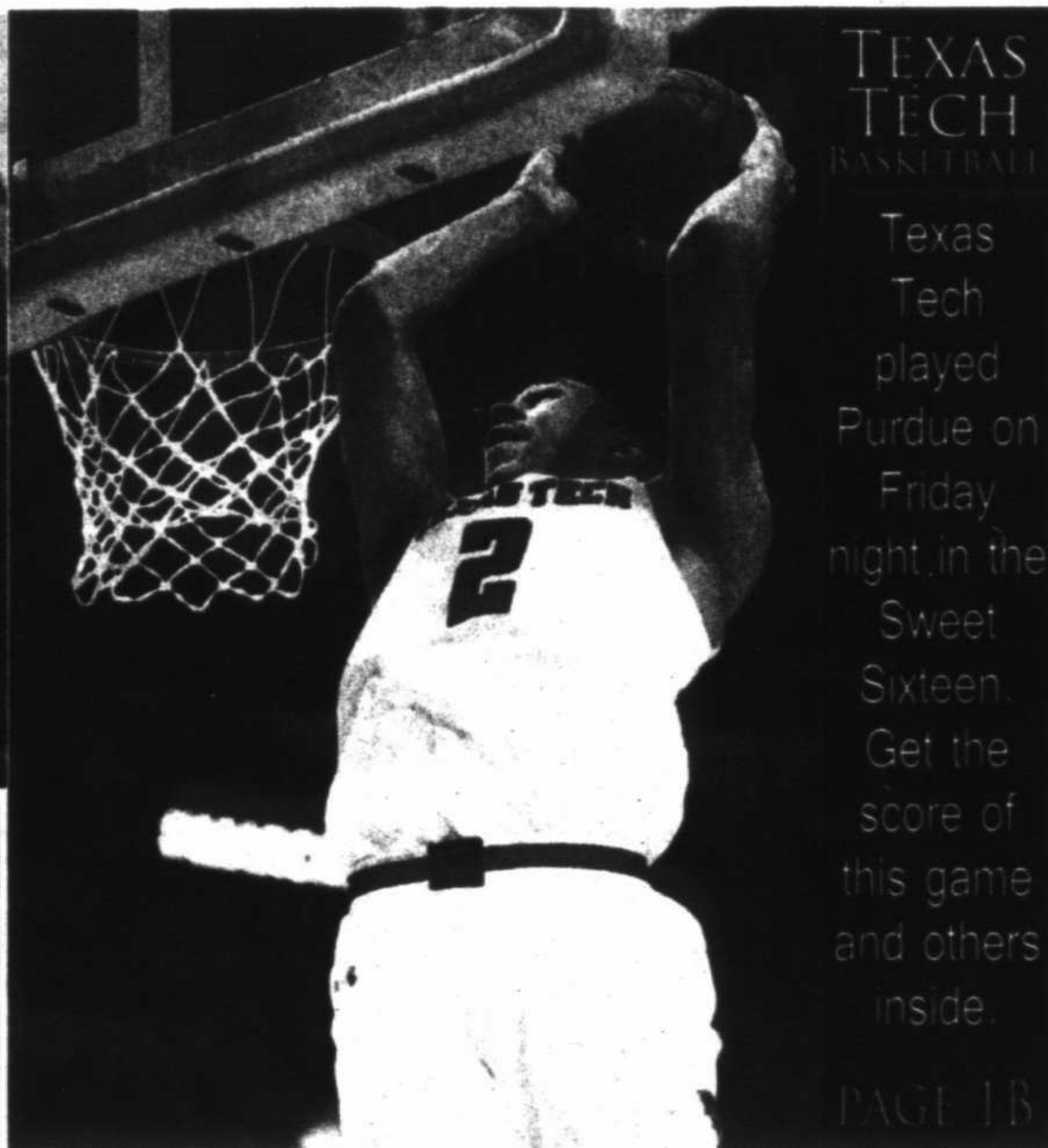


The Texas Tech Football team will hold its free scrimmage at Grande Communications Stadium at 1 p.m. today.



TEXAS TECH BASKETBALL  
Texas Tech played Purdue on Friday night in the Sweet Sixteen. Get the score of this game and others inside. PAGE 1B

# MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM

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## Price of oil jumps by more than 5 percent

WTI closes Friday at \$65.88 a barrel

By Trevor Hawes  
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The price of oil rose by more than 5 percent this week, and crude oil production stayed in the 10 million barrels-per-day range.

West Texas Intermediate contracts for May delivery settled Friday at \$65.88 per barrel, up \$1.58 (2.46 percent) on the day and up \$3.54 (5.68 percent) for the week. Domestic crude production rose by 26,000 barrels per day (bbl/d) to 10.407

million bbl/d, according to the Energy Information Administration.

The reporting week was for March 16. Imports fell by 594,000 bbl/d to 5.504 million bbl/d. Exports rose slightly by 86,000 bbl/d to 1.573 million bbl/d.

Commercial crude oil in storage totaled 428.3 million bbl, down 2.6 million bbl. The Strategic Petroleum Reserve held 665.5 million bbl.

Total motor gasoline inventories fell by 1.7 million bbl to 243.1 million bbl. Kerosene-type jet fuel fell by 600,000 bbl to 41 million bbl. Distillates were down by 2 million bbl to 114.9 million bbl.

WTI futures switched to May as the near-month contract on Wednesday.

April contracts closed at \$63.40 per barrel Tuesday.

The average price for WTI this year was \$62.74 per barrel as of Friday.

For the year, WTI is up 9 percent. The year high is \$66.14, and the low is \$59.19.

Plains Marketing posted prices were up by 6 percent this week.

The Reporter-Telegram tracks WTI "all other areas" and West Texas sour.

On Friday, WTI posted was priced at \$62.25 per barrel and sour fetched

\$58.60. Both were up \$1.50.

The spread between the crude grades has been \$3.65 for the past 17 trading days.

The spread between WTI futures and WTI posted was \$3.63 on Friday.

WTI posted is up 9 percent for the year, and sour is up 6.5 percent.

Sour has a year average of \$56.55 per barrel; WTI posted's average is \$59.21.

In other futures trading Friday, the June contracts rose by \$1.53 to \$65.71, July was up \$1.46 to \$65.29 and August increased \$1.37 to \$64.74.

## WRECK 'EM



Texas Tech fans check out merchandise Friday at a temporary Red Raider Outfitter store inside the Marriott Courtyard near the Scharbauer Sports Complex in preparation for today's tailgate and spring scrimmage festivities.

## Permian Basin rig count jumps 7 for a total of 444

Midland County total is at 51, an increase of 3; Reeves up 2 for total of 68

By Trevor Hawes  
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The Permian Basin rig count jumped by seven this week to 444, and Texas

was one shy of the 500 mark, according to Baker Hughes data.

Reeves had the highest rig tally of all counties at 68, up two. Midland County added three rigs for a total of 51. Lea County, New Mexico, was unchanged at 51.

Other counties with double-digit rig counts were Eddy, New Mexico (36); Loving (29); Glasscock (24); Howard (24); Martin (23); Culberson (21); Ward (20); Reagan (17); Andrews (14); Upton (13); Pecos (12); and Winkler (12).

Dawson and Schleicher counties saw renewed activity. Lynn County's count fell to zero.

Railroad Commission District 8 — which contains most of the active

Permian Basin counties — rose by two rigs to 304. For other areas with activity in the Permian, District 7B rose by one rig to two, District 7C added two rigs for a total of 36, District 8A edged one higher to 15 and New Mexico was up by one to 87.

The Permian Basin had 315 rigs a year ago.

### TEXAS & NEW MEXICO

Texas had 499 rigs statewide, an increase of seven this week. Of that tally, 304 were in the Permian Basin.

The Eagle Ford in South Texas rose

Please see RIG COUNT/2A

## Jobless rate inches up to 2.5 percent

Midland unemployment increases slightly; still is the lowest in the state, tied for fifth in the nation

By Melia McEwen  
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Midland's labor market continued to exhibit a strength in February that prompted Tim Dove, president and chief executive officer of Pioneer Natural Resources to quip earlier this month that "Midland must be in negative unemployment by now."

The Texas Workforce Commission reported Friday that the Midland metropolitan statistical area had an unemployment rate of 2.5 percent, up marginally from 2.4 percent in January but well below the 3.8 percent posted in February 2017. Midland recorded the lowest unemployment in the state, ahead of Amarillo's 2.9 percent, and is tied for the fifth lowest in the nation.

Odean saw its unemployment inch down to 3.2 percent from 3.3 percent in January.

Willie Taylor, chief executive officer of Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, attributed Midland's marginal rise to seasonal factors. Midland's strong labor market is attracting newcomers, sending the civilian labor force up by about 800 from January to February. While almost all those newcomers found jobs, the few who were added to the unemployment count sent the rate slightly higher.

"The activity levels in this region are unbelievable," Taylor said.

Noting that most economists consider a 5 percent unemployment rate full employment, Taylor said Midland's 2.5 percent rate offers challenges.

"We don't have enough people," he said. And while Midland's stable wages — and the high wages offered by the dominant mining, logging and construction sector — are attracting people from low-wage areas, he said they can't find

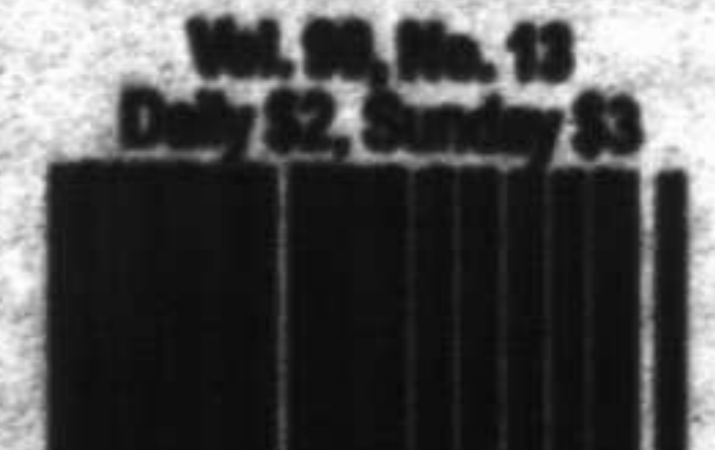
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Price of oil  
\$65.88 ▲ \$1.58

The big number  
7 month-old baby was shot by his 4-year-old brother in Temple. Page 6A

Word of the Day  
nymph  
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 5A.



# Teen who raised her siblings gets no respect from adults

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 18. I started helping to take care of children at the age of 2. I have taken care of them alone since I was 7. Yet every time older people talk about child care, I am rudely excluded from the conversation with comments like, "You don't know what we're talking about. You're not a parent." And, "You're just a kid. You only think you know what you're talking about." I even get these kinds of comments from people who have asked me for advice. I know it shouldn't bother me, yet it does. After raising my younger siblings by myself and taking care of the house, is it wrong for me to consider myself a parent? — **PRACTICALLY A PARENT**

**DEAR PRACTICALLY A PARENT:** No, in my opinion it isn't. Of this I am certain: You have more parenting experience than the adults who left a 7-year-old caring for her siblings by herself without supervision. According to the law, that qualifies as child neglect and abuse.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm almost 30. I have a full-time job, and I'm still going to

## DEAR ABBY

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school. I recently moved back in with my parents to save money on rent so I can be debt-free in a year (I have only my car payment and one small student loan). Is it considered socially acceptable to be living with my parents at my age? By now should I already be settled in a career? I don't have friends my age inside or out of work, so it's hard for me to find the answers to my questions. I am hoping you can help. — **KELLEY IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR KELLEY:** Please stop beating yourself up or worrying about what's "socially acceptable." Your reason for moving in with your parents is valid. In another year, you will have achieved your goal.

**DEAR ABBY:** How do I gracefully ask a bridesmaid to step down? She has been extremely unhelpful and

missed all the events in the planning of my wedding. The problem is, she has already bought her dress. What do I do in a situation like this? — **DRESS DILEMMA**

**DEAR DILEMMA:** It depends. Ask yourself (calmly) what will you gain by asking her to step down, and what do you have to lose?

If you are considering it because you plan to replace her, the big day has already been planned and the events are over. Would her replacement be purely decorative? If you want to punish her, understand that because she has paid for her dress there will be hard feelings, and if she's a family member, there will be consequences later. (Frankly, if I were you, I wouldn't toss my bridal bouquet in her direction.)

## Obituaries



**Glenna Wolf**

Glenna M. Wolf, 85, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Viewing will be Monday, March 26 at 10:00 AM, American Heritage Funeral Home located at 4100 North FM 1788, Midland, Texas. Funeral services and Mass scheduled for 2:00 PM at St. Stephens Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave., Midland, Texas with Monsignor James Bridges officiating.

Glenna was born on August 10, 1932 in Big Spring, Texas to Cody and Martell Sisson. She graduated from Monahans High School where she met the love of her life Billy P. Wolf and they were married on January 7, 1950 in Monahans, Texas. Glenna was a great Mom and a hard working West Texas Girl which included being a hairstylist, administrative manager, and then found her passion as a Registered Nurse for over 30 years - which she did not retire from until she was 81.

Glenna enjoyed all the family campouts, fishing, dancing and her trips to Las Vegas - always looking for that Big Spin or Royal Flush as well as enjoying the entertainment provided by many of the artists of her times.

Glenna is preceded in death by her parents and husband, Bill P. Wolf. She will be greatly missed and is survived by her children, Larry and Barbara Wolf of Bakersfield, CA, Harry Wolf of Midland, TX, and Laura Wolf of Midland, TX; Grandchildren-Stacy Wolf, Steven Wolf and wife Jennifer, Kaley Hanna and husband Justin, Mallory Blahnik, Dana Sautter, Glennis Hutchinson and husband Herb; and 6-Great Grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services: Steven Wolf, Justin Hanna, Jim Webb, Derek Webb, Chris Robin, and Don Meisinger.

Memorials may be made to Helping Hands of Midland.



**Guy J. Leonard**

Guy J. Leonard of Ponca City, OK surrounded by family passed away at the age of 71 on March 21, 2018. He was born in Bogeta, Columbia in 1947 to Robert and Jeanne (Thomassin) Leonard, but grew up in Midland, TX. He graduated from Lee High School and went on to the University of Arizona. He left college to join the army and served during the Vietnam War for 2 years before being honorably discharged. He went back to the University of Arizona and received a bachelors degree in hydrology in 1972. Guy worked as a water hydrologist in Arizona, Nebraska, and Colorado before moving back to Midland to join the family business. He later changed professions and found his passion teaching math and science to 4th graders at Bonham Elementary. After retirement he moved to Ponca City, OK with his wife Cissy to enjoy all four of the seasons. In retirement he volunteered for the annual Festival of Angels, a holiday light display, in Ponca City where he helped set up, run, and fix the displays for 6 years. He was beloved by all and always leant a helping hand when ever possible. He enjoyed camping and fly fishing in the mountains, woodworking, geocaching with his friends, gaming on the computer, and gardening among other things.

Guy is survived by his wife Cissy Leonard, his daughter Clarissa Leonard and husband Jorge, his grandson Alexander, and his siblings David, Missy, and Mary Ellen Leonard. He is preceded in death by his parents Robert and Jeanne Leonard and brother Robert "Bobby" Leonard, Jr. There will be a private service for family held this summer to celebrate his life.

Choices on Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 2:00 PM.

Janice was born on July 25, 1948 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Dad Ralph Wooten and Mom Dorothy Wooten (Lyon). She live in Lake in the hills, IL., Carpentersville, IL., Austin, TX., Cotten Center, TX., Lubbock, TX., Midland, TX., and Odessa TX.

Janice was a Loving Wife, a Loving mother, grandmother (mema), great grand mother, sister and aunt. She loved playing Bingo and Loved Nature. She had many occupations in her lifetime, painting, clerical, ran a carpet store being a few of them. She was the most caring & loving individual we know.

She is preceded in death by Bill & Francis Brodell, Dorothy Helen Wahl (mother), Henry Paul Wahl (dad), Ralph Wooten (dad) and sister in law, Loretta Lee Lesley.

Janice is survived by husband Frank Eugene Lesley, Daughters Rhonda Lynn Lesley & Renee LeAnn Reeves, Sons Franklin Eugene Lesley Jr., Phillip Don Lesley, and Joshua Ryan Lesley, Sisters Paulette Lynn Colwell, Brothers Robert Charles Wooten and Thomas Edward Wooten, Grandchildren Tyler Lee Lesley, Sarah Nichole McClinton, Alex Jay Lesley, Tessa Chantel Lesley, Britney Elizabeth Lesley, Matthew Orion Reeves, Kristian David Reeves, Sire Grayson Lesley, Heavenly Rain Lesley, Son's in Law Eric Overby and William Reeves. Daughter in Law Guadalupe (Lady) Marie Cruz, Nieces Tiffany Lynn Colwell, Jodi Moore, & Susan Jacobson. Nephews Justin Jennetten, Richard Colwell, Logan Colwell, Gus Jakowitsch Jr., Roland Jakowitsch, Brian Jakowitsch and Todd Jakowitsch. Great Grandchildren Jayden Thomas McClinton, Kylee Nichole McClinton, and Aubree Paige Reeves. Sister in law Linda Lou Jakowitsch, Brother in Law Gus Jakowitsch and Mark Colwell.

# GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

## Bidding Quiz

- Q1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, spade. What is your rebid?
- you hold: ♠ J 8 4 3 2 ♥ K 9 7 ♦ Void ♣ A Q 5
- 42
- WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
- 10♦ Pass 30\* ?
- \*Pre-emptive
- What call would you make?
- Q2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠ 8 5 4 ♥ A 2 ♦ A Q J 2 ♣ Q J 10 8
- With the opponents passing, you open one diamond and partner responds one
- Q3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠ K 7 ♥ Q 10 6 2 ♦ Q J 3 ♣ A J 7 4
- Partner opens one heart and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?
- Q4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠ A K J 10 3 ♥ 8 5 ♦ K 10 9 6 4 ♣ A
- Right-hand opponent opens one heart. What call would you make?

Rig count		
The following are county-by-county Permian Basin rig counts, with changes in parentheses, for the week ending March 23.		
<b>DISTRICT 7B</b>	<b>DISTRICT 8</b>	<b>Total</b>
Nolan 2 (+1)	Andrews 14 (-1)	304 (+2)
Total 2 (+1)	Crane 2	
	Callahan 21 (+2)	<b>DISTRICT 8A</b>
<b>DISTRICT 7C</b>	Glasscock 24 (+1)	Borden 2
Crocket 1	Howard 24 (+1)	Dawson 1 (+1)
Itan 4	Jeff Davis 1	Gaines 3 (+1)
Reagan 17	Loving 29 (-1)	Lynn 0 (-1)
Schetcher 1 (+1)	Martin 23 (-3)	Soury 3
Lipan 13 (+1)	Midland 51 (+3)	Yulishan 0
Total 38 (+2)	Mitchell 1	Total 16 (+1)
	Pecos 12 (-2)	
	Reeves 8 (-2)	<b>NEW MEXICO</b>
	Sterling 1	Eddy 30 (+1)
	Ward 20 (+3)	Lisa 51
	Winkler 12 (-1)	Total 86 (+1)

## Rig count

From 1A

by one rig to 72. The Barnett held steady at two.

Twenty of the Haynesville's 52 rigs were in East Texas. Seven of the Granite Wash's 13 rigs were in the Panhandle.

Texas had one rig offshore.

New Mexico's rig count was unchanged at 88. Its lone non-Permian rig was in San Juan County in the northwestern part of the state.

At this time last year, Texas had 404 rigs and New Mexico had 48.

and miscellaneous rigs held at one.

In total, the U.S. had 995 rigs. The last time the nation was at the 1,000-rig mark was the week ending April 2, 2015, when 1,028 rigs were recorded.

All 13 offshore rigs were in the Gulf of Mexico. Inland waters rigs fell by one to three.

By drilling trajectory, there were 870 horizontal rigs, up five; 63 vertical rigs, up six; and 62 directional rigs, down six.

The U.S. had 809 rigs a year ago.

**MOST ACTIVE**

Basins with the most rigs were the Permian, the Eagle Ford, the Carr, Woodford (59), the Marcellus (56) and the

Williston (54).

States with the most rig activity were Texas (499), Oklahoma (120), New Mexico, Louisiana (57) and North Dakota (53).

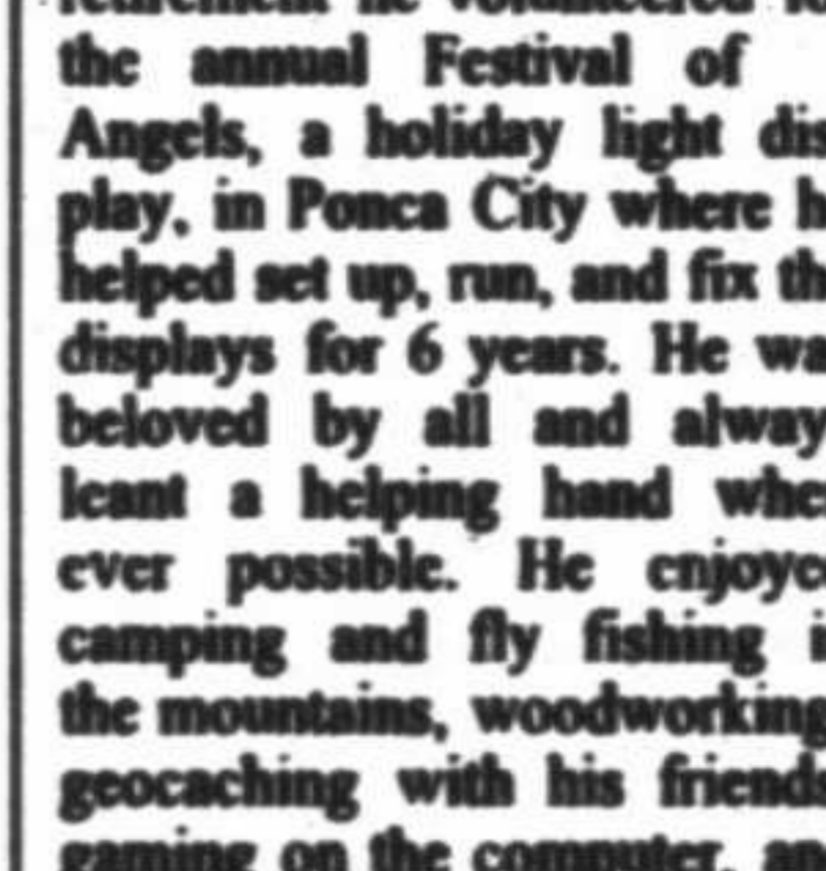
**CANADA & NORTH AMERICA**

Canada's rig count plummeted to 161 after 578 rigs went offline. Almost all losses, 51, were oil rigs, which tallied 93. Natural gas rigs fell by seven to 68.

Canada had 185 rigs a year ago.

The total number of rigs in the North American region was 1,156, down 53. At this time last year, there were 994 rigs in North America

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.



**Janice Kay Lesley**

Janice Kay Lesley, 69, of Odessa passed to heavenly home on March 20th, 2018. Memorial Service will be held at Distinctive Funeral

## Death Notices

**Marcelino Garza**

Marcelino Garza Dabalos, 72, passed away on Thursday, March 22, 2018. Viewing will be Saturday, March 24th from 1:00pm - 9:00pm and Sunday March 25th from 1:00pm - 9:00pm with a rosary starting at 7:00pm Sunday night at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel. A funeral mass is set for Monday, March 26th at 10:00am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish & Shrine. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Dabalos; three sons, Pablo Tagle Jr., Billy Tagle Sr. and Felix Tagle; one daughter Belinda Tagle; and two sisters.

Unemployment		
Midland unemployment	Austin-Round Rock 2.8 (2.8)	Lubbock 3.8 (3.9)
January 2018 2.4 percent	College Station-Bryan 3.0 (3.0)	Midland-Temple 4.1 (4.1)
January 2017 4 percent	Lubbock 3.1 (3.1)	Victoria 4.3 (4.4)
February 2018 2.5 percent	Odessa 3.2 (3.2)	El Paso 4.5 (4.5)
February 2017 3.8 percent	San Angelo 3.3 (3.3)	Longview 4.6 (4.6)
	San Antonio-New Braunfels 3.4 (3.4)	Houston-The Woodlands 4.8 (4.8)
	Chattanooga-Denton 3.4 (3.4)	Sugar Land 4.7 (4.8)
Professionals members for February with January members in parentheses:	Albany 3.5 (3.5)	Tomball 4.8 (4.8)
Midland 2.9 (2.4)	Wichita Falls 3.5 (3.6)	Corpus Christi 5.5 (5.5)
Amarillo 2.9 (2.6)	Fort Worth-Arlington 3.6 (3.6)	Brownsville-Harlingen 6.7 (6.7)
	Dallas-Ft. Worth 3.7 (3.6)	Duncanville-Port Arthur 6.8 (7.3)
	Tyler 3.8 (3.6)	McAllen-Edinburgh-Mission 7.1 (7.4)
	Waco 3.8 (3.8)	

## Jobless

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affordable housing.

Wages will be an issue, as the tight labor market will put upward pressure on them, Taylor said.

Midland added 100 jobs from January to February, with 200-job gains in the mining, logging and construction and the leisure and hospitality sector and 100 new jobs in the government sector. Those gains were offset by the loss of 200 jobs in the trade, transportation and utilities sector and 100 jobs each in the information and the education and health services sector.

For the 12 months from February 2017 to February

2018, Midland added 8,100 jobs for a growth rate of 9.1 percent. Almost all industrial sectors added jobs during those 12 months, led by the 3,400 jobs added by the mining, logging and construction sector. Trade, transportation and utilities sector was next with 900 new jobs, followed by leisure and hospitality with 800 new jobs. The manufacturing sector, the financial activities sector and professional and business services sector added 300 jobs each, while other services added 100 jobs.

"When you look at 8,100 new jobs annually, that's great," Taylor said.

He said with high school graduation occurs

approaching, a number of those students will be headed to college or the military, but he hopes some will stay and join the local workforce.

Statewide, the unemployment rate held steady at 4 percent. Texas added 40,500 jobs over the month and has gained 285,200 jobs over the last 12 months. Texas had reported employment growth for 20 consecutive months, the Workforce Commission said. While Midland reported the state's lowest unemployment, the highest was reported in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission at 7.1 percent.

WORD OF THE DAY brought to you daily by



zealous [zeal-ous] adjective : marked by fervent partisanship for a person, a cause, or an ideal : filled with or characterized by zeal zealous missionaries



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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Planning ahead for disaster



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Terry Davenport, an adjunct instructor with the Risk Management Institute, conducts a class on emergency preparedness Friday at Midland College's Advanced Technology Center. The four-hour class provided information on survival skills in emergencies such as active shooter situations. Read more in Sunday's edition.

Things to do

- Last Winter Market by the Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Shot and Microchip Clinic by Midland Humane Coalition, 9 a.m.-noon, Ullner Park Pavilion, 2700 W. Kentucky Ave.
Well St. Antiques Treasure Hunters Expo features antiques, repurposed items, rustic decor and more, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail.
March for Meals with Meals on Wheels, 10 a.m., Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St.
Egg-stravaganza will offer pictures with the Easter Bunny, egg hunt, train rides, rock wall and more, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. \$10.
Bridge lessons, 10 a.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Whaley Ave. \$3.
Bridge group play, 10:30 a.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Whaley Ave. \$6.
Little Blue Truck's Springtime' storytime, 11 a.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore, 2617 W. Loop 250 N.
Sock Lunch Story Time. Story time will continue through renovations with items available for checkout through Polly the Bookmobile, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., the Abilene Lounge, 3804 W. West St.
Author Signing: Susie Jackson signs copies of her children's book 'If You Were a Commandment', noon, Barnes and Noble Bookstore, 2617 W. Loop 250 N.
Easter Bunny appearance, 2 p.m., Susie's South Forty Connections, 401 S. Markland St.
Bread of Stone, Jason Ferris, 2 p.m., New Life Chapel, 914 N. Texas Ave., Odessa.
Shoguns and Shitots 2016: Buckshot Bash hosted by the Junior League of Midland, 6 p.m., Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. West St.
Vigilish luncheon, 6-10 p.m., Entertainment, 3111 W. Culbert Ave.
Steak Night, 6 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1000 E. Whaley Ave.
'Our History is Our Strength' The Negro Business and Professional Women's Club of Midland annual scholarship luncheon, 6:30 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2300 Ballouet Lane.
Forever Full Margarita Fiesta benefiting the West Texas Food Bank, 7 p.m., Vagelos Noel Performing Arts Center, 1210 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.
Whiskey Myers, 7 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700 Golden Ave., Odessa.
Dorisio Ennis, 9 p.m., The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.
DJ Just, 9 p.m., Supremom

- Dance, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Auditorium, 310 E. Third St., Big Spring.
Mall Austin, Cody Bryan Band, 7 p.m., the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. West St.
'The Jungle Book' by the Pinetrick Players, 7:30 p.m., Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Whaley Ave.
Guest Gilbert, 8 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700 Golden Ave., Odessa.
Dorisio Ennis, 9 p.m., The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.
DJ Just, 9 p.m., Supremom
Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive. \$10.
The Barber's Spiders, 9 p.m., The Gobby-Deo Saloon, 6000 N. Golden Ave., Odessa.
Today in History
Today is Saturday, March 24, the 63rd day of 2016. There are 282 days left in the year.
Today's Birthdays: Fashion designer Tommy Hilf is 67. Former Missouri CEO Steve Ballmer is 62. NFL quarterback Peyton Manning is 42.
before boarding a bus for Fort Chaffin, Arkansas. (Presley underwent basic training at Fort Hood before being shipped off to Germany)
On this date:
In 1898, the super tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking an estimated 11 million gallons of crude oil.
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Lottery

Play 3 morning: 3-4-2
Play 3 day: 3-4-0
Play 3 evening: 0-2-9
Play 3 night: 0-7-8
Daily 4 morning: 6-5-0-0
Daily 4 day: 3-4-1-7
Daily 4 evening: 7-0-6-7
Daily 4 night: 3-1-7-6
Cash Play: 11-14-22-26-31
Mega Millions: 4-8-23-53-59
MB: 17
All or Nothing morning: 3-4-5-8-9-12-13-15-20-22-23-24
All or Nothing day: 3-4-8-8-8-11-13-14-17-18-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-4-8-8-10-11-13-15-16-18-23-24
All or Nothing night: 1-2-0-7-10-11-12-13-14-15-18-21

Weather

Friday's temperatures
High.....88
Low.....60
Normal high.....72
Normal low.....43
March 23's records
Record high: 90, set in 1998 and equaled in 2009
Record low: 20, set in 1952
Precipitation
Thursday.....0.00 in.
Friday.....0.00 in.
Month total.....0.01 in.
Year total.....0.06 in.
Normal total (year to date).....1.70 in.
Winds
Average wind speed: 14.9 mph
Highest sustained wind speed: 17 mph

Forecast for Saturday, March 24, 2016. Includes a weather map showing cloud cover and precipitation across the region, and a table of forecast details: High: 90, Low: 59, Conditions: Partly sunny during the day/mostly cloudy at night, Winds: 5-15 mph during the day and night, Chance of rain: none, Sunrise: 7:47 a.m., Sunset: 8:03 p.m.

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President Donald Trump, accompanied by first lady Melania Trump, walks March 19 on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington on his return from a trip to New Hampshire.

## Former Playboy model says Trump tried to pay her after sex

By Michael Balsamo  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A former Playboy model apologized to first lady Melania Trump for a 10-month affair she claims she had with President Donald Trump that started with him offering her money after the first time they had sex.

During an interview with CNN's Anderson Cooper that aired Thursday night, Karen McDougal said Trump tried to pay her after their first sexual tryst at a bungalow at the Beverly Hills Hotel in 2006.

"Well, after we had been intimate, he, he tried to pay me. And I actually didn't know how to take that," she said. "But I looked at him and I said, 'That's not me. I'm not that kind of girl.'"

She cried on the way home and didn't think she would see him again, but agreed to go on other dates with him after he called her back, she said. McDougal repeatedly described Trump as "very charming" and "sweet."

McDougal said she continued the relationship with

Trump for about 10 months and broke it off in April 2007 because she felt guilty. She recalled traveling to meet Trump at his properties in New York, New Jersey and California and said she had sex with him "many dozens of times."

McDougal had feelings for Trump, but the affair was "just tearing me apart," she said. "There was a real relationship there. There were real feelings," she said. "He would call me baby or he would call me beautiful Karen."

Trump married his current wife, Melania Trump, in 2005, and their son, Barron, was born in 2006.

Speaking to CNN — which her attorney has said would be her only interview about the relationship — McDougal apologized when she was asked what she would say to Melania Trump.

"What can you say except, I'm sorry?" McDougal said. "I'm sorry. I wouldn't want it done to me."

McDougal said she never wanted to discuss her relationship and repeatedly rebuffed inquiries from

reporters about the alleged affair. But after the story became public, she wanted to get out and tell her side of what happened, she said.

The White House has said Trump denies having an affair with McDougal and did not immediately respond to a request for comment about the interview Thursday night.

On Tuesday, she filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles against the company that owns the supermarket tabloid National Enquirer, which she said paid her \$150,000 during the presidential campaign for the rights to her story of an affair, but never ran the story.

McDougal's lawsuit, which asks a judge to invalidate the contract, alleges that Trump's attorney, Michael Cohen, was secretly involved in her discussions with the tabloid's parent company, American Media, Inc.

The company has said that McDougal has been allowed to speak about her relationship since 2016 and the contract gave them discretion over whether to publish the story.

## White House staffers on edge as Trump eyes another shake-up

By Jonathan Lemire  
And Zeke Miller  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is tired of being told "no."

Six weeks of staff churn and pronouncement shocks reflect a president who has grown increasingly confident on the job and more trusting of his instincts. After 14 months in the Oval Office, Trump is more comfortable bucking the advice of White House staffers and congressional Republicans, and that is increasingly putting even his allies on edge.

Trump may have an even more dramatic shake-up in mind for his administration.

The president has floated to outside advisers a plan to do away with the traditional West Wing power structure, including the formal chief of staff role, to create the more free-wheeling atmosphere he relished while running his business and later his presidential campaign at Trump Tower.

The sense of apprehension is palpable in the West Wing, where tempers are running short and uneasy aides discuss their future employment prospects behind closed doors, according to six White House officials and several outside advisers. They all spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe the internal dynamics.

Recent blows to staff confidence have been almost exclusively instigated by the president himself. He congratulated Russian President Vladimir Putin on his re-election and didn't chide him about the tainted vote or the poisoning of a spy on British soil. He pushed forward with steel and aluminum tariffs, prompting his chief economic adviser to quit. And he agreed to meet with North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un to the surprise of many national security officials.

Thursday's announcement of National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster's impending exit continued the trend.

The two men never clicked personally, and Trump was known to complain when he saw extended meetings with the national security adviser on his schedule. Trump also, as he did with fired Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, grew frustrated when McMaster would try to curb some of his instincts on international relations, according to White House officials and outside advisers.

Now he has turned to former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton, whom Trump described to one outside confidant as "a killer" on television and likely to forcefully advocate for the president's beliefs, despite sometimes divergent views on American intervention overseas, according to a person familiar with the president's views but not authorized to discuss them publicly.

Trump has admired Bolton for years, tweeting in 2014 his praise of an article in which Bolton argued for more domestic oil drilling. He has expressed appreciation for Bolton's appearances defending Trump even though he has voiced some unhappiness about the look of Bolton's bushy mustache, according to the person familiar with the president's thinking.

Trump is not entirely unswayed from his sides. After threatening on Friday to veto a \$1.3 trillion spending agreement his staffers had already promised he would sign, Trump came back around after a concerted lobbying effort by his legislative team and Cabinet secretaries. But not before venting his frustration at the process and the bill — drafted in part by his own team — in a heated call "press availability" in the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House.

Trump has long chafed at how chief of staff John Kelly has curbed access to him in the Oval Office and has mused about doing away with the gatekeepers, according to two people familiar with the president's thinking but not authorized to publicly discuss private conversations.

Trump, who frequently muses about staff shake-ups without following through, appears to have tabled the idea for now. But it received a ringing endorsement from his former chief strategist Steve Bannon during a panel discussion in New York on Thursday.

Bannon suggested a system of "five or six direct reports" to the Oval Office would fit the president's preferred management style.

"I think the president is a very hands-on manager and feels more comfortable" with such a style, said Bannon, who spoke admiringly of Kelly but said the chief of staff put "too much structure into the White House."

Reince Priebus, Trump's first chief of staff, "was a little bit more like President Trump was used to."

## Trump signs \$1.3 trillion budget after 'reality show' drama

By Jill Colvin,  
Catherine Lucey,  
Lisa Mascaro and  
Alan Fram  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump grudgingly signed a \$1.3 trillion federal spending measure Friday and averted a midnight government shutdown — but only after undercutting his own negotiators and setting off a mini-panic with a last-minute veto threat. The episode further eroded the already damaged credibility of both the president and a White House staff that had assured the nation he was onboard.

Trump said he was "very disappointed" in the package, in part because it did not fully pay for his planned border wall with Mexico and did not extend protection from deportation to some 700,000 "Dreamer" immigrants due to lose coverage under a program the president himself has moved to eliminate.

But Trump praised the bill's provisions to increase military spending and said he had "no choice but to fund our military."

"My highest duty is to keep America safe," he said.

The bill signing came a few hours after Trump created his latest round of last-minute drama by tweeting that he was "considering" a veto.

With Congress already on recess, and a government shutdown looming, he said that young immigrants now protected in the U.S. under Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program "have been totally abandoned by the Democrats (not even mentioned in Bill) and the BORDER WALL, which is desperately needed for our National Defense, is not fully funded."

Trump's veto threat put him at odds with top members of his administration and Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan, who had said publicly that Trump supported the bill. Advisers inside and outside the White House said they never expected Trump to go through with his threat and believed he was likely just blowing off steam.

Finally, in made-for-TV scheduling, Trump took to Twitter again to announce he'd be holding a news conference to talk about the bill. The drama was short-lived: An aide told reporters the signing was on. And it was a monologue by Trump, not a news conference. He answered two questions called out to him as he left the room.

Asked why he'd made the threat, Trump said he'd "looked very seriously at the veto," but "because of the incredible pain that we've been able to make for the military that overrode any of our



P.J. Scott/Associated Press

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, R-Wis., speaks Thursday during a news conference about the massive government spending bill moving through Congress, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

thinking."

He warned Congress, "I will never sign another bill like this again."

The giant spending bill, though, expires Sept. 30, and another funding measure will be needed. To boost the party-in-power's ability to muscle its agenda through Congress, he called for an overhaul of Senate rules to allow for simple-majority votes on all bills and appealed to Congress for line-item veto power to kill specific spending items he disagrees with. The Supreme Court ruled in 1998 that a congressionally passed line-item veto was unconstitutional.

The will-he, won't-he episode came hours after the Senate's early morning passage of the huge spending package aimed at keeping the government open past Friday midnight.

Trump backed the bill only reluctantly, and Republican lawmakers and aides acknowledged the deal involved trade-offs for Democratic votes that were needed despite the GOP majority lock on Congress. The president had been especially frustrated in recent days by media coverage of the bill and by conservative Republican lawmakers, some of whom had been calling to harangue him and making their cases loudly on cable news shows he is known to watch.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., chairman of the House Freedom Caucus and a friend of the president, said in a tweet that the group would "fully support" a veto, adding that Congress should pass a short-term budget resolution while Trump and congressional leaders "negotiate a better deal for the forgotten men and women of America."

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., also egged Trump on to a veto. "Please do, Mr. President," he tweeted. "I am just down the street and will bring you a pen. The spending levels without any effects are grotesque, throwing all of our children under the bus. Totally irresponsible."

Trump's decision to ultimately sign the bill came after a call from Speaker Ryan. At around 9:30 a.m. Friday, Ryan encouraged

the president to sign the bill, according to a person familiar with the communication, and discussed all the wins it delivered, especially for the military. The person spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private conversation.

It was the second time Ryan had been forced to intervene this week. On Wednesday, the speaker made a surprise trip to the White House, with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell joining in by phone, to try to keep Trump in accord. A White House official that day denied that Trump was considering vetoing the package, and Ryan emerged from the huddle saying Trump would support the bill.

The veto threat pushed to the forefront concerns over Trump and his staffers' eroding credibility. The spending bill had been negotiated by Trump's own aides — with sign-off from the boss on every major decision.

The surprise threat also threatened to undermine future efforts by White House staff tasked with negotiating on Trump's behalf.

"We don't have a stable, reliable partner with whom we can work in the White House," said Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va. He added that no deal can be deemed secure until Trump "puts his signature on it."

"It has consequences going forward," he added. "Who wants to trust a comprehensive immigration deal and put a lot of time and effort into it, only to see it at the eleventh hour derailed because, I don't know, he turns on Fox News and somebody criticizes it?"

Trump's decision to ultimately sign the bill averted what would have been the third federal shutdown of the year, an outcome both parties wanted to avoid.

The omnibus spending bill, which will fund the government through September, boots up military and domestic programs, delivering federal funds to every corner of the country.

But the plan was rejected by many Republicans who campaigned on spending restraints and balanced budgets.



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# Sympathy for white Austin bomber stirs debate about race

By Deepti Hajela  
Associated Press

When a law enforcement official described a cellphone recording left by the Austin serial bomber as "the outcry of a very challenged young man," the remark caused an outcry of its own.

Because the bomber was white, some people almost immediately questioned whether the same level of compassion would have been afforded a person of color.

"Here you have a case of a young white male who killed and injured people of color, and we're culturally more concerned about his story, about his life, about what led him to take these lives," said David Leonard, professor in the department of critical culture, gender and race studies at Washington State University. "It's a striking reminder of a racial empathy gap that persists."

For many observers and activists, the comments about Mark Anthony Condit were just the latest example in which a white suspect seemed to receive an injection of humanity

that is less often extended to blacks, Muslims and others.

Condit kept the Texas capital in a state of fear for weeks, planting five bombs that killed two people and badly wounded four others. The 23-year-old community college dropout died Wednesday after setting off a bomb inside his SUV as police were about to arrest him.

Investigators said his motive was still unclear, despite the discovery of the 25-minute cellphone recording in which he talked about the bombs. Authorities have avoided calling the attacks terrorism, which can have specific definitions in law enforcement contexts. U.S. law defines a terrorist as having ties to a foreign entity, such as the Islamic State or other known terror groups. Homegrown extremist groups such as neo-Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan are not labeled that way, even if they employ similar tactics of violence and intimidation.

Similarly, when Stephen Craig Paddock was identified as the gunman who rained bullets down on a



Ricardo B. Brazzoli/Austin American-Statesman via AP  
Austin Police Chief Brian Manley briefs the media on Wednesday in Round Rock.

Las Vegas concert last fall, the white retired accountant was characterized as a "lone wolf." That label has also been attached to other mass killers who acted alone, including Aurora, Colorado, movie theater shooter James Holmes, a white man who killed a dozen people in 2012.

On the recording, Condit "does not at all mention anything about terrorism, nor does he mention anything about hate," Austin Police Chief Brian Manley said. "But instead, it is the outcry of a very challenged young man talking about challenges in his personal

life that led him to this point."

The reaction on social media was swift. "Remember how they talked about innocent black children" like Trayvon Martin, Tamir Rice or Freddie Gray, tweeted Sherrilyn Ifill, president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

"I believe passionately in acknowledging the humanity of those who commit even terrible crimes. Reading this police chief's empathy for this young white man highlights the awfulness — the plain awfulness — of the persistent refusal

to extend this empathy to young black people," Ifill added.

Those young black males were described as "thugs" by some authorities and in popular discourse. Another case often cited is that of Michael Brown, an unarmed black 18-year-old fatally shot by a white officer in August 2014 in Ferguson, Missouri. The New York Times described Brown as "no angel" in a profile, a phrase that drew an angry response from readers and was criticized by its own public editor.

Brown got into a scuffle with then-officer Darren Wilson after Wilson yelled at Brown and a friend to get out of the street where they were walking. Wilson said that when he shot Brown, the teen was moving menacingly toward him. Some witnesses said Brown was surrendering.

The initial unrest erupted after Brown's body lay in the street for hours in the summer heat.

More protests gripped the Missouri town after a grand jury in declined to charge Wilson, who later resigned.

The Justice Department also cleared him, but an investigation by that agency uncovered patterns of racial bias and profiling in Ferguson's police and courts.

Some critics have also taken exception to media coverage that included Condit's friends and family describing him as nerdy and kind.

"Language is always shot through with power dynamics. What this shows us is the way that we can talk about people determines how we can treat them," said Koritha Mitchell, an associate professor in the English department at Ohio State University. "Because we are determined to treat white men as citizens no matter what, to treat them as people who belong in the fold no matter what, that is the reason we will not use words like 'terrorist.'"

The Rev. Yvette Griffin, a black Detroit pastor, said blacks and Muslims don't seem to get the same presumption of innocence as other suspects.

"The words are kinder and gentler" for whites, she said.

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### Abilene officer serving warrant fatally shoots suspect

ABILENE — A West Texas officer has fatally shot a suspect who police say pulled a gun while being served with a warrant related to indecency with a child.

Abilene police Sgt. Lynn Beard says the shooting happened Friday morning at an apartment complex. Beard says police were attempting to serve the probation revocation warrant when the suspect produced a gun.

Beard says the officer fired in self-defense. No officers were hurt.

Abilene police didn't immediately release the name of the suspect in the fatal shooting around 9 a.m. Friday. The officer who opened fire has been put on administrative leave.

Texas Rangers will help investigate the shooting. Further details weren't immediately available.

### Official calls special ed students 'slow learners'

AUSTIN — A Texas education official has called special education students "slow learners" and questioned whether it's worth spending public money on their education.

Scott Brister is the chairman of the Texas Commission on Public School Finance, which is tasked with recommending to lawmakers by the end of the year how to improve the state's struggling school finance system, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Commissioners discussed Tuesday whether districts should have discretion in how they spend special education dollars when Brister asked if the state should "spend that on the brightest kids or the slowest learners."

"I think I said in a speech years ago, you know, as a pure economist with no heart would say, 'Why are we spending all this money on special ed? These kids are the ones who are going to get the least return from the dollars on,'" he said later in the meeting. "And part of the answer is... because the law says so, and part of the answer is because it's not just about (gross domestic product). It's about what kind of society we're going to be."

### Police: baby boy survives shooting by brother, 4

TEMPLE — Police in Central Texas say a 7-month-old boy has survived being accidentally shot by his 4-year-old brother.

Temple police say the victim was hospitalized

Friday in serious condition. The older boy was placed with Child Protective Services as officers investigate how he obtained the gun.

Police say a woman believed to be the mother called 911 on Thursday afternoon to report the shooting at a house. Police spokeswoman Ellen Morton says the woman was the only adult at the home during the incident.

Authorities didn't immediately release the name of the family or further details on the injured baby.

Temple police didn't immediately return a message Friday to provide additional details.

### 5 killed in East Texas multi-vehicle wreck on Interstate 30

MOUNT PLEASANT — Authorities say five people died when a tractor-trailer rig plowed into a minivan stopped on Interstate 30 in East Texas while an unrelated earlier wreck was cleared.

The Department of Public Safety says the accident happened around 8:30 a.m. Friday on eastbound I-30 at Mount Pleasant, 100 miles northeast of Dallas.

Sgt. Sylvia Jennings says a Tennessee trucker was killed, plus a mother and her three children in the minivan. The man driving the minivan was transported to a hospital.

Names of the victims weren't immediately released.

Authorities are investigating why the rig hit the minivan during dry road conditions, forcing the smaller vehicle into a stopped truck in front of it. Two other stopped trucks were also damaged.

The initial wreck happened an hour before the five-fatality crash.

### FLORIDA NASA's Mars rover Curiosity marks 2,000th day on red planet

CAPE CANAVERAL — NASA's Mars rover Curiosity has now marked 2,000 days on the red planet.

That's 2,000 days by Martian standards. A Martian day, or solar day, is equivalent to 24 hours, 39 minutes and 35 seconds. So 2,000 days on Mars equal 2,055 days here on Earth.

Either way, it's a big

milestone this week for scientists eager for Curiosity to begin drilling again, this time into potentially clay-rich rocks on the slopes of Mount Sharp. The six-wheeled rover has traveled 11.6 miles (18.7 kilometers) since its arrival in 2012.

The rover Opportunity, though, has Curiosity beat.

Last month, NASA's busy Opportunity surpassed its 5,000 day on Mars. It's been exploring Mars since 2004. NASA plans to send another robotic geologist to Mars in May. Named InSight, the lander will stay in one place as a heat-measuring device burrows deep into the Martian terrain.

Curiosity's flight controllers, meanwhile, are testing a new drilling method. The rover's drill stopped working properly in 2016, and so engineers devised another way to bore into Martian rocks and get the pulverized rock samples into the rover's lab instruments.

### CALIFORNIA Craigslist closes personals sections in US, cites measure

SAN FRANCISCO — Americans looking for love or companionship on Craigslist can't make a connection.

The classified ads site on Friday has taken its personals section offline in the United States.

The action comes after the U.S. Senate on Wednesday passed an anti-sex trafficking bill that could hold the website and others responsible for illegal activity if it becomes law.

The company says the Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act seeks to subject websites to criminal and civil liability.

A message on the site says any tool or service can be misused and the company hopes it can bring them back "some day." Craigslist closed by saying: "To the millions of spouses, partners, and couples who met through Craigslist, we wish you every happiness!"

A message seeking comment from Craigslist was not immediately returned.

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# US Postal Service unveils Mister Rogers postage stamp

By Keith Srakocic  
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — It was a beautiful day to honor Mister Rogers with a postage stamp.

The U.S. Postal Service on Friday released a stamp featuring Fred Rogers, the gentle TV host who entertained and educated generations of preschoolers on "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood."

The stamp pictures Rogers in his trademark cardigan along with King Friday, a puppet character from the show's

Neighborhood of Make-Believe sketch.

A dedication ceremony was held at the Pittsburgh studio where Rogers filmed his beloved PBS show, which aired between 1968 and 2001. Rogers died in 2003 at age 74.

Among those attending were Rogers' widow, Joanne, and David Newell, who played Mr. McFeely, the deliveryman on "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." Joanne Rogers said that when she first saw the stamp, it was "love at first sight."

"I thought it was so beautiful. I think it is so

festive," she said.

Postmaster General Megan Brennan said at the unveiling that Mister Rogers "made the ups and downs of life easier to understand for the youngest members of our society."

"He shaped generations with his kindness and compassion," she said.

Noting the stamp has the words "Forever USA," Brennan said "these words of the Postal Service are our way of saying Mr. Rogers represents the best of America and will do so always."

Paul Siefken, president and CEO of the Fred

Rogers Company, said he couldn't think of "a better tribute to Fred and his legacy."

He noted that Rogers loved sending letters, especially to young children who wrote to him about his show.

"Fred Rogers left an indelible mark on generations of young audiences through his groundbreaking series, and his timeless wisdom and important messages of inclusion and neighborliness remain just as relevant today as they were 50 years ago," Siefken said.



Gene J. Puskar/Associated Press

This is a poster sized Mister Rogers Forever Stamp during the first-day-of-issue dedication in WOED's Fred Rogers Studio on Friday in Pittsburgh.

# Marches with different visions set for Utah school safety

By Brady McCombs  
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Hundreds of people are expected to march to the Utah state Capitol in separate protests aimed at improving school safety — in very different ways.

Pro-gun marchers will advocate Saturday for fortified schools and more armed teachers, while Utah students will take to the street as part of rallies being held around the country

to urge lawmakers to pass gun regulations.

Police will monitor the marches in Utah and believe the two groups will avoid confrontations based on conversations with organizers, said Salt Lake City police detective Matt Roper.

The rallies in Salt Lake City come 10 days after thousands of students held walkouts to protest gun violence and honor the 17 people killed in the Florida school shooting.

"We're not anti-gun, but we think some guns shouldn't be in

the hands of civilians," Natalie Reese an 18-year-old senior at Orem High School. "Military-style assault rifles should only be used by the military."

Reese, one of about a dozen student organizers, said protesters also plan to call on lawmakers to do more in-depth background checks for gun sales and require such checks for gun sales between individuals and at events.

Meanwhile, the pro-gun marchers will hold a rally along the same route taken by the

students an hour earlier.

Organizer Bryan Melchior, co-owner of the Utah Gun Exchange, said his organization wants to bring attention to its "EduCarry" program that is aimed at improving school safety and helping more teachers get concealed carry permits and training on surviving active shooter scenarios.

Utah is among at least eight states that allow or don't specifically prohibit concealed weapons in K-12 schools.

Melchior said he knows Utah

state leaders are brainstorming ways to improve school safety, but he said he doesn't trust government officials to get things done quickly.

"We'll be fortifying the schools while the politicians are talking," he said.

More than 850 educators participated in a free concealed carry permit class his organization gave earlier this month, Melchior said.

He expects about 1,000 at the next class in April.

# A swan-song for Toys R Us, the going-out-of-business sale

By Joseph Pisani  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Toys R Us opened its doors Friday with a going-out-of-business sale, offering clearance discounts at all 735 U.S. stores, including Babies R Us.

The company did not say how big the discounts will be or when it expects stores to shut down. Last week, the company said it would close or sell all its stores after operating from months under bankruptcy protection.

Here's what you need to know:

**CAN I USE MY GIFT CARDS?**

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**CAN I RETURN ITEMS I BUY DURING THE CLOSING SALES?**

No.

**WHAT ABOUT MY BABIES R Us REGISTRY?**

The Babies R Us website will be open for a "limited time," the company said, but did not provide specifics. It urged customers to

write down the products on their registry before it disappears. It is no longer accepting new baby registries.

**CAN I USE A COUPON?**

No, it will no longer accept any type of coupons in stores or online, including ones that were recently mailed.

**CAN I PAY WITH MY TOYS R Us CREDIT CARD?**

Yes, both Toys R Us credit cards can be used during the closing sales, but it won't offer the discounts that come with the cards, and no loyalty points will be earned on purchases.

Synchrony Financial, which operates the credit cards for Toys R Us and other retailers, said in the past it has offered to transfer cardholders of out-of-business retailers to different cards, but it hasn't made a final decision yet for Toys R Us credit cards. Cardholders with a balance will still have to pay it, even if the cards can't be used anymore.

**WHAT IF I HAVE ITEMS ON LAYAWAY?**

The company said it is sending notices to customers who have items on layaway. They will have 21 days after the notice to pay the remaining amount or ask for a refund on their

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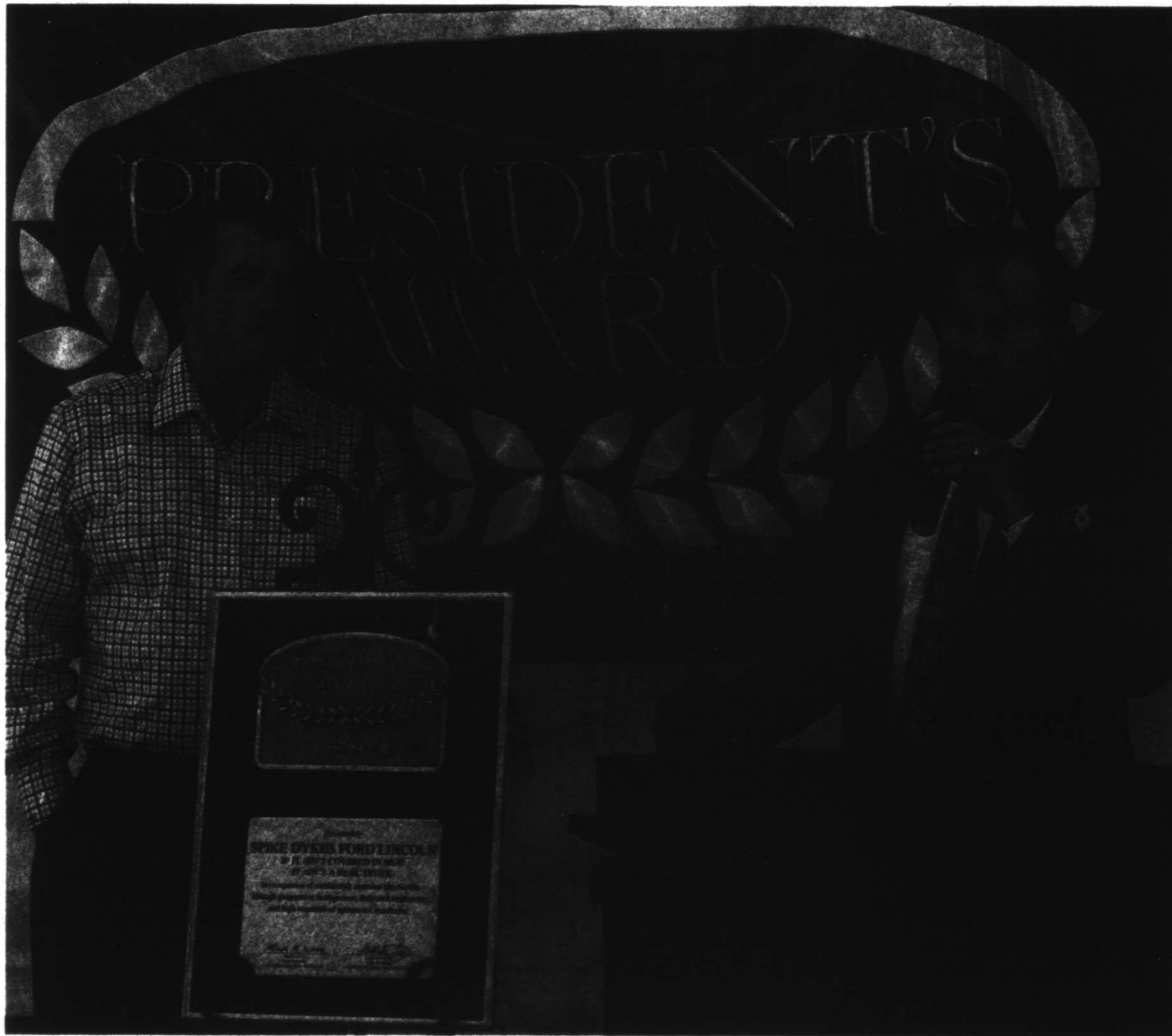
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## Texas Tech ousts Purdue 78-65 in NCAA East Region

Red Raiders advance to their first Elite Eight in school history.

By Jimmy Golen  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Chris Beard has done it to Purdue again.

The Texas Tech coach knocked the Boilermakers out of the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years, this time leading the third-seeded Red Raiders to a 78-65 victory in the Sweet 16.

Keenan Evans scored 12 of his 16 points in the second half, when Texas Tech scored 11 straight points to pull away.

The Red Raiders (27-9) will play No. 1 seed Villanova on Sunday in the East regional final for a spot in the Final Four. The

Wildcats advanced earlier Friday night with a 90-78 victory over West Virginia.

Beard is in his second year in Lubbock after leaving Arkansas-Little Rock, where he led the Trojans to a double overtime upset over fifth-seeded Purdue in the first round of the 2016 NCAA Tournament.

This time, No. 2 seed Purdue (30-7) was hoping to join Villanova in the Elite Eight, getting 30 points from Carsen Edwards and 12 points and 13 rebounds from Vincent Edwards.

But Beard was in their way again.

Texas Tech trailed for most of the first before scoring the last 10 points of the half to turn a five-point deficit into a 30-25 lead.

The Red Raiders led 58-55 with 5:44 left when Evans hit two free throws and then a three

pointer to start an 11-0 run that put the game away.

Purdue star center Isaac Haas, the team's No. 2 scorer and rebounder, could only be a cheerleader — and a one-armed cheerleader, at that.

After breaking his right elbow in the first-round game against Cal State-Fullerton, he tried to convince Painter he could play; the Purdue engineering department even pitched in, designing a special brace for his right arm.

But Haas remained on the bench, replaced by Matt Haarms, a redshirt freshman who at 7-foot-3 measures an inch taller but at 40 pounds lighter is hardly the force under the basket of that his senior teammate has been.

Haarms finished with four points and three rebounds.



Mary Schwalm/Associated Press

Texas Tech coach Chris Beard celebrates with his team after a 78-65 win over Purdue on Friday in Boston.

## Instant classic



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Deanna Machuca (18) hits against Lee on Friday, at Gene Smith Field.

## MHS edges Lee in intense showdown

By Christopher Hadorn  
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Lady Bulldogs softball coach Shawnda Vines called Friday's District 2-6A rivalry contest a "classic Midland High-Lee game."

With both teams coming off losses and needing a district win, the recipe was there for an intense rivalry game at Gene Smith Field, and each squad delivered.

Both Lee and MHS put runners aboard in every inning, combining for 21 total hits and each team constantly threatened for runs.

In the end, the Lady Bulldogs squeaked past the Lady Rebels, 4-3, behind a go-ahead bases loaded walk drawn by Rangan Keithley, scoring Alyssa Flores in the top of the sixth inning.

Keithley went 2 for 3 with two doubles, three RBI and a walk to power MHS (16-8-2, 2-2 in District 2-6A).

"It was a hard fought game on both sides," Vines said. "(Lee) did a great job. There wasn't a single inning where there wasn't pressure on defense, so it was a great game."

Both pitchers, Lee's Zymra Carrasco and MHS' Ali Monarez pitched well under duress.

Carrasco stranded 13 runners, which included getting out of a bases loaded jam in the fourth.

The Lady Rebels (11-13-2, 0-4) capitalized off Carrasco's escape ability, as catcher Giselle Dominguez pulled Lee within one run with a sacrifice fly that scored Nayeli Laredo in the fourth.

In the fifth, Lee tied the game at 3 when Lizzy Gutierrez drilled a line-drive single to left, plating Alaina Marquez with one out. But the Lady Rebels left two runners stranded in fifth, unable to get the big inning.

"We're not getting the clutch hits when we need them," Lee head coach Mandy

Davis said. "We had a better approach, but we've still got to get that clutch hit when we have runners in scoring position."

Trailing 1-0, the Lady Bulldogs had their fortunes turn in the top of the third when Shen Keithley, Rangan's twin sister, hit a slow grounder to first base, and hustled down the first-base line to beat the force out attempt.

Monarez, the next batter, battled Carrasco during a 10-pitch at-bat and eventually singled to left.

Following a Deanna Machuca single with two out, Rangan Keithley socked a double into the left-center gap, vaulting MHS into a 2-1 lead.

"We just stayed together as a team, kept fighting, kept battling in the box and on defense," Rangan Keithley said. "Everyone did a good job today."

MHS took advantage of a Lee missed catch error at first base to score a third run

Please see MHS/2B

## Kansas holds on for win over Clemson

By Luke Meredith  
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — For the third year in a row, Kansas made it through the Sweet 16 — although not before Clemson tried its hardest to add another wild chapter to an already unbelievable tournament.

The top-seeded Jayhawks brought at least a temporary halt to the insanity of this March, withstanding a ferocious rally by fifth-seeded Clemson on Friday for a too-close-for-comfort, 80-76 victory.

Malik Newman led the Jayhawks (30-7) with 17 points in a one-time runaway that got much closer and, quite frankly, won't mean much to KU fans if their team can't finish the job in the Midwest Region final Sunday.

As a top seed the last two seasons, Kansas made it through the regional semifinals, only to flop a game shy of the Final Four both times. In fact, this marks the sixth time Bill Self's team has been seeded first since KU won it all in 2008; the Jayhawks haven't made the Final Four one of those times.

"I think about it all the time. I just told the guys in the locker room...this year, we've got to get over the hump," said senior Devonte' Graham, who had 16 points.

Still, it could've ended on Friday — in horrifying fashion — after Clemson stormed back from a 20-point deficit that stunned a crowd filled mostly with fans from Lawrence and surrounding areas, which are only a few hours from Omaha.

"We just kind of played not to lose down the stretch," Self said.

Clemson trailed 62-42, but climbed to within six with 2:27 left. Graham's offensive rebound after a Svi Mykhailiuk miss at the 1:57 mark allowed the Jayhawks to run almost a minute off the clock.

Kansas didn't score after Graham's rebound, and the Tigers got the next board for a chance to cut it to a one-possession game. But Shelton Mitchell and Gabe DeVoe each missed from beyond the arc. From there, Kansas overcame a dogged Clemson press just long enough to ensure that the Tigers couldn't pull any closer until the till end.

DeVoe had a career-high 31 for Clemson (25-10), which couldn't replicate the magic it showed in beating Auburn by 31 to reach its first Sweet 16 in 21 years.

"We didn't have our best game. Sometimes that's not easy to keep fighting like that," Clemson coach Brad Brownell said.



Neil Horn/Associated Press

Clemson's David Shreve (24) heads to the basket as Rangan Shiro De Souza defends during the second half on Friday in Omaha, Neb.

## MC revs up offense, throttles Frank Phillips in sweep

By Oscar LeRoy  
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The Midland College softball team has always been among the leaders in NCAA offensive categories and this year's Lady Chaparrals have shown the potential to be solid once again at the plate.

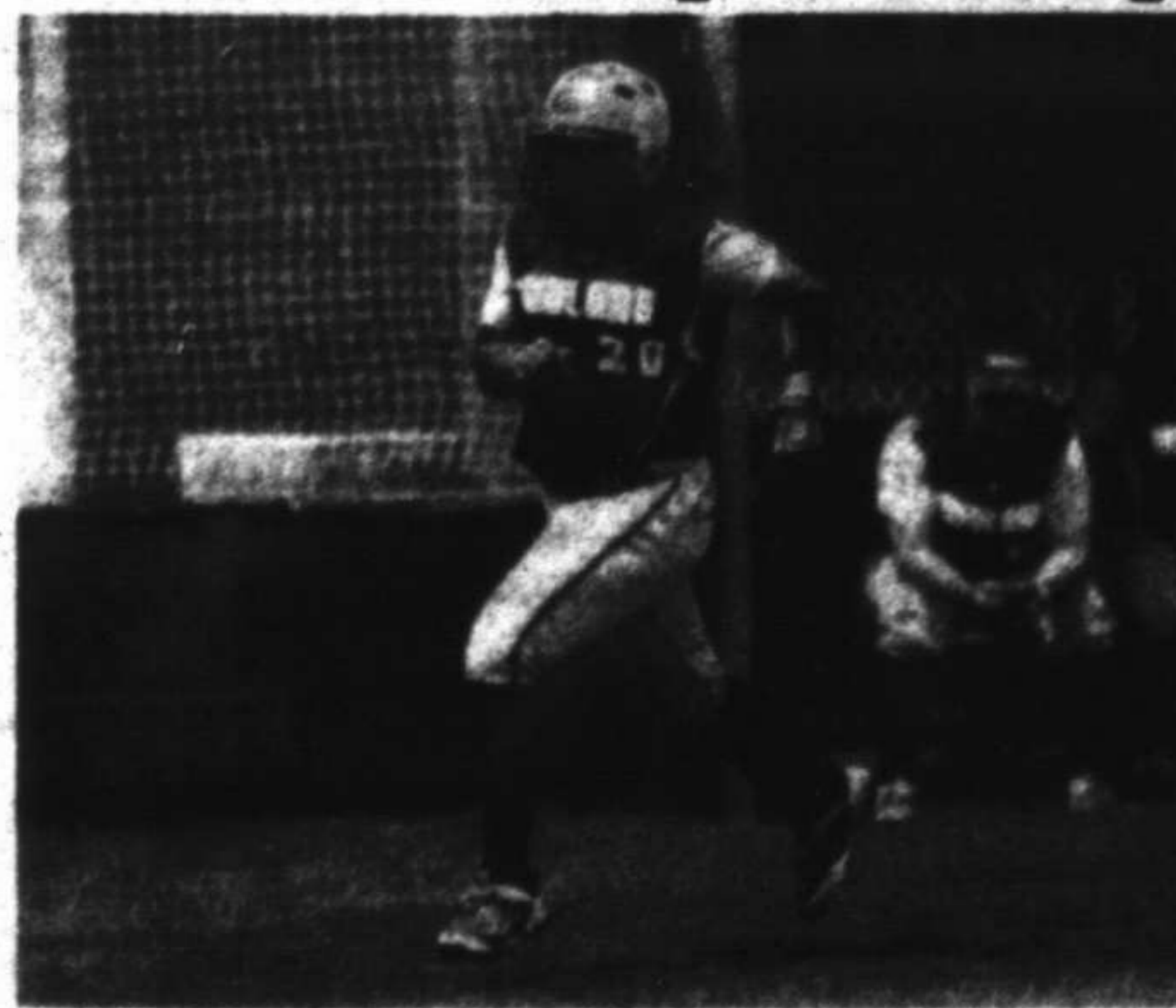
In a Western Junior College Athletic Conference double-header against Frank Phillips College on Friday afternoon, the Lady Chaparrals' offense broke out in a big way at the Midland College softball field.

MC had 28 hits on the day and twice had an inning where it scored double digit runs to blow past the Lady Phoenixes, 22-2 and 13-0, in games that ended after five innings because of the run-rule.

"We had a really good day," said MC interim coach Amanda Evans. "I think (the Lady Chaps) did really well with the mental approach in hitting. We've struggled a little bit with slower pitching or inconsistent pitching. In the last couple of weeks we've been working on their mental approach, what they're looking for at the plate, taking it one pitch at a time and not letting the umpire's strike zone affect us. They did a great job today. We strung a bunch of big hits together."

The Lady Chaps (23-11, 6-0 in WJAC) jumped out to a 9-0 lead through two innings in the first game and then had a 12-run third inning as part of a 15-run game.

Bianca Cardo led the way by



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Dee Allen (20) scores against Frank Phillips College on Friday at MC.

Please see MC/2B





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Kansas State coach Bruce Weber and forward Xavier Sneed celebrate the team's 61-58 win over Kentucky during an NCAA men's college basketball tournament regional semifinal Thursday, in Atlanta.

# Loyola to test Kansas State's strong D in regional final

By Charles Odum  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Kansas State has been an afterthought through the NCAA Tournament — until now. Even in the South Region, where the top four seeds were bounced out on the first weekend — a first for the NCAA Tournament — no one was really talking about these Wildcats. There were those other Wildcats from Kentucky, which Kansas State sent home; the comeback kids from Nevada and of course the feel-good story of the tournament, Loyola-Chicago.

Kansas State's opponents can't win if they can't score, and the Wildcats (25-11) have held seven straight teams below 59 points. The latest demonstration of Kansas State's defensive prowess came in Thursday night's 61-58 win over Kentucky, which was held to a season scoring low.

Asked on Friday to define Kansas State basketball, junior Barry Brown said "First off, it's defending. We take a lot of pride on defense." Coach Bruce Weber said "there's no doubt" Brown is the team's defensive catalyst.

"When he was a freshman, I said, who's going to be our defensive stopper, and he's very stubborn," said Weber of Brown.

"He's a little bit confident, overconfident, but he said 'I am going to be coach.' ... He's been the leader. Xavier (Sneed) has really taken some pride as the season has gone on in being a stopper. We've convinced him of that. And then the other guys just have kind of bought into it."

Loyola (31-5) has won its three NCAA Tournament games by a combined four points. In each NCAA win the Ramblers found a different player to deliver the big shot in the closing seconds. In Thursday night's 69-68 win over Nevada, only 6.3 seconds remained in the game when Marques Townes barely beat the shot clock with his crucial 3-pointer.

"We played with a chip on our shoulder throughout the whole season, just trying to prove people wrong," said Kansas State guard Kamau Stokes. "And I feel like we're showing them."

The ninth-seeded Wildcats are indeed making a point. And so is their opponent Saturday night, No. 11 Loyola.

It is an unlikely pairing to play for a Final Four berth.

No. 9 vs. No. 11 in the Elite Eight, another NCAA Tournament first.

But then again, perhaps Kansas State's path to the regional final should not be seen as a surprise. The Wildcats have brought back-alley toughness to the Elite Eight. They don't back down.

They are winning with consistently strong defense that is proving to be the equalizer against higher seeds.

"I don't feel like anyone should pay attention to seeds because they are just opinions, you know? Opinions," Stokes said. "The Top 25 is all opinions and then of course you have to win to get to this tournament. So, once you get here, it's like seeds don't matter at this point."

# Through all its ills, college hoops wins in the end

By Paul Newberry  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Let's not gloss over college basketball's myriad problems.

Rampant corruption. Academic malfeasance. One-and-dones posing as actual students.

Yet somehow, as this thoroughly maddening March has shown, the game finds a way to rise above it.

Instead of sniping about FBI wiretaps and coaches in handcuffs, we're swooning over Sister Jean — Loyola's 98-year-old, wheelchair-bound team chaplain, cheering on her beloved Ramblers — and gritty squads such as K-State, which handed Kentucky's latest collection of fabulous freshman an earlier-than-expected launch to their NBA careers.

No one could've seen this coming. But, really, we should have.

College hoops has faced a gauntlet of trials and tribulations over the years — many of them self-inflicted — from the game-fixing scandals of the 1950s to Len Bias' cocaine-fueled death to the senseless slaying of a Baylor player shining the light on a sleazebag program of epic proportions.

Basketball survived them all. It will survive the current array of ills.

Not because a bunch of shining knights are ready to gallop in to save the day. No, this will always be the domain of money-grubbing administrators and power-hungry coaches and a nauseating array of scoundrels, prowling the fringes in search of the quick buck.

We hold our noses when the ball is tossed in the air. It's the price we must pay for the

extraordinary. "We're just so happy to be in this moment," Loyola's Marques Townes said Friday. "Life is great."

Perhaps as much as any time in its history, the NCAA Tournament has produced an exquisite array of startling upsets, implausible comebacks and heart-warming vignettes.

For the first time ever, a No. 16 seed (UMBC, short for the University of Maryland, Baltimore County) beat a No. 1 seed (mighty Virginia, a unanimous choice as the best team in the land during the regular season). Nevada stared down a 22-point deficit with 11 minutes to go, pulling off a frenzied rally that stunned Cincinnati. Loyola, making its first tournament appearance since the Reagan administration, walked a tightrope in three straight games and somehow survived them all — by a cumulative margin of four points.

"We all had that vision when we got to the tournament to win some games," said Cameron Krutwig, the Ramblers' burly freshman center. "I don't know if we all thought we would get this far."

When Kansas State faces Loyola on Saturday in the South Region final, it will be the first Elite Eight tournament game ever between a No. 9 seed and a No. 11 seed. That's only the latest bit of history produced by this grouping of teams, which became the first regional in NCAA history to lose its top four teams on the very first weekend.

"I'm not surprised," said Kansas State coach Bruce Weber. "There's just so many good teams."

And, perhaps, not as many great ones.

For all the much-deserved condemnation of a system that allows schools such as Kentucky to become nothing more than a single-season

stopover for five-star recruits on their way to the NBA, the college game provides some intriguing contrasts that all seem to balance out in the wash.

Kentucky was clearly the most gifted of the four teams that made it to Atlanta, but that wasn't enough to carry them past a K-State squad that relies on bruising, relentless defense to stifle its opponents. These Wildcats may not be a bunch of future NBA stars, but they're the kind of guys you'd like to have backing you up in a dark alley. They managed to knock off Big Blue even after three players fouled out, holding Kentucky to its lowest point total of the season.

Barry Brown Jr. summed it up this way: "Making the right pass, playing for each other, just making open plays, staying confident no matter what the situation is, what the score is, what's going on in the game. Just staying together, never getting away from each other, and picking each other up when we're down."

Loyola has demonstrated the value of continuity with a lineup that includes two seniors and two four-year juniors. There's no one-and-dones at the Chicago school, but the Ramblers are still alive — and that's more than Kentucky can say.

"When you get teams to buy into collective efforts and play together," said one of those seniors, Donté Ingram, "you end up with upsets."

In a little over a week, it's back to reality.

A bunch of freshman stars will head off to the NBA.

Everyone will nervously await the FBI's next hammer to fall. Until then, enjoy the ride. No matter how much they try to tear it down, the game always wins in the end.

# Villanova 3s shoot down West Virginia pressure

By Kyle Hightower  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Villanova's 3-point party rolled past the pressure of West Virginia to bring the Wildcats to the doorstep of another Final Four two seasons after winning a national championship.

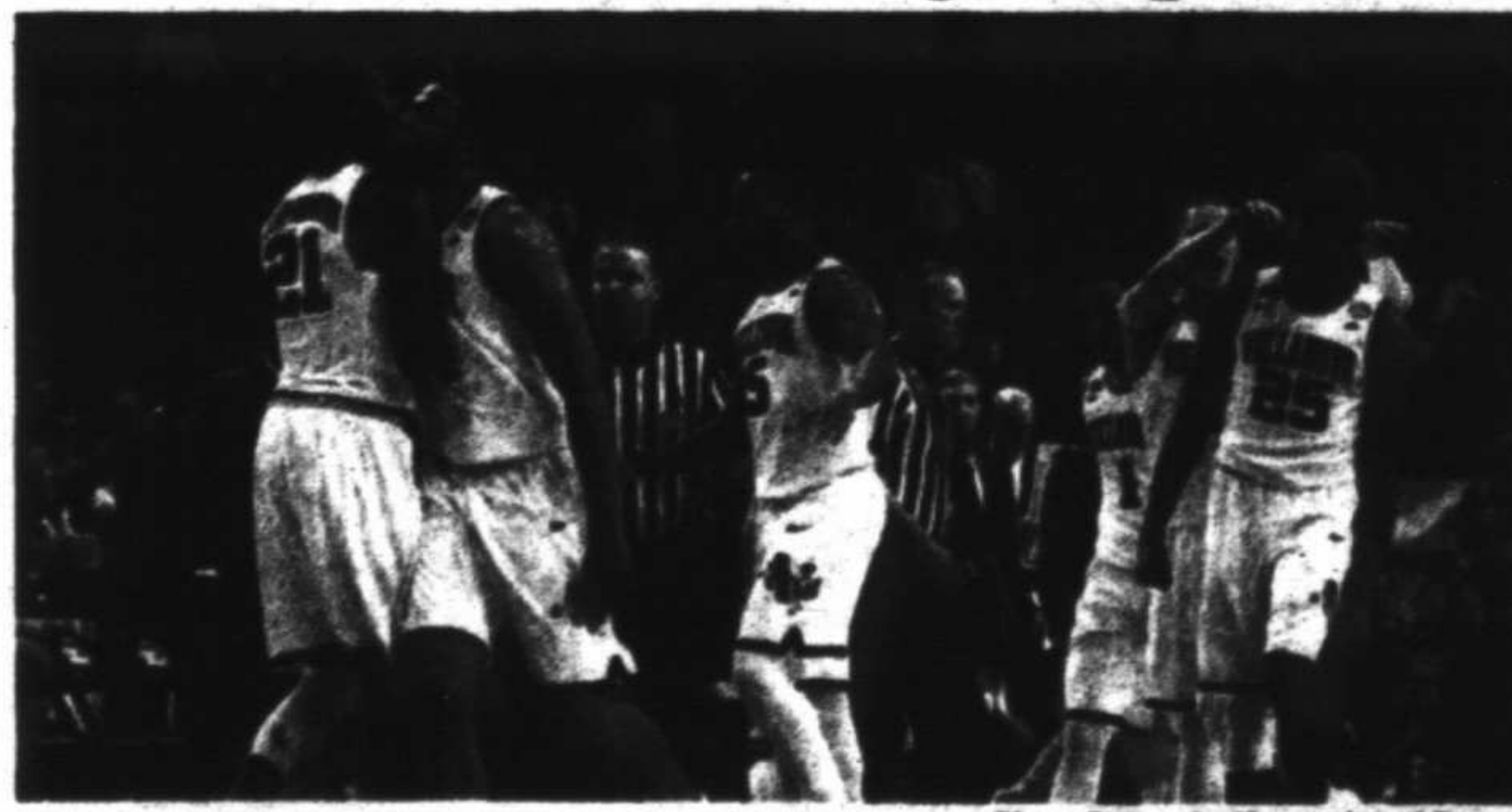
The top-seeded Wildcats continued their outside feast, downing the fifth-seeded Mountaineers 90-78 on Friday night to earn their second trip to the regional finals in three seasons.

Jalen Brunson led Villanova with 27 points and Omar Spellman had 18 with eight rebounds as Villanova overcame the West Virginia press by hitting 13 of 24 shots from 3-point range.

Jevon Carter and Segun Kenate each at 12 points to lead West Virginia.

Villanova (33-4) has now made 47 3-pointers for the tournament. The outside shots helped the Wildcats overcome 16 turnovers. Villanova's Sweet 16 plan for the team nicknamed "Press Virginia": Attack the stifling defense head-on.

The Wildcats struggled at times, especially in the first half, but dug out of a six-point hole in the second half with an 11-0 run. "What a game, man. I hope that looked as good



Mary DeWahl/Associated Press

Villanova's Dhamir Cosby-Roundtree, left, and Omar Spellman celebrate a basket against West Virginia during the second half on Friday in Boston.

as it did from the bench, man," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "That was the most physically demanding, mentally draining 40 minutes we've played in a long time. They are so relentless."

The Mountaineers (26-11) stayed close throughout the night, ramping up the pressure and making Villanova play faster than it wanted to early. But foul trouble throughout the second half was too much for West Virginia to overcome after it gave up the lead.

Carter was called for his third with 17:33 left in the game. That was followed by Dexter Mills being whistled for his third and

fourth fouls over a two-minute stretch that sent him to the bench with 15 minutes remaining.

West Virginia was able to adjust for a while and took advantage of a more than three-minute Villanova scoring drought to take a 60-54 edge with just over 11 minutes left.

But Villanova heated up again. Its 11-point run was capped by a thunderous block and dunk on the other end by Omar Spellman that pushed the Wildcats back in front 63-60.

The Wildcats kept the momentum going, stretching the lead to 76-66 on a 3-pointer by Brunson. West Virginia never got

closer than 4 points the rest of the way.

Villanova led 44-42 at the half after a fast-paced opening 20 minutes. Brunson led all scorers with 16 points in the half, with West Virginia getting 11 points from Dexter Mills.

The Wildcats came out firing, connecting on their first seven field goals. They handled the Mountaineers' pressure well early. But the Wildcats had three turnovers over a 63-second stretch during an 8-0 Mountaineers run that put them in front 33-30.

# NCAA MEN'S TOURNAMENT GLANCE

Table listing various NCAA men's basketball teams, their records, and tournament details. The table is organized into columns for different regions and rounds of the tournament.



James Crisp/Associated Press

Oregon State's Mikayla Pivec, Marie Gulich and Kat Tudor, from left, celebrate after Oregon upset Baylor on Friday in Lexington, Ky.

# Oregon State upsets Baylor 72-67 in women's NCAA Sweet 16

By Gary B. Graves  
Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Aggressive rebounding and timely baskets certainly helped sixth-seeded Oregon State against No. 2 seed Baylor.

More impressive was the Beavers' poise throughout as they handed the Lady Bears their first loss since November and earned a second Elite Eight appearance in three seasons.

Marie Gulich had 26 points, Kat Tudor added 16 and Oregon State shot 58 percent in the second half to upset Baylor 72-67 on Friday night in the women's NCAA Tournament Lexington Region semifinal. The Beavers will face Louisville on Sunday for a spot in the Final Four.

Two years after upsetting Baylor in the Dallas Region final, Oregon State (26-7) followed up with a steady performance to improve to 4-0 against Baylor while ending its 30-game winning streak. The Beavers had to withstand nine consecutive points by Alexis Morris that got the Lady Bears (33-2) to 69-67 with

42 seconds remaining before Katie McWilliams' left-corner 3-pointer 30 seconds later provided a five-point edge.

That pivotal shot typified a night in which OSU stuck with the game plan and didn't flinch for the brief times it trailed.

"When you play a team like Baylor, part of the tempo issue is you can't turn it over," Beavers coach Scott Rueck said. "You can't hand them possessions by either a turnover or taking a quick, poor shot."

"I thought we took a couple early in the first quarter, but overall they just know how to win, and that leads to possessions like that against a great defense and a great offense."

Morris missed two 3s and Natalie Chou another in the final 10 seconds for Baylor, which shot just 39 percent and was edged 38-37 on the glass.

Gulich made 10 of 17 from the field and had nine rebounds for OSU, which shot 45 percent in winning for the 10 time in 11 contests. Tudor was 5 of 10 shooting and 4 of 8 from long range as the Beavers made 9 of 20 from behind the arc.

Kalani Brown had 19 points and 10 rebounds for Baylor, which was outscored in all but the second quarter in losing for the first time since falling 68-62 at UCLA in November.

**Big picture**

Oregon State: The Beavers weren't intimidated by Baylor's winning streak or size, working around the latter with crisp passing for good looks and controlling the boards throughout. Gulich thrived in both cases, hitting mid-range shots and the boards. Perimeter shooting was key in spreading Baylor's defense as Tudor and Corvado combined for seven 3-pointers on 13 attempts. McWilliams' late 3 was huge.

"It adjusted as the game went on," Tudor said of the shooting strategy. "Everybody found shooters so great today and it just worked out."

Baylor: Just as the young Lady Bears seemed to find their edge and rhythm with the 6-foot-7 Brown, they steadily fell apart after halftime and never found consistency other than a late run keyed by Morris.

## NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT GLANCE

Region	Game	Time	Location
ALABAMA REGIONAL	First Round	Friday, March 16	At Columbia, S.C.
	South Carolina vs. N.C. A&T	12	At Columbia, S.C.
	Virginia vs. N.C. A&T	12	At Columbia, S.C.
	UCF vs. Savannah State	12	At Columbia, S.C.
	Georgia vs. Savannah State	12	At Columbia, S.C.
	Florida State vs. Liberty	12	At Columbia, S.C.
	South Carolina vs. Virginia	12	At Columbia, S.C.
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	Georgia vs. Savannah State	12	At Columbia, S.C.
	Florida State vs. Liberty	12	At Columbia, S.C.
ATLANTA REGIONAL	First Round	Friday, March 16	At Atlanta, Ga.
	Georgia vs. Savannah State	12	At Atlanta, Ga.
	Florida State vs. Liberty	12	At Atlanta, Ga.
	South Carolina vs. Virginia	12	At Atlanta, Ga.
	UCF vs. Savannah State	12	At Atlanta, Ga.
	Georgia vs. Savannah State	12	At Atlanta, Ga.
	Florida State vs. Liberty	12	At Atlanta, Ga.
	South Carolina vs. Virginia	12	At Atlanta, Ga.
	UCF vs. Savannah State	12	At Atlanta, Ga.
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COLUMBIA REGIONAL	First Round	Friday, March 16	At Columbia, S.C.
	South Carolina vs. Virginia	12	At Columbia, S.C.
	UCF vs. Savannah State	12	At Columbia, S.C.
	Georgia vs. Savannah State	12	At Columbia, S.C.
	Florida State vs. Liberty	12	At Columbia, S.C.
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	Georgia vs. Savannah State	12	At Columbia, S.C.
	Florida State vs. Liberty	12	At Columbia, S.C.
	South Carolina vs. Virginia	12	At Columbia, S.C.
DALLAS REGIONAL	First Round	Friday, March 16	At Dallas, Texas
	South Carolina vs. Virginia	12	At Dallas, Texas
	UCF vs. Savannah State	12	At Dallas, Texas
	Georgia vs. Savannah State	12	At Dallas, Texas
	Florida State vs. Liberty	12	At Dallas, Texas
	South Carolina vs. Virginia	12	At Dallas, Texas
	UCF vs. Savannah State	12	At Dallas, Texas
	Georgia vs. Savannah State	12	At Dallas, Texas
	Florida State vs. Liberty	12	At Dallas, Texas
	South Carolina vs. Virginia	12	At Dallas, Texas
LEXINGTON REGIONAL	First Round	Friday, March 16	At Lexington, Ky.
	South Carolina vs. Virginia	12	At Lexington, Ky.
	UCF vs. Savannah State	12	At Lexington, Ky.
	Georgia vs. Savannah State	12	At Lexington, Ky.
	Florida State vs. Liberty	12	At Lexington, Ky.
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# Pastrnak scores with 12 seconds left, Bruins edge Stars 3-2

DALLAS — David Pastrnak breaks a tie with 12 seconds left and the Boston Bruins scored three straight goals in the third period to rally past the fading Dallas Stars 3-2 on Friday night.

A scramble followed a faceoff in the Dallas end, and Brad Marchand passed to Pastrnak in front. While falling down, he put the puck past Stars goalie Karl Lehtonen.

Tuukka Rask made a season-high 40 saves for the Bruins. Marchand scored Boston's first goal and also assisted on a short-handed goal by Tim Schaller that tied it midway through the third period.

The second-place Bruins won for the first time in three games (1-0-2) to move within four points

### NHL GLANCE

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Dallas Stars	1	1	0	2
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Texas Rangers starting pitcher Cole Hamels throws a pitch against the Chicago White Sox during the first inning on March 8 in Surprise, Ariz. The Rangers open the season on March 29, when they host the Houston Astros.

## Rangers leaning left in rotation after rare losing season

By Stephen Hawkins  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers rotation is leaning quite a bit to the left.

There was no reunion with Yu Darvish or any other high-priced pitching additions during the offseason. The Rangers instead added two more lefty starters to go with Cole Hamels and Martin Perez, along with a free agent right-hander.

"We don't see a lot of lefties in the game, so we're just hoarding them," Hamels said. "I think it'll work out. ... We're going to be able to pick up things and correct each other just because we have some similarities."

With 3,000-hit third baseman Adrian Beltre, 10th-season shortstop Elvis Andrus and young slugger Joey Gallo part of an everyday lineup that hasn't changed too much, the Rangers should be able to hit and score runs. They did last year, despite a losing record for only the second time in nine years after winning the AL West title in each of manager Jeff Banister's first two seasons.

But to contend again in the AL West with defending World Series champion Houston and other improving teams, the Rangers will have to depend on their revamped rotation and a bullpen that blew 21 saves last year and doesn't have a set closer.

Matt Moore lost 15 games (tied for most in the NL) for the San Francisco Giants last season. Mike Minor, another lefty, was a full-time reliever with 65 appearances for Kansas City last year after missing two full seasons because of injury, and hasn't started since 2014 for Atlanta. Doug Fister, a late addition to the Boston Red Sox last season, will likely be the only right-hander in the initial rotation.

"That's great for me," Fister said. "I stand out." Hamels missed two months last season with a strained oblique and was limited to 148 innings, the

fewest since his rookie season in 2006. It was the first time in eight seasons the four-time All-Star and 2008 World Series MVP for Philadelphia had fewer than 200 innings. He was 11-6 in 24 starts.

"Just the way that everything played out, the numbers and how I pitched, I don't really think justified who I am, and how I can play," said Hamels, 34 and potentially going into the final season with Texas since 2019 is a team option year. "Everybody I think kind of tries to 'beat the odds' as you age through the game of baseball, and I feel like I've never really even been at my peak yet."

Here are few more things to know about the Rangers, who open the season at home March 29 against the Astros:

### Best case

The starters prove themselves and a reliable closer emerges, allowing Texas to contend for a wildcard spot and maybe give Beltre, about to be 39 and in the last season of his contract, one more World Series chance in his 21st MLB season.

### Worst case

Beltre, the third baseman whose primary focus is trying to win a World Series, getting that chance with another team. If the pitching and/or hitting falters and they are out of contention at the July 31 trade deadline, or even into August, the Rangers could provide him the opportunity to go to a contender if a deal can be made. And maybe Hamels, too.

### Beltre watch

After becoming the 31st player in MLB history with 3,000 career hits last July 30, Beltre now has 3,048 hits, five behind Rod Carew for 25th on the career list. With 100 more hits, Beltre would move to 18th. His 462 homers are tied with Detroit's Miguel Cabrera for 35th on the career list.

## 4 more minor leaguers suspended for drug violations

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Boston catcher Oscar Hernandez, Chicago Cubs pitcher David Garner, St. Louis pitcher Matt Pence and Pittsburgh shortstop Andrew Walker have been suspended for 50 games each under baseball's minor league drug program.

Hernandez, Garner and Pence each had second positive tests for a drug of abuse, the commissioner's office said Friday. Walker was disciplined for an unspecified violation.

The 24-year-old Hernandez played 18 games for Arizona in 2016 and four the following year. He hit .197 with eight homers and 21 RBIs in 67 games last year for Jackson in the Double-A Texas League and is on the roster of Triple-A Pawtucket Red Sox of the International League.

Garner, a 25-year-old right-hander, is with the Iowa Cubs of the Triple-A Pacific Coast League. He

was 4-3 with a 3.25 ERA in 35 relief appearances last year for Double-A Tennessee and Iowa.

Pence, a right-hander who turned 24 last month, was 9-12 with a 3.08 ERA in 25 starts last year for Double-A Springfield of the Texas League and Triple-A Memphis of the Pacific Coast League. He is on the Memphis roster.

Walker, who also turned 24 last month, hit .240 with no homers and 11 RBIs last season in 39 games for a pair of Class A teams. He is on the roster of West Virginia Power of the Class A South Atlantic League.

There have been 25 players suspended this year under the minor league drug program and six under the big league program: Houston pitcher Dean Dent, Washington catcher Randy Rod, Pittsburgh pitcher Nik Turley, Kansas City outfielder Jorge Bonifacio, Toronto pitcher Thomas Paine and Minnesota shortstop Jorge Polanco.



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Houston Astros pitcher Justin Verlander, left, and third baseman Alex Bregman cheer after Josh Reddick hit an RBI single in the eighth inning in Game 4 of the baseball team's American League Division Series against the Boston Red Sox on 2017 in Boston. Soon after the Astros won the World Series, Bregman learned that Verlander wasn't simply a late-season rental but was under contract with the team for two more seasons. Bregman's reaction, which was caught on a teammate's Instagram Live account, was one of pure glee as he repeatedly shrieked and hollered with an immovable grin on his face.

## Encore? World Champion Houston Astros loaded again for 2018

By Kristie Rieken  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Not long after the Houston Astros won the World Series, third baseman Alex Bregman got another big reason to smile.

Justin Verlander wasn't simply a late-season rental. He was under contract with the team for two more seasons. Bregman's reaction, caught on a teammate's Instagram Live account, was one of pure joy, filled with shrieks and yelling.

The Astros could have more grins in store this season: Manager A.J. Hinch will not only have the ace right-hander for the whole year, he will have a loaded rotation and pretty much every key player who helped Houston win it all last fall, from American League MVP Jose Altuve to World Series MVP George Springer and All-Star Carlos Correa.

Acquired in an Aug. 31 trade from Detroit, Verlander was 5-0 with a 1.06 ERA and 43 strikeouts in five regular-season starts for Houston before going 4-1 with a 2.20 ERA and making his first career relief appearance in the postseason to help the Astros to their first title.

The 2011 American League MVP and Cy Young Award winner leads a pitching staff that is arguably the best in baseball and one of many reasons the Astros believe they will contend for the title again this year. He will start on March 29 when the Astros open the season on the road against the Texas Rangers, followed by 2015 Cy Young winner Dallas Keuchel, Lance McCullers, new acquisition Gerrit Cole and Charlie Morton.

The 35-year-old Verlander admitted that his time with Houston last season was a bit of a blur, and he is looking forward to having more time this year to settle in and get to know his teammates.

"The last few years I've done a much better job of taking (off my blinders) and seeing what other guys are doing, watching their routines and seeing any way that maybe I could help guys out," he said. "So that's a lot of fun for me especially in a new organization with tons of new guys, tons of young guys. I feel like I have a lot of wisdom and I've experienced a lot in this game ... so any way I can help them that's what I'm trying to do."

Some things to know as the Astros prepare to defend their title:

### Best case

If Houston's rotation pitches to its potential and the team's powerful lineup led by Altuve, Correa and Springer builds on last season's success, there's no reason to think the Astros can't make another deep playoff run and possibly repeat as champions. Hinch believes the Astros have the right mindset for continued success this season.

"My job is to set the culture and set the expectations and then the players really focus on the chemistry and it's a really tight knit group,"

he said. "This is the closest team I've ever been associated with. I like how they push each other."

### Worst case

Anything less than competing for a title would be a disappointment. If the Astros stay healthy, it's hard to believe that they won't make the postseason for the third time in four years.

### Altuve gets paid

Altuve signed a seven-year, \$163.5 million contract last week after becoming Houston's first MVP since Jeff Bagwell won the National League honor in 1994. The popular second baseman was one of the biggest bargains in baseball, making just \$4.5 million last season as he won the AL batting title for the third time in four years by

hitting a career-best .346. His last deal, which paid him just \$12.5 million from 2014-2017 included club options of \$6 million and \$6.5 million, which remain in the new contract. He will get a \$21 million signing bonus and \$26 million a year from 2020-24.

### Doing it all

The Astros entered spring training hoping to move utility man Marwin Gonzalez into a full-time role in left field. But first baseman Yuli Gurriel had hand surgery on Feb. 28, which will leave Gonzalez to fill in there early in the season. Last year, Gonzalez hit .303 with 23 homers and 90 RBIs — all career highs — while playing all over the field. Though Hinch wanted Gonzalez to be more settled this season, he knows he will excel wherever he plays.

"It's very rare that you have a guy like Marwin that can fill in and you don't feel like you're taking a step back," Hinch said. "If I have a problem anywhere on the field the answer is usually Marwin can do it. He's a very versatile guy that deserves high praise."

### Moving to the 'pen

Houston's overabundance of starters forced the Astros to move two players who spent last season mostly as starters into the bullpen. The move isn't a big deal for Brad Peacock, who has spent his career bouncing between starting and relieving. But the switch will be a bit of an adjustment for Collin McHugh, who hasn't pitched out of the bullpen since two relief appearances in 2013 with the New York Mets.

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# Funeral Mass held for Saints and Pelicans owner

*Associated Press*

NEW ORLEANS — NFL and NBA executives joined Saints and Pelicans players and coaches and New Orleans city officials in a historic French Quarter cathedral Friday for the funeral of Tom Benson, the owner of the city's two major professional sports franchises who died last week at age 90.

"You can see how much people really loved him," said Mayor Mitch Landrieu, looking at throngs of tourists and locals outside St. Louis Cathedral a few minutes before the midday Mass.

Church bells pealed as Benson's widow, Gayle, awaited the arrival of her late husband's hearse. Nearby were pall bearers and honorary pall bearers including Saints coach Sean Payton, quarterback Drew Brees and general manager Mickey Loomis; and Pelicans general manager Dell Demps, coach Alvin Gentry and star forward Anthony Davis.

Archbishop Gregory Aymond officiated at the Mass, an invitation-only event that followed two days of public visitation at Notre Dame Seminary.

Among those attending were NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, former Gov. Bobby Jindal and Gov. John Bel Edwards, who had earlier ordered flags at the state Capitol and state buildings flown at half-staff Friday in Benson's memory. Mayor-elect Latoya Cantrell, who succeeds the term-limited Landrieu in May, also attended.

"Tom was a New Orleans saint, on Earth," Aymond said during the Mass, noting that the New

Orleans-born Benson was born to a poor family. Aymond recounted personal memories, including Benson's joy at recounting, repeatedly, how he met Gayle at the cathedral during a service.

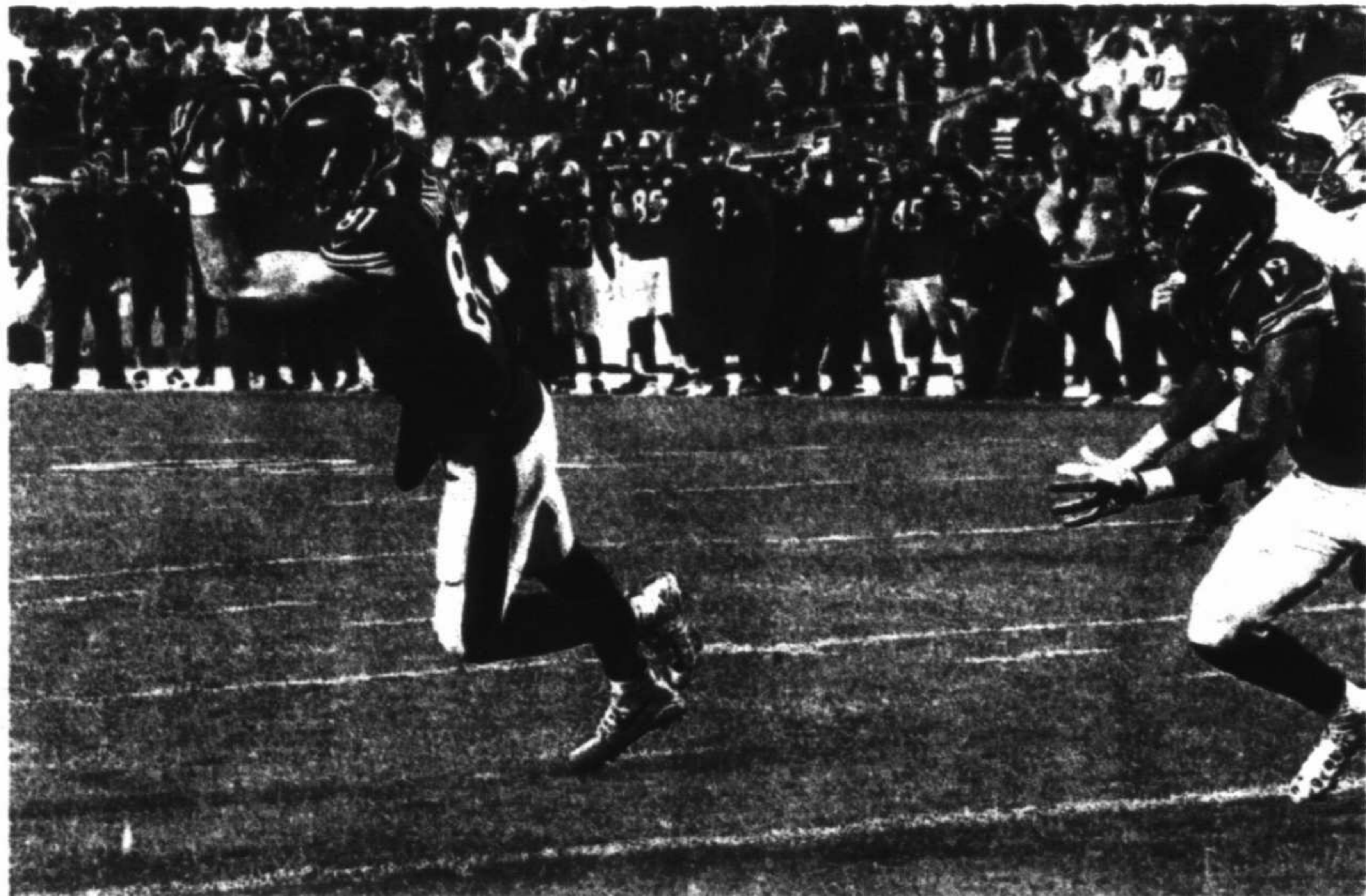
He noted Benson's personal losses, saying he suffered the deaths of two previous wives, two children and three siblings.

"Some of the tensions of family life brought him disappointment and another loss," Aymond said. It was an apparent allusion to his falling out with daughter Renee, and her two children, Rita and Ryan LeBlanc. They had been in line to take over the Benson business empire but Benson made it known in January 2015 that he intended for Gayle Benson to inherit complete control of the Saints and Pelicans. There followed an unsuccessful attempt by the estranged heirs to have Benson declared mentally incompetent in court.

Benson was a successful automobile dealer when he bought the Saints in 1985. Under his ownership, the team achieved its first winning seasons and a Super Bowl championship in 2010 that buoyed the spirits of a city that was still struggling at the time to recover from Hurricane Katrina, which hit less than five years earlier.

Benson bought the city's NBA franchise, the Pelicans, in 2012.

In recent years, Benson was becoming known for his philanthropy as well as his business holdings and ownership of sports franchises. Beneficiaries included the Catholic churches and organizations and a \$20 million donation to the Ochsner Health System for the Gayle and Tom Benson Cancer Center.



Pittsburgh Steelers tight end Jesse James (81) catches a pass then belts to stretch the ball into the end zone for a touchdown against the New England Patriots with seconds remaining in the fourth quarter in 2017 in Pittsburgh. *Don Wright/Associated Press*

# NFL owners to discuss 10 rules proposal changes next week

*By Barry Wilner*  
*Associated Press*

NFL owners will be presented 10 rules proposals at their meetings next week, including changes to the catch rule and to the length of defensive pass interference penalties, and allowing personal fouls to be reviewed by instant replay.

The competition committee and several teams are bringing the proposals, which will be reviewed by owners beginning Monday in Orlando.

Other suggestions include making permanent spotting the ball at the 25-yard line following a kickoff; adding fouls for roughing the passer and penalties against players in a defensive posture as reviewable in instant replay; designating a member of the officiating staff at New York headquarters to instruct on-field game officials to eject a player for a flagrant non-football act that drew a flag; and limiting the allowable time for a coach to throw a challenge flag.

Included in a dozen bylaw proposals is allowing a player on injured reserve to be traded, and schedule adjustments for western teams playing in the East.

Redefining the catch rule is the highest priority, according to Troy Vincent, the NFL's football operations chief, and Rich McKay, who chairs the powerful competition committee.

"We tried to simplify the rule with a three-step process," McKay said Friday. "Control, two feet down or a body part, and then anything that is a football act. It could be like Jesse James reaching for the goal line."

The Steelers tight end had a likely winning touchdown catch overturned against New England, one of the most critical plays of last season. In 2018, if

the new definition of a catch is passed, it would be a touchdown.

"We got rid of 'going to the ground,' which was definitely causing some issues on these calls," McKay added of the process of completing a catch that has caused so much consternation.

Vincent noted that despite slight movement of the ball in a receiver's hands, that is not loss of possession. Under the proposal, it would constitute a reception.

"With movement (of the ball), you can still have control with movement," Vincent said. "That's also addressed in the new proposal language."

Equally controversial has been the defensive pass interference call. The Jets are proposing a change from a spot foul to a 15-yard penalty — unless the foul is determined by officials to be intentional and egregious. That suggestion drew plenty of discussion among competition committee members; both Vincent and McKay said it had "momentum" heading into the owners meetings.

Vincent was an outstanding defensive back in the NFL and has deep insight into pass interference.

"The difference between college ball and professional defensive backs is the (pros) were too skilled and too smart, and you can play the play, you can be strategic about it," he said. "You don't want a defensive back being able to strategically grab a guy, eliminate the options (on a play)."

"As a former defensive back, on a professional level you can frankly bait a quarterback into doing whatever you want."

McKay noted there was one 50-yard or longer defensive pass interference call last season, three of 45 or longer, and seven of 40 or more.

Allowing officiating director Al Riveron or designated staff members at New York headquarters to call for an ejection of a player is a proposal emanating from committee meetings with game officials.

"They were quick to point out in these situations where a lot is going on — a fight or something else in dead ball situations — many times they are at a loss to capture exactly what happened and the right numbers (of offending players)," McKay said.

Also proposed:

- If a team opens overtime with a field goal, then gets a turnover on the opponent's next possession, that play will be run to conclusion. Previously, if the team that kicked the field goal fumbled the ball and it was run back for a touchdown by the opponent, that TD wouldn't count because of a change of possession. Now, it would count.
- Such a situation has never occurred since the rule change allowing each team an OT series.
- Owners will be asked to approve allowing video use on sideline and coaches' box tablets. Now, only photos can be examined.
- Coaches will have a set amount of time during a commercial break to throw a challenge flag.
- Extra points need not be converted at the end of regulation after a team scores the winning touchdown.
- McKay pointed to the end of the Saints-Vikings playoff game.
- Teams seeking head coaches after the season be allowed to negotiate and sign a contract, though the coach would still be prohibited from doing any work for his new team until his club is done in the postseason.

# Eagles DE Bennett charged with injury to elderly paraplegic

*By Juan A. Lozano*  
*Associated Press*

HOUSTON — Authorities issued a warrant Friday for the arrest of three-time Pro Bowl defensive end Michael Bennett, who is accused of injuring a paraplegic woman as he tried to get onto the field at last year's Super Bowl to celebrate with his brother.

The Harris County district attorney's office said a grand jury indicted the 32-year-old Bennett, acquired earlier this month by the Philadelphia Eagles, on a felony count of injury to the elderly.

Bennett was a spectator at the game at NRG Stadium in Houston in February 2017 when he tried to get onto the field immediately afterward to see his brother, Martellus Bennett, a tight end for the Patriots at the time. Prosecutors allege he pushed through security personnel, including a 66-year-old woman in a wheelchair who was a stadium employee and who had told him to use a different entrance to access the field. Bennett is also accused of pushing two other people, including another woman, and ignoring a request by a police officer to stop as he made his way onto the field.

Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo said Bennett allegedly told the people he had pushed, "You all must know who I am and I can own this (complex). I'm going down to the field, whether you like it or not."

Acevedo called Bennett "mentally unstable" for pushing the two women.

Police said the disabled woman suffered a sprained shoulder when she was allegedly pushed by Bennett, hitting the back of her 800-pound, motorized wheelchair.

"Mr. Bennett may think that because he's an NFL player and some time passed ... he may have thought that, number one, rules don't apply to him, number two, he doesn't have to respect the dignity of a paraplegic woman who's trying to earn a living," Acevedo said at a news conference.

Acevedo said a detective did not actively start working the case until September because the police department had prioritized more serious cases.

The charge of injury to the elderly can be filed if a person intentionally or knowingly causes injury to a person 65 or older. It carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. County authorities say they're talking with Bennett's legal team about surrendering on the charge.

The Eagles acquired Bennett from the Seattle Seahawks, where he became one of the dominant defensive linemen in the game. Bennett had 8 1/2 sacks last season and has 54 in his nine-year career. Bennett has three years remaining on his contract, with a base salary of just \$1.65 million in 2016. That number jumps to \$6 million in 2019 and \$7.5 million in 2020.

"We are aware of the situation involving Michael Bennett and are in the process of gathering more information," the Eagles said. "Because this is an ongoing legal matter, we will have no further comment at this time."

Bennett's agent, Doug Handelman, did not respond to a message seeking comment Friday.

# NFL players use attention over protests to push for change

*By Alanna Durkin Richer*  
*Associated Press*

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The controversy over protests during the national anthem at NFL games last season helped propel issues of racial inequality and social justice to the forefront and gave athletes a stronger voice to bring about change, current and former players said Friday.

The players, who spoke at a Harvard Law School summit on criminal justice reform, said they capitalized on the attention surrounding the protests to highlight issues they care about, like mass incarceration.

Now, they're using their platform to talk to lawmakers, police chiefs and prosecutors across the country about injustices they see in the communities where they grew up.

"With all of the controversy and the fanfare around (the protests), it created a platform that was probably larger than any of us would have had individually, and we were able to leverage that," said Malcolm Jenkins, a safety on the Philadelphia Eagles and co-founder of the Players Coalition, a group of NFL athletes advocating for policies to further social and racial equality.

Collin Kaepernick started the NFL anthem movement when he was with the San Francisco 49ers in 2016 to protest racial inequality and police brutality. Some players heist during the anthem, an act that drew the ire of Republican President



Philadelphia Eagles' Malcolm Jenkins, left, speaks, as former NFL player Arquan Rubin, New England Patriots' Devin McCourty, moderator New York Times Magazine's Emily Benham, and New Orleans Saints' Demario Davis listen during a session to discuss criminal justice issues with other current and former NFL players at Harvard Law School Friday, in Cambridge, Mass. *Josh Reynolds/Associated Press*

Donald Trump, who called for NFL owners to fire such players.

In response to the player demonstrations, the NFL agreed to commit \$90 million over the next seven years to social justice causes in a plan that involves league players.

New England Patriots Devin McCourty said in an interview with The Associated Press that the NFL's support of the players' mission has been encouraging.

"I think the NFL has seen the bigger picture — that this is not just the players trying to do something to give back — but there are real issues that not just the players should care about but we should all care about," said McCourty, who spent Thursday at the Massachusetts statehouse lobby-

ing lawmakers on juvenile justice issues.

The athletes were joined at the Harvard summit by Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner and other lawyers as well as professors, judges and activists. The players participated in small group discussions about policing, prosecutors and sentencing reform.

During a panel discussion led by The New York Times Magazine's Emily Benham, the players discussed personal experiences — like watching videos of police shootings of black men or hearing the stories of their own family members — that drove them into activism.

They spoke of the need for police to have stronger relationships with people in their communities and the importance of having real

conversations about race, even when it makes people uncomfortable.

"We have the unique ability to bring people to the table and now we have the responsibility when we have everyone at the table to speak truth and kind of force that conversation," Jenkins said.

The players said some athletes worry that getting involved in social or political issues will hurt their careers. But they said they hope that leading their voices to these causes will inspire others to take action.

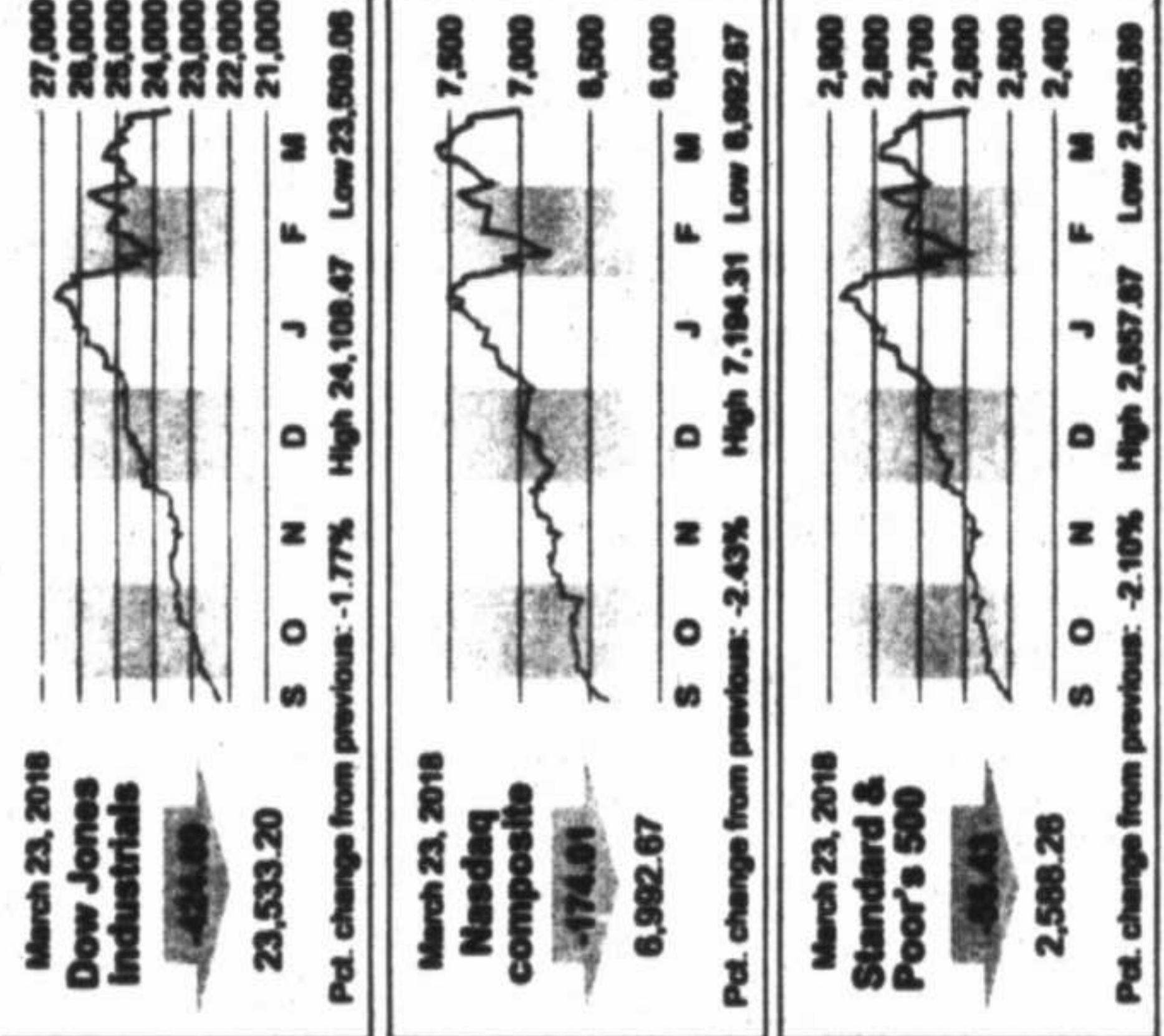
"A lot of people just think about athletes as just jocks, but there are some without minds in these locker rooms," said Arquan Rubin, a former Baltimore Ravens.

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# Reed topples Spieth as top seeds fall in Match Play

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — In a show-down that turned sloppy, Patrick Reed nearly holed a wedge to seize control and finished off Jordan Spieth with a 40-foot birdie putt from behind the 17th green to advance to the weekend of the Dell Technologies Match Play.

The 2-and-1 victory sent Spieth home in search of his game with the Masters just two weeks away.

Spieth hit his opening tee shot onto the range and out-of-bounds. He hit into a hazard on each of the next two holes. And when he finally caught Reed with consecutive shots to tap-in range, he missed two key putts inside 6 feet.

"I don't think it would have been that tough to beat me today," Spieth said.

Reed was tough enough, twirling a wedge in his hands as it cut into the wind and grazed the front edge of the cup on the 13th hole for a 2-up lead to take command of the match.

Spieth, who three-putted for the third time on No. 15 to fall 3 down, stayed alive with an 8-foot birdie putt on the 16th and looked as though he might have a chance to go the distance when Reed's putt was racing toward the cup at the 17th.

The cup got in the way, and all Spieth could do was smile.

"Just happened to be the perfect line," Reed said. "Thank God, because that thing was moving."

And now Reed is moving along into the single-elimination phase of the weekend, four matches away from another World Golf Championship. Spieth is headed to the Houston Open without a top 10 in his last seven tournaments.

"I'm human and I'm realistic that based on the way the year's gone ... it's been kind of a trying time for me, especially on and around the greens," Spieth said. "Stuff I took for granted in setup and pace control and all that kind of stuff ... has been a little bit more difficult. And I've been trying to figure out how to get back to that level, and I've been trying different things."

Spieth, the No. 4 seed, wasn't the only player leaving early.

Justin Thomas (No. 2) and Sergio Garcia (No. 7) were the only top-10 seeds to advance to the fourth round. Thomas had the easiest time, a 7-and-5 victory over Francesco Molinari. And with defending champion Dustin Johnson already eliminated, Thomas can go to No. 1 in the world if he wins this week.

But there's a long way to go.

Asked how he felt going into the weekend, Thomas replied, "The same as the other 16 guys. We all start at the same place."

Paul Casey might have had the toughest day: He lost twice.

Casey only had to halve his match to advance for the third time in four years.



Eric Gay/Associated Press

Jordan Spieth, left, is patted on the chest by opponent Patrick Reed, right, after losing the round in round-robin play at the Dell Technologies Match Play golf tournament on Friday in Austin.

He lost to Matt Fitzpatrick, and even then had a chance to win his group if the other match was halved. Instead, Kyle Stanley made an 8-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to win, and then he beat Casey on the second hole of a playoff.

Tyrrell Hatton also was forced into a playoff, and he beat Brendan Steele on the first extra hole.

Rory McIlroy still had a chance until he lost to Brian Harman. Phil Mickelson was eliminated when Charles Howell III, who beat Lefty on Wednesday, completed a 3-0 mark in group play by beating Satoshi Kodaira.

Howell and Ian Poulter, who swept his matches when Kevin Chappell conceded at the turn with a back injury, still have a chance to earn a spot in the Masters by getting into the top 50 at the end of the week. They both need to win at least one more match.

The tightest match was Alex Noren and Tony Finau, one of four matches between players who had not lost all week. Finau won three straight holes on the back nine to take a 1-up lead, only to lose the 14th with a bogey. With the match all square, Noren made a 10-foot birdie at the 17th to go 1 up, and then holed a 15-foot par putt on the final hole to avoid going to a playoff with Finau.

Noren now has won seven of his last eight matches in his event, his only loss coming to Johnson in the quarterfinals last year.

In other groups: Garcia won on the 17th hole against Xander Schauffele and won his group for the first time since it switched to pool play in 2014. He also becomes the home favorite from living part-time in Austin, where his wife gave birth to their first child last week.

Si Woo Kim outlasted Webb Simpson on the 18th hole to advance.

Matt Kuchar made a hole-in-one in a 6-and-4 victory over Ross Fisher to advance to the weekend for the second time in three years.

Bubba Watson birdied his last two holes to earn a halve against Julian Suri and avoid a playoff. Watson next faces Harman, a match of Georgia lefties.

Louis Oosthuizen beat Jason Day with two clutch putts, and then won the group with a 12-foot par putt in a playoff to beat Jason Dufner. This is the third time in four years that Oosthuizen has reached the weekend.

### Dell Match Play Results

By The Associated Press  
At Austin Country Club  
Austin, Texas  
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. ET  
Round 1  
(Headings in parentheses)  
Alex Leshman (17), Australia, halved with Brendan Steele (2), South Africa.  
Bubba Watson (2), United States, halved with Justin Star (24), United States.  
Casey Hatton (2), United States, lost to Rory McIlroy (2), Northern Ireland, 5 and 3.  
Peter Uihlein (27), United States, lost to Jason Day (2), Australia, 4 and 2.  
Phil Mickelson (14), United States, lost to Charles Howell III (27), Spain, 1 up.  
Charles Howell III (27), United States, lost to Matthew Fitzpatrick (2), England, 2 and 1.  
Hosesh Aghajani (27), Thailand, lost to Jon Rahm (2), Spain, 4 and 2.  
Chris Riccio (2), United States, halved with Rasmus Hojgaard (2), Denmark, 2 and 2.  
Matt Fitzpatrick (2), England, lost to Paul Casey (14), England, 2 and 2.  
Rory McIlroy (2), United States, lost to Henrik Stenson (2), Sweden, 1 up.  
Sergio Garcia (7), Spain, lost to Xander Schauffele (2), United States, 2 and 1.  
Cory Panatta (2), South Africa, lost to Shubhankar Sharma (2), India, 1 up.  
Gary Woodland (2), United States, lost to Paul Casey (14), England, 1 up.  
Si Woo Kim (2), South Korea, lost to Webb Simpson (27), United States, 2 up.  
Justin Thomas (2), United States, lost to Francesco Molinari (27), Italy, 7 and 5.  
Patrick Reed (2), United States, lost to Luke List (2), United States, 4 and 2.  
Charley Hoffman (2), United States, lost to Tyrrell Hatton (2), England, 2 and 2.  
Brendan Steele (2), United States, lost to Alexander Levy (2), France, 3 and 1.  
Patrick Cantlay (2), United States, lost to Hideki Matsuyama (2), Japan, 4 and 2.  
Cameron Smith (2), Australia, halved with Yuta Ikeda (2), Japan.  
Alex Noren (2), Sweden, lost to Tony Finau (2), United States, 1 up.  
Thomas Pettersen (2), Belgium, halved with Noren (2), United States.  
Patrick Reed (2), United States, lost to Justin Spieth (2), United States, 2 and 1.  
Chad Rittland (2), South Africa, lost to Li Haoyang (2), China, 2 and 2.  
Tony Finau (2), England, lost to David Heger (2), United States, 2 and 1.  
Ian Poulter (2), England, lost to Jason Day (2), Australia, 2 and 1.  
Adam Scott (2), Australia, lost to Adam Long (2), United States, 4 and 2.  
Matt Kuchar (2), United States, lost to Paul Casey (14), England, 2 and 2.  
Webb Simpson (27), United States, lost to Zach Johnson (2), United States.  
Wade Miller (2), United States, lost to Scottie Scheffler (2), United States, 4 and 2.  
Adam Pender (2), Canada, halved with David Heger (2), United States.

# Usain Bolt delights fans by scoring in Dortmund training

Associated Press

DORTMUND, Germany — Usain Bolt trained again with German soccer club Borussia Dortmund on Friday and this time scored a header and a penalty in front of nearly 1,500 spectators.

The 31-year-old retired sprint great took part in team exercises under coach Peter Stoger, exchanging passes with Mario Gotze and others in the relaxed session.

"It was good," Bolt said. "I had fun with the guys. They were very welcoming."

Dortmund said 1,409 spectators came to see the eight-time Olympic champion in action. News agency DPA said there were 137 accredited journalists.

"Usain is an incredibly laid back guy, totally down to earth. I think it was fun for him," Stoger said. "And he got a stage that he had dreamed about."

The German club broadcast the session live with commentary in English. Bolt later signed autographs for fans as photographers jostled for pictures.

"I think it worked out very well," said Gotze, who won the World Cup with

Germany in 2014. "Usain felt comfortable, we could accommodate him well. It was a cool exercise."

It was Bolt's second training session with the team. He took part in another behind closed doors on Thursday.

A delighted Nuri Sahin wrote on Twitter that it was a "big honor" to meet "the fastest man alive." Other Dortmund players also posed for photographs with Bolt.

But Stoger didn't seem to think the Jamaican could make it in soccer today.

"He is at an age where I say he is no longer so incredibly capable of development," the Austrian coach said. "You can see that he understands the game. He's talented. What he's missing is the team work."

Dortmund, which shares a sponsor with Bolt, had long extended an invitation for him to train with the team at some stage. Bolt retired from track after the 2017 world championships.

Dortmund's next game after the international break is at Bayern Munich on March 31. Bayern can secure the league title if other results go its way.

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Texas Tech head football coach Kliff Kingsbury looks on during the spring football scrimmage March 25, 2017, at Grande Communications Stadium.

### Red Raiders thrilled to return for annual scrimmage

By Oscar LeRoy  
oleroymrt.com

Texas Tech head football coach Kliff Kingsbury admits he didn't know what to expect when he first brought his team to Grande Communications Stadium six years ago for a scrimmage.

Needless to say, it exceeded his expectations.

"It's always a great experience for our players and alumni," Kingsbury told the Reporter-Telegram earlier this week. "The community has always been tremendous supporting us and the people that have been putting it together always do a great job. The day has been incredible for us.

There are always about 8,000 to 10,000 people in the stands, there are a lot of people tailgating and we get a steak dinner afterwards.

"When you pull up in the bus and you see the crowds waiting for us it means a lot to us. It speaks volumes about the support we have in Midland and it's always a memorable day for our program."

At 1 p.m. today, the Red Raider football team will make their annual trip to Grande Communications Stadium for a scrimmage that's free to the public. This will be the first glance of the spring of a team that's coming off a 6-7 season and a trip to the Birmingham Bowl.

There will be no scoring system and it will consist of about 100-120 plays.

Kingsbury said that Saturday will be the first time his team will be live tackling this spring.

"You might see some chippiness out there," Kingsbury said. "They're going to get the opportunity to take each other to the ground and do some things that you can't simulate in practice. I expect to see a lot of intensity and energy on the sidelines."

For most of the veteran players, this trip is kind of old hat for them. But for the younger players and players fighting for a prominent role, the coach said this will be a good test for them to see how they perform in front of spectators.

"It's good for us to play in front of a crowd of that size," Kingsbury said. "It's

one thing to perform when there's nobody is watching you other than the coaches, but it's another thing to see what happens when the lights come on. It's also a chance to get to practice our travel and getting used to packing things up and the travel process."

One player who's used to the travel is rising junior defensive back Desmon Smith, who will also get a chance to play in front of plenty of friends and family as he is a graduate of Odessa Permian.

"It's amazing, not everyone gets to do it," said Smith about coming back home to the Permian Basin. "Being in West Texas still, makes everything easier. I've

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### Tech defense could be promising in 2018

By Oscar LeRoy  
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Not so long ago there was despair about the Texas Tech defense. Now there's hope.

Heading into year four of David Gibbs as the Red Raiders' defensive coordinator, Texas Tech is optimistic about that side of the ball as 10 starters return from last year's 6-7 squad along with some quality depth that hasn't been seen in Lubbock in several years.

Red Raider fans will get their first glimpse of how much the defense has improved when Texas Tech holds its annual scrimmage at 1 p.m. today at Grande Communications Stadium. The scrimmage is free to the public.

While there is plenty of room for growth, the Red Raiders can at least count on their defense in helping them win some games, unlike previous years when the defense often negated whatever the high flying offense would produce.

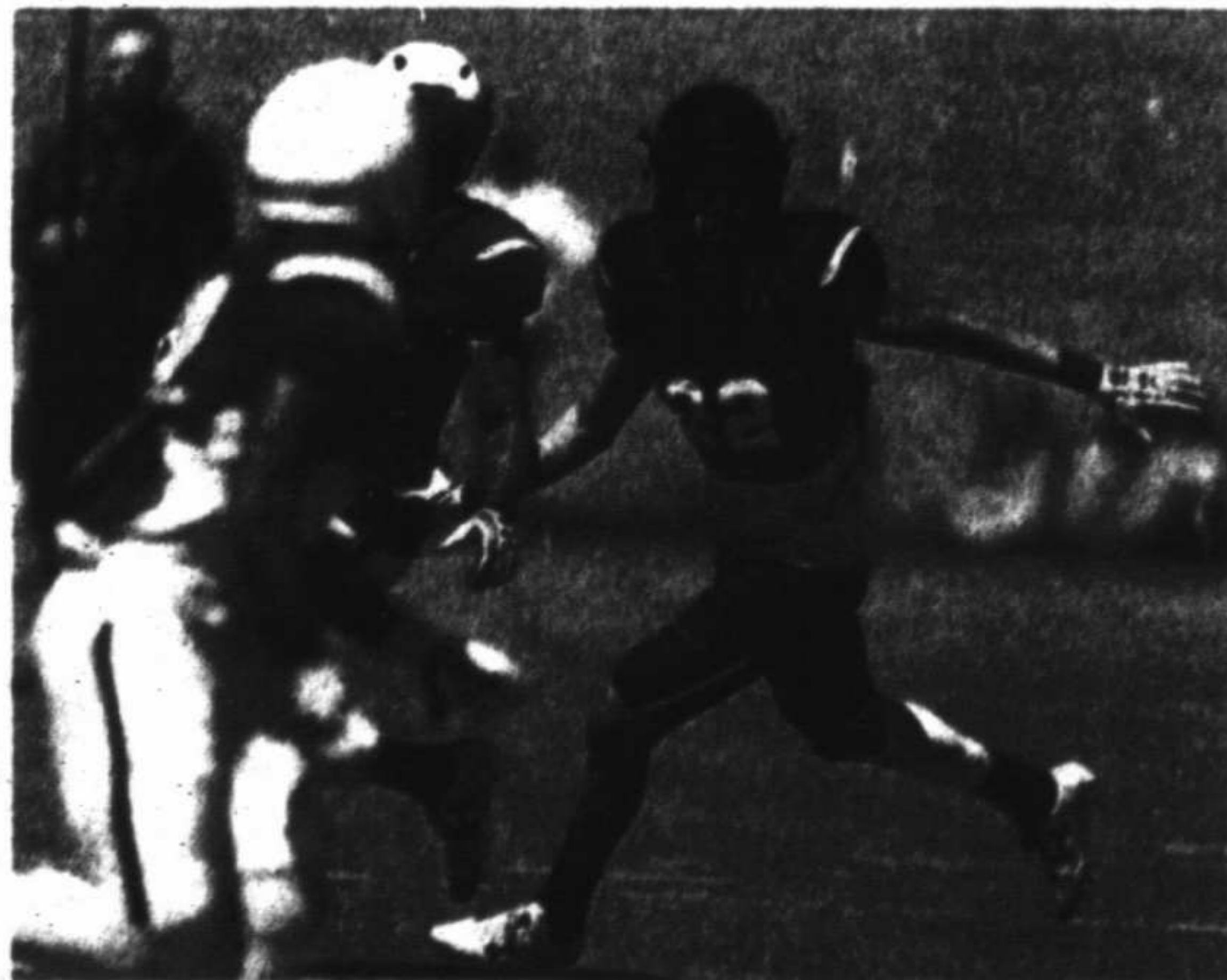
This past season, the Red Raiders ranked 104th in total defense (443.5 yards per game) and ranked 100th in scoring defense (32.2 points per game) in the NCAA. Both rankings were up from 128 the year before.

"We continue to develop on that side of the ball and continue to develop competition," Texas Tech head coach Kliff Kingsbury said. "Defensively we've made strides but we're not where we need to be to compete for a Big 12 championship."

The good news is that there is plenty of experience returning and Gibbs has had a chance to develop his younger players more than three years into the line before they were ready because of a lack of depth.

Gibbs said he's seen that experience show up so far during the first few spring practices.

"Honestly we haven't had a whole lot of rust, which is a blessing because you've seen us play rusty on Saturday



Wade H. Clapp/MRT correspondent

Former Odessa Permian defensive back Desmon Smith (28) is in coverage during the Texas Tech Red & Black scrimmage held March 25, 2017, at Grande Communications Stadium.

afternoon," he said. "We'll keep building, keep pushing. The competition on our side of the ball is so high right now because guys are fighting for jobs and playing time. It makes your job easier."

One of those players returning is rising junior cornerback Desmon Smith, an Odessa Permian grad who will be making a homecoming today.

Smith said he's seen how much the defense, especially the secondary has grown over the last two seasons.

"Aside from physically, mentally I think we've improved a lot," he said. "We've spent a lot of time in the film room, learning new things, concepts, noticing things like where a receiver lines up on the field."

"We look every day to just improve and find out what did I do today to make myself better or what did I do

that's going to separate me. We do that every day as a team. Every rep, every snap, everybody is going all out because we all want it so bad. Right now, the Big 12 championship is our goal and we're going to do whatever it takes to get there."

Smith is also one of the most experienced players and he knows that one of his jobs is to be a leader on the team.

"It's definitely gone by fast," he said. "I'm a junior now and my thing now is to set an example for the guys to follow. I want to leave my mark, whether that's helping out one of the younger guys or holding my own weight on the field. I just want to do my part."

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### Tech running backs debate: Tre King, Da'Leon Ward battle to be the man

By Don Williams  
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Da'Leon Ward's 2016 season and Tre King's 2017 season were about as similar as two running backs can have during their first year in a major-college system. There wasn't much difference in their rushing numbers or their receiving numbers, and their physical dimensions only add to the perception that they're close to the same guy.

So the two could be 1A and 1B when it comes to being Texas Tech's primary running back in 2018 — or at least in the spring and summer leading up to the season.

"That's what I see," Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury said recently. "We're going to let them get out there and see who the most productive one is, but they'll both get their carries."

Ward, listed by Tech at 5-foot-10 and 180 pounds, carried 103 times for 428 yards and three touchdowns two years ago as a true freshman. He took over as the team's primary running back toward the end of that season and made four starts.

King, listed at 5-11 and 190, carried 131 times for 623 yards and five touchdowns last year as a new transfer from Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College. He emerged around mid-season and made five starts. Both players shared time with 2017 senior Justin Stockton, who rushed for a career-high 797 yards. Stockton's gone, though, leaving the door open.

The Red Raiders also want to keep developing Desmond Nixby, who carried 62 times for 273 yards and seven touchdowns last season after arriving from Diablo Valley College. At 6-1, 238, Nixby's a different style of back, though, and got only about half as many carries as the other two during their debut Tech seasons.

King's right the front walk-on to scholarship player and then starter was helped along by Ward's fall from favor. Kingsbury admitted Ward fell tall on the

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Wade H Clay/MRT correspondent

Tech running back Tre King (24) steps over a Wildcat defender in Nov. 11, 2017, Big 12 action at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock.

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Dallas Skyline graduate could concentrate solely on academics and off-field maturity. Kingsbury said Ward responded in the right way.

"He's handled his business, what he needed to do," Kingsbury said. "Last year just became a redshirt year for him, so we're excited to have him back out there and have him practice."

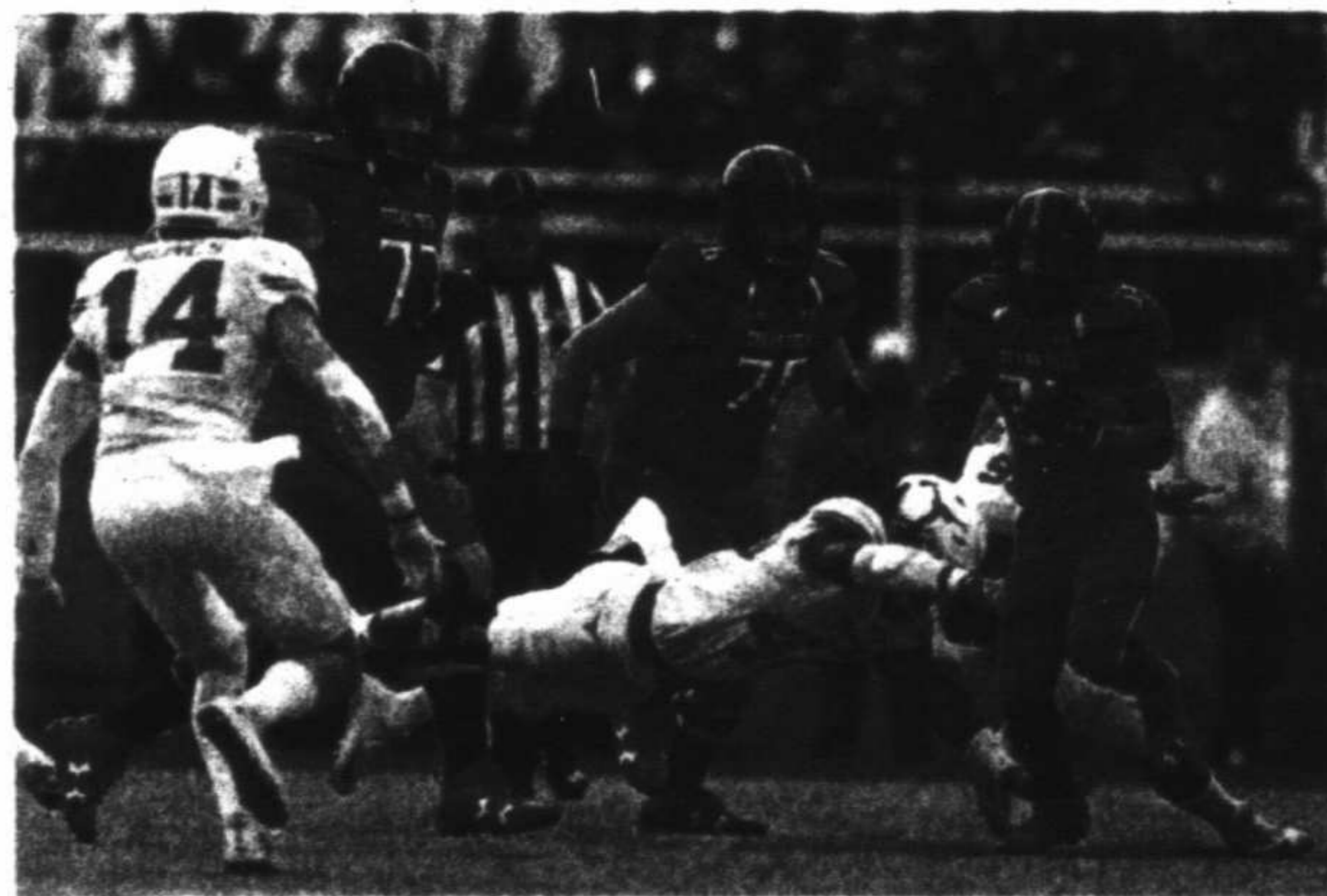
King underwent arthroscopic knee surgery after the season and was withheld from the team's first four spring practices while he continued his rehabilitation.

Tech hadn't made either available for media interviews heading into the school's spring break.

If the Red Raiders achieve what Kingsbury wants, not only will Ward's and King's rushing numbers go up, but so will their receiving stats. In Ward's one year to play, he caught 18 passes for 131 yards and no touchdowns. In King's first year as a Red Raider, he had 17 catches for 104 yards and no TDs.

"I really want to get those guys going in the pass game more, Tre and De'Leon," Kingsbury said. "I didn't think the last few years we've done a good job of finding our backs at quarterback — checking it down, doing things like that."

"That's really on me as a coach to get them more involved in the passing game."



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Texas Tech running back De'Leon Ward (32) runs against the Texas Longhorn defense Nov. 4, at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock.

Former Tech running back and assistant coach Clay McGuire, newly rehired as co-offensive coordinator and running backs coach, will have a role in checking that box. McGuire has spent three college seasons coaching running backs at Tech and East Carolina and the past six overseeing the offensive line at Washington State.

"I think with Clay being here working with those guys," Kingsbury said, "we're going to mesh well and find a way to get them more involved in the passing game than we have the last few years."

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LUBBOCK — Lee grads Talar Nunez and Luke Stice each had solid performances during Texas Tech's NFL Pro Day at the Football Training Facility and Peterson Family Indoor Practice Facility on Friday afternoon.

In the 40-yard dash on indoor turf, Stice, a linebacker, ran a 4.62 and a 4.63, while Nunez, a defensive lineman, ran a 5.08 and a 5.06. Wide receiver Cameron Batson had the best times as he ran a 4.32 and a 4.38.

Luke Stice had a vertical jump of 32 1/2 inches, while Nunez led the Red Raiders with 30 bench press reps of 225 pounds. Stice wasn't far behind with 29.

In the 10-yard shuttle, Stice ran 1.63 and 1.61, while Nunez ran 1.82 and 1.80.

The day featured about 30 scouts from nearly all 32 teams.

Other Tech players participating were defensive end Zach Barnes, wide receiver Dylan Cantrell, wide receiver Keke Coutee, quarterback Nic Shimonek, running back Justin Stockton, defensive lineman Mychael Thomas and wide receiver Derrick Willies. Coutee, Cantrell and Shimonek attended the NFL combine in Indianapolis recently.

RETURN

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got my family two hours away and they come to the scrimmages in Lubbock, and of course, they'll be at the one in Midland. But it's just an awesome experience to be able to go home and play in front of the people that have been watching me through all these years."

What might be different than past trips to Midland for the Red Raiders is the number of experienced players they have coming back, especially on defense where they have 10 of 11 starters returning, and an offensive line that is returning all five starters from last year. Kingsbury added that having 70 scholarship players on campus this spring is the most he's had for spring workouts since he's been there.

"It's been great to have a lot of guys who have been through the wars of the Big 12, guys who know what to expect and know that they have to play at a high level to be successful," Kingsbury said.

"You can see that during the practices that we've had. There's a different level of maturity so far. These guys know what to expect, now it's about execution."

One of the top battles to watch is at the quarterback position where the Red Raiders must replace the graduated Nic Shimonek.

Junior McLane Carter, who got some playing time last year and even started the Texas game, sophomore Jett Duffey and early enrollee Alan Bowman, out of Grapevine High School, will all likely see some playing time today, as well as walk-on Colt Garrett.

While it would be nice to see a leader emerge, Kingsbury said he's in no hurry to make a decision on the starting quarterback anytime soon.

"It's always good to have competition," he said. "I'm of the belief that you should let them work through the spring, work through the summer, go into (preseason) camp and have them compete. The more players we have competing for the job, that's exciting and that will make each other better."

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Texas Tech 2018 spring football roster

Players

Table listing 110 players with columns for No., Name, Pos., Ht., Wt., Year, Home/transfer school, and other stats.

Coaching staff

Bill Blankenship, Head Coach; David Glin, Defensive Coordinator; Steve Jantz, Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs Coach; Clay Matkins, Co-Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs Coach; Zac Spartz, Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

Brett DeBruin, Offensive Coach; Trevino Jantzen, Defensive Line Coach; Clay Jennings, Defensive Backs Coach; Brandon Jones, Offensive Line Coach; Emmitt Jones, Outside Receiver Coach

Adam Schell, Special Teams Coordinator; Rusty White, Head Football Strength & Conditioning; Tony Malyk, Director of Football Operations



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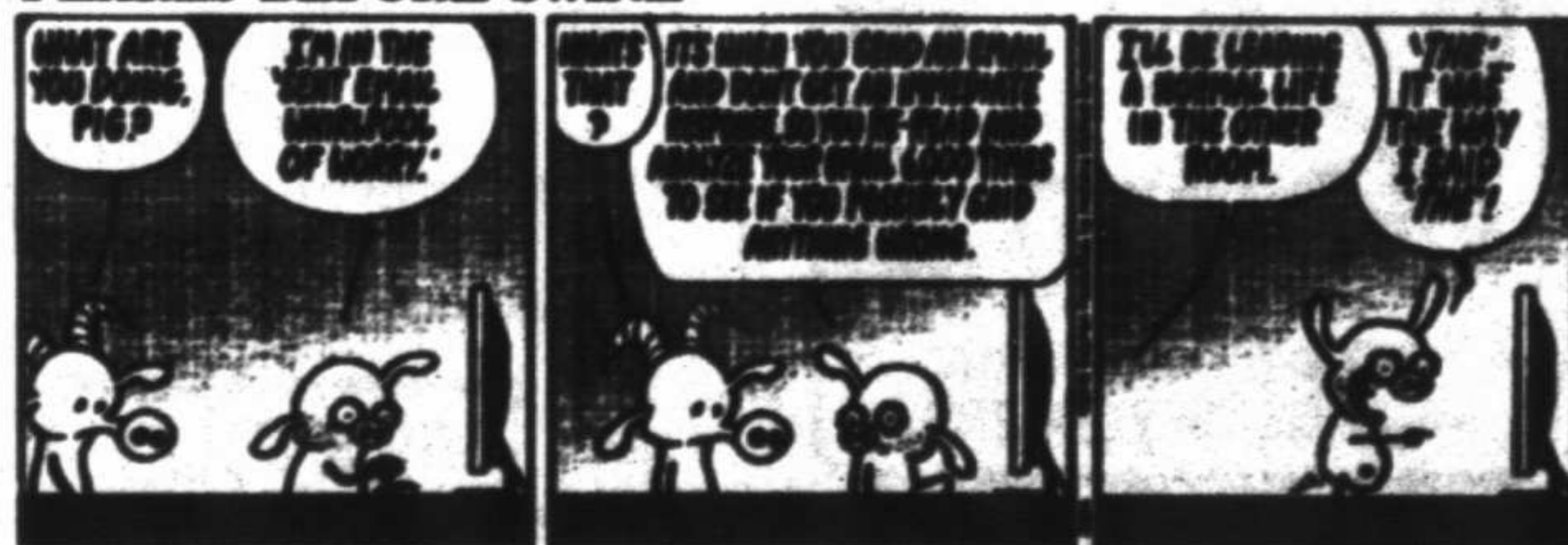
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- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required
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**Job Duties:**  
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- Negotiates and reviews contracts provided by consultants for GIS services, e.g., - LGIS, ortho-mosaic imagery, Cityworks, etc.  
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- Provides user-training services, as requested.  
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- Other duties as assigned.

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Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures. Ability to supervise and manage other staff with a variety of skills and abilities.

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- Performs related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**  
Employee communication with other employees in the work group. Communication with the general public, developers, outside agencies and other departments within the organization is required.

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  - Install transformers, disconnects, starts, field instruments, control panels, motor controls, and motors. Install conduits and pull wiring as required to each device.
  - Troubleshoot and correct electrical device failures as required.
  - Read and interpret electrical specifications, standards, and blueprints.
  - Ability to perform electrical/mechanical maintenance and repairs as required.
  - Drive to various locations to perform service repair work.
  - Perform small intricate operations involving terminations, install, and calibration of electrical parts and equipment.
  - Various types of electrical loads, cables and meters.
  - Bend and cut 2" to 4" conduit at various angles and measurements.
  - Complete and process paperwork related to bookkeeping, Job Safety Analysis, material ordering, field tickets, and miscellaneous paperwork.
- Thorough Knowledge and Ability to:
  - Troubleshoot and correct 480 volt systems and higher
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Associate Traffic Engineer

**Job Duties:**  
- Support or substitute for the City Traffic Engineer as needed  
- Oversee and/or participate in the development, configuration, and operation of the City's computerized control systems  
- Manage and perform warrant studies for traffic signals, stop signs, crosswalks, school zones, speed limits and others  
- Review commercial and residential development requests  
- Review all phases of the planning process for commercial and retail development  
- Prepare analysis and recommendations in support of geometric, roadway, intersection, and other infrastructure improvements  
- Prepare reports and recommendations for the installation and maintenance of traffic control devices within the city

**Qualifications:**  
- Bachelor's degree in civil engineering or related field with a minimum of three years' experience in traffic engineering or related field.  
- Master's degree in civil engineering or related field may be substituted for three years' experience.  
- Valid Texas driver's license required.  
- Certification as an Engineer in Training (EIT) preferred.

**Benefits:**  
- Health Care Plans  
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GIS Manager

Reporting to the Engineering Services Director, this position oversees the development and management of the City of Midland Geographic Information System (GIS). This includes staff supervision, budgeting, training, etc.

**BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Manages the GIS Division budget and recommends budget request for new hardware and software as appropriate.

**Job Duties:**  
- Supervises all phases and implementation of the City Enterprise GIS.  
- Supervises GIS Division staff.  
- Provides planning and direction for GIS growth to serve the City and Public.  
- Provides general customer service, responds to concerns and inquiries related to Division services.  
- Negotiates and reviews contracts provided by consultants for GIS services, e.g., - LGIS, ortho-mosaic imagery, Cityworks, etc.  
- Develops policies and standards for the GIS Division.  
- Manages the setting of priorities for GIS, software, database, and application development.  
- Oversees development of GIS applications, web services, and tools to ensure they are current and utilize industry standards and practices.  
- Oversees the GIS Division in managing ArcGIS Server installation, maintenance, upgrades and use.  
- Provides recommendations to the Director of Engineering Services regarding use of GIS Division budget, priorities for projects, and resources required to complete them.  
- Provides user-training services, as requested.  
- Independently prepares and delivers reports and presentations to City Councilmembers, City Management, and outside agency officials. Serves as representative of GIS for the City to other departments and outside agencies.  
- Other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**  
Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Councilmembers, City Management, consultants, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures. Ability to supervise and manage other staff with a variety of skills and abilities.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of ArcGIS software (ArcGIS Desktop, ArcGIS Online, ArcGIS Pro). Solid understanding of database design/management and programming is desirable.

Knowledge of land surveying, municipal governmental operations, acquisitions and procedures is desirable.

Bachelor's degree in GIS, Geography, Computer Science, Engineering, or a related technical or business field required. Minimum of five years' experience using ArcGIS software required. Master's degree in a related field preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

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Planning Division Manager

Manages Planning Division office including professional planners, technicians, and secretarial staff. Reviews items for consideration by appointed boards and commissions and elected officials.

**BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Prepares and recommends the annual division budget, monitors expenditures during the year and makes recommendations for budget modifications.

**Job Duties:**  
- Reviews staff work including reports, maps and special studies for presentation to Planning Commission and City Council.  
- Coordinates, oversees and manages staff time.  
- Prepares, administers and monitors annual budget.  
- Presents information at public meetings. Participates with other staff members concerning interrelated projects.  
- Answers various questions from general public and develops concerning city services, development trends, and population.  
- Performs related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**  
Employee communication with other employees in the work group. Communication with the general public, developers, outside agencies and other departments within the organization is required.

Knowledge of planning and zoning process. Skill in observing, reading and interpreting zoning codes and interpreting budgets. Ability to write and review reports, memos and other correspondence. Ability to supervise and communicate with employees. Basic comprehension of computer use. Valid Texas Driver License.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in geography, planning or related field required. Graduate work or advanced degree in planning preferred. Three to five years experience in a related field required, preferably including supervisory experience.

**Benefits:**  
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Right-Of-Way Manager

This position manages the acquisition, sale, and financing of City rights-of-way and other real property; oversees the execution of transactions of real property; and administers the issuance of easements and licenses to outside parties for the use of City-owned rights-of-way and property.

**Budgetary Responsibilities:**  
Assist management staff with recommendations and budget data for potential right-of-way and easement acquisitions for public improvements.

**Job Duties:**  
- Develop policies and procedures for standardization of third-party use of City rights-of-way and property.  
- Manage the distribution of surface damages for City rights-of-way and other real property owned by the City, including 47,000+ acres of City-owned parcels.  
- Develop and negotiate Surface Use Agreements, Right-of-Way License Agreements, Easement Agreements, for third-party users of City-owned parcels or rights-of-way, and coordinate with appropriate City Departments or Management.  
- Prepare and present reports to City officials, Council members, and representatives of outside agencies.  
- Obtain Approvals, Title Work, and coordinate Closings on tracts of interest.  
- Coordinate and process public easements for City projects.  
- Coordinate departmental actions related to acquisitions of real property to ensure compliance with City policies, and legal and regulatory guidelines.  
- Coordinate preparation of offers to purchase, leases, deeds, exchange agreements, easements, releases, and related property transaction documents.  
- Coordinate with others and utilize engineering plans and plats to determine accuracy of property legal descriptions and boundaries, title histories, etc.  
- Other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**  
Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures.

Knowledge of land surveying, oil drilling and pipeline operations, and typical petroleum industry practices related to land use and acquisition is desirable. Knowledge of municipal governmental operations, acquisitions and procedures is helpful.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Council members, constituents, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of ArcGIS software is desirable.

Bachelor's degree required. Minimum of five years' experience in real estate, land acquisition, or a similar field. Valid Texas driver's license required.

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**Job Duties:**

- Prepares special studies and reports related to code amendments and annexation studies. Assists with comprehensive plan and studies as necessary.
- Prepares statistical reports such as annual population estimates.
- Reviews requests and prepares written reports for zone change and proposed subdivision plat applications and special studies.
- Presents information and recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Reviews miscellaneous applications including temporary land uses, special events, public rights of way, etc.
- Responds to public inquiries concerning development of the city in general as well as specific areas.
- Researches, compiles and analyzes land use and related data.
- Works with the public and developers in answering questions and providing information.
- Performs related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**

- Ability to effectively communicate with developers and citizens in order to provide information and guidance on planning and zoning issues. Ability to work in conjunction with employees from different departments.
- Knowledge of current planning processes and procedures. Ability to read and understand technical materials, reports and journals. Skill in developing related reports and ability to analyze and present data on land use applications and planning. Ability to effectively communicate, both orally and in writing, to citizens and other government officials.
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent in architecture, planning, engineering or economic plus one to three years of experience. Valid Texas Driver's License.

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**Public Safety Dispatcher**

Directs calls for service for emergency purposes and directs non-emergency inquiries.

**Job Duties:**

- Answers the phone and assists citizens with requests for emergency and non-emergency services for police, fire, sheriff and emergency medical services.
- Directs citizen inquiries and non-emergency calls to the appropriate agency or organization.
- Dispatches law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel and notifies support and other personnel as needed through the use of multi-channel radio system and computer aided dispatch system.
- Requests and disseminates vehicle registration, driver's license, criminal history information through the use of the Texas National Computer System (TNCS, NCIC).
- Obtains computer information and disseminates to law enforcement officials and investigators. Enters related information into the system.
- Sends and receives telephone information to and from related agencies.
- Maintains records of work performed.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

- Ability to work with dispatch equipment and communicate with citizens and emergency personnel in highly stressful, possibly emergency situations. Employee communicates with other employees in the work group, citizens and other law enforcement agencies in order to discuss requests for services and possible criminal activities. Will also exchange information or request assistance from other agencies and make referrals when necessary.
- Ability to read and understand technical and professional manuals in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as specialized computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 30 WPM.
- Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests.

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**Recycle Supervisor**

Supervises and monitors Citizens Collection Station and recycle drivers in day to day operations and projects. Works as a service attendant at the Citizens Collection Station as needed. Acts as a Solid Waste Supervisor as needed.

**BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Provides input as to needed equipment and employment positions. Monitors supplies and equipment at the Citizens Collection Station.

**Job Duties:**

- Schedules and monitors the work of subordinate employees.
- Submits employees in the use, care, and preventive maintenance of equipment and machinery.
- Reads schematics, manuals, and other specifications in order to determine and make necessary repairs and maintenance.
- Maintains equipment in good working order and keeps records of work performed.
- Ensures the cleanliness and maintenance of facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
- Acts as the customer service representative of the Recycle Division at the Citizens Collection Station and on recycle issues.
- Keeps records and reports monthly activities.
- Coordinates efforts with Solid Waste operations.
- Serves as service attendant when necessary.
- Serves as a Solid Waste Supervisor when necessary.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

- Ability to effectively communicate with employees and to receive work orders or instructions for any project. Interacts frequently with the public, vendors, and government agency representatives.
- Ability to read, interpret, and understand local, state, and federal regulations related to disposal of refuse. Knowledge of processes used in the disposal of solid waste. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electric power tools and heavy equipment used in disposal activities. Ability to train others in safe operation of equipment. Ability to work with cash and adhere to cash-handling policies. Ability to properly receive, analyze and make recommendations for improvement. Good public relation skills as well as verbal and written communication skills.
- High school diploma or general education degree required and some college preferred. One to three years of experience in Solid Waste and/or supervising and evaluating the work of others preferred. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License and possess or acquire a valid Texas Class "B" Motorized Solid Waste Operator License within two years of hire date.

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Multi-Media Sales Executives maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships and promotion of new/renewing advertising products. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the marketing process for our customers, while helping advertisers track the impact of their campaigns and understand their advertising options. In short, we help our customers grow their business.

**Responsibilities include:**

- Consistently meet/exceeds all print and digital revenue goals.
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- You're self-motivated and results oriented
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- 2+ years of sales experience with a proven record of successfully exceeding goals
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**Systems Administrator**

Performs network and system support functions on segments of the computer environment, including planned and emergency maintenance, performance and security analysis, and monitoring, testing, and implementing new products and procedures. Analyzes emerging technology and makes recommendations for cost-effective improvements to network and infrastructure services and capabilities.

**Job Duties:**

- Designs and coordinates segments of the IT architecture
- Monitors server applications, including but not limited to social media, Active Directory, operating systems, and email
- Produces and maintains IT design, architectural, and specifications documentation, as identified.
- Provides information storage systems, schedules, and tools, including backup and recovery tools, as identified.
- Provides research, development, and planning of the IT infrastructure.
- Is responsible for the validating, building, and testing IT solutions; analyzing IT infrastructure technical issues; and supporting the design, planning, building, and testing of new IT solutions, as assigned.
- Performs related duties as assigned.
- Subject to recall 24/7

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science plus two years of experience in a related field is required.
- Four years experience may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree requirement.
- Valid Texas Driver's License

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**Fleet Technician**

Diagnoses, repairs and maintains city trucks and heavy equipment.

**Job Duties:**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

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**Code Enforcement Officer**

Performs inspections of private and public properties to ensure compliance with municipal ordinances, zoning and land use regulations which govern the maintenance of property, grounds and structures.

**Job Duties:**

- Visually inspects properties for code violations as initiated by a complaint or routine inspection.
- Enters data into the computer to generate notice of violations to property owners or to record inspections.
- Responds to citizen calls regarding code violations, mail information regarding zoning or city regulations.
- Researches planned districts, nonconforming uses, plat and legal uses of property for the department.
- Manages city contracts for the clearing of lots. Includes bidding projects, preparing contracts, awarding contracts and preparing payments to contractors.
- Conducts inspections to ensure proper environmental compliance in response to complaints.
- Provides information to the public and contractors regarding the requirements of zoning and related code and city requirements.
- Conducts field inspections of junked and abandoned vehicles, abandoned structures and other properties for compliance with city codes.
- Performs related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**

- Ability to effectively communicate with developers, citizens and other employees in order to provide information regarding city codes and possible violations.
- Ability to read and understand materials including City Ordinances, professional blueprints, correspondence and manuals. Ability to write reports and correspondence. Skills in math. Skills to communicate both orally and in writing. Knowledge of office equipment including personal computer.
- High school diploma or equivalent and a valid Texas driver's license required. Certification through Texas Department Health as a Certified Code Enforcement Officer, or ability to obtain after one year of training. Certification as Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector, or ability to obtain within one year.

**Benefits:**

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- Sets meters to establish or re-establish service.
- Pulls meters should instances occur when customer fails to set up service.
- Checks past due utility bills so that water can be connected.
- Checks our broken meter stop valves and meter base fits.
- Writes or re-writes meter information when complaints are filed.
- Performs related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**

- Ability to effectively communicate with citizens, other departments and employees in order to provide information on current repairs or the reading of meters.
- Ability to read work orders and maps in order to find street locations. Skill in math in determining amount of water utilized. Skill in the use of variety of hand tools such as shovels, meter wrenches and meter keys.
- Valid Texas Driver's License required. Employee must be bondable.

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**Effluent Distribution Technician**

Maintains plants in good working order and prevents holding ponds from overflowing.

**Job Duties:**

- Operates which pump units to operate and maintains center plants in good working order. Repairs and services when necessary.
- Operates gates and bypass system in order to store water without allowing holding ponds to overflow. Determines when and when to store water.
- Performs operations in order to apply the proper amount of water.
- Repairs the flow beds and basins.
- Cleans equipment such as basins and basins in order to fill gallons caused by operations.
- Maintains and repairs electrical systems on central plant units.
- Performs related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**

- Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.
- Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders in order to maintain or repair meters or parts. Skill in writing to record results.
- High school diploma or equivalent required plus six months to one year of experience. C Operator's certification from the TPOCC. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

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- Assists the Electrician/Electronics Specialist in the day to day operations of the Airport facility as needed.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.

Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Skill in the operation of hand tools and equipment such as electrical measuring meters and devices.

High school diploma or equivalent plus two to three years of experience as an electrician required. Journeyman's License as an electrician required. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

**Benefits:**

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**Equipment Operator - Landfill**

Deposits for refuse through the use of heavy equipment at the Landfill.

**Job Duties:**

- Deposits of refuse with the use of heavy equipment such as compactors, scrapers, bulldozers and related equipment.
- Covers refuse at the end of each day.
- Maintains all equipment in good working order and keeps records of service problems. Submits daily maintenance sheets to supervisor.
- Performs preventive maintenance on equipment such as oil changes. Determines when servicing of vehicles is required.
- Monitors vehicles as they enter, unload and leave the Landfill. Gives directions to citizens.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to disposal. Knowledge of the processes used in collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, lifts, chains and hydraulic systems as well as simple shovels, brooms and rakes. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent, plus one to three years of equipment operation preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

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**Maintenance Specialist - Animal Services**

Maintains the animal shelter and grounds, provides quality care for the animals in our custody and assists the public and other animal control personnel.

**Job Duties:**

- Processes animals that are brought to the animal shelter by providing health evaluations, parasite control, scanning for microchips and placing in the proper holding area.
- Maintains the sanitation and environment of kennel areas, cat facilities, quarantine areas, wildlife facilities and sick/quarantined animal room.
- Assists in euthanasia and the disposal of animals as required.
- Maintains and operates the animal cremation system for mass disposal and private cremations.
- Picks up large quantities of dead animals from veterinarians for disposal by cremation.
- Micro-chips animals that have animal control custody.
- Unloads dead and live animals from the public, veterinarians and animal control offices.
- Performs preventative maintenance on equipment, building and grounds.
- Provides assistance to visitors.
- Operates a vehicle to pick up dead livestock and supplies and other machinery.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or animals that may be in the kennel. Employee may have direct contact with other animal control personnel such as the SPCA, various humane societies and animal rescue organizations.

Ability to deal with the public and provide humane care for the animals. Some knowledge in the recognition of animal diseases is needed. Ability to follow both written and oral instructions is also necessary.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must be able to obtain Department of State Health Services Basic Certification within one year of employment. Must be able to obtain euthanasia certification within six months of employment.

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**Electrical/Electronics Tech - WPP**

Troubleshoots and maintains electrical, SCADA and control equipment for the well field, Pollution Plant, Water Pollution Control Plant, water storage towers, booster station.

**BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Assists in the development of the budget and makes recommendations for purchases and capital items to the appropriate division during the annual budget process.

**Job Duties:**

- Troubleshoots and repairs electrical service to any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Troubleshoots and repairs control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Troubleshoots and repairs SCADA equipment at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Programs SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Assists users of SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Calculates electrical loads for equipment and installs wiring.
- Determines equipment and supplies required for jobs by reading code books and blue prints.
- Keeps abreast of changes in the Electrical Code and Regulations and makes recommendations on their impacts to the City.
- Maintains inventory of supplies used and replaces as needed.
- Perform Operations & Maintenance duties as assigned.
- Performs related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**

Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Ability to read operator's manuals, blue prints and schematics in order to maintain electrical, SCADA and control equipment throughout the Utilities Department in good working order. Skill in the operation of electrical and mechanical hand and power tools. Employee must perform mathematical calculations in order to determine electrical needs. Skill in writing to record results and track work. Will be on-call.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus two years of experience. A valid Apprentice Electrician license from the State of Texas or have successfully completed 12 college hours of electronics coursework would be preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must also obtain a valid state of Texas class 'C' or above water works license.

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**Equipment Operator - Water and Wastewater**

Performs manual and unskilled labor of more than ordinary difficulty, which often involves the use of acquired skills and operates several types of light vehicles and equipment. Does related work and training as required.

**Qualifications:**

Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to water and sewer system maintenance. Knowledge of the processes used in utility maintenance. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools. Skill in the use of heavy equipment utilized in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and jet truck. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas CDL Class A driver's license required or must be obtained within 6 months of employment. Must possess or be able to obtain Wastewater Certification Class 1 and Water Distribution D Certificate with in a reasonable length of time.

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**Maintenance Specialist - Parks - Sports Complex**

Performs all routine maintenance work for the parks division at the sports complex, including special events.

**Job Duties:**

- Performs routine buildings and grounds maintenance.
- Removes trash from containers.
- Inspects grounds and athletic areas and facilities for repairs.
- Operates and maintains equipment used in daily operations. Files out reports and submits to supervisor.
- Helps set up of special events and sports tournaments.
- Works weekends and evenings as required.
- Performs other related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**

Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.

Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Skill in troubleshooting or conditioning and plumbing. Ability to operate hand tools and equipment such as mowers, gas powered trimmers, saws and other gardening and maintenance tools.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas Driver's License, CDL preferred.

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**Engineering Tech - Construction Inspector**

Perform responsible work in support of city engineering staff. Work relates to engineering construction activities such as construction inspection of municipal projects involving construction of asphalt or concrete pavement, sidewalks, streets, water lines and sewer lines.

**Job Duties:**

- Inspect forms, materials and workmanship for compliance with plans and specifications. Tests materials and workmanship as required.
- Maintain daily diary and records on projects including emergency telephone numbers for key people.
- Maintain inspection project files for all phases of construction for each project. Provides information to update record drawings.
- Inspect traffic control devices for compliance with plans and the Texas Manual on Uniform Control Devices. Make safety inspections to note deficiencies for correction.
- Analyze field construction problems and consult engineers with recommending corrections.
- Perform survey work as requested by Engineering staff.
- Coordinate with traffic, utility companies, landowners, etc. before and during construction.
- Acts as project field coordinator for contractors, utility companies and city departments.
- Recommends utility locations and right of way, assemble plan and deed information and produces plan views.
- As appropriate, trains and evaluates the progress of other employees.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

Must be able to use and communicate by hand-held radio. Basic skill in the use of a variety of machines, including personal computers, printers, calculators, scanners and large document copier are preferred.

Must have a valid Texas Driver's License and a good driving record. Employee must be able to effectively communicate with other employees in the work group. Must be able to correctly respond to questions from contractors, supervisors, inspectors, or city staff regarding work performed or applicable specifications related to a design or construction project.

Must coordinate effectively with other city departments, contractors, and utility companies when designing or scheduling work. Must possess skill in observing, read, and interpret written technical materials and construction drawings. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment.

Must have obtained a High school diploma or equivalent GED plus 5 years of experience in civil construction trades. College degree or construction certificate preferred. Extensive knowledge of state, federal, and local laws and requirements regarding construction, surveying and safety standards.

Extensive skill in observing, reading and interpreting written technical materials and construction drawings. Extensive knowledge of city codes and ordinances and other state and federal requirements regarding utility construction and safety standards.

Extensive knowledge of engineering standards and construction practices for water, sewer, street and drainage drains. Knowledgeable in dealing with computer aided design systems such as AutoCAD. Intermediate skill in developing field notes and survey plans for boundary surveys.

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**Lab Technician**

The employee is responsible for performing, monitoring, and interpreting the results of tests necessary for the operation and regulatory compliance of the water and wastewater operations of the City of Midland. They are also responsible for the interpretation and implementation of regulations promulgated by State and Federal authorities.

Assists in the development of the budget for laboratory operations and makes recommendations for purchases and capital items during the annual budget process. Monitors expenditures during the year.

**Job Duties:**

- Responsible for the daily operation of laboratories in support of the Utilities Department. Conduct bacteriological, chemical, physical and instrumental analysis of water and wastewater samples submitted to the laboratory.
- Maintains equipment and supplies for the laboratory as well as for the City's facilities. This includes accurately maintaining extensive records tracking all chemicals, supplies, and equipment used for daily operations.
- Collects, analyzes, and interprets results of environmental, water and wastewater samples.
- Prepares requests for use at the laboratory and performs standardization of reagents to ensure quality.
- Must maintain work area, supplies, and equipment in an orderly, safe, and clean manner.
- Maintains accurate and extensive analytical data records of data for future use.
- Investigates and reports on complaints and all other problems delegated by the Director of Utilities.
- Submits monthly reports or as required to the Water Regulator Agencies and Utilities.
- Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
- Keeps abreast of State/Federal regulations and makes recommendations on their impacts to the City.
- Performs related duties as required. Available for on-call obligations and work on weekends as needed.

**Qualifications:**

Employee has contact with general public, other employees, and other organizations.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Must have skill in writing to record results of analysis. Employee generates reports and reports of work performed. Ability to perform chemical analysis. Must have thorough knowledge of chemistry and good knowledge of water and wastewater treatment. Must possess knowledge of computer software and applications. Working in expensive lab preferred.

Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, Biology or related field is preferred. Must be able to obtain Class D water operator license in the State of Texas within a year after hired and be able to maintain the license while employed.

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**Instrumentation & Electrical Technician**

Maintains all electrical equipment used to monitor and control of well services equipment. Home nightly.

**Qualifications:**

- High school education or equivalent.
- 6 months experience maintaining and repairing electronic instrumentation and automation equipment.
- Valid operator's license with clean driving record.

**Compensation Benefits package:**

- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Prescription Drug
- 401 K
- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
- Company Paid Life
- Tuition Reimbursement
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**Local Drivers**

Local truck drivers needed. Home nightly, local routes, scheduled shifts 6am-6pm (147 national) never on call, optional overtime.

**Qualifications:**

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

**Compensation Benefits package:**

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- Prescription Drug
- 401 K
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**Lead Water Purification Plant Operator**

This position requires a demonstrated ability to perform advanced functions related to the operation and maintenance of equipment at all water treatment facilities. This position functions as a Lead Operator and also as Chief Plant operator when required, performing complex analysis of the Water Treatment Plant operations and making direct change of the operation of a water treatment facility or Water Production Facilities. Position at this level provides instruction and guidance to lower level of Water Treatment Plant Operators. This position is normally filled by advancement from the Water Treatment Operator II. Position requires three to five years of experience in a Surface Water Treatment Plant Operator and must possess a minimum of a Class 'C' Surface Water Treatment Plant Operator Certificate issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at the time of accepting position.

**Benefits:**

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**Transportation Truck Driver**

Responsible for driving Water, Dump, and/or Bally Dump Trucks and hauling water/waste to fill rigs, including cities, etc. Home water/waste from well facilities to proper disposal facilities.

**Qualifications:**

- High school education or equivalent.
- Experience can range from commercial truck driving experience preferred to one year as a water truck driver required.
- Valid Class A CDL with Tank endorsement.
- Clean driving record.
- Safety compliance and communication with qualifications and experience.

**Compensation Benefits package:**

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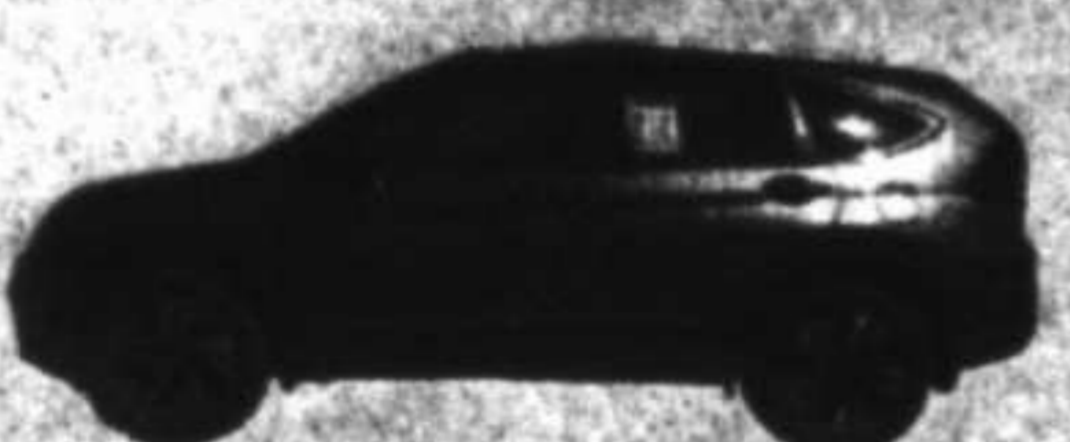




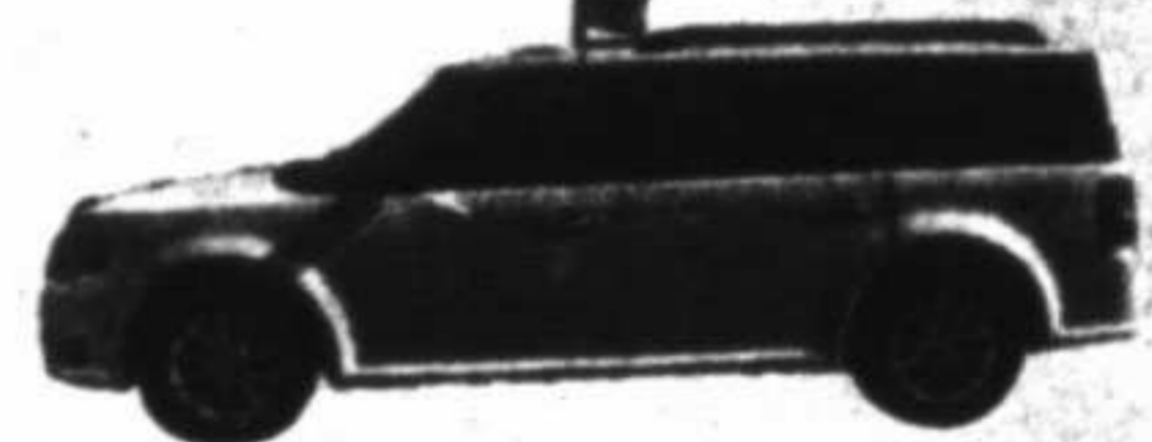


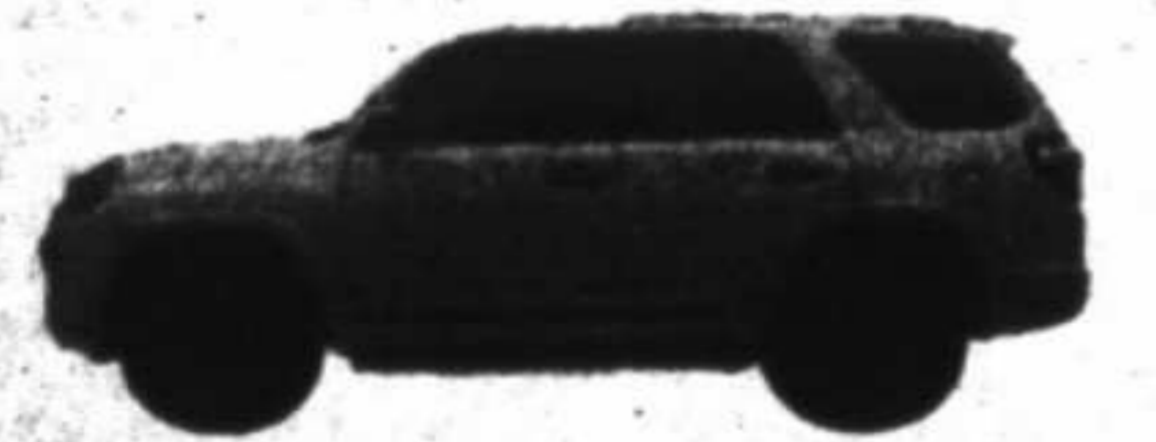







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**Plant Maintenance Mechanic - Water Purification Plant**

Performs skilled & semi-skilled maintenance duties as they relate to equipment repair and upkeep. Perform manufacturer recommended preventative maintenance on equipment at the Water Purification Plant.

**Job Duties:**

- Repairs equipment including pumps, chemical feeders, valves and specialized equipment.
- Performs preventative maintenance on plant equipment according to manufacturer's recommendations.
- Performs annual maintenance on plants including but not limited to cleaning and painting of water treatment basins and painting of equipment.
- Performs electrical repairs including wiring of electric motors, switches, and panels.
- Troubleshoots electrical problems including checking and repairing control circuits.
- Serves as a shift relief as needed, assuming full authority, duties and responsibilities of position that is being filled.
- Performs related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**  
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of plant operations and maintenance. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. Skill in the use of hand tools, test equipment, and welding tools. May work rotating shifts.

High school diploma or equivalent required. One to three years experience in a related field preferred. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Water license within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must possess a valid Texas Class "W" CDL or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

**Benefits:**

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**Well Field Technician - Paul Davis**

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Purification Plant and associated potable water storage.

**Job Duties:**

- Assists other Utility Department Divisions as required.
- Performs Operations & maintenance duties as required at WPP.
- Controls water distribution processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and maintains various water production and storage equipment.
- Maintains required records of operations, generates monthly report and maintenance records.
- Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage.
- Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
- Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
- Performs routine cleaning of assigned area. Maintains grounds at well field compounds.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**  
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

**RELOCATION MANDATORY**

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, motors and tower operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity and electronics. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. On call 50% evenings and weekends.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Groundwater license from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must possess a valid Texas Class "B" CDL required or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

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**Equipment Operator - Traffic Operations**

Perform manual and unskilled labor on traffic signs and markings, which involve the use of specialized skills. Operate several types of light and heavy vehicles, equipment, and tools. Do related work and tubing as required.

**Job Duties:**

- Assist in loading and unloading transported equipment.
- Operate equipment used in the daily activities of the Traffic Operations division such as paint machines, sign installation equipment, welders and other heavy equipment.
- Perform maintenance, service minor repairs on vehicles and equipment.
- Install and maintain roadway signs, markings and all other traffic devices.
- Assist in maintaining inventory of supplies and equipment.
- Maintain records of work performed, schedules, status reports and work orders.
- Perform related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**  
Employee must be able to communicate effectively with employees, management and citizens in order to effectively receive and complete assigned work.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to traffic control devices and operations. Knowledge of the processes used in traffic control maintenance. Employee must be able to follow instructions for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools is required. Employee must be able to use heavy equipment required in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch wipers, and striping trucks. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders is also required.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas Class "A" or "B" CDL required, or must be obtained within 6 months of employment.

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**Service Center Technician**

Performs the installation and repair and general maintenance on vehicles and machinery.

**Job Duties:**

- Repair flat tires. Removes and installs wheels and tires from vehicles and equipment.
- Responds to requests for testing and service calls.
- Performs electrical jump starts on vehicles and equipment.
- Performs diagnostic checks on batteries and alternators. Changes out as necessary.
- Balance tires.
- Performs engine oil and filter changes. Changes transmission oils and filters.
- Checks and maintains shop facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
- Orders and issues parts.
- Opens work orders, charges out parts and closes work orders as required.
- Performs related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**  
Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and vendors in order to diagnose repairs and order materials for repair.

Knowledge of proper tools used in general automotive repairs. Ability to safely use tools, vehicles and equipment such as wrenches, the hammer and levelers, bars, hammers and wheel balancers, the machines, jacks, air impact wrenches, fork lift and assorted hand tools. Skill in the reading and practical application of manuals, schematics and other similar specifications used by city departments. Ability to read, measure and other similar specifications and sizes of materials needed and to reason amount of time that will be used in the actual repair process. Ability to speak, understand and follow instructions in English.

High school diploma or equivalent plus one year of general service station experience is required. Experience in testing vehicles, changing oil and all filters, and changing or replacing auto and large equipment tires is also required. Employee must have dependable transportation and a telephone at their residence. A valid Texas license required. CDL preferred. Must have a State of Texas Inspection License or ability to obtain within 90 days.

**DAYS & HOURS:**  
Monday - Friday, 7:30 am to 11:00 pm

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**Well Field Technician - Airport Well Field**

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Purification Plant and associated potable water storage.

**Job Duties:**

- Assists other Utility Department divisions as required.
- Performs operations & maintenance duties as required at WPP.
- Controls water distribution processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and maintains various water production and storage equipment.
- Maintains required records of operations.
- Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage.
- Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
- Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
- Performs routine cleaning of assigned area.
- Maintains house and grounds at well field compounds.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**  
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, motors and tower operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity and electronics. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. On call 50% of evenings and weekends.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Groundwater license from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Valid Texas class "B" CDL required or must be obtained within 1 year of employment.

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**Equipment Operator - Transportation**

Under Supervision, performs unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled duties in the maintenance and repair of the City's street infrastructure. Performs a variety of tasks including general labor and the operation of light and heavy equipment used in the repair of streets, alleys, and drainage ways.

**Job Duties:**

- Performs routine maintenance and repair of City streets and alleys through the operation of light and heavy equipment including walk-behind saws and compactors, dump trucks and water trucks, and other equipment related to the maintenance of streets and alleys.
- Performs daily preventative maintenance of equipment.
- Performs manual work and general labor such as making street and curb cuts.
- Maintains tools and equipment.
- Assists with the proper set up of work zone traffic control.
- Assists in loading and unloading of transported material and equipment.
- Performs any related duties needed to complete projects.
- Installs and maintains signage throughout the city.
- Performs lane line on the streets and thoroughfares. Paths designated cuts.
- Installs lane line in order to clear sign obstructions.
- Fabricates signs.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work schedules, status reports and records of work orders.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**  
Employee must effectively communicate with all co-workers, managers, and citizens. Must effectively communicate with managers regarding work orders.

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to read materials including equipment manuals and daily work logs. Ability to read field notes and fuel gauges. Ability to receive and understand training materials and demonstrations regarding the proper operation of light and heavy equipment for which employee has no prior knowledge or experience.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas Class A or B Commercial Drivers License required.

Monday - Friday, 7:30 am until 4:00 pm. Overtime work may be required.

**Benefits:**

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The primary function of a Water Plant employee is to perform semi-skilled and skilled operations and maintenance duties in our water facility, including monitoring, operating, maintaining and upgrading equipment. Additionally, an employee performs data collection and reporting functions to ensure compliance with Federal and State water quality requirements & Standards.

**Job Duties:**

- Gathers and computes chemical analysis of water samples, interprets and logs results.
- Controls water treatment processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and maintains various water plant equipment and machinery.
- Monitors daily and hourly records of plant operations.
- Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage within the City.
- Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
- Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
- Reports maintenance issues that affect plant Operations.
- Assists maintenance personnel as assigned and when needed.
- Performs routine cleaning of work areas.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**  
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. Must work rotating shifts.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Surface Water license from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must possess a valid class "C" Texas driver's license.

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This individual must have experience in Industrial, Commercial, or Oilfield Automation. Must have strong troubleshooting skills, also installation, retrofit, and new construction of automation and instrumentation equipment. Must have experience in electronic circuitry and electrical motor controls. Individual needs to have experience in Troubleshooting, installations, and Refueling locations with either a PLC or controller of some type, in Fisher ROC, Total Flow, Weatherford. Must be able to use different types of testing equipment, measurement equipment and communication equipment and be able to talk, keep check orders, calculate instrumentation devices. Must be able to read and write drawings and diagrams and be able to distinguish and choose instrumentation devices needed for any application. Must have great communication, administration and computer skills. Individual would be working in field alone and be able to do physical labor and lift up to 50 lbs.

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**Maintenance Specialist - Transportation**

Operates some maintained equipment, hand tools and assists Equipment Operator in the maintenance and construction of streets, alleys and drainage channels. Installs devices that provide for the orderly and predictable movement of all vehicles, non-motorized and pedestrian traffic.

**Job Duties:**

- Performs routine maintenance and/or construction on streets, alleys, right of ways, drainage channels, etc.
- Performs daily preventative maintenance of maintained equipment or hand tools.
- Performs manual work and general labor such as weed cutting, patching road, shoring, etc.
- Maintains tools and equipment in good and safe operating condition.
- Performs any related duties needed to complete projects.
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- Installs lane line in order to clear sign obstructions.
- Fabricates signs.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work schedules, status reports and records of work orders.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**  
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group.

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to use some maintained equipment or tools. Ability to read materials such as equipment manuals and work orders. Ability to write and record information such as feedback on work request/work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

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Assists in the operation of the waste water treatment plant.

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- Performs general, records information and reports problems in the Operator, or other operators.
- Performs periodic and general testing duties in assigned areas.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**  
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and experience on plant condition and in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

Ability to read operator's manuals, graphs and work orders to adjust equipment for analysis. Skill in writing to record results. Skill must require.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus ability to obtain a operator's certification from the THROCC within established time constraints. Valid Texas driver's license.

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**Job Duties:**

- Drive a sanitation vehicle and collect and dispose of solid waste from assigned routes. Collects and disposes of yard waste and logs, bulky items when assigned to load roll off.
- Turns in and from the landfill in order to dispose of waste materials.
- Works in filler shop and driver programs when required.
- Maintains and repairs vehicles and performs safety checks daily.
- Maintains records of work performed for supervisor such as daily check list, trip logs and repair reports.
- May assist waste management utility require of the solid waste management division in order to adequately perform public service responsibilities.
- Assists in recycling activities.
- Performs any other related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**  
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and citizens who will require recycling services. Ability to read and understand work orders may be required on various projects.

Knowledge of processes used in the collection and disposal of waste materials. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as front loader and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, fill, dump and wheel loader systems as well as skidsteer, tractors and others.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred with the ability to use year of experience in a related position. Valid Texas Class B Commercial Driver's License required.

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