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White Sox top Texas 10-5. Shin-Soo Choo extended the longest on-base streak in the majors this season with 42 games.

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Iran: OPEC, to 'refrain' from unilateral production hikes

By Amir Vahdat
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran on Sunday asked fellow OPEC members to "refrain from any unilateral measures" to increase oil production beyond the 1 million additional barrels of crude a day it already agreed to, a warning to Saudi Arabia after President Donald Trump said the kingdom would increase production.

The Iranian warning, in a letter to the United Arab Emirates' energy minister, comes as Tehran faces a U.S. push to get its allies to stop buying its oil as part of Trump's decision to pull

America from the nuclear deal with world powers.

Meanwhile, Iran's first vice president said the country's private sector will be able to buy and export crude oil under a new plan to combat U.S. sanctions.

Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Zanganeh wrote to Emirati Energy Minister Suhail Mohamed al-Mazrouei, who now is serving as OPEC's president. The letter, published by the Iranian Oil Ministry's SHANA news agency, did not directly name Saudi Arabia, Iran's Mideast rival, but the ultraconservative kingdom was clearly its target.

"OPEC decisions by no means warrant any action by some of its

member countries in pursuit of the call for production increase by U.S., politically motivated against Iran," Zanganeh wrote. "As we are all in agreement to depoliticize our efforts in the OPEC, we should not let others take politicized measures targeting OPEC's unity and independence."

Members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries cartel led by Saudi Arabia and non-cartel members agreed this month to pump 1 million barrels more crude oil per day, a move that should help contain the recent rise in global energy prices.

But on Saturday, Trump wrote on Twitter that he had received

assurances from King Salman of Saudi Arabia that the kingdom will increase oil production, "maybe up to 2,000,000 barrels" in response to turmoil in Iran and Venezuela.

Saudi Arabia acknowledged the call took place, but mentioned no production targets. Saudi Arabia currently produces some 10 million barrels of crude oil a day. Its record is 10.72 million barrels a day.

In a statement issued Saturday night, the White House seemed to walk back Trump's tweet.

"King Salman affirmed that the kingdom maintains a 2-million-barrel-per-day spare capacity, which it will prudently

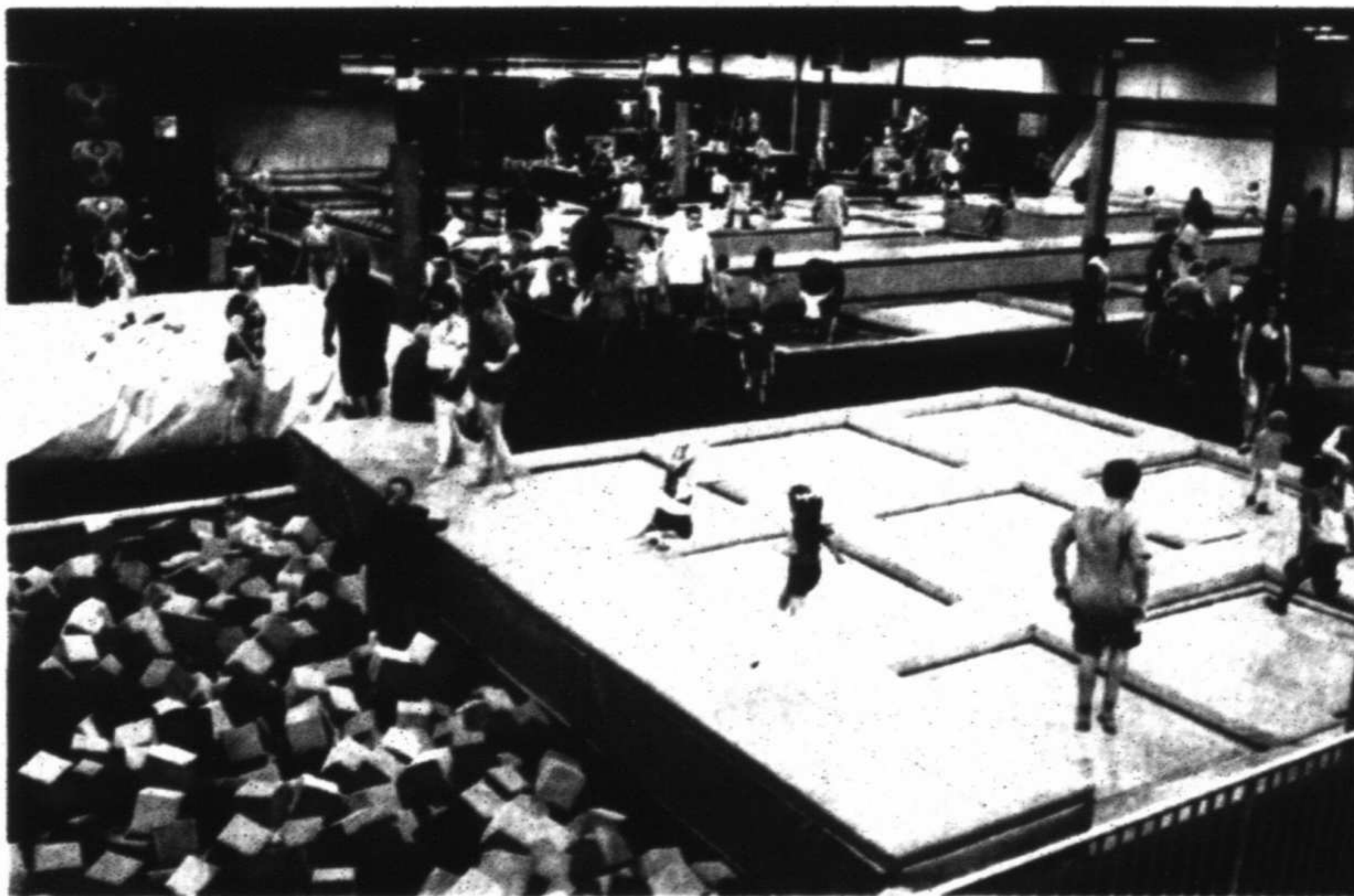
use if and when necessary to ensure market balance and stability, and in coordination with its producer partners, to respond to any eventuality," the statement said.

Oil prices have edged higher as the Trump administration has pushed allies to end all purchases of oil from Iran following the U.S. pulling out of the 2015 nuclear deal. Prices also have risen with ongoing unrest in Venezuela and fighting in Libya over control of that country's oil infrastructure.

The deal allowed Iran to sell its crude oil again on the

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JUMPING INTO FUN



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

People jump Saturday at Altitude Trampoline Park in Odessa.

Altitude provides fresh entertainment

■ 30,000-square-foot indoor park features 50 trampolines

By Lauren Eckert
MRT Correspondent

ODESSA — With more than 50 trampolines and 12,000 square feet of jumping space Altitude Trampoline Park is a fresh option for safe and fun family entertainment in the Permian Basin.

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This new park offers 10 main attractions, including the battlebeam, rock wall, air bag, extreme dodgeball,

basketball, high-9, diving board, trapeze, wipe out and performance trampolines.

"Being that we're the

closest trampoline park other than Lubbock, it offers various activities and is just all around a different environment for both kids and adults to enjoy," said Marilyn Rodriguez, general manager.

The new business on 42nd Street in Odessa can provide patrons with a jumping-good time.

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The right fit: Halliburton, West Texas innovators design coveralls for women

By Sarah Self-Walbrick
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

More than 1,000 female Halliburton oil workers in the United States need to wear fire-resistant coveralls to do their job. They were typically wearing protective gear cut for men to get the job done.

Now, in part thanks to West Texas innovators, they have another option.

Sharla Watkins, senior human resources manager for the U.S. southern region at Halliburton, said during a visit to a field site with company management, they received feedback that the coveralls most women were wearing did not fit correctly. There were some coveralls for women on the market, but Halliburton thought they could improve them.

"They don't want to look different than their male counterparts," Watkins said. "They just want coveralls that fit their body."

After conducting focus groups to find out what women truly wanted in their protection equipment, Watkins said Halliburton set out to find a manufacturer who could make it happen. They partnered with Wolfforth-based RPS Manufacturing Solutions, who have a reputation of pioneering innovative solutions for workplace equipment.

Tynael Buckner, chief customer officer at RPS, said there were a lot of issues with the coveralls the women were settling for. For petite women, the sleeves and legs were too long. The waist landed around their hips. The traditional shirt collar was a bit bulky.

Buckner recalled an article from Industrial Safety & Hygiene News, a trade magazine, that found women's top complaint in their industry was ill-fitting personal protection equipment. Equal pay came in second.

"They didn't feel good, it didn't fit right. There were functionality issues, there were safety issues," Buckner said. "But that's what they were used to."

To get the design right, RPS brought in So-Joong Hwang Shin, associate professor and

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Collins would oppose court pick with Roe v Wade 'hostility'

By Hope Yen and Ken Thomas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican Sen. Susan Collins, a key vote on President Donald Trump's pick for the Supreme Court, said Sunday she would oppose any nominee she believed would overturn the landmark Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

The White House is focusing on five to seven potential candidates to fill the vacancy of retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy, a swing vote on the court. The Maine senator said she would only back a judge who would show respect for settled law such as the 45-year-old Roe decision, which has long been an anathema to conservatives. "I would not support a nominee who demonstrated hostility to Roe v. Wade because that would mean to me that their judicial philosophy did not include a respect for established decisions, established law," Collins said.

Such a judge, she said, "would not be acceptable to me because that would indicate an activist agenda."

Trump spent the weekend at his New Jersey golf club conferring with his advisers, including White House counsel Don McGahn, as he considers his options to fill the vacancy that might make precedent-shattering court decisions on abortion, health care, gay marriage and other issues.

The president told reporters Friday that he was homing in on up to seven candidates, including two women, and would announce his choice on July 9.

Trump is expected to begin his search in earnest this week at the White House and said the process could include interviews at his golf club before he reaches a final decision following the Fourth of July holiday.

During his 2016 campaign and presidency, Trump embraced anti-abortion groups and vowed to appoint federal judges

who will favor efforts to roll back abortion rights. But he told reporters on Friday that he would not question potential high-court nominees about their views on abortion, saying it was "inappropriate to discuss."

The Supreme Court legalized abortion in 1973, but anti-abortion advocates hope Roe v. Wade will soon be overruled if Trump gets the chance to appoint a justice who could cast a potentially decisive vote against it.

Without Kennedy, the high court will have four justices picked by Democratic presidents and four picked by Republicans, giving Trump the chance to shift the ideological balance toward conservatives for years to come. Both Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Neil Gorsuch, Trump's first pick to the high court, have indicated more broadly that they respect legal precedent.

On Sunday, Leonard Leo, an outside adviser to Trump on judicial nominations, said he expected Trump to select a nominee who is mindful of precedent but who is also more "originalist and textualist." That judicial approach typically involves a more literal interpretation of the Constitution as compared to broader rulings such as Roe.

Possible nominees being eyed include Thomas Hardiman, who serves alongside Trump's sister on the Philadelphia-based 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and Raymond Kethledge, a federal appeals court judge who clerked for Kennedy. Also of interest are Amul Thapar, who serves on the federal appeals court in Cincinnati; Brett Kavanaugh, a former clerk for Kennedy who serves on the federal appeals court in Washington, D.C.; and Amy Coney Barrett, who serves on the federal appeals court in Chicago.

Echoing Leo's view, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a member of the Judiciary Committee, said he didn't think Trump would be overly focused on the Roe ruling.

Obituaries



Camal Charles Dakil

Camal Charles Dakil, 82, of Midland, passed away surrounded by his family on Thursday, June 28, 2018.

The family will receive friends Sunday, July 1, 2018 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held Monday, July 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church.

A graveside service will be held Monday, July 2, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Camal was born April 24, 1936 to Blanche Marie Saied and Shakir Charles Dakil in Wellington, Texas. After his father died from a car accident when he was two years old, Camal and his mother moved in with his immigrant grandparents who came to the U.S. from Lebanon. He was raised with his uncles, who were more like his brothers and he was always surrounded by love. He also was blessed with a younger brother, George Farris, Jr., who was a very important part of his life.

Camal was a proud Wellington Skyrocket and participated in every sport and activity offered at his high school. He played center and quarterback for the football team, and he was also on the boxing, basketball, and tennis teams.

After he graduated from Wellington High School, Camal attended the University of Texas in Austin until he transferred to West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas. It was there that he met the love of his life, Nancy Lois Adcock, and they spent the next 62 years together. Camal is a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and he graduated with a BA in Education and later went on to achieve his Master's Degree Plus 30. He and Nancy married young, had their children young, and always remained young at heart.

He started his career in education by coaching and teaching at Dumas Junior High, before moving to a counselor position at Midland High School. After a brief stint as a personnel manager for Windecker Industries, Camal joined Odesa College as a counselor and then became the founding Dean of Midland College, alongside President Al Langford. Starting the college was his life's purpose and he spent countless hours and 29 years laying the foundation for the beautiful campus it is today. Solving problems were his gift and people were his passion. He travelled West Texas, starting many college programs and recruited many students to the MC Chaparrals.

After retiring, Camal went back into education as the principal of the Excel Program at Midland High School and then the director for Richard Milburn Academy. He was a wise counselor to all he met and a great listener. He treated everyone he encountered with equal respect and lit up a room with his beautiful smile and twinkling eyes. He never met a stranger.

Camal was a staunch supporter and protector of everyone in his family and never said no to a request for help. He loved his wife and children and was an amazing example of a true Christian man for his five grandchildren. His influence on his family will be the legacy that he leaves behind.

He served in many capacities in the community, including President of the American Heart Association, President of the Midland County Library Board, President of the Midland Teacher's Credit Union Board, President of the Partners Sunday School Class at FUMC, Chairman of the Staff Parish Committee at FUMC, President of Midland Downtown Rotary Club, and a member of the Emmaus Community, Community Bible Study, and Wednesday Morning Prayer Group.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Adcock Dakil of Midland, son, David Charles Dakil of Lake Oak Creek, TX; daughter, Susan Dakil Rowland of Fort Worth, TX; grandchildren David C. Dakil (Georgia), Brittany L. Dakil, Dylan C. Dakil, Ryan S. Rowland (Heather) and Taylor C. Rowland, great grandchildren Rhet K. Rowland, Parker S. Rowland, Hunter T. Rowland, London C. Dakil and Olivia K. Dakil.

niece Julie F. Rodriguez (Armando), nephew George Farris, III, and niece Lindsay C. Farris; great nephews Jordan Rodriguez, Nicholas Rodriguez and Ryker Rodriguez.

He is preceded in death by his father Shakir Charles Dakil, mother Blanche Dakil Farris, step-father George Farris, Sr., and brother George Farris, Jr.

Pallbearers will be David Charles Dakil, David C. Dakil, Ryan S. Rowland, Dylan C. Dakil, George Farris, III, Wes Huddleston, Armando Rodriguez and Jordan Farris.

Honorary pallbearers will be Partners Sunday School Class at FUMC.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to First United Methodist Church, AMOS, or the American Heart Association.

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

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Robert Andrew Pauley

Robert Andrew Pauley passed away at his home in Midland, Texas June 29, 2018.

Bob was born in Coleman, TX on April 8, 1928 to Andrew and Opal Pauley. He graduated high school in McCamey, Texas then went on to graduate from Sul Ross University in Alpine, TX with his teacher certification.

Bob married Diane Wheat October 23, 1958 in McCamey, TX and raised three daughters. He was a wood and metal shop teacher with McCamey School District for many years and was so, very talented in that field. Among other things, our dad could and would try to fix anything and everything that needed fixing.

Bob's greatest accomplish-

ment was raising three daughters to be strong, independent and hard-headed women. Not having any sons, his son-in-law, Doug Patterson, became his best friend and a true son.

Bob is survived by one brother, David Pauley of Minnesota and one sister, Jan Owens of Barnhart, TX. Also survived by his three daughters, Jan Patterson and husband Doug, Martha Evans and husband Greg and Diana Pauley all of Midland, TX. Bob is survived by five grandchildren, Clint Kile and Brook Kile, Levi Graham all of Midland, TX, Chris Patterson of Roundrock, TX and Samantha Eubanks of San Angelo, TX. He had the pleasure of having eight great-grandchildren.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Opal Pauley, wife Diane Pauley and one brother, Pat Pauley.

Bob's daughters were all "daddy's girls" in very different ways. We each had our own special bond with him.

Viewing was on Sunday, July 1, 2018 at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

A graveside service will be Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral Service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit the website at www.lewallengarciapipkin.com.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
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Death Notices

Juan Garcia Quintana

Juan Garcia Quintana, 86, of Midland, passed away on Saturday June 30, 2018.

Viewing will be Monday, July 2, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service is set for Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by two sons, Cecilio Flores and Lorenzo Flores, four daughters, Ida Santa Cruz, Margarita Guillen, Patricia Quintana, and Margarita Lopez, and by two sisters.

Commercial rockets are making life complicated for airlines

By Justin Bachman
Bloomberg

On Feb. 6, Elon Musk's SpaceX launched its largest rocket into the blue Florida sky. On-board was "Starman," a dummy strapped into the billionaire's cherry red Tesla roadster. Minutes later, fans cheered as Musk topped himself by nailing a simultaneous landing of the Falcon Heavy's boosters. It was arguably a turning point for the commercial space age.

Airlines were somewhat less thrilled. On that day, 563 flights were delayed and 62 extra miles added to flights in the southeast region of the U.S., according to Federal Aviation Administration data released Tuesday by the Air Line Pilots Association, or ALPA.

America's airspace is a finite resource, and the growth of commercial launches has U.S. airlines worried. Whenever Musk or one of his rivals sends up a spacecraft, the carriers which operate closer to the ground must avoid large swaths of territory and incur sizable expenses.

Most of the commercial activity to date has been focused on Cape Canaveral, the Air Force post on Florida's Atlantic coast, where Musk's Space Exploration Technologies Corp. and Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin base their stellar operations. It is one of 22 active U.S. launch sites, and a number of other locales including Brownsville, Watkins, Colorado, and Camden County, Georgia, are pursuing new spaceport ventures to capitalize on commercial space activity. Bezos is blasting off from land he owns in

West Texas, Virgin Group founder Richard Branson plans to launch tourists from southern New Mexico as early as next year, and Musk is planning an eventual new SpaceX launchpad in extreme southern Texas, near South Padre Island. While this trio of space tycoons currently dominate the nascent industry, more companies will soon join the party. And the potential for what may eventually be daily launches carries major implications for air travel.

"Commercial space launch needs to be better integrated into the national airspace," noted Caryn Schenewerk, Hawthorne, Calif.-based SpaceX's senior counsel and director of government affairs. The Falcon 9 exceeds 60,000 feet on launch "in a quick 90 seconds," with its reusable rocket boosters only requiring use of the airspace for one minute before landing.

Tom Canoll is president of ALPA, the union which represents 60,000 U.S. and Canadian pilots. He cautions that work is needed to make the two industries operate seamlessly, saying at a recent hearing of a House Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee in Washington that FAA operations don't have

"real-time data" on rockets' movements.

The U.S. licensed only 23 commercial launches last year, but that's likely to increase. As the launch industry matures, the ultimate goal is to incorporate spacecraft into the routine flow of the 42,000 daily aircraft that the FAA controls, making a SpaceX Falcon 9 bound for the International Space Station no different than an American A321 headed to Miami. "The next step," said Canoll, is to put space travel and air travel together, so rockets "can operate along with us."

There is a lot of money at stake. Airlines say their average cost of "block time," the industry metric for the period when an aircraft is taxiing or flying, was \$68.48 per minute in 2017, or \$4,109 hourly, led by crew and jet fuel expenses. The average delay of those 563 flights on Feb. 6 was 8 minutes. For perspective, 10 flights delayed by 10 minutes costs about \$70,000, ALPA noted. To make matters worse, the block time average is likely to rise this year further aggravating airline executives and pilots whenever a SpaceX or United Launch Alliance rocket closes airspace.

"These restrictions have led to extensive and expensive delays to commercial air traffic that are unsustainable," ALPA said in a white paper.

The U.S. airlines' trade group, Airlines for America (A4A), has urged the FAA to "carefully consider the safety and efficiency impacts to the traveling public" in crafting an integration plan, spokeswoman Alison McAfee said in an email. For example, the group expressed "grave concerns" in June about a proposed Spaceport Colorado, which would be located at a small airport less than 10 miles southeast of Denver International, the fifth-busiest U.S. airport.

This kind of uneasy co-existence has become the norm as the FAA continues to restrict airspace for commercial launches and re-entry, often for an hour or more. The closed space can extend for hundreds of miles along a rocket's planned flight path, given the potential risks if a craft explodes in flight. That area will need to decrease

over time to minimize airline disruptions, industry experts told Congress. Specifically, they said computer simulations of such disasters block off more airspace than necessary.

In March, the FAA formed an aviation committee to assemble recommendations for a regulatory approach to the commercial launch industry. The new rules will offer safety objectives while not dictating any vehicle design or operational mandates for space firms.

Tests have shown that rocket telemetry data can flow into current air-traffic control systems and give controllers real-time

awareness on the vehicle's movement. Of course, air traffic controllers direct an aircraft's course and speed—a power they won't have with space vehicles.

Audrey Powers, Blue Origin's deputy general counsel, told the House panel "this is a very solvable problem."

The industry and regulators need to develop tools to help further existing efforts to build a space data integrator system, designed to automate the flow of real-time rocket data and the release of blocked airspace because, she said, "we are smart enough to solve this problem."

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2. to play (music) on the bagpipe



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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Evening stroll in the park



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Families enjoy the We The People Celebration, an Independence Day event on Saturday for clients of Pine & Beckett Realtors at Grate Park.

City Council Chambers, City Hall 300 N. Loraine Ave.

Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., is closed today. The entry fee for both pools is \$3 per person. Children under 2 are free.

Camps this week

Summer Kid's Art Camp: Unicorns and Dragons. For ages 4-13, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Kid's and Canvas Parties, 3300 N. Midkiff Road. \$45 per day, \$150 at four days. kddart.com.

Today in history

Today is Monday, July 2, the 183rd day of 2018. There are 182 days left in the year.

Today's highlight: On July 2, 1857, aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight along the equator.

On this date: In 1881, President James A. Garfield was

shot by Charles J. Guiteau at the Washington railroad station. Garfield died the following September (Guiteau was hanged in June 1882).

In 1926, the United States Army Air Corps was created.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law a sweeping civil rights bill passed by Congress.

Today's birthdays: Racing Hall of Famer Richard Petty is 81. Former Mexican President Vicente Fox is 76.

Source: The Associated Press

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week. Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays. Any violation may result in a fine up to \$500. The watering outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

Meetings

Planning and Zoning Commission
3:30 p.m.

Pool hours today

The Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon to 7 p.m.

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Sunday's temperatures
High: 99
Low: 72
Normal high: 95
Normal low: 69

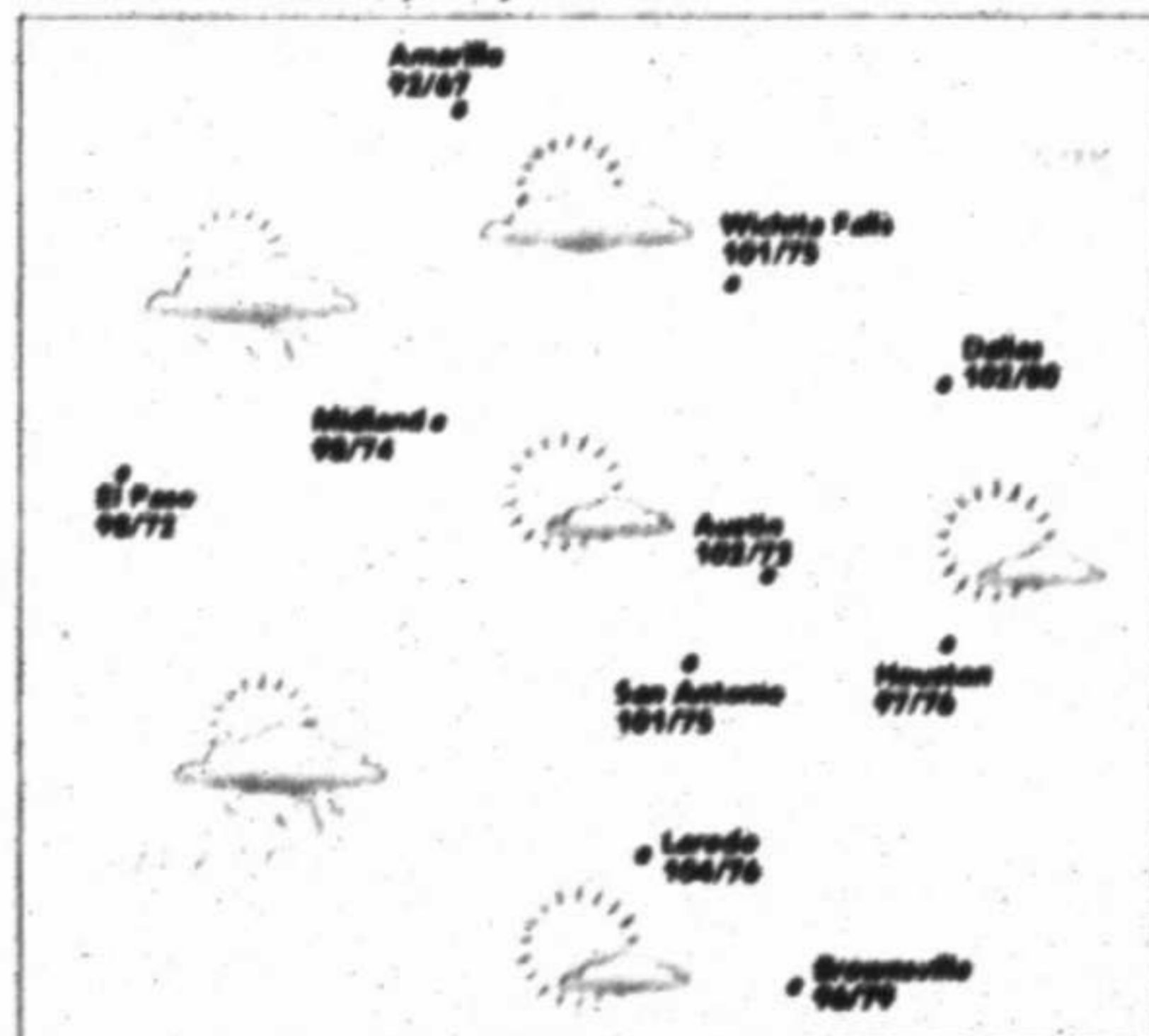
July 1's records
High: 107, set in 1944
Low: 60, set in 1967

Precipitation
Saturday: 0.07 of an inch
Sunday: 0.00 inches
Month total: 0.00 inches
Year total: 3.40 inches
Normal total (year to date): 6.12 inches

Winds
Average speed: 9.9 mph
Highest gust speed: 16 mph

Today's forecast
High: 97
Low: 72
Conditions: Sunny during the day/cloudy at night
Winds: 10-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.
Sunset: 8:59 p.m.

Forecast for Monday, July 2, 2018



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 own activity. The sign name is simply a label and does not 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 Aquarius if born before 12:31 p.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, July 2, 2018: This year is a year to remember. Be willing to change paths if you feel the need. You know yourself best, and then you know what is best for you. Learn to trust yourself more. If you are single, be willing to try dating a different type of person. With openness, the next few months could introduce someone quite unique. If you are attached, the two of you open up to more travel together. You appreciate each other more and more as the months go by. PISCES opens many doors for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might be going full steam ahead in the morning, but by mid-afternoon, you will slow down to do some thinking and evaluating. You are likely to discover that nothing is as it seems. You could feel as if

around noon. Tonight: Start having more fun. Make the most of an opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You have been making an effort to communicate with others. Some of the exchanges could be somewhat surprising, the twists and turns might actually catch you off guard. Reach out to someone who would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Tonight: Head home early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could be in a situation where you feel uncomfortable. Your finances might play a role in what is happening. Rethink a personal matter with care. You will note that communication picks up substantially

over the next few days. Tonight: Make the most of an opportunity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You could feel as if you have your hands full. Know that you might have gone overboard during the past few days. Make it OK to not feel guilty when you start opting for some R and R. Take care of your needs, and you will emerge happier and more refreshed. Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You might feel off until midday, when you get another surge of energy. Take advantage of the moment, and don't feel as if you need to do anything differently. Look at it as though you are simply extending the weekend. Tonight: Start unwinding and enjoying your loved ones.

TARDEUS (April 20-May 20) You might be very sure of what you want, and likely will have the support you need to get it. Your confidence could dominate the morning, but by the afternoon you might start to doubt yourself. Test out some of your ideas on a friend first. Tonight: Be ready for a strong reaction.

GENIUS (May 21-June 20) You are able to see the whole picture, and you don't feel challenged by a difficult situation. Listen to news with a touch of cynicism. Your ability to lead and come up with unusual ideas carries you through most problems. Tonight: You feel as if you are on a roller coaster!

CANCER (June 21-July 23) You might be very sure of yourself when dealing with a friend in a conversation. What you discover is that this person might not be as stable as you had thought. Take nothing as a given, and you will be a lot happier. Give others space to do their own thing. Tonight: Cut ties.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23) You might want to continue as you have been. Allow

others to roll with the moment and take the lead with making plans. You don't always have the luxury to relax as you do right now. Do not minimize the importance of your downtime. Tonight: Let the party go on and on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) You have a limited amount of time to accomplish what you need and want to do. Keep your chin up, and stay above any negativity that might surround you. A dear friend or loved one might have a strange response to what is going on, hear him or her out. Tonight: Cut and shoot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try to go with the flow in various situations that seem to have some obstacles. Make sure that you are staying on top of what you need to get done. Ask others for help, if need be. Do not underestimate the role of a special loved one in your life. Tonight: Help others relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 23) You have kept yourself tightly wound. You could feel stressed and pushed past your limit. Slow down and decide to do something just for you. A key person in your life might not agree with your idea at first. Don't worry, he or she will come

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Weary of violence, corruptions, Mexicans vote in historic election

By Christopher Sherman and Mark Stevenson
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Leftist populist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador was on the brink of a historic presidential win Sunday night as an exit poll gave him an overwhelming lead and both of his chief rivals conceded defeat.

Lopez Obrador, who has vowed to transform Mexico and oust the "mafia of power" that rules the country, had a 16 to 26 point lead over his nearest rival, conservative Ricardo Anaya, and a slightly larger edge over Jose Antonio Meade of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary party, according to the survey by polling firm Consulta Mitofsky.

"The tendency favors Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador... I recognize his triumph," Anaya said in a speech to supporters.

Minutes earlier Meade had also conceded, saying that "for the good of Mexico, I wish him the greatest success."

Electoral officials had not released any vote returns.

Lopez Obrador, better known as AMLO, has said he will rule Mexico for the poor and fight rampant corruption.

"There is a lot of inequality, a lot of violence in this country," said Lopez Obrador voter Hugo Carlos, 73. "This situation has to be changed."

Exit polls by Consulta Mitofsky also forecast clear gubernatorial wins for allies of Lopez Obrador's Morena party in four of eight state races on the ballot plus for the head of government in Mexico City. The central state of Guanajuato was predicted to go to a candidate of the conservative National Action Party.

Lopez Obrador worries many who fear he could set the country back decades and

lead to disaster with an interventionist economic policy.

He has pledged to give scholarships to youth, and increase support payments for the elderly.

"I am concerned that some candidates are making proposals that are impossible, because they're very expensive to carry out," said Juan Carlos Limas, 26, who lined up at a Mexico City precinct to vote for Ricardo Anaya, who is running second in polls for a right-left coalition.

All the candidates are lambasting President Donald Trump's policies against migrants and Mexico, but voters were wondering who could best deal with Trump.

Sunday's elections for posts at every level of government are Mexico's largest ever and have become a referendum on corruption, graft and other tricks used to divert taxpayer money to officials' pockets.

Many saw this election

as Lopez Obrador's best shot at the presidency after 12 years of near-permanent campaigning with his anti-establishment message falling on receptive ears amid widespread disillusionment with politicians.

"The corrupt regime is coming to its end," Lopez Obrador said at his final campaign event Wednesday. "We represent modernity forged from below."

Much of the popular ire has been aimed at unpopular President Enrique Pena Nieto's Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, whose market-oriented economic reforms have yet to benefit many Mexicans, and Meade struggled during the campaign to escape popular rejection of the party.

Anaya tried to harness the youth vote with an emphasis on technology and new ideas, but he divided his own conservative party to take its candidacy and it's unclear if his new allies in the leftist Democratic Revolution Party will actually turn out for someone from the other end of the ideological spectrum.

Sunday was the first time that an independent candidate appears on the ballot.

IRAN

From IA
international market, a major cash infusion for its anemic economy, long hobbled by international sanctions.

Meanwhile Sunday, Iran's first Vice President Eshaq Jahangiri said his country's crude oil will be available on Iran's domestic stock market for private companies to buy and export. He did not offer specifics for the plan.

"Our attempt is to defeat U.S. policies in the sale

of oil and we are pretty sure we will sell our oil as much as we need," he said.

He also mocked the U.S. for "begging the Saudis" to increase oil production to drive down rising global oil prices.

"If any country attempts to take Iran's place in the oil market in this battle, we will consider it a big treachery to the Iranian nation and the world community and they will surely pay for this betrayal someday," Jahangiri said, without elaborating.

ALTITUDE

From IA
"It brings people together, and you get to make new friends with different kinds of people, because you are jumping together," said employee Kristian Fuentes.

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Altitude has weekly specials. Family Night is 5-9 p.m. Wednesday; Friday Night Friendly is 7-10 p.m. Friday; and Teen Night is 8-11 p.m. Saturday. Pizza and drinks are included in price of admission.

Also, toddler time for kids 6 and under, is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Altitude provides a separate court for these youngsters.

For older jumpers, fitness classes soon will be offered, Rodriguez said.

Mexico's national elections, at a glance

MEXICO CITY — Mexicans will elect a new president and numerous other officials on Sunday. With popular discontent high due to high murder rates and rampant corruption, all four candidates are trying to convince voters that they represent change from the status quo.

THE PRESIDENCY
Mexico's next leader will serve a six-year term ending in late 2024, and will be constitutionally barred from seeking re-election at the end of his six-year term.

The front-runner in most polls is Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador of the leftist National Regeneration Movement, followed by conservative Ricardo Anaya, of the National Action Party, or PAN, in a right-left coalition, and Jose Antonio Meade of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI. Independent candidate Jaime Rodriguez has been polling a distant fourth, in single digits.

Candidates win with a plurality of the votes and there is no runoff.

Only two parties have occupied the presidency in modern Mexican history. The PRI, from 1929 to 2000 and again since 2012 under current President Enrique Pena Nieto, and the PAN, from 2000 to 2012.

The next president will take office on Dec. 1, five months after the election.

OTHER OFFICES
Mexicans will also be voting for an all-new Congress — 128 seats in the Senate and 500 in the Chamber of Deputies — as well as state legislatures, eight governorships, the head of government for Mexico City and nearly 1,600 mayors across the nation. In all, there are some 17,670 names on ballots at the federal, state and local level.

THE VOTE
Polls open at 8 a.m. and remain open until 6 p.m. in each of Mexico's three summer time zones, with the last to close coming in the northwestern state of Baja California.

Nearly 90 million Mexicans are registered to vote, something that comes automatically when citizens receive their government ID cards at age 18.

In the last presidential election, in 2012, a little over 50 million people cast ballots for a turnout of about 63 percent.

THE COUNTRY
Mexico is home to some 120 million people, the third most populous nation in the Western Hemisphere after the United States and Brazil, and it covers more than 750,000 square miles of terrain, about one-fifth the size of the United States.

Mexico had a gross domestic product of about \$1.2 trillion last year, making it the world's 15th largest economy, according to International Monetary Fund figures. Leading industries include petroleum, tourism, agriculture and manufacturing, and remittances from migrants living abroad also pump billions of dollars into the economy each year.

The United States is by far Mexico's biggest trade partner, with the two doing more than \$600 billion in two-way trade each year.

About half the country's people live below the poverty line.

The midterm elections shape up as a battle over intensity.

By Dan Balz
The Washington Post

The November election could be about many things: Immigration. Tax cuts and the economy. The Supreme Court and the future of abortion rights. Trade and tariffs. The menu changes with the cascading of events. Ultimately, the midterms will be about intensity. On that factor, Democrats ought not to underestimate President Donald Trump.

Trump dominates like no president in recent memory. He dominates the daily conversation in the country. He creates diversions and distractions, starts brush fires or all-out conflagrations. He sits constantly with televisions never had or imagined using. He says whatever he wants to say, regardless of the truth. He puts the news media on the defensive and calls journalists the "enemy of the people." He makes himself impossible to ignore. His supporters love it.

As with all presidents, he dominates the executive branch, over which he has superior though not unlimited power, as his unpopularity with and hectoring of the Justice Department reminds. He dominates Congress, because of the acquiescence of Republican elected officials, nearly all of whom fear his wrath and see progress on their own agendas. Thanks to the retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy, Trump soon will put a bigger stamp on the Supreme Court. With the next nomination, he can shift the balance on the court

for a generation.

Internationally, he is the dominant figure. He forces other leaders, with the possible exception of Russia's Vladimir Putin, to react to what he says and does. His disregard for the western alliances that have held together since the end of World War II have fostered strains and resistance. His pronouncements cause alarm and unhappiness in countries long allied with the United States. Everyone must react to him.

Two years ago, none of this seemed likely, and to Democrats and many others even possible. It was two years ago this week that then-FBI Director James Comey declared that the investigation into Hillary Clinton's emails had been "extremely careful" in handling sensitive information but had produced nothing that warranted prosecution. While not a total clean bill of health, Comey's findings lifted a burden that had plagued Clinton throughout her presidential campaign.

A few weeks later, Trump accepted the Republican nomination in Cleveland and delivered what his critics saw as a dark acceptance speech — a dystopian view of the state of the country and a call for the restoration of law and order. Things were so bad, he said, that "only I can fix it." It was, as so many things with the president are, an upside-down strategy from what conventional political advisers might have recom-

mended. Meanwhile, chants of "lock her up" echoed throughout the convention arena during the nightly programs.

A few weeks after that, Trump was embroiled in a nasty rhetorical fight with a Gold Star family, whose patriarch, Khaz Khan, had used the stage of the Democratic National Convention to decry the GOP nominee's anti-Muslim rhetoric and to question Trump's fidelity to the Constitution. It was a needless fight, one of Trump's own choosing and against the advice of his then-campaign manager Paul Manafort.

Shortly after, he brought in new leadership to oversee his campaign. He was behind in the polls and had the highest unfavorable rating of any presidential nominee in the history of polling, worse even than Clinton's. Then he won the presidency.

Trump understood something that others did not appreciate. As one Republican with long experience on Capitol Hill recently observed privately, Trump has traded approval for intensity. His overall approval ratings remain below 50 percent, but those with him are devoted to his leadership. It was that intensity that helped him win. And it was the lack of intensity for Clinton that helped doom her candidacy, allowing Trump to win the electoral college while losing the popular vote.

In a divided country and a changed political environment, Trump has pursued a strategy of energizing and exciting his supporters rather

than expanding his circle. He pits Americans against other Americans and stirs animosity toward the establishment and the media, rarely with subtlety.

It is a divisive strategy, cynical in the eyes of opponents. Those opponents say it is a losing strategy. Maybe that is correct. In the meantime, Trump continues both to challenge orthodoxy on some issues, such as trade, while advancing other issues prized by conservatives who otherwise recoil at the president's style and behavior. He has begun to move the country in directions he favors, though much remains unfinished business.

Polls show an imbalance in public perceptions of the president. Many more people strongly disapprove of his performance than strongly approve of it. Other surveys show that Democrats are more intensely interested in the November elections than are Republicans, although the balance has varied in different surveys.

But there are other ways to measure the electorate, and that is just how much intensity exists around particular issues. Many polls ask voters to list their most important issues, but those don't fully capture which issues are truly motivating to which voters. Immigration might have been important to voters on both sides in 2016, but it appears to have been far more motivating for Trump voters.

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Walking for health? You might want to pick up the pace

By Lyden Odukwu, MD

I'm sure you're aware that regular walking is good for your health. And summertime can be a great time for walking—especially early in the day or later in the evening.

But to get the most out of your walk, researchers have found that picking up the pace can bring even more health benefits. A recent study showed that a moderate pace is better than a slow walk—reducing the risk of dying by 20 percent. But a faster pace boosts that risk reduction to 24 percent.

Researchers identified that "faster" pace at 3-4 miles per hour. But if you don't have a pace car following you and measuring your speed, there's another measure—keep up a pace that makes you slightly out of breath. What makes you out of breath will depend on your general fitness level.

As you get older the benefits increase dramatically. Walkers over 60 decreased their death risk by 46 percent at a moderate pace and up to 53 percent at a fast pace.

There are lots of medical reasons for this—improved circulation, better muscle tone and all—but there's also the benefit of getting off the couch or out from behind the desk and enjoying the outdoors. At least when it's not 110 outside, which is why early morning or evening are the best walking times in this climate.

The beauty of walking is that it doesn't involve memberships, equipment—other than a good pair of shoes—and you can probably walk out your front door to get this done.

Please consider grabbing some good shoes and using this simple method to boost your health!



LYDEN ODUKWU, MD

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COVERALLS

From IA
Apparel Design and Manufacturing Program director at Texas Tech. She has researched sizing systems and fit solutions throughout her career. She said she joined the project because she knew her expertise in sizing and apparel technology, and ability to use 3D body scan and pattern design systems, could make mass production and customization of the garment.

Texas Tech apparel design and manufacturing center Jessica Chanda designed the coveralls under Shein's supervision and RFP direction, Shein said.

The new women's design features a Mandarin collar, a higher, cinchable waist that should fit at the natural waistline, plenty of pockets and tailored sizing. To ensure a proper fit, women's chest, waist, hips, inseam, sleeve length and height are measured.

Shein said sizing is inconsistent across all clothing, but having more detailed measurements can ensure a better fit.

"For the uniform, it requires more comprehensive sizes because of the design with a non-stretch woven, yet functional protective coveralls clothing from top to bottom," Shein wrote in

an email. "This means that manufacturers need more detailed body measurements and comprehensive various body shapes in order to make the uniforms that would comfortably and comfortably fit for the company's individual workers."

One of Buckner's favorite features is the adjustable waist tabs, allowing workers to create a tighter or looser fit. Kind of like jeans, Buckner said, every woman prefers a different fit.

"The cool thing about this garment is, no matter where you are on that spectrum, we can offer something that satisfies everyone's personality and how they want to

portray themselves in the field," Buckner said.

Midland employees can directly order the garment online.

The coveralls are still in the early-launch phase, but requests to them has been positive. Workers said Midland plans to roll the coveralls out on a wider scale soon, among other benefits and initiatives the company is launching to be more inclusive.

"We're making sure that females know they are supported here," Walker said.

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Supreme Court corrects itself on First Amendment

The Supreme Court is especially admirable when correcting especially deplorable prior decisions, as with the 1954 school desegregation decision rejecting a 1896 decision's "separate but equal" doctrine. It did so again last Wednesday, overturning a 41-year-old precedent inimical to the First Amendment.

Shortly before the court made this predictable ruling, a Wall Street Journal headline revealed why it was necessary. The headline said: "Unions Court Own Members Ahead of Ruling." Anticipating defeat, government-employee unions had begun resorting to persuasion — imagine that — in the hope of retaining members and convincing nonmembers to continue making payments to the unions that the court says can no longer be obligatory.

In 1977, the court upheld, 6-3, the constitutionality of compelling government employees who exercise their right not to join a union to pay "fair share" or "agency" fees. These, which the union determines, supposedly cover only the costs of collective bargaining from which nonmembers benefit. But the payments usually are much more than half of, and sometimes equal to, dues that members pay.

The majority opinion in 1977 admitted something that was too obvious to deny and so constitutionally problematic that a future challenge was inevitable. That majority said: "There can be no quarrel with the truism that, because public employ-

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unions attempt to influence government policymaking, their activities... may be properly termed political." And one justice, concurring with the majority, said "the ultimate objective of a union in the public sector, like that of a political party, is to influence public decision-making." (Emphasis added.)

Actually, everything public-sector unions do is political. Therefore, the 1977 decision made compulsory political contributions constitutional. Which made the court queasy.

By 2014, it was affirming the principle that doomed the 1977 decision and foretold Wednesday's: It is a "bedrock principle that, except perhaps in the rarest of circumstances, no person in this country may be compelled to subsidize speech by a third party that he or she does not wish to support." Which is what the court now says regarding compulsory financial support of government-employee unions. Yet Justice Elena Kagan, in her uncharacteristically strident dissent, said,

"There is no sugarcoating today's opinion. The majority overthrows a decision entrenched in this nation's law — and in its economic life — for over 40 years. As a result, it prevents the American people, acting through their state and local officials, from making important choices about workplace governance. And it does so by weaponizing the First Amendment, in a way that unleashes judges, now and in the future, to intervene in economic and regulatory policy."

How does Kagan err? Let us count the ways.

The 1977 decision was no more entrenched than the 1896 "separate but equal" decision was for 58 years. The First Amendment exists to prevent the people's representatives from making certain kinds of choices ("Congress shall make no law..."). Wednesday's decision was not about "workplace governance" or "economic and regulatory policy." It was about coerced speech. And about denial of another First Amendment guarantee, freedom of association, which includes the freedom not to associate, through coerced financial support, with uncongenial political organizations. And judges are supposed to be unleashed to wield the First Amendment as a weapon against officials perpetrating such abuses.

Wednesday's 5-4 decision accords with President Franklin Roosevelt's judgment that "the process of collective bargain-

ing, as usually understood, cannot be transplanted into the public service." In private-sector bargaining, unions contest management concerning the distribution of companies' profits. In the public sector, government gets its revenues from a third party — taxpayers. Because a majority of organized labor's members are government employees, the labor movement is mostly not horny-handed sons of toil. It increasingly is government organized as an interest group that pressures government to do what it has a metabolic urge to do anyway: grow.

The deadliest dagger in Wednesday's decision was the stipulation that nonmembers' fees cannot be automatically deducted from their wages — nonmembers must affirmatively consent to deductions. So, public-sector unions must persuade people. No wonder they are panicking.

There is no sugarcoating today's reality. Public-sector unions are conveyor belts that move a portion of government employees' salaries — some of the amount paid in union dues — into political campaigns, almost always Democrats', to elect the people with whom the unions "negotiate" for taxpayers' money. Progressives who are theatrically distraught about there being "too much money in politics" are now theatrically distraught that the court has ended coercing contributions that have flowed to progressive candidates.

GUEST VIEW

Supreme Court needs another person capable of independent thought

U.S. politics was fractured and its system of government under stress even before Justice Anthony Kennedy said on Wednesday that he'd retire from the Supreme Court at the end of July. The announcement promises new extremes of partisan rancor, in Washington and beyond, as President Donald Trump and the Republican Senate majority move to install a conservative replacement and shape the character of the highest court for years to come.

Elections have consequences, as somebody once said. Trump and the Republican majority are within their rights to nominate and confirm a justice whose legal philosophy comports with theirs. But they should nonetheless be mindful of how much is at stake.

To discharge its vital functions, the Supreme Court must retain respect, however grudging, across the broadest spectrum of public opinion. An appointment that makes this impossible would be the height of irresponsibility. Already compromised in this regard, and widely seen as predictably divided along partisan lines, the court needs a successor to Kennedy who will be what he was: An exception, an unpredictable moderate, leaning conservative, yet willing to disappoint each party in turn, as his legal reasoning dictated.

Democrats, citing precedent, say the appointment ought to wait until after the midterm elections. GOP leader Mitch McConnell blocked consideration of Merrick Garland, President Barack Obama's nominee for the court, for nearly a year ahead of the 2016 elections, arguing that such a momentous appointment should await a fresh political mandate. Wrong as that was, consistency would demand a similar delay now — but the Democrats lack the votes to insist on it. The Republicans can get their way in 2018 by moving promptly, and they surely will.

Even so, moderate Republicans — whose votes will be needed to confirm the appointment — can and should impose restraint on the president and the Senate's conservative hard-liners. They should insist on a nominee who's capable of independent thought, and preferably one whose name is not on the list of certified conservatives whom Trump says he favors.

It would be pointless, no doubt, to ask such restraint of President Trump himself. He sees an opportunity for another "win," and one may be sure he'll seize it if allowed to. But those Senate Republicans who are alarmed by this administration now have an opportunity to intervene at a truly crucial moment, and check the long-lasting harm Trump might do by nominating a reliably and reflexively illiberal justice.

Nothing matters more at this juncture in U.S. history than maintaining respect for the Supreme Court. If Senate Republicans fail to do that, it will be their most egregious failure to date.

— Bloomberg

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GOP ignores the will of the people

Eight years ago, when Congress was about to pass Obamacare, John A. Boehner, leader of a powerless Republican congressional minority, gave a passionate, prescient speech on the House floor.

"This is the People's House, and the moment a majority forgets this, it starts writing itself a ticket to minority status," he said. "If we pass this bill, there will be no turning back. It will be the last straw for the American people... And in a democracy, you can only ignore the will of the people for so long and get away with it."

This was Boehner's famous "hell no, you can't" speech. But the Democrats could. They had the votes, and they passed Obamacare.

Boehner was correct in his prediction, though. The Democrats were soon on their way to minority status in the House and would later lose the Senate and the presidency.

Now I think I know how Boehner felt in 2010. We see Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., vowing to ram through the Senate the confirmation of the decisive fifth hard-right justice on the Supreme Court, quite likely signaling the end of legal abortion in much of America and possibly same-sex marriage and other rights Americans embrace, in far greater number, than they ever did Obamacare.

One wants to cry out: Hell no, you can't! But Republicans can. They have the votes. Democrats can and should fight, but the GOP controls the schedule, sets the rules and already eliminated the procedures that gave the minority a say in Supreme Court confirmations.

If anything, the fury should be far more intense on the Democratic side right now than it was for Boehner in 2010. The Affordable Care Act was the signature proposal of a president elected with a large popular mandate, it had the support of a plurality of the public, and it was passed by a party that had large majorities in both chambers of Congress and had attempted to solicit the participation of the minority.

Now we have a Supreme Court nomination — the second in as many years — from an unpopular president who lost the popular vote by 2.8 million. The nominee will be forced through by also-unpopular Senate Republicans, who, like House Republicans, did not win a majority of the vote in 2016.

Compounding the outrage, each of the prospective nominees is all but certain, after joining the court, to support the eventual overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, which has held the nation together in a tenuous compromise on abortion for 45 years and is supported by two-thirds of Americans. For good measure, the new justices may well join the other four conservative justices in revoking same-sex marriage, which also has the support of two-thirds of Americans. And this comes after the Repub-

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icans essentially stole a Supreme Court seat by refusing to consider President Barack Obama's nominee, Merrick Garland.

You can only ignore the will of the people for so long and get away with it.

Republicans have been defying gravity for some time. As New York magazine's Jonathan Chait reminds us in a smart piece, they lost the popular vote in six of the last seven presidential elections. Electoral college models show Republicans could plausibly continue to win the White House without popular majorities.

Because of partisan gerrymandering and other factors, Democrats could win by eight percentage points and still not gain control of the House, one study found. And the two-senators-per-state system (which awards people in Republican Wyoming 70 times more voting power than people in Democratic California) gives a big advantage to rural, Republican states.

The Supreme Court's conservative majority has protected Republican minority rule. It gave the wealthy freedom to spend unlimited dark money on elections, while crippling the finances of unions. It sustained gerrymandering and voter-suppression laws that reduce participation of minority voters. And, of course, it gave the presidency to George W. Bush.

Control of the judiciary, and the resulting protection of minority rule, has been the prize for Republicans who tolerated President Trump's starting a trade war, losing allies while getting cozy with Kim Jong Un and Vladimir Putin, flirting with white supremacists, paying off a porn star and attacking the justice system while his former advisers are indicted and convicted.

Now Republicans will seize their solid fifth vote on the court without pause or compunction. But how long do they think they can sustain this? What happens when *Roe* is overturned?

The backlash is coming. It is the deserved consequence of minority-rule government protecting the rich over everybody else, corporations over workers, whites over nonwhites and despots over democracies. It will explode, God willing, at the ballot box and not in the streets.

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Texas A&M facing criticism over sexual misconduct cases

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — As Texas A&M University faces backlash from current and former students over its handling of sexual assault allegations, records since 2003 show that 20 students were allowed to continue attending classes after the school found them responsible for sexual misconduct.

A review of thousands of student conduct hearings by the Houston Chronicle comes as Texas' largest public university is under scrutiny after a female student in June accused the school of not doing enough to punish her alleged assailant, who was suspended one semester and allowed to rejoin the swim team. The cases reviewed by the newspaper included a total of 51 students since 2003 held responsible for sexual misconduct, which can include sexual abuse, sexual contact or sexual assault. Ten students were expelled, and 21 were suspended. University officials de-

clined to comment on individual cases, citing student privacy laws. They stressed that regulatory guidance on how to punish college sexual assaults changed over the period reviewed by the newspaper, complicating efforts to compare sanctions over time.

Texas A&M President Michael Young announced last month that an outside firm will review its handling of sexual misconduct cases following uproar over the swimmer.

"This level of scrutiny is what we owe our students and their families, our faculty, staff and the Aggie family around the world," Young said in a June 15 message to the campus.

Sexual misconduct was not a factor in the vast majority of cases reviewed by the newspaper. Of the 6,400 cases that led to hearings, more than 2,500 involved residential-life rules including policies about fire safety, harassment, noise, illegal substances and guests. Punishments varied

widely for the sexual misconduct cases. One student found responsible for sexual abuse received a warning, met with an administrator and had to attend an alcohol education workshop, among other educational activities. Another student found responsible for sexual abuse was suspended.

In 2016, the most recent full year for which data was reviewed, three students were expelled after findings of sexual misconduct. In each case, the students were also held responsible for other violations, such as physical abuse and dating violence.

In another 2016 case, a student found responsible for sexual abuse, sexual contact and physical abuse, along with violations of Corps of Cadets rules, was suspended but not expelled.

Abbie Hillis, an A&M alumna who started a Facebook group for sexual assault survivors, said students want more stringent punishments to deter future assaults.

'Jurassic World 2' takes No. 1 again

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" dinosaurs ruled the box office for a second weekend in a row, but also left a little room for more modest newcomers like "Sicario: Day of the Soldado" and the basketball comedy "Uncle Drew" to over-perform in the crowded marketplace.

Studios on Sunday estimate that the blockbuster sequel to "Jurassic World" earned an additional \$60 million in its second weekend in North American theaters, bringing its domestic total to \$264.8 million. While its second weekend drop is about 10 percent steeper than that of the first film, worldwide, the film has grossed \$932.4 million to date and is barreling toward the \$1 billion mark.

The dinosaurs didn't gobble up all the attention this weekend, however. "Incredibles 2," now in its third weekend in theaters, took second place with \$45.5 million, bringing its domestic total to \$439.7 million.

North American audiences came out in larger than expected numbers for both the action thriller "Sicario: Day of the Soldado" and "Uncle Drew."

The "Sicario" sequel starring Josh Brolin and Benicio Del Toro earned \$19 million to take third place. The film, distributed by Sony Pictures, cost a reported \$35 to \$40 million to produce.

Landing in fourth place was the basketball comedy "Uncle Drew," which features NBA All-Stars Kyrie Irving and Shaquille O'Neal. With a production price tag under \$20 million, the film exceeded expectations grossing \$15.5 million and got audience stamp of approval with an A CinemaScore.

NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

OKLAHOMA
3.1 magnitude earthquake recorded in central Oklahoma

GUTHRIE — The U.S. Geological Survey says a 3.1 magnitude earthquake has been recorded in central Oklahoma.

There were no immediate reports of damage.

The agency says the earthquake was recorded at 9:58 p.m. on Saturday, about 8 miles east of Guthrie. The tremor was recorded at a depth of nearly 5.5 miles.

Thousands of earthquakes have been recorded in Oklahoma in recent years, with many linked to

the underground injection of wastewater from oil and natural gas production. State regulators have directed several oil and gas producers in the state to close injection wells or reduce the volume of wastewater injections.

MARYLAND
Newspaper says it received threats following shooting

ANNAPOLIS — The Maryland newspaper where five people were killed by a gunman last week said it received death threats and emails celebrating the shootings following the attack. The Capital Gazette said

in a Sunday editorial that it would not forget being called "an enemy of the people." President Donald Trump has used identical language to describe the news media.

The Capital Gazette said people also called for the paper to fire a reporter who cursed on national television after seeing her friends shot.

The paper also thanked the community for its support following the shooting and said more than 800 people subscribed to its digital edition.

Jarrod Ramos is charged with murder after police say he opened fire Thursday at the Gazette offices in Annapolis.

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LeBron going to the Lakers only adds to West test

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Kevin Durant, Paul George and Chris Paul all made quick decisions to stay put and remain in the Western Conference. And now LeBron James is joining them. Just like that, the West got even wilder. Day 1 of NBA free agency was not lacking for fireworks or firepower, led by James' decision to leave Cleveland for a second time and join the Los Angeles Lakers. James agreed to a four-year deal worth \$154 million, meaning his streak of eight consecutive Eastern Conference championships — four with Miami, four with the Cavs — will end next year. He could still go to the NBA Finals, of

course. He's just going to have a much tougher time getting there out of the West.

Compared to his past free-agent decisions, James moved super swiftly — it took him eight days to reveal in 2010 that he was going to Miami, 11 days in 2014 to say he was going back to Cleveland. This time, it took about 20 hours.

Durant, George and Paul were way faster than that.

The bonanza started Saturday night when Durant decided to sign a two-year, \$61.5 million deal with the stay with the

two-time defending champion Golden State Warriors, one where he'll make \$30.5 million this season. The terms were confirmed by a person familiar with the situation who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal cannot become official until the league's offseason moratorium ends this week.

The deal comes with a player option for 2019-20, so Durant can — and likely will — become a free agent again next summer.

George and Paul made their announcements known not long afterward. George told a party in Oklahoma City that he's staying with the Thunder, after agreeing to terms on what is a \$137 million, four-

year deal that comes with an option for the final season. Paul made his intentions known on Twitter at exactly midnight EDT Sunday, saying he's staying with the Houston Rockets after agreeing to a four-year contract worth \$160 million.

All three of those players will have designs on a title next season.

As if getting through one another won't be tough enough, James is now coming to join the party. By the time he announced, just over \$900 million worth of new deals had been agreed upon, based on figures confirmed to the AP by people involved in the various decisions — almost all of that money getting committed by teams in the

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LeBron

Rays sting Houston

Tampa Bay beats Astros 3-2

By Mark Diddler
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Blake Snell and the surging Tampa Bay Rays are having success against some of the major's best teams.

Snell struck out 10, reliever Diego Castillo fanned Jose Altuve in a key spot and the Rays wrapped up an impressive homestand by beating the Houston Astros 3-2 Sunday.

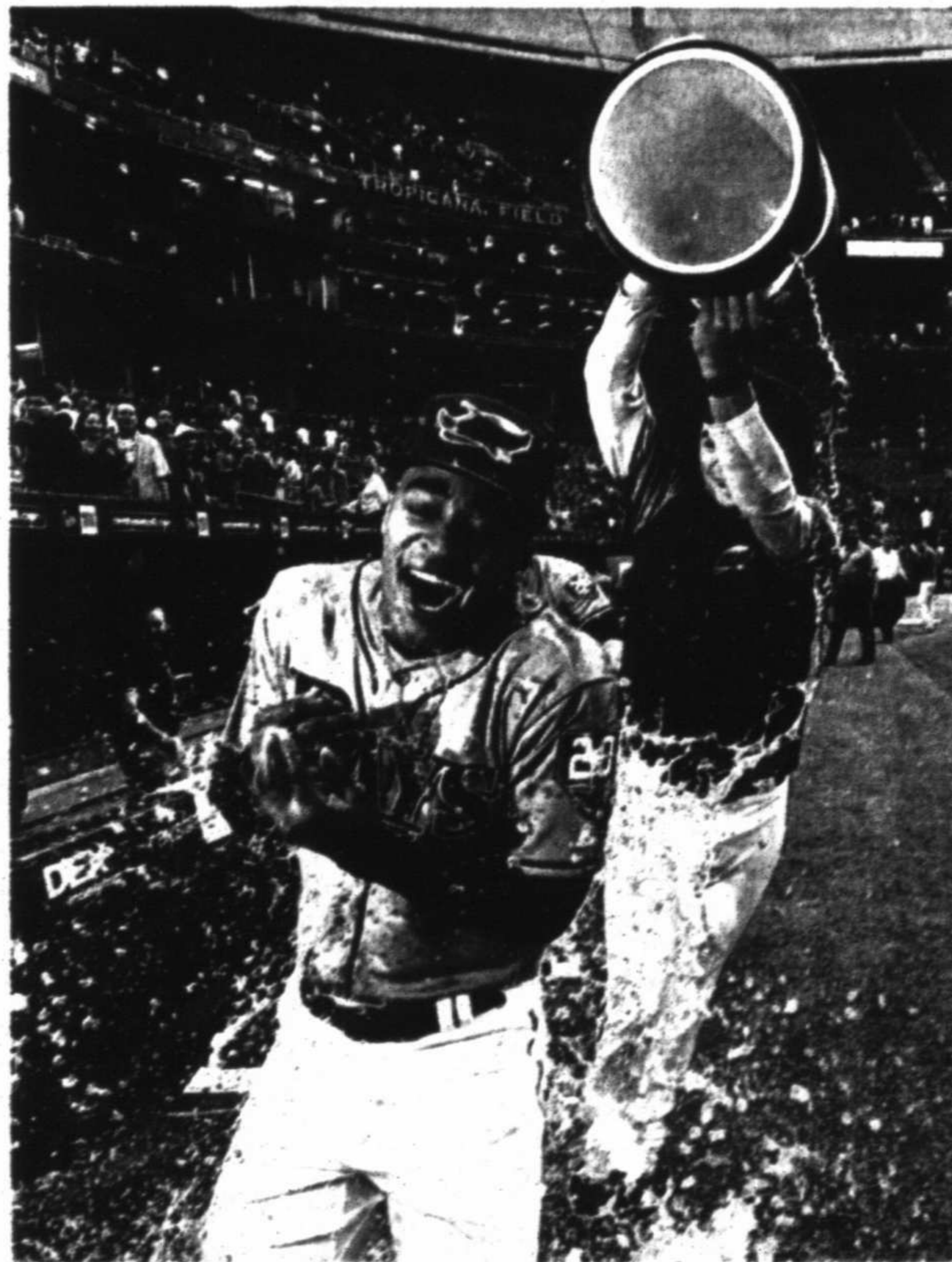
The Rays went 8-1 at Tropicana Field, taking three of four from the World Series champion Astros, sweeping three from the New York Yankees and winning both games against Washington. Tampa Bay set a team record by allowing no more than two runs in its sixth straight game.

"Everybody's doing their part," Snell said.

Snell tied Hall of Famer Walter Johnson (1914) with his 11th consecutive home start allowing one or fewer earned runs for the longest stretch in the AL since 1913, according to Elias Sports Bureau.

"He's pitched like an All-Star," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "We knew we had a chance to have a special series and really special homestand, and I think he capped it off."

Matt Duffy hit a two-out, two-run single in the seventh inning that put the Rays ahead 2-1 and Mallex Smith homered in the eighth.



Steve Nolasco/Associated Press

Tampa Bay Rays' Chris Archer, right, douses Mallex Smith, left, after Smith's solo home run off Houston Astros reliever Brad Peacock in a baseball game Sunday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Evan Gattis homered twice for Houston. The Astros went 0 for 14 during the series with runners in scoring position.

"We didn't do enough to win the game or win the series," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said.

Snell (11-4) allowed one run and four hits in 7 1/3 innings. The lefty has given up five earned runs over 51 2/3 innings (0.87 ERA) at home this season.

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White Sox top Rangers 10-5, Choo streak hits 42 games

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Matt Davidson hit a two-run double in his second straight three-hit game to help the Chicago White Sox beat the Texas Rangers 10-5 on Sunday.

Avisail Garcia had four hits and Davidson and Jose Abreu drove in three runs apiece to help the White Sox avoid a sweep to start a 10-game road trip, their longest of the season.

Texas' Shin-Soo Choo extended the majors' longest on-base streak this season to 42 games. He returned after missing a game with a strained right quadriceps that the club said will limit him defensively for a few weeks.

He was 0 for 4 as the designated hitter with an eighth-inning walk that kept alive the third-longest streak in club history, and longest since 1995. Choo's 12-game hitting streak ended.

Reynaldo Lopez (4-5) made it through 6 1/3 innings in the boiling Texas heat — a first-pitch temperature of 97 degrees that climbed past 100 before the last of Lopez's career-high 114 pitches.

The right-hander walked in the tying run in the fourth but escaped further damage with the strikeout of Choo. Lopez allowed seven hits and two runs with six strikeouts.

One-time Texas closer Jonkin Soria pitched around two hits in the ninth and had three strikeouts in a five-out save. It was his 12th save of the season in his 14th consecutive scoreless appearance.

Five straight Chicago hitters reached with one out in a five-run fifth against Texas ace Cole Hamels, starting with ninth-hitting Adam Engel on a wild pitch after a strikeout.

Tim Anderson doubled, Garcia hit a run-scoring single and Abreu had an infield single before Davidson's double off the base of the 14-foot wall in left field.

Garcia had two doubles and one of two triples for the White Sox, who started the day tied for second in the majors with 23 triples.

Hamels (4-7) gave up a season-high seven earned runs on nine hits, which matched the season high from his previous start. The left-hander matched a season low with five innings amid talk of a deadline trade with the Rangers in last place in the AL West.

Joey Gallo had a two-run triple and Rougned Odor reached all five times with two walks and three singles for Texas.

White Sox: LF Leury Garcia left after striking out in the fifth inning with a



Choo

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Kyle Busch wins NASCAR Cup Series race in wild finish

By Jay Cohen
Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. — Kyle Busch and Kyle Larson raced all over the track during an electric final lap. As Busch began to celebrate his dramatic victory, Larson gave him a thumb's up.

It was quite a finish, and they knew it. Busch outduelled Larson down the stretch Sunday in the NASCAR Cup Series race at Chicagoland Speedway, earning his fifth victory of the season.

"It was a good day, a great finish, an exciting one for that, especially at a mile and a half," Busch said. "People don't necessarily see those very much any-

more. Man, you just got to be pumped for that. It's cool."

Busch moved into the lead on a restart with 58 laps to go, replacing Kevin Harvick at the front of the field. Busch, Harvick and Martin Truex Jr. — NASCAR's top three teams so far this season — were up front with about 40 laps left before a hard-charging Larson crashed the party.

He powered by Harvick to get into second. He appeared to be in trouble after brushing the wall with seven laps

left, but he kept going and Busch was slowed by a couple lapped cars at the back of the field.

Busch and Larson then were neck-and-neck on the final lap. Larson bumped into the back of Busch's car and moved into the lead. Busch then raced into the back of Larson's car and sped ahead for the victory.

"When I was going down the backstretch, I was like, 'Hell, no, you're not taking this one away from me,'" Busch said. "This was kind of where I was at. I was just going to do anything that it took for us to be able to get back to the start/finish line first."

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RUSSIA 1, SPAIN 1, RUSSIA WINS 4-3 ON PENALTY KICKS

MOSCOW — Stretching every part of his body out into a star shape and diving to his right, Igor Akhmetev flicked out his left foot and kicked the ball high away from danger.

Akhmetev's foot kept Russia's party going Sunday night, ended the international career of one of Spain's biggest stars and sealed the biggest upset of the tournament and one of the greatest in World Cup history.

Russia extended a streak of World Cup hosts winning penalty shootouts to five. France, South Korea, Germany and Brazil have also won shootouts since 1998.

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Russian penalty kickers were perfect against Spain's struggling goalkeeper David De Gea. After Akhmetev acrobatically blocked the left-footed shot of Aspas, he leapt up, punched the air with both hands and dove into a belly flop across the rain-soaked turf as teammates raced to him from the halfway line.

Croatia 1, DENMARK 1, CROATIA WINS 3-2 ON PENALTY KICKS. NIZHNY NOVGOROD, Russia — Daniel Subasic saved three penalties, and Croatia's World Cup hopes.

Croatia will next face host Russia in the quarterfinals on Saturday in Sochi. Russia also advanced on penalties, beating Spain 4-3 following another 1-1 draw.

saved by Kasper Schmeichel. The Danish goalkeeper, who also saved a pair of penalties in the shootout, dived to his left to another Modric's attempt in the 116th minute.

Croatia equalized in the fourth minute with another untidy goal. Henrik Dalsgaard's clearance hit a teammate and fell for Croatia forward Mario Mandzukic to hook the ball in.

But it was Schmeichel, the son of former Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, that sent it to extra time with his penalty save on Modric's attempt.

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NASCAR

From 18

Blanch was blown by the crowd when he got out of his No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota. He playfully rubbed his left eye as a crying motion and waved off the jeering fans.

Larson, who was trying for a weekend sweep after winning the Xfinity Series race Saturday, had no complaints.

It was Blanch's second win at Chicagoland, joining his victory in 2008. He also moved into a tie with Herb Thomas for 14th on the Cup Series' career wins list with 46.

"He's a one-in-a-million talent," Blouch crew chief Adam Stevens said. "The sport hasn't seen too many people with his level of talent. To get the chance to race with him, win some races with him is what every little boy dreams about."

With NASCAR heading to Daytona this week, Blouch and Harvick are tied for the series lead in wins. It's just the fourth time in series history that two drivers won at least five times in the first 17 races of the season, joining Danny Hamilton and Jimmie Johnson in 2010 and Richard Petty and Cale Yarborough in 1974 and 1977.

Blouch leads the standings by 62 points over Harvick, who finished third for his 11th top-10 result in 12 races on the 1.5-mile oval at the Chi-

cago suburbs. Truex was fourth, falling short in his bid for a third straight win at the track.

"That car was just off all weekend," Harvick said. "We had a tough time making the front end turn and then we would wind up way too tight, all the way through the corner or way too loose all the way through the corner. The guys did a good job and kept us in the game all day. We had a chance, we just wound up at the wrong side of it at the end."

Aric Almirola led a race-high 70 laps — he led 40 laps in the previous five seasons combined — but he had to pit twice for loose wheels. He finished 25th.

The temperature was in the 90s for much of the day, creating difficult conditions in the cars. The drivers cooled down with bags of ice and bottles of water at pit stops.

The conditions on the track changed as a storm front moved into the area toward the end of the race, with the wind picking up and clouds filling the sky. But the rain held off until after the competing conclusion.

NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Series — 400 laps, 1.5 miles, Chicagoland Raceway, Sunday, July 4, 2010. Race results: 1. Larson, 2. Truex, 3. Harvick, 4. Blouch, 5. Denny, 6. Almirola, 7. McMurry, 8. Preece, 9. Elliott, 10. Logano, 11. Busby, 12. Gordon, 13. Stewart, 14. Blaney, 15. Johnson, 16. Kensinger, 17. Newman, 18. Blouch, 19. Preece, 20. Logano, 21. Stewart, 22. Newman, 23. Kensinger, 24. Johnson, 25. Blaney, 26. Blouch, 27. Newman, 28. Kensinger, 29. Johnson, 30. Blaney, 31. Blouch, 32. Newman, 33. Kensinger, 34. Johnson, 35. Blaney, 36. Blouch, 37. Newman, 38. Kensinger, 39. Johnson, 40. Blaney, 41. Blouch, 42. Newman, 43. Kensinger, 44. Johnson, 45. Blaney, 46. Blouch, 47. Newman, 48. Kensinger, 49. Johnson, 50. Blaney, 51. Blouch, 52. Newman, 53. Kensinger, 54. Johnson, 55. Blaney, 56. Blouch, 57. Newman, 58. Kensinger, 59. Johnson, 60. Blaney, 61. Blouch, 62. Newman, 63. Kensinger, 64. Johnson, 65. Blaney, 66. Blouch, 67. Newman, 68. Kensinger, 69. Johnson, 70. Blaney, 71. 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ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 4, CARDINALS 1 AT SECURITY BANK BALLPARK
TOP HITTERS: Midland designated hitter Tyler Marincov was 2-for-3 with a double, a triple, an RBI, a run scored and a walk.

FL standings
North Division
Team W L Pct GB
Arkansas (Mariners) 7 2 778 --
Tulsa (Dodgers) 6 2 750 4

HIGHLIGHTS Midland went ahead 2-0 when J.P. Sportman belted a two-run homer to left-center in the bottom of the first.

TODAY'S PROBABLES

Springfield - TBA, Midland - Brian Howard (0-0, 5.40 ERA)

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division
Team W L Pct GB
New York Yankees 47 27 637 --

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division
Team W L Pct GB
Astros 47 27 637 --

Sunday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit 5, Los Angeles 2
Chicago 5, Minnesota 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division
Team W L Pct GB
Cincinnati 47 27 637 --

Texas losses

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Houston 4, Oakland 1
Seattle 4, Tampa Bay 1

AMERICAN LEAGUE

West Division
Team W L Pct GB
Los Angeles 47 27 637 --



RANGERS

From 1B

jammed finger on his left hand. He will re-evaluated Monday.
Rangers: Manager Jeff Banister was noncommittal on the next outing for LHP Martin Perez (right elbow). He's had two straight scoreless rehab outings. Perez has been on the disabled list since April 30.

Texas Rangers catcher Isiah Kiner-Falek (9) tries to make the tag as Chicago White Sox Jose Abreu (79) scores in the fifth inning of a baseball game Sunday in Arlington. Richard W. Rodriguez/Associated Press

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

ORIOLES 8, ANGELS 2
BALTIMORE — Manny Machado and Mark Trumbo hit consecutive homers after the Angels lost a popout in the sun, and Baltimore beat Los Angeles to end a seven-game losing streak.

YANKEES 11, RED SOX 1
NEW YORK — Aaron Hicks hit three home runs and the New York Yankees pummeled David Price again, connecting five times in the first four innings Sunday night on the way to an 11-1 rout of the Boston Red Sox.

INDIANS 15, ATHLETICS 3
OAKLAND, Calif. — Francisco Lindor homered and hit two of Cleveland's 11 doubles and the Indians ended Oakland's six-game winning streak.

MARINERS 1, ROYALS 0
SEATTLE — James Paxton limited Kansas City to two hits and struck out 11 in eight innings and Seattle beat the Royals for its season-best seventh consecutive victory.

GIANTS 9, DIAMONDBACKS 6
PHOENIX — Brandon Belt and Joe Panik drove in two runs each and Hunter Pence had a pinch-hit, two-run double, leading San Francisco to a series sweep against Arizona.

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National League

TIGERS 5, BLUE JAYS 1
TORONTO — Nick Castellanos hit his fourth career grand slam, Jordan Zimmermann pitched seven strong innings and Detroit beat Toronto to snap a snapping an 11-game losing streak.

RED S 8, BREWERS 2
CINCINNATI — Jose Peraza kept up Cincinnati's parade of grand slams, sending Matt Harvey and the Reds over NL Central-leading Milwaukee.

ROCKIES 4, DODGERS 6
LOS ANGELES — Matt Kemp had three hits and drove in four runs, including a go-ahead homer leading off the eighth inning that rallied Los Angeles past Colorado to prevent a sweep.

PIRATES 7, PADRES 5
SAN DIEGO — Colin Moran hit his second grand slam of the season and Corey Dickerson and Elias Diaz also homered in Pittsburgh's victory over San Diego.

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MIDLAND CONNECTION IN PRO BASEBALL

Table with columns for Player Name, Team, Position, and various statistics like AB, R, H, E, etc.

Astros

From 1B

Castillo replaced Snell with the bases loaded in the eighth with the Rays leading by a run. Castillo struck out Altuve in a 10-pitch at-bat and got a groundout from Yuli Gurriel to protect the lead.

Charlie Morton (10-7) struck out 11 in 6 2/3 innings. The Astros led 1-0 when he left with runners at first and second, and Duffy greeted Chris Deventz with a bloop single down the right-field line.

Rodriguez said "There's no excuse for screwing that up. I've got to get the ball in, and even if I throw it home early, we're still playing the ball game right now."

LeBron

From 1B

West. And all those clubs — Golden State, Oklahoma City, Houston, the Lakers, even Denver by locking up Nikola Jokic for \$150 million and Will Barton for \$54 million — could definitively say they were thrilled.

That move isn't happening. Not now, anyway, and barring a trade not for at least three years in what will be considered a massive victory for the Thunder and general manager Sam Presti.

Harden. ESPN reported he is signing a four-year deal that will be worth \$160 million. They were the initial wave: Sunday evening, James made his move.

SUDOKU

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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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TENS AARON HALL
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ALTER BADLY
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ARMAS NAIVE
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SOFIA ALMERA
SCHMOOZED IGOR
MAHER BREADLINE
USING OBEDIENCE
GETTO VESPERSON

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JUMBLE

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

SUPEA

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Print answer here:

Saturday's Jumbles: WEIGH OFTEN FAULTY FEEBLE
 Answer: With the oil field depleted, they shut down operations. But the owner was — WELL OFF

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

- | CLUE | ACROSS | ANSWER |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|
| 1. Tropical bird | | CAUTNO |
| 5. Ivy dome | | OGLIO |
| 6. ...change | | XAETC |
| 7. Tired for, labored | | VERSTO |
| CLUE | DOWN | ANSWER |
| 1. ...question | | VRAITI |
| 2. Most unpleasant, vile | | GLUESTI |
| 3. Green fruit | | ACODOAY |
| 4. Classic Yankee | | LAENMT |

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

7-2 CLUE: This was founded in 1621 to appeal to King James of Scotland as a territory for early Scottish settlers.

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1. V ASE

2. U/P
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2.

Today's Answers:
 1. A broken vase
 2. Split up over nothing

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Senior Assistant Engineer

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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 Lorena Street, Suite 810
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 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 coordination.
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, writing 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 mathematics, 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.

Degree in engineering which has not been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET) but has been 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 final rate 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 documentation 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 help center for state to call.

Remarks:

Applicants selected for an interview will be required provide two examples of civil / transportation / infrastructure design work he or she has developed, and to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.
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 jam@mtdmidsouth.com

General Design Technician

This position is for one or more experienced Engineering Assistant (Engineer Interns) 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 Lorena Street, Suite 810
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 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 coordination.
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, writing 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 mathematics, 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.

Degree in engineering which has not been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET) but has been 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 final rate 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 documentation 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 help center for state to call.

Remarks:

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Applications:

Applicants are to send a Cover Letter and Resume to jam@mtdmidsouth.com

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 Lorena Street, Suite 810
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/traffics 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.
Analyzes schedule trends, determines risks, and recommends options to management for corrective action for highly complex projects.
Coordinates and monitors assigned projects/programs/plans.
Develops and reviews engineering related documents, correspondence, reports and remediation plans.
Interprets 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 analysis, 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.
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, monitors the consultant's compliance with the terms of the contract and prepares and delivers a written evaluation of the consultant's performance.
Develops and reviews engineering related documents, correspondence, reports and remediation plans.
Drives to project sites to collect engineering data and participate in meetings for project coordination.
Performs other duties as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

Communicate effectively.
Exercise logic and reasoning to define problems, establish facts and draw valid conclusions, make decisions that support business objectives and goals.
Prepare technical/business reports.
Applicable engineering qualifications and applications to support efficient planning and design activities.
Design and plan preparation methods and requirements for traditional and innovative projects.
Critical Path Method (CPM) for managing projects.
Researching, analyzing and interpreting policies and state and federal laws and regulations.
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.
5 years in Civil or Transportation engineering (Experience can be satisfied by fulltime or prorated part-time equivalent).
No Supervisory Experience Required.
Advanced 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 first meet the licensure 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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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
Overtime: Up to 10% of the time

Physical work location: Midland Development Corporation
200 North Loraine 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 licensure/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. Used 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.
Exercise logic and reasoning to define problems, establish facts and draw valid conclusions, make 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 listed 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, employees must provide documentation 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.texasworkforce.com>.
Resumes:
Applicants selected for an interview will be required to provide two examples of civil / transportation / infrastructure design work he or she has developed, and to perform a job simulation to demonstrate applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.
The Midland Development Corporation (MDC) reserves the sole right in determining the acceptability of work experience and safety 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.

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

Full-Time, Regular Employment \$3,500.00 - \$8,000.00 monthly
Overtime: 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 detailed transportation and municipal infrastructure design. Develops transportation and infrastructure project planning documents, supporting permit submissions and construction plans. Provides technical expertise 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 layouts, and building plans.
Reviews entire sets of plans for format, drafting and calculation errors and correlation of plans and specifications.
Uses additional automated design tools, interactive graphics or specialized design procedures in areas including bridge/culvert 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.
Drives 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 a safe working environment.
Ability to communicate effectively.
Proficient skill in maintaining effective working relationships with others.
Proficient skill in writing, reviewing and revising 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/infrastructure 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 satisfied by fulltime 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.
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Candidates should be team players with excellent communication skills and have the ability to manage assignments independently. The ideal candidate will have a burning personality and the desire to help in the development and mentoring of 1-2 technicians.

Systems Administrator Responsibilities:
- Create and maintain comprehensive documentation as it relates to server and network topology, equipment, and configurations.
- Create project plans, design, and implement solutions.
- Level 2 and Level 3 Support for problems identified with systems and network. Will act as an escalation for Level 1 and Level 2 Managed Services support technicians.
- Create request and present technical specifications and requirements for purchasing of new servers and networking equipment via quote purchases.
- Participate in software upgrades, troubleshooting, and/or overall availability as needed.
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- Configure, test, and maintain LAN equipment and services including switches, routers, firewalls, and VPNs.
- Identify, diagnose and resolve network problems including network connectivity, traffic utilization, etc. using available network tools in a timely fashion.
- Provide infrastructure services in all areas needed: change networking, Operating System, network security, directory services, server virtualization using system backup and restore, system and network monitoring, application installation and configuration.
- Assist with monthly reports and recommendations for Managed Services Clients.
- Utilize superior customer service skills.
- Stay current with system information, changes, and updates.

Requirements:
- 5-7 years of prior IT experience.
- Prior experience as a service provider is a plus.
- Experience working with Windows Technology (SP-4), Windows Server 2008 - 2012, VMware, SBS Server, Storage Technologies.
- Hands on experience with Linux and Networking, PC and server installation, configuration, user profiles, backup systems.
- Microsoft certifications preferred.
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Skills:
- Effectively communicate by phone or in person.
- Strong written communication skills.
- Excellent troubleshooting skills and work with various customer and management levels.
- Demonstrated ability to identify and troubleshoot critical issues.
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