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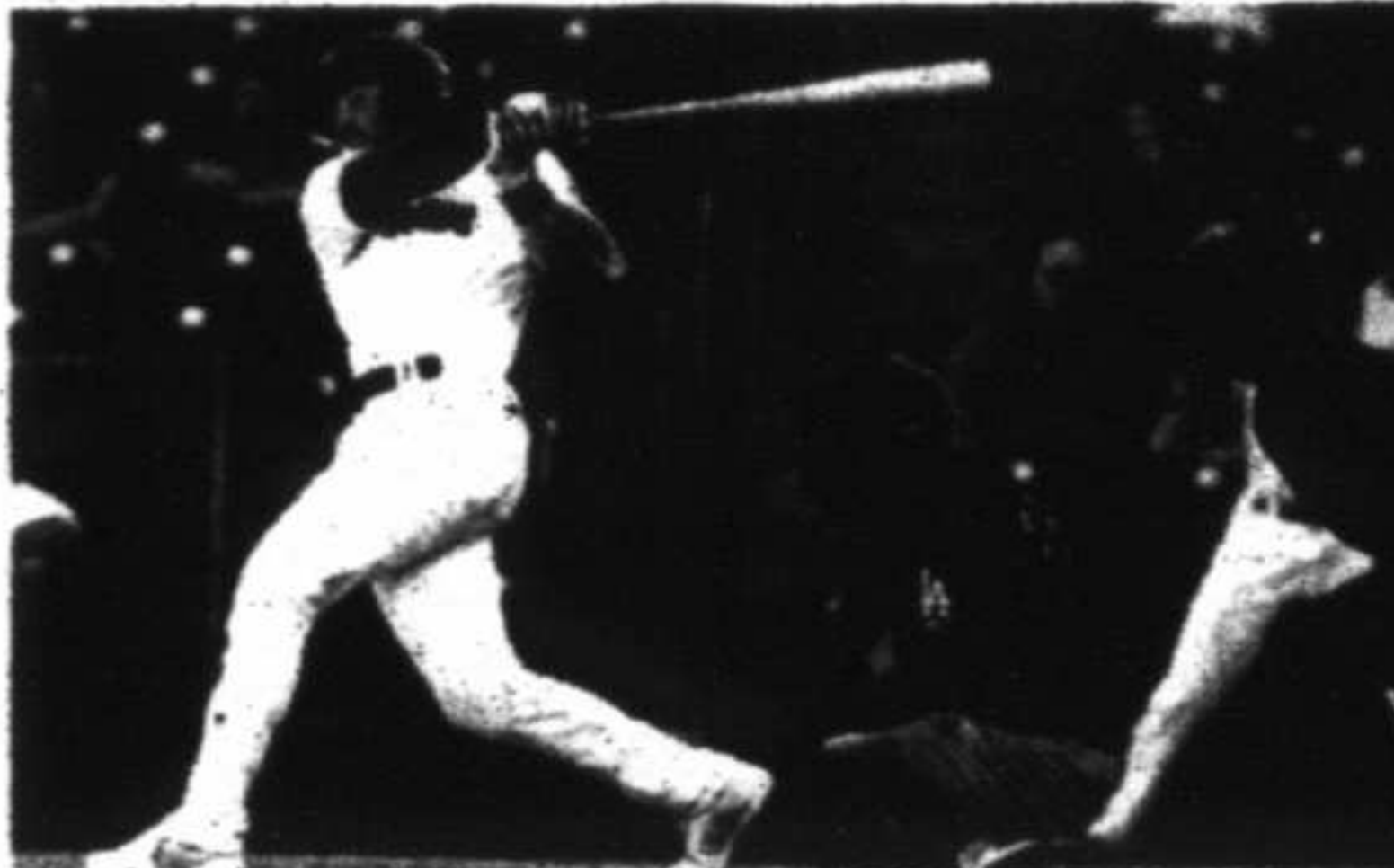
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City of Midland reports water billing-software data breach.

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TIME FOR ALL-STARS

RockHounds are getting ready to host the Texas League All-Star Game, the fifth time in franchise history, today. Get ready for the big game by reading our preview in Sports.

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Second person charged with 1st degree murder

■ Mineral Wells man was arrested in connection with shooting death of man in Midland County; law enforcement continues to search for Mexican man who is suspect in separate murder

From staff reports

A Mineral Wells man was held on Monday in connection with last week's murder in Midland County, according to court documents.

Brian Allen Wright, 28, was arrested Thursday after he allegedly assisted in moving a body and intimidated people after a murder had been committed.

He was held Monday on a \$250,000



Wright

bond for a first-degree felony charge of murder and \$72,500 in bonds for third-degree felony charges of tampering with physical evidence with intent to impair, possession of a controlled substance and prohibited substance in a correctional facility.

The Midland County Sheriff's Office received a call at about 1 p.m. Thursday in reference to a man's body inside a home in the 2800 block of West County Road 115, according to a MCSO press release. After receiving a warrant, deputies entered the residence and discovered the victim, 26-year-old Jordan Baker, the Reporter-

Telegram previously reported.

The body was found in a bedroom, and force had been used to enter its locked door, according to Wright's arrest affidavit. Baker's body had been concealed under clothing and objects, according to the affidavit.

He appeared to have been shot and died at the scene, according to the MCSO release. Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Terry Luck ordered an autopsy at the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's office.

A 16-year-old male had confessed to the murder and showed deputies the location of the murder weapon, according to the press release. He was taken to Culver Juvenile Justice Center to await judicial proceedings.

Wright assisted in moving Baker's

body away from the bedroom door with the purpose of closing and locking it, according to his arrest affidavit. He also allegedly intimidated everyone at the residence after the murder was committed.

Wright "intentionally and knowingly" caused Baker's death by "assisting during the commission of the crime of murder and failing to call proper law enforcement," according to the affidavit.

Hours before MCSO received the call in reference to the body, Midland police arrested Wright for allegedly possessing methamphetamine.

A police officer at about 7 a.m. Thursday observed a vehicle with an expired registration tag and conducted a traffic

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PRAISE SUMMER BREAK



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The First Methodist Church youth band performs Monday to open vacation Bible school. First Methodist's VBS is for youth 4 years old through fifth-graders. The theme is Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus.

SHAC report: Fewer younger students become pregnant

By Stewart Doreen

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Statistics from the Student Health Advisory Committee report show the number of younger Midland ISD students who request pregnancy services has dropped.

Compared to the 2015-16 school year, the number of pregnant students in grades seven through 11 has dropped from 43 in 2015-16 to 25 this past school year. That includes an almost 50 percent drop in the number of pregnant students in grades seven through nine.

Earlier this week, the Reporter-Telegram reported that the dramatic decline in pregnant students compared to the turn of the decade continued. The 45 pregnancy-services requests this past school year was nearly 130 fewer than during the school years between 2008 and 2011.

SHAC officials credited programs offered in the district for the 73.5 percent drop. The programs include The Life Center's "Impact" (fourth through sixth grades) and "No Grey" (ninth through 12th grades); "It's Your Game, Keep It Real" (seventh and eighth grades) and XY-Zone (high school).

The statistics show nearly half of the girls requesting pregnancy services were in the 12th grade. They also show 40 of the 45 attend either Coleman High School, Midland High or Lee High School. There were reports of two pregnancies at Early College High School, one at a freshman high school

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Poll: Cruz leads O'Rourke by 5 points in Senate race

By Ross Ramsey

Texas Tribune

Republican Ted Cruz leads Democrat Beto O'Rourke 41 percent to 36 percent in the general election race for a Texas seat in the U.S. Senate, according to the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll.

Neal Dikeman, the Libertarian Party nominee for U.S. Senate, garnered 2 percent, according to the survey. And 20 percent of registered voters said either that they would vote for someone else in an election held today (3 percent) or that they haven't thought enough about the contest to have a preference (17 percent).

In the governor's race, Republican incumbent Greg Abbott holds a comfortable 12-percentage-point lead over Democratic challenger Lupe Valdez — the exact same advantage he held over Democrat Wendy Davis in an early-summer poll in 2014. Abbott went on to win that race by 20 percentage points. In this survey, Abbott had the support of 44 percent of those polled to Valdez's 32 percent. Libertarian Mark Tippetts had the support of 4 percent of registered voters, while 20 percent

Inside

Most Texans say they've heard "a lot" about the federal investigations into Russian efforts to influence the U.S. presidential election in 2016, but they differ greatly — along party lines — about the investigations' purpose and results to date, according to the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll.

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chose "someone else" or said they haven't made a choice yet.

"The safest spot for someone running in a general election in 2018 is to be able to rely on your in-state advantages without running afoul of the national environment," said Jim Henson, director of the Texas Politics Project at the University of Texas at Austin and co-director of the UT/TT Poll. "Abbott has been able to do that. He took center stage in the aftermath of the Santa Fe school shooting that avoided alienating conservatives while taking a leadership role with other Texans."

"It's not like he's made a big sale to Democrats, but Republicans have stayed with him. And he's not having to

elbow his way onto the stage like some of the officials lower in the executive branch," Henson said.

The June UT/TT Poll, conducted from June 8 to June 17, is an early look at the 2018 general election, a survey of registered voters — not of the "likely voters" whose intentions will become clearer in the weeks immediately preceding the election. If recent history is the guide, most registered voters won't vote in November; according to the Texas secretary of state, only 34 percent of registered voters turned out in 2014, the last gubernatorial election year.

The numbers also reflect, perhaps, the faint rumble of excitement from Democrats and wariness from Republicans who together are wondering what kind of midterm election President Donald Trump might inspire. The last gubernatorial election year in Texas, 2014, came at Barack Obama's second midterm, and like his first midterm — the Tea Party explosion of 2010 — it was a rough year for Democrats in Texas and elsewhere. As the late social philosopher Yogi Berra once said, this

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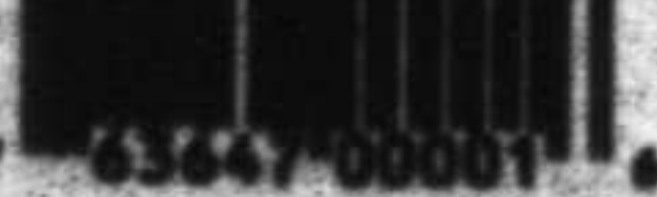
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On Feb. 18, sandbars fill the Rio Grande north of Albuquerque, N.M. Weather forecasters said sparse rainfall in the U.S. Southern Plains since autumn has caused drought conditions to worsen, especially in the Four Corners region of Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. The U.S. Drought Monitor says moderate to extreme drought also persists in parts of Oklahoma and Texas.

AP file photo

Monsoon season not expected to end drought

By Tim Talley
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The upcoming monsoon season in the nation's Southwest is expected to be wetter than normal, but weather experts said Monday that even an exceptionally damp season is unlikely to lift the region's annual rainfall to average levels.

Weather forecasters said sparse rainfall since autumn in the Southern Plains has caused drought conditions to worsen, especially in the Four Corners region of Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. The U.S. Drought Monitor says moderate to extreme drought also persists in parts of Oklahoma and Texas.

Winter snowmelt and spring rains generally replenish water supplies, but precipitation through May has been insufficient to

improve the region's drought conditions, said Becky Bolinger, Colorado's assistant state climatologist.

"By the time we got to January we were starting to see the results of a snow drought," Bolinger said. "It has been increasing since then."

Brian Klimowski, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Flagstaff, Arizona, said monsoons — a seasonal change in weather patterns — typically provide a significant percentage of rainfall in the region in July, August and September. Up to 50 percent of annual rainfall in New Mexico occurs during the monsoon season.

Klimowski said the region should begin receiving monsoonal moisture during the first half of July, later than normal. And while climate experts believe a developing El Niño weather pattern will help increase monsoonal rainfall, it won't be enough to overcome

the region's rainfall deficit.

"We're not replenishing the water supply in the Southwest," Bolinger said. "We haven't seen enough precipitation to improve conditions. Small rain events aren't making a dent in this drought."

Bolinger said warmer-than-normal temperatures and sporadic rainfall has exacerbated wildfire conditions in the region. Fire restrictions are in place in many southwestern states as the Fourth of July holiday approaches, and wildfire risks have closed some national forests to visitors.

"We've been having a lot of fires," Bolinger said. The current wildfire has been more active than most due to drought conditions, Bolinger said, noting that the vast majority of wildfires are caused by people rather than lightning or other natural causes.

Thousands of Northern Califor-

nia residents were forced to flee their homes Monday due to wind-driven wildfires that broke out over the weekend. In Colorado, the residents of more than 2,000 homes were forced to evacuate as firefighters battled a wildfire that started in a southwestern Colorado forest on June 1. Officials say residents have since been allowed to return.

On Monday, President Donald Trump approved Oklahoma's request for a disaster designation after wildfires scorched western parts of the state in the spring, allowing federal assistance to supplement state and local recovery efforts.

Two deaths and multiple injuries were attributed to wildfires that burned more than 547 square miles April 11-20, causing an estimated \$26 million in damage to livestock, pastures, fences and buildings.

School districts in New Mexico on the hunt to fill jobs

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — School districts in New Mexico are on the hunt to fill positions for the coming 2018-2019 school year in response to a teacher shortage.

The Albuquerque Journal reports Albuquerque Public Schools has the highest overall need in the state, with 380 teacher and 90 educational assistant job openings for a student body of about 64,000.

Las Cruces Public Schools has 79 positions, including 21 for special education teachers.

Santa Fe Public Schools has 84 openings, but the district didn't break down the data by subject.

And Rio Rancho had about 66 open positions. The district says 26 positions were in the application process at the time and were likely to go through, potentially dropping the district's vacancies to 40.

Report: As NM looks to diversify, tax incentives level the playing field

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — New Mexico lawmakers got their first look at a computer model designed to help them analyze the consequences of overhauling a tax system that many acknowledge is outdated and burdensome.

Experts with the national accounting firm Ernst & Young presented a report on the state's tax system and discussed the computer model Monday during a meeting of a legislative revenue and tax policy committee.

New Mexico hired the firm in 2017 to develop the model as proposed tax-law changes were fueling the debate on how to diversify the economy.

With the model finally in hand, some lawmakers say they will have more confidence in proposing tax changes during the 2019 legislative session.

The report indicates New Mexico's overall tax system doesn't appear competitive but that reliance on tax credits and other incentives help to level the playing field.

North Texas woman turns 100, marks decades of volunteer work

By Zaira Perez
Denton Record-Chronicle

DENTON — When Anna Mae Walter graduated from Roosevelt High School in Chicago during the Great Depression, going to college for nursing "wasn't in the cards," said her daughter Kathy Edman.

The Denton Record-Chronicle reports that did not stop her from giving back to the community.

More than eight decades later, Walter celebrated her 100th birthday with a party Friday at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton, where she volunteers with about 50 fellow volunteers, staffers and friends. Her actual birthday was Saturday.

"It's been one happy thing after another," Walter said about turning 100. "It's been real exciting."

Walter was born June 23, 1918, in Atlanta. She recalled going to the movies for 5 cents and taking ballet lessons as a child.

Over the years, Walter worked as a bookkeeper, the co-owner of a toy store, and as a secretary in real estate and at a middle school, but she has spent much of her life in volunteer work.

Edman, 67, said Walter's volunteer work in the medical field filled the gap of not going to school for nursing, which Walter said she would have changed if she could.

"I started in World War II," Walter said. "I was a Gray Lady during the war."

In 1941, Walter joined the American Red Cross' Gray Lady Service, where she helped roll bandages. The Gray Lady Service was initially a non-medical care service, but its services extended to blood centers and disaster response assistance during the war.

Walter has volunteered in hospitals in Tennessee and Texas for almost 40 years. She moved to Denton in 2000 after the death of her husband, Edman, her husband and their son are Walter's only family in Denton.



Denton Record-Chronicle via AP

Anna Mae Walter, left, waves to her friends during her 100th birthday party June 22 at Texas Health Presbyterian Denton in Denton, Texas. Walter's daughter Kathy Edman, right, looks on. Walter has been a volunteer at the hospital's front desk for many years but her volunteer work goes back to World War II when she was a Gray Lady for the American Red Cross, rolling bandages.

Walter has two children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Her volunteer work at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton over the past 18 years has earned her recognition from Barclay Berdan, CEO of the Texas Health Resources System, and the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council in 2016, which Walter said was her fondest memory while volunteering in Denton.

"She's an icon here," said Ellen Painter, community relations spokeswoman for the hospital. Friends and volunteers said she has been an inspiration to them. Painter said it has been a "wonderful experience" working with Walter.

As a front-desk person, Painter said Walter has the right personality for the job. She said the person's attitude should be happy, and they should always have a smile like Walter.

"(The front desk) is where she belongs," Painter said.

At the front desk, Walter has worked alongside Neil Jones and Ed Kerr.

"She's just an inspiration to me," said Kerr, 81, who has served on the desk for about

three years. "She's a delightful person to be with."

Jones, who has volunteered with Walter for about seven years, said she takes Walter home every day they work together.

"At her age, she is so sharp," Jones said. "I love every minute I spend with her."

Edman expects her mother could be volunteering for the next six to 12 months. She said her mother and Pam Milam, the head of volunteer services at the hospital, have come to an agreement that Walter can come in whenever she can, as long as she is able to.

One thing Walter wishes she could do is sew and crochet. Susan Shelby, a former volunteer, joked that they would sew together at the front desk, referencing a stereotype about their ages.

Walter said living each day to the fullest, being kind and generous, being of service to others and reading the Bible regularly are the most important things she has learned in 100 years.

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Obituaries



Consuelo Franco

Consuelo Franco passed away June 22, 2018, surrounded by her loving family. Consuelo was born May 3, 1960.

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 25, 2018 and Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Prayer services for Consuelo have been set for Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held in her hometown of Ojinaga, Mexico. Burial will be at Panteon Las Colinas.

She is survived by parents, Ramon and Guadalupe Moreno of Midland, her daughter, Diana Franco of Midland; sons, Angel Franco of Chihuahua, Mexico, Francisco Franco of Midland; sisters, Margarita Galindo, Manuela Duran, Eneida Gonzales all of Midland, brothers, Omar Moreno of Midland, Ramon Moreno Jr. of Odessa and Mario Moreno of Ojinaga, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

Death Notices

Horace Slate

Horace Slate, Sr., 77, passed away Sunday, June 24, 2018 in Midland, Texas. Funeral service will be held 9:00 am Thursday, June 28, 2018 at First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Crane Memorial Gardens in Crane, Texas.

Janet Knapp

Janet Knapp, 85, passed away Sunday, June 24, 2018 in Midland, Texas. A graveside service will be held 9:00 am, Thursday, June 28, 2018 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pete Deanda

Pete Deanda 72, passed away on Sunday, June 24, 2018 at his home.

Services are pending with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home & Chapel.

He was survived by his companion Beatrice Bernal, sons Xavier Deanda, Michael Deanda, and daughter Melissa Deanda; one brother and four sisters.

OTHER DEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LAS VEGAS

'Pawn Stars' Richard Harrison, known as 'The Old Man,' dies

"Pawn Stars" patriarch, Richard Benjamin Harrison, who was known as "The Old Man," has died at age 77.

Gold & Silver Pawn's Facebook page posted Monday that Harrison was surrounded by "loving family" this past weekend and died peacefully. The post said that fans would remember Harrison as a "sometimes grumpy (always loving, however), often wisecracking, and voice of absolute reason" on the History Channel reality show.

The Navy veteran opened the Gold & Silver Pawn store in Las Vegas with his son, Rick. "Pawn Stars" premiered in 2009 and features the Harrisons interacting with customers who are trying to sell or pawn objects that often are unusual or have historic value. Services are pending.



Harrison

WORD OF THE DAY

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Amortize

[AM-er-tyze]

verb

1: to pay off (an obligation, such as a mortgage) gradually usually by periodic payments of principal and interest or by payments to a sinking fund

2: to gradually reduce or write off the cost or value of (something, such as an asset)



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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

On June 26, 2007, the National Weather Service recorded a peak wind speed of 93 mph, a record for Midland.

Meeting

City Council 10 a.m.
Council Chambers City Hall 300 N. Lorraine Ave.

Today's pool schedule

Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., noon-7 p.m.; family time, 7-9 p.m.
Doug Russell Aquatic Center is closed today.
The entry fee for both pools is \$3 per person. Children under 2 are free.

Things to do

■ Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon, Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclub-midland.com.
■ Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.
■ Summer Nutrition Classes: Tasty Tuesdays, 10 a.m., West Texas Food Bank, 1601 Westcliff Drive. Free. wtfoodbank.org. Discussion will focus on seasonal fruits and vegetables that can be grown in the garden and how to clean and prepare them.
■ Cooking with Your Kids featuring breakfast items. Supplies provided with class fee. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Blessed to be Cooking, 6112 N. State Highway 349. \$10. eventbrite.com.
■ PBS Mornings, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.



AP file photo

The art of leadership

Former President George W. Bush tours his exhibit, "The Art of Leadership: A President's Personal Diplomacy," on April 1, 2014, at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum at the Bush Presidential Center in Dallas. Bush will be part of a program, "The Art & Leadership of Winston Churchill," planned for tonight at the center. The event will explore what made Churchill an effective leader and how those lessons can be applied to today's issues, according to organizers. The evening will include an exhibit of a number of Churchill's paintings. Bush will deliver opening remarks and unveil his own portraits of Churchill in conjunction with a panel discussion about the late British prime minister. The sold-out event will be streamed live at bushcenter.org.

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

■ Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers, 4:30 p.m., Midland County

Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Cuentos y Leyendas is a bilingual storytime for all ages, 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

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

■ West Texas Line Dancing Classes, 7 p.m., Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. meetup.com/countrydancersmidland.

■ Live Bites by Challenge Entertainment, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House, 807 N. Colorado St.

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

■ Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 6 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

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

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, June 26, the 177th day of 2018. There are 186 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he delivered his famous speech expressing solidarity with the city's residents, declaring: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).

In 1977, Elvis Presley performed his last concert at Market Square Arena in Indianapolis.

In 1963, President Bill Clinton announced the U.S. had launched missiles against Iraq targets because of "compelling evidence" Iraq had plotted to assassinate former President George H.W. Bush.

Lottery

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Pick 3 evening: 7-8-9
Pick 3 night: 3-5-2
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Daily 4 day: 9-4-8-3
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All or Nothing night: 01-04-06-07-08-09-11-14-17-19-22-23

Weather

Today's temperatures
High: 97
Low: 77
Normal high: 94
Normal low: 69

June 26 records

High: 111, set in 2011

Low: 57, set in 1940

Precipitation

Sunday: 0.00 inches

Monday: 0.00 inches

Month total: 1.89 inches

Year total: 2.73 inches

Normal total (year to date): 5.77 inches

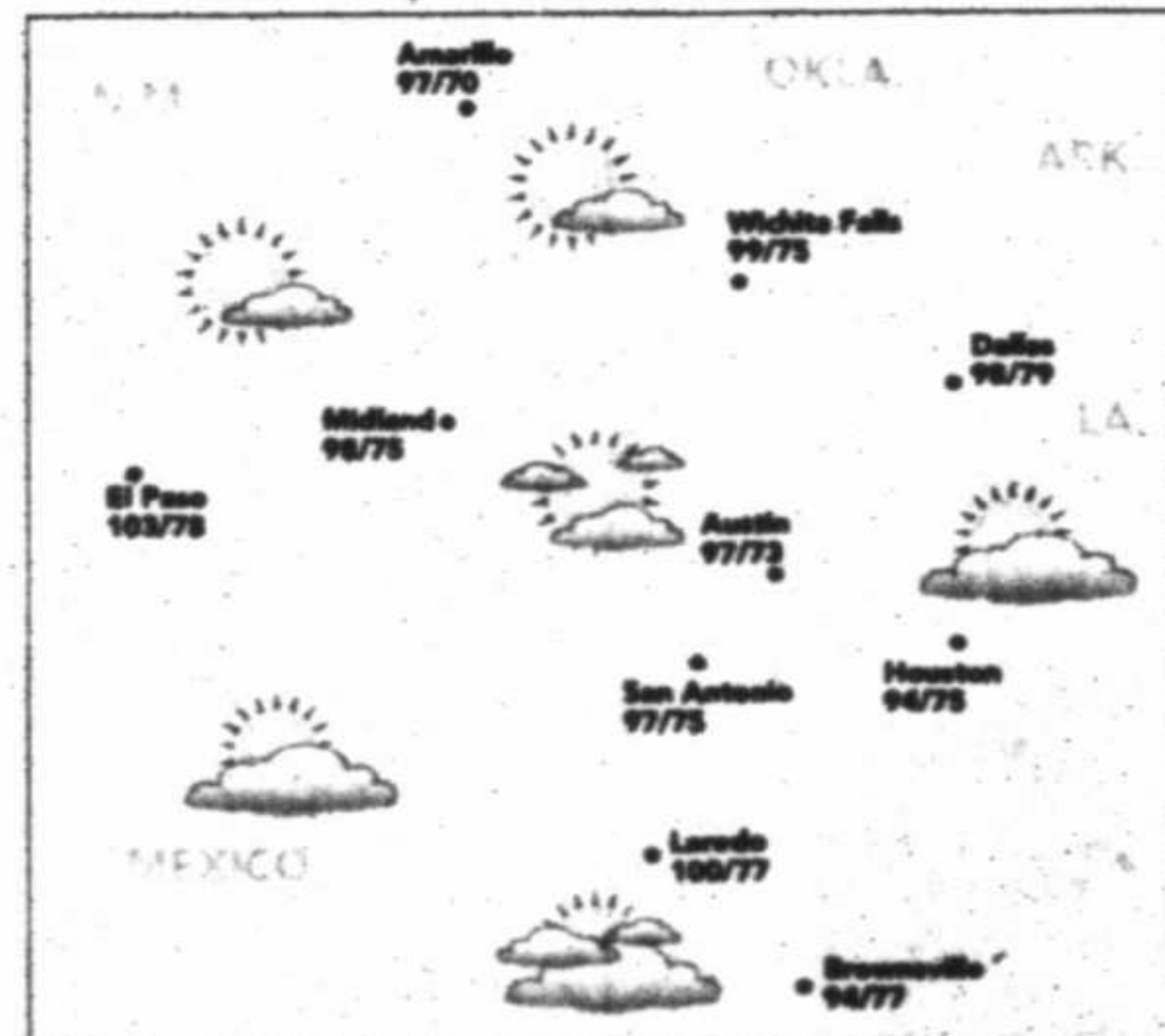
Winds

Average wind speed: 19.2 mph

Highest sustained wind speed: 29 mph

Highest gust speed: 35 mph

Forecast for Tuesday, June 26, 2018



Today's forecast

High: 97
Low: 74
Conditions: Partly sunny during the day/mostly clear

at night

Winds: 15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 6:45 a.m.
Sunset: 8:59 p.m.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Cancer and a Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Tuesday, June 26, 2018:

This year you often find yourself in difficult situations. Your ability to work through an issue readily develops and becomes enhanced. You get past hassles much more easily as the year goes on. If you are single, others find you interesting and empathetic, and are drawn to you. You will determine who you want to be. If you are attached, the two of you will work through many details that have caused conflict between you. Respect each other's differences. SAGITTARIUS demands a lot from you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your instinct to express your compassion on a higher level touches a friend. You could be

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Listen to what is happening at home and around the workplace. Be more aware of what

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Deal with a loved one directly. If a disagreement develops into something more, you might want to look within yourself to see if you have been swallowing some anger. Try to be as straightforward as possible about your feelings. Tonight: Out with a favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your ability to learn more and come to an understanding with others proves to be your saving grace at the moment. Listen to what others share, and be willing to put yourself in their shoes. You might look at a situation or circumstances differently. Tonight: Open up to change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You could be in the position of having to open up and deal with a volatile person. You might not have noticed that this person was angry prior to this display. You could be witnessing yet another dimension of this person's personality. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ How you feel about a new friend is subject to change. This person has the capability of affecting your day-to-day life. If he or she suddenly becomes volatile, you might want to root out what is going on and possibly take a detour to avoid this person. Tonight: Try something new.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might stumble upon some information that you would prefer not to have heard. However, you can't

just walk away from this matter. Stay on top of the situation by listening and doing more research. You eventually will clear the air. Tonight: Tap into your inner child.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your intensity for the moment will open you up to different ideas and thoughts. You could be exhausted by what is happening around you if you are not careful. A person involved with your home life could become difficult or angry in the next few weeks. Tonight: Out late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ No matter where you are, you are in your element. If you suddenly feel angry, distance yourself and try to root out the cause. Understand that you have the opportunity to resolve this issue on some level. Ask a friend for help, if need be. Tonight: What ever knocks your socks off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Understand what is going on with your reactions to others. Be more aware of what is happening around you, and observe what people are doing and

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You have a tendency to do what you want when you want. In general, this type of directness works for you. However, when hitting a bump on the road, you could lose your temper. Try to tame any irritation that is building. Tonight: Go for a walk to work off tension.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Be aware of your public image. You might want to take action that would be ill-advised. Somehow you know that you must deal with the issue at hand first. Your vision of what is happening might be cloudy. Ask questions, if necessary. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

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MURDER

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stop. Wright consented to a vehicle search, and the police officer found methamphetamine, according to his MPD arrest affidavit. After Wright was warned about bringing narcotics into the Midland County Central Detention Center, jail staff found more methamphetamine during a search, according to that affidavit.

If convicted, Wright could face up to life imprisonment for the first-degree felony charge and up to 10 years imprisonment for a third-degree felony charge.

Search continues for shooting suspect

Midland police are working with local, state and federal authorities to apprehend a suspect in a shooting that led to the death of a 29-year-old San Antonio man, according to an email from Elana Ladd, city spokeswoman.

Julio Cesar Lopez-Beltran, of Chihuahua, Mexico, is the suspect in a shooting that occurred Thursday at the Whataburger on East Interstate 20, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report. Warrants have been issued for murder and attempted murder.

Lopez-Beltran was in a dispute with David Morales and another man at about 2 a.m. Thursday, according to a previous email from Ladd. It escalated in the parking lot and resulted in Morales and the man being shot, she said.

Morales died as a result of his injuries, according to the report. The other victim was released from Midland Memorial Hospital.

Lopez-Beltran is 5-foot-11 and weighs 170 pounds, according to Ladd's previous email. He has black hair, brown eyes and is blind in one eye.

Anyone with information about his whereabouts is encouraged to call 911 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS, Ladd said.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

City reports water billing-software data breach

The city of Midland on Monday reported a potential security breach of the utility billing online payment platform, administered by Superion.

The city reports learning of the possible breach on Friday. Superion's Click2Gov function is the payment server used to make online payments for utilities. The security breach, according to the city, affected users who made one-time, online payments between December 2017 and June 2018. Residents who have online automatic payment set-up, or who paid with an e-check or bank account routing number during this period were not compromised in the breach.

Upon receiving notice from Superion, the city shut down the online utility billing payment server. The vulnerability in Superion's Click2Gov function is believed to be widespread. Other cities potentially affected include Beaumont, Oceanside, California; and Goodyear, Arizona.

The city reports its online bill-pay will be back up in the coming days. In the meantime, payments can be made in person at Midland City Hall or via check through the mail.

For accounts that are currently set up with auto bill-pay, payments will continue to be processed. Steps can be taken by customers who believe they may have been affected by the data breach:

- Check credit card accounts for unauthorized or suspicious charges;
- Report any unauthorized charges to credit card issuers and banks;
- Ask credit card issuers and banks to deactivate cards and issue new cards;
- Request a fraud alert to be placed on credit file.

A fraud alert tells creditors to contact a person before they open any new accounts or change existing accounts. A person may call any one of the three major credit bureaus. As soon as one credit bureau confirms a fraud alert, the others are notified to place fraud alerts. The initial fraud alert stays on a person's credit report for 90 days. A person can renew it after 90 days.

The credit bureaus are:
 ■ Equifax: Equifax.com or 1-800-525-6285
 ■ Experian: Experian.com or 1-888-397-3742
 ■ TransUnion: Transunion.com or 1-800-680-7289

For questions and concerns, please contact the Customer Service Division at 432-685-7320 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday or anytime at midlandtx.gov.

Man arrested on endangering a child charge

A Midland man was arrested Saturday after allegedly leaving an infant



Estrada Manuel

inside a vehicle while he went into a bar, according to court documents. Estrada, 21, was being held Monday on a \$10,000 bond for a state felony charge of abandoning or endangering a child by criminal negligence and a \$5,000 bond for a state felony of possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Midland police were dispatched at about 2 a.m. Saturday in reference to a man causing problems at a bar.

Officers were informed that Estrada had left a 23-month-old child inside his vehicle while he went inside the bar, according to the arrest affidavit.

Estrada displayed multiple signs of intoxication such as bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and strong alcohol odor, according to the affidavit.

Officers found an open container and white substance on the driver's seat of Estrada's vehicle. The white substance tested positive for cocaine, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of a state jail felony charge, Estrada could face up to two years imprisonment.

Stanton bank robbery suspect arrested

Special agents of the FBI's Midland Resident Agency on Friday arrested a man wanted in connection with the robbery of the Community National Bank branch in Stanton on Dec. 23, 2016, according to a press release from the El Paso Field Office of the FBI.

Jose Cruz Iglesias was arrested in Odessa and is expected to appear in federal court in Midland County, according to the release.

During the investigation, the FBI agents were assisted by the Midland and Stanton police departments.

MPD investigates shots-fired call

Midland police stopped two vehicles at Midland Park Mall on Monday afternoon and questioned the occupants in connection to shots fired near Bubba's 33, the city's spokeswoman said via text.

Police didn't find any evidence that bullets had been discharged, spokeswoman Elana Ladd said in an email. The individuals who reported the shots declined to file a police report.

SHAC

From 1A

and two at the junior high level. For at least the third-straight year, 17 was the age when the most pregnancies were reported. This year, the number of 17-year-olds requesting

pregnancy services was 17, which was down from 21 in 2015-16. The SHAC Report showed 16-year-olds were second with 11. That number is down from 17 in 2015-16 but up from three last year. This past school year marked the first time during the

last three school years that a 13-year-old requested pregnancy services. SHAC statistics show Hispanic girls had 80 percent of the pregnancies. That percentage is similar to 2015-16 when 77 percent of the 63 pregnant students were reportedly Hispanic.

2017-18 pregnancies by the numbers

Pregnancies by school	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Other information
Coleman High 18, Midland High 12, Lee High 10, Early College High School 2, Lee Freshman High School 1, Abell Junior High 1, San Jacinto Junior High 1	13	0	0	1
	14	6	3	4
	15	9	3	5
	16	17	3	11
	17	21	17	15
	18	9	15	8
	19	0	3	1
	20	1	0	0
Pregnancies by grades	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	
12th grade, 20; 11th grade, 8; 10th grade, 8; ninth grade, 7; eighth grade, 1; seventh grade, 1	13	0	0	1
	14	6	3	4
	15	9	3	5
	16	17	3	11
	17	21	17	15
	18	9	15	8
	19	0	3	1
	20	1	0	0
Pregnancies by ethnicity	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	
Hispanic 36, Black 5, White 4	13	0	0	1
	14	6	3	4
	15	9	3	5
	16	17	3	11
	17	21	17	15
	18	9	15	8
	19	0	3	1
	20	1	0	0
Pregnancies by age	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	
Seventh.....0	0	0	1	
Eighth.....5	4	1		
Ninth.....11	7	7		
Tenth.....11	10	8		
11th.....16	7	8		
12th.....20	16	16		
Pregnancies by ethnicity	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	
Coleman.....24	19	18		
Lee.....17	7	19		
MHS.....11	11	12		
LFHS.....0	2	1		
LFHS.....4	1	0		
ECHS.....2	0	2		
Goddard.....2	2	0		
Abell.....2	0	1		
Alamo.....1	0	0		
San Jacinto.....0	2	1		
Pregnancies by ethnicity	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	
Black.....8	4	5		
Hispanic.....49	32	36		
White.....3	7	4		
Mixed.....3	1	0		
Pregnancy statistics	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	
Years	Confirmed			
2006-07.....157				
2007-08.....164				
2008-09.....172				
2009-10.....171				
2010-11.....170				
2011-12.....156				
2012-13.....126				
2013-14.....106				
2014-15.....73				
2015-16.....63				
2016-17.....44				
2017-18.....45				

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POLL

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year could be "Déjà vu all over again."

Accordingly, voter uncertainty rises in down-ballot races where even previously elected officials are less well known. Republican incumbent Dan Patrick leads Democrat Mike Collier in the contest for lieutenant governor, 37 percent to 31 percent. Kerry McKennon, the Libertarian in that race, had the support of 4 percent of the registered voters surveyed, while the rest said they were undecided (23 percent) or would vote for someone other than the three named candidates (5 percent).

"As you move down to races that are just less well known, you see the numbers drop," said Daron Shaw, a government professor at the University of Texas at Austin and co-director of the poll. "They drop more for the Republicans. Part of that reflects the visibility of those races, and of those candidates."

Henson said Patrick and other down-ballot incumbents work in the shadow of the governor, especially when the Legislature is not in session. "That said, he's still solid with the Republican base, though he lags behind Abbott and Cruz in both prominence and popularity," he said. "There's nothing unusual about that."

And indecision marks the race for Texas attorney general, where Republican incumbent Ken Paxton has 32 percent to Democrat Justin Nelson's 31 percent and 6 percent for Libertarian Michael Ray Harris. Four percent of registered voters said they plan to vote for someone else in that race and a fourth — 26 percent — said they haven't chosen a favorite.

Nelson and Harris are unknown to statewide general election voters. Paxton, first elected in 2014, is fighting felony indictments for securities fraud — allegations that arose from his work as a private attorney before he was AG. He has steadily maintained his innocence, but political adversaries are hoping his legal problems prompt the state's persistently conservative electorate to consider turning out an incumbent Republican officeholder.

"If you've heard anything about Ken Paxton in the last four years, more than likely you've heard about his legal troubles," said Josh Blank, manager of polling and research at UT's Texas Politics Project. Henson added a note of caution to that: "There's also no erosion in Ken Paxton support by the Re-

publican base. This reflects some stirrings amongst the Democrats and Paxton's troubles. But it would be premature to draw drastic conclusions for November based upon these numbers from June."

Shaw noted that the support for the Democrats in the three state races is uniform: Each has 31 percent or 32 percent of the vote. "All the variability is on the Republican side, it seems to me," he said. When those voters move away from the Republican side, Shaw said, "they move not to the Democrats but to the Libertarian or to undecided."

Trump is still getting very strong job ratings from Republican voters — strong enough to make his overall numbers look balanced, according to the poll. Among all registered voters, 47 percent approve of the job the president is doing, while 44 percent disapprove. Only 8 percent had no opinion.

Compare that with Congress, an institution getting approving grades from just 18 percent of voters and disapproving ones from 59 percent.

"What you saw very early on in public reaction to Trump is that Democrats always hated him and were never on board," Shaw said. "And he would have been in a disaster area, except Republicans really ran to him. They like the way that he deals with the Democrats."

At the state level, Abbott is getting high regard from registered voters at the moment, with 47 percent saying they approve of the job he's doing and 36 percent disapproving. Patrick got about as many positive as negative marks, as did Cruz. But U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, who's not on this year's ballot, had approving grades from 27 percent of voters and disapproving grades from 38 percent.

One characteristic of this year's race for U.S. Senate is that Cruz, the incum-

bent, is well known and O'Rourke, the challenger and a U.S. Representative from El Paso, has some catching up to do. Cruz is less well liked: 41 percent of the voters said they have a favorable impression of him, while 42 percent said they have an unfavorable one. In O'Rourke's case, 37 percent said they have favorable impressions, while 24 percent said they have unfavorable opinions. The non-answers — voters with neutral or no opinions — tell the tale: They account for 17 percent of voters in Cruz's case and 40 percent in O'Rourke's.

In the other ballot-top race, 48 percent of registered voters have a favorable opinion of Abbott while 35 percent have unfavorable views. Valdez gets favorable rankings from 30 percent, unfavorable ones from 25 percent. As with her fellow Democrat, O'Rourke, a large number of voters — 44 percent in her case — have neither a favorable nor an unfavorable impression of her.

The major parties don't fare as well as their standard-bearers, largely because of the partisans who oppose each of them. Texas Democrats get favorable marks from 37 percent of registered voters and negative ones from 48 percent. Texas Republicans get positive marks from 35 percent and negative ones from 49 percent.

The University of Texas/Texas Tribune internet survey of 1,200 registered voters was conducted from June 8 to June 17 and has an overall margin of error of +/- 2.83 percentage points. Numbers in charts might not add up to 100 percent because of rounding.

The University of Texas has been a financial supporter of The Texas Tribune, a nonprofit, non-partisan news organization that is funded in part by donations from members, foundations and corporate sponsors.

US judge throws out climate change lawsuits

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A U.S. judge who held a hearing about climate change that received widespread attention ruled Monday that Congress and the president were best suited to address the contribution of fossil fuels to global warming, throwing out lawsuits that sought to hold big oil companies liable for the Earth's changing environment.

Noting that the world has also benefited significantly from oil and other fossil fuel, Judge William Alsup said questions about how to balance the "world-wide positives of the energy" against its role in global warming "demand the expertise of our environmental agencies, our diplomats, our Executive, and at least the Senate."

"The problem deserves a solution on a more vast scale than can be supplied by a district judge or jury in a public nuisance case," he said.

Alsup's ruling came in lawsuits brought by San Francisco and neighboring Oakland that accused Chevron, Exxon Mobil, ConocoPhillips, BP and Royal Dutch Shell of long knowing that fossil fuels posed serious risks to the environment, but still promoting them as environmentally responsible.

The lawsuits said the companies created a public nuisance and should pay for sea walls and other infrastructure to protect against the effects of climate change — construction that could cost billions of dollars.

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Texas pipe mills seek exemptions from Trump's steel tariff

By Richard Lardner
Associated Press

BAYTOWN — Joel Johnson is fighting an uphill battle to keep his pipe factory in this refinery suburb east of Houston from becoming a casualty in President Donald Trump's bitter trade dispute with America's allies and adversaries.

He's the CEO of Borusan Mannesmann Pipe US, a company with Turkish roots that manufactures the specialized steel pipe used by energy companies to pull oil and natural gas out of the earth. Unless the Commerce Department grants its request to be exempted from Trump's tariff on imported steel, Johnson said, Borusan would face levies of as much as \$30 million a year — a staggering sum for a company with plans to expand.

"We don't have any proof we're being heard," Johnson said.

Trump says his tariffs on steel, aluminum and other goods will put U.S. companies and workers on stronger footing by winding back the clock of globalization with protectionist trade policies. But the steel tariff — essentially a 25 percent tax — may backfire on the very people the president is aiming to help. The Commerce Department has been deluged with requests from 20,000 companies seeking exemptions.

In Bay City, Texas, 80 miles southwest of this refinery suburb outside Houston, global steel giant Tenaris churns out steel pipe in a \$1.8 billion state-of-the-art facility that began operating late last year. Tenaris makes its seamless pipe from solid rods of steel called billets that are imported from its mills in Mexico, Romania, Italy and Argentina. It's also seeking to be excluded from the steel tariff.

"The decision is out of our hands," said Luca Zanotti, president of Tenaris's U.S. operations, while expressing confidence its request would be approved. If it's not, "We'll adapt," he said.

Steelworkers, meanwhile, are cheering the tariff even as they remain skeptical of Trump's pledge to empower blue-collar Americans. They



CEO Joel Johnson checks the details on a roll of steel at the Borusan Mannesmann Pipe manufacturing facility Tuesday in Baytown. Borusan is seeking a waiver from the steel tariff to import 135,000 metric tons of steel piping annually over the next two years.

also worry about the possibility of exemptions.

"You put these tariffs (in place) but now you're going to exclude everybody so they're kind of pointless," said Durwin Royal, president of United Steelworkers' Local 4134 in Lone Star, Texas.

The diverse views illustrate the complexity, confusion and concern lurking behind Trump's "America First" pledge. The steel tariff — essentially a 25 percent tax — may backfire on the very people the president is aiming to help.

Pipe mills are numerous in Texas, which leads the nation in oil and natural gas production. Mills that use imported steel typically do so when they can't get the exact type or quantity they need from U.S. producers. Many of them are among the thousands of companies around the country that have filed exclusion requests with the Commerce Department to avoid being hit by the steel tariff.

Most of them are in the dark, unsure if their applications will be approved. A denial may torpedo plans to expand a factory. Or a company may have to lay off employees.

There's no playbook to guide companies through

an exemption process Johnson described as chaotic and unpredictable. He's hired a lobbyist, former New York Gov. George Pataki, to drum up support in Washington. He's sending off objections from competitors who want Borusan's request denied.

On a sweltering afternoon earlier this month, Johnson assembled dozens

of his employees in an air-conditioned room for what amounted to a Hail Mary pass. After lunching on sandwiches from Chick-fil-A, Borusan workers wrote personal messages on oversized postcards to be sent to Trump and other senior officials in Washington and Austin, the Texas capital, pleading for their help in securing the tariff exemption.

"I don't know what motivates politicians besides votes," Johnson said. "That's why we're doing this crazy exercise."

Johnson said he had for weeks unsuccessfully sought support from GOP Rep. Brian Babin, whose district includes Baytown. Babin wrote to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross on Thursday, expressing his strong support for Boru-

san's request and urging Ross to give it "your highest consideration."

"Finally," Johnson said. Zanotti declined to say how much Tenaris would have to pay because of the tariff, but he downplayed the expense as a cost of doing business on a global scale. Tenaris operates in 16 countries.

"Of course we don't like it," Zanotti said of the tariff. But, he added, "we're used to dealing with moving parts. This is another moving part."

The company doesn't have a registered lobbyist in Washington, let alone an office. It does have deep pockets, however. The company has spent \$8 billion over the last decade to expand its foothold in America, an investment he doesn't think the Commerce Department should overlook.

"We're positive we're going to get a good conclusion," Zanotti said.

Although Royal and Trey Green, Local 4134's vice president, were heartened by the steel tariff, they said they're under no illusion Trump is a friend to organized labor. Nor are they convinced his tough talk on trade will lead to a rebuilt U.S. steel industry with more and better jobs.

"I don't know that putting tariffs on just one or two particular items are going to be the mainstay that helps us in the future," Green said.

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Can replacing rotting bricks save you money? Yes, by cutting energy loss

It's almost like letting dollar bills escape through the gaps where bricks in your home are rotting and crumbling away, say George Rood and Jose Martinez of George Rood Masonry.

"Bricks crumble slowly, almost unnoticeably over many years," George points out. "You may not even notice it's happening until there are big gaps in your brickwork."

As the west Texas winds blow through those gaps they leak heat in or out, depending on the season, which makes your HVAC unit work harder to keep up. And there goes that money on your utility bills.

Too many times homeowners don't notice the problem until they try to sell their home, and the inspection shows issues that need repairs. Many area Realtors recommend that their clients call George or Jose when that time comes. But, they say, don't wait until then to take care of things.

"Really, a brief walk around your home can show you the problem areas," Jose says. "If you let us fix them now you can start saving money

on heating or cooling right away." Usually the repairs are surprisingly affordable and can be done quickly. There's really no reason to put this job off!

Maybe you need a new fence or a brick patio or walkway around a swimming pool. For that, George or Jose will come to your home and listen to all your plans. They'll help you get the layout that gets you just what you need. Before they start, they will tell you exactly what is needed, what work will be done and what the cost will be, so you can relax knowing there will be no surprises at the end. Estimates, by the way, are free.

This is a hands-on project for George and Jose. One or both of them will be on site, working alongside the crew. Many times, Jorge will be the only bricklayer at the job. Jorge has 25 years' experience in bricklaying, the last 15 of which have been while working with George Rood Masonry. George himself has been a bricklayer for 49 years and has been in the Permian Basin since 1979. Both have lots of experience in brick repair and fence building, and they have deep roots in west Texas.



Let George Rood (left) or Jose Martinez replace rotting bricks, build a new fence or handle other brick work. Call George at 432-664-1341 or Jose at 432-770-4820. Estimates are free.

In fact, if you've seen a fence with columns built in it, spaced about 20 feet apart, that's a concept George introduced to the area. Those columns ensure that fences are strong and sturdy. "Before I came here and started doing that, no one had really used columns before," George says.

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Harley, stung by tariffs, shifts some production overseas

By Ivan Moreno
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Production of Harley-Davidson motorcycles sold in Europe will move from U.S. factories to facilities overseas, the Milwaukee-based company announced Monday, a consequence of the retaliatory tariffs the EU is imposing on American exports in an escalating trade war with the Trump administration.

President Donald Trump has used the iconic American motorcycle maker as an example of a U.S. business harmed by trade barriers in other countries, but Harley had warned that tariffs could negatively impact its sales.

Trump tweeted Monday that he's surprised that Harley-Davidson was first "to wave the White Flag" in the tariff dispute between the U.S. and the European Union.

"Surprised that Harley-Davidson, of all companies, would be the first to wave the White Flag. I fought hard for them and ultimately they will not pay tariffs selling into the E.U., which has hurt us badly on trade, down \$151 Billion. Taxes just a Harley excuse - be patient! #MAGA," Trump tweeted.

A Harley-Davidson spokesman said the company had nothing to say in response to Trump's tweet beyond its filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The European Union on Friday began rolling out tariffs on American imports including bourbon, peanut butter and orange juice. The EU tariffs on \$3.4 billion worth of U.S. products are retaliation for duties the Trump administration is

imposing on European steel and aluminum.

The company said in a regulatory filing Monday that EU tariffs on its motorcycles exported from the U.S. jumped between 6 percent and 31 percent, adding about \$2,200 per average motorcycle exported from the U.S. to the EU.

The impact on U.S. workers because of Harley-Davidson's decision was not immediately clear. Harley-Davidson declined interview requests Monday but said in prepared remarks that the company "maintains a strong commitment to U.S.-based manufacturing which is valued by riders globally."

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders defended Trump's trade policies Monday during a press briefing.

"The EU is attempting to punish U.S. workers with unfair and discriminatory trade policies, and President Trump will continue to push for free, fair and reciprocal trade and hopes that the EU will join us in that," Sanders said.

Harley-Davidson Inc. sold almost 40,000 motorcycles in the EU last year, its second-largest market after the United States, according to the company. The EU sales make up almost 16.4 percent of Harley-Davidson's worldwide sales. In the U.S., Harley-Davidson sold 147,972 motorcycles last year, according to company data.

Harley-Davidson said it will not raise its prices to avert "an immediate and lasting detrimental impact on sales in Europe. It will instead absorb significant costs in the near term. It anticipates the cost for the rest of the year to be about \$30 million to \$45 million.

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OPINION

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Family separation isn't new, impacts children

The deservedly big news splashing us all in the face lately has been about the children being ripped away from their illegal-immigrant parents at the U.S.-Mexico border. Many Americans are horrified, which is far from what seems the mostly lackadaisical, yawning reaction to a similar, far more terrifying issue — one in which tens of millions of children live without their father. There are horrible consequences, one of which is too often suicide.

Killing ourselves has been another big news story lately — the rate has gone up 25 percent since 1999 — and a joint federal study shows that 63 percent of youths who commit suicide come from single-parent homes, which are almost always fatherless homes. The studies do not stop there. One from Michigan State University, for example, shows 75 percent of adolescent murderers are from these homes, and the Centers for Disease Control says 85 percent of children with behavioral disorders will look in vain to find a father around the house.

I have written about all of this before, also noting, for instance, that an astonishing 42 percent of all American children now are inhabitants of these homes with missing fathers. Then come the angry emails. They tell me poverty is at work here, not a lack of a biological parent. They say I am degrading innocent mothers

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who do not need a mess of a man around to worsen their lives and abuse the little ones. These mothers can handle everything just fine, I am informed, although they often do need help from the daddy substitute, known as government. What is definitely not needed, I am informed, is someone caught up in preserving an age-old familial tradition that somehow is no longer necessary for societal preservation.

First off, while poverty can obviously make everything worse, all kinds of evidence shows it is not poverty at work in childhood crises nearly as much as that missing father. For instance, there are poor urban neighborhoods without a lot of crime, but that changes when fatherless homes step in. Getting married helps end poverty. Not getting married often instigates it. Children raised in single-parent homes are far more likely to be poor as adults than those from two-parent homes, perhaps in part because those children from single-parent homes are also far

more likely to drop out of school.

Clearly, many mothers do an excellent job of raising their children without a father around, but the strain on them can be next door to cruelty. It is true, too, that there are fathers abusive to both wives and children, men who help nary a bit and are more hindrance than help in child-raising. Unwed motherhood, the principle factor in single-parent homes, can often be a consequence as much as anything of the fathers fleeing responsibility. But men are not inevitably toxic by nature or culture, and, generally speaking, it takes two parents to raise a child. Each sex brings something special to the task, and if you want a well-rounded, emotionally mature, self-reliant adult to arise from a family, it counts for a lot to have a family to arise from.

Government is not going to take care of all of this. It can give money to the needy, but money is not love nor guidance. It is not a male model nor someone who can give a daughter more a sense of what and who men are in a world in which there are quite a few of them to deal with. Visiting or live-in boyfriends? Statistics show they are far more likely to abuse children than their fathers are. Some may compensate to some degree or the other while many will just make things worse.

America remains in many ways a great country, but we are also a society in deep trouble. Social norms are disappearing,

not just in the White House but among people who think it is somehow funny and smart and courageous to shout obscenities on national TV or to wholly avoid protocols or to disrespect anything and everything, from religious faith to country. Religion itself appears to be dying out around the country, and, while some may cheer that occurrence, there are dire communal and personal consequences. An example gets us back to the suicide issue — research demonstrates people who attend church regularly are less likely to take their own lives. And suicide is one of a number of reasons, also including widespread opioid abuse, of an increasing death rate. Trust is declining, not just in media and political institutions, but in everything, even including next-door neighbors. Mass incarceration is ruinous.

Family is and always has been a fundamental building block of society. Let it continue to fade away and see what happens to us. The recent concern about parents and children being separated from each other at the border shows people can just maybe be moved as well to look at this broader, difficult, horrendous separation of children from fathers and to engage in making changes and fighting to restore old moral principles without which we are lost.

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OPINION EXTRA

Waters is Washington at its worst

U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters should resign her position. The bombastic blow-hard from Southern California speaks unfiltered and this has become accepted by too many in our country.

Waters called on the liberal left and other interested citizens during a rally in Los Angeles this past weekend to take matters in their own hands when confronting a member of the Trump White House.

Waters believes excoriating White Press press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders this past weekend was a good start and wants to see more of it. Sanders said she was asked to leave a Washington area restaurant because she works for President Donald Trump. It was a disgusting display of partisan politics filtering into people's behavior. It would have been reprehensible no matter one's politics but it was especially interesting that those desecrating came from the political left. These are the same people who will force a business owner into court for adhering to his religious beliefs. However, when the tables are turned and people are uncomfortable serving a person based on political beliefs, they call for such tactics.

And now a sitting congresswoman says it's time to turn up the volume on such efforts.

"If you see anybody from that Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd and you push back on them!" Waters was quoted as saying in a Washington Post article.

There won't be as much push-back against Waters as there would be if the tables were turned. There won't be any calls for her to be responsible for her words. That is a problem of the time we live in.

There also isn't a reasonable public willing to call out people when such rhetoric is spewed, no matter the politics of the day — a result of the current cable news/talk radio culture. You justify and move on. You don't call out your own but you talk about the times it happened to you and say "tit for tat."

Maxine Waters should resign. In my view, her words will lead to violence. Someone inevitably will go overboard in carrying out the orders of party leadership. At this point, it doesn't matter that Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and David Axelrod, former president Barack Obama's chief strategist, condemned such language. The horse is out of the barn.

Maybe one day our leaders will be held responsible for their words and actions. I hope this isn't wishful thinking.

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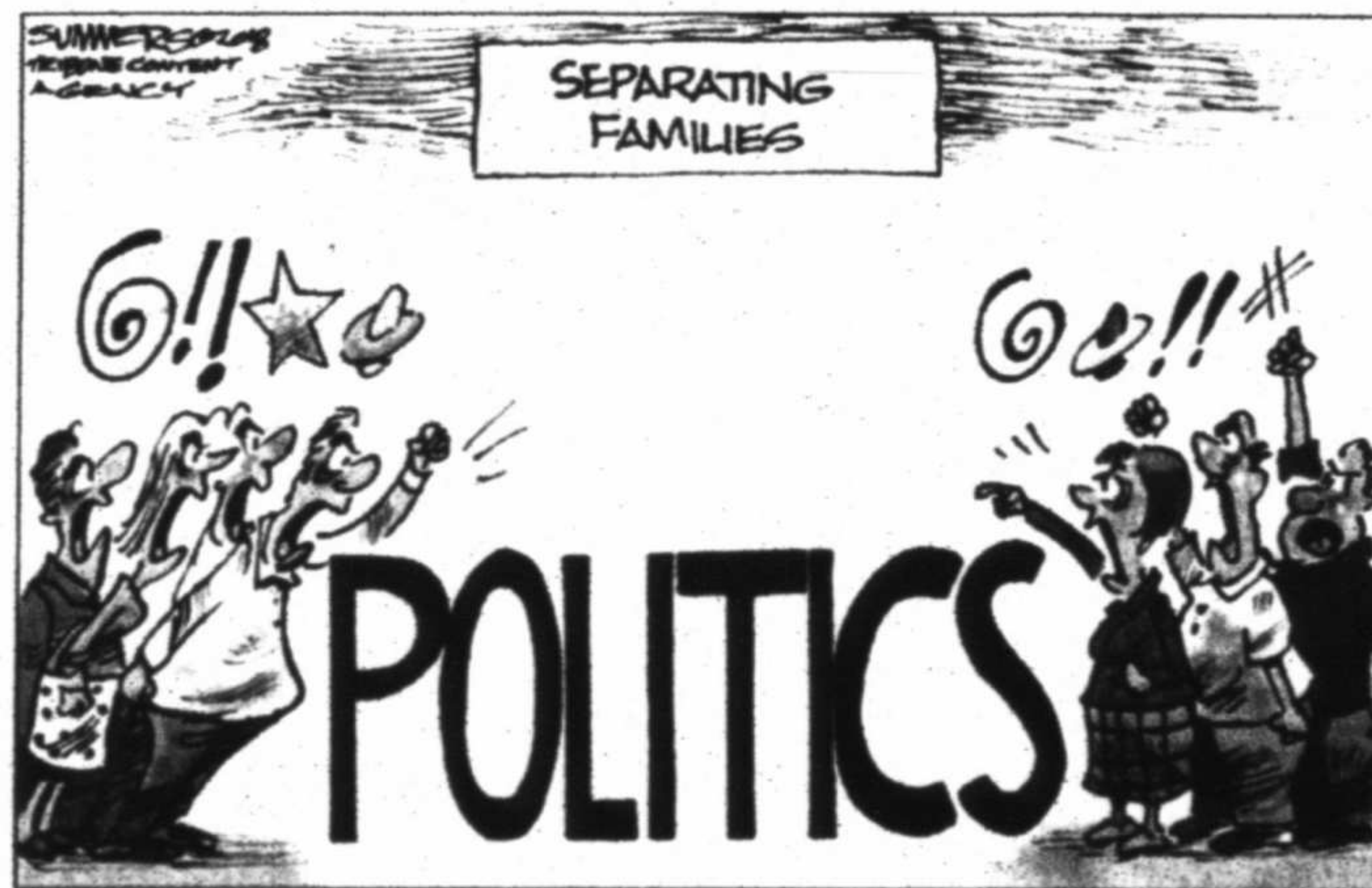
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Harley's hitting the road is just the start

As one Trump administration trade policy backfires, another looks set to.

On Monday, Harley-Davidson said it would shift some production out of the U.S. in order to mitigate the impact of European Union tariffs targeting its motorcycles. Those penalties — which Harley-Davidson estimates may cost it as much as \$100 million annually — were in response to U.S. levies on steel and aluminum imported from the EU. Meanwhile, the Treasury Department is reportedly planning to aim a bazooka at a Chinese takeover problem that doesn't really exist anymore by declaring a national economic emergency. What's more troubling is a reported plan to crack down on exports of key U.S. technologies.

That Harley-Davidson is among the first out of the gate with a warning on higher costs is a black eye for President Donald Trump, who last year thanked the company for "building things in America." House Speaker Paul Ryan also traveled to a Harley-Davidson plant in his home state of Wisconsin to tout the benefits of the tax overhaul. EU lawmakers clearly knew what they were doing when they announced surgical counter-tariffs on American products. Keep an eye on manufacturers of blue jeans, peanut butter and bourbon.

Harley-Davidson wasn't perhaps the best exemplar of American manufacturing for either Trump or Ryan to hold up in the first place. It already operates facilities in Brazil and India and is building a plant in Thailand, partly in response to Trump's decision to pull out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Not for nothing, Harley-Davidson this year announced plans to close an assembly plant in Kansas City, Missouri, and consolidate its operations with a Pennsylvania facility. A net total of 350 jobs will be eliminated in the U.S., the company said in May, and the shutdown is also triggering layoffs at suppliers.

Regardless, Harley-Davidson's situation is symbolic of the kind of disruption threatened by the Trump administration's protectionist agenda. General Electric Co. is also reportedly exploring changes to its supply chain as it grapples with tariffs on parts that are produced at company-owned factories in China but shipped back to U.S. assembly facilities in places like Florence, South Carolina, and Waukesha, Wisconsin. These ripple effects are important to keep in mind as Trump turns his attention to barring Chinese investments in the U.S. and countering the country's efforts to bolster its own industrial prowess, often on the back of American technology.

In many ways, the Trump administration is sim-

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ply crystallizing an already tough attitude toward Chinese investment. Congress is concurrently advancing a bill to bolster the powers of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S., which reviews deals for national security risks.

After a spate of rejected takeovers and an unprecedented decision to recommend against Broadcom Inc.'s bid for Qualcomm Inc. board seats, one could argue CFIUS scrutiny has already been increased and expanded in practice. The number of U.S. takeovers by Chinese firms has slowed to a trickle, even as dealmaking more broadly booms. Investments and joint venture activity is also lagging.

What makes this push different is the potential invocation of a little-used economic emergency law that gives the administration broad jurisdiction to enact penalties. That makes the purported effort to prevent the export of technologies considered key to China's made-in-2025 initiatives all the more scary for U.S. companies. It's unclear exactly how this policy would work (Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin pushed back at early reports), and it may be primarily aimed at further limiting the sharing of technology with Chinese joint venture partners. But as we've seen with the steel and aluminum tariffs, the Trump administration isn't inclined to surgical strikes. A broad approach could put a wide swath of U.S. manufacturers at risk.

Aerospace is part of China's investment push, so what does that mean for Boeing Co. as it competes with Airbus SE for share in what's set to be the world's biggest civil aviation market? Shares of the company were down about 3 percent as of midday in New York on Monday. Will Qualcomm be caught in a double-whammy of being banned by Chinese regulators from buying NXP Semiconductors NV and banned by U.S. regulators from selling some semiconductor products in China?

The opportunities for painful side effects are numerous, and the blowback to U.S. companies is just starting.

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Poll looks at how Texans view Mueller investigation

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

Most Texans say they've heard "a lot" about the federal investigations into Russian efforts to influence the U.S. presidential election in 2016, but they differ greatly — along party lines — about the investigations' purpose and results to date, according to the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll.

Only 5 percent of registered voters in the state say they've heard nothing about the Russian election investigations. The rest of us have apparently heard plenty: 58 percent said they've heard "a lot," 27 percent said they've heard "some" and 10 percent said they've heard "not very much," the survey found.

The political stakes of those investigations have colored the opinions of Texas voters. Among Republicans, 81 percent

believe "they're mostly efforts to discredit Donald Trump's presidency." On the other side, 77 percent of Democrats said the investigations are "mostly efforts to investigate potential foreign interference in a U.S. election."

Similarly, 37 percent of voters approve of the way Special Counsel Robert Mueller is handling those investigations, while 38 percent disapprove. That apparent balance hides a partisan split: While 67 percent of Democrats approve of what he's doing, 67 percent of Republicans disapprove.

Mueller's team has obtained 17 indictments and five convictions as a result of their investigations. In spite of their attention to the matter, voters are split on that, too. Asked whether the investigations have uncovered any crimes, 78 percent of Republican registered voters said no and 22 percent said yes. Among Democrats, those responses were flipped: 27 percent

of Democrats said no crimes have been uncovered and 73 percent said Mueller has found criminal evidence.

"It started off painting investigators and investigation as biased, painting everyone involved as having partisan motives, but now it's a focus solely on the Mueller investigation, and the idea — at least among Republicans — that it hasn't uncovered anything," said Josh Blank, manager of polling and research at the University of Texas at Austin's Texas Politics Project.

"It's just a brilliant job on Trump's part, calling it 'witch hunt, witch hunt, witch hunt,'" said Daron Shaw, a government professor at UT-Austin and co-director of the poll.

The FBI still gets mixed reviews from Texas voters, and the partisan divide has widened some in the last year. Overall, 41 percent have favorable opinions of that agency and 29 percent view it unfavorably. Democrats are more likely to have a

good impression: 62 percent were positive and 11 percent were negative. Among Republicans, the agency gets good marks from 27 percent and negative marks from 45 percent. A year ago, the UT/TT Poll found 51 percent of Democrats and 43 percent of Republicans had favorable opinions of the agency.

"I'm through the looking glass when Republicans think cozying up to the Russians is a good idea and Democrats are saying 'How are you dealing with those communists?'" — and also, when the Democrats think the FBI is a good thing and the Republicans don't," Shaw said.

The University of Texas/Texas Tribune internet survey of 1,200 registered voters was conducted from June 8 to June 17 and has an overall margin of error of +/- 2.83 percentage points. Numbers in charts might not add up to 100 percent because of rounding.

POLITICS BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WICHITA FALLS Texas commission to rule on candidate's child care request

The Texas Ethics Commission will soon rule on a female candidate's request to pay for campaign-related child care expenses with political contributions.

Wichita County Commissioner candidate Catie Robinson filed a request with the commission last month for an advisory opinion on allowing all Texas candidates to use campaign funds for child care expenses. The commission has sent Robinson a draft of a favorable opinion and its decision Wednesday could set a statewide precedent, the Times Record News reported.

The move follows the Federal Election Commission's approval in May for federal candidates to do so. The child care expenses must be incurred as a direct result of campaigning under the federal commission's approval.

Texas candidates are currently restricted from using political donations for personal purposes, but the commission can provide guidance through an advisory opinion.

"A political campaign is a full time job, and one that is unpaid," Robinson said. Robinson was a stay-at-home mother with two girls. She began incurring child care expenses while campaigning so she started working as a barista at Starbucks.

"It's not a question of being able to personally afford childcare," she said. "If the cost is directly related to the campaign, then campaign funds should be allowed to be used."

Robinson said, "I really believe that this might be the deciding factor for lots of other Texans out there who may be on the fence about running for office, so I am really happy to be a part of it."

Robinson's opponent, incumbent Commissioner Jeff Watts, has publicly criticized her request and questioned where to draw the line when using contributions for personal expenses.

NEW YORK Cohen: FBI seized 12,061 documents protected by privilege

Michael Cohen revealed for the first time Monday how many of his documents, text messages and emails he believes are protected by attorney-client privilege: 12,061 out of over 4 million.

Barbara Jones, a retired judge overseeing the review of material seized by the FBI from Cohen's law office and residences in April, will make the final recommendation on what is privileged. Documents designated as privileged are not fair game for prosecutors in Manhattan Federal Court investigating Cohen for campaign finance law violations, as well as bank and wire fraud.

As President Donald Trump's personal attorney, Cohen brokered hush money payments to two women in 2016 who claimed to have had affairs with Trump.



A mother migrating from Honduras holds her 1-year-old child while surrendering to U.S. Border Patrol agents after illegally crossing the border Monday near McAllen.

Migrant detainees to be housed at 2 bases in Texas

By Lolita C. Baldor
and Robert Burns
Associated Press

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska

The Trump administration has chosen an Army base and an Air Force base, both in Texas, to house detained migrants swept up in the federal government's crackdown on illegal immigration, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Monday.

Mattis said he could not confirm specifics, such as the number of migrants to be sheltered at Fort Bliss and Goodfellow Air Force Base. He spoke to reporters in Alaska alongside Sen. Dan Sullivan, an Alaska Republican.

"We'll provide whatever support the Department of Homeland Security needs in order to house the people that they have under their custody," Mattis said. "We will work that out week by week. The numbers obviously are dynamic so we will have to stay flexible in our logistics support."

Mattis was in Alaska to visit Fort Greely, where the U.S. military maintains an arsenal of missiles designed to shoot down long-range ballistic missiles. Afterward he

was heading to Beijing and then to Tokyo and Seoul.

The U.S. military has a long history of providing logistical support to people "escaping tyranny" or affected by natural disasters, Mattis said, explaining he recognized the "political aspects" of the situation along the southern border of the U.S.

"We provide logistics support and we're not going to get into the political aspect," he said. "Providing housing, shelter for those who need it is a legitimate governmental function."

The number of detained migrants who might be held at Bliss and Goodfellow has not been announced, but the Pentagon had said last week that it had been asked to be prepared to shelter as many as 20,000 unaccompanied children.

One official said unaccompanied children detained after crossing the U.S. border would be sheltered at one of the bases — Bliss or Goodfellow — and the other base would house families of migrant detainees. Under the arrangement, the Defense Department would provide the land but the operations would be run by other agencies.

Donations, volunteering surge at border asylum-seeker center

By Manuel Valdes
Associated Press

MCALLEN — One by one, around Father's Day, the surge of Amazon boxes containing shirts, pants, underwear and many other items began arriving at an asylum-seeker rest center in the border town of McAllen, Texas.

Included in the packages were notes of support. One read: "As someone who has a dad who would do anything for their child I hope this helps a few of the dads that come through your doors with the same ideas."

The boxes started arriving as people across the country began to learn

about President Donald Trump's policy of separating children from their families.

"All of the sudden they started getting like a thousand boxes a day and then more and then more. And they had to come and secure space here and that filled up and they got another space and that filled up," said Natalie Montelongo, a native of Brownsville who flew in from Washington, D.C., to volunteer at the center. She set up an Amazon wish list with items needed by the shelter and posted the link on social media.

Now, the immigrant respite center run by Catholic Charities of the Rio

Grande Valley has received so many boxes that it had to rent additional storage space.

"I feel like each one of these boxes represents one person that wishes they were here and is following the issue and that cares," said Montelongo, who is a national campaign strategist for the American Civil Liberties Union.

But donations also came the old-fashioned way, too. Local residents stopped by and dropped off what they could, and caravans of volunteers from around the country made the journey to McAllen in Texas Rio Grande Valley packed with donations and cash.

Supreme Court OKs Texas voting maps

By Mark Sherman
and Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A divided Supreme Court kept Texas' voting maps largely intact Monday, dealing an election-year blow to Democrats by reversing earlier findings that intentional racial discrimination continues to stain several statehouse and congressional districts.

The 5-4 decision comes nine months after Democrats had celebrated lower court rulings that invalidated parts of Texas' electoral maps and a revised voter ID law. But the voter ID law was also restored in April, and Texas Republicans now have another key victory in long-running battles over voting rights in a state with a booming Hispanic population.

"Our legislative maps are legal. Democrats lost their redistricting & Voter ID claims," Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott tweeted.

The decision also dampened Democrats' case that Texas should once again need federal approval before changing voting laws, a requirement the Supreme Court eliminated in 2013 when it gutted the heart of the federal Voting Rights Act.

In August, a federal court in San Antonio agreed with Democrats and voting rights groups that current electoral districts in Texas were tainted by earlier and intentionally discriminatory map lines first approved by the GOP-controlled Legislature in 2011.

But Justice Samuel Alito said for the court's conservative majority that the lower court made a mistake by striking down two congressional and seven state house districts. The high court struck down one safe Democratic House district in Fort Worth because the state relied too heavily on race when it increased the district's Latino population.

"We now hold that the three-judge court com-

mitted a fundamental legal error," Alito wrote. The lower court ignored evidence showing that the legislature adopted districting plans in 2013 primarily to try to end the litigation over the districts, Alito said.

The court's liberal justices dissented. "The court today does great damage to that right of equal opportunity," Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote. She said her colleagues had blinded themselves "to the overwhelming factual record below. It does all of this to allow Texas to use electoral maps that, in design and effect, burden the rights of minority voters."

Democrats are outnumbered nearly 2-1 in the Texas Legislature and have long contended that unfair maps have accelerated that imbalance. In 2009, Republicans had only a slim two-seat majority in the Texas House.

"The rules were changed today," said Democratic state Rep. Rafael Anchia, chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus.

Texas' congressional and legislative districting plans have been embroiled in court action for years, beginning in 2011.

After the state's original maps were tossed out as probably unconstitutional, a three-judge federal court produced interim districting plans that were used in the 2012 elections.

In 2013, Republicans who control the state government rushed to permanently adopt those maps to use for the rest of the decade, until a new round of redistricting after the 2020 census. But opponents criticized the adopted maps as a quick fix that didn't purge all districts of the impermissible use of race.

"This is a huge win for the Constitution, Texas, and the democratic process. Once again, Texans have the power to govern themselves," Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said.

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LOS ANGELES
Locklear arrested
for alleged attack
on deputy, EMT

Heather Locklear has been arrested on suspicion of fighting with first responders for the second time this year, authorities said Monday.

Locklear appeared extremely intoxicated when deputies arrived at her Southern California home at about 11 p.m. Sunday to investigate a dispute between Locklear and either family members or friends, Ventura County Sheriff's Capt. Garo Kuredjian said.

Locklear kicked one of the deputies then kicked a paramedic who was called to evaluate her because of her intoxication, Kuredjian said.

She was taken to a hospital, then taken to jail and booked on two misdemeanor battery counts, he said.

Locklear was released Monday morning after posting \$20,000 bail.

From there, she immediately checked in to a treatment facility, a person close to Locklear said. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because of medical privacy restrictions.

Locklear's managers did not immediately return an email seeking comment.

In February, she was arrested under similar circumstances and charged with four misdemeanor counts of battery on an officer. Authorities say she attacked four deputies called to her home because of a dispute with her boyfriend. She has pleaded not guilty in that case, which remains pending.

The 56-year-old actress was among the biggest television stars of the 1980s and 1990s, with roles on "Dynasty," "T.J. Hooker" and "Melrose Place."

She still works frequent-

ly, with recurring roles on cable shows like "Franklin & Bash" and the Tyler Perry series "Too Close to Home."

But she has struggled in recent years with substance abuse. In 2008, she was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of prescription drugs. She pleaded to a lesser charge of reckless driving and was sentenced to unsupervised probation.

ATLANTA
Hip-hop stars Cardi B
and Offset wed
quietly months ago

A marriage certificate shows hip-hop stars Cardi B and the Migos' Offset were quietly married months ago.

Sunday night while accepting best group award at the BET awards, Offset raised some eyebrows when he said, "I thank my wife, you should thank yours." Cardi B confirmed the marriage in a tweet Monday.

A marriage certificate shows that Cardi B and Offset, whose real names are Belcalis Almanzar and Kiari Cephus respectively, were wed Sept. 20, but only announced their engagement in October. The marriage certificate shows the two married in Atlanta.

A month after the marriage, Offset proposed to Cardi on stage at Power 99's Powerhouse concert, shocking fans.

Grammy-nominated Cardi B shared that she was pregnant during a performance on Saturday Night Live in April.

NEW YORK
Where's the wolf?
Stolen from animal
preserve, police say

HOLTSVILLE — Officials say a hybrid wolf was specifically targeted for

theft from a Long Island animal preserve.

Suffolk County authorities say the 7-year-old wolf-dog hybrid named Nakita was taken sometime between Sunday at 4 p.m. and Monday at 7 a.m. from the Town of Brookhaven Ecology Site, Park and Animal Preserve.

Authorities say whoever took the animal was particularly looking for it, cutting through three fences and leaving the other animals behind, and also seemed to know how the facility works.

Nakita had been turned over to the preserve last year and formerly been a pet. Authorities say the animal was not known to be aggressive to people.

NEBRASKA
Omaha zoo finds escaped
parrot scared by
Goodyear blimp

OMAHA — A macaw that flew away from Omaha's zoo after apparently being spooked by the Goodyear blimp has been found in a nearby neighborhood.

The Omaha World-Herald reported the macaw, named Cayenne, was out during the zoo's Birds of Flight show Sunday morning when it was startled by the blimp drifting past. The bird flew out of an amphitheater and past the zoo's boundaries.

Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium staff sought the public's help, and on Monday morning a nearby resident tipped them off about the bird's whereabouts.

Staffers spotted the bird, and after flying to another tree it came down when called.

The red, green and blue bird, which is a member of the parrot family, was returned to the zoo and quickly joined her sister in eating treats.

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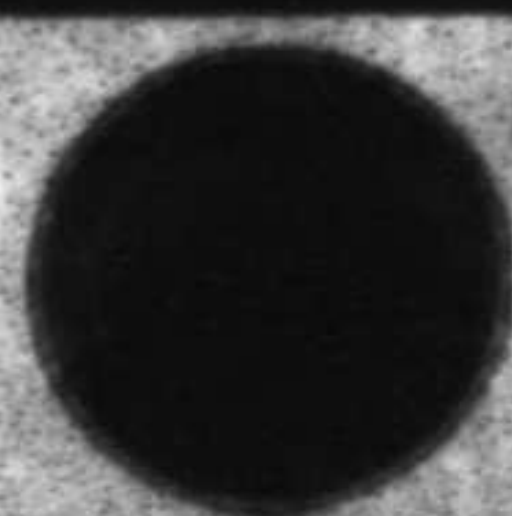
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I have been with MISD for two years, teaching English at Midland Senior High School, but I have been a public school teacher for a total of 28 years. I taught high school English and social studies for 26 years in Roswell, New Mexico. When I retired from teaching in New Mexico, I missed being with students in the classroom. The opportunity to move closer to family in north Texas and teach at Midland High School presented itself and I jumped at the chance. I have been so happy to be a part of the MSHS team of professionals, and have the chance to teach really amazing teens in Midland!

Favorite moments in the classroom?
Without a doubt, my favorite moments in the classroom are those moments when a student who has struggled with a concept or skill suddenly catches on and can do it. There is this expression of wonder that crosses the kid's face, followed by a look of such satisfaction and pride, and being privileged to be a part of that student's journey to mastery of a subject he or she has struggled with is a true blessing.

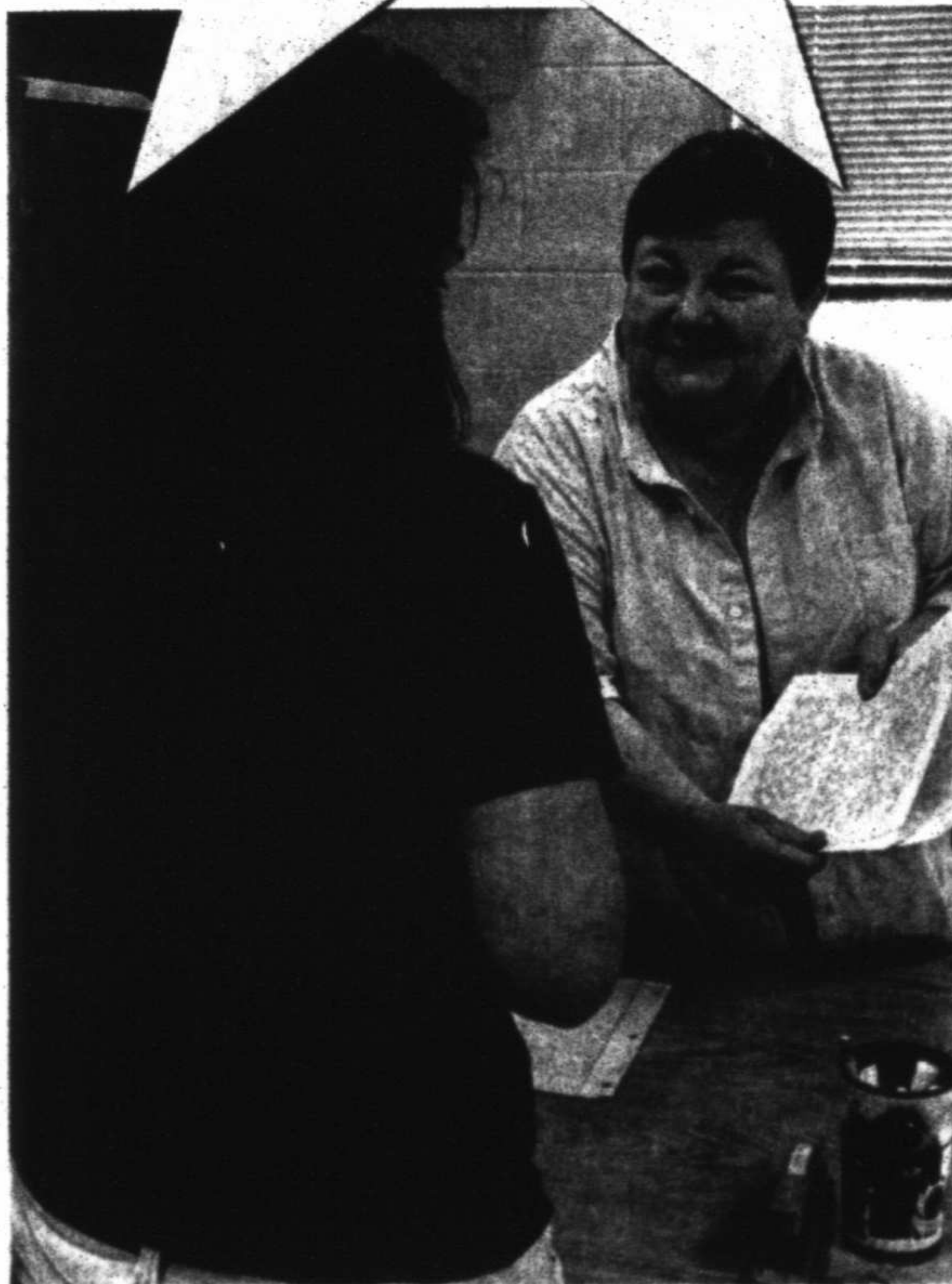
Another favorite moment in the classroom is when we are reading a work of literature and the kids make a strong connection to the story or poem. When teenagers see something important to themselves reflected in a work of literature, that is when their intellectual curiosity is awakened and they become real readers! It is such fun to be a part of their journeys.

Why did you choose a career in education?

As a teen, I was blessed to have the opportunity to see my maternal grandparents every day, and they are the ones who encouraged me to consider a career in teaching. My Papaw, especially, encouraged me to become a teacher, because he was a child of the Great Depression, and he remembered how his teacher had been a lifeline to him and to her other students during that challenging time. Papaw also teased that, as much as I liked to read and talk, teaching was a perfect fit for me! I realized he was right: teaching would allow me to combine my interests in literature, history and writing, and I did have a knack for explaining concepts in detail. I knew when I was 16 years old that I would be a high school teacher. I knew I would teach English and history, since those were my favorite subjects when I was a teenager.

How have you moved beyond the basic curriculum and found innovative ways to reach your students?

It isn't innovative, just basic best professional practices, but when students trust that I will support their efforts, validate their successes and help them correct their errors in an accepting and respectful environment, they are willing to take risks and work hard in my class. At-risk students, especially, often feel unsupported and disenfranchised from the student body as a whole. They lack self-confidence and doubt their ability to master the hard stuff and excel in their studies. I know that the main thing holding



back at-risk students is their own self-doubt and fear. This is why I work hard to build a classroom environment in which everyone feels safe to learn, to take risks, to make up ground, knowing that no one will be ridiculed, belittled or disrespected while wrestling with tough concepts, and that I will be there every step of their journey to back them up and help them achieve mastery of what we are studying.

I always combine the study of literature with the study of history, government, science and art, so that my students never "just" read a story or poem—they also understand the time period and culture in which the author lived and wrote. I immerse my students in the popular culture of the period, so they understand the influences that shaped the author, and therefore shaped the literature. I tie nonfiction texts to the short stories, poems, plays or novels, so students learn about related ideas and issues. I want the students to think about how the work of literature reflects the time period in which it was created, but I also want them to think about how it is still relevant in our world, today. I can pose these questions through the use of nonfiction articles, art, scientific developments, governmental issues and current events. No person lives in isolation from the world around them, or from the past, and that applies to literary works, too.

Additionally, I set a high standard for all my students so that everyone in the class is appropriately challenged. With a variety of academic supports and instruction

techniques, students in high school can tackle, understand and build upon college level texts and concepts. This includes at-risk students whose skills may lag a bit behind their classmates' skills! There is no reason to water down curriculum, ever; instead, the teacher should design lessons that break ideas down to their most simple element, and help the struggling student build upon those mini-lessons in order to achieve mastery of the entire sophisticated idea.

How do you inspire your peers, colleagues and others aiming to make a difference in Midland ISD?

Midland ISD has some of the most gifted, intelligent, capable young teachers I have ever had the honor of working beside. I believe one of the ways I can make a difference in MISD is by supporting these younger professionals' efforts and growth. As a veteran teacher who was blessed at the beginning of my career with wonderfully supportive and knowledgeable mentor teachers, I now try to pay it forward in the profession by serving as a resource to our amazingly talented younger educators. One of the main reasons why new teachers leave the profession is because they feel unsupported and alone. I never want one of our talented Midland Senior High School teachers to feel that way, so I try to be an informal mentor and friend. I may not have the answers to an issue, but I can be a supportive shoulder on a hard day.

What is the greatest challenge to being an educator in Midland today?

The greatest challenge to being an educator in Texas, including Midland, is that public and political support for our public schools is eroding at a time when public education needs everyone's support. America grew to be a world superpower because of its public education system. Our American school system produced the minds that won the Space Race. Our American school system produced the innovators and tech-gurus who are shaping this Age of Information. Our future artists, scientists, educators, businessmen and politicians are being educated in our public schools right now. Our kids deserve well-funded schools, with enough paper, up-to-date books and functional technology to meet their educational needs. Teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, and support staff serving our children and their families deserve respect and support from every single citizen in the community, regardless of if one has kids attending the schools or not.

Too often, we hear stories about what is wrong with public schools, but there is far more that is right with our public schools that goes uncelebrated and ignored. If we continue to unfairly blame public education for not being able to solve all of society's issues—even though the truth is that educators are doing amazing things in classrooms throughout the state and nation, despite slashed budgets, teacher shortages and lack of support from our elected officials, some in the media and some in the public—then we will continue to suffer a talent drain as brilliant young people leave the profession or avoid entering it altogether because of the negative hype.

What support can Midlanders provide you and other educators?

Midlanders can support the wonderful people of Midland ISD and Texas by lobbying for fair education budgets that fully fund public schools, by supporting the teachers and paraprofessionals who pour their hearts into the children in this community and by reinforcing the lessons we teach in school by sitting down and talking to their children about what they learned. Research shows that students enjoy the most academic success when they live in homes where reading materials are easily available, where reading is a shared experience between children and parents and where parents and children sit down to dinner together and discuss what was learned in school that day. I would, therefore, ask all Midlanders to start conversing with kids—your own, and other people's kids, too—about the specifics of what they are learning, and why it interests them. Read with kids, even the teenagers. It will pay dividends that will bring Midland to the forefront of education in this great state!

About Ms. Bailey

Ms. Bailey is the teacher that encourages and guides her students. She takes the challenges of her students and turns those challenges into opportunities. Even when her students are frustrated, the students know Ms. Bailey cares and the students work even harder. They are working for themselves AND Ms. Bailey.

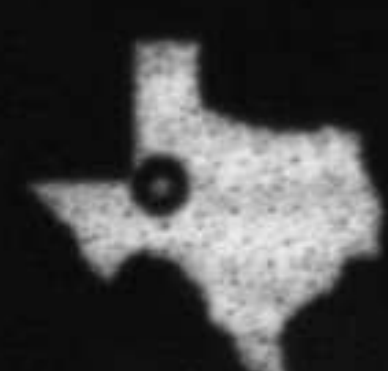
Cyndi Pyles,
Academic dean, Midland High School

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TO THE READER

The Midland Development Corp. has partnered with the Reporter-Telegram to honor teachers and other district officials who make a difference in students' lives.

The MDC, as part of its commitment to education, will sponsor this series that will appear every Tuesday on the front of the Education section. The MDC and Reporter-Telegram thank Midland ISD for its help with Educator Honor Roll.



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EDUCATION

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MISD names new executive director of elementaries

From staff reports

Midland ISD announced last week that Alicia Syverson will join the district as one of three executive directors of elementary education. Syverson, a former educator and campus administrator, will supervise nine of MISD's 27 elementary campuses, which include approximately 5,000 students. In addition to supervising nine campuses, Syverson will serve



Syverson

as a liaison between campus staff and district instructional services for students, according to a press release from the district. She will provide ongoing support and customer service for parents and campus communities. She also will be responsible for supporting the chief academic officer in evaluating and providing leadership with the district's instructional programs.

Syverson has nearly 20 years of experience in education and has served as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. Most recently, Syverson has provided ongoing support and collaboration with superintendents and principals through-

out West Texas as a professional service provider for Region 18 ESC. In this role, she offered a variety of onsite support, monitoring and content development for campuses in need of school improvement. She is known for her passion and enthusiasm and for creating a culture of mutual accountability with tact and spirit of growth, according to the release.

"Building, establishing and creating a culture of success is what I love most about working in education," stated Syverson in the press release. "I am passionate about creating environments that allow for teaching and learning at high levels and am incredibly excited about

joining Midland ISD."

Syverson will assume the responsibilities of Kellie Ebenstein, who is resigning effective July 31.

"Alicia has a solid track record of creating sustainable change. She is a thought-leader, a highly motivated individual, and dedicated to providing support to ensure the highest academic achievements for students," said Patrick Jones, chief academic officer for Midland ISD. "We are excited to add her to our executive team and look forward to the impact she will have at Midland ISD."

Syverson's salary will be \$117,929.20, according to the district.

BEAUTY OF THE BUG



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Students gather around to see a damselfly Susan May caught June 14 at the pond in the nature preserve during Arthropod Adventure Camp at Sibley Nature Center. More photos from this event can be found on Page 4B.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

2 UTPB faculty members receive regents' award

Two University of Texas of the Permian Basin faculty members have received the UT System's 2018 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award. Maria Avalos and Kurt Verlei are among 27 faculty members system-wide who received the honor, which comes with a \$25,000 award. They will be recognized Aug. 9 at a reception in Austin.



Avalos



Verlei

After a career spanning more than 20 years in both K-12 and higher education, Avalos joined UTPB's faculty in the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling in 2013. She teaches undergraduate courses in psychology and bilingual education. Avalos, a first-generation college student, conducts research and develops programs to serve the needs of academically at-risk and marginalized students.

"I am honored and humbled to receive this prestigious award," Avalos said. "It is truly a blessing to wake up every day and serve in a role that I love, with students I cherish, and at an institution that cares about the personal and professional growth of all individuals."

Verlei is a lecturer in marketing in the College of Business. He was a business owner and a consultant to a wide variety of businesses in the Permian Basin.

"My primary objective is to foster critical thinking skills in students," said Verlei. "It is essential for young people to be able to reason and respond with solutions. I use local business concerns as case studies to create a real-world laboratory. I'm very proud of the success many of my students have experienced."

Nominees for the award undergo a series of rigorous evaluations by students, peer faculty and external reviewers. The criteria include a candidate's teaching performance, including classroom expertise, curricula quality, innovative course development and student learning outcomes.

Kids can learn about geology

Geologists with Chevron will be working with children on Geology: Reading the Rocks 2-3 p.m. today at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. The weekly event is for kids 8-12. The final session is July 3.

Host families sought for exchange students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is looking for local families to host students between the ages of 15 and 18 for the 2018-19 school year.

ASSE students are academically selected into the program, and host families can choose a student from a wide variety of backgrounds, countries and personal interests, according to a press release from the program. Students have spending money and health, accident and liability insurance, according to the release.

To become a host family or for more information, call the southern regional office at 800-473-0696 or go to www.host.asse.com.

Doing household chores can stem summer slide

Now that the elementary-school textbooks, backpacks and lunchboxes have been stowed away across the country, it's time to get to work.

It's the summer slide season — the time when students, especially low-income ones, lose some of the academic gains they made during the school year because they're hanging out at home, not doing much reading and not spending time on any other academic thinking.

Summer learning loss isn't mythical. Every teacher next fall will greet a classroom full of students who return rusty from not having flexed the muscles of writing, sustained reading or math-problem solving all summer.

It would be nice if students would come back in the fall ready to pick up right where they left off in June, but that's not how it goes. Many will return rusty and likely to have behavior issues from months of being out of such productive routines as regular bedtimes and wake-up times and homework.

The answer is not to ruin kids' summers with tons of boring academic exercises such as multiplication-table worksheets (even on devices like iPads or computers, kids tend to resent practicing school skills, despite struggling in the classroom).

And if your children don't like reading, it rarely makes a positive impact on them to demand that they drag themselves through a book (my sons both despised reading as youngsters, and my 17-year-old still hates it).

One thing that could help, though, is making sure kids have something they're responsible for over the summer.

Children from affluent families are as

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likely as those from chaotic, under-resourced households to have behavior issues because they're asked to do less and less at home, according to Katherine Reynolds Lewis, author of the new parenting book "The Good News About Bad Behavior: Why Kids Are Less Disciplined Than Ever — And What You Can Do About It."

"Children are unemployed. So often their days are full of homework, music, sports and extracurricular obligations, but no true responsibilities to the family or community," Reynolds Lewis wrote. "Nobody depends on them to care for a younger sibling, to clean the house or to put dinner on the table. Adults think they're helping children by doing these tasks themselves, or outsourcing them. In fact, not giving them simple household chores deprives kids of the chance to build skills and be useful."

It's true that this phenomenon occurs across socioeconomic classes. I recently completed an academic year teaching at a school in which 98 percent of the students were low-income. And yet, when you asked the kids who were excelling academically, they'd tell you about all the responsibilities they had at home, from caring for the family pet to washing dishes after dinner and doing their own laundry.

Some of my students who struggled the most, however, could not report a single task they were in charge of performing. Fourth- and fifth-graders would tell me that if they didn't wake up on time, they'd just stay home for the day or that they simply didn't have anything they were required by their parents to do for themselves on a daily basis.

When I talk to parents of children who are not performing at grade level about how to help their students succeed academically, I always suggest the simplest, most relationship-enhancing activities: Play card games or dice to sneak in math practice; play memory or games such as looking for signs that include a certain letter of the alphabet to aid focus; or simply tell your children stories and encourage them to make up their own to improve literacy.

This summer, I'm adding another suggestion to the list: Give your child an official home job.

It can be as simple as bringing in the mail every day or as complicated as feeding and walking the dog on a schedule. Whatever it is, be clear about your expectations and make sure the work is done to specification.

You're probably guaranteed a little push-back and the need for some reinforcement — I still have to remind my 17-year-old to ensure the dogs' water bowl is full. But it's a great non-academic way to learn life planning skills, self-determination and work ethic.

It'll be an investment of time, but one that will potentially pay dividends for your kids when school starts again in the fall — as well as for the rest of their lives.

Experts: Teens need summer jobs to learn life skills

By Vikki Ortiz
Chicago Tribune

Fewer teens plan to spend their summers scooping ice cream, carrying golf clubs or working other hourly jobs. Parenting and career counseling experts say today's young people are forgoing valuable life and workplace lessons needed to become successful and happy adults.

"When I think about kids on masts not working, I think about all the things they're going to miss out on," said Tim Thayne, a family therapist and author of the book "Not

by Chance: How Parents Boost Their Teen's Success In and After Treatment."

"There's a level of accountability that doesn't come with internships; it doesn't come with service ethics," he said. "If you're out doing a service project, the person you're doing the service project for probably isn't going to get after you if you're on a cellphone."

The youth summer labor force — the number of 16- to 24-year-olds working or actively looking for work — has been on the decline for more than 30 years, with a peak rate of 77.5 percent in July 1989. In 2017, the youth labor force participation rate was

60.6 for July, considered the peak of summertime youth employment, according to statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Last July, only 4 in 10 teens were in the labor force, compared with about 7 in 10 in July 1978, according to the department.

Research points to a number of factors that have contributed to the decline in teens taking summer jobs: more students taking internships or seeking volunteer experiences to bolster college applications, overlooked extracurricular activity schedules and lack of available hourly jobs in some communities.

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Medical privacy rules stymie 'Dad'

DEAR ABBY: I am 32 and in a relationship with a 31-year-old single mother. Her son, "Steven," is 7. Her daughter, "Jessica," is 15. I am a stay-at-home dad. Both kids refer to me as "Dad," as I have been a part of Steven's life more than his (incarcerated) dad has ever been. Because I am a stay-at-home dad, this means I take Steven to various professional appointments, doctors, including a psychiatrist for ADHD, the dentist and various sports activities. I was informed three weeks ago Jessica is pregnant. When I take our boy for doctor's visits, they always want guarantor information, and I always sign. But after a recent checkup of his, I called for results and was outright lied to — "We don't have the results back" — and Jessica's doctor said they can't release any information to me. Abby, I'm in this for the long haul. If doctors will let me sign to pay their medical expenses but I can't have the results, what can I do? — **STAY-AT-HOME-DAD**

DEAR "DAD": A guarantor is different from a legal guardian or parent. Have their mother call the doctors and request the information so she can share it with you. And if you haven't suggested to Jessica's mother that her daughter should be put on long-acting birth control, I think the time has come.

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently moved into our dream home and invited my family over to see it. My sister noticed that the house had been designed to be handicapped accessible. We confirmed that it had been built by an elderly couple. The doors and walkways are larger than normal, there are handrails in the bathroom, a seat in the shower, etc. She went on to say that we shouldn't have purchased the house because we were "taking it from someone who may have needed it." Then she compared us to someone who parks in a handicap parking space without a permit. The thought had never occurred to me. I loved the openness of the floor plan; it was a huge selling point for me. The house is within walking distance of my work and had been on the market for two years. The sellers were thrilled to have someone finally buy it. The community has been nothing but welcoming to us and seems glad to have a nice family move into a home that was built by much-loved neighbors. Should we have passed on it and continued our search?

DREAM HOME OWNER IN KANSAS
DEAR OWNER: Of course not! The house served the needs of the couple who built it. Now it is yours and doing the same for you and your family. Enjoy it! And the next time your jealous sister brings up the subject — we both know she will — hand her an antacid tablet and talk about something else.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who I suspect has a mental problem. I wonder if it may be a disease of some kind. No matter what I talk about — what I've done, who I know or what I have — she one-ups me by saying she has done or had the same thing. It really grates on my nerves. Do you think it's a habit or a disease? — **OUTDUNE IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR OUTDUNE: It's not a disease, but an obnoxious habit. The "cure" may be to tell the woman how what she's doing makes you feel. The result will be that she either stops trying to top you or ends the friendship. Either one will be a relief.



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Opening lead: Two of 6

Twins Justin and Jason Hackett, North and South, respectively, in today's deal, are the sons of Paul Hackett, a respected British professional.

The sons have a reputation as very aggressive bidders, and the final contract on this deal would not win any beauty prizes. Just because a contract

is hopeless, however, is no reason to go down.

The opening spade lead went to the queen and king, and Jason led the 10 of hearts, ducking in dummy when West covered. All of the other suits were dangerous to lead, so West led his low heart. Jason inserted dummy's nine and ran three more heart tricks. He discarded four clubs from his hand while East shed a spade and West a spade and a club. Jason was pretty sure the queen of diamonds was in the West hand, but there was nothing he could do about it while in dummy. He led a club to his 10 and West's jack.

West could cash his ace of clubs, but then had to lead either a spade or a diamond. He chose to lead a diamond, which ended the issue right there, giving South four diamond tricks. Had West elected to play the ace and another spade instead, Jason would have been in his hand with the jack of spades and he was prepared to take the "backwards" finesse in diamonds. He would have led the jack of diamonds, and assuming West covered, he would have won in dummy and led a diamond back to his nine. Well played!

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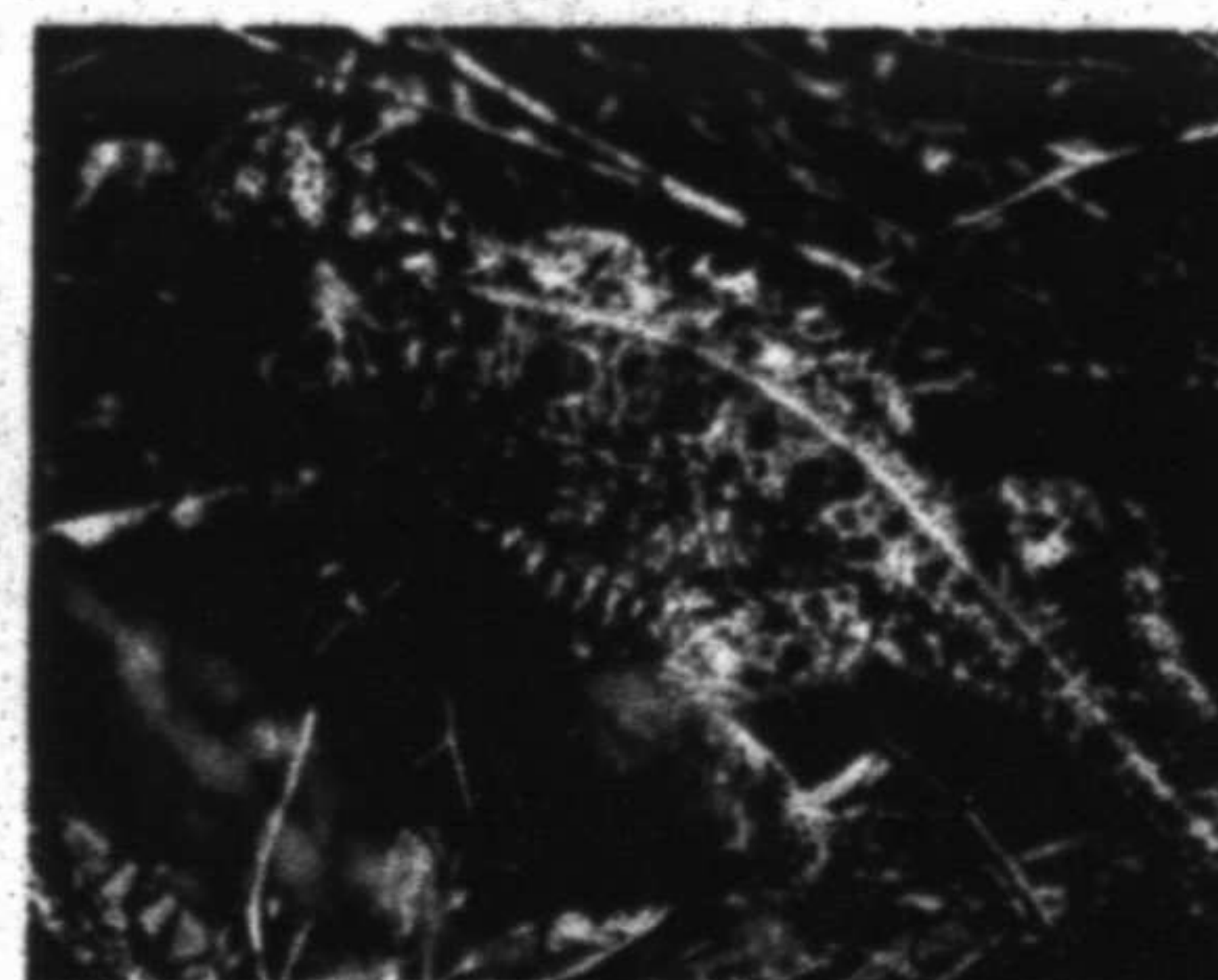
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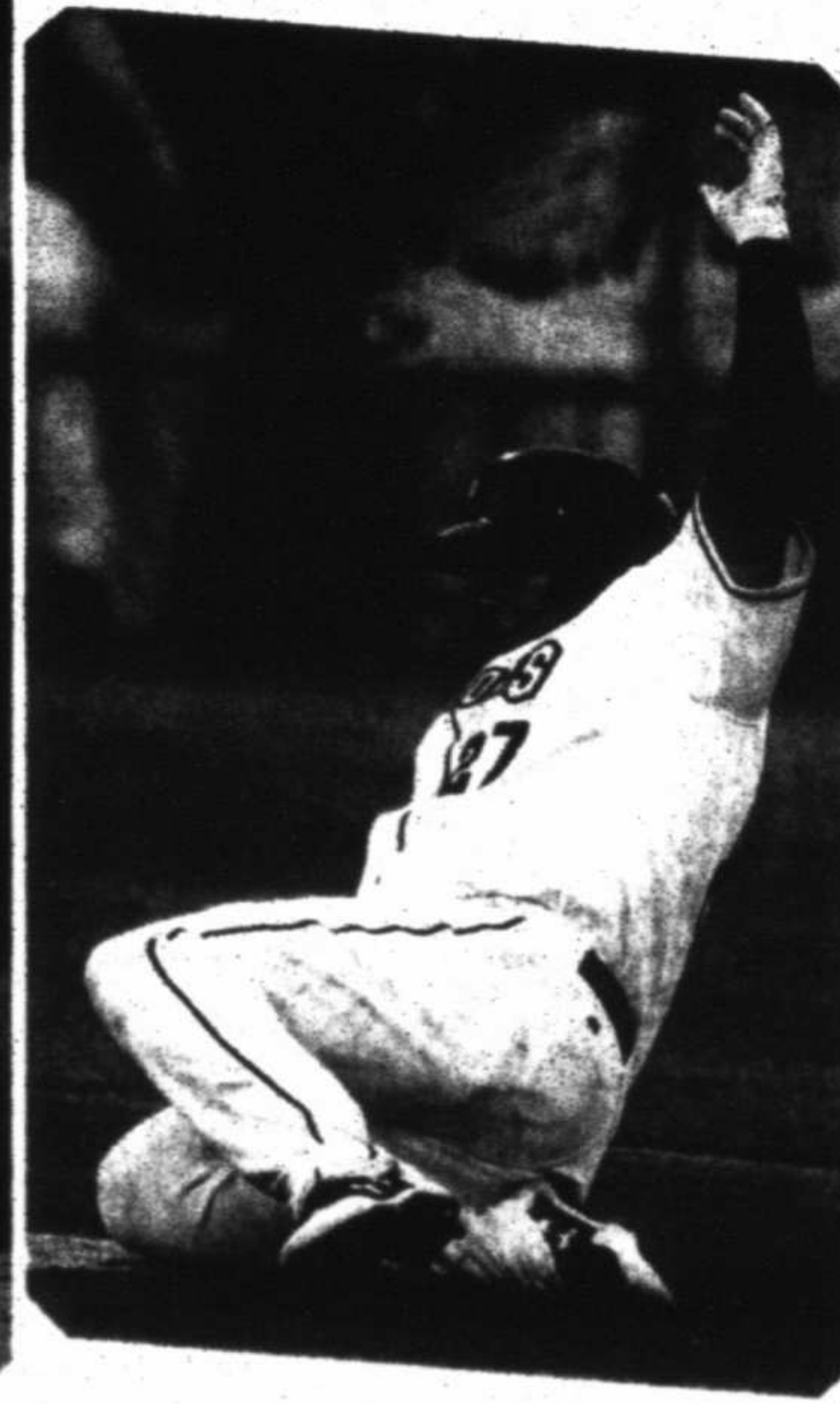
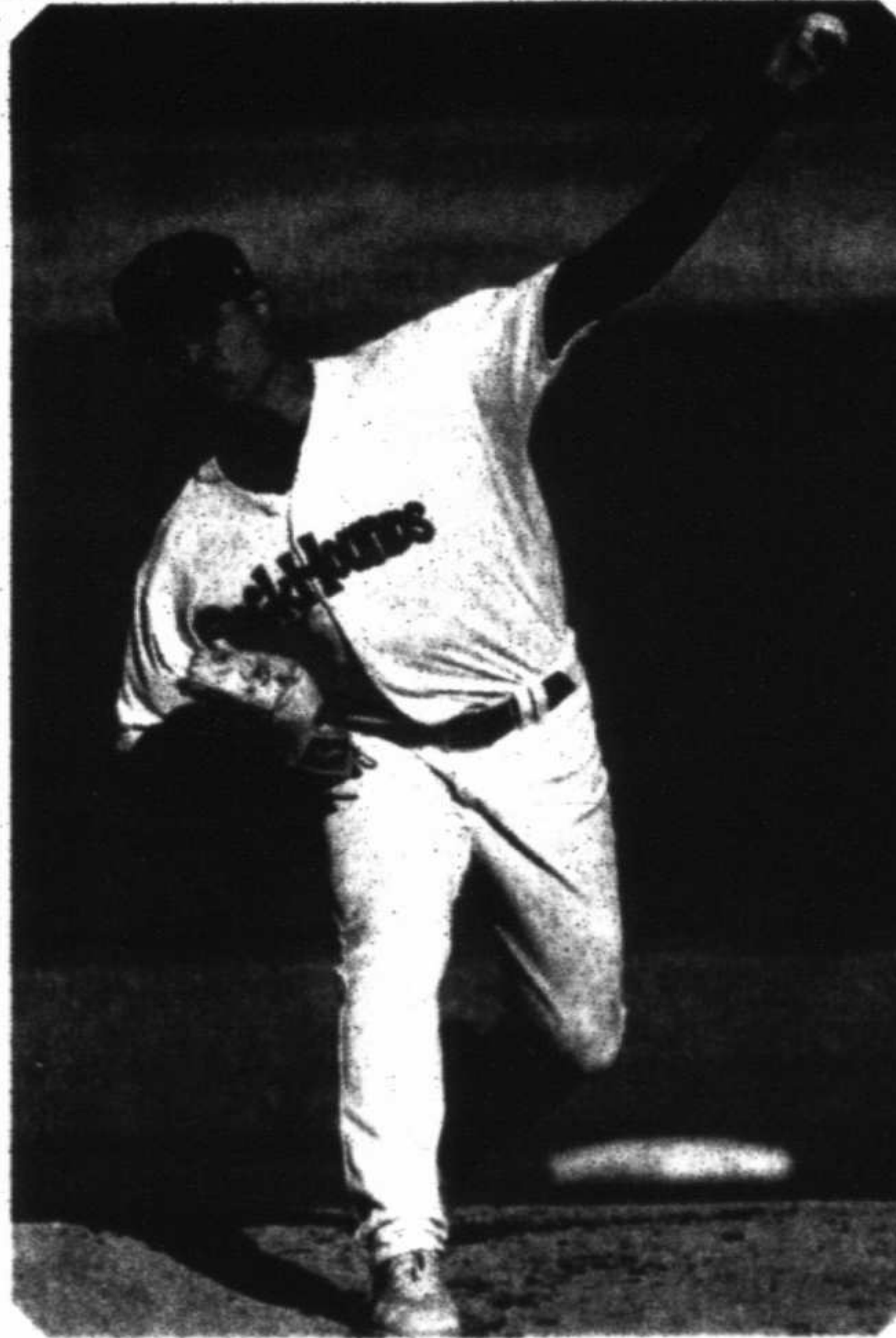
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BASEBALL'S



FUTURE

All-Star trio impress in league despite youth

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Double-A Texas League is often referred to as the proving ground for major league hopefuls. It's a level where minor leaguers solidify

themselves as potential big leaguers, or hamper their future chances.

Midland RockHounds left-handed pitcher Jesus Luzardo, Tulsa Drillers catcher Keibert Ruiz and San Antonio Missions outfielder/first baseman Josh Naylor are among the youngest players in a circuit where the average age is over 24 years old. Despite their youth, the three have made an impression on the Texas League with their play this season, showing the Double-A challenge isn't too much for them.

Luzardo, Ruiz and Naylor are among the top prospects headlining the rosters in today's 7:15 p.m. Texas League All-Star Game at Security Bank Ballpark, the fifth time the RockHounds' franchise has hosted the showcase.

ROCKHOUNDS' LUZARDO ADJUSTS QUICKLY

On Opening Day, Luzardo's chances to be a Texas League all-star were remote as he began the season with the advanced Single-A Stockton Ports of the California League. It only took three Stockton

starts for the Oakland Athletics to realize that Luzardo needs to be pushed against tougher competition.

Luzardo made his Double-A debut on April 24 and never looked back. The southpaw went 4-3 with a 3.08 earned run average and 60 strikeouts over 52 2/3 innings with the RockHounds, even though he is the third-youngest player in the league at age 20.

Prior to the promotion, Luzardo had only pitched 58 career innings below Double-A ball since being drafted out of high school in the third round of the 2016 amateur draft.

"I just did what I have been doing and stayed within myself," Luzardo said of the leap to Double-A. "I tried not to change many things and that's what I have been doing. My plan has worked so far, so I'm just going to keep doing that."

At one point, Luzardo's ERA ballooned to 4.68 after yielding five runs in a May 31 start against Arkansas. But Luzardo righted the ship by allowing two runs (one earned) in his last 20 innings since that

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Photos

- FROM LEFT: Catcher Keibert Ruiz shown in action as the San Francisco Giants play the Los Angeles Dodgers on Feb. 23 at Camelback Ranch-Glendale in Phoenix. *Jon Sestlow/Glendale Dodgers, LLC 2018*
- Midland RockHounds' starting pitcher Jesus Luzardo delivers a pitch May 31 against the Arkansas Travelers at Security Bank Ballpark. *Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*
- Josh Naylor slides into home plate to complete an inside-the-park home run during the San Antonio Missions home opener against the Arkansas Travelers on April 12 at Wolf Stadium. *Billy Calzada/San Antonio Express-News*

Harden wins NBA MVP over James and Davis

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — James Harden of the Houston Rockets was voted the NBA's Most Valuable Player, beating out four-time winner LeBron James and Anthony Davis of the Pelicans at the NBA Awards on Monday night.

Harden joined Michael Jordan as the only players to average at least 20 points, eight assists, five rebounds and 1.7 steals in a season.

He led the league in scoring, 3-pointers and 50-point games with

four while helping the Rockets to an NBA-leading 65 wins.

James didn't attend the show in Barker Hanger at the Santa Monica Airport amid speculation about his future. He has until Friday to tell the Cavaliers if he will pick up his \$35.6 million option for next season or opt for free agency.

Harden, who is from Los Angeles, led his mother on stage before he accepted the trophy from Commissioner Adam Silver.

"I'm not going to get emotional," he said from behind dark sunglasses. "She's my backbone in good times

and bad times."

Ben Simmons of the Philadelphia 76ers won Rookie of the Year.

The guard averaged 15 points, eight rebounds and eight assists, joining Hall of Famer Oscar Robertson as the only rookies to post those numbers in a season.

Simmons helped Philadelphia to a 52-30 record, including ending the season with a 16-game winning streak.

He beat out finalists Donovan Mitchell of Utah and Jayson Tatum of Boston.

Guard Victor Oladipo of the Indiana Pacers earned Most Improved Player.



Photo by Chris Pizzello/Getty Images/AP

NBA commissioner Adam Silver, from left, presents the most valuable player award to James Harden, of the Houston Rockets, as Harden's mother Marjorie Willis looks on at the NBA Awards on Monday at the Barker Hanger in Santa Monica, Calif.

'HOUNDWATCH



SUNDAY'S SCORE
Midland 5,
San Antonio 4

TODAY'S GAME
South vs North
7:15 pm
All-Star Game

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Sunday	Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Midland 5, San Antonio 4	South vs North 7:15 pm All-Star Game	Midland vs Tulsa 7:00 pm	Midland vs Tulsa 7:00 pm	Midland vs Tulsa 7:00 pm

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Baseball
CWS Championship, Game 2: Arkansas vs. Oregon State, 6 p.m., ESPN

Major League Baseball
Washington at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m., MLB

Arizona at Miami, 6 p.m., FS1

Toronto at Houston, 7 p.m., ATTSW

San Diego at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW

Men's Soccer
World Cup: Denmark vs. France, 9 a.m., FOX, NBCU

World Cup: Australia vs. Peru, 9 a.m., FS1, TELE

World Cup: Nigeria vs. Argentina, 1 p.m., FOX, TELE

World Cup: Iceland vs. Croatia, 1 p.m., FS1, NBCU

USL: Nashville SC vs. Indy Eleven, 7:30 p.m., ESPNNews

Tennis

WTA: Nature Valley International, Day 3, 5 a.m., beIN

Women's National Basketball Association
Dallas at Los Angeles, 9 p.m., Twitter

RADIO
Major League Baseball
Toronto at Houston, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

San Diego at Texas, 7 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

Men's Soccer
World Cup: Australia vs. Peru, 9 a.m., KXFS 93.7 FM

World Cup: Nigeria vs. Argentina, 1 p.m., KXFS 93.7 FM

Texas League All-Star Game, 7 p.m., KCBS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

HS BASEBALL

ANDREWS HAS 4 PICKED

Four players from the Andrews baseball team were picked for the Texas High School Baseball Coaches as Class 4A Academic All-State.

Willy Cuevas, Noah Lujan, Matthew O'Connor and Robbie Velasquez were named to the list.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Activated INF Tim Lincecum from the 10-day DL. Options: LHP Dewayne Harts to Norfolk (IL). Transferred INF Luis Sanchez to the 60-day DL.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Sent RHP Miguel Gonzalez to Charlotte (IL) for a rehab assignment.

DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Casey Mize on a minor league contract.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Recalled RHP Alex Buehler from Rochester (IL).

NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed C Gary Sanchez on the 10-day DL. Options: OF Clint Frazier to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Recalled C Kyle Higashioka and RHP Giovanni Gallegos from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER — Options: OF Nick Martin to Nashville (PCL). Designated RHP Liam Hendriks for assignment. Reassigned LHP Ryan Searles from the 10-day DL. Searles' contract with RHP Edwin Jackson from Nashville.

TEXAS RANGERS — Sent LHP Joe Puleo to the A's. Rangers for a rehab assignment.

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Options: RHP Jake Barrett to Reno (PCL). Recalled RHP Brandon Shewey from Reno (PCL).

ATLANTA BRAVES — Designated 2B Phil Gosselin for assignment.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled LHP Boone Logan.

NEW YORK METS — Recalled RHP Tyler Skaggs from Binghamton (IL). Options: RHP Chris Pineda to Las Vegas (PCL). Signed RHPs Brandon Harbo, Adam Hill, Tommy Wilson and Brian Mayes. C Nick Meyer. LHP Frankie Pardo and INF Carlos Carreras and Chase Chubb to minor league contracts.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Placed 2B Jhonny Peralta on paternity leave. Reassigned OF Dylan Cozens from the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Hector Nolasco from Lehigh Valley (IL). Placed RHP Edubray Ramos on the 10-day DL. Options: RHP Mitch Welling to Lehigh Valley. Reassigned Jhonny Peralta from the paternity leave.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Designated LHP Tyler Webb for assignment. Placed RHP Jordan Lyles on the 10-day DL. Reassigned to Thursday. Options: C Raul Lopez and RHP Phil Maton to El Paso (PCL). Reassigned C Austin Hedges from the 10-day DL. Searles' contract with RHP Robert Stock from El Paso. Recalled RHP Raul Mondesi from El Paso.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Recalled RHP Brandon Kintzler from the 10-day DL. Options: RHP Javy Rodriguez to Syracuse (IL). American Association

FARQUHARHEAD REDHAWKS — Recalled LHP Harry Matthews.

KANSAS CITY SOX — Recalled RHP Taylor Featherston.

LINCOLN SADDLEDOS — Recalled LHP Brian Smith.

ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released C Connor Olson.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIAS — Released OF Brett Reynolds.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Signed RHP Brandon Pinder.

National Football League
NFL — Named Jonny Lacey executive vice president of communications and public affairs.

ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed S Ron Parker to a one-year contract.

National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Announced the end of their affiliation with Fort Wayne (ECHL). Signed a one-year affiliation agreement with Norfolk (ECHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS — Agreed to terms with LW Tyler Bertuzzi on a two-year contract and RW Niklas Pahl on a one-year contract.

American Hockey League
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFINS — Acquired C Carter Compas from Tucson for future considerations.

Soccer
FFA — Fined Southampton's Gerrit Klaas and Thomas Strupat \$15,000 and Stephen Lichtow \$5,000 for unsportsmanlike conduct while celebrating World Cup goals against Serbia on June 22. Fined the Serbian football federation \$54,750 for incidents involving its fans at the same game. A real Serbian coach Mladen Kraljic and federation president Stanka Kraljic \$5,000 each for "inspiring behavior due to excessive noise" about the referee of the June 22 game.

COLLEGE
JACKSONVILLE — Signed baseball coach Chris Hayes to a two-year contract.

LOUISVILLE — Announced men's soccer coach G. Chason Fox has transferred from Richmond.

MARTIN MATHIAS — Named Mike Hill baseball coach.

MARYLAND — Named Damon Evans athletic director.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE — Named David Shumaker senior associate athletic director for external affairs.

MISSISSIPPI STATE — Named Chris Lomax baseball coach.

MISSOURI — Announced graduate OL Andrew Miles is transferring from Florida and graduate RB Glenwood Gant from UCLA.

ST. FRANCIS (KY) — Announced it is accepting women's soccer as a varsity sport, to begin play in the 2019-20 academic year.

TEXAS — Named Mike White softball coach.

WORLD CUP GLANCE

2018 World Cup At A Glance					Isolated vs. Growth, 7 p.m.						
GROUP STAGE					GROUP E						
	W	D	L	GF		W	D	L	GF		
Pts					Pts						
→Ukraine	3	0	0	5	0	Russia	1	0	3	1	
→Russia	2	1	0	6	4	Switzerland	1	0	3	2	
Saudi Arabia	1	1	2	7	3	Spain	1	0	1	2	3
Egypt	0	0	2	0	2	Costa Rica	0	2	0	2	0
→advanced to second round					Wednesday, June 27 At Sochi						
Monday, June 25 At Sochi, Russia					Switzerland vs. Spain, 7 p.m.						
Ukraine 2, Russia 0					At Moscow, Russia						
At Volgograd, Russia					Switzerland vs. Costa Rica, 7 p.m.						
Saudi Arabia 2, Egypt 1					GROUP F						
GROUP D						W	D	L	GF		
	W	D	L	GF	Pts						
Pts					Mexico	2	0	0	3	1	
→Spain	1	2	0	5	5	Germany	1	0	1	2	3
→Portugal	1	2	0	5	4	Sweden	1	0	1	2	2
Iran	1	1	2	2	4	South Korea	0	0	2	1	0
Morocco	0	1	2	2	4	Wednesday, June 27 At Sochi, Russia					
Monday, June 25 At Volgograd, Russia					South Korea vs. Germany 9 a.m.						
Spain 2, Morocco 1					At Volgograd, Russia						
Iran 1, Portugal 1					Sweden vs. Sweden, 9 a.m.						
Iran 1, Portugal 1					GROUP G						
	W	D	L	GF	Pts						
Pts					→Belgium	2	0	0	2	8	
→France	2	0	0	3	1	→England	2	0	0	2	8
Germany	1	0	2	1	4	Turkey	0	0	2	3	0
Australia	0	0	2	0	1	Poland	0	2	1	0	1
Pts	0	0	2	0	2	0	→advanced to second round				
→advanced to second round					Thursday, June 28 At Sochi, Russia						
Tuesday At Sochi, Russia					France vs. Turkey, 7 p.m.						
Australia vs. Pts, 9 a.m.					At Sochi, Russia						
At Moscow					England vs. Belgium, 7 p.m.						
Germany vs. France, 9 a.m.					GROUP H						
	W	D	L	GF	Pts						
Pts					Japan	1	0	4	3	4	
→Costa Rica	2	0	0	5	0	Bangladesh	1	0	4	3	
→Belgium	1	0	1	2	2	Costa Rica	1	0	4	3	
→Belgium	1	0	1	1	3	1	→Belgium	1	0	4	3
→Belgium	1	0	1	1	3	1	Poland	0	2	1	0
→advanced to second round					Thursday, June 28 At Volgograd, Russia						
Tuesday At P. Petersburg, Russia					Japan vs. Poland, 9 a.m.						
Japan vs. Argentina, 7 p.m.					At Sochi, Russia						
At Moscow vs. Pts, 9 a.m.					Sweden vs. Belgium, 9 a.m.						

2018 Texas League All-Star Game starting profiles

SOUTH DIVISION STARTERS



CATCHER — AUSTIN ALLEN,
SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS

The 6-foot-4, 225-pound backstop leads the Texas League with 154 total bases and a .577 slugging percentage, while ranking second with 15 homers and 24 doubles. Allen, 24, was the highest NCAA Division II position player selected in the 2015 amateur draft when the San Diego Padres chose him in the fourth round out of Florida Tech.



FIRST BASE — TAYLOR JONES,
CORPUS CHRISTI HOOKS

The lanky 6-foot-7, 225-pound Gonzaga product has broken out this season by hitting .323 with 12 home runs, 53 RBI, 42 runs scored and a .430 on-base percentage over 251 at-bats. Jones, 24, was named the Houston Astros' organizational player of the month for April.



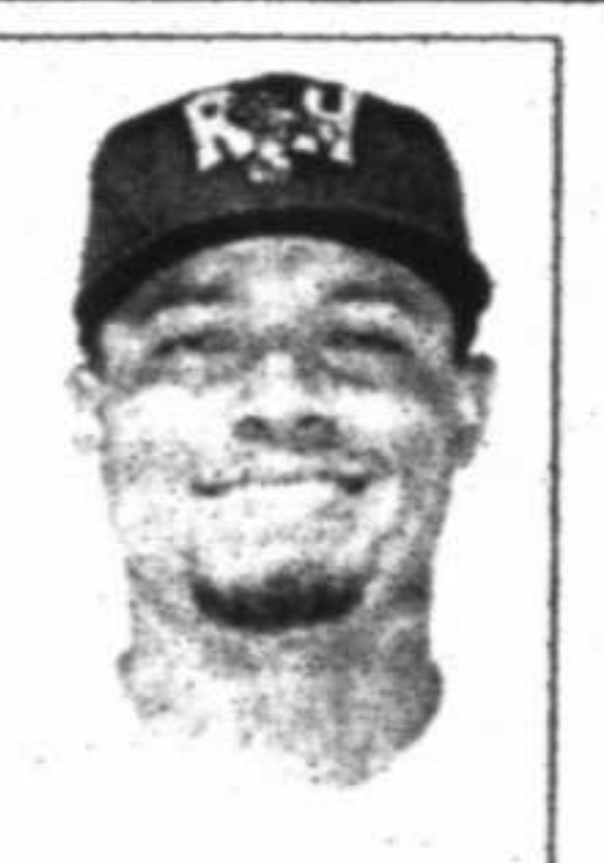
SECOND BASE — J.P. SPORTMAN,
MIDLAND ROCKHOUNDS

The versatile Sportman has played five positions this season, which has included 27 games at second base and 22 games in the outfield. The New York native will start his second straight all-star game for Midland after hitting .284 with six home runs, 23 RBI and 13 steals in 54 games.



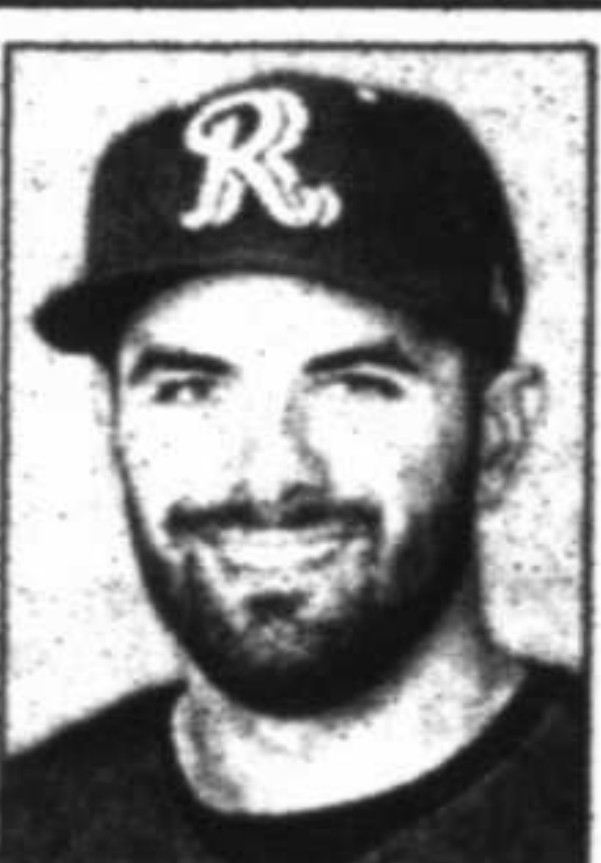
THIRD BASE — RANDY CESAR,
CORPUS CHRISTI HOOKS

The Dominican is enjoying a season for the ages, as he currently holds a 41-game hitting streak, which ranks the best all-time in Texas League history, a 130-year-old circuit. The previous record was 38 games by Bobby Trevino, who set it in 1989 with the El Paso Sun Kings. Cesar is the Texas League batting leader with a .354 average.



SHORTSTOP — RICHEL MARTIN,
MIDLAND ROCKHOUNDS

Albeit a late addition to the roster, Martin, 23, had a strong all-star case from the beginning as his .318 average is tied for sixth in the Texas League. The slick fielding Martin was selected by the Oakland Athletics with the 20th overall selection of the 2015 MLB First-Year Player Draft out of the University of Florida.



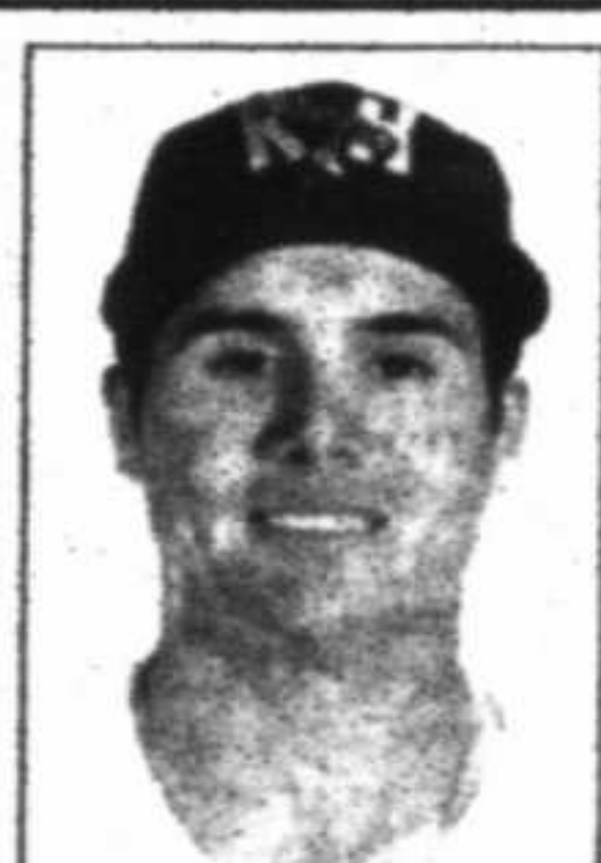
OUTFIELD — MICHAEL O'NEILL,
FRISCO ROUGHRIDERS

The former University of Michigan Wolverine hit .256 with nine home runs, 28 RBI, 39 runs scored and 20 stolen bases in 71 games to earn an all-star nod. The 26-year-old is the nephew of Paul O'Neill, a five-time MLB All-Star in 17 seasons with the Cincinnati Reds and New York Yankees.



OUTFIELD — JOSH NAYLOR,
SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS

Naylor enters the all-star break as the Texas League's RBI leader with 54 and is second in the circuit with 92 hits. The 2015 first round pick of the Miami Marlins was acquired by the San Diego Padres in a 2016 trade that sent All-Star closer Fernando Rodney to South Florida.



OUTFIELD — TYLER RAMIREZ,
MIDLAND ROCKHOUNDS

The North Carolina alum is a well-rounded contributor that was one of the minors' nine recipients of the Rawlings Gold Glove for his defensive play in 2007. Ramirez, 23, has batted .276 with five home runs, 37 RBI and 38 runs scored in 74 games with Midland this year.

NORTH DIVISION STARTERS



CATCHER — KEIBERT RUIZ,
TULSA DRILLERS

The Venezuelan teenager has hit .255 with six home runs, 21 RBI and 23 runs scored over 208 at-bats. Ruiz, 19, entered this season ranked as the No. 3 prospect in the Los Angeles Dodgers' organization by Baseball America. The switch-hitter was signed by the Dodgers in 2014.



FIRST BASE — JOEY CURLETTA,
ARKANSAS TRAVELERS

The 6-foot-4, 245-pound slugger has hit .302 with 12 home runs, 52 RBI, 40 runs scored and a league-best 55 walks over 71 games. Curletta, 24, is now with his third organization with the Seattle Mariners. The Arizona prep product was originally drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the sixth round of the 2012 amateur draft.



SECOND BASE — ERICK MEJIA,
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS NATURALS

The switch-hitting Dominican has batted .267 with four home runs, 33 RBI, 45 runs scored and has stolen 21 bases, which ranks second among Texas Leaguers. Mejia, 23, has tallied 122 stolen bases over his pro career and has eclipsed 20 steals or more in three straight seasons.



THIRD BASE — JACKSON FLORES,
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS NATURALS

The Venezuelan ranks eighth in the Texas League batting race with a .317 average. The 5-foot-11, 145-pound infielder has posted a .378 on-base percentage to go along with five home runs, 26 RBI, 34 runs scored and 11 stolen bases in 208 at-bats.



SHORTSTOP — NICKY LOPEZ,
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS NATURALS

Lopez, 23, has made a quick ascent through the Kansas City Royals' system since being taken in the fifth round of the 2016 MLB First-Year Player Draft out of Creighton. Lopez is the Texas League hit leader with 93 and his .331 batting average is second among all qualifiers.



OUTFIELD — VICTOR ROACHE,
SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS

Roache was originally taken by the Milwaukee Brewers in the first round (28th overall) of the 2012 amateur draft out of Georgia Southern. The 26-year-old enters the break as the Texas League's home run leader with 16, and led NCAA with 30 homers in 2011.



OUTFIELD — LANE THOMAS,
SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS

The 22-year-old has batted .250 with 13 home runs, 47 RBI, 42 runs scored and 12 stolen bases in 71 games. His home run and RBI totals are both career-highs for a pro season. The native Tennesseean was drafted in the fifth round by the Toronto Blue Jays in 2014.



OUTFIELD — BRADEN BISHOP,
ARKANSAS TRAVELERS

The former University of Washington star is tied for third among Texas Leaguers with 90 hits and his 64 runs are second-most in the league. Bishop started the 4MOM foundation, which raises funds to fight Alzheimer's disease after his mother Suzy was diagnosed.

2018 Texas League All-Star Rosters

South Division All-Star Team

Starters

Catcher — Austin Allen, San Antonio
First Baseman — Taylor Jones, Corpus Christi
Second Baseman — J.P. Sportman, Midland
Third Baseman — Randy Cesar, Corpus Christi
Shortstop — Richie Martin, Midland (7)
Outfielders — Michael O'Neill, Frisco (5); Josh Naylor, San Antonio; Tyler Ramirez, Midland (1)

Pitchers

Jerry Keel, San Antonio (9); Reed Garrett, Frisco (6); Ryan Hartman, Corpus Christi; Nolan Blackwood, Midland (10); Framer Velazquez, Corpus Christi (3); Corbin Martin, Corpus Christi; Richardson Parris, Frisco; Clonel Perez, Corpus Christi; Joel Seddon, Midland (4); John Gorman, Midland (11); Rowan Wick, San Antonio; Brad Weck, San Antonio

Reserves

Catcher — Sean Murphy, Midland
Infielders — Ty Franco, San Antonio; El White, Midland; Alex De Goo, Corpus Christi (8)
Outfielder — Michael Gaffey, San Antonio

(2) Utility — Josh Rojas, Corpus Christi

Field Staff

Manager — Scott Steinmann, Midland
Pitching Coach — Steve Connolly, Midland
Hitting Coach — Tommy Everidge, Midland
Athletic Trainer — Justin Whitehouse, Midland
Strength and Conditioning Coach — Omar Aguilar, Midland
(1) Replaces Hunter Cole in starting lineup, Frisco (promotion)
(2) Replaces Cole on roster
(3) Replaces Richardson Parris, Frisco (unavailable)
(4) Replaces Will Benjamin, Frisco (injured)
(5) Replaces Myles Straw, Corpus Christi (promotion)
(6) Replaces Ariel Jurado, Frisco (unavailable)
(7) Replaces Fernando Telle Jr., San Antonio (unavailable)
(8) Replaces River Stevens, San Antonio (injured)
(9) Replaces Logan Allen, San Antonio (injured)
(10) Replaces Cal Quantrill, San Antonio (unavailable)
(11) Replaces Jesus Luzardo, Midland (unavailable)

North Division All-Star Team

Starters

Catcher — Keibert Ruiz, Tulsa
First Baseman — Joey Curletta, Arkansas
Second Baseman — Erick Mejia, Northwest Arkansas
Third Baseman — Jackson Flores, Northwest Arkansas (5)
Shortstop — Nicky Lopez, Northwest Arkansas
Outfielders — Braden Bishop, Arkansas; Victor Roache, Springfield; Lane Thomas, Springfield

Pitchers

Scott Blewett, Northwest Arkansas (1); Nathan Barnister, Arkansas; Devin Smeltzer, Tulsa (7); Walker Shaffer, Northwest Arkansas (3); Emilio Ogando, Northwest Arkansas (2); Chase De Jong, Arkansas; Chris Ellis, Springfield; Victor Medina, Springfield (6); Foster Griffin, Northwest Arkansas; Johndi Jenkins, Arkansas; Ramon Santos, Springfield (9); Zach Luvorn, Northwest Arkansas (4)

Reserves

Catcher — Nick Dini, Northwest Arkansas
Infielder — Tommy Edman, Springfield

Chris Mariscal, Arkansas
Outfielder — Elmer Hernandez, Northwest Arkansas
Utility players — Drew Jackson, Tulsa; Luke Raley, Tulsa (6)

Field Staff

Manager — Scott Hennessey, Tulsa
Pitching Coach — Dave Borrows, Tulsa
Hitting Coach — Terrell Stedje, Tulsa
Coach — Leo Garcia, Tulsa
Trainer — Kalle Swain, Tulsa
Strength Coach — Shaun Alexander, Tulsa
(1) Replaces Chris Ellis, Springfield (promotion)
(2) Replaces Connor Greene, Springfield (promotion)
(3) Replaces Justin DeFatus, Tulsa (personal reasons)
(4) Replaces Victor Alvarez, Tulsa (injured)
(5) Replaces Connor Jones, Tulsa, in starting lineup (promotion)
(6) Replaces Joe on roster
(7) Replaces John Newberry, Northwest Arkansas (promotion)
(8) Replaces John Woodford, Springfield (unavailable)
(9) Replaces Connor Jones, Springfield (unavailable)

A DAY ON WALL STREET

27,000
28,000

Index	June 25, 2018	Pct. change from previous:
S&P 500	24,252.80	-1.33%
Nasdaq composite	7,532.01	-2.00%
Standard & Poor's 500	2,717.07	-1.37%

June 25, 2018
High: 24,483.73 Low: 24,004.38

June 26, 2018
High: 24,350.00 Low: 24,000.00

June 27, 2018
High: 24,500.00 Low: 24,200.00

June 28, 2018
High: 24,400.00 Low: 24,100.00

June 29, 2018
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June 25, 2018
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52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net YTD % Chg
26,615.71	21,197.08	Dow Jones Industrials	24,252.80	-328.09	-1.33
11,423.91	9,910.19	Dow Jones Transportation	10,521.23	-251.97	-2.34
11,778.80	9,647.81	Dow Jones Utilities	707.87	+11.27	+1.62
7,788.66	6,491.88	Dow Jones Commodities	12,481.57	-108.00	-0.85
7,866.56	6,501.16	NYSE Composite	7,117.81	-171.81	-2.41
2,872.87	2,465.79	S&P 500	2,717.07	-154.78	-5.51
2,008.97	1,686.78	S&P MidCap	1,969.90	-38.71	-1.94
25,790.40	20,030.07	Wilshire 2000	20,406.42	-421.26	-1.86
2,796.10	1,349.35	Russell 2000	1,657.51	-39.07	-2.35
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Assists with reviews and processing of project design plans developed by consulting engineers.
Assists with monitoring contract performance, evaluating contract deliverables, reviewing billing documentation, monitoring the consultant's compliance with the terms of the contract, and preparation of written evaluation of the consultant's performance.
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Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

Civil / Transportation design engineering principles, practices and methods and the application of engineering theory.
Civil engineering terminology and fundamentals.
Working knowledge of design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.
Plan review methods, processes and procedures.
The Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
Highway/Utility construction and maintenance.
Applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations specific to area of responsibility for safeguarding information.
Collecting, sorting and compiling data.
Applying engineering principles, practices, and methods in job responsibilities.
Analyzing and organizing technical data.
Maintaining a safe working relationship.
Communicate effectively.
Research and analysis methodologies.

Minimum Education Required:

Bachelor's Degree in accordance with one of the Other Minimum Requirements outlined below.

Minimum Work Experience Required:

Three (3) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.
(Experience can be satisfied by fulltime or prorated part-time equivalent).
No Supervisory Experience Required.
Master's degree in engineering or a Master of engineering degree from an institution that offers a Bachelor of Science degree, in the same discipline, which has been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (EAC/ABET) may substitute for a Bachelor's degree and experience.

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:

Valid Driver's License
Engineer-in-Training (EIT) Certified

Other Minimum Requirements:

Degree in engineering which has been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (EAC/ABET), plus three (3) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

Degree in engineering technology which has been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET) plus seven (7) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

Degree in mathematical, physical or engineering science approved by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers plus seven (7) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

Conditions of Employment:

May be required to work weekends and holidays.
May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.
Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.
Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.
External that state applicants who are 18-25 years of age will be required to furnish proof of registration or exemption from registration with the Selective Service System.
If hired, employee must provide documents within three (3) days of hire date that establish identity and employment eligibility. A complete list of acceptable documents is on file with the local Texas Workforce Commission office or <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/>.

Remarks:

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The Midland Development Corporation (MDC) reserves the sole right in determining the acceptability of work experience and salary based on the applicant's qualified work experience, education, skill level and all other appropriate factors, and based on business needs.

Applications:

Applicants are to send a Cover Letter and Resume to glw@midlandmdc.com

General Design Technician

This position is for one or more experienced Engineering Assistant/Engineer Intern(s) at the Midland Development Corporation depending on business need and applicant's qualifications.

Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$4,500.00 - \$7,000.00 monthly
Overtime Travel: Up to 10% of the time

Physical work location: Midland Development Corporation
200 North Loraine Street, Suite 610
Midland, Texas

General Description:

Performs engineering work. Design activity is supervised by a licensed professional engineer who has authority for final approval of all projects. Work requires contact with local governmental representatives, engineering contractors and private entities. Employees at this level perform work independently on assignments, however, all unusual issues are referred to the supervisor.

Essential Duties Include:

Applies engineering principles, methods and techniques to a wide variety of transportation-related activities.
Performs research and problem solving of engineering-related problems.
Performs engineering-related duties in the field of transportation engineering.
Performs engineering-related planning, design, data collection, evaluation and analysis activities.
Performs engineering-related calculations and drafting/design work.
Performs engineering analysis, to include travel demand, traffic operations, water distribution and waste water collection.
Reviews engineering work for calculation errors and compliance with applicable federal and state laws and industry standards and guidelines.
Actively prepares for professional engineering licensure/registration through appropriate training and exams and completion/maintenance of required documentation.
Assists a Project Manager oversee consultants performing advanced and complex engineering work.
Assists with reviews and processing of project design plans developed by consulting engineers.
Assists with monitoring contract performance, evaluating contract deliverables, reviewing billing documentation, monitoring the consultant's compliance with the terms of the contract, and preparation of written evaluation of the consultant's performance.
Assists with negotiation of fees and budgets, development and negotiation of scopes of work, negotiation of contract work schedules, and negotiation of other contract agreements.
Uses automated roadway/structural/hydraulic design programs and computer-aided design/engineering systems.
Use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.
Drives to project sites to collect engineering data and attend meetings for project coordinations.
Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

Civil / Transportation design engineering principles, practices and methods and the application of engineering theory.
Civil engineering terminology and fundamentals.
Working knowledge of design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.
Plan review methods, processes and procedures.
The Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
Highway/Utility construction and maintenance.
Applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations specific to area of responsibility for safeguarding information.
Collecting, sorting and compiling data.
Applying engineering principles, practices, and methods in job responsibilities.
Analyzing and organizing technical data.
Maintaining a safe working relationship.
Communicate effectively.
Research and analysis methodologies.

Minimum Education Required:

Bachelor's Degree in accordance with one of the Other Minimum Requirements outlined below.

Minimum Work Experience Required:

Three (3) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.
(Experience can be satisfied by fulltime or prorated part-time equivalent).
No Supervisory Experience Required.
Master's degree in engineering or a Master of engineering degree from an institution that offers a Bachelor of Science degree, in the same discipline, which has been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (EAC/ABET) may substitute for a Bachelor's degree and experience.

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:

Valid Driver's License
Engineer-in-Training (EIT) Certified

Other Minimum Requirements:

Degree in engineering which has been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (EAC/ABET), plus three (3) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

Degree in engineering technology which has been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET) plus seven (7) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

Degree in mathematical, physical or engineering science approved by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers plus seven (7) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

Conditions of Employment:

May be required to work weekends and holidays.
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Applications:

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Senior Design Engineer

This position is for a Senior Design Engineer at the Midland Development Corporation depending on business need and applicant's qualifications.

Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$6,500.00 - 10,500 monthly
Overtime Travel: Up to 10% of the time

Physical work location: Midland Development Corporation
200 North Loraine Street, Suite 610
Midland, Texas

General Description:

Performs highly advanced and complex transportation engineering work in one or more functional areas such as planning, project development, detailed design and transportation/traffic operations. Ensures compliance with applicable federal and state laws, policies, procedures, standards and guidelines. Work requires contact with governmental officials and private entities. Employees at this level are virtually self-supervising and assume direct accountability for the work product.

Essential Duties Include:

Coordinates design work among TxDOT entities, City entities, consultants and contractors.
Creates realistic and achievable schedule baselines for advanced and highly complex projects.
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Coordinates and monitors assigned projects/programs/plans.
Develops and reviews engineering related documents, correspondence, reports and remediation plans.
Reviews engineering work for calculation errors and compliance with applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to professional services contracting to ensure compliance with City and governmental regulations.
Develops and reviews engineering related documents, correspondence, reports and remediation plans.
Oversees data collection and performs analyses, forecasts and plan development.
Performs highly advanced and complex planning work such as plan review, calculations and transportation planning studies.
Prepares design schematics and public involvement presentations.
Prepares and coordinates design schematics and construction Plans, Specifications & Estimates (P.S.E.).
Serves as a Project Manager overseeing consultants performing advanced and complex engineering work.
Reviews and processes project design plans developed by consulting engineers.
Monitors contract performance, evaluates contract deliverables, reviews billing documentation, monitoring the consultant's compliance with the terms of the contract, and prepares a written evaluation of the consultant's performance.
Negotiates fees and budgets, develops and negotiates scopes of work, negotiates contract work schedules, and negotiates other contract agreements.
Drives to project sites to collect engineering data and participate in meetings for project coordinations.
Performs other duties as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

Communicate effectively.
Establishing logic and relationship to define problems, establish facts and draw valid conclusions, make decisions that support business objectives and goals.
Preparing technical/statistical reports.
Applicable engineering workstations and applications to support efficient planning and design activities.
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Applying engineering principles, practices and methods in job responsibilities.

Planning, coordinating and handling multiple projects within area of responsibility to meet short and long-term deadlines.

Uses automated roadway/structural/hydraulic design programs and computer-aided design/engineering systems.

Advanced and specialized design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.

Use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.
Proficient skill in maintaining a safe working environment.

Minimum Education Required:

Bachelor's Degree in an Engineering related discipline.

Minimum Work Experience Required:

8 years in Civil or Transportation engineering.
(Experience can be satisfied by fulltime or prorated part-time equivalent).
No Supervisory Experience Required.
Related graduate level education may be substituted for experience on a year per year basis.

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:

Valid Driver License
Licensed Prof Engineer

Other Minimum Requirements:

Professional engineers licensed in another state, but not currently licensed in the State of Texas, must (1) meet the license requirements of the State of Texas Engineering Practices Act, (2) obtain a professional engineering license from the Texas Board of Professional Engineers within six (6) months of the date of hire, and (3) sign an agreement to that effect as a condition of employment.

Conditions of Employment:

May be required to work weekends and holidays.
May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.
Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.
Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.
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Applications:

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3. A person of unquestionably good moral character and intelligence; and
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Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. Please send letters indicating interest and resumes to Judge Willie Swenson, 400 S. Allen Suite 200, Monahans, Texas 79706 or by e-mail to the Court's Administrator: crd143@reves.com

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Assistant Engineer

This is an entry level position for an Engineering Assistant / Engineer Intern at the Midland Development Corporation depending on business need and applicant's qualifications.

Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$3,500.00 - \$5,500.00 monthly
Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time

Physical work location: Midland Development Corporation
200 North Lomax Street, Suite 610
Midland, Texas

General Description:

Performs entry-level engineering work. Design activity is supervised by a licensed professional engineer who has authority for final approval of all projects. Work requires some contact with local governmental representatives, engineering contractors and private entities. Employees at this level perform assignments following specific instructions and are subject to frequent review by the immediate supervisor.

Essential Duties Include:

Applies principles, methods and techniques of engineering technology to a wide variety of transportation-related activities.
Actively prepares for professional engineering licensing/registration through appropriate training and exams and completion/maintenance of required documentation.
Drives to project sites to assist with collection of engineering data and meetings to participate in project coordination.

Assists in the performance of engineering-related duties in the field of transportation engineering.

Assists in the performance of research and problem solving of engineering related problems.

Assists with the preparation of routine plan sheets for construction projects.

Assists with the review of engineering work for calculation errors and compliance with applicable federal and state laws and industry standards and guidelines.

Performs engineering-related calculations and drafting/design work using special-cad design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.

Uses automated roadway programs and computer-assisted design/engineering systems.

Use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

Communicate effectively
Transportation engineering terminology and fundamentals
Computer-aided drafting and design systems

Exercises logic and reasoning to define problems, establish facts and draw valid conclusions; makes decisions that support business objectives and goals

Performing calculations to include material and labor estimates, expenses, technical survey data and engineering calculations

Analyzing and organizing business and technical data

The use of applicable hand and power tools, equipment and mechanical devices of the trade

Maintaining a safe working relationship

Minimum Education Required:
Bachelor's Degree in accordance with one of the Other Minimum Requirements outlined below

Minimum Work Experience Required:
None

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:

Valid Driver's License

Other Minimum Requirements:
Degree in engineering which has been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TACABET).

Degree in engineering technology which has been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TACABET).

Degree in mathematical, physical or engineering science

Degree in engineering which has not been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TACABET).

Conditions of Employment:
May be required to work weekends and holidays
May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5
Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements

Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours

External final state applicants who are 18-25 years of age will be required to furnish proof of registration or exemption from registration with the Selective Service System.

If hired, employee must provide document(s) within three (3) days of hire date that establish identity and employment eligibility. A complete list of acceptable documents is on file with the local Texas Workforce Commission office or <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/>

Remarks:
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Applications:
Applicants are to send a Cover Letter and Resume to glaw@midlandmdc.com

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Design Technician / Engineering Specialist

This position is for one or more Design Technician / Engineering Specialist(s) at the Midland Development Corporation depending on business need and applicants' qualifications.

Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$3,500.00 - \$8,000.00 monthly
Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time

Physical work location: Midland Development Corporation
200 North Lomax Street, Suite 610
Midland, Texas

General Description:

Performs highly advanced and complex detailed transportation and municipal infrastructure design. Develops transportation and infrastructure project planning documents, supporting permit submissions and construction plans. Provides technical assistance and coordination for multiple infrastructure and/or transportation programs involving design, building construction projects, construction of transportation systems, traffic operations, municipal infrastructure projects and facilities, in accordance with City, State, National and industry standards. Work requires contact with governmental officials, consultants, contractors and private entities. Employees at this level perform work independently on assignments; however, all unusual issues are referred to the supervisor.

Essential Duties Include:

Performs advanced and specialized drafting and calculations in support of design activities; develops graphic presentations that include distinctive design features. Prepares quantity summaries, hydraulic and utility studies and construction estimates.

Prepares roadway design, infrastructure design, small drainage structures details, traffic control plans, lighting details, signal details, signs summaries, markings layout, and building plans.

Reviews entire sets of plans for format, drafting and calculation errors and completion of plans and specifications.

Uses additional automated design tools, interactive graphics or specialized design procedures in areas including bridge/overhead detailing, traffic management, geometric design, signal lighting design, retaining walls and utility design.

Reviews and revises Plans, Specifications & Estimates (P & S & E) and project designs for transportation and infrastructure projects to include utilities, streets, small drainage structures, traffic control devices, signals, signs, markings, detours, traffic control plans, and roadway illumination.

Ensures compliance with specifications for devices, safety laws, rules, and regulations, the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and City Standards.

Owens to conduct project site visits and attend coordination meetings.

Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

Considerable knowledge of applicable plans, specifications and estimates preparation, review, processing and compliance requirements

Considerable knowledge of design and plan preparation methods and requirements

Working knowledge of the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

Proficient skill in the use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems

Advanced and specialized design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D

Proficient skill in maintaining effective working relationships with others

Proficient skill in writing, reviewing and editing documents to include engineering notes, specifications, standards and procedures

Proficient skill in reading and interpreting applicable plans, schematics, blueprints and maps

Proficient skill in performing calculations to include material and labor estimates, expenses, technical survey data and engineering calculations

Proficient skill in planning, coordinating and handling multiple projects within area of responsibility to meet short and long term deadlines

Working knowledge of automated roadway/structural/hydraulic design programs and computer-assisted design/engineering systems

Minimum Education Required:
Bachelor's Degree in a related discipline

Relevant Work Experience may be substituted for Education on a year per year basis

Work Experience required:
5 years in civil, transportation and/or infrastructure design

Experience can be substituted by letters or prorated part-time equivalent

No Supervisory Experience Required

Some Relevant Experience may not be substituted for Education on a year per year basis and credited for Required Work Experience.

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:

Valid Driver License

Conditions of Employment:
May be required to work weekends and holidays
May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5
Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements

Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours

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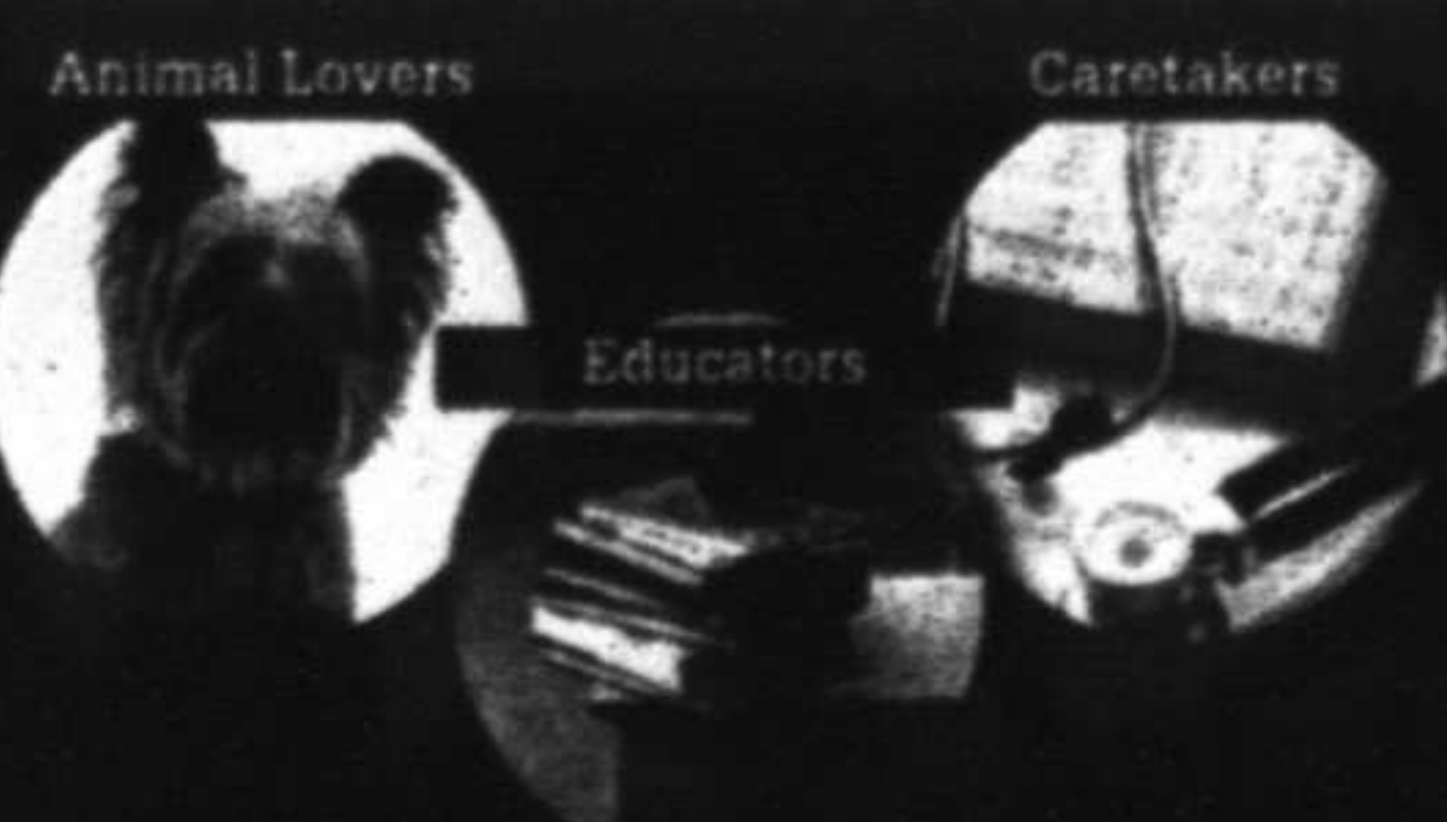
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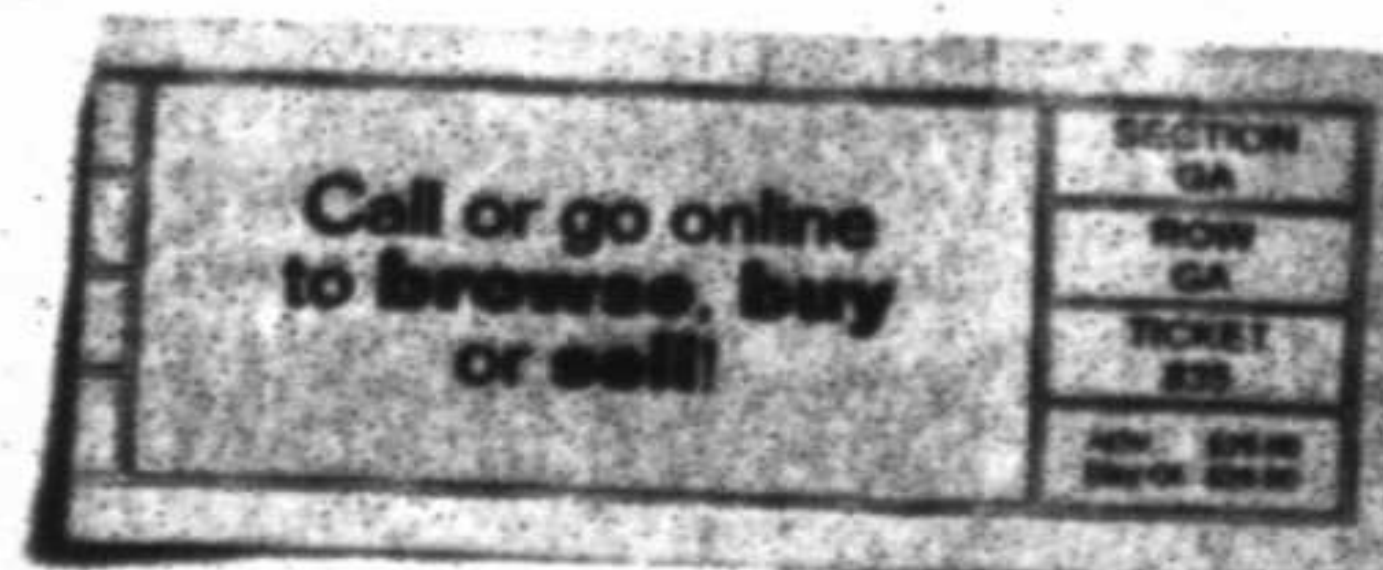
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BACK TO YASGUR'S FARM



Richard Drew/Associated Press

Members of the Public Archaeology Facility at Binghamton University work at the site of the 1969 original Woodstock Music and Art Fair on June 14 in Bethel, N.Y. Information from the dig will help a museum plan interpretive walking routes in time for the concert's 50th anniversary next year.

Archaeologists scour Woodstock '69 field

By Michael Hill
Associated Press

BETHEL, N.Y. — Archaeologists scouring the grassy hillside famously trampled during the 1969 Woodstock music festival carefully sifted through the dirt from a time of peace, love, protest and good vibes.

Perhaps they would find an old peace symbol? Or a strand of hippie beads? Or Jimi Hendrix's guitar pick?

The five-day excavation did reveal some non-mind blowing artifacts: parts of old aluminum can pull tabs, bits of broken bottle glass. But the main mission of Binghamton University's Public Archaeology Facility was to help map out more exactly where The Who, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Janis Joplin and Joe Cocker wowed the crowds 49 years ago.

"The overall point of this investigation is to kind of define the stage space," said project director Josh Anderson, kneeling beside a hole that showed evidence of a fence that kept 400,000 fans from the stage area.

"We can use this as a reference point," Anderson said. "People can stand on that and look up at the hill and say, 'Oh, this is where the performers were. Jimi Hendrix stood here and played his guitar at 8:30 in the morning.'"

Aging baby boomers might blanch at the thought of archaeologists combing

over the place that literally lent its name to their generation — as if it was a Civil War battle site. But Max Yasgur's old farm about 80 miles north of New York City is already on the National Register of Historic Places. And the hillside has been preserved since the late '90s by a not-for-profit that runs an adjacent '60s-themed museum (complete with a psychedelic bus).

"This is a significant historic site in American culture, one of the few peaceful events that gets commemorated from the 1960s," said Wade Lawrence, director of The Museum at Bethel Woods. He said the archaeologists' work will help the museum plan interpretive walking routes in time for the concert's 50th anniversary next year.

Lawrence said aerial shots taken during the August weekend can't be relied upon to show the exact location of the '69 stage and light and speaker towers.

On-site data helps, though the bottom of the hillside was re-graded in the late '90s to accommodate a temporary stage for anniversary performances. The spot of the original stage is under a layer of compacted fill.

But archaeologists think they've found the spot where a chain-link fence on the side of the stage area met the wooden "Peace Fence" that ran in front of the stage. Now they can match concert photos to a specific spot in the field. That could help them estimate where the corners of

the stage were 49 years ago.

During the dig, archaeologists rolled back meter squares of the long green grass and carefully scraped away inches of dirt as they searched for clues about the long-ago layout.

"It's some science. It's some guesswork," said archaeologist Paul Brown as he worked a square. "You hope that you get lucky."

What artifacts they did find along the way will be analyzed and mapped for depth and location. Anderson said obsolete artifacts like the pull tab parts are useful since they suggest where the surface level was at the time of the concert.

Lawrence said the archaeologists' report also will be used as museum officials consider restoring the grades in the area of the original stage. The museum is weighing any change to the site carefully, given its significance to so many.

A stream of visitors on a recent sunny day visited the corner of the field with a big metal plaque commemorating the concert. Some made peace signs as they smiled for pictures, others paused quietly to gaze at the grassy expanse.

"There's just something about this place that — and I'm not the only one — that draws people here," 67-year-old Woodstock veteran Charles Maloney said as he stood by the plaque. "I mean, this area here could have 200 people. And you can still hear the silence."

Supernova captures astronomers' attention

By Sarah Kaplan
Washington Post

A mysterious cataclysm in a neighboring galaxy was spotted in the sky above Hawaii last week, sending astronomers around the world scrambling to understand the source of the staggeringly brilliant flash.

"I've never seen anything like this before in the local universe," said Stephen Smartt, an astrophysicist at Queen's University in Belfast and a lead scientist for the Hawaii-based ATLAS survey, which first observed the object.

The detection on June 16 was first posted on the Astronomer's Telegram, an online service for astronomers to rapidly report interesting new observations. Thanks to the site's randomized three-letter naming system, the object has been dubbed AT2018cow, or "the cow" for short.

It immediately stood out to Smartt because it was so unlike a standard exploding star. Most events like it take several weeks to reach peak luminosity, but in the course of just three days, AT2018cow became about 10 times brighter than a normal supernova.

The object quickly captured other astronomers' attention. In the week since, the ATLAS observation has been followed up by about two dozen additional teams of astronomers using telescopes based on at least four continents and in space.

"I think it's the most notices for any individual object in such a short period of time," said Robert Rutledge, editor in chief of the Astronomer's Telegram and an astrophysicist at McGill University in Canada. "It has produced a lot of interest."

Smartt initially suspected that the flash must have come from something in our own galaxy, because it was so bright. But when other scientists conducted spectroscopic analyses of the object, separating the light out into its component wavelengths, it turned out that AT2018cow had features associated with CGCG 137-068, a galaxy in the constellation Hercules. Its light bore the signature of having been stretched out over the course of its 200 million-light-year journey from that galaxy to Earth.

That's not far, by astronomical standards, which means the explosion may have produced detectable gravitational waves. But the twin LIGO detectors in Washington and Louisiana are currently undergoing upgrades, leaving it an open question whether anyone might have seen those signals.

Subsequent observations have only added to the object's mystery. It was extraordinarily bright in all parts of the electromagnetic spectrum — from X-rays to radio waves. And whereas most supernovas carry spectral signatures called absorption lines, caused by certain elements within them that absorb wavelengths of light, AT2018cow is "surprisingly smooth," Smartt said. Although there are some strange features in the signal, "no one has successfully matched them yet to the known features we normally see in supernova," he said.

Meanwhile, AT2018cow is already beginning to decline in brightness, even as astronomers continue to puzzle over its cause.

Encryption is the best way to keep files from the nefarious

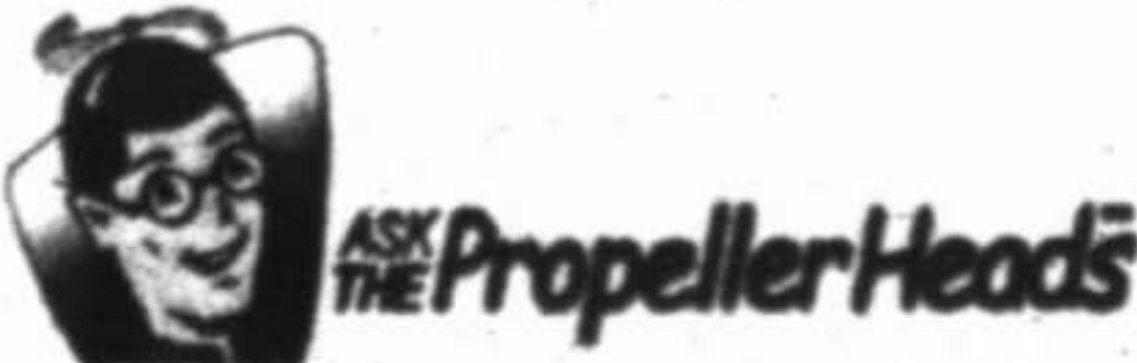
Q: For argument's sake, let's assume that my computer will eventually get hacked. What's the best way to protect my sensitive information from getting out there in the wild?

A: Have you heard of floppies? Seriously. The best way to protect information is to make sure it isn't even there. Am I right?

Of course, why do you have that five petabyte hard drive if you are not going to actually store data on it? So ... floppies are probably not the best way to go ... which is a bummer because I still have a stack of those somewhere in the closet that are aching to be used for something other than coasters.

What you are looking to do is encrypt your entire drive, or at least certain files on your computer. Keep in mind that encryption doesn't do anything to make the transfer of information more secure, it just ensures that if the information is intercepted by a nefarious 3rd party, it will be difficult to read the actual content without having the appropriate key.

Like everything else in the digital world, there is more than one way to



go about it. How-To-Geek has a nice overview of the options on a variety of platforms: bit.ly/lyS31wu.

For just encrypting a file or a directory, a good, quick method is to use 7-Zip (www.7-zip.org). You might already be using 7-Zip for your zip file management, but perhaps you did not know that it will also encrypt these archives.

Some tips when going this route. Use the 7z archive format, not the zip file format. Use the AES-256 encryption method. There do exist brute-force password cracking applications for these files. For this reason, the longer the password you use, the more secure the file will be.

Another thing you could do is camouflage your file. You know in NCIS where Abbie and McGee find image files on villains' computers that are more than what they seem? And when they dig deeper

they find the files contain a whole lot of secret info? Well, that could be you!

Free File Camouflage (bit.ly/1pYL3R) claims to do just that. It will allow you to select a file, select an image, supply a password, and voila, you get an image file with a whole lot more hidden inside.

This program has matured over the years. It was quite buggy when I first used it but they have worked out the kinks. Keep in mind that if you open the resulting image in some image editing software and make some changes, it will remove whatever encrypted content you inserted. Therefore, I'd recommend this method for only the most paranoid.

The next level up is encrypting your entire hard disk. The more advanced editions of Windows (both 7 & 8 & 10) come with BitLocker. Again, How-To-Geek has a nice article on going over the process (bit.ly/1vspDuk). Admittedly, this is not for nubes. So much so that a lot of people don't even bother using BitLocker because it is too difficult to setup.

Those people often turn to VeraCrypt (veracrypt.codeplex.com) instead. There are a few different ways to use VeraCrypt,

one being to encrypt your entire hard disk. Another is to create an encrypted volume file somewhere on your computer and then mount it to a drive letter. Every time you mount the file it prompts for a password. Pretty easy to setup and maintain.

Finally, another way to protect your system is to require a USB key in order to login. USB Raptor is one such product (bit.ly/1kILCJR). With this setup, you cannot login into your account without the USB key inserted. You can even limit this to a specific serial number of the USB drive, if desired. Once the key is removed, you are instantly logged off.

One of these mechanisms should help you feel more secure. If not, don't forget that stash of floppies!

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