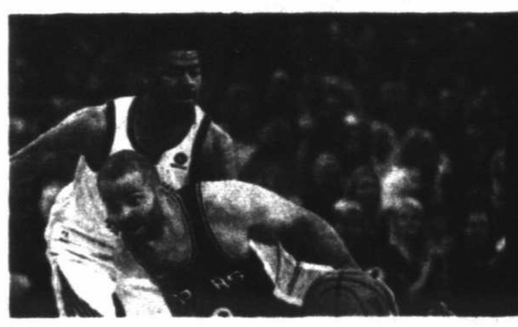
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New report finds global oil demand through 2020

■ 'Mini golden age' of refining offers opportunity to prepare for future changes

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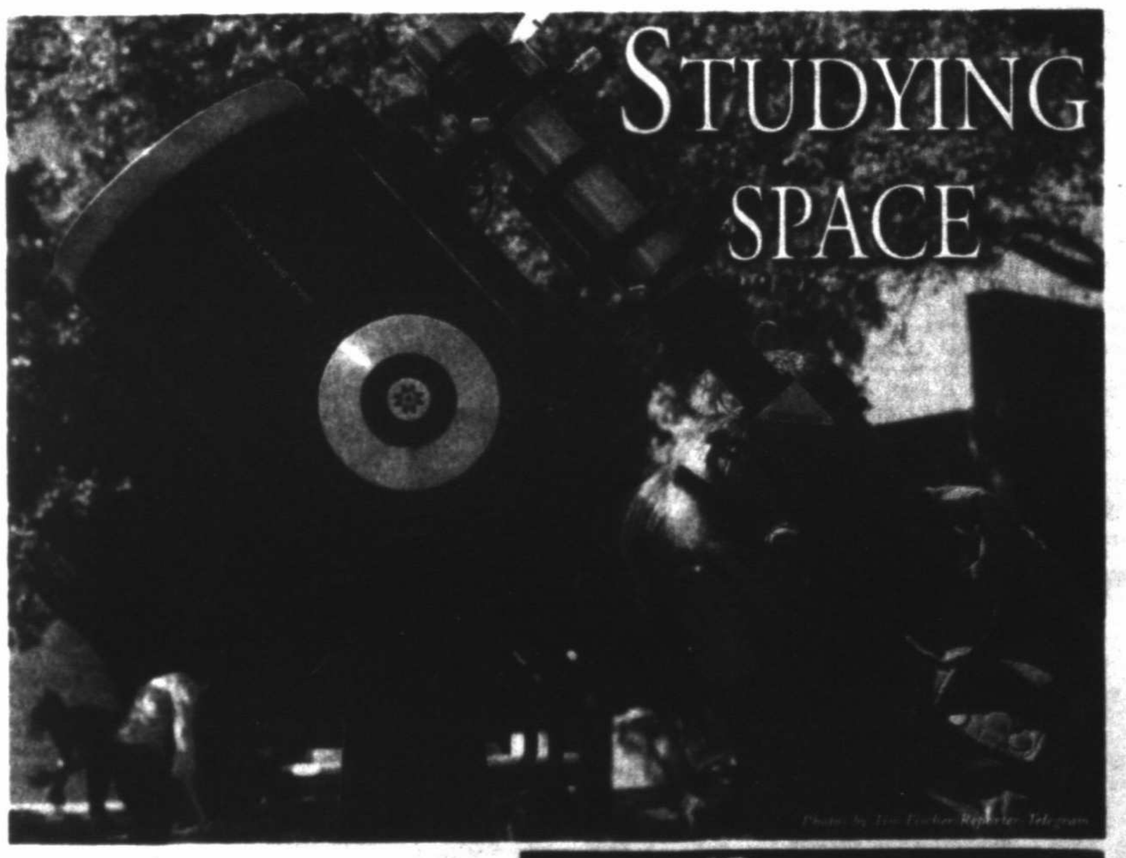
The increasing focus on alternate transportation, such as electric vehicles, is not expected to short circuit rising oil demand, at least for the next several years.

A report just released by global business information provider HIS Markit says global demand for refined products is expected to grow an average 1.1 million barrels per day through the end of 2020. The report compared the levels of total oil liquids demand to those seen in what it called the "golden age" of refining from 2003 to 2007.

Spencer Welch, director, head of global short-term refining research at HIS Markit said oil producers should learn four things from the report he co-authored with Eleanor Budds, principal analyst, oil markets and downstream.

"One, global oil demand is currently growing at exceptional rates, equal to the golden age of refining from 2003 to 2007," he told the Reporter-Telegram by email from London, where he is based. "Second, the current oil demand growth is more diverse than 2003-07, distributed more widely across the globe and between different refined products, whereas in 2003-07, demand was heavily weighted toward diesel and gasoil growth in China. Third, this will

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TOP: Catherine Holcomb looks through a telescope at the sun Saturday during Astronomy Day at Blakemore Planetarium. **RIGHT:** Eileen Collins, ret. U.S. Air Force col.and NASA astronaut, talks with Heidi and Mason Delk and other admirers and signs copies of her book, "Bringing Columbia Home," on Saturday during a meet and greet before her talk at the Blakemore Planetarium as part of Astronomy Day. See more photos of the event on **Page 1B.**

US oil rush spurs 'triangle' trade as output, exports soar

■ Official: 'There's nothing really there that suggests anything needs to change or replace Cushing'

By Sheela Tobben and Jessica Summers
Bloomberg

Rapid increases in U.S. oil output and exports over the past two years are forcing some traders and producers to try alternative ways of pricing crude.

While the market benchmark remains West Test Intermediate crude delivered in Cushing, Oklahoma, there has been a surge in trading of futures contracts tracking the price differences between WTI and oil sold in Gulf Coast ports like Houston and the Permian shale fields near Midland.

Holdings of spread contracts on the New York Mercantile Exchange jumped from almost nothing after the U.S. ended a ban on exports in 2015 and domestic output nearly doubled. The transactions reflect big changes in the American market and are fueling calls for a new pricing benchmark linked to the coast rather than Cushing, 500 miles inland.

"You have a new triangle that is emerging with greater international exposure by the U.S. to the rest of the world," said Harry Tchilinguirian, head of commodity markets strategy at BNP Paribas in London. "As long as the relative spreads between the magic triangle of Midland, Houston and Cushing work, and oil can be reallocated on the basis of price signals, it will be efficient."

Open interest on futures tracking the difference between Midland and Cushing was 169,000 contracts last week, while the Houston-Cushing spread topped 103,000 contracts, exchange data show. The futures provide an alternative for refiners and exporters to hedge price risk for the crude where they need it.

Prices in the U.S. have been linked for decades to oil stashed in Cushing's storage tanks, a central location in a country that had become increasingly reliant

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City: Frozen water pipe creates more than $300,000 in damage to ballpark suites

By Stewart Doreen
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Frozen water pipes created $311,857 in damage to stadium suites at Security Bank Ballpark, according to the city of Midland.

Officials were making routine repairs to suites at the baseball stadium, according to city documents, when staff recognized "irreparable water damage" behind the cabinets in some suites. The suites had sustained a "great deal of damage from frozen water pipes during the extreme freeze in early January."

Extensive damage was identified three weeks before the opening of the RockHounds baseball season, and the city directed actions to examine all 22 suites. Environmental testing was performed to determine the levels of repairs necessary to bring the suites back into condition that would allow public use, according to the

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Obituaries





Vera Colleen Michael

Vera Colleen Michael, 80, of Midland passed away on April 19, 2018. Funeral Mass will be held 4:00 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2018, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland.

Colleen was born on July 16, 1937 in Hobbs, New Mexico to Vera Mae Couch and Lawrence O'Connor "PeeWee" Herndon. She met Harlan Michael as a young teller at the First National Bank in Denver. In 1958, they married and soon after moved to Midland, Texas where they raised their two daughters, Cindy and Theresa.

Colleen had many adventures and interests throughout her life. Her main joy was raising her two daughters. She was their Girl Scout Leader for many years, sharing her love for crafts, camping, and leadership in the great outdoors with many girls. As her daughters grew up, she began to explore many different hobbies. She was a member of The Midland Palette Club, where she created various pieces of beautiful art. During this time, she also began a love for making pottery. Colleen was a very creative person and always loved getting into projects. She was also a very avid gardener. She spent many years studying the Spanish language even up until very recently. Colleen also held many different jobs, including working for Bunny Kent Realtors, representing Avon and Mary Kay Cosmetics, became a Realtor at Langston Realtors, worked at Caprock Title Company, was President of the Midland Chapter of The Association of Records Managers and Administrators, and as a Record Keeper at Midland County Court House, where she finally retired.

Colleen saw much of the world with her best friend, Lucy Thummel, by her side. They shared many laughs and memories getting into hilarious situations that only the two of them could have possibly found. Her final years were filled with many activities with wonderful friends at Manor Park.

She thoroughly enjoyed sharing her love of reading, imagination, and art with her eight grandchildren. She always had the best Halloween Costumes for herself and all of the kids. She knitted and crocheted many heirlooms for her great-grandchildren, as well. Her greatest pleasure was being surrounded by her large family and wonderful friends.

Colleen is survived by her daughter, Cindy Michael Midkiff and husband Greg of Midland, and their children, Michael Midkiff, Matthew Midkiff and wife Courtney, Nathan Midkiff and wife Taryn, Preston Midkiff and wife Jennifer, and Elizabeth Midkiff Miers and husband Andy; as well as her daughter Theresa Michael Hillman and husband John "Gator" Hillman of Midland, and their children, Allyse Hillman Horton and husband Robert, Mollye Hillman Plagens and husband Drew, and John Michael Hillman and fiancé Addie Anthony. Colleen is also survived by her eight beloved great-grandchildren.

Colleen is preceded in death by her parents, Harlan and her great-granddaughter, Eloise Horton.

The family would like to thank all of the compassionate group of people who cared for Colleen: Janie, Jan, Yvonne, Carmen, April, Edie and Helen, of Jenn's Loving Caregivers, Dinora Lizoya, as well as, Tracie, Terri, Michelle, and Irma of Hospice of Midland. The family is also very grateful for the doctors and staff at Texas Oncology.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Midland at 911 W. Texas Avenue Midland, Texas 79701, or the St. Ann's Youth Center at St. Ann's Church of Midland.

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

Online condolences may made at www.npwelch.com.

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David Lee Watkins II

Our family is rejoicing with broken hearts. Our beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend is finally suffering no more. David Lee Watkins II traded in his tired and cancer riddled body for something much more comfortable and in the presence of our lord on April 20, 2018.

David, more affectionately known as "Pop Dave" to his grandchildren, was born in Gary, Indiana on February 28, 1959. While he wasn't born in Texas, he got here as soon as he could. West Texas, in particular, is the place that he has called home since the early 1980's. In Midland, he had several different careers and adventures. He made friends everywhere he went, including the Lions Club, the Bass Fishing Club, Greentree Country Club, One Hope Church of Christ, the Emmaus Community, and many more.

David spent over 20 years loving the work he did in the radio industry and he won many awards. Most notably, he has been the best radio advertisement salesman in the region for the last 20+ years. As a matter of fact, Dave was recently notified that he was the top salesmen for his company, nationwide. He loved his work, he loved his clients, and they loved him.

Perhaps the only thing he loved more than his family and his clients was fishing. If Dave found a place or a way to put a hook in the water, you can bet he was all over it. Not many things brought him as much joy as fishing with his friends. The catch didn't matter, it was the water and being among God's creations that made his heart smile. Being in his Kayak on the creek truly is where all his stress melted away. His "fishing camp" at Mertzon was home away from Home. When he wasn't fishing, you could usually find "Pops" piddling in the garage on some new project. Most recently he taught himself to weld all different types of metal and was even casting ant hills out of aluminum to give to family and friends as gifts. He took great pride in every project he started and never did it the "easy way."

In the late 90's, David's life was changed dramatically. He met the love of his life, Laura, in 1998. The love and compassion they shared helped David really develop a relationship with the Lord which was something new for him. In 1999, he went on a "Walk to Emmaus" which really cemented his renewed faith in God and helped him grow and turn him into the Godly man that he was until the end. Dave was so excited about the miracle that God had worked in him that he told anybody that would listen about the "Walk to Emmaus" and shared with them the Good News. He also sponsored dozens of people on their "Walks" so that they could experience the love of Christ the way he had.

Back in 2000, David and his son, David Lee Watkins III, joined their small family with Laura Vasbinder-Gafford and her family. Even though Laura had 2 adult sons and one teenage son of her own, Pop Dave loved each of them and treated them like his own from day one. He did the same, yet even to a greater degree, with his grandchildren. He loved each of them dearly, even when they were calling him "Pooper Dave." From "mystery bags" to "duder" (a Swahili word according to Dave), he developed a very special relationship with each of his grandchildren and truly cared for them as his own.

Dave was a loving, generous, and gracious man, even in the end. When someone would compliment his neck tie, he would take it off and give it to them. When he met someone with a need, stranger or friend, he did whatever he could to help, even including loaning vehicles and giving places to stay. He always seemed to know when to dispense advice and when to keep it to himself. Even during his last days in the hospital, he kept his gracious humbleness. Not one single nurse or doctor entered the room to check on him that he didn't make a point to get their attention and give a sincere "Thank You." The number of friends and relationships that he left behind is truly staggering.

David is survived by his wife, Laura; 3 step-sons, Chance and Renee Gafford of Palm Bay, FL, Chris and Vonda Gafford of Midland, TX, and Chad Gafford of Midland, TX; 3 sisters, Donna Peres of Valparaiso, IN, Maralee and Howard Jacobs of Woodbine, MD, Stephany Watkins of La Porte, IN, 2 brothers: Dennis and Sharon Watkins of Portage, IN, Jeremy Watkins of La Porte, IN, 5 grandchildren, 13 nieces/nephews, and many more.

David was preceded in death by 1 nephew and his son, David Lee Watkins III.

A visitation will be held at One Hope Church of Christ (2503 W. Ohio, Midland, TX) from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Sunday, April, 22. The memorial service will be held on Monday, April 23, at Golf Course Road Church of Christ (3500 W. Golf Course Rd, Midland, TX.) starting at 4:00PM.

In lieu of flowers, you can make donations to the American Transplant Foundation or any other organ transplant charity. Organ donation was very close to Dave's heart.



Doris Stewart

Doris Stewart went to be with our Lord Friday, April 20, 2018. She was born December 17, 1925 to Gus H. and Bessie Leona Hollabaugh Hobbs at Vera, Texas.

Surviving her are her husband, J. Ray Stewart, four children, Barbara and husband Bob Williams of Ruidoso, N.M., Larry White of Odessa, Texas, Sherri Lea and Richard Smith of Midland, Texas, Doris (Sparky) Stevens of Ruidoso, N.M. and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

She and her husband J. Ray Stewart were married almost 51 years and were very devoted to each other. They both came to Midland in 1957, but didn't meet until many years later.

When she and J. Ray met in 1965, she was working as receptionist for Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin and Browder law firm in Midland.

She was a wonderful cook and loved having friends in for dinner.

They owned a small ranch near Camp Wood, Texas for some 15 years where they spent as much time as possible enjoying hunting, fishing and "digging" for arrowheads.

They moved to Ruidoso, N.M. in 1995 where they had spent many holidays for some 25 years. They lived there in the home they built and intended to be there the rest of their lives. But for health reasons they moved back to Midland in 2013 where daughter Sherri lives. They loved New Mexico and made many, many trips to Santa Fe 2 to 3 times a year; and Vermejo Park Ranch in Northeast New Mexico where they loved to fish every year for some 15 years. J. Ray hunted elk there many times.

Doris loved Christmas and always "went all out" decorating the home beautifully, having all the children, their spouses and grandchildren present on those special occasions.

She was truly loved by all who knew her and will be missed by all.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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LaVonne Weber

LaVonne Weber of Cozad passed away April 20, 2018 at Good Care Center at the age of 83. LaVonne was born August 9, 1934 in San Angelo, Texas to George and Lora (Cunningham) Clark. She graduated from Midland High School with the class of 1953. LaVonne attended Odessa Jr. College, pursuing a degree in music. She played the organ professionally all over the mid western part of the United States. LaVonne moved to North Platte where she met and later married Harold Weber. They made their home in Cozad where they raised their family. She taught piano and guitar lessons from her home for several years. LaVonne loved music and painting porcelain dolls. Her most treasured times were spent with family and enjoying her vacation home in Ruidoso, New Mexico. She was a member and organist at the Cozad Bible Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Harold in 1982; brother, Larry Clark; brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws, Ed and Margaret Krejci and Chester and Marjorie Weber; and great granddaughter, Lindsay Rose Bennett. Survivors include her son Dell Weber and wife Nancy of Gering; daughter Carmen Morse and husband Bernard of Cozad; grandchildren, Kristen Bennett and husband Eli of Cozad, Joshua Morse of Cozad, Blake Weber of Ohio, Amy Hensel and husband Mir of Kearney, Corey Hoaghand of Gering, Casey Hoaghand and wife Becky of North Platte; 7 great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Pat Clark of Midland, TX; several nieces and nephews; and extended family and friends.

Services will be Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cozad Bible Church with Pastor JC Calhoun officiating. Burial will follow at Cozad Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 1p.m. to 8p.m. with family receiving friends from 6p.m. to 8p.m. at Berryman Funeral Home.



Artesia Elaine Reyes

Artesia Elaine Reyes of Midland, passed away April 21, 2018. She was born March 18, 2000. A viewing will be held Monday, April 22, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home, 1502 N. Lamesa Road in Midland. Chapel service will follow at 3:00 p.m. at funeral home chapel.

She leaves to cherish her memory parents, Joe and Delma Reyes of Midland; a brother, Joseph Reyes of Midland; a sister, Allison Garcia of Midland; paternal grandparents, Joe and Aida Reyes of Midland; and maternal grandmother, Alicia Marquez of Stanton. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

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continued for another few years, so refining margins are expected to remain strong in this period, considerably better than the challenging years of 2009-2014. Finally, refiners need to make the most of the current good times, to invest and prepare for a future that may be more challenging and competitive as global oil demand eases."

Welch explained that refiners are making more money because strong oil demand growth tends to increase margins. "The reason for this is that refinery capacity takes longer to increase than demand growth — if demand is growing rapidly — so rapid demand growth means refinery utilization increases, which can be a challenge to the industry, causing tightness in refined product markets and refined product prices to rise," he said.

Another difference in this cycle is that natural gas liquids are contributing more to global demand, making up around 25 percent of total oil demand growth at present, Welch said. "This is not good for refiners because these bypass refiners, going straight from the producing well to a customer so consumption growth of these does not help refiners. However, even the remaining 75 percent of the demand growth is still high and good for refiners."

The company's researchers continue seeking answers to questions such as how long oil demand growth will last, and will ongoing economic growth and moderately low, stable oil prices continue to support demand and refining margins into the medium term.

"We focused on the exceptional high oil demand growth at present," said Welch. "Medium to long-term oil demand growth will ease, as substitution by alternative fuels increases and efficiency increases, but oil demand is almost certain to continue growing into the 2030s."

He repeated his caution that oil demand will ease as it is impacted by the rise of alternative fuels such as electric vehicles.

"They will have an impact, but not for at least 10 years, in our opinion," Welch said. Though such vehicles comprise only 1.5 to 2 percent of total global vehicle sales and account for less than 0.5 percent of the global vehicle fleet, he said they are gaining momentum.

"There will be lot of momentum, a lot of increased sales before they become significant and impinge on the use of oil as a transportation fuel," Welch stated. "Ten to 15 years is what we expect before electric vehicles cut into the use of gasoline and diesel. I don't think it's inevitable it will happen. It's a question of when. It's way off in the future, but the future is coming."

Triangle

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upon imported crude. Trading in the benchmark WTI futures and options remains robust, averaging 1.31 million a day in 2018, up 16 percent from a year earlier. Aggregate futures open interest this month was 2.61 million contracts — valued at $176 billion — after reaching a record of 2.69 million in November.

But in recent years, a drilling boom in shale formations turned the U.S. into one of the world's top producers.

Exports went from almost zero as recently as 2014 to more than 2 million barrels a day last month, and tankers now line up in coastal ports to ferry oil across the ocean.

As supplies have increased and crude moved in new directions, some traders are suggesting contracts tied to landlocked Cushing should be replaced with ones that better reflect the flow of physical oil from the Gulf Coast to global markets.

Domestic production has more than doubled from the lows of a decade ago, topping 10 million barrels a day each week since early February.

Much of that is from shale deposits, with the Permian alone pumping more than 3 million barrels a day, up from less than 2 million two years earlier.

Exports reached 2.18 million barrels a day in March, the most since the government ended its ban in 2015.

The shipments travel mostly from the Gulf Coast, home to a third of American refineries with a combined capacity of almost 10 million barrels of crude. That's more than half of what the country consumes.

Companies, including Enterprise Products Partners and Plains All American Pipeline, already are adding more tanks to handle increased shipments to the region. In October, researcher Morningstar estimated Gulf Coast storage capacity would increase this year by 56 million barrels.

"As the demand center shifts to the export markets, it would be more important to have prices on the water, shifting away from Cushing-based prices," said John Coleman, a Houston-based senior analyst for North American crude oil markets at Wood Mackenzie Ltd.

To be sure, even with the increase in production, the U.S. is still a net importer of crude, which means domestic markets remain a key factor in determining prices. Americans rely on foreign supplies for more than a third of the oil they consume, though that's down from two thirds a decade earlier. Most of the foreign crudes are heavy, high-sulfur grades from Canada, the Middle East and Latin America that many U.S. refineries are designed to process, rather than the higher-grade light, low-sulfur WTI.

Suites

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city. Blackmon Mooring Co. was called for the remediation as a cost of $69,724.14.

Emergency reconstruction then took place to replace sheetrock, cabinets, flooring, painting and cleaning of all interior surfaces in all 22 suites. All testing and inspections required took place in time for the suites to be occupied for the Texas Tech baseball game on April 3 and the RockHounds opener on April 5, according to the city.

Blackmon Mooring completed the reconstruction at a cost of $242,132.94, according to the city. The $311,857 in funding for both contracts is available in the FY 2018 Schoolman Sports Complex maintenance operating budget.

Tina Jane, Community Services director for the city, said using the maintenance budget was preferable because this was maintenance and not a capital item. In the past, the city and RockHounds had agreed to a 50/50 split of suite revenue when new suites were added to the ballpark, and the split helped the city recoup some of that money as it was a capital project.

"Also, that (maintenance) needed to be redone," Jane told the Reporter-Telegram. "It had been 15 years since any tile or countertop had been replaced. We hadn't done any maintenance in the suites as far as any of the items there."

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Drought returns to huge swaths of US, fueling fears of a thirsty future

By David Montgomery
Stateline.org



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A "Drought Help" sign is hung April 19, 2018, at the PACC Water Resource Center, where residents either picked up bottled water for free or pumped water into large multi-gallon totes to bring home.

In Midland

Rainfall this year:	0.16 of an inch
Typical rainfall through April 22:	2.33 inches
Rainfall last year:	4.8 inches

Driest starts in Midland

(January through March)

1971:	0.01 of an inch
2011:	0.11 of an inch
1998:	0.13 of an inch
2018:	0.16 of an inch

AUSTIN — Less than eight months after Hurricane Harvey pelted the Texas Gulf Coast with torrential rainfall, drought has returned to Texas and other parts of the West, Southwest and Southeast, rekindling old worries for residents who dealt with earlier waves of dry spells and once again forcing state governments to reckon with how to keep the water flowing.

Nearly a third of the continental United States was in drought as of April 10, more than three times the coverage of a year ago. And the specter of a drought-ridden summer has focused renewed urgency on state and local conservation efforts, some of which would fundamentally alter Americans' behavior in how they use water.

In California, for example, officials are considering rules to permanently ban water-wasting actions such as hosing off sidewalks and driveways, washing a vehicle with a hose that doesn't have a shut-off valve, and irrigating ornamental turf on public street medians. The regulations, awaiting a final decision by the California State Water Resources Control Board, were in force as temporary emergency measures during part of a devastating five-year drought but were lifted in 2017 after the drought subsided.

Water restrictions, either forced or voluntary, are nothing new to states and communities where battling drought is often a part of life. In Amarillo, Texas, the city's water department stresses conservation with the message "every drop counts," and urges customers to do "at least one thing a day to save water." A similar mantra — "squeeze every drop" — is part of the water-saving culture in Oklahoma City, where officials enforce mandatory lawn-watering restrictions and impose higher rates for excessive water use.

Years of studies by government and environmental groups have warned that future demand for water is threatening to outstrip availability, particularly in the drought-plagued West and Southwest, unless policymakers take steps to reverse those trends.

"More and more cities around the world are running into limits on how much water they have available to meet their needs," said Peter Gleick, co-founder of the Oakland-based Pacific Institute and an expert on water and climate issues.

To understand the potential dangers, U.S. officials might look halfway around the world, to parched Cape Town, South Africa, where residents this year faced a crisis that seems straight from science fiction. After three years of drought, the city of 4 million spent months united in a struggle to fend off Day Zero, when Cape Town was projected to become the world's first major urban center to run out of water.

Residents skimped on dishwashing and laundry, took minishowers, washed their hands with sanitizer, flushed the toilet with leftover shower water, and made numerous other sacrifices to daily routines. The objective: to cut individual water consumption to 50 liters a day, or 13.2 gallons, far below the U.S. average of 80 to 100 gallons. Hundreds queued up for daily water rations as the city deployed law enforcement officers — widely dubbed "the world's first water police" — to enforce restrictions.

The day of reckoning was originally expected to fall in mid-April, but was postponed to May and then to June.

The draconian conservation campaign had enabled Cape Town to proclaim at least partial success in March when it pushed back Day Zero to sometime in 2019. But the executive deputy mayor, Ian Neilson, said the city is still in crisis mode until it completely replenishes its water supplies.

The picture of a coastal metropolis going without water once seemed inconceivable. But as a waterless Cape Town has become a potential reality, its story has sparked new concerns over the growing scarcity of the planet's most basic resource.

U.S. government and environmental experts generally agree that no major city is in imminent danger of the kind of scenario confronting Cape Town. But residents in some small communities have struggled, and at the same time, U.S. experts worry that protracted global warming, worsening droughts, vanishing groundwater and growing populations will erode future supplies and make Americans increasingly vulnerable throughout the 21st century.

One critical water resource threatened by shortages is the Colorado River System, which includes parts of seven states and provides water for up to 40 million people. In the absence of "timely action to ensure sustainability," the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation said in a 2012 assessment of the river basin, "there exists a strong potential for significant imbalances between water supply and demand in coming decades."

Lake Mead, a reservoir sprawling 120 miles behind the Hoover Dam in Nevada, is less than half full after years of drought. The reservoir, which is part of the Colorado River System, serves nearly 25 million people in Nevada, Arizona and California.

Burgeoning population growth is also straining water resources. The Texas Water Development Board has authorized $6.2 billion in financing for 48 municipal and regional projects after state water planners warned that the population of the second-most-populous state would grow by 70 percent over the next 50 years. Available water supplies were projected to fall by 11 percent during that same period without new investment.

The Environmental Protection Agency, in a January 2017 snapshot of the impact of climate change, predicted that the Southern Plains will face more "extreme heat" in the future, saying that the number of days of 100 degrees or hotter will quadruple by 2050.

"Increasing temperatures and more frequent and severe droughts," the EPA said, "are expected to heighten competition for water resources for use in cities, agriculture and energy production."

Adding to America's water insecurity is a decadeslong decline in groundwater resources, which supply half of the nation's residents and nearly all of its rural population, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Sustained groundwater pumping has steadily taken its toll on aquifers throughout the country, lowering groundwater levels by hundreds of feet in some places. Water levels in the High Plains aquifer system, which underlies parts of eight states, have dropped by more than 100 feet in places, largely as a result of extensive irrigation, according to the USGS.

"As more wells and deeper wells have been drilled to access groundwater, it exacerbates the groundwater level decline and there is often no way to get that back," said Breton Bruce, a scientist with USGS in Denver. "Basically, we are pumping groundwater faster than it recharges."

Large sections of the United States are all too familiar with drought and its devastating impact on both surface and groundwater. Over the past decade, Texas and California endured — and are still recovering from — record multiyear droughts that plunged lake levels, killed millions of trees, and cost billions of dollars in lost crops and livestock. Georgia went through four droughts from 1998 to 2016. Arizona has been confronting drought throughout the 21st century.

Two small communities, East Porterville in California and Spicewood Beach in Texas, drew national attention during their states' droughts after their wells ran dry and outsiders came to the rescue with water deliveries. As many as 30 other Texas communities came close to running out of water during the drought, according to press reports.

"Things were grim. I didn't get water for 20 months," recalls Jim Burr, a peace justice and 33-year resident of Terlingua, a small community of about 800 people in the remote Big Bend region of Texas. After his 16-foot-deep well ran dry during the height of the last drought, Burr was forced to dig another that extended 45 feet deep.

The latest wave of droughts has descended on more than a dozen states across the country. The largest band stretches across the Southwest and includes parts of southern California, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas and the panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma. Pockets of drought are also in the Northern Plains, including parts of Montana and the Dakotas, and the southeastern states of Georgia and South Carolina.

Brian A. Fuchs, associate geoscientist and climatologist at the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the Southwestern drought that started in October is "the most intense, significant drought area that we have going on right now." The ultimate impact, he said, depends on how long it lasts. For now, he added, "the jury is still out."

"It's one of those situations where time is definitely going to tell," he said. "If we see conditions continue to worsen over the next six months without any improvement, the situation is going to be a lot more significant than where we're at right now."

Most of the states on the front lines of the current drought already have spent decades shoring up their defenses, operating on a proven regimen that whenever one drought ends, another is lurking not far in the future. But at the same, the search for effective state water policy also has been fraught with conflict, often displaying the competing interests of agriculture, property owners, big cities, small communities, energy developers, conservationists and environmentalists and a host of others. Solutions never come easy.

"Water is fundamental to all the interests," said Luke Metzger, executive director of Environment Texas, "and, at times of scarcity, it can be a feeding frenzy, where all the interests are competing for a finite supply."

Water necessity has also led to innovation. Two Texas cities — Big Spring and Wichita Falls — have drawn accolades from environmentalists with projects to recycle waste water into potable water. In 1980, Arizona enacted what has widely been hailed as a pioneering initiative with its Groundwater Management Act, which, among other things, required new developments to prove they could assure enough water to last 100 years.

"Arizona has had a longtime history of marshaling its water forces," said Doug MacEachern, communications administrator for the Arizona Department of Water Resources. MacEachern said the state uses less water overall today than it did in 1957 when there were at least 5 million fewer people.

California has also produced an array of water-saving initiatives, including enacting its version of a groundwater management act in 2014. The same year, Californians approved a $7.5 billion bond package on water projects that included expanding water storage, protecting rivers and lakes, bolstering groundwater sustainability and water recycling. In June, voters will be asked to spend another $4.1 billion for initiatives that include water infrastructure and flood protection projects.

"We're running fast to try to make ourselves resilient for the long term," said Felicia Marcus, who chairs the California State Water Resources Control Board.

In Texas, memories of destructive droughts and fears of future water shortages prompted voters in 2013 to create the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) to help ensure abundant water supplies through 2070. The initiative empowered the Texas Water Development Board to authorize low-interest loans and other incentives to finance municipal and regional projects envisioned under the state's long-range water plan.

"In general, there's enough water for the projected future population ... if we do it right," said Janice Bezanson, executive director of the Texas Conservation Alliance. She acknowledges the potential of "case by case" shortages in small communities, but said that the state is "planning far enough in the future" to assure its cities of sufficient water resources.

The Texas plan calls for the creation of 26 new reservoirs as well as for other initiatives: recycling, an expanded push for desalination and replacing infrastructure to get rid of aging, leaking pipelines blamed for water loss. Some of the proposed new reservoirs have ignited a fierce pushback from landowners and conservationists, who say new lakes would threaten farm and ranch land, endanger wilderness areas, and encroach on wildlife habitat.

Meanwhile in Cape Town, Executive Deputy Mayor Neilson said the race against Day Zero has fundamentally redefined the city's water strategies. Officials there, too, want to find alternatives.

The city, which doesn't have a reliable source of groundwater, draws its supplies almost exclusively from surface water in its six major reservoirs. Neilson said officials have learned that they'll need to diversify their water supply to other sources: groundwater where possible, along with water re-use and desalination.

And what about Day Zero? Neilson said the city is placing its hopes on good fortunes from the upcoming rainy season as well as quick steps such as building temporary desalination plants, which would eventually be followed by permanent plants.

City officials will then reassess toward the end of the year, he said.

"You start off from having years of luxury and having plentiful water," he said. "You have certain behaviors that you develop, and you then have to teach yourself to do things differently."

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Southwest's heavy heart: How the LUV airline responds to the worst accident in its history

By Conor Shine
The Dallas Morning News

April 22 — For every potential crisis, Southwest Airlines has a plan, carefully crafted by a specialized group of employees and regularly drilled by team members to hone the instincts that will kick in at a moment's notice, even as they hope that moment never comes.

After 47 years of preparation, a tragedy unlike any other in its history struck Southwest Airlines this week, when a passenger onboard a Dallas-bound flight was killed Tuesday morning after a failed engine sent debris into the wing and fuselage.

In an instant, an airline that prides itself on taking care of its people above all else was faced with its first onboard fatality and the sobering task of caring for a grieving family and the 148 other people aboard the flight.

"This is a very sad day," Southwest's CEO Gary Kelly said Tuesday evening at the carrier's Love Field headquarters.

Hours earlier, as the flight from New York to Dallas approached cruising altitude shortly after 11 a.m., a fan blade broke off from the engine. The ensuing damage blew out the window on Row 14, and the passenger sitting next to it, 43-year-old New Mexico bank executive and mother of two Jennifer Riordan, suffered fatal injuries.

A harrowing 22 minutes after the engine failure, the plane was back on the ground after an emergency landing in Philadelphia, with only a handful of minor injuries reported. The care started almost immediately, as the plane's pilot Capt. Tammie Jo Shults walked the aisle to check on her passengers.

'Everybody feels it'

Southwest's emergency response plan kicked into action as employees around the country were scrambled in order to respond to the accident.

Tuesday night, the company sped up plans to inspect thousands of fan blades on other engines in its fleet, a time-intensive effort to ensure the rest of the fleet is safe.

The company also arranged a special flight to Dallas Tuesday night available only to Flight 1380 passengers that was staffed with a veteran crew who provided regular updates throughout the trip.

The following days were a blur of meetings, long hours and coordinating responses to passengers, the public and the media.

The company's top priority, Kelly said, has been taking care of those who were on the flight, a challenge the carrier has seemingly risen to meet, based on praise from many of those onboard.

"Friendly, understanding, concerned," was how Dallas community organizer Matt Tranchin, who was returning from business a trip to New York, described the company's response.

In the days since, Southwest employees have been in regular contact by phone and email with the passengers. On Wednesday, the company provided $5,000 to each to help cover immediate expenses in an email signed by Kelly that began, "On behalf of the entire Southwest Airlines family, please accept our sincerest apologies."

Closer to home, current and former Southwest employees describe a sense of sadness and grief that has permeated their tight-knit community in the days since the accident. Messages of support began flying between friends and colleagues through text messages and Facebook groups, as they checked in on one another and tried to process the unimaginable.

The company has cultivated a loyal and family-like culture since its earliest days, with the bonds forged during good times helping sustain employees through one of Southwest's most trying times.

"It was pride in the crew and deep sorrow over the loss of this passenger. There's just a sense of, this is heartbreaking, but we will get through this," said Cynthia Young, an assistant vice president at UT Southwestern Medical Center who worked at Southwest for over a decade, most recently as senior director of labor and employee relations communication. "It's a different culture. When there's an issue, everybody feels it."

'Nothing ever prepares you'

No two airline accidents are ever the same, but their toll inevitably weighs heavily on those involved.

"I've seen a lot of airline crashes over 40 years. No matter which airline, the people take it very personally," said Darryl Jenkins, executive director of the American Aviation Institute. "Nothing ever prepares you for the horror of a death on an airplane."

The National Transportation Safety Board's investigation is still in its early phases, with the engine in Philadelphia processed to ship off-site for further examination Friday afternoon. The accident was the first to result in a passenger death onboard a U.S. airline in more than nine years.

Already, attention has focused on the broken fan blade, the second time in less than two years that has happened on a Southwest plane equipped with a CFM56-7B engine. The previous failure took place on an Aug. 27, 2016 flight from New Orleans to Orlando, and no passengers were injured as the plane made an emergency landing in Pensacola, Fla.

The seeming similarity between the two incidents has prompted questions and concerns about whether regulators and airlines should have responded faster with ultrasonic inspections first recommended by the engine's manufacturer, CFM International, in March of last year.

On Friday, the Federal Aviation Administration issued an emergency directive calling for older CFM56-7B engines to be inspected within 20 days. CFM International has recommended 2,500 more engines, each with 24 fan blades, in fleets across the world be inspected by August.

The true cause of Tuesday's engine failure, and whether it should have been prevented, likely won't be known for a year or more. The NTSB is expected to issue its preliminary findings within a few weeks or months, but its final report could take 12 to 24 months.

The agency still hasn't issued its final findings from the 2016 incident, a process that could be extended by this week's events.

"Engine failures like this should not occur," NTSB chairman Robert Sumwalt said in a Wednesday briefing. "We've got a long way to go."

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A Southwest Airlines aircraft nears an area airport as a helicopter flies in the opposite direction over the Circuit Of The Americas on Sunday in Austin.

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Troops are for war not border enforcement

■ When Trump followed the lead of the last two presidents — one Democrat, one Republican — and ordered troops to the border, he let U.S. employers off the hook

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In the Southwest, four governors are sending National Guard troops to the U.S.-Mexico border. To understand how dangerous this could be, you can listen to politicians or poets.

Consider what California Gov. Jerry Brown — the only Democrat in that cohort — said last week at the National Press Club in Washington. Reluctant to honor President Trump's request for troops, but afraid to be seen as weak on immigration, Brown is in quite a pickle.

In his remarks to reporters, the governor of the Golden State downplayed his showdown with Trump. The president — who seems to enjoy using California as a foil — has accused the Democrat of undermining border security.

Last week, Brown — who claimed that California and the Trump administration are "pretty close to an agreement" — pledged to send as many as 400 National Guard troops to the border, but only on the condition that they not enforce immigration law or build a wall.

"Trying to stop drug smuggling, human trafficking and guns going to Mexico to the cartels, that sounds to me like fighting crime," he said.

Hold on. Brown must think he is being clever, doing Trump's bidding but on his own terms. Yet how are the California National Guard troops supposed to "fight crime" — which isn't their job by the way — without interacting with illegal immigrants? Are troops supposed to arrest the human traffickers and not also take into custody the humans being trafficked?

"Trying to catch some desperate mothers and children, unaccompanied minors coming from Central America? That sounds like something else," Brown said.

Agreed. To many Latinos, it sounds like someone is trying to bleach out the brown and make America white again.

Let's consult with a band of Mexican poets who have — as naturalized U.S. citizens living in San Jose, California, since the 1960s — used music to decipher the Mexican diaspora.

To unpack the experience of working-class whites in the Rust Belt, you turn to Bruce Springsteen. But to decode what it means to be an undocumented Mexican immigrant living on this side of the line, you need to soak up the wisdom of Los Tigres del Norte — a band that has sold more than 30 million records.

In their cultural battle hymn, "Somos Mas Americanos," an undocumented immigrant stands up to Americans who mistake workers for invaders and assume a war footing.

"*Soy extranjero en mi tierra. Y no vengo a darles guerra. Soy hombre trabajador.*"

(I'm a stranger in my own land. And I didn't come to make war. I'm a working man.)

America is confused. We take in refugees from war-ravaged Syria — albeit a small number of them — but we won't even give refugees from war-ravaged Central America an asylum hearing. We make a big show about keeping out illegal immigrants; and the party that is doing much of the chest-thumping — the GOP — is hooked on contributions from businesses that use illegal immigrant labor. We portray illegal immigrants as dangerous criminals, then we hand them our children and the digits to our home security code so they can make our lives more comfortable.

Does this make sense to anyone who isn't binge watching Fox News and following the rants of dimwits in New York and Washington who don't know the border from a burrito?

If tough-talking Trump and all the other anti-immigrant bullies are serious about stopping illegal immigration, they don't have to send soldiers and build a wall. All they have to do is find the courage to bite the hand that feeds them. Start locking up employers, and the illegal immigrants they hire will skedaddle.

But beware. This isn't as easy as picking on poorly educated non-citizens who don't speak English and can't defend themselves. Employers will fight back. And they know how to strike fear into the hearts of politicians with just six words: "I'm stopping payment on the check!"

Americans love to complain about illegal immigration, but they'll never accept responsibility for it. Hire illegal immigrants? Who — us?

When Trump followed the lead of the last two presidents — one Democrat, one Republican — and ordered troops to the border, he let U.S. employers off the hook. He also told the world that it's time to take up arms because the United States is being invaded. Truth is, a lot of the folks who come looking for work were pretty much invited.

GUEST VIEW

English is the language, but outreach is needed

One thing needs to be clear from the start: English is the language used by government in Southeast Texas. Residents who don't speak English well need to learn it as quickly as possible. It will help them communicate with their school superintendent ... and grocer, sales clerk, etc.

But, that doesn't change the fact that some Southeast Texans don't speak English as their first language. For their benefit and everyone else's, a little outreach by local governments is in order.

The effort by the Beaumont ISD is stronger than most, but justified.

The district estimates that fully 10 percent of its students grew up speaking another language, usually Spanish. In a familiar story shared by generations of immigrants, sometimes the kids speak better English than their parents.

The BISD is trying to address this. Last week it co-sponsored its first Bilingual Parent Resource Night at South Park Middle School. Superintendent John Frossard speaks some Spanish, and he is trying to hire more Spanish-speaking employees.

The district says the effort was in the works before the February board meeting, when manager A.B. Bernard rebuked a woman who spoke to the board in Spanish.

The BISD's outreach makes sense. It clearly wants Spanish-speaking students passing their courses and learning more English. It wants their parents understanding what is going on in their children's schools and knowing what is needed from them.

The same concept applies to other school districts in the region, as well as city and county governments.

If an important meeting is scheduled or a form must be filled out, the target audience has to know that. Ditto for street closures or a change in trash-pickup days.

Local government mailings can include a sentence or two informing Spanish-speakers how to get further information on the issue. Websites can be set up to provide translations to other language. Bilingual employees are always a plus.

Communication with taxpayers is enough of a challenge for local governments, and it's clearly harder when a language barrier is involved. There are ways to bridge the gap, and they should be used more often.

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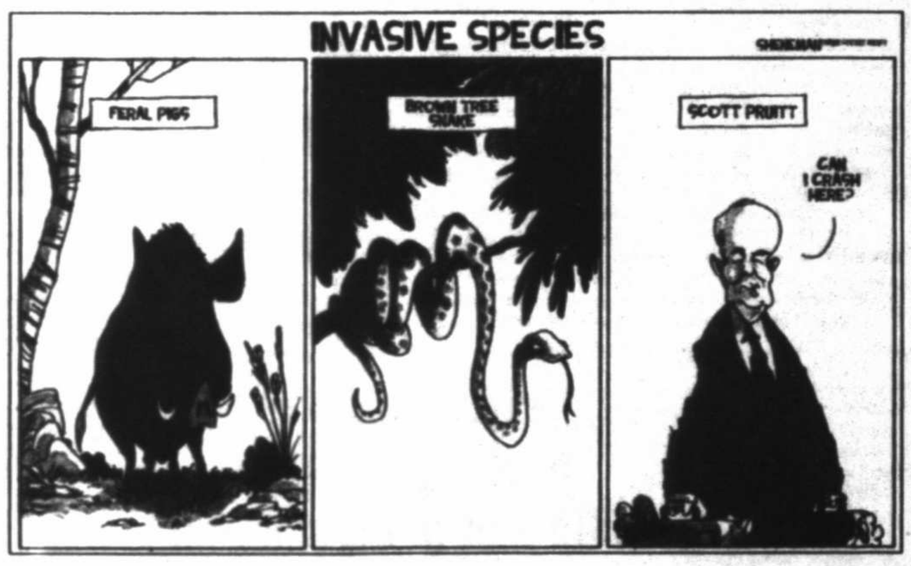
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The Senate must confirm Pompeo

■ For senators to vote down a highly qualified nominee over their disdain for the president is completely unwarranted and a breach of Senate norms.

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For the first time in the history of the republic, it appears increasingly likely that a majority of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will vote against the president's nominee for secretary of state. If this happens, it would be a black mark not on Mike Pompeo's record, but on the reputation of this once-storied committee.

There are no instances of a secretary of state nominee ever receiving an unfavorable committee vote since such votes were first publicly recorded in 1925 (before that, the committee voted in closed session). Democrat John Kerry was approved in a unanimous voice vote, including from Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., who opposes Pompeo. Democrat Hillary Clinton was approved 16 to 1, despite concerns about foreign donors to the Clinton Foundation. Madeleine Albright was approved unanimously, with the strong support of my former boss, the committee's conservative then-chairman, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., who called Albright "a tough and courageous lady" and voted for her despite saying that she was "sincerely wrong" in some of her foreign policy views.

Other Democrats, including Warren Christopher and Cyrus Vance, were also approved unanimously in committee, as were Republicans Colin Powell, James Baker and George Shultz. Indeed, no secretary of state going all the way back to Henry Kissinger had ever received more than two negative votes in the Foreign Relations Committee — until Donald Trump became president.

Last year, all 10 Democrats on the committee voted "no" to Rex Tillerson's nomination, making him the first secretary of state in history to be approved on a party-line vote. Now, thanks to the opposition from those 10 Democrats and Paul, it appears that Pompeo could soon become the first secretary of state nominee in history to receive a negative recommendation from the committee.

There is simply no excuse for this. There are no ethical questions hanging over Pompeo's nomination. He has engaged in no disqualifying personal conduct. And no one questions that he is extraordinarily qualified for the job. Indeed, Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., said that Pompeo "has a clear record of public service to his nation — in uniform, in Congress, and as the director of the CIA." Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., said he believes that Pompeo "will work hard to restore morale at State and work to supplement, not strophy, the diplomatic tools at the Secretary of State's disposal."

Yet both are voting against him. Indeed, nine of the committee's 10 Democrats have already declared their opposition to Pompeo — including two, Tim Kaine, D-Va., and Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., — who voted for him to lead the CIA.

Their opposition comes just as President Trump is preparing for a high-stakes nuclear summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Pompeo recently returned from North Korea, where he met with Kim and laid the groundwork for this historic meeting. Democrats ought to ask themselves how their actions will be seen in Pyongyang. To deliver such an undeserved rebuke to Pompeo at such a critical diplomatic moment would be a shameful abdication of the committee's responsibilities.

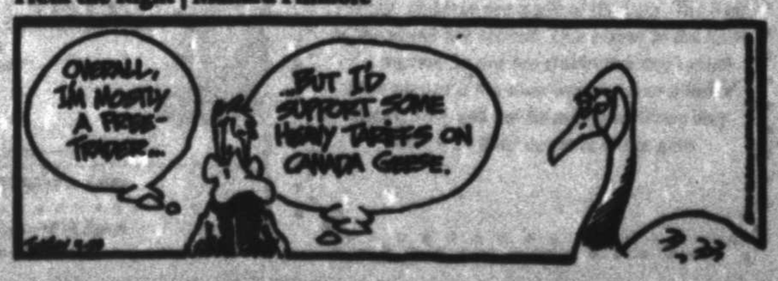
It would also breach two centuries of precedent in which the committee has carefully examined the credentials and qualifications of the president's nominee for secretary of state but acknowledged that the president should have his choice of who should be his chief diplomatic adviser. It is one thing for senators to use a nomination as leverage to gain commitments on specific policy matters. (Helms insisted that Albright work with him on his plans to reform the United Nations and reorganize the State Department, which she did.) Effective senators understand how to use the nomination process to win policy fights. But for senators to vote down a highly qualified nominee over their disdain for the president is completely unwarranted and, quite frankly, a breach of Senate norms.

A negative vote would hurt the Foreign Relations Committee more than Pompeo. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., will bring his nomination to the floor regardless of what the committee does, and it is expected that some Democrats — such as Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., who has publicly announced her support — will vote for him. And when Pompeo is confirmed by the full Senate, he would be more than justified in determining that the State Department is best served by working closely with the appropriators and Senate leadership, and bypassing a committee that can't make policy, can't legislate and can't lead.

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Q&A: How strong is the Islamic State group in Afghanistan

By Kathy Gannon
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — An upstart Islamic State affiliate that first appeared in Afghanistan in 2014 is becoming increasingly deadly and their attacks on the country's minority Shiites have grown bolder. In Sunday's devastating bombing, a suicide bomber walked up to a crowd outside a voter registration office and blew himself up killing 57 people.

Most of the dead were ethnic Hazaras, who are Shiites Muslims. Another 119 people were wounded, many of them seriously.

It was the latest in a series of attacks by IS against the country's minority Shiites. Following last year's attack on the Iraq Embassy in Kabul, the extremist group issued a warning to Shiites that they were coming for them. Since then, they have carried out a number of horrific assaults targeting their places of worship in Kabul and Herat in western Afghanistan.

Like their counterparts in Syria and Iraq, insurgents belonging to Afghanistan's Islamic State group are radical Sunni Muslims who revile Shiites as apostates and believe that the entire Muslim world should be ruled by a single caliphate. In Afghanistan, it is known as the Islamic State in Khorazan province, the ancient name of an area that included parts of Iran, Afghanistan and Central Asia.

How strong is the Islamic State in Afghanistan, and who is active in it?

When the Islamic State group first appeared in Afghanistan its ranks were mostly culled from among the most ferocious of Pakistani Taliban from Pakistan's Bajaur tribal region, driven out by a military offensive, as well as from among disgruntled Taliban, who were frustrated with a leadership reigning in its violence and considering negotiations to end fighting.

At its outset, the Islamic State was mostly confined to eastern Afghanistan's Nangarhar province, but in recent years it has gained ground in the north and northeast of Afghanistan. Their ranks quickly swelled with Uzbek fighters, mostly from Central Asia's Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, many of whom were driven out of Pakistan's South Waziristan tribal region by a military offensive. Analysts say the movement brutality's was unmatched and, as outsiders to Afghanistan, the Uzbek fighters show no compunction about carrying out mass killings. IS, with the aid of Uzbeks, has made inroads into northern Afghanistan where Afghan Uzbeks mostly live. There have been several reports of open recruitment by IMU members. The size of IS in Afghanistan is unknown, but estimates generally run between 3,000 and 5,000 fighters.

What do they want?

The IS in Khorazan province shares the Syrian and Iraqi IS goal of establishing a caliphate that governs the entire Muslim world. Their only stated goal for Afghanistan, however, is to rid it of Shiite Muslims, who make up roughly 15 per cent of the country's 35 million people. The overwhelming majority are Sunni Muslims, who historically have lived in peace with their Shiite brethren. Shiites have stepped up security around their places of worship but Afghanistan's security forces seem confounded on how to prevent the relentless attacks.

Do they have significant support in the population?

There is little support among Afghans for a movement whose sole goal is killing Shiite Muslims. While Afghanistan is a conservative Muslim country that has been alternately ruled by radical religious groups __ first anti-Soviet mujahedeen groups and later the Taliban __ there is practically no support for rule by caliphate. Afghanistan's rulers, even the radical religious ones, have been nationalists, ready to go to war to protect their sovereignty.

What is their relationship to the Taliban?

IS and Taliban are battlefield adversaries which has prompted countries like Russia to confer with the Taliban, who they see as a bulwark against a formidable IS on its southern border. While loosely constructed, the Taliban since the death of its supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar several years ago are mostly comprised of ethnic Pashtuns and Arab-speaking nationals with ties to al-Qaida. They have condemned IS and the two groups have fought each other in eastern Nangarhar province where both seek full control, and where U.S. and Afghan security forces have been carrying out offensives against IS hideouts.

4 dead in Waffle House shooting in Tennessee; suspect sought

By Sheila Burke
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A nearly naked gunman wearing only a green jacket and brandishing an assault rifle stormed a Waffle House restaurant in Nashville early Sunday, shooting four people to death before a customer rushed him and wrestled the weapon away.

Authorities were searching for the 29-year-old suspect, Travis Reinking, who they said drove to the busy restaurant and killed two people in the parking lot before entering and continuing to fire. When his AR-15 rifle either jammed or the clip was empty, the customer disarmed him in a scuffle.

Four people were also wounded before the gunman fled, throwing off his jacket.

Nashville Police Chief Steve Anderson said there was no clear motive, though Reinking may have "mental issues." He may still be armed, Anderson told a mid-afternoon news conference, because he was known to have owned a handgun that authorities have not recovered.

U.S. Secret Service agents arrested Reinking last July for being in a restricted area near the White House, officials said. Special Agent Todd Hudson said Reinking was detained after refusing to leave the restricted area, saying he wanted to meet President Donald Trump.

State police in Illinois, where Reinking lived until last fall, subsequently revoked his state firearms card at the request of the FBI and four guns were then taken from him, including the AR-15 used in Sunday's shooting as well as a handgun, authorities said.

Sheriff Robert Huston in Tazewell County, Illinois, said deputies allowed Reinking's father to take possession of the guns on the promise that he would "keep the weapons secure and out of the possession of Travis." Huston added that, based on past deputies' encounters with Reinking, "there's certainly evidence that there's some sort of mental health issues involved."

While Huston said it was unclear how Reinking reclaimed the guns, Nashville Police spokesman Don Aaron said that his father "has now acknowledged giving them back to his son."

Phone calls to a number listed for the father, Jeffrey Reinking, went unanswered.

Meanwhile, authorities hailed the customer who intervened to stop a further bloodbath, 29-year-old James Shaw, Jr., as a hero — though the father of a 4-year-old girl demurred and said he was just trying to survive.

One hand bandaged, Shaw told reporters he first thought the gunshots fired around 3:25 a.m. were plates falling from a dishwashing station.

When he realized what was happening, he took cover behind a door as shots shattered windows. The gun either jammed or needed a new clip, and that's when Shaw said he pounced after making up his mind that "he was going to have to work to kill me."

Shaw said he was not a religious man, but "for a tenth of a second, something was with me to run through that door and get the gun from him."

They cursed at each other as they scuffled, Shaw said, and he was able to grab the gun and toss it over a counter. The gunman then ran away into the dark of the working- and middle-class Antioch neighborhood of southeast Nashville.

Authorities said he shed his jacket nearby and police found two AR-15 magazines loaded with bullets in the pockets. He was seen walking, naked, on a road, officials said, but later was spotted wearing pants but no shirt after apparently returning to his apartment.

Another witness, Chuck Cordero, told The Tennessean newspaper he had stopped to get a cup of coffee and was outside the Waffle House when the chaos unfolded.

"He did not say anything," Cordero said of the gunman, who he described as "all business."

Cordero said Shaw saved lives. "There was plenty more people in that restaurant," he said.

The dead were identified as 29-year-old restaurant worker Taurean C. Sanderlin, and restaurant patrons Joe R. Perez, 20, Akilah Dasilva, 23, and Deebony Groves, 21. A police statement said Sanderlin and Perez were killed outside the restaurant, Groves was fatally shot inside, and Dasilva was critically wounded inside and later died at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

POLITICAL BRIEFS

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FLORIDA

Trump says North Korea agreed to denuclearize. It hasn't.

WEST PALM BEACH — President Donald Trump on Sunday claimed North Korea has agreed to "denuclearization" before his potential meeting with Kim Jong Un. But that's not the case.

North Korea said Friday it would suspend nuclear tests and intercontinental ballistic missile launches ahead of summits with the U.S. and South Korea. Kim also said a nuclear test site would be closed and "dismantled" now that the country has learned how to make nuclear weapons and mount warheads on ballistic rockets.

But the North has stopped short of saying it has any intention of abandoning its nuclear arsenal, with Kim making clear that nukes remain a "treasured sword."

Trump nonetheless tweeted Sunday that the North has "agreed to denuclearization (so great for World), site closure, & no more testing!"

Being committed to the concept of denuclearization, however, is not the same as agreeing to it, as Trump claims.

South Korea, which is set to meet with North Korea later this week, has said Kim has expressed genuine interest in dealing away his nuclear weapons. But the North for decades has been pushing a concept of "denuclearization" that bears no resemblance to the American definition, vowing to pursue nuclear development unless Washington removes its troops from the Korean Peninsula and the nuclear umbrella defending South Korea and Japan.

South Korea's president has said Kim isn't asking for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the Korean Peninsula as a condition for abandoning his nuclear weapons. If true, that would seem to remove a major sticking point to a potential disarmament deal.

But that still doesn't address a North Korean arsenal that now includes purported thermonuclear warheads and developmental ICBMs developed during a decadeslong cycle of crises, stalemates and broken promises.

Trump agreed to meet with Kim after an invitation was delivered by a South Korean delegation that had just returned from Pyongyang.

NEW YORK

Hillary Clinton, not on ballot, is star of GOP midterm plan

Almost 18 months have passed since Hillary Clinton lost the presidency. She holds no position of power in government. And she is not expected to run for office again.

Yet Clinton is starring in the Republican Party's 2018 midterm strategy.

With control of Congress up for grabs this fall, the GOP's most powerful players are preparing to spend big on plans to feature Clinton as a central villain in attack ads against vulnerable Democrats nationwide.

The strategy, which already has popped up in races in Pennsylvania, Indiana and North Dakota, illustrates the resilience and political potency of Republican voters' antipathy for Clinton. As difficult as it's been for Democrats to move past the Clinton era, it may be even harder for Republicans.

"STOP HILLARY. STOP PELOSI. STOP LAMB," read pamphlets circulated during the special election in Pennsylvania earlier this year.

That's just a taste of what's to come as the November elections grow closer, say those who control the GOP's strategy in the first midterm elections of Donald Trump's presidency.

"I promise you that you'll continue to see it — Hillary Clinton starring in our paid media. She's a very powerful motivator," said Corry Bliss, who leads the Congressional Leadership Fund, a Republican super political action committee ready to spend tens of millions of dollars to shape House races this fall. "It's about what she represents. What she represents, just like what Nancy Pelosi represents, is out-of-touch far-left liberal positions."

Critics suggest the strategy reeks of desperation, if not sexism. But with no Democrat to attack in the White House for the first time in nearly a decade, Republicans are betting big that the ghost of Clinton will serve them well in 2018. Saddled with Trump's poor approval ratings, they may have little choice.

It's helpful, some Republicans say, that Clinton refuses to disappear from national politics altogether.

'A Quiet Place,' 'Rampage' lead newcomers at box office

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It's another weekend of buzz versus pure star power at the box office as the word of mouth sensation "A Quiet Place" finds itself neck-and-neck again with Dwayne Johnson's "Rampage." This time buzz had the slight advantage.

Studio estimates on Sunday have placed "A Quiet Place," with $22 million, in first, and "Rampage" in second with $21 million, but it's possible those numbers may shift when final results are tallied on Monday.

Still, John Krasinski's "A Quiet Place" continues to be a mini phenomenon. With a $17 million production budget, "A Quiet Place" has grossed $132.4 million from North American theaters in three weeks. "Rampage," too, is down only 41 percent domestically in its second weekend and continues to rake in the dollars globally. The film boasts a worldwide tally of $283 million, and Johnson has continued using his social media accounts to hype the film and thank audiences.

"I never take success like this for granted. Global success like this means so much," Johnson posted on his Instagram account Saturday night. "I'm not a Marvel movie. It's not Star Wars. 'Rampage' may as well have been called 'Dwayne Johnson and his albino gorilla friend' because it's such an obscure video game ... Thank you guys so much."

The staying power of both somewhat overshadowed the newcomers, like Amy Schumer's "I Feel Pretty" and the sequel to the 2001 cult comedy "Super Troopers," both of which nevertheless managed to find their own niche audiences despite largely negative reviews.

"I Feel Pretty," released by STX Entertainment, grossed an estimated $16.2 million — a little less than half of what Schumer's "Trainwreck" opened to in July 2015. Unlike "Trainwreck," Schumer did not write "I Feel Pretty," which is about an insecure woman who gets a life-changing confidence boost after a head injury. The concept became somewhat divisive and the subject of a fair amount of scrutiny.

"She's a force and that's not going to change," notes comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "She's always going to push the envelope. Sometimes that will bring big box office, sometimes it won't."

The partially crowdfunded "Super Troopers 2," meanwhile, leaned into its April 20 opening and scored a fourth place, $14.7 million opening weekend for Broken Lizards and distributor 20th Century Fox.

Fifth place went to the Blumhouse horror "Truth or Dare" with $7.9 million in its second weekend, while Lionsgate's thriller "Traffik," with Paula Patton, launched is ninth with $3.9 million.

The box office for the year remains down about 2.4 percent from last year, but that will change next week.

"We're going to see a huge turnaround later this week in the box office fortunes with 'Avengers: Infinity War,'" Dergarabedian said.

The film is tracking to make over $200 million in its first weekend in theaters, leading some experts to wonder whether the superhero pic could have the highest opening of all time, beating out even "Star Wars: The Force Awakens."

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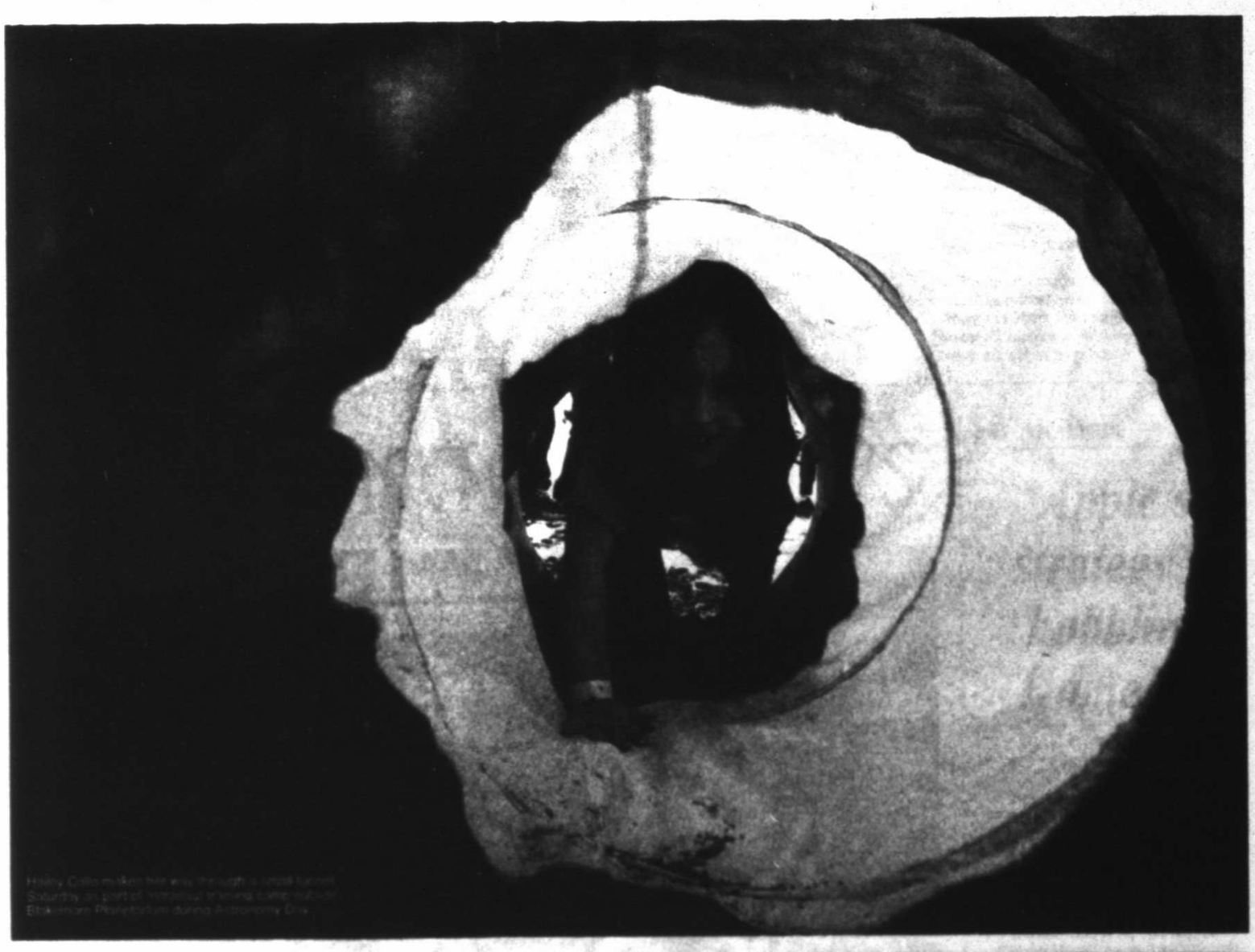
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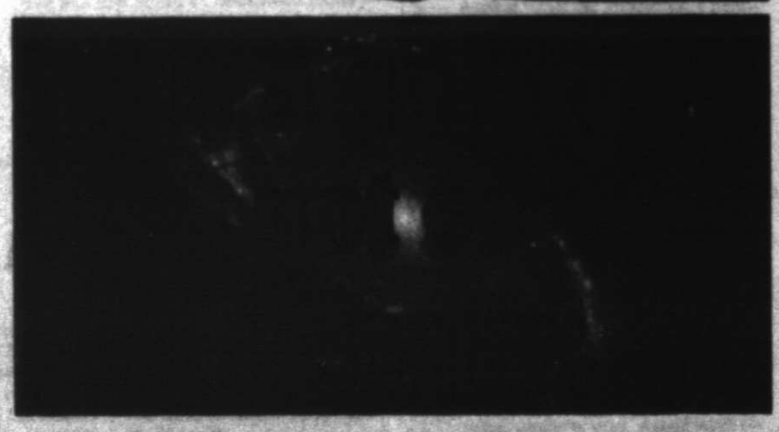
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DIGITAL LIFE

Walmart set to launch redesigned website

By Matthew Boyle
Bloomberg

A redesigned Walmart website will go live next month, part of a strategy by the world's largest retailer to lure customers away from rival Amazon.com with a more personalized shopping experience.

The new site will include new colors, fonts and lifestyle-focused imagery, according to a blog post from Walmart's U.S. e-commerce chief Marc Lore. The site's homepage will feature top-selling items in each customer's location and a quick link to purchase previously ordered items. It will also include a new fashion section, while other categories will get a fresh look later in the year.

"We want each category to feel like you are shopping a specialty store," Lore said in the post. "Our goal is to make it compelling for customers to shop for whatever they are looking for — whether diapers, laundry detergent or a new dining room table."

The redesign, which Lore first mentioned at an October investor conference, aims to convince Walmart's frugal in-store shoppers to buy online as well: Those who do spend nearly twice as much. The fresh look could also help the retailer regain momentum it lost over the holiday period, when online sales grew at less than half the pace of previous quarters.

The retailer is chasing a moving target, though, as Amazon continues to push into key Walmart categories like fashion and food.

Lore said the redesign was based on feedback from customers, existing suppliers and also from brands that don't currently sell on the site. He has pledged to make Walmart.com more of an upscale destination by courting premium brands, like Bose speakers. The new fashion page will eventually include items from department-store chain Lord & Taylor, which inked a partnership with Walmart last year.

The memo made no mention of Jet.com, the site co-founded by Lore that Walmart bought in 2016. Jet's traffic has declined in recent months as Walmart has focused more efforts on its primary website.

SPREADING THE NEWS



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Apple plans to use its Texture platform to launch a premium news subscription by 2019.

Apple may launch news subscription for iPhones

By Seung Lee
Mercury News

Last month, Apple announced it acquired the digital magazine distributor Texture as an entry to the journalism world. Now, it plans to use its platform to launch a premium news subscription by 2019.

Apple plans to integrate Texture's platform — which catalogued more than 200 magazines and curated them based on the user's interests for a $9.99-a-month subscription — into Apple News to develop the news subscription platform, Bloomberg reported Tuesday. After cutting 20 Texture employees immediately after the acquisition, Apple absorbed Texture's headcount into Apple News' team.

The updated Apple News app, with a subscription offering, plans to launch within the next year, according to Bloomberg. A sliver of the yet-unknown subscription cost will go the magazines.

"We're excited Texture will join Apple, along with an impressive catalog of magazines from many of the world's leading publishers," said Apple executive Eddy Cue in a press release after Texture's acquisition on March 12. "We are committed to quality journalism from trusted sources and allowing magazines to keep producing beautifully designed and engaging stories for users."

Apple's foray into digital journalism highlights the Cupertino tech giant's rapid expansion in its services segment, which includes Apple Music, iBooks and other services. The services segment was the second-fastest-growing category for Apple in its latest earnings report in February; it grew 18 percent in the company's 2018 first quarter compared with the same period a year earlier. It finished behind the "other devices" segment — which includes Apple Watch, AirPods and Apple TV — at 36 percent.

However, Apple has tried other similar digital media ventures in the past. Apple once had an app called Newsstand that combined several magazines and newspapers, providing subscriptions for individual outlets. Newsstand was replaced with Apple News in 2015.

From 2011 to 2012, Apple and News Corp. — which owns The Times of London, the Wall Street Journal and Fox Broadcasting Company — launched The Daily, the first iPad-only news app.

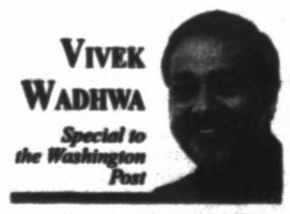
"Our experience was that we could not find a large enough audience quickly enough to convince us the business model was sustainable in the long-term," said News Corp. owner Rupert Murdoch in a statement in 2012 in announcing the closure of The Daily.

Despite its reputation as a company that rarely acquires other companies, Apple has made other media-related purchases. In 2014, Apple spent $3 billion for Beats to jump-start its music services, and $15 million for BookLamp, which was then touted as a "Pandora for books."

"Generally in Apple's history, we haven't made large acquisitions," said Cue in a live South by Southwest panel last month in Austin. "It's that old Wayne Gretzky quote, 'You have to skate to where the puck is going, not to where it is.'"

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Too much technology is ruining lives



VIVEK WADHWA
Special to the Washington Post

Just four years ago, I was a cheerleader. Social media was supposed to be the great hope for democracy. I know because I told the world so. I said in 2014 that no one could predict where this revolution would take us. My conclusion was dusted with optimism: A better connected human race would find a way to better itself.

I was half right: Nobody could have predicted where we have ended up. Yet my optimistic prognosis was utterly misguided. Social media has led to less human interaction, not more. It has suppressed human development, not stimulated it. As Big Tech has marched onward, we have regressed.

Look at the evidence. Research shows that social media may well be making many of us unhappy, jealous and — paradoxically — antisocial. Even Facebook gets it. An academic study that Facebook cited in a blog post revealed that when people spend a lot of time passively consuming information, they wind up feeling worse. Just 10 minutes on Facebook is enough to depress — clicking and liking a multitude of posts and links seems to have a negative effect on mental health.

Meantime, the green-eyed monster thrives on the social network: Reading rosy stories and/or carefully controlled images about the social and love lives of others leads to poor comparisons with one's own existence. Getting out in the warts-and-all real world and having proper conversations would provide a powerful antidote. Some chance! Humans have convinced themselves that "catching up" online is a viable alternative to in-person socializing.

And what of consumer choice? Former Google design ethicist Tristan Harris noted in an essay about how technology hijacks people's minds that it is actually designed to give us fewer choices, not more. When you do a Google search for a restaurant, for example, you are presented with a limited set of choices with advertisers appearing at the top of a list. We rarely browse to the second page of search results. Harris likened this to what magicians do: "Give people the illusion of free choice while architecting the menu so that they win, no matter what you choose."

We are becoming unthinkingly reliant — addicted — to ease of use at the expense of quality. We are walking dumpsters for Internet content that we don't need and that might actively damage our brains.

The technology industry also uses another technique to keep us hooked: feeding us a bottomless pit of information.

This phenomenon is the effect Netflix has when it auto-plays the next episode of a show after a cliffhanger and you continue watching, thinking, "I can make up the sleep over the weekend." The cliffhanger is, of course, always replaced by another cliffhanger. The 13-part season is followed by another one, and yet another. We spend more time in front of the television and yet we feel no more satiated. When Facebook, Instagram and Twitter tack on their scrolling pages and update their news feeds, causing each article to roll into the next, the effect manifests itself again.

Perhaps we should go back to our smartphones and, instead of playing Netflix or sending texts on WhatsApp, use their core function. Call our friends and family and have a chat or — better — arrange to meet them.

Meanwhile, Big Tech could carve an opportunity from a crisis. What about offering a subscription to an ad-free Facebook? In return for a monthly fee, searches would be based on quality of content rather than product placement. I would pay for that. The time savings alone when booking a trip would be worth it.

Apple pioneered the Do Not Disturb function, which stopped messages and calls waking us from sleep, unless the caller met certain emergency criteria. How about a Focus Mode that turned off all notifications and hid our apps from our home screen, to ease the temptation to play with our

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■ ANALYSIS

Apple's strategy is hobbling HomePod

By Hayley Tsukayama
Washington Post

Apple's main claim to fame is a proven track record for successful products. But with its latest, the HomePod smart speaker, some analysts say its old formula for success — going for the high end of the market and tightly controlling its ecosystem — has let it down.

Recent analyst reports suggest that the HomePod isn't selling well. Bloomberg reported last week that Apple even cut its internal sales estimates. While Apple hasn't released numbers on HomePod sales, it's expected to give some sense of the HomePod's sales in its next earnings report May 1.

Apple declined to comment.

HomePod sales are important to the Cupertino, California company. The smart speaker would help Apple carve out a spot in what companies see as the next frontier in consumer technology: The smart home market. Research firm International Data Corporation estimates companies have shipped 433.1 million smart home devices in 2017, and that the number could grow to 939.7 million by 2022.

Apple focused on sound quality as a way to differentiate the HomePod from its competitors, such as the Google Home and Amazon Echo, which have been on the market for years. HomePod sales started out fairly strong, according to data from Slice Intelligence, which uses online purchases to get a snapshot of sales. (Slice Intelligence gathers its reports from receipts sent to the inboxes of a panel of 55 million.) Apple sold 38 percent of all smart speakers in its first week.

But sales quickly dropped off, Slice Intelligence analyst Ken Cassar said. Looking at the whole market since the HomePod's February debut, Apple has sold about 6 percent of smart speakers. That puts it ahead of Sonos, its closest competitor in terms of price and sound quality. Yet it still lags far behind Amazon's Echo family, which pulled 73 percent of the market in the same time period, or even Google's Home devices at 14 percent.

It's one thing, Cassar said, to have a small share of sales during the holiday season when there are many new options on sale. It's more troubling, he said to "swing and miss during a time of the year when competitors were all but asleep."

One issue for the HomePod is its price, analysts said. Apple went for the high-end of the market, with a $350 price tag that is seven times more expensive than Google's best-selling smart speaker model, the Home Mini. That's grabbed it a healthier share of the dollars being spent on speakers, about 20 percent, but hasn't helped it move into more living rooms. Cassar said the growth in smart speakers right now is driven almost entirely by the low end of the market, meaning the aggressively priced Google Home Mini and Amazon Echo Dot.

Sound quality also isn't the strongest selling point for smart speakers at the moment, analysts said — even if it plays to Apple's historical strengths of high-quality and fits well into its Apple Music ecosystem. Most people are looking for ease of use and a breadth of sophisticated functions over sound quality, analysts said, a shift for which Apple may be partly responsible.

"Apple trained me to listen to the headphones that come with the iPhone," Jitesh Ubrani, analyst at

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BRAVO		65	76		41		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules			Vanderpump Rules (N)		Vanderpump Rules		Watch (N) Vanderpump Rules	Atlanta
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank			Shark Tank		American Greed		American Greed	Greed "Con's Job"
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	Outfront		A. Cooper 360			A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight	A. Cooper 360
DISC		59	69	31	24	42	Fast N' Loud		Fast Loud: Revved Up			Fast N' Loud		Mobil Garage		Fast N' Loud	Mobil Garage
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gravity	Gravity	Bunk'd	Bunk'd		BlackAF	BlackAF	Honest.	Honest.	Andi M.	Raven's.
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at New York Yankees (L)							SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	NFL Live				SportsC.	SportsC.	SportsC.	SportsC.	SportsCenter Special		Bobbl	Bobbl	
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson			Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night	Tucker Carlson		
FOOD		64	70	27	48	54	Kids Baking		Spring Baking			Spring Baking (N)		Cake Masters		Vegas Cri	Vegas Cri	Spring Baking	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) 'R' ★★★ Nutcracker					'R' ★★ Grown Ups (10, Com) Adam Sandler,				The 700 Club		'R' Another Cinder...	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Rangers Tonight	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park - - Arlington, Texas (L)							Rangers Live (L)	Cape Cod	Championship Spot. "Boys Basketball"	
FX		31	56	39	64	69	(5:00) 'R' Spectre		'R' ★★★★ Straight (15, Crf) Josh Brolin, Emily Blunt,							'R' ★★★★ Straight (15, Crf) Josh Brolin, Emily Blunt,			
HALLMARK		54	71	50		34	F.Moves	Full House	F.Moves	F.Moves	F.Moves	F.Moves		Middle	Middle	C. Gibs	C. Gibs	C. Gibs	C. Gibs
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Love It or List It		H.Hunt	H.Hunt	Flipping Virgins (N)			H.Hunt	H.Hunt	Houses		Flipping Virgins	
HISTORY		71	59	29	59	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)			(:20) Pawn	(:20) Pawn	(:15) Forged In Fire		(:20) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	39	25	29	40	The First 48 "Twisted Honor/Vultures"		The First 48 "Killer Debt/House of Rage"			UNREAL "Codependence" (N)		UNREAL "Commitment" (N)		First 48 "Last Night Out/Death Do Us Part"		The First 48 "Killer Debt/House of Rage"	
MSNBC		47	53		48	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 Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)						(:45) NHL Overtime (L)	Red Bull Air "Cannes, France" (N)			
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	Level U.	Level U.	F.Moves	F.Moves	F.Moves	F.Moves	Middle	F.Moves	F.Moves	Friends	Friends	2 Million	2 Million
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	It Was Him (N)			Cops (N)	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY		66	62	41	57	67	(5:00) 'R' Gods of Egy...		'R' ★★ Medieval Treasure: Book of Secrets							'R' ★★ Underworld: Rise of the Lycans			Middle
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		American Dad! (N)	Final Space (N)	Conan Jose Canseg, Nicole Wallace (N)		Final Space	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) 'R' Bad of the F...		'R' ★★★ Kevin Spacey John Wayne,							(:15) 'R' ★★★ Advise (40, West) Ann Arther,			Middle
TELE		29	-	10	28		Case cerrado (N)		Mil Familia Pelo (N)		Al Otro Lado del (N)			Cuentas Claras (N)		Al rojo	(:15) Nicky	Al Otro Lado del	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	Say Yes to the Dress "I'm Having a Moment"		Little People "Four Generations of Rebelfs"		Little People "A Balancing Act"			Little People, Big World		Little People "Four Generations of Rebelfs"		Little People "A Balancing Act"	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	(5:00) 'R' ★★★ Live Free or Die Hard		NBA Basketball Playoffs Houston Rockets at Minnesota Timberwolves Western Conference Quarter-final Game 4 (L)						NBA Basketball Playoffs Oklahoma Jazz Western Conference Quarter-final Game 4 (L)			City Thunder at Utah	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom		Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night Raw						(:45) American Ninja "Qualifying Episode"		(:15) Cit "Worlds, Cookie, Shaddie"		
WGN		19	85				M*A*S*	M*A*S*H "Pigs"	M*A*S*	M*A*S*	M*A*S*	MASH "CAVE"	M*A*S*	M*A*S*	M*A*S*	M*A*S*		'R' ★★★ Black Hawk Down (201, Action) Eric Bana, Ewan McGregor, Josh Hartnett,		

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Plans to live together fall apart as boyfriend backs out

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Chris," and I were planning on moving in together. We went apartment hunting and created a realistic budget we could both maintain. He was the one who brought up the idea and also the one who pushed it.

Chris is an only child. His parents love him so much I think they will do anything to keep him in their house for as long as they can. (He's 21.) I know I must respect his parents, but I also know Chris really wants to be out on his own but is afraid of them.

I want the best for him and for us. How should I handle this situation without harming the relationship between him and his parents, or me and his parents as well? — WANTING IT IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WANTING IT: Because Chris is an adult, asking him when he DOES think the two of you can live together would be a fair question. However, if it's one he can't answer, you must realize that he isn't independent enough to cut the umbilical cord, and you should plan for your future accordingly.

DEAR ABBY: The first 20 years of our marriage were wonderful. My husband was kind, sweet and generous. Now, he is angry most of the time, and spews rude and hurtful things at me.

When I ask him what's wrong and suggest marriage counseling, he says I am too sensitive or I take things wrong, and there's nothing the matter with our marriage. All I know is, this is not the man I fell in love with, and I don't know how much longer I can tolerate the way he's treating me.

I love my husband. I don't want to divorce him, but I also don't want to continue living this way. Please help. — GONE WRONG IN OHIO

DEAR GONE WRONG: What your husband is doing is cruel, and for him to tell you you're imagining it, frankly, irritates ME. I can't fix what's gone wrong in your marriage, but I'm glad to point you in the right direction.

Visit a marriage and family therapist without him and describe what's been happening. Whether the insight you gain will save your marriage is anybody's guess. However, it may give you the strength to do what is best for YOU, in the present and in the long run.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I walk the mall most days, and our route usually takes us through a bookstore where we enjoy coffee in the coffee shop attached to it. Every time we go, we see one particular couple sitting there reading the books and magazines but never bothering to buy anything.

The place is not a library. These bookstores are striving to stay alive and make a profit. I'm torn about whether to approach the couple, the management, or let them continue abusing the generosity of the store by never making a purchase. — MALL PATROL

DEAR MALL PATROL: Do not take it upon yourselves to shame that couple, which could lead to an ugly argument. Your efforts would be better spent if you talk to the store manager about what you have observed and let that person handle it from there. (For all we know, the "offenders" may be Mr. Barnes and Ms. Noble.)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

Q1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠10 9 4 ♡A 8 6 3 2 ♢J 5 ♣A 8 3

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♢	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A — Partner's bid is a game try, but it might also be the start of a slam try. If it is, you want to co-operate. Bid three hearts.

Q2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠A 10 9 ♡K ♢K 8 6 3 ♣K 10 5 4 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♡	1♠	Pass	?

What call would you make?

A — Your plan depends on your overcall style. Sound overcallers can force to game with this hand. If your partnership prefers a looser style, you will have to settle for a strong invitation. Either way, bid two hearts now.

Q3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠A K J 10 ♡A 10 ♢10 9 8 ♣J 10 8 3

Right-hand opponent opens one diamond. What call would you make?

A — You can't double without a third heart. This is a good example of a sound overcall with only a four-card suit. Bid one spade.

Q4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠9 7 6 ♡A 7 5 ♢A 7 5 2 ♣10 7 4

Partner opens one heart and right-hand opponent jumps to two spades, preemptive. What call would you make?

A — It's a bit of a stretch, but two aces go a long way. Bid three hearts.

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Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending April 15:

Top Paid iPhone Apps:
1. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
2. Minecraft, Mojang
3. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
4. Facetune, Lightricks Ltd.
5. iSchedule, HotSchedules
6. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
7. LightX, Andor Communications Private Limited
8. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
9. NBA 2K18, 2K
10. Pocket Build, MoonBear LTD

Top Free iPhone Apps:
1. Fortnite, Epic Games
2. Rise Up, Serkan Ozyilmaz
3. PUBG MOBILE, Tencent Mobile International Limited
4. YouTube: Watch, Listen, Stream, Google, Inc.
5. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
6. Impossible Bottle Flip, tastypill
7. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
8. Snapchat, Snap, Inc.
9. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
10. Helix Jump, Voodoo

Top Paid iPad Apps:
1. Minecraft, Mojang
2. Procreate, Savage Interactive Pty Ltd
3. GoodNotes 4, Time Base Technology Limited
4. Toca Life: After School, Toca Boca AB
5. SpongeBob Moves In, Nickelodeon
6. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
7. Notability, Ginger Labs
8. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon
9. LEGO Jurassic World, Warner Bros.
10. The Escapists, Team17 Software Ltd

Top Free iPad Apps:
1. Fortnite, Epic Games
2. Impossible Bottle Flip, tastypill
3. YouTube: Watch, Listen, Stream, Google, Inc.
4. Rise Up, Serkan Ozyilmaz
5. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
6. Granny, Dennis Vukanovic
7. PUBG MOBILE, Tencent Mobile International Limited
8. ROBLOX, Roblox Corporation
9. Helix Jump, Voodoo
10. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending April 15:

iTunes Movies US Charts:
1. The Greatest Showman
2. Molly's Game
3. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle
4. 12 Strong
5. All the Money in the World
6. Den of Thieves
7. Maze Runner: The Death Cure
8. Star Wars: The Last Jedi
9. I, Tonya
10. Stronger

iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:
1. Phantom Thread
2. Borg vs McEnroe
3. Lady Bird
4. Darkest Hour
5. Super Troopers
6. The Layover
7. The Disaster Artist
8. The Florida Project
9. Wilding
10. Submergence

Books

iBook charts for week ending April 15: (Rank, Book Title by Author Name, ISBN, Publisher :



iBooks US Bestseller List — Paid Books
1. A Higher Loyalty by James Comey - 9781250192462 - (Flatiron Books)
2. Rebel Heir by Penelope Ward & Vi Keeland - 9781942215783 - (C. Scott Publishing Corp.)
3. The Disappeared by C. J. Box - 9780698410114 - (Penguin Publishing Group)
4. Shoot First by Stuart Woods - 9780735217225 - (Penguin Publishing Group)
5. The Key to Rebecca by Ken Follett - 9781101042656 - (Penguin Publishing Group)
6. After Anna by Lisa Scottoline - 9781250099679 - (St. Martin's Press)
7. Red Alert by James Patterson & Marshall Karp - 9780316555586 - (Little, Brown and Company)
8. The Fallen by David Baldacci - 9781538761373 - (Grand Central Publishing)
9. The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah - 9781250105819 - (St. Martin's Press)
10. Family Tree by Susan Wiggs - 9780062425478 - (William Morrow)

Source: Apple Inc.

Web's inventor discusses monopolies, threats

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Tim Berners-Lee gave away the technology that he used to invent the World Wide Web, so it's not surprising that he's worried about the current state of the internet as Google, Facebook and Amazon become increasingly dominant in the digital world.

When the web turned 29 years old in March, Berners-Lee shared some of his concerns in an annual letter that he writes as a director for the World Wide Web Foundation, an organization he founded to ensure the internet remains accessible to everyone. He expanded on why we should be worried about digital monopolies in an interview with The Associated Press.

The interview was conducted a few weeks before Facebook's current privacy scandal, one triggered by revelations that its social networking service allowed a political data-mining firm to gain access to the information of millions of its users.

It has been edited for clarity.

Q: What are your biggest concerns about the internet?

A: Bullying and fake news are getting worse. (And) a monopoly messes up a market, it tends to hit innovation. I think there are some people that are worried about the fact that there is a monopoly in search, social...

Q: And in commerce?

A: Pretty much. ... It is really hard for people to think about how to make progress to design new systems without involving the incumbent.



Henry Thomas/World Wide Web Foundation via AP

This undated photo provided by the World Wide Web Foundation shows Tim Berners-Lee. When the web turned 29 years old last month, Berners-Lee shared some of his concerns in an annual letter that he writes as a director for the World Wide Web Foundation, an organization that he started in 2009 to fight for causes aimed at ensuring the internet remains accessible to everyone. He expanded on why we should be worried about digital monopolies in an interview with The Associated Press.

Q: Do we need regulations imposed on Google, Facebook, and Amazon because of the power of their networks?

A: I think that is too broad a question. You might look at regulations for antitrust or monopoly, there might be regulations about privacy, there might be regulations for search engines (and) whether they should be declared a public good and therefore have a duty to provide fair answers. You have to see every case independently.

Q: What do you think of the argument that these companies have become modern-day trusts and it might make sense to break them up?

A: Anyone should always become concerned about a monopoly stifling innovation. It was an issue with AT&T, not to mention Standard Oil. When the web started, it was actually (browser pioneer) Netscape that was dominant. Now people don't worry so much about the browser. They worry more about the search engine. Except for the people that don't worry about search engines at all because they worry about the social network.

In other words, whenever there is a monopoly, it's a threat. But on the other hand, you also may find in a couple years, that when you look back and what you thought was the dominant threat has finally been replaced by something else on another axis.

Q: Do you think that is still possible for that to happen, with the all the power that these networks have accumulated?

A: I am concerned, partly because it means the ability to change the web for the better is limited to the labs of those particular companies rather than to the community at large. I think there is a danger that ... in the next 10 years we end up with the same dominant players that we have today because that is the way market domination works.

Q: Are you feeling better or worse about where the web is today compared to a year ago?

A: I think about the same as a year ago. A couple years ago, I was very disappointed with the whole fake news thing. We are finding out a lot more about the malicious manipulation of content, which we always suspected but it's now coming out in the open. It's all pretty depressing when it comes to the web not being in a functional way of serving humanity.

Meanwhile, I feel a big backlash coming about personal data. I talk to people about projects on how to manage their personal data and people get very excited about that. It's just not people like you and me that think of things like this all the time. All kinds of people are thinking about it. To some extent, we may see a backlash, we may see a revival of a sort of a more utopian push saying, 'No, this isn't the world I want; we can do better.'

The web was actually more exciting when we were all watching blogs and linking to each other's blogs and ended up reading the best blogs because you follow all the best links and so on. It was great, and we can do that again.

Study: Android apps improperly track kids

By Fiza Pirani
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Thousands of family-friendly apps from the Google Play Store are potentially violating federal law, according to a new large-scale study from North American and European universities and organizations.

The research, recently published in the journal Proceedings on Privacy Enhancing Technologies, showed that 3,337 Android apps on Google Play were improperly collecting children's data and potentially violating the United States Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), which limits data collection for kids under age 13.

COPPA gives parents control of any online entity that collects personally identifiable information (PII) from kids. Collecting PII from children under age 13 without explicit parental permission is illegal.

"We identified several concerning violations and trends," study researchers from the International Computer Science Institute at the University of California, Berkeley, said. "Overall, roughly 57 percent of the 5,855 child-directed apps that we analyzed are potentially violating Coppa."

Using an automated analysis tool to examine app privacy on more than 80,000 apps between November 2016 and March 2018, the researchers determined when private data was accessed and where the data was then sent.

They narrowed it down to 5,855 child-directed apps. These were in 63 different Play Store categories, with 60 percent in the Casual Games, Brain Games, and Educational Games categories.

They found that only a small number (4.8 percent) of the apps had "clear violations when apps share location or contact information without consent."

But 40 percent shared personal data without reasonable security measures and 18 percent shared individual identifiers with parties for unlawful purposes, such as ad targeting.

Thirty-nine percent, the team found, displayed "ignorance or disregard for contractual obligations aimed at protecting children's privacy."

With Google's Designed for Families initiative, the company had taken steps to enforce COPPA compliance, but the researchers said, "as our results show, there appears to not be any (or only limited) enforcement.

"The researchers are adamant that they're not showing 'definitive legal liability,'" Engadget reported. "These apps may be running afoul of the law, but it's up to regulators at the FTC to decide if they are."

Read the full study at petsymposium.org.

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MIDLAND FAMILY CARE

Fitness improves cardiovascular health regardless of genes

By Lyden Odukwu, MD

If you've ever said, "I have a family history of heart disease. There's nothing I can do," a recent study shows that's not true. Whether you think that's good news or bad it up to you.

A six-year study involving half a million adults of middle age and older revealed that those with the highest fitness levels were less likely to develop heart disease—even if they were genetically disposed to those problems.



LYDEN ODUKWU, M.D.

Even those with the greatest risk factors saw a 49 percent decrease in heart disease if they were physically fit, the study showed.

The study did not define what method a person used to get fit, it just focused on outcomes.

It basically reinforces what has already been known for a long time—that exercise and fitness are almost always helpful in reducing heart disease—and many other health conditions.

Researchers in the study noted that many people with a genetic disposition to heart disease may not be aware of their risk because it doesn't always show up in family histories.

So the best medicine would be to get fit whether you're genetically at risk or not.

And if your previous reasoning has been that you couldn't do anything about your genes, so why bother to do anything about it—this study returns the responsibility to you.

But it's good news, really—a few simple steps can help you stay healthy. The ball is still in your court.

Midland Family Care, with Dr. Lyden Odukwu, is located at 3305 Andrews Highway. The phone number is 620-0525. They accept most insurance.

APPLE

From 2B

IDC said. "Trying to sell me now on sound quality is a little pointless."

And if the ultimate goal is to get into the broader smart home market, he said, another Apple hallmark may throw a wrench in the works: Its famously closed system for development.

Siri, despite being the first major voice assistant on the market, isn't as versatile as those from companies such as Amazon.com and Google that make it very easy for outside developers to make skills for those assistants. Siri hasn't been working the crowd as well. Unlike with Alexa or Google's Assistant, Siri in the Homepod can't work with Spotify, for example, but rather only with Apple Music. It can't even check your calendar like its competitors.

(Amazon.com chief executive Jeffrey P. Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

"They need to invest heavily in Siri's capabilities," Ubrani said. To do that, he said, Apple will have to work with more companies outside of its walls. If Apple had been first to market with a talking speaker — something Ubrani said its Siri and Beats acquisitions could have allowed it to so — it may have been able to get away with a closed system.

But with other, cheaper speakers now promising to work with whatever music service, weather apps and calendar programs people use, Apple's commitment to its own services is more of a bug than a feature.

WADHWA

From 2B

phones when we should be concentrating on our work, or talking to our spouses, friends and colleagues?

In the 1980s, the BBC in Britain ran a successful children's series called "Why Don't You?" that implored viewers to "turn off their TV set and go out and do something less boring instead," suggesting sociable activities that did not involve a screen. It was wise before its time. The TV seems like a puny adversary compared to the deadening digital army we face today.

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Chaps come back to win pair of wild games

By Oscar LeRoy
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After Clarendon College hit four consecutive home runs to take a nine-run lead in the second inning in the second game of a doubleheader Sunday afternoon, there was no panic in the Midland College baseball dugout.

The Chaparrals know they have a pretty good offense themselves and there was plenty of game left to make a comeback.

Sure enough, the Chaps stuck to their approach at the plate, chipped away at the lead and eventually out-slugged the Bulldogs for a wild 23-17 victory at Christensen Stadium. Earlier in the day, in the first game, MC's Jordan Billups delivered a one-out, two-run single to right in the bottom of the seventh inning to lift the Chaps to a thrilling 9-8 victory.


Chavez

"It was a tough situation because we were down in both games," said MC freshman shortstop Frainyer Chavez, who went a combined 6-for-9 with eight RBI on the day. "In the second game, we were down by nine runs, but we were just sticking to the approach, try to get on base and do our thing. We knew it was a nine-inning game."

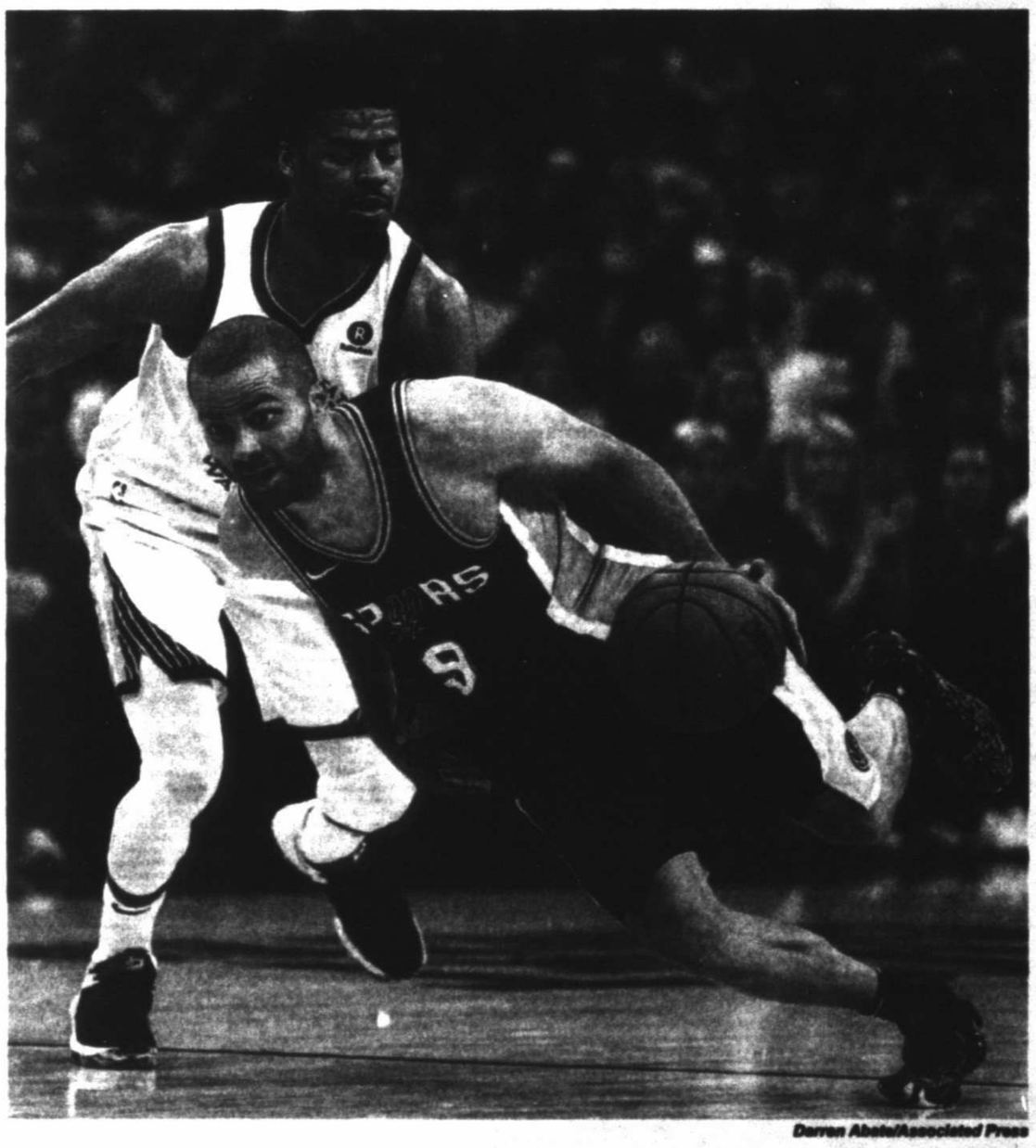

Billups

With the doubleheader sweep, Midland (30-17, 20-8 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) took three out of four games in the series against Clarendon (31-14, 19-9) and moved into a second-place tie in the standings with Howard College with eight games left.

Things certainly didn't look good for the Chaps in the second inning when the Bulldogs scored eight runs to take a 10-1 lead. Anthony Quirion had the big hit with a grand slam. That blast was then followed by consecutive solo home runs by Mark Casteblanco, Cristian Laboy and Nico Martinez.

Please see CHAPS/3C

SAN ANTONIO STILL IN


Darren Abate/Associated Press

San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker (9) drives against Golden State Warriors' Quinn Cook on Sunday during the second half of Game 4 of a first-round NBA playoff series in San Antonio. San Antonio won 103-90.

Spurs beat Warriors to avoid sweep

By Raul Dominguez
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili scored 10 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter of what could have been his final home game with the Spurs, and San Antonio beat the Golden State Warriors 103-90 on Sunday to avoid a series sweep as coach Gregg Popovich remained out following the death of his wife.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 22 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Spurs, but they were willed to the finish by the 40-year-old Ginobili, who has said he will decide in the offseason if he will return for a 17th season.

Kevin Durant had 34 points and 13 rebounds for the Warriors, who can wrap up the series in Game 5 at home Tuesday.

Popovich missed his second straight game after his wife, Erin, passed away Wednesday following a prolonged illness. Lead assistant Ettore Messina led the Spurs again, but to a much different showing than in Game 3.

Golden State outscored San Antonio 29-21 in the third quarter and went on a 13-5 run beginning two minutes into the fourth quarter to pull within 88-86 with 6 minutes remaining.

Aldridge banked in a 3-pointer with

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Andrew Landry wins Texas Open for first PGA Tour title

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Andrew Landry won the Valero Texas Open on Sunday for his first PGA Tour victory, pulling away with early birdies and holding on with par saves.

The 30-year-old Texan, busy at home in Austin with the recent birth of the family's first child, parred the final seven holes for a 4-under 68 and a two-stroke victory over Trey Mullinax and Sean O'Hair.

"It was obviously a tough week this week," Landry said. "Going into the last few weeks with the childbirth and just really getting back out."

Landry played at Arkansas after starring at Port Neches-Groves High School east of Houston. Many family members were at TPC San Antonio on Sunday.

"Everybody was out," Landry said. "It was pretty special to be able to snag a victory with everybody being here to share it."

Landry finished at 17-under 271. He earned $1,116,000 and a spot in the Masters next year.

"I didn't even really think about it, to be honest with you," Landry said. "There's a lot of perks for a tour win and you've just got to continue to stay focused and not think about those kind of things."

Please see LANDRY/5Cv


Michael Thomas/Associated Press

Andrew Landry tees off at the fifth hole during the final round of the Valero Texas Open golf tournament Sunday in San Antonio.

Rangers avoid series sweep with 7-4 win over Mariners

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Martin Perez and Jake Diekman worked out of bases-loaded jams, and center fielder Delino DeShields had a homer-robbing catch in his first game back in the lineup for the Texas Rangers.

With that pitching and defense, and big homers by Nomar Mazara and Joey Gallo in the same inning, the Rangers beat the Seattle Mariners 7-4 on Sunday to avoid a series sweep.

"The look in his eyes, we talk about body language," manager Jeff Banister said of Perez. "He still was in control."

The Mariners loaded the bases with on two singles and a hit batter in the second inning before Perez (2-2) retired the next three batters. Texas was up 4-0 after Mazara and Gallo homered in a three-batter span before Perez gave up two runs in three batters without an out in the fifth before another strong finish to the inning.

DeShields, off the disabled list for his first game since March 30, had a homer-robbing catch of a drive by David Freitas in the sixth.

"Prevent runs from touching home plate, that's my job. I take a lot of responsibility in that," said DeShields, who three weeks ago had surgery to remove a broken hamate bone from his left hand. "Martin was pitching his tail off."

Perez gave up seven hits, walked a batter and hit another one in six innings before leaving with a 5-2 lead. The Texas lefty, who has given up 36 hits and eight walks in four starts this season, lowered his ERA from 13.14 to 9.82.

Mitch Haniger homered in all three games of the series for Seattle. His two-run shot in the seventh off Matt Bush got the Mariners to 5-4 before they loaded the bases. Diekman had a throwing error and a walk before striking out Freitas and

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Michael Ainsworth/Associated Press

Texas Rangers first baseman Adrian Beltre (8) is out at first base as Seattle Mariners' Ben Gamel (right) is safe on a fielder's choice during the seventh inning of a baseball game in Arlington.

'HOUNDSWATCH

SUNDAY'S SCORE
Midland 8, San Antonio 6

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Corpus Christi 7:05 p.m.

INTERNET
www.milb.com

RECORDS
Midland 10-7
Tulsa 10-6

Sunday	Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Midland 8 San Antonio 6	Midland at Corpus Christi 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi 7:05 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV

College Softball
Louisville at Florida State, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Tennessee at Alabama, 6 p.m., SEC

Curling
Mixed World Championships: South Korea vs. Germany, 7:30 a.m., OLYHD
Mixed World Championships: Scotland vs. Sweden, 10:45 a.m., OLYHD
Mixed World Championships: Japan vs. Poland, 2 p.m., OLYHD

Major League Baseball
Minnesota at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., ESPN
Oakland at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
LA Angels at Houston, 7 p.m., ATTSW+
Washington at San Francisco, 9 p.m., MLB

Men's Soccer
PL: Everton FC vs. Newcastle United FC, 1:55 p.m., NBCSN

National Basketball Association
West Quarterfinal, Game 4: Houston at Minnesota, 7 p.m., TNT
West Quarterfinal, Game 4: Oklahoma City at Utah, 9:30 p.m., TNT

National Hockey League
East Quarterfinal, Game 6: Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m., NBCSN
East Quarterfinal, Game 6: Washington at Columbus, 6:30 p.m., CNBC

Tennis
ATP: Barcelona, 5 a.m., TENNIS

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Oakland at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)
LA Angels at Houston, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Baseball

Lubbock Christian at Trinity, 6 p.m.

HS Golf

Midland Christian at regional golf Tournament
Region I-6A Boys Tournament, Tierra Verde Golf Club, Arlington
Region I-4A Boys Tournament, Shadow Hills Golf Course, Lubbock
Region I-3A Boys Tournament, Shady Oaks Golf Course, Baird
Region I-2A Boys Tournament, Ratliff Ranch Golf Links, Odessa
Region II-1A Boys Tournament, Quicksand Golf Course, San Angelo

JC Golf

Midland College at NJCAA Southwest Junior College Championship, Pottsboro

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Reinstated LHP Bobby Poyner from the 10-day DL and optioned him to Pawtucket (IL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned RHP Eduardo Paredes to Salt Lake (PCL). Recalled RHP Jaime Barria from Salt Lake.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Sent OF Byron Buxton to Fort Myers (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned INF Tyler Wade to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Designated INF/OF Jace Peterson for assignment. Recalled INF Gleyber Torres from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Signed RHP David Hale to a one-year contract and selected him from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned OF Guillermo Heredia to Tacoma (PCL). Reinstated RHP Erasmo Ramirez from the 10-day DL.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Assigned 1B Brandon Snyder outright to Durham (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Placed OF Carlos Tocci on the 10-day DL. Reinstated OF Delino DeShields Jr. from the 10-day DL.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Designated RHP Josh Ravin for assignment. Selected the contract of RHP Miguel Socolovich from Gwinnett (IL).
COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed OF Carlos Gonzalez on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Thursday. Optioned OF Mike Tauchman to Albuquerque (PCL). Recalled OFs David Dahl and Raimel Tapia from Albuquerque.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned LHP Hoby Milner to Lehigh Valley (IL). Reinstated RHP Tommy Hunter from the 10-day DL.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Placed RHP Adam Wainwright on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Friday. Recalled RHP John Brebbia from Memphis (PCL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed OF Hunter Renfroe on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday. Reinstated OF Manuel Margot from the 10-day DL.
FOOTBALL
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed DL Zachary Banks.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WR Marcus Leak and DB Ardaire Johnson.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Big 12
Oklahoma 12, Texas Tech 5
Baylor 4, TCU 3
Kansas State 7, West Virginia 4
Oklahoma State 4, Kansas 3
New Orleans 4, Texas 1

SEC
Tennessee 6, Texas A&M 4

LPGA TOUR SCORES

Sunday
At Wilshire Country Club
Los Angeles
Purse: $1.3 million
Yardage: 6,669; Par 71
Final

Moriya Jutanugarn, $225,000	68-65-70-69—272
Inbee Park, $120,105	65-71-69-69—274
Jin Young Ko, $120,105	71-67-65-70—274
So Yeon Ryu, $78,125	71-65-73-68—277
Emma Talley, $57,166	69-72-71-67—279
Eun-Hee Ji, $57,166	68-69-70-71—278
Morgan Pressel, $40,597	71-69-73-67—279
Minjee Lee, $40,597	69-73-68-71—279
Shanshan S., $33,919	70-72-69-69—280
Pernilla Lindberg, $29,735	69-70-68-71—281
Caroline Inglis, $29,735	69-71-69-72—281
Jeong Eun Lee, $22,409	70-75-69-68—282
Carlota Ciganda, $22,409	74-69-71-68—282
Lexi Thompson, $22,409	69-71-74-68—282
Austin Ernst, $22,409	75-71-67-71—282
Shanshan Feng, $22,409	74-67-70-71—282
Mi Hyang Lee, $22,409	71-70-70-71—282
Marina Alex, $22,409	67-69-73-73—282
Charley Hull, $16,021	75-69-68-71—283
Nasa Hataoka, $16,021	71-73-69-71—283
Katherine Kirk, $16,021	69-71-73-71—283
Brooke Lee, $16,021	70-72-69-72—283
Aditi Ashok, $16,021	69-73-69-72—283
Jodi Ewart Shadoff, $14,231	70-75-69-70—284
Ariya Jutanugarn, $14,231	71-71-72-70—284
Chella Choi, $14,231	72-71-70-71—284
Jessica Korda, $14,231	71-71-69-73—284
Brianna Do, $12,449	71-74-72-68—285
Lizette Salas, $12,449	70-72-73-70—285
Andrea Munoz, $12,449	69-70-73-73—285
Cristie Kerr, $10,004	73-73-71-69—286
Lydia Ko, $10,004	70-75-72-69—286
Christina Kim, $10,004	76-71-71-70—288
Wichanee Meechai, $10,004	73-72-71-70—286
Lindy Duncan, $10,004	70-74-72-70—286
Georgia Hall, $10,004	71-69-76-70—286
Caroline Masson, $10,004	75-70-70-71—286
Brittany Altomare, $10,004	70-74-69-73—286
Mariah Stackhouse, $7,927	74-71-71-72—288
Sydnee Michaels, $7,927	73-72-72-72—289
Yu Liu, $7,927	70-70-74-74—288
Natalie Gulbis, $6,275	69-76-76-68—289
Brittany Lincicome, $6,275	72-71-75-71—289
Amy Olson, $6,275	70-71-73-73—289
Madalene Sagstrom, $6,275	76-72-69-74—289
Beatriz Recari, $6,275	72-71-72-74—289
Pornanong Phatlum, $6,275	71-73-70-74—288
Camilla Hung, $5,570	74-72-69-75—290
Kelly Shon, $5,570	72-72-70-76—290
Lindsey Weaver, $5,570	69-71-76-74—290
Hee Young Park, $4,554	74-72-74-70—290
Haeji Kang, $4,554	73-72-73-72—290
Paula Creamer, $4,554	71-73-73-73—290
Mi Jung Hur, $4,554	72-70-73-75—290
Danielle Kang, $4,102	77-69-73-72—291
Tiffany Chen, $4,102	71-72-76-72—291
Megan Khang, $4,102	73-72-71-75—291
Jenny Shin, $4,102	75-70-69-77—291
Nicole Broch, $4,102	72-72-70-77—291
Michelle Wie, $4,102	73-70-71-77—291
Sun Young Yoo, $3,552	71-74-72-75—292
Cydney Clanton, $3,552	71-72-74-75—292
Robyn Choi, $3,552	70-67-71-76—284
Lee-Anne Pace, $3,552	74-70-72-76—292
Ayako Uehara, $3,552	71-69-78-76—292
Ilo Mackin, $3,354	75-71-75-72—293
Kassidy Tava, $3,251	70-73-77-74—294
Jaye Marie Green, $3,251	70-75-74-75—294
Paigen Chinn, $3,251	70-74-75-75—294
A.C. Tanigmy, $3,040	76-67-74-76—293
Jennifer Song, $3,011	75-69-76—160

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; y-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Tampa Bay 4, New Jersey 1
Thursday, April 12: Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 2
Saturday, April 14: Tampa Bay 6, New Jersey 3
Monday, April 16: New Jersey 5, Tampa Bay 2
Wednesday, April 18: Tampa Bay 3, New Jersey 1
Saturday, April 21: Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 1

Boston 3, Toronto 2
Thursday, April 12: Boston 5, Toronto 1
Saturday, April 14: Boston 7, Toronto 3
Monday, April 16: Toronto 4, Boston 2
Thursday, April 19: Boston 3, Toronto 1
Saturday, April 21: Toronto 4, Boston 3
Monday, April 23: Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.
y-Wednesday, April 25: Toronto at Boston, TBA

Washington 3, Columbus 2
Thursday, April 12: Columbus 4, Washington 3, OT
Sunday, April 15: Columbus 5, Washington 4, OT
Tuesday, April 17: Washington 3, Columbus 2, OT
Thursday, April 19: Washington 4, Columbus 1
Saturday, April 21: Washington 4, Columbus 3, OT
Monday, April 23: Washington at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
y-Wednesday, April 25: Columbus at Washington, TBA

Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 2
Wednesday, April 11: Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 0
Friday, April 13: Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1
Sunday, April 15: Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 1
Wednesday, April 18: Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 0
Friday, April 20: Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 2
Sunday, April 22: Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Nashville 4, Colorado 2
Thursday, April 12: Nashville 5, Colorado 2
Saturday, April 14: Nashville 5, Colorado 4
Monday, April 16: Colorado 5, Nashville 3
Wednesday, April 18: Nashville 5, Colorado 2
Friday, April 20: Colorado 2, Nashville 1
Sunday, April 22: Nashville 5, Colorado 0

Winnipeg 4, Minnesota 1
Wednesday, April 11: Winnipeg 3, Minnesota 2
Friday, April 13: Winnipeg 4, Minnesota 1
Sunday, April 15: Minnesota 5, Winnipeg 2
Tuesday, April 17: Winnipeg 2, Minnesota 0
Friday, April 20: Winnipeg 5, Minnesota 0

Vegas 4, Los Angeles 0
Wednesday, April 11: Vegas 1, Los Angeles 0
Friday, April 13: Vegas 2, Los Angeles 1, OT
Sunday, April 15: Vegas 3, Los Angeles 2
Tuesday, April 17: Vegas 1, Los Angeles 0

San Jose 4, Anaheim 0
Thursday, April 12: San Jose 3, Anaheim 0
Saturday, April 14: San Jose 3, Anaheim 2
Monday, April 16: San Jose 6, Anaheim 1
Wednesday, April 18: San Jose 2, Anaheim 1

Lee's Gomez making first region appearance

PAUL GOMEZ
School: Lee
Class: Sophomore
What: Region I-6A Tournament, individual qualifer
When/where: Today-Tuesday, Tierra Verde Golf Club, Arlington
Notes: Gomez finished the rain-shortened District 2-6A Tournament at Diamondback Golf Club in Abilene tied for fifth with a 75, which qualified him as an individual or the regional tournament. ... Gomez, who transferred from Rockwall-Heath High School over the Christmas break, is making his first regional tournament appearance. He is the first Lee boys player to qualify for the Region I-6A Tournament since Jared Arras accomplished the feat as a junior in 2016. ... Gomez said the key to punching his ticket to Arlington was to remain calm and finish his round strong in Abilene. "(It was about) keeping my head down, makings sure I was doing my thing, keeping my head on straight and keeping up with the positives," said Gomez. ... The sophomore added that he feels comfortable with his game entering Monday's first round and isn't getting wide-eyed at the prospect of competing at the regional level. "It's definitely a bigger exposure, but I've got to look at it as a small tournament, do my thing," Gomez said. "Hopefully some of the better guys aren't going to be the better guys out there. Hopefully I can play my game and come out on top." ... Lee head coach Wes Overton said it's Gomez' consistency and work ethic that leads him to believe he can be successful over the next two days. "Paul is extremely consistent. He is long off the tee, he has good control of his irons and he is just a very consistent player," Overton said. "He is going to be on the tee when you get here, he's going to be out there playing on the practice tee when you leave. He is a golf course rat and he loves the game." ... Gomez will tee off from Hole No. 10 at 8:50 a.m.


Gomez

Compiled by Will Korn

SPURS

From 1C

4:22 remaining to stop the Warriors' run and Ginobili took over with a pair of 3-pointers in the final minutes.

San Antonio opened with the same energy it had to start Game 3, but its shots fell this time. The Spurs extended their lead to as many as 17 points in the first half while holding an edge in almost every statistical category.

San Antonio shot 53 percent on 3-pointers after shooting just 26 percent in the opening three games. The Spurs were 15 for 28 on 3-pointers on Sunday while the Warriors were 7 for 28.

Aside from Durant, only Klay Thompson (12) and Shaun Livingston (10) scored in double figures for the Warriors.

Rudy Gay scored 14 points for San Antonio, Dejounte Murray had 12 and Kyle Anderson added 10.

Tip-Ins

Warriors: Livingston played despite spraining his left ankle late in the Warriors' Game 3 victory. Livingston played 21 minutes.

Golden State PG Stephen Curry remained seated behind the team's bench as he continues to rehabilitate a sprained left knee. Curry is expected to be available for the second round. Andre Igoudala picked up his fourth foul with 7:56 remaining in the third quarter, but picked up just one more foul for the remainder of the game.

Spurs: Ginobili played in his 217th playoff game, breaking a tie with Shaquille O'Neal for sixth in league history. Ginobili passed Reggie Miller for third in career 3-pointers in playoff history. Ray Allen holds the record with 385 3-pointers, followed by LeBron James (337), Ginobili (321) and Miller (320). Murray was 3 for 3 on 3-pointers in the first half, the most 3s made in the playoffs without a miss by a Spurs player since Steve Kerr (2003) and Patty Mills (2014) were 4 for 4 in a half.

NBA PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

Associated Press

WIZARDS 106, RAPTORS 98

WASHINGTON — John Wall took over down the stretch after Bradley Beal fouled out, having a hand in 10 of Washington's last 14 points and finishing with 27 points and 14 assists as the No. 8 seed Wizards came back to beat No. 1 Toronto and even the Eastern Conference first-round playoff series at 2-all.

The game was tied at 92 with about five minutes left when Beal — who led Washington with 31 points — drew his sixth foul on a play in which he and DeMar DeRozan collided while Toronto had the ball. Beal raced along the sideline, put his hands on his head, then returned to the Wizards' bench area and threw a red towel before being restrained by teammates.

The Raptors went up by two, but Wall pulled the Wizards even with a layup that drew a goaltending call, then put the hosts in front to stay by feeding Markieff Morris for a layup off the glass. As the final seconds ticked away, Wall held up two fingers on each hand. Yep, it's 2-2, and the home team has won every game so far.

Toronto will host Game 5 on Wednesday.

DeRozan started 0 for 6, before winding up with 35 points, six assists and six rebounds. Kyle Lowry scored 19 points for Toronto.

BUCKS 104, CELTICS 102

MILWAUKEE — Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 27 points, including tipping in the go-ahead basket with 5 seconds left, and Milwaukee beat Boston to tie its first-round playoff series at two games apiece.

Boston's Marcus Morris missed a 14-footer at the buzzer with Khris Middleton's hand in his face to seal a nail-biting win for the Bucks.

Seconds earlier, the 6-foot-11 Antetokounmpo jumped and reached up with his left arm around Boston's Jayson Tatum to put back Malcolm Brogdon's missed layup for the game-winner.

Game 5 is Tuesday night in Boston.

Jaylen Brown had 34 points for the Celtics, while Tatum added 21. Tatum's 18-footer with 52 seconds left gave the Celtics a brief 100-99 lead.

CAVALIERS 104, PACERS 100

INDIANAPOLIS — LeBron James scored 32 points and combined with Kyle Korver for all but two of Cleveland's final 13 points as the Cavaliers escaped with a 104-100 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Sunday to even the first-round series at two games apiece.

James added 13 rebounds and seven assists in his 100th career playoff game with 30 or more points. Korver made four 3-pointers and wound up with 18 points.

Domantas Sabonis scored 19 points for Indiana. Myles Turner and Victor Oladipo each scored 17, though Oladipo struggled through a poor shooting night.

This one looked and felt a lot like the three previous games — tough, physical and down to the wire.

Indiana led 93-91 with 4:28 to go — but managed only four baskets the rest of the way as James and Korver spurred the decisive 10-2 run that gave the Cavs a 101-95 lead with 1:52 left.

The Pacers couldn't get closer than three the rest of the way.

Even so, this series has not gone the way the three-time defending Eastern Conference champs hoped.

The Pacers never trailed in Game 1, had a chance to tie the score in the last 35 seconds after trailing by 18 in Game 2, rallied from a 17-point deficit in Game 3 and erased a 16-point, first-half deficit to take the lead early in the fourth.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

Associated Press

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; y-if necessary)
Eastern Conference
Toronto 2, Washington 2
Saturday, April 14: Toronto 114, Washington 109
Tuesday, April 17: Toronto 130, Washington 119
Friday, April 20: Washington 122, Toronto 103
Sunday, April 22: Washington 106, Toronto 99
Wednesday, April 25: Washington at Toronto, 6 p.m.
y-Friday, April 27: Toronto at Washington, TBA
y-Sunday, April 29: Washington at Toronto, TBA

Boston 2, Milwaukee 2
Sunday, April 15: Boston 113, Milwaukee 107, OT
Tuesday, April 17: Boston 120, Milwaukee 106
Friday, April 20: Milwaukee 116, Boston 92
Sunday, April 22: Milwaukee 104, Boston 102
Tuesday, April 24: Milwaukee at Boston, 6 p.m.
y-Thursday, April 26: Boston at Milwaukee, TBA
y-Saturday, April 28: Milwaukee at Boston, TBA

Philadelphia 2, Miami 1
Saturday, April 14: Philadelphia 108, Miami 103
Monday, April 16: Miami 113, Philadelphia 109
Thursday, April 19: Philadelphia 125, Miami 109
Saturday, April 21: Philadelphia 108, Miami 102
Tuesday, April 24: Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
y-Thursday, April 26: Philadelphia at Miami, TBA
y-Saturday, April 28: Miami at Philadelphia, TBA

Indiana 2, Cleveland 2
Sunday, April 15: Indiana 99, Cleveland 89
Wednesday, April 18: Cleveland 105, Indiana 97
Friday, April 20: Indiana 92, Cleveland 89
Sunday, April 22: Cleveland 104, Indiana 100
Wednesday, April 25: Indiana at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
y-Friday, April 27: Cleveland at Indiana, TBA
y-Sunday, April 29: Indiana at Cleveland, TBA

Western Conference
Houston 2, Minnesota 1
Sunday, April 15: Houston 104, Minnesota 101
Wednesday, April 18: Houston 102, Minnesota 82
Saturday, April 21: Minnesota 121, Houston 105
Monday, April 23: Houston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25: Minnesota at Houston, 6:30 p.m.
y-Friday, April 27: Houston at Minnesota, TBA
y-Sunday, April 29: Minnesota at Houston, TBA

Golden State 3, San Antonio 1
Saturday, April 14: Golden State 113, San Antonio 92
Monday, April 16: Golden State 110, San Antonio 101
Thursday, April 19: Golden State 119, San Antonio 97
Sunday, April 22: San Antonio 103, Golden State 99
Tuesday, April 24: San Antonio at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
y-Thursday, April 26: Golden State at San Antonio, TBA
y-Saturday, April 28: San Antonio at Golden State, TBA

New Orleans 4, Portland 0
Saturday, April 14: New Orleans 97, Portland 95
Tuesday, April 17: New Orleans 111, Portland 102
Thursday, April 19: New Orleans 119, Portland 102
Saturday, April 21: New Orleans 131, Portland 123

Utah 3, Oklahoma City 1
Sunday, April 15: Oklahoma City 116, Utah 108
Wednesday, April 18: Utah 102, Oklahoma City 99
Saturday, April 21: Utah 115, Oklahoma City 102
Monday, April 23: Oklahoma City at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25: Utah at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
y-Friday, April 27: Oklahoma City at Utah, TBA
y-Sunday, April 29: Utah at Oklahoma City, TBA

NHL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

Associated Press

PENGUINS 6, FLYERS 5

PHILADELPHIA — Jake Guentzel scored four straight goals to help send the two-time defending Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins into the second round with an 8-5 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers in Game 6 on Sunday.

The Penguins will play the winner of the Washington-Columbus series in the Eastern Conference playoffs. Washington leads that series 3-2.

Sean Couturier also had a hat trick for the Flyers, who haven't won a Stanley Cup since 1975.

Guentzel, not Sidney Crosby, Phil Kessel or the injured Evgeni Malkin, won the game for the Penguins with goals off costly Flyers turnovers, leading them to their ninth straight playoff series win.

He tied it at 4 with 54 seconds left in the second period off a Flyers turnover. He scored 30 seconds into the third for the lead off another giveaway, and sealed one more lopsided win over the Flyers with two goals 10 seconds apart late in the period.

It was 2-2 after one period, 4-4 after two, and nothing was decided in the fiercest game of the series between the long-standing rivals until Guentzel took control.

Crosby, Carl Hagelin, Patric Hornqvist and Bryan Rust also scored for the Penguins.

Scott Laughton and Andrew MacDonald scored for Philadelphia. The Flyers lost all three games at home and not even a solid start could help them get out of the first round for the first time since 2012.

PREDATORS 5, AVALANCHE 0

DENVER — Mattias Ekholm ignited the offense early with the first goal by a Nashville defenseman in the series, Pekka Rinne stopped 22 shots and the top-seeded Predators advanced to the second round.

Austin Watson, Filip Forsberg, Nick Bonino and Viktor Arvidsson also scored to help the Predators move on to face Winnipeg. They were 3-1-1 against the Jets in the regular season.

Nashville removed any sort of drama with two goals in the opening period and two more in the second to hush the capacity crowd. Rinne was on his game in notching his fourth career postseason shutout.

Andrew Hammond ran out of magic in net, allowing five goals. The third-string goaltender nicknamed "Hamburglar" had 44 saves during a Game 5 win in Nashville to extend the series. But he couldn't turn back a formidable Nashville offense that won a second straight playoff contest in Denver.

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MLB ROUNDUP

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Houston Astros catcher Max Stassi, top, tags out Chicago White Sox's Yoan Moncada during the third inning of a game Sunday in Chicago.

American League

ASTROS 7, WHITE SOX 1

CHICAGO — Jose Altuve hit a go-ahead single in a five-run seventh inning, and Houston stretched its winning streak to six.

Lance McCullers Jr. (3-1) allowed one run and eight hits over six innings as the World Series champions completed a three-game sweep in which they outscored the White Sox 27-2.

Chicago has lost seven straight games and 12 of 13, dropping to 4-14. Aaron Bummer (0-1) was the loser.

ATHLETICS 4, RED SOX 1

OAKLAND — Khris Davis hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer off David Price with two outs in the eighth inning and the Oakland Athletics beat Boston 4-1 on Sunday, to deal the Red Sox consecutive losses for the first time under new manager Alex Cora.

Boston had won its first six series before losing two of three at the Coliseum, where they were no-hit Saturday by Sean Manaea. They still have the best record in the majors at 17-4.

Davis drove in all four runs for the A's, and Blake Treinen (1-1) retired five batters to win. Price (2-2) allowed four runs and nine hits in 7 2/3 innings.

YANKEES 5, BLUE JAYS 1

Gleyber Torres went 0 for 4 with a strikeout, double-play grounder, popup and flyout in his big league debut, and the youthful Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-1 on Sunday when New York used a starting lineup that didn't include a player 30 or older for the first time since Sept. 29, 1989.

Luis Severino (4-1) allowed three hits and struck out six in seven innings, and David Robertson and Aroldis Chapman finished the four-hitter.

Didi Gregorius homered, No. 9 batter Austin Romine laced a two-run double and rookie Miguel Andujar raised his average to .308 with a career-high four hits, including an RBI double, to help the Yankees take three of four in the series.

INDIANS 7, ORIOLES 3

BALTIMORE — Jose Ramirez homered twice and drove in three runs, and Corey Kluber (3-1) won his third straight start, allowing three runs and six hits in seven-plus innings.

Manny Machado hit two solo homers for Baltimore, his third multihomer game this season. Baltimore (6-16) has lost ninth of 10.

Andrew Cashner (1-3) gave up four runs and eight hits in six innings.

ROYALS 8, TIGERS 5

DETROIT — Mike Moustakas hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer in the seventh off Buck Farmer after Drew VerHagen (0-1) walked two batters. The Royals won for only the second time in 12 games, and Moustakas extended his hitting streak to 14.

Abraham Almonte's sixth-inning grand slam gave the Royals a 5-2 lead, but Detroit tied it with three runs in the bottom half.

Kevin McCarthy (1-0) became the first Kansas City reliever to win this season. Kelvin Herrera pitched a perfect ninth for his fourth save.

RAYS 8, TWINS 6

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Carlos Gomez, in a 2-for-38 slide, hit a two-run homer off Addison Reed (0-1) in the ninth.

Daniel Robertson had a career-high four hits for Tampa Bay, which has gone 7-5 after a 1-6 start.

Alex Colome (2-2) struck out three during a perfect ninth for his second win in three days.

Interleague

GIANTS 4, ANGELS 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Brandon Belt hung in for a 21-pitch, 12-minute, 45-second at-bat before flying out and later homered.

Belt fouled off 11 straight pitches and 16 in all from rookie right-hander Jaime Barria (1-1) in the first inning in the majors' longest at-bat since records began in 1988. Belt singled and scored in the third and launched a leadoff homer against Blake Parker in the fifth. Belt saw 38 pitches in his first three at-bats, then hit the first pitch his last two times up.

Johnny Cueto (2-0) allowed two hits in six shutout innings. Hunter Strickland got his third save when Ian Kinsler flied out with runners on the corners.

Shohei Ohtani batted cleanup for the first time and went 1 for 4.

National League

DODGERS 4, NATIONALS 3

LOS ANGELES — Cody Bellinger followed Yasmani Grandal's two-run double with a tying RBI double in the sixth, and Corey Seager drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning of Los Angeles' sixth win in seven games.

The Dodgers were largely dominated by Jeremy Hellickson until they erased a three-run deficit with three big hits from their patchwork lineup. Los Angeles then went ahead after Austin Barnes was hit by a pitch from Trevor Gott (0-1). Barnes advanced to third on Chris Taylor's single and scored on Seager's fly.

Josh Fields (1-0) survived a rocky seventh inning for the Dodgers (10-10), who got back to .500 after a rough start for the defending NL champions.

CUBS 9, ROCKIES 7

DENVER — Nolan Arenado was initially called safe by umpire Cory Blaser when he tried to score on a bases-loaded pitch that bounced to the backstop, then was ruled out when a video review concluded reliever Brandon Morrow applied the tag on a throw from catcher Willson Contreras.

Cubs star Kris Bryant was hit on the head with a 96 mph pitch from German Marquez in the first inning and left the game. Cubs spokesman Peter Chase said Bryant passed test. and had no sign of a concussion.

Tommy La Stella, Kyle Schwarber and Victor Caratini hit RBI singles later in the first off Marquez (1-2). Javier Baez, who had three RBIs, made it 4-0 in the second with his seventh homer and Jason Heyward had a two-run single in the third for a 6-0 lead. Jose Quintana (2-1) allowed four runs and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings. Morrow got his fourth save.

DIAMONDBACKS 4, PADRES 2

PHOENIX — Patrick Corbin (4-0) struck out 11 in six innings, and Arizona (15-6) became the first team since San Francisco in 2003 to win its first seven series.

Nick Ahmed hit a two-run homer for the Diamondbacks. Archie Bradley struck out Jose Pirela with a runner on third for his second save.

Rookie Joey Lucchese (2-1) gave up four runs and five hits.

PHILLIES 3, PIRATES 2

PHILADELPHIA — Aaron Altherr hit a winning single in the 11th after Andrew Knapp's opposite-field triple off the left-field wall against Rich Rodriguez (0-1). Philadelphia swept a four-game series against Pittsburgh for the first time since May 12-15, 1994.

Yacksel Rios (3-0) pitched a scoreless inning, stranding two runners. The Phillies have won 13 of 16 since a 1-4 start and are seven games over .500 for the first time since they were 24-17 on May 18, 2016.

BREWERS 4, MARLINS 2

MILWAUKEE — Christian Yelich hit his first home run since coming off the disabled list, and Milwaukee completed a four-game sweep that extended its winning streak to six and dropped Miami to 5-16.

Junior Guerra (2-0) allowed one unearned run and five hits in five innings, and Josh Hader also gave up an unearned run in getting six outs for his third save.

Caleb Smith (0-3) struck out a career-high 10 in six innings for Miami, which outhit Milwaukee 6-4.

CARDINALS 9, REDS 2

ST. LOUIS — Kolten Wong and Paul DeJong homered to back Mike Mikolas (3-0), who yielded two runs — one earned — and five hits over seven innings. St. Louis has won eight of nine overall and 11 in a row over the Reds.

Cincinnati has lost five in a row and 13 of 14. The Reds have the worst record in the majors at 3-18 and are 0-3 since firing manager Bryan Price and replacing him with Jim Riggleman.

MLB GLANCE

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Standings

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	17	4	.810	—
Toronto	13	8	.619	4
New York	11	9	.550	5½
Tampa Bay	8	13	.381	9
Baltimore	6	16	.273	11½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	11	8	.579	—
Minnesota	8	8	.500	1½
Detroit	9	11	.450	2½
Kansas City	5	15	.250	6½
Chicago	4	14	.222	6½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	16	7	.696	—
Los Angeles	14	8	.636	1½
Seattle	11	9	.550	3½
Oakland	11	11	.500	4½
Texas	8	15	.348	8

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	14	6	.700	—
Philadelphia	14	7	.667	½
Atlanta	12	8	.600	2
Washington	10	12	.455	5
Miami	5	16	.238	9½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	13	6	.619	—
Milwaukee	14	9	.609	—
Pittsburgh	12	10	.545	1½
Chicago	10	9	.526	2
Cincinnati	3	18	.143	10
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	15	6	.714	—
Colorado	12	11	.522	4
Los Angeles	10	10	.500	4½
San Francisco	9	12	.429	6
San Diego	8	15	.348	8

American League
Sunday's Games
Cleveland 7, Baltimore 3
N.Y. Yankees 5, Toronto 1
Kansas City 6, Detroit 5
Tampa Bay 8, Minnesota 6
Houston 7, Chicago White Sox 1
Texas 7, Seattle 4
Oakland 4, Boston 1
San Francisco 4, L.A. Angels 2
Today's Games
Cleveland (Carrasco 3-0) at Baltimore (Gausman 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Odorizzi 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 2-0), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Cahill 1-0) at Texas (Moore 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Skaggs 2-1) at Houston (Cole 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Leake 3-1) at Chicago White Sox (TBD), 7:10 p.m.

National League
Sunday's Games
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, ppd.
Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2, 11 innings
Milwaukee 4, Miami 2
St. Louis 9, Cincinnati 2
Chicago Cubs 9, Colorado 7
San Francisco 4, L.A. Angels 2
Arizona 4, San Diego 2
L.A. Dodgers 4, Washington 3
Today's Games
Atlanta (Fried 1-1) at Cincinnati (Finnegan 0-2), 5:10 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 0-2) at Colorado (Butler 3-0), 7:10 p.m.
Miami (Straily 1-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
Washington (Scherzer 2-1) at San Francisco (Bolsinger 1-1), 9:15 p.m.

Texas boxes

ASTROS 7, WHITE SOX 1

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Springer cf-rf	4	2	1	0	Moncada 3b	3	0	1	0
Altuve 2b	4	1	1	1	A.Garcia rf	4	0	2	0
Correa ss	2	1	2	1	J.Abreu 1b	4	0	1	0
Reddick rf-lf	4	0	0	0	Davidson lf	4	0	0	0
Bregman 3b	4	1	2	1	W.Calhoun dh	3	0	1	0
Ma.Gnzlz 1b	5	0	1	2	Avdson dh	4	1	1	0
Gallo dh	5	1	1	2	Y.Sanch 3b	2	0	2	1
Stassi c	4	0	1	0	T.Anchr ss	4	0	1	0
Fisher lf	2	0	0	0	L.Garcia cf	3	0	0	0
Marrero ph-cf	3	1	1	0					
Totals	37	7	10	7	Totals	31	1	9	1

Houston ..... 000 000 601—7
Chicago ..... 010 000 000—1

DP—Houston 4. LOB—Houston 11, Chicago 7. 2B—Springer (8), Ma.Gonzalez (6), Davidson (2), Y.Sanchez (3). HR—Gallo (1). SF—Correa (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
McCullers W,3-1	6	8	1	1	1	3
Harris	1	1	0	0	0	1
Giles	1	0	0	0	0	1
Devenski	1	0	0	0	1	0
Chicago						
Lopez	5	4	1	1	4	2
Infante	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bummer L,0-1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Rondon	1-3	2	4	4	2	1
Jones	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Avilan	1	0	0	0	1	0
Santiago	1	2	1	1	0	2

Bummer pitched to 1 batter in the 7th
HBP—by McCullers (Castillo), by McCullers (Sanchez). WP—Lopez, Rondon.
T—3:20. A—17,167 (40,615).

RANGERS 7, MARINERS 4

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Segura ss	5	2	2	1	DSolsch cf	4	0	0	0
Haniger cf	5	1	3	3	Choo dh	4	0	1	1
Cano 2b	4	0	1	0	Mazara rf	4	1	1	1
Cruz dh	5	0	2	0	Beltre 3b	3	3	2	0
K.Seger 3b	4	0	0	0	Gallo 1b	3	2	1	2
L.Sardi rf	3	0	2	0	Profar ss	3	0	1	1
Freitas c-1b	4	0	0	0	Kiner-Fal 2b	4	0	1	2
D.Dnldn ph	1	0	0	0	R.Rivera lf	3	0	0	0
Vglbach 1b	3	0	0	0	Ribnson lf	1	0	0	0
Zunino ph-c	1	0	0	0	Centeno c	4	1	1	0
Gamel lf	4	1	1	0					
Motola ph-lf	2	1	1	0					
Totals	39	4	11	4	Totals	32	7	8	7

Seattle ..... 000 022 000—4
Texas ..... 010 300 03x—7

E—Dickerson (1). LOB—Seattle 12, Texas 6. 2B—Haniger 2 (4), Cruz (2), Beltre 2 (7), Centeno (1). 3B—Gamel (1). HR—Haniger (7), Mazara (3), Gallo (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Ramirez L,0-1	4.2/3	5	5	5	1	1
Pinto	2.2/3	1	0	0	0	2
Vincent	2/3	2	2	2	2	1
Texas						
Perez W,2-2	6	7	2	2	1	4
Bush	1.2/3	2	2	2	1	0
Dickson	2/3	0	0	0	1	2
Jepsen	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rzepczynski	1	2	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Perez (Haniger), by Pinto (Gallo).
T—2:52. A—32,251 (49,115).

RANGERS SATURDAY LATE GAME

RANGERS 6, MARINERS 7

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
D.Dnldn cf	5	1	2	1	Choo dh	5	2	2	1
Cano 2b	5	1	1	2	Kiner-Fal 2b	4	2	2	1
Segura ss	5	1	2	1	Mazara rf	4	1	2	1
Cruz dh	5	1	3	2	Beltre 3b	4	0	1	1
Haniger rf	5	1	3	3	Gallo 1b	4	0	1	1
K.Seger 3b	5	0	0	0	Profar ss	5	0	2	2
L.Sardi lf	5	0	0	0	R.Chirnos c	4	1	1	0
Zunino c	3	1	0	0	Gustvsn 1b	5	1	1	1
Gamel lf	2	0	0	0	Tocci cf	2	0	0	0
Motola ph-lf	2	1	1	0	Gallo ph	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	9	13	9	Totals	35	7	11	7

Seattle ..... 001 201 005—9
Texas ..... 103 101 001—7

DP—Texas 1. LOB—Seattle 5, Texas 13. 2B—D.Gordon (4), Segura (7), Choo 2 (6), Mazara (2), Perez (3), R.Chirinos (4), Gustavson (3). HR—Cano (2), Cruz (4), Haniger (6), 5B—Kiner-Falefa (1). CS—D.Gordon (1). SF—Haniger (2), Beltre (3). S—Tocci (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Pazos	4	6	5	5	3	6
Bradford W,2-0	2	2	1	1	0	1
Altavilla	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	1
Rzepczynski	1-3	1	0	0	1	0
Diaz S,6-6	1	1-3	1	1	1	
3	1					
Texas						
Colon	5 2-3	7	4	4	1	2
Bush	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Claudio L,0-1 BS,1	0	4	4	4	0	0
Martin	1	2	1	1	1	0
Leclerc	2	0	0	0	0	2

Claudio pitched to 4 batters in the 7th
HBP—by Colon (Zunino), by Bradford (Tocci).
WP—Pazos, Altavilla, Diaz.
T—3:23. A—50,010 (49,115).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
YANKEES 5, BLUE JAYS 1

Toronto ..... 000 001 000—1 4 1
New York ..... 100 031 10x—5 9 0

J.Davis, Ch (6), Barnes (7), Axford (8) and Martin; Sanchez, Dan.Robertson (8), A.Chapman (9) and Romine. W—Severino 4-1. L—J.Davis 2-1. HRs—Tellez, Hernandez (3), New York, Gregorius (2).

RANGERS 7, MARINERS 4

Seattle ..... 000 022 000—4 11 0
Texas ..... 103 101 01x—7 8 1

E.Ramirez, Pazos (8), Vincent (8) and Pinto; Zuttner, M.Perez, Bush (7), Dickerson (7), Jepsen (8), Rzepczynski (8) and Chirinos. WP—M.Perez 2-0. L—E.Ramirez 0-1. Sv—Alty (2). HRs—Seattle, Haniger (7). Texas, Mazara (3), Gallo (7).

ATHLETICS 4, RED SOX 1

Boston ..... 000 000 100—1 6 0
Oakland ..... 100 000 03x—4 9 1

Price, Cor.Smith (8) and Vazquez; Mongiln, Pett (7), Buchter (8), Treinen (8) and Maxwell. W—Treinen 1-1. L—Price 2-2. HRs—Oakland, Davis (6).

INTERLEAGUE
GIANTS 4, ANGELS 2

San Francisco ..... 000 010 003—4 10 1
Los Angeles ..... 000 000 002—2 8 0

Cueto, Moronta (7), Gearrin (8), Watson (8), Strickland (9) and Posey; Barria, Ramirez (5), Parker (6), Bedrosian (8), Johnson (7), Alvarez (8), Middleton (9) and Maldonado. W—Cueto 2-0. L—Barria 1-1. Sv—Strickland (3). HRs—San Francisco, Belt (5), Longoria (4). Los Angeles, Trout (5).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BREWERS 4, MARLINS 2

Miami	100	000
010—2	6	1
Milwaukee	000	220
11x—4	4	1

C.Smith, Wittgren (7), Gonzalez (8) and Realmuto; Guerra, Jeffress (8), Albers (7), Hader (9) and Nottingham, Bandy. W—Guerra 2-0. L—C.Smith 0-3. Sv—Hader (3). HRs—Milwaukee, Yelich (2).

CARDINALS 9, REDS 2

Cincinnati ..... 000 000 200—2 6 0
St. Louis ..... 012 000 60x—9 12 1

L.Castillo, Stroia (6), Crowbuck (7), J.Hughes (8) and Stewart; Mikolas, Rosin (8), Hudson (8) and Molina. W—Mikolas 3-0. L—L.Castillo 1-3. HRs—St. Louis, Wong (1), Dubois (1).

PHILLIES 3, PIRATES 2

Pittsburgh ..... 000 020 000—2 7 2
Philadelphia ..... 000 000 003—3 8 2

(11 innings)

T.Williams, Feliz (7), Nicasio (8), E.Rodriguez (9), Crick (10), Rodriguez (11) and Diaz; Pivetta, E.Ramos (7), Hunter (8), Appel (9), Rios (11) and Knapp. W—Rios 3-0. L—Rodriguez 0-1. HRs—Pittsburgh, Diaz (2).

DIAMONDBACKS 4, PADRES 2

San Diego ..... 000 000 020—2 3 1
Arizona ..... 000 000 40x—4 5 0

Lauxland, Shields (5), Maton (6) and Hedges; Corbin, Hirano (7), De La Rosa (8), Shipley (9) and Molina. W—Corbin 4-0. L—Lauxland 2-1. Sv—Shipley (2). HRs—San Diego, Villanueva (7), Ahmed, Russell (2).

CUBS 9, ROCKIES 7

Chicago 002 000 061 0 9 2
Colorado 002 000 041 0 7 0

Montero, Cishek (8), Edwards (7), Maples (8) and Caratini; Chacin, Marquez, Rusin (6), Bettis (8), Shaw (9), Oberg (7), Mollen (8), Gilmartin (8) and Iannetta. W—Cishek 3-0. L—Marquez 1-0. Sv—Shaw (4). HRs—Chicago, Baez (7), Colorado, Blackmon (3), Arenado (5).

DODGERS 4, NATIONALS 3

Washington ..... 000 100 002—3 8 0
Los Angeles ..... 000 000 13x—4 8 1

Hellickson, Solis (6), Doe (7), Kintzler (8) and Severino; Wood, Floro (7), Ferguson (8), Jansen (9) and Grandal. W—Wood 2-0. L—Doe 0-1. Sv—Jansen (3). HRs—Washington, Taylor (1).

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 8, MISSIONS 6

TOP HITTERS: For the RockHounds, Sean Murphy went 3-for-4 with a double, two RBI and a run scored; Brett Vertigan was also 3-for-4 with a double and two runs scored; J.P. Sportman was 3-for-5 with a double, triple, two RBI and two runs score ... Austin Allen led the Missions by going 2-for-3 with a double, solo home run and two runs scored. Teammate Ty France was 2-for-5 with a solo home run with two runs scored.

TOP PITCHERS: Midland starter Joel Seddon picked up his second win of the season after he gave up five runs on nine hits, walked one and struck out three over seven innings of work ... Jake Sanchez picked his third save of the season after he only walked one in a scoreless ninth.

HIGHLIGHTS: France gave San Antonio the early lead with a solo homer in the top of the first ... The RockHounds answered with five unanswered runs over the third and fourth innings. Mikey White hit a solo home run and Sportman had an RBI triple in the three-run fourth. ... Midland had another three-run frame in the seventh for an 8-2 lead that was highlighted by a two-run double by Murphy. ... San Antonio mounted a late rally with four runs in the eighth thanks in part to a two-run home run by Josh Naylor.

NOTES: The teams split the four-game series ... Midland now hits the road for eight games against Texas League South Division opponents, beginning with a four-game series at Corpus Christi at 7:05 p.m. today.

TL standings

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa (Dodgers)	9	6	.600	—
Arkansas (Mariners)	8	7	.533	1
Springfield (Cardinals)	8	8	.500	1½
NW Arkansas (Royals)	6	9	.400	3

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi (Astros)	10	6	.625	—
Midland (Athletics)	10	7	.588	½
San Antonio (Padres)	9	7	.563	1
Frisco (Rangers)	3	13	.188	7

Sunday's Scores
Tulsa 8, Northwest Arkansas 6
Midland 8, San Antonio 6
Arkansas 9, Springfield 3
Corpus Christi 8, Frisco 6
Today's Games
Northwest Arkansas at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.
Frisco at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 8, MISSIONS 6

San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Boykin lf	3	1	1	0	Sportman 2b	5	2	3	2
Naylor 1b	5	1	1	2	E.White ss	4	1	2	1
France 3b	5	2	2	1	Ramirez cf	3	1	0	1
Allen dh	3	2	2	1	Murphy c	4	1	3	2
Rivas c	4	0	2	0	Martinez rf	4	0	0	0
Stevens ss-2b	4	0	1	2	Brown 1b	4	0	1	1
Gallys cf	4	0	1	0	M.White 3b	4	1	1	1
Van Gorkom 2b	3	0	1	0	Siddall dh	4	0	0	0
Tella ph-ss	1	0	0	0	Vertigan lf	4	2	3	0
Brookfield rf	3	0	0	0					
Totals	35	6	11	6	Totals	38	8	13	8

San Antonio ..... 100 001 040 —6
Midland ..... 002 200 30x —8

DP — Midland 1. LOB — San Antonio 6, Midland 5. 2B — Allen (6), Rivas (1), Van Gorkom (2), Boykin (4), Vertigan (2), Sportman (3), Murphy (6). 3B — Sportman (2). E. White (2). HR — France (1), Allen (6), Naylor (7), M. White (3). SB — Vertigan (1). SF — Ramirez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Antonio						
Quantrill L, 1-2	5.0	8	5	5	0	3
Yardley	2.0	4	3	3	0	2
Stock	1.0	1	0	0	0	2
Midland						
Seddon W, 2-1	7.0	9	5	5	1	3
Martin	1.0	2	1	1	0	2
Sanchez S, 3	1.0	0	0	0	1	0

Seddon pitched to 3 batters in the 8th.
HBP — by Seddon (Brookfield), by Martin (Allen)
T – 2:32. A – 3,865.

CHAPS

From 1C

MC coach Hector Rodriguez said after the Chaps decided to stick to their approach, they put a lot of quality at-bats together to chip away at the lead. It all started with a four-run second inning and then added a five-run third to tie the game at 10-all.

"(The Chaps) had big hits in the middle of the field and they didn't play out of character," Rodriguez said. "We always talk about having quality at-bats and that's what they did. We were able to get some big hits in some key situations and we were able to have some big walks in some big situations. We swung the bat well when we needed to and we didn't swing when we didn't need to either. Sometimes you can win by not swinging."

MC took the lead for good when it scored five runs in the fifth inning, highlighted by a two-run single by Cade Bullinger.

The Chaps had 16 hits in the game but also drew 15 walks. Sophomore leadoff hitter Ethan Barker walked five time and scored five runs.

Chavez was 4-for-6 in the game with a double, triple, seven RBI and run scored, while Tommy Gillman was 3-for-4 with a double, two walks, three RBI and three runs scored. Fernie Zubia and Blake Perdue added two hits, while Riley King and Bullinger each drove in three runs.

Said Chavez of his big game at the plate: "I was trying to hit the ball, put it in play and do my job."

Clarendon pounded out 20 hits, led by Laboy, who was 4-for-6 with a double, three home runs, six RBI and three runs scored. Casteblanco tormented the Chaps all day and was 3-for-3 with a double, home run, two walks, three RBI and four runs scored; Quirion was 3-for-6 with a home run, four RBI and three runs scored; Martinez was 3-for-6 with a double, home run and two runs scored; and Tommy Reyes-Cruz was 3-for-4 with a double, RBI and a run scored.

Rodriguez said for his team to be able to withstand that early Bulldog onslaught speaks to its growth and maturity.

"At the beginning of the year, I said our team would be as good as our maturity," he said.

"We've had some ups and downs with it but today was definitely a positive on the maturity side. They handled themselves well, there really wasn't a panic. They just kept going at them and kept chipping away, chipping away until they pulled ahead and then do enough to hold them off."

The first game was another back-and-forth affair, despite MC jumping out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning, which was highlighted by a three-run homer by Gillman.

This time, it was Clarendon that responded and eventually took an 8-7 lead after six innings.

Rodriguez said a key was Hutton Frazier, who came in relief of MC starter Chandler Eaton on the mound for keeping his team within striking distance. The freshman right-hander from Abilene allowed two unearned runs on one hit, with one walk and a strikeout over 3 1/3 innings.

"He's a guy that's scuffled a bit all year long but he was ready to go and was ready for his opportunity," he said. "I thought he threw the ball really well and gave us a chance."

In the bottom of the seventh, Chavez and Bullinger drew walks to open the inning.

Then, after a sacrifice bunt by Garrett Wilkinson to move both runners into scoring position, Billups delivered with his game-winning single to right.

"Big-hit Billups, he's done that a lot for us this year," Rodriguez said.

Chavez was 2-for-3 in the game with a walk, RBI and three runs scored; Gillman was 2-for-2 with a home run, four RBI, walk and run scored to lead MC.

Casteblanco was a one-man wrecking crew for the Bulldogs as he was 3-for-3 with a double, two home runs, a walk, five RBI and two runs scored.

"They're a really good team," said Rodriguez of Clarendon. "They're a lot better than I thought offensively. They've got some guys that can legitimately swing the bats.

"I think it says a lot about us to be able to find a way. Getting a split (on Saturday) after losing the first one and then coming back and winning two today at home, it says a lot about our guys. I'm proud of them. I think we beat a quality club."

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First game
MIDLAND COLLEGE 8,
CLARENDON COLLEGE 7

Clarendon	014	100	0	7	8	1
Midland	500	200	1	8	12	1

Tristan Vela, Jose Rivas (5) and Anthony Galvan, Chandler Eaton, Hutton Frazier (4), Justin Lewis (7), Carson Bailey (7) and Cameron Mahrer and Garrett Wilkinson (7). W – Bailey (1-0). L – Rivas. 2B – CC: Tommy Reyes-Cruz, Colton Lahey, Blake Casteblanco. HR – CC: Casteblanco 2; MC: Tommy Gillman

Second game
MIDLAND COLLEGE 23,
CLARENDON COLLEGE 17

Clarendon	202	202	109	17	20	0
Midland	203	205	13x	23	19	0

Nick Maietta, Jose Rivas (3), Jalen Ojo (3), Cory Martinez (3), Tommy Reyes-Cruz (3) and Blake Casteblanco; Ryan Duke, Jarrod Rasmussen (3), Stephen Perez (3), Carson Bailey (3), Justin Lewis (7), Colin Rahmer (8) and Garrett Wilkinson. W – Bailey 1 – Rivas. 2B – CC: Casteblanco, Galvan, Martinez, Tommy Reyes-Cruz; MC: Rahmer, Cherry 2, Wilkinson, Gillman. 3B — MC: Elliott Parker, Chavez. HR — CC: Galvan, Casteblanco, Cristian Lahey 2, Martinez.

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RANGERS

From 1C

pinch-hitter Mike Zunino to end the threat.

Keone Kela worked a scoreless ninth for his third save. He allowed consecutive hits starting the inning, but the game ended when shortstop Jurickson Profar made a tough catch of a popup in shallow left field.

Mazara pulled a shot into the right-center seats beyond the Rangers bullpen in the fourth, a drive that would have been 441 feet unimpeded.

Adrian Beltre then walked before Gallo's opposite-field fly that carried into the Seattle bullpen for his seventh homer and a 4-0 lead over Erasmo Ramirez.

It was the season debut for Ramirez (0-1) after being on the disabled list because of a strained right lat.

"I can say the only good thing is just not being sore," said Ramirez, who allowed five runs and five hits in 4 2-3 innings.

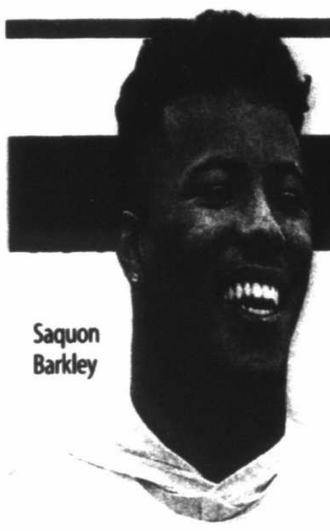
"I just wasn't executing pitches. I was behind in the count a lot of times."

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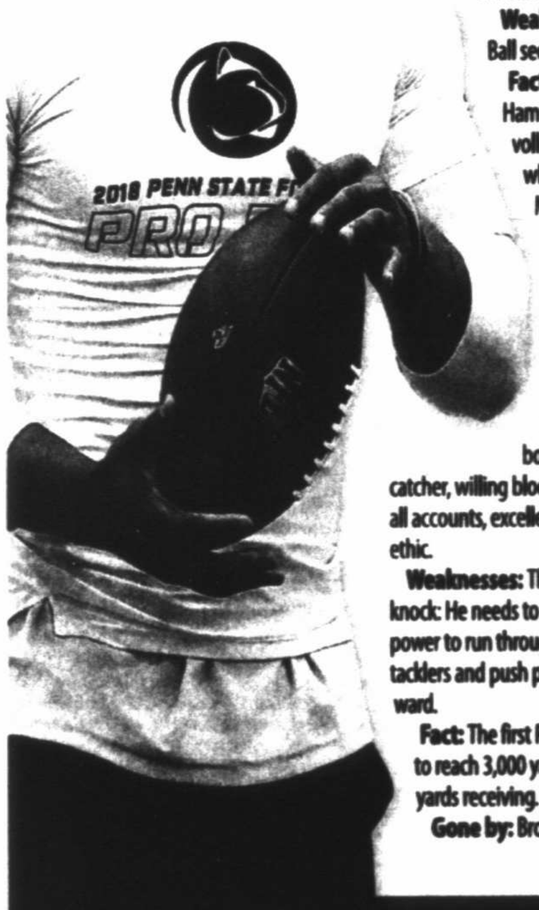
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TOP PROSPECTS



Saquon Barkley





Sam Darnold-x, 6-3, 220, USC, QB

Strengths: Excellent arm, good size and can make accurate throws — or the occasional positive run — when the pocket breaks down. Works his progressions.

Weaknesses: Ball security. Ball security. Ball security.

Fact: His grandfather, Dick Hammer, was an Olympic volleyball player and an actor who played the Marlboro Man.

Gone by: Pick No. 3.



Saquon Barkley-x, 6-0, 233, Penn State, RB

Strengths: Quick feet, sharp cuts, top-end speed, powerful lower body, solid pass catcher, willing blocker and, by all accounts, excellent work ethic.

Weaknesses: The one knock: He needs to use that power to run through more tacklers and push piles forward.

Fact: The first Penn State player to reach 3,000 yards rushing and 1,000 yards receiving.

Gone by: Browns at No. 4.



Josh Rosen-x, 6-4, 226, UCLA, QB

Strengths: Polished passer with excellent mechanics, and nice touch.

Weaknesses: Durability issues in college. Will force plays unnecessarily.

Fact: Was an elite youth tennis player.

Gone by: Top five or so.



Minkah Fitzpatrick-x, 6-1, 201, Alabama, DB

Strengths: Versatility, intelligence, instincts, leadership and smooth athleticism.

Weaknesses: The nits to pick: He is not an explosive hitter and maybe he could use a few extra pounds.

Fact: Returned four interceptions for touchdowns in his first two seasons at Alabama.

Gone by: Only the NFL's love affair with quarterbacks keeps him around past the top five.



Bradley Chubb, 6-foot-4, 269 pounds, North Carolina State, DE

Strengths: Rushes with a good combination of power and speed, and varied moves. Holds his ground well against the run.

Weaknesses: Not quite the elite athleticism of a player such as Myles Garrett, which could limit his upside.

Fact: Wore No. 9 at N.C. State the last two seasons for former Wolfpack defensive end and No. 1 overall pick Mario Williams.

Gone by: Pick No. 5 or 6.



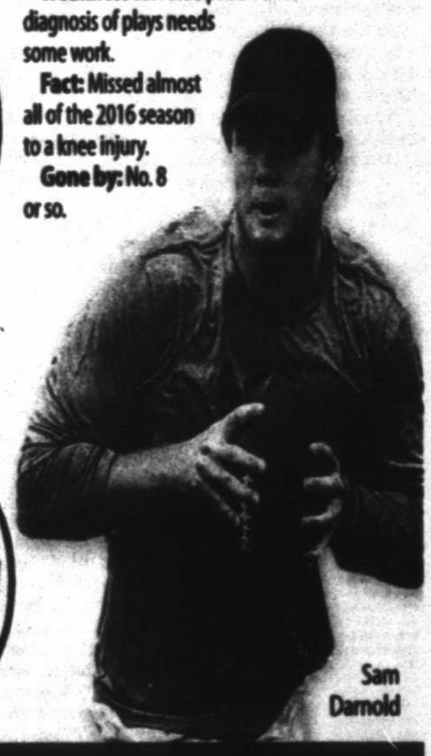
Derwin James-x, 6-3, 211, Florida State, S

Strengths: A little more explosive athleticism, but not quite as much polish as Fitzpatrick.

Weaknesses: Anticipation and diagnosis of plays needs some work.

Fact: Missed almost all of the 2016 season to a knee injury.

Gone by: No. 8 or so.



Sam Darnold

DRAFT SHEET

A look at the top prospects available at each position in the upcoming NFL draft *(x-denotes early entrant)*

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS

Position outlook: This is a quarterback draft. There could be as many as six taken in the first round and five in the first 15 picks. It's not crazy to come up with a scenario where four quarterbacks are taken in the first five picks. Besides Sam Darnold and Josh Rosen, here are others likely to go high:

Baker Mayfield, 6-1, 215, Oklahoma

Strengths: Accuracy, competiveness, and command of the offense. Gets the ball out quickly and decisively.

Weaknesses: Undersized. Elusiveness and mobility that was a plus in college might not translate to the NFL.

Fact: Went from walk-on to 2017 Heisman Trophy winner. Plus, had two other top-five Heisman finishes.

Gone by: Pick 15.

Josh Allen, 6-5, 233, Wyoming

Strengths: Arm strength, athleticism, size. It's all ideal.

Weaknesses: Accuracy and ability to change speed on his throws, while still being on target.

Fact: Had no major college scholarship offers coming out of high school.

Gone by: Top 10.

Lamar Jackson-x, 6-foot-3, 200 pounds, Louisville

Strengths: All the arm a team would need, plus speed and elusiveness unlike anything the NFL has seen from a top quarterback prospect since Mike Vick.

Weaknesses: Repeatable and consistent throwing mechanics for reliable accuracy.

Fact: Won the Heisman Trophy in 2016 and finished third in 2017 voting.

Gone by: First 20 picks.

Mason Rudolph, 6-5, 235, Oklahoma State

Strengths: Size, strength, and ability _ and willingness — to throw deep.

Weaknesses: Limited mobility. Was asked to make limited reads in the offense.

Fact: Completion percentage and yards per pass increased each of last three seasons.

Gone by: Early second round, but could be sixth first-round QB.

RUNNING BACKS

Position outlook: Saquon Barkley is the No. 1 player on a lot of experts' boards, but there are several backs that could provide great value outside the first 20 picks.

Sony Michel, 5-11, 220, Georgia

Strengths: Three-down back with good speed, decent receiving skills and ability to pass protect.

Weaknesses: Limited shiftiness.

Fact: Ran for 3,638 yards in four seasons at Georgia while mostly sharing carries with Nick Chubb.

Gone by: Middle of the second round.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Position outlook: No first-round locks, but expect at least one or two to go on Day 1.

Calvin Ridley-x, 6-0, 189, Alabama

Strengths: Game-breaking speed and explosive out of his cuts.

Weakness: Slender. Can he play through contact at the line?

Fact: Surpassed 1,000 yards receiving as a freshman, but limited passing game by Alabama held his numbers down in 2016 and '17.

Gone by: Top-25 pick, likely first receiver taken.

TIGHT ENDS

Position outlook: Some intriguing athletes and potential receiving mismatches, but no early-off-the-board picks.

Mike Gesicki, 6-5, 247, Penn State

Strengths: Big-time athlete who can make plays downfield.

Weaknesses: Blocking needs a lot of work.

Fact: A highlight-reel dunker on the basketball court.

Gone by: Maybe day one. Maybe day two.

OFFENSIVE TACKLES

Position outlook: A lack of clear-cut tackle prospects and some tackles who might have to move to guard.

Mike McGlinchey, 6-8, 312, Notre Dame

Strengths: Good athlete, solid technique and team leader.

Weaknesses: Could use more bulk and might be better suited for right tackle.

Fact: Four-year starter.

Gone by: Top-20 pick.

GUARDS

Position outlook: Not a position that NFL teams see as great draft value, but the top players here are probably better prospects than the top tackles.

Quenton Nelson, 6-5, 329, Notre Dame

Strengths: Maybe the most likely to succeed of any player in this draft class. Powerful, tenacious and sound.

Weaknesses: Not much not to complain about. Could do better at getting off the line and getting to second level.

Fact: Watch Nelson block and expect to see plenty of defenders being pushed to the ground.

Gone by: Pick 10. And that would probably be about five picks too low.

CENTERS

Position outlook: A few low-risk prospects who could step into starting roles right away.

Billy Price, 6-4, 312, Ohio State

Strengths: Very strong. Very aggressive. Played at lot of guard with the Buckeyes, too.

Weaknesses: That aggressiveness can lead to sloppiness.

Fact: Started a school-record 55 games at Ohio State.

Gone by: End of round two.

DEFENSE

EDGE RUSHERS/ENDS

Position outlook: Beyond Bradley Chubb, most of the best potential pass rushers have question marks that could keep them out of the first round.

Marcus Davenport, 6-6, 264, UTSA

Strengths: Long, fast and explosive athlete with maybe even more upside than Chubb.

Weaknesses: Instincts and reaction are a work in progress, which limits his speed and quickness.

Fact: Former high school sprinter who gained 30 pounds during his college career.

Gone by: Pass rush potential like this generally doesn't last past top 15.

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Position outlook: Could be no defensive tackles taken in the first 15 or 20 picks, but a handful or more between 20 and 45.

Vita Vea-x, 6-4, 347, Washington

Strengths: Athleticism and quickness for his size is outstanding.

Weaknesses: Production and playmaking is inconsistent.

Fact: Played some Wildcat quarterback as a 270-pound high schooler in San Jose, California.

Gone by: Top 20.

LINEBACKERS

Roquan Smith-x, 6-1, 236, Georgia

Strengths: Excellent recognition, sideline-to-sideline range and athleticism, with coverage skills to keep him on the field on passing downs.

Weaknesses: Bit undersized and can get engulfed by big blockers — if they can get to him.

Fact: Won the Butkus Award as best linebacker in college football in 2017.

Gone by: Top 15.

CORNERBACKS

Position outlook: NFL teams draft lots of cornerbacks and there are about seven with a chance to squeeze into the first round, or provide good value in the second, depending upon taste.

Denzel Ward-x, 5-10, 190, Ohio State

Strengths: Blazing speed, physical for his size and gets his hands on a lot of passes.

Weaknesses: Any issues stem from size and strength, neither of which is optimal but have hardly held him back.

Fact: Sat out Ohio State's Cotton Bowl game against USC, a decision he made late into game preparation.

Gone by: Consensus first corner off the board, probably top 10 or so.

SAFETIES

Position outlook: Two top-10 talents and then several players who will be more scheme-fit picks.

Ronnie Harrison-x, 6-2, 207, Alabama

Strengths: Tough in run support and nasty on receivers in the middle of the field.

Weaknesses: More of a hitter than tackler and not as effective in coverage.

Fact: Went to high school in Tallahassee, Florida, before choosing the Crimson Tide over the Seminoles.

Gone by: Top 50.

SPECIALISTS

Position outlook: As usual, not many punters and kickers will have their names called during the draft.

PUNTERS

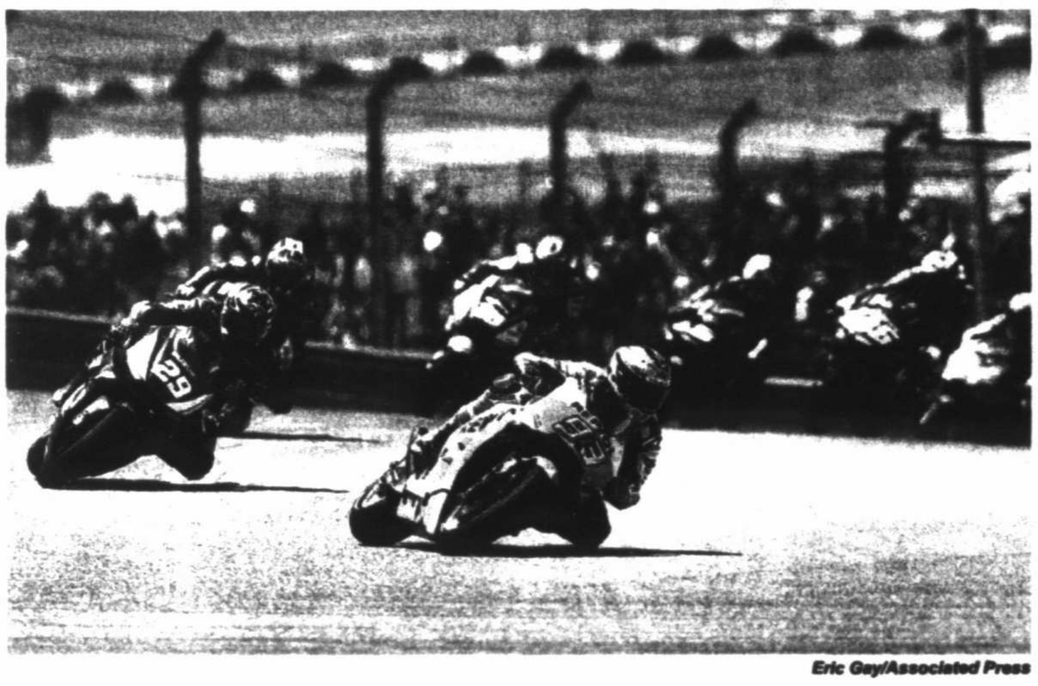
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Marc Marquez (93), of Spain, is followed by Andrea Iannone (29), of Italy, and the rest of the field Sunday through a turn during the Grand Prix of the Americas motorcycle race at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin.

Spain's Marc Marquez cruises to sixth MotoGP win in Texas

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN— No matter where he starts, Spain's Marc Marquez is the king of Texas.

And now it's off to the European heartland of MotoGP after another dominant victory at the Grand Prix of the Americas and a leap toward the top of the season championship.

Marquez stormed to his sixth consecutive victory at the Circuit of the Americas on Sunday, once again making easy work of a track where the four-time MotoGP champion has seldom even been tested.

The only thing unusual about this race was Marquez's starting spot. A penalty for interfering with Movistar Yamaha's Maverick Vinales in qualifying had bumped Marquez and his Repsol Honda from pole position to fourth.

It made no difference.

A bolt off his starting line saw Marquez muscle past Vinales and into second behind Suzuki's Andrea Iannone of Italy by the first turn. Iannone held the lead through the slingshot downhill left turn but couldn't fight off Marquez to keep it.

By the time their bikes were ripping down the long straight halfway through the first lap, Marquez was on the hunt and he made an easy pass for the lead. From there, it was just a matter of avoiding mistakes on an easy Sunday drive.

There was no chance of reeling him back to the pack. Marquez pulled away lap by lap until his lead reached 7 seconds, and then he coasted in for the win.

Vinales and Iannone knew their day would be a fight for second, not first. Vinales finished second and Iannone was third.

"Marc and this track are another story," Iannone said. "I hope to fight with him another time."

Marquez has been unbeatable at the Circuit of the Americas. He's won every race since it first hosted MotoGP in 2013. Sunday's victory moved Marquez to second in the season championship, a single point behind Ducati's Andrea Dovizioso of Italy.

And by quickly grabbing the lead Sunday, Marquez stayed clear from the kind of wild racing three weeks ago in Argentina that earned him two penalties for bumping other riders and causing a crash.

His antics in South America drew warnings from MotoGP officials that dangerous racing would draw heavy sanctions for any rider. Marquez was the first to feel the consequences with his penalty in Texas for impeding Vinales in qualifying.

Marquez had seemed cavalier about the penalty that bumped him from pole position and showed why on Sunday: No other rider was in his class once the race started.

"After what happened in Argentina, I changed my strategy and tried to lead from the start," Marquez said. "Once I saw the gap, I was able to manage the race."

As he crossed the finish line, Marquez stood on his bike, thumped his chest with both hands and took a bow toward his garage. He also grabbed an American flag for a victory lap to honor Nicky Hayden, the American 2006 MotoGP champion who died in 2017 when he was hit by a car while training on his bicycle in Italy.

"I enjoyed a lot to make that lap in his memory," Marquez said.

Vinales' first podium of the season puts him just four points behind Marquez in the championship standings heading to the next race in Spain. Vinales won three of the first five races of 2017 but hasn't taken the checkered flag since winning in France nearly a year ago.

"We are coming," Vinales said. "I'm actually really happy. Today I think was the maximum we could do. I can't wait to get to Spain."

IndyCar race goes under red flag with track conditions

By John Zenor
Associated Press

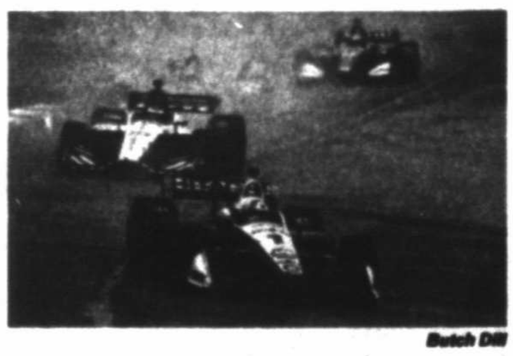
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Josef Newgarden applauded IndyCar's decision not to risk 16 more minutes on a treacherous, rain-soaked track, even though he could have been the biggest beneficiary.

Other drivers weren't so happy with earlier calls.

Newgarden will remain up front at Barber Motorsports Park on Monday for the completion of the Indy Grand Prix of Alabama. Drivers got in just over 44 minutes of a scheduled 2-hour, or 90-lap, race Sunday under heavy rain that caused some cars to hydroplane and affected visibility.

The race was called before it was halfway through, and thus official.

"I was calling for us not to run and I was in the easiest situation," Newgarden said. "I was leading the race, had the best viewpoint. We do another (16) minutes under caution and we call the thing halfway from a time standpoint, we pick up the win. It's more advantageous for us to get it in, but I didn't want to do that. I didn't think conditions were right."



Butch Dill

IndyCar driver Josef Newgarden (1) leads a pack of cars Sunday during the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama auto race at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Ala. Race is postponed until today due to weather.

The 2-hour limit of total race time will remain in place. Newgarden started on the pole position and led the first 22 laps of a race he has won two of the past three years. The race restarted after a 37-minute delay because of the track conditions, but only got another few laps in before parking the cars again. The race was called after another 1-hour, 23-minute wait.

Sebastien Bourdais is in second, followed by two-time race winner Ryan Hunter-Reay, points leader Alexander Rossi and James Hinchcliffe.

Rossi said at times he could see "absolutely nothing." He questioned the decision to put up the green flag after the first yellow caution, and "obviously the results of that was a car hydroplaning."

It was the first time racing in such rainy conditions with this year's new aero kit.

"This is the first actual wet running I've done besides a Sunday morning warmup," Rossi said. "It was very bad (Sunday). I don't know if that has to do with the generation of the car or not."

Two-time race winner Will Power, who started in second and has won twice in Alabama, spun out on the first turn of lap 17 and slammed into the inside wall. He said on the radio: "That's it." Power can continue his race but IndyCar was impounding his Chevrolet overnight so the team couldn't work on it.

The red flag came out shortly after that incident. Power complained that he couldn't "believe they went green" with that much standing water on the track.

Even modest Nadal impressed by record 31st Masters title

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

MONACO — Usually modest about his achievements, Rafael Nadal allowed himself a moment to appreciate his record 31st Masters title on Sunday.

Nadal was at his dominant best against Kei Nishikori, beating him 6-3, 6-2 in the Monte Carlo Masters final to become the first man in the Open era to win the same title 11 times.

"It's unbelievable," Nadal said, pausing to take it in. "It's something difficult to imagine."

A 10th win in 12 matches against Nishikori wasn't, however, even when the Japanese player broke him for a 2-1 lead early on.

Nadal moved one ahead of rival Novak Djokovic for career Masters titles.

Nadal's first Monte Carlo title came as a scraggly-haired 18-year-old in 2005. But Nadal had already burst onto the scene in astonishing fashion at this sun-soaked Mediterranean venue two years earlier, beating French Open champion Albert Costa in the second round.

It was the start of a remarkable ascendancy for Nadal in becoming the best clay-court player of all time, underlined by more than 50 titles on his favorite surface and including 10 French Opens, both of them records.

The fire still burns as strongly for Nadal.

"These kind of things not going to happen forever. So (I) just try to play with the full passion and with the full energy and concentration, full love for the sport until I can," the 31-year-old Nadal said. "I know the day to say goodbye is closer than 10 years ago."

LANDRY

From 1C

Landry took a two-stroke lead to the par-5 18th after Mullinax chunked a flop shot and bogeyed the short par-4 17th. Landry hit a 55-foot putt over a ridge to 3 feet for par on 17 and made an 8-footer on 18 after running a 50-foot downhill birdie try past.

Mullinax closed with a 69 a day after breaking the AT&T Oaks Course record with a 62.

O'Hair shot 66.

"When I'm good, I'm really good, and when I'm not good, I'm not so good," O'Hair said. "I've got to kind of get that a little bit better, but it's always nice to compete and be in the hunt."

Tied for the third-round lead with Zach Johnson, Landry birdied the first three holes and added two more on Nos. 6 and 10. He bogeyed the par-4 11th before the closing par run.

"Made a couple putts and, unfortunately, Zach and Trey kind of had some hiccups there on the front nine and they didn't play it as well as I did," Landry said. "I think that that was really, really key to getting to where I am right now."

Landry won in his 32nd PGA Tour start. He earned his tour card last year on the Web.com Tour, and lost a playoff to Jon Rahm in January in the CareerBuilder Challenge.

"It helps because you get yourself in that situation and you continue to learn," Landry said. "Losing in that playoff when I was continuing to hit good shot after good shot, just not making any putts. Normally that's a strength of my game. Now here we are, a winner."

Jimmy Walker was fourth at 14 under after his second 67.

"From where I've been, it's nice to see a lot of red numbers, nice to see putts going in, nice to be in contention," said Walker, the 2015 winner. "It felt good and I felt like I could get it done today and that's been a while."

Johnson had a 72 to finish fourth at 13 under. He won the event in 2008 and 2009, the last two times it was played at LaCantera. The 42-year-old Iowan is winless since the 2015 British Open.

"It's fun to compete against the so-called younger generation," Johnson said. "I still really do feel my best golf is in front of me. I know what I've got to clean up."

Joaquin Niemann shot 67-67 on the weekend to finish sixth at 12 under in his pro debut. The 19-year-old from Chile was the top-ranked amateur in the world.

"I never thought I was going to finish how I played this week, but I can't be more happy than this," Niemann said. "Just try to keep it up and hope to play well for the next weeks."

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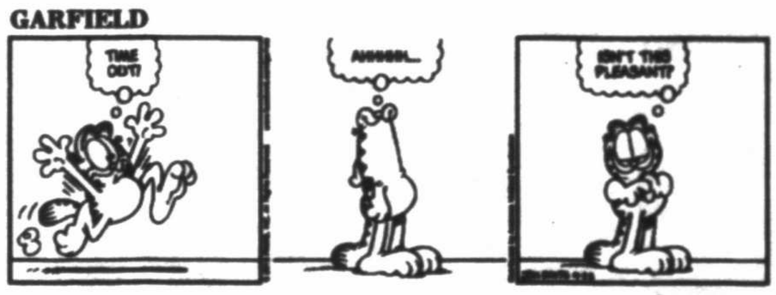
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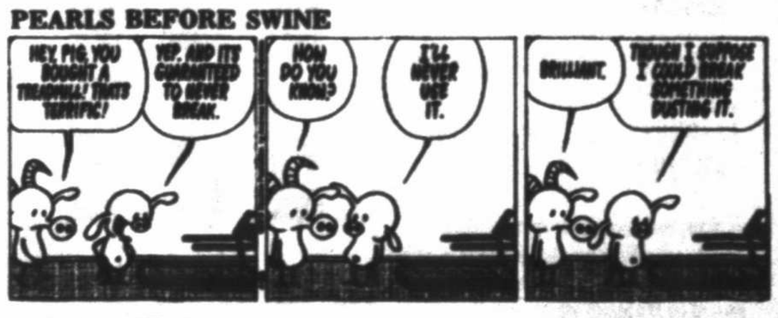
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Level: 1 2 3 4

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

		6	8		5			
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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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JUMBLE

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

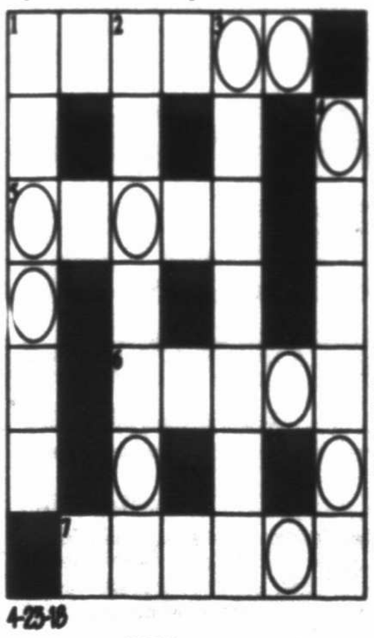
Print your answer here: "○○○○-○○○"

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: CONGA PROOF COOKIE NINETY
Answer: She invested in the pizza parlor because she wanted a — PIECE OF THE ACTION

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Mass ___	DSXUEO
5. Hot ___	CAOOC
6. Another time	INAAG
7. Onset, arrival	VNADTE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Repeat performance	RNEOEC
2. Apple ___	DARROHC
3. Out of the loop	WRUNEAA
4. Red ___	EPLTNA

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: ___ lived from 1473 to 1543.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○○

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ANSWERS: 1A-Cause 6A-Again 7A-Adams 1D-Cheese 2D-Oxford 3D-Banana 4D-Three 5D-Cigarettes
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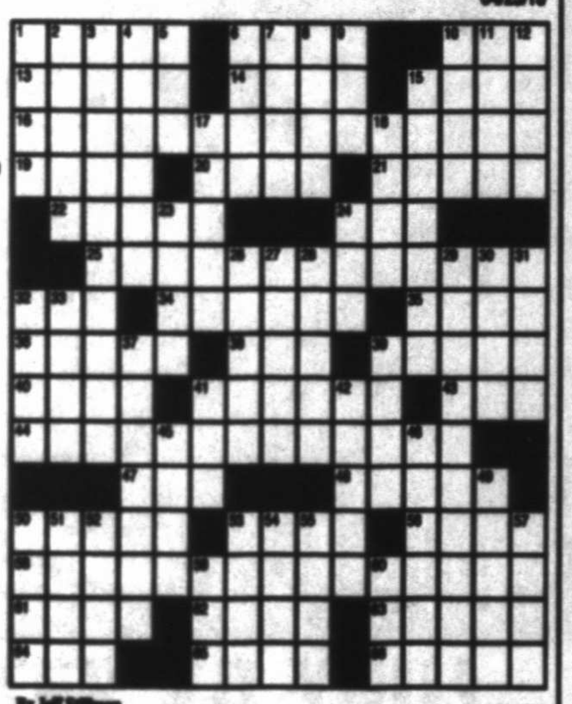
ACROSS
1 Ejects, volcano-style
6 Coin toss
10 Org. with a "Parliament" TV channel
13 Vietnam's capital
14 Loughlin of "Full House"
15 Hide in the soil
16 "Actor who played Ché in the 1996 "Evita" movie
19 Conked out
20 Sign light
21 "Snowy" bird
22 Sobbed
24 Winter bug
25 "1990s-2000s Red Sox Hall of Fame pitcher
32 Scratch or dent
34 With courage
35 Actress Campbell
36 Leave out, as the "g" when saying "sayin'"
38 From __ Z
39 It's accessed via manhotes
40 To boot
41 End of a Seuss title about a mischievous feline
43 Good bud
44 "Argentine who shared the FIFA Player of the 20th Century award with Pelé
47 Rte. finder
48 October birthstones
50 Tea variety
53 Extra: Abbr.
56 British slammer
58 "20th-century Spanish dictator
61 Like small print
62 Civil mayhem
63 Like Machu Picchu
64 Explosive stuff
65 Without ... or, as a plural, what the starts of the answers to starred clues are without?
66 Winter melodies

DOWN
1 Roe fish
2 Lose it in an emergency
3 "Star Trek" ship
4 Stereotypical surfer's wagon
5 Pride or envy
6 Ice sheet
7 Gray wolf
8 Persian rug source
9 Sticker
10 1804 duel winner
11 Scottish hillside
12 Skin concern
15 "Begin the __": Cole Porter song
17 Vedic weather god
18 Shoulder muscle, informally
23 Beat by a bit
24 Cook in deep fat
26 Nebraska city
27 Parking __
28 Hawaiian welcome
29 Puma competitor
30 Perpetually
31 Celsius freezing point
32 Honeyed drink
33 "__ want for Christmas ..."
37 Danged
39 "Cut that out!"
41 Many corp. logos
42 First name from which the "Ad" in Adidas is derived
45 Oil gp.
46 1996 Olympics city
49 Tinseltown region, familiarly
50 Fizzling sound
51 Ireland, in verse
52 German thinker Immanuel
53 Largest continent
54 Anti-rodent brand
55 Things to connect
57 Chaney Jr. and Sr.
59 Tax-auditing org.
60 __ Tin Tin

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

F	A	T	A	L	F	L	A	W		N	T	E	S	T
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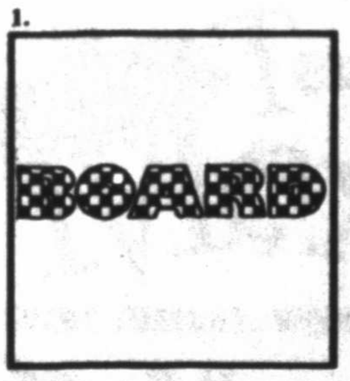
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WORD PUZZLES BY WOOD / TOM

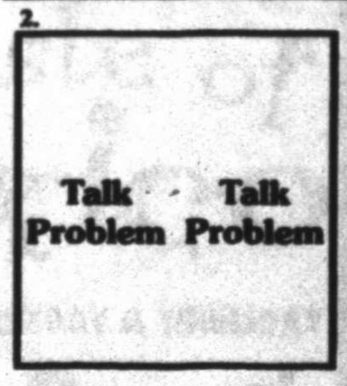
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2. ○○○○○ ○○○○

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About the job: This is an entry-level position that offers paid vacation, a 401(k) and other benefits. Experience in design is necessary, experience with sports is a plus. Recent college graduates are encouraged to apply. This would be a good job for someone looking to perfect their copy editing/design skills.

If you're interested: Submit your cover letter, résumé and clips in PDF format to Editor Stewart Doreen at sdoreen@mrt.com.

CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

MIDLAND

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.

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

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EDUCATION/TRAINING

Instructor-Transportation Trainer

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

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

EOE

Midland

Midland Independent School District is seeking Full-Time Math Teachers at the following locations: Lee High School, MAP/DDAEP & Goddard Junior High School.

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Valid Texas teaching certificate

Experience:
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MIDLAND

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Associate Traffic Engineer

Job Duties:
- Support or substitute for the City Traffic Engineer as needed
- Oversee and/or participate in the development, configuration, and operation of the City's computerized control systems
- Manage and perform 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:
- Healthcare Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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HEALTHCARE

Laboratory Medical Technologist

Laboratory Medical Technologist. Medical Center Hospital is seeking qualified applicants for its Odessa, TX. location. Analyze blood & body fluids as a diagnostic aid to physicians by producing accurate & precise test results & ensuring proper notification of critical results. Must have a Bach's deg or foreign equivalent in Medical Technology or related field w/ current ASCP or AMT certification as a Medical Laboratory Scientist or Medical Technologist, & meet CLIA education requirements for testing personnel performing high complexity testing. In lieu of Bach's deg, employer will accept personnel who, prior to 2/28/92 have qualified at the Medical Technologist level by achieving a satisfactory grade on HHS examination & possess a minimum of 2 yrs of exp in lab testing in high complexity environment. Please send resume to: Medical Center Hospital, HR - Job #MT 002, P.O. Box 7239, Odessa, TX 79760.

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MIDLAND

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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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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 rights-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, Setback 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 negotiation, or a similar field. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:
- **Health care Plans**
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- 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 ar:d machinery.

Physical Demands:
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Endeavor Energy Resources LP

DOT Driver II

JOB DESCRIPTION: Job responsibilities include local (within Midland City and County) transportation by truck for Endeavor Energy completions or production crews. Cargo transport varies depending on driver's licensing.

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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OTHER JOBS

Midland

Midland Independent School District is seeking
Full-Time
Registered Nurse (RN)/District Wide

Educational/Certification:
- Registered Professional Nurse with academic preparation at the diploma, associate degree, or baccalaureate level
- Current Texas license issued by the Board of Nurse Examiners
- Current certification in CPR and Basic First Aid
- Texas Department of Health certification in vision, hearing, and spinal screening is requried.

Experience:
Two years of supervised nurse practice preferably in community health, pri or to entry into school nursing.

Qualifications:
Experience in community health or pediatric nursing is preferred.
Courses of study which strengthen growth in nursing, education, special education, health education, and other health-related fields is recommended.
Courses of study for child growth and development.

Benefits Include:
- Health Insurance: District pays for 100% for Employee Only - $0 cost to employee - Additional cost to the employee for family.
- Dental & Vision: We offer low monthly premiums.
- Texas Teacher Retirement System: Pay into a retirement pension.
- Voluntary Annuity: In addition to TRS, retirement plans such as 403(b), 457, or Roth Annuity Plans
- Voluntary Benefits: Disability, Accident, Bridge, Heart & Cancer plans and
- Flex Plans for Medical & Childcare

https://midlandisd.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx - to apply

Midland

Midland Independent School District is seeking
Full-Time
Assistant Head Custodian/ Lee High School
Custodian/District Wide

Assistant Head Custodian/ Lee High School: Daily Supervision of all assigned Custodial Staff to assure all Custodians follow routine cleaning and maintenance procedures to maintain a high standard of safety, cleanliness, and efficiency of building operations and grounds
Custodian/District Wide: Follow routine cleaning and maintenance procedures to maintain a high standard of safety, cleanliness, and efficiency of building operations and grounds

Qualification Requirements:
Pass training courses
Ability to read, write and understand verbal instructions in English
Knowledge of basic techniques of minor repairs and building and ground maintenance
Ability to operate cleaning equipment and lift heavy equipment
Properly handle and use cleaning supplies
Ability to lift and carry 15-44 lbs. without assistance

Benefits Include:
- Health Insurance: District pays for 100% for Employee Only - $0 cost to employee - Additional cost to the employee for family.
- Dental & Vision: We offer low monthly premiums.
- Texas Teacher Retirement System: Pay into a retirement pension.
- Voluntary Annuity: In addition to TRS, retirement plans such as 403(b), 457, or Roth Annuity Plans
- Voluntary Benefits: Disability, Accident, Bridge, Heart & Cancer plans and
- Flex Plans for Medical & Childcare

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Janitor/Maintenance Technician

Local company seeking a janitor/ maintenance technician to work through vendor management program for maintenance activities in engine room and other auxiliary buildings near Spraberry, Texas. Must be able to maintain performance and complete tasks in a timely and safe manner in a variety of environments and temperatures; be able to lift heavy objects and follow all work and safety requirements including wearing fire retardant clothing, steel-toed boots, safety glasses with side shields and hearing protection. High school diploma and prior maintenance experience required. Send resume to Operations Manager, P. O. Box 462, Midland, Texas 79705.

Tapers & Painters

Now hiring experienced Tapers and Painters asap. Must come to office to fill out application at 800 W. Ohio Street, Ste 201 A, Midland from 8am-5pm Monday - Friday. 432-683-7999

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram
HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS
IN ITS DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT FOR
PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - *MUST BE DEPENDABLE*
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occassionally. We will train the right person.

$13.00 PER HOUR

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



Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday - Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com

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Grounds Crew Maintenance

Ranchland Hills Golf Club now hiring full-time Grounds Crew.
Duties: • Operate equipment used for care and maintenance of golf course. • Work is outdoors in all types of weather. • Perform other duties as assigned. • Full training provided. **Education:** High school diploma or GED. 6 months experience preferred. Lunch and uniform provided. $13.50 per hour. Call 432-683-2041, 1600 E. Wadley, Midland, TX.

CLASS A CDL DRIVER

Acme Brick Company is now hiring a Class A CDL Driver. Minimum of 24 months of commercial driving experience. Possess a Texas CDL. Must be able to pass a drug screen, DOT physical, and background evaluation. We offer competitive wages, full benefits, and 401K. Please apply online www.brick.com/careers. Call our office if you have any questions 432-699-6017.

Frac Sand CDL Drivers & Owner Operators

Local trucking company now hiring Frac Sand Class A CDL Drivers & Owner Operators, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Apply in person at 3013 FM 715, Midland, Texas 79706

CDL Drivers

Pro Oil and Gas Services now hiring CDL drivers class A with hazmat, tanker endorsement. Start pay $23 hour depending on experience. Insurance and benefits. Must have clean driving record and pass Dot physical and drug test. Must also pass federal background check. 14/7 work schedule. Send resumes too: rperez@prooilfs.com.

Mobile Crane Operators

Warrior Crane seeking NCCCO certified hydraulic, all terrain operators. Riggers. Pay based on experience.
Email: warriorcrane@yahoo.com

OTHER JOBS

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DEPARTMENT FOR
NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - *MUST BE DEPENDABLE*
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

$13.00 PER HOUR

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

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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.
•Dispatches law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel and notifies support and crisis personnel as needed through the use of multi-channel radio system and computer aided dispatch system.
•Requests and disseminates vehicle registration, driver's license, criminal history information through the use of the Texas/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 50 WPM.
Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests.
1.Keyboarding
2.Data Entry MT
3.Data Entry MT (Audio)
4.Call Summarization
5.Memory Recall-Numeric (Audio)
6.Map Reading
7.Spelling
8.Sentence Clarity
9.Reading Comprehension

Employees work rotating shifts and gather, organize, translate and process information from various emergency callers.

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

Benefits:
- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
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MULTIPLE POSITIONS

SFG Solutions is looking to hire Heavy Machinery Operators such as, Backhoes, Bulldozers, Skids, Excavator Water Trucks and Belly Dumps. Pay is based on experience and hourly. Full time hours plus OT. If interested please email Tolly at Tolly@sfgsolutions.com or call (432)-352-0748.

CDL HOTSHOT DRIVERS NEEDED

Lee R's Enterprises, Inc. is now accepting applications for Owner Operators and Company Drivers. Looking for experienced drivers at least 25 years of age with 1 year of CDL driving experience. Prefer experience in driving 1 to 2 ton trucks with flatbed trailers along with Winch/Poles. Commissioned jobs are paid weekly for all drivers. Benefits for company drivers include Health Insurance, uniforms and cell phone allowance. For more information please call our office at 432-570-6283 or come by 2608 W. Co. Rd. 140, Midland, TX. 79706 to fill out an application. Email resumes to leerenterprises@gmail.com

CDL Mixer Drivers

4J Concrete, LLC is hiring CDL drivers, form setters and concrete finishers. Excellent pay. Call (432) 934-1384.

OTHER JOBS

MIDLAND Hiring

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:
- Heath care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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Tilted Kilt Pub & Eatery, 1119 Tradewinds Blvd., Midland,TX 79706, (432) 699-5458

RETAIL JOBS

Full Time Cashier
Health Food Store is taking applications for energetic and friendly full-time cashiers. Pleasant work environment, friendly customers, caring management, generous employee discount and paid vacations. Apply in person Monday through Friday only 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley, Midland,TX

Full Time Receiving
Health food store is taking applications for a receiving person. Five day work week, 30-40 hrs per week. Positive work environment, caring management and pleasant customers. Apply in person Monday through Friday only, 9a.m. to 5p.m. at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley, Midland,Texas 79707

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.
Email resumes to: ginger@juliangold.com
2101 W. Wadley, Ste. 16, Midland, TX 79705
Julian Gold

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

Send resume to David Robbins at david.robbins@hearstnp.com
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Field Service Techs, Shop Techs & Machinist
JSW 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.jswservices.com for application and submit to jobs@jswservices.com.

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!

Send resume to David Robbins at david.robbins@hearstnp.com
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SCIENCE/RESEARCH

CDL DRIVERS, TECHNICIANS, YARD PERSONNEL AND MORE NEEDED IN MIDLAND
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IMPACT!

SKILLED LABOR

MIDLAND Hiring

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:
- Heath care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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MIDLAND Hiring

NOW HIRING
Fleet Technician
Diagnoses, repairs and maintains city trucks and heavy equipment.

Job Duties:
- Diagnoses equipment and vehicle malfunctions such as ignition, steering, emission control, electrical, and heating and air conditioning. Estimates costs and rebuilds to specifications.
- Determines the appropriateness of off-site repairs such as oil and filter changes, tires and mufflers.
- Inspects vehicles for state stickers.
- Determines readiness and fitness of new vehicles. Installs special equipment.
- Employee must provide own hand tools. City supplies major equipment including power tools, computerized analyzer, and other diagnostic equipment.
- Reads blue prints, electrical diagrams, manuals and other specifications in order to make repairs.
- Performs emergency repairs for various departments.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work orders, logs, historical information, and special written requests.

Qualifications:
- High School graduate or GED
- Knowledge of proper tools used in welding and fabrication
- Three years training as a mechanic or in a related field
- Valid Texas Class A CDL Driver's License within one year of employment
- Texas Department of Public Safety Inspector Certificate required within one year of employment.

Benefits:
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Field Office Clerk
Field Office Clerk for company servicing oil industry in the Midland area. Excellent organizational skills, General Office, Heavy MS Office, (Excel) use. Full-time, Monday - Friday with benefits. Fax resume to 979-234-2588, email to: Rhonda@spesery.com

SKILLED LABOR

MIDLAND Hiring

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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PIONEER
NATURAL RESOURCES

NOW HIRING
Local Drivers

Local truck drivers needed. Home nightly, local routes, scheduled shifts 5am - 5pm (14/7 rotational) never on call, optional overtime.

Qualifications:
- High school education or equivalent.
- Valid operator's license.
- Clean driving record.
- DOT compliant

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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MIDLAND Hiring

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 motors 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:
- Heath care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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PIONEER
NATURAL RESOURCES

NOW HIRING
Instrumentation & Electrical Technician

Maintains all electrical equipment used to monitor and control oil well service 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
- Onsite Fitness Center

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PIONEER
NATURAL RESOURCES

NOW HIRING
Transportation Truck Driver

Responsible for driving Water, Dump, and/or Belly Dump Truck and hauling waterhaulche to drill rigs, fracturing crews, etc. Hauls waterhaulche 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
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Bid No. 18002014

For: Gypsum

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Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

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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 and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512.463.6792).

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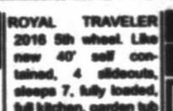
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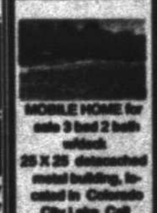
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