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Epstein: Human flourishing should be center of debate

PBPA speaker: Freeing fossil fuels from restrictions would give billions more access to electricity

By Mella McEwen
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Technology has opened numerous avenues for communication — from social media like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat to text messages, websites, emails, faxes to old-fashioned telephone calls, letters and face-to-face conversations.

The oil and gas industry needs to use those avenues to tell the public what it does and how its product benefits people, said Alex Epstein, author of "The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels."

Addressing the membership luncheon of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association on Thursday, Epstein said, "The industry has a bunch of different channels of communication to use. But they also need to

tell their story so that both the positives and concerns are objectively addressed."

If an industry that produces 80 percent of the world's energy "can't explain why what it does is important, that's a problem," he said.

The general public doesn't always grasp that energy is a fundamental industry that powers every other industry, from food to manufacturing to medical care, Epstein

said. But the conversation surrounding fossil fuels and the "Keep it in the ground movement" is so biased, he said.

"If you're not looking at both sides, how will you get to the answers?" he asked. "How big are the potential positives? How big are the potential negatives? If you know how big the positives are and how

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BUSH'S FIRESIDE CHAT



Courtesy All Slaughter Photography

Former first lady Laura Bush, right, was the keynote speaker Thursday at Shotguns & Stilletos Luncheon, the first of three fundraising events for the Junior League of Midland. "We are overjoyed that Mrs. Bush joined us for an intimate fireside chat and question-and-answer session," said Anne Reese, event chairman. "As a native Midlander and a former member of the Junior League of Midland, Mrs. Bush was a natural choice." Jay Hendricks, left, was the emcee for the luncheon, which was at Midland Country Club. Shotguns & Stilletos is a three-day fundraiser that provides the Junior League with the majority of its yearly funding. The other events are a clay shoot today at Windwalker Farms and an Buckshot Bash on Saturday at the Petroleum Club. Shotguns & Stilletos 2018 is presented by S. Javald and Vicky Arwar; Karmen Hendrix Bryant serves as honorary chair. For more information, visit www.jlmidland.org.

Average price of gas in Midland increases to \$2.54

AAA Texas reports Midland has the highest average price in the state for 16th straight week

By Stewart Doreen
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Gas prices rose across the state this week, and the place where prices rose higher than anywhere was Midland.

For the 16th straight week, the highest gas prices could be found in Midland, according to AAA Texas in its weekly report of larger metropolitan communities.

The average price in Midland rose to \$2.54 a gallon for regular unleaded, a 2

Gas prices			
Cheapest gas: \$2.19 (Ranch Club, Brownsville 781 107)	Midland \$2.19, Odessa \$2.20	Midland-Odessa: Texas	
Cheapest gas from membership club: \$2.27 (H-E-B, Andrews Highway Loop 200)	Thursday \$2.517	\$2.548	
Most expensive gas: \$2.65	Last week \$2.480	\$2.500	
Most common price: \$2.52, \$2.53, \$2.54	Last month \$2.488	\$2.571	
Cheapest prices in West Texas: San Angelo \$2.08, Lubbock \$2.11, Amarillo \$2.15	Last year \$2.181	\$2.107	

cent increase from last week. The state average, according to AAA Texas, rose by 6 cents to \$2.35 a gallon. Drivers across the nation are paying an average \$2.57 per gallon, which is up 4 cents from a week ago.

AAA officials say federal

government experts report consumer gasoline demand is at the highest level on record for March, while gasoline inventories in the U.S. are on the decline. Distributors have told the

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County sales tax collection jumps

Record year is possible based on 'robust' start

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland County's sales tax collection appears to be headed to a record year.

Spurred on by a healthy March collection, the county already has collected \$24.714 million (based on the month collected this fiscal year). That is an improvement of nearly \$9 million compared to the same six months during fiscal year 2017.

The significance of the better-than-expected sales tax performance is that the county will collect \$44.477 million (based on the month collected) if the last six months just match the last six months of the previous fiscal year. Considering the condition of the economy, it appears to be a certainty that the previous record — \$43.5 million — will be eclipsed.

If the county matches the pace during the last six months — better than a 56 percent increase — the total collection would top \$54 million. That, however, appears to be very optimistic.

Still, even with a total around \$44.477 million, the county would have beat its projection by more than \$15 million.

This means — assuming no changes in the budget — that the county would put another \$15 million into its reserve fund. On Thursday, county officials reported \$80.782 million in "fund equity."

Excess sales tax has been a constant for the county and those watching its coffers. Since 2006 — based on the month collected — the county has collected \$89.621 million more than it budgeted in sales tax. A big portion of that came during the five fiscal years between 2011 and 2015, when the sales tax collection was \$59.552 million over what was budgeted. That was an average of nearly \$12 million a year.

County Judge Mike Bradford said Thursday that it was hard to understand the positive that hydraulic fracturing was going to have on revenue, which he said factored into the county missing its estimates by so much.

"That technology has been beyond anyone's understanding," Bradford said.

County leaders have stated that these projects completed using excess county sales revenue include most of the building of the Henshaw Complex, repaving of county roads, the county courthouse project, the Centennial Library project, the current rehab of the downtown library branch and the purchase of water rights northeast of Midland. In all project costs paid for by sales tax revenue are in excess of \$90 million.

County leaders also have pointed to future development of west Loop 250 south of Interstate 20 as another project that will be possible because of excess sales tax.

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Things to do

■ Thin Line Shootout by the West Texas Fire Shootout, 8 a.m., Midland Shooters Association, 5011 S. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

■ Shotgun and Silhouette 2018: The 17th annual Shotgun and Silhouette Clay Shoot hosted by the Junior League of Midland, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Windwater Farms, 2551 County Road C2801, Stanton, Midland.

■ "Advanced Imaging for Practitioners" by William W. Symes, 11:30 a.m., UTPB CEED, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. SEG.org. The lecture is part of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists Distinguished Lecturer Program in collaboration with the Permian Basin Geophysical Society.

■ Evening Storytime at the Library, 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Osters Festival spring celebration with Tree of Life Open Circle, 5 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. Seeds can be taken for blessings.

■ Friday Night Fish Fry, 6 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wedley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

■ Karbach Beer Tasting, 6 p.m., Bean and Grape, 3211 W. Wedley Ave.

■ Breakfast for Dinner Pop-Up with food by Bus 22, 7 p.m., Bus 22, 312 N. Colorado St.

■ Sergio Nolasco, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airport Lane. 682-5511.

■ Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m., The Dabur, 1700 Rankin Highway.

■ Bread of Stone, Jason Ferris, 7 p.m., New Life Chapel, 914 N. Texas Ave., Odessa. newlifechapel.com.

■ Cornelia Vega y su Dinastia, Ulises Chelzer, Omar Ruiz, 7 p.m., La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. \$50. haciendamidland.com.

■ Poetry Slam with a cash prize for the winner, 7 p.m., Don's Bistro and Grill, 622 N. Lee Ave., Odessa. \$5.

■ "The Jungle Book" by the Pickett Players, 7:30 p.m., Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wedley Ave. \$28. midlandct.com.

■ Robert Earl Hawn, 8 p.m., Wagner Music Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$29-\$54. wagnermusic.com.

■ Andra Chiang, 8 p.m., First Methodist Midland, 300 N. Main St.



Courtesy photo

Washington STEM Academy fourth-graders help plant 25 trees Thursday morning at Washington Park. The trees were donated by Parsley Energy, whose employees also helped plant. The project, which was underwritten by Parsley, was a partnership between the oil company, Keep Midland Beautiful TreeKeepers, Permian Basin Master Gardeners, the city and the school.

The baritone performs as part of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs annual convention. Concert open to the public.

■ Jarrod Stewart and the Hired Guns, 8 p.m., Riley's Bar, 3421 W. Wall St.

■ Donnie Evetts, 9 p.m., The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

■ Forgotten Road, 9 p.m., Dabur Bar, 1700 Rankin Highway.

■ DJ Widman, 9 p.m., the LIT on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.

■ DJ Davis, 9 p.m., Supanova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive. \$10.

■ American Himes, 9 p.m., Gabby Doo Saloon, 6609 N. Golder Ave., Odessa.

MC offering survival skills course

The Risk Management Institute of Midland College is offering courses to teach the public survival skills for emergencies and active shooter situations. The courses are today from 8 a.m. — noon and 1 — 5 p.m. at the Advanced Technology Center. The college is offering the courses for free because of a donation from Texas Mutual Insurance Co. Pre-registration is required. For more information, visit midland.edu. Additional details about local active shooter preparedness classes will appear in a future Reporter-Telegram story.

City of Midland events

■ District 3 - Tumball Meeting, 8-9 p.m., Tuesday, San Jacinto Junior High, 1400 N. N St.

■ Easter Egg Eggstravaganza, 8-9 p.m., Thursday, Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1415 E. Schaefer Drive.

Today in History

Today's highlight:
On March 23, 1776, Patrick Henry delivered an address to the Virginia Provincial Convention in which he is said to have declared, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

On this date:
In 1933, the German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial powers.

In 1973, before sentencing a group of Watergate break-in defendants, Chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica read aloud a letter he'd received from James W. McCard Jr., which said there was "political pressure" to "plead guilty and remain silent."

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan first proposed developing technology to intercept incoming enemy missiles — an idea that came to be known as the Strategic Defense Initiative.
Source: The Associated Press

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 6-2-6
Pick 3 day: 7-4-2
Pick 3 evening: 2-4-3
Pick 3 night: 9-1-7
Daily 4 morning: 2-4-3-3
Daily 4 day: 9-1-4-0
Daily 4 evening: 2-1-7-4
Daily 4 night: 4-4-0-7
Cash Five: 1-10-11-17-36
Mega Chance: 3-6-12-14-16-18-36-54-55

Texas Two Step: 11-17-22-30
BB: 24
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-4-10-12-13-14-16-18-20-21
All or Nothing day: 3-5-10-11-13-16-19-20-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-4-6-7-8-10-17-19-20-21-22-23
All or Nothing night: 1-2-3-4-6-7-8-9-10-16-22-24

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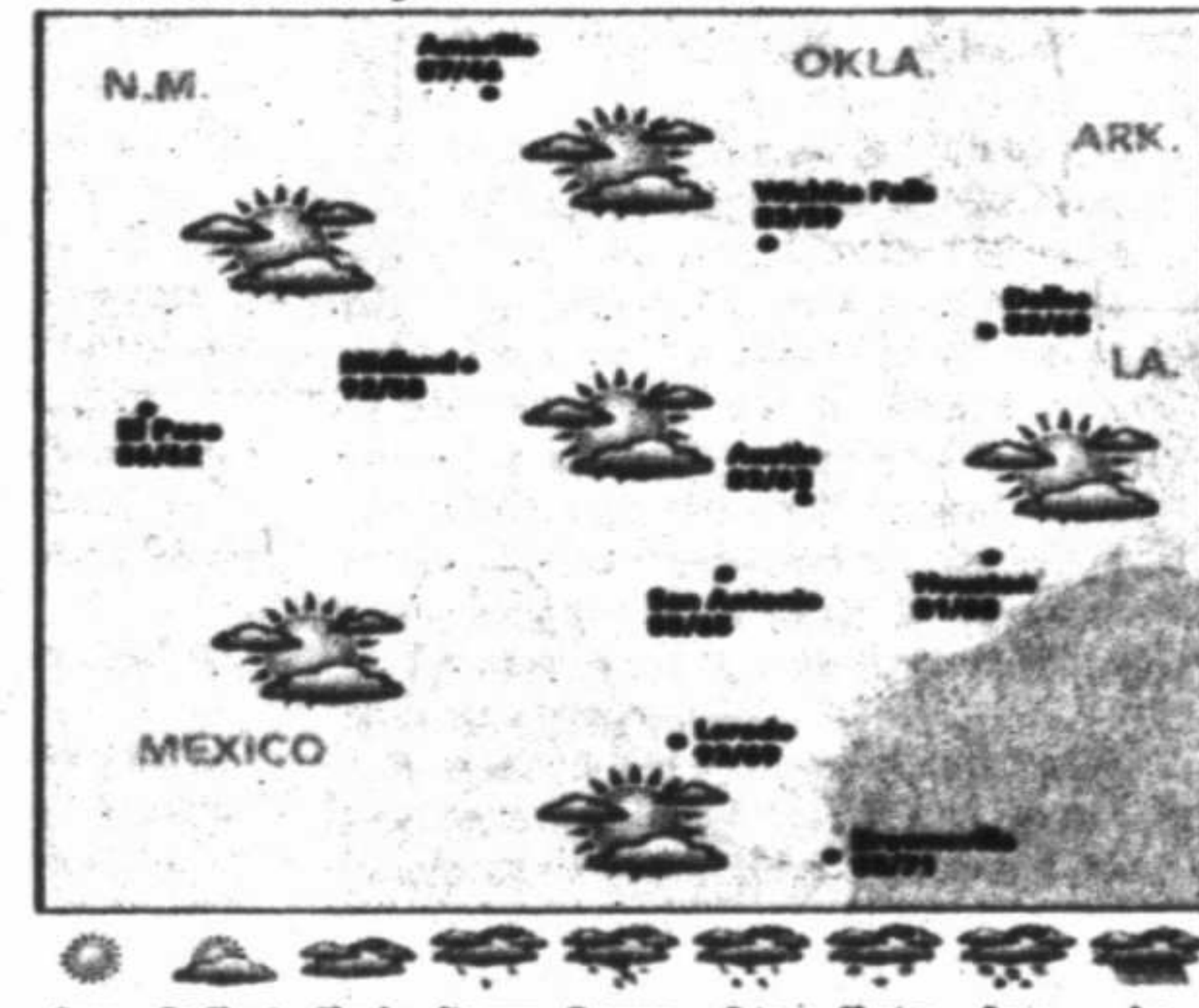
Thursday's temperatures
High: 90
Low: 55
Normal high: 72
Normal low: 42

March 23's records
Record high: 91 set in 2017
Record low: 22 set in 1989

Precipitation
Wednesday: 0.00 in.
Thursday: 0.00 in.
Month total: 0.01 in.
Year total: 0.06 in.
Normal total (year to date): 1.66 in.

Today's forecast
High: 92
Low: 58
Note: The record for March 23 is 90 degrees, set in 2009.
Conditions: Mostly cloudy during the day and night

Forecast for Friday, March 23, 2018



Winds: 15-20 mph (gusts up to 25 mph) during the day/20-25 mph (gusts up to 35 mph) at night
Chance of rain: None

Note: The National Weather Service is calling for a chance of showers and thunderstorms on Monday.
Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March 23, 2018:

This year you want to achieve a long-term goal. You communicate with confidence, yet others often misunderstand you. Learn to confirm key ideas exchanged, meeting places and times. Avoid getting into difficult predicaments with bosses, in-laws and others. If you are single, now through September, you might meet someone special. This person will light up your life. If you are attached, the two of you relate well and enjoy each other. You have your differences, but you learn to respect them. GEMINI makes you laugh and think at the same time!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★☆☆ Listen to what others say, and communicate back with care. Misunderstandings could occur with greater frequency. Be sensitive to others' needs. Avoid a tense situation in your professional life, and enhance your desire to enjoy the weekend.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★☆☆ You might be overwhelmed by what is happening.

A power play or a legal situation could have you on edge. Stay calm, and find someone trained to help you with this issue. Once you speak to the right person, your stress will ease. TWIGHT: A sudden awareness makes you smile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★☆☆ Trust yourself to do whatever is necessary to get past a difficult issue that involves shared finances. You could find as if the other party's determination is likely to wear you down. Surprises occur around certain events. TWIGHT: Go with the moment, and start the weekend well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★☆☆ A friend might suggest that your moodiness attracts strong-willed people. Others seem to want to run the show. Ask yourself if this type of personality works for you. Avoid getting into a power play with a difficult person. You'll need to have patience to win. TWIGHT: Say "yes."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★☆☆ Enthusiasm is on overdrive when you want. You find people to be quite amiable, yet at some point in the day, you could be on a collision course with a partner or co-worker.

Take time to schedule important meetings and meetings. TWIGHT: Join friends, and let your hair down.

VERGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★☆☆ Keep reaching out to someone you respect who could be an authority figure; a boss is a strong possibility. Messages easily might be misinterpreted. A statement meant one way comes off another way. If you can't, calmly ask for clarification. TWIGHT: Just do not stay home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★☆☆ Your curiosity comes out when meeting someone from a different culture. Be careful, as you might not realize how fiery you can be. This person might reward your gestures and words. A family member needs more of your time. TWIGHT: Let someone else call the shots for now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★☆☆ Emphasize your priorities when having an important conversation. You put organiza-

tion into a project. Know that others are grateful. Keep a conversation on an individual level. Smile, and let stress melt away. TWIGHT: A close friend or loved one surprises and delights you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★☆☆ You will be surprised by how much conflict seems to be around you. Try to be more open and responsive to others. You might not agree, but if you can report what you are hearing rather than be critical, you'll make a big step. TWIGHT: Enjoy the people around you to the fullest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★☆☆ You know more about a personal situation than you are sharing. You'll pitch in to make the issue easier. Do not push others too hard — it won't work for you or for them. Avoid being controlling or demanding, and the results will be better. TWIGHT: Spend time with a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★☆☆ You might hit a jolt at some point in the day. You could be involved in a tense situation. The other person is into having control. Ignore this person's power play. Go off and make plans that will delight you. You could hear some surprising news. TWIGHT: Be naughty and nice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★☆☆ You might not be as confident as you would like to be. Expect a problem to arise with a family member. The issue might be new, but the contentious tone of this person is not. Seek out different ideas as to how to handle this matter. TWIGHT: Invite a couple of friends over.

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House intelligence panel votes to approve GOP report

By Karoun Demirjian
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The House Intelligence Committee voted Thursday to approve a GOP-authored report stating there is no evidence President Trump or his affiliates colluded with the Russian government during the 2016 U.S. election.

"It went through," Rep. Mike Conaway, who has been running the panel's Russia investigation, said while exiting the committee's secure facilities on Capitol Hill. Neither he nor any of the other panel members would offer additional details about the report or the committee's vote.

While the vote ends the Russia probe for the committee's GOP major-

ity, it only stoked the fury of Democrats, who have denounced their colleagues' findings. The document also criticizes the U.S. intelligence community's assessment that Russia sought to help Trump win the presidency.

The panel voted in secret session to adopt the report, which will have to be sent to the intelligence community to have classified information redacted before it can be released to the public. The panel's top Democrat, Rep. Adam Schiff of California, complained that the GOP insisted on holding the meeting in a secret session, which, he said afterward, was not the practice when the committee voted to release other documents pending declassification.

The transcripts of those meetings were later published.

Democrats, who opposed adoption of the report, have accused Republicans of prematurely shuttering the committee's year-long Russia investigation and willfully disregarding evidence, they argue, that demonstrates there was collusion.

"This is not how you run an investigation," Schiff said in his opening remarks, according to a statement he later released to the media. "This is how you hobble an investigation."

Schiff said that Democrats made more than a dozen motions during the meeting attempting to issue subpoenas for various witnesses and hold former White House strategist Stephen Bannon in contempt for not fully complying with the committee's subpoena to answer its questions. All of those motions were denied.

US Sen. John Cornyn's gun background check bill added to government funding measure

■ The bill would hold government agencies accountable for failing to properly document individuals' criminal histories in the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

By Cassandra Pollock
Texas Tribune

Legislation by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, to strengthen the criminal gun background check system has been tacked onto a massive spending bill lawmakers are rushing to pass by tonight to avoid another federal government shutdown.

The legislation, known as the "Fix NICS Act", was co-authored by Cornyn and Democratic U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut after the Sutherland Springs shooting in November that killed more than two dozen people. After the bill stalled in the upper chamber despite dozens of senators backing the legislation, Cornyn's office announced earlier this month — in the aftermath of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida — that he had enough support to push it forward without the possibility of a filibuster.

The bill would hold government agencies accountable for failing to properly document individuals' criminal histories in the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System. As of Tuesday,

Cornyn's office said, the legislation had 77 co-sponsors in the Senate.

"The calls from the American people to address gun violence in our schools and communities have been deafening, and I'm grateful we'll soon get that chance," said Cornyn in a released statement late Tuesday. "Fixing the background check system will help save lives and reduce the likelihood of what occurred in Parkland and Sutherland Springs from happening again."

The NICS database, which is handled by the FBI, landed on the public's radar last fall after a former U.S. Air Force airman opened fire at a rural Texas church, killing 26. The Air Force said after the shooting that it failed to report the gunman's history of domestic assault to the database — information that should have prevented him from buying a gun.

Cornyn's legislation would require federal agencies and states to come up with plans to ensure information is properly reported to the database. The bill, which would set aside resources to help those agencies do so, would also create a system of incentives and penalties for agencies who comply or fail to do so.

The House on Thursday passed the \$1.3 trillion funding measure, which also includes increased military spending pushed by Texas' Mac Thornberry of Clarendon, among other things. The legislation is expected to see passage in the Senate today or over the weekend.

Ad business at stake, Facebook takes baby steps on privacy

By Barbara Ortutay and Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Engulfed in a scandal over its users' privacy, Facebook has opted to take little more than baby steps to fix the problem.

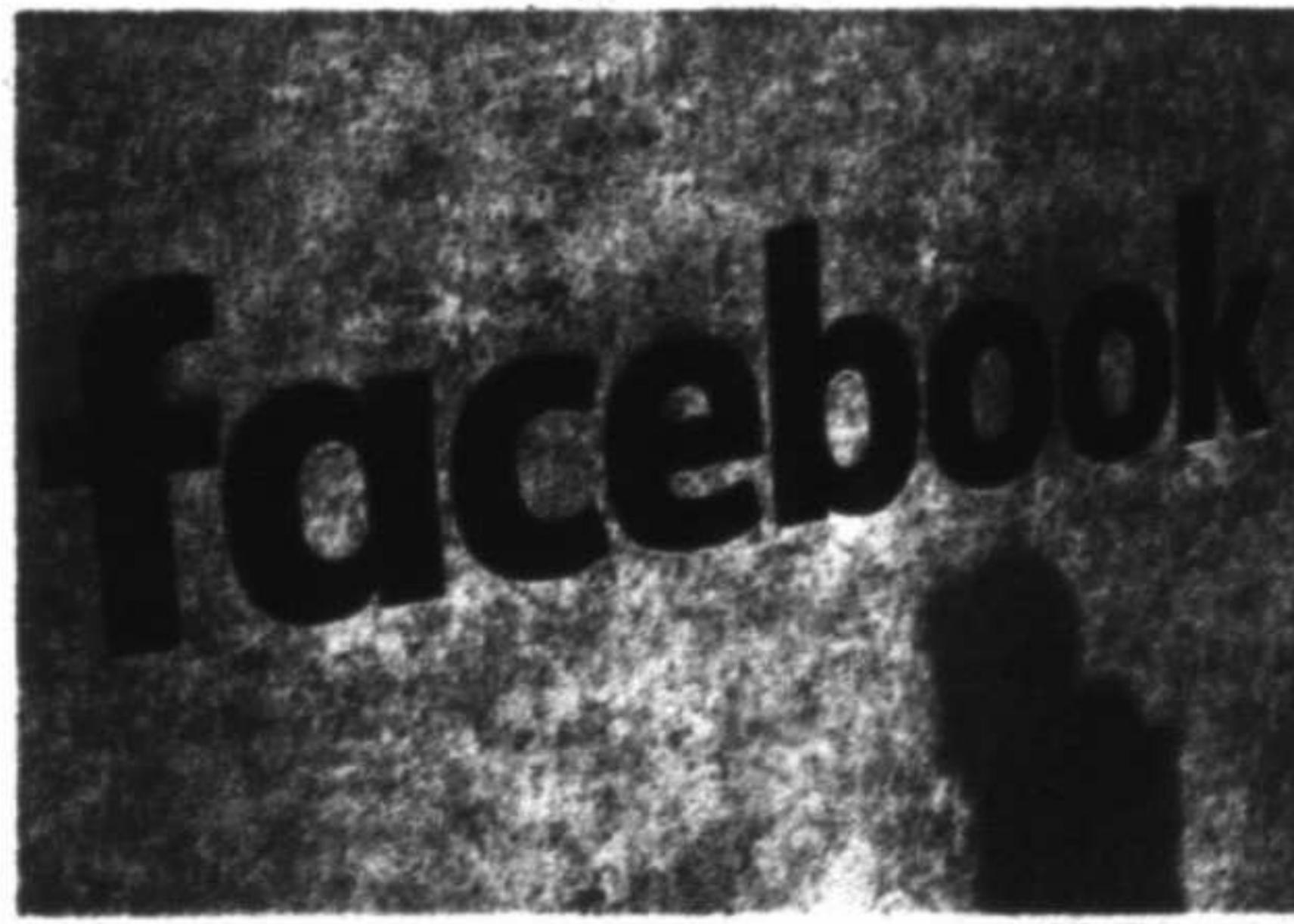
From the company's perspective, that makes perfect sense. Stronger safeguards on user data might damage Facebook's core business: using what it knows about you to sell ads that target your interests.

Facebook is proposing only narrow countermeasures that address the specifics of the furor over Cambridge Analytica, a political consulting firm that worked for Donald Trump's campaign and is accused of improperly obtaining data from some 50 million Facebook users for the purpose of influencing voters.

Those measures, announced Wednesday by CEO Mark Zuckerberg, mostly involve new limits on what Facebook apps can do with the user data they collect. One such limit: apps were central to the Cambridge Analytica debacle.

But those steps don't get at what many outsiders see as bigger problems at Facebook: its rampant data collection from users, its embrace of political ads that target individuals and small demographic groups with precision, and its apparent inability to end malicious use of its service by governments, shady corporations and criminal elements.

"They're taking very small and creating the illusion of



A Facebook logo being displayed Jan. 17, 2017, in a start-up companies gathering at Paris' Station F, in Paris.

trust," said Scott Galloway, a New York University professor of marketing. But by focusing on the mechanics of how apps work on its service, he said, Facebook is failing to take meaningful action to ensure it's not "weaponized" by scammers, manipulators and other nefarious types.

Ultimately, Facebook is a data-collection company and without user data, it would wither and die. But how much data it sucks in, and what it does with it, is a question of major public importance — one that touches on the health of democracy itself, privacy advocates say.

It's just not a question that Facebook itself shows any sign of wanting to address. Facebook made \$40 billion in advertising revenue last year, and that's expected to rise 22 percent this year to \$49 billion, according to research firm eMarketer. Wall Street analysts who follow Facebook don't even wonder yet, despite the deep dip in the company's stock

this week. That's because analysts don't expect the company to have to change the way it does business.

Like its closest rival Google, Facebook offers companies an unparalleled way to target people for advertising, right down to their most granular details. These companies can, for instance, single out users who live in Kansas and have listed Bernie Sanders and same-sex marriage as their interests — which is exactly what some Russian-linked ads did as part of a propaganda campaign during the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign.

Meanwhile, apps — from personality quizzes to games (remember "Farm Heroes") — have been able to harvest user information since 2007, when Facebook opened its service to outside developers. Facebook has since restricted what types of data apps could access, notably in 2014, but as the Cambridge Analytica debacle shows, loopholes remained.



J. Scott Applewhite/Associated Press

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, R-Wis., joined by House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry, right, speaks Thursday about the massive government spending bill moving through Congress, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

House OKs compromise \$1.3 trillion budget bill, Senate next

By Andrew Taylor and Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House easily approved a bipartisan \$1.3 trillion spending bill Thursday that pours huge sums into Pentagon programs and domestic initiatives ranging from building roads to combatting the nation's opioid abuse crisis, but left Congress in stalemate over shielding young Dreamer immigrants from deportation and curbing surging health insurance premiums.

The vote was 256-167, a one-sided tally that underscored the popularity of a budget deal among party leaders that provided enough money to address many of both sides' priorities. Further highlighting how eager lawmakers were to claim victories, the House approved the 2,232-page package — which stood around a foot tall on some legislators' desks — less than 17 hours after negotiators released it publicly.

The next step was Senate passage, which was assured.

But it was possible some Republican senators critical of the bill's spending could delay its approval until after midnight Friday night. If that occurred, that would prompt the year's third federal shutdown, an event that was sure to be brief but would still embarrass a GOP that controls the White House and Congress.

The White House said President Donald Trump supported the legislation, even though he tweeted Wednesday that he "had to waste money on Dem giveaways" on domestic programs to win increases for the military.

Congressional Republicans focused on the bill's defense increases.

"Vote yes for our military. Vote yes for the safety and the security of this country," said House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis.

Democrats touted spending boosts on biomedical research, child care and infrastructure projects. And Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., attributed part of the House's hasty work on the measure to GOP fears of being stuck in Washington on Saturday, when huge throngs of students and others are expected to demonstrate in support of gun curbs.

"They just don't want to be around when the young people come to town," Pelosi said.

Some Republicans were opposing the measure because of what they considered excessive spending. Some Democrats were opposed because it lacked language renewing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA. Trump has ended DACA, which temporarily lets some young immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children stay in the U.S.

The bill would deprive Trump of some of his border wall money and take only incremental steps to address gun violence. It also would substantially increase the federal deficit.

Also missing was a renewal of federal subsidies to insurers aimed at curbing the relentless growth of premiums. Trump ended some of those payments as part of his effort to scuttle President Barack Obama's health care law. A bipartisan effort to restore them and add additional help for carriers fundered over several disagreements including how tight abortion restrictions on using the money should be.

On guns, leaders agreed to tuck in bipartisan provisions to bolster school safety funds and improve compliance with the criminal background check system for firearm purchases. The bill states that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention can do research on gun violence, though not advocacy, an idea Democrats pushed.

Democrats temporarily shut down the government earlier this year as they fought for protecting the Dreamers. But the issue only rose to a discussion item when Trump made a late-hour push for a deal in exchange for \$25 billion in border wall funds.

Instead, Trump is now poised to win \$1.6 billion for barriers along the border. The White House said it plans to use one of the prototypes the president recently visited in California for a 14-mile segment in San Diego. But it is not clear they can be used elsewhere, because of restrictions in the bill. Less than half the nearly 95 miles of border construction, including levees along the Rio Grande in Texas, would be for new barriers, with the rest for repair of existing segments.

In one win for immigrant advocates, negotiators rejected Trump's plans to hire hundreds of new Border Patrol and immigration enforcement agents.

Both parties touted \$4.6 billion in total funding to fight the nation's opioid addiction epidemic, a \$3 billion increase. More than \$2 billion would go to strengthen school safety through grants for training, security measures and treatment for the mentally ill. Medical research at the National Institutes of Health, a longstanding bipartisan priority, would receive a record \$3 billion increase to \$37 billion. Funding was also included for election security ahead of the 2018 midterms.

Child care and development block grants would receive a huge \$2.4 billion increase to \$5.2 billion. And an Obama-era transportation grant program known as TIGER would see its budget tripled to \$1.5 billion. Head Start for preschoolers would get a \$610 million boost, while an additional \$2.4 billion would go for child care grants.

Prosecutor: Kansas militia members wanted to kill immigrants

By Roxana Hegeman
Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Three militia members plotted for months to blow up an apartment complex housing Somali immigrants in western Kansas, saying that they wanted to "exterminate cockroaches," a federal prosecutor said Thursday at the start of their trial.

Gavin Wright, Patrick Stein and Curtis Allen are charged with conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction to detonate truck bombs in the metropolitan area of Garden City, 220 miles west of Wichita. Stein also faces weapons-related charges and Wright has an additional charge of lying to the FBI.

"Defendants wanted to send the message Muslims are not welcomed here — not in Garden City, not in Kansas, not in America," prosecutor Ryan Baskover said in her opening statement.

The three men were indicted in October 2016 after a militia member, Tim Day,

became alarmed and contacted the FBI. He agreed to wear a wire and recorded profanity-laced conversations among the men that led to their arrest.

The government plans to present evidence that the men manufactured homemade explosives and tested them. It also plans to present testimony showing the men tried to recruit other members of the Kansas Security Force to join them, and warned them not to tip off law enforcement about the plan. Some militia members will testify they didn't like Muslims but refused to join the plan to kill people.

Attorneys for the defense said the FBI set up the men with a paid informant and all the talk about violence wasn't serious. They said that the men had a right to free speech and association under the Constitution. The FBI acknowledges it paid Day more than \$32,000 for expenses including a used vehicle after his brother died.

"This case will challenge your understanding and your thoughts of the

Constitution," attorney Richard Federico told the jury, acknowledging some of what they will hear during the trial will offend them.

"And that's OK — hatred is not a crime in this country," he said.

Another defense attorney, Jim Pratt, said the alleged crimes occurred during a heated presidential election campaign that had split the country, and that the media fed this with sensational reporting. He said conservative media outlets reported that President Barack Obama was letting refugees who had not been vetted into the country, and liberal media outlets reported that then-Republican nominee Donald Trump was going to kick immigrants out of the country.

"He's ruled the day and the night," Pratt said. He said the militia members were simply talking about these politically-charged issues at the time.

"The FBI, rather than try to calm these fears, fanned them and influenced them through (informant) Dan Day," Pratt said.

But prosecutor Baskover said it wasn't just talk. "The evidence will show that these weren't just words," Baskover said. "These hours of planning were not just talk. It was action."

Trump orders huge tariffs on China, raises trade war worries

By Ken Thomas and Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Primed for economic combat, President Donald Trump set in motion tariffs on as much as \$60 billion in Chinese imports to the U.S. on Thursday and accused the Chinese of high-tech thievery, picking a fight that could push the global heavyweights into a trade war.

China threatened retaliation, and Wall Street cringed, recording one of the biggest drops of Trump's presidency. But he declared the U.S. would emerge "much stronger, much richer."

It was the boldest example to date of Trump's "America first" agenda, the culmination of his long-standing view that weak U.S. trade policies and enforcement have hollowed out the nation's workforce and ballooned the federal deficit. Two weeks ago, with fanfare, he announced major penalty tariffs on steel and aluminum imports that he said threatened national security.

However, even as Trump was talking tough at the White House, his administration moved to soften the sting of the metal tariffs, telling Congress on Thursday that the European Union, Australia, South Korea and other nations would join Canada and Mexico in gaining an initial exemption. And that raised questions about whether his actions will match his rhetoric.

China isn't shrugging him off. "If somebody tries to impose a trade war on us ... we will certainly fight back and retaliate," said Cui Tiankai, Chinese ambassador to the U.S. "If people want to play tough, we will play tough with them and see who will last longer."

At home, investors on Wall Street showed their rising concern about retaliation and business-stifling cost increases for companies and consumers. The Dow Jones industrial average plunged 724 points.

Trump himself, joined by supportive business executives, complained bitterly about the nation's trade deficit and accused China of stealing America's prized technology.

"Any way you look at it, it is the largest deficit of any country in the history of our world. It's out of control," Trump said of the U.S.-China imbalance. The U.S. reported a \$375 billion deficit with China last year, which Trump has blamed for the loss of American jobs and closing of plants.

The president said the tariffs could cover "about \$60 billion" in trade with China, but senior White House officials said the U.S. Trade Representative had identified 1,300 product lines worth about \$50 billion as potential targets.

That list will include aerospace, information and communication technology, and machinery, according to a USTR fact sheet. But further details were scant.

The order signed by Trump directed the trade representative to publish a list of proposed tariffs for public comment within 15 days. Trump also asked Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to come up with a list of restrictions on Chinese investment and said the administration was preparing a case before the World Trade Organization.

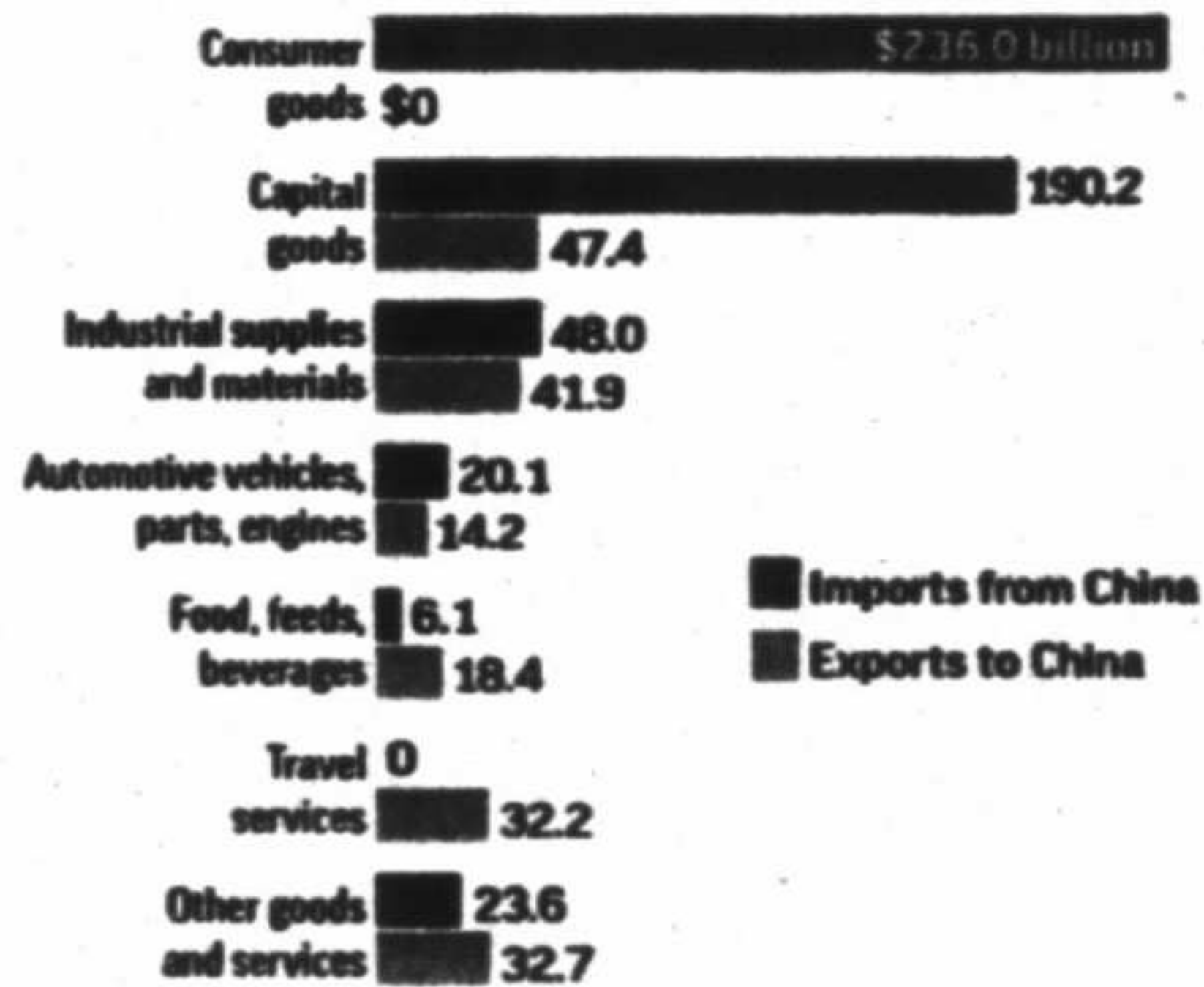
Despite Trump's confident words, business groups and Republican lawmakers are worried his tariffs could undercut actions they have welcomed in his first year.

"The vast majority of our members are very concerned that these trade actions will at a minimum undermine the strong business confidence that has been created by the tax and regulatory process," said Josh Bessen, president and CEO of the Business Roundtable. "And if it's taken to an extreme, it will reverse that process."

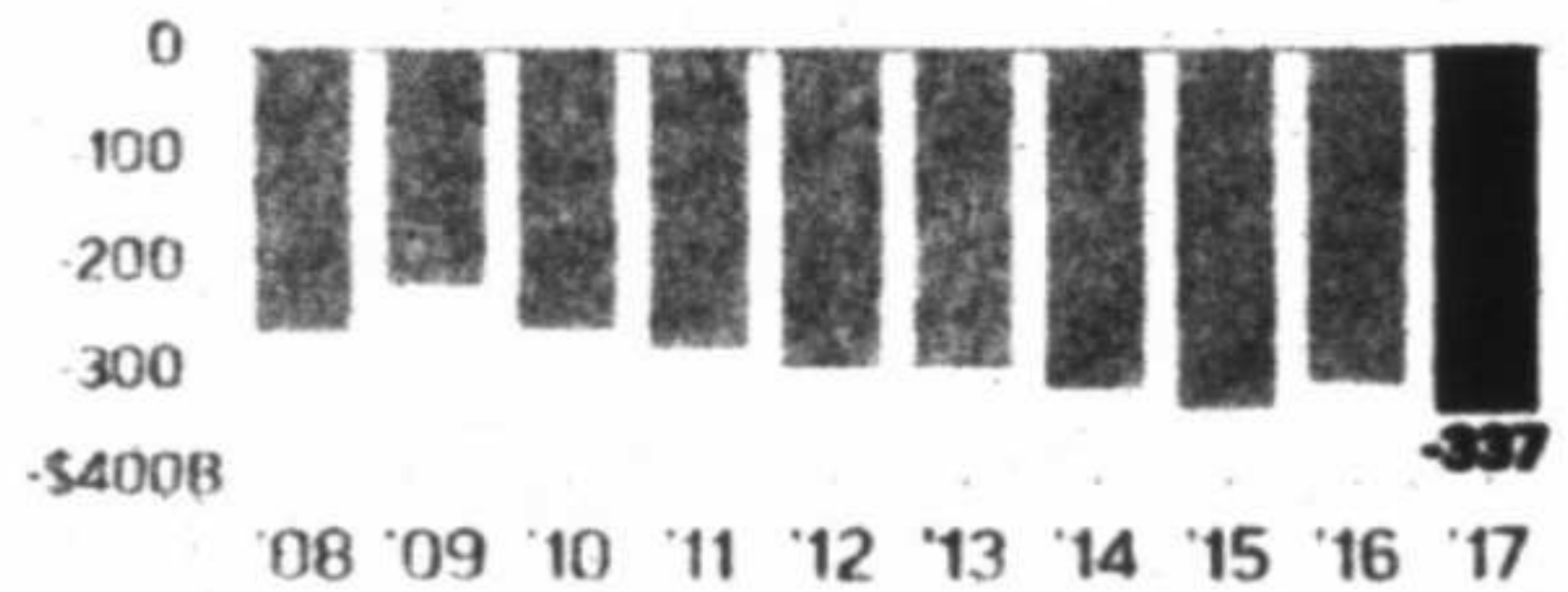
Dozens of industry groups sent a letter last weekend to Trump warning that "the impact

US-China trade imbalance

U.S. imports from/exports to China by type in 2017:



Annual U.S. trade deficit with China (in billions of dollars):



SOURCE: Commerce Department

tion of sweeping tariffs would trigger a chain reaction of negative consequences for the U.S. economy, provoking retaliation, stifling U.S. agriculture, goods, and services exports, and raising costs for businesses and consumers."

Kansas Sen. Pat Roberts, Republican chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, suggested lawmakers may need to consider what he called a "Trump Tariff Payment" to compensate farmers if their crops face retaliation.

But some labor unions and Democrats said Trump was justified in delivering a swift blow to China after years of a lax response from the U.S.

"Chinese cheating has cost American jobs, and I applaud the administration for standing firm in its commitment to crack down on China's continued violations," said Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio.

Thursday's announcement marked the end of a seven-month investigation into the hardball tactics China has used to challenge U.S. supremacy in technology, including the U.S. says, dispatching hackers to steal commercial secrets and demanding that U.S. companies hand over trade secrets in exchange for access to the Chinese market.

Business groups mostly agree that something needs to be done about China's aggressive push in technology, but they worry that China will retaliate by targeting U.S. exports of aircraft, soybeans and other products and start a tit-for-tat trade war of escalating sanctions between the world's two biggest economies.

"China has been trying to cool things down for weeks. They have offered concessions," said Mary Lovely, a Syracuse University economist and senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International

Economics. "I fear they will take a hard line now that their efforts have been rebuffed. ... China cannot appear subservient to the U.S."

The move against China comes just as the United States prepares to impose tariffs of 25 percent on imported steel and 10 percent on aluminum — sanctions that are meant to hit China for flooding the world with cheap steel and aluminum.

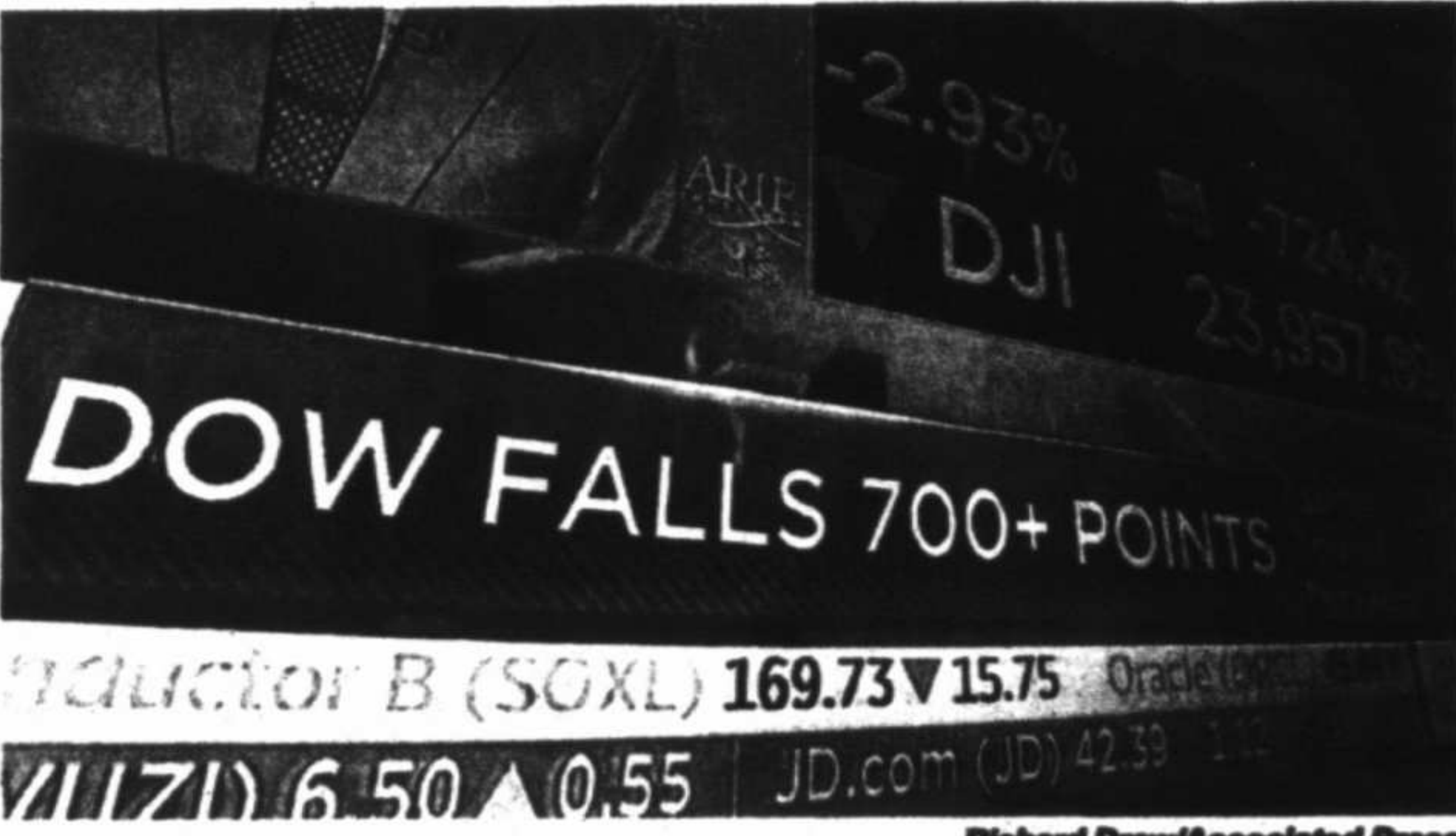
Trump campaigned on promises to bring down America's massive trade deficit — \$566 billion last year — by rewriting trade agreements and cracking down on what he called abusive practices by U.S. trading partners. The president said Thursday, "It's probably one of the reasons I was elected, maybe one of the main reasons."

But he has been slow to turn rhetoric to action. In January, he did impose tariffs on imported solar panels and washing machines. Then he unveiled the steel and aluminum tariffs, saying reliance on imported metals jeopardizes U.S. national security.

To target China, Trump dusted off a Cold War weapon for trade disputes: Section 301 of the U.S. Trade Act of 1974, which lets the president unilaterally impose tariffs. It was meant for a world in which large swaths of global commerce were not covered by trade agreements. With the arrival in 1995 of the World Trade Organization, Section 301 fell largely into disuse.

Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping enjoyed an amiable summit nearly a year ago at Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida. But America's longstanding complaints continued to simmer.

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang this week urged Washington to act "rationally" and promised to open China up to more foreign products and investment.



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A television screen on the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange shows the closing number for the Dow Jones industrial average Thursday. Stocks plunged, sending the Dow Jones industrial down more than 700 points, as investors feared that trade tensions will spike between the U.S. and China.

Stocks dive after China sanctions

By Marley Jay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks plunged Thursday after the Trump administration slapped sanctions on goods and investment from China. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped more than 700 points as investors feared that trade tensions between the world's largest economies would escalate.

The planned sanctions include tariffs on \$48 billion worth of Chinese imports as well as restrictions on Chinese investments.

Trump said he's taking those steps in response to theft of American technology, and the Chinese government said it will defend itself. Investors are worried that trade tensions would hurt U.S. companies and harm the world economy.

On Thursday, they fled stocks and bought bonds, which sent bond prices higher and yields lower. With interest rates falling, banks took some of the worst losses. Technology and industrial companies, basic materials makers and health care companies also fell sharply.

Peter Donisani, an investment strategy analyst for the Wells Fargo Investment Institute, said the risk of a damaging trade war is still low because the Trump administration is targeting specific goods that aren't central to China's economy. That could change if it puts tariffs on products like electronics or appliances imported from China.

"If the Trump administration really wanted to hurt China and start a trade war, then they would go after those larger sectors," he said. Still, Donisani said that after last year's rally, investors are looking for new reasons to feel optimistic about stocks. With trade tensions in focus over the last month, they've had trouble finding any.

The S&P 500 index skidded 68.24 points, or 2.5 percent, to 2,643.69. The Dow Jones industrial average sank 724.42 points, or 2.9 percent, to 23,957.89. The Nasdaq composite gave up 178.61 points, or 2.4 percent, to 7,166.68. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks lost 35.43 points, or 2.2 percent, to 1,543.87. Construction equipment maker Caterpillar fell

\$8.90, or 5.7 percent, to \$146.90, for its worst loss since mid-2016. Aerospace company Boeing slid \$17.49, or 5.2 percent, to \$319.61.

Investors also sold some of the market's biggest recent winners. Among technology companies, Microsoft fell \$2.69, or 2.9 percent, to \$89.79 and Alphabet, Google's parent company, fell \$40.85, or 3.7 percent, to \$1,053.15. Online retailer Amazon slid \$36.94, or 2.3 percent, to \$1,544.92.

Earlier this month the Trump administration ordered tariffs on imported steel and aluminum, and stocks dropped as investors worried about the possibility of tougher restrictions on international trade and smaller profits for corporations.

Their fears eased when the administration said some countries will be exempt from the tariffs. That continued Thursday, as U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said the tariffs won't apply to the European Union, Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil and Australia.

Donisani, of Wells Fargo, said the Trump administration isn't hostile to trade necessarily, but wants to get other countries to revise the terms of America's trade deals.

"This is probably intended to get China to get more serious in discussions around violations of intellectual property rights and addressing those issues," he said.

Bond prices climbed, sending yields lower. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note slipped to 2.82 percent from 2.88 percent. Falling bond yields are bad for banks because they force interest rates on loans lower. Bank of America lost \$1.32, or 4.1 percent, to \$30.55 and JPMorgan Chase gave up \$4.79, or 4.2 percent, to \$109.95.

Utility companies and real estate investment

trusts moved higher. When bond yields decline, investors often bid up those stocks and others that pay big dividends.

The decline in rates comes a day after the Federal Reserve raised interest rates and said the U.S. economy and the job market continued to improve over the last two months. The Fed expects to raise rates three times this year, although some investors think a fourth increase is possible. The Fed also said it might raise rates three more times next year instead of two.

Overseas markets closed mostly lower. Germany's DAX lost 1.7 percent and the CAC 40 in France shed 1.4 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 dropped 1.2 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng dropped 1.1 percent. The Nikkei 225 in Japan index gained 1 percent and the South Korean Kospi added 0.4 percent.

AbbVie plunged after it reported disappointing results from a study of its cancer therapy Rova-T. AbbVie canceled its plans to ask for faster approval of Rova-T as a treatment for small-cell lung cancer, but other studies are continuing. AbbVie shed \$14.35, or 12.8 percent, to \$98.10. Other health care stocks also sank.

Benchmark U.S. crude oil shed 87 cents, or 1.3 percent, to \$64.30 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 56 cents, or 0.8 percent, to \$68.91 a barrel in London.

Wholesale gasoline remained at \$2.01 a gallon. Heating oil lost 1 cent to \$1.99 a gallon. Natural gas lost 3 cents to \$2.62 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Gold edged up \$5.90 to \$1,327.40 an ounce. Silver fell 3 cents to \$16.39 an ounce. Copper lost 4 cents to \$3.02 a pound.

The dollar fell to 105.61 yen from 106.10 yen. The euro rose to \$1.2307 from \$1.2332.

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Conservative Christians stick with Trump

■ Trump has done more in his first year in office to protect life and religious freedoms than any modern president

As "60 Minutes" prepares to air its interview with adult-film actress Stormy Daniels, conservative Christians are being accused of hypocrisy. How can so-called "values voters" continue to stand with President Trump despite revelations that he allegedly had affairs with a porn star and a Playboy model, and paid them for their silence?

No doubt some Christian leaders have gone too far in rationalizing Trump's past personal behavior and excusing his offensive comments while in office. He is a deeply flawed man. But Trump does have one moral quality that deserves admiration: He keeps his promises.

During the 2016 campaign, Trump pledged to defend religious liberty, stand up for unborn life and appoint conservative justices to the Supreme Court and federal appeals courts. And he has done exactly what he promised. The abortion-rights lobby NARAL complains that Trump has been "relentless" on these fronts, declaring his administration "the worst ... that we've ever seen." That is more important to most Christian conservatives than what the president may have done with a porn actress more than 10 years ago.

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Trump's election came as religious liberty was under unprecedented attack. The Obama administration was trying to force the Little Sisters of the Poor to violate their religious conscience and facilitate payment for abortifacient drugs and other contraceptives. During oral arguments in the Obergefell v. Hodges case, President Barack Obama's solicitor general told the Supreme Court that churches and universities could lose their tax-exempt status if they opposed same-sex marriage.

Hillary Clinton promised to escalate those attacks. In 2015, she declared at the Women in the World Summit that "religious beliefs ... have to be changed" — perhaps the most radical threat to religious liberty ever delivered by a major presidential candidate. Had Clinton won, she would have replaced the late conservative Justice Antonin Scalia with a liberal jurist, giving the Supreme Court a liberal judicial-activist majority.

The impact would have been immediate, as the court prepares to decide two cases crucial to religious liberty. In Masterpiece

Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission, the court will soon determine whether the government can compel a U.S. citizen to violate his conscience and participate in speech that violates his sincerely held religious beliefs. In National Institute of Family Life Advocates v. Becerra, the court will decide whether the state of California can compel pro-life crisis pregnancy centers to advertise access to abortion to their clients, in violation of their conscience. Those cases are being heard not by five liberals, but five conservatives, including Justice Neil M. Gorsuch — because Trump kept his promise to "appoint justices to the Supreme Court who will strictly interpret the Constitution and not legislate from the bench."

The president is moving at record pace to fill the federal appeals courts with young conservative judges who will protect life and religious freedom for decades. He also fulfilled his promise to defend the Little Sisters from government bullying, by expanding the religious and conscience exemption to the Obamacare contraception mandate to cover both non-profit and for-profit organizations.

Trump ordered the creation of the Conscience and Religious Freedom Division at the Department of Health and Human Services to protect the civil rights of doctors, nurses and other health-care workers who refuse to take part in procedures such as abortion, reversing an Obama-era policy that required them to do so. And

his Justice Department issued 25-page guidance to federal agencies instructing them to protect the religious liberty in the execution of federal law.

While Clinton promised to repeal the Hyde Amendment barring federal funds for abortion, Trump has been a pro-life champion. He became the first president to address the March for Life when he spoke by satellite video from the White House's Rose Garden. He reinstated and expanded the "Mexico City policy" — which prohibits U.S. foreign aid from going to groups that perform or promote abortion. He signed legislation overturning an Obama-era regulation that prohibited states from defunding abortion service providers.

Indeed, Trump has arguably done more in his first year in office to protect life and religious freedom than any modern president. Little wonder that religious conservatives stick with him despite the Daniels revelations. This is not to say that Christians don't think a culture of fidelity is important. But the culture of life is important, too. So is a culture that is welcoming to religious believers rather than waging war on them.

No one upholds Trump as moral exemplar. He is not the most religious president we have ever had, but he may be the most pro-religion president. Christian conservatives are judging Trump not by his faith, but by his works. And when it comes to life and liberty, his works are good.

OUR VIEW

Community should respond to MISD's school-quality survey

Midland ISD parents and employees, the school district needs your help. MISD has partnered with an independent research and communications firm to administer a school-quality survey, which is open to all parents, school employees and students in grades four through 12.

Parents and employees were emailed a personal invitation and survey link, according to the district. Please check to make sure you have received the link, and if you have, take the few minutes required to answer the questions. If the district does not have a valid email address on file, parents can also take the survey at <http://tiny.cc/midlandisparents>.

This is an opportunity for parents and employees to provide their two cents about how the school district is doing. Good or bad, the district needs your feedback. The community needs your feedback. There has been too much work happening in Midland when it comes to education for those involved with MISD to sit it out. If district leaders don't know what is working well or what isn't working as well, then it becomes harder for them to react.

The survey takes a look at school quality, specifically academic support, student support, school leadership, family involvement opportunities and safety. There is also an opportunity at the end of the survey to share your thoughts about your family's experiences with Midland ISD.

If you have an opinion about anything — from academic expectations to availability and responsiveness of officials on campus to safety to bullying or discipline — take part in the survey. We have been told it can be completed in less than 10 minutes.

Midland ISD did a similar survey two years ago with the same company for district-level and campus-level information. The district received 29,482 responses. It should be noted a person could respond more than once depending on the number of children they have attending MISD.

We also hope those with students in the district encourage their children (in grades four through 12) to take the survey at school. MISD officials said student responses will be confidential, so they can offer their view on what the campus and the school district is offering them.

If you need another reason to complete the survey, here it is: The survey will cost the district — and therefore you — \$20,700. You are paying for it whether the district receives one response or 30,000.

The survey is open through April 6. For the process to matter, your participation is needed.

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Trump is guilty even if proved innocent

■ Nation needs to know a lot more about the people who seem bent on destroying democratic institutions in order to keep Trump from doing it

It's insane, it's egregious and it's another spurious step in justifying the impeachment of President Donald Trump: all this talk about how he forced the firing of former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe. But wait. I see a cure. Those who come to such conclusions should take a beginners' course in comprehending public events.

In the classroom, if they would stay quiet, a teacher could say they should put facts before venomous prejudices, and here they are:

The Justice Department's independent inspector general looked into possible missteps by McCabe when the FBI was inquiring into Hillary Clinton's emails and family foundation. He then sent a report to the FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility, a group made up of career officials whose job is to maintain FBI integrity through discipline if necessary.

After studying the evidence, the office said McCabe authorized illicit leaks to a reporter and also, under oath, was not candid with investigators. The office urged Attorney General Jeff Sessions to fire him and he did his duty. The teacher could note that it was then that the students had screeched about America tumbling down because Donald the Hideous had struck again. To see if they were at last catching on, a test could be administered with the following questions.

Was the inspector general — appointed by President Barack Obama — acting on his own or in accordance with Trump tweets? Is he a liar and a fraud? Did the Office of Professional Responsibility become irresponsible, failing to study the report or make an honest, informed judgment? Do these officials themselves lack integrity? Would Sessions have been doing his job if he had ignored the report?

The answers to all of this should be obvious to anyone with a reasonably balanced mind — even though it is also obvious that Trump is an uncouth Twitter fanatic. He has gone after McCabe incessantly and happily did it again after the firing, also slandering former FBI Director James Comey. He shouldn't have, but maybe McCabe should not have then defended himself the way he did.

JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service

McCabe argued that there was nothing wrong with his overseeing FBI discussions with the press and that Comey, then his boss, knew about it. The thing is, Comey once told interrogators at a congressional hearing that he never authorized anything like that and this could make it look like he was perjuring himself. Comey may already be in trouble because of leaking what could have been classified information concerning discussions with Trump and also the way in which he intervened in the Clinton email scandal.

McCabe, meanwhile, is said to have had a conflict of interest thanks to his wife being a politician who got donations from a Clinton ally. There are now news accounts saying he may have strangely postponed letting Comey know about the FBI looking into Clinton emails found on the laptop of Anthony Weiner, the husband of Clinton's top aide, Huma Abedin.

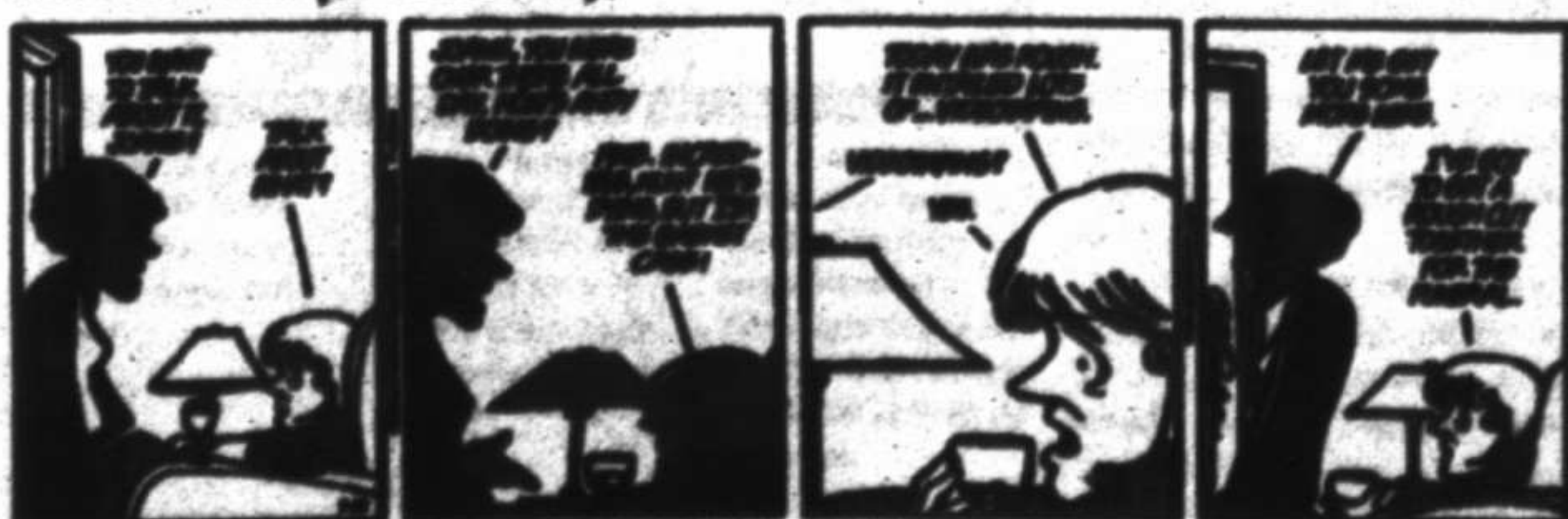
We also know that the Clinton campaign paid for a former British spy to get unverified dirt on Trump from Russian contacts and that it was used by the FBI in helping to get legal permission to spy on someone who had been a Trump campaign assistant. At the same time, there has been an unprecedented barrage of leaks of classified information from intelligence agencies about supposed Trump transgressions.

Right now, so very, very much is up in the air, and the last thing Trump should do is interfere in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of his possibly doing what the Clinton campaign did: collude with the Russians. Whatever Mueller finds or does not find, we need to know about it, and we also need to know a lot more about all of these people, including government actors, who seem bent on destroying our democratic institutions in order to keep Trump from doing it.

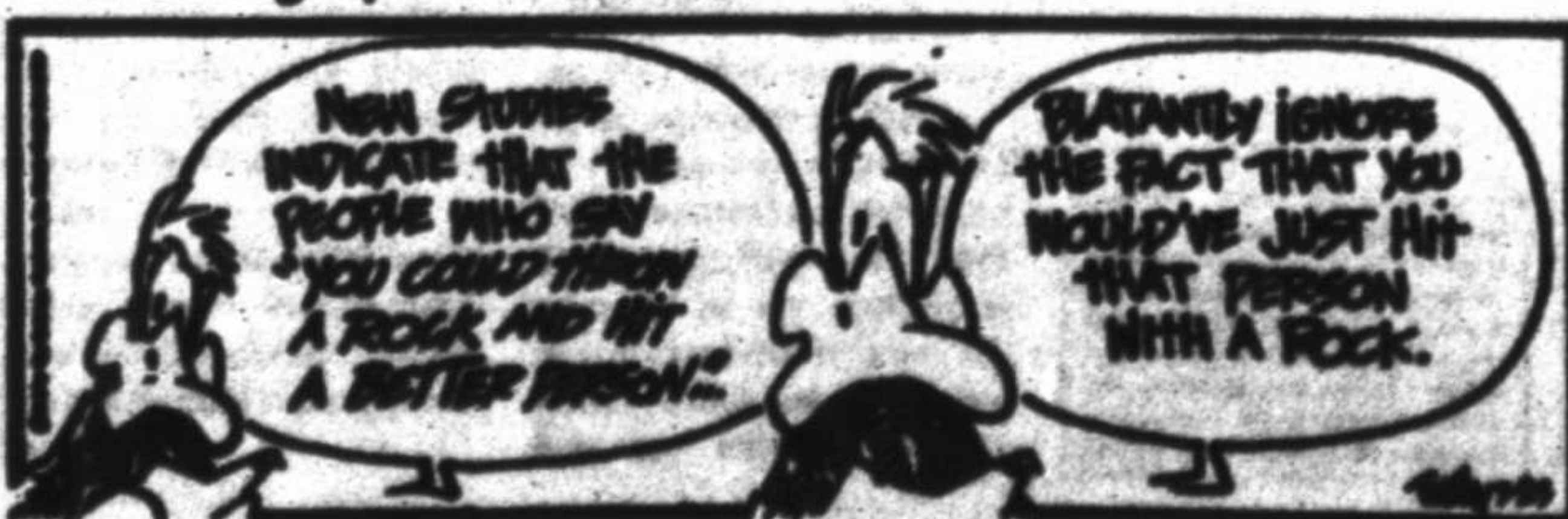
That's what a good teacher would say, and we should all listen.

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Lawyer: \$500K bond excessive for shooting suspect's brother

By Terry Spencer
and Curt Anderson
Associated Press

PARKLAND, Fla. — An attorney for the brother of Florida school shooting suspect Nikolas Cruz said in court papers Thursday that a \$500,000 bond for trespassing at the school is excessive and that the brother should be released from jail.



Cruz

Lawyer Joseph Kimok said in the documents that 18-year-old Zachary Cruz already paid the standard \$25 bond for a misdemeanor and should not be kept in custody.

"Zachary Cruz did not kill 17 people on a high school campus. He should not be treated as if he did," Kimok wrote. "There is no justice where the government seeks to hang a man for the crimes of his brother."

Zachary Cruz was arrested Monday while skateboarding on the campus of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where authorities say his brother killed 17 people and wounded 17 others in the Valentine's Day massacre. Zachary Cruz had been warned not to visit the campus, but did so three times, authorities say.

Kimok also objected to several of the bond conditions imposed by a judge, including forcing Zachary Cruz to undergo a psychological evaluation, prohibiting him from visiting Broward County, putting him on house arrest with an ankle monitor if he is released, having the home he is living in searched for weapons and having no contact with Nikolas Cruz.

"To take away that familial connection is inhumane," Kimok wrote. Security at Stoneman Douglas High, already heightened, was bolstered Thursday with Gov. Rick Scott ordering eight highway patrol troopers to help secure the grounds. The move came after Zachary Cruz was arrested, two students were caught carrying knives and another made online threats.

Also, Stoneman Douglas students will be given transparent backpacks they'll be required to use when they return from spring break on April 2. Broward County school district Superintendent Robert Runcie told parents in a two-page letter that metal detectors also may be installed soon, and he outlined other security upgrades including student ID badges and a district-wide effort to require all school visitors to enter through a single door.

The troopers will be stationed at the school indefinitely, along with Broward County deputies, leaving an armed guard at every campus entrance point, Scott said in a statement. Before the shooting, the school was patrolled by one armed deputy and unarmed guards. An unspecified number of deputies, some armed with rifles, were added after the school reopened.

"Parents, students and teachers have recently endured one of the worst tragedies in Florida history," Scott said. "They must be assured that every necessary step is being taken to increase safety and ensure no unauthorized people are allowed on campus."

Zachary and Nikolas, 19, both attended Stoneman Douglas. They shared the same biological mother but had different fathers. Both were adopted at very young ages by Roger and Lynda Cruz. Lynda Cruz died in November and their father died some years earlier.

Experts: Uber SUV's autonomous system should have seen woman

By Tom Krisher
and Jacques Billeaud
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Two experts say video of a deadly crash involving a self-driving Uber vehicle shows the sport utility vehicle's laser and radar sensors should have spotted a pedestrian, and computers should have braked to avoid the crash.

Authorities investigating the crash in a Phoenix suburb released the video of Uber's Volvo striking a woman as she walked from a darkened area onto a street.

Experts who viewed the video told The Associated Press that the SUV's sensors should have seen the woman pushing a bicycle and braked before the impact.

Also, Uber's human backup driver appears on the video to be looking down before crash and appears startled about the time of the impact.

"The victim did not come out of nowhere. She's moving on a dark road, but it's an open road, so Lidar (laser) and radar should have detected and classified her" as a human, said Bryant Walker Smith, a University of South Carolina law professor who studies autonomous vehicles.

Sam Abulmadain, an analyst for Navigant Research who also follows autonomous vehicles, said laser and radar systems can see in the dark much better than humans or cameras and that the pedestrian was well within the system's range.

"It absolutely should have been able to pick her up," he said. "From what I see in the video it sure looks like the car is at fault, not the pedestrian."

The video could have a broad impact on autonomous vehicle research, which has been billed as the answer to cutting the 40,000 traffic deaths that occur annually in the U.S. in human-driven vehicles.

Proponents say that human error is responsible for 94 percent of crashes, and that self-driving vehicles would be better because they see more and don't get drunk, distracted or drowsy.

But the experts said it appears from the video that there was some sort of flaw in Uber's self-driving system.

The video, Smith said, may not show the complete picture, but "this is strongly suggestive of multiple failures of Uber and its system, its automated system, and its safety driver."

Tempe police, as well as the National Transportation Safety Board and



Tempe Police Department via AP

This image made from video Sunday, of a mounted camera provided by the Tempe Police Department, shows an interior view moments before an Uber SUV hit a woman in Tempe, Ariz. The video shows a human backup driver in the SUV looking down until seconds before the crash. The driver looked up and appeared startled during the last moment of the clip.

the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration are investigating the Sunday night crash, which occurred outside of a crosswalk on a darkened boulevard.

The crash was the first death involving a fully autonomous test vehicle. The Volvo was in self-driving mode traveling about 40 mph with a human backup driver at the wheel when it struck 49-year-old Elaine Herzberg, police said.

The lights on the SUV did not illuminate Herzberg until a second or two before impact, raising questions about whether the vehicle could have stopped in time.

Tempe Police Chief Sylvia Moir told the San Francisco Chronicle earlier this week that the SUV likely would not be found at fault.

But Smith said that from what he observed on the video, the Uber driver appears to be relying too much on the self-driving system by not looking up at the road.

"The safety driver is clearly relying on the fact that the car is driving itself. It's the old adage that if everyone is responsible no one is responsible," Smith said. "This is everything gone wrong that these systems, if responsibly implemented, are supposed to prevent."

The experts were unsure if the test vehicle was equipped with a video monitor that the backup driver may have been viewing.

Uber immediately suspended all road-testing of such autos in the Phoenix area, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Toronto.

An Uber spokeswoman, reached

Wednesday night by email, did not answer specific questions about the video or the expert observations.

"The video is disturbing and heart-breaking to watch, and our thoughts continue to be with Elaine's loved ones. Our cars remain grounded, and we're assisting local, state and federal authorities in any way we can," the company said in a statement.

Tempe police have identified the driver as 44-year-old Rafael Vasquez. Court records show someone with the same name and birthdate as Vasquez spent more than four years in prison for two felony convictions — for making false statements when obtaining unemployment benefits and attempted armed robbery — before starting work as an Uber driver.

Tempe police and the NTSB declined to say whether the Vasquez who was involved in the fatal crash is the same Vasquez with two criminal convictions.

Attempts by the AP to contact Vasquez through phone numbers and social media on Wednesday afternoon were not successful.

Local media have identified the driver as Rafael Vasquez. Authorities declined to explain the discrepancy in the driver's first name.

The fatality has raised questions about whether Uber does enough to screen its drivers.

Uber said Vasquez met the company's vetting requirements.

The company bans drivers convicted of violent crimes or any felony within the past seven years. Records show Vasquez' offenses happened before the seven-year period, in 1999 and 2000.

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Amino acid discovery dissolves plaque in arteries, restores youthful blood flow and energy

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA — There's a little known secret that many pharmaceutical companies and doctors hope you never discover.

It concerns the existence of a safe but obscure amino acid that, when taken in pill form, could actually scrub and clean out harmful plaque from the human circulatory system.

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"Unknown to the general public, it's found in soft drinks, cosmetics, and even baby food!" "It's been proven in more than 1,820 medical studies and declared 100% safe as a food additive by both the FDA and USDA," says Garcia, CEO of Miracle Breakthrough Labs of Coral Gables, Florida, a nutritional laboratory that makes a pharmacologically advanced EDTA formula.

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Something Wonderful Happens

Florida's Bill Nichols feels as if he has a new lease on life. He states with confidence that he and his entire family "plan to live a lot longer and in much better health."

Not too long ago Bill was scheduled for angioplasty, a procedure that would have cost him much money. Hoping that he had time to live, he began

taking Miracle Breakthrough Labs' Advanced EDTA Mega Plus formula at a friend's urging, as he counted down the days for his trip to the hospital.

In a routine, pre-surgery checkup, Bill and his physician were stunned at what they saw. "My heart surgery may be a thing of the past," says a teary-eyed Bill. "Advanced EDTA Mega Plus actually made my blockage disappear. My angioplasty has been postponed indefinitely. My doctor couldn't believe his eyes!"

Proof Positive: Eye-Opening 10-Day Trial

To monitor his progress, Bill decided to take Garcia's famous "10-Day Test." The night before starting his EDTA regimen, Bill placed a small urine sample in a sealed, glass jar in his refrigerator.

The next day, with the aid of a strong light source, Bill examined the first sample, swirling the fluid around for a thorough inspection. He did the same with the second sample and was shocked at what he saw.

The second sample revealed a significant amount of white powder, swirling around the bottom of the container. This white powder was plaque that had been hardening removed from his circulatory system.

Bill now has his entire family taking Miracle Breakthrough Labs' EDTA formula. "I never thought I could reach this point but I did!"

Amazing Results

North Dakota's Edwards Collins suffered with high cholesterol. She exercised, lost weight, took "all the doctor-prescribed pills for years, but nothing worked," she says. "My cholesterol was always 200 or even higher." Four months after Edwards Collins' began taking EDTA, she is smiling.

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"I have built-up in my arteries," says Garcia, "a clogged circulatory system not only puts you in cardiovascular pain, but it can also affect your memory, vision, even your sex life!"

When Ray Whitcomb of Hawaii contacted Miracle Breakthrough Labs' EDTA Mega Plus would "work wonders," he was shocked at first. "It's a believe it or not, my doctor could not figure out how my enlarged prostate



Roy & Lynday Whitcomb

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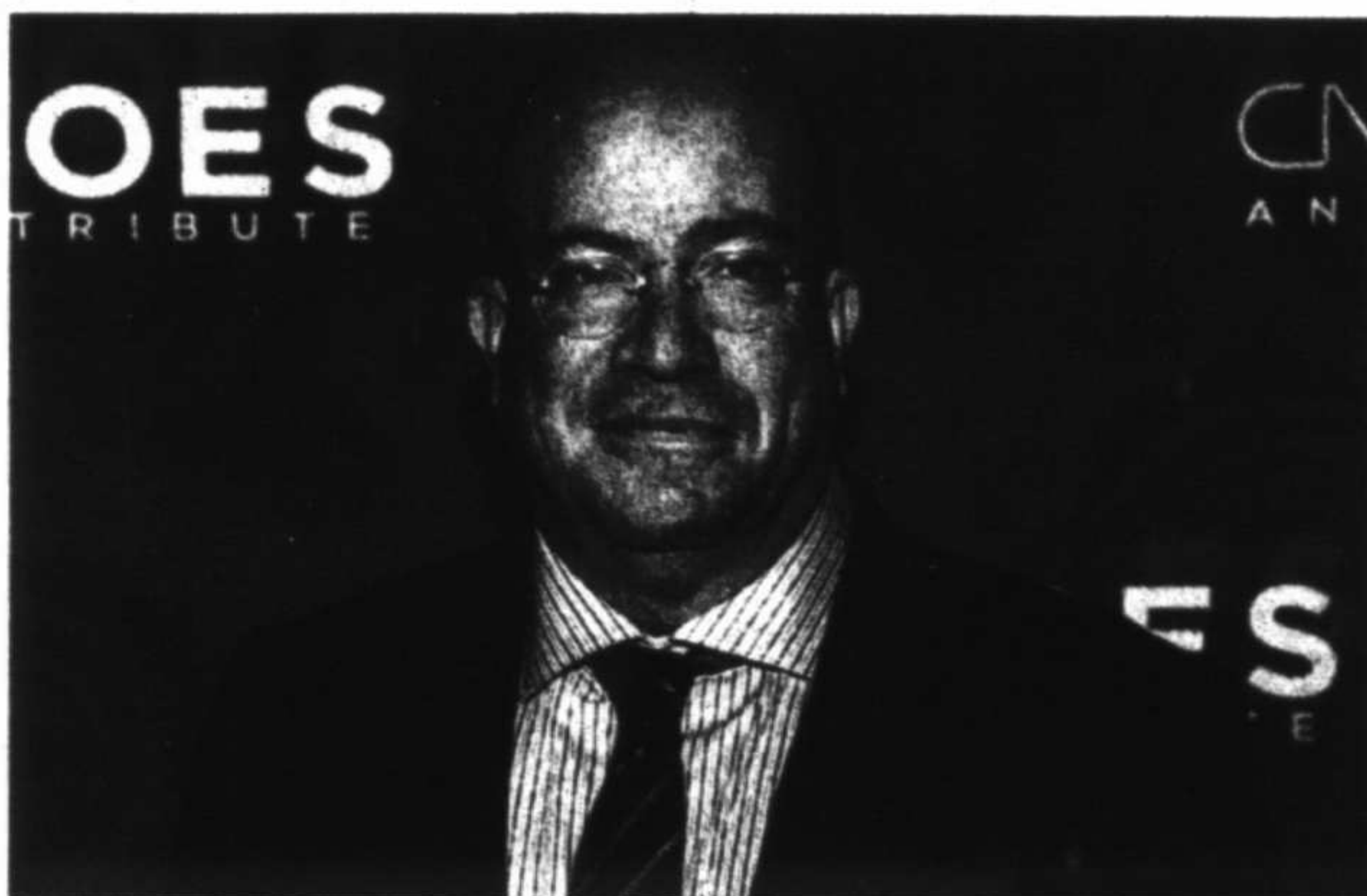


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CNN president Jeff Zucker attends the 11th annual CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute on Dec. 17, 2017, in New York. Zucker says that rival Fox News Channel is a propaganda machine that is doing an incredible disservice to the country. Zucker spoke Thursday at the Financial Times Future of News conference.

CNN chief Jeff Zucker says Fox News is propaganda machine

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — CNN chief Jeff Zucker sharply attacked the network's rivals at Fox News Channel on Thursday, saying that it has become a propaganda machine that is "doing an incredible disservice to the country."

Zucker spoke at the Financial Times Future of News conference two days after a former Fox military analyst quit, claiming he was ashamed at the way the network's opinion hosts were backing President Donald Trump. Zucker said that analyst, Ralph Peters, voiced what a lot of people have been thinking about Fox in the post-Roger Ailes era.

"What has happened to that network in the last 18 months, especially the last year, is that it has just turned itself into state-run TV," Zucker said. "TASS has nothing on them," he said in reference to the Russian news agency.

There was no immediate comment from a Fox representative.

However, Trump's former White House strategist, Steve Bannon, said later at the same conference that Zucker's comments were absurd. He said "you can't name a more propaganda outfit than CNN."

"Every night it's 'hate Trump,'" Bannon said. He questioned why anyone wasn't fired at CNN after the 2016 election results took many people by surprise.

Fox has maintained its ratings lead with

a prime-time opinion lineup led by Sean Hannity, Tucker Carlson and Laura Ingraham. Together with MSNBC's left-leaning lineup, the two political talk networks are frequently the most popular destinations for viewers on cable television. Fox and MSNBC have been widening their lead in prime time over CNN, which recently announced that Chris Cuomo would join its prime-time lineup.

Zucker said that Fox has "a handful of good journalists but they get lost in the propaganda machine."

"The idea that they are a news channel is really not accurate at all," he said.

Zucker's network has been on the receiving end of withering criticism from Trump during his presidency. He's repeatedly referred to CNN as "fake news" when he doesn't like its coverage. Zucker said Trump's criticisms are not going to stop CNN from doing its job of holding leaders accountable.

But he said the Trump has created an atmosphere of hostility toward reporters that has spread from the U.S. across the world.

"He doesn't even understand the danger he is creating for journalists and the danger he is creating for news organizations," Zucker said.

However, he said the Trump administration has helped news organizations raise their games to cover what is going on. "He has made American journalism great again," Zucker said.

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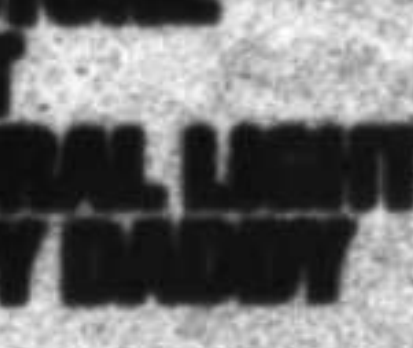
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Author Susan Jackson signs copies of her children's book "If You Were a Commandment" at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. Noon.

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Jersey Mike's in Midland and Odessa hosts Day of Giving with 100 percent of receipts benefiting West Texas Food Bank. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

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Children can hunt for treats at Midland Parks and Recreation's Easter Egg Extravaganza. Families are invited to enjoy food, activities and more at this annual event at Martin Luther King Jr. Park. 6 p.m.

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COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM TOP: James Faulkner, left, and Jim Caviezel in "Paul, Apostle of Christ," which opens today. Mark Casson/Columbia Pictures; Passion of the Christ, AP Photo/Philippe Antonello, Marquis Films Ltd., Filo; The Shack, Jake Giles Nottel/Lionsgate



Faith-based film business tries new ways to attract audiences

By Ryan Faughnder
Los Angeles Times

In late February, actor Dennis Quaid joined religious rock group MercyMe at a Dallas concert to sing — and promote his new movie. The band has toured for much of the last year in support of the new film "I Can Only Imagine," which tells the story of how lead singer Bart Millard wrote the bestselling Christian single after the death of his father.

For a biblically minded movie to succeed in theaters, it used to be enough to screen the film for pastors months ahead of time and create study guides for campus youth groups.

As the campaign for the new

Christian music biopic illustrates, that's no longer the case. Studios now have to go to greater lengths to attract devout audiences in an increasingly challenged faith-based film business, as the market for Christian movies becomes more crowded.

"Because there have been so many movies made for this audience, they have become much more discerning," said Howard Cohen, co-founder of Roundside Attractions, the distributor of "I Can Only Imagine." "And they will choose the ones that not only have a strong, Christian message but are bigger-feeling, more studio-type films."

Just a few years ago, the faith-based genre produced multiple surprise hits as studios ramped up

investment in religious-themed movies, resulting in successes such as "Heaven Is for Real" and "God's Not Dead." The rate of faith-based films released in theaters annually has doubled since 2012 to about 12 a year.

But the genre is now in a surprising slump. The last bona fide commercial hit designed for religious audiences was Lionsgate's "The Shack," about a man's encounters with personifications of God, which collected \$97 million worldwide.

Movies explicitly about people practicing or defending their beliefs — once a reliably bankable subgenre, despite poor reviews — have delivered diminishing returns.

"God's Not Dead 2" grossed

\$20 million in the U.S. and Canada in 2016, a third of the domestic box office of its predecessor. (Another sequel comes out this month.) Titles such as "Same Kind of Different as Me" and "A Question of Faith" faltered at the box office last year.

"There's been significantly more films trying to compete for oxygen, and a lot of them have failed financially," said Rich Peto, head of Sony Pictures' faith-based label Affirm Films.

That's a problem for a movie industry that has been eager to get churchgoers from the pews to the theaters ever since Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" grossed \$370 million.

Please see FILM/5B

WTFB will party with a purpose at new fundraiser

By Rich Lopez
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The West Texas Food Bank has enough to keep staff busy serving 19 counties in the Permian Basin and partnering with 65 agencies in providing food for those in need. Donations and drives have helped the organization achieve its mission of fighting hunger. The nonprofit provides more than just meals for clients; it also provides education and programming.

This weekend, the food bank will get to party with a purpose with a new fundraiser, Forever Full Margarita Fiesta, at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

"The board said that we hadn't done a signature event in a while," WTFB executive director Libby Campbell said. "We had pulled back from large-scale events but they felt this was a good time to introduce a new one."

Forever Full will offer a festive night of food, dancing and music.

"This is definitely going to have a party feel," Campbell said. "We'll have an awards ceremony, signature margaritas and live and silent auctions."

The fiesta will spread from the Renaissance Ballroom Hall to the lobby up

If you go

Forever Full Margarita Fiesta benefiting the West Texas Food Bank. 7 p.m. Saturday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Individual tickets are available by calling 432-697-4003. wtfb.org

to the main stage where The Spazomatics will perform for dancing. The meal will be provided by Eddie Dean and Co. from Dallas.

The baseline for the event is to raise money for the food bank because needs are perpetual — even as the local economy is on the rise.

"We've seen the economy thrive but with that, the face of hunger changes. With every boom, comes a rise in the cost of living. So those on a fixed income or single parents find themselves with new challenges," Campbell said.

She is optimistic about continued support and expects sponsor tables to be sold out.

"It lets me know that there are those who believe in our mission and who believe in our staff to help out," she said. "They know that we can support those in need with their help. West Texas is a special place, and we take care of our own."

Other ways to help

■ The Junior League of Midland's 17th annual Shotgun and Silhouette is underway. The event began with a luncheon on Thursday with former first lady Laura Bush. Today, there will be a clay shoot at Windfall Farms, followed by Buckshot Bash at the Petroleum Club on Saturday.

■ Senior Link of Midland hosts its inaugural March for Meals at Midland College beginning 10 a.m. Saturday. The event begins with a walk around the campus, followed by a resource fair at the Camasco Room at Schaefer Student Center.

■ "Our History is Our Strength" is the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club of Midland's annual scholarship fundraiser. This formal event at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center celebrates National Women's Month, women's health and Founder's Day. Guest speaker will be Gail Westhousen-Holton.

■ Casa de Amigos will host its second annual House of Friends dinner Thursday at the Petroleum Club. The event will benefit programming such as senior center, community services, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), Kathryn's Closet and other social service programs.

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432-682-2581

St. Ann's Catholic Church
1906 W. Texas Ave.
432-682-6303

San Miguel Arcangel
1100 Camp St.
432-570-0652

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
4801 Huey Avenue
432-528-7394

St. Michael the Archangel
Traditional Catholic Church
3001 W. Golf Course Road
432-686-7709

Abundant Living Christian Center
1810 W. Wall
432-687-1419

Christian Church of Midland
2608 Huey
432-684-7881

Community of Christ
3600 Douglas
432-684-7720

St. Paul CME Church
400 S. Lee
432-682-6010

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
1301 W. Louisiana Ave.
Midland, TX 79701
432-682-2541

Church on the Journey (Disciples of Christ)
Fellowship Hall at Grace Presbyterian
2001 N. Calhoun
432-684-5005

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
4805 Calhoun St. & 2101 Turkmen St.
432-684-4796

Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity
1412 West Illinois
432-685-4287

St. Michael's Episcopal Church
4800 W. Loop 250 South
432-684-4888

Christian and Missionary
Alliance Fellowship Community Church
5206 N. Midland Dr.
432-689-6068

The Redeemed Christian Church of God
3201 Heritage Blvd., Midland
347-737-8952

First Church of Christ, Scientist
1001 W. Tennessee
432-682-8197

Christian Science Reading Room
Mission Square, 4400 N. Big Spring
St., Ste. A-10
432-682-8476

Andrews Hwy. Church of Christ
4003 Andrews Hwy.
432-684-2394

Church of Christ in Greenwood
9501 FM 307
432-685-1249

Estelita Church of Christ
611 S. Webster
432-684-4733

Fairmont Park Church of Christ
3813 N. Midland Dr.
432-689-7064

Iglesia de Cristo
1501 E. Cherry Lane
661-3233, 634-1948

Iglesia de Cristo (En Espanol)
902 Midhill Road
432-272-3724, 432-262-3969

Gardendale Church of Christ
4448 Morning Glory Rd.
432-366-0042

Golf Course Road Church of Christ
3500 W. Golf Course Rd.
432-684-9836

Lamesa Rd. Church of Christ
3409 N. Lamesa Rd.
432-685-0885

Lee Street Church of Christ
101 N. Lee Street
432-684-4786

Main Street Church of Christ
101 W. Parker
(432) 570-1212

North "A" Church of Christ
505 San Angelo St.
432-682-8553

Northside Church of Christ
1511 N. Fort Worth St.
432-682-1553

One Hope Church of Christ
2503 W. Ohio Ave.
432-528-9089

Westway Church of Christ
1701 Hughes St.
432-686-0887

Westside Church of Christ
4410 W. Illinois Ave.
432-684-3614

Woodcrest Church of Christ
1401 Woodcrest Drive
432-689-0955

Midland Christian Fellowship
(The Joyful Church)
2301 W. Indiana

Redeemer Christian Fellowship
3000 Franklin Street
432-683-1370

Church of God
Church of God
5300 Thomason Dr.
432-684-7585

Church of God in Christ
Alexander Temple Church of God in Christ
200 N. Tyler
432-684-5486

Faith Temple Church of God in Christ
1805 N. Turrell
432-684-5253

Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ
1301 E. Cowden
432-682-9271

Primo Memorial Church of God in Christ
708 Hurricane St., Odessa TX
432-337-8914

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432-684-4796

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Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday, 8:30 & 10:45 am Palm Sunday Liturgy
Worshipers Join in Procession

Wednesday, 7 pm Sixth and Seventh of the Hours
Worshipers with Church Choirs Ministry Staff Cantors

Thursday, 7 pm Maundy Thursday: See Jesus serve in the ancient ritual of foot washing

Friday, 7 pm Good Friday: Experience Jesus' Journey to the Cross

Saturday, 7 pm Easter Vigil: See how history leads to Jesus

Sunday, 8:30 & 10:45 am
Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus!



Church Listings

Fourquare Evangelical
Living Way Church Fourquare
415 Alta
432-683-1750

Camino de Vida Midland Hispanic y Fourquare Church
100 West Oak
432-352-9524

Full Gospel
Living Hope Church
2911 CR 1140
432-693-6398

Voice of Victory - A Word Church
1508 S. Main St.
432-686-7566

Redeemer Christian Fellowship
3000 Franklin Street
432-683-1370

Midland Association of West (MAW)
4401 Cardinal Lane
432-520-4298

Midland Center for Spiritual Living
1908 W. Wall, Ste. D-Midland, Texas
432-684-4230

Sovereign Grace Church
(formerly Christian Life Center)
2901 W. Kansas
432-683-4506

West Texas Cowboy Church
12144 E. Hwy 158, Gardendale, TX
432-488-8588

Temple Beth El
1501 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX
432-550-5111

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
3800 Bluebird Lane
432-694-4971

Grace Lutheran Church
3000 W. Golf Course Rd.
432-697-3221

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
5110 N. Garfield
432-570-8149

Hope Lutheran Church (ECLA)
2003 N. A St.
432-683-1936

Lutheran Church of the Risen Lord
1603 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX
432-362-2549

Midland Lutheran Church
2705 W. Michigan
432-694-1373

Beth Hebrew
13370 Hwy 191, Odessa, TX
432-264-8976

Resurrection United Methodist Church
9541 W. 57th St., Odessa, TX
432-385-1212

St. Mark's United Methodist
1701 N. Main
432-683-3339

First United Methodist Church
Main & Ohio St.
432-682-3701

First United Methodist Church
600 N. Goldsmith St., Goldsmith, TX
432-385-1212

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
3011 W. Kansas
432-694-2571

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
4501 Thompson Drive
432-694-2544

Voluntary Hellmuth Community UMC
400 S. Marshall St.
432-682-1574

Midland Association of West
1200 S. Midland Dr.
432-262-0226

Islands Center of the Pentecost
5010 W. Loop 250 N. Apt 10E
432-520-3751

The Gathering @ Midland
(A Church of the Nazarenes)
3303 W. Illinois, Space #2
432-689-9178

The Good
4201 W. Illinois
432-269-0888

The Potters' House
4411 W. Illinois, #B5
432-279-0198

The Orchard, Your Neighborhood Church
6112 N. Big Spring Street

Renew Life Church
Cote Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
432-689-7284

Abiding in Christ Ministries
1208 A County Road 138 West
Midland
432-699-4513

Christian Faith Ministry
2215 N. Midland Dr., #5A
432-218-6412

Church of God 7th Day
609 N. Dallas
432-218-8595

Church of New Beginnings
4309 W. Illinois, Suite A
432-553-1400

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship
901 N. Midland Dr.
432-689-8898

Crossroads Fellowship
6801 East State Hwy. 191, Odessa, TX
432-368-2500

Family Faith Christian Center
7909 Hwy. 307
432-686-9468

The HUB Outreach Ministry & Church
4201 W. Illinois, Midland, TX
432-269-6988

Inner City Tabernacle of Life Ministries
3607 N. Dixie, Odessa, TX
432-272-2544

Lighthouse Fellowship
3300 Thomas Avenue
432-262-LIFE

Mane of the Word Ministry
1312 S. Jackson, Odessa, TX
432-230-0599

Mid-Cities Community Church
8700 W. Hwy. 191
432-563-9444

Mount Moriah Disciples of Christ
701 S. Calhoun
432-687-0630

New Harvest Fellowship Church
4010 North County Road 1130
(432) 853-9830 and (432) 894-6281

Our Savior's Christian Fellowship
3309 Neely
432-694-4517

The Cowboy Church of the Pentecost
3900 N. FM 1788
432-563-0028

Apollis Assembly in the Faith Child Jesus
2309 S. Fort Worth
432-686-8526

Benson Light Outreach Ministries
410 S. Lee
432-599-0793

Christian Motorcyclists Association
4632 Conley Ave., Odessa, TX
432-978-1986

Christian Tabernacle Church
10807 W. CR 145
432-262-5072

Church in the Wild
1001 Austin St.
432-556-2082

Crescent Church Adult
1000 Upland
432-528-8541

Dwelling by Grace Christian Worship Center
3303 S. Hwy 349
432-556-8638

Eleventh Church
200 Baldwin
432-685-1981

Faith Apostolic Church
4001 W. Illinois Ave.
432-528-5371

Faith Country Church
Exit 143 off I-20 E. to FM 1208, 5 miles
432-458-3580

Footprints Redemption Church
6005 E Hwy 80 (Bus I-20)
432-684-9113

Greater Grace Temple Christian Faith Church
Midland Center Room 3
688-644-7223

Harvest Time Church
6000 State Hwy. 191
432-563-0883

Heart of Worship Baptist Fellowship
1308 E. Taylor
432-337-8072

Iglesia de Dios 70 Dios
405 E. Stokes
432-684-8541

Inner City Tabernacle of Life Ministries
3607 N. Dixie Blvd., Odessa, TX
432-272-2544

New Day Christian Fellowship
4200 W. Illinois, Suite 280
432-694-4233

New Harvest Fellowship
4010 NCR 1130
432-699-5821, 432-853-9830

Rock Fellowship Church
410 S. Pecos
432-685-3858

Salvation Army Church
3500 Park Lane
432-683-3614

Solid Rock Fellowship Outreach
4601 W. Interstate 20 (South Service
Road Between Midhill and Loop 250)
432-664-4279

St. Paul C.M.C. Church
409 S. Lee Street
432-682-0010

Teen Challenge Services
6901 S. CR 1200
432-687-0348

Teen Flow Service
711 S. Main
432-686-2525

Temple Jerusalem
1205 S. Belmont
432-683-4806

The Word Wide Church of God Bible
1207 W. 10th St., Odessa, TX
432-381-8352

True Life Christian Fellowship Church
3001 N. A St.
432-687-3077

Holy Cross Orthodox Church
1616 W. Golf Course Rd.
(432) 741-1040

United Methodist Church of the World
Jesus Home United Pentecostal Church
3110 W. C.R. 116
432-694-8702

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church
200 N. Lincoln
432-682-7186

Temple Glorious Nations
511 S. Stonewall
432-684-0803

The Pentecostals
5110 W. Illinois Ave.
432-687-4007

His Goodness UMC (United Methodist Church)
409 W. Pine
432-685-3919

First Presbyterian Church
800 W. Texas
432-684-7821

Grace Presbyterian Church
2801 N. Garfield
432-684-8542

Providence Presbyterian Church (PCA)
2900 Princeton
432-520-5255

Seventh Day Adventist Church
3114 Texas
432-684-2746

Midland Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church
110 W. Pennsylvania
432-620-0882

Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor
4712 Shadyline
432-684-5480

Grace Covenant Church
5711 Wilman
432-685-1053

Midland United Church of Christ
3301 Neely
432-684-4388

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but with GOD
all things are
POSSIBLE

Matthew 19:26

BE STRONG

TAKE HEART
all you who hope in
the Lord

PSALM 31:24

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11:05 a.m. Traditional Worship (Chapel)
11:05 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Worship Center)

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Former President George H.W. Bush, left, listens to Toys R Us Chairman Charles Lazarus, right, as he visits the toy chain's second store to open Jan. 7, 1982, in Japan. Lazarus, the World War II veteran who founded Toy R Us, has died at age 94. Toy R Us confirmed Lazarus' death in a statement Thursday.

Toys R Us founder dies days after chain's announced shutdown

By Alexandra Olson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Charles P. Lazarus, the World War II veteran who founded Toys R Us six decades ago and transformed it into an iconic piece of Americana, died Thursday at age 94, a week after the chain announced it was going out of business.

Toys R Us confirmed Lazarus' death in a statement.

"There have been many sad moments for Toys R Us in recent weeks, and none more heartbreaking than today's news about the passing of our beloved founder, Charles Lazarus," the company said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with Charles' family and loved ones."

Lazarus, who stepped down as CEO of Toys R Us in 1994, transformed the toy industry with a business model that became one of the first retail category killers — big stores that are so devoted to one thing, and have such an impressive selection, that they drive smaller competitors out of business.

More recently, Toys R Us found itself unable to survive the trends of the digital age, namely competition from the likes of Amazon, discounters like Walmart and mobile games.

No longer able to bear the weight of its heavy debt load, the company announced last week that it would close or sell its 735 stores across the country, including its Babies R Us stores.

But for decades, it was Toys R Us that drove trends in child's play, becoming a launchpad for what became some of the industry's hottest toys.

Lazarus, the son of a bicycle store owner, modeled his business after the self-service supermarkets that were becoming popular in the 1950s, stacking merchandise high to give shoppers the feeling it had an infinite number of toys.

The stores created a magical feeling for children roaming aisles filled with Barbies, bikes and other toys laid out in front of them.

The chain has its roots in Children's Bargain Town, the baby furniture store that Lazarus opened in 1948 in his hometown of Washington, D.C. He began selling toys after a couple of years when customers began asking for them, and he quickly concluded that, in the baby-boom years, toys were a more lucrative business than furniture.

He opened his first store dedicated to selling only toys in 1957, calling it Toys R Us with the "R" spelled backward to give the impression that a child wrote it.

Shopping carts stood ready for customers to grab and fill up themselves, supermarket-style.

In 1965, Geoffrey the giraffe became the company's mascot, appearing in his first TV commercial in 1973. By the 1980s and early '90s, Toys R Us dominated the toy-store business and its jingle, "I'm a Toys R Us kid" became an anthem for children across the country.

In 1992, Lazarus traveled with President George H.W. Bush for the opening of the first Toys R Us in Japan.

He himself loomed large over his industry at the heyday of his company, personally traveling to the annual Toy Fair in Manhattan. Thousands of buyers from around the world attend but back then, it was Lazarus whom manufacturers were most anxious to impress, said Marc Rosenberg, a veteran toy marketer and founder of SkyBluePink Concepts.

The opportunity to give "Mr. Lazarus" a tour of your showroom was right of passage for marketers, said Rosenberg, who first met Lazarus on such an occasion in 1987 as marketer for Tiger Electronics. Lazarus walked through the showrooms giving feedback on the playthings arrayed before him, trailed by a group of employees feverishly taking notes on his every word, Rosenberg said.

"As a young marketing guy, if Charles Lazarus liked something you were doing, it was like the greatest thing in the world," Rosenberg said. "He had a dry sense of humor. If he liked something, he would show it. He would laugh but it wasn't easy to get him to laugh."

Rosenberg said Lazarus understood that the success of Toy R Us stemmed from creating a "circus-like atmosphere to keep kids wanting to come back every week."

Geoffrey the giraffe soon started a family, with wife Gigi and a son and daughter. The giraffe family would make regular visits to the stores, parades and other events. Rosenberg said the company cut down on such events after Lazarus left and struggled to find a model that could help it compete with the likes of Walmart, which offered a similar selection at lower prices, and later, Amazon.

Lazarus, who was born on Oct. 4, 1923, was inducted into the Toy Industry Association's Hall of Fame in 1990.

Obituaries



Arthur Keith

Funeral service for Arthur Keith 49, of North Las Vegas, NV, will be Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. at the True Life Christian Fellowship Church with Rev. Dennis Hodge officiating.

Arthur Keith was born May 25, 1968 in Midland, TX, to Zellar and Geneva Field, and died March 9, 2018, in North Las Vegas, NV, and is preceded in death by his parents.

Arthur was a veteran of the United States Army, and attended Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science.

He is also preceded in death by his brother Zellar Keith Jr., two sisters, Lavern Keith and Carolyn Keith, and left to treasure his memories, sister Shirley Keith of Las Vegas, NV, brothers Milton Keith of Las Vegas, NV, Alvin Keith of Ft. Worth, TX, John Keith and Eddie Keith of Midland, TX, and a host of devoted nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services are under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.



Jaikaran Ramdeo

Jaikaran Ramdeo, 71, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 surrounded by his family.

Viewing will be held on Friday, March 23, 2018 from 7:00PM-9:00PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 11:00AM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Jaikaran Ramdeo also known as Jai, was born on August 6, 1946 to Mirti and Ramdell Ramdeo in Guyana, South America. He migrated to England in 1966 and then to Midland, Texas in 1996

where he made many lifelong friends.

Jaikaran is survived by his wife, Christina Ramdeo, son, Anand Ramdeo and granddaughter, Lacey Ramdeo of Midland. Brothers: Paras, David and Jaipaul. Sisters: Jugun, Sunadai, Ivy, and Dolly. In-Laws Angela and Ram Ramkhehawan, Reggie and Sadie Bhagwandin. Adopted Family: Amit and Shamu Sharma and Navneet and Niti Behl. Nephews & Nieces: Errol & Bibi, Raymond & Kelly, Robin and Angela, Anil, Arun, Ameila, Tara, Lionel, Sunda and many others.

He is preceded in death by his parents, siblings: Sheila, Ramkumar, and Tota.

He was a great family man, and always had time and advice for all siblings, nieces and nephews and friends. He will be greatly missed for his opinion and advice on ANY and every topic, especially for his encyclopedic and predictive knowledge of horse racing and cricket among other things.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Sylesh Ganta and the team of Hospice of Midland, Dr. Manmeet Mangat, Dr. Sandeepa Musumuru and Dr. Michael Dragon for their care during his final illness. We would like to thank all of our friends and family both near and far who have supported us during our greatest time of need.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to Hospice of Midland.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Online condolences can be made at www.spwelch.com.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 530-5888



Peggy Sue Martin

Peggy Sue Martin, 80, passed away Wednesday, March 21, 2018 in Graham. Memorial services will be held Monday, March 26, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.

Peggy was born May 19, 1937 in Gorman to the late Thomas Odell and Pauline Dale (Cornwell) Peary. She graduated in 1955 from Andrews High School in Andrews where she was

crowned Homecoming Queen her senior year. She married James Welton Martin May 5, 1956 in Andrews. Polly served as President of Andrews Country Club and was an active member of Graham Country Club, Ranchland Hills Golf Course, Hospital Auxiliary in Andrews and the First Baptist Church in Graham.

Survivors include: husband, James Welton Martin of Graham; sons, Shawn L. Martin and wife, Malisa of Graham and James "Kyle" Martin of Midland; grandchildren, James "Cooper" Martin of Graham, Hunter Ross Martin of Boyd, Ethan Kyle Martin of Midland, Chelsie Lauren Elder of Caddo, and Shelby Brooke Nacole and husband Shawn of Lubbock; great granddaughters, Madyson Brooke Nacole and Channing Michele Nacole; brothers, James Larry Peary of Gunnison, Colorado and Tim Peary of Sweetwater; sister, Kim Whitley of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude or Gentiva Hospice Foundation.

Morrison Funeral Home, 700 Oak Street, Graham, Texas 76450 940-549-2121.



Samuel Dwight Cottrell

Samuel Dwight Cottrell went to be with our lord on March 6, 2018. Samuel was born on May 7, 1970 to Diane Miller and James Moore. He was preceded in death by his father James Moore, his grandparents Robert & Leona Cottrell two uncles Gary and Royce Cottrell. He is survived by his son Josh Hines Cottrell of Plainview TX, mother Diane Miller step father Robert Miller of Midland, sister Stephany Cottrell of Midland, Reginald of Midland, Anthony Cottrell of Eufaula TX, two aunts Loretta Cottrell of Midland TX, and Linda Cottrell of Arlington, TX, and a host of nephews & family members and friends.

Funeral service will be Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 12:00 at goodwill Baptist church - pastor Kenneth Johnson.

Service under the direction of Sacred Funeral Home, Cedar Hill TX. 75104 214-376-7273.

Houston mattress maker donates items after Hurricane Harvey

By Paul Takahashi
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The unassuming red brick building surrounded by a cement yard, tire shop and tannery is not the kind of place where one might expect to find a mattress store.

For more than two decades, Texas Mattress Makers has been operating inside this former industrial factory in the East End, quietly carving a niche in a city where corporate mattress firms seemingly have a presence in every strip center.

"We're not your typical mattress store," CEO Youvel Meicher said. "We don't want a store at every corner."

Texas Mattress Makers has been expanding its market share despite stiff competition from mattress giants and bed-in-a-box upstarts.

The Houston-based manufacturer and retailer saw a 20 percent uptick in sales after Hurricane Harvey hit last August, as thousands of flooded Houstonians sought replacement mattresses. The company teamed up with Astros star Carlos Correa and other local celebrities to raise money for Houston Children's Charity and donate hundreds of beds to kids affected by the storm.

In January, Texas Mattress Makers opened a second downtown and

warehouse in Katy to gain market share in the growing suburbs. The company found that as Houston's population grew westward, few suburban customers made the long drive to its store near downtown to buy a bed. Although Meicher declined to share sales figures from its Katy location, he said he expects sales to grow with a second location.

Most recently, Texas Mattress Makers vaulted onto the national stage when it was featured on CNBC's "Billion Dollar Buyer" with Tilman Fertitta.

Since the show aired in late January, the company has been overwhelmed with hundreds of calls and emails from around the country and as far away as Israel. Traffic to its website quadrupled, and dozens of people walked into its two showrooms, asking where they could purchase "Tilman's mattress," Meicher said.

Although Meicher declined to say how big of a sales bump he's had since the show, he said he welcomed the national exposure.

"It blew me away," Meicher said. "Our business is doing very well and the show only enhanced our business, there's no doubt about it."

Texas Mattress Makers started in 1989 as a mattress wholesaler selling beds to furniture stores. After the

Great Recession slowed business, the company pivoted to become a mattress retailer, building and selling custom mattresses to individual buyers. Today, about 60 percent of the company's business is retail and the remainder is wholesale.

Texas Mattress Makers employs about 100 employees and produces an average of 155,000 units a year, including mattresses and box springs. The average price for a queen-size mattress set ranges between \$1,200 and \$1,500. The company reported \$27 million in revenue in 2017.

Texas Mattress Makers is a small player in the roughly \$15 billion bedding industry worldwide.

By comparison, Mattress Firm — the Houston-based industry leader with a 33.6 percent market share — employs more than 10,000 workers and operates 3,500 stores and 73 distribution centers nationwide. The company generated \$2.5 billion in sales in 2015 before it was acquired by Steinhoff International and became private in 2016, according to IBISWorld, a business research firm.

Mattress Firm's CEO and president Ken Murphy stepped down earlier this year as the retailer faces financial uncertainty amid an accounting investigation of its South African parent company. Small companies can

compete against large corporations if they can offer something different, said Upal Dhotakia, a marketing professor at Rice University who has studied the mattress industry. For Texas Mattress Makers, it's the focus on customer service, he said.

"They're providing a customized mattress designed for you," Dhotakia said.

Customers can pick from 47 different mattresses of varying sizes, softness and materials. The company manufactures mattresses in the back shop and ships them straight to buyers.

There are no middlemen. With two locations totaling 13,000 square feet, there's also little overhead. And instead of having pushy sales people, the company employs former production workers who know their mattresses inside and out and don't work on commission.

"If you take care of the customer, you'll always be successful," Meicher said.

The mattress industry is a mature, but crowded market with nearly 12,000 players and an expected annual growth rate of 2 percent through 2022, IBISWorld reports. However, traditional mattress companies, like other brick-and-mortar retailers, are facing increasing competition from e-commerce players such as Casper, Leesa and Lull.

CEO of United Way of San Antonio to step down next year

By Jacob Beltran
San Antonio Express-News

United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County CEO and President Lyndon Herdridge announced Tuesday he is retiring.

Herdridge has been with the nonprofit for 26 years, according to a United Way news release.

His retirement as CEO and president will take effect March 31, 2019.

"United Way's Board of Trustees and our volunteers are united in thanking Lyndon for his dedicated service," United Way board Chairman Rick Cavender said in the release. "San Antonio has one of the strongest United Ways in the country and Lyndon's leadership has contributed immeasurably to our success."

Herdridge will continue to be involved with the group for a couple of years after his retirement.

Beginning April 1, 2019, he will serve as vice chairman of the board and will be responsible for United Way's endowment program, major gifts, the recruitment of future campaign chairs and consulting, according to the release. That will last through March 31, 2021.

Herdridge joined the organization in 1992 as vice president.

He became the nonprofit's president in 2012 and CEO in 2013.

Officials said a screening committee has been established to begin searching for the organization's next CEO and president. It will be chaired by Phil Pfeiffer, who's with the national law firm Norton Rose Fulbright.

The screening committee will develop a list of finalists for consideration by a selection committee, which will include past and future United Way campaign chairs and major contributors.

The selection committee will narrow the list to one candidate for consideration by the nonprofit's executive committee and board of trustees.

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TODAY

Shotguns and Stiletos 2018: The 17th annual Shotgun and Stiletos Clay Shoot hosted by the Junior League of Midland. Two flights available. Dress is shooting casual. 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Windwalker Farms, 2551 County Road C2801, Stanton. jlmidland.org.

Ostara Ritual spring celebration with Tree of Life Open Circle. Seeds can be taken for blessings. 5 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry with St. Ann's Month Club bake sale. 6 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Ave.

Christy Lewis, 6:30 p.m. at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, 403 Andrews Highway.

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

Bread of Stone, Jason Ferris, 7 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Saturday at New Life Chapel, 914 N. Texas Ave. Odessa. newlifecommunity.com.

SATURDAY

Easter Bunny at Midland Park Mall: Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Shoppers can enjoy breakfast with the Easter Bunny and other characters. The event is held in partnership with and benefits the Midland Northside Lions Club. 7-10 a.m. at 4511 N. Midkiff Road. \$6. simonbunny.com.

Last Winter Market by the Midland Downtown Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Shot and Microchip Clinic by Midland Humane Coalition. 9 a.m.-noon at Ulmer Park Pavilion, 2700 W. Kentucky Ave. midlandhumane.org.

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

March for Meals with Meals on Wheels. This inaugural event for Senior Link of Midland also features a resource fair. 10 a.m. at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St.

Egg-stavogenna will offer pictures with the Easter Bunny, egg hunt, train rides, rock wall and more. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. \$10.

Author Signings: Susie Jackson signs copies of her children's book, "If You Were a Commandment." Noon at Barnes and Noble Bookellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

"Our History is Our Strength" The Negro Business and Professional Women's Club of Midland annual scholarship fundraiser. The formal event celebrates National Women's Month, women's health and Founder's Day. Guest Speaker will be Gail Weatherspoon-Nelson. 6:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. \$35.

Shotguns and Stiletos 2018: Backshot Bash hosted by the Junior League of Midland. Dress is cocktail. 6 p.m. at the Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St. jlmidland.org.

SUNDAY

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

Sunday of the Passion, 10:30 a.m. at Midland Lutheran Church, 2705 W. Michigan Ave.

St. Ann's Easter Egg Hunt. The event follows the 10:45 a.m. Mass. For ages 3 and older. 12:30 p.m. March 25 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Ave.

"Without the Cross" by the Sanctuary Choir. 11 a.m. at First Christian Church, 1301 W. Louisiana Ave.

Podluck lunch and stewardship campaign presentation. Noon at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. uunmidland.org.

The Crucifixion: A Passion Narrative by John Stainer. 6 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave.

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

Lenten Penance Service, 7 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Ave.

WEDNESDAY

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

Day of Giving benefiting West Texas Food Bank. Jersey Mike's will offer 100 percent of the day's receipts to the WTFB. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. March 28 at Jersey Mike's Subs, 4400 N. Midland Drive.

Tenebrae Service, 6 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave.

THURSDAY

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

Easter Egg Extravaganza by the Midland Parks and Recreation Department. Egg hunts and activities for age groups: 3 and younger, 4-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-10 years and 11-12 years old. 6 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1415 E. Scharbauer Drive. Free. midlandtx.gov.

Maundy Thursday, 6 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave.

House of Friends benefiting Casa de Amigos. 6:30-9 p.m. at the Petroleum Club, 501 W. Wall St.

Meditation and Finding Balance by the Lifestyle Medicine Center. Limited space so online registration is required. 6-7 p.m. at Midland Memorial West Campus, 4214 Andrews Highway \$5. cventrue.com.

Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m. at Midland Lutheran Church, 2705 W. Michigan Ave.

Maundy Thursday communion service. 7 p.m. at First Christian Church, 1301 W. Louisiana Ave. fcmidland.org.

Copernicus Art Gallery Fundraiser by Midland Young Life. The event will help fund summer evening summer camp. Cocktail wine served. 7:30 p.m. at Midland Young Life Copernicus, 925 W. Wadley Ave.

In the Hands of Jesus Support group for women. 7 p.m. Thursdays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 553-7220.

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FILM

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domestically and set the standard for getting churches to buy tickets in bulk.

Christians are an appealing market for Hollywood, which is looking for ways to expand the cinema audience as digital competition causes long-term declines in theatrical attendance. The movie business is routinely criticized for overlooking the values of religious Americans, and faith-based filmmaking was seen as a way to rebut that narrative and attract an audience that usually doesn't go to the movies.

Facing a weary audience, some filmmakers are trying to adapt by expanding into more subgenres, including romances, sports dramas, comedies and documentaries.

"We're developing beyond just the genre of sermon-on-film," said Bill Reeves, head of Tennessee-based WTA Group, a marketing firm that specializes in faith-based media. "We're trying to answer the question of 'What else is out there?'"

Others are putting their faith in Bible-based stories with big-name stars. Affirm Films releases "Paul, Apostle of Christ" today which blends Scripture and fiction to tell the story of the apostle's last days. The new movie

features actor Jim Caviezel in his first biblical role since he played Jesus in "The Passion of the Christ."

Affirm is hoping Caviezel's star power with the faith audience will make a difference at the multiplex. To promote the film, the actor spoke at an event at Liberty University that was simulcast to 1,200 churches with clips of the movie.

"We definitely are connecting closer to the heart of pastors and church leaders than we have on pretty much any other film we've done," Affirm's Peluso said.

A less traditional pick for the faith-based audience is Universal Pictures' "Unbroken: Path to Redemption," a follow-up to the 2014 film about Olympic runner and World War II prisoner of war Louis Zamperini, set to debut in October.

The new "Unbroken" — about Zamperini's life after the war, including his struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, alcohol abuse and conversion to Christianity — is a direct response to a more demanding faith-based audience, producer Matt Baer said.

The first "Unbroken," released by Universal Pictures and directed by Angelina Jolie, grossed \$114 million in the U.S. and Canada. Yet, the film

drew criticism from religious audiences because it did not include the veteran's religious awakening inspired by evangelist Billy Graham. The late preacher is played by his grandson Will Graham in the new film.

"Unbroken: Path to Redemption" is the ideal example of where the faith-based movie is headed," Baer said. "It's a true story that utilizes faith in a natural way. It's not shoehorned in."

It's unclear whether the latest crop of Christian films will succeed.

"I Can Only Imagine," a \$7 million production shot in 25 days in Oklahoma City, is expected to gross a modest \$4 million in its opening weekend, according to people who have read pre-release audience surveys.

Jon Erwin, who directed the movie with his brother, Andrew, knew it was a risky bet. He said a film executive once dismissed the idea of a Christian music biopic, telling him the audience for such a movie was about 18,000 people.

"I hope we prove him wrong," Erwin said. "I have faith that there's an audience for this film and other films like it."

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New study outlines unprecedented financial risk to many nonprofits

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Tribune News Service

Across the United States, more than 1.5 million nonprofit organizations engage in remarkable work to transform lives, communities and the planet. Unfortunately, these organizations currently face a wide range of growing pressures.

Consider these facts:

- In 2013, nonprofit organizations employed more than 10.6 percent of the workforce (14.4 million). More individuals are employed by nonprofits than by the national defense, construction, real estate and space research industries combined.

- In 2014, the nonprofit sector contributed \$937.7 billion to the U.S. economy (including wages and salaries) — comprising 5.4 percent of the nation's gross domestic product. Among the 199 nations tracked by the World Bank, nonprofits would rank as the 16th largest economy.

- In 2014, more than 25 percent of the U.S. population volunteered for a nonprofit.

An important new study finds that half of U.S. nonprofits are at risk financially — facing inadequate cash reserves, negative income margins and technical insolvency. The Financial Health of the United States Nonprofit Sector: Facts and Observations was published in January 2016. Conducted by Oliver Wyman, SeaChange Capital Partners and GuideStar, this comprehensive study examines the Form 990 tax filings of more than 219,000 U.S. nonprofits.

Only larger nonprofits (with revenues above \$200,000 or assets above \$500,000) are required to file a Form 990. Regardless of their size, churches and other places of worship are not required to file Form 990s.

The new study reached some worrisome conclusions about the health of this segment of the nonprofit sector, including:

- As many as 8 percent are technically insolvent, with liabilities exceeding assets;

- Thirty percent face potential liquidity issues, with minimal cash reserves and/or short-term assets that are less than short-term liabilities;

- Thirty percent have lost money over the last three years; and

- About half have less than one month's operating

Historically, smaller nonprofits have been supported by middle-class donors — whose tax incentive to give has been eliminated.

Plus, the newly increased estate tax exemption wipes out any tax incentive for all but the wealthiest 1,800 Americans to make donations at death. This change is predicted to reduce giving by additional billions.

The report lists several actions concerned philanthropists can take, a number of which I have addressed in previous columns. These include:

- provide adequate funding for overhead;
- provide more flexible, less restricted funding;
- create a rescue fund for strategically important nonprofits;

- encourage nonprofit restructurings, closures and/or mergers; and
- create different types of funding pools, such as program-related investments, loans and social impact bonds.

Assessing a nonprofit's management's financial sophistication, understanding its revenue sources, learning about its fundraising strategies, evaluating its cash position and exploring opportunities for alternative revenue creation can

help donors maximize the efficacy of their contributions.

Small and mid-size nonprofits work in every community: caring for returning soldiers, educating children, enabling workforce training, providing health care, assisting the elderly, supplying food and housing, elevating the arts, mentoring youth, protecting the environment and so much more.

With most nonprofits faced with the paradoxical challenges of increased demand at a time of decreased resources, donors must "dig deep" and become more careful, strategic and thoughtful with their giving than ever before.

Bruce DeBoskey, J.D., is a philanthropic strategist working across the U.S. with The DeBoskey Group to help families, businesses, foundations, and family offices design and implement thoughtful philanthropic strategies and actionable plans. He is a frequent keynote speaker at conferences and workshops on philanthropy. Visit deboskeygroup.com.

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Friday, March 30
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Liturgy of the Word • Veneration of the Cross
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HOLY SATURDAY
Saturday, March 31
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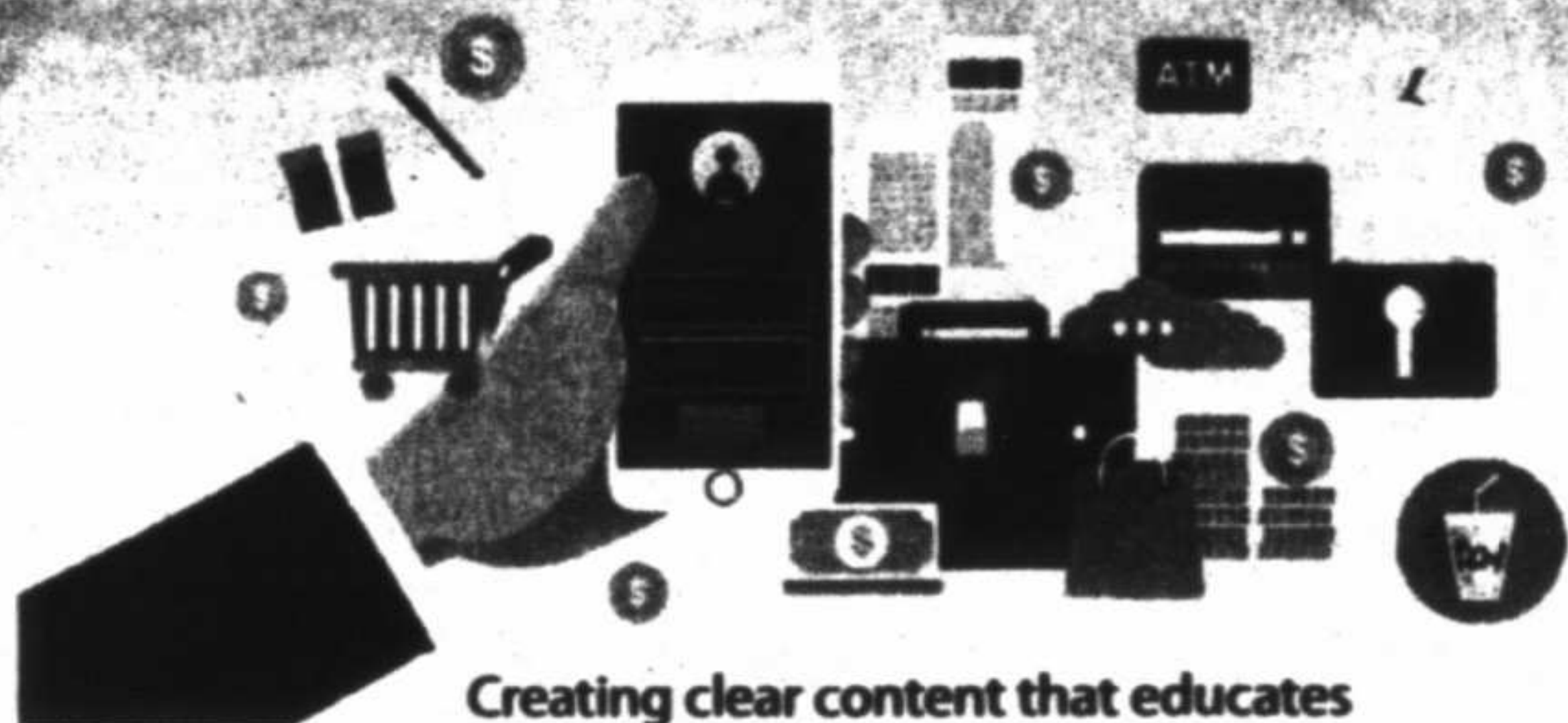
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Historic African Methodist Episcopal church marks milestone

By Lorraine Mirabella
The Baltimore Sun

OELLA, Md. — The gray stone church in Oella with a pointed steeple has services on Sundays, a dedicated band of members and roots stretching back to the late 18th century, when a landowner's widow gave the land to her former slaves.

Last Saturday, the congregation of Mount Gilboa African Methodist Episcopal Church celebrated a milestone, the bicentennial of its association with the A.M.E. church. Mount Gilboa, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is believed to be the oldest African-American church still in use in Baltimore County.

"Mount Gilboa has remained that kind of place of stability and worship for the community. Its been a social center, historically, for the African-Americans in that community," said the Rev. Dr. Anita J. Gould, who has worked to strengthen the church's ties to the community since arriving as pastor three years ago. "We're more than a museum."

The church of about 30 members held a bicentennial banquet Saturday in Windsor Mill, where they expected to draw more than 100 people, including Baltimore County Executive Kevin B. Kamenetz and other county and state officials.

It was actually just over 201 years ago when Mount Gilboa became part of the A.M.E. church. The A.M.E. had acquired the Mount Gilboa property and, during an annual conference in Baltimore on April 12, 1817, appointed a pastor for the church in western Baltimore County. The current stone building on Westchester Avenue was built by free black people in 1859, replacing a log chapel on the site. The building's lower-level served as a one-room school, possibly until the early 1900s.

Charles Matthews, 69, of Halethorpe, has worshiped at Mount Gilboa since he was about 12. He grew up in Oella, a small, historic mill town on the Patuxent River, where he worked during the 1960s at the former W.J. Dickey and Sons textile factory. He sang in the church's junior choir as a teenager.

"It was somewhere where everyone came and gathered," Matthews said. "Everybody knew everybody."

Ray S. Clark, a member and a



Lorraine Mirabella/Baltimore Sun Media Group via AP

Charles Matthews, 69, of Halethorpe, stands outside Mount Gilboa AME Church on March 10 in Oella, Md., where he has worshiped since he was 12. The congregation is celebrating the 200th year of Mount Gilboa, believed to be the oldest African American church still in use in Baltimore County.

trustee of Mount Gilboa, is one of the newer members. He grew up attending Bethel A.M.E. Church in Baltimore but began looking for a new church three years ago after moving to Baltimore County.

"Even though I'd been past the church a thousand times, I never stopped in," said Clark, of Woodlawn, who is retired from the state Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. "So I eventually did stop in, and once I started going I was really impressed with the pastor and the history of the church. It just pulled me in. It was just meant for me."

Clark felt a connection to the

history because he had volunteered for years at the Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum, a 142-acre Baltimore County park dedicated to preserving and commemorating the history of Banneker who was born in Baltimore County in 1731 to a free African-American mother. Banneker is known as a mostly self-taught mathematician, astronomer, almanac writer, surveyor, abolition advocate and naturalist during the late 1700s. It is believed that Banneker worshiped at Mount Gilboa.

The land for Mount Gilboa was bequeathed to former slaves by a

widow, Mary Williams, in 1786. At some point, the log chapel known as the African meeting house or slave meeting house was built on the site. It became the only place in the area where slaves could worship, get an education and be buried.

Carolyn Leigh has belonged to Mount Gilboa since 1994. Before that, she used to take her grandmother, who lived on Oella Avenue, to church there.

"There are not too many that live in Oella who come to the church anymore," Leigh said noting that the church now draws members from outside the area.

Often they come, she said, because "they like a smaller church, because you feel like a family. It's real intimate, and I think we're a close family."

Members volunteer each year around Thanksgiving and Christmas, putting together food baskets to give to needy people in the area, she said.

"This is a very exciting time for us at Mount Gilboa, with the history of the church," Leigh said. "We are thankful we have a church we can go to and worship."

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AUSTIN

\$2.3 million allocated to help church-shooting survivors recover

More than \$2.3 million in grant funding has been allocated to provide long-term recovery services to survivors of the November 2017 mass shooting at a South Texas church that killed 25 people.

The massacre at the First Baptist Church of Sunderland Springs also left an unborn child dead, bringing the official death toll to 26.

Gov. Greg Abbott said in a statement Thursday that the money will go toward providing counseling and other mental health services to those suffering the traumatic effects of the shootings. It also will provide legal services to help survivors of those killed with probate, wills, estates and child custody rights.

The suspected gunman, Devin Patrick Kelley, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after being shot and chased by two residents as he left the church.

ALABAMA

Voters to face Ten Commandments ballot proposal

MONTGOMERY — Alabama voters will face the choice of whether to allow the Ten Commandments to be displayed on state property such as at schools under a ballot proposal for the November election.

The Alabama House of Representatives passed a constitutional amendment ballot provision 66-19 on Thursday. The proposal has already been approved by the Senate and does not need to be signed by the governor.

If the proposal by state Sen. Gerald Dial, a Republican, is passed by voters, the Ten Commandments will not automatically be displayed in public buildings. No state funds could be used to erect the laws but individuals could use private money to display them.

Democratic critics said the proposal violates the separation of church and state and would incite federal lawsuits that cost the state money.

Ray Moore, who lost Alabama's special U.S. Senate election in December, was sued and removed as chief justice of the state's Supreme Court in 2003 because he refused a federal court's order to take down a marble monument of the Ten Commandments.

"The Supreme Court and federal courts already ruled. We are going to get sued," said Rep. Barry Forte, a Democrat.

"I'm opposed to the bill because it's unconstitutional and I'm trying to be fiscally conservative to try to save the state and courts money if they put it up there and it gets struck down," said Rep. Marcel Black, a Democrat.

NEW YORK

James Patterson donating \$2 million to classroom libraries

James Patterson is stepping up his game. The best-selling author has increased his annual donations for classroom libraries from \$1.75 million to \$2 million. Scholastic Inc. told The Associated Press on Monday that Patterson is distributing 4,000 gifts of \$500 each to teachers around the country, from Mechanic Falls, Maine, to Cheney, Kansas.

The so-called "Patterson Pledge" was launched in 2015 and is run in coordination with Scholastic Book Clubs, which adds book club points to Patterson's contribution. More than 80,000 teachers applied for donations.

"I can't underscore enough how important books and reading are to a child's development — better readers make better people, and ultimately better citizens," Patterson said in a statement. "I'm so grateful for the teachers who are doing imperative work with students every day, in every school in the country. These grants are my way of acknowledging their extraordinary efforts."

"Teachers often have to find their own funds and use their personal money to buy books and build fresh classroom libraries. This is why we at Scholastic Book Clubs are truly inspired by James Patterson's commitment to offer real help to teachers in this work," Judy Newman, president of Scholastic Book Clubs, said in a statement.

Over the past few years, Patterson has also given millions of dollars to bookstores and literacy programs and endowed thousands of college scholarships for teachers.

MAINE

Peace be with you, but use sanitizer: Handshake back at Mass

PORTLAND — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland says it's OK to shake hands at Mass again, though churchgoers should still be mindful of the presence of influenza.

The diocese, which includes all of Maine, announced protocols to avoid spreading flu in January. Those included suspending sharing of consecrated wine during communion and holding hands during the Lord's Prayer. The diocese also discouraged parishioners from shaking hands while greeting.

The diocese said Wednesday that Bishop Robert P. Desley has decided to lift the protocols. However, he also said parishioners should use judgment based on the status of influenza in their local area.

The Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention says influenza's still widespread in the state. Maine has seen six deaths, 77 hospitalizations and 380 positive tests over the past week.

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Michigan routs Texas A&M in West semifinals

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — This one was easy.

After reaching the NCAA Tournament's round of 16 with an improbable buzzer-beater, Michigan shot 62 percent from the floor and routed Texas A&M 99-72 in the West Region semifinals on Thursday night to reach the Elite Eight for the third time in six years.

Next up the Wolverines will face either No. 4 Gonzaga or No. 9 Florida State who met in the second regional semifinal.

The Wolverines (31-7) domi-

nated from start to finish, hitting 14 3-pointers — 10 in the first half — and extending their winning streak to 12 games.

Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman scored 24 points, Moe Wagner added 21 points and Charles Matthews had 18 points as third-seeded Michigan had five players in double figures.

"My shot went in early and it gives you the confidence to take the next one," Abdur-Rahkman said. "I think everyone had that confidence today."

Abdur-Rahkman made four 3-pointers and both of his free throws, and had five rebounds and seven assists.

"This senior right here played

his tail off in every single way," Michigan coach John Beilein said. "This is like a great example of a great college basketball player that can play afterwards, too."

The Wolverines were good in the first half and even better in the second. The rout was on by halftime with Michigan leading 52-28 after shooting 57 percent from the floor. In the second half, the Wolverines improved to 68 percent from the floor.

"We are on a business trip, and we still have business to take of," Abdur-Rahkman said.

The Aggies (22-13) never

Please see MICHIGAN/3C



Wally Skiff/Los Angeles Times/TNS

Michigan's Isaiah Livers, top, battles for a loose ball with Texas A&M's Tyler Davis in the second half on Thursday in Los Angeles.

Hitting his spots



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Matt Wilkins (3) pitches against Amarillo Tascosa on Tuesday at Zachary Field.

HS BASEBALL REPORT

MHS' Wilkins keeps hitters at bay with craftiness

By Will Korn
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In an age of baseball where pitching velocity is often placed at a premium, Midland High senior reliever Matt Wilkins refuses to conform.

Standing 5-foot-9 and weighing just 125 pounds, Wilkins pumps in his fastball at a cool 75 miles per hour, with an accompanying assortment of off speed pitches ranging in the low- to mid-60s. The right-hander and grandson of legendary Odessa Permian football coach John Wilkins, doesn't overpower opposing hitters, but instead consistently comes off-balanced swings with location and movement.

"When I'm out there, I just think 'I want to get this guy out,'" Wilkins said. "Whatever pitch (MHS assistant and pitching coach) Danny Neighbors calls, I'm going to throw it and execute it and hopefully get the guy out. I'm focused on hitting my spots a lot and not giving up pitches over the plate. You may not be able to throw it by people, but you may get them to roll over."

And the strategy has worked to perfection this season for the Bulldogs (15-8, 2-2 in District 2-6A).

In three district appearances out of the MHS bullpen so far, the crafty Wilkins has allowed just one earned run in seven innings has needed just 85 pitches to record those 21 outs — a token to his efficiency.

Wilkins has also quickly earned the trust of both head coach Barry Russell and Neighbors when the Bulldogs are facing trouble defensively and need outs.

"He can locate," Neighbors said. "Pitching isn't just throwing hard, it's a lot like real estate. It's about location, location, location. He changes speeds and the biggest thing is he throws strikes, so he's going to force them to swing the bat. He throws so many strikes, he can almost pick and choose what he wants them to hit. He's been real effective for us. He's a competitor. He doesn't have to throw 90 miles an hour to be a competitor. He's good at what he does."

Wilkins perhaps best flashed his mettle in a tight situation in the sixth inning of the Bulldogs' 11-5 road win against Permian

on March 15.

MHS nursed a 7-5 lead, but faced a bases-loaded, two-out rally by the Panthers. Wilkins calmly took the mound against the team he grew up rooting for and collected a four-out save on only 13 offerings, as the Bulldogs tacked on four runs in the top of the seventh.

Wilkins said competing against Permian is always a fun experience, especially when John, who won 148 games and two state titles at MOJO between 1973-83, is present in the stands.

"Those games mean a little more to me," said Wilkins, a professed Game of Thrones fanatic. "I've always lived in Midland but my whole family, they've pretty much gone to Permian. My dad, my uncle, my cousins, they played baseball against coach Russell."

The Bulldogs travel to first-place Wolf-orth Friendship (17-3, 3-1) at 7 p.m. today.

REBELS GRINDING THROUGH TOUGH ROAD STRETCH
After dropping its last two district

Please see MHS/2C

Keenan Evans trusted in Beard and Texas Tech now in Sweet 16

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Keenan Evans was already Texas Tech's starting point guard and had been to an NCAA Tournament when Chris Beard became his coach two years ago.

With each win now extending his college career, Evans is an All-Big 12 senior guard going to the Sweet 16.

"What I'm most appreciative of Keenan is he basically trusted me before he had to. He basically took me at my word," Beard said. "He trusted me from day one, and I asked him to do a lot of things that he had never done before in his career. ... He's just continued to be a guy that works at his craft."

Evans remembers the first time he sat down in Beard's office to talk after Tubby Smith left for Memphis. It was only a few weeks after the Red Raiders' 10-point loss to Butler in their first NCAA game in nine seasons.

Beard told Evans that he wanted to keep the core group together and bring in some help.

"I just believed in his process, believed that he wanted to win at this level," Evans said. "He believed in me, so I believed in him, and he gave me an opportunity. And he's still doing that."

A big reason the Red Raiders (26-9) are still playing this season is because of their playmaking 6-foot-3 guard.

In their NCAA opener, Evans scored 19 of his 23 points after halftime when they overcame an eight-point deficit to beat Stephen F. Austin by 10. Evans then scored 22 points in a 69-66 win over Florida. He made the go-ahead 3-pointer with 2 1/2 minutes left, and his only assist came on another alley-oop dunk to Zhaire Smith with 29 seconds left.

"He has courage to make those plays in those moments. He wants the ball late," Beard said. "He's earned the right to be in those moments throughout his career, the ups and downs."

Texas Tech plays an East Region semifinal game Friday night against Purdue (30-6) in Boston.

The Boilermakers lost their first-round game to Arkansas-Little Rock two years ago. The Trojans then were coached by Beard, who won 30 games there in his only season as a Division I head coach before returning to Lubbock, where he was an assistant coach from 2001-11.

Evans is the Big 12's second-leading scorer at 17.8 points per game. He trails only national scoring leader Time Young (27.4 ppg), the freshman stand-out who is leaving Oklahoma after only one season for the NBA.

Beard said Evans has embraced hard coaching and more intense individual workouts, alone and with graduate assistants. That includes 300 made shots per day, watching more film and sometimes just talking to his coach about what he sees on the court. He

Please see TECH/3C

Challenged post player helps Baylor women to Sweet 16 again

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Baylor coach Kim Mulkey wouldn't say exactly how or what she said to Lauren Cox in the locker room at the end of the 6-foot-4 post player's freshman season a year ago.

"But I challenged her right in her face, and I think she accepted the challenge," Mulkey said. "She's in the best shape of her life. Her diabetes is under control. ... When you do all the things you're supposed to, and you feel good, you do good."

The Lady Bears (33-1) are in their 10th straight Sweet 16 after Cox led them with 24 points and 16.5 rebounds per game in wins over Grambling State and Michigan to

start the NCAA Tournament. The power forward has four double-doubles in a row, including the semifinal and championship games of the Big 12 Tournament.

"I think a lot of it goes back to last year. We had five really good post players, and I learned a lot from that," Cox said. "And this year just working with Kaland (Brown). We work really well together. This time of year, I know I was going to have to step up."

Brown, selected by coaches as the Big 12 player of the year, is a 6-foot-7 junior who leads the Lady Bears with 28.1 points and 10.2 rebounds a game this season. Cox, the other half of the duo that Stanford coach Tara

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Baylor center Kaland Brown (21) positions for a shot as she works against Michigan's Jalen Duren, left, and Arkansas' Jenequa Johnson, right, in the second half on Sunday in Waco.



Charles H. Winters/Associated Press

Texas Tech's Keenan Evans shoots during practice on Thursday in Boston. Texas Tech beat Purdue in a regional semifinal tonight.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Baseball
Ole Miss at Texas A&M, 6 p.m., SEC
Oklahoma State at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN
Men's College Basketball
Sweet 16: Clemson vs. Kansas, 6 p.m., CBS
Sweet 16: West Virginia vs. Villanova, 6:15 p.m., TBS
Sweet 16: Syracuse vs. Duke, 8:30 p.m., CBS
Sweet 16: Texas Tech vs. Purdue, 8:45 p.m., TBS Men's National Basketball Association
Utah at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., FSSWSA
Women's College Basketball
Sweet 16: Mississippi State vs. NC State, 6 p.m., ESPN

Sweet 16: Oregon State vs. Baylor, 6 p.m., ESPN2
D2 Championship: Central Missouri vs. Ashland, 7 p.m., CBSN
Sweet 16: UCLA vs. Texas, 8:30 p.m., ESPN
Sweet 16: Louisville vs. Stanford, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2
RADIO
Men's College Basketball
Sweet 16: Texas Tech vs. Purdue, 8:45 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/950 AM (Lamesa)
National Basketball Association
Utah at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM
MAHL Hockey
Topeka at Odessa, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Baseball
Lee at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m.
Midland High at Wolfforth Frenship, 7 p.m.
Midland Christian at Fort Worth Christian, 7 p.m.
Wetlauge Harvest at MCA, 2 p.m.

HS Softball
Midland High at Lee, 4:30 p.m.
Fort Worth All Saints at Midland Christian, 5 p.m.

HS Tennis
Midland High at Allen Eagle Invitational
Lee at San Angelo Tournament

HS Track
Lee, MHS at San Angelo Relays

JC Baseball
Midland College at Luna CC (DH), noon

JC Softball
Frank Phillips College at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m.

TEXAS TECH

LEE GRADS IN TECH PRO DAY
Lee grads Tylor Nunez and Luke Stice will be taking part in Texas Tech's annual NFL Pro Day event at Texas Tech's Football Training Facility today. Texas Tech announced on Thursday.

Pro Day is slated to start at noon, beginning with measurements and continuing with the bench press, vertical jump and broad jump. The event will move to either Jones AT&T Stadium or the Peterson Family Indoor Football Practice Facility for the 40-yard dash, shuttle run and position-specific drills.

Nunez was a defensive lineman at Tech, while Stice played linebacker with the Red Raiders during his senior year

at Tech in 2016. In addition to Nunez and Stice, Tech announced that defensive end Zach Barnes, wide receiver Cameron Batson, wide receiver Dylan Cantrell, quarterback Nick Shimonek, running back Justin Stockton, defensive lineman Mychael Thomas and wide receiver Derrick Willes will also be participating.

For the trio of Cantrell, Coutee and Shimonek, Pro Day is an opportunity to improve on their marks from just a few weeks ago at the NFL Combine. Cantrell and Coutee shined in front of the crowd of NFL personnel in Indianapolis as the duo were ranked among the top performers by wide receivers.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Arizona League
Baltimore Orioles — Optioned LHP Taylor Smith to Triple-A
Chicago White Sox — Optioned OF Ryan Coady to Triple-A
Cleveland Indians — Optioned OF Greg Allen and RHP Ben Taylor to Triple-A
Detroit Tigers — Reassigned OF Jose Bautista and RHP Ryan Rabbin to Triple-A
Houston Astros — Optioned RHP Ryan Press to Triple-A
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NHL GLANCE

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GP
Atlanta Thrashers	17	17	1	35	35
Carolina Hurricanes	17	17	1	35	35
Florida Panthers	17	17	1	35	35
Los Angeles Kings	17	17	1	35	35
San Jose Sharks	17	17	1	35	35
St. Louis Blues	17	17	1	35	35
Washington Capitals	17	17	1	35	35
Winnipeg Jets	17	17	1	35	35
Arizona Coyotes	17	17	1	35	35
Boston Bruins	17	17	1	35	35
Calgary Flames	17	17	1	35	35
Chicago Blackhawks	17	17	1	35	35
Columbus Blue Jackets	17	17	1	35	35
Dallas Stars	17	17	1	35	35
Edmonton Oilers	17	17	1	35	35
Minnesota Wild	17	17	1	35	35
Montreal Canadiens	17	17	1	35	35
Nashville Predators	17	17	1	35	35
Ottawa Senators	17	17	1	35	35
Pittsburgh Penguins	17	17	1	35	35
San Antonio Stars	17	17	1	35	35
Seattle Kraken	17	17	1	35	35
Tampa Bay Lightning	17	17	1	35	35
Vancouver Canucks	17	17	1	35	35
Vegas Golden Knights	17	17	1	35	35
Washington Capitals	17	17	1	35	35
Winnipeg Jets	17	17	1	35	35

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

Team	W	L	Pts	GP
Arizona Diamondbacks	17	17	35	35
Baltimore Orioles	17	17	35	35
Boston Red Sox	17	17	35	35
Braves	17	17	35	35
Brewers	17	17	35	35
Cardinals	17	17	35	35
Cubs	17	17	35	35
Falcons	17	17	35	35
Giants	17	17	35	35
Indians	17	17	35	35
Jays	17	17	35	35
Kings	17	17	35	35
Lions	17	17	35	35
Packers	17	17	35	35
Panthers	17	17	35	35
Rams	17	17	35	35
Ravens	17	17	35	35
Seahawks	17	17	35	35
Steelers	17	17	35	35
Tenors	17	17	35	35
Tigers	17	17	35	35
Titans	17	17	35	35
Trailers	17	17	35	35
Warriors	17	17	35	35
Wizards	17	17	35	35
Yankees	17	17	35	35
Yellows	17	17	35	35
Zebras	17	17	35	35

MHS

From 1C

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GP
Midland High	17	17	1	35	35
Odessa High	17	17	1	35	35
Wolfforth Frenship	17	17	1	35	35
Midland Christian	17	17	1	35	35
Fort Worth Christian	17	17	1	35	35
Wetlauge Harvest	17	17	1	35	35
MCA	17	17	1	35	35

contests to Permian and Frenship, Lee (11-8, 2-2) is looking to get things back on track at 4:30 p.m. today against Odessa High.

But things won't be easy for the Rebels, who are in the midst of a challenging four-game swing away from Ernie Johnson Field. In a four-way tie for second place, they'll take on OHS today at the always tricky Presley Field, before heading up to Amarillo to face Tascosa at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Lee head coach Brian Roper said he knew early on that this would be a demanding time for his players.

"We regrouped, came back Monday and talked about how this is the gauntlet of our schedule," Roper said. "These are three of the toughest games as far as where we sit at that point. You've got to pull your big boy britches up and get ready to play."

Senior pitcher/infielder Tyler Madrid said it's a matter of staying focused for an entire seven innings.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Matt Wilkins (3) walks off the field after pitching an inning against Amarillo Tascosa on Tuesday at Zachary Field.

ter of staying focused for an entire seven innings.

"As a team, we're really just trying to come together right now," Madrid said. "We know we're not playing our best baseball, but I think we're just trying to come together and really figure it out within ourselves."

MUSTANGS HEADING TO FORT WORTH
One week after an 11-10 extra inning home loss to Fort

Worth All Saints, Midland Christian resumes TAPPS 5A Division II District I play at 7 p.m. today by traveling to Fort Worth Christian. The Mustangs (9-6-1, 2-1) will look to move into a tie for first place in district with win.

GREENWOOD HAS STRONG START
Behind a sterling start from hard throwing senior Dawson Marryman, Greenwood rolled to a 15-0 home win in five innings over Fort Stockton to open District 4-4A play Tuesday. Marryman was one out away

from a no-hitter and was backed by a barrage of Ranger offense. Head coach Stephen Rodriguez said he's hoping Tuesday's all-around quality performance can be a spark for the team moving forward. The Rangers next travel to Andrews at 7 p.m. Tuesday. "We're hoping so," Rodriguez said. "We talked about taking it one game at a time, one pitch at a time, one inning at a time and everything will fall into place."

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MHS-LEE SOFTBALL CAPSULE

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GP
Midland High	17	17	1	35	35
Odessa High	17	17	1	35	35
Wolfforth Frenship	17	17	1	35	35
Midland Christian	17	17	1	35	35
Fort Worth Christian	17	17	1	35	35
Wetlauge Harvest	17	17	1	35	35
MCA	17	17	1	35	35

seeking their first win in 2-6A. ... The Lady Rebels have averaged 7.8 runs per game in their 22 non-district contests, but have been held to six total runs, an average of 2.0 runs per game, in their three 2-6A affairs. ... Meanwhile, the Lady Bulldogs have had no problem scoring, as they have tallied 38 runs in three district games. But MHS was plagued by the big inning in both losses, surrendering a seven-run frame in an 8-6 loss to Odessa High and allowing two four-run innings against Permian. ... The Lady Bulldogs hold a five-game winning streak against

the Lady Rebels, which dates back to the 2015 season. ... Lee's Zyma Carrasco has hit safely in all three district games, going 3 for 6 with three doubles and two RBI. ... MHS senior All Monarez has gone 9 for 11 with two doubles, two triples, five RBI, seven runs scored and a walk in district play.

Next: Wolfforth Frenship at MHS, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday

—Compiled by Christopher Hadorn

MC BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CAPSULES

SOFTBALL
FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE CLARENDON COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE
When/where: Doubleheader vs. Frank Phillips College, 1 p.m. today; Midland College softball field; doubleheader vs. Clarendon College, noon Saturday, Midland College softball field

Records: Midland College 21-11, 4-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Frank Phillips 5-17, 0-4; Clarendon College 25-6, 2-2
Notes & quotes: The Midland College softball team is looking to build off a successful road trip after the Lady Chaparrals won all four of their games against Frank Phillips and Clarendon College last weekend. "We had a really good weekend," said MC's interim head coach Amanda Evans. "We strung hits together and we had clutch hitting from our returning sophomores. Blanca Cande and Alexis Sullivan each hit some big home runs for us and were clutch. If they can continue to do that, they're going to play a big role in our success going forward. Crystal Hilder also pitched well. She threw in the second game against Clarendon after throwing a complete game in the first one and helped us close out the win." ... Kiefer, a sophomore, was named WJAC Pitcher of the Week for March 11-17 after going 3-0 with three earned runs, 10 hits, four walks and 30 strikeouts in 18 innings of work. ... Evans said her team can't take any opponent too lightly in this league, especially Clarendon, which has shown to

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GP
Midland College	17	17	1	35	35
Frank Phillips College	17	17	1	35	35
Clarendon College	17	17	1	35	35
Midland Christian	17	17	1	35	35
Fort Worth Christian	17	17	1	35	35
Wetlauge Harvest	17	17	1	35	35
MCA	17	17	1	35	35

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Midland College	17	17	1	35	35
Frank Phillips College	17	17	1	35	35
Clarendon College	17	17	1	35	35
Midland Christian	17	17	1	35	35
Fort Worth Christian	17	17	1	35	35
Wetlauge Harvest	17	17	1	35	35
MCA	17	17	1	35	35

College out-scored the Broncos 50-16 in the series. MC also got some strong pitching performances from sophomores Aaron Weisman and Noel Solis, who each pitched complete games in wins in Games 2 and 4, respectively. ... Probable starting pitchers for this weekend will be sophomore RHP Logan McCrummen (2-2, 8.75 ERA) followed by LHP Weisman (2-0, 7.71) today. On Saturday, freshman RHP Chandler Eaton (1-0, 5.74) will get the start in the first game, while the fourth game starter will be determined on who's remaining out of the bullpen.

Next: New Mexico Junior College at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m. Thursday

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Loyola beats Nevada 69-68, continues improbable NCAA run

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Loyola-Chicago coach Porter Moser never doubted Marques Townes.

Not when Townes scored only a combined 15 points in Loyola's first two NCAA Tournament games. Not even when Loyola's improbable tournament run hanging in the balance Thursday night, Townes with the ball in front of the Loyola bench in the final seconds and the shot clock about to expire.

With Loyola clinging to a one-point lead and only 6.3 seconds remaining, Townes nailed the decisive 3-pointer to help clinch a 69-68 win over Nevada in the NCAA South Regional semifinal.

"He was a warrior," Moser said.

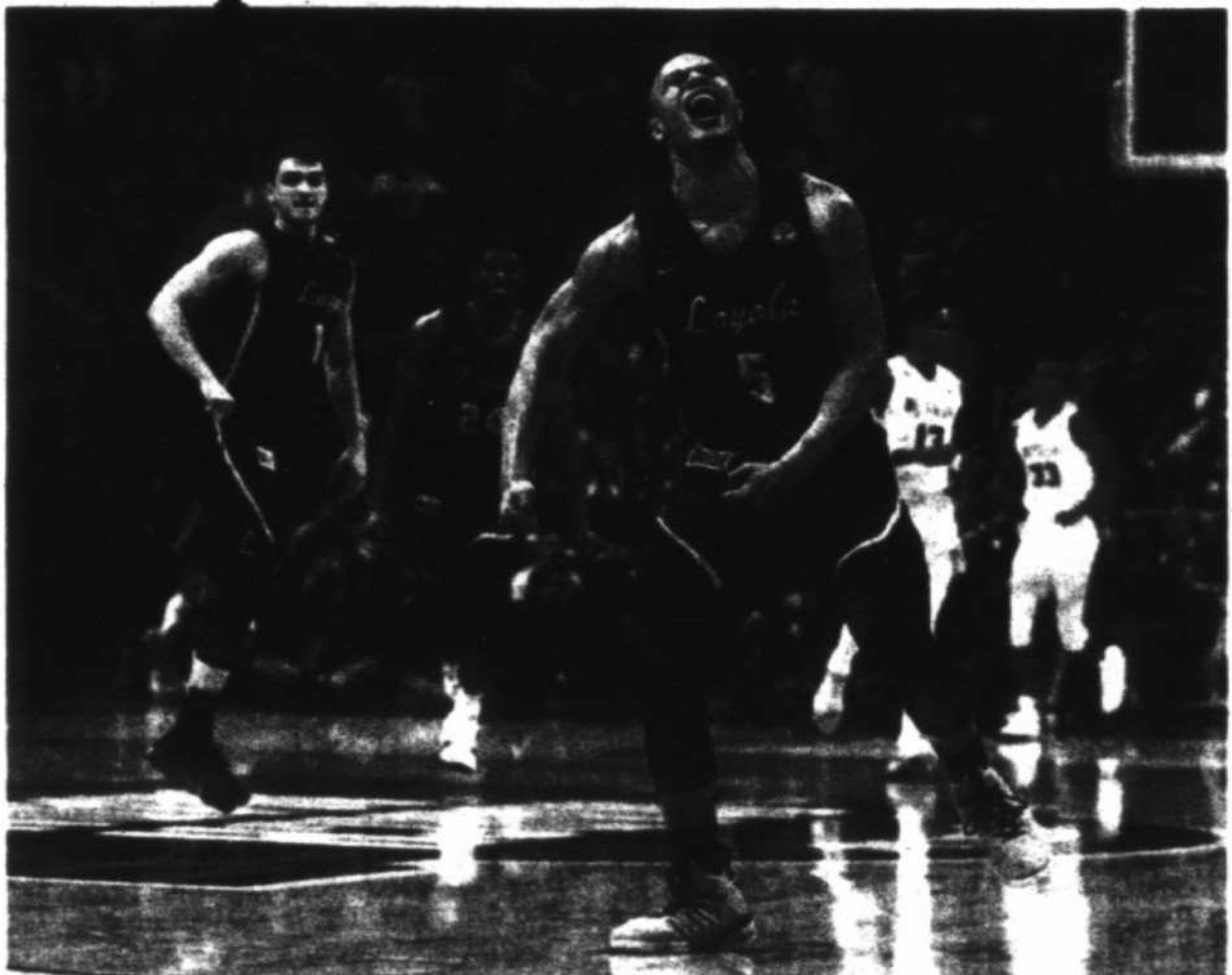
Townes, who had 18 points, charged down the court, pumping his fist, following the shot.

"I'll probably remember it for the rest of my life," Townes said. "I mean, it doesn't really get any better than that."

Following a timeout, Nevada's Caleb Martin answered with a 3, but this time the Wolf Pack couldn't extend their string of second-half comebacks in the tournament.

"Got to give so much credit to Nevada, they never quit," Moser said. "Those guys keep coming at you, coming at you. ... I was blessed we made a couple of plays at the end, got a couple of stops."

The win leaves the No. 11th-seeded Ramblers, the biggest surprise in a



Curtis Compton/Atlanta Journal-Constitution via AP

Loyola-Chicago guard Marques Townes reacts to hitting a 3-pointer in the final minute of the team's 69-68 victory over Nevada on Thursday in Atlanta.

regional that has lost its top four seeds, one victory from a Final Four appearance. Loyola (31-5), which has won three tournament games by a combined four points, awaits the winner of the Kansas State-Kentucky game in Saturday's regional final.

Not bad for a program that hadn't been in the Sweet 16 in 33 years.

On a team that shares the spotlight, this was Townes' moment. He made each of his two 3s and led Loyola with five assists. He said he was fine after banging knees with Nevada's Jordan Carolina at the end of the game.

"I think Marques Townes is the best player on the court tonight," said Loyola guard Clayton Custer. "I just got lost and it was costly."

Loyola trailed by 12 points, at 20-8, midway through the first half but stormed back to lead 28-24 at halftime. Loyola closed the half with a 20-4 run as Nevada didn't score in the final 7:55 before the break.

Loyola pushed the ball in the paint on almost every possession. The Ramblers' first 10 points came on layups.

Loyola's relentless attack on the basket continued as it stretched its lead, one layup at a time, in the second half.

TEXAS NBA ROUNDUP

ROCKETS 100 PISTONS 96 OT
HOUSTON — James Harden scored 21 points, including 10 of Houston's 12 points in overtime, to shake off a tough fourth quarter and lift the Rockets to a 100-96 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Thursday night.

After going 2 of 16 in regulation, including missing a shot that would have won it, Harden warmed up in overtime. He put Houston up with a basket early in the period before making it 93-90 on a three-point play after a basket by Andre Drummond. He added three free throws with about a minute left before P.J. Tucker's tip-in made it 98-90 with 21 seconds to play.

Blake Griffin, who finished with a triple-double, had a 3-pointer after that, but Harden made two more free throws to push the lead to seven. Harden missed both free throws after a 3-pointer by Ish Smith with 4.2 seconds left, but the Rockets held on to extend their winning streak to seven games.

It was an ugly game which featured 71 missed 3-pointers combined. Houston was 12 of 51 and Detroit made just 6 of 38.

Eric Gordon added 22 points for Houston on a night Chris Paul sat out with a sore left hamstring. Griffin had 21 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. Drummond had 17 points and 20 rebounds.

The Pistons trailed by nine with about 4 1/2 minutes left in regulation when Griffin made a layup to start an 11-0 run. Reggie Bullock made a

3-pointer and Luke Kennard had four points in that stretch, including two free throws that put Detroit up 88-86 with about 90 seconds remaining.

Houston tied the game when Drummond was called for goaltending on a shot by Tucker with 30.5 seconds left. Griffin missed a shot with 9 seconds left and Harden's shot jump shot at the buzzer was off to send the game into overtime.

After scoring 42 in Houston's win over Portland on Tuesday, Harden had trouble getting anything going against Detroit. He made 13 of 18 free throws, but was 0 for 8 on 3-pointers.

The Rockets opened the fourth quarter with five straight points, highlighted by a 3-pointer from Trevor Ariza, to lead 78-68 with about 10 1/2 minutes left.

Detroit got within four points before a 7-2 run by Houston made it 83-74 midway through the quarter. Joe Johnson got things going in that stretch with a 3-pointer and Gordon scored the other four points.

Griffin received a flagrant foul early in the third quarter when he tripped Harden as he came down after a 3-point attempt. Harden twisted his left ankle as he landed and crashed to the court. He remained there for a couple of minutes before slowly getting to his feet and remaining in the game.

He made two of three free throws as part of an 8-0 run Houston used to start the third quarter and take a 98-90 lead. The Rockets carried a 71-68 lead into the fourth quarter.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE				Portland	
Atlantic Division				Charlotte City	
	W	L	Pct	Minnesota	
•Toronto	53	19	.736	Utah	
•Boston	48	25	.657	Denver	
Philadelphia	40	33	.557		
Heat	35	38	.477		
Brooklyn	23	49	.319	•Golden State	
Southeast Division				L.A. Clippers	
	W	L	Pct	L.A. Lakers <td></td>	
Washington	30	33	.545	Phoenix	
Miami	30	33	.545	•Cleveland	
Charlotte	31	41	.436	•Golden State	
Atlanta	21	50	.298	•Golden State	
Orlando	21	51	.292		
Central Division				Charlotte 140, Minn.	
	W	L	Pct	Charlotte 110, Minn.	
Cleveland	42	39	.520	Houston 110, Minn. <td></td>	
Indiana	41	39	.513	New Orleans 105, Minn. <td></td>	
San Antonio	39	41	.488	Utah 110, Dallas <td></td>	
Detroit	32	49	.395	Atlanta of Eastern	
Chicago	24	47	.338		

WESTERN CONFERENCE					EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Southeast Division					Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
y-Houston	58	14,800	-	-	Golden State	55	15,000	-	-
New Orleans	48	20,500	10%	-	LA Clippers	47	20,000	10%	-
San Antonio	42	20,200	10	-	LA Lakers	46	20,000	10%	-
Dallas	32	20,200	20	-	San Diego	45	20,000	10%	-
Memphis	18	20,200	30	-	Phoenix	44	20,000	10%	-
Northwest Division					Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	52	16,000	-	-	San Antonio	47	16,000	-	-
Oklahoma City	47	16,000	-	-	Utah	46	16,000	-	-
Dallas	46	16,000	-	-	Portland	45	16,000	-	-
Phoenix	45	16,000	-	-	Oklahoma City	44	16,000	-	-
San Antonio	44	16,000	-	-	Dallas	43	16,000	-	-
Utah	43	16,000	-	-	Phoenix	42	16,000	-	-
Portland	42	16,000	-	-	San Antonio	41	16,000	-	-
Oklahoma City	41	16,000	-	-	Utah	40	16,000	-	-
Dallas	40	16,000	-	-	Portland	39	16,000	-	-
Phoenix	39	16,000	-	-	Oklahoma City	38	16,000	-	-
San Antonio	38	16,000	-	-	Dallas	37	16,000	-	-
Utah	37	16,000	-	-	Phoenix	36	16,000	-	-
Portland	36	16,000	-	-	San Antonio	35	16,000	-	-
Oklahoma City	35	16,000	-	-	Utah	34	16,000	-	-
Dallas	34	16,000	-	-	Portland	33	16,000	-	-
Phoenix	33	16,000	-	-	Oklahoma City	32	16,000	-	-
San Antonio	32	16,000	-	-	Dallas	31	16,000	-	-
Utah	31	16,000	-	-	Phoenix	30	16,000	-	-
Portland	30	16,000	-	-	San Antonio	29	16,000	-	-
Oklahoma City	29	16,000	-	-	Utah	28	16,000	-	-
Dallas	28	16,000	-	-	Portland	27	16,000	-	-
Phoenix	27	16,000	-	-	Oklahoma City	26	16,000	-	-
San Antonio	26	16,000	-	-	Dallas	25	16,000	-	-
Utah	25	16,000	-	-	Phoenix	24	16,000	-	-
Portland	24	16,000	-	-	San Antonio	23	16,000	-	-
Oklahoma City	23	16,000	-	-	Utah	22	16,000	-	-
Dallas	22	16,000	-	-	Portland	21	16,000	-	-
Phoenix	21	16,000	-	-	Oklahoma City	20	16,000	-	-
San Antonio	20	16,000	-	-	Dallas	19	16,000	-	-
Utah	19	16,000	-	-	Phoenix	18	16,000	-	-
Portland	18	16,000	-	-	San Antonio	17	16,000	-	-
Oklahoma City	17	16,000	-	-	Utah	16	16,000	-	-
Dallas	16	16,000	-	-	Portland	15	16,000	-	-
Phoenix	15	16,000	-	-	Oklahoma City	14	16,000	-	-
San Antonio	14	16,000	-	-	Dallas	13	16,000	-	-
Utah	13	16,000	-	-	Phoenix	12	16,000	-	-
Portland	12	16,000	-	-	San Antonio	11	16,000	-	-
Oklahoma City	11	16,000	-	-	Utah	10	16,000	-	-
Dallas	10	16,000	-	-	Portland	9	16,000	-	-
Phoenix	9	16,000	-	-	Oklahoma City	8	16,000	-	-
San Antonio	8	16,000	-	-	Dallas	7	16,000	-	-
Utah	7	16,000	-	-	Phoenix	6	16,000	-	-
Portland	6	16,000	-	-	San Antonio	5	16,000	-	-
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Detroit led for most of the first half and was up 50-48 at halftime.

JAZZ 119 MAVERICKS 112
DALLAS — Donovan Mitchell scored 26 points and the Utah Jazz got back on the winning track by beating the Dallas Mavericks 119-112 on Thursday night.

Two nights after a loss to Atlanta ended a nine-game winning streak, Utah moved into a tie with Minnesota for seventh place in the Western Conference playoff race. The Jazz have won 22 of their last 25 games.

Mitchell is the only NBA rookie averaging 20 points. All five Utah starters scored in double figures.

Joe Ingles had 18 points and 10 assists, equalling his career high. Ricky Rubio scored 22 points. Derrick Favors had 19 and Rudy Gobert added 11.

J.J. Barea had a season-high 23 points for the Mavericks with 20 in the first half. Harrison Barnes added 21 points and Vogt Farrell scored 20 in a reserve role.

A three-point play by Mitchell gave Utah a 37-34 lead after one quarter. The Jazz then scored the first six points in the second quarter and extended their margin to 52-37.

Cox's plate," she said. Her blood-sugar levels have to be monitored constantly, even during games.

Cox missed a trip to the No. 8 UCLA after being hospitalized with complications from her diabetes, with symptoms of dehydration, nausea and vomiting caused by sleep apnea.

Mulkey also didn't make that Nov. 18 game, Baylor's only loss, after her daughter lost her unborn girl.

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VanDerveer referred to as "Double Trouble," averages 15.3 points and 9.8 rebounds.

As a freshman, Cox started only once and played about 13 1/2 minutes a game. She averaged 7.6 points and 4.1 rebounds. "Lauren Cox signed to come to Baylor when we had a slew of post players and All-Americans,"

Mulkey said. "That tells you what an unselfish kid and also how confident she is in her ability."

Cox was also away from home in Flower Mound, Texas, for the first time with more responsibility for monitoring the Type 1 diabetes she has dealt with since she was 7 years old. "Freshman year, all of them will tell you is the most difficult year of their lives. Not just in sports,

but in life," Mulkey said. "You're leaving your comfort zone at home. And while she's close, Flower Mound is certainly not that far away, she has to deal with diabetes. So now she doesn't have mom in there to say her every day about did you check this, did you do that."

"So all of the things that a normal student would have to deal with as a freshman, add a little bit to

the second half of a 59-57 loss at Baylor on Feb. 17. He has averaged 21.2 points in his five games since sitting out at West Virginia, even while spending much of his time getting treatment.

"He's everything good about college basketball when you think about four-year players staying and grinding," Board said. "The

courage he's shown here in the last month with his two losses to still play at this level in the kind of pain he's in ... I know (NBA) guys look for the intimidation, and that guy's middle name is intimidation. I've never coached a tougher guy than Keanen Evans."

Board said the guard has also become a better defender.

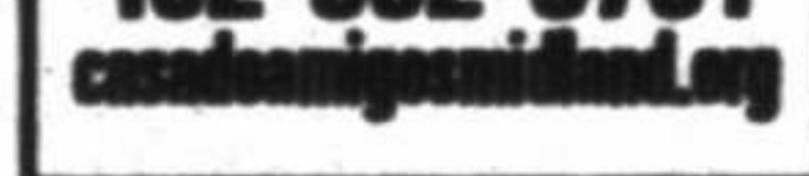
also player. "You've got to give Keanen all the credit. The Keanen Evans story is not me or Tully. It is Keanen Evans," Board said. "This guy self-made himself into one of the best players in college basketball, and I can tell you how he's done it. He's done it with a lot of work."

NCAA MEN'S TOURNAMENT GLANCE

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FIRST FOUR	Thursday, March 15
At US Bank Arena	At PPG Paints Arena
Dayton, Ohio	Pittsburgh
Florida 71, LSU 66	Wichita, Kan.
St. Bonaventure 65, UCLA 58	Kansas 70, Pennsylvania 60
Westbury, N.Y.	Saint Paul 64, N.C. State 60
Texas Southern 64, N.C. Central 48	Friday, March 16
Savannah, Ga.	At Little Caesars Arena
Syracuse 66, Arizona State 58	Detroit
EAST REGIONAL	Michigan State 62, Oakland 70
First Round	Syracuse 57, UConn 52
Thursday, March 15	At Village Arena
At PPG Paints Arena	San Diego
Pittsburgh	Adrian 62, College of Charleston 59
Villanova 67, Stanford 62	March 17, New Mexico State 69
Albany, N.Y.	Second Round
Alabama 65, Virginia Tech 63	Saturday, March 17
At American Airlines Center	At PPG Paints Arena
Dallas	Pittsburgh
At American Airlines Center	Duke 67, Florida Int'l 62
Dallas	At BSNWY Bank Arena
Texas Tech 70, Stephen F. Austin 69	Wichita, Kan.
Floraline, Texas	Kansas 65, Saint Mary's 77
Florida 77, St. Bonaventure 62	Sunday, March 18
Dayton, Ohio	At Little Caesars Arena
At Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Detroit	Syracuse 55, Michigan State 50
Purdue 74, Cal State Fullerton 48	At Village Arena
At U.S. Bank Stadium	San Diego
Butler 78, Arkansas 62	Clemson 64, Auburn 59
At U.S. Bank Stadium	At CenturyLink Center Omaha
Minneapolis	Omaha, Neb.
Marshall 61, Wichita State 75	Regional Semifinals
West Virginia 65, Marquette 66	Friday, March 16
Second Round	Kansas (25-7) vs. Clemson (25-0)
Saturday, March 17	Duke (25-7) vs. Syracuse (25-10)
At PPG Paints Arena	Regional Championship
Pittsburgh	Sunday, March 20
Villanova 67, Stanford 62	Second round
Albany, N.Y.	WEST REGIONAL
Alabama 65, Virginia Tech 63	First Round
At American Airlines Center	Thursday, March 16
Dallas	At BSNWY Bank Arena
At American Airlines Center	Wichita, Kan.
Dallas	Houston 67, San Diego State 65
Texas Tech 70, Stephen F. Austin 69	Michigan 61, Michigan 47
Floraline, Texas	At Tropic Ball Arena
Florida 77, St. Bonaventure 62	Baton Rouge, La.
Dayton, Ohio	Georgia 66, UNC Charlotte 64
At Little Caesars Arena	Chio State 61, South Dakota State 73
Detroit	Friday, March 16
Purdue 74, Cal State Fullerton 48	At Spectrum Center
At U.S. Bank Stadium	Charlotte, N.C.
Butler 78, Arkansas 62	Texas A&M 73, Providence 67
At U.S. Bank Stadium	North Carolina 64, Lipscomb 66
Minneapolis	At BSNWY Bank Arena
Marshall 61, Wichita State 75	Wichita, Kan.
West Virginia 65, Marquette 66	Junior 102, Texas Southern 63
Second Round	Florida 67, Missouri 54
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At PPG Paints Arena	Saturday, March 17
Pittsburgh	At Tropic Ball Arena
Villanova 67, Stanford 62	Baton Rouge, La.
Albany, N.Y.	Georgia 66, Ohio State 64
Alabama 65, Virginia Tech 63	At BSNWY Bank Arena
At American Airlines Center	Wichita, Kan.
Dallas	Michigan 64, Houston 63
At American Airlines Center	Sunday, March 18
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Texas Tech 70, Stephen F. Austin 69	Charlotte, N.C.
Floraline, Texas	Texas A&M 73, North Carolina 65
Florida 77, St. Bonaventure 62	At BSNWY Bank Arena
Dayton, Ohio	Wichita, Kan.
At Little Caesars Arena	Florida State 73, Xavier 70
Detroit	At CenturyLink Center
Purdue 74, Cal State Fullerton 48	Los Angeles
At U.S. Bank Stadium	Regional Semifinals
Butler 78, Arkansas 62	Michigan 66, Texas A&M 72
At U.S. Bank Stadium	Florida State vs. Georgia
Minneapolis	Regional Championship
Marshall 61, Wichita State 75	Saturday, March 20
West Virginia 65, Marquette 66	Second round
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Saturday, March 17	First Round
At PPG Paints Arena	Thursday, March 16
Pittsburgh	At The Alamogordo
Villanova 67, Stanford 62	San Antonio
Albany, N.Y.	Regional Semifinals
Alabama 65, Virginia Tech 63	Saturday, March 20
At American Airlines Center	East champion vs. West champion
Dallas	East champion vs. Midwest champion
At American Airlines Center	Regional Championship
Dallas	Sunday, April 2
Texas Tech 70, Stephen F. Austin 69	Second round
Floraline, Texas	
Florida 77, St. Bonaventure 62	
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law, a mother of four, just had a miscarriage of five months. I have no

DEAR ABBY

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Talk of the tournament

This is another deal from the Camrose Trophy series in Great Britain last year. It was the talk of the tournament. It would have caused a buzz at any tournament, or, for that matter, at any other bridge game you can think of.

The given auction was repeated many times during the competition. East's

double was a Lightner double, asking for an unusual lead, definitely not hearts. West easily found the jack of clubs lead to give East a ruff and defeat the contract.

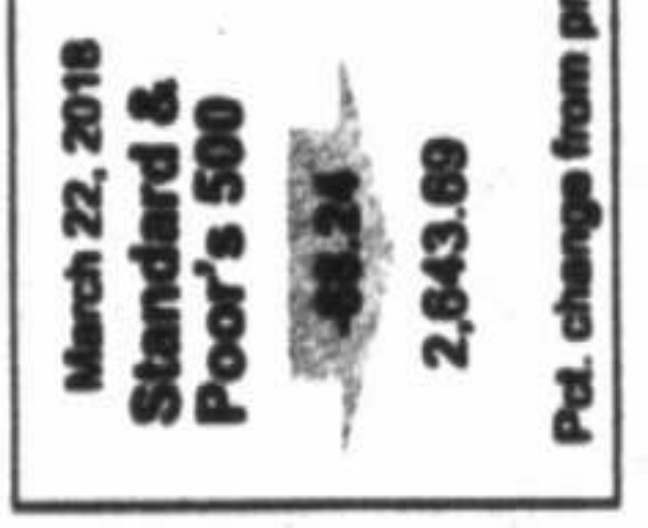
There were many discussions as to the correct way to bid the South hand. These discussions were purely academic, as none of us is likely to ever see a hand this good again in our lifetimes.

The idea was to get North to be declarer, if possible. The West hand was far less likely to be able to ruff the opening lead.

Some thought the best approach was to start with a five-heart cuebid. North will occasionally bid six diamonds, and South could raise that to seven. Should North bid six clubs, wouldn't a six-heart continuation by South ask North to choose between spades and diamonds?

That was too rich for us. The idea we liked was for South to jump directly to seven hearts over four hearts! What could that possibly be except asking partner to bid seven spades. Interesting stuff.

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The long-shot bid would be a huge benefit to Larian. Nearly 1 in every 5 sales made by Bratz doll-maker MGA Entertainment, where Larian is CEO, is rung up at a Toys R Us store.

Larian says he and the other investors,

However, even as Trump was talking tough at the White House, his administration moved to soften the sting of the metal tariff by telling Congress on Thursday that the European Union, Australia, South Korea and other nations would join Canada and Mexico in gaining an initial exemption. And that raised questions about whether his actions will match his rhetoric.

China isn't straggling him off. "If some-

It saw higher demand for its swoosh-branded goods outside the U.S., especially in China, where sales soared 24 percent.

Viper Energy Partners (VNP)
Closing Price \$23.58 Down 0.07

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SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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

SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt

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ACROSS

1. Earth, for example
 5. bus
 6. Encourage
 7. Contaminate

DOWN

1. Lifting device
 2. house
 3. Lunar
 4. Type of rental

CLUE The first _____ was awarded in 1893.

BONUS

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 ANSWERS: 1-A. Planet 5A-Local 6A-Local 7A-Local 12-Fluffy 2D-Function 3D-Edgewise 4D-Scuba 5D-Scuba 6D-Scuba 7D-Scuba 8D-Scuba 9D-Scuba 10D-Scuba 11D-Scuba 12D-Scuba 13D-Scuba 14D-Scuba 15D-Scuba 16D-Scuba 17D-Scuba 18D-Scuba 19D-Scuba 20D-Scuba 21D-Scuba 22D-Scuba 23D-Scuba 24D-Scuba 25D-Scuba 26D-Scuba 27D-Scuba 28D-Scuba 29D-Scuba 30D-Scuba 31D-Scuba 32D-Scuba 33D-Scuba 34D-Scuba 35D-Scuba 36D-Scuba 37D-Scuba 38D-Scuba 39D-Scuba 40D-Scuba 41D-Scuba 42D-Scuba 43D-Scuba 44D-Scuba 45D-Scuba 46D-Scuba 47D-Scuba 48D-Scuba 49D-Scuba 50D-Scuba 51D-Scuba 52D-Scuba 53D-Scuba 54D-Scuba 55D-Scuba 56D-Scuba 57D-Scuba 58D-Scuba 59D-Scuba 60D-Scuba 61D-Scuba 62D-Scuba 63D-Scuba 64D-Scuba 65D-Scuba 66D-Scuba 67D-Scuba 68D-Scuba 69D-Scuba 70D-Scuba 71D-Scuba 72D-Scuba 73D-Scuba 74D-Scuba 75D-Scuba 76D-Scuba 77D-Scuba 78D-Scuba 79D-Scuba 80D-Scuba 81D-Scuba 82D-Scuba 83D-Scuba 84D-Scuba 85D-Scuba 86D-Scuba 87D-Scuba 88D-Scuba 89D-Scuba 90D-Scuba 91D-Scuba 92D-Scuba 93D-Scuba 94D-Scuba 95D-Scuba 96D-Scuba 97D-Scuba 98D-Scuba 99D-Scuba 100D-Scuba

JUMBLE

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

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SOMEQ

RRAATT

SULBEH

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

IN THE EARLY DAYS OF GOLF, THE FLAGS WERE MADE OUT OF _____

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

 (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TASTY NOVEL THRIFT WEEKLY
 Answer: The tennis player hadn't lost a single game to her opponent and was — ALL SET TO WIN

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Flintstones
 5 Chicago Eight defendant
 10 B.C. law enforcers
 14 Big name in denim
 15 Dental restoration
 16 Cause of some bad apples?
 17 Has to pay
 18 Part of a script
 19 Cyber phenomenon
 20 Turned tail
 22 Like some underbellies
 23 Memphis-to-Atlanta dir.
 24 Big fuss
 25 With "the," what a boxer doesn't want to hit?
 26 Pulse
 28 High points
 31 Latin I word
 32 Prepared, as eggs for eggs Benedict
 34 Volin' ray
 35 Emulate Moses ... and what four black squares do in this puzzle
 38 Like a breeze?
 39 August birthstone
 40 "How you doin'?"
 41 Lost patience
 42 "The Beauty Myth" author
 46 Chip off the old block?
 48 Annoyed exclamation
 50 Greek god of the wild
 51 Needed an eraser
 52 Herbs and spices
 55 Bill _____ Climate Lab: former exhibit at Oakland's Chabot Space & Science Center
 56 Awaits decision
 57 Brief refusal to "Are you hungry?"
 58 Nineteenth Amendment campaigner

DOWN

1 Daisy component
 2 Clean some more
 3 Plane, for one
 4 Ph.D. hurdle
 5 "I feel your pain"
 6 Went too far
 7 Protected, in a way
 8 Succeeded in getting
 9 Word with private or public
 10 Collegian's diet staple
 11 Fill
 12 "Money, Money, Money" musical
 13 Exploits
 21 Henry _____ Lodge: WWI senator
 22 Swedish carrier
 25 Surrendered
 27 Nashville highlight
 29 "SNL" alumna
 30 Scout's honor?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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WUZZLES™

WORD PUZZLES BY WOOD TOM

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Each Wuzzle is a word riddle which creates a disguised word, phrase, name, place, saying, etc. For example, NOON GOOD = GOOD AFTERNOON

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Print Your Answers Here:

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Be sure to check out Sunday's edition to read weekly

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JOIN US FOR

EASTER BRUNCH**10AM-2PM | APRIL 1 | SERVED IN THE BALLROOM**

PLENTY OF SEATING FOR LARGE GROUPS

CARVING STATION Herbed Crusted Prime Rib | Honey Glazed Ham

Entrées Cajun Grilled Tilapia | Smothered Pork Chops | Chicken Monterrey | Salmon with Mango Chutney

Shrimp Station Peel & Eat Shrimp | Hand Breaded Fried Shrimp

Mexican Food Green Enchiladas | Menudo | Caldo | Rice & Beans | and all the sides

Sides Fresh Mixed Grilled Veggies | White Rice Pilaf | Loaded Mashed Potatoes | Country Style Green Beans

Omelet & Waffle Station | Breakfast Buffet Bacon | Sausage | Biscuits & Gravy

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Multi-Media Sales Executive

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Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve their business objectives. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses. Our ideal candidate will be goal oriented, is a relentless hunter, driving to win new business, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

Multi-Media Sales Executives maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships and promotion of new/existing advertising products. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-generation.

development with local businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the marketing process for our customers, while helping advertisers track the impact of their campaigns and understand their advertising options. In short, we help our customers grow their business.

Responsibilities include:

- Consistently meet/exceed all print and digital revenue goals.
- Understand the client's advertising needs, and develop the ideal marketing solution for them.
- Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-demo.
- Generating new leads by making cold calls and maintaining an awareness of new business opening in the area.
- Be the face of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and ensure a superior customer experience.

The Ideal Candidate:

- You're self-motivated and results oriented.
- You have an outgoing, resilient personality.
- You enjoy the thrill of the hunt by bringing in new business.
- You're confident and not willing to accept average.

Required Skills & Experience:

- 2+ years of sales experience with a proven record of successfully exceeding goals.
- Proven to educate clients in their marketing options and close deals.
- Exceptional communication and presentation skills.
- Strong computer skills, Digital Sales experience a plus.
- Bachelor's degree preferred.

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Essential Functions:

- Follow instructions, and maintain compliance with all DOT, company and customer safety and operational policies and procedures.
- Properly load and unload product at various customer locations in a professional, courteous, timely, safe, and efficient manner.
- Connect and disconnect hoses, operating pumps and valves for loading and unloading.
- Complete all paperwork accurately and timely, if applicable.
- Complete other related tasks as assigned by manager.

Minimum Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age.
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required.
- Computer proficiency is required.
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required.
- Class A CDL and Haz Mat is preferred but not required.
- Must be able to pass background screening including MVR and criminal.
- Must be able to work nights, weekends, and an extended workweek.
- Strong customer service skills, and the ability to effectively prioritize, multi-task, manage time, organize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment.

Supervisory Responsibilities:

No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

Work Environment:

Work is often outdoors. Working conditions range from mild to hot temps, high winds, flying dust, slipping hazards and conditions and frequently exposed to loud noise from heavy equipment and machinery.

Physical Demands:

Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, and bend is required. Must also be able to occasionally lift, carry, push, pull, move, and drag up to 50 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:

This is a full-time position. The ability to work overtime is a requirement to performing this job.

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Now hiring for a Field Technician.

The Field Technician will provide advanced rotating services to support the Frac operations on location. Endeavor Energy will provide all necessary training for new employees. This is a non-driving position.

Job Duties:

- Comply with all OSHA and company safety procedures, rules and regulations.
- Proper pre and post trip of equipment.
- Consistently demonstrate safe unloading of fluids while handling, hooking and unhooking hoses and operating pumps while following directions and standard operating procedures.
- Safely using pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches and other hand tools.
- Immediate reporting and clearing of any spills during shift.
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, dispatchers, fellow co-workers and customers.
- All other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment.
- Proven capability to work both independently and collaboratively with different levels of management and individual contributors.
- Demonstrated ability to manage work in stressful situations.
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age.
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required.
- Computer proficiency is required.
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required.
- Experience working on Frac site or similar responsibilities is preferred.

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-Process and route mail as needed.
-Perform related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
-Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and officers when acting as a secretary, answering inquiries, processing information and making referrals to the proper staff member.
-Ability to read and understand manuals and reports in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Will be the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as computers, copiers and printers. Will be typing and word processing. Will have experience in the operation of computer systems in order to design or complete spreadsheets, forms or word processing assignments, worksheets, certificates and programs. Experience in customer with personal computer related to spreadsheets, databases and word processing.

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

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Required Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Must possess a valid Texas Class "A" Commercial Driver License, good driving record, and be insurable on Midland College's insurance policy
- Three years' experience driving "over the road" (OTR) or local
- Experience in pre-trip/post trip inspections, coupling and uncoupling of equipment
- Computer literacy
- Knowledge of rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- Knowledge of Double Clutching techniques and how to teach it as required by TXDPS
- Knowledge of air brake testing procedures and be able to instruct and evaluate
- Knowledge of Hours of Service Regulations and be able to log and teach log book entries as well as log book recap
- Ability to manage multiple tasks while providing close attention to detail
- Ability to work in cooperation with others and work a flexible schedule based on training needs
- Maintain a high level of record keeping, utilize creativity, and meet frequent deadlines
- Establish goals and maintain a high level of decision making
- Adaptable to a constantly changing environment
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Associate Traffic Engineer

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

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

- Benefits:**
- Health Care Plans
 - Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
 - Paid Holidays
 - Employee Wellness Program
 - Tuition Reimbursement

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MANAGEMENT/EXECUTIVE



GIS Manager

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

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

Job Duties:

- Supervises all phases and implementation of the City Enterprise GIS
- Supervises GIS Division staff
- Provides planning and direction for GIS growth to serve the City and Public
- Provides general customer service; responds to concerns and inquiries related to GIS services
- Negotiates and reviews contracts provided by consultants for GIS services, e.g., LIDAR, orthorectified imagery, Chironix, etc.
- Develops policies and standards for the GIS Division
- Manages the setting of priorities for projects, software, database, and application development
- Oversees development of GIS applications, web services, and tools to ensure they are current and utilize industry standards and practices
- Oversees the GIS Division in managing ArcGIS Server installation, maintenance, upgrades and use
- Provides recommendations to the Director of Engineering Services regarding use of GIS Division budget, policies for projects, and resources required to complete tasks
- Provides user-training services, as requested
- Independently prepares and delivers reports and presentations to City Commissioners, City Management, and outside agency officials. Serves as representative of GIS (or the City) to other departments and outside agencies
- Other duties as assigned

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

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

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of ArcGIS Desktop software (ArcGIS Desktop, ArcGIS Online, ArcGIS Pro), solid understanding of database design/management and programming is desirable.

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

Bachelor's degree in GIS, Geography, Computer Science, Engineering, or a related field. Master's degree in a related field preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

- Benefits:**
- Health Care Plans
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MANAGEMENT/EXECUTIVE



Planning Division Manager

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

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

Job Duties:

- Reviews staff work including reports, maps and special studies for presentation to Planning Commission and City Council
- Coordinates, supervises and manages staff time
- Prepares, administers and monitors annual budget
- Presents information at public meetings. Participates with other staff members concerning interrelated projects
- Answers various questions from general public and developers concerning city ordinances, development trends, and population
- Performs related duties as required

Qualifications:

Employee communicates with other employees in the work group. Communication with the general public, developers, outside agencies and other departments within the organization is required.

Knowledge of planning and zoning process. Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in writing and interpreting budgets. Ability to write and review reports, memos and other correspondence. Ability to supervise and communicate with employees. Basic comprehension of computer use. Valid Texas Driver License.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in geography, planning or related field required. Graduate work or advanced degree in planning preferred. Three to five years experience in a related field required, preferably including supervisory experience.

Benefits:

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Right-Of-Way Manager

This position manages the acquisition, sale, and financing of City rights-of-way and other real property; oversees the execution of transactions of real property; and administers the issuance of easements and licenses to outside parties for the use of City-owned rights-of-way and property.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

Job Duties:

- Develops policies and procedures for standardization of third-party use of City rights-of-way and property
- Manages the distribution of surface damages for City rights-of-way and other real property owned by the City, including 47,000+ acres of City-owned parcels
- Develops and negotiates Surface Use Agreements, Right-of-Way License Agreements, Easement Agreements, for third-party users of City-owned parcels or rights-of-way, and coordinates with appropriate City Departments or Management
- Prepares and presents reports to City officials, Council members, and representatives of outside agencies
- Obtains Approvals, Title Work, and coordinates Closings on tracts of interest
- Coordinates and processes public easements for City projects
- Coordinates departmental actions related to acquisition of real property to ensure compliance with City policies, and legal and regulatory guidelines
- Coordinates preparation of offers to purchase, leases, deeds, exchange agreements, easements, releases, and related property transaction documents
- Coordinates with others and utilizes engineering plans and plans to determine accuracy of property legal descriptions and boundaries, title histories, etc.
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with external supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures.

Knowledge of land surveying, oil drilling and pipeline operations, and typical petroleum industry practices related to land use and acquisition is desirable. Knowledge of municipal government operations, acquisitions and procedures is helpful.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies, and to respond to questions from Council members, consultants, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of ArcGIS Desktop software is desirable.

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

Benefits:

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Planner

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

Job Duties:

- Prepares special studies and reports related to code amendments and annexation studies. Assists with comprehensive plan and studies and updates as necessary
- Prepares statistical reports such as annual population estimates
- Reviews requests and prepares written reports for zone change and proposed subdivision plat applications and special studies
- Presents information and recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission
- Reviews miscellaneous applications including temporary land uses, special events, public rights of way, etc.
- Responds to public inquiries concerning development of the city in general as well as specific areas
- Researches, compiles and analyzes land use and related data
- Works with the public and developers in answering questions and providing information
- Performs related duties as required

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with developers and citizens in order to provide information and guidance on planning and zoning issues. Ability to work in conjunction with employees from different departments.

Knowledge of current planning processes and procedures. Ability to read and understand technical materials, reports and journals. Skill in developing related reports and ability to analyze and present data on land use applications and planning. Ability to effectively communicate, both orally and in writing, to citizens and other government officials.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in architecture, planning, engineering or economics plus one to three years of experience. Valid Texas Driver's License.

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Public Safety Dispatcher

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

Job Duties:

- Answers the phone and assists officers with requests for emergency and non-emergency services for police, fire, sheriff and emergency medical services
- Directs citizen inquiries and non-emergency calls to the appropriate agency or organization
- Coordinates law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel and notifies support and other personnel as needed through the use of multi-channel radio system and computer aided dispatch system
- Requests and disseminates vehicle registration, driver's license, criminal history information through the use of the Texas National Computer System (TNCS, NCIC)
- Obtains computer information and disseminates to law enforcement officials and investigators. Enters related information into the system
- Sends and receives telephone information to and from related agencies
- Maintains records of work performed
- Performs related duties as assigned

Qualifications:

Ability to work with dispatch equipment and communicate with officers and emergency personnel in highly stressful, possibly emergency situations. Employee communicates with other employees in the work group, officers and other law enforcement agencies in order to discuss requests for service and possible criminal activities. Will also exchange information or request assistance from other agencies and make referrals when necessary.

Ability to read and understand technical and professional manuals in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as specialized computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 25 WPM.

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

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Recycle Supervisor

Supervises and monitors Citizens Collection Station and requests drivers in day to day operations and projects. Works as a service attendant at the Citizens Collection Station as needed. Acts as a Solid Waste Supervisor as needed.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provides input as to needed equipment and employment positions. Monitors supplies and equipment at the Citizens Collection Station.

Job Duties:

- Supervises and monitors the work of subordinate employees
- Controls employees in the site, care, and preventive maintenance of equipment and materials
- Reads schematics, manuals, and other specifications in order to diagnose and make necessary repairs and maintenance
- Maintains equipment in good working order and keeps records of work performed
- Controls the distribution and maintenance of facilities, equipment, tools and materials
- Acts as the customer service representative of the Recycle Division at the Citizens Collection Station and on projects
- Offers results and reports orally as needed
- Coordinates efforts with Solid Waste operations
- Drives as needed assigned when necessary
- Serves as a Solid Waste Supervisor when necessary
- Performs other related duties as assigned

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with employees and to receive work orders or instructions for any project. Interacts frequently with the public, vendors, and government agency representatives.

Ability to read, interpret, and understand local, state, and federal regulations related to disposal of refuse. Knowledge of processes used in the disposal of solid waste. Skill in the use of various equipment and tools used in solid waste disposal and evaluation of work of others. Must have a valid Texas Driver's License and possess a current valid Texas Class C or Commercial Driver License with a valid Texas Driver's License with two years of this date.

High school diploma or general education degree required and some college preferred. One to three years of experience in Solid Waste under supervising and evaluation of work of others. Must have a valid Texas Driver's License and possess a current valid Texas Class C or Commercial Driver License with a valid Texas Driver's License with two years of this date.

- Benefits:**
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Multi-Media Sales Executives maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships and promotion of new advertising products. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the marketing process for our customers, while helping advertisers track the impact of their campaigns and understand their advertising options. In short, we help our customers grow their business.

Responsibilities include:

- Consistently meet/exceeds all print and digital revenue goals.
- Understanding the client's advertising needs, and develop the ideal marketing solution for them.
- Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/webinars.
- Generating new leads by making cold calls and maintaining an awareness of new businesses opening in the area.
- Be the face of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and ensure a superior customer experience.

The Ideal Candidate:

- You're self-motivated and results oriented.
- You have an outgoing, resilient personality.
- You enjoy the thrill of the hunt by bringing in new business.
- You're confident and not willing to accept average.

Required Skills & Experience:

- 2+ years of sales experience with a proven record of successfully exceeding goals.
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- Strong computer skills. Digital Sales experience a plus.
- Bachelor's degree preferred.

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Job Duties:

- Design and coordinate segments of the IT architecture.
- Manage server applications, including but not limited to email, Active Directory, operating systems, and email.
- Provision and maintain IT design, architecture, and specifications documentation, as identified.
- Monitor information storage systems, schedules, and files, including backup and recovery tasks, as identified.
- Provide research, planning, and planning of the IT infrastructure.
- Be responsible for the installing, testing, and testing of new IT solutions, analyzing IT infrastructure technical issues, and supporting the design, planning, building, and testing of new IT solutions, as assigned.
- Perform related duties as assigned.
- Subject to recall duty.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Computer Science plus two years of experience in a related field to design.
- Four years experience may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree requirement.
- Valid Texas Driver's License.

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
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Fleet Technician

Diagnoses, repairs and maintains city trucks and heavy equipment.

Job Duties:

- Diagnoses equipment and vehicle malfunctions such as ignition, steering, emission control, electrical, and heating and air conditioning. Estimates costs and reliable to specifications.
- Determines the appropriateness of off-site repairs such as oil and filter changes, tire and mufflers.
- Inspects vehicles for state stickers.
- Determines readiness and fitness of new vehicles. Installs special equipment.
- Employee must provide own hand tools. City supplies major equipment including power tools, computerized analyzer, and other diagnostic equipment.
- Reads blue prints, electrical diagrams, manuals and other specifications in order to make repairs.
- Performs emergency repairs for various departments.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work orders, logs, historical information, and special written requests.

Qualifications:

- High School graduate or GED
- Knowledge of proper tools used in welding and fabrication
- Three years training as a mechanic or in a related field
- Valid Texas Class A CDL Driver's License within one year of employment
- Texas Department of Public Safety Inspector Certificate required within one year of employment

Benefits:

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Code Enforcement Officer

Perform inspections of private and public properties to ensure compliance with municipal ordinances, zoning and land use regulations which govern the maintenance of property, grounds and structures.

Job Duties:

- Visually inspect properties for code violations as initiated by a complaint or routine inspection.
- Enter data into the computer to generate notice of violations to property owners or to recording amount of water utilized. Still in the use of variety of hand tools such as shovels, meter wrenches and meter keys.
- Respond to citizen calls regarding code violations, mail information regarding zoning or city regulations.
- Research planned districts, nonconforming uses, plate and flag use of property for the department.
- Manage city contracts for the clearing of lots, to include bidding projects, preparing contracts, awarding contracts and preparing payments to contractors.
- Conduct inspections to ensure proper environmental compliance in response to complaints.
- Provide information to the public and contractors regarding the requirements of zoning and related code and city requirements.
- Conduct field inspections of junked and abandoned vehicles, abandoned structures and other properties for compliance with city codes.
- Perform related duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Ability to effectively communicate with developers, citizens and other employees in order to provide information regarding city codes and possible violations.

Ability to read and understand materials including City Ordinances, professional literature, plans, correspondence and manuals. Ability to write reports and correspondence. Skills in math. Skills to communicate both orally and in writing. Knowledge of office equipment including personal computer.

High school diploma or equivalent and a valid Texas driver's license required. Certification through Texas Department Health as a Certified Code Enforcement Officer, or ability to obtain after one year of training. Certification as Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector, or ability to obtain within one year.

Benefits:

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Perform field work regarding current or past water service.

Job Duties:

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- Safe meters to establish or re-establish service.
- Pulls meters should instances occur when customer fails to set up service.
- Collects past due utility bills as the water can be connected.
- Changes our broken meter stop valves and meter box lids.
- Writes or re-writes meter information when complaints are filed.
- Perform related duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Ability to effectively communicate with citizens, other departments and employees in order to provide information on current repairs or the reading of meters.

Ability to read work orders and maps in order to find street locations. Still in math in determining amount of water utilized. Still in the use of variety of hand tools such as shovels, meter wrenches and meter keys.

Valid Texas Driver's License required. Employee must be bondable.

Benefits:

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Effluent Distribution Technician

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

Job Duties:

- Operates which pump units to operate and maintains center ponds in good working order. Reads and records water levels.
- Operates gates and bypass system in order to store water without allowing holding ponds to overflow. Distributes water when and where to store water.
- Operates equipment in order to apply the proper amount of water.
- Checks water flow levels and levels.
- Uses equipment such as loaders and backhoes in order to fill gullies caused by operations.
- Maintains and repairs electrical systems on control plant units.
- Perform related duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders in order to maintain or repair meters or parts. Still in writing to record results.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus six months to one year of experience. G Operator's certification from the TWGCC. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:

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Transportation Truck Driver

Responsible for driving Water, Dump, and/or Bulk Dump Trucks and hauling water/mud to fill ditches, leveling areas, etc. Must water/mud to fill ditches to proper depth/level.

Qualifications:

- High school education or equivalent.
- Experience and range from commercial truck driving experience preferred to one year as a water truck driver required.
- Valid Class A CDL with Tanker endorsement.
- Clean driving record.
- Salary competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Compensation & Benefits package:

- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- 401K
- Pension Plan
- Unlimited Mileage & Company Paid Mileage
- Company Paid Life
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Health Insurance

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Electronics Tech - Airport

Perform routine and preventive maintenance of electrical equipment systems. Works under the direction of the Electronics/Electronics Specialist.

Job Duties:

- Performs preventive maintenance on automatic gates, automatic doors, parking lot equipment, lighting, security systems, jetway systems, etc.
- Assists the Electronics/Electronics Specialist in the day to day operations of the Airport facility as needed.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.

Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Still in the operation of hand tools and equipment such as electrical measuring meters and devices.

High school diploma or equivalent plus two to three years of experience as an electrician required. Journeyman's License as an electrician required. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:

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Electrical/Electronics Tech - WPP

Troubleshoots and maintains electrical, SCADA and control equipment for the well field, Purification Plant, Water Pollution Control Plant, water storage towers, booster station.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Assists in the development of the budget and makes recommendations for purchases and capital items to the appropriate division during the annual budget process.

Job Duties:

- Troubleshoots and repairs electrical service to any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Troubleshoots and repairs control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Troubleshoots and repairs SCADA equipment at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Programs SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Installs users of SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Calculates electrical loads for equipment and installs wiring.
- Obtains equipment and supplies required for jobs by reading code books and blue prints.
- Keeps abreast of changes in the Electrical Code and Regulations and makes recommendations on their impacts to the City.
- Maintains inventory of supplies used and replaces as needed.
- Performs Operations & Maintenance duties as assigned.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Ability to read operator's manuals, blue prints and schematics in order to maintain electrical, SCADA and control equipment throughout the Utilities Department in good working order. Still in the operation of electrical and mechanical hand and power tools. Employee must perform mathematical calculations in order to determine electrical needs. Still in writing to record results and track work. Will be on-call.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus two years of experience. A valid Apprenticeship Electrician license from the State of Texas or have successfully completed 12 college hours of electronics coursework would be preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must also obtain a valid state of Texas class 'C' or above water works license.

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
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Engineering Tech - Construction Inspector

Perform responsible work in support of city engineering staff. Work relates to engineering construction activities such as construction inspection of municipal projects involving construction of asphalt or concrete pavement, sidewalks, ramps, water lines and sewer lines.

Job Duties:

- Inspect forms, materials and workmanship for compliance with plans and specifications. Tests materials and workmanship as required.
- Maintain daily diary and records on projects including emergency telephone numbers for key people.
- Maintain inspection project files for all phases of construction for each project. Provides information to update record drawings.
- Inspect traffic control devices for compliance with plans and the Texas Manual on Uniform Control Devices. Make safety inspections to note deficiencies for correction.
- Diagnose field construction problems and advise engineers with recommending corrections.
- Perform survey work as requested by Engineering staff.
- Coordinate with traffic, utility companies, landowners, etc. before and during construction.
- Acts as project field coordinator for construction, utility companies and city departments.
- Obtain utility locations and right of way, assemble plot and deed information and produce plan view.
- Be appropriate, take and evaluate the progress of other employees.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Must be able to communicate by hand-held radio. Must still in the use of a variety of machines, including personal computers, printers, calculators, scanners and large document copier are preferred.

Must have a valid Texas Driver's License and a good driving record. Employee must be able to effectively communicate with other employees in the work group. Must be able to correctly respond to questions from contractors, surveyors, inspectors, or city staff regarding work performed or applicable specifications related to a design or construction project.

Must coordinate effectively with other city departments, contractors, and utility companies when designing or re-designing work. Must possess skill to observe, read, and interpret utility located materials and construction drawings. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment.

Must have obtained a High school diploma or equivalent GED plus 5 years of experience in civil construction work. College degree or construction certification preferred. Extensive knowledge of state, federal, and local laws and requirements regarding construction, surveying and safety standards.

Extensive skill in observing, reading and interpreting utility located materials and construction drawings. Extensive knowledge of city codes and ordinances and state and federal requirements regarding utility construction and safety standards.

Extensive knowledge of engineering standards and construction practices for water, sewer, street and drainage design. Intermediate skill in developing field notes and survey plans for boundary surveys.

Benefits:

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Lead Driver

Local truck drivers wanted. Home nights, local routes, scheduled shifts Sun-Sun (1677 estimated) never on call, optional overtime.

Qualifications:

- High school education or equivalent
- Valid operator's license
- Clean driving record
- DOT compliant

Compensation & Benefits package:

- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Pension Plan
- 401K
- Unlimited Mileage & Company Paid Mileage
- Company Paid Life
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Health Insurance

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Equipment Operator - Landfill

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

Job Duties:

- Dispose of refuse with the use of heavy equipment such as compactors, scrapers, bulldozers and related equipment.
- Maintain access roads to the Landfill.
- Cover refuse at the end of each day.
- Maintain all equipment in good working order and keeps records of service problems. Submits daily maintenance sheets to supervisor.
- Performs preventive maintenance on equipment such as oil changes. Determines when servicing of vehicles is required.
- Monitors vehicles as they enter, unload and leave the Landfill. Gives directions to citizens.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to disposal. Knowledge of the processes used in collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, lifts, chutes and hydraulic systems as well as simple chains, beams and cables. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent, plus one to three years of equipment operation preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:

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Equipment Operator - Water and Wastewater

Perform manual and unskilled labor of more than ordinary difficulty, which often involves the use of acquired skills and operates several types of light vehicles and equipment. Does related work and training as required.

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to water and sewer system maintenance. Knowledge of the processes used in utility maintenance. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools. Skill in the use of heavy equipment utilized in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and jet truck. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas CDL Class A driver's license required or must be obtained within 6 months of employment. Must possess or be able to obtain Wastewater Collection Class I and Water Distribution D Certifications within a reasonable length of time.

Benefits:

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Lab Technician

The employee is responsible for performing, monitoring, and interpreting the results of tests necessary for the operation and regulatory compliance of the water and wastewater operations of the City of Midland. They are also responsible for the interpretation and implementation of regulations promulgated by State and Federal authorities.

Assists in the development of the budget for laboratory operations and makes recommendations for purchases and capital items during the annual budget process. Monitors expenditures during the year.

Job Duties:

- Responsible for the daily operation of laboratories in support of the Utilities Department. Conduct bacteriological, chemical, physical and instrumental analysis of water and wastewater samples submitted to the laboratory.
- Maintain equipment and supplies for the laboratory as well as for the City's facilities. This includes accurately maintaining extensive records including all chemicals, supplies, and equipment used for daily operations.
- Collect, analyze, and interpret results of environmental, water and wastewater samples.
- Prepare requests for use of the laboratory and perform standardization of reagents to ensure quality.
- Maintain work area, supplies, and equipment in an orderly, safe, and clean manner.
- Maintain accurate and extensive analytical data records of data for future use.
- Investigate and reports on complaints and all other problems delegated by the Director of Utilities.
- Make monthly reports or as required to the Water Regulatory Agencies and Utilities.
- Keep abreast of professional developments in the field.
- Keep abreast of State/Federal regulations and make recommendations on their impacts to the City.
- Performs related duties as required. Available for on-call obligations and work on weekends as needed.

Qualifications:

Employee has contact with general public, other employees, and other organizations.

Still in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Must have skill in writing to record results of analysis. Employee generates memos and reports of work performed. Ability to perform chemical analysis. Must have thorough knowledge of chemistry and good knowledge of water and wastewater treatment. Must possess knowledge of computer software and applications. Working in experience lab preferred.

Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, Biology or related field is preferred. Must be able to obtain Class D water operator license in the State of Texas within a year after hired and be able to maintain the license while employed.

Benefits:

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Lead Water Purification Plant Operator

This position requires a demonstrated ability to perform advanced functions related to the operation and maintenance of equipment at all water treatment facilities. This position functions as a Lead Operator and also as Chief Plant Operator when needed, performing complex analysis of the Water Treatment Plant operations and having direct charge of the operation of a water treatment facility or Water Production Facilities. Positions at this level provide instruction and assistance to lower level Water Treatment Plant Operators. This position is normally filled by advancement from the Water Treatment Operator II. Position requires three to five years of experience in a Surface Water Treatment Plant Operator and must possess a minimum of a Class "C" Surface Water Treatment Plant Operator Certificate issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at the time of accepting position.

Benefits:

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Instrumentation & Electrical Technician

Maintain all electrical equipment used to monitor and control of well surface equipment. Please apply.

Qualifications:

- High school education or equivalent.
- 6-8 months experience maintaining and repairing electrical instrumentation and automation equipment.
- Valid operator's license with clean driving record.

Compensation/Benefits available:

- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Paid Vacation Day
- 401 K
- Paid Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
- Company Paid Life
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Flexible Spending Account

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Maintenance Specialist - Animal Services

Maintains the animal shelter and grounds, provides quality care for the animals in our custody and assists the public and other animal control personnel.

Job Duties:

- Processes animals that are brought to the animal shelter by providing health evaluations, parasite control, earworming for microchips and placing in the proper holding area.
- Maintains the sanitation and environment of kennel areas, cat facilities, quarantine area, wildlife facilities and sheltered animal room.
- Assists in euthanasia and the disposal of animals as required.
- Maintains and operates the animal cremation system for mass disposal and private cremations.
- Picks up large quantities of dead animals from veterinarians for disposal by cremation.
- Off-site animal care that leave animal control custody.
- Unloads dead and live animals from the public, veterinarians and animal control of floss.
- Performs preventive maintenance on equipment, building and grounds.
- Operates a vehicle to pick up dead livestock and supplies and other machinery.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or animals that may be in the kennel. Employee may have direct contact with other animal control personnel such as the SPCA, various humane societies and animal rescue organizations.

Ability to deal with the public and provide humane care for the animals. Some knowledge in the recognition of animal diseases is needed. Ability to follow both written and oral instructions is also necessary.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must be able to obtain Department of State Health Services Basic Certification within one year of employment. Must be able to obtain euthanasia certification within six months of employment.

Benefits:

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Maintenance Specialist - Parks - Sports Complex

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

Job Duties:

- Performs routine building and grounds maintenance.
- Removes trash from containers.
- Repairs grounds and athletic areas and facilities for repairs.
- Operates and maintains equipment used in daily operations. Fills out reports and submits to supervisor.
- Helps set up of special events and sports tournaments.
- Works weekends and evenings as required.
- Performs other related duties as required.

Qualifications:

Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.

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

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

Benefits:

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Plant Maintenance Mechanic - Water Purification Plant

Performs skilled & semi-skilled maintenance duties as they relate to equipment repair and upkeep. Perform manufacturer recommended preventive maintenance to equipment at the Water Purification Plant.

Job Duties:

- Repairs equipment including pumps, chemical feeders, valves and specialized equipment.
- Performs preventive maintenance on plant equipment according to manufacturer's recommendations.
- Performs annual maintenance of plants including but not limited to cleaning and painting of water treatment basins and painting of equipment.
- Performs electrical repairs including wiring of electric motors, switches, and panels.
- Reproductively diagnosed problems including checking and replacing control circuits.
- Serves as a shift relief as needed, assuming full authority, duties and responsibility of position that is being filled.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Still in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of plant operations and maintenance. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. Skill in the use of hand tools, test equipment, and welding tools. May work rotating shifts.

High school diploma or equivalent required. One to three years experience in a related field preferred. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Water License within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazard Awareness level and SCBA certification within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must possess a valid Texas Class "B" CDL or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

Benefits:

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Plumber Apprentices

Plumber apprentices needed for new commercial projects. Must possess valid DL. Experience preferred. Good work environment with competitive pay and standard benefits. Call 432-982-5888



Service Center Technician

Performs the installation and repair and general maintenance on vehicles and machines.

Job Duties:

- Repair flat tires. Remove and install wheels and tires from vehicles and equipment.
- Respond to requests for testing and service calls.
- Perform electrical jump starts on vehicles and equipment.
- Perform diagnostic checks on batteries and alternators. Changes oil as necessary.
- Balance tires.
- Perform engine oil and filter changes. Change transmission oil and filter.
- Change and maintain shop facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
- Change and install parts.
- Operate work orders, change out parts and clean work orders as required.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and vendors in order to diagnose repairs and order materials for repair.

Knowledge of proper tools used in general automotive repairs. Ability to safely use tools, vehicles and equipment such as vehicles, the hoists and jacks, air impact wrenches, fuel line and extension tools. Skill in the reading and recording of engine oil, coolant, oil pressure and other vehicle specifications used by city departments. Ability to read, measure and calculate types and sizes of materials needed and ability to maintain amount of time that will be used in the actual repair process. Ability to speak, understand and follow instructions in English.

High school diploma or equivalent plus one year of general automotive repair experience is required. Experience in testing vehicles, changing oil and filter, and changing and installing auto and heavy equipment tires is preferred. Must possess a valid Texas License required, CDL preferred. Must have a State of Texas Inspector's License or ability to obtain within 90 days.

Days & Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 11:00 pm

Benefits:

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Utility Plant Operator - Water Purification Plant

The primary function of a Water Plant employee is to perform semi-skilled and skilled operations and maintenance duties in our water facility, including monitoring, operating, maintaining and adjusting equipment. Additionally, an employee performs data collection and reporting functions to ensure compliance with Federal and State water quality requirements & Standards.

Job Duties:

- Gathers and computes chemical analysis of water samples. Interprets and logs results.
- Controls water treatment processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and monitors various water plant equipment and machinery.
- Maintains daily and hourly records of plant operations.
- Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage within the City.
- Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
- Operates SCADA system to monitor and control water field production.
- Reports malfunctions to supervisor and other plant operators.
- Assists maintenance personnel as assigned and when needed.
- Performs routine cleaning of work areas.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Still in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. Must work rotating shifts.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Surface Water License from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazard Awareness level and SCBA certification within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must possess a valid class "C" Texas driver's license.

Benefits:

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Well Field Technician - Paul Davis

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Purification and associated potable water storage.

Job Duties:

- Assists other Utility Department Divisions as required.
- Performs Operations & maintenance duties as required at WFP.
- Controls water distribution processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and maintains various water production and storage equipment.
- Maintains required records of operations, generates monthly report and maintenance records.
- Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage.
- Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
- Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
- Performs routine cleaning of landscape area, maintains grounds at well field compounds.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

RELOCATION MANDATORY

Still in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, motors and tower operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity and electronics. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. On call 50% evenings and weekends.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Groundwater License from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazard Awareness level and SCBA certification within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must possess a valid Texas Class "B" CDL, required or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
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Well Field Technician - Airport Well Field

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Purification Plant and associated potable water storage.

Job Duties:

- Assists other Utility Department divisions as required.
- Performs operations and maintenance duties as required at WFP.
- Controls water distribution processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and maintains various water production and storage equipment.
- Maintains required records of operations.
- Generates monthly reports and maintenance records.
- Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage.
- Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
- Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
- Performs routine cleaning of landscape area.
- Maintains house and grounds at well field compounds.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Still in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, motors and tower operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity and electronics. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. On call 50% of evenings and weekends.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Groundwater License from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazard Awareness level and SCBA certification within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Valid Texas class "B" CDL required or must be obtained within 1 year of employment.

Benefits:

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Utility Plant Operator - WPCP

Assists in the operation of the waste water treatment plant.

Job Duties:

- Collects water samples for testing and analysis in primary treatment area.
- Operates and maintains primary treatment equipment and oversees the operation of related plant equipment.
- Maintains accurate records and reports problems to the Operator, or other operators.
- Performs preventive and general housekeeping duties in assigned areas.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with employees and supervisors on plant condition and in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders to collect samples for analysis. Skill in writing to record results. Skill work required.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus ability to obtain C operator's certification from the WPCPD within established time constraints. Valid Texas Driver's License.

DAYS & HOURS:

Rotating Shift, Rotating Days Off

Benefits:

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Civil Network Engineer

Team Civil Network Engineer is looking for a Civil Network Engineer to join the Midland office. Great opportunity to learn and grow with a team.

Job Duties:

- Design and develop network architecture for new and existing network environments. Good job, good benefits. Please email: recruiting@midlandtx.com or call: 432-982-5888. Must be willing to relocate or currently residing in Midland area. Great opportunity to learn and grow with a team.

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Equipment Operator - Traffic Operations

Perform manual and unskilled labor on traffic signs and markings, which often involves the use of acquired skills. Operate several types of light and heavy vehicles, equipment, and tools. Do related work and training as required.

Job Duties:

- Assist in loading and unloading transported equipment.
- Operate equipment used in the daily activities of the Traffic Operations division such as paint machines, sign installation equipment, welders and other heavy equipment.
- Perform maintenance, service minor repairs on vehicles and equipment.
- Install and maintain roadway signs, markings and all other traffic devices.
- Assist in maintaining inventory of supplies and equipment.
- Maintain records of work performed, schedules, status reports and work orders.
- Perform related duties as required.

Qualifications:

Employee must be able to communicate effectively with employees, management and citizens in order to effectively receive and complete assigned work.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to traffic control devices and operations. Knowledge of the processes used in traffic control maintenance. Employee must be able to follow instructions for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools is required. Employee must be able to use heavy equipment required in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and stringing truck. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders is also required.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas Class 'A' or 'B' CDL required, or must obtain within 6 months of employment.

Benefits:

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Equipment Operator - Transportation

Under Supervision, performs unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled duties in the maintenance and repair of the City's street infrastructure. Performs a variety of tasks including general labor and the operation of light and heavy equipment used in the repair of streets, alleys, and drainage ways.

Job Duties:

- Performs routine maintenance and repair of City streets and alleys through the operation of light and heavy equipment including walk-behind saws and compactors, dump trucks and water trucks, and other equipment related to the maintenance of streets and alleys.
- Performs daily preventative maintenance of equipment.
- Performs manual work and general labor such as making street and curb cuts.
- Maintains tools and equipment.
- Assists with the proper set up of work zone traffic control.
- Assists in loading and unloading of transported material and equipment.
- Fills on-call duties as required and outlined on Transportation's on-call roster.
- Assists with the maintenance of Transportation's buildings and grounds.
- Assists other City divisions and departments, as needed.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

Employee must effectively communicate with all co-workers, managers, and citizens. Must effectively communicate with managers regarding work orders.

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to read materials including equipment manuals and daily work logs. Ability to read fluid levels and fuel gauges. Ability to receive and understand training materials and demonstrations regarding the proper operation of light and heavy equipment for which employee has no prior knowledge or experience.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas Class A or B Commercial Drivers License required.

Monday - Friday, 7:30 am until 4:00 pm; Overtime work may be required.

Benefits:

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Maintenance Specialist - Transportation

Operates some motorized equipment, hand tools and assists Equipment Operators in the maintenance and/or construction of streets, alleys and drainage channels. Installs devices that provide for the orderly and profitable movement of all motorized, non-motorized and pedestrian traffic.

Job Duties:

- Performs routine maintenance and/or construction on streets, alleys, right of ways, drainage channels, etc.
- Performs daily preventative maintenance of motorized equipment or hand tools.
- Performs manual work and general labor such as weed cutting, pothole repair, shoveling, etc.
- Maintains tools and equipment in good and safe operating condition.
- Performs any related duties needed to complete projects.
- Installs and maintains signage throughout the city.
- Paints lane lines on the streets and thoroughfares. Paints designated curbs.
- Installs lane marking devices.
- Takes down in order to clear sign obstructions.
- Fabricates signs.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work schedules, status reports and records of work orders.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Employee communicates with other employees in the work group.

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to train on some motorized equipment tools. Ability to read materials such as work orders, manuals and work orders. Ability to write and record information such as feedback on work requests/work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

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- May collect waste management activity required of the solid waste management division in order to adequately perform public service responsibilities.
- Assists in recycling activities.
- Assists in solid waste disposal related activities when not driving a regular route.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with employees and citizens who will require recycling disposal procedures. Ability to work with citizens who may have complaints on collection day.

Knowledge of processes used by the collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to assist and write and follow and all written and oral instructions. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand tools and equipment used to collect and dispose of waste materials. Ability to read and understand work orders and other documents such as schedules, status reports and work orders.

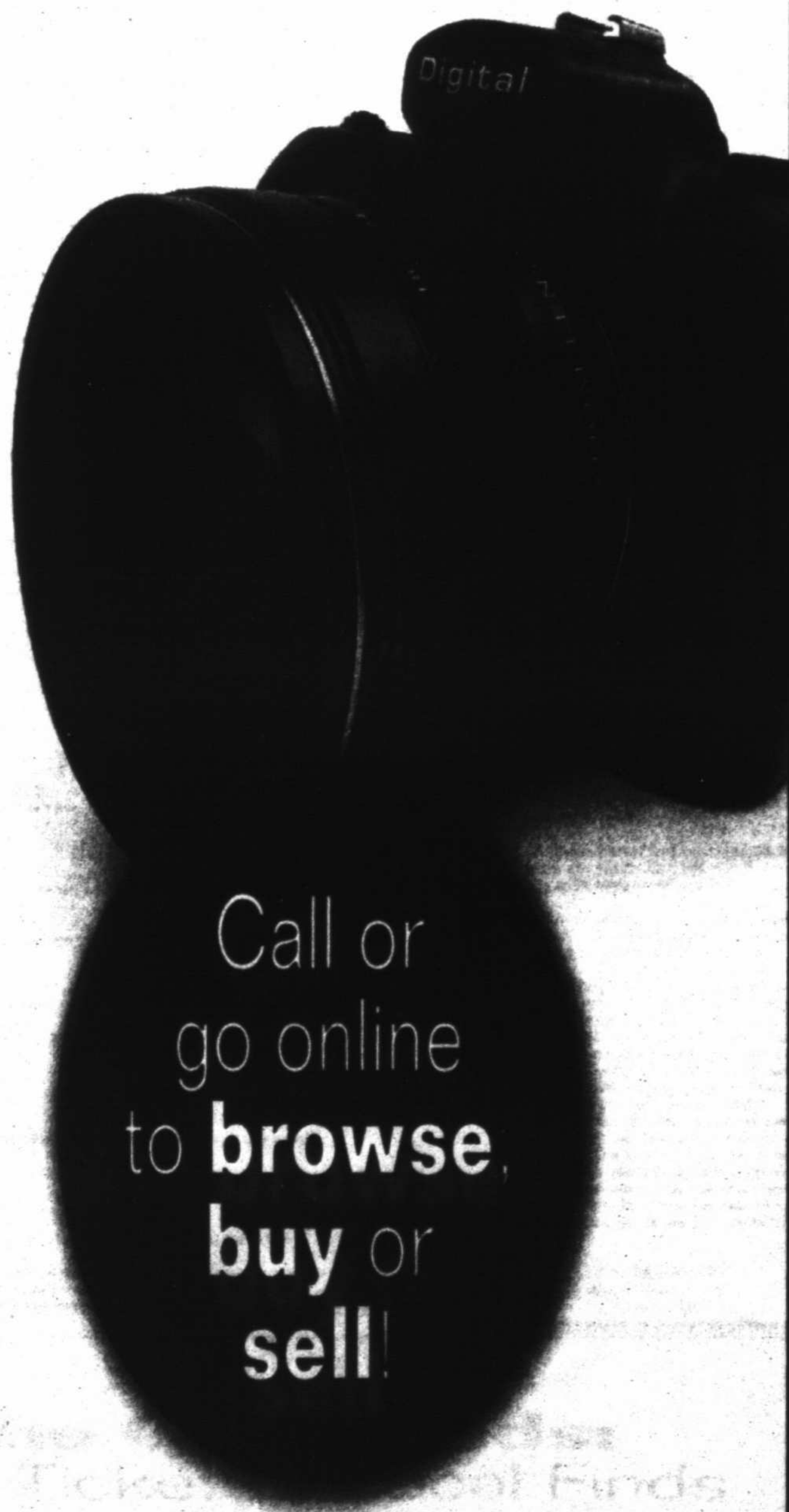
High school diploma or equivalent preferred with six months to one year of experience in a related position. Valid Texas Class B Commercial Driver's License required.

Benefits:

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 28, 2018
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Apr 4, 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, L.L.C. (P.O. Operator No. 642852) 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 NEW DRILL permit to Sec. 36, 38, 39, T & P RR CO Survey, A-1, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 1.7 miles E 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 lessee of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and present the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's District Services Department at (512) 463-6948. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6791.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	Lease/Unit Well No.	Lease/Unit Acres	Nearest Lease Line (ft)	Nearest Well on Lease (ft)
RANCHLAND A UNIT	2815H	319.86	100.0	680.0
Lease Lines	276.0 F S L	506.0 F W L		
Survey Lines	1295.0 F N L	872.0 F E L		

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Latest: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 276.0 F S L
506.0 F W L

Terminus Location
SH County: MIDLAND
Section: 34
Block: 30 T1S
Survey: T&P RR CO / ZIRKER, M
Lease Lines: 15.0 F N L
330.0 F E L
Survey Lines: 2191.0 F N L
330.0 F E L

Field Rules for ALL Wells on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA):

GAS Special Rules	Oil Special Rules
330/1200, 80.0 acres.	330/1200, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9400 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monica Coleman, at (737) 704-2230

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	Lease/Unit Well No.	Lease/Unit Acres	Nearest Lease Line (ft)	Nearest Well on Lease (ft)
RANCHLAND A UNIT	4315H	319.86	1.0	680.0
Lease Lines	128.0 F S L	506.0 F W L		
Survey Lines	872.0 F E L	1445.0 F N L		

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Latest: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 128.0 F S L
506.0 F W L

Terminus Location
SH County: MIDLAND
Section: 34
Block: 30 T1S
Survey: T&P RR CO / ZIRKER, M
Lease Lines: 15.0 F N L
1048.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 2191.0 F N L
330.0 F E L

Field Rules for ALL Wells on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA):

GAS Special Rules	Oil Special Rules
330/1200, 80.0 acres.	330/1200, 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, Monica Coleman, at (737) 704-2230

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Lorena, on a request by Bill Roberts for approval of a Special Exception to City of Midland Zoning Ordinance Section 11-1-7, Area, yard, structure, parking and miscellaneous lot use regulations, concerning a prohibited detached accessory structure in an AE, Agriculture-Estate District on Lot 27, Block 40, Country Sky Addition, Section 20, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located west of Coyote Trail and approximately 600 feet south of Blairwood Avenue. (Council District 4)

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2988.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorena, on a request by Tiffany Marie Castillo for a Zone Change from PD, Future Development District to PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center on the following property:

26.92-acre tract of land out of Section 24, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. Survey, City and County of Midland Texas.

Generally located northeast of the intersection of Blairwood Avenue and Avalon Drive. (Council District 4)

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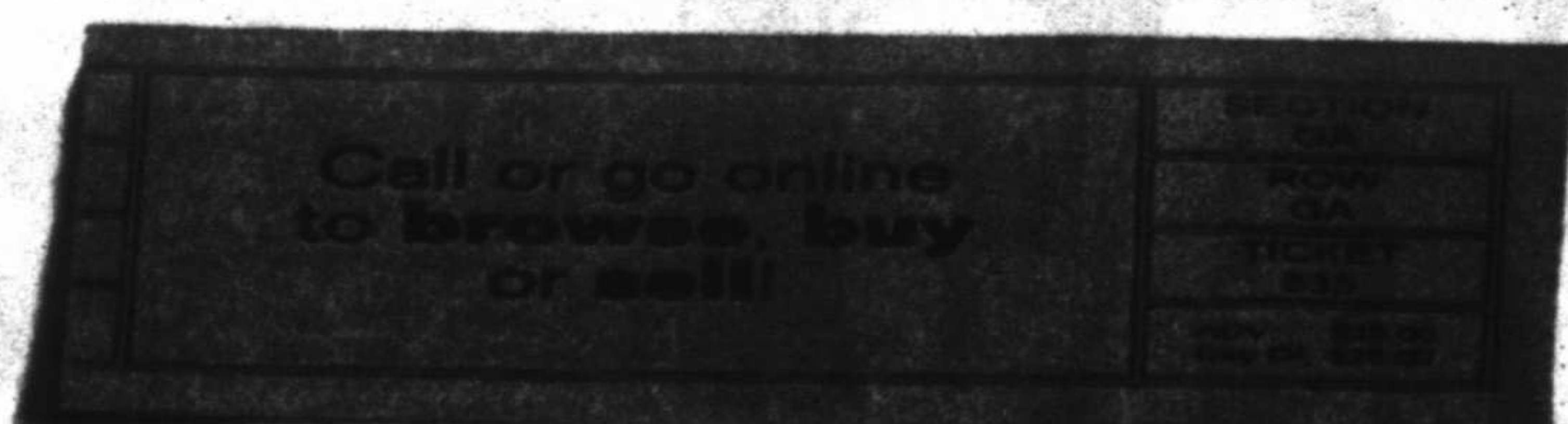
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DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 16, 2018
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Apr 20, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Rule 37 Case No. 0309863
Status/Permit No. 637197

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the COG OPERATING LLC, [RRC Operator No. 166150] 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 NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 63, Blk. C, CCS&RGNG RR CO Survey, A-42, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 14.9 miles N direction from RANKIN, Texas.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : CARLA WEST UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No. : 6201BH
Lease/Unit Acres : 236.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0

Lease Lines : 310.0 F N L, 394.0 F W L
Survey Lines : 310.0 F N L, 394.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location

Lease Lines : 310.0 F N L, 394.0 F W L

Terminus Location

BH County: UPTON

Section: 72 Block: C Abstract:

898 Survey: CCS&RGNG RR CO / BARBER, P P

Lease Lines : 10.0 F NORTH L, 330.0 F EAST L

Survey Lines : 10.0 F NORTH L, 330.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL Wells on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Tammy Aylesworth, at (432) 682-7443.

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION

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Rule 37 Case No. 0309864
Status/Permit No. 637198

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : CARLA WEST UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No. : 6223CH
Lease/Unit Acres : 236.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 270.0

Lease Lines : 355.0 F N (offlease) L, 394.0 F W (offlease) L

Survey Lines : 355.0 F N (offlease) L, 394.0 F W (offlease) L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location

Lease Lines : 355.0 F N (OFFLEASE) L, 394.0 F W (OFFLEASE) L

Terminus Location

BH County: UPTON

Section: 72 Block: C Abstract:

898 Survey: CCS&RGNG RR CO / BARBER, P P

Lease Lines : 10.0 F NORTH L, 60.0 F EAST L

Survey Lines : 10.0 F NORTH L, 60.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL Wells on the permit application are as follows:

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This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO INJECT FLUID
INTO A RESERVOIR PRODUCTIVE OF OIL OR GAS

Rinder Morgan Production Company LLC, Opr. No. 483316, 6 Deane Drive, Suite 6000, Midland, TX 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation in the Goldenbush-Lanark-Donner-Anderson-77 Lease, Unit Number 100, The proposed injection well is located 2.5 miles northwest of Goldenbush, Texas, in the Goldenbush Field, in Upton County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4174 feet to 4800 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who are adversely affected or who have questions concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6780).

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Legal and Public Notices

Notice:
Notice of public sale of property to satisfy landlord's lien.
Sale is at 10:00 AM Thursday, April 5th, 2018 at 4011 N. Midland Dr., Midland, TX 79707.

Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit may be required.
Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from the sale.
Property includes contents of spaces of following tenants:

Contents of unit(s):

AUCTION INFORMATION:
Thursday, April 5th, 2018 @ 10:00 AM

UNIT #	TENANT	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
312	Laura Baker	Bicycle, several storage totes, wooden cubbyhole storage
661	Tammy Mashburn	Baby items, several storage totes, misc. boxes
807	David Newsom	Home furnishings, wooden work station, misc. boxes

Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 500 W. Illinois, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is non-productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Ellenberger formation in the Davidson Unit 1 #0106BH. The proposed injection well is located approximately 12.2 miles northwest from Midland and will be assigned to the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field for identification purposes, in Upton County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 12500'-16200'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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Notice Of Public Sale Of Personal Property

Pursuant to the lien granted by the Texas Self-Storage Facility Act, notice is hereby given that the undersigned self-storage units will be sold at a public sale by competitive bidding, to satisfy the lien of the Lessor, with Metro Storage LLC as managing agent for Lessor, for rental and other charges due from the undersigned. The self-storage unit has been stored and is located at the respective address below. Units up for auction will be listed for public bidding on-line at www.StorageShed.com beginning five days prior to the scheduled auction date and time. The terms of the sale will be by lot to the highest bidder for cash only. A 10% buyer's premium will be charged per unit. All sales are final. Metro Self Storage LLC reserves the right to withdraw any or all units, partial or entire, from the sale at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. All contents must be removed completely from the property within 48 hours or sooner or are deemed abandoned by bidder/buyer. Sale rules and regulations are available at the time of sale.

Property includes the storage unit contents belonging to the following tenants at the following locations:

Metro Self Storage
315 N. Midland Dr. Midland, Texas 79703
The bidding will close on the website StorageShed.com and a high bidder will be selected on April 12, 2018 at 10AM

Q622 Caroline Guy-Chao

Notice of Sale of Personal Property
to satisfy a landlord's lien for CASH
ONLY. Sale date is Thursday April
12, 2018 @ 10:20am.

Aztec A-1 Storage
1219 S Midland Dr
Midland TX 79703

#206 ELISA Barr
#298 Jacob Furihro

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS
AGAINST THE ESTATE OF
SUSAN HOWARD STRICKLAND, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Susan Howard Strickland, deceased, were issued to Randy McPherson, Independent Executor on March 13, 2018, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Susan Howard Strickland, deceased," No. P19343 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to Wesley S. Stahn, 600 West Texas, Suite 535, Midland, Texas 79701 before said upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Randy McPherson
Independent Executor of the Estate of Susan
Howard Strickland, deceased, No. P19343 in the
County Court of Midland County, Texas

NOTICE TO Physicians and Providers

Superior HealthPlan Inc., a licensed HMO in Texas, 6000 E. San White Blvd., Austin, TX 78741, provides CHIP, Medicaid and Commercial benefits to eligible members. Application can be made to participate any time.

Notice of Application for
Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

Pioneer Natural Resources, 6206 N. O'Connor Blvd., Suite 200, Irving, Texas 75039 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced well water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a permeable formation not productive of oil or gas.

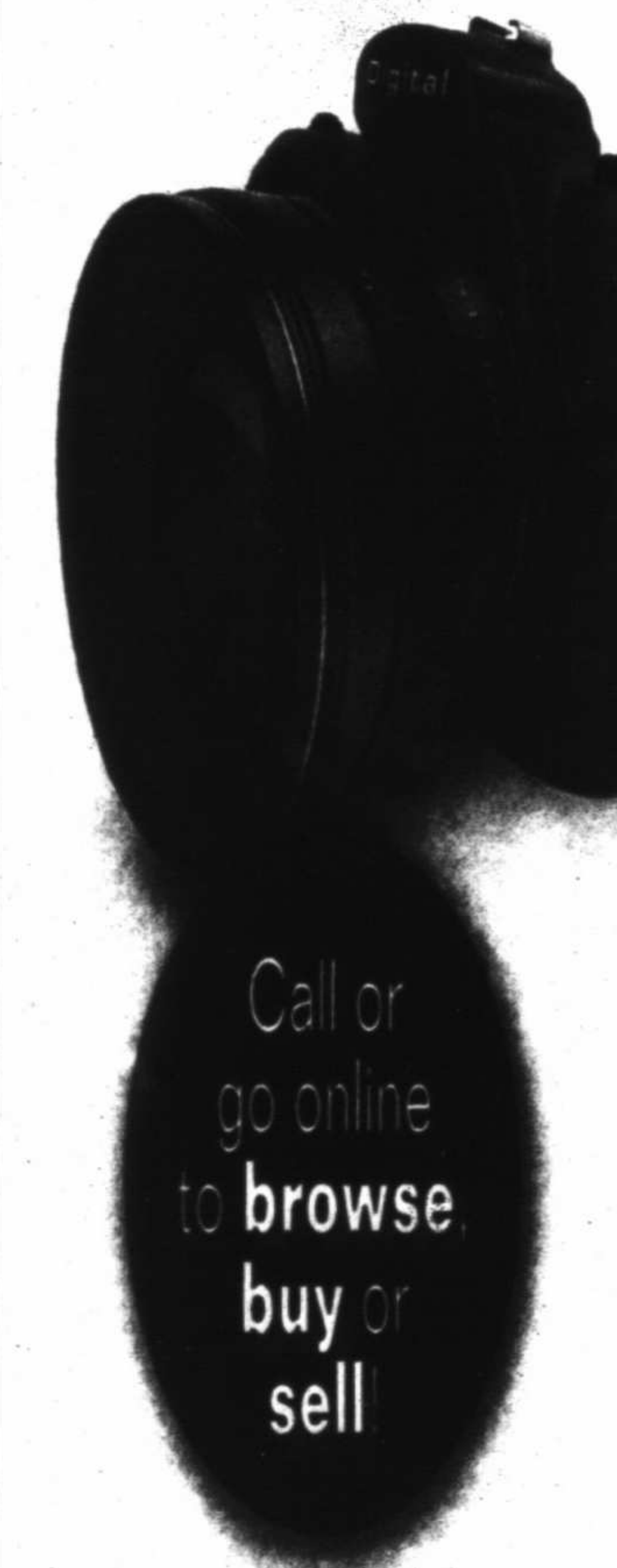
The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Devonian/Fosselman/Montoya/Elkburger Sub-Ranch 27 Lease, Well Number 100. The proposed disposal well is located 19.2 miles NW of Stanton, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Upton County.

The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 11,410 to 13,163 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6780).

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