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TEXAS TECH WINS

The Red Raiders win in Midland on a walk-off home run.

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MLK 50 YEARS LATER

On April 4, 1968, a movement lost its patriarch when the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed in Memphis. 50 years later his three surviving children each bear the loss on their own terms.

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Another sign of Permian boom: Record electricity demand

By Ryan Maye Handy
Houston Chronicle

In West Texas, an oil and gas drilling rush has overwhelmed local roadways, housing supplies and a limited pipeline network. Now, the shale boom is straining the region's electric grid, which was designed to handle a fraction of the power needed by the oil and gas producers that dominate the West Texas economy.

Driving the booming power demand is a transformation in oil and gas operations as companies forgo expensive diesel and natural gas generators to power compressors and pipelines in favor of the cheaper option of hooking up to the grid.

The unprecedented spike in electricity consumption coupled with inadequate transmission have slowed the development of new projects, such as sand mines, that support the energy industry. Excessive demand on a limited system also threatens the grid's reliability in West Texas and could lead to blackouts caused by the voltage overload.

"To say that this is load growth like we have not experienced before is kind of an understatement," said Jeff Billo, senior manager of transmission planning with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which oversees 90 percent of the state's grid. "There is not an area in ERCOT that has seen that kind of load growth before. That is unheard of."

Fixing the bottlenecks has implications not only for the oil and gas industry, but also for the Texas economy, the environment and electric customers across the state. New and expanded transmission would allow energy companies to lower costs, improve profit margins, increase production and continue to hire and expand, not only in West Texas, but in Houston and other parts of the state — including burgeoning Gulf Coast ports where abundant supplies of crude and natural gas are sent, stored and exported.

New transmission that accelerates the shift to electricity would also lower emissions from diesel generator and natural gas engines, while supporting the development of large-scale solar farms in the region, particularly in Pecos County, which is fast becoming a hub for solar energy. And electricity customers across the state could end up paying for it.

Under state regulations, the costs of transmission projects are shared by all users of the power grid, regardless of whether they are served directly by the transmission or the utility building it. The Dallas utility Oncor, which serves the Permian Basin, is asking regulators to expedite two transmission projects, costing an estimated $223.6 million, to meet the skyrocketing demand

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It was clear, and then ...



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A dust storm approaches the football field at Lee High School on Tuesday. See reader submitted photos at mrt.com

Trump wants US military to secure border

By Jill Colvin and Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Frustrated by slow action on a big campaign promise, President Donald Trump said Tuesday he wants to use the military to secure the U.S.-Mexico border until his promised border wall is built.

Trump told reporters he's been discussing the idea with Defense Secretary Jim Mattis.

"We're going to be doing things militarily. Until we can have a wall and proper security, we're going to be guarding our border with the military," Trump said, calling the move a "big step."

It was unclear exactly how the proposal would work or what kind of troops Trump wanted to deploy.

Federal law prohibits the use of active-duty service members for law enforcement inside the U.S., unless specifically authorized by Congress. But over the past 12 years, presidents have twice sent National Guard troops to the border to bolster security and assist with surveillance and other support. An official said the White House counsel's office has been working on the idea for several weeks.

Trump has been annoyed by the lack of progress on building what was the signature promise of his campaign: a "big, beautiful wall" along the Mexican border. He's previously suggested using the Pentagon's budget to pay for building the wall, arguing it is a national security

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O'Rourke raises more than $6.7M in first quarter

By Patrick Svitek
Texas Tribune

U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-El Paso, raised more than $6.7 million for his U.S. Senate bid in the first quarter of 2018, according to his campaign, a staggering number that poses a new category of threat to Republican incumbent Ted Cruz.

The haul is easily O'Rourke's biggest fundraising quarter yet, more than double his next-closest total for a three-month period. It also is more than any Democratic Senate candidate nationwide took in last quarter, O'Rourke's campaign said.

Cruz has not released his first-quarter fundraising numbers yet, but O'Rourke's $6.7 million total is on a different level than his previous hauls, which ranged from $1.7 million to $2.4 million. Those alone were good enough to outraise Cruz for three of the last four reporting periods.

Furthermore, the $6.7 million total came from more than 141,000 contributions — another record-busting number for O'Rourke.

"Campaigning in a grassroots fashion while raising more than $6.7 million from 141,000 contributions, we are the story of a campaign powered by people who are standing up to

Please see BETO/2A

On the campaign trail

- Sen. Ted Cruz will be in Midland 9 a.m. today at Discovery Operating, 2600 Mockingbird Lane. To attend, go to https://bit.ly/2pZ4kDD to register.
- Beto O'Rourke will be in Midland 9:45 a.m. Saturday at the MLK Community Center, 2300 Buttermut Lane.

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Price of oil
$63.51 ▲ $0.50

The big number
$250 million;
That's how much ConocoPhillips is selling some of it's assets for. Page 2A

Word of the Day: cumbersome
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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Report: Crossing guard arrested one day after police first learned of alleged crime

from staff reports

Midland police took a then-73-year-old man who worked as a crossing guard near a northwest Midland school into custody one day after a complaint was first filed against him concerning an alleged sex crime, according to an affidavit obtained by the Reporter-Telegram.

A Midland Police Department detective was first notified on Feb. 19 about an alleged sexual assault on Feb. 17 involving Jacobo Rodriguez. He worked as crossing guard near Greathouse Elementary.

Following the execution of a SANE exam and interview at a local children's advocacy center, Rodriguez, who turned 74 on March 26, was arrested, MPD said.

The affidavit provides details of an alleged assault that took place with a girl Rodriguez knew. City of Midland officials have said the child was not a Greathouse student. The arrest was brought to light after a Midland resident brought it up last week during a Midland ISD board meeting.

The affidavit indicates that Rodriguez denied the allegation.

Boom

From 1A

in the oil patch.

"Is the rest of the state subsidizing these capital investments to handle peak loads?" said David Tuttle, a research fellow at the University of Texas Energy Institute.

It's too soon to tell how much Oncor's and other transmission projects in West Texas might add to electricity bills. Three utilities, Oncor, AEP Texas and Texas-New Mexico Power, serve a majority of the region around the Permian Basin that covers 24,000 miles, with an average of just 16 people per square mile. By 2022, the power demand in the area is projected to climb to 1,000 megawatts, up from just 22 megawatts in 2010. (A megawatt can power about 200 homes on a hot Texas day.) The year 2010 marked the beginning of the shale oil boom, which combined hydraulic fracturing, with horizontal drilling to extract crude from previously inaccessible shale rock. Oil and gas operators flocked to West Texas and the Permian Basin, retreating after prices began their plunge in 2014, but recently returning in strength. Much of the new activity is concentrated in the Delaware Basin, a remote subsection of the larger Permian where transmission, pipelines and other infrastructure are limited.

Texas-New Mexico Power, which has around 20,000 customers in West Texas, has seen power demand spike from about 96 megawatts in 2014 to nearly 250 megawatts last year. In response, the company has begun to upgrade its transmission lines and substations, said Eric Paul, a company spokesman.

Oncor's service territory is in the heart of the West Texas energy boom. Its eastern boundary is near Sweetwater, a mecca for utility-scale solar power, and it stretches west to Midland and Odessa, the biggest cities in the region and hubs for drilling. The utility expects the Permian's power demand to triple in the next five years, and it plans to spend most of its annual $1.7 billion for transmission upgrades on West Texas, said spokesman Geoff Bailey.

Demand for power is only liked to grow. Houston-based Apache Corp. plans to use electricity to run its gas compressors instead of natural gas or diesel as it develops its shale play, Alpine High, which holds 15 million barrels of oil and gas underneath 350,000 acres of southern Reeves County. Navneet Behl, Apache's vice president of operations for North American Unconventional Resource, said the company is working with the region's utilities to bring power to the remote area in the Delaware Basin.

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> **Jeff Billo,** senior manager of transmission planning with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas

Apache's five massive compressors, which take gas from wells and separate it from other liquids, run on natural gas engines. The company plans to electrify the compressors and eventually hook up smaller equipment, like tank batteries, to the electric grid.

"We have submitted load requests with each of the three utilities serving the region," said Behl, " and we are working hand-in-hand with them to develop the infrastructure where it's needed, including the installation of new substations and transmission and distribution lines."

Before opening the region's first sand mine last summer, Hi-Crush Partners of Houston asked Oncor to build a line to bring electricity to the plant, which produces 3 million tons of sand a year to be used in the fracking process. When construction finished months early at the end of July 2017, operations were run on generators until Oncor finished connecting the plant, said Deke Williamson, vice president of operations for the company. The plant uses an average of 1.4 million kilowatt hours a month. (The average home uses around 11,000.) Williamson said competitors that have followed his company have a longer and more diffiult time getting hooked up to the grid. Capacity on transmission lines has been taken by early arrivals to the areas such as Hi-Crush..

"From our standpoint the capacity was there, and once we got that contracted, we have all the power we need," Williamson said ."As for somebody later in the game, they are not going to find the same."

Beto

From 1A

special interests, proving that we are more than a match and making it clear that Texans are willing to do exactly what our state and country need of us at this critical time," O'Rourke said in a statement.

O'Rourke's campaign released the fundraising statistics Tuesday morning ahead of the April 15 deadline to report it to the Federal Election Commission. Cruz has not offered any numbers for the full quarter, though he disclosed raising $803,000 through the first 45 days of the year — a fraction of O'Rourke's $2.3 million for the same timeframe.

On Tuesday morning, O'Rourke's team did not volunteer its cash-on-hand figure, but the $6.7 million raised is likely to go a long way toward closing his deficit with Cruz in money to spend. As of mid-February, O'Rourke had $4.9 million in the bank to Cruz's $6 million.

O'Rourke unveiled the $6.7 million figure on the second day of a three-day, 12-city trip by Cruz to mark the official start of his re-election campaign. O'Rourke is also hitting the road — he plans to hold town halls in 15 cities over the next six days.

Congress hopes to plow through Farm Bill in April

By Jerry Lackey
San Angelo Standard-Times

Target date for the 2018 Farm Bill to reach debate on the House floor is April, said U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway while visiting with farmers and ranchers in West Texas last week.

"We are ready to go to committee following the Easter break," he said. "We will get an April 9 update on the baseline to make sure our score works against that and we will release the language shortly thereafter.

"The floor gets really crowded in May, June and July with all the appropriation bills, therefore I see a window in April to hopefully get the Farm Bill done," Conaway said.

Conaway — whose district includes Midland, San Angelo, Brownwood, Eastland and much of the Big Country — is chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture.

Addressing a packed room of farmers at the 2018 Agri-Plex Ag Day in Ballinger Tuesday, he said cotton is back in Title I of the Farm Bill. The cotton part of the 2014 Farm Bill (STAX) just didn't work.

The Stacked Income Protection Plan, or STAX, was a crop insurance product for upland cotton providing coverage for a portion of the expected revenue for a certain area. Most often the area was a county; however, the area may have included other counties or even practices as necessary to obtain a credible amount of data to establish an expected yield and premium rate.

Last July, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the FY18 Agriculture Appropriations Bill, which included a key provision regarding a cottonseed program.

The legislation calls for cottonseed to be designated as an "other oilseed" under Title I of the 2014 Farm Bill to begin with the 2018 crop.

"The cottonseed clause is a step in the right direction to help ensure long-term stability for the cotton industry," said Steve Verett, Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. executive vice president. "We are hopeful, but the cottonseed program is not a done deal, we must stay the course in our efforts to get meaningful relief for cotton producers."

Meanwhile, in a news release, House Agriculture Committee Ranking Member Collin Peterson of Minnesota stated the Democratic members of the House Ag Committee were not in agreement with the Republican majority's farm bill nutrition proposals.

"The Democratic members of the Agriculture Committee are unanimous in their opposition to the extreme, partisan policies being played by the Majority," Peterson said. "This opposition will not change."

The bulk or about 80 percent of spending on the Farm Bill funds the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, previously known as food stamps.

"In the past we have always worked to put together a bipartisan farm bill," Conaway told me in an interview. "The proposed farm policy has everything Peterson had requested.

"He seems to have issue with the SNAP reform proposals portion of the bill, but we don't know what they (Democrats) want since they will not talk about it," Conaway said.

The SNAP program is an integral part of feeding folks in the United States, but the new farm bill needs to include "strengthened work requirements and training," he said earlier this year in a listening session at Angelo State University.

According to a news release from Senate Ag Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kansas, the SNAP program is not a problem in the Senate version of the Farm Bill.

"We are on track and could have a bill passed by the end of April," Roberts said. "I think the committee can put a bill together in one morning, we did last time; and, if I can convince leadership to give us three days of floor time, we can have it passed by the end of April."

Roberts added that he and ranking member Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, have experience in putting together a bipartisan Farm Bill, "This is not our first rodeo."

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ConocoPhillips sells Permian assets and expands elsewhere

Houston Chronicle

ConocoPhillips, the largest U.S. shale driller, announced Tuesday plans to sell off some of its acreage in Texas and expand its operations in Louisiana and Canada.

The company is working to sell about $250 million in assets, including several small holdings in the Permian Basin in West Texas and parcels of mostly undeveloped land in South Texas. The Permian sales closed during the first quarter, and the South Texas transactions are expected to close by the end of the second quarter.

A spokeswoman for ConocoPhillips told the Reporter-Telegram by email the production impacts from the sales of those small packages were minimal. "We still have a significant presence in the Permian Basin, with 60,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day of production from the area in 2017, and we're continuing to develop our unconventional acreage in the Delaware Basin."

The company also announced the $120 million acquisition of about 35,000 acres in Canada's Montney shale field in British Columbia and Alberta, bringing its total holdings there to about 140,000 acres.

The acquisition follows ConocoPhillips' February purchase of about 245,000 acres, mostly in the Austin Chalk basin in central Louisiana. The company said it plans to drill several exploration wells there this year.

Matt Fox, ConocoPhillips' executive vice president of strategy, exploration and technology, said in a statement that the acquisitions add to the company's low-cost resource base without requiring significant investments in the near term.

Energy Transfer Partners: Cyber attack has been overcome

Bloomberg

A cyber attack that hobbled the electronic communication system used by a major U.S. pipeline network has been overcome.

Energy Transfer Partners LP was confident that, after 6 p.m. New York time on Monday, files could safely be exchanged through the EDI platform provided by third-party Energy Services Group LLC, the pipeline company said in a notice. Earlier in the day, it reported a shutdown of the system because of an attack, while saying there was no effect on the flow of natural gas.

The EDI system conducts business through a computer-to-computer exchange of documents with customers. Though it's not clear who was responsible for the attack, it comes after U.S. officials warned in March that Russian hackers are conducting a broad assault on the nation's electric grid and other targets. Last month, Atlanta's municipal government was hobbled for several days by a ransomware attack.

Boardwalk Pipeline Partners LP also had an EDI outage, though it didn't provide the cause.

The attack didn't impact operations otherwise and no data was compromised, Vicki Granado, an Energy Transfer spokeswoman, said earlier.

Texas renews request to expedite execution process

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texas is again attempting to expedite the execution process by seeking U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions' approval to opt in to a federal law shortening legal deadlines and limiting appeals options for death-sentenced inmates.

The renewed request to the Justice Department will avoid "stressful delays" and cut "excessive costs" of lengthy federal court proceedings, according to Kayleigh Lovvorn, spokeswoman for the state's attorney general.

But defense attorneys oppose the opt-in, saying it would lead to executing innocent people and could end ongoing appeals for many death row prisoners if applied retroactively. The request sparked a federal lawsuit and hundreds of comments from the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Bar Association, Mexico's government and defense lawyers, the Houston Chronicle reported .

"In an environment like Texas where you know the state gets it wrong — and not just accidentally, but intentionally — why in the world would you ever take steps to speed up the process to execute a potentially innocent person?" said Casey Kaplan, an attorney who helped free a wrongly convicted Harris County man from death row.

Texas has petitioned federal officials for many years to speed up the execution process under the 1996 Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act. The law sets time limits to quicken federal appeals in death penalty cases. It also gives greater deference to state courts.

Speeding up the process would provide relief to victims' families who often grow frustrated by the reexamination of cases, said Kent Scheidegger, legal director of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation.

States must prove they offer quality lawyers early in the "state habeas" appeal process to qualify for the special opt-in certification.

"Opt-in presumes that we've reached this promised land of excellent and well-resourced legal representation at all levels for everyone on death row and in fact we have not," said Kathryn Kase, a Texas defense attorney.

Texas would be the first state to receive opt-in approval in more than two decades if the application is greenlighted by Sessions, who recently pushed for capital punishment for drug dealers in some cases. It's unclear when the state will receive a decision.

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[cum·ber·some]
adjective
1 : unwieldy because of heaviness and bulk a cumbersome package
2 : slow-moving : ponderous cumbersome administrative procedures



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■ Storytime at the Library. 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space.

■ Steak Night, 6 p.m., Little Woodrow's, 3415 N. Loop 250.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

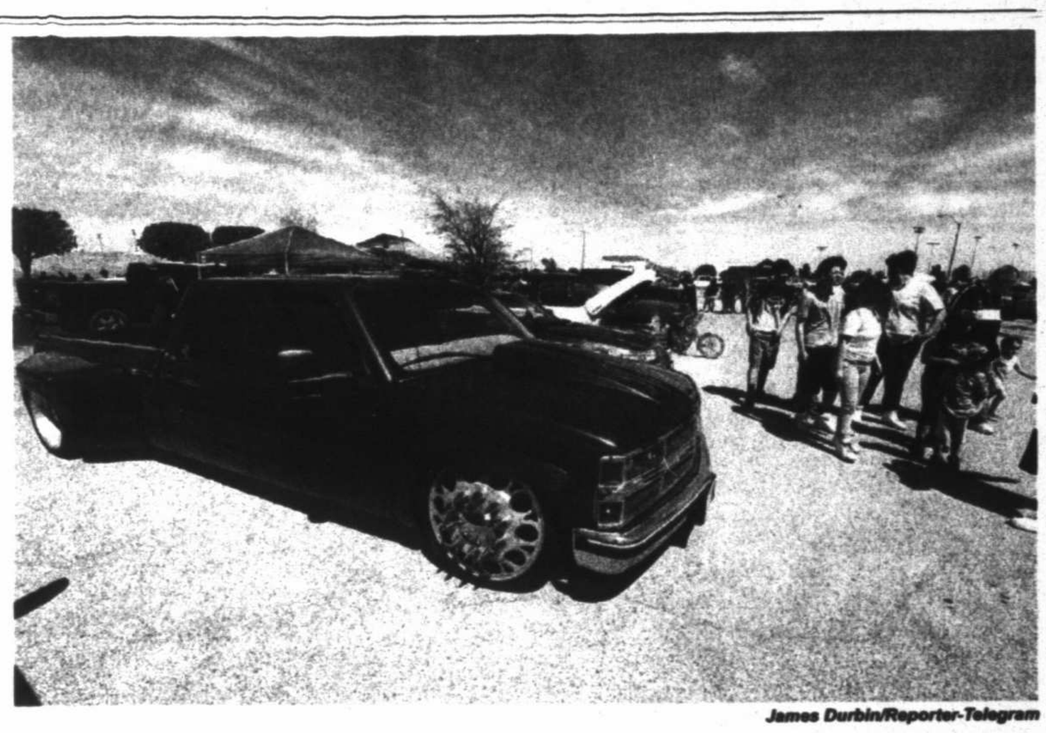
■ Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway. Free.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 8 p.m., Torino's, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. challengeentertainment.com.

■ Karaoke Wednesdays with DJ Savage and host Ayyva Nevaeh. 9 p.m., The Recovery Room, 2802 N. County Road West, Odessa. Facebook: @therecoveryroom432.

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Local car clubs sponsored the annual Easter Bash car show Saturday at Beal Park. More photos will appear in a future edition and at mrt.com.

This date in Midland

On April 4, 2002, Tommy Franks threw out the first pitch as First American Bank Ballpark (it is now called Security Bank Ballpark) at the Scharbauer Sports Complex opened.

This date in Texas

Ten years ago: Texas authorities started removing the first of more than 400 girls from a compound built by a polygamist sect.

Source: Associated Press

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Today in history

Today is Wednesday, April 4, the 94th day of 2018. There are 271 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was shot and killed while standing on a balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee; his slaying was followed by a wave of rioting (Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Chicago were among cities particularly hard hit). Suspected gunman James Earl Ray later pleaded guilty to assassinating King, then spent the rest of his life claiming he'd been the victim of a setup.

On this date:

In 1818, Congress decided the flag of the United States would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union.

In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

In 1858, "Dixie" was performed publicly for the first time by Bryant's Minstrels at Mechanics' Hall in New York.

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln, in a letter to Kentucky newspaper editor Albert G. Hodges, wrote: "I claim not to have controlled events, but confess plainly that events have controlled me."

In 1917, the U.S. Senate voted 82-6 in favor of declaring war against Germany (the House followed suit two days later by a vote of 373-50).

In 1933, the Navy airship USS Akron crashed in severe weather off the New Jersey coast with the loss of 73 lives.

In 1949, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty in Washington, D.C.

In 1958, Johnny Stompanato, an enforcer for crime boss Mickey Cohen and the boyfriend of actress Lana Turner, was stabbed to death by Turner's teenage daughter, Cheryl Crane, who said Stompanato had attacked her mother.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 3-8-4
Pick 3 day: 5-6-1
Pick 3 evening: 7-2-6
Pick 3 night: 5-9-3
Daily 4 morning: 7-9-5-6
Daily 4 day: 0-6-3-0
Daily 4 evening: 2-0-0-6
Daily 4 night: 6-7-1-4
Cash Five: 10-15-29-33-36
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All or Nothing day: 3-6-8-11-12-14-16-18-21-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-3-7-8-9-11-16-18-19-21-22
All or Nothing night: 5-6-7-11-12-13-16-18-20-21-22-24

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Tuesday's temperatures
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Low 64
Normal high 76
Normal low 45

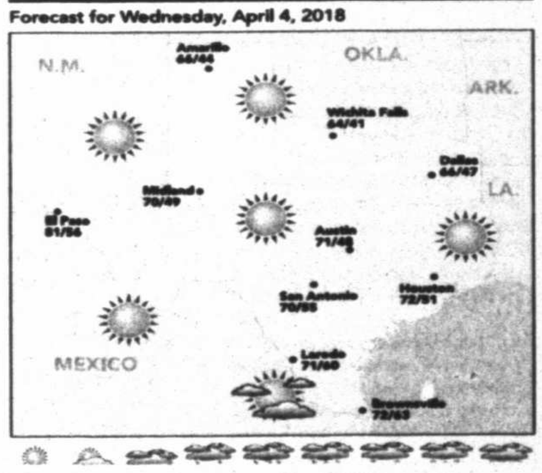
April 4 records
High: 97, set in 2011
Low: 29, set in 1975 and equaled in 1987

Precipitation
Monday ..... 0.00 in.
Tuesday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 0.00 in.
Year total ..... 0.16 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 1.94 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 17.5 mph
Highest sustained wind speed: 36 mph
Gust speed: 43 mph

Today's forecast

Today's weather AccuWeather.com
Forecast for Wednesday, April 4, 2018



High: 67
Low: 49
Conditions: Sunny during the day/clear at night
Winds: 10-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Scorpio if born before 1:55 a.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 4, 2018:
This year you easily could stumble into squabbles that could turn into hostile arguments. Be smart and refuse to comment on others' different lifestyles. Your ability to mentally eye a situation and come out ahead is a skill that helps you in relationships. If you are single, you will make strong judgments about those around you. Take your time when deciding whom to date. If you are attached, the two of you will grow together if you learn to accept and respect your differences. Share more of your wild ideas with your sweetie. SCORPIO sees right through you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your get-up-and-go amazes many people. Your ability to identify with others soars. Therefore, starting and completing projects happens with ease, and friends seek you out for advice. You would be best served if you simply shared your opinion. **Tonight:** Relax to favorite music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Be mindful when speaking with a partner or boss, as he or she might have his or her hands full. If you can, pitch in and help this person. Doing so will create more trust and closeness between you. Remain easygoing, and a solution will appear. **Tonight:** Take your cue from a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your sense of humor emerges when you run into a friend who is unusually mouthy and confident. Just let this person do his or her thing, and eventually he or she will calm down. Reach out to a loved one to get some feedback. **Tonight:** At a favorite place with favorite people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your anger is close to the surface in the morning. Your perception of a situation seems to be quite different from others'. Recognize how important it is to move in a new direction. You will come to a better understanding of a key person in your life. **Tonight:** Get errands done first.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Your passion runs high, which allows more give-and-take between you and others. Open up to a more constructive conversation. You might be shocked by some of what you are hearing. Express your compassion later on, when it will be better received. **Tonight:** Be a live wire.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might feel great as the day begins, but by noon, tension builds. As a result, you could decide to head home early; know that you will feel better once you do. Make a point of getting together with someone you want to get to know better. **Tonight:** Stay close to home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You might feel as if you need to return all your calls and emails before formalizing any plans. Realize that an associate might be upset with what is going on around you. Lie low and look toward better times. This person will adjust. **Tonight:** Honor fast-changing plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be careful, as the green-eyed monster is likely to rear its ugly head. You can do little to change your feelings. Honor a swift change of pace. You'll be a lot happier if you adjust. Make it OK to spend some money on sprucing up your image. **Tonight:** Treat a loved one to dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You feel better and better as the day goes on. You'll discover how centered you are when someone inadvertently changes plans. Your ability to communicate what is needed comes through, creating a conversation in which you both learn something new. **Tonight:** As you like it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ What is happening might be of significance to you, but don't exaggerate the significance of someone else's gesture. Your sense of humor comes through, allowing more playfulness and caring to be exchanged between you and a dear friend. **Tonight:** It's wish-upon-a-star time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ A meeting will be more important than you realize. What occurs around you might be the source of a problem. Could someone be jealous? Gravitate toward those who really are your friends. You won't want a discussion to become too intrusive. **Tonight:** Accept an invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You recently have been able to detach from a significant problem. How you relate to another person becomes a topic of conversation. Be smart. Do not threaten or bribe someone into doing what you want, as that type of interaction will backfire. **Tonight:** Where your friends are.

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Mom admits she put marijuana blunt in child's mouth

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — A search warrant says a North Carolina mother confessed to letting her 1-year-old child smoke pot in a social media video that went viral.

The warrant released Monday allows police to take pictures of the Raleigh apartment where investigators say 20-year-old Brianna Ashanti Lofton helped her daughter inhale marijuana.

A version of the video that's received millions of views shows the hand of an adult off-screen holding a cigarillo to the child's lips. The child coos and appears to inhale before letting out a puff of smoke.

Police say Facebook users alerted them to the smoking child videos.

Lofton is charged with child abuse, marijuana possession and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Her lawyer didn't return an email seeking comment.

Judge approves settlement over New Mexico campaign cash

By Morgan Lee
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — A settlement agreement that allows Congressman Steve Pearce and other federal politicians to bring stockpiles of campaign cash home to run for New Mexico state offices has been approved.

U.S. District Court Judge Judith Herrera on Monday signed a settlement between Pearce and the New Mexico Secretary of State's Office allowing federal campaign contributions to be transferred to a state campaign if state contributions limits were not exceeded.

Pearce sued last year for access to more than $900,000 in a federal campaign account to use in his run for New Mexico governor as the lone Republican candidate, and won a preliminary injunction in November allowing transfers. The office of Democratic Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver says the settlement aims to prevent loopholes around New Mexico campaign finance law.

The Pearce campaign says it is seeking to recuperate $160,000 in legal fees from the state, arguing the decision to block campaign fund transfers ran contrary to a 1996 federal court decision that allowed Bill Richardson to funnel federal campaign funds to New Mexico as he prepared to run for governor after leaving Congress.

Facebook asks users if they think it's 'good for the world'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facebook is asking users whether they think it's "good for the world" in a poll sent to an unspecified number of people.

The poll appears under the heading, "We'd like to do better," when users log in. Possible responses range from "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree."

The company has been grappling with a privacy scandal and other troubles. But Facebook says this survey began well before that; versions date back to 2012. The company regularly polls users on other aspects of its service, too.

CEO Mark Zuckerberg has said he wants to ensure that Facebook is a force for good. Whether it is hasn't been clear amid revelations of bad actors using Facebook to influence elections, spread hatred and pilfer user information.



Michael Nagle/Bloomberg

American and Swedish flags fly below Spotify Technology SA signage displayed outside New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) during the company's first day of trading Tuesday in New York. Spotify shares climbed in the minutes after it began trading through a direct listing. The company skipped the traditional initial public offering process in favor of a route rarely taken by large, established companies.

Spotify's stock market debut strikes a chord

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Spotify's opening act on Wall Street struck a chord with investors betting the unprofitable company's trend-setting music streaming service will maintain its early lead over Apple and other powerful challengers.

After several hours of anticipation Tuesday morning, Spotify's shares traded as high as $169 in their stock market debut before falling back slightly. The stock closed at $149.01 — well above its previous high of $132.50 in deals worked out during Spotify's 12-year history as a privately held company.

The stock market's warm welcome left Spotify with a market value of about $27 billion, according to FactSet. By comparison, internet radio station Pandora Media's market value stands at $1.2 billion nearly seven years after that company went public.

The performance left Spotify's market value among the 10 highest ever recorded by a technology company following their first day of U.S. trading, according to Dealogic. Chinese e-commerce company Alibaba Group holds the top spot at $234 billion after its market debut in 2014.

Spotify CEO Daniel Ek who founded the company, emerged as the day's biggest winner. His 27 percent stake in the Swedish company is now worth $7.4 billion.

The good vibes surrounding Spotify stem from its early lead in music streaming — a still-evolving field trying to hook people on the idea that it's better to subscribe for online access to millions of tunes than to buy individual albums and singles.

Spotify has attracted 71 million worldwide subscribers so far and is aiming to increase that number to as many as 96 million subscribers by the end of the year. It has 159 million total users, including people who are willing to listen to ads for access to free music.

By comparison, Apple's nearly 3-year-old music streaming service has 38 million subscribers. A list of other formidable competitors that includes Google and Amazon also offer similar music streaming services, raising the specter of Spotify being wiped out by far richer rivals. Apple, Amazon and Google corporate rival have amassed a combined $402 billion in cash compared to Spotify's 1.5 billion euro ($1.8 billion).

Spotify's success in music streaming has drawn comparisons to Netflix, which built upon its pioneering role in DVD-by-mail rentals and then video streaming to create a hugely successful, subscription-driven franchise that has produced spectacular investment returns and has minted the company with a market value of $122 billion.

A $10,000 investment in Netflix's 2002 initial public stock offering would now be worth more than $2.6 million, leaving some investors wondering if Spotify might be on a similar trajectory in music streaming.

"The similarities here, we believe, are much greater than the differences," RBC Capital Markets analyst Mark Mahaney wrote in a recent research note assessing the parallels between Spotify and Netflix.

Besides blending technology with a subscription model to reshape a popular form of entertainment, Spotify and Netflix have a common executive in their lineage. Spotify's current chief financial officer, Barry McCarthy, held the same job when Netflix went public and remained in that position until leaving the video service in 2010.

Unlike Netflix, Spotify still isn't profitable, having lost more than 2.4 billion euros ($3 billion) since it started more than a decade ago. After losing 1.2 billion euro, Spotify has also made it clear that it intends to remain focused on adding more subscribers instead of making money for now.

Netflix has also set itself apart from its rivals in video streaming by spending billions on original programming such as "Stranger Things," and "The Crown." Analysts are worried that will be more difficult for Spotify to do because it is primarily negotiating for the same music streaming rights as Apple, Google and Amazon — companies that can afford to pay even more, if they want.

"One of the big questions about Spotify is whether they can take it to the next level like Netflix has," said Daniel Morgan, senior portfolio manager for Synovus Trust.

Spotify Technology SA made its Wall Street debut in an unconventional way. It used a "direct listing" on the New York Stock Exchange that allows the company's early investors and employees to sell as many shares as they want whenever they want. That's a departure from a traditional initial public offering in which a company and a few select investors first sell a limited amount of stock at a starting price determined by investment bankers who spend weeks gauging investor demand.

The direct listing could result in wild swings in Spotify's stock pricing during the first few days of trading, especially since Spotify's shares sold in a range of $48.93 to $132.50 in privately negotiated transactions during the first 11 weeks of this year.

"Normally, companies don't pursue a direct listing. While I appreciate that this path makes sense for most, Spotify has never been a normal kind of company," Ek wrote in a blog post .

"Our focus isn't on the initial splash," he added. "Instead, we will be working on trying to build, plan, and imagine for the long term."

Bill Cosby trial judge delivers two big victories to defense

By Michael R. Sisak
Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — As jury selection picked up speed, the judge in Bill Cosby's sexual assault retrial gave his legal defense a huge lift Tuesday with two rulings that could bolster the 80-year-old comedian's efforts to show his accuser made up the allegations against him in hopes of a big payday.

Judge Steven O'Neill said the defense can call a witness who says Cosby's accuser talked about framing a celebrity before she lodged sexual abuse allegations against Cosby in 2005. The judge also helped the defense case by ruling that jurors can hear how much Cosby ultimately paid the accuser, Andrea Constand, in a 2006 civil settlement.

The rulings came ahead of a productive second day of jury selection in suburban Philadelphia, with a half-dozen jurors picked by midday to bring the total number to seven. Five of the jurors picked so far are white and two are black, with four men and three women.

O'Neill's ruling to allow Marguerite Jackson to take the witness stand was at odds with his decision to block her from testifying at the first trial, which ended in a hung jury.

At the time, the judge ruled Jackson's testimony would be hearsay after Constand, a former Temple University women's basketball administrator, testified she didn't know the woman. Since then, prosecutors have told Cosby's lawyers that Constand had modified her statement to acknowledge she "recalls a Margo."

Jackson, a longtime Temple official, has said that she and Constand worked closely together, had been friends and had shared hotel rooms several times. She has said Constand once commented to her about setting up a "high-profile person" and filing suit. Constand's lawyer has said Jackson isn't telling the truth.

Jackson's availability as a witness for Cosby could be crucial to a defense plan to attack Constand's credibility.

O'Neill didn't explain the reasoning behind his change of heart Tuesday but issued one caveat, saying he could revisit the issue of Jackson's testimony after Constand takes the stand at the retrial.

Cosby is charged with drugging and sexually molesting Constand at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004. He says the encounter was consensual.

All of the jurors seated Tuesday said they had read media reports about Cosby's case but hadn't formed an opinion about his guilt or innocence and could serve as fair and impartial jurors.

Cosby's lawyers complained that prosecutors had improperly excluded two white men from serving on the jury on the basis of race and age, including one who said he thought many of the women coming forward in the #MeToo movement are "jumping on the bandwagon." But Cosby's lawyers themselves blocked several white women from serving, and the judge rejected their argument about the prosecution.

A second group of potential jurors underwent questioning Tuesday afternoon and proved more opinionated and less willing to serve than the panel that produced the first seven. Two-thirds said they already had formed an opinion about Cosby's guilt or innocence, and all but about 20 people begged off the case, saying it would be a hardship to serve. With only a dozen people from that group still in play as potential jurors as court adjourned Tuesday, officials were forced to summon a third batch of 120 potential jurors to the courthouse for Wednesday's session.

As jury selection proceeded, The Associated Press and other news organizations challenged an arrangement that forces reporters to watch the proceedings on a closed-circuit feed from another courtroom. The camera shows the judge, prosecutors and defense lawyers, but not potential jurors who are being questioned as a group.

Cosby's lawyers objected to having reporters in the courtroom because they feared it could hurt their ability to find a fair and impartial jury.

Montgomery County President Judge Thomas DelRicci scheduled a Wednesday morning hearing on the news media's legal challenge.

Woman opens fire at YouTube, wounds 3 before killing herself

By Ryan Nakashima and Sudhin Thanawala
Associated Press

SAN BRUNO, Calif. — A woman opened fire Tuesday at YouTube headquarters, wounding three people before fatally shooting herself as terrified employees huddled inside, police and witnesses said.

After receiving multiple 911 calls reporting gunfire, officers and federal agents swarmed the company's suburban campus sandwiched between two interstates in the San Francisco Bay Area city of San Bruno.

YouTube employee Dianna Arnspiger said she was on the building's second floor when she heard gun shots, ran to a window and saw the shooter on a patio outside.

She said the woman wore glasses and a scarf and was using a "big huge pistol."

"It was a woman and she was firing her gun. And I just said, 'Shooter,' and everybody started running," Arnspiger said.

She and others hid in a conference room for an hour while a male employee repeatedly called 911 for updates.

"It was terrifying," she said.

Television news footage showed people leaving the building in a line, holding their arms in the air. Officers patted them down to make sure none had weapons.

Officers discovered one victim with a gunshot wound when they arrived and then found the shooter with what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound several minutes later, San Bruno Police Chief Ed Barberini said.

He said two additional gunshot victims were later located at an adjacent business and that a fourth injured person suffered an ankle injury.

The headquarters has more than a thousand engineers and other employees in several buildings. Originally built in the late 1990s for the clothing retailer Gap, the campus south of San Francisco is known for its sloped green roof of native grasses.

Inside, Google several years ago famously outfitted the office with a 3-lane red slide for workers to zoom from one story to another.

Zach Vorhies, 37, a senior software engineer at Youtube, said he was at his desk working on the second floor of one of the buildings on the campus when the fire alarm went off.

He got on his skateboard and approached a courtyard, where he saw the shooter yelling, "Come at me, or come get me.'"

There was somebody lying nearby on his back with a red stain on his stomach that appeared to be from a bullet wound.

He said he realized it was an active shooter incident when a police officer with an assault rifle came through a security door. He jumped on his skateboard and ran away.

San Francisco General Hospital received three patients: a 36-year-old man in critical condition, a 32-year-old woman in serious condition and a 27-year-old woman in fair condition, a spokesman said.

50 years after King's death, his children are still grieving

By Errin Haines Whack
Associated Press

ATLANTA — On April 4, 1968, a movement lost its patriarch when the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed on a hotel balcony in Memphis.

Yolanda, Martin, Dexter and Bernice King lost their father.

The loss has not gotten easier in 50 years, but his three surviving children each bear it on their own terms.

"That period, for me, is like yesterday," said Dexter King, now 57. "People say it's been 50 years, but I'm living in step time. Forget what he did in terms of his service and commitment and contribution to humankind ... I miss my dad."

His children cling to the few memories they have left of him. For years, they have had to publicly mourn a man who was among the most hated in America at the time of his death — a task they have been reluctant and, at times, angry to carry out.

Now that King is among the most beloved figures in the world, his heirs are forced to share him with the multitudes who have laid claim to his legacy. For more than a decade, they have had to do this without two of the family's cornerstones: their mother, Coretta Scott King, who died in 2006, and eldest child, Yolanda, who died in 2007.

As adults, the siblings have earned a reputation over their infighting, which has spilled into rancorous lawsuits over heirlooms including their father's Bible and Nobel Peace Prize. Today, the three say they are in a "good place" and have managed to compartmentalize their differences and come together as a family in times of difficulty.

Their recollections are a reminder that at the center of this tragedy was a young family, robbed of a loving husband and father, who was just 39. All are older now than King was. The tributes to their dad — from the buildings and streets that bear his name, to statues in his home state and in the nation's capital — are points of pride, but also constant reminders of the void he left.

Martin Luther King III's eyes crinkle into a smile as he recalls the happier times: in the pews at Ebenezer Baptist Church on Auburn Avenue in Atlanta helping his dad greet new members, tossing a football or baseball on the lawn of the family home, swimming lessons at the YMCA.

When he came home from the front lines in the fight against racism, King's somber expression would give way to smiles and a playful mood. For them, he was not an icon, but a buddy.



AP file photo

From left, the children of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and Coretta Scott King, Dexter Scott King, the Rev. Bernice King, Martin Luther King III and Yolanda King participate in a musical tribute to their mother at the new Ebenezer Baptist Church in 2006 in Atlanta.

King III and his brother also traveled with King. Months before he was killed, they accompanied King as he mobilized people in South Georgia to attend his upcoming Poor People's Campaign in Washington.

"That was our time for camaraderie," recalled King III, now 60.

King III said he can still get emotional around his father's death. If he listens too closely to King's "Drum Major Instinct" speech, in which the preacher muses about wanting to live a long life, he still gets moved to tears.

For years afterward, King III tensed whenever he saw a news bulletin like the ones that told him his father was killed, or that his uncle, A.D. King, had been found dead in his swimming pool, or that his grandmother had been killed by a madman while playing the organ at Sunday service at Ebenezer — all while he was still a child.

"I was afraid, because I was like, 'Is this going to be something else that happens to our family?'" he said.

Bernice King, the youngest, was once envious of her siblings, who had many more memories of King. Shared stories from her mother, sisters and brother, as well as home movies, helped humanize her father.

Nicknamed "Bunny," Bernice King said she cherishes the scant moments she remembers sharing between father and daughter, like the "kissing game" they would play.

"That stayed with me so vividly," said Bernice, now 55. "I'm glad I had that, because everything else, other than a few memories of being at the dinner table, I don't recall. I wish I knew him more."

She admitted to struggling with having to share her parents with strangers over the years.

"It bothered me," she said. "It's hard to have the private moments ... It's like everybody else has a part of him, and that's always hard to deal with. But I won't let it get in the way of what they have done and what they mean to the world."

That night and the days that followed the killing remain frozen in Dexter King's memory. He remembers his mother telling them something had happened to their father as she prepared to head to the airport. After Coretta Scott King left, their caregiver answered the kitchen telephone, started screaming and fell backward.

Dexter, then 7, knew the worst had happened.

When King's body returned to Atlanta, Dexter remembered running up and down the aisle of the airplane, and seeing his father's coffin on the floor.

"I asked my mom, 'What's that?'" he said. "She explained, 'Your dad is going to be sleeping when you see him and he won't be able to speak with you. He's gone home to be with God.'"

Dexter King spoke of his father's warmth and playfulness, a departure from the serious approach he took to his work. Seeing him in his roles as pastor and civil rights leader, Dexter King said he and his siblings were aware that their father's work was important.

"You saw the interaction and the energy, just the way people reacted to him," he said.

He was again struck by the people's reaction at his father's funeral, as a seemingly endless sea of mourners formed a funeral procession through Atlanta.

"There's Dad, and there's the leader the world owns," Dexter continued. "Generally, I accept that. But he had a family. As kids, we did not choose this life. And I don't know that my dad chose it. It really chose him. We're human, and in some ways, we're still grieving."

AP poll: Little progress on civil rights issues

Fifty years after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., American perceptions of progress toward racial equality remain largely divided along racial lines, a recent AP-NORC poll shows. The majority of African-Americans surveyed saw little to no progress toward equal treatment in key areas that the civil rights movement sought to address. White respondents frequently portrayed a rosier picture. A review by the Associated Press shows that the available data more often align with African-Americans' less optimistic reflection of their reality.

The survey asked respondents how African-Americans have fared in topics ranging from access to affordable housing to political representation. Three topics generated the most polarized responses from African-Americans and whites: treatment by police, the criminal justice system and voting rights.

TREATMENT BY POLICE

King's 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech set police brutality among the chief issues civil rights activists sought to address. Poll responses show that more than 7 out of 10 African-Americans think little or no progress has been made in treatment by police over the last 50 years.

Assessing any change in police treatment of African-Americans isn't easy because comprehensive data on police interactions and use of force is difficult to obtain, especially in a historical context. However, several studies have attempted to use federal surveys, state administrative data from traffic stops, and FBI arrest data to gauge the scope of the racial disparities. Their findings indicate sustained inequality in this area.

Traffic stops are the main reason police interact with the public, and some studies indicate that the experiences of white and black drivers are remarkably different. A Stanford University study pieced together data from 16 states to show that black drivers are more likely to be stopped, ticketed, searched and arrested than white drivers. Another study by a professor at Harvard University compiled data from federal sources and concluded that when black drivers are stopped by police, they are more likely to be grabbed, handcuffed and have a gun pointed at them than white drivers. Similar data from police interactions in the 1960s and 1970s aren't available for comparison.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

At the time of King's assassination, the U.S. prison population was a fraction of its current size, and the rate of incarceration for African-Americans was more than five times the rate for whites, data from the Bureau of Justice Statistics show. In the AP/NORC poll, more than 8 of 10 African-Americans said that little or no progress has been made in the criminal justice system's treatment of African-Americans in the last 50 years.

By the late 1990s, the rate of black incarceration had risen to over eight times the rate for whites. While that gap has narrowed, data from BJS shows that in 2016 it still remained slightly wider than it was in 1968.

The criminal justice system's disproportionate impact on the African-American community goes beyond the incarceration rate. African-Americans make up around 12 percent of the U.S. population but account for 36 percent of the population on parole, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Of the 3.8 million Americans on probation, nearly a third is African-American. Violating probation terms can result in a longer probation period or further incarceration, and according to a study by the Urban Institute, blacks are significantly more likely to have their probation revoked than whites.

VOTING RIGHTS

In his "Give Us the Ballot" speech in 1957, King fiercely called for equal voting rights and emphasized the importance of participation in civic life. In the AP/NORC poll, voting rights was the issue given the most positive response: 83 percent of blacks and nearly 90 percent of whites indicated at least some progress. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 aimed to protect African-Americans from widespread discriminatory practices, and voter registration trended upward shortly after. But critics say new obstacles — such as voter identification laws and regulations for those with felony convictions — limited those rights over the years.

By Maureen Linke And Angeliki Kastanis
Associated Press

Commemoration of King's final speech looks to past, future

By Errin Haines Whack and Adrian Sainz
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — With an enthusiastic crowd filling Memphis' Mason Temple Church of God in Christ, the atmosphere was heavy with nostalgia Tuesday for the evening 50 years ago that the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his final speech.

A gospel singer led a rousing rendition of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and the gathering took on the air of a revival, as if the crowd could again will King from his hotel bed across town. It was in this sanctuary that he delivered his famous "Mountaintop" speech the night before he was assassinated. The commemoration was part of a week of events celebrating King's legacy.

Lee Saunders, a national labor leader, recounted how that night in 1968, King made an unplanned appearance to deliver the famous speech without notes after his aides saw how passionate the crowd was: "There was one man they wanted to hear from."

But Saunders stressed that the purpose of the week's commemorations was not just to look to the past.

"Dr. King's work — our work — isn't done. We must still struggle; we must still sacrifice. We must still educate and organize and mobilize. That's why we're here in Memphis. Not just to honor our history, but to seize our future," he said.

Saunders was among the first speakers, taking the pulpit just after a video message from former President Barack Obama.

"As long as we're still trying, Dr. King's soul is still rejoicing," Obama said on the video.

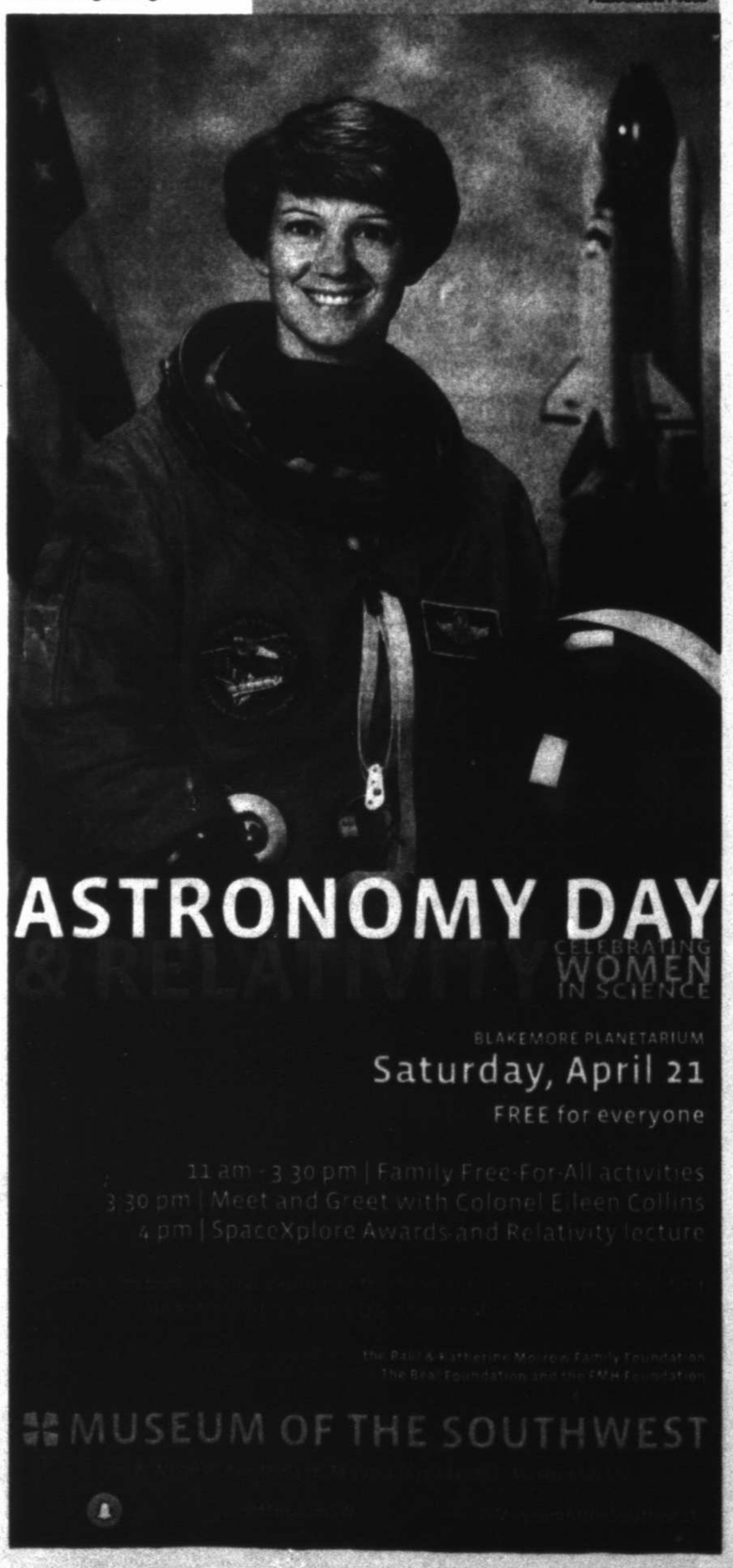
Some of the sanitation workers who participated with King in a 1968 strike sat in the front row and were treated like celebrities, with audience members stopping to take photos with them before the event started. Contemporaries of King's including the Rev. Jesse Jackson were also in attendance.

The commemoration of the "Mountaintop" speech followed an announcement earlier in the day by civil rights leaders who are reviving an economic justice campaign first planned by King. The organizers of a new Poor People's Campaign are planning 40 days of marches, sit-ins and other peaceful protests.

"This first 40 days is not the end; it's the launch," said the Rev. William Barber of North Carolina, one of the co-chairs of the revived campaign. "You will see simultaneous moral direct action. You will see simultaneous training of people to prepare for a season of massive voter mobilization."

Starting May 14, clergy, union members and other activists will take part in the events in about 30 states, targeting Congress and state legislatures. Then, on June 23, organizers plan a large rally in Washington — similar to what King had envisioned. The original Poor People's Campaign was carried out in 1968 after King's death by other civil rights leaders. King had envisioned the Poor People's Campaign in Washington as a way to speak out against economic injustice, as he shifted his focus from civil rights to human rights. But before he could finish those plans, he came to Memphis in 1968 to support a strike by black sanitation workers who were tired of dealing with low pay and dangerous working conditions.

The civil rights leader was standing on the balcony of the old Lorraine Motel when he was shot on April 4, 1968. He died at a hospital at age 39.



Radio personality tweets herself into trouble

■ Just as pro-immigrant liberals shouldn't downplay the suffering of families of those killed by illegal immigrants, pro-gun conservatives shouldn't attack the victims of school shootings

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group



Conservatives like to preach that people should take responsibility for their actions and not play the victim.

Thus, it is not good when they themselves refuse to take responsibility for their actions and instead play the victim.

The latest right-wing victim is Laura Ingraham. The Fox News host is steadily bleeding advertisers from her primetime show after she messed with the wrong kid. She is now on a "preplanned vacation."

Preplanned? If you believe something that far-fetched, you must be a regular viewer of Fox News' primetime lineup. There, the theme seems to be: Democrat-voting illegal aliens are taking your guns!!

Things went awry when Ingraham mocked 17-year-old David Hogg in an attempt to defend the National Rifle Association. The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School student — who has called for stricter gun laws since the Feb. 14 shooting on that campus in Parkland, Florida — had revealed his college admissions setbacks during an interview on another network.

Firing up her 2.19 million followers on Twitter, @IngrahamAngle tweeted: "David Hogg Rejected By Four Colleges To Which He Applied and whines about it. (Dinged by UCLA with a 4.1 GPA ... totally predictable given acceptance rates.)"

Here you have Ingraham, a full-grown woman who — besides writing books and hosting a daily radio show — also has a nightly show on Fox News that attracts more than 2 million viewers, and she still finds time to pick a fight with a teenager.

Guess what? The teenager won. Via Twitter, Hogg playfully asked Ingraham for a list of her advertisers — saying he was "asking for a friend." Then he called for a boycott.

Ingraham's list is shorter now that nearly 20 companies have bailed, including Bayer, Office Depot, Hulu, Johnson & Johnson, TripAdvisor, Nutrish, Expedia, Honda and Nestle.

Conservatives responded by making whine.

Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, tweeted: "@IngrahamAngle Your gutless former sponsors need to reflect, what little will be left of God given American Liberty if this de facto censorship persists?"

John Nolte, a writer for Breitbart: "Let us call this what it is — un-American McCarthyism, a partisan witch-hunt in which the establishment media is an active participant and cheerleader."

Hulu pulls its ads off a TV show, and, all of a sudden, it's a reboot of McCarthyism? Exaggerate much?

To help you navigate the nonsense, here are three things to keep in mind about L'Affaire Ingraham.

■ Everyone has rights, and they are all free to exercise them. Ingraham has the right to tweet whatever she likes. But Hogg also has the right to take offense and call for a boycott. In turn, advertisers have the right to protect their brands by running away from an unpleasant figure like Ingraham. Finally, Fox News executives have the right to call Ingraham into their offices for a meeting and pull the plug on the whole show if that is what they ultimately decide to do.

■ Other conservative talkers — most notably Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh — have survived boycotts. But they're likable. Ingraham isn't. I've listened to, and often enjoyed, her commentary for more than 20 years. She is smart and telegenic. She's also mean, condescending and snarky. She is missing the chip that tells our subconscious: "Don't say that. It's not appropriate." She says what pops into her head, with no filter. Heck, if you're going to use social media, you ought to have social skills. Ingraham doesn't.

■ Young people like Hogg who play in the adult sandboxes of politics and media aren't immune to criticism. But victims often can be. The Parkland students became experts in the gun debate the moment they found themselves staring down the barrel of a high-powered rifle. Just as pro-immigrant liberals shouldn't downplay the suffering of families of those killed by illegal immigrants — like Kate Steinle, who was slain in July 2015 along a pier in San Francisco — pro-gun conservatives shouldn't attack the victims of school shootings.

If she wants to continue being invited into people's homes, Ingraham needs to be the dinner guest that people hover around and not the one they flee. When she returns from vacation, she ought to be less acerbic and more humble. If she can't do that, her bosses at Fox News should put her back on vacation. Permanently.

OUR VIEW

Homestretch for school year begins

With the Easter break behind us, we turn our attention to the last weeks of the school year.

It seems like the year has flown by. We probably said the same thing last year. Business is booming, and everyone is busy. It has become the Midland way.

At the end of the school year, schools and organizations typically honor their top students. We want all those schools and organizations to know we are interested in passing along the news of Midland's best and brightest. Every year we look forward to the Exchange Club's top Midland ISD students and the Midland ISD Education Foundation's celebration of its top students and their favorite teachers.

We know there are more. We hope the school district and all private and charter schools send us their lists of honor graduates that we can run along with the entire list of graduates. We hope that schools will send us those academic honors that typically happen at end-of-the-year assemblies. We hope our graduation editions can also include an end-of-the-year recognition of those students who made All-State or other hard-to-achieve honors.

We also want our school leaders to contact us about opportunities to provide more recognition of valedictorians and salutatorians across the city. Contact Editor Stewart Doreen at 687-8856.

Again, good luck to all students, their parents and the teachers in our community as you begin the sprint toward the end of school and graduation day.

Speaking of summer

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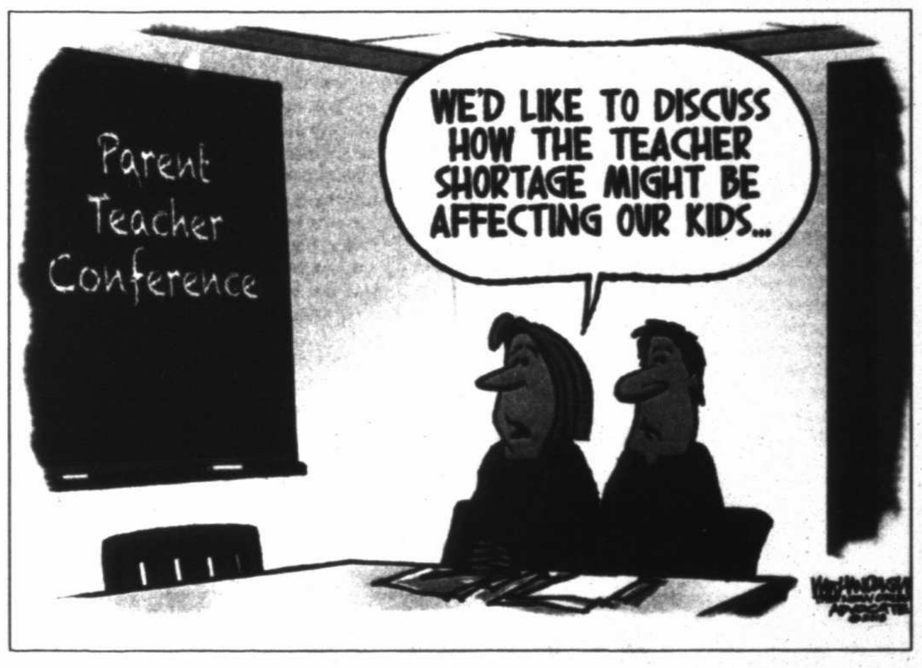
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Trump is wrong about Amazon

■ The bias of Bezos' Washington Post is nothing new, nor should it be taken out on the underlying business of its owner

RICH LOWRY
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President Donald Trump gets results. His attacks on Amazon have tanked the company's stock.

It's hard to think of a more pointlessly destructive act of presidential jawboning in our history. The online retailer is a jewel of our market economy that has delivered more choice and convenience at a lower cost.

The backdrop for Trump's animosity is that Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post, which, like much of the major media, is unrelentingly hostile to the president. The bias of the Post is nothing new, nor should it be taken out on the underlying business of its owner.

Trump's anti-Amazon jag can be put in the same bucket as his tariffs against China — Trump being Trump, unleashing in accord with his gut instincts and animosities.

The similarities end there. The difference is between targeting the Chinese regime and a great American company, between lashing out against mercantilism and against a capitalist success story, between berating an adversary of the United States and an adversary of his own.

If there wasn't Amazon, someone would have invented it, or at least the basic model of leveraging new technologies to transform retail. Beginning in the late 1980s, the advent of big-box retailers brought a productivity revolution to the industry. Now, e-commerce is challenging the big-box retailers in their turn.

This is how the American economy works. Eventually, it grinds the high and the mighty into the dust. In the 1910s, the U.S. government desperately wanted to break up U.S. Steel; a hundred years later, the company accounted for less than 10 percent of U.S. steel production. In the 1990s, the U.S. government wanted to keep Microsoft from dominating computing; 20 years later, it doesn't even make the list of Big Tech boogeymen anymore.

Trump has two specific complaints about Amazon. One is that it is ripping off the U.S. Postal Service, costing the U.S. government billions of dollars. Perhaps a better deal can be extracted — a recent study by Citigroup concluded as much — but the Postal Service says its arrangement with Amazon is profitable.

The second is that Amazon doesn't pay sales taxes. This once was true, but Amazon now collects sales taxes in all states that levy them.

The larger case against Amazon is that it is killing off traditional retailing, while accruing too much power for itself. There is no doubt that brick-and-mortar retail is in decline, although we shouldn't exaggerate its scale. E-commerce currently accounts for less than 9 percent of retail sales, while Amazon, for its part, accounts for roughly 44 percent of all e-commerce.

If Amazon is sharp-elbowed and aggressive with its competitors, no one is forced to buy from it. Customers go there because they find it easy to use and cheaper than the alternatives. Amazon isn't pocketing huge profits. Instead, it is doing what companies should do: innovating, then plowing the proceeds into more investments (Amazon is much more than an e-commerce company). Its fulfillment centers are wonders of productivity and hold the promise of as-yet-unforeseen transformations in other businesses.

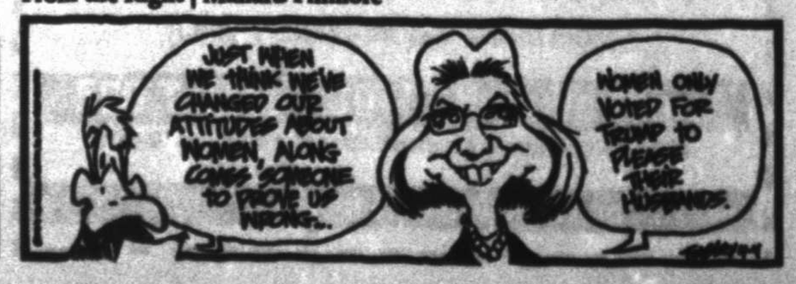
Michael Mandel of the Progressive Policy Institute points out that online shopping saves consumers the time involved in driving to a store and looking for a product — and shifts all that (unpaid) labor to (paid) workers in its fulfillment centers and drivers. This is a good deal all around, especially if Mandel is correct that jobs in fulfillment centers pay 30 percent more than jobs in traditional retail. These jobs provide, he writes, "decent pay for a high school graduate, in a fast-growing tech-related industry, which requires a mixture of physical and cognitive skills. Many of them are full-time jobs with full benefits. They aren't easy jobs, for sure — but neither are manufacturing jobs."

In short, there are many scourges in American life. Amazon isn't one of them.

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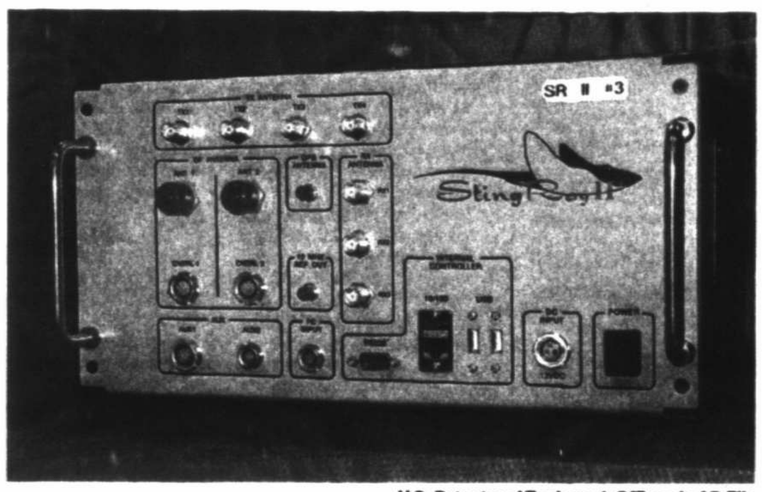


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US suspects cellphone spying devices in DC

By Frank Bajak
Associated Press



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This undated file photo provided by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office shows the StingRay II, a cellular site simulator used for surveillance purposes manufactured by Harris Corporation, of Melbourne, Fla. The Department of Homeland Security says it has identified suspected rogue cell tower simulators in Washington. The suspected simulators, known popularly as Stingrays, were detected by a DHS contractor in early 2017 during a 90-day pilot.

For the first time, the U.S. government has publicly acknowledged the existence in Washington of what appear to be rogue devices that foreign spies and criminals could be using to track individual cellphones and intercept calls and messages.

The use of what are known as cellphone-site simulators by foreign powers has long been a concern, but American intelligence and law enforcement agencies — which use such eavesdropping equipment themselves — have been silent on the issue until now.

In a March 26 letter to Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden, the Department of Homeland Security acknowledged that last year it identified suspected unauthorized cell-site simulators in the nation's capital. The agency said it had not determined the type of devices in use or who might have been operating them. Nor did it say how many it detected or where.

The agency's response, obtained by The Associated Press from Wyden's office, suggests little has been done about such equipment, known popularly as Stingrays after a brand common among U.S. police departments. The Federal Communications Commission, which regulates the nation's airwaves, formed a task force on the subject four years ago, but it never produced a report and no longer meets regularly.

The devices work by tricking mobile devices into locking onto them instead of legitimate cell towers, revealing the exact location of a particular cellphone. More sophisticated versions can eavesdrop on calls by forcing phones to step down to older, unencrypted 2G wireless technology. Some attempt to plant malware.

They can cost anywhere from $1,000 to about $200,000. They are commonly the size of a briefcase; some are as small as a cellphone. They can be placed in a car next to a government building. The most powerful can be deployed in low-flying aircraft.

Thousands of members of the military, the NSA, the CIA, the FBI and the rest of the national-security apparatus live and work in the Washington area. The surveillance-savvy among them encrypt their phone and data communications and employ electronic countermeasures. But unsuspecting citizens could fall prey.

Wyden, a Democrat, wrote DHS in November requesting information about unauthorized use of the cell-site simulators.

The reply from DHS official Christopher Krebs noted that DHS had observed "anomalous activity" consistent with Stingrays in the Washington area. A DHS official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the letter has not been publicly released added that the devices were detected in a 90-day trial that began in January 2017 with equipment from a Las Vegas-based DHS contractor, ESD America .

Krebs, the top official in the department's National Protection and Programs Directorate, noted in the letter that DHS lacks the equipment and funding to detect Stingrays even though their use by foreign governments "may threaten U.S. national and economic security." The department did report its findings to "federal partners" Krebs did not name. That presumably includes the FBI.

The CEO of ESD America, Les Goldsmith, said his company has a relationship with DHS but would not comment further.

Legislators have been raising alarms about the use of Stingrays in the capital since at least 2014, when Goldsmith and other security-company researchers conducted public sweeps that located suspected unauthorized devices near the White House, the Supreme Court, the Commerce Department and the Pentagon, among other locations.

The executive branch, however, has shied away from even discussing the subject.

Aaron Turner, president of the mobile security consultancy Integricell, was among the experts who conducted the 2014 sweeps, in part to try to drum up business. Little has changed since, he said.

Like other major world capitals, he said, Washington is awash in unauthorized interception devices. Foreign embassies have free rein because they are on sovereign soil.

Every embassy "worth their salt" has a cell tower simulator installed, Turner said. They use them "to track interesting people that come toward their embassies." The Russians' equipment is so powerful it can track targets a mile away, he said.

Shutting down rogue Stingrays is an expensive proposition that would require wireless network upgrades the industry has been loath to pay for, security experts say. It could also lead to conflict with U.S. intelligence and law enforcement.

In addition to federal agencies, police departments use them in at least 25 states and the District of Columbia, according to the American Civil Liberties Union.

Wyden said in a statement Tuesday that "leaving security to the phone companies has proven to be disastrous." He added that the FCC has refused to hold the industry accountable "despite repeated warnings and clear evidence that our phone networks are being exploited by foreign governments and hackers."

After the 2014 news reports about Stingrays in Washington, Rep. Alan Grayson, D-Fla, wrote the FCC in alarm. In a reply, then-FCC chairman Tom Wheeler said the agency had created a task force to combat illicit and unauthorized use of the devices. In that letter, the FCC did not say it had identified such use itself, but cited media reports of the security sweeps.

That task force appears to have accomplished little. A former adviser to Wheeler, Gigi Sohn, said there was no political will to tackle the issue against opposition from the intelligence community and local police forces that were using the devices "willy-nilly."

"To the extent that there is a major problem here, it's largely due to the FCC not doing its job," said Laura Moy of the Center on Privacy and Technology at Georgetown University. The agency, she said, should be requiring wireless carriers to protect their networks from such security threats and "ensuring that anyone transmitting over licensed spectrum actually has a license to do it."

FCC spokesman Neil Grace, however, said the agency's only role is "certifying" such devices to ensure they don't interfere with other wireless communications, much the way it does with phones and Wi-Fi routers.

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priority, despite strict rules that prohibit spending that's not authorized by Congress.

The Department of Homeland Security and White House did not immediately respond to requests for comment. At the Pentagon, officials were struggling to answer questions about the plan, including rudimentary details on whether it would involve National Guard members.

But officials appeared to be considering a model similar to a 2006 operation in which President George W. Bush deployed National Guard troops to the southern border.

Under Operation Jump Start, 6,000 National Guard troops were sent to assist the border patrol with non-law enforcement duties while additional border agents were hired and trained. Over two years, about 29,000 National Guard forces participated, as forces rotated in and out. The Guard members were used for surveillance, communications, administrative support, intelligence, analysis and the installation of border security infrastructure.

In addition, President Barack Obama sent about 1,200 National Guard troops to the U.S.-Mexico border in 2010 to beef up efforts to battle drug smuggling and illegal immigration.

Texas has also deployed military forces to its 800-mile border with Mexico. Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, now serving as Trump's energy secretary, sent 1,000 Texas National Guardsmen to the Rio Grande Valley in 2014 in response to a sharp increase in Central American children crossing the border alone.

White House officials were scheduled to meet Tuesday with Homeland Security personnel and attorneys to discuss further details, according to a White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal plans. The person also revealed the White House counsel's role.

Trump's latest comments came a day after administration officials announced they were crafting a new legislative package aimed at closing what they say are immigration "loopholes" and amid a flurry of tweets by the president on the subject over the last several days.

Trump has been fixed on the issue since he grudgingly signed a spending bill last month that includes far less money for the wall than he'd hoped for.

The $1.3 trillion package included $1.6 billion for border wall spending — a fraction of the $25 billion Trump made a last-minute push to secure. And much of that money can be used only to repair existing segments, not to build new sections. Trump has also been under pressure from conservative backers, including commentator Ann Coulter, who has accused Trump of betraying his base and "taking his voters for a ride."

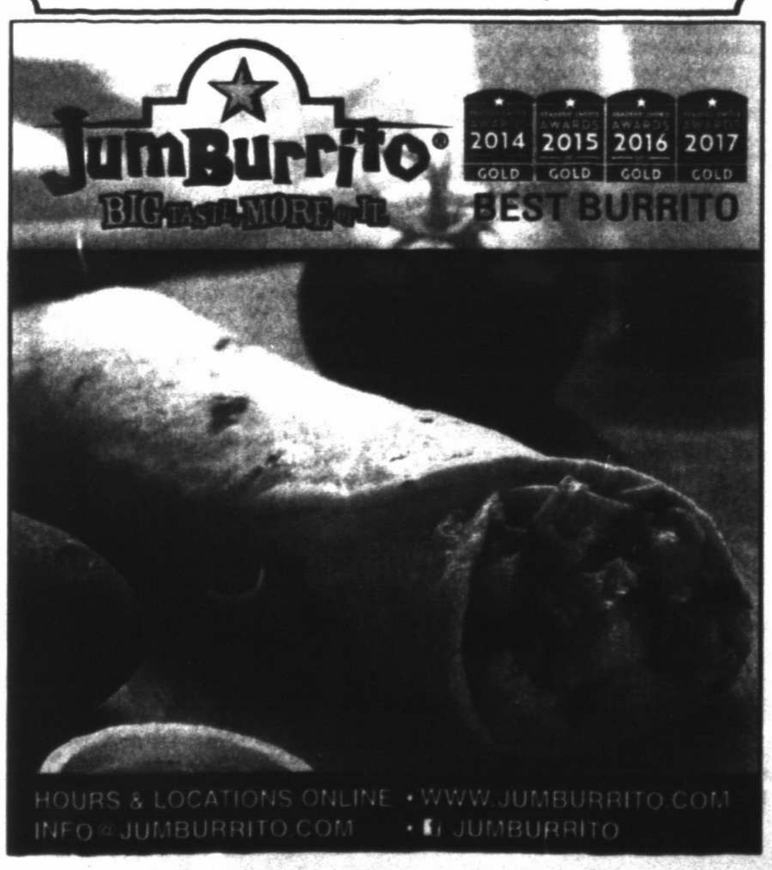
Trump spent the first months of his presidency bragging about a dramatic drop in illegal border crossings, and indeed the 2017 fiscal year marked a 45-year low for Border Patrol arrests. But the numbers have been slowly ticking up since last April and are now on par with many months of the Obama administration. Statistics show 36,695 arrests of people trying to cross the southwest border in February 2018, up from 23,555 in the same month of the previous year.

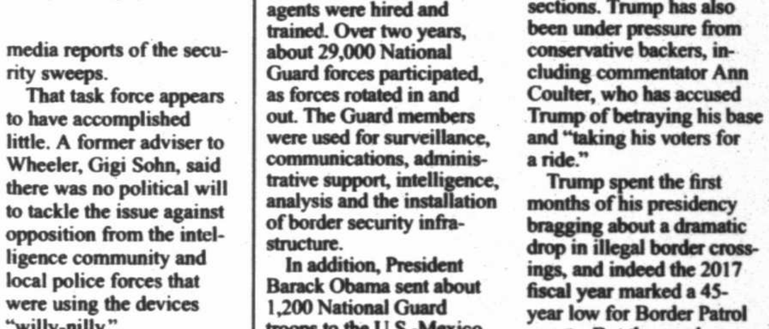
Trump appeared to take credit Tuesday for halting a caravan of about 1,100 migrants, many from Honduras, who had been marching along roadsides and train tracks in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca.

"I said (to Mexican officials), 'I hope you're going to tell that caravan not to get up to the border.' And I think they're doing that because, as of 12 minutes ago, it was all being broken up," he said.

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EPA chief's job not assured after Trump's praise — and ire

By Zeke Miller and Michael Biesecker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump offered a measured gesture of support for the embattled head of the Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday, but those words of encouragement for Scott Pruitt also came with a White House warning about the ethical questions surrounding his travel spending and ties to Washington lobbyists.

"I hope he's going to be great," Trump told reporters, declining to reiterate publicly his private praise for Pruitt's work.

In a phone call Monday, Trump told the EPA chief that "we've got your back" and urged him to "keep his head up" and "keep fighting," according to two administration officials. Trump's call was quickly followed by one from chief of staff John Kelly, who laid out the White House's displeasure over being caught blindsided by some of the ethical problems raised, according to two other officials.

Those officials said the praise referred to Pruitt's work in loosening environmental regulations and his success at getting under the skin of environmental groups. But they added that the tone of Trump's call was not entirely positive.

All of the officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss private conversations publicly.

Trump has repeatedly praised endangered members of his administration while privately plotting their ouster and interviewing replacements. That tendency, and Trump's tepid words Tuesday, suggested that Pruitt's future at EPA is not assured despite the president's apparently high regard for him over the past year.

Meanwhile, two Republicans representing left-leaning South Florida districts, Reps. Carlos Curbelo and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, joined Democrats and environmental groups on Tuesday in calling on Pruitt to resign or be fired.

In a tweet, Curbelo said Pruitt's "corruption scandals are an embarrassment to the Administration, and his conduct is grossly disrespectful to American taxpayers."

The White House has grown weary in recent weeks of the scrutiny of administration staffing after a wave of departures — some voluntary and others forced — weakened morale.

Pruitt was one of several Cabinet officials summoned a month ago to meet with White House lawyers and Cabinet affairs staff over ethical questions, and they were warned that further negative headlines could imperil their jobs.

Pruitt has come under intense scrutiny for his use of a Capitol Hill condominium owned by the wife of prominent Washington lobbyist Steven Hart, whose firm represents fossil fuel companies. An agency ethics official at the EPA has insisted that Pruitt's lease didn't violate federal ethics rules.

A memo signed by Kevin Minoli contends that Pruitt's $50-a-night rental payments constitute a fair market rate. Pruitt's lease, however, required him to pay just for nights he occupied in the unit. Pruitt actually paid a total of $6,100 over the six-month period he leased the condo, an average of about $1,000 a month.

But current rental listings for two-bedroom apartments in the neighborhood show they typically go for far more than what Pruitt paid. A two-bedroom townhome on the same block as the one leased by Pruitt was advertised for rent on Monday at $3,750 a month. Under the lease, Pruitt technically rented only one of the condo's two bedrooms, but his daughter stayed in the second room from May to August.

Records show that while Pruitt was living in the condo, he met in his EPA office with a lobbyist from Hart's firm and two executives from an energy company seeking to scuttle tighter pollution standards for coal-fired power plants. EPA also granted a favorable ruling to a pipeline company also represented by Hart's firm.

Walter Shaub, who ran the U.S. Office of Government Ethics until resigning last year, tweeted that EPA's legal justification of Pruitt's living arrangements was "Total Baloney."

Democrats from both the House and Senate issued letters Tuesday urging the EPA's inspector general to investigate Pruitt's living arrangements. Spokeswoman Jennifer Kaplan said the watchdog office is evaluating the requests. It is already probing Pruitt's outsized 2017 travel spending, which included extensive use of bodyguards and frequent use of first-class airline tickets. Though federal regulations typically require federal officials to fly in coach, the EPA chief has said he needed to sit in premium seats because of security concerns.

A Republican who previously served as the state attorney general of Oklahoma, Pruitt has long been a champion of the oil and gas industry. In the year he has served as the Trump administration's top environmental official, Pruitt has moved to scrap, gut or replace numerous environmental regulations opposed by the industry while boosting the continued burning of fossil fuels, which is the primary cause of climate change.

On Tuesday, The Atlantic reported that Pruitt had also bypassed the White House to give big raises to two young aides he had brought with him to EPA from Oklahoma. After failing to win approval from the West Wing, Pruitt used a little-known legal maneuver to push the pay increases through. A 30-year-old lawyer serving as Pruitt's senior legal counsel got a 53 percent raise, boosting her salary to more than $164,000. Pruitt's 26-year-old scheduling director got a 33 percent raise, increasing her salary to nearly $115,000.

Trump is said to be fond of Pruitt and has cheered his moves to roll back regulations and fight environmental groups.

The president's call to Pruitt came just days after another Cabinet official, Veterans Affairs head David Shulkin, was dismissed after stirring ethics concerns. An inspector general's report concluded that Shulkin had inappropriately accepted Wimbledon tickets and his staff had doctored an email to improperly justify free travel for his wife. Shulkin denied any wrongdoing.

Other Trump Cabinet members, including Housing Secretary Ben Carson and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, have also faced questions about their expenditures. Last year, Trump's first Health and Human Services secretary, Tom Price, was forced to resign over concerns about private air travel on the government's dime.

Dutch attorney sentenced in Russia probe draws 30 days, fine

By Chad Day
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Dutch attorney who lied to federal agents investigating former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort was sentenced Tuesday to 30 days in prison in the first punishment handed down in the special counsel's Russia investigation. He was also ordered to pay a $20,000 fine.

Alex van der Zwaan's sentence could set a guidepost for what other defendants charged with lying in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation may receive when their cases are resolved. Among them are a former White House national security adviser and a Trump campaign foreign policy aide.

Van der Zwaan, 33, had faced up to six months in prison under federal sentencing guidelines, and his attorneys had pushed for him to pay a fine and leave the country.

But U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson, citing the need to deter others from lying in an investigation of international importance, said incarceration was necessary.

"These were not mistakes. These were lies," Jackson told van der Zwaan as he stood before her. Being able to "write a check and walk away," she added later, would not fit the seriousness of the crime or send the right message.

The criminal case against van der Zwaan is not directly related to Russian election interference, the main focus of Mueller's probe. But it has revealed new details about the government's case against Manafort and opened a window into the intersecting universes of international law, foreign consulting work and politics.

The case has also exposed connections between senior Trump campaign aides, including Rick Gates, and Russia. Just last week, the government disclosed that van der Zwaan and Gates spoke during the 2016 presidential campaign with a man Gates had previously described as having ties to the GRU, Russia's military intelligence agency. Gates is now cooperating with Mueller.

During the hearing Tuesday, van der Zwaan made only a brief statement, telling Jackson, "Your Honor, what I did was wrong. I apologize to the court. I apologize to my wife."

Van der Zwaan, who was fired last year by the high-powered international law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, admitted in February to lying to federal agents about his contacts with Gates and the person with ties to Russian intelligence.

Van der Zwaan had previously grown close to Manafort, Gates and the person, Konstantin Kilimnik, during his work on a 2012 report commissioned by the Ukrainian Ministry of Justice. The report, written by the law firm, was about the corruption trial of former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko. Kilimnik, who was born in Ukraine while it was a Soviet republic, has previously denied having any relation to Russian intelligence services.

Though prosecutors did not take a position on whether van der Zwaan should be locked up, they stressed that he had lied "repeatedly" to investigators. "This is not an isolated instance of bad judgment or criminal conduct," prosecutor Andrew Weissmann said.

Van der Zwaan's attorneys argued that he had suffered enough already. His life has been destroyed by his "terrible decision" to lie to federal authorities, they said. The attorneys pushed Jackson to allow van der Zwaan to return to London, where he lives with his wife, who is going through a difficult pregnancy.

"He has been here well over four months without a home, without his wife and without his family," his attorney, William Schwartz, said. "He is literally in limbo."

Schwartz stressed that his client had made the effort to return to the U.S. to "correct the record" after he lied to the special counsel's office, though prosecutors took issue with the characterization, noting that van der Zwaan was under a grand jury subpoena at the time.

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2) **You will be required to have your hearing tested in our office, FREE OF CHARGE, to determine candidacy.**
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Transitioning to nutritious diet is a journey

■ It's not time-consuming or too expensive to serve whole-food, plant-based meals

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Healthy City



When my family first watched the documentary "Forks Over Knives," our eyes were opened wide to the dire consequences of the standard American diet. Even though my husband, Greg, and I always considered ourselves "health-conscious," we learned in greater detail how the standard diet eaten by the majority of Americans is nutrient-poor and calorie-dense with significant amounts of fats, sugars, oils and refined grains added. We didn't realize that in the U.S., 70 percent of our health care costs are related to lifestyle diseases, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With a history of heart disease, cancer and diabetes in our families, we felt empowered by the overwhelming scientific, medical evidence of how whole-food, plant-based nutrition prevents and reverses the most common diseases.

Shortly thereafter, I attended a weekend immersion where leading experts shared the medical evidence and addressed key concerns, such as plant-based sources for protein and calcium. I leave it to the medical experts to address the medical side of changes. Yet when a family member or friend faces a fundamental shift in cooking and eating habits, I can address three of the most common myths of living a plant-strong life: It takes too much time, it is too expensive, and there is no support in the Permian Basin. Having journeyed to a plant-strong lifestyle as a family over the last seven years, below are lessons learned and best practices to help dispel these common myths.

Want to know more?

For more information, contact Healthy City at 1-800-856-4916, info@ourhealthycity.com, visit www.ourhealthycity.com, or follow @ourhealthycity on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

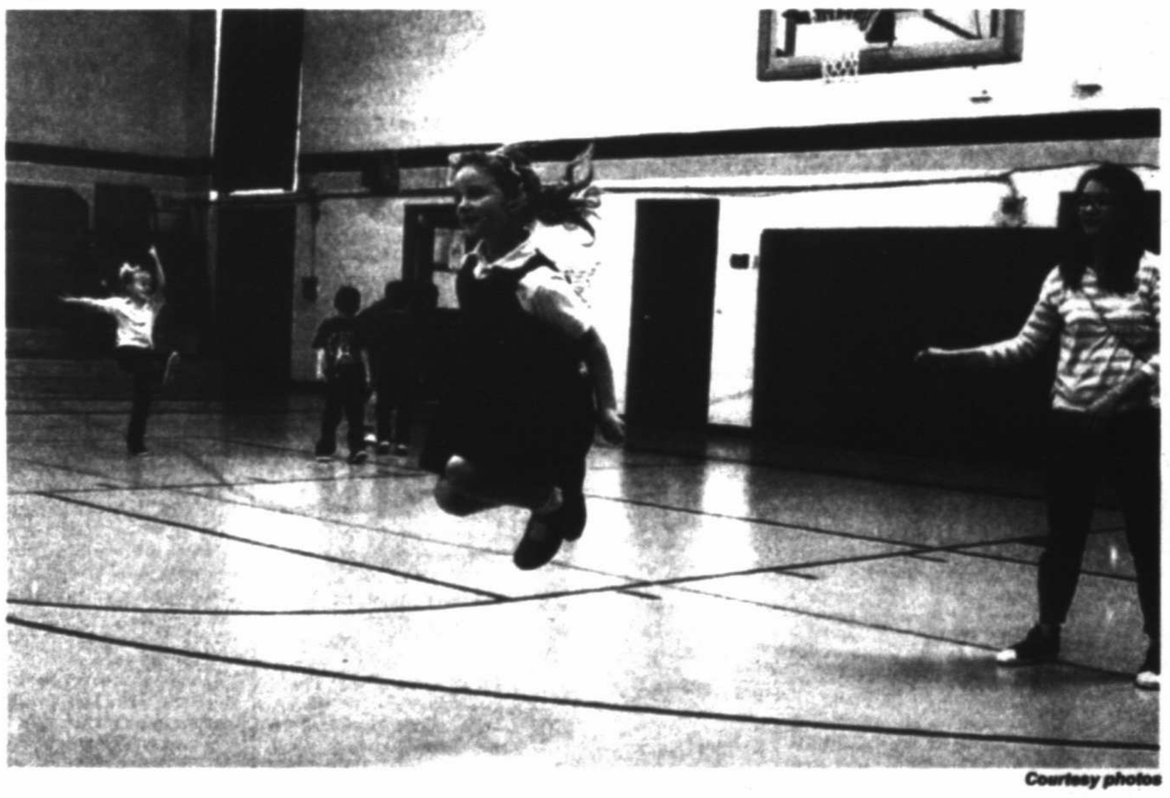
In today's culture, having sufficient time for work, exercise, after-school activities, community service, and more challenge us all. In our over-committed, fast-paced culture, focusing time and effort on nutrition and food choices has oftentimes taken a back seat. Creating sufficient space and time for nutritious food choices is a process and a lifelong journey. The following strategies have greatly helped our family in our journey.

Tap into meal planning

This is as simple as identifying 15 to 20 go-to recipes and taking 10 minutes each weekend to identify meals, taking into consideration schedule constraints for the coming week. In the beginning, we subscribed

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JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



Courtesy photos

St. Ann's School students on March 21 participated in the annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Students presented a $20,500 check to a representative from the American Heart Association, and winning classes had the chance to throw a pie in their teacher's faces. **ABOVE:** Cate Moore. **BELOW LEFT:** Santana Guerrero. **BELOW CENTER:** Ryker Rodriguez, left, and Case Jones. **BELOW RIGHT:** Christian Villaroman







Organ donors are heroes, transplant recipient says

■ Midlander to speak at annual Donate Life Month ceremony in Fort Worth

By Simone Jasper
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Having a liver transplant impacted Dan Westmoreland's life in more ways than one. The Midlander said there was emotion in knowing the liver he received came from his daughter's late boyfriend, Ralph (Tad) Lemon III.



Westmoreland

"It was a tragedy on one hand, but it was a blessing on the other hand," said Westmoreland, 63.

After Lemon had a fatal brain aneurysm in July, his family requested that his liver go to Westmoreland. The organ was determined to be a match, and the transplant took place at Medical City Fort Worth.

Dr. Omar Haq, transplant hepatologist and medical director of the liver transplant program, said Westmoreland's situation of getting an organ through directed donation was rare.

"He's grateful for the gift that he received even though it was under difficult circumstances," Haq said in a phone interview.

Months after the transplant, Westmoreland is scheduled to share his story today during the annual Donate Life Month ceremony at Medical City Fort Worth. He plans to convey the importance of organ donation.

"I am living proof," Westmoreland said. "I would not be here today if it wasn't for a donor. In my mind — and I've mentioned it before — to me, a donor is a hero."

The event, co-sponsored by LifeGift, will give attendees the opportunity to register as organ, eye

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Big Spring flutist performs while having surgery

By Allyson Chiu
Washington Post

The delicate notes of a flute filled the air of an operating room at a Houston hospital last (week). While playing music during a surgery isn't unusual, this song wasn't being piped through a speaker system.

The lilting classical tune was coming from Anna Henry, a 63-year-old flute player with the Big Spring Symphony, as she rested on the operating table with part of her scalp peeled back, undergoing brain surgery at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center.

It was the first time in years that Henry, who has a common movement disorder known as essential tremor, played her favorite instrument with steady hands, KHOU 11 reported.

Essential tremor is a neurological disorder that causes "involuntary and rhythmic shaking," most often in the hands, according to Mayo Clinic.

Henry's performance was the part of a surgical procedure called deep brain stimulation, according to TMC News, Texas Medical Center's news outlet. The surgery involves inserting tiny electrodes in the brain, which deliver a constant electric current that can significantly reduce symptoms of conditions such as essential tremor or Parkinson's disease. A battery pack is also implanted in the patient's chest to control the amount of stimulation the brain receives, according to Mayo Clinic.

Giving Henry her flute during the procedure allowed doctors to see if her hands were stable enough to play, and as her tentative fingers produced the melody's

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"I wouldn't consider going out of town because we have the Total Joint Center in Midland. It's just the greatest there is, in my opinion." Nancy Derry

Thanks to the **Total Joint Center**, Nancy got her quality of life back and for the first time, she was able to climb the bleachers to see her great-grandchildren receive their basketball trophies. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call **855-26JOINT** | **midlandhealth.org/joint**



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final notes, it was clear her operation was a success.

These movement disorders are caused by circuits in the brain that function abnormally, Albert Fenoy, a neurosurgeon with the Mischer Neuroscience Institute at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center and UTHealth, told TMC News.

"Deep brain stimulation is a really fantastic tool in how we can modulate a perturbed, dysfunctional system in the brain and make it more normal," said Fenoy, who specializes in the procedure.

Although exactly how deep brain stimulation works has not yet been fully determined, the surgery has been shown to have a high success rate for people, such as Henry, whose conditions can no longer be treated by just medicine, according to TMC News.

Before the surgery, Henry had dealt with the tremor in her dominant left hand since junior high, after inheriting the movement disorder from her father, TMC News reported. But, as time went on the tremor intensified to the point where it was difficult for her to do simple tasks such as drink soup and sign her name, she told KHOU 11.

Much to her horror, playing the flute — a talent she had been honing since she was 11 years old — started to become impossible.

"You know what's in there and you know what you can do and you know what you feel and you just can't make your body do it anymore," said Henry, who is a music teacher. "That's really frustrating."

Even though she originally did not want "anybody poking a hole in (her) brain," Henry told TMC News that the prospect of surgery became less daunting as her symptoms worsened and the consequence of never playing the flute again became much more real.

"I can fight it, but I'm tired of doing it," she told KHOU 11. "And it is getting worse. I know it's a matter of either admitting I can't do it anymore, or doing this (surgery) so that I can."

People often hesitate to opt for brain surgery, Fenoy told TMC News, but added that those who do have surgery experience significant improvements.

"All patients have success," he said. "Our goal is to greatly reduce their tremor. Will it be 100 percent gone? I don't guarantee that for any type of surgery, but the tremor will be 70 to 80 percent better than it is now."

Before the electrodes were implanted, Henry could barely hold a cup of water steady, TMC News reported. But after the electric current was administered, Henry not only played the flute, she also signed her name with smooth strokes. Her handwriting was legible for the first time in decades.

Henry's operating room concert is not the first time instruments have been played by patients during brain surgery.

In July 2016, a music teacher played a saxophone during a procedure to remove a benign brain tumor that was "located in a part of the brain known to be active when people listen to and make music," according to NPR. About a year later, surgeons in Bangalore, India, were treated to a guitar performance as they operated on a man to correct a neurological condition called musical dystonia, which caused the patient's fingers to cramp, CNN reported.

Patients are sometimes kept awake during these surgeries so doctors can monitor brain activity to ensure the right areas are being repaired and other parts of the brain are not being damaged, according to Mayo Clinic.

"My folks lived through the (Great) Depression," Henry told TMC News. "If there's anything they taught me, it was that an obstacle is not something that stops you; it's something you find a way around."

Obituaries





Erma Irvin Shoopman

Erma Irvin Shoopman was welcomed into the open arms of Jesus on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. Erma was born on July 31, 1926, in Denver, Colorado to Ernest and Margaret Irvin. Two years later, the family relocated to Lyons, Kansas. Erma was the third of five children and enjoyed a wonderful childhood. Commonplace at their home was a family sing-along of gospel songs; her mother would play the piano, while her father would sing bass and all the children would join in.

Although demure in nature, Erma was an auburn-haired beauty with a radiant smile that would light up any room she entered. She loved to sing and dance. After graduating high school, Erma enrolled in nursing school in Hutchinson, Kansas. While home for the holidays, Erma met her "white knight" on a blind date arranged by her youngest sister, Eileen Irvin, and her boyfriend, Donald Bayer. The foursome would date often thereafter. Erma experienced a severe reaction to the "green soap" then used by hospital staff, which caused her to set aside her dream of being a nurse. Soon after her return to Lyons, Lloyd Hughes "Shoop" Shoopman proposed and the two were united in marriage on August 24, 1947. Shoop was employed by Mobil Oil. Even though transfers were fairly frequent, Erma loved spending time with all the "Mobil wives".

They were overjoyed with the arrival of their first child, Pamela Diane, in 1948. Three years later, David Lloyd, was born; sadly, however, he passed away two days later due to complications. Erma and Shoop were again blessed in 1954 with the birth of a second daughter, Judith Lynn. In 1966, Shoop was transferred to Midland. Construction of their new house had just been completed when they received word that Erma's father had passed. Soon after returning from the funeral, Erma celebrated her 40th birthday. Three weeks later, her beloved Shoop passed away. The following year, Erma began a 21-year career with the City of Midland. She retired in 1989. Erma was a member of First Baptist Church since 1966. She loved the many friendships she made, especially the ladies in her Sunday School, the Lydia Department.

Almost four years ago, Judy and Randy welcomed Erma into their home. She was very happy there and often said, "I like being spoiled", to which Judy would reply, "You deserve to be spoiled." She remained with them until her passing.

Preceding Erma in death were her husband, "Shoop"; infant son, David; parents, Ernest and Margaret Mae Irvin; brother, Claude Irvin, and two sisters, Norma Koch and Vera Burfield. Survivors include her daughters, Pamela (Joe) Robertson of Tyler, Texas, and Judith (Randy) Overbeck of Midland; her youngest sister, Eileen Bayer of Pawnee Rock, Kansas; grandchildren, Scott (Christy) Robertson of Friendswood, Texas; Lori Farris Alsup of Midland; Julie Robertson of Vista, California; Sheila Browning of Victoria, Texas; Christi (Grant) Mays of Richland Springs, Texas; great grandchildren, Tyson Robertson, Briggs Alsup, Brady Alsup, Blake Robertson, Augustus Browning, Libby Mays, Nolan Mays, Emily Mays and Molly Mays.

We wish to thank the many family members, friends and neighbors who visited Erma in recent months. She loved each occasion. The family will receive friends from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 5, 2018, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 A.M. Friday, April 6, 2018, at First Baptist Church-Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the First Baptist Foundation or the Midland Memorial Hospital Foundation.

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

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R. A. "Junior" Plunk Jr.

R. A. "Junior" Plunk, Jr., passed away to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, March 30, 2018 with his wife, Shirley and their daughter Ashley and son in law Coby by his side. He was born to Rowe and Louise Plunk on May 13, 1945 in Stamford, Texas.

Junior was a man that worshipped and loved his Lord and Savior. He was a private, kind and honorable man. He grew up in Midland where he attended Midland High School. He went on to work for Permian Corporation and in 1971 joined his father in the wireline business. After his father's death Junior and his brother, Charles took over the business as owners and Junior was currently still working everyday upon his death. Junior was always open to anyone with his vast knowledge and expertise. He always welcomed discussion of the abundant subjects. He loved each member of his family and all his friends. He always had a big smile upon his face when you would meet him. He will be sorely missed by his family, friends and business colleagues.

Junior is preceded in death by his parents, Rowe and Louise Plunk, nephew, Jason Plunk and great nephew, Randy Struck.

Junior is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Shirley and their daughter, Ashley who was the one and only Princess in his eyes and son in law, Coby Trolinder. His siblings, Charles Plunk and fiancé, Judy of Midland, TX, Gene Plunk and wife, Nancy of Midland, TX, Sue Barnett and husband, Tom of Midland, TX and Ricky Plunk and wife, Vicky of Conroe, TX. Numerous nephews and nieces and great nephews and nieces and great-great nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M on Wednesday, April 4, 2018. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at Wilshire Park Baptist Church with Brother Glenn Pipes officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Active pallbearers will be Jim Stulleville, Steve Mizzles, Cord Mizzles, Kris Lundberg, Michael Vandiver and Lance Baze. Honorary pallbearers will be David Tomlin, Richard Creek, Ronny Wyatt and R.T. Hale.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association, Wilshire Park Baptist Church or a charity of your choice.

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Ruth Elaine Attaway

Ruth Elaine Attaway, 71 passed away on Saturday, March 31, 2018 in Midland,Texas. There are no services scheduled at this time.

Ruth was born on April 2, 1946 to Gladys and Roy Hearon in Ardmore, OK. Ruth will be remembered for her fun-loving spirit, wonderful sense of humor, infectious laugh, and her love of gospel music. She enjoyed anything sung by the Gaither vocal band. Ruth was a talented musician, playing the piano beautifully. Ruth sang with a group called Spirit of Salvation. In her apartment complex, she was known for playing gospel hymns on the piano in the dining area and telling others about Jesus.

Even during her last days, she was seen sharing her love of Jesus with hospital staff.

Ruth worked as a bookkeeper at several different places in Midland: MTCU, Conoco Credit Union, Acme, and Heritage USA.

Ruth is survived by her siblings, Patricia Adams and husband Ken, Mary Barbour of Gardendale, Dub Hearon and wife Jo of Ohio, and Herb Hearon and wife Linda of El Paso. She also has several nieces and nephews that she loved dearly.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Gladys and Roy Hearon and brother, Roy Hearon Jr.

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.npwelch.com.*



Soledad Pillado Garcia

Soledad Pillado Garcia, 93, left us peacefully on March 31, 2018, with her family by her side in Midland, Texas.

She was born in Monahans, Texas on March 10, 1925, to Brigida Holguin and Eleuterio Pillado.

Soledad is survived by her children; Elvira Madrid, Manuel Garcia Silvia Garcia, Jesus Garcia II, Luz Elena Garcia, Ilda Diab, Martin Garcia and Jorge Garcia; 21 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 76 years, Jesus Garcia; her son, Arturo Garcia; and her grandson Arturito Garcia.

Soledad, or as her grandchildren would always call her, 'Mama Chole', is loved by so many and will be greatly missed for her unconditional love and sensitivity to her loved one's needs. She will always be remembered for the wonderful blessings that she would give her family to remind them that the Lord was always by their side. God has her in his keeping. We will forever have her in our hearts.

A rosary will be held at 7P.M. on Wednesday April 4, at Ellis Funeral Home. Mass will be held at 2P.M. on Thursday April 5, at San Miguel Church. Burial will follow at Panteon Municipal el Ultimo Refugio at Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*

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Death Notices

Aaron Aten

Aaron Aten, 16, of Midland, passed away Sunday, April 1, 2018. The family will receive guests from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Friday, April 6, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Bonifacio Garcia Hernandez Sr.

Bonifacio Garcia Hernandez Sr., 92 of Midland, passed away on Saturday, March 31st, 2018.

Viewing will be Thursday, April 5th and Friday, April 6th both days from 9:00A.M. - 9:00P.M. with a rosary Friday night starting at 7:00P.M. all at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. A funeral mass is set for Saturday, April 7th at 10:00A.M. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish & Shrine. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He is survived by two sons, Bonifacio "BJ" Hernandez Jr. and Eugenio "Gene" Hernandez Sr.; three daughters, Marie Hernandez, Rosita Hernandez and Graciela Pineda.

Eunice Tilmon

Eunice Tilmon, 97, passed away April 3, 2018 in Midland, Texas. Services for the family are pending with Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home. She is survived by her daughter, Doris Tilmon; four sisters and 2 brothers. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

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and tissue donors. Nearly 116,000 people await transplants, according to the Donate Life Texas website.

Westmoreland received a complete liver, according to Haq. He said increasing the pool of donors will make a difference for those awaiting transplants.

"There is no (alternative) means at this time to keep these patients alive, to keep these patients going and maintain their quality of life," Haq said.

Westmoreland was told that his liver disease required a transplant but later had to wait for the procedure.

"It's hard to describe the feeling," he said. "It's like you know if you don't receive the organ what the outcome is going to be. It's going to be death."

Throughout the process, Westmoreland said Medical City Fort Worth took measures to make him feel comfortable. He was also assigned a transplant coordinator.

"You can contact them with any questions and concerns 24 hours a day," he said. "You don't know how important that was for me because I was going back and forth (home)."

During the process, Westmoreland also felt support from relatives. He said his life is back to how it was before liver disease and appreciates he can again take care of his wife.

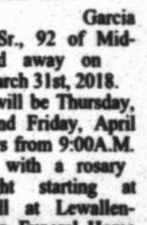
"My immediate family stood right by me through this whole thing," Westmoreland said. "You really don't know how that feels until you have been on the other side of the fence, knowing your life could be gone."

Westmoreland said it crossed his mind that his life was saved but another was lost. Talking to Lemon's father helped to put him at ease.

Lemon had told his family that he was an organ donor, and Westmoreland urges others who have registered to communicate those wishes to their loved ones. For Midlanders who aren't donors, he hopes the option is one they will consider.

"It just saves lives," Westmoreland said. "By being an organ donor, trust me, they're a hero and their legacy will live on."

Make it a priority to share smiles



LUCY SMITH
Centers

Children have a sense of wonder when they look at the world around them. Children discover the world for the first time, a piece at a time. Sky first, clouds next, then birds. They do not absorb it all at one time. A child's sense of impossible things is unquestioning.

Children remain curious throughout childhood and beyond if the opportunity and a teacher are available. When adults think we know it all and close the door on new experiences, we are shortchanging ourselves, our children and society as a whole.

What if everyone's mission on earth was to help others to become happy? What an incentive that would be for us not to waste time, but to devour and share a bit of it every day. What if none of us could be happy without others being happy first? The question arises, "What would we have to do first?" Look at the world more closely and listen more carefully. The pace of today's world is so fast that we do not take the time to absorb the world around us as we did when we were children. When you talk to people, is it about business, bills or the world condition? Do you leave people with a smile or a frown? The words we use and the tone of voice we use has a direct effect on the people we meet and spend time with.

We need to make it a priority to bring a smile to the people we meet. If we do this, the positive posture we take toward others slowly rubs off on ourselves, and people will flock around the happy person every time. We are what we think and feel. Sharing smiles and the observations about the world around us begins to make us more observant and thankful.

Remember the first time you saw a butterfly, an ant digging a hole, the sunrise, rain, snow, the birth of a calf, dad cooking supper on the grill, daffodils that came up in your grandmother's garden every spring? The hot chocolate and the fire that was provided at your favorite place to stay, skipping rocks on the water, making cookies, riding your first horse, leaves sprouting on the trees in the spring. Remember?

Unfortunately, many children do not get to enjoy these things because of social media and electronics. They do not know what they are missing. It is up to each of us to expose children to the world around us. Go outside and look at the world more closely (through the eyes of your inner child). Take a notebook and write down all of the things you see and the thoughts they would evoke in a child. Share them and enjoy.

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to an online meal-planning resource. Meal-planning programs vary but many include how to overhaul your kitchen pantry, a variety of recipes and shopping lists that help eliminate some of the work transitioning to a whole-food, plant-based diet. Check out programs by Forks Over Knives, The Engine 2 Diet, and the Happy Herbivore.

As the lifestyle change settles in, you find yourself planning food for travel, meetings, games and more as a natural approach, and you find deep satisfaction in taking control of your health. I've also learned that I won't starve if I skip lunch at a meeting.

Leverage batch and freezer cooking methods

We have favorite meals we store in the freezer that we can grab and go, or we use for days when we are too busy or tired to cook from scratch. Typically, we double or triple our favorite recipes, such as bean burritos, pancakes, veggie burgers, casseroles, quesadillas, soups and rice. We also freeze ready-made smoothie kits with pre-measured greens and assorted fruit and freeze treats such as cookies and brownies for special occasions.

Simplify

Nothing is more frustrating than trying a time-consuming recipe that no one likes. In the beginning, we dived into plant-based celebrity chef recipes that sometimes ended in exhaustion and disappointment. Once I realized that I would never be Martha Stewart, even on a standard American diet, I learned that keeping it simple could still mean nutritious and delicious meals. We embrace easy nights of beans and rice and baked potatoes with veggies. Use a slow cooker or invest in an Instantpot to help manage your time. Weekends are prime time for our family to try new recipes and get creative in the kitchen.

On the surface, fast-food and packaged, processed foods appear cheaper. But dig a little deeper and you will find a whole-food, plant-based diet can be inexpensive and maximize the "nutritional bang for your buck." In the beginning, it can take time to stock and build your pantry depending on your starting point and budget. But it gets easier to go fresh and whole on a budget and use key spices for variety, especially when you keep cooking simple.

Avoid pricy "vegan" processed, convenience foods that aren't always healthy for you. Instead, grab an apple or banana or a handful of almonds. Staples such as potatoes, beans, lentils, grains and bananas are some of the cheapest and healthiest foods you can buy. Buy in bulk for dry beans, nuts and seeds, and lower your costs by buying produce when in season. Leverage the frozen food section for veggies and fruits to lower your cost even more, and connect with the farmers market to find seasonal, locally grown fruits and vegetables. When we eliminated animal products and processed foods, we actually saved money. We also know that the investment we are making now will contribute to long-term savings by avoiding common food-related diseases and their associated health care costs.

As a board member of Healthy City, I volunteer with an incredible group of people who are passionate about plant-based living. We are driven by scientific, evidence-based medicine that empowers people in our community to live healthy, fulfilling lives, take control of their health with nutritious food choices, and provide resources for them as they adopt a plant-based lifestyle. Resources in our area continue to grow via Healthy City and our community partners. Here are just a few:

Food Is Medicine Seminar

Join us at our third Food is Medicine seminar, which is April 14 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Thanks to our sponsors, the ticket price is only $25for this event, which features renowned experts in the field of plant-based nutrition. This year's speakers will address obesity and its role in Type 2 diabetes and hypertension, the history and risk factors of heart disease and how to meal plan and prepare healthy and delicious food for your family. Purchase tickets at www.ourhealthycity.com/FIM

Grocery store tours

Navigating the aisles of a grocery store can prove daunting when making a significant change to your diet but it actually is making simple, sensible changes when guided. Sign up for Healthy City's monthly grocery store tours and learn how to shop for whole-food, plant-based groceries and prepare easy, quick and delicious meals. You will also learn how to properly read nutrition labels on the foods you purchase.

Community meals

The monthly community meals are a great resource to try a variety of dishes while visiting with folks who are on a similar journey. Each person is assigned one recipe to bring to the community meal. It is a great way to enjoy fellowship and food and stay motivated. If you're interested on attending one of the meals, email Hilary Cosby at meals@ourhealthycity.com.

Social media support

Join an online social forum for support and additional resources, encouragement and inspiration. Great sites such as Healthy City, Engine 2, and Forks Over Knives offer a wealth of resources to encourage your daily walk.

Lifestyle Medicine Center

Midland Health created the Lifestyle Medicine Center that focuses on the root causes of medical problems and using lifestyle as a basis for treatment and prevention. Tap into this excellent resource for a holistic approach and medical supervision by Dr. Padmaja Patel and team, as you embrace a whole-food, plant-based diet as a key component of lifestyle changes. The center offers many classes, including understanding and overcoming food addictions, nutrition and stress management.

No matter your situation and the goals you have, it is possible to live a plant-strong life in the Permian Basin without taking up too much time, breaking the bank or lack of support. On a final note, focus on your "why" of what compels you to make this important lifestyle change. Take it daily and stay encouraged, and you will achieve the benefits of a plant-strong lifestyle.

Nicole Lancto is a founding member and current board member of the nonprofit Healthy City.

Coffee is not harmful, according to doctors, research

■ California judge rules sellers must post warning about cancer risks because of chemical that's formed when beans are roasted

By Marilynn Marchione
Associated Press

Trouble is brewing for coffee lovers in California, where a judge ruled that sellers must post scary warnings about cancer risks. But how frightened should we be of a daily cup of joe? Not very, some scientists and available evidence seem to suggest.

Scientific concerns about coffee have eased in recent years, and many studies even suggest it can help health.

"At the minimum, coffee is neutral. If anything, there is fairly good evidence of the benefit of coffee on cancer," said Dr. Edward Giovannucci, a nutrition expert at the Harvard School of Public Health.

The World Health Organization's cancer agency moved coffee off the "possible carcinogen" list two years ago, though it says evidence is insufficient to rule out any possible role.

The current flap isn't about coffee itself, but a chemical called acrylamide that's made when the beans are roasted. Government agencies call it a probable or likely carcinogen, based on animal research, and a group sued to require coffee sellers to warn of that under a California law passed by voters in 1986.

The problem: No one knows what levels are safe or risky for people. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets acrylamide limits for drinking water, but there aren't any for food.

"A cup of coffee a day, exposure probably is not that high," and probably should not change your habit, said Dr. Bruce Y. Lee of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. "If you drink a lot of cups a day, this is one of the reasons you might consider cutting that down."

Here's what's known about the risks.

The chemical

Start with the biggest known risk factor for cancer — smoking — which generates acrylamide. In the diet, French fries, potato chips, crackers, cookies, cereal and other high-carbohydrate foods contain it as a byproduct of roasting, baking, toasting or frying.

Food and Drug Administration tests of acrylamide levels found they ranged from 175 to 351 parts per billion (a measure of concentration for a contaminant) for six brands of coffee tested; the highest was for one type of decaf coffee crystals. By comparison, French fries at one fast food chain ranged from 117 to 313 parts per billion, depending on the location tested. Some commercial fries had more than 1,000.

Even some baby foods contain acrylamide, such as teething biscuits and crackers. One brand of organic sweet potatoes tested as having 121 parts per billion.

What's the risk?

The "probable" or "likely" carcinogen label is based on studies of animals given high levels of acrylamide in

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Website is tool to research health care providers

How many times do we rely on the internet to answer life's little questions, such as which movies to see or where to go for dinner? So, why not use it to help settle some of the bigger questions, such as which nursing homes, hospitals and doctors to turn to for our care?

Most internet users already search the web for information about diseases or medical problems. Taking that one step further and using the internet to compare health care providers seems perfectly reasonable, as long as you can trust the websites you're visiting.

Medicare's "Compare" website fills the bill. It's a good place to begin your research when looking for a nursing home, hospital, home health agency or other health care provider.

■ Nursing Home Compare (medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare) gives you detailed information on 17,000 nursing homes nationwide. You can find out about a facility's recent health and safety inspections, its staffing levels and the quality of its care, such as whether residents have gotten their flu shots, are in pain or are losing weight. The website uses a star-rating system to point out the differences between nursing homes. The best homes score five stars; the worst receive one.

■ Hospital Compare (medicare.gov/hospitalcompare) puts 4,700 hospitals under the magnifying glass, allowing you to see how facilities fare on many indicators of quality care. You can learn, for example, how often patients who were admitted to a particular hospital because of heart attacks return within a month of discharge. An unusually low or high percentage could say something about how well, or poorly, the hospital treated the problem during the first stay.

In an emergency, you need to go to the nearest hospital. But when you do have time, it's worth discussing with your doctor which hospital best meets your needs. If you're considering one facility, you may want to know what recent patients thought of their care. Hospital Compare measures customer satisfaction by using survey responses from patients. You can find out, for instance, how well patients thought the doctors and nurses keep them informed or managed their pain.

■ Home Health Compare (medicare.gov/homehealthcompare) lets you locate home health care agencies in your area and check on the types of services they offer and the quality of their care. Your doctor, hospital discharge planner or social worker can make some recommendations. But the statistics on Home Health Compare will help you follow up and confirm how well an agency's patients recover from illnesses or injuries and resume their everyday activities.

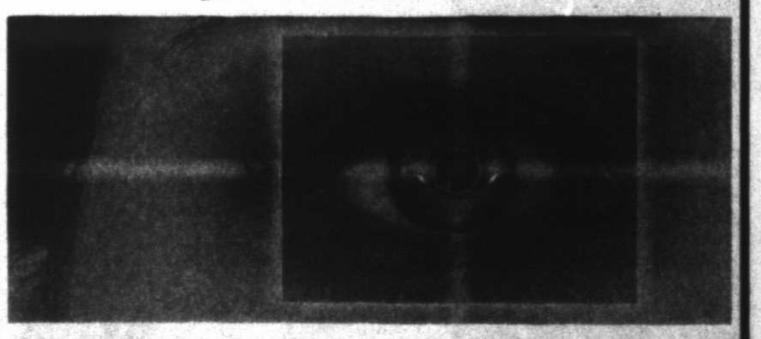
■ Hospice Compare (medicare.gov/hospicecompare) displays information on almost 3,900 hospices nationwide. It lets patients and their caregivers see how the hospice services they are considering stack up against the national average when it comes to such

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Midland soon will have second community garden

Midland soon will have a second community garden. The YMCA is planning a 32-plot garden that will open this summer. For more information or to donate funds for the Midland YMCA garden, visit facebook.com/midlandymcacommunitygarden, or email Elizabeth Harris at eharris@midlandymca.org.

Garden plots available

The Midland Health Community Garden at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus is accepting applications for spring and summer. Plots are available for $16 per season. To download an application, visit www.midlandhealth.org/garden or email midlandhealthgarden@gmail.com.

Walking club to attend Stanton event

Midland AVA Walkabout Volkssport Club's April walk is a 10K in Stanton at Old Sorehead Days on April 14. The group will carpool from JumBurrito, 4509 N. Midkiff Road, at 7:30 a.m. The walk will begin at about 8:15 a.m. at the Stripes store on Interstate 20 in Stanton.

For more information, call Sammy at 210-9506.

Seminar planned on advance care directives

Advance Care Directive Seminar is planned for noon-2 p.m. April 16 and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 21 at Hospice Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave. The event is co-sponsored by Midland Health.

Topics include hospice and hospital care, funeral and legal considerations and home health.

To RSVP or for more information, call 682-2855. It is recommended that those attending bring a laptop.

Midland Health events

■ Becoming a Mom Class, 6:30 p.m. today at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 221-1150; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Lifestyle Medicine Center education series: "Gratitude, Compassion and Forgiveness," 6 p.m. Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, 221-5433; $5 fee; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

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

■ Birth Place Tour, 5 p.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283,childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

HEALTHBRIEFS

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Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

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

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

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

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

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

COM Aquatics

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

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

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

Finding a doctor

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

Hope Chest

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

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

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

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

MMH payment options

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

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

How sick are you?

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

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

Help line for long-term or disabled care

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

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

Contact your Hospital District representative

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Conaway's support needed for dementia bill

The Alzheimer's Association's 2018 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report reveals a steep increase in the strain of Alzheimer's disease on people living with the disease, their families, caregivers and society at large. For the second consecutive year, the total national cost of caring for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias will exceed a quarter of a trillion dollars, amounting to $277 billion in 2018. The number of people now dealing with Alzheimer's has risen to 5.7 million nationwide. Last year a person was diagnosed with Alzheimer's every 66 second; now it's every 65 seconds.

These statistics require our immediate attention and Congress is the one body that can take the lead in bringing us toward a world without Alzheimer's. Currently, there is a new bill in Congress that desperately needs the support of Congressman Mike Conaway. The Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act (H.R. 4256) will reframe Alzheimer's disease from an "old person's" disease to what it really is: a public health crisis. This bill will create an Alzheimer's public health infrastructure across the country to implement effective Alzheimer's interventions.

The Alzheimer's Association calls on Congressman Conaway to cosponsor the BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act (H.R. 4256). We are confident that with Congressman Conaway's support, one day we will have a treatment or a cure and no more families in the 13th Congressional District will have to face the burdens of this devastating disease.

Mary McCourt
volunteer ambassador to Rep. Mike Conaway

Study: Home-delivered meals might reduce visits to emergency room

By Carolyn Y. Johnson
Washington Post

Delivering meals to vulnerable sick people might be a simple way to cut back on emergency room visits and hospitalizations, reining in some of the costliest kinds of medical care, according to a new Health Affairs study.

Low-income seniors or disabled younger people who received home-delivered meals -- particularly meals designed by a dietitian for that person's specific medical needs -- had fewer emergency visits and lower medical spending than a similar group of people who did not receive meal deliveries.

"This is an excellent study that really points out, again, how important it is to get food to people," said Craig Gundersen, a professor of agricultural strategy at the University of Illinois, who was not involved in the study. "Some people's response is that , will drive up the federal budget, which on one hand it does. But on the other hand, we have to look at the cost savings associated with this ... (through) nontrivial reductions in health care costs in our country."

There's growing evidence that the forces that shape health aren't just access to medicines, doctor's visits or surgeries, but

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quality measures as managing pain, treating symptoms and respecting patients' beliefs and values. The website also has a list of questions to ask when choosing a hospice program.

■ Physician Compare (medicare.gov/physiciancompare) allows you to search for doctors who provide Medicare-covered services. You can find basic facts about individuals and group practices, such as their business addresses, medical specialties, clinical training and hospital affiliations. And you can check how well certain group practices perform specific tasks, such as controlling blood sugar in patients with diabetes. Also available are patient survey scores that cover issues such as how well clinicians communicate.

Medicare's Compare website contains information on several other types of health care providers, such as dialysis facilities, long-term care hospitals and inpatient rehabilitation facilities. Convenience is important, so look at facilities near your home. But also pay close attention to the quality-of-care measures. In the case of long-term care hospitals and inpatient rehabilitation facilities, for example, you'll want to look at how often patients get infections or pressure ulcers.

As helpful as the compare website is, it isn't meant to be the final word on a nursing home or a hospital or a physician's quality of care. It's simply a screening tool that lets you focus on a few providers that interest you, so that you can make an informed decision about your care.

Bob Moos is southwest regional public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Coffee

From 3B

drinking water. But people and rodents absorb the chemical at different rates and metabolize it differently, so its relevance to human health is unknown.

A group of 23 scientists convened by the WHO's cancer agency in 2016 looked at coffee — not acrylamide directly — and decided coffee was unlikely to cause breast, prostate or pancreatic cancer, and that it seemed to lower the risks for liver and uterine cancers. Evidence was inadequate to determine its effect on dozens of other cancer types.

The California law

Since 1986, businesses have been required to post warnings about chemicals known to cause cancer or other health risks — more than 900 substances are on the state's list today — but what's a "significant" risk is arguable.

Coffee sellers and other defendants in the lawsuit that spurred Thursday's ruling have a couple of weeks to challenge it or appeal.

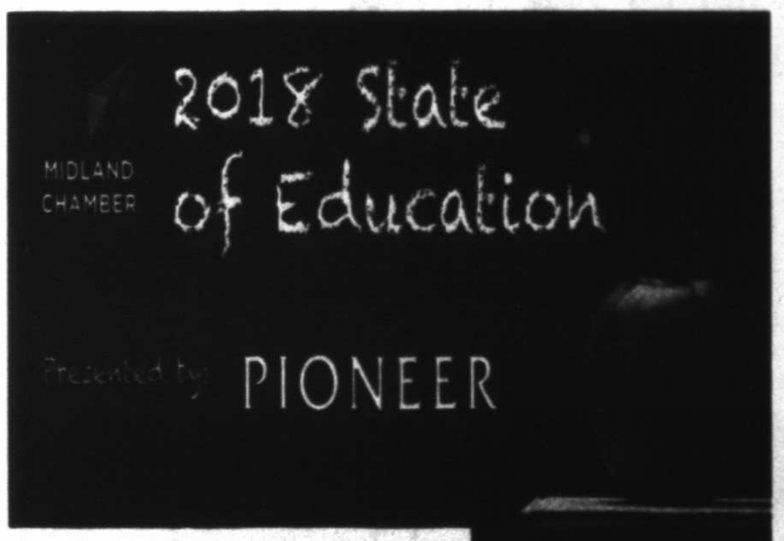
The law "has potential to do much more harm than good to public health," by confusing people into thinking risks from something like coffee are similar to those from smoking, Giovannucci said.

The International Food Information Council and Foundation, an organization funded mostly by the food and beverage industry, says the law is confusing the public because it doesn't note levels of risk, and adds that U.S. dietary guidelines say up to five cups of coffee a day can be part of a healthy diet.

Dr. Otis Brawley, the American Cancer Society's chief medical officer, said, "The issue here is dose, and the amount of acrylamide that would be included in coffee, which is really very small, compared to the amount from smoking tobacco. I don't think we should be worried about a cup of coffee."

Amy Trenton-Dietz, public health specialist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said the California ruling contrasts with what science shows.

"Studies in humans suggest that if anything, coffee is protective for some types of cancer," she said. "As long as people are not putting a lot of sugar or sweeteners in, coffee, tea and water are the best things for people to be drinking."



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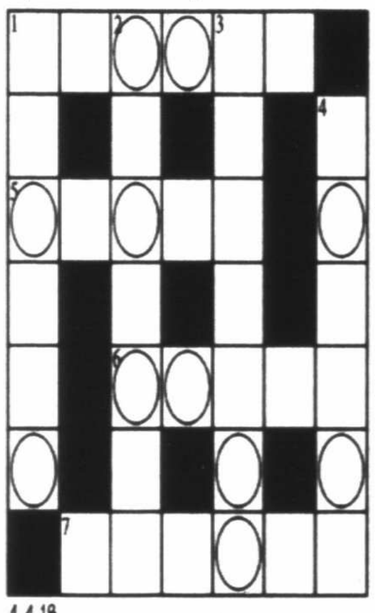
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6. Alcove, recess	CEHIN
7. Refuge	SMAYUL

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
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2. Baseball increments	IGNSNIN
3. Musical	YLLRCIA
4. Self-___	SEMTEE

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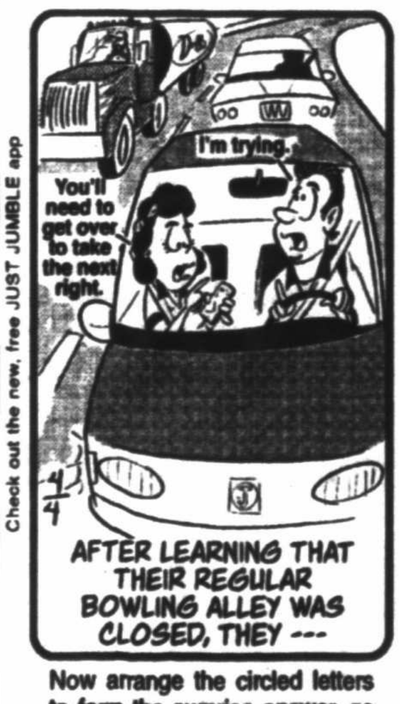
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DAILY CROSSWORD

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15 Drink with a polar bear mascot
16 Overflow (with)
17 Civil rights org.
18 Alum
19 End of a Basque ball game?
20 She walked into Rick's gin joint
21 Tournament that awards a green jacket
23 Springsteen's __ Band
25 Speech therapy subject
26 Museum collection
27 Show of strength?
29 Montreal Canadien, to hockey fans
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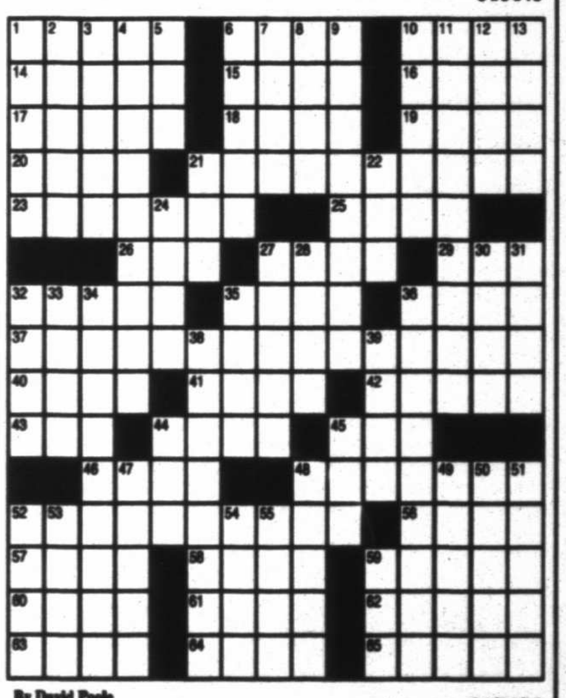
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10 Les __-Unis
11 Whispering party game
12 Warm, in a game
13 French friends
21 Asian New Year
22 Joe Torre's retired Yankee uniform number
24 God with a bow
27 Musty-smelling
28 Grazing grounds
30 "What a shame!"
31 Karate skill award
32 Swedish auto
33 Unadulterated
34 Anna Paquin won her Oscar for "The Piano" at it
35 Insolence
36 Good luck symbol
38 Drew on?
39 Tapped symbol
44 PC bailout key
45 "Cheers" setting
47 "You're __ talk!"
48 Three-piece pieces
49 Chain saw brand
50 Western state capital
51 Toronto's Rogers Centre, for one
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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Registered dietician Tracey Burg, the head chef of The Teaching Kitchen, left, and Felicha Young prepare a meal March 15 during a "Cooking for Recovery" class at the Boston Medical Center in Boston. The hospital offers the class to patients in recovery, including Young, as part of a growing trend toward taking a more comprehensive approach to treating addiction.

Classes aim to restore health after addiction

By Holly Ramer
Associated Press

BOSTON — At Boston Medical Center, patients recovering from addiction are getting healthier one slab, stick and cube at a time.

For years, the hospital has offered cooking classes tailored to specific medical conditions such as heart disease and diabetes, and it runs a food pantry for low-income patients who are prescribed fresh food as part of their treatments. The newest class is "Cooking for Recovery" and is part of a growing trend toward taking a more comprehensive approach to treating addiction.

"Good health care is about more than just direct clinical services," said Michael Botticelli, executive director of the medical center's Grayken Center for Addiction and former director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. "Recovery is not just about stopping the use of alcohol and drugs; it's about how do we return people to a sense of wellness and a sense of well-being."

On a recent Thursday, dietitian and chef Tracy Burg kept up a steady stream of advice while guiding participants through a chicken, pasta and vegetable dish. Felicha Young joined her behind the demonstration kitchen's cooktop, making quick work of a zucchini following Burg's instructions to slice it first into slabs, followed by stick shapes and finally crisp, cross-cut cubes. One end of the counter was piled with "mood enhancers" — vegetables and whole grains — while the other sported a sign listing "mood depressors" such as candy, soda and fried food.

"You don't want to be living on French fries," Burg said.

While addiction can leave bodies depleted of vital nutrients, self-care and good nutrition often are overlooked during recovery, Burg said. And many crave sweets that activate the same areas of the brain targeted by drugs, she said, which can lead to rising and falling blood sugar levels, weight gain, depression and possible relapse.

"It's a vicious cycle," she said.

One cooking class participant told Burg she ate two bags of cotton candy every day, plus a third at night to "help her sleep." Burg's goal is to nudge participants into making healthy choices, such as brown rice or whole grains that make them feel fuller longer while also delivering healing nutrients.

"A lot of people who are getting over alcoholism or drug addiction, their gut is a wreck because all their healthy bacteria has been destroyed," she said. "But eating fiber is actually feeding the healthy bacteria in the gut ... and it helps to bring back that healthy microbiome. So nutrition plays many roles in the healing process."

Young, who has been in recovery for about a year and a half, heard about the cooking class from her doctor.

"I'm pretty familiar with the kitchen, but I wanted to go there to get more tips on how to bring out flavor," she said. "As long as I get to participate, I enjoy it. Just sitting there watching would be boring for me."

Young said the hospital's addiction treatment program has helped her get her life back on track, but until she attended the class, she hadn't given much thought to how healthy eating could impact that.

"I didn't even know that it could be part of recovery," she said.

Though some addiction treatment centers employ dietitians and include nutrition programs for patients, officials at Boston Medical Center said they did not know of similar cooking classes at other medical centers. But their approach has caught the attention of New Hampshire's Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, where the Perinatal Addiction Treatment Program clinic for pregnant women and mothers includes a food pantry, "grab and go" snack bags of fruit and vegetables and casseroles for patients to take home after recovery group meetings.

The food pantry is run by Upper Valley Haven, a non-profit organization in Vermont that offers food, shelter and other support to people struggling with poverty. Officials there visited the Boston test kitchen and food pantry for inspiration. Daisy Goodman, an advance practice nurse at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, said women often show up at the clinic with a doughnut or high-sugar coffee drink in hand.

MEALS

From 4B

factors such as the neighborhoods people live in, economic security and access to housing or transportation. These social factors that contribute powerfully to people's health have not traditionally been seen as part of the medical system, but they are a growing area of interest for health insurance companies interested in containing costs. People who lack reliable access to food are responsible for $77.5 billion per year in excess health care expenditures, according to one analysis.

The study drew its participants from the Commonwealth Care Alliance, a nonprofit community-based health plan in Massachusetts that provides coverage to people who are eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare. People that qualify for both programs tend to be poor with complicated health problems, and the health plan offered enrollment in either a regular home-delivery meal program or one that was tailored to the patient's specific dietary needs.

People who received medically tailored meals had about 1.5 fewer emergency room visits, on average, over a 19-month period, compared to a similar group that did not receive meals. They were hospitalized about half as often. People who received home-delivered meals saw a smaller reduction in emergency room visits.

"We do know that people, when they face food insecurity, often make a lot of trade-offs: Do I pay for my food? Do I pay for my medicine?" said Seth Berkowitz, an assistant professor of medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill who led the work. "Not knowing where your next meal is coming from is stressful. It may be difficult to manage your chronic condition when you're worrying about that."

Unlike a gold-standard medical trial, in which people would have been randomly assigned into groups that either received the meals or did not, the researchers created comparison groups that closely matched the demographic and health conditions of the people who received meals. That's a major limitation of the study, since it's possible that those who received meals had other characteristics that accounted for their lower use of emergency and hospital services.

While it doesn't prove that the meals were the cause of the decreased dependence on the emergency room, the study provides a tantalizing hint that providing meals could help people avoid costly medical care. The people who received a medically tailored diet spent $220 less per month than the comparison group. Those who received meals at home saved $10 per month.

"It's an exciting time to be doing this kind of work, because I do think people are realizing this is a frontier we should be examining," Berkowitz said. "I don't want to oversell this or say it's going to solve our problems, but this has been underappreciated for a long time."

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Villanova goes from dominant to dynasty

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Villanova players flash their fingers in a "V" symbol to celebrate big wins.

For coach Jay Wright, that's a finger for every national championship ring.

Already cemented as a dominant program in college basketball, the Wildcats are flirting with putting their names on a more opulent D-list: dynasty.

The Wildcats' romp through the NCAA Tournament that ended Monday with a second national title in three seasons has them up for debate as one of the top programs since the tourney field was expanded to 64 teams in 1985.

You know, the year the Wildcats won their first national title.

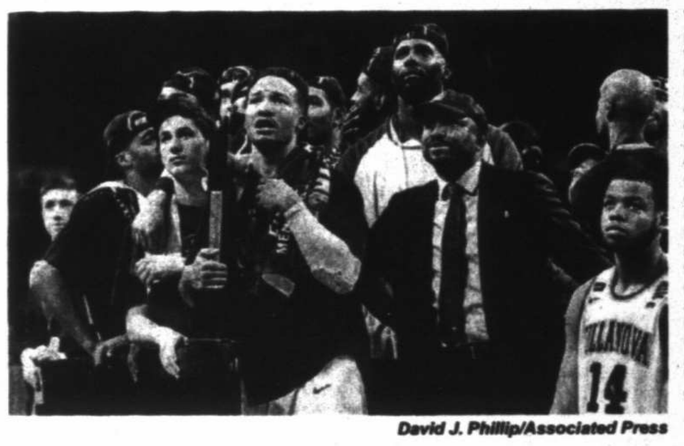
There's plenty of time to talk about Villanova's place in history after the partying is done this week. The Wildcats were to return home to a raucous celebration at their suburban campus on Tuesday and a parade was planned for Thursday in downtown Philadelphia just hours before the Phillies' home opener.

Parades have suddenly become a thing in Philly.

See: the Eagles.

Jalen Brunson, Mikal Bridges and breakout star Donte DiVincenzo helped the Wildcats win all six tournament games by double digits, joining Michigan State in 2000, Duke in 2001 and North Carolina in 2009. Villanova also joined the 1968 UCLA team as the only ones to win both their Final

Please see **VILLANOVA/4C**



Villanova players watch the screen Monday as they celebrate after the championship game of the Final Four NCAA basketball tournament against Michigan in San Antonio. Villanova won 79-62.

David J. Phillip/Associated Press

WALK-OFF VICTORY



Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Texas Tech's Caleb Freeman pitches against New Mexico State on Tuesday at Security Bank Ballpark.

Rheams lifts Tech over NMSU with blast in 9th

By Oscar LeRoy
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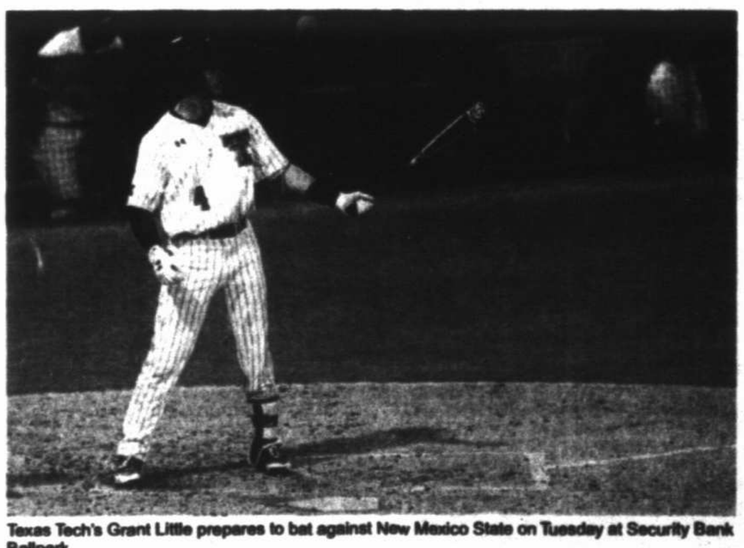
The No. 5-ranked Texas Tech baseball team probably didn't expect to be in an offensive struggle against a team it clubbed earlier this season. But that's what the Red Raiders found themselves in on Tuesday night against New Mexico State University in a non-conference game at Security Bank Ballpark.

The Red Raiders had to grind it out but at least then sent the announced attendance of 4,474 fans home with a 2-1 victory when Zach Rheams hit a leadoff home run to right field in the ninth inning.

"I was looking for something middle, in. And when I got it and saw it off the bat, I knew it was gone," said Rheams, the senior designated hitter.

On Feb. 20, the Red Raiders (24-6) pounded the Aggies, 12-0, in Lubbock.

Please see **TECH/3C**



Texas Tech's Grant Little prepares to bat against New Mexico State on Tuesday at Security Bank Ballpark.

There's new Woods at Augusta, with Mickelson along for ride

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The power off the tee and the sharpness with his short game made him look like the Tiger Woods of old. The smile on his face and the company he kept Tuesday at the Masters — a practice round with Phil Mickelson — suggested someone entirely different.

Woods and Mickelson had not played together at Augusta National since 2009, and even then it wasn't by choice. They were paired in the final round, and while neither won the green jacket, Lefty shot 67 and got him by one shot.

This time they were partners, and it wasn't a fair fight against Fred Couples and Thomas Pieters.

Never mind that Mickelson hit his opening tee shot at No. 10 behind a magnolia tree. Unlike that failed foursomes match they played at Oakland Hills in the 2004 Ryder Cup, Mickelson had to play the next shot, too.

The two loudest roars that shattered the morning calm came from Woods making eagle on the two par 5s at No. 13 and No. 15.

"I made a few birdies in there," Mickelson said. "We had a five-hole stretch. We were 7 under. That was some fun play."

This was only a snapshot, and it received far more attention because of the stage at Augusta National and the two leading characters. Woods and Mickelson have been longtime rivals, rarely friends and hardly ever partners.

But it's not just with Mickelson.

Woods has become a mentor to Justin Thomas, Jason Day and Rickie Fowler among other youngsters. Long respected by his peers as the greatest player of his generation, he now has formed relationships with them. Padraig Harrington

Please see **WOODS/4C**

Trinity hosting TAPPS 1-4A tourney at Midland College

By Christopher Hadorn
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Eighty-one competitors will vie for state tournament spots when the TAPPS 1-4A Tennis Tournament takes place today and Thursday at the Midland College tennis courts.

Trinity will play host to district foes Arlington Pantego Christian, Flower Mound Coram Deo, Dallas Shelton School, Arlington Grace Prep, Lubbock Trinity Christian, Fort Worth Lake Country and Amarillo San Jacinto. First round matches commence at 9 a.m.

The top six performers in boys singles, girls singles, boys doubles and girls doubles qualify for the TAPPS 4A State Tennis Championships, April 16-17 at Waco Regional Tennis Center.

The Chargers are led by the boys doubles team of senior Dylan Hofman and junior Ashwin Gurru, who won the Reagan County Tournament in Big Lake earlier this spring.

Gurru and Porter Hankins lost in the 2017 state semifinals of boys doubles, while Hofman teamed with his brother Justin Hofman to reach the state quarterfinals last year.

Trinity head coach Janneke Garos said Gurru and Hofman have developed good offensive and defensive strategies as a team.

"At this point, they realize they have to develop an offensive game — meaning they like to attack," Garos said of Hofman and Gurru. "They are ready to take the net. They have become faster and they oversee the court better than ever. They have developed definite strategies for themselves, what works and what doesn't work."

Like Gurru, Hankins has a new boys doubles partner in his junior season with freshman Blake Carney.

The rest of the Chargers' entries includes senior Grace Davis and sophomore Lauren Friday in girls doubles, and juniors Curtis Wong and Matthew Aycock, both competing in boys singles. Wong qualified for state in 2017.

"This is our second year at 4A level, we always know it's really competitive and everybody has an equal opportunity to qualify for state," Garos said. "At the beginning, everybody has nerves because this is a big tournament, this is where you qualify for state. I am hopeful because everybody has a chance. They have to perform well, always have to be prepared and be ready to compete. I think they are ready to give it their best shot. Since there are 10 more competitors than last year, it's going to be a really, really good district tennis tournament."

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Trinity's Ashwin Gurru returns a shot March 24, 2017, during doubles play with Porter Hankins at the TAPPS 1-4A semifinals at Bush Tennis Center.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV

College Baseball

Kent State at Ohio State, 5:30 p.m., BTN

College Softball

Louisville at Kentucky, 6 p.m., SEC

Curling

Men's World Championships: USA vs. Russia, 11 a.m., NBCSN

Men's World Championships: USA vs. Germany, 3:30 p.m., OLYHD

Golf

Masters Par 3 Contest, 3 p.m., ESPN

Hockey

SHL Semifinal, Gm 2: Vaxjo at Malmo, 12:30 p.m., ELVN

Major League Baseball

Tampa Bay at NY Yankees, Noon, MLB

Baltimore at Houston, 1 p.m., ATTSW

Cleveland at LA Angels, 3 p.m., MLB

St. Louis at Milwaukee, 6:30 p.m., FS1

Texas at Oakland, 9 p.m., FSSW

Colorado at San Diego, 9 p.m., MLB

Men's Soccer

Serie A: AC Milan vs. FC Internazionale Milano, 11:25 a.m., beIN, beIN E

UEFA Champions Quarterfinal, Leg 1: FC Barcelona vs. AS Roma, 1:30 p.m., FS1, ESPNDEP

Copa MX: Zacatepec vs. Deportivo Toluca FC, 6:55 p.m., UDN

Copa Libertadores: Boca Juniors vs. Junior FC, 7:30 p.m., FXDEP

Copa MX: Club Necaxa vs. Club Santos Laguna, 9 p.m., GALA

National Basketball Association

Dallas at Orlando, 6 p.m., FSSW

Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m., ESPN

San Antonio at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., ESPN, FSSW+

National Hockey League

Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m., NBCSN

Rugby

NRL: Canberra vs. Canterbury-Bankstown, 4:30 a.m., FSP

Tennis

WTA: Volvo Car Open, 9 a.m., TENNIS

Women's College Lacrosse

Virginia at Maryland, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Women's College Volleyball

Texas A&M at Texas, 8 p.m., LHN

RADIO

Major League Baseball

Baltimore at Houston, 1 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

Texas at Oakland, 9 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

National Basketball Association

Dallas at Orlando, 6 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

San Antonio at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Golf

Andrews, Greenwood at District 4-4A Tournament 1st round, Odessa Country Club

HS Tennis

TAPPS 1-3A District Tennis Tournament, Midland College

HS Baseball

Odessa Permian at Lee, 4:30 p.m.

Midland High at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m.

HS Softball

Odessa High at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.

Lee at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m.

JC Baseball

New Mexico JC at Midland College, 6:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled INF/OF Taylor Motter from Tacoma (PCL). Placed DH Nelson Cruz on the 10-day DL, retroactive to April 1.

TEXAS RANGERS — Signed C Cameron Rupp to a minor league contract and assigned him to Round Rock (PCL).

National League

NEW YORK METS — Placed RHP Anthony Swarzak on the 10-day DL, retroactive to April 1. Recalled RHP Hansel Robles from Las Vegas (PCL).

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed RHP John Brownell.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Suspended Dallas C Nerlens Noel and Utah F Thabo Sefolosha, five games each, for violating the terms of the NBA/NBPA Anti-Drug Program. Fined Brooklyn F Quincy Acy $25,000 and Detroit C Andre Drummond $15,000, for their roles in an on-court altercation during an April 1 game.

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Signed G Marquis Teague for the remainder of the season.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed CB C.J. Goodwin, RB Elijhaa Penny, DL Olsen Pierre and OL John Wetzel to one-year contracts.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed WR-KR Dwayne Harris.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed G Quinton Spain.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed DB Malik Foreman.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BUFFALO SABRES — Recalled Fs Alexander Nylander and Kevin Porter from Rochester (AHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled G Tom McCollum from Grand Rapids (AHL). Reassigned C Christoffer Ehn from Frolunda (Sweden) to Grand Rapids.

American Hockey League

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Signed D Marcus Crawford to a two-year contract.

ECHL

ECHL — Suspended South Carolina's Marcus Pentier eight games and fined him an undisclosed amount for a spearing incident and a game misconduct for physical abuse of official and Jacksonville's Josh Erickson three games and fined him an undisclosed amount for a slashing infraction during a March 31 game.

READING ROYALS — Claimed D Stephen Johnson and D Adam Larkin off waivers from Adirondack.

MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR — Promoted Steve Phelps to chief operating officer.

COLLEGE

CULVER-STOCKTON — Named Aaron Hill men's basketball coach.

LOUISVILLE — Junior F Ray Spalding announced he will he will hire an agent and stay in the NBA draft pool.

NORTHWESTERN — Announced redshirt freshman basketball F forward Rapolas Ivanauskas has been granted his release and will transfer after the 2017-18 academic year.

UCI — Named Tasha Pointer women's basketball coach.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	55	22	.714	—
x-Boston	53	24	.688	2
x-Philadelphia	47	30	.610	8
New York	27	51	.346	28½
Brooklyn	25	53	.321	30½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	42	36	.538	—
x-Washington	42	36	.538	—
Charlotte	34	45	.430	8½
Orlando	23	54	.299	18½
Atlanta	22	56	.282	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	48	30	.615	—
x-Indiana	46	31	.597	1½
Milwaukee	42	36	.538	6
Detroit	37	40	.481	10½
Chicago	27	51	.346	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Houston	63	15	.808	—
San Antonio	45	32	.584	17½
New Orleans	43	34	.558	19½
Dallas	24	54	.308	39
Memphis	21	56	.273	41½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Portland	48	30	.615	—
Utah	44	33	.571	3½
Oklahoma City	45	34	.570	3½
Minnesota	44	34	.564	4
Denver	42	35	.545	5½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	57	21	.731	—
L.A. Clippers	41	36	.532	15½
L.A. Lakers	33	43	.434	23
Sacramento	25	53	.321	32
Phoenix	19	59	.244	38

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Tuesday's Scores

Cleveland 112, Toronto 106
Philadelphia 121, Brooklyn 95
Atlanta at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando 97, New York 73
Chicago 120, Charlotte 114
Golden State 111, Oklahoma City 107
Houston 120, Washington 104
Milwaukee 106, Boston 102
Dallas 115, Portland 109
Indiana at Denver, late
L.A. Lakers at Utah, late
Sacramento at Phoenix, late
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

Dallas at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Boston	79	49	18	12	110	261	205
x-Tampa Bay	80	53	23	4	110	287	229
x-Toronto	80	48	25	7	103	272	228
Florida	79	41	30	8	90	237	230
Detroit	80	30	36	12	72	211	247
Montreal	80	28	39	13	69	203	257
Ottawa	79	27	41	11	65	215	299
Buffalo	79	25	42	12	62	189	285

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Washington	80	48	25	7	103	251	232
x-Pittsburgh	80	45	29	6	96	263	246
Columbus	80	45	29	6	96	236	221
New Jersey	80	43	28	9	95	243	239
Philadelphia	80	40	28	14	94	242	240
Carolina	80	35	34	11	81	222	250
N.Y. Rangers	80	34	37	9	77	239	281
N.Y. Islanders	80	28	37	15	71	258	292

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Nashville	80	51	18	11	113	259	206
x-Winnipeg	80	50	20	10	110	271	216
x-Minnesota	79	44	25	10	98	242	221
Colorado	80	42	29	9	93	259	231
St. Louis	79	45	30	6	96	217	212
Dallas	79	40	31	8	88	234	216
Chicago	79	32	37	10	74	223	245

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Vegas	79	50	22	7	107	269	213
x-San Jose	79	44	25	10	98	243	217
Los Angeles	80	44	28	8	96	232	195
Anaheim	79	41	25	13	95	234	212
Calgary	79	35	33	10	82	209	241
Edmonton	80	34	40	6	74	227	268
Vancouver	79	30	40	9	69	208	253
Arizona	79	29	40	11	67	201	248

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Tuesday's Scores

Columbus 5, Detroit 4, OT
New Jersey 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
N.Y. Islanders 6, Philadelphia 4
Florida 2, Nashville 1
Winnipeg 5, Montreal 4, OT
Tampa Bay 4, Boston 0
Arizona at Calgary, late
Vegas at Vancouver, late
Dallas at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Ottawa at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL SCORES

Big 12

Dallas Baptist 3, TCU 2
Baylor 2, Lamar 1
Texas 9, Texas A&M C.C. 3
Oklahoma 5, Oral Roberts 2
Texas Tech 2, N.M. State, 1

Chaps finish 4th at Bearkat Invitational

From staff reports

MONTGOMERY — The Midland College men's golf team shot a 298 on Tuesday to finish in fourth place at the Bearkat Invitational at Walden.

The Chaparrals, who were the only the junior college team in the 10-team field, finished with a 900 total, which was 43 shots back of host Sam Houston State, which shot 285-287-285—857. U.T.-Rio Grande Valley (871) was second and Stephen F. Austin (881) was third.



Salazar

MC sophomore Michael Salazar finished in a tie for 10th place in the individual standings after shooting 79-72-72—223. Alex Motes had the second lowest total for MC with a 227. Chris Ayers shot a 228, Callum Bruce fired a 231 and Bailey Knoll shot 232.

MC, which has not finished lower than fourth in a tournament this year, will next compete in the NJCAA District 2 Championship at the Rawls Course in Lubbock April 16-17.

Bearkat Invitational at Walden on Lake Conroe, Montgomery
Par: 72; Yards: 6,795
Tuesday's final results
Team standings – 1. Sam Houston State 285-287-285—857; 2. UT-Rio Grande Valley 290-280-301—871; 3. Stephen F. Austin 298-297-286—881; 4. Midland College 302-300-298—900; 5. Incarnate Word University 285-287-312—884; 6. Prairie View A&M 312-307-312—931; 7. University of New Orleans 310-306-318—934; 8. Houston-Victoria 309-318-319—946; 9. (tie) Texas Southern 324-321-324—968; St. Thomas (Texas) 323-310-336—969

Individual standings (top 10) – 1. Jake McCrory, Sam Houston, 70-67-70—207; 2. William Holcomb, Sam Houston, 71-72-68—211; 3. (tie) Jake Hendrix, Stephen F. Austin, 77-72-67—216; Tennoshin Ogawa, UTRGV, 71-70-75—216; Pryce Beshoory, Houston, 70-74-72—216; 6. (tie); Alvaro Hernandez, UTRGV, 77-66-75—218; Noah Steele, Sam Houston, 72-75-71—218; 8. (tie) Austen Christiansen, Sam Houston, 72-73-76—221; Pedro Lamadrid, UTRGV, 70-74-77—221; 10. (tie) Angelo Leyvani, Stephen F. Austin, 72-74-77—223; Michael Salazar, Midland, 79-72-72—223; Luca Portelli, UTRGV, 79-70-74—223; Steven Fabik, SFA, 72-81-70—223

Midland College – Chris Ayers 74-77-77—228, Michael Salazar 79-72-72—223, Alex Motes 74-80-83—227, Callum Bruce 81-74-76—231, Bailey Knoll 75-77-80—232.

HS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Softball

GREENWOOD 14 PECOS 8

PECOS — Karlie Savage went 2 for 2 with four runs scored and an RBI to lead Greenwood to a win over Pecos to open up its second half of District 4-4A play Tuesday in windy conditions.

The Rangerettes (13-12-3, 2-3 in District 4-4A) took a commanding 12-0 lead through four innings before the Lady Eagles responded with eight runs between the fifth and seven innings to make things interesting.

For Greenwood, Karina Galindo was 2 for 5 with three RBI and two runs; Chelsie Gleason went 1 for 1 with two runs and an RBI; and Kaitlan Keel was 1 for 2 with two RBI and a run.

GREENWOOD 14, PECOS 8

Greenwood	094	502	0	–14	12	3
Pecos	000	052	1	–8	8	5

Kyndall Dove and Paydee Sims. L. Villarreal, A. Navarette (3) and V. Chacon. W – Dove. L – Navarette. 2B – Greenwood: Jaylene Valenzuela, Paydee Sims; Pecos: C. Herrera. HR – Pecos: Herrera.

Record: Greenwood 13-12-3, 2-3 in District 4-4A; Pecos 0-5 in District 4-4A

Next: Monahans at Greenwood, 5 p.m. Friday

COAHOMA 11, COLORADO CITY 5

COAHOMA – The Coahoma softball team overcame five errors and scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth to top Colorado City, Tuesday in District 5-3A action.

Colorado City took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first, but the Bulldogettes (13-2, 5-1 in District 5-3A) answered with one run in the home half and three more in the third.

Coahoma's MaKynlee Overton notched the complete game win in the circle, after allowing only three hits and five unearned runs. She struck out four and walked two.

At the plate, Kamri Kemper led the way by going 3-for-4 with a home run, a double, three RBI, four runs and a walk.

COAHOMA 11, COLORADO CITY 5

Colorado City	200	201	0	–5	3	1
Coahoma	103	061	x	–11	13	5

Tamren Price and Chloe Castillo. MaKynlee Overton and Kenzi Canales. W – Overton. L – Price. 2B – Coahoma: Kamri Kemper, Jaydan Mann, Cassie Grant, MaKynlee Overton. 3B – Coahoma: Jaydan Mann, Kenzi Canales.

MISD baseball, softball games moved to today

From staff reports

Baseball and softball games involving Midland ISD games have been postponed until today because of blowing dust in the area.

The following are the varsity games and times for today:

Odessa Permian baseball at Lee, 4:30 p.m.

Odessa High softball at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.

Midland High baseball at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m.

Lee softball at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m.

District 3-4A Baseball Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Wolfforth Frenship	6	2	21	4
Lee	4	3	13	9
Odessa High	3	4	17	6
Odessa Permian	3	4	15	9
Midland High	3	4	16	10
Amarillo Tascosa	3	5	10	14

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High at Odessa High, ppd; Odessa Permian at Lee, ppd; Wolfforth Frenship 3, Amarillo Tascosa 2

Today's Games

Midland High at Odessa High; Odessa Permian at Lee. All games at 4:30 p.m.

District 3-4A Softball Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L	T
Permian	5	0	23	0	0
Frenship	5	1	19	7	0
Odessa High	3	2	18	4	1
Midland High	2	3	16	9	2
Lee	1	4	12	13	2
Tascosa	0	6	6	20	0

Tuesday's scores

Odessa High at Midland High, ppd. wind; Lee at Odessa Permian, ppd. wind; Wolfforth Frenship 12, Amarillo Tascosa 2, 5 innings

Today's games

Odessa High at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.; Lee at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m.

HR – Colorado City: Taylor Epperson; Coahoma: Kamri Kemper

Record: Coahoma 13-2, 5-1 in District 5-3A

Baseball

PECOS 4, GREENWOOD 2

PECOS — The Greenwood baseball team mounted a rally in the seventh inning but fell short in a District 4-4A loss against Pecos Tuesday.

Facing Pecos ace Jacob Zuniga, the Rangers (6-13-2, 1-2 in District 2-4A) took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first on an RBI by Brooks Lundgren. But the Eagles took a 2-1 lead in the second, thanks in part to a couple of Greenwood errors.

Pecos added two runs in the sixth to make it 4-1.

Greenwood starter Jacobie Rowland turned in a strong start, allowing four runs (two earned) on three hits over 5 2/3 innings. Lundgren was 2-for-3 at the plate for the Rangers.

PECOS 4, GREENWOOD 2

Greenwood	100	000	1	–2	6	3
Pecos	020	002	x	–4	4	2

Jacobie Rowland, Cade Bracey (6) and Austin Dominguez. Zuniga and J. Dominguez. W – Zuniga. L – Rowland. 2B – Greenwood: Brooks Lundgren; Pecos: Garza. 3B – Pecos: J. Dominguez.

Records: Greenwood 6-13-2, 1-2 in District 4-4A; Pecos 12-7-2, 3-0 in District 4-4A

Next: Monahans at Greenwood, 7 p.m. Friday

COAHOMA 13, COLORADO CITY 7

COAHOMA — Coahoma struck early and then scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth to pull away from Colorado City in a District 5-3A contest Tuesday.

The Bulldogs grabbed a 7-0 lead through the first three innings, before Colorado City roared back for six runs in the fourth.

Braden Pearson, who relieved starter Logan Franklin to start the fourth, got the win on the mound for Coahoma. At the plate, he went 2-for-4 with a double, four RBI and two runs. Teammate Zack Schneider was 3-for-3 with two runs and an RBI.

COAHOMA 13, COLORADO CITY 7

Colorado City	000	601	0	–7	7	3
Coahoma	304	060	x	–13	18	x

Munoz, Hernandez (3), J. Gutierrez (5) and M. Gutierrez. Logan Franklin, Braden Pearson (4), Landon Grant (6) and Gaige Hill. W – Pearson. L –Gutierrez. 2B – Colorado City: M. Gutierrez; Coahoma: Gaige Hill, Braden Pearson.

NBA ROUNDUP

Associated Press

MAVS' NERLENS NOEL SUSPENDED LAST 5 GAMES FOR DRUG VIOLATION

DALLAS — Dallas Mavericks center Nerlens Noel has been suspended for the final five games of the season for a violation of the NBA's anti-drug program.

The NBA announced the suspension Tuesday, ending a lost season for a player trying to earn a long-term contract after failed attempts last offseason resulted in him signing the team's qualifying offer of just $4.1 million for one year. The suspension starts Tuesday night against Portland.

Noel played just 30 games, with most of the missed time coming after surgery for a torn ligament in his left thumb in December. Before that injury was announced, the 23-year-old Noel had appeared to fall out of favor with coach Rick Carlisle.

After getting regular minutes for the first three weeks of the season, Noel's playing time dropped dramatically before he was benched for six games before the thumb injury was revealed. He averaged 4.4 points and 5.8 rebounds in 16 minutes a game in his fourth season.

MAVERICKS 115, TRAIL BLAZERS 109

DALLAS — Dennis Smith Jr. scored 18 points, including a highlight-reel dunk to help keep the lottery-bound Dallas Mavericks ahead in a 115-109 win over Portland on Tuesday night, delaying for now the Trail Blazers' hopes of clinching home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

A hodge-podge lineup kept the Mavericks in front in the fourth quarter, with Maxi Kleber giving them their biggest lead at 104-94 on a 3-pointer with 3:13 remaining.

But Smith, the rookie first-round pick Dallas hopes to build its future around, was back on the floor with the Blazers trailing by six when he beat Damian Lillard to a loose ball , poked it past the star Portland guard, ran it down and bounced it one more time before leaping for the slam.

ROCKETS 120, WIZARDS 104

HOUSTON — James Harden had 38 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists, leading the Houston Rockets to a 120-104 victory over the Washington Wizards on Tuesday night.

Wizards coach Scott Brooks said before the game that Harden, whom he coached for three years in Oklahoma City, is deserving of the league's MVP award this season. Harden then showed again why, just missing his fifth triple-double of the season.

With the Toyota Center crowd chanting "MVP! MVP!" late in the fourth quarter, Harden put on a show on three straight possessions. He drained two deep step-back jumpers and was fouled on a reverse layup that he kissed off the glass and in for a three-point play.

CAVALIERS 112, RAPTORS 106

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 27 points, the last coming on a sensational layup, and the Cleveland Cavaliers gave the Toronto Raptors another reminder of what could lie ahead in the playoffs with a 112-106 victory on Tuesday night.

James added nine rebounds, six assists and helped put the Raptors away down the stretch with an artistic three-point play.

HEAT 101, HAWKS 98

MIAMI — Hassan Whiteside's tip-in with a minute left put Miami up for good, Josh Richardson blocked a potential go-ahead shot in the final seconds and Heat clinched their 20th playoff spot in 30 seasons by rallying to beat the Atlanta Hawks 101-98 on Tuesday night. The Heat trailed 98-90 with less than 3 minutes left, then finished the game on an 11-0 run.

MAGIC 97, KNICKS 73

NEW YORK — Mario Hezonja scored 19 points, Jamel Artis added 16 off the bench, and the Orlando Magic beat the New York Knicks 97-73 on Tuesday night.

Reserve Shelvin Mack had 12 points and Nikola Vucevic had 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Magic, who snapped a three-game losing streak.

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 16 points and Kyle O'Quinn had 13 points and 12 rebounds for the Knicks, who lost their fourth straight.

BUCKS 106, CELTICS 102

MILWAUKEE — Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 29 points and had a key block with 53 seconds left, Khris Middleton added 20 points and the Milwaukee Bucks held off the short-handed Boston Celtics for a 106-102 win on Tuesday night.

Eric Bledsoe added 18 points on 8-of-9 shooting for the Bucks, who clinched their second straight winning season for the first time since back-to-back finishes over .500 in 1999-00 and 2000-01. One more win clinches a second consecutive postseason berth for Milwaukee.

WARRIORS 111, THUNDER 107

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant scored 34 points while being booed throughout the game, leading the Golden State Warriors to a 111-107 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Tuesday night.

Klay Thompson added 20 points for the Warriors, who evened the season series at two wins apiece despite guard Stephen Curry missing his sixth straight game with a left MCL sprain.

BULLS 120, HORNETS 114

CHICAGO — Lauri Markkanen scored 24 points and Sean Kilpatrick added 21 off the bench to lead the Chicago Bulls to a 120-114 victory over the Charlotte Hornets on Tuesday night.

Justin Holiday had 19 points and Bobby Portis added 16 for Chicago, which has won three straight.

Dwight Howard scored 23 points and Malik Monk had 21 for Charlotte, which has dropped four straight.

76ERS 121, NETS 95

PHILADELPHIA — The focused 76ers have their eyes and hearts set on home-court advantage in the playoffs.

J.J. Redick scored 19 points and Ben Simmons had 15 points and 12 rebounds to lead Philadelphia to its 11th straight victory, 121-95 over the Brooklyn Nets on Tuesday night. That kept the 76ers in fourth place in the Eastern Conference with five games remaining.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION

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MLB ROUNDUP

Associated Press

American League

ROYALS 1, TIGERS 0

DETROIT — Jake Junis took a shutout into the eighth inning, and Kansas City earned its first victory of the season.

On a chilly, rainy day — with snow a possibility on Wednesday — the Tigers and Royals breezed through nine innings in 2 hours, 17 minutes. Jorge Soler, who still doesn't have a major league hit since July 2, drove in the game's only run with a sacrifice fly in the second.

Junis (1-0) allowed three hits in seven-plus innings. Kelvin Herrera struck out two in a perfect ninth for his first save.

Matthew Boyd (0-1) was sharp for the Tigers, allowing a run and four hits in six innings.

YANKEES 11, RAYS 4

Didi Gregorius hit a pair of three-run homers and drove in a career-high eight RBIs, and the New York Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Rays 11-4 on Tuesday in Aaron Boone's chilly first home opener as manager.

Gregorius had four hits and walked, setting a major league record for RBIs by a player in a home opener. He also set a Yankees record for RBIs by a shortstop.

He doubled and scored in the second, and his first homer put the Yankees ahead 4-1 in the third against Chris Archer. After New York's bullpen wasted a three-run lead for the second straight game, Gregorius drove an 0-2 pitch from Austin Pruitt (1-1) into the second deck in the seventh. He blooped an opposite-field two-run single to left in the eighth.

New York improved to 3-2 under Boone, who took over when Joe Girardi was fired. Tommy Kahnle (1-0) got the win.

Tampa Bay has lost four straight since beating Boston in its opener.

BLUE JAYS 14, WHITE SOX 5

TORONTO — The Toronto Blue Jays have slugged their way to early win streak.

Josh Donaldson and Aledmys Diaz each hit a two-run homer, and the Blue Jays routed the Chicago White Sox 14-5 on Tuesday night for their fourth consecutive victory.

Donaldson went 2 for 4 with three RBIs. Diaz had three hits before leaving after six innings because of back spasms. He is day to day.

Donaldson and Diaz also went deep in Monday's night's 4-2 victory over Chicago. The Blue Jays have hit at least one home run in each of their first six games for the first time since 2000.

"We can spread it out through the lineup pretty good," manager John Gibbons said. "It's a good-hitting park. We'll hit our share."

Ten of Toronto's 14 hits were for extra bases, including seven doubles.

"The story of the day was their offense," White Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "We just weren't able to contain them."

Avisail Garcia, Tim Anderson and Yolmer Sanchez hit solo home runs for the White Sox. Chicago has 12 home runs over its first four games.

National League

METS 2, PHILLIES 0

NEW YORK — For the first time in a while, Matt Harvey was healthy and happy with his results on the mound.

Harvey allowed one hit over five spotless innings in his encouraging season debut, and the New York Mets beat the Philadelphia Phillies 2-0 on a rainy Tuesday night at Citi Field.

"He's got that look in his eye back, when he was dominant," Mets catcher Travis d'Arnaud said. "Even in the bullpen, you can just see it. He's back to what he was before."

With most seats empty in the 40-degree mist and chill, Harvey gave the Mets reason to believe he can rebound this year from two terrible seasons interrupted by injury.

Perhaps most important, he was effective for an entire outing without his sharpest stuff.

BRAVES 13, NATIONALS 6

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves have reason to be encouraged about their offense, even with two starters on the disabled list and top prospect Ronald Acuna's debut probably at least two weeks away.

Freddie Freeman and Preston Tucker each hit a three-run homer , and Atlanta handed Washington its first loss with a 13-6 victory over Bryce Harper and the Nationals on Tuesday night.

Third baseman Johan Camargo and catcher Tyler Flowers are on the disabled list, but the Braves' 41 runs through five games is the team's best offensive start since 2006. The Braves' 56 hits are tied with the 2008 team for the Atlanta record through five games.

"It's early but I kind of like how we're going about it right now," manager Brian Snitker said. The 20-year-old Acuna will open the season at Triple-A Gwinnett after hitting .432 in spring training. Tucker, expected to be a short-term starter in left field, is hitting .421.

Freeman and Tucker each delivered a big blow as Atlanta scored four times in each of the first two innings. Tucker's drive in the first against A.J. Cole reached the restaurant behind the right-field seats, and Freeman cleared the wall in right-center in the second.

Washington's three-run first inning marked the fifth straight game the Nationals handed a lead to their starting pitcher. But Cole (0-1) allowed 10 runs and 10 hits in 3 2/3 innings, perhaps endangering his hold on the No. 5 spot in the rotation.

BREWERS 5, CARDINALS 4

MILWAUKEE — Ryan Braun walked away in the eighth and walked off in the ninth.

Braun and Christian Yelich hit consecutive homers off Dominic Leone with two out in the ninth, sending the Milwaukee Brewers to a 5-4 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday night.

Leone (0-1) retired the first two batters, but then lost Yelich on a 2-2 pitch before Braun whacked the next one for his fourth career game-ending homer.

"As a player and a competitor, those are the moments that we live for," Braun said. "You hope to be given an opportunity to do something to impact the game there in the ninth inning."

Braun almost missed out on that chance. He jawed with plate umpire Jeff Kellogg for a bit after a called third strike in the eighth, but he returned to the dugout in time to avoid the ejection.

"I was lucky I didn't get thrown out in the eighth," Braun said. "I wasn't too excited about that strike call. So, luckily I didn't say too much and I was able to stay in the game and have an opportunity to come through."

Dan Jennings (1-0) picked up the victory with a perfect ninth.

Interleague

MARINERS 6, GIANTS 4

SAN FRANCISCO — Mitch Haniger hit a two-run single, helping the Mariners spoil the Giants' home opener.

Seattle's Marco Gonzales (1-0) allowed three runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings. Edwin Diaz got three outs for his third save.

Joe Panik hit a solo homer and Evan Longoria added a two-run shot for the Giants, the first with his new team.

Ty Blach (1-1), filling in for injured San Francisco ace Madison Bumgarner, was done after 4 1/3 innings having allowed 10 hits and six runs.

The crowd of 40,901 marked the lowest for a Giants home opener in the 19-year ballpark's history.

RED SOX 4, MARLINS 2

MIAMI — The post-game crowd around Hanley Ramirez's locker impressed even his kids.

"Papi, you're famous!" one of the boys said.

Ramirez earned the attention by coming through with a big hit against his former team for the second night in a row. He lined a two-run double with two out in the 13th inning, and another night of stingy pitching helped the Boston Red Sox extend their winning streak to five games by beating Miami 4-2 Tuesday.

"A playoff game right there, it looked like," Ramirez said. "If you can win the close games, it's always good."

The Red Sox (5-1) are off to their best start since 2006. Three wins by one run seemed like blowouts compared to the latest victory.

"We stole that one, honestly," manager Alex Cora said.

Shortstop Xander Bogaerts threw out Justin Bour trying to score from first base, preventing Miami from winning the game in the 11th.

Mookie Betts singled off Tayron Guerrero (0-1) with one out in the 13th and advanced on a groundout. Following an intentional walk to Andrew Benintendi, Ramirez pulled a hanging slider over left fielder Derek Dietrich's head.

MLB GLANCE

Associated Press

Standings

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	5	1	.833	—
Toronto	4	2	.667	1
New York	3	2	.600	1½
Baltimore	1	4	.200	3½
Tampa Bay	1	4	.200	3½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	2	2	.500	—
Cleveland	2	2	.500	—
Minnesota	2	2	.500	—
Kansas City	1	3	.250	1
Detroit	1	4	.200	1½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	5	1	.833	—
Seattle	3	1	.750	1
Los Angeles	3	2	.600	1½
Oakland	2	3	.400	2½
Texas	1	4	.200	3½

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	4	1	.800	—
New York	3	1	.750	½
Atlanta	3	2	.600	1
Miami	2	4	.333	2½
Philadelphia	1	3	.250	2½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	4	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	4	1	.800	½
Chicago	2	3	.400	2½
St. Louis	2	3	.400	2½
Cincinnati	1	3	.250	3

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	3	1	.750	—
Colorado	2	2	.500	1
Los Angeles	2	3	.400	1½
San Francisco	2	3	.400	1½
San Diego	0	4	.000	3

American League
Tuesday's Scores

Kansas City 1, Detroit 0
N.Y. Yankees 11, Tampa Bay 4
Seattle 6, San Francisco 4
Boston 4, Miami 2, 13 innings
Toronto 14, Chicago White Sox 5
Houston 10, Baltimore 6
Texas at Oakland, late
Cleveland at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games

Tampa Bay (Snell 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Severino 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Duffy 0-1) at Detroit (Norris 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Wright Jr. 0-0) at Houston (Rauchet 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Kluber 0-1) at L.A. Angels (Skaggs 1-0), 3:07 p.m.
Minnesota (Odorizzi 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Nova 0-0), 5:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Fulmer 0-0) at Toronto (Sanchez 0-1), 6:07 p.m.
Seattle (Hernandez 1-0) at San Francisco (Cueto 0-0), 6:15 p.m.
Texas (Fister 1-0) at Oakland (Manaea 0-1), 9:05 p.m.

National League
Tuesday's Scores

Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, ppd.
Seattle 6, San Francisco 4
N.Y. Mets 2, Philadelphia 0
Boston 4, Miami 2, 13 innings
N.Y. Mets 2, Philadelphia 0
Atlanta 13, Washington 6
Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 4
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, late
Colorado at San Diego, late

Today's Games

Washington (Scherzer 1-0) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 0-0), 11:10 a.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 1-0), 12:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Wood 0-0) at Arizona (Corbin 1-0), 2:40 p.m.
Minnesota (Odorizzi 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Nova 0-0), 5:05 p.m.
Seattle (Hernandez 1-0) at San Francisco (Cueto 0-0), 6:15 p.m.
St. Louis (Martinez 0-1) at Milwaukee (Chacin 0-0), 6:40 p.m.
Colorado (Gray 0-1) at San Diego (Richard 0-0), 9:10 p.m.

Texas boxes

MONDAY'S LATE BOX
Athletics 3, Rangers 1
Oakland

Texas	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	4	0	2	0	Semien ss	3	1	1	0
Gallo 1b	4	0	1	1	Lowrie 2b	4	0	1	2
Andrus ss	5	0	1	0	M.Olson 1b	3	0	2	0
Beltre 3b	4	0	0	0	K.Davis lf	4	0	1	0
Mazara dh	4	0	1	0	Smith lf	0	0	0	0
R.Chirns c	4	0	0	0	Joyce dh	3	0	0	0
Odor 2b	4	0	0	0	Piscotty rf	4	0	0	0
Rua lf	3	0	1	0	M.Chapman 3b	4	1	2	1
Profar ph	0	0	0	0	Lucroy c	3	1	2	0
Robinson cf	3	1	1	0	Pinder cf	3	0	0	0
Totals	35	1	7	1	Totals	31	3	9	3

Texas.....000 010 000—1
Oakland.....001 000 20—3

E—Piscotty (1). DP—Texas 1. LOB—Texas 11, Oakland 7. 2B—Lowrie (1), Lucroy (1). HR—M. Chapman (2). SB—Rua (1), Robinson (1).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas					
Colon	6	7	1	1	1	4
Jepsen L,0-1	2-3	1	2	2	1	1
Diekman	1-3	1	0	0	1	1
Bush	1	0	0	0	0	1
Oakland						
Triggs	5	4	1	1	2	7
Buchter	1 2-3	1	0	0	1	3
Hatcher W,2-0	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Treinen S,1-1	1 2-3	1	0	0	1	1

WP—Buchter, Treinen.
T—2:10. A—7,416 (46,765).

ASTROS 10, ORIOLES 6

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
C.Davis 1b	5	0	0	0	Springer cf-rf	4	2	1	1
M.Machado ss	5	1	2	0	Bregman 3b	3	1	1	0
Schoop 2b	5	3	3	1	Altuve 2b	4	1	1	0
A.Jones cf	5	1	3	3	Correa ss	2	3	2	3
Mancini lf	3	0	0	1	J.Davis 1b	0	0	0	0
Rasmus dh	4	0	0	0	Reddick rf-lf	4	2	2	6
Beckham 3b	4	1	2	0	Ma.Gnzlz 1b-ss	4	0	1	0
Sisco c	3	0	1	1	Gattis dh	4	0	0	0
Sandoval rf	4	0	1	0	B.McCann c	2	0	0	0
Mountcastle pr-cf	1	1	1	0					
Fisher lf	3	0	0	0					
Stassi c	1	0	1	0					
Totals	38	6	12	6	Totals	32	10	10	10

Baltimore.....100 102 110—6
Houston.....201 022 03x—10

E—Springer (1), Bregman (2). DP—Baltimore 1, Houston 1. LOB—Baltimore 8, Houston 4. 2B—Schoop (6), Beckham (1), Santander (1), Springer (3). HR—Schoop (1), A.Jones (5), Correa (3), Reddick 2 (5). SB—Beckham (1), Mancini (1). SF—Mancini (1), Correa (1).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore					
Wright Jr.	5	4	3	3	1	6
Givens BS,1	1	2	2	2	0	2
Araujo L,0-1	2-3	1	4	4	2	2
Cortes	1 1-3	3	1	1	0	1
Houston						
Valverde	5	2-3	6	4	3	1
Devenski	1-3	0	0	0	1	1
Rondon W,1-0 BS,1	1	2	1	0	0	2
Harris	1	2	1	1	0	1
Smith	1	2	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Wright Jr. (Springer), by Araujo (McCann).
T—3:19. A—37,106 (41,168).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ROYALS 1, TIGERS 0

Kansas City.....010 000000—1 5 1
Detroit.....000 000000—0 3 0

Junis, Grimm (8), Herrera (9) and Gallagher; Boyd, Wilson (7), Stumpf (8), Verlander (9) and McCann. W—Junis 1-0. L—Boyd 0-1. Sv—Herrera (1).

YANKEES 11, RAYS 4

Tampa Bay.....001 000030—4 7 1
New York.....013 00040x—11 11 1

Archer, Pruitt (6), Roe (8) and Sucre; Montgomery, Holder (6), Kahnle (6), Dav.Robertson (8), Shreve (9) and Sanchez. W—Kahnle 1-0. L—Pruitt 1-1. HRs—New York, Gregorius 2 (2).

BLUE JAYS 14, WHITE SOX 5

Chicago.....010 111010—5 10 1
Toronto.....600 20107x—14 15 3

M.Gonzalez, Santiago (6), Infante (8), Minaya (9) and Castillo; Happ, G.Barnes (6), Axford (7), Clippard (8), Loup (9) and Maile. W—Happ 1-1. L—M.Gonzalez 0-1. HRs—Chicago, Sanchez (1), Garcia (1), Anderson (3). Toronto, Donaldson (2), Diaz (2).

INTERLEAGUE
MARINERS 6, GIANTS 4

Seattle.....400 000002—6 12 0
San Francisco.....000 100210—4 9 0

Gonzales, Vincent (7), Nicasio (8), Diaz (9) and Felties; Blach, Moronta (5), Johnson (6), Dyson (8), Gearrin (8) and Hundley. W—Gonzales 1-0. L—Blach 1-1. Sv—Diaz (3). HRs—San Francisco, Longoria (1), Panik (3).

RED SOX 4, MARLINS 2

Boston.....100 000 000 0103—4 12 0
Miami.....000 100 000 0100—2 9 0
(13 innings)

Sale, Poyner (8), Smith (7), Kelly (9), Kimbrel (10), M.Barnes (11), Hembree (12) and Vazquez; Leon; Urena, Steckenrider (8), Barraclough (9), Ziegler (10), Despaigne (11), Guerrero (13) and Wallach. W—Hembree 1-0. L—Guerrero 0-1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
METS 2, PHILLIES 0

Philadelphia.....000 000000—0 3 0
New York.....000 00020x—2 7 1

Lively, Rios (6), Arano (7), Milner (8), E.Ramos (9) and Alfaro; Harvey, A.Ramos (8), Blevins (8), Lugo (7), Familia (9) and d'Arnaud. W—Familia 1-0. L—Lively 0-1. Sv—Familia (2).

BRAVES 13, NATIONALS 6

Washington.....011 040001— 6 9 0
Atlanta.....141 14002x—13 15 1

Cole, Romero (4), Kelley (6), Gott (7), Grill (8) and Wieters; Teheran, Carle (5), S.Freeman (8), Weiss (8), Winkler (8) and Stewart. W—Carle 1-1. L—Cole 0-1. HRs—Washington, Zimmerman (1), Cole (1), Harper (4). Atlanta, Tucker (1), Freeman (2).

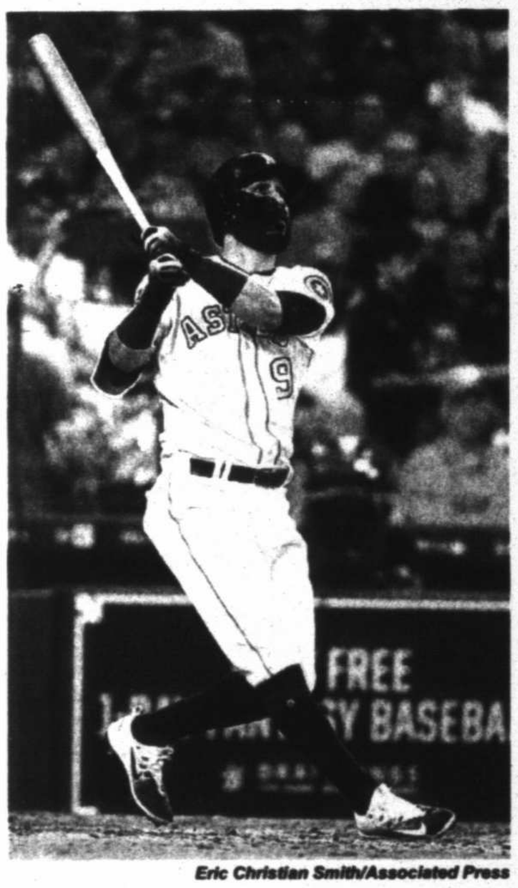
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J.Flaherty, Brasell (6), Bowman (7), Lyons (8), Leone (8) and Molina; C.Anderson, Jeffress (8), J.Barnes (8), Albers (8), Jennings (9) and Pina. W—Jennings 1-0. L—Leone 0-1. HRs—St. Louis, Castro (1), Pham (1), Fowler (1). Milwaukee, Yelich (1), Braun (2).

Reddick drives in 6 as Astros beat Orioles 10-6

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press



Eric Christian Smith/Associated Press

Houston Astros' Marwin Gonzalez hits a solo home run off Baltimore Orioles starting pitcher Chris Tillman during the fourth inning of a game Monday in Houston.

HOUSTON — Josh Reddick hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning and a grand slam in Houston's five-run seventh, leading the Astros to a 10-6 win over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night.

Reddick, who was 1 for 11 this season before his homer in the sixth, tied a career high with six RBIs. It was his first multihomer game since 2014 and No. 7 overall.

Reddick and the Astros got their sparkling World Series rings in a pregame ceremony with baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred in town for the occasion, and then went out and slugged their way to their fourth straight win in a 5-1 start.

George Springer put Houston ahead to stay with a one-out RBI double in the seventh. Walks to Alex Bregman and Carlos Correa prompted Orioles manager Buck Showalter to replace Pedro Araujo (0-1) with Nestor Cortes.

Reddick then hit a drive to the bullpen in right-center to make it 10-5.

Correa finished with two hits and three RBIs after providing an early highlight with an inside-the-park, two-run homer in the first.

Adam Jones had three hits and three RBIs for the Orioles, including a two-run homer in the sixth inning, and Jonathan Schoop doubled and hit a solo homer.

Houston ace Justin Verlander struck out nine in 5 2/3 innings, but was charged with four runs and six hits. Hector Rondon (1-0) got the win despite yielding a run in the seventh.

Baltimore starter Mike Wright gave up four hits and three runs in five innings.

The Orioles were down by one in the sixth when Schoop reached on an error by third baseman Bregman and Jones connected against Verlander to make it 4-3.

But Reddick responded in the bottom half, driving a pitch from Mychal Givens into the first row in right field. Jones then tied it at 5 with a two-out RBI single in the seventh.

There was one on with two outs in first when Correa hit a ball into deep left-center field that Trey Mancini just missed. The ball bounced off the wall and rolled toward the bullpen in right-center field.

Jones sprinted to track it down, but Correa, who left Monday's game with a bruised big toe, had scored easily by the time he got the throw in.

Trainer's room

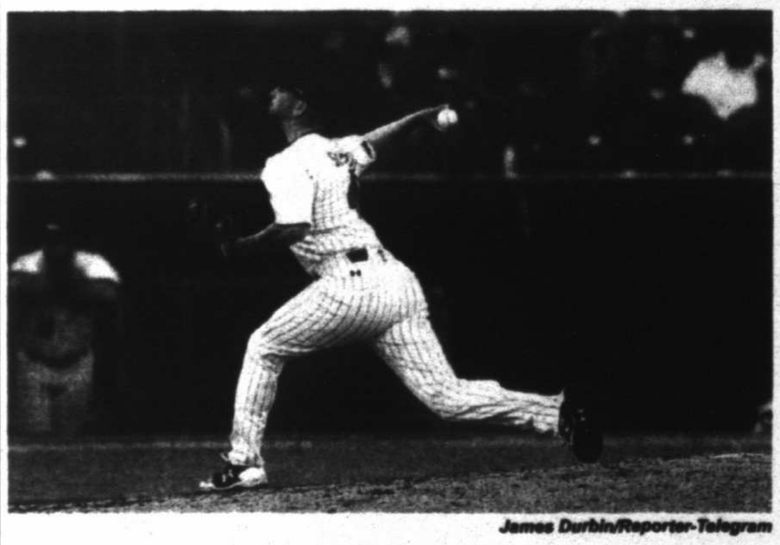
Orioles: RHP Alex Cobb, who didn't sign with Baltimore until March 21, is scheduled to throw five innings in a simulated game in Florida on Wednesday and could join the rotation as early as next week.

Astros: Manager A.J. Hinch said he planned to give Correa Wednesday off so he could have two days to rest his injured toe with Houston's scheduled day off on Thursday.

Up next

Orioles: Dylan Bundy (0-0, 0.00 ERA) will make his second start in the series finale on Wednesday. Bundy scattered five hits across seven innings in Baltimore's opener on Thursday but did not factor into the decision on a day the Orioles won 3-2 on a game-ending homer by Jones.

Astros: Dallas Keuchel (0-1, 4.50 ERA) is looking to bounce back after allowing seven hits and three runs in six innings of a 5-1 loss to the Rangers in his season debut.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Texas Tech's Ryan Sublette pitches against New Mexico State on Tuesday at Security Bank Ballpark.

Tech

From 1C

"Tonight, it was only a matter of time before a ball got out to right field," said Texas Tech coach Tim Tadlock of the game-winning homer. "It's not every day in this ballpark that the wind blows out to right. That's baseball. It was tough to get runs scored and we were playing a 2-1 ballgame on a Tuesday."

The wind and the chill in the air probably didn't help the offenses as any ball hit in the air would die and fall into the gloves of an awaiting outfielder.

Texas Tech had trouble getting any offense going as the Red Raiders were no-hit through 5 2/3 innings by three NMSU pitchers.

"It's not so much frustrating, we have a hard time picking the ball up down here, we always have," Tadlock said. "It's no excuse. But (NMSU starter Matthew Perea) did an outstanding job pitching. He mixed in some breaking balls and he really utilized the wind."

Tech broke up the no-hitter when Midland Christian grad Grant Little singled up the middle with two outs in the sixth.

NMSU (16-13) hung on to a 1-0 lead through six innings when Trey Stine doubled and scored on a Caleb Henderson single in the fourth.

But NMSU had plenty of chances to add to its lead. The Aggies left the bases loaded in the fourth, fifth and eighth innings and left eight out of their 12 runners stranded in scoring position.

Tech tied the game at 1 in the seventh inning when Cameron Warren hit a leadoff double and then scored on a Zayne Willems single to right.

Tadlock gave NMSU credit for a hard-fought game.

"It was really a well played baseball game," Tadlock said. "You've got to tip your hat to New Mexico State. They got on a bus and drove five and a half hours to play a game, and then turn around and go home. Their guys played hard and competed tonight."

No Red Raider had more than one hit. Little was 1-for-2 with two walks. Midland High grad Connor Beck also saw playing time for Tech as he came in the seventh inning and played right field.

David Bellamy was 2-for-4 for the Aggies.

Texas Tech resumes Big 12 play this weekend with a three-game series at Kansas.

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Matthew Perea, Anthony Elizondo (6), Alex Pineda (6), Wyatt Kelly (7), Chance Hinds (8) and Marcos Ramirez, Ryan Sublette, Caleb Foreman (4), John Henry Gonzalez (8), Ty Hagemann (9), Kurt Wilson (9) and Zayne Willems. W — Wilson (1-0). L — Hinds (3-1). Sv — Kelly. 2B — Kelly, David Bellamy, Texas Tech; Cameron Warren. HR — Texas Tech: Zach Hinesley.
Records: Texas Tech 24-9; NMSU 16-13.

Federal probe, Villanova's follow-up top 2018-19 story lines

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A year ago at this time, Villanova faced the question of whether it could keep rolling after two seasons of key player losses from its 2016 national championship team.

The Wildcats offered an emphatic answer with Monday night's win against Michigan, the finale for a dominating run through the NCAA Tournament that earned coach Jay Wright his second title and capped the 2017-18 college basketball season.

Now let's take a look at a couple of threads to watch in the offseason and leading into the 2018-19 season:

Reforms

This issue has the potential to overshadow everything: the federal investigation into corruption in college basketball. And because of it, the sport could look very different come fall.

The probe seized headlines in September with the arrests of 10 agents, coaches and businessmen with basketball ties in a case tied to hundreds of thousands of dollars in alleged bribes and kickbacks designed to influence recruits on choosing a school or an agent.

Speaking at the Final Four , NCAA President Mark Emmert said that the commission on college basketball — led by former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice — examining reforms to the sport will present its report to the Division I Board of Directors and Board of Governors on April 25.

The champs

The Wildcats were brilliant in winning their third championship, becoming the first team since North Carolina in 2009 to win all six games by double figures in the NCAA Tournament. Now the Wildcats will try to become only the third repeat champion since UCLA's run of seven straight ended in 1973, the other two being Duke in 1991-92 and Florida in 2006-07.

"We really feel humbled and blessed to be in this position," coach Jay Wright said after the Michigan win.

It's unclear how the Wildcats will look next year. Associated Press national player of the year Jalen Brunson and NBA prospect Mikal Bridges could decide to leave a year early to pursue a professional career after winning two national championships.

Another shot?

Michigan lost in the national championship game for the second time under John Beilein . Can the Wolverines get back there?

Much will depend on whether juniors Moe Wagner (14.6 points, 7.1 rebounds) and Charles Matthews (13.0 points) decide to return for their final season.

The Wolverines can at least look to some recent history for inspiration; North Carolina lost to Villanova in the 2016 final then made it all the way back to win the title last year.

Duke's top trio

Duke checked in at No. 1 in the AP's way-too-early ranking for next season based on the latest wave of touted incoming recruits. That includes Duke's sweep of the nation's top three recruits — No. 1 R.J. Barrett, No. 2 Cameron Reddish and No. 3 Zion Williamson — though they play the same position as wing forwards.

The Blue Devils also have a top-10 recruit in point guard Tre Jones.

Shake it off

Virginia made an unexpected climb to end the regular season as a unanimous No. 1 in the AP Top 25 — only to become the first No. 1 seed to lose to a 16-seed against UMBC in the NCAA Tournament.

The Atlantic Coast Conference champion Cavaliers could have plenty of guard talent back with Kyle Guy, Ty Jerome and De'Andre Hunter. But coach Tony Bennett — named the AP coach of the year last week — said his players can build from that only if they apply lessons learned from the season.

"Everybody will say, you know, you're going to be better because of this," Bennett said in an interview with the AP. "There's nothing further from the truth. If you don't do anything with it, just because you suffered a loss, that's not going to make you better."

What's next?

Arizona had a tumultuous year, which started when an assistant coach was one of the 10 people charged in the federal case. There were also questions about the future of coach Sean Miller.

The Wildcats could face a difficult situation next year. Star freshman Deandre Ayton is going pro along with high-scoring junior Allonzo Trier and guard Rawle Alkins. And their recruiting class fell apart amid the uncertainty of the federal probe.

No matter what Miller manages to pull together in recruiting, the Wildcats will look very different.

Ramblers' run

Loyola-Chicago was the story of the NCAA Tournament by reaching the Final Four for the first time since winning the 1963 title.

The Ramblers lose key seniors but return Missouri Valley Conference player of the year Clayton Custer. Loyola could also see a recruiting boost, especially if coach Porter Moser stays in place instead of moving on to another job.

Louisville's fresh start

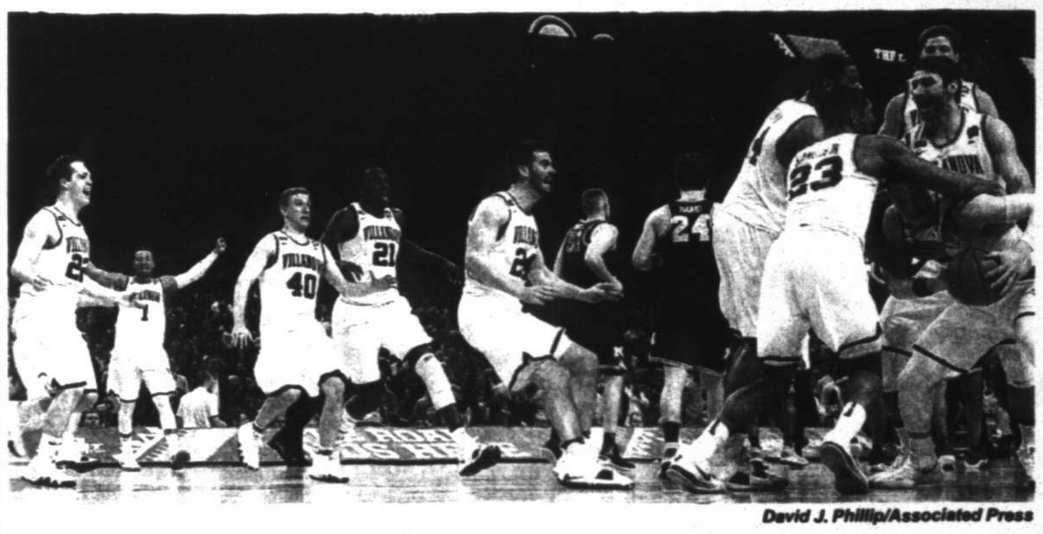
Louisville has a new coach in Chris Mack as well as a new athletic director in the wake of an embarrassing sex scandal and connections to the federal case. Mack left Xavier to take over the Cardinals, who spent last year under interim coach David Padgett after the ouster of Hall of Famer Rick Pitino.

Coaching shuffle

Several prominent programs have new coaches, including Duke assistant Jeff Capel taking over at Pittsburgh and former Indiana coach Tom Crean stepping in at Georgia.

Some other new coaches to watch include promoted Xavier assistant Travis Steele, Mississippi's Kermit Davis (from Middle Tennessee), Connecticut's Dan Hurley (from Rhode Island) and Memphis's Penny Hardaway.

There's also Tubby Smith , whose taking his power-conference experience to his alma mater at High Point.



David J. Phillip/Associated Press

Villanova players celebrate Monday after the championship game of the Final Four NCAA basketball tournament against Michigan in San Antonio. Villanova won 79-62.

Duke is No. 1 in way-too-early AP rankings for 2018-19

By John Marshall
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Villanova was clearly college basketball's best team in 2017-18, romping through the NCAA Tournament and capping it with a rout of Michigan in the title game.

Now depression sets in for fans. It's seven long months until the next game.

We've got something to (hopefully) tide you over: A way-too-early Top 25 rankings for next season.

A lot can change between now and then — players go pro, transfer, get hurt — so this is just a best-guess on what we know now:

1. Duke. Marvin Bagley III and Grayson Allen are gone, Wendell Carter Jr. and Trevon Duval could join them. Even so, there's enough coming back and Coach K has another stellar recruiting class coming in, headed by dunking dynamo Zion Williamson.

2. Kansas. The Jayhawks reached the Final Four in a season they weren't even supposed to win the Big 12 title. Even with Devonte' Graham gone, there's plenty coming back especially if Malik Newman remains in Lawrence and more five-star help on the way.

3. Villanova. A lot will depend on whether Jalen Brunson, Mikal Bridges and Omari Spellman leave for the NBA. Either way, the Wildcats will be reigning champions and have breakout star Donte DiVincenzo.

4. Kentucky. As is always the case, lots of decisions await at Lexington. If a few players return, coach John Calipari's Wildcats will no longer be the youngest team around.

5. North Carolina. The losses of Joel Berry II and Theo Pinson will be tough. The addition of five-star freshman Nassir Little as part of UNC's best recruiting class in years with Luke Maye, Cameron Johnson and Kenny Williams will keep the Tar Heels among the elite.

6. Gonzaga. The Zags have a strong core coming back in Zach Norvell, Rui Hachimura and Killian Tillie. The addition of San Jose State transfer Brandon Clarke gives them a defensive presence.

7. Auburn. The Tigers won the Southeastern Conference regular-season title and have nearly everyone coming back. A deep March run could be on the horizon.

8. Virginia. The loss to No. 16 seed UMBC stings, and the Cavaliers surely will use it as motivation. There's also a nice core of players returning, even with the departures of Devon Hall and Isaiah Wilkins.

9. Tennessee. The Vols were one of the nation's biggest surprises in 2017-18 and have nearly everyone back, including SEC player of the year Grant Williams.

10. Nevada. The Wolf Pack took a big step in coach Eric Musselman's third season. Another such step could follow, with twins Caleb and Cody Martin back and more transfers on the way.

11. Michigan State. The loss of Miles Bridges and potentially Jaren Jackson Jr. is tough, but Cassius Winston could emerge as a Big Ten player of year candidate.

12. Louisville. Former Xavier coach Chris Mack inherits a lot of talent and he's been hitting the recruiting trail hard. Expect a bounce back from the Cardinals.

13. Oregon. The Ducks could be looking at a return to the NCAA Tournament with a top-five recruiting class, headed by big man Bol Bol — son of ex-NBA star Manute Bol — joining Payton Pritchard and Troy Brown.

14. Michigan. The national runner-up may lose Moe Wagner and Charles Matthews to the NBA draft. If those two return, No. 14 could be a bit low.

15. Kansas State. The Wildcats are expected to retain everyone from a team that reached the Elite Eight.

16. Virginia Tech. Losing Justin Bibbs is not easy, but Buzz Williams has the kind of roster that could make some ACC noise.

17. West Virginia. Jevon Carter's graduation may be the biggest blow any team takes heading into next season. But the Mountaineers always play tough and Bob Huggins always wrings out the best in everyone.

18. LSU. Will Wade signed the sort of recruiting class that can be an immediate course changer.

19. Maryland. Some key losses, but also some key returnees to team with a strong recruiting class to potentially keep the Terps in the Big Ten race.

20. Mississippi State. The Bulldogs won 25 games last season and have talent across the board for 2018-19.

21. Florida. The Gators lose a lot, particularly point guard Chris Chiozza, but Mike White has a super recruiting class coming in and Jalen Hudson coming back.

22. UCLA. Another stellar recruiting class by Steve Alford may help offset the loss of do-everything guard Aaron Holiday.

23. Arizona State. The Sun Devils' guard trio of Tra Holder, Kodi Justice and Shannon Evans II are gone. Transfers Zylan Cheatham and Rob Edwards will be around, joined by a strong recruiting class.

24. Florida State. The Seminoles made a deep NCAA run ahead of schedule this season and can turn to high-scoring Terance Mann.

25. Loyola-Chicago. The Ramblers were counted out throughout the NCAA Tournament. That shouldn't happen again after a Final Four run.

Villanova

From 1C

Four games by 16 or more points.

"I knew we were good, but you don't think we can win this," Wright said.

He should know they can: The Wildcats set a program best in wins (36-4) and won an NCAA-record 136 games over a four-year span.

And if anyone is still stumped about how Villanova could be considered on the short list of college basketball's blue bloods following a decade of dominance, consider:

■ In the post-John Wooden/UCLA era, only three other teams have won two titles in three seasons: Duke in 1991 and 1992, Florida in 2006 and 2007 and Kentucky in 1996 and 1998. Villanova became just the ninth program to win three championships (1985 and '16) and has made three Final Fours since 2009.

■ In the last five seasons, the Wildcats have four regular-season Big East titles, three Big East tournament titles and two national championships. The list of accolades under Wright stretches longer than the combined distance of the Final Four-record 18 3-pointers hit against Kansas in Saturday's national semifinals.

Wright leads a loaded roster fully positioned to go back-to-back and show college basketball that Duke and Kentucky and Kansas and North Carolina can all be rolled into one program nestled in the Philadelphia suburbs.

Here's what's ahead for the Wildcats:

Who's going

The Wildcats had no seniors in their rotation and should return a nice chunk of their roster. But Brunson, the AP player of the year , and Bridges are both likely to declare for the NBA draft.

Brunson already has two championship rings and more hardware from his various player-of-the-year awards than he can carry, and he is set to follow his dad, Rick Brunson, into the NBA.

Bridges has played his ay into becoming a likely NBA draft lottery pick and should make a serviceable pro. Brunson and Bridges would leave a considerable void in the lineup and be on the small list of 'Nova players under Wright who left early for the NBA.

Hey, it worked out fine for Kyle Lowry.

Who's coming

DiVincenzo, Eric Paschall, Omari Spellman and Phil Booth are all expected to be in the starting lineup and joined by five-star point guard Jahvon Quinerly. Quinerly is one of Wright's more anticipated and prized recruits in his 17 years at Villanova.

Quinerly was set to attend Arizona until he reopened his recruitment in the wake of a federal probe.

Cole Swider and Brandon Slater are also prized incoming freshmen expected to help.

Throw in Collin Gillespie, Dhamir Cosby-Roundtree and Jermaine Samuels, and the Wildcats should keep rolling as national championship favorites.

Wright stuff

Wright's success has again made his future a hot topic at Villanova. He's said many times he wouldn't leave 'Nova for another college job, and with good reason. He's turned the Wildcats into a dynasty even Blake Carrington would envy, and the program is set to move into its $60 million state-of-the-art renovated on-campus arena next season following a year of playing at the Wells Fargo Center, home of the Philadelphia 76ers. Wright, who made $2.6 million this season, is King of the Cats and he's pretty much guaranteed a job for life at Villanova.

But the NBA is a different story.

He's resisted overtures from NBA teams in the past but if the situation — and the cash — was right, the coach dubbed "GQ Jay" could be swayed to leave his cushy gig in the tony Philly 'burbs.

The magic eight ball says he'll stay — but what's left to accomplish?

RSVP

The Wildcats will have to decide if they'll visit the White House for a championship celebration should they be extended an invitation from President Donald Trump.

Wright once worked in the marketing department for the Philadelphia Stars of the United States Football League and Trump owned the New Jersey Generals in the ill-fated league.

"When they signed Herschel Walker, they had a press conference and the Stars sent me up to represent them," Wright said. "I met Trump there. In the USFL championship game, the Stars owner asked me to work and be a runner for Trump in his box.

"He was very cool, very nice guy. He was relaxed. But when they signed Herschel Walker, he was very businesslike, very professional. That was a big day for him and the league."

Woods

From 1C

hardly recognized Woods at Torrey Pines earlier this year when he saw him walk onto the range, exchange a few high-fives and stop to chat.

Woods turned 42 at the end of last year. He has been away from golf for much of the last few years because of his four back surgeries. The Masters will be the first major he plays since the PGA Championship in August 2015.

Perhaps, as Harrington suggested, he simply has mellowed.

"I think they just missed my sharp needle," Woods said.

"This is just like a fraternity. When somebody gets hurt and someone gets sick, we bond. We come and try to support them as best we possibly can. Because we all know what it takes to be at this elite level."

Regardless, he has come a long way in a short amount of time.

Only last year, Woods said he had trouble just sitting through the dinner at the Masters Club of past champions because of pain from his lower back shooting down his legs. That hurt about as much as being at Augusta National without his clubs for the second straight year, not knowing when or even if he would return.

The low point came last summer when he was arrested on a DUI charge in Florida after police found him asleep behind the wheel, his car parked awkwardly on the side of the road with the engine still running. Woods was found to have a mix of prescription pills to help with pain and sleep. He sought treatment, and then perhaps the best therapy was being among players as an assistant captain at the Presidents Cup.

"I don't know the reasoning, but I think your assertion that he has a lot of great relationship with a lot of players, I think that's accurate," Mickelson said. "His relationships with the guys on the team are extremely close." That includes Mickelson, of course.

The last practice round they played together, as best as Mickelson can recall, was 20 years ago at the Nissan Open when it was played at the TPC Valencia. Mickelson tricked him into hitting the wrong club late in their match and took $500 off him. If that wasn't enough, he photocopied the five $100 bills, added smiley faces and wrote, "Just wanted you to know Benji and his friends are very happy in their new home." And that was their last practice round at a tournament — until Tuesday.

Woods and Mickelson were chatting off the 10th tee, and up to the 11th tee, and throughout their nine holes of practice. Mickelson tried a variety of flop shots around the 15th green with his 64-degree wedge, and Woods laughed when Lefty holed one of the more difficult shots.

Miserable a year ago, Woods was in a happy place.

And it caused quite a buzz, not only among the thousands who tagged along that made this a practice round unlike any other at the Masters, but the other players.

"I walked past Tiger on the range and I said, 'I never thought I would see the day — Tiger and Phil playing a practice round at Augusta,'" Rory McIlroy said. "So we had a bit of a laugh about that. I think both Tiger and Phil have started to take the team stuff a lot more seriously as they have progressed in their careers, and they have obviously become very close. ... And it's great to see two of the top stars of our game for a long time."

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KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	The Blacklist "Anna-Garcia Duerte" (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Chicago P.D.		NewsWest 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature "Sex, Lies and Butterflies" (N)		Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise "Keep Your Head Up/ Touch the Sky"				News (N)	News (N)		Sprites
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		El Rico y Lazaro		Papa a Toda Madre		Por Amar Sin Ley		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		Mike&Mi.	Mike&Mi.	Anger M.	Anger M.	News	Game
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:00) The Family ...		Away From Her Julie Christie.							Two Weeks Sally Field.	(:40) ★★★ Awake	
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	News (N)	Girls Trip (17, Com) Jada Pinkett Smith.							(:05) Barry	(:30) Silicon	(:05) King in the Wilderness ('18, Doc)
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	LastWeek	Silicon	Barry	First Look	(:40) How to Train Your Dr...					(:25) ★★★ La La Land Emma Stone.		Movie
HBO5	304	552	16	102		Split ('16, Hor) James McAvoy.				Going In Style Michael Caine.					(:40) ★★ Runaway Jury ('03, Thril) John Cusack.		
MAX	300	557	17	120	24	Strikelk	Strikelk	(:20) Strike Back		(:10) Strike Back		Strikelk		(:50) Strike Back		(:40) Strike Back	Movie
MAX2	302	558	18	122		(5:40) ★★★ U.S. Marshals Wesley Snipes.				★★★ Sherlock Holmes					(:10) ★★★ Kiss Kiss Bang Bang		
PLEX			96			(5:30) The Third W...		★★ Opportunity Knocks				(:40) ★★ Wagons East John Candy.			(:20) The Naked Gun 2 1/2:...		
SHOW	329	585	19	140	25	Billions		★★★ Kill Bill: Vol. 1				(:10) ★★★ Kill Bill: Vol. 2 ('04, Act) Uma Thurman.				(:40) Dying "Pilot"	
TMC	336	579	22	155	26	(5:00) Zero Dogs		★★ U-571 Matthew McConaughey.							★ The Pirates of Somalia Al Pacino.		★ Bangkok Dange...
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	(:01) S. Wars	(:31) S. Wars	(:01) S. Wars	(:31) S. Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:00) ★★★ Jaws 3						(:15) ★★★ The Rock ('96, Act) Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery.					
BET	58	-		40		(5:00) ★★ Barbershop ('02, Com) Ice Cube,				I Am MLK Jr. (N)				★★ Barbershop 2: Back in Business Ice Cube.			
BRAVO	65	76		41		Wives "Reunion Part 2"		Real Housewives		Housewives (SP) (N)		Real Housewives		Watch	Real Housewives		Beverly
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Rich (N)	Rich	Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Street Outlaws: Full		Street Outlaws (N)		Street Outlaws (N)		Twin Turbos (N)		Street Outlaws		Twin Turbos	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	(:10) TBA	(:20) TBA	Gravity	Gravity	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Andi M.	Raven's.
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NBA Countdown (L)		NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Toronto Raptors (L)				NBA Basketball S.A.U.L.A. L. (L)				SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	SportsCenter (N)		Golf Masters Par 3 Contest				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		NFL Live	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Iron Chef Gauntlet		Iron Chef Gauntlet		Iron Chef (N)		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef Gauntlet	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(4:20) Just Go Wit...		Famous In Love (N)		Famous In Love (N)		Siren "Pilot"		The 700 Club		★★★ You Again	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Orlando Magic Site: Amway Center -- Orlando, Fla. (L)					Mavs Post (L)	THS Race Preview	H.S. Basketball UIL State Tournament			NBA Basketball Dallas vs Orlando	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie	★★★★ Sicario ('15, Cri) Josh Brolin, Emily Blunt.					The Americans (N)		The Americans		The Americans	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	F.House	Fall House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Middle	Middle	C. Girls	C. Girls	C. Girls	C. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) TBA		(:40) Amer. Pickers		(:40) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Little Women: LA "Lucky 7"		Little Women: LA "The Boss is Back" (N)		Little Women: LA "The Blame Game" (N)		Glam Masters "The Glamorous Life" (N)		(:05) Little Women: LA "The Blame Game"		Little Women: LA "The Boss is Back"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at St. Louis Blues (L)						(:40) NHL Overtime (L)		NASCAR America	Sport
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.		Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	50	(5:30) ★★ Remember the Titans				I Am MLK Jr. (N)				★★★ Remember the Titans Denzel Washington.			
SYFY	66	82	61	57	67	(5:00) ★★★ Batman Begins Christian Bale.				The Magicians (N)		Krypton (N)			★★★ Batman Returns Michael Keaton.		
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Fall Frontal	Conan Lawrence Fishburne, Nicole Byer		Fall Frontal	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) The Kennel...		★★★ Noah's Ark Dolores Costello.						★ 20,000 Years in Sing Sing		★★★ Kid Galahad	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		José José, el pr (N)		Al Otro Lado del (N)		Enemigo Intimo (N)		Al rojo	(:35) Yndio:	Al Otro Lado del	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	(:20) My 600-lb Life "Sarah's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Schenee's Story" Schenee is desperate to start a family. (N)				Skin Tight "Melanie and Lauren" (N)		(:20) My 600-lb Life "Schenee's Story" Schenee is desperate to start a family.			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Gunk in the Garage"		★★★★★ Star Wars: The Force Awakens Daisy Ridley. A small group of people fight the First Order, which wants to control the galaxy.						★★ Blade II (2002, Action) Kris Kristofferson, Norman Reedus, Wesley Snipes.			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Assaulting Reality"		SVU "Heightened Emotions"		Suits "Bad Man" (N)		(:05) Law&Order: SVU "Rape Interrupted"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Next Chapter"		Suits "Bad Man"	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops "Odd Arrests #4"	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops "Busted!"	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Marriage threatened by wife's online relationship with ex

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My wife of 20 years has been electronically unfaithful. There have been covert telephone calls and late-night text messages to a boyfriend from long ago. He's divorced and found her on Facebook, telling her he needed "advice on dating."

She admits to the phone calls and messages and nothing more. I believe her. They haven't met — just these covert exchanges, which are frequent and sometimes lengthy, over the course of several months. The "whys" behind her behavior are not important. We know our marriage is damaged, and we will work on that. She says she knows she was wrong to let it go on as long as it did, and further communication will stop. Should it include unfriending him on Facebook? I'm perplexed by the new paradigm of relationships. — COVERT EXCHANGES IN THE SOUTH

DEAR COVERT: I disagree that the reasons that led to your wife's behavior aren't important. I hope you two will work out your disconnect with licensed professional help, because it will make the process faster. As to whether she should unfriend her old boyfriend on Facebook, the answer is an unequivocal "yes."

DEAR ABBY: I tutor a 16-year-old boy. His family moved to our city five months ago. They live in a crowded apartment with other relatives. One day, he told me a 20-year-old girl was obsessed with him, and he didn't like her that much. I told him it was unusual and said it was a good thing he had moved.

A month later she showed up, uninvited, to visit him. I think she came here to get pregnant, which she did. Her family now expects him to move back to Oklahoma, quit school and work to support the family. He's a smart kid with the potential to do well in college. His father is dead, the mother is clueless, and I am concerned about this boy. The girl's father and brother are in prison. How can I advise him? — CARING TUTOR IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR TUTOR: Your student is a minor. The "girl" is an adult. The young man should not move ANYwhere without first insisting that a paternity test be taken to be certain he is the father of the child she's expecting — if she is, indeed, pregnant. Because of the difference in their ages, she may be guilty of statutory rape, and he may be a victim.

DEAR ABBY: After decades of sucking it up, should I send a letter to the individuals who bullied me incessantly and made my life a living hell in high school? Should I let them know all has not been forgiven or forgotten? — FORMER VICTIM IN MONTANA

DEAR FORMER VICTIM: No. Why would you want more contact with the cruel and thoughtless individuals who made you miserable? Live your life fully and happily in the present and don't look back. THAT is the best revenge.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Rudolph the great

Both vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
♠A K
♡J 10 9 3
◇6 4
♣A Q J 10 9

WEST
♠J 9 7 4 3
♡8 7 6 5 4
◇Void
♣7 5 4

EAST
♠Q 10 6 5
♡A K Q 2
◇K 3
♣K 8 6

SOUTH
♠8 2
♡Void
◇A Q J 10 9 8 7 5 2
♣3 2

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	INT	7◇	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All pass	

Opening lead: Seven of ♡

Another deal thanks to Richard Pavlicek, who tells us that it was played at the mythical North Pole Regional. South was Rudolph, a reindeer with legendary declarer skills. Rudolph's leap to seven would not meet with everyone's approval, but anyone could take 12 tricks in diamonds, so it wouldn't be much of a story if he hadn't bid seven.

The opening heart lead was covered by dummy's nine, East's queen, and ruffed by Rudolph with the seven of diamonds. Dummy was entered with the ace of spades to lead the four of diamonds, East playing the three and South the two. The 10 of hearts was covered by the king and ruffed by Rudolph, who then cashed all but one of his trumps, discarding all of dummy's clubs except the ace. This was the position:

NORTH
♠K
♡J 3
◇Void
♣A

WEST
♠Void
♡7 6
◇Void
♣7 5

EAST
♠Void
♡A 2
◇Void
♣K 8

SOUTH
♠8
♡Void
◇5
♣3 2

Rudolph led a spade to the king and the defense was helpless. East had to keep both hearts or a heart ruff would establish the jack. West also had to keep both hearts, or the lead of the jack would establish the three. Both defenders shed a club, so Rudolph cashed the ace of clubs, following with the three, and ruffed a heart. He took the last trick with the two of clubs!

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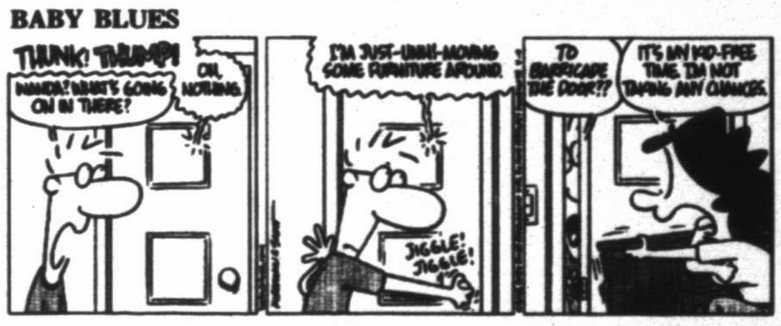
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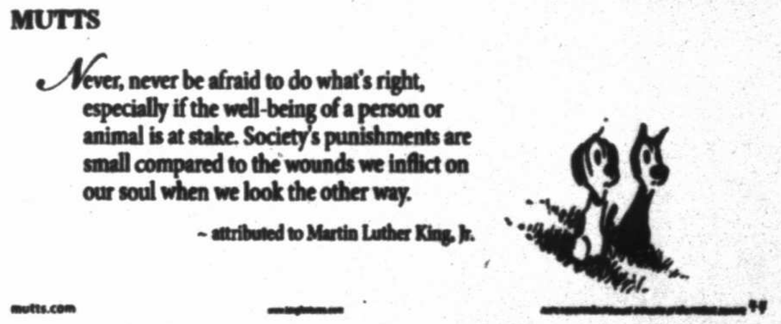
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CLOSE TO HOME



Wanda interviews for a customer-service position at Crudmart.

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"DID HIS DREAM COME TRUE...OR ARE WE STILL WAITING?"

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



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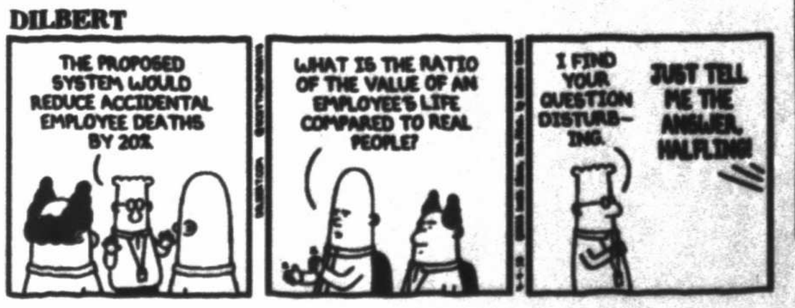
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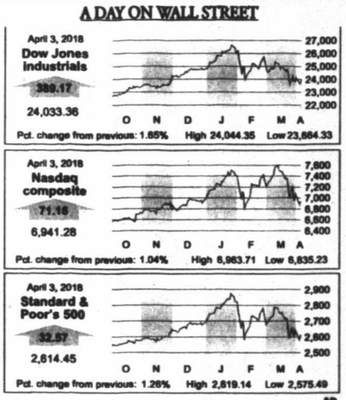
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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

A DAY ON WALL STREET



AP

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETP	1195574	260.77	+3.30
SPDR Fncl	747986	27.33	+.37
BlueShrn	665205	29.59	+.29
GenElec	597254	13.13	+.01
GrtAmIns	521642	47.89	+.47

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SunCmtn n	8.36	+1.01	+13.7
FstCnpn	21.79	+1.84	+9.2
ConcdMed	2.85	+.23	+8.8
Ampco	9.60	+.76	+8.5
AzurePwr n	15.25	+1.15	+8.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Switch n	13.37	-2.48	-15.6
NewMidUn	3.59	-.45	-11.1
S&WEnt n	3.67	-.42	-8.8
VelLnglVS n	14.45	-1.48	-9.3
HFF Inc	45.12	-4.48	-9.0

Diary

Advanced	2,155
Declined	742
Unchanged	100
Total issues	2,997
New Highs	14
New Lows	52
Volume	3,372,795,902

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
iShsIndia bl	43242	34.41	+.59
B2gold g	27633	2.74	-.03
NwGold g	22837	2.58	-.07
ChaninenEn	22302	53.98	+.99
TransEnrx	21835	1.76	+.09

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Myomo n	3.47	+.91	+21.3
Libbey	5.60	+.80	+16.7
RdiusRlt n	5.13	+.58	+12.7
RegRt pfA	8.46	+.73	+9.4
Reeds	2.00	+.15	+8.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Contango	3.18	-.28	-8.1
YatraEd	2.25	-.15	-6.3
AmShrd	2.49	-.15	-5.9
AlliorcAst	62.05	-3.45	-5.3
IssuerDir	16.10	-.90	-5.3

Diary

Advanced	167
Declined	151
Unchanged	17
Total issues	335
New Highs	9
New Lows	9
Volume	88,016,792

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVInSh rs	699669	19.33	-.87
PrShs QQQQ	369558	157.26	+.75
MicronT	523093	51.55	+1.49
Facebook	425167	156.11	+.72
Intel	394131	49.75	+.83

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CASI Phr h	6.30	+2.03	+47.5
InnovBio n	48.00	+13.50	+41.5
AlimaPh n	18.49	+3.42	+28.2
Cellectis n	39.53	+7.80	+25.4
UrogenPh n	59.80	+11.45	+23.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LongFin n	9.89	-4.42	-30.9
Iteos n	2.42	-.58	-19.3
VapeWts n	2.35	-.53	-18.4
AlliancnT n	6.51	-1.26	-16.2
RigelPh	3.05	-.48	-13.6

Diary

Advanced	1,800
Declined	979
Unchanged	289
Total issues	3,037
New Highs	30
New Lows	93
Volume	2,296,828,460

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

MUTUAL FUNDS

INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net % Chg	YTD Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
26,616.71	20,379.55	Dow Jones Industrials	24,033.36	+389.17	+1.65	-2.77	+16.16	
11,423.92	8,744.36	Dow Jones Transportation	10,394.25	+203.68	+2.00	-2.05	+14.21	
778.80	647.81	Dow Jones Utilities	689.91	+2.03	+.30	-4.75	-1.55	
13,637.02	11,324.53	NYSE Composite	12,367.97	+150.36	+1.23	-3.45	+7.82	
7,637.27	5,805.15	Nasdaq Composite	6,941.28	+71.16	+1.04	+.55	+17.88	
2,872.87	2,328.95	S&P 500	2,814.45	+32.57	+1.26	-2.21	+10.77	
2,091.48	1,690.86	S&P Midcap	1,890.37	+25.06	+1.37	-2.12	+9.80	
29,760.60	24,262.59	Wilshire 5000	27,117.04	+322.73	+1.20	-2.44	+10.33	
1,615.52	1,345.24	Russell 2000	1,512.15	+19.62	+1.31	-1.52	+10.52	

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	2.00f	13	35.37	+.27	-0.0
AbdnPrEq		16	2.18	-.01	-11.4
AdaExplEq	1.32b	--	14.69	+.16	-2.9
AMD	--	--	9.55	+.02	-7.1
AmerRlty	--	--	.85	+.20	+382.1
Alibaba	--	49	174.67	-2.94	+1.3
AlpNrstMLP	1.35e	--	9.37	+.07	-13.2
Amazon	.20e	7	7.18	+.07	+11.1
Amgen	5.28	15	169.22	+2.17	-3.3
Annaly	1.08f	9	9.39	+1.83	+10.4
Apache	1.20	24	39.34	+.19	-10.0
Apple Inc	2.52	20	169.39	+1.71	-.5
ApldMatl	.88f	17	53.88	+1.09	+5.6
Archrock	.60	22	8.80	+.25	-18.1
ATMOS	1.89f	15	83.69	+1.14	-2.2
AutoDsks	2.52	30	114.04	+.74	-2.7
BP PLC	2.38	22	40.71	+.99	-3.1
BkofAm	.48	11	29.59	+.28	+2.1
B IPVnST n	--	--	49.59	-2.25	+77.6
BeringrCp s	1.20	--	15.10	+.14	-1.0
BestEnSt	--	--	.65	--	--
BethIn A	--	--	3429999B.03	+3449.99	-.3
BkofAmCp	1.76	18	64.45	+.49	-9.4
BrkfgIn	1.80	60	43.77	+.17	-12.6
BrnsPhrm n	--	--	53.27	+1.47	+0.8
BurnsPS n	--	--	53.97	+.73	--
C&J Eng n	--	--	28.30	+.75	-21.4
CBRE n	.40	19	41.20	+1.01	+37.8
CVS Health	2.00	11	62.58	+1.54	-13.7
CenterPnt	--	--	19.65	+.15	-15.5
CntryLink	2.16	--	16.51	+.22	-1.0
Caterplr	3.12	25	145.08	+1.17	-7.9
Celestic g	--	9	10.15	+.05	-3.1
CheryLnk	2.16	--	16.51	+.22	-1.0
ChkEng	--	5	2.92	-.05	-36.3
Chevron	4.48f	51	114.63	+2.09	-8.3
Chicos	.33	13	9.05	+.10	-2.6
Cisco	.64f	29	45.08	+.37	+7.6
Citgo	1.32f	21	41.39	+.37	+8.0
Citigroup	1.28	13	69.48	+.77	-8.0
CmrcHldg	.68f	20	63.48	+1.71	+7.1
CnlgPetro	1.68f	35	70.55	+.89	-8.0
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The City of MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

Administrative Assistant - SSB

Performs all routine and specialized secretarial work for the Midland Police Department.

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

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

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MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

The City of MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

GIS Manager

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

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

Job Duties:
•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 -
-Division services.
-Negotiates and reviews contracts provided by consultants for GIS services, e.g. -
LiDAR, ortho-mosaic imagery, Cityworks, etc.
-Develops policies and standards for the GIS Division.
-Manages the setting of priorities for projects, software, database, and application development.
-Oversees development of GIS applications, web services, and tools to ensure they are current and within industry standards and practices.
-Oversees the GIS Division in managing ArcGIS Server installation, maintenance, upgrades and use.
-Provides recommendations to the Director of Engineering Services regarding annual GIS Division budget, priorities for projects, and resources required to complete them.
•Provides user-training services, as requested.
• Independently prepares and delivers reports and presentations to City Councilmembers, 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 Councilmembers, City Management, constituents, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

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

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of Esri ArcGIS software (ArcGISDesktop, ArcGISOnline, ArcGISPro). Solid understanding of database design/management and programming is desirable.

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

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

Benefits:
- Health care Plans
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The City of MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

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 warrant studies for traffic signals, stop signs, crosswalks, school zones, speed units and others
- Review commercial and residential development requests
- Review all phases of the platting 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:
- Bachelors 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:
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MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

The City of MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

Planning Division Manager

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

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Prepares and 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:
- **Health care Plans**
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MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

The City of MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

Right-Of-Way Manager

This position manages the acquisition, sale, and licensing of City rights-of-way and other real property; oversees the execution of transactions of real property; and administers the issuance of easements and licenses to outside parties for the use of City-owned rights-of-way and property.

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, Seismic 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 Appraisals, 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 plats to determine accuracy of property legal descriptions and boundaries, title histories, etc.
•Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures.

Knowledge of land surveying, oil drilling and pipeline operations, and typical petroleum industry practices related to land use and acquisition is desirable. Knowledge of municipal governmental operations, acquisitions and procedures is helpful.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Council members, constituents, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of Esri ArcGIS 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:
- **Health care Plans**
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- **Paid Holidays**
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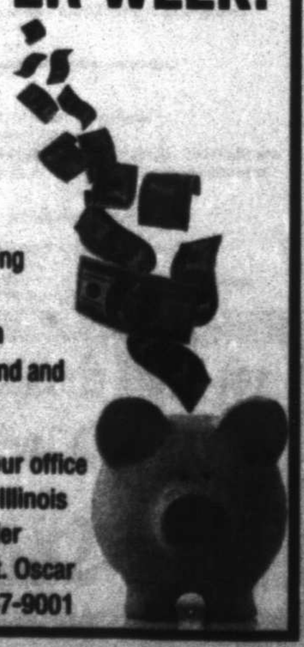
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OTHER JOBS

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DOT Driver II

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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 frigid 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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- Proper pre and post trip of equipment
- Consistently demonstrate safe unloading of fuels while handling, hooking and unhooking hoses and operating pumps while following directions and standard operating procedures
- Safely using pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches and other hand tools
- Immediate reporting and cleaning of any spills during shift
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, despatchers, 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

Work Environment:
Work is often outdoors. Working conditions range from frigid 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, bend, and occasionally lift /carry/push/pull/move/drag up to 60 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:
This is a full-time position.

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The City of MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

Planner

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

Job Duties:
•Prepares special studies and reports related to code amendments and annexation studies. Assists with comprehensive plan and studies and updates as necessary.
•Prepares statistical reports such as annual 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.

Benefits:
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The City of MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

Public Safety Dispatcher

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

Job Duties:
•Answers the phone and assists citizens with requests for emergency and non-emergency services for police, fire, sheriff and emergency medical service.
•Directs citizen inquiries and non-emergency calls to the appropriate agency or organization.
•Dispatchers law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel and notifies support and crisis personnel as needed through the use of multi-channel radio system and computer aided dispatch system.
•Requests and disseminates vehicle registration, driver's license, criminal history information through the use of the Texas/National Computer System (TCIC, NCIC).
•Obtains computer information and disseminates to law enforcement officials and investigators. Enters related information into the system.
•Sends and receive teletype information to and from related agencies.
•Maintains records of work performed.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to work with dispatch equipment and communicate with citizens and emergency personnel in highly stressful, possibly emergency situations. Employee communicates with other employees in the work group, citizens and other law enforcement agencies in order to discuss requests for service and possible criminal activities. Will also exchange information or request assistance from other agencies and make referrals when necessary.

Ability to read and understand technical and professional manuals in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as specialized computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 38 WPM.
Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests.
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Permian Basin Community Centers

Veteran Services Volunteer Coordinator

PBCC is looking to employ a full-time Veteran Services Volunteer Coordinator to serve Midland and Ector Counties. Ideal applicants should display good writing skills, have good interpersonal skills, and be detail oriented. This position is responsible for initiating, coordinating, and supporting access to resources for service members, veterans, and their families (SMVF) through peer-to-peer counseling services. This position will also organize and lead Military Veteran Peer Network (MVPN) activities and volunteers. These activities may include training events, social gatherings, one-on-one mentoring, and support group discussions designed to develop trusted peer relationships. This position is based out of the Midland office. Successful candidates may commute from surrounding counties. A high school diploma or equivalency is required. A Bachelor's degree in Psychology, Social Work or similarly related field is preferred.

All Full Time positions have a full benefit package consisting of excellent health coverage, retirement, life insurance, scheduled pay increases, optional cafeteria coverage and paid leave up to 26 days per year after 5 years of employment. All applicants must have a valid Texas Driver's License, copy of DD 214, proof of auto liability insurance coverage, and will be subject to a criminal history background check. For additional information and qualifications for all positions, see our electronic application and current job listing available at www.pbcbhsr.com. For questions, contact the Human Resource Department at (432)-570-3322.

OTHER JOBS

The City of MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

Recycle Supervisor

Supervises and monitors Citizens Collection Station and recycle drivers in day to day operations and projects. Works as a service attendant at the Citizens Collection Station as needed. Acts as a Solid Waste Supervisor as needed.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provides input as to needed equipment and employment positions. Monitors supplies and equipment at the Citizens Collection Station.

Job Duties:
•Schedules and monitors the work of subordinate employees.
•Instructs employees in the use, care, and preventive maintenance of equipment and machinery.
•Reads schematics, manuals, and other specifications in order to determine and make necessary repairs and maintenance.
•Maintains equipment in good working order and keeps records of work performed.
•Ensures the cleanliness and maintenance of facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
•Acts as the customer service representative of the Recycle Division at the Citizens Collection Station and on recycle issues.
•Keeps records and reports readily available.
•Coordinates efforts with Solid Waste operations
•Serve as service attendant when necessary.
•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 machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities. Ability to train others in safe operation of equipment. Ability to work with cash and adhere to cash-handling policies. Ability to properly evaluate activities and make recommendations for improvement. Good public relation skills as well as verbal and written communications skills.

High school diploma or general education degree required and some college preferred. One to three years of experience in Solid Waste and/or supervising and evaluating the work of others preferred. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License and possess or acquire a valid Texas Class 'B' Municipal Solid Waste Operator License within two years of hire date.

Benefits:
- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
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Restaurant Positions

La Bodega of Midland now hiring Dishwashers & Bussers. Must be willing to work weekends. Please apply in person Monday - Friday between 1pm- 5pm at 2700 N. Big Spring Street, Midland, TX.

Warehouse Personnel

Competitive Pay, 401K, and Health Benefits Apply in person at Sims Plastics 2700 W Front St- Midland or 1101 W 42nd St- Odessa

WAREHOUSE

Looking for someone who is self-motivated, able to operate forklift, and able to lift heavy material loading customers and unloading. Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Apply at 1703 South Midkiff, Midland, Texas.

RESTAURANT FOOD SERVICES

Cashier & General Help

KD's Bar-B-Q is looking for cashier & general help.
Have a good attitude, love working with others and work hard? Then we want you! Full or part time. Closed Sunday & Monday.
Fun & friendly place to work, family-owned, insurance provided. Must speak English, have great customer skills, be a quick learner, reliable & responsible. Apply in person: 3109 Garden City Hwy. or submit resume.

Server / Host / Bartender

Are you fun, attractive, charming & have a great personality?
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RETAIL JOBS

Retail Professional

Julian Gold, Midland's premier women's fashion store, is seeking a full time retail professional to join our sales team. The ideal candidate will have fashion retail experience and be eager to grow in our fast paced environment.
Merchandising or management experience a plus!
We offer great benefits, including paid vacation, insurance and 401K.
Applications accepted in store or online - no phone calls, please.
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SALES JOBS

Digital Media Account Executive

"We must be alarmingly enterprising and startlingly original. We must be honest and fearless. And we must spark a revolution."
William Randolph Hearst, 1887

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking a Digital Media Account Executive just like you to join our team! Our industry is changing into a digital world, and we are looking for experienced professionals who are eager to facilitate our innovative efforts.

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 businesses, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

As a Digital Media Account Executive, you can expect the following:
- Drive digital product sales.
- Be the Digital Media Guru with a solid understanding of Digital Media, Marketing and Advertising.
- Ability to conduct sales calls with SMB owners.
- Be in the field and on sales calls, leading by example, to sell our various digital products using the current and evolving sales process.
- Consult and educate clients in Digital Advertising and Marketing.
- Assist sales and marketing in promoting the entire line of digital products.
- Develop coaching plans and track results through sales management team.
- Identify trends, quantify impact, and communicate improvement opportunities to the product team
- Primary source of sales pitch and strategy development and implementation for digital products.

Requirements:
- Highly knowledgeable with digital media. SEO, SEM, Digital Advertising.
- Confidence in pitching and closing business.
- Strong focus on teamwork and ability to manage relationships across multiple departments
- Ability to multi-task, meet deadlines, and thrive in a fast-paced, deadline-oriented environment
- Bachelor's Degree preferred
- Valid US driver's license and reliable transportation.

The perks:
- A great work environment it's never boring here!
- Paid in-depth sales and product training.
- Competitive base salary, uncapped commissions for unlimited earning potential, and significant opportunity for advancement within the company
- Collaboration ideas and input are always welcome
- Health, dental, 401k, paid time off we have you covered

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SALES JOBS

Employment Account Executive

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking an Employment Account Executive just like you to join our team! We are looking for an experienced Human Resources executive that wants to help hiring managers in Midland and West Texas utilize our advanced hiring platform - TexasBackToWork.com. This platform allows hiring managers to access the largest pool of potential job candidates and track them through the recruitment process.

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 hiring needs. 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 businesses, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

The ideal candidate will have experience in the Human Resources area and will maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships with hiring managers. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local and regional businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the hiring process for our customers. You will be selling a digital hiring solution to your customers with a regional, statewide and national footprint.

Responsibilities include:

- Consistently meets/exceeds revenue goals.
- Develops relationships with HR departments throughout West Texas to sell and promote Texas Back to Work.
- Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-demos
- Be the face of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and ensure a superior customer experience

The Ideal Candidate:

- Experience within Human Resources or Employment Agency is preferred.
- 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:

- Passion to succeed and close deals
- Exceptional communication and presentation skills
- Strong computer skills, Digital Sales experience a plus
- Bachelor's degree preferred

What's in it for you?

- Paid training
- Competitive Base Salary & Commissions
- Medical, Dental and Vision Coverage
- Flex spending accounts
- Short & Long-Term Disability Insurance
- 401K with company match
- Paid time off & more!

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SALES JOBS

Oil & Gas Sales

Minimum 2 Years Sales Experience w/Oilfield Service Company or Other Related Oilfield Sales. Must Have Proven Sales Track Record. Prefer Candidate Have Existing Customer Base w/ Current or Prior Employer As Well as Contacts. Salary DOE. Direct Hire Position. SEND RESUME to resume@igotthejobs.com

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NOW HIRING
Systems Administrator

Performs network and system support functions on segments of the computer environment, including planned and emergency maintenance; performance and security analysis; and monitoring, tuning, and implementing new products and procedures. Analyzes emerging technology and makes recommendations for constant improvements to network and infrastructure services and capabilities.

Job Duties:
- Designs and coordinates segments of the IT architecture
- Manages server applications, including but not limited to social media, Active Directory, operating systems, and email.
- Produces and maintains IT design, architectural, and specifications documentation, as identified
- Monitors information storage systems, schedules, and tests, including backup and recovery tasks, as identified
- Provides research, development, and planning of the IT infrastructure
- Is responsible for the validating, building, and testing IT solutions, analyzing IT infrastructure technical issues, and supporting the design, planning, building, and testing of new IT solutions, as assigned.
- Performs related duties as assigned.
- Subject to recall 24/7

Qualifications:
- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science plus two years of experience in a related field is required.
- Four years experience may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree requirement.
- Valid Texas Driver's License

Benefits:
- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
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Fleet Technician

Diagnoses, repairs and maintains city trucks and heavy equipment.

Job Duties:
- Diagnoses equipment and vehicle malfunctions such as ignition, steering, emission control, electrical, and heating and air conditioning. Estimates costs and rebuilds to specifications.
- Determines the appropriateness of off-site repairs such as oil and filter changes, tires and mufflers.
- Inspects vehicles for state stickers.
- Determines readiness and fitness of new vehicles. Installs special equipment.
- Employee must provide own hand tools. City supplies major equipment including power tools, computerized analyzer, and other diagnostic equipment.
- Reads blue prints, electrical diagrams, manuals and other specifications in order to make repairs.
- Performs emergency repairs for various departments.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work orders, logs, historical information, and special written requests.

Qualifications:
- High School graduate or GED
- Knowledge of proper tools used in welding and fabrication
- Three years training as a mechanic or in a related field
- Valid Texas Class A CDL Driver's License within one year of employment
- Texas Department of Public Safety Inspector Certificate required within one year of employment.

Benefits:
- Health care Plans
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Field Service Techs, Shop Techs & Machinist

J&W Services and Equipment Company is seeking Field Service Technicians, Shop Technicians and Machinist. Experience preferred. However, we are willing to train. Hourly pay and overtime with benefits of group health, dental, life insurance and vacation pay. There is an opportunity to earn commissions and be awarded bonuses. Participation in matching 401k plan after one year of employment. You can stop by 3510 E. Hwy 158 in Midland or go online to www.jandwservices.com for application and submit to jobs@jwwellheads.com.

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NOW HIRING
Code Enforcement Officer

Performs inspections of private and public properties to ensure compliance with municipal ordinances, zoning and land use regulations which govern the maintenance of property, grounds and structures.

Job Duties:
- Visually inspects properties for code violations as initiated by a complaint or routine inspection.
- Enters data into the computer to generate notice of violations to property owners or to record inspections.
- Responds to citizen calls regarding code violations, mail information regarding zoning or city regulations.
- Researches planned districts, nonconforming uses, plats and illegal uses of property for the department.
- Manages city contracts for the clearing of lots, to include bidding projects, preparing contracts, awarding contracts and preparing payments to contractors.
- Conducts inspections to ensure proper environmental compliance in response to complaints.
- Provides information to the public and contractors regarding the requirements of zoning and related code and city requirements.
- Conducts field inspections of junked and abandoned vehicles, abandoned structures and other properties for compliance with city codes.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with developers, citizens and other employees in order to provide information regarding city codes and possible violations.

Ability to read and understand materials including City Ordinances, professional 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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NOW HIRING
Customer Service (Field Work)

Performs field work regarding current or past water service.

Job Duties:
- Turns water on for new customers, disconnects water for customers leaving or reconnects service that had been disconnected. Obtains new or current readings due to new service or broken lines.
- Sets meters to establish or re-establish service.
- Pulls meters should instances occur when customer fails to set up service.
- Collects past due utilities bills so that water can be connected.
- Changes our broken meter stop valves and meter box lids.
- Verifies or re-reads meter information when complaints are filed.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with citizens, other departments and employees in order to provide information on current repairs or the reading of meters.

Ability to read work orders and maps in order to find street locations. Skill in math in determining amount of water utilized. Skill in the use of variety of hand tools such as shovels, meter wrenches and meter keys.

Valid Texas Driver's License required. Employee must be bondable.

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING
Effluent Distribution Technician

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

Job Duties:
- Determines which pump units to operate and maintains center pivots in good working order. Repairs and services when necessary.
- Operates gates and lagoon system in order to store water without allowing holding ponds to overflow. Determines where and when to store water.
- Monitors operations in order to apply the proper amount of water.
- Repairs water line leaks and breaks.
- Uses equipment such as loaders and backhoes in order to fill gullies caused by operations.
- Maintains and repairs electrical systems on central pivot units.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders in order to maintain or repair meters or parts. Skill in writing to record results.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus six months to one year of experience. C Operator's certification from the TNRCC. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING
Electronics Tech - Airport

Performs routine and preventive maintenance of electrical equipment systems. Works under the direction of the Electrician/Electronics Specialist.

Job Duties:
- Performs preventive maintenance on automatic gates, automatic doors, parking lot equipment, lighting, security systems, jetway systems, etc.
- Assists the Electrician/Electronics Specialist in the day to day operations of the Airport facility as needed.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.

Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Skill in the operation of hand tools and equipment such as electrical measuring meters and devices.

High school diploma or equivalent plus two to three years of experience as an electrician required. Journeyman's License as an electrician required. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:
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Transportation Truck Driver

Responsible for driving Water, Dump, and/or Belly Dump Truck and hauling water/caliche to drill rigs, fracturing crews, etc. Haule water/caliche from well locations to proper disposal facilities.

Qualifications:
- High school education or equivalent.
- Experience can range from commercial truck driving experience preferred to one year as a water truck driver required.
- Valid Class A CDL with Tanker endorsement.
- Clean driving record.
- Salary competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Comprehensive Benefits package!
- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Prescription Drug
- 401 K
- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
- Company Paid Life
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Onsite Fitness Center

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NOW HIRING

Electrical/Electronics Tech - WPP

Troubleshoots and maintains electrical, SCADA and control equipment for the well field, Purification Plant, Water Pollution Control Plant, water storage towers, booster station.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Assists in the development of the budget and makes recommendations for purchases and capital items to the appropriate division during the annual budget process.

Job Duties:
- Troubleshoots and repairs electrical service to any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Troubleshoots and repairs control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Troubleshoots and repairs SCADA equipment at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Programs SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Instructs users of SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Calculates electrical loads for equipment and installs wiring.
- Determines equipment and supplies required for jobs by reading code books and 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.
- Perform Operations & Maintenance duties as assigned.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Ability to read operator's manuals, blue prints and schematics in order to maintain electrical, SCADA and control equipment throughout the Utilities Department in good working order. Skill in the operation of electrical and mechanical hand and power tools. Employee must perform mathematical calculations in order to determine electrical needs. Skill in writing to record results and track work. Will be on-call.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus two years of experience. A valid Apprentice Electricians 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:
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NOW HIRING

Engineering Tech - Construction Inspector

Perform responsible work in support of city engineering staff. Work relates to engineering construction activities such as construction inspection of municipal projects involving construction of asphalt or concrete pavement, sidewalks, ramps, water lines and sewer lines.

Job Duties:
- Inspect forms, materials and workmanship for compliance with plans and specifications. Tests materials and workmanship as required.
- Maintain daily diary and records on projects including emergency telephone numbers for key people.
- Maintain inspection project files for all phases of construction for each project. Provides information to update record drawings.
- Inspect traffic control devices for compliance with plans and the Texas Manual on Uniform Control Devices. Make safety inspections to note deficiencies for correction.
- Analyze field construction problems and assists engineers with recommending corrections.
- Performs survey work as requested by Engineering staff.
- Coordinate with traffic, utility companies, landowners, etc. before and during construction.
- Acts as project field coordinator for contractors, utility companies and city departments.
- Researches utility locations and right of way, assemble plat and deed information and produces plan views.
- As appropriate, trains and evaluates the progress of other employees.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Must be able use and communicate by hand-held radio. Basic skill in the use of a variety of machines, including personal computers, printers, calculators, scanners and large document copier are preferred.

Must have a valid Texas Driver's License and a good driving record. Employee must be able to effectively communicate with other employees in the work group. Must be able to correctly respond to questions from contractors, surveyors, inspectors, or city staff regarding work performed or applicable specifications related to a design or construction project.

Must coordinate effectively with other city departments, contractors, and utility companies when designing or scheduling work. Must possess skill to observe, read, and interpret written technical materials and construction drawings. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment.

Must have obtained a High school diploma or equivalent GED plus 5 years of experience in civil construction trades. College degree or construction certifications preferred. Extensive knowledge of state, federal, and local laws and requirements regarding construction, surveying and safety standards.

Extensive skill in observing, reading and interpreting written technical materials and construction drawings. Extensive knowledge of city codes and ordinances and other state and federal requirements regarding utility construction and safety standards.

Extensive knowledge of engineering standards and construction practices for water, sewer, street and drainage design. Intermediate in drafting with computer aided design systems such as AutoCAD. Intermediate skill in developing field notes and survey plats for boundary surveys.

Benefits:
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Equipment Operator - Landfill

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

Job Duties:
- Disposes of refuse with the use of heavy equipment such as compactors, scrapers, bulldozers and related equipment.
- Maintains access roads to the Landfill.
- Covers refuse at the end of each day.
- Maintains all equipment in good working order and keeps records of service problems. Submits daily maintenance sheets to supervisor.
- Performs preventive maintenance on equipment such as oil changes. Determines when servicing of vehicles is required.
- Monitors vehicles as they enter, unload and leave the Landfill. Gives directions to citizens.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to disposal. Knowledge of the processes used in collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, lifts, claws and hydraulic systems as well as simple shovels, brooms and rakes. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent, plus one to three years of equipment operation preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:
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Equipment Operator - Water and Wastewater

Performs manual and unskilled labor of more than ordinary difficulty, which often involves the use of 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 Certification Class I and Water Distribution D Certificate with in a reasonable length of time.

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Lab Technician

The employee is responsible for performing, monitoring, and intrepreting the results of tests necessary for the operation and regulatory compliance of the water and wastewater operations of the City of Midland. They are also responsible for the interpretation and implementation of regulations promulgated by State and Federal authorities.

Assists in the development of the budget for laboratory operations and makes recommendations for purchases and capital items during the annual budget process.

Monitors expenditures during the year.

Job Duties:
•Responsible for the daily operation of laboratories in support of the Utilities Department. Conduct bacteriological, chemical, physical and instrumental analysis of water and wastewater samples submitted to the laboratory.
•Maintains equipment and supplies for the laboratory as well as for the City's facilities. This includes accurately maintaining extensive records tracking all chemicals, supplies, and equipment used for daily operations.
•Collects, analyzes, and interprets results of environmental, water and wastewater samples.
•Prepares reagents for use at the laboratory and performs standardization of reagents to ensure quality.
•Must maintain work area, supplies, and equipment in an orderly, safe, and clean manner.
•Maintains accurate and extensive analytical data records of data for future use.
•Investigates and reports on complaints and all other problems delegated by the Director of Utilities.
•Make monthly reports or as required to the Water Regulator Agencies and Utilities.
•Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
•Keeps apprised of State/Federal regulations and makes recommendations on their impacts to the City.
•Performs related duties as required. Available for on-call obligations and work on weekends as needed.

Qualifications:
Employee has contact with general public, other employees, and other organizations.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Must have skill in writing to record results of analysis. Employee generates memos and reports of work performed. Ability to perform chemical analysis. Must have thorough knowledge of 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 operator and maintenance of equipment at all water treatment facilities. This position functions as a Lead Operator and also as Chief Plant operator when required, performing complex analysis of the Water Treatment Plant operations and having direct charge of the operation of a water treatment facility or Water Production Facilities. Positions at this level provide instruction and assistance to lower level Water Treatment Plant Operators. This position is normally filled by advancement from the Water Treatment Operator II. Position requires three to five years of experience in a Surface Water Treatment Plant Operator and must possess a minimum of a 'Class 'C' Surface Water Treatment Plant Operator Certificate issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at the time of accepting position.

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Maintenance Specialist - Animal Services

Maintains the animal shelter and grounds, provides quality care for the animals in our custody and assists the public and other animal control personnel.

Job Duties:

•Processes animals that are brought to the animal shelter by providing health evaluations, parasitic controls, scanning for microchips and placing in the proper holding are.
•Maintains the sanitation and environment of kennel areas, cat facilities, quarantine areas, wildlife facilities and sick/injured animal room.
•Assists in euthanasia and the disposal of animals as required.
•Maintains and operates the animal cremation system for mass disposal and private cremations.
•Picks up large quantities of dead animals from veterinarians for disposal by cremation.
•Micro-chips animals that leave animal controls custody.
•Unloads dead and live animals from the public, veterinarians and animal control offices.
•Performs preventative maintenance on equipment, building and grounds.
•Provides assistance to visitors.
•Operates a vehicle to pick up dead livestock and supplies and other machinery.
•Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or animals that may be in the kennel. Employee may have direct contact with other animal control personnel such as the SPCA, various humane societies and animal rescue organizations.

Ability to deal with the public and provide humane care for the animals. Some knowledge in the recognition of animal diseases is needed. Ability to follow both written and oral instructions is also necessary.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must be able to obtain Department of State Health Services Basic Certification within one year of employment. Must be able to obtain euthanasia certification within six months of employment.

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 buildings and grounds maintenance.
•Removes trash from containers.
•Inspects grounds and athletic areas and facilities for repairs.
•Operates and maintains equipment used in daily operations. Fills out reports and submits to supervision.
•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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NOW HIRING
Instrumentation & Electrical Technician

Maintains all electrical equipment used to monitor and control oil well services equipment. Home nightly.

Qualifications:
- High school education or equivalent.
- 6 months experience maintaining and repairing electronic instrumentation and automation equipment.
- Valid operator's license with clean driving record.

Comprehensive Benefits package!
- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Prescription Drug
- 401 K
- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
- Company Paid Life
- Tuition Reimbursement
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NOW HIRING

Plant Maintenance Mechanic - Water Purification Plant

Performs skilled & Semi-skilled maintenance duties as they relate to equipment repair and upkeep. Perform manufactures recommended preventative maintenance to equipment at the Water Purification Plant.

Job Duties:
•Repairs equipment including pumps, chemical feeders, valves and specialized equipment.
•Performs preventative maintenance on plant equipment according to manufacturer's recommendations.
•Performs annual maintenance at plants including but not limited to cleaning and painting of water treatment basins and painting of equipment.
•Performs electrical repairs including wiring of electric motors, switches, and panels.
•Troubleshoots electrical problems including checking and repairing control circuits.
•Serves as a shift relief as needed, assuming full authority, duties and responsibilities of position that is being filled.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of plant operations and maintenance. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. Skill in the use of hand tools, test equipment, and welding tools. May work rotating shifts.

High school diploma or equivalent required. One to three years experience in a related field preferred. Must receive and retain a valid 'C' Water license within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must possess a valid Texas Class 'B' CDL or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Service Center Technician

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

Job Duties:
•Repair flat tires. Removes and installs wheels and tires from vehicles and equipment.
•Responds to requests for towing and service calls.
•Performs electrical jump starts on vehicles and equipment.
•Performs diagnostic checks on batteries and alternators. Changes out as necessary.
•Balance tires.
•Performs engine oil and filter changes. Changes transmission oils and filters.
•Cleans and maintains shop facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
•Orders and issues parts.
•Opens work orders, charges out parts and closes work orders as required.
•Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and vendors in order to diagnose repairs and order materials for repair.

Knowledge of proper tools used in general automotive repairs. Ability to safely use tools, vehicles and equipment such as wrechers, tire hammers and breakdown bars, tire and wheel balancers, tire machines, jacks, air impact wranches, fork lifts and assorted hand tools. Skill in the reading and practical application of manuals, schematics and other similar specifications used by city departments. Ability to read, measure and calculate types and sizes of materials needed and ability to reason amount of time that will be used in the actual repair process. Ability to speak, understand and follow instructions in English.

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

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

Benefits:
- Health care Plans
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NOW HIRING

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 well field production.
- Reports maintenance issues that affect plant Operations.
- Assists maintenance personnel as assigned and when needed.
- Performs routine cleaning of work areas.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. Must work rotating shifts.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid 'C' Surface Water license from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must posses a valid class 'C' Texas driver's license.

Benefits:
- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
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NOW HIRING

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 WPP.
•Controls water disinfection processes to meet regulatory standards.
•Operates and maintains various water production and storage equipment.
•Maintains required records of operations, generates monthly report and maintenance records.
•Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage.
•Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
•Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
•Performs routine cleaning of assigned area, Maintains grounds at well field compounds.
•Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

RELOCATION MANDATORY

Skill 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 Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must posses a valid Texas Class 'B' CDL required or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

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

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NOW HIRING

Well Field Technician - Airport Well Field

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Purification Plant and associated potable water storage.

Job Duties:
•Assists other Utility Department divisions as required.
•Performs operations and maintenance duties as required at WPP.
•Controls water disinfection processes to meet regulatory standards.
•Operates and maintains various water production and storage equipment.
•Maintains required records of operations.
•Generates monthly reports and maintenance records.
•Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage.
•Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
•Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
•Performs routine cleaning of assigned area.
•Maintains house and grounds at well field compounds.
•Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, motors and 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 Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Valid Texas class 'B' CDL required or must be obtained within 1 year of employment.

Benefits:
- Health care Plans
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NOW HIRING

Utility Plant Operator - WPCP

Assists in the operation of the waste water treatment plant.

Job Duties:
•Collects water samples for testing and analysis in primary treatment area.
•Operates and maintains primary treatment equipment and observes the operation of related plant equipment.
•Reads gauges, records information and reports problems to the Operator, or other supervisors.
•Performs janitorial and grounds keeping duties in assigned areas.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and supervisors on plant condition and in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders to collect samples for analysis. Skill in writing to record results. Shift work required.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus ability to obtain C operator's certification from the TNRCC within established time constraints. Valid Texas Driver's License.

DAYS & HOURS:
Rotating Shift; Rotating Days Off

Benefits:
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CrownQuest Operating, LLC, c/o Box 953, Midland, TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced formation water/fluid into a formation that is not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the: Ellenburger (formations), Waterburger (lease), Well Number: 1D

The proposed disposal well is located 12.94 miles in a West direction from Stanton, TX, in the Spaberry (Trend Area) field, in Martin County, TX.

Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 12000 to 13600 feet.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone # (512-463-6792).

Legal and Public Notices

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Michael B.McCleery, Deceased, were issued on March 27,2018, in Cause No. P-19353, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to David McCleery, Independent Administrator, c/o Kristi Hyatt Brumfield, Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson, P.C., P.O. Box 2776, Midland, Texas 79701.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 2nd day of April, 2018.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Elizabeth Ann Brown, Deceased, were issued to Michael Timothy Brown on March 2, 2018 in Cause No. P19239, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Michael Timothy Brown
c/o Brandon W. Pinson
P. O. Box 8530
Midland, Texas 79708

DATED the 2nd day of April, 2018.

PINSON LAW FIRM
By: Brandon W. Pinson

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