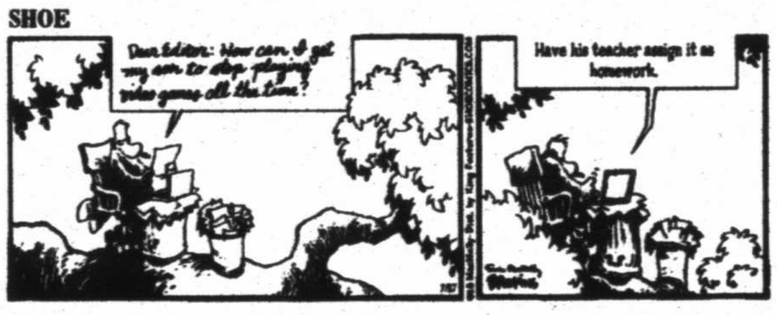
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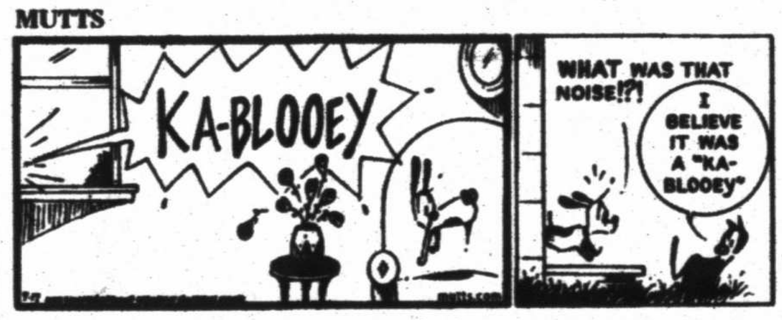
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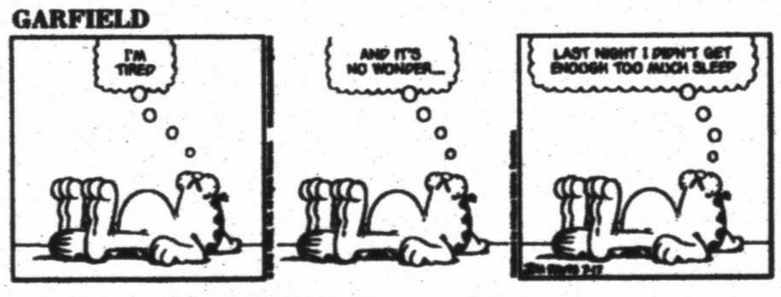
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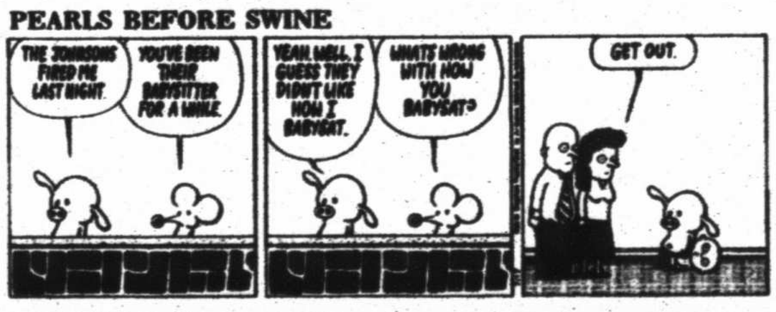
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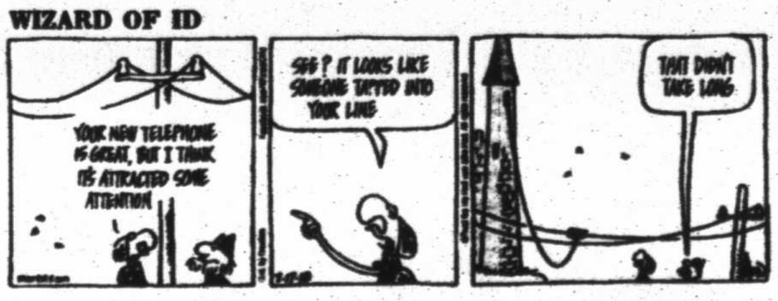
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- On location, gather and effectively communicate information concerning stages completed, consumables used, personnel tracking and utilization of equipment in Microsoft Excel format
- Test all equipment, open well, go into the hole, make real time suggestions to insure well control

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Once job is completed, determine daily cost, final job ticket, and damages
- Perform all duties as assigned by the District Manager, Assistant District Manager, or Field Supervisor.

Education, Experience:

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Oil & Gas energy firm in Midland, TX. is looking to fill a Producer Accounting Analyst position. Duties include data preparation and monthly settlement for Permian area Gas Processing plants. Candidate must have excellent computer and communication skills. Degree preferred but not required. PGAS and TIPS experience preferred. Competitive benefits including health insurance, 401K and Cafeteria Plan. Mail resume to Producer Accounting, 211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX. 79701 or email to employment@westtexasgas.com

Trainees & Mudloggers/Field Geologists

Advance Consultants Corp. is now hiring both Trainees and Experienced Mudloggers/Field Geologists for West Texas.
Email resumes to advance@advancelogging.com

Registered Nurse (RN)

Permian Basin Pain Managment - Midland, TX
Experienced Full-time Registerd Nurse needed for medical office in Midland.
Hours: M-F 8am - 5pm

Send resumes to PBPM@pb-pain.com

3 Large Animal Technicians/ Vet Tech Assistants & Receptionist

Brock Veterinary Clinic looking for 3 large animal Technicians. Willing to train the right people. Positions also available for Vet Tech Assistants & Receptionist. Great advancement opportunities. Apply in person at 1204 S. Dallas Ave, Lamesa, Texas or call 806-872-3103.

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Lamesa, Texas

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Position Description

Responsible for distributing and stocking merchandise throughout the store including caring for store equipment and cleaning hazardous materials spills. Also responsible for providing excellent customer service by greeting customers and assisting customers in locating, selecting, demonstrating, and loading of merchandise.

Job Requirements

- Requires late evening, night-time, and early morning availability any day of the week.
- Physical ability to move large, bulky and/or heavy merchandise.
- Physical ability to perform tasks that may require prolonged standing, sitting, and other activities necessary to perform job duties.

Minimum Qualifications

- Ability to read, write, and perform basic arithmetic (addition, subtraction).

To Apply

- Please visit https://jobs.lowes.com/

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Restaurant Positions

Strawberry Fields Cafe has openings for motivated individuals with a great attitude and self starters. Great work environment, great management, pleasant customers. Part time and full time positions are available. Apply in person at 2311 W. Wadley Ave., Midland. Hours of operation are 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday thru Friday / 7:30 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday. We are closed on Sundays!

RETAIL JOBS

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Health Food Store is taking applications for energetic and friendly part-time cashiers. Pleasant work environment, friendly customers, caring management, generous employee discount and paid vacations. Apply in person Monday through Friday only 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley, Midland.

SALES

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As an Account Executive, you will be responsible for achieving individual sales goals. You will manage assigned resources and territory to ensure long-term business development and sales growth. Your mission will be to develop accounts via prospecting and strategic marketing. This is an outside sales position; past sales experience is required.

Qualifications:

- Must be aggressive and hardworking
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Self-starter, ability to plan and implement territory sales strategy with limited supervision
- Ability to thrive in a competitive, goal-driven environment
- Ability to cold call and prospect for sales leads
- Must have a proven track record in this industry.

Job Benefits:

- Matching 401k
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CNC Machinists, Machine Operators & Shop Hands

Machine Shop Openings: Peak Completion Technologies, a Midland based oil tool company, is seeking experienced CNC machinists and machine operators. Peak offers modern equipment, an excellent benefits package and competitive pay in a drug free workplace.

We also have openings for experienced Shop Hands to assemble/re-dress packers and other downhole tools in our Midland facility. Mechanical aptitude, a good work ethic, and attention to detail are critical in this position. These are full time positions, with overtime as required. Pay is based on experience.

Apply in person between 8 AM and 5 PM on weekdays at 7710 W. Hwy 80, Midland, or submit a resume to careers@peakcompletions.com. EOE

PEAK COMPLETIONS

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Supreme Services is currently seeking a Full Time CDL class "A" driver needed for tractor trailer combination, or other commercial vehicles. Hazmat endorsement would be helpful. Inspects vehicles, equipment,and performs general trouble shooting and maintenance as required. Must be proficient in securing the equipment for transport. Assists workers in loading, and unloading trucks. Obeys all laws applicable to commercial vehicle operation as regulated by Federal, State, and local authorities. Minimum 10 years experience. Email resume to: hr@supremeservices.com or complete application at www.supremeservices.com

Coopers Construction

Coopers Construction now looking for Commercial Carpenters and Laborers. **NO CALLS after 4:00 p.m.**
Call (432)-664-4111

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Supreme Services & Specialty Company

Supreme Services is currently seeking a Full Time Shop Technician to work from checking in through loading out equipment which consist of the following: maintenance,repair,and testing of equipment and materials. We offer a competitive pay package, as well as a generous group health plan. Email resume to: hr@supremeservices.com or complete application at www.supremeservices.com

TECHNOLOGY

HILLIARD

Systems Administrator - Midland location:
Design, implement, troubleshoot, analyze and maintain the IT infrastructure our customer environments; including network connectivity and utilization, Windows server administration, virtualization, performance tuning, backup and restore. Identifies, researches, and resolves technical problems. Familiar with a variety of the field's concepts, practices, and procedures. Relies on training, experience, and judgment to plan and budget time to accomplish goals. Performs a variety of complicated tasks, and provide support for escalated trouble tickets.

Candidates should be team players with excellent communication skills and have the ability to manage assignments independently. The ideal candidate will have a nurturing personality and the desire to help in the development and mentoring of level 1 technicians.

Systems Administrator Responsibilities:
- Create and maintain comprehensive documentation as it relates to server and network topology, equipment, and configuration(s).
- Create project plans, design, and implement solutions.
- Level 2 and Level 3 Support for problems identified with systems and network. Will act as an escalation for Level 1 and Level 2 Managed Services support technicians.
- Create, request, and present technical specifications and requirements for purchasing of new servers and networking equipment via quote procedure.
- Participate in after-hours upgrades, troubleshooting, and/or on-call availability as needed.
- Standard system administration duties including server install, System/Application install and patch management, Windows problem determination and escalation, log analysis, etc.
- Configure, test, and maintain LAN equipment and services, including switches, routers, firewalls, and VPN.
- Identify, diagnose, and resolve network problems including network connectivity, traffic utilization, etc. using available network tools in a timely fashion.
- Provide infrastructure services in all areas needed: storage networking, Operating System, network security, directory services, server virtualization using system backup and restore, system and network monitoring, application installation and configuration
- Assist with monthly reports and recommendations for Managed Services Clients
- Utilize superior customer service skills
- Stay current with system information, changes, and updates

Requirements:
- 5 -7 years of prior IT experience.
- Prior experience working for a service provider is a plus
- Experience working with Windows Desktop XP-10, Windows Server 2003 - 2012, VMware, SBS Server, Storage Technologies
- Hands on experience with Wired and Wireless networking, PC and server virtualization software, virus protection, backup systems
- Microsoft certifications preferred
- MCSA, VCP & CCNA certifications are preferred

Skills:
- Effectively communicate by phone or in person.
- Strong written communication skills.
- Establish successful outcomes in handling difficult situations and work with various customers and management levels.
- Demonstrated ability to identify and troubleshoot critical issues
- Ability to work in a high-performance culture
- Manage multiple priorities and follow through on projects to completion.
- Works effectively both as a team member and independently to resolve problems
- Effectively utilizes tools to resolve issues and escalates appropriately.
- Network configuration, monitoring, and troubleshooting experience are a must.
- Proven background in providing great customer service.
- Ability to work independently, prioritize existing projects, and proactively determine areas requiring additional attention, monitoring, or maintenance.
- Strong documentation skills

Please email resumes to [illegible]

DELIVERY DRIVER

Holmes Auto Supply is seeking applicants for delivery drivers. Full time position available. Apply in person at Holmes Auto Supply, 3301 Northeast Hwy Midland, Tx 79701.

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Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37 Case No. 0306621
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 17, 2018 — Status/Permit No. 830376
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 21, 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 PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 642652] 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 for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 1, Blk. X, HILLIARD, H P Survey, A-11, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 3.6 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 Protestant 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 Aug 21, 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:	HOGAN 1-25B	
Lease/Unit Well No.:	2803H	
Lease/Unit Acres:	1283.77	
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	651.0	
Lease Lines:	1889.0 F N L,	541.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines:	755.0 F South L,	541.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1889.0 F N L
541.0 F WEST L
Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 25 Block: 39 T1S Abstract: 41
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 15.0 F SOUTH L
335.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 62.0 F SOUTH L
990.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737)7042339.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

CrownQuest Operating, LLC, c/o Box 953, Midland, TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced formation water/fluid into a formation that is not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the: Silurian/Ellenburger (formations), Wrage 33 (lease), Well Number: 2D.

The proposed disposal well is located 5.7 miles in a SE direction from: Spraberry, TX, in the An Adkins (Ellenburger) field, in Glasscock County, TX

Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 11150 to 14000 feet.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone # (512-463-6792).



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Legal and Public Notices

Notice of Application for Surface Commingling

OXY USA INC is applying to the Railroad Commission to amend previously approved Commingle Permit #7902 to include leases Morris Grantham B 2304, Morris Grantham B2306 and Morris Grantham B 2308. Lease already included in the commingle permit are Robb and Robb Walter Unit. Production is from Spraberry (Trend Area) field. Production will be commingled at the Robb Tank Battery in RRC District 08 in Howard County.

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 ublication, or the Commission may approve the application.

For questions pertaining to the application, please contact Sandra Musallam at (713) 366-5106.

Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

Request for Technology Services

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal(s) for **RFP #18-20 Technology Services** through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the proposal documents in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, Texas at **3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 31, 2018**. Request for Proposal documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1965.

Notice of Application for Surface Commingling

Oxy USA Inc is applying to the Railroad Commission to surface commingle leases Weber 3514, Weber 3502 and Weber 3504. Production will be commingled into the Weber 3514 Battery, located in RRC District 08 in Howard County. Commingling production will result in reduced surface facility footprint and is the most effective means of producing the reserves.

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.

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Residential Sales

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Hunter Cole Moses, Deceased, were issued to Stephanie Michelle Moses on July 3, 2018 in Cause No. P19404, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Stephanie Moses
c/o Brandon W. Pinson
P. O. Box 8530
Midland, Texas 79708

DATED July 16, 2018.

PINSON LAW FIRM
By: Brandon W. Pinson

Legal and Public Notices

Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

Copy Paper Bid

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed bid for **Bid #18-19 Copy Paper** through the MISD electronic bid system. Bids will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the bid documents in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Purchasing, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, Texas at **10:00 A.M. Tuesday, July 31, 2018**. Bid documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1965.

Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

Request for Qualifications #18-19
Special Education Professional Services

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal(s) for **RFQ #18-19 Special Education Professional Services** through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the proposal documents in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, Texas at 2:00 P.M. C.S.T. on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. Request for Qualifications documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1965.

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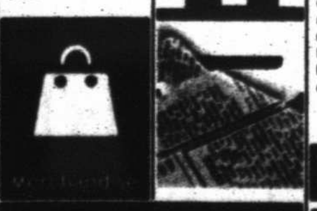
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In this Dec. 10, 2017, photo provided by Zhaoyu Zhu, scientists examine a pointed piece of quartzite rock that was unearthed from the oldest layer of dirt at a site in the Loess Plateau in China. In a report released Wednesday, scientists believe stone tools like this could have belonged to our evolutionary forerunners that lived 2.1 million years ago.

Chinese discovery suggests human relatives left Africa earlier

By Emiliano Rodriguez Mega
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stone tools recovered from an excavation in China suggest that our evolutionary forerunners trekked out of Africa earlier than we thought.

Until now, the oldest evidence of human-like creatures outside Africa came from 1.8 million-year-old artifacts and skulls found in the Georgian town of Dmanisi. But the new find pushes that back by at least 250,000 years.

"It's absolutely a new story," said archaeologist Michael Petraglia of the Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History in Jena, Germany, who did not participate in the study. "It means that early humans were getting out of Africa way earlier than we ever realized."

That exit came long before our own species, Homo sapiens, even appeared. The researchers believe the tools were made by another member of the Homo evolutionary group.

The items included several chipped rocks, fragments and hammer stones. The 96 artifacts were dug up in an area known as the Loess Plateau, north of the Qinling mountains, which divide the north and south of China.

Some of them were as old as 2.1 million years, according to the study in Wednesday's journal Nature.

"We were very excited," said Zhaoyu Zhu, a professor at the Guangzhou Institute of Geochemistry, who led the field work. "One of my colleagues suddenly noticed a stone embedded in a steep outcrop. After a short while, more artifacts were found — one after another."

The tools were distributed throughout layers of dirt, suggesting our unidentified ancient relatives came back to the same site over and over, possibly following animals to hunt. Researchers also found bones of pigs and deer, but were not able to provide proof that the tools were used for hunting.

Some experts not involved in the research think that the findings need to be taken with caution.

"I am skeptical," said Geoffrey Pope, an anthropologist from William Paterson University in New Jersey. "I suspect this discovery will change very little."

The problem, he said, is that sometimes nature can shape stones in a way that they look as if they were manufactured by hand. Scientists know, for example, that rocks smashed together in a stream can acquire sharp edges.

But Sonia Harmand, an archaeologist at Stony Brook University in New York, disagrees.

"This could be, frankly, one of the most important (archaeological) sites in the world," said Harmand, who studies stone tools.

Ancient 'Iceman' shows signs of a well-balanced last meal

By Emiliano Rodriguez Mega
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Talk about a paleo diet. Scientists have uncovered the last meal of a frozen hunter who died 5,300 years ago in the Alps.

The stomach contents of the corpse, widely known as Oetzi the Iceman, offer a snapshot of what ancient Europeans ate more than five millennia ago, researchers said.

On the menu, described Thursday in the journal Current Biology, were the fat and meat of a wild goat, meat of a red deer and whole wheat seeds, which Oetzi ate shortly before his death.

Traces of fern leaves and spores were also discovered in Oetzi's stomach. Scientists think he may have swallowed the plant unintentionally or as a medicine for parasites previously found in his gut.

"It was very impressive," said lead author Frank Maixner, a microbiologist at the Institute for Mummy Studies in Bolzano, Italy. "We could see chunks and pieces of food with (the) naked eye."

Though the researchers had previously examined Oetzi's intestines, this was the first time they could look into his stomach.

The reason is nothing short of grotesque.

Following Oetzi's death, the organ moved upwards. It was not until 2009, 18 years after his remains were discovered near the Italy-Austria border, that a radiologist detected it behind the rib cage. And it was full. After slowly defrosting the body, the team took samples and rehydrated them.

Nearly half the stomach contents were identified as the body fat of an ibex, a wild goat that still lives in the Alps. That's a lot of fat. But scientists think the finding makes sense.

"It's a harsh environment," said Maixner, who has climbed to the cold and windy site where Oetzi was found. "They had to be prepared. They had to have food that gave them the necessary energy (to survive)."

Albina Hulda Palsdottir, an archaeozoologist from the University of Oslo, believes the findings are very valuable.

"They're trying to use all the methods in the toolbox to answer this really important question of what people were really eating" back then, she said.

Now, Maixner and his team are hoping to reconstruct the composition of bacteria and other microorganisms that lived in the Iceman's gut, and see how it differs from what modern people show.

"Oetzi is always interesting," Hulda Palsdottir said. "He's already told us so much."



AP file photo

In this November 2010 photo provided by the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology, researchers examine the body of a frozen hunter known as Oetzi the Iceman to sample his stomach contents in Bolzano, Italy. In a report released Thursday, scientists said the analysis offers a snapshot of what ancient Europeans ate more than five millennia ago.

There are several solutions for broadcasting phone screen

Dear PropellerHeads: I showed up to my presentation without my laptop. I had a copy on my phone, but I didn't have any way to connect to the projector. How can I avoid this in the future?

A: Uh, I dunno … maybe, bring your laptop?

Actually, your interest in broadcasting your phone display is not uncommon. Thankfully, there are several viable solutions now. Unfortunately, your brand of hardware may dictate your choices.

Up until recently, the most common way to communicate with a display projector or TV was via a VGA or HDMI cable. That proved fairly convenient for laptops that tended to have one or both ports. For a phone, tablet, or Apple, that probably meant an adapter, too.

Now, it is increasingly more common to broadcast wirelessly, usually over your Wi-Fi network. This is usually described as display mirroring or display extending. Essentially, it means having a laptop, tablet, or phone wireless display its screen contents and play its sound to another display device.

My first exposure to this was Google's Chromecast (bit.ly/2ldn2Fg), now in its second generation. This is basically an HDMI dongle that you plug into your TV or projector. It is equipped with Wi-Fi support. That means most (Android) smart phones, tablets, and PCs can transmit their little screens on to the big screen.

Chromecast includes software drivers or application plug-ins to support displaying browser streaming content, like Netflix, Hulu, YouTube, and the like. Since the $35 Chromecast hit the streets a few years ago, it has had several improvements. Basically, you start Chrome (what a surprise) and cast the bowser tab or entire desktop to the display. This would have saved your presentation.

Also helping is Miracast (bit.ly/1Flzh32), a Wi-Fi display and sound broadcast standard as specified by the Wi-Fi Alliance. These days, most smart TVs and smart TV devices (Roku, Fire TV, etc.) support Miracast, as do most laptops, tablets, and smartphones.

That means if your source device Miracast and your display/TV does also, you could be in business with a few taps and no additional wires or dongles. Miracast supports HD video (1080p) and (5.1) surround sound. The Wi-Fi Alliance reports that almost 7000 devices now support Miracast.

Thankfully, this is also a pretty secure technology using WPA2 (Wi-Fi Protected Access II) encryption. For Miracast-ready devices, you don't actually have to get your Wi-Fi router involved.

Curiously, and with great disappointment, some recent upgrades to MS Windows 10 have lost the Miracast capability. I really don't understand this and hope it is temporary. I sure hope it doesn't have something to do with Microsoft's $49 wireless display entry, Microsoft Wireless Display Adapter (bit.ly/2lmrTmS), that competes with others mentioned here.

Like we have come to expect, Apple beats to a different drum. Their AirPlay (apple.co/2tjgo44) services provide display mirroring for Macs, iPads, and iPhones, much like Miracast does for the rest of the world. Some Smart TVs that support Miracast also support AirPlay or might require the purchase of Apple TV (see what they did there?).

My experience with screen mirroring has been good but not perfect. Consistent performance is typical, but not guaranteed. The video and audio content can strain a Wi-Fi system that is likely already overloaded. As a result, pixelation, sound, and signal loss can and do occur. Still, not bad for this (sort-of) free awesome technology.

I recently stayed in a hotel and was pleased to find that the room's new TV was conveniently set-up for wireless broadcasting already.

So, leave your laptop at the office, and say goodbye to the VGA cable, the HDMI cable, and the smartphone adapter.

Heck! While we're at it, say goodbye to cable!

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