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Oil downturn took a high toll on industry

■ 335 energy companies went into bankruptcy court over the past three years, including 11 so far in 2018, according to law firm

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

In late 2016, when OPEC and its allies agreed to slash oil production to support crude prices, executives and analysts hailed it as a victory for resilient U.S. shale drillers, whose good old American ingenuity and engineering outlasted once-powerful Middle East rivals in a global oil war.

And indeed, as oil prices climb above $65 a barrel, no segment of the oil industry has benefited more than companies in the United States, where surging crude production could soon eclipse Saudi Arabia and Russia — an unthinkable turn of events only a few years ago.

But American energy companies hardly came out of the fracas unscathed. Haynes & Boone, a Dallas law firm that has tracked energy bankruptcies since early 2015, reported (last) week that 335 oil producers, energy service companies and pipeline operators in the United States and Canada have filed into bankruptcy court over the past three years.

That casualty list includes 11 bankruptcy cases in the first three months of 2018, a sign that even though the oil industry has made strides to recover from the downturn — sending an armada of rigs to fields in West Texas and Oklahoma — some debt-laden companies are still struggling to make ends meet.

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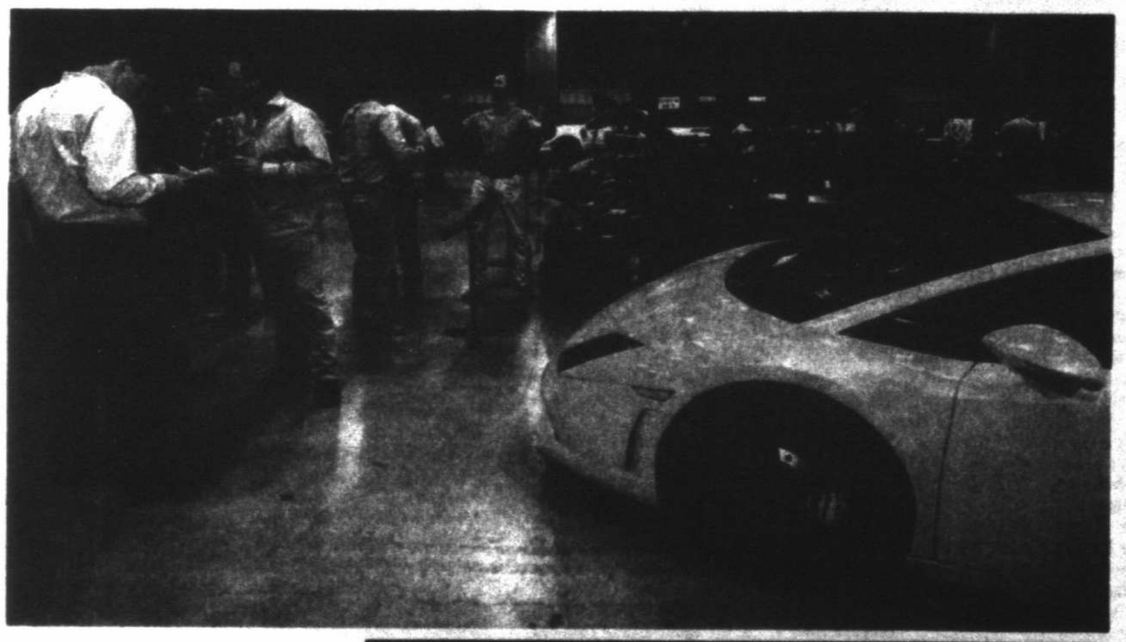

Playing around

Guests gather around the high-end cars on display Saturday night at Big Boys' Toys, a fundraiser for MARC, a local nonprofit that provides programs to individuals with intellectual, developmental and cognitive disabilities. The event at the Horseshoe Pavilion included a performance by country music artist Josh Turner and silent and live auctions.

MC, UTPB to formally announce engineering partnership

From staff reports

Two local institutions are scheduled to announce an academic pathway for engineering students. Midland College and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin will hold a press conference at 2 p.m. today in the Scharbauer Student Center Herd Faculty Lounge on the MC campus.

A new articulation agreement between the institutions outlines coursework guaranteed to transfer when MC students start attending UTPB as engineering majors, according to a press release.

"This articulation agreement between

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Rio Grande offers glimpse at border Trump wants

By Nomaan Merchant and John L. Moore
Associated Press

ROMA — Stymied by Congress and the courts, President Donald Trump has struggled to make good on his signature campaign promises to build a wall and stop migrants. But there is at least one place where his vision is becoming reality: the sinuous lower Rio Grande Valley, scene of more unauthorized crossings than any other stretch between the Pacific Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico.

This week, as Texas National Guard troops were taking up positions on the

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Did you know? Online shopping could cost more after Supreme Court case. Page 7A

The big number: 42 square miles of land have been quarantined by a wildfire in Oklahoma. Page 4A

Word of the Day: wary. Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 2A.

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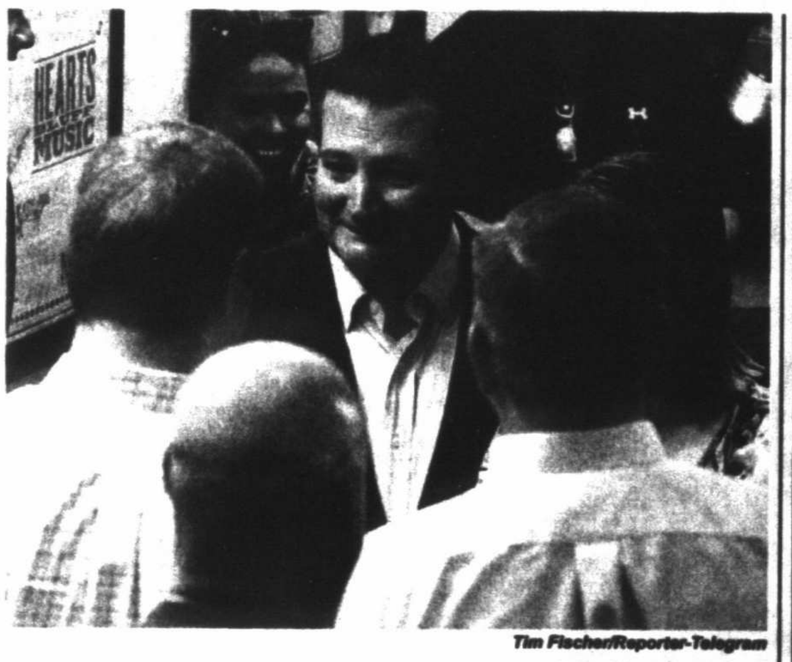

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U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz talks with and takes pictures with supporters April 4 during a campaign stop in Midland at Discovery Operating, speaking to area residents on a campaign tour of Texas.

Ted Cruz runs for re-election as though it's still 2016

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

■ COMMENTARY

AUSTIN — Ted Cruz ran a surprisingly effective presidential campaign in 2016. It sometimes sounds like he still is.

The Texan is seeking re-election to the U.S. Senate by pledging to repeal Barack Obama's signature health care law, abolish the IRS and beat back federal overreach — even though the Trump administration has already diluted the health law, delivered sweeping tax cuts and code revisions and controls Washington along with a Republican-led Congress.

Unmentioned — almost as if he hadn't noticed — is that the political world has been turned upside down around him. Indeed, Cruz, virtually alone among candidates here, barely refers to President Donald Trump and his paradigm-shifting repercussions since the election.

While other Texas political hopefuls want to tap into Trump's strong popularity with the Republican base, Cruz is sticking to his greatest policy hits, calculating that he has the stature to remain above the fray and can stick to the playbook that carried him from GOP primary also-ran to second place finisher in his first run for the White House. It's an agenda that would transition smoothly to another possible presidential run after 2020.

"Freedom doesn't defend itself," Cruz declared, drawing applause from a crowd of 200-plus inside an automatic mailing firm's headquarters in Austin, one of 12 cities where Cruz recently staged re-election kickoff rallies over three days.

The aloof approach especially suits Cruz, a strident tea party hero who delighted in infuriating both parties' congressional powerbrokers before Trump arrived to unhinge them even more. He bitterly opposed Trump at the end of the 2016 presidential campaign, was booed for refusing to endorse him at the Republican National Convention but eventually fell in line.

While Trump has careened away from some traditional GOP beliefs by supporting free market-busting tariffs, racking up federal debt and shrugging off family values and morality standards, Cruz can claim to have been an unflinching conservative all along.

"Steering clear of Trump allows him to be more about Cruz," said GOP strategist Brendan Steinhauser, a former national tea party organizer who directed the 2014 re-election campaign of Texas' senior senator, John Cornyn.

Cruz's stance differs from some other high-profile conservatives thought to have future presidential aspirations. Rather than keep his distance, Nebraska Sen. Ben Sasse has been outspokenly critical of the president and his volatile tweet eruptions, and could tap into Republicans looking for a new direction post-Trump. Meanwhile, Vice President Mike Pence and U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley may emerge as top evangelists for Trump's post-presidency legacy.

Of Cruz, "it's early to say if what he's doing will play into how he's perceived as a national leader," Steinhauser said.

Someone else Cruz often ignores while campaigning is Democrat Beto O'Rourke, who is giving up his El Paso congressional seat to challenge Cruz. A bilingual, former punk rocker, O'Rourke garnered national attention for his energetic rallies and for frequently out-fundraising Cruz, even while shunning donations from outside political groups and special interests.

BORDER

From 1A

state's southern edge at Trump's request, the head of U.S. Customs and Border Protection told lawmakers that the agency hopes to award contracts by September for border wall construction near where the Rio Grande meets the Gulf. And the U.S. government's efforts to identify and begin the seizure of private land along the river "are well underway," CBP Commissioner Kevin McAleenan told a congressional subcommittee Thursday.

Last month, Congress rejected Trump's request for up to $25 billion to build the full length of his coveted wall, but he did win funding for 33 miles of barriers in the Rio Grande Valley.

And while the Guard will eventually withdraw, a wall could change the region forever.

This stretch of border is the only place where the National Guard is deployed and where Congress funded the construction of new walls, instead of replacing or fortifying existing barriers.

The current plans call for up to 25 miles of construction in Hidalgo County, which includes the city of McAllen and already has segments of stop-and-start border fencing, some of it installed well north of the river.

The remaining construction would go in Starr County, further west. CBP last year issued a map that marked off several cities in the county for construction, including Roma and Rio Grande City.

Roma was built on the bluffs overlooking the Rio Grande and Ciudad Miguel Aleman on the southern side of what Mexicans call el Rio Bravo del Norte — the furious river of the north. From the bluffs, visitors can hear roosters clucking in Miguel Aleman and see schoolchildren and traffic crossing a tiny bridge.

A group of Guard members this month set up below the bluffs, with rifle-carrying soldiers holding binoculars and peering south over the river.

Trump says the Guard is necessary to guard the border until the wall can be built across the U.S.-Mexico border. His administration and Gov. Greg Abbott, a fellow Republican, have cited a recent increase in the number of border crossings and what they say are more smugglers and gang members trying to enter the United States.

Many people who live on the American side of the river see the situation differently. They say their communities are safe from the cartel-linked violence that has ravaged northern Mexico. And many border crossers entering the U.S. turn themselves in and try to seek asylum. They include thousands of adults and children fleeing violence and instability in Central America.

Scott Nicol, a longtime valley resident who is co-chair of the Sierra Club's Borderlands team, argued that both the Guard deployment and the wall fit into a mistaken national narrative that "everybody who lives here is part of one giant smuggling operation."

"If you go into a neighborhood and all the houses have burglar bars, you assume that neighborhood has a high burglary rate, instead of assuming there's a really good burglar bar salesman," Nicol said.

Nicol and other advocates are particularly worried about the lasting damage building a wall could do.

In some places, CBP wants to clear forests and brush to install roads and lighting. Advocates say that could destroy critical habitats and speed up erosion. A wall could potentially restrict the movement of animals and plant seeds.

Depending on how it's built, a wall could also make the region more susceptible to flooding. In a natural disaster, it might push more water into Mexico, a potential violation of a treaty between the two countries.

It would also seal off many border cities from the region's defining cultural and economic feature.

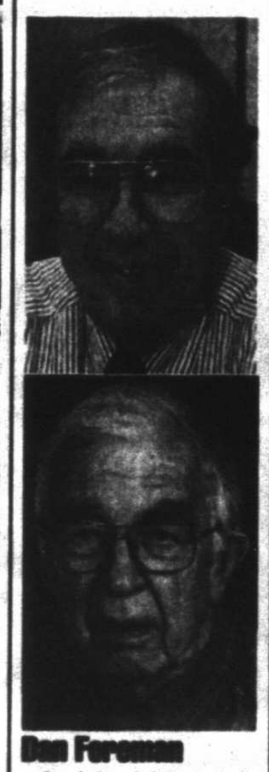
"The river is basically everything," said Jim Chapman, another local resident who is part of the group Friends of the Wildlife Corridor. "It sustains the human population and it sustains much of the wildlife."

In places like the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge, a dirt trail still leads visitors over a river levee and through a verdant forest with butterflies and birds. The trail ends at the north bank of the river.

CBP officials originally wanted to start construction on the Santa Ana levee, in part because the land is already owned by the government and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security can waive environmental reviews to build a wall. But Congress' March funding bill prohibits any construction in Santa Ana.

The agency has not said where it would start now. But advocates worry that to start construction sooner, CBP would target other refuge lands, including a collection of properties purchased over four decades known as the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Other environmentally sensitive areas like the National Butterfly Center also sit in the wall's potential path.

Obituaries



Dan Foreman

Our beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and husband, Dan Foreman, was a humble, modest man of great strength and faith who loved the Lord and his family.

He was born September 27, 1937 to Mayme Webb Foreman and S. J. Foreman in Big Spring, Texas and grew up on the family farm in Lenorah, Texas. He graduated from Stanton High School and continued his higher education.

His father not only farmed but also was Postmaster which was in their home. Dan grew up in the U.S. Post office which later became his career for 46 years. He loved helping others and served as a volunteer in several charitable organizations from delivering Meals on Wheels to helping build Habitat homes. He enjoyed studying the Bible and being involved in serving in the church.

Dan loved to be with his family and took pride in all their accomplishments from sports, music, education, or just "chinching around" as a family hiking in Ruidoso or sitting on the front porch playing dominoes at the McRae cabin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Phil Foreman.

He is survived by his brother, Sam Foreman (Frances); sister-in-law, Jonnie Foreman; his wife, Judia Perry Foreman and their three children: Jay Foreman, Danica Moreland (Byron), and Jennifer Monroe (Scott); and by his grandchildren, Amy Van Winkle (David), Shana Foreman (Brianna), Sam Foreman, Kate Foreman (Josh Cantu), Madison Foreman, Clark Moreland (Carrie), Danielle Wood (Doug), Amy Moreland (Jordan Morren), and Maggie and Conrad Monroe.

He is also survived by 10 great-grandchildren, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to caregiver Kevin Domingu:z, and Hospice of Midland staff: Maria, Blanca, Melissa, Paula, and volunteer, George.

Memorial service will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Steve Schorr officiating. Private family burial will be held at Resthaven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to First Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, Bynum School or a charity of your choice.

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

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Ted R. Baughn

Ted R. Baughn of Midland, Texas passed away peacefully at his home, shortly after midnight, on April 12, 2018, with his daughters by his side.

Ted, aka "TR," was born on October 4, 1942 in Oklahoma.

He left this world, joining Leta, his beloved wife of 35 years. Loving her from grade school forward, their LOVE and DEVOTION was admired by all who knew them.

"The Best Father in the World"...just ask his two girls!

After graduating high school in Hobbs, New Mexico, he continued his education at New Mexico Junior College and the University of Texas at El Paso, Texas.

As early as 10 years old, he began working; first at the Trolley Cafe that his mother and father owned in Hobbs, then continuing to take on jobs that helped him grow into the man that lay to rest this day - He was a man of honor, integrity, compassion, kind and genuine: One who believed that working hard was expected by all, and accomplishments are shared. He believed that taking GOOD care of your family, was the definition of success.

A shake of a hand was as good as a contract with Ted. To this very day, he continues business with friends that were made throughout his lifetime of hard work.

A man of great compassion, kindness and generosity. He believed in helping others teaching them to help themselves. An unexpected mentor at times, teaching others many things that he had learned throughout his life. Always wanting others to succeed for themselves, and for their families. He learned the hard way, (as in hard WORK and commitment), grooming many drivers, employees, and passers through. People aren't what they used to be, he'd say; however, he still enjoyed sharing his wisdom, and applied skills - for those willing to work hard too!

A man with a sense of humor! Even as he was processing his final day, shifting to become comfortable, the girls said, "We love you daddy," and without missing a beat, he said "I love ME too!"

Owner of Lee-R's Enterprise INC, Lee-Co Couting ENT, and Teds INC., which he started over 40 years ago, and are still up and running with continued success. Always applying knowledge from previous business adventures - his skills were unique and diverse. From his partnership with Harold Farley in ARD's Country Store to hauling truckloads of dynamite, back in the day.

Some of his memorable endeavors include Apex Freight Co., Basin Field Service, and Submersible Oil Services, LP.

His knowledge and memory continued to amaze many people. Afraid that the SmartPhone would make him less smart, he procrastinated to get on board with that technology as long as possible and continued to memorize numbers, names, places, even when he upgraded technology.

He loved to stay mentally stimulated, whether it be the Bible, or the Constitution of the United States of America, you'd better be up on your facts. Those are two documents that meant a lot to Ted, and he could debate each one with articulate skill.

Work hard, save early for your family, but most importantly be honest in what you do, and happiness will always find you.

He is survived by his daughters, Rhonda and RaMona Baughn and Charlye Parker, all of Midland; sister-in-law, Donna Burt of Hobbs; nephew, Dan Hakata of Las Vegas, Nevada; nephew, Paxton LeMond; nieces, Jill Broughton of Wichita Falls, Dionne LeMond Massis, Tai LeMond Tipton, Cyndi Frasier, and Heather Christer; and five cousins, Robbie Black, Fayrene Black, Wanda Titus, Mary Sherwood, and Minnie Chamblin.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Leta Delores; father, Ted R. Baughn, Sr.; step-father, Sandy Sanford; mother, Myrtle Sanford; sister, Kay Hudnall and her husband, Willie; brother-in-law, Danny Whitlock; aunts and uncles, Lloyd and Mary Chamblin, and Bulah May and Tommy Black; and cousins, Bob Chamblin, Pee Wee Black, and Jerry McClain.

The family would like to express gratitude to all of those who have cared for him, with a special thank you to his long time Dr. PK Patel, and also to Dr. Shylesh Ganta. Both doctors were pivotal in his extended care.

Recently joining his team of nurturing caretakers is Rebecca Stephan of Nurses Unlimited. He couldn't ask for a better fit. She stepped in and made every day a happier day! Hospice of Midland also came into care in the last days.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland, 3800 N. Big Spring, Midland, Texas.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Entombment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park Mausoleum, Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Door of Hope Mission, 200 W. 1st Street, Odessa, Texas 79761, or Hospice of Midland.

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DOWNTURN

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Energy companies ran up $500 billion dollars in debt to fuel the oil boom that lasted from 2010 to mid-2014. North American companies took about $170 billion of that debt with them into bankruptcy court, according to Haynes & Boone.

The oil industry's 2018 bankruptcy cases include six oil and gas producers, four service companies and one pipeline firm, with $9.5 billion in debt all together.

U.S. oil companies cut 178,000 jobs during the downturn, according to Houston transaction adviser Graves & Co. In Canada, companies cut 44,000 jobs and worldwide, 440,000. Graves says that's a conservative estimate.

But the industry is now sending more oil rigs and investing billions to extract oil and gas from the Permian Basin in West Texas and in other U.S. shale plays.

On Friday, Houston oil field services firm Baker Hughes reported the number of working U.S. drilling rigs rose by five this past week, led by gains in Texas and the Gulf of Mexico. U.S. oil prices rose 32 cents on Friday to settle at $67.39 a barrel in New York.

UTPB

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Midland College and UTPB will ensure that the transition process for engineering students from one institution to another is seamless," MC President Steve Thomas said, in part, in the release.

The agreement also will help students understand baccalaureate course requirements, allowing them to save time and money, according to Thomas.

Sandra Woodley, president of UTPB, said the agreement supports future engineers and allows them to focus on their education, according to the release.

At UTPB's Midland campus, construction is underway on a three-story engineering building.

The project started last spring and is projected to finish in April 2019.

WORD OF THE DAY
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wary
[adjective]
: marked by keen caution, cunning, and watchfulness especially in detecting and escaping danger

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Things to do

■ Hawley Wine Dinner pairs five courses with a selection of Hawley labels. 7 p.m. at the Garlic Press, 2200 W. Wadley Ave. $90. Reservations made by calling 570-4020.

■ Bunco with UMBPW. The game-playing event benefits the Uptown Midland Business and Professional Women's Scholarship Fund, which provides non-traditional scholarships to women going back to college. 6-9 p.m. at Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. $50.

■ "Phoenix Wilder and the Great Elephant Adventure" follows an orphan boy and his friendship with an African elephant in the face of a band of poachers. 6 p.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. $13.50, $10.81 children. fathomevents.com.

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

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

■ Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for $14.09 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

■ Open Shop Nights are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. 6:30-9 p.m. at 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.

Meetings today

Planning and Zoning
3:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Permian Basin MPO
5 p.m.
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1, 9601 Wright Drive

MISD
5:30 p.m.
Bowie Fine Arts Academy
805 Elk Ave.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The city's Parks and Recreation Department and Texas Parks and Wildlife provided free fishing Saturday morning at C.J. Kelly Park pond, which was stocked with catfish.

Kids can compete in MLB event

The city of Midland Parks and Recreation Department is hosting Major League Baseball's Pitch, Hit, and Run skills competition. The event is 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Security Bank Ballpark.

Boys and girls compete in four age groups: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. Finalists earn the chance to advance to next level of competition, including team championships at Major League ballparks.

For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 685-7355 or visit www.pitchhitrun.com.

Today in History

Today is Monday, April 16, the 106th day of 2018. There are 259 days left in the year.

Today's highlight

On April 16, 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in which the civil rights activist responded to a group of local clergymen who had criticized him for leading street protests; King defended his tactics, writing, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

On this date

In 1945, during World War II, a Soviet submarine in the Baltic Sea torpedoed and sank the MV Goya, which Germany was using to transport civilian refugees and wounded soldiers; it's estimated that up to 7,000 people died.

In 1947, the cargo ship Grandcamp, carrying ammonium nitrate, blew up in the harbor in Texas City, Texas; a nearby ship, the High Flyer, which was carrying ammonium nitrate and sulfur, caught fire and exploded the following day; the blasts and fires killed nearly 600 people. At the South Carolina statehouse, financier Bernard M. Baruch declared: "Let us not be deceived — we are today in the midst of a cold war."

Weather

Sunday's temperatures

High	74
Low	42
Normal high	79
Normal low	49

April 15's records

Record high: 95, set in 1990, repeated in 2006
Record low: 27, set in 1933

Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.16 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.2 in.

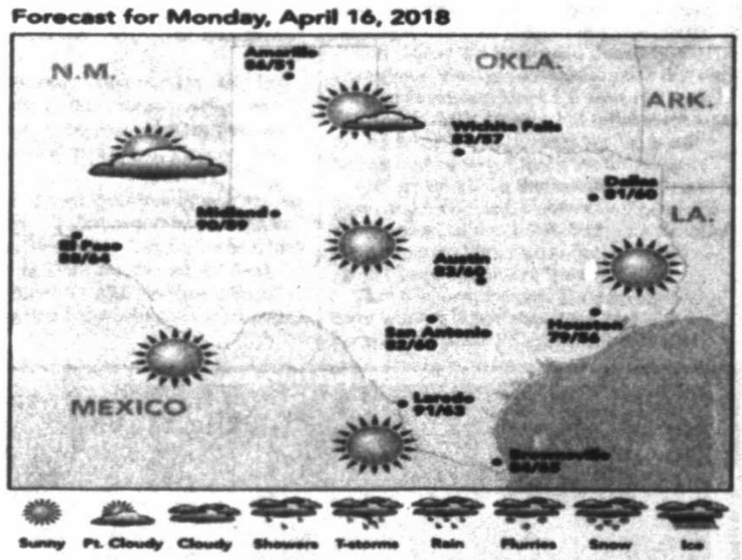
Winds
Wind speed: 15 mph
Gust speed: 21 mph

Today's forecast
High: 91
Low: 58
Conditions: Sunny today/mostly clear tonight
Winds: South 15-25 mph today and tonight/gusts as high as 40 mph
Chance of rain: None

Sunrise 7:19 a.m.
Sunset 8:19 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

Forecast for Monday, April 16, 2018



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun and Moon in Aries if born before 4:51 a.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, April 16, 2018:
This year you open up to new ideas and different people. The unexpected often marks situations that you are in. Maintain a grounded perspective, and don't test others too much, as they can be very sensitive. If you are single, you meet prospective suitors easily. Know that you might go through several suitors before you are able to clearly define what you want in a relationship. If you are attached, the two of you relate with more depth and versatility. Remember that this relationship is very important to you. TAURUS delights you with his or her stability and patience.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You could feel out of sync when dealing with someone else. This person might be somewhat stern and withdrawn. The unexpected runs rampant in the morning. You might not be sure of what you are hearing, so it would be wise to ask questions. Tonight: Make it your treat.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You might feel as if you are ready to go, but either your mind or body seems to be dragging behind. Understand that this feeling will pass soon, but make it OK to honor it for now. You probably will want to take a break until you are more put together. Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You will want to fulfill a need that involves a long-term commitment, but you might need to wait, as the timing could feel off. Unexpected events seem to occur around a friend or group of friends. Do your best to bypass a sketchy situation. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
★★★ Curb your moodiness for the moment. There might be an element of the unexpected at play, but know that everything will work out in the long run. A work situation could be more unstable than you originally had thought. Proceed with caution. Tonight: Hang out with some friends.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for what you desire. Right now, you might be more concerned with a professional matter. You'll want to take a hard look at your image. Perhaps a change in how you present yourself could make a real difference in your life. Tonight: Rise to the occasion.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to push your limits and see what happens. In any case, you will gain a fresh perspective as you connect with those around you. The dynamics of your interactions with others could make all the difference. Tonight: Watch a good movie, and let your mind drift.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Knowing when to defer to others can make a big difference in your choices. You are full of get-up-and-go, and naturally will assume a leadership role. Let someone else call the shots for now, and open up to new ideas. Tonight: Participate in a discussion about the household budget.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Get into the pace of the day. Relax, and you will get a lot more done. Work in some exercise or moving around. Maintain good habits for eating and exercising, and you will have more stamina as a result. Let someone else make the first move. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Pace yourself, and don't allow yourself to be thrown into chaos just because someone at a distance is seeking you out. You could be stunned by this person's bluntness. Be smart, as financial demands could be heavy. Restrict your spending, if need be. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Express yourself. Others appreciate your fast response to the unexpected. You are likely to handle a domestic or family matter with ease. Be more forthright when dealing with a loved one. This person would appreciate a direct and succinct answer. Tonight: Tap into your inner child.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Listen to news more carefully. Seek out more of what you want. You might find what is occurring to be time-consuming at best and startling at worst. Recognize that you are in a difficult situation, and try to relax. Take a walk, if necessary. Tonight: Head home early.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your finances could experience an interesting twist if you are not careful. Stay on top of what is happening, and maintain a strict budget. You are coming from a unique point of view that needs to be explored. Share your thoughts more often. Tonight: Speak your mind.

BORN TODAY
Actress Claire Foy (1984), singer Dusty Springfield (1939), actor Charlie Chaplin (1889)

Spokesman: Former first lady Barbara Bush in failing health

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former first lady Barbara Bush is in "failing health" and won't seek additional medical treatment, a Bush family spokesman said Sunday.

"Following a recent series of hospitalizations, and after consulting her family and doctors, Mrs. Bush, now age 92, has decided not to seek additional medical treatment and will instead focus on comfort care," spokesman Jim McGrath said in a news release.

McGrath did not elaborate as to the nature of Bush's health problems. She has been treated for decades for Graves' disease, which is a thyroid condition, had heart surgery in 2009 for a severe narrowing of her main heart valve and was hospitalized a year before that for surgery on a perforated ulcer.

"It will not surprise those who know her that Barbara Bush has been a rock in the face of her failing health, worrying not for herself — thanks to her abiding faith — but for others," McGrath said. "She is surrounded by a family she adores, and appreciates the many kind messages and especially the prayers she is receiving."

AP file photo

Former first lady Barbara Bush listens to a patient's question during a visit to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center on Aug. 22, 2013, in Portland, Maine. A family spokesman said Sunday that the former first lady Barbara Bush is in "failing health" and won't seek additional medical treatment.

Bush, who is at home in Houston, is one of only two first ladies who was also the mother of a president. The other was Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams, the nation's second president, and mother of John Quincy Adams, the sixth president.

Bush married George H.W. Bush on Jan. 6, 1945. They had six children and have been married longer than any presidential couple in American history.

Eight years after she and her husband left the White House, Mrs. Bush stood with her husband as their son George W. was sworn in as the 43rd president.

She's known for her white hair and her triple-strand, fake pearl necklace.

Her brown hair began to gray in the 1950s, while her 3-year-old daughter Pauline, known to her family as Robin, underwent treatment for leukemia and eventually died in October 1953. She later said dyed hair didn't look good on her and credited the color to the public's perception of her as "everybody's grandmother."

Her pearls sparked a national fashion trend when she wore them to her husband's inauguration in 1989.

The pearls became synonymous with Bush, who later said she selected them to hide the wrinkles in her neck. The candid admission only bolstered her common sense and down-to-earth public image.

Stevie Ray Vaughan's 1951 Fender fetches $250,000 at auction

This undated file photo provided by Heritage Auctions shows an electric guitar that blues legend Stevie Ray Vaughan was given as a youth by his brother. The guitar, which Vaughan used in his first studio recording and early performances, has fetched $250,000 at auction Sunday in his hometown of Dallas.

Emily Clemons/Heritage Auctions via AP, file

Associated Press

DALLAS — The electric guitar that blues legend Stevie Ray Vaughan used in his first studio recording and early performances has fetched $250,000 at auction in his hometown of Dallas.

Heritage Auction spokesman Eric Bradley says the winning bidder for the 1951 Fender at Sunday's auction doesn't wish to be identified immediately.

Vaughan biographer Craig Hopkins said last week that Vaughan's first professional-grade guitar has "considerable historical significance," noting the bluesman "pretty much learned his craft on" it.

It was a gift from his brother Jimmie Vaughan in the late 1960s. "Jimbo" is carved on the back.

Hopkins says Stevie Ray Vaughan, who traded the guitar away in 1971, mentioned in a 1989 interview how much he'd like to have it back.

Vaughan died in a 1990 helicopter crash. He was 35.

STATE&REGION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CROSBY

Houston-area man arrested for threats to University of Texas

University of Texas police and Harris County sheriff's deputies have arrested a 23-year-old Houston-area man who they say threatened to shoot at least 200 people at the school in Austin.

Authorities say Sean Evan Haddon has been charged with making a terrorist threat.

He's in the Harris County jail following his arrest Sunday morning.

Police say phone calls began April 7 with a bomb threat to their campus police headquarters. Another similar call was received Thursday, followed by a call Friday to the university's Human Resource Service Center threatening to shoot "at least 200 people." That call was tracked to Haddon's home in Crosby, a northeast Houston suburb about 160 miles east of Austin.

Police say after each call officers found nothing suspicious to merit a campus-wide alert.

HOUSTON

2 bodies found inside burned truck

Houston police are investigating the discovery of two bodies found inside a burning pickup.

Police say firefighters were summoned early Sunday to what initially was reported as a grass fire in a residential area on the city's northeast side and spotted the bodies inside the vehicle.

Identities of the victims haven't been immediately determined.

Authorities say two were burned beyond recognition.

OKLAHOMA

Wildfire evacuation order lifted for small town

OKLAHOMA CITY — Officials say residents of a small southwestern Oklahoma town have returned to their homes after being ordered to evacuate because of a wildfire threat.

Keli Cain of the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management said Sunday that the wildfire threatened Martha, a town of about 150 people that's roughly 120 miles southwest of Oklahoma City. Cain says the fire is still burning but no longer threatens the town.

Authorities say another wildfire that began in Texas and spread to Oklahoma on Friday was still burning Sunday. Firefighters in both states are battling the blaze, which has scorched about 42 square miles of land.

The Oklahoma Forestry Services says another wildfire in northwestern Oklahoma has burned more than 375 square miles of land.

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Tighter regulation likely benefits Facebook

JONAH GOLDBERG
Tribune News Service

Here's a bet: Congress will end up "cracking down" on Facebook with "tough" regulations that Facebook will probably protest quite vigorously.

And then Facebook profits will go up.

Mark Zuckerberg, the founder and CEO of Facebook, withstood two days of questioning in Congress this week. You could tell Zuckerberg took it very seriously, not least because he shed his traditional T-shirt and hoodie in favor of a grown-up suit.

Again and again, he was asked whether he was opposed to regulation.

"You embrace regulation?" asked Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.).

"I think the real question, as the internet becomes more important in people's lives, is what is the right regulation, not whether there should be or not," Zuckerberg responded.

Many are focusing (understandably) on Zuckerberg's stance on the countless and complex free-speech issues raised by Facebook's dominance and reach. Zuckerberg kept suggesting that artificial intelligence could soon solve most of these problems by policing "hate speech" and perhaps "fake news" faster than human monitors ever could.

Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb.) had a brilliant line of questioning that exposed at least some of the problems with handing over these responsibilities to the real-world equivalent of HAL from "2001: A Space Odyssey" or Skynet from the "Terminator" movies.

"Can you define hate speech?" Sasse asked.

Zuckerberg admitted that beyond calls for violence, he couldn't come up with a definition of the sort of speech that should be banned by an algorithm.

Added Zuckerberg: "I do generally agree with the point that ... as we're able to technologically shift toward especially having AI proactively look at content, I think that that's going to create massive questions for society about what kinds of obligations we want to require companies to fulfill."

That is both an impressive understatement and a topic we'll all be returning to often in the years to come.

But let's assume Zuckerberg is correct. In the future, much of our speech will be policed by our robot overlords.

As Zuckerberg hinted more than a few times, political leaders will need to get involved in the regulation and administration of how these AI systems will work. We'll probably set up some new agency or a new division of the FCC to provide oversight.

And which company will have the loudest voice in the drafting of these new rules? If history is any guide, the obvious answer is ... Facebook.

The standard story of the Progressive Era, taught to high school kids and college students alike, is that the government has come to the rescue time and again to curtail the excesses of irresponsible, selfish or otherwise dastardly big businesses. Upton Sinclair, in his book "The Jungle," famously exposed the abuses of the meatpacking industry, prompting the government to impose new regulations on it.

Left out of this tale of enlightened regulation is that the meat-packing industry wanted to be regulated — something even Sinclair admitted.

"The Federal inspection of meat was, historically, established at the packers' request," Sinclair wrote in 1906. "It is maintained and paid for by the people of the United States for the benefit of the packers."

The famous trusts were no different. In 1909, Andrew Carnegie wrote a letter to the New York Times suggesting "government control" of the steel industry. The chairman of U.S. Steel, Judge Elbert Gary, lobbied for the same thing.

The story repeated itself during the New Deal. The "malefactors of great wealth" that FDR demonized welcomed government regulation. Famed lawyer Clarence Darrow issued a report on the New Deal's industrial "codes" and found that in "virtually all the codes we have examined, one condition has been persistent. ... In Industry after Industry, the larger units ... have for their own advantage written the codes, and then, in effect and for their own advantage, assumed the administration of the code they have framed."

Why would the titans of capitalism welcome regulation? Because regulation is the best protection against competition. It stabilizes prices, eliminates uncertainty and writes profits into law — which is why AT&T convinced Congress at the beginning of the 20th century to give it a monopoly over phone services.

I don't know what the regulation of Facebook will look like. But I suspect one reason Zuckerberg wants AI to be essential is that Facebook can afford to make AI essential while potential competitors can't.

Regardless, I have confidence that when all is said and done, Facebook will look more like the 21st century AT&T of social media.

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OPINION EXTRA

Here's the best defense for the Down Syndrome Protection Act

There are opinions, and there are facts. First, some facts.

It used to be that pregnancies were divided into trimesters and the state could not regulate abortion in that first trimester, could regulate it in the second only to protect the health of the mother, and could regulate or limit it in the third to protect the welfare of the fetus. That was the holding in Roe v. Wade.

Then, Pennsylvania became the battleground in the abortion debate with Planned Parenthood v. Casey, in which the Supreme Court eliminated the trimester framework, finding it flawed. It reiterated a woman's right to choose, but made this important distinction, which was missing from the sterile posture of Roe: "The very notion that the state has a substantial interest in potential life leads to the conclusion that not all regulations must be deemed unwarranted."

And so was born the concept of viability. For the first time, even though it continued to agree that a pregnant woman had a "liberty" interest in not being pregnant, the law gave dignity to the fetus and started to establish parameters by which this dignity — this "life" — should be recognized and protected by the government.

So these are facts: Women can have abortions, with some legal restrictions. While my opinion is that they should be legally prevented from aborting a child; my opinion is not a fact.

But if we acknowledge that women can have abortions in some circumstances, we also have to accept that they can be prevented from having them in others. And that is what brings us back to Pennsylvania, and our beautiful state Capitol.

Last week, the state House of Representatives fast-tracked a bill that would ban abortions based on a diagnosis or suspicion that the fetus has Down syndrome. The full House will likely vote this week.

Abortion rights groups are apoplectic. This paper has published op-eds opposing the bill as a grotesque infringement on the "woman's right to choose," as if no one had ever read Planned Parenthood v. Casey or understands the "fact" that women do not have unlimited choices when it comes to being "un-pregnant."

Planned Parenthood has, predictably, come out full force in opposition to the bill. But I think the saddest part is that some parents of Down children have actually come out publicly against the bill, too, which strikes me as supremely inhumane. Just my opinion, of course. Here are some more of them:

To hear that a woman who has given birth to a child with Down is still willing to allow other children to be denied a future because she doesn't want to infringe on another mother's "choice" is a perfect example of the way society has dehumanized unborn life. It is the same principle at play when someone says, "I am personally against abortion but I don't want to deny another woman that right." Sorry to shatter your carefully crafted illusion, my open-minded friend, but you are not then personally against abortion. You just won't have one yourself.

Those who try to turn the mother into a victim by lamenting society's lack of resources for the disabled are so breathtakingly hypocritical, or naive, that I have to wonder if they even believe their own words, or are simply spouting a script prepared for them generations ago by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, who wrote the majority decision in Buck v. Bell, the case that authorized the sterilization of the "mentally impaired." He stated in one chilling passage, "Three generations of imbeciles are enough."

For the woman or man who thinks it's OK to abort a fetus that would grow into what we once called "Mongoloid," Holmes' reasoning makes sense.

I believe the real reason people oppose this bill is because they are afraid to open Pandora's Box. Once the lid comes off, it will reveal the stark barbarity of abortion taken to the extreme: a desire to eliminate the random imperfections and inconveniences of life. Just like Justice Holmes and his fear of imbeciles.

My friend Kurt Kondrich shares that opinion. He is the father to beautiful Chloe, who was diagnosed with Down in utero. He observes, "It is time to stop the ultimate form of bigotry: terminating individuals who do not meet the cultural mandate for perfection."

I am thrilled that Pennsylvania is poised to turn our opinions into incontrovertible fact.

— Christine M. Flowers, Philadelphia Daily News

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The dogs of war are howling

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

As sabers rattle ever louder across fields, plains, oceans and deserts, President Trump's words from earlier this year haunt the stable mind:

"I would love to be able to bring back our country into a great form of unity," he said. "Without a major event where people pull together, that's hard to do. But I would like to do it without that major event because usually that major event is not a good thing."

So true, Mr. President, so true.

Trump made these remarks to a gathering of television anchors a few hours before his first State of the Union address in January. Lamenting the country's divisiveness, hearkening back to Bill Clinton's impeachment, he noted that Americans usually unite during troubled times. A common enemy is helpful.

What could be more unifying than World War III?

As the United Nations Security Council called an emergency meeting Friday to discuss Syria, much of Washington was riveted on excerpts from pre-publication copies of James Comey's new book, "A Higher Loyalty," in which the former FBI director, whom Trump fired, gives his version of events leading up to the 2016 presidential election and his pink slip.

The consensus of most early readers was that the book amplified little in the legal sense, but there were other morsels to chew over regarding Trump's ethics, such as immediately trying to figure out how to spin the information Comey had just delivered about Russian interference with the election, and his being "untethered to truth." A few off-hand observations about the president's appearance — "shorter than he seemed on a debate stage," white circles under his eyes suggesting tanning goggles, and an over-long tie — were surely intended to get under the president's skin. So much for the long-awaited tell-all.

Then came Saturday. The United States, acting in concert with Britain and France, fired cruise missiles at three sites linked to Syria's chemical weapons program. Russia had earlier promised to counterattack American interests should the United States attack Syria in response to the Assad regime's reported chemical attack April 7 in Douma, which was said to have killed dozens of civilians, including children, but there was no immediate indication of escalation, at least. Russia implausibly insists the chemical attack was staged by Britain. No one really thinks that, though, and Trump advisers argued that now was the time to act definitively and dust off our shock-and-awe manual.

On Friday, Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the UN, laid the blame at Russia's feet. "It is Russia alone that agreed to be the guarantor of the removal of all chemical weapons in Syria," she said.

This remark was perhaps also intended as a direct strike against President Barack Obama, who, instead of enforcing his own red line on Assad's use of chemical weapons, agreed to an arrangement with Russia guaranteeing elimination of Assad's chemical arsenal. That Assad and Russia failed to keep their word should surprise no one.

Also unsurprising is the president's on-again, off-again bellicosity.

In 2013, Civilian Trump was apoplectically UPPERCASE TWEETING his disapproval of Obama's weakness in the same position he finds himself now. Later, Candidate Trump painted himself as more isolationist than a crusader ready to wage war to protect the 1997 Chemical Weapons Convention outlawing the use of chemical weapons.

Unless, that is, a blistering act of international chivalry might benefit him personally. One prays this wouldn't be the case, but there's little in the president's history to suggest a higher loyalty. Biographer Jon Meacham recently said that although Trump speaks ideologically, his only true ideology is of himself.

In other words, one fears that the question before us ultimately could be: How would taking out Assad benefit Trump?

There may be every reason to begin preparations for a finale, but this takes time due to: coalition building, positioning air and naval assets, drafting allies in the Arab world and, one hopes, averting war with Russia. Uneasily, we recall Iraq — and the day after. We can decimate Syria, but then what? Who fills the void? The Islamic State, Iran, Hezbollah, Russia? Is Putin bluffing about escalation? If we're "successful," would we be initiating yet another long-term occupation in the Middle East?

The lowing, somber sounds of drums rolling along Pennsylvania Avenue, where Trump is planning to stage a dramatic military parade, seemed not so distant this past week. Unless Trump and Putin are playing a blind man's bluff, restful sleep eludes a world in which the U.S. commander-in-chief — obedient only to an ideology of self — believes that it would take a "major event" to bring America back together.

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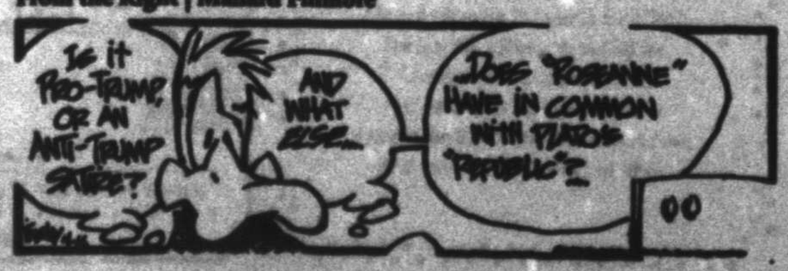


Clicking 'checkout' could cost more after Supreme Court case

By Jessica Gresko
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sales Tax: $0.

Online shoppers have gotten used to seeing that line on checkout screens before they click "purchase." But a case before the Supreme Court could change that.

At issue is a rule stemming from two, decades-old Supreme Court cases: If a business is shipping to a state where it doesn't have an office, warehouse or other physical presence, it doesn't have to collect the state's sales tax.

That means large retailers such as Apple, Macy's, Target and Walmart, which have brick-and-mortar stores nationwide, generally collect sales tax from customers who buy from them online. But other online sellers, from 1-800 Contacts to home goods site Wayfair, can often sidestep charging the tax.

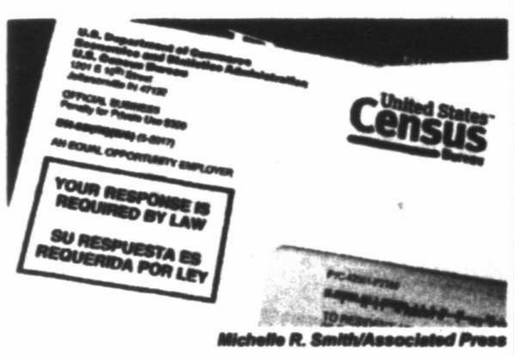
More than 40 states are asking the Supreme Court to reconsider that rule in a case being argued Tuesday. They say they're losing out on "billions of dollars in tax revenue each year, requiring cuts to critical government programs" and that their losses compound as online shopping grows. But small businesses that sell online say the complexity and expense of collecting taxes nationwide could drive them out of business.

Large retailers want all businesses to "be playing by the same set of rules," said Deborah White, the president of the litigation arm of the Retail Industry Leaders Association, which represents more than 70 of America's largest retailers.

For years, the issue of whether out-of-state sellers should collect sales tax had to do mostly with one company: Amazon.com. The online giant is said to account for more than 40 percent of U.S. online retail sales. But as Amazon has grown, dotting the country with warehouses, it has had to charge sales tax in more and more places.

President Donald Trump has slammed the company, accusing it of paying "little or no taxes" to state and local governments. But since 2017, Amazon has been collecting sales tax in every state that charges it. Third-party sellers that use Amazon to sell products make their own tax collection decisions, however.

The case now before the Supreme Court could affect those third-party Amazon sellers and many other sellers that don't collect taxes in all states — sellers such as jewelry website Blue Nile, pet products site Chewy.com, clothing retailer L.L. Bean, electronics retailer Newegg and internet retailer Overstock.com. Sellers on eBay and Etsy, which provide platforms for smaller sellers, also don't collect sales tax nationwide.



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This photo shows an envelope containing a 2018 census letter mailed to a resident March 23 in Providence, R.I., as part of the nation's only test run of the 2020 Census. A Trump administration plan to include a citizenship question on the 2020 Census has prompted legal challenges from many Democratic-led states. But not a single Republican attorney general has sued — not even from states with large immigrant populations.

GOP attorneys general support citizenship question on census

By David A. Lieb
Associated Press

A Trump administration plan to ask people if they are U.S. citizens during the 2020 census has prompted a legal uproar from Democratic state attorneys general, who argue it could drive down participation and lead to an inaccurate count.

Yet not a single Republican attorney general has sued — not even from states with large immigrant populations that stand to lose if a census undercount of immigrants affects the allotment of U.S. House seats and federal funding for states.

In fact, many GOP attorneys general had urged Trump's census team to add a citizenship question.

"We always are better off having a more accurate count of citizens versus non-citizens. I see no downside in this," said Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, vice chairman of the Republican Attorneys General Association.

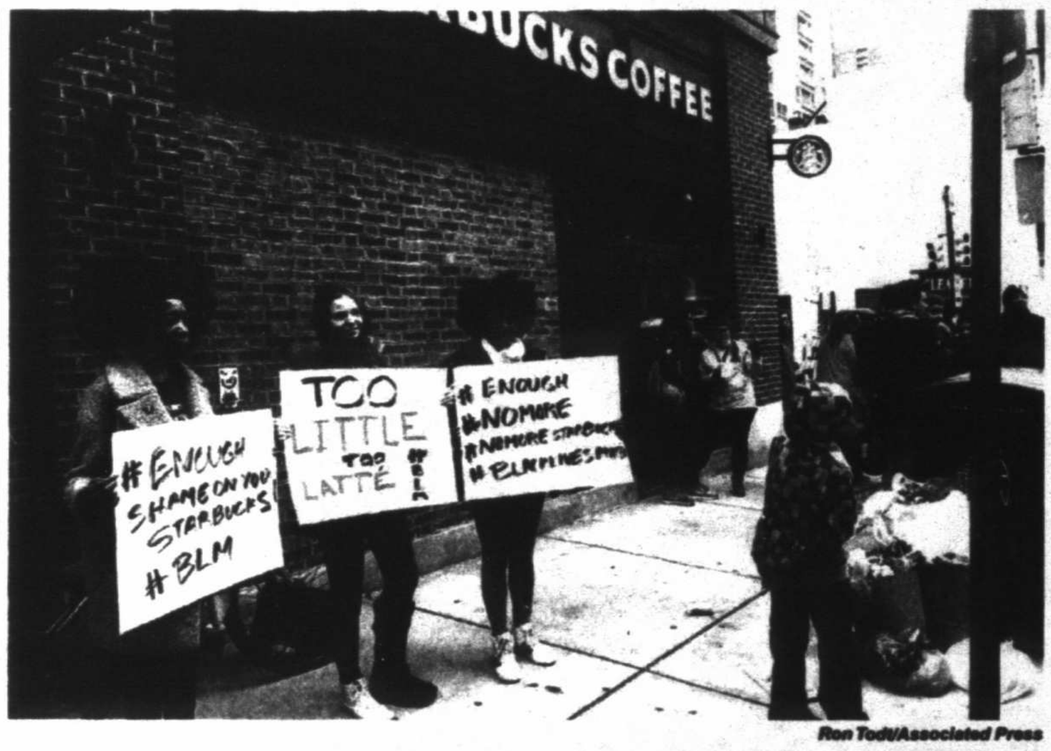
The diverging views of top Republican and Democratic state attorneys highlight how even the most basic data collection decisions can quickly split along partisan lines amid the intense debate about immigration policies.

Concerns among immigrants have risen as President Donald Trump's administration has cracked down on so-called sanctuary jurisdictions, increased arrests by federal immigration officers, called the National Guard to the border with Mexico and sought to limit travel to the U.S. from certain predominantly Muslim countries.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross announced last month that the 2020 census distributed to every U.S. household will include a citizenship question for the first time since 1950. He said the question was needed in part to help the government enforce the Voting Rights Act, the 1965 law that was intended to protect the political representation of minority groups.

He said it will provide a more accurate tally of voting-eligible residents than is currently available from a smaller sampling survey that includes the citizenship question.

In a letter explaining his decision, Ross said the U.S. Census Bureau estimated that as many as 630,000 additional households might not respond if a citizenship question is included. Yet he acknowledged the administration did not know what the actual consequences might be because it hasn't tested the change.



Ron Todt/Associated Press

Protesters gather outside a Starbucks on Sunday in Philadelphia where two black men were arrested Thursday after Starbucks employees called police to say the men were trespassing. The arrest prompted accusations of racism on social media. Starbucks CEO Kevin Johnson posted a lengthy statement Saturday night, calling the situation "disheartening" and that it led to a "reprehensible" outcome.

Starbucks CEO apologizes to 2 black men arrested

By Ron Todt and Jay Reeves
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Starbucks sells itself as a community gathering spot as much as a coffeehouse, a welcoming place with comfortable chairs for lingering, trendy music and Wi-Fi. That's one reason the arrest of two black men who were sitting in a Starbucks struck a nerve for so many: They were doing exactly what people do at most any of the chain's 28,000 stores worldwide.

The CEO of Starbucks Co., Kevin Johnson, called the arrests a "reprehensible outcome" and said he wants to personally apologize to the men, saying the company "stands firmly against discrimination or racial profiling." But that didn't stop protesters from gathering Sunday outside the store in downtown Philadelphia where the arrests occurred.

As people ordered coffee inside, the Rev. Jeffrey Jordan led a crowd of a couple dozen in chants of "I am somebody, and I demand equality now."

"It is a shame that (in) the year 2018 we're still putting up with this mess," said Jordan. "This country was built on the backs of black and brown people, and now, Starbucks is going to treat us like we're second-class."

In Washington, D.C., Gregory Wilkins usually visits one of three neighborhood Starbucks for about 45 minutes before work to read the paper with his coffee or smoke a cigarette at the outside tables. Wilkins, who is black, said he'd consider going elsewhere if something like the incident in Philadelphia occurred again.

"If nothing is done about what happened, then yeah," Wilkins, 56, said as he went into a Starbucks.

The arrests, which occurred Thursday, were captured on video that quickly gained traction on social media.

Video shows several police talking quietly with two black men seated at a table. After a few minutes, officers handcuff the men and lead them outside as other customers say they weren't doing anything wrong; Philadelphia-area media reported the two had been waiting for a friend.

Officers went to the store after Starbucks employees called 911 to report the men were trespassing, said Police Commissioner Richard Ross. He said officers were told the men had come in and asked to use the restroom but were denied because they hadn't bought anything. He said they then refused to leave.

Johnson's statement didn't address exactly what led to the police call, but a Starbucks spokeswoman said the store where the arrests occurred has a policy that restrooms are for paying customers only. In the video, no Starbucks items are visible in front of either of the men.

Robert Passikoff, the president of a New York-based consulting firm that researches brand loyalty, said companies like Starbucks are in a tough spot as they attempt to operate both as both community centers and places where people are expected to make a purchase.

"Companies have gone out of their way to establish the kind of emotional bonds and product delivery that they think is going to build engagement and loyalty and, ultimately, profits," said Passikoff, of Brand Keys Inc. "But today, the consumer decides what is right. They have become magnets for social experiences, in the broad sense of 'social,' but not in the sense that 'Oh, I need to buy something.'"

Johnson said the company's practices and training led to a "bad outcome," and the reason for the call that brought police into the shop was incorrect.

"Our store manager never intended for these men to be arrested and this should never have escalated as it did," said his statement. Johnson said videos of the arrest were "very hard to watch," and the company was investigating.

Johnson said the company would further train workers on when to call police and host a company-wide meeting to "underscore our long-standing commitment to treating one another with respect and dignity."

Police haven't released the names of the men who were arrested. A spokesman for the district attorney's office said the two were released "because of lack of evidence" that a crime had been committed, but declined further comment, citing a police investigation.

At the protest, Wendy Mial vowed to never enter another Starbucks. Mial, 53, said she was "devastated" by the arrests and urged the small crowd not to the "choose the wrong enemy."

"The enemy, in some ways, is ourselves," she said. "Look how few people are here today. Who's not outraged about this?"

Procrastinators rejoice: There's still time to file taxes

By Sarah Skidmore Sell
Associated Press

If you woke up in a panic realizing that today is April 15, relax. You've got until Tuesday to file and pay your taxes without facing a penalty.

April 15 falls on Sunday this year and Monday is Emancipation Day, a holiday in Washington D.C. That gives taxpayers nationwide until April 17 to get the job done.

Procrastinators can take some solace in knowing that, as of Friday, 40 million Americans hadn't filed their taxes, according to the IRS. Still, this is no time to dawdle; here are some tips for you last-minute filers:

How to file

The IRS says that electronic filing is the best way to avoid common mistakes. That's because the software does the calculations, flags common errors and prompts taxpayers to provide missing information.

It's quicker than dropping something in the mail. Plus, electronic filers typically get their refund faster if due one.

You can use any electronic filing method you choose, but it's worth noting that the IRS says about 70 percent of taxpayers are eligible to file their tax return at no charge by using IRS Free File software. It can be accessed at the IRS website at IRS.gov.

Take your time

Yes, it's crunch time but try not to rush.

Lisa Greene-Lewis, CPA at TurboTax, said the most important tip for entering information is to take your time. One of the most common mistakes taxpayers make when rushing is gathering incorrect Social Security numbers for their children and spouses. Some even misspell their own names.

Instead, carefully gather and enter your Social Security number, income information and banking information, if needed. It will take more time in the long-run to correct your mistakes and will delay any refunds.

Seek help

Telephone calls to the IRS may have long wait times. Ditto if you try to go to somewhere in person, such as a tax assistance center.

Instead, the IRS website should be your first stop for finding answers to most basic tax questions. Popular tax software providers have their own solutions too. TurboTax now offers live on-demand video to communicate with a credentialed CPA or enrolled agent who can answer your questions.

Ask for more time

If you really can't get your tax return done, seek an extension. But getting an extension only gives you more time to file your return — you still have to pay what you owe now.

The IRS allows you to request an automatic six-month extension to file your return when you pay online.

If you owe money and cannot pay immediately, you can ask the IRS for installment agreements when you file your taxes. That will allow you to pay your tax debt over six years. You can also ask about other repayment methods or forgiveness by contacting the IRS.

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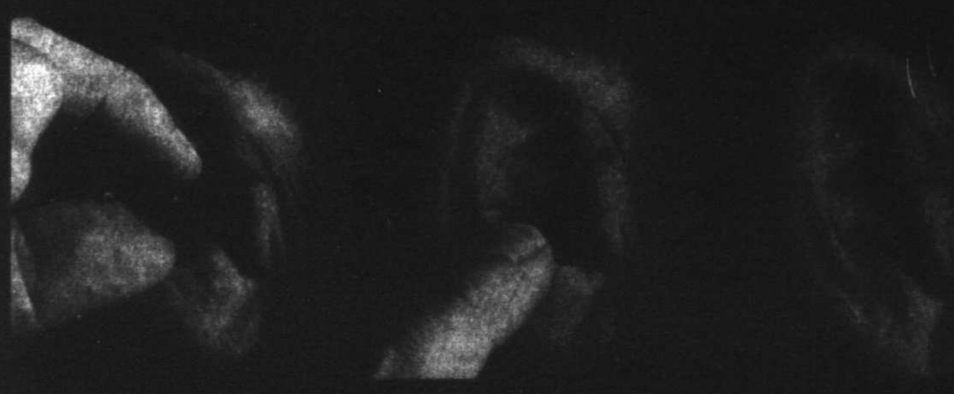

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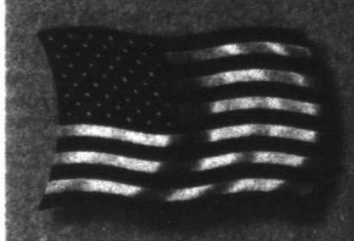

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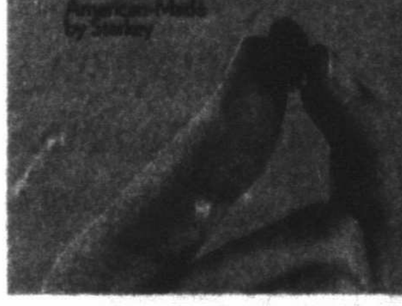

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Driverless cars give hope to the blind

Researchers working to develop software to ensure technology meets needs of visually impaired

By Jason Dearen
Associated Press

OCALA, Fla. — In 2012, Steve Mahan, who is blind, climbed into the driver's seat of a self-driving car and rolled up to the drive-thru of a Taco Bell in a video that's been viewed more than 8 million times online.

The piece, produced by Google, captured the potential of autonomous-car technology to change the lives of the visually impaired.

"It was my first time behind the steering wheel in seven years and was absolutely amazing," Mahan said.

Self-driving-car advocates say that in addition to helping the disabled, the vehicles will allow people to do other tasks while driving and make roadways safer by removing human error.

But six years after Google's viral video, national advocates for the estimated 1.3 million legally blind people in the U.S. are worried the industry is not factoring their needs into the design of the new technology, a mistake they say will make the cars more expensive and harder for them to access.

"Although we have been held up as obvious beneficiaries of the technology in conversations and presentations, this will have just been exploitation if the systems are not accessible," said Anil Lewis, executive director of the National Federation of the Blind's Jernigan Institute.

"How about instead of Taco Bell, we demonstrate a blind person independently operating an autonomous vehicle, dropping off his/her kids at school on the way to work, and maybe stopping by a Starbucks on the way?"

The concerns are fueling new research outside the auto industry to develop data and software meant to help ensure the needs of the blind are met when autonomous cars become commonplace.

In a University of Florida study, blind people are using experimental software that could be easily installed in cars and peoples' phones.

On a recent sunny winter day in central Florida, Sharon Van Etten eased into the backseat of an SUV and began speaking to a computer screen in front of her.

"Where do you want to go?" the computer's voice responded.

Van Etten, who is legally blind, said "Kmart," and off the car sped, the computer's voice intoning, "Central Christian Church on the left" and other landmarks as they coasted down the street. When the driver pulled the car up to the store, the voice told Van Etten which side to exit from and mentioned some of the obstacles she'd face between the car and the store entrance.

University of Florida researcher Julian Brinkley developed the program, which he has named "Atlas." Using data he collects from users like Van Etten and others through collaboration with the Florida Center for the Blind in Ocala, he's figuring out the specific needs blind people

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Google plans major update for Gmail

By Hayley Tsukayama
Washington Post

Rumors are flying that Google is on the edge of releasing a major update to the web version of Gmail — one of Google's most widely used products, boasting at least 1 billion users.

In a statement, Google did not confirm specific changes but did acknowledge that it's working on an update to its email service.

"We're working on some major updates to Gmail (they're still in draft phase). We need a bit more time to compose ourselves, so can't share anything yet — archive this for now, and we'll let you know when it's time to hit send," the company said in a statement

Additions may include a "snooze" feature and automatically generated "smart reply" suggestions already available in Google's mobile email apps, according to a report from Android Authority. The new Gmail will also reportedly look more like the Gmail mobile app.

The report says some people who pay for Google's suite of services, called GSuite, received messages asking if they wanted to participate in a program to preview upcoming changes — including a Gmail redesign.

Google last overhauled Gmail's web look in 2011, opting for a more spaced-out, cleaner look as part of an effort to unify the way its products appear on desktop and mobile. That redesign drew mixed reactions from those who missed Gmail's original look.

Given what has been reported about the changes, it sounds like Google is again hoping to update its web look with elements from its mobile operating system, such as a search bar with rounded corners.

Google did not say when its update to Gmail may go live. The company is set to host its annual developers' conference May 8; Google often unveils new software and services at that conference.

Batman smartwatch won't disappoint hardcore fans

■ REVIEW

By Jim Rossman
Dallas Morning News

Are you a Batman fan?

I mean the kind of fan who travels to Fan Expo Dallas and has a picture taken with more than one person who's played Batman in the movies or on TV.

If you have an extensive collection of Batman action figures and comics, then you are just the target market for a Batman smartwatch.

This week I've been wearing the Batman Smartwatch from One61 Studio ($124.99, one61.com), which looks an awful lot like my Apple Watch.

The One61 Batman Smartwatch runs on its own proprietary operating system, so there is no app store

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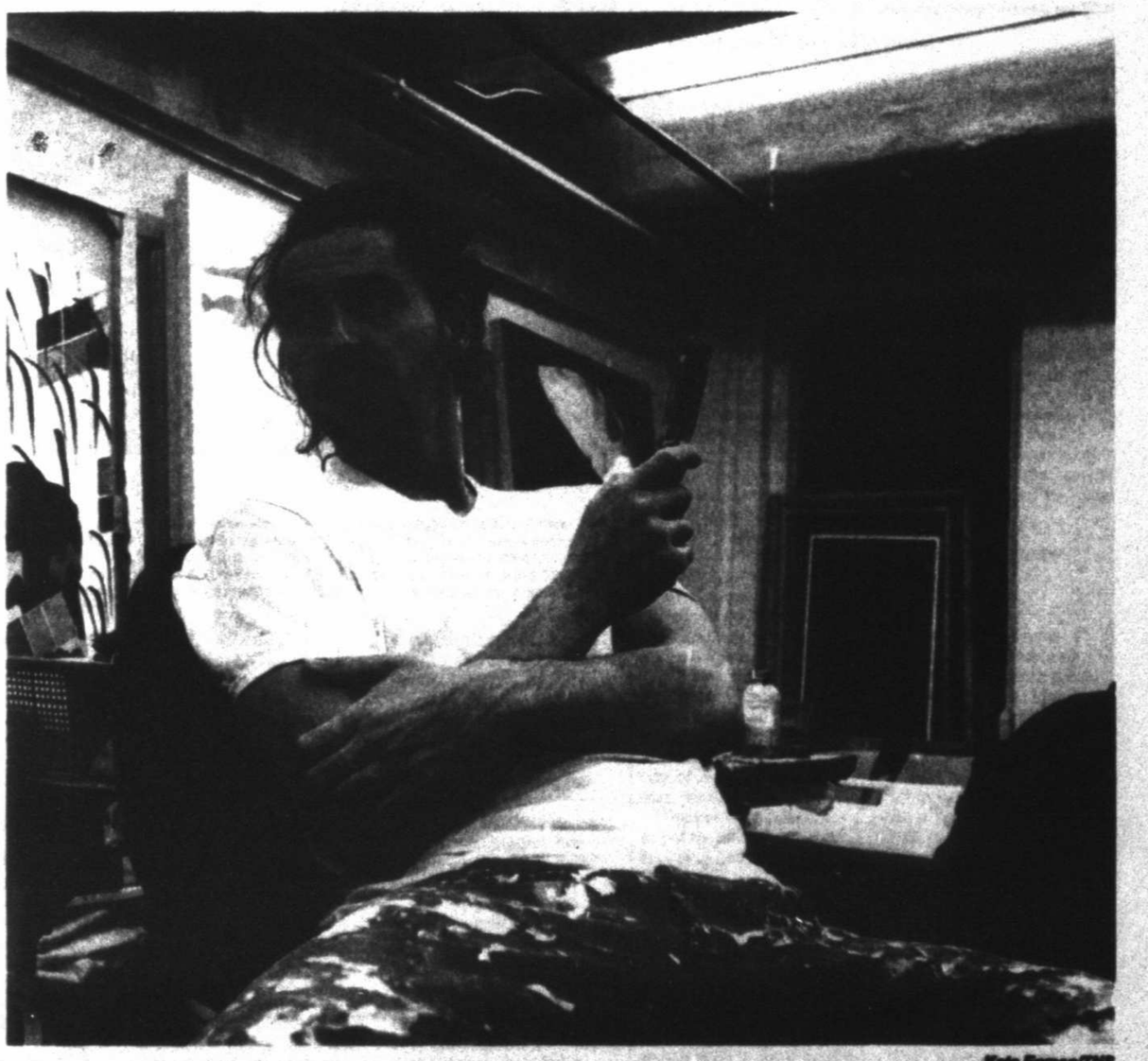

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Since switching from an iPhone to a flip phone, Roman Cochet, a Parisian painter living in Brooklyn, N.Y., says his life has far fewer distractions.

Flip phone is new protest statement

■ Users say they're less distracted than with smartphone

By Scott Enman
Tribune Interactive

NEW YORK — Exactly one year ago, Roman Cochet swapped his $500 iPhone 7 for a $30 LG flip phone.

Overwhelmed by constant alerts, Cochet felt his time was disrupted, his creativity drained. His flip doesn't do email, Instagram, Facebook, Uber or news alerts. The 30-year-old Parisian painter, who lives in Brooklyn, said he regrets nothing.

"With a smartphone, you spend so much time texting, talking, in constant communication, that you don't have time to do anything else," Cochet said. "I'm way more focused now on what I'm doing. I'm less distracted."

In an age where everyone seems glued to their smartphone, the flip phone is turning into a statement of protest and individuality. These relics of the 1990s, still in wide use as disposable "burners" by crooks and FBI informants, are prized by a wider population for their simplicity, durability and affordability, not to mention their low-tech appeal to the burgeoning #DeleteFacebook crowd.

Wait Until 8th, an organization that urges parents to delay their children's smartphone use until eighth grade, has an ad that reads, "Need to get in touch with your child? Buy a flip phone." The group has collected roughly 10,000 signatures from all 50 states.

About 24 million Americans own a non-smartphone, according to Forrester Research. It's still enough of a novelty that celebrity flip phone users are immediately outed on Twitter and Instagram when spotted in the wild. Flip phone users include Oscar winners Daniel Day-Lewis and Frances McDormand, pop star Rihanna, NFL quarterback Andrew Luck, billionaire investor Warren Buffett and Vogue editor Anna Wintour.

Steve Van Dinter, Verizon's public relations manager for the Great Lakes market, said there's definitely a "subset" of customers who buy flip phones, primarily those who work outdoors and need a device that can withstand drops, corrosive materials, water and other extreme conditions. Verizon wouldn't continue to stock them, he said, if there wasn't "consistent demand." The latest models have access to 4G LTE, HD voice and the ability to create a mobile hotspot for up to 10 devices.

Cochet said some of his artist friends dismiss his choice of phone as a hipster affectation, an artist's asceticism. But his studio, scattered with paint cans and empty beer bottles, is now void of a smartphone's distractions. The phone itself is a throwaway object smeared with paint, the keypad indiscernible.

Cochet said he's also become more connected to other people (he remembers the bodega cashier's name) — and more present in the moment. "I'm way more conscious of my surroundings than if I was on my screen," he said. "I have friends who struggle looking at a subway map. I think people should throw their phone away. It would be good for them."

Cochet admits there are sacrifices. The phone has a shoddy camera and no group texting or ride-sharing apps, but he copes just fine. No Uber? A car service is on speed dial. No Venmo? He always has cash. And Cochet is by no means entirely disconnected. He uses his laptop at night to check email, browse the web and watch Netflix. (He's a big fan of "Black Mirror.") He listens to podcasts on a $25 MP3 player.

"I'm dismantling what the iPhone can do into different objects," he said.

Jim Thatcher, 37, a professor of geospatial technologies at the University of Washington Tacoma, switched to a flip phone a year ago after his smartphone broke.

"I tried to go without a phone for about three weeks," he said. "However, with two kids, there's an expectation that I'm reachable if something goes wrong, so I ordered the cheapest Verizon flip phone I could find on eBay. I've had it since then."

Thatcher is active on social media but he uses devices other than his phone to access his accounts. "I wanted to be more purposeful in how I engaged in my day-to-day life," Thatcher said. "I found myself staring at my phone more than I was out hanging with my kids."

If ditching your smartphone completely feels too extreme, there's an in-between option: the Light Phone, the self-described "anti-smartphone phone."

The first Light Phone went on sale in 2015. The latest version is in testing now and slated for release next year. It's just as pleasing to look at as the iPhone, but reduces your apps to a handful such as calls, messaging, GPS, contacts and ride-hailing. It won't have social media, a browser or email.

More than 4,000 people have preordered the Light Phone 2, according to company CEO Kaiwei Tang. He expects that figure to increase to more than 10,000, which is the number of people who bought the original Light Phone.

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Apple's HomePod has limitations

By Mark Gurman
Bloomberg

When Apple's HomePod smart speaker went on sale in January, it entered a market pioneered and dominated by Amazon's Echo lineup of Alexa-powered devices. Apple has been touting the HomePod's superior sound quality but so far hasn't enticed many consumers to part with $349.

By late March, Apple had lowered sales forecasts and cut some orders with Inventec Corp., one of the manufacturers that builds the HomePod for Apple, according to a person familiar with the matter.

At first, it looked like the HomePod might be a hit. Pre-orders were strong, and in the last week of January the device grabbed about a third of the U.S. smart speaker market in unit sales, according to data provided to Bloomberg by Slice Intelligence. But by the time HomePods arrived in stores, sales were tanking, said Slice principal analyst Ken Cassar. "Even when people had the ability to hear these things," it still didn't give Apple another spike," he said.

During the HomePod's first 10 weeks of sales, it eked out 10 percent of the smart speaker market, compared with 73 percent for Amazon's Echo devices and 14 percent for the Google Home, according to Slice Intelligence. Three weeks after the launch, weekly HomePod sales slipped to about 4 percent of the smart speaker category on average, the market research firm said. Inventory is piling up, according to Apple store workers, who say some locations are selling fewer than 10 HomePods a day. Apple declined to comment.

Apple had an opportunity to put the HomePod at the center of a new ecosystem of smart home and other gadgets that aren't glued to the iPhone. But the small, wireless speaker is not that product. Though the HomePod delivers market-leading audio quality, consumers have discovered it's heavily dependent on the iPhone and is limited as a digital assistant.

Veteran Apple analyst Shannon Cross said consumers assumed the HomePod would be able to do many of things the Echo and Google Home can do - —answering questions, orderings pizzas and much more. Instead, the HomePod is mostly limited to playing tunes from Apple Music, controlling a limited number of Apple-optimized smart home appliances and sending messages through an iPhone. That's a serious disincentive, when the Apple speaker costs $200 more than than most smart speakers, she said.

Despite having all the ingredients to become a serious competitor to the Echo — including Siri and the App Store — Apple never saw the HomePod as anything more than an accessory, like the AirPods earphones, according to people who worked on the product. When the Echo debuted four years ago as Apple engineers were toiling away on early versions of the HomePod, their bosses continued to see the product as a high-quality speaker rather than a voice-controlled digital assistant for the home.

To make matters worse, the device missed its December release date, meaning the HomePod wasn't available during the pivotal holiday shopping season when smart speakers were among the most sought-after products.

When the HomePod finally shipped, consumers found they couldn't pair two speakers and create stereo sound or play music in multiple rooms. Apple has said these functions will be available this year, and the latest iPhone software update in beta with app developers suggests they are in advanced testing. Some HomePod buyers also complained that the device leaves marks on wood, a situation Apple is now working to rectify with a new material, according to people familiar with the work.

Apple often says it doesn't strive to sell the most units in any particular category and points to revenue and user experience instead.

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have using self-driving cars, and using his software to solve problems.

"If I'm a visually impaired person and I don't have the ability to verify visually that I'm at the appropriate location, how do I know that it's not dropping me off in a field somewhere?" Brinkley said. "In the case of autonomous cars, hopefully accessibility will be moved to the forefront by some of the research."

Brinkley doesn't have access to a self-driving vehicle so instead uses a process developed by Stanford University researchers in a specially configured conventional vehicle. Participants interact with vehicle-control software in what appears to be a self-driving vehicle, and the vehicle's driver, hidden behind a partition, uses instructions from the software to drive to the right place. Participants don't know that a human driver is at the controls.

Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Texas A&M University and the U.S. Army Research Laboratory also are working on accessibility issues for driverless vehicles for blind and other people with disabilities.

At Waymo, Google's self-driving-car company that started nearly a decade ago, officials say visually impaired employees contribute to design and research. While no specific system for blind riders has been completed, the company says it's developing a mobile app, Braille labels and audio cues.

Jason Dearen/Associated Press

Sharon Van Etten listens to a computerized voice March 7 in a vehicle equipped with software meant to help the visually impaired interact with self-driving cars in Ocala, Fla. Six years after a video went viral of a blind man going through a drive thru in a self-driving car, advocates for visually impaired people worry the industry is leaving them behind as they develop the cars of the future. Groups are turning to university researchers to help build systems that will unlock the potential of autonomous cars' for the blind.

Spokespeople for General Motors Cruise AV group, Nissan North America Inc. and Toyota Research Institute all said the companies are committed to accessibility in general but offered no further comment.

Mahan, the man famous for the YouTube video who still consults with Waymo, said he's cautiously optimistic.

"Autonomous vehicles aren't being designed for blind people; we're one of the beneficiaries of the technology," the 65-year-old said from his San Jose, California, home. "They're working on it. I don't push. They expose me to what they're working on, and so I'm patiently waiting."

Autonomous-car industry analysts say the needs of disabled people are being discussed as designers figure out how users will interface with the cars, but there are many competing demands.

"They're trying to figure out what way to interface with these vehicles for riders, and to build a sense of trust about what the vehicles are doing," said Sam Abuelsamid, an analyst with Navigant Research in Detroit. "But right now, I don't know if anyone has all the answers."

In the meantime, advocates for the blind have turned to Florida's Brinkley and other researchers to push development forward.

Back in Ocala, Cinzhasha Farmer giggled nervously as the Atlas voice spoke to her.

The 41-year-old was eager to participate in Brinkley's study so she can one day drive without relying on others.

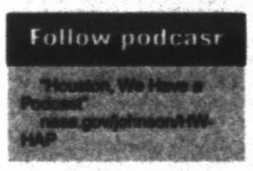
"It's one of my goals, and I don't know how I'll ever accomplish it — but that car may do it," she said with a smile.

Fulfill space dreams with NASA podcast

By Erin Blakemore
Special to Washington Post

Podcasts are all the rage right now, and NASA has gotten into the game. "Houston, We Have a Podcast" — a play on the words uttered when a space ship lifts off — is the official podcast of NASA's Johnson Space Center, and it is definitely a good companion when you're out and about or just doing some spring cleaning.

Every week, the center, which is home to the International Space Station's mission control and which trains humans for space flight, puts out the meaty podcast that will send you into the depths of the great beyond.



The podcast features plenty of astronauts reliving their greatest accomplishments and talking about their rigorous training. Recent episodes bring you audio from inside the Orion, the capsule that NASA is developing to carry a crew of four astronauts into deep space, and along Scott Tingle's path from test pilot to astronaut. (Tingle is currently orbiting Earth in the space station.)

Astronauts are not the only professionals showing their stuff, though. The show overflows with the voices of the engineers, researchers and mission control flight directors who develop and test NASA's most complex technology and protect astronauts during their flights. There's historical information on pioneering missions and space explorers, too.

"Houston, We Have a Podcast" launched in July. So far, there are nearly 40 episodes, most well over an hour in length and featuring transcripts, to catch up on. That's enough to spur on your most ambitious spacefaring dreams — even if you're holding a broom instead of a telescope. Catch up with previous episodes and find out how to subscribe at nasa.gov/johnson/HWHAP.

Spotify, Hulu enter into expanded partnership

By Steven Zeitchik
Washington Post

Hoping to fend off subscriber gains from rival Apple, Spotify has announced an expanded partnership with Hulu.

The streaming companies will offer a combined version of their Spotify Premium and basic ad-supported Hulu services for a total of $12.99. The bundle offers a $5 savings on their stand-alone services, which cost $9.99 and $7.99, respectively.

The deal expands on a comparable $4.99 bundle for students, available since the fall. The Spotify-Hulu package will be immediately available to current Spotify Premium customers and to everyone else this summer.

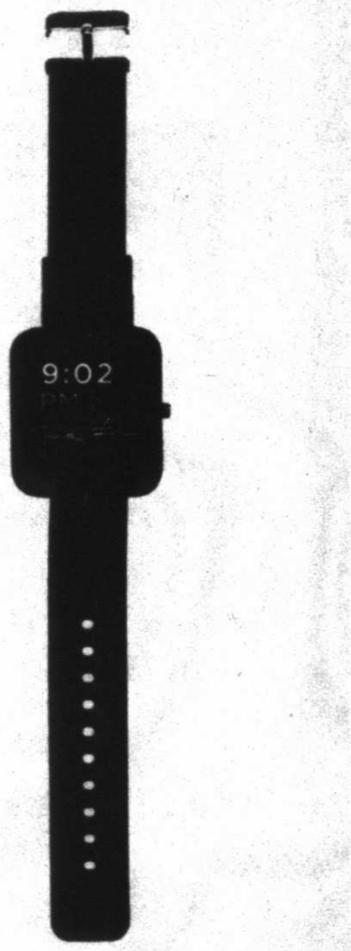
Strategically, the bundle helps both companies fend off challenges from digital juggernauts. Spotify and Hulu together offer more than 30 million catalogue songs and 70,000 library shows and movies, as well as a slate of Hulu original productions.

The potential for new subscribers from the deal gives Spotify the chance to match subscriber gains made by Apple Music. The latter is growing at a rate of 5 percent to Spotify's 2 percent in the United States, according to reports and is projected to pass Spotify in total domestic subscribers by summer.

Spotify began trading shares earlier this month on the New York Stock Exchange as part of the company's effort to raise capital to compete with Apple.

For Hulu, meanwhile, the bundle offers its own incentive for consumers to subscribe to the service. Hulu has been ramping up original programming with shows such as "The Handmaid's Tale" and "The Looming Tower" to compete with popular streaming competitors such as Netflix.

An additional offer as part of the Spotify deal allows anyone who currently subscribes to Spotify Premium to sample Hulu for 99 cents per month for three months, providing they have not been Hulu subscribers within the last year.



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Batman Smartwatch from One61 Studio.

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to buy additional apps, but it will work with both iOS and Android phones.

I've been using it with my iPhone 8 Plus.

One61 Studio has partnered with DC Comics on a Superhero Smartwatch Collection featuring Batman, The Flash and Wonder Woman.

The Batman watch offers five different watch faces —including my favorite, the Bat Signal, which shows the current time.

Each smartwatch offers fans a "gamified" experience, where getting up, moving around and meeting step goals unlock superhero content.

In keeping with the superhero theme, instead of a step counter, the Batman Smartwatch calls it Crime Fighting. When I reached a step goal, I was rewarded with a five-second video clip of Adam West's Batman punching the Joker.

The periodic notification to get up and stretch your legs is called the Patrol Reminder.

There are plenty of more traditional smartwatch features, like a stopwatch and timer. Alarms have different snippets of sound from the 1960s Batman TV show.

Once you sync the smartwatch to your phone, you can access your contacts, call logs, notifications and even make and answer calls. I will say I didn't much care for the voice quality from the smartwatch's tiny speaker and microphone. My voice sounded quite muffled.

Android users can read and reply to text messages. iOS users are limited to only reading SMS texts in the notifications section of the smartwatch operating system. There is no iMessage compatibility.

There is a phone finder, but I could never get it to work with my iPhone. It kept giving me a message about Bluetooth not being connected, but I could use all the other phone functions.

The calendar just showed the date and a month view; there was no connection to any type of account on the phone to sync appointments.

The smartwatch has a music controller to let you choose what plays on your phone and a camera controller to let the watch act as a remote shutter button to snap a photo.

A voice assistant button let me interact with Siri from the watch.

Overall, I liked the Batman Smartwatch, but it is not going to replace my Apple Watch any time soon. The smartwatch features worked well enough, but I've come to expect a bit more from my watch.

As I've noted, this is for hardcore Batman fans. I have a cousin who loves Batman, and when I told him about it, he immediately wanted me to send him the link to buy one.

I'm sure there are plenty of Batman, Flash and Wonder Woman fans who will run right out and order one of these smartwatches, and they won't be disappointed.

Pros: Good integration with the superhero theme. Syncs with Android or iOS phones. Good looking.

Cons: No app store. Limited iOS functionality.

Bottom line: Best superhero smartwatch I've come across.

Foundmi Batman Bluetooth tracking tag

I think everyone is familiar with Bluetooth trackers you can attach to your keychain or slip in a pocket of your backpack or computer bag to keep track of your things.

I've had a Tile Bluetooth tracker on my keys for a few years now, and I do find it useful when I misplace my keys.

I've been carrying around a Batman series 2 Bluetooth tracker from Foundmi. Well, it is a stylized version of Batman.

The Batman tracker ($25, foundmi.com) is one of dozens of character trackers from Foundmi. They have an extensive collection of superheroes, Star Wars and even My Little Pony trackers.

Each one functions the same. They have four main features.

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Finally, the button on the tracker can be used to trigger your phone's selfie camera, which I did find handy.

The tracker comes with a user-replaceable CR2032 battery that should last for six months.

The tracker did work exactly as it should, and Batman on my keychain did get some attention from my friends and coworkers.

Pros: Tracking worked perfectly. Remote shutter button for your phone's camera. Replaceable battery.

Cons: Kind of large for a tracker.

Bottom line: These trackers will let you express yourself and help you find your stuff.

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Fox Coverage Information: Player, Coach, Rivers, Lefkoe

	C	3	4	7	A	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel "Big Money" (N)	American Idol "Top 24 Celebrity Duets" (N)				The Crossing "Fox Americana" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can (N)	Man With a Plan (N)	Dweets (N)	Bilingually (N)	Scorpion "A Lie in the Sand" (SF) (N)		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	MASH "Der Tag"	M*A*S*H "Hawkeye"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP "Tornado"	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Warren "The Case of the Reluctant Model"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lucifer "The Angel of San Bernardino" (N)		The Resident "Haunted" (N)		Fox 34 News (N)	WWE	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Mel Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Faith for Families	The Wings of Truth	Upside News	Hotel Erlan	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Upside News	Newsreal	Aleph Centre	Sounds of Shofar
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Nowell-out 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	The Voice "The Live Playoffs: Night 1" Artists perform live and the top artists advance.				David Glib "Shutdown" (N)		Nowell-out 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)	Antiques "Portland (Hour Three)" (N)		Antiques Rd. "Little Rock (Hour Three)"			Independent Lens "Wind Lin Upstream" (N)			Amanpour (N)	News (N)	Nightly
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe	El Hijo y Lazaro		Papa a Toda Madre			Por Amar Sin Ley		Noticias Telex	Noticiero noche.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Law & Order: S.V.U.		SVU "Limitations"		Mom (M)	Mom (M)	Angor M.	Angor M.	News	Game
FLIX	340	370		120		(:45) "Annabelle..."		"Annabelle: Creation"				"Crossroads"			(:20) "Velvet Goldmine"		
HBO	300	310	14	14		LastWeek	News (N)	"I Am Evidence (N)"			W.Comac	Barry		"Wonder Woman (N)"	Act Gal Gadot.		
HBO2	302	311	15	100	23	(4:00) "Lo Lo Land"		Here and Now (N)	Silicon (N)		W.Comac	Barry (N)		"Pokémon Mary Lovejoy"		(:20) "Life Itself"	
HBO5	304	313	16	102		(:20) "John Wick: Chapter 2 (Keanu Reeves)"			"Pokémon (97, Doc) Will Pettyn, Kevin Conroy."							"Deepwater Hor..."	
MAX	310	317	17	120	24	(4:00) "Annabelle"	"Annabelle: Creation"			(:20) "Step Up to Win" Ariana Long.				"The Mummy Tom Cruise."			
MAX2	307	316	18	122		(:10) "The Truth About Charlie"		"The Kite Runner" Amir Hosseini.				(:20) "A Welcome (97, Doc) Marcia Allen."					
FLIX				96		(4:00) "Stanley Kubrick"		"Jon and Mimi Leonard Nimoy."				(:20) "All the Pretty Horses"				(:20) "Barry Trap..."	
SHOW	320	340	19	140	25	Homeland	The Circus	Homeland "Caity"	Billions			Homeland "Caity"	Billions		The Circus	Inside	
TMC	330	329	22	105	26	(4:00) "The Game"		"The Game" Edward Burns.				"Cop Land" Sylvester Stallone.			"The Breakfast..."		
AAE	27	50	28	35	47	(4:00) National Lampoon	Jeff Dunham: Minds of a Dummy An in-depth look at ventriloquist Jeff Dunham.					To Be Announced				(:20) Jeff Dunham: Minds of a Dummy	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:00) "Predators" Adrien Brody.			The Terror (N)			The Terror		Hell&Ice (N)		(:20) Hell&Ice	
BET	98	-		40		"Barbershop (02, Comedy) Cedric the Entertainer, Eve, Ice Cube."						"Baggage Claim (2013, Comedy) Faye Dunaway, Paula Patton."					
BRAVO	85	76		41		Vanderpump Rules	Vanderpump Rules	Vanderpump Rules	Vanderpump R. (N)			Jeff's Like School	Watch	Vanderpump Rules	Vanderp.		
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark T.	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs Y.E.A.L.L. (L)					Street	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs Anaheim vs San Jose (L)				
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Outfront	A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360			CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud (N)		Fast N' Loud (N)			Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Mick'd	Mick'd	Gravity	Gravity	Raven's	Raven's	Girl M.	Mixed.	Raven's	Mick'd	Unders.	Raven's
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs Site: Wrigley Field (L)						SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Who the Fans "Dallas"	Who the Fans "Dallas"	Who the Fans "Dallas"				Who the Fans "Dallas"		U.S. Football All-Star Challenge			
FNC	45	48	53	23	53	The Story	Tucker Carlson	Hannity				The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night	Tucker Carlson		
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Cake Wars "Stunt"	Baking "Bonfiction"	Spring Baking (N)				WorldCooks		Vegas Ca	Vegas Ca	Spring Baking	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(4:00) "Alaska: First Class"			"Cats (03, Act) John Gielgud, Rebecca Gilpin."					The 700 Club		"Whitewash (Emp..."	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Tampa Bay Rays Site: Tropicana Field – St. Petersburg, Fla. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Rangers Insider	NCAA Football Texas Tech Spring Game			
FX	31	56	50	64	69	(4:00) "Shrek"			"Lazy (14, Act) Scarlett Johansson."					"Lazy (14, Act) Scarlett Johansson."			"The Beaver (11..."
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Movie	Full House	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
HGTV	63	69	28	48	44	Love It or List It	Unlist	Unlist	Flipping Virgins (N)			Unlist	House (N)	Unlist	House		Flipping Virgins
HISTORY	71	59	29	59	43	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers (N)			(:20) Who Dups (N)		(:20) Amer. Pickers			(:20) Amer. Pickers
LIFETIME	29	30	25	28	40	The First 48 "Shattered Dreams/ Left to Die"	The First 48 "Under One Roof Off Target"		The First 48 "Missing"			CRIMAL "Recovery" (N)		The First 48 "Suspect/ Fallen Angel"		The First 48 "Under One Roof Off Target"	
MSNBC	47	53		48	73	Hardball (N)	All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)			The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs Boston vs Toronto (L)						NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs Nashville vs Colorado (L)					Overtime
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Henry D.	Henry D.	F.Jimmy	F.Jimmy	F.Jimmy	F.Jimmy	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	59	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	It Was Him (N)		Cops (N)	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(4:00) "Jurassic Park III"			"Jurassic Park (93, Sci-Fi) Laura Dern, Sam Neill."								(:20) "Jurassic Par..."
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan (N)	Full Frontal (N)	Drunk (N)	Conan Variety Digitant	Final Space	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	43	66	(4:00) "Brandy A.D."			"The Mouse in Man"						"The World of Suzie Wong"		(:15) "Love Is a M..."
TELE	28	-	10	20		Cake contests (N)	All Fetish's Kids (N)		All Ohn Lids 4d (N)			Cooking Videos (N)		All Kids	(:20) Kids		All Ohn Lids 4d
TLC	51	61	32	30	52	Long Island Medium "The Breaking Point"			Long Island Medium "A Big Decision"			Long Island Medium (N)		L.E. Huldren "The Breaking Point" Theresa conducts the most powerful group reading.			
TNT	24	34	40	26	59	(4:00) "Ocean's Thirteen" (07, Act) Matt Damon.		NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)					NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)				
TVLAND	40	-	35	54	35	Raven's	M*A*S*H	Leave Itsy	Leave Itsy	Leave Itsy	Leave Itsy	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	28	35	42	27	48	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) American Ninja "Qualifying Episode"		(:10) CSI: Crime Scene "For Words"	
WGN	10	05				Raven's "Tampa"	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

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With dad out of the country, boyfriend takes on parenting

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My husband's brother split from his wife, "Charlotte," five years ago and now works and lives in another country. The brothers are still quite close. His school-age daughters live nearby and are close to their cousins, our daughters.

Charlotte's latest boyfriend (they have been dating for 18 months) has started insisting on hanging out with my husband and trying to "bond" with him. He is also jumping with both feet into the role of stepfather, especially with the younger daughter, who has just returned after living with her father for the last seven months.

It feels awkward and weird, but we are too polite to say anything to him or Charlotte because we're afraid she'll restrict us from seeing our nieces. What is your advice? — ANXIOUS IN AUSTRALIA

DEAR ANXIOUS: Not knowing the terms of your brother-in-law's divorce, my advice is to consider that Charlotte has been with this man for a year and a half. He may be trying to form a relationship with your husband because he wants to bond with "the relatives." Your husband doesn't have to be best friends with him, but he should keep the relationship cordial — not only for the nieces, but also so his brother can stay informed about them.

DEAR ABBY: I have an addiction to vitamin gummies. They say to eat only two a day, but I eat almost half a container a day. They're SOOO good.

This has been a problem for, five years. What should I do? Do I contact my doctor? I'm about to graduate from high school, and I think my new college friends will think I'm weird if they find out about my gummy addiction. — LOVES YUMMY GUMMIES IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR LOVES: I am glad you wrote. Your vitamins may taste like candy, but they are NOT candy. It is important that you discuss this with your doctor. The least of your troubles could be that your college friends make fun of you. What you have been doing is dangerous because it can cause unsafe levels of vitamin A, vitamin E and minerals like iron to reach toxic levels in your system.

DEAR ABBY: I have a suggestion about how to help the child with the broken glasses mentioned in the letter from "Trying to Help in the West" (Feb. 25). I'm a member of Lions Clubs International. Our local club donates the cost of visual screening and free glasses for those in need who seek our help.

The Lions were established in 1917 by a businessman who wanted to start a service club that would help improve communities. The idea quickly spread to other communities and became international.

In 1925, Helen Keller inspired the clubs to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since then, Lions have worked tirelessly to aid blind and visually impaired individuals in the U.S. and all over the world. Services for the boy in the letter should be available in his area, or he can be directed to the closest local Lions Club. — MEMBER IN WEST LONG BRANCH, N.J.

DEAR MEMBER: Thank you for reminding me — and my readers — about the good work the Lions Clubs do.

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With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠K Q 9 6 5 ♡A 10 7 2 ♢4 ♣A 5 3

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

What call would you make?

A — A two-heart bid would be "fourth-suit forcing", a game force not promising hearts. It's still the right bid! Partner can complete the description of his hand and you'll be in a good position at your next turn.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠10 6 ♡K J 10 7 5 2 ♢K J 4 2 ♣3

Partner opens one diamond and right-hand opponent bids one spade. What call would you make?

A — Your ability to support diamonds makes this hand well worth a free bid at the two level. Bid two hearts.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠A 6 ♡A J 5 ♢Q J 5 4 3 ♣K 5 2

Partner opens one diamond and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A — Many players don't have a way to make a game forcing raise of partner's minor. Those who play "inverted minors" can bid two diamonds forcing. Others must bid three no-trump, hiding five-card support. Ugh!

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠10 9 6 ♡A 7 5 ♢10 9 6 5 ♣Q 7 6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♡	2♣	2♡	?

What call would you make?

A — You can't risk selling out at the two level when you have reasonable support for partner. Bid three clubs.

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Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending April 8:

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

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

Top Paid iPad Apps:
1. Minecraft, Mojang
2. Procreate, Savage Interactive Pty Ltd
3. Toca Life: After School, Toca Boca AB
4. GoodNotes 4, Time Base Technology Limited
5. SpongeBob Moves In, Nickelodeon
6. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
7. Notability, Ginger Labs
8. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon
9. Goat Simulator, Coffee Stain Studios AB
10. Terraria, 505 Games (US), Inc.

Top Free iPad Apps:
1. Fortnite, Epic Games
2. Impossible Bottle Flip, tastypill
3. YouTube: Watch, Listen, Stream, Google, Inc.
4. PUBG MOBILE, Tencent Mobile International Limited
5. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
6. ROBLOX, Roblox Corporation
7. Color by Number: Coloring Book, Fun Games For Free
8. Kick the Buddy, Chill Fleet
9. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
10. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.

Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending April 8:

iTunes Movies US Charts:
1. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle
2. Star Wars: The Last Jedi
3. The Shape of Water
4. The Post
5. The Greatest Showman
6. I, Tonya
7. Pitch Perfect 3
8. The Florida Project
9. Thor: Ragnarok
10. Father Figures (2017)

iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:
1. The Florida Project
2. Lady Bird
3. Darkest Hour
4. The Disaster Artist
5. I Kill Giants
6. The Layover
7. Phantom Thread
8. Outside In
9. The Redeemed and the Dominant: Fittest On Earth
10. The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy

Music

iTunes Official Music Charts for the week ending April 12:

Top Songs
1. Nice For What, Drake
2. I Like It, Cardi B, Bad Bunny & J Balvin
3. God's Plan, Drake
4. Meant to Be, Bebe Rexha & Florida Georgia Line
5. Whatever It Takes, Imagine Dragons
6. Get Along, Kenny Chesney
7. The Middle, Zedd,Maren Morris & Grey
8. Zombie, Bad Wolves
9. Psycho (feat. Ty Dolla Sign), Post Malone
10. You Make It Easy, Jason Aldean

Top Albums
1. Invasion of Privacy, Cardi B
2. The Greatest Showman (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
3. AMERICA, Thirty Seconds to Mars
4. Revamp: The Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin, Various Artists
5. Jesus Christ Superstar (2012 Remastered Edition), Jesus Christ Superstar - The Original Studio Cast & Andrew Lloyd Webber
6. There Is More (Live), Hillsong Worship
7. My Dear Melancholy, The Weeknd
8. Restoration: Reimagining the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin, Various Artists
9. Find a Light, Blackberry Smoke
10. Vacation in Hell, Flatbush Zombies

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Michael Melson
Melson and Associates

1. Michael, How did you become interested in this type of planning?

My mother was ill and could not qualify for a long-term care policy. I did not think it was fair that healthy people could qualify for a long-term care policy and protect their life savings, while the unhealthy could not. Thank goodness, the government provides ways to protect assets against this type of inequity.

2. Who are some of the people you have helped?

We have helped individuals from every walk of life, such as attorneys, doctors, CPA's, ministers, financial planners, bankers, college professors, engineers, and so on.

3. Are these plans legal?

Absolutely! The government has guidelines to follow. The difficulty is interpreting them and the state caseworkers are not allowed to advise you. That's where I come in.

4. What is your biggest obstacle?

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5. What should you know after a free consultation?

Great question! The planner should be able to (i) explain to you the surest way your home can be protected and, (ii) Provide you with an estimate of the dollar value of assets that will be protected for a married couple or single individual, (iii) How long will this take; and (iv) What the fees will be, if you follow the plan?

6. Who should complete the Medicaid application?

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7. If a person has been denied nursing home Medicaid benefits, is there any chance that you could still help them qualify?

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8. How successful have you been with your planning methods?

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9. How do we get started?

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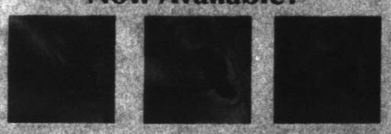
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Local players ready for TAPPS competition

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Midland Christian boys doubles team of Joshua Ramos and Jonathan Cheatham gelled fairly quickly on the tennis court.

Three weeks ago, Cheatham and Ramos were planning on playing singles in postseason play before Ramos suffered an ankle injury at the Seminole Tournament, limiting his mobility.

MCS coach Jon Lanier believed Ramos and Cheatham would be better suited for a postseason run if they joined forces.

Cheatham and Ramos transitioned well as partners, winning the TAPPS 1-5A boys doubles title on April 7.

The pair of seniors enter the TAPPS 5A State Tennis Tournament, played today and Tuesday at Waco Regional Tennis Center, as the No. 2 seed in the boys doubles' field.

The 6-foot-4 Cheatham, and Ramos, a 2017 state qualifier in singles, mesh well on the court.

"Josh is a really good athlete," Lanier said. "He has a big forehand. He's really fast and he has good hands at the net. Jonathan is big and tall with a big huge serve. When Jonathan is getting the serve in, it's hard for opponents to hit it past them. We call him 'Baby (John) Isner.' They complement each other well."

Despite his height, Cheatham can get to his share of balls.

"He actually moves well," Lanier said of Cheatham. "A lot of those tall guys aren't really nimble. He can get down on the low balls."

MCS will also be sending the boys doubles team of Sterling Armstrong and Garrett Bushman to state. Armstrong and Bushman, both seniors, placed third at district. Bushman is a lefty, who hits with a lot of touch, and is adept at volleying. Armstrong, a transfer from Midland Classical,

Please see TENNIS/4C

Trinity's Curtis Wong returns a shot April 4 during TAPPS 1-3A district tennis tournament at the Midland College courts.
Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

REMEMBERING VICTIMS

Michael Dwyer/Associated Press

The father of Lingzi Lu, Jun Lu, second from right, and her aunt Helan Zhao, right, place a wreath Sunday as the family of Martin Richard, from left, Henry, Bill, Jane and Denise look on during a ceremony at the site where Martin Richard and Lingzi Lu were killed in the second explosion at the 2013 Boston Marathon.

Boston marks 5 years since marathon attack with tributes

By Vaishnavee Sharma and Sarah Betancourt
Associated Press

BOSTON — The bells of Old South Church in Boston rang at 2:49 p.m. to commemorate a citywide moment of silence in honor of Boston Marathon bombing survivors and victims

It was an emotional moment in a day filled with service projects and ceremonies to remember those impacted by the deadly bombings five years ago.

Boston began the anniversary of the attacks Sunday with Mayor Marty Walsh and Gov. Charlie Baker laying wreaths early in the morning at the spots along downtown Boylston Street where two bombs killed three spectators and maimed more than 260 others April 15, 2013.

Both addressed families and survivors at a private ceremony inside the Boston Public Library.

"On April 15, 2013, our city changed forever but over the last five years, we have reclaimed hope. We have reclaimed the finish line and Boston has emerged with a new strength, a resilience rooted in love," Walsh said.

Jane and Henry Richard, siblings of the youngest victim Martin Richard, and members of the family's foundation, also spoke.

Henry Richard urged those listening to follow Martin's message to "choose kindness and do more." The family's foundation was founded in 2014 to connect young people with opportunities for volunteerism and community engagement.

Victim Lu Lingzi's uncle, Sherman Yee, was present at the ceremony and private gathering. He said, "The family has been overwhelmed by love and support from all over the world.'" He called Lingzi an "extraordinary girl" who represented the youth that come to the U.S. from China to study.

"While she didn't realize her dreams, as her family we invest in the youths through our foundation to keep her memory going," he said.

The bombs also killed 29-year-old Krystle Campbell, of Arlington. Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer Sean Collier was killed in the line of duty during a confrontation with bomber Tamerlan Tzarneav.

Roxanne Simmonds was at commemorative ceremonies to honor her

Please see BOSTON/4C

MC softball sweeps series against Lady Westerners

By Oscar LeRoy
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It was important for the Midland College softball team to bounce back this weekend and have a big series against Western Texas College after a tough series the weekend before.

Ho'ohuli

The Lady Chaparrals got what they wanted as they completed a four-game sweep of the Lady Westerners on Sunday with 7-0 and 11-3 victories at the Midland College softball field.

Kistner

The series sweep for MC (32-16, 15-5 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) helped the Lady Chaps to bounce back from a series loss to rival Odessa College last weekend and put them right back into the conference race as they currently sit in third place in the standings.

"It's huge if we can get third outright going into regionals," MC interim coach Amanda Evans said. "One of our goals is to come in the top three and really find a way to get to the championship. Having this weekend really helped us. We had moments where we had a little bit of adversity and needed to work through it, and that's going to be big for us when we play Howard."

Added MC sophomore Shaycelynn Ho'ohuli: "We took two games (on Saturday) so I knew we would again come out strong today. Any sweep we can get is crucial for us."

Pitcher Crystine Kistner set the tone in the first game as she allowed just three hits, walked one and also added to her season strikeout total with eight Ks. This weekend, Kistner surpassed her freshman mark of 275 strikeouts and now has almost 300 to her total this year.

"She's one of the top, if not the top, strikeout pitchers that we've had in our program," said Evans about Kistner. "She's doing really good things. She's working on moving the ball and she's feeling really good about herself."

Offensively, the Lady Chaps had a five-run second inning to back Kistner's performance. Ho'ohuli was 2-for-3 with a walk and two RBI, Shaye Simms was 2-for-3, while Bianca Cerda and Yvonne

Please see CHAPS/3C

Larson leads at Bristol; race postponed to Monday because of rain

By Steve Reed
Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Kyle Larson will have to wait another day to try to capture his first NASCAR Cup Series victory of the season.

The race at Bristol Motor Speedway was postponed until Monday because of heavy rain with Larson out in front. Racing was halted three times Sunday due to wet weather.

Action is scheduled to resume Monday at 1 p.m.

Larson led 74 laps when the race was halted on lap 204, just 46 laps from it becoming official. NASCAR hopes to complete all remaining 296 laps, although the forecast calls for more rain and possibly snow.

Larson seemed to have found his groove on the track before the third and final red flag came out. NASCAR waited about an hour before officially postponing the race with a forecast of steady rain for the remainder of Sunday night.

"It's hard to get a rhythm with all the rain and stuff and then getting out of your car and getting back in," Larson said.

Larson liked the speed of his car, but said the track was slick.

"There is only a little line there on the bottom that has got some grip," said Larson, who normally likes to run on the high side of the Bristol track. "If you get out of it, it's slick. If you get below it, it's slick. So, it's been fun, but it's kind of hard to guess where you need to position your car there for a little while."

Some drivers won't have to worry about coming back Monday.

Ryan Blaney was dominant early in the No. 12 Ford, leading 99 laps of the first 119 laps before getting caught up in wreck that left his car in shambles.

It happened on turn three when Chris Buescher and Trevor Bayne, who were fighting to stay on the lead lap, got tangled up in front of Blaney, leaving him nowhere to maneuver.

Please see NASCAR/4C

Wade Payne/Associated Press

Cars sit on the track after a crash during a NASCAR Cup Series auto race Sunday in Bristol, Tenn.

'HOUNDSWATCH

SUNDAY'S SCORE
Midland 10, Tulsa 9

TODAY'S GAME
Midland vs Tulsa 4 p.m.

INTERNET
www.mlb.com

RECORDS
Midland 7-3
Tulsa 6-4

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Midland at Tulsa 4 p.m.	Midland at Tulsa 4 p.m.	Midland at Tulsa 7 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV

College Softball
NC State at North Carolina, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Mississippi State at Ole Miss, 6 p.m., SEC

Major League Baseball
Baltimore at Boston, 10 a.m., MLB
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 6 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Texas at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m., FSSW
Houston at Seattle, 9 p.m., ATTSW
LA Dodgers at San Diego, 9 p.m., MLB

Marathon
2018 Boston Marathon, 7:30 a.m., NBCSN

Men's Soccer
Bundesliga: 1. FSV Mainz 05 vs. SC Freiburg, 1:30 p.m., FS2, FXDEP
PL: West Ham United vs. Stoke City, 2 p.m., NBCSN
Ecuador: Guayaquil City vs. Barcelona SC, 8 p.m., GolTV

National Basketball Association
East first Round, Gm 2: Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., TNT
West first Round, Gm 2: San Antonio at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., TNT,

FSSW+

National Hockey League
East first Round, Gm 3: Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m., NBCSN
East first Round, Gm 3: Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m., CNBC
West first Round, Gm 3: Nashville at Colorado, 9 p.m., NBCSN
West first Round, Gm 3: Anaheim at San Jose, 9:30 p.m., CNBC

Tennis
ATP: Monte Carli, 5 a.m., TENNIS

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Texas at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)
Houston at Seattle, 9 p.m., KXCS 105.5 FM (Big Spring)

National Basketball Association
West first Round, Gm 2: San Antonio at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball
Midland at Tulsa, 4 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Golf
Midland Christian at district golf tournament, Killeen

HS Softball
Lee at Wolfforth Frenship, 4:30 p.m.

HS Tennis
TAPPS 5A, 4A state tournament, Waco

JC Golf
Midland College at NJCAA District 2 Championship, Rawls Course, Lubbock

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned LHP Donnie Hart to Norfolk (IL). Recalled RHP David Hess from Norfolk. Returned Rule 5 draft pick LHP Nestor Cortes Jr. to the N.Y. Yankees.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Sent C Salvador Perez to Northwest Arkansas (TL) for a rehab assignment.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Recalled RHP Alan Busenitz from Rochester (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHP Luis Cessa to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Assigned OF Shane Robinson outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Sent SS Chad Pinder to Stockton (Cal) for a rehab assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS — Signed 3B Nick Noonan to a minor league contract. Claimed INF Renato Nunez off waivers from Oakland. Transferred RHP Tim Lincecum to the 60-day DL.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed RHP Taijuan Walker on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Silvino Bracho from Reno (PCL).
CINCINNATI REDS — Sent RHP Scott Schebler to Louisville (IL) and RHP Kevin Shackelford to Pensacola (SL) for rehab assignments.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Sent RHP Jeff Hoffman to Albuquerque (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Placed INF Logan Forsythe on the 10-day DL. Assigned RHP Dylan Bebar outright to Tulsa (TL). Recalled INF Breyvic Valera from Oklahoma City (PCL).
MIAMI MARLINS — Sent C J.T. Realmuto to Jupiter (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Assigned RHP J.J. Hoover outright to Colorado Springs (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Reinstated 1B Dominic Smith from the 10-day DL and optioned him to Las Vegas (PCL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned LHP Tyler Wade to El Paso (PCL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Sent RHP Juli Senarabija to San Jose (Cal) for a rehab assignment.
Frontier League
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed LHP Max Machiela. Released OF Dan Hold and RHP Tyler Hunt.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Signed F Joey Anderson to a three-year, entry-level contract.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Assigned D Matt Spencer from Syracuse (AHL) to Adirondack (ECHL).
American Hockey League
CLEVELAND MONSTERS — Returned F Adkinson Dahl to Idaho (ECHL).
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Released C Trevor Yates from his amateur tryout agreement.
SYRACUSE CRUNCH — Assigned G Dylan Ward to and F Shane Conacher to Adirondack (ECHL).
ECHL
ECHL — Suspended Indy D Garrett Clarke, Toledo LW Connor Crisp and Cincinnati F Dominic Zombo one game.
IDEV FUEL — Signed D Chris Rypp to an amateur tryout agreement.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Big 12
Texas Tech 8, Kansas State 6
Oklahoma 6, Texas 0
Baylor 7, Memphis 0
Oklahoma State 6, West Virginia 4
TCU at Kansas, ccd.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Tampa Bay 2, New Jersey 0
Thursday, April 12: Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 2
Saturday, April 14: Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 3
Monday, April 16: Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18: Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-Monday, April 23: Tampa Bay at New Jersey, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 25: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, TBA

Boston 2, Toronto 0
Thursday, April 12: Boston 5, Toronto 1
Saturday, April 14: Boston 7, Toronto 3
Monday, April 16: Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Thursday, April 19: Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: Toronto at Boston, TBA
x-Monday, April 23: Boston at Toronto, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 25: Toronto at Boston, TBA

Columbus 2, Washington 0
Thursday, April 12: Columbus 4, Washington 3, OT
Sunday, April 15: Columbus 5, Washington 4, OT
Tuesday, April 17: Washington at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 19: Washington at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: Columbus at Washington, TBA
x-Monday, April 23: Washington at Columbus, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 25: Columbus at Washington, TBA

Pittsburgh 2, Philadelphia 1
Wednesday, April 11: Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 0
Friday, April 13: Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1
Sunday, April 15: Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 1
Wednesday, April 18: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Friday, April 20: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, TBA
x-Sunday, April 22: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 24: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Nashville 2, Colorado 0
Thursday, April 12: Nashville 5, Colorado 2
Saturday, April 14: Nashville 5, Colorado 4
Monday, April 16: Nashville at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18: Nashville at Colorado, 9 p.m.
x-Friday, April 20: Colorado at Nashville, TBA
x-Sunday, April 22: Nashville at Colorado, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 24: Colorado at Nashville, TBA

Winnipeg 2, Minnesota 0
Wednesday, April 11: Winnipeg 5, Minnesota 2
Friday, April 13: Winnipeg 4, Minnesota 1
Sunday, April 15: Minnesota 5, Winnipeg 2
Tuesday, April 17: Winnipeg at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
x-Friday, April 20: Minnesota at Winnipeg, TBA
x-Sunday, April 22: Winnipeg at Minnesota, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 25: Minnesota at Winnipeg, TBA

Vegas 2, Los Angeles 0
Wednesday, April 11: Vegas 1, Los Angeles 0
Friday, April 13: Vegas 2, Los Angeles 1, 2OT
Sunday, April 15: Vegas at Los Angeles, late
Tuesday, April 17: Vegas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 19: Los Angeles at Vegas, 9 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: Vegas at Los Angeles, TBA
x-Monday, April 23: Los Angeles at Vegas, TBA

San Jose 2, Anaheim 0
Thursday, April 12: San Jose 3, Anaheim 0
Saturday, April 14: San Jose 3, Anaheim 2
Monday, April 16: Anaheim at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18: Anaheim at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
x-Friday, April 20: San Jose at Anaheim, TBA
x-Sunday, April 22: Anaheim at San Jose, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 24: San Jose at Anaheim, TBA
x-Start of schedule TBD

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	TPts	GF	GA
New York City FC	5	0	2 17	15	4
Atlanta United FC	4	1	1 13	15	6
New England	3	2	1 10	10	6
Columbus	3	3	1 10	9	7
Orlando City	3	3	1 10	11	10
New York	3	3	0 9	13	9
Montreal	2	4	0 6	6	12
Philadelphia	1	3	2 5	5	8
D.C. United	1	3	2 5	6	10
Chicago	1	3	1 4	7	9
Toronto FC	1	3	0 3	5	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	TPts	GF	GA
Sporting KC	4	1	2 14	14	11
LA Galaxy	3	2	1 10	8	8
Vancouver	3	2	1 10	7	11
Los Angeles FC	3	2	0 9	11	10
FC Dallas	2	2	2 8	7	7
Colorado	2	2	1 7	8	8
Real Salt Lake	2	3	1 7	9	12
Minnesota United	1	4	1 4	6	12
Houston	1	2	1 4	5	10
San Jose	1	2	1 4	5	10
Portland	1	2	1 4	6	10
Seattle	0	3	1 1	3	7

NOTE: Three points for winning, one point for tie.

Sunday's Games
Seattle 2, Sporting Kansas City 1, tie
New York City FC 3, Atlanta United FC 0, tie

Harden scores 44 points, Rockets beat Wolves 104-101

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — James Harden scored 44 points and powered a big fourth-quarter run that allowed the Houston Rockets to outlast the Minnesota Timberwolves 104-101 on Sunday night in Game 1 of the first-round playoff series.

Minnesota scored four straight points to get within 3 with about 30 seconds left. Chris Paul added two free throws after that for Houston, but a tip-in by Karl-Anthony Towns got Minnesota back within 3.

After a bad pass by Paul gave the Timberwolves a chance to tie it with 1.5 seconds left, Jimmy Butler's shot was short.

The Timberwolves had a one-point lead with about seven minutes left when Houston used a 9-0 run, with the last seven points from Harden, to make it 94-86 with about four minutes to go. Harden, who also had a steal in that span, capped the run with a 3-pointer that prompted Minnesota coach Tom Thibodeau to call a timeout.

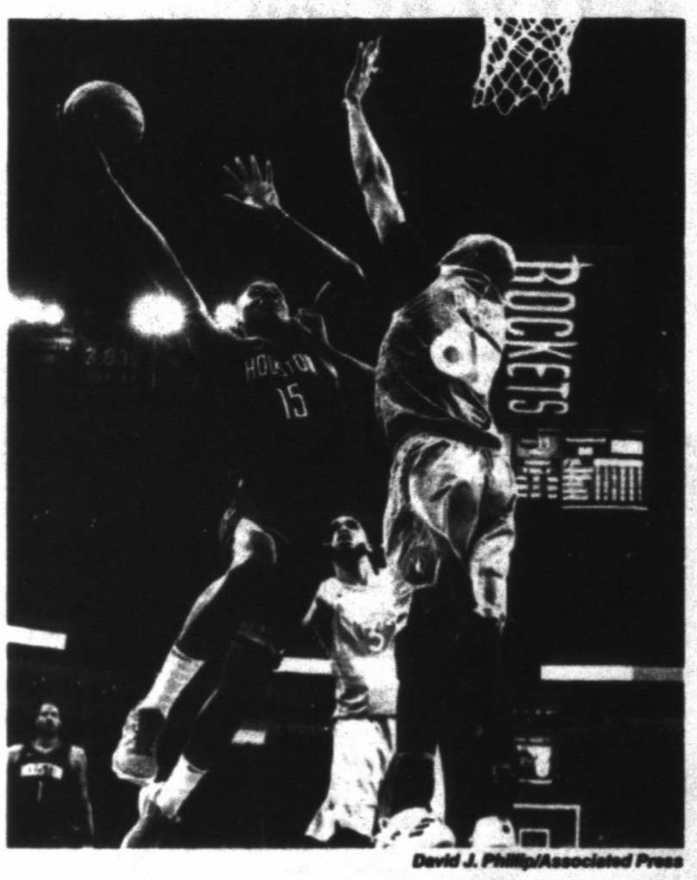
Jeff Teague ended Minnesota's scoring drought with two free throws after the timeout and added a 3-point play after a basket by Harden. Harden made another shot to give him 11 straight points for Houston before another basket by Teague.

Harden got Capela in on the scoring after that, finding him for an alley-oop that pushed the lead to 101-93 with less than three minutes left.

The top-seeded Rockets had their hands full with the No. 8 Timberwolves on a night where Houston made just 10 of 37 3-pointers. Harden made 7 of 12 3-pointers, but Trevor Ariza, P.J. Tucker, Eric Gordon and Paul combined to make just 3 of their 22 tries.

Houston kept All-Star big man Towns in check, limiting him to just eight points after he'd averaged 21.3 in leading the Wolves to their first playoff appearance since 2014. Andrew Wiggins scored 18 points to lead Minnesota.

The Wolves scored the first nine points of the second half to take a 56-54 lead. Tucker made a 3 for the Rockets after that, but Minnesota used a 6-1 spurt, with 3s from Wiggins and Teague, to go back on top 62-58.



David J. Phillip/Associated Press

Houston Rockets' Clint Capela shoots over Minnesota Timberwolves' Taj Gibson during the first half in Game 1 of a first-round NBA playoff series Sunday in Houston.

The Rockets had managed just six points in the quarter when Gerald Green made a basket with to cut the lead to 1 with about five minutes left in the third. Derrick Rose added a bucket seconds later, but Houston scored six straight points after that to put Houston up 68-65. Harden got things going when he made a 3-pointer while being fouled by Rose and also made the free throw.

Minnesota led by a basket after a jump shot by Towns with about two minutes left in the quarter. Harden took over after that, scoring the last six points of the quarter to leave Houston up 76-72 entering the fourth.

Harden hit a 3-pointer before making a driving layup he was fouled on by Gorgui Dieng. Harden flexed each bicep twice while peering down at the muscles after the shot before making the free throw.

The Rockets swept the regular-season series 4-0, winning by an average of 15.8 points a game and it looked like this one might be another blowout early as the Rockets raced out to a 17-6 lead behind 10 early points from Clint Capela. But the Timberwolves got going after that and had tied it up by late in the first quarter.

The Rockets led 54-47 at halftime.

NBA PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

Associated Press

THUNDER 116, JAZZ 108

OKLAHOMA CITY — Paul George scored 36 points to help Oklahoma City beat Utah in Game 1 of the Western Conference series.

George set an Oklahoma City playoff record with eight 3-pointers, blowing past the previous record of five. He made 8 of 11 shots from long range, and 13 of 20 shots overall. It was his first playoff game with the Thunder since being acquired in a trade with Indiana in the offseason.

Russell Westbrook had 29 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists, and Carmelo Anthony added 15 points for the Thunder Jazz rookie Donovan Mitchell had 27 points and 10 rebounds, but he left in the second half with left foot soreness. He returned in the fourth quarter but was noticeably hobbling.

Game 2 is Wednesday night in Oklahoma City.

CELTICS 113, BUCKS 107, OT

BOSTON — Al Horford had 24 points and 12 rebounds and Boston overcame Khris Middleton's long 3 that beat the fourth-quarter buzzer to top Milwaukee in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference series.

The Celtics led 99-98 with 0.5 seconds left in regulation when Middleton took an inbounds pass on the far right wing and hit a contested 35-footer.

Terry Rozier added 23 points, four rebounds and three assists for Boston in his first career playoff start. Jaylen Brown finished with 20 points, and rookie Jayson Tatum added 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Giannis Antetokounmpo led the Bucks with 35 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists before fouling out in overtime. Middleton had 31 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

Game 2 is Tuesday night in Boston.

PACERS 99, CAVALIERS 89

CLEVELAND — Victor Oladipo scored 32 points and the Indiana Pacers held off Cleveland's second-half rally for a stunning 99-80 victory Sunday in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference series, handing LeBron James and the Cavaliers' their first loss in the opening round in eight years.

Indiana was in control from the outset, opening a 21-point lead in the first quarter and leading by 23 in the third. The Cavs stormed back and got within seven, but Oladipo hit a big 3-pointer and Bojan Bogdanovic helped put Cleveland away with a 3 to make it 88-71.

The Pacers completely outplayed the three-time defending conference champions, whose turbulent regular season has carried over into the playoffs.

Game 2 is Wednesday night.

James scored 24 with 12 assists and 10 rebounds for his 20th career triple-double. But James got little help as Cleveland's four other starters — Kevin Love, Jeff Green, Rodney Hood and George Hill — combined for 25 points.

This is all new to James, who had won 21 consecutive first-round games and lost a postseason for the first time in his 13th playoffs. The 33-year-old is trying to get to his eighth straight Finals, and already the path is tougher than imagined.

Cleveland had won 14 straight first-round games, last losing on April 22, 2010, the last season of James' first stint with the Cavs. Indiana was swept by Cleveland in last year's opening round.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

Associated Press

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Eastern Conference
Toronto 1, Washington 0
Saturday, April 14: Toronto 114, Washington 105
Tuesday, April 17: Washington at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Friday, April 20: Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 22: Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 25: Washington at Toronto, TBA
x-Friday, April 27: Toronto at Washington, TBA
x-Sunday, April 29: Washington at Toronto, TBA

Boston 1, Milwaukee 0
Sunday, April 15: Boston 110, Milwaukee 107, OT
Tuesday, April 17: Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 20: Boston at Milwaukee, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 22: Boston at Milwaukee, 12 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 24: Milwaukee at Boston, TBA
x-Thursday, April 26: Milwaukee at Boston, TBA
x-Saturday, April 28: Milwaukee at Boston, TBA

Philadelphia 1, Miami 0
Saturday, April 14: Philadelphia 130, Miami 100
Monday, April 16: Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 19: Philadelphia at Miami, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 21: Philadelphia at Miami, 1:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 24: Miami at Philadelphia, TBA
x-Thursday, April 26: Philadelphia at Miami, TBA
x-Saturday, April 28: Miami at Philadelphia, TBA

Indiana 1, Cleveland 0
Sunday, April 15: Indiana 99, Cleveland 89
Wednesday, April 18: Indiana at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Friday, April 20: Cleveland at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 22: Cleveland at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 25: Indiana at Cleveland, TBA
x-Friday, April 27: Cleveland at Indiana, TBA
x-Sunday, April 29: Indiana at Cleveland, TBA

Western Conference
Houston 1, Minnesota 0
Sunday, April 15: Houston 104, Minnesota 101
Wednesday, April 18: Minnesota at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 21: Houston at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, April 23: Houston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 25: Minnesota at Houston, TBA
x-Friday, April 27: Houston at Minnesota, TBA
x-Sunday, April 29: Minnesota at Houston, TBA

Golden State 1, San Antonio 0
Saturday, April 14: Golden State 113, San Antonio 92
Monday, April 16: San Antonio at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 19: Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 22: Golden State at San Antonio, 2:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 24: San Antonio at Golden State, TBA
x-Thursday, April 26: Golden State at San Antonio, TBA
x-Saturday, April 28: San Antonio at Golden State, TBA

New Orleans 1, Portland 0
Saturday, April 14: New Orleans 97, Portland 95
Tuesday, April 17: New Orleans at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 19: Portland at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 21: Portland at New Orleans, 4 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 24: New Orleans at Portland, TBA
x-Thursday, April 26: Portland at New Orleans, TBA
x-Saturday, April 28: New Orleans at Portland, TBA

Oklahoma City 1, Utah 0
Sunday, April 15: Oklahoma City 116, Utah 108
Wednesday, April 18: Utah at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 21: Oklahoma City at Utah, 9 p.m.
Monday, April 23: Oklahoma City at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 25: Utah at Oklahoma City, TBA
x-Friday, April 27: Oklahoma City at Utah, TBA
x-Sunday, April 29: Utah at Oklahoma City, TBA

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION

4/22 2:00-4:00 Chip Clinic & Adoptions at Rockhound's Bark in the Park
5/03 6:30-8:30 Microchip Clinic at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
6/16 Sat. am 4th Annual Hot Dog Run 5K and 1 Mile

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Colon perfect into 8th, Rangers beat Astros 3-1 in 10

By Joshua Koch
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Bartolo Colon carried a perfect game into the eighth inning and Robinson Chirinos drove in all three runs for the Texas Rangers during their 3-1 victory over the Houston Astros in 10 innings Sunday night.

The 44-year-old Colon turned back the clock and dominated the defending World Series champions for seven innings, retiring his first 21 batters in an entertaining pitchers' duel with Astros ace Justin Verlander.

Colon walked Carlos Correa on a 3-1 pitch to start the eighth before Josh Reddick lined an 0-2 delivery down the right-field line for a double that put runners at second and third.

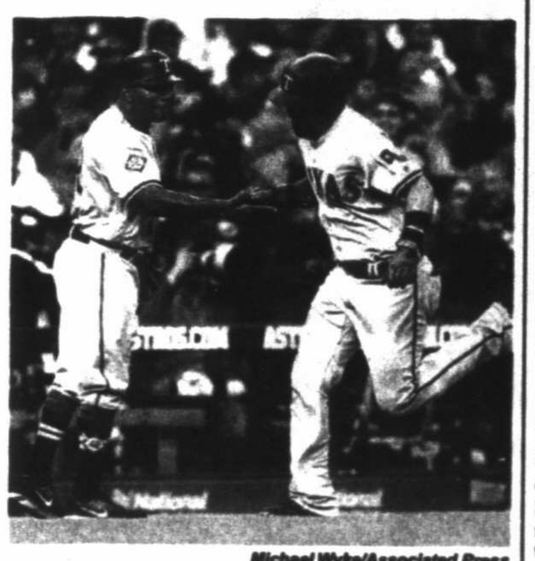
Opposing fans in Houston gave Colon a standing ovation, and he clapped his bare hand softly against the outside of his glove. Two outs later, he was removed with the score tied at 1.

A fan favorite all around the majors, the beefy right-hander nicknamed "Big Sexy" is on his ninth team in his last 11 seasons.

Chirinos homered early for the only hit off Verlander, who struck out 11 over eight innings.

In the 10th, Chirinos hit a two-run double off Hector Rondon (1-1) that short-hopped the wall in straightaway center field. Jake Diekman pitched out of trouble in the bottom half for his first save.

Keone Kela (2-0) worked a scoreless ninth for the win.



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Texas Rangers third base coach Steve Buechele, left, shakes hand with Robinson Chirinos after hitting a home run during the third inning of a game against the Houston Astros on Sunday in Houston.

MLB ROUNDUP

Associated Press

American League

RED SOX 3, ORIOLES 1

BOSTON — Andrew Benintendi got three hits and the Boston Red Sox extended the best start in their 118-year history, beating the Baltimore Orioles 3-1 Sunday at frigid Fenway Park.

Mitch Moreland also had three hits for the Red Sox, who completed a three-game sweep of the shortened series and improved to a major league-best 13-2 under new manager Alex Cora.

The series was supposed to last four games, but the traditional Patriots' Day game scheduled for Monday morning at 11:05 a.m. was postponed late Sunday afternoon because of a forecast that calls for heavy rain throughout the day.

The game will be made up May 17. It is the first time the Patriots' Day game in Boston has been postponed since 1984.

Manny Machado had an RBI double for Baltimore, which has lost five of six.

Boston ace Chris Sale gave up one run and two hits in five innings, striking eight and walking two.

Heath Hembree (2-0) worked two innings of scoreless relief. Craig Kimbrel got three outs for his fifth save.

Dylan Bundy (0-2) gave up three runs — one earned — and seven hits in 5 2/3 innings with six strikeouts, two walks and two wild pitches.

ATHLETICS 2, MARINERS 1

SEATTLE — Sean Manaea pitched seven strong innings and Jed Lowrie hit an early two-run homer off Felix Hernandez to lead Oakland over Seattle.

Oakland avoided a series sweep as Manaea (2-2) gave up just two hits and struck out four. It was the third time in four starts this season he has lasted at least seven innings.

Lowrie provided all the offense the A's needed with his fourth homer in the first inning. Blake Treinen finished with a four-out save.

Taylor Motter homered for the Mariners, who had won four in a row.

Felix Hernandez (2-2) worked into the seventh inning for the first time this year, giving up five hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Interleague

PHILLIES 10, RAYS 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Aaron Altherr hit a three-run homer, Scott Kingery had a three-run double and Philadelphia won its sixth in a row.

Kingery's two-out drive off the center field wall capped a four-run burst in the third inning that put Philadelphia ahead 4-2. The rookie has 12 RBIs over his past eight games.

Philadelphia took a commanding 10-3 advantage during a five-run eighth when Maikel Franco hit a two-run single and Altherr homered off Andrew Kittredge.

Reliever Yacksel Rios (2-0) went 1 1/3 scoreless innings.

Denard Span homered and had two RBIs for the Rays, who have lost six straight at home.

Ryan Yarbrough (0-1), making the start on the Rays' fifth bullpen game this season, gave up five runs, three hits, two walks and hit a batter in 4 2/3 innings.

National League

METS 3, BREWERS 2

NEW YORK — Wilmer Flores hit a game-winning home run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning and New York beat Milwaukee to improve the best start in team history to 12-2.

Noah Syndergaard struck out eight batters in a row, two shy of Tom Seaver's major league record, and Brandon Nimmo finished a double shy of the cycle. Nimmo connected for a tying home run against Taylor Williams leading off the sixth on a cold, blustery afternoon at Citi Field.

Flores broke a 2-all tie with a drive over the left-center wall against Matt Albers (2-1) for his second home run this year. New York has opened a season with five straight series wins for the first time.

Jeurys Familia (1-0) worked around a walk in a hitless ninth.

ROCKIES 6, NATIONALS 5

WASHINGTON — Ian Desmond hit a tiebreaking, two-out homer in the ninth inning against his former team, Charlie Blackmon drove in three runs and Colorado rallied to beat Washington.

After Sean Doolittle (0-1) struck out Carlos Gonzalez and Gerardo Parra to open the ninth, Desmond sent a belt-high, 3-2 fastball over the 402-foot sign in straightaway center as Colorado took three out of four in its only visit to Washington.

Adam Ottavino (3-0) got the win despite allowing a run in the eighth.

Wade Davis worked the ninth for his seventh save in eight opportunities.

PIRATES 7, MARLINS 3

MIAMI — Starling Marte went 5 for 5 with a ninth-inning homer to help Pittsburgh beat Miami.

Marte's five hits were a career high, and his average rose from .241 to .305. He scored four times and hit his third homer off Junichi Tazawa.

The surprising Pirates (11-4) improved to 7-0 in day games, completed a 4-2 trip and head home atop the NL Central.

Ivan Nova (2-1) recovered from a wobbly start to pitch 6 2/3 innings. He allowed three runs and struck out nine, his highest total since 2016.

Jose Urena (0-3) allowed eight hits and four runs in five innings. After four starts, the Marlins' ace has an ERA of 5.57.

CARDINALS 3, REDS 2

CINCINNATI — Carlos Martinez struck out a season-high 11 batters in seven shutout innings and Harrison Bader's two-run home run helped St. Louis complete its first four-game sweep in Cincinnati since 1949.

Martinez (2-1) allowed two hits and four walks while helping send the Reds to their eighth consecutive loss, one short of matching their longest losing streak of last season.

The Reds scored 10 runs in the series while being swept in four games at home by St. Louis for the first time since July 8-10, 1949.

The Reds haven't enjoyed a lead in 32 innings, going back to the fourth inning on Thursday. They are 2-13 for the first time since the 1931 Reds won two of their first 19 games.

Bud Norris allowed Adam Duvall's ninth-inning leadoff homer and the Reds got a runner to second with nobody out. Norris struck out Alex Blandino and Phillip Ervin and got Billy Hamilton to line out to clinch his third save.

Homer Bailey (0-3) allowed four hits and three runs with four strikeouts and two walks in a season-high seven innings.

DODGERS 7, DIAMONDBACKS 2

LOS ANGELES — Clayton Kershaw struck out 12 and pitched two-hit ball over seven innings and Los Angeles Dodgers ended an 11-game losing streak against Arizona in the regular season.

Los Angeles had been 0-5 versus the Diamondbacks this year, and hadn't beaten them in the regular season since last August. But the Dodgers swept Arizona 3-0 last year in the NL Division Series.

Chris Taylor homered, doubled and drove in three runs to help the Dodgers stop a three-game skid. The Diamondbacks, who had won three in row, finished a 6-3 road trip.

Kershaw (1-2) gave up one run, on Paul Goldschmidt's leadoff homer in the seventh, and has a 1.73 ERA after four starts. The Dodgers totaled just three runs in three previous starts this season by their ace lefty.

Zack Godley (2-1), who led the National League with a 0.64 ERA entering the game, allowed six runs and five hits and six walks in four innings.

PADRES 10, GIANTS 1

SAN DIEGO — Joey Lucchesi struck out nine in six innings, fellow rookie Christian Villanueva homered, doubled and drove in three runs, and San Diego cruised past San Francisco 10-1.

Jose Pirela was a home run short of the cycle and had three RBIs for the Padres, who have won five of seven. The Giants have lost four of five.

Lucchesi (2-0) was sharp in outpitching Tyler Beede (0-1) in a matchup of 24-year-old rookies. Lucchesi walked none and his nine strikeouts were his most in four big league starts. The lefty allowed one run and five hits.

MLB GLANCE

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Standings

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Chaps sloppy in doubleheader loss to WTC

From staff reports

SNYDER — The Midland College baseball team had a rough Sunday as Western Texas College swept a doubleheader to take the series.

Western Texas College defeated MC 8-3 in the first game and then used a seven-run eighth inning in the second game for an 11-4 victory to win the Western Junior College Athletic Conference series 3-1, which was the first WJCAC series loss for the Chaparrals this season. MC (26-17, 17-7) had more errors on the day (10) than hits (eight).

In the first game, the Chaps were held to three hits but also committed three errors. Of the eight runs MC allowed, only two of them were earned.

Garrett Wilkinson led MC by going 2-for-3 with a double, home run, two RBI and two runs scored.

WTC had 11 hits in the game, led by Izaiah Madrid, who was 2-for-4 with a double, triple and a run scored. Anthony Handel, Abel Pena, James Tutor and Ryan Kasper also had two hits for the Westerners.

WTC starter Ricky Arevalo allowed three runs on three hits, with four walks and seven strikeouts in his complete-game win.

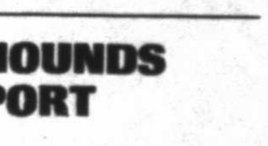
Chandler Eaton took the loss on the mound.

MC committed seven more errors in the second game, including three in that big inning for the Westerners (16-23, 10-14).

The Chaps only had five hits in the game as Tommy Gillman was 2-for-4 with double, triple, walk and a run scored. Cade Bullinger and Wlkinson also homered for MC.

WTC had 16 hits, led by Marcel Lacasse, who was 3-for-5 with a double, two RBI and two runs scored. Madrid was 3-for-5 with a double and three runs scored. Obi Obinwa also homered for the Westerners.

Nick Hollas got the win in relief for WTC, while Bullinger suffered the loss.



ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 10, DRILLERS 9

At ONEOK Field, Tulsa, Okla.

TOP HITTERS: Mikey White led the RockHounds by going 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI. Teammate Sean Murphy was 2-for-3 with a double, home run, two RBI and three runs scored, while Eli White was 2-for-5 with a double, home run, two RBI and two runs scored for Midland. ... For Tulsa, DJ Peters was 3-for-4 with a double, home run, RBI and a run scored; Connor Joe was 2-for-3 with two home runs, two RBI and three runs scored; and Drew Jackson was 2-for3 with a home run, two RBI, two walks and two runs scored.

TOP PITCHERS: Jake Sanchez earned the save for Midland as he pitched a shutout ninth, allowed one hit, walked one and struck out two. ...Karch Kowalczyk gave the Drillers a chance after pitching two shutout innings in relief, allowed two hits, walked one and struck out two.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland took a 6-1 lead with six runs in the top of the third thanks in part to a three-run double by Mikey White. ... After Midland took a 7-2 lead with a solo home run by Eli White in the top of the fourth, Tulsa scored four unanswered runs between the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to pull to within 7-6. ... Midland built the lead back up to 9-6 before the Drillers tied the game with three runs in the eighth two runs coming off a Kyle Garlick single. ... Midland got the winning run in the ninth when Murphy hit a solo homer to left.

NOTES: Midland is now 2-2 on this road trip and 7-3 on the season. ... The teams combined for six home runs. ... The teams play the second game of a three-game series at 4:05 p.m. today.

CHAPS

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Hernandez each drove in two runs with Hernandez hitting a two-run homer in the big second inning.

MC put away Western Texas (16-24, 9-11) early in the second game as a seven-run outburst in the third inning gave the Lady Chaps a commanding 11-2 lead. Alexis Sullivan helped to spark the inning with a leadoff home run. The Lady Chaps would send 11 batters to the plate in the frame.

"In the first game we came out a little flat but we got the job done," Evans said. "In between games, we talked about being more energetic and having a little bit more morale. We also talked about ending it, putting them away early and making the adjustments at the plate in order to get big innings."

MC finished with 11 hits in the game, led by Ho'ohuli, who was 3-for-4 with a double, two RBI and two run scored. Simms had a home run and drove in two runs, while Sullivan finished with two RBI.

"I did better than last week, of course," said Ho'ohuli, who had five hits on the day.

"I just knew if there was a runner, I had to execute and move her over, or if there were no runners on, I had to find a way to get on base."

Taylor Laing got the win in the circle for MC.

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Alexander Rossi grabs 3rd career IndyCar win in Long Beach

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Alexander Rossi spent his early racing career in Europe, and his extended family back home in California hardly ever saw him in person.

With a chance to race an exceptionally fast Honda on the Long Beach streets in front of about 60 friends and relatives Sunday, Rossi showed everybody what they might have missed. He also demonstrated what his Honda looks capable of doing in the rest of this very promising IndyCar season.

Rossi pulled away after a late restart to win the Grand Prix of Long Beach, completing a dominant weekend by holding off Will Power for his third career victory.

Rossi claimed his first win of the season from the pole, thriving amid the usual excitement on this beloved downtown road course just off the Pacific Ocean. Rossi led 71 of 85 laps in his Andretti Autosport Honda before taking charge on the restart with nine laps to go, pulling away from Power and moving into the IndyCar points lead after three races.

"Even though it's not my true home race, it really feels like one," said Rossi, who grew up around Sacramento. "The crowds here, and just the whole atmosphere is so welcoming and inviting. It's no surprise that this race has been on the calendar for so long. It's a pleasure to be able to come here and race. This is one I'll definitely remember for a very long time for a lot of different reasons."

Rossi comfortably earned the second pole of his three-year IndyCar career during qualifying, and his pace was still there in the race.

Rossi doesn't have many victories yet, but they're all monsters: The 2016 Indianapolis 500 winner and veteran of five Formula One races also won at Watkins Glen late last year.

"I certainly hope I haven't peaked too early with those three," Rossi said of his impressive array of conquered tracks. "I mean, if you're going to hit the wish list, those are the three."

Ed Jones finished third, and Zach Veach — who had never finished higher than 16th — was a career-best fourth. Graham Rahal was fifth after an opening-lap collision with Simon Pagenaud, who was knocked out of the 44th edition of the Long Beach race.

Rossi was a contestant on the most recent season of the CBS reality show "The Amazing Race" alongside fellow driver Conor Daly, who attended the race in Long Beach despite not currently having an IndyCar ride.

Rossi has hit the track at full speed this season after his TV break, reaching the podium twice already in St. Petersburg and again last weekend in Phoenix.

The result also was encouraging for Power, the former series champion and 32-time race winner. He had been off to a discouraging start to the season, with his Team Penske Chevrolet back in 14th in the points standings before his standout drive in Long Beach.

"Rossi was just too fast all day," Power said. "He was just really, really good. That was pretty much all we had."

Defending series champion Josef Newgarden finished seventh, and defending Long Beach champion James Hinchcliffe was ninth.

Rossi opened a nine-second lead after the first cycle of pit stops, and he stayed in front after a full-course caution erased the lead with 40 laps to go.

Rossi was losing ground when he pitted again on the 56th lap, but he got a break when Sebastien Bourdais and Dixon were penalized for entering a closed pit lane during a caution. Bourdais drove through and lost position, while Dixon later had to serve a drive-through penalty for taking a full pit stop.

Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach Results
Sunday
At Long Beach Street Circuit
Long Beach, California
Lap length: 2 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (1) Alexander Rossi, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running
2. (2) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85 laps, Running
3. (13) Ed Jones, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running
4. (16) Zach Veach, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running
5. (5) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running
6. (20) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running
7. (6) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85 laps, Running
8. (11) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85 laps, Running
9. (9) James Hinchcliffe, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running
10. (23) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85 laps, Running
11. (4) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running
12. (17) Jack Harvey, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running
13. (8) Sebastien Bourdais, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running
14. (14) Mathieu Lelot, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85 laps, Running
15. (18) Spencer Pigot, Dallara-Chevrolet, 84 laps, Running
16. (24) Ryan Kaiser, Dallara-Chevrolet, 84 laps, Running
17. (15) Max Chilton, Dallara-Chevrolet, 84 laps, Running
18. (12) Jordan King, Dallara-Chevrolet, 84 laps, Running
19. (19) Gabby Chaves, Dallara-Chevrolet, 83 laps, Running
20. (7) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Honda, 81 laps, Running
21. (22) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda, 74 laps, Running
22. (10) Robert Wickens, Dallara-Honda, 73 laps, Running
23. (21) Zachary Claman De Melo, Dallara-Honda, 59 laps, Contact
24. (3) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Chevrolet, 0 laps, Contact

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 88.822 mph.
Time of Race: 01:32:15.2424.
Margin of Victory: 1.2413 seconds.
Cautions: 4 for 17 laps.
Lead Changes: 6 among 5 drivers.
Lap Leaders: Rossi 1-24, Power 25-39, Hunter-Reay 31, Rossi 40-55, Bourdais 56-59, Newgarden 60-62, Rossi 63-85.
Points: Rossi 54, Power 41, Jones 35, Veach 32, Rahal 30, Andretti 28, Newgarden 27, Kanaan 24, Hinchcliffe 22, Kimball 20, Dixon 19, Bourdais 18, Lelot 16, Pigot 15, Kaiser 14, Chilton 13, King 12, Hunter-Reay 11, Sato 9, Wickens 8, Claman De Melo 7, Pagenaud 6.

Red Bull's Ricciardo wins Chinese Grand Prix; sixth career win

By Stephen Wade
Associated Press

SHANGHAI — Red Bull driver Daniel Ricciardo yanked off his right shoe, poured champagne into it as he stood on the podium, and then drank up to his unlikely victory in Sunday's Chinese Grand Prix.

The Australian started from the third row, but took advantage when the safety car came out on the 31st lap to allow him to get fresh, soft tires when the other leaders were running on worn rubber and couldn't get in quickly to change.

Ricciardo got quicker and quicker and took the lead on the 45th lap of the 56-lap race, overtaking Valtteri Bottas with a dive on the inside past the Mercedes driver.

"A lot of time you only get one chance, so I make the most of every opportunity," Ricciardo said. "I don't seem to win boring races. They all are pretty fun, but that was unexpected."

Bottas called it a "fair" pass and finished second with Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen in third.

Ricciardo said he knew he had a great chance with the fresh rubber. And he knew he got a bit lucky.

"That was obviously giving us a good little bit of grip on the restart," Ricciardo said. "Once I was aware we had the pace, I wasn't going to let that slip."

Red Bull's victory leaves the Formula One season in a scramble after just three races. There's no clear favorite and plenty of questions.

Mercedes, the power of the last few seasons, has not won any of the first three races with defending champion Lewis Hamilton and Bottas at the wheel. Hamilton finished fourth on Sunday and was never a factor.

Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari won the first two races in Australia and Bahrain, but failed to capitalize on his pole position in China. He led for the first 20 laps but fell back, first due to a pit stop and then after a collision with Red Bull's Max Verstappen on the 43rd lap. Vettel finished eighth.

Verstappen, who initially finished fourth, was given a 10-second penalty for another brush with Red Bull's Toro Rosso driver Pierre Gasly. Verstappen wound up fifth.

Ferrari's Vettel still leads the season standings with 54 points after three races.

Hamilton, the four-time and defending champion, improved his season points total to 45. Bottas has 40 points in third place and Ricciardo is fourth with 37.

"Saturday and Sunday felt like a disaster from my side," Hamilton said. "I just haven't had the pace since yesterday (Saturday), and I struggled with the car."

Bottas acknowledged Mercedes still "has work to do."

"It's so close between Red Bull, Ferrari and us," he said. "Just depending on the conditions and whoever gets the tires and the set up right. It's very close depending on the conditions."

Bottas said the race "slipped away."

"We were going pretty well and we were looking strong until the safety car," he said. "It kind of felt like we deserved a victory, but not today. That is racing. These things happen."

Nico Hulkenberg of Renault was sixth followed by Fernando Alonso of McLaren. Vettel, Carlos Sainz of Renault and Haas' Kevin Magnussen rounded out the top 10.

This was Ricciardo's sixth career win, and his first since a victory a year ago in Azerbaijan, the venue for the next race in two weeks.

What a difference a week makes.

In Bahrain a week ago, Ricciardo and Verstappen were out after the first several laps on a frustrating weekend for Red Bull. "This sport's crazy," he said. "A week ago I was with my head down after two laps; frustrated at the sport, frustrated at all the variables that are involved in the sport. Sometimes I question why I chose this sport. It does get you down a lot. But then you have a day like this it's worth all those bad ones."

F1-Chinese Grand Prix Results
Sunday
At Shanghai International Circuit
Shanghai
Lap length: 3.387 miles

1. (Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull Racing, Top Wheel, 56 laps, 1:32:58.550, 25 points
2. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes, 56, +5.514 seconds behind, 18
3. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 56, +9.837, 15
4. L. Hamilton, Britain, Mercedes, 56, +19.659, 12
5. Max Verstappen, Germany, Red Bull Racing, Top Wheel, 56, +20.659, 10
6. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Renault, 56, +21.652, 8
7. Fernando Alonso, Spain, McLaren Renault, 56, +39.69, 6
8. S. Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 56, +55.359, 4
9. Carlos Sainz, Spain, Renault, 56, +55.753, 2
10. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, Haas Ferrari, 56, +59.594, 1
11. Esteban Ocon, France, Force India Mercedes, 56, +1:01.553, 0
12. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India Mercedes, 56, +1:02.726, 0
13. Stoffel Vandoorne, Belgium, McLaren Renault, 56, +1:03.373, 0
14. Lance Stroll, Canada, Williams Mercedes, 56, +1:05.410, 0
15. Sergey Sirotkin, Russia, Williams Mercedes, 56, +1:05.941, 0
16. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Sauber Ferrari, 55, +1 Lap, 0
17. Romain Grosjean, France, Haas Ferrari, 55, +1 Lap, 0
18. Pierre Gasly, France, Scuderia Toro Rosso Honda, 55, +1 Lap, 0
19. Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Sauber Ferrari, 55, +1 Lap, 0
20. Brendon Hartley, New Zealand, Scuderia Toro Rosso Honda, 51, did not finish, 0

Daniel Ricciardo received 10 additional time penalties for causing collisions.

Driver Standings
1. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 54 points
2. Lewis Hamilton, Britain, Mercedes, 45
3. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes, 40
4. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull Racing, Tag Heuer, 37
5. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 33
6. Fernando Alonso, Spain, McLaren Renault, 22
7. Max Verstappen, Germany, Renault, 22
8. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Renault, 10
9. Pierre Gasly, France, Scuderia Toro Rosso Honda, 10
10. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, Haas Ferrari, 11
11. S. Vandoorne, Belgium, McLaren Renault, 6
12. Carlos Sainz, Spain, Renault, 5
13. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Sauber Ferrari, 2
14. Esteban Ocon, France, Force India Mercedes, 1

Constructor Standings
1. Mercedes, 85
2. Ferrari, 54
3. Red Bull Racing Tag Heuer, 47
4. McLaren Renault, 28
5. Renault, 27
6. Scuderia Toro Rosso Honda, 10
7. Haas Ferrari, 11
8. Sauber Ferrari, 2
9. Force India Mercedes, 1

Michael Dwyer/Associated Press

Cristopher Nzenwa, of Boston, prays Sunday at the site of the first explosion during the 2013 Boston Marathon.

Boston

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son, fallen Boston police officer Dennis Simmonds. Simmonds suffered a head injury on April 19, 2013, during a shootout with Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev as law enforcement closed in on them.

He suffered a fatal brain aneurysm a year later assessed to be the result of his injuries from the explosive device. Roxanne Simmonds said "DJ" was "brilliant and fearless — he just loved Boston."

The youngest graduate of his class at Lasell College, Dennis Simmonds worked in Mattapan as an officer.

"It was important for him to be in a community with men and women who look like him," his mother said. "Individuals of color working hard to make sure their communities were safe." She praised Walsh, saying that it was obvious how significant the victims are to the mayor.

Arreen Andrew, of Boston, said she was in the crowd across the stand when the first bomb went off in 2013.

"It was sheer panic," she recalled. "Just this sense of 'No, this can't happen to us.'"

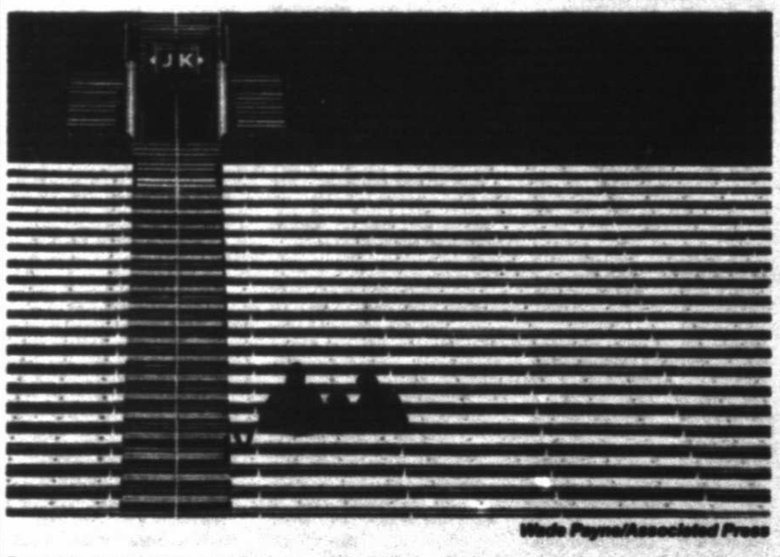
Five years later, while the day is still a reminder of some painful memories, she said it has also become a day about the relationships that have since been formed and "reformed and recreated our entire community."

For some, such an anniversary is about planting the seeds of change. Forty-three-year-old Heather Abbott of Newport, Rhode Island hosted a fundraiser for her foundation that supports amputees. Abbott was outside of Forum, a restaurant by the finish line, when the impact of the second bomb blew her through the entrance of the building. Former New England Patriots lineman Matt Chatham and his wife Erin were in the restaurant, and carried Abbott to safety.

After three surgeries in four days, Abbott's left leg was amputated below the knee. Her recovery was long, but in 2014, Abbott started her own foundation to help amputees with financial difficulties afford prosthetics and expensive co-payments.

"I want to make some changes in the world of health insurance and help them understand why people need these devices," said Abbott.

Abbott says the foundation has given out 19 prosthetic devices out so far. "They can cost from $15,000 to as much as $100,000," she said.



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Fans sit in the stands as rain falls before a NASCAR Cup Series auto race Sunday in Bristol, Tenn.

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His car was taken behind the wall, ending his day.

"By the time I got away from the car right in front of me they were already turned right up the race track and I was already going to the top," of the track," Blaney said. "I kind of saw them spinning low and I thought that top was going to be OK and then they slid back up and got us. That stinks. I thought we had a good car and nothing to show for it."

Michael McDowell, Chris Buescher, Harrison Rhodes and Ross Chastain also are out of the race.

Tennis

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has a powerful serve.

Trinity sends 7 to state

Boys doubles teams Dylan Hofman and Ashwin Gurru and Porter Hankins and Blake Carney, girls doubles team Grace Davis and Lauren Friday, and boys singles player Curtis Wong will represent Trinity at the TAPPS 4A State Tennis Championships today and Tuesday.

In 2017, Hofman and his brother Justin Hofman reached the state quarterfinals, while Gurru teamed with Hankins to play in the state semifinals. Hofman, a senior, is paired with Gurru in his last hurrah before pursuing a business degree at SMU.

"We work really well together," Hofman said of Gurru. "He has very strong serves that complements my net skills and with that, it sets up the other opponents to hit it to me. I can just end the point."

Davis, a senior, is going to state for the first time after competing in track the previous two years. She is going to study elementary education at Baylor.

"Track wasn't really my strong suit, but what I learned there has really helped on the court, just short sprints and bursts of energy, which has translated well into doubles," Davis said.

MCA's Beattie heads to state in 3rd event

The Midland Classical girls doubles team of Makenna Beattie and Laura Kate Sparks will be heading back to the TAPPS 3A State Tennis Tournament, Wednesday and Thursday in Waco, after they won the TAPPS 1-3A title. Beattie and Sparks will be seeded No. 2.

Beattie, a senior, will be competing in her third state athletic event this season after reaching the state tournament with the MCA volleyball team and winning the state championship with the girls basketball team. Sparks also competed on the basketball team.

Beattie is an aggressive player at the net, while Sparks provides a steady presence at the baseline.

"Laura Kate doesn't miss a lot from the back and Makenna is not going to miss a lot from the front," first-year MCA coach Lance McDougall said. "It takes a lot to defeat them."

Lance's son Josiah McDougall qualified in boys singles after placing third at district. Josiah, a junior, is playing competitive tennis for the first time this season.

"(I told him) 'If I coach, you're playing, that's the deal.'" Lance said of his son taking up the sport.

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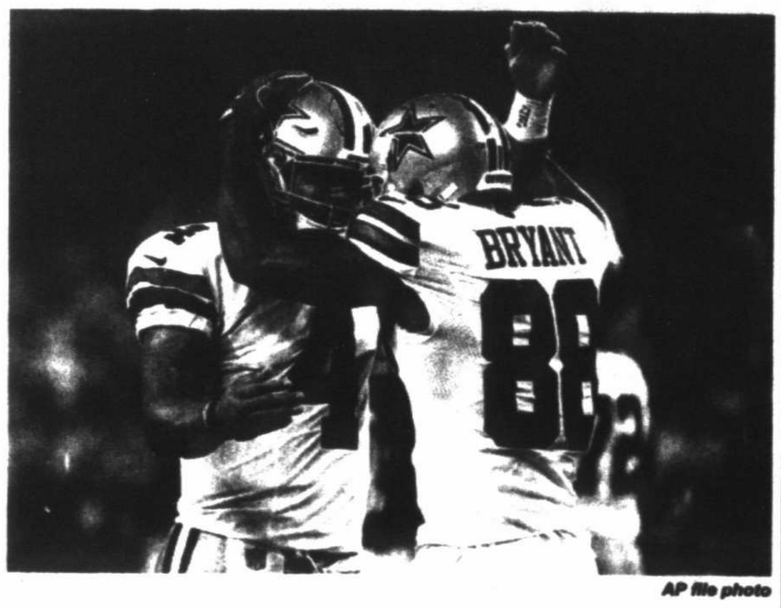

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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) and wide receiver Dez Bryant (88) celebrate the touchdown catch by Bryant on Sept. 25, 2016, in the second half of an NFL game against the Chicago Bears in Arlington.

Cowboys' Prescott sad to see Bryant go, says he had no part in decision

By Clarence E. Hill Jr.
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

DALLAS — While speculation abounds regarding which Dallas Cowboys captains played a role in Dez Bryant's departure as the receiver alluded to in an interview with the NFL Network on Friday, quarterback Dak Prescott denied any involvement and expressed sadness over the receiver's departure.

"Obviously it's sad news," said Prescott, speaking at the Albertsons and Tom Thumb Dak Prescott Women's Clinic at Parish Episcopal School on Saturday night. "That is a brother to me. Put the football stuff beyond you, what he meant to me as a person, what he meant to me as a brother, it's tough to see him gone. It shows you it's a business. It motivates me. And it puts all this in perspective. Just got to go to work."

Prescott has already heard that Bryant pointed the finger at the team captains for playing a role in his departure.

"As much you want to say yeah I want a say so … those guys get paid a lot more than me," Prescott said. "That is what those guys are there to do. That is not my decision."

"I am sure (Bryant) is hearing stuff," Prescott continued. "I am sure he is getting it from a lot of different ways. So I am not going to finger point at anybody. I'm not going to get upset about who he is pointing at or who he thinks did this. As I said, it's a business and that's part of it."

Prescott said Bryant will be missed and the Cowboys have to figure out how to replace him. But he said his focus is on getting better at his job.

"He was a great player," Prescott said. "He did a lot of great things for us. He was a guy in man-to-man you go to. At this point, we got to figure that out with the guys we got. I am sure we are going to go after guys in the draft and free agency. Who knows? All I can do is to continue to get better at my job and do the best I can do."

Free agent signees Allen Hurns and Deonte Thompson will be a big part of the team's plans to replace Bryant, as will a receiver in the draft. The Cowboys are focused on taking one in the first or second round.

"We have thrown. I have thrown with Hurns," Prescott said when asked about the new receivers. "Deonte is on his way. We have communicated. We will see. We will figure it out. Dez is going to be a hard guy to replace. He is a talented guy. So he will be missed."

Prescott has been a part of a group of 50 Cowboys who have been working out on their own for the last two months. He is excited about Monday's start of the offseason program as the Cowboys officially begin life without Bryant.

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Whoa, Nellie: Keith Jackson remembered at Rose Bowl

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Keith Jackson was remembered as "the Walter Cronkite of sports broadcasting" and a loving husband, father and grandfather away from the broadcast booth in a memorial service at the Rose Bowl.

Nearly 400 family and friends gathered Sunday on the field at the historic stadium where Jackson, the folksy voice of college football for decades on ABC, called a record 15 New Year's Day games — the last in 2006. A smattering of the public looked on from seats in the south end zone. The stadium's radio and TV booths are named in his honor.

"This was Keith Jackson's cathedral," said Tim Brandt, who served as master of ceremonies and was one of several former broadcast partners who spoke during the 2-hour, 15-minute memorial.

Jackson came up with the Rose Bowl nickname, "The Granddaddy of Them All."

It was an example of what ABC-owned Walt Disney Co. chairman and CEO Robert Iger via video called "Keith-speak."

Offensive linemen were "big uglies." A dropped ball was a "fuumm-bull!" Players were "young-uns." A big play would elicit the cry "Whoa, Nellie!" although Jackson didn't utter what became known as his signature phrase as much as viewers thought.

"I think I said it probably at least once a game," said Bob Griese, who called games for 15 years with Jackson. "People would hear that and they just assumed he said it."

Griese suggested to Jackson that he put the phrase on shirts and caps and sell them. Jackson rejected the idea, saying, "It's about the kids. It ain't about me."

Jackson died on Jan. 12 at age 89. He lived in nearby Sherman Oaks.

Brandt noted Jackson's mantra when calling games was "amplify, clarify and don't intrude."

He remembered the time Jackson stood up Alabama's Bear Bryant. The coach kept Jackson waiting for an interview the day before a Saturday game. Finally, Bryant came over and said, "You want to see me?"

Jackson replied, "Not anymore, coach. We'll try to catch you next time."

Lynn Swann first met Jackson when he starred at USC and they later worked together calling games in the USFL.

"You never heard Keith talk down about a college player's talent," he said.

Basketball Hall of Famer Ann Meyers Drysdale worked the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics with Jackson.

"Keith was our Walter Cronkite of sports broadcasting," she said. "He's trustworthy, accurate and totally respected."

Todd Harris was a sideline reporter on Jackson's college football telecasts for seven years. Jackson was asked to read promos for a new ABC series called "Snoops," featuring three scantily clad, sexy private eyes.

The second week he read the promo, Jackson mentioned he had watched the debut episode. "Someone needs to buy that woman some britches," he said.

Harris, hearing the comment in his earpiece, busted out laughing.

Kodaira rallies to win 3-hole playoff at RBC Heritage

By Pete Iacobelli
Associated Press

Stephen B. Morton/Associated Press

Satoshi Kodaira, of Japan, watches his drive off the 16th tee Sunday during the final round of the RBC Heritage golf tournament in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Early on, Satoshi Kodaira was thinking only of playing well enough Sunday to make it to next week's PGA Tour stop.

Those worries are over for the 28-year-old from Japan, who rallied from six shots behind to win the RBC Heritage in a playoff and gain an invitation to join the tour as a regular.

"This is a stage I've been dreaming about," Kodaira said through an interpreter. "And having this opportunity to play full time is a dream come true. So, of course, I will accept full-time membership."

Kodaira defeated Si Woo Kim on the third playoff hole, rolling in a 25-foot birdie on the par-3 17th hole, then punching his fist in celebration. It ended a drama-filled final round in which it appeared that Kim, Ian Poulter and Luke List had the lock on the title at different points.

But it was Kodaira's relentless grind to the top that won the day. And with the game he showed at Harbour Town Golf Links, Kodaira appears like he's got more big moments on tour ahead like countryman and five-time tour winner Hideki Matsuyama.

"I feel like I'm getting closer to that level," said Kodaira, who is ranked 46th in the world and has played in 15 tour events. "I'd like to do my best in major championships and, hopefully, work hard at it."

Bryson DeChambeau (66) and List (72) were tied for third. Third-round leader Poulter's bid for a second tour title in three weeks ended with a 75 and a tie for seventh.

Starting times for the final round were moved up because of a forecast for bad weather.

Kodaira won $1.206 million. He'll be exempt on the PGA Tour through the 2019-20 season.

The tournament appeared in steady hands with Kim, whose bulldog focus and shot-making held everyone off to win The Players Championship last May. But the 22-year-old from South Korea faltered over his final nine holes of regulation, with three bogeys to fall into the tie with Kodaira.

Kim had the chance to win in regulation but missed a six-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole. Kodaira said that was the most nervous he was during his wait of about an hour before the playoff.

Kodaira might have had a few butterflies on the final playoff hole as Kim had a 21-foot birdie try to extend things, but he came up short.

Kim thought the increased winds slowed down the greens, making putts more difficult on the final nine holes. "But I tried my best and the putts didn't drop," Kim said. "It is what it is."

Poulter, who dramatically won the Houston Open two weeks ago for his first tour win in more than five years, had six bogeys Sunday after making just two in his first three rounds.

Kodaira was the hardest charged and few even realized until the final threesome of Kim, Poulter and List all came back to the pack. Kodaira became the sixth straight RBC Heritage champion who was three strokes down or more at the start of the final round.

Playing Harbour Town for the first time, Kodaira opened with a 73, then followed with the tournament's best round of the week, 63, on Friday. That game kicked in once more in the final round, with six birdies on the way to the playoff.

DeChambeau, the 24-year-old second-round leader who fell apart with a Saturday 75, bounced back Sunday with a 66 to finish two shots back. His roller coaster of a tournament played out again in the final round as he rose three shots to 9-under, then fell back to 7-under before closing with consecutive birdies on the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th holes.

Dustin Johnson finished with his best round of the week, a 67, and tied for 16th, ensuring that he will stay at No. 1 in the world for at least the next two weeks.

He will take the next three weeks off, starting with a vacation to the Bahamas —"I'm headed there right now," he said, smiling — until he returns to action at The Players Championship.

Johnson said his problem this season has been on the greens, calling his putting subpar from what he expects. He said he plans to work things out over the break and "will be ready for the Players."

Storms forecast for late Sunday afternoon and early evening forced the PGA Tour to move up start times to 7 a.m., with the leaders going off about two hours later. The weather, while overcast and windy at times, remained calm enough to get in the final round without disruption.

Sunday
At The Harbour Town Golf Links
Hilton Head Island, S.C.
Purse: $6.7 million
Yardage: 7,099; Par: 71
Final
Kodaira won on third playoff hole

Satoshi Kodaira, $1,206,000	73-63-70-66—272	
Si Woo Kim (300), $723,600	69-65-69-71—272	
B. DeChambeau (163), $389,600	69-64-70-69—272	
Luke List (163), $389,600	70-64-67-72—273	
Billy Horschel (105), $254,000	69-69-67-72—274	
Webb Simpson (105), $254,000	69-69-69-68—274	
Kevin Streelman (75), $181,375	70-67-70-67—274	
Byeong Hun An (75), $181,375	70-67-67-69—273	
Patrick Cantlay (75), $181,375	67-72-69-65—273	
Bill Haas (75), $181,375	69-65-71-68—273	
Chesson Hadley (75), $181,375	69-69-69-72—279	
Kevin Kisner (75), $181,375	69-69-69-72—279	
Ian Poulter (75), $181,375	69-64-67-75—275	
Jonas Blixt (58), $122,000	67-73-67-69—276	
Matthew Fitzpatrick, $123,000	69-71-69-67—276	
Emiliano Grillo (47), $93,591	72-69-69-70—277	
J.J. Henry (47), $93,591	72-69-69-67—277	
Beau Hossler (47), $93,591	70-69-70-68—277	
Dustin Johnson (47), $93,591	69-69-72-67—277	
Scott Piercy (47), $93,591	71-65-71-70—277	
Ted Potter, Jr. (47), $93,591	72-69-69-70—277	
Ryan Moore (47), $93,591	69-69-67-72—277	
Rod Pampling (38), $59,823	71-69-71-66—276	
John Huh (38), $59,823	68-74-69-65—276	
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Brian Harman (38), $59,823	70-69-69-71—276	
Charley Hoffman (38), $59,823	72-69-69-71—276	
Matt Kuchar (38), $59,823	69-70-69-72—276	
C.T. Pan (38), $59,823	70-65-67-74—276	
Rory Sabbatini (38), $59,823	66-70-70-74—276	
Brandt Snedeker (38), $59,823	70-64-72-72—278	
Harris English (21), $35,510	67-73-74-65—279	
Dylan Frittelli, $35,510	72-69-67-72—279	
Lanto Griffin (21), $35,510	74-65-67-73—279	
Martin Laird (21), $35,510	67-69-70-73—279	
Paul Peterson (21), $35,510	72-70-67-70—279	
X. Schauffele (21), $35,510	69-69-71-72—279	
Cameron Smith (21), $35,510	69-69-74-67—279	
Nick Watney (21), $35,510	69-72-70-68—279	
Dominic Bozzelli (10), $22,140	70-72-72-66—280	
Russell Knox (10), $22,140	70-72-69-70—280	
Stewart Cink (11), $22,148	70-70-70-71—281	
Brice Garnett (11), $22,148	69-69-72-72—281	
G. Schniederjans (11), $22,148	73-69-69-71—281	
M. Thompson (11), $22,148	74-65-71-71—281	
Wesley Bryan (11), $22,148	69-71-70-71—281	
Zach Johnson (11), $22,148	70-70-71-70—281	
Andrew Landry (11), $22,148	69-69-69-75—281	
Francesco Molinari (5), $17,625	73-69-69-71—282	
Jonathan Byrd (5), $16,315	71-71-69-73—283	
Austin Cook (5), $16,315	71-69-72-72—283	
Fabian Gomez (5), $16,315	69-71-71-72—283	
Whee Kim (5), $16,315	69-69-71-74—283	
Doc Redman, $0	71-71-69-72—283	
Ryan Armour (5), $14,697	71-71-69-73—284	
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Kevin Tway (5), $13,692	71-71-70-73—286	
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Brian Gay (5), $13,400	71-71-71-73—286	
William McGirt (5), $13,400	71-70-71-74—286	
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David Lingmerth (5), $12,991	71-71-70-74—286	
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Ryan Palmer (5), $12,750	73-69-74-70—286	
Michael Thompson (5), $12,599	70-69-70-77—286	

Jon Rahm wins Spanish Open

Associated Press

MADRID — Jon Rahm shot a 5-under 67 Sunday to win the Spanish Open with overnight leader Paul Dunne two strokes behind.

The fourth-ranked Rahm had six birdies in his final round to end the Centro Nacional de Golf tournament on 20-under 268.

The 23-year-old Spaniard earned his third European Tour win a week after finishing fourth at the Masters in Augusta.

"When I made the decision to come straight from Augusta it wouldn't be to just show up and walk around, I wanted to win this tournament," Rahm said.

It was Rahm's first professional win at home.

Dunne (71) entered the final round with a 1-shot lead over Nacho Elvira (71) but three bogeys ruined his chances of a second tour win.

Elvira finished third at three shots behind Rahm. George Coetzee was a shot further back in fourth after a 63.

Sunday
At Centro Nacional de Golf
Madrid
Purse: $1.65 million
Yardage: 7,055; Par: 72
Final

Jon Rahm, Spain	67-68-66-67—268
Paul Dunne, Ireland	66-66-69-71—270
Nacho Elvira, Spain	68-66-66-71—271
George Coetzee, South Africa	72-65-71-65—273
Marc Warren, Scotland	69-68-68-68—273
Jorge Campillo, Spain	70-67-67-69—273
Brett Rumford, Australia	69-66-69-71—275
Fredrik Andersson Hed, Sweden	67-68-69-72—276
Julien Guerrier, France	67-69-74-66—276
Hideto Tanihara, Japan	70-70-67-69—276
Jbenesa Khumalo, South Africa	70-69-68-69—276
Sebastien Gros, France	70-67-71-68—276
Cho Min-kyu, South Korea	73-66-70-68—277
Yusaku Miyazato, Japan	69-68-72-68—277
Adrian Otaegui, Spain	69-70-70-68—277
Alejandro Cañizares, Spain	73-67-70-68—278
a-Victor Perez, Spain	67-73-68-70—278
Maximilian Kieffer, Germany	69-67-68-74—278
Andrew Johnston, England	69-68-68-73—278
Aaron Rai, England	67-71-68-72—278
Also	
Shaun Fox, United States	70-68-68-72—278
Steven Fox, United States	69-68-68-73—278
Trent Lipsky, United States	69-71-70-68—278

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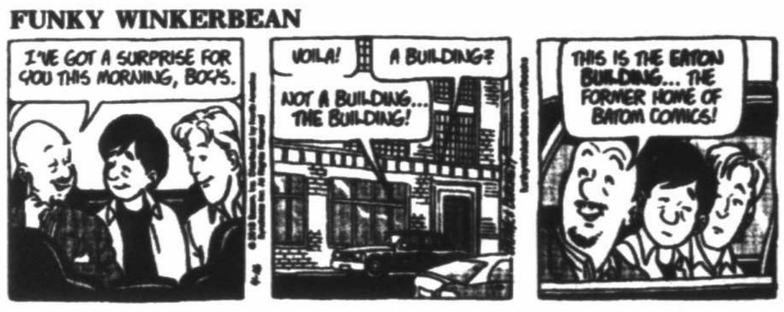

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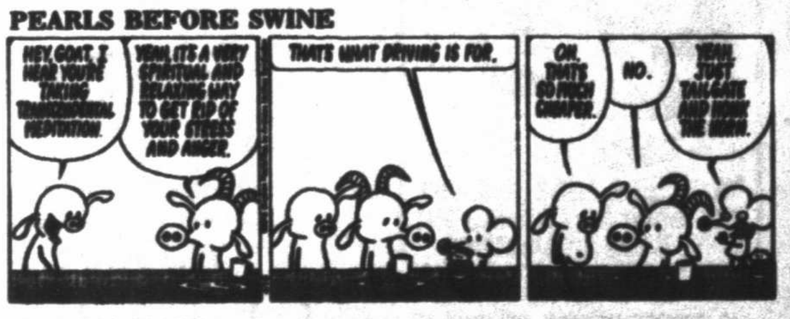

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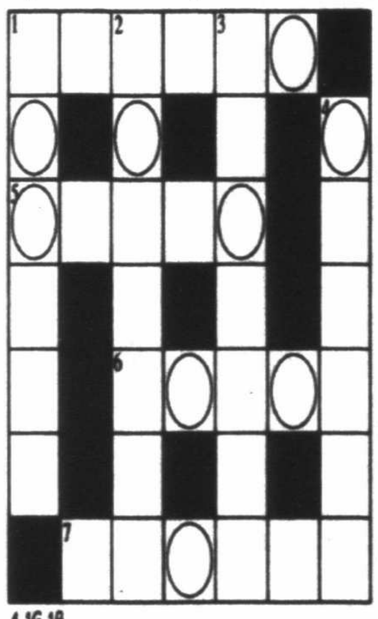

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CLUE	ANSWER
1. Meager, stingy	MSPKIY
5. First Greek letter	PAALH
6. Church platform	TRALA
7. Craving for liquid	SHIRTT

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CLUE	ANSWER
1. Unsettled	ANESKH
2. Discredit, accuse	PHAIMCE
3. Cheese ___	TTRPLEA
4. Top ___	RCSTEE

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36 Renter's document
37 Stinging comment
39 Complains
42 Like the Magi
43 What the beverage cart blocks
45 Sellout letters
46 Brit. pilots' squad
47 Hamburger meat
50 Beach or Backstreet follower, in music
51 At any point
52 Subway charge
54 Mark McGwire rival
58 IHOP handouts
62 Furthermore
63 Beatles' Shea Stadium performance, e.g.
65 Casino card game
66 Steinbeck migrants
67 Jekyll's alter ego
68 Little League aiver
69 Nervous
70 One of an inning's three, which can follow the first word of 17-, 29-, 47- and 63-Across

DOWN

1 Bedside toggle switch
2 Angel's overhead circle
3 "The __ the limit!"
4 Prosecutors: Abbr.
5 Prosecutor's first piece of evidence
6 Russian pancake
7 Back out
8 Home of primary 30-Down gods
9 Fresh from the factory
10 Part in a play
11 Nights before
12 __ Virginia
14 Handy
18 Down with the flu
22 Yemeni money
24 Knighted Guinness
26 Pack again, as groceries
27 "We're live!" studio sign
28 Human trunk
30 Like Odin and Thor
31 Egypt's capital
32 Op-ed piece, say
33 Often submerged shipping dangers
38 Lunar symbol for a very long time
40 Books' opening sections
41 Couch
44 Green-eyed monster
48 Absolute ruler
49 Actress Shields
50 Tree that sounds like a summer vacation spot
53 Pres. pardoned by Ford
54 Jewelry protector
55 "Sadly ..."
56 Car sticker fig.
57 Whirl around
59 "So Sick" R&B artist
60 Pakistani language
61 "Cancel that deletion"
64 Sugar suffix

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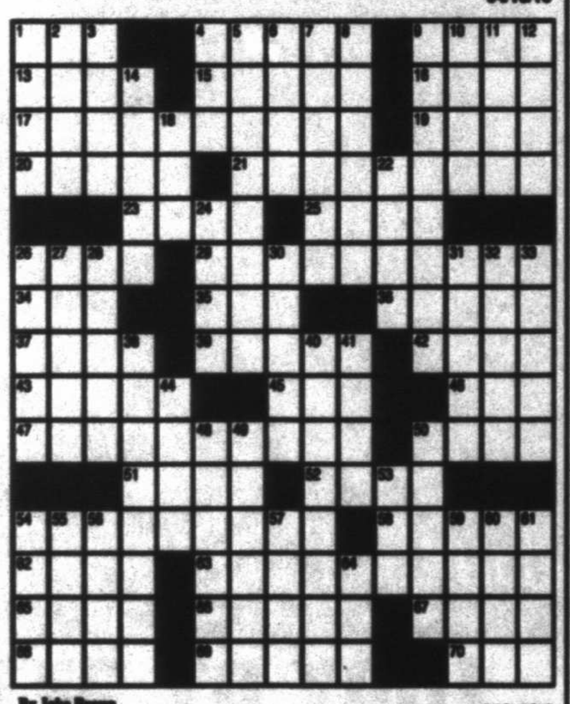

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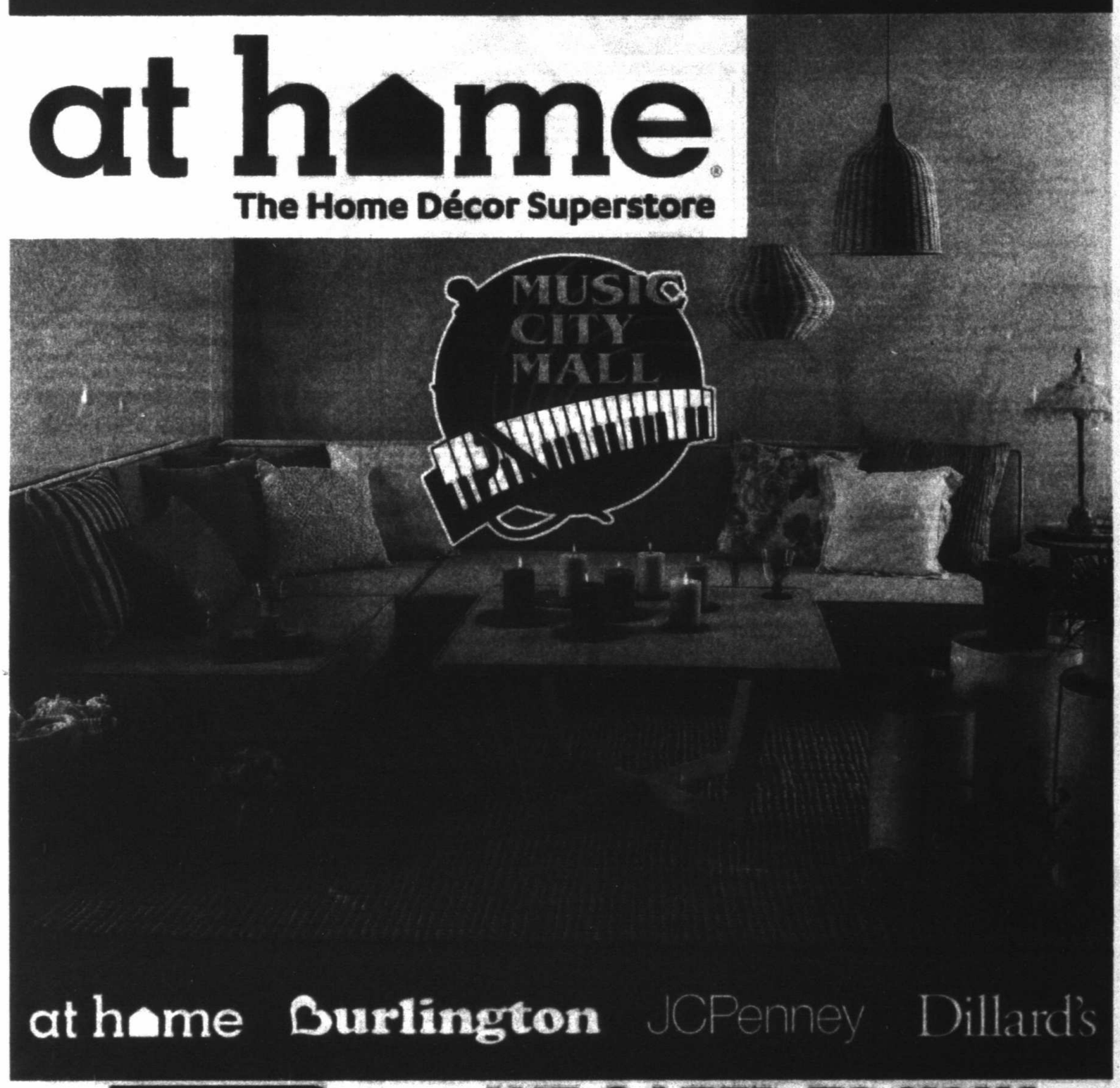

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Part Time Day Associate - *MUST BE DEPENDABLE*
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occassionally. We will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

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

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ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

Midland Reporter-Telegram

COPY EDITOR/ DESIGNER

WANTED: A team-oriented, deadline-conscious copy editor/ designer. You're a good fit if you're creative; willing to work nights, weekends and holidays; have at least one year of layout or copy editing experience, are InDesign proficient; can learn quickly; aren't afraid to ask questions; have an eye for detail; have a firm grasp of punctuation, grammar and AP style; and have a strong commitment to visual journalism. About us: The Midland Reporter-Telegram has a universal copy desk that handles the daily paper as well as products from other Hearst newspapers in the region.

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

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OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE

MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING
Administrative Assistant - SRB

Performs all routine and specialized secretarial work for the Midland Police Department.

Job Duties:
•Answers phone, take messages, greets visitors and assists citizens with questions or concerns.
•Maintain calendar for assigned personnel.
•Develops, types and files correspondence.
•Enters data into the computer regarding police actions or projects.
•Processes and routes mail as needed.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and citizens when acting as a receptionist, answering inquiries, processing information or making referrals to the proper staff person.

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

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must be able to pass typing test with minimum score of 45 wpm.

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EDUCATION/TRAINING

Instructor-Transportation Trainer

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

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

EOE

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

Line Walker & Meter Technician

Line Walker opening @ Natural Gas Processing Plant NE of Big Spring, TX. Must be physically able to walk long distances following natural gas lines.

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Plant Supervisor
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Coahoma, TX 79511
Or Fax (432)399-4290
Or Email carcher@wtggas.com

MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING
Associate Traffic Engineer

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

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

Benefits:
• Healthcare Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
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Full Time Maintenance

Currently looking for Full-Time Maintenance. Experience needed. Apply in person at: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 6369 W Loop 250 N, Midland, TX. 79707.

MANAGEMENT/EXECUTIVE

MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

GIS Manager

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

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Manages the GIS Division budget and recommends budget request for new hardware and software as appropriate.

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

Qualifications:
Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Councilmembers, City Management, 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 Esri ArcGIS software (ArcGISDesktop, ArcGISOnline, ArcGISPro). Solid understanding of database design/management and programming is desirable.

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

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

Benefits:
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MANAGEMENT/EXECUTIVE

MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

Planning Division Manager

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

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Prepares and administers the annual division budget. Monitors expenditures during the year and makes recommendations for budget modifications.

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

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

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

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

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Right-Of-Way Manager

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

Budgetary Responsibilities:

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

Job Duties:
•Develops policies and procedures for standardization of third-party use of City rights-of-way and property.
•Manages the distribution of surface damages for City rights-of-way and other real property owned by the City; including 47,000+/-acres of City-owned parcels.
•Develops and negotiates Surface Use Agreements, Right-of-Way License Agreements, Seismic Agreements, for third-party users of City-owned parcels or rights-of-way, and coordinates with appropriate City Departments or Management.
•Prepares and presents reports to City officials, Council members, and representatives of outside agencies.
•Obtains Appraisals, Title Work, and coordinates Closings on tracts of interest.
•Coordinates and processes public easements for City projects.
•Coordinates departmental actions related to acquisition of real property to ensure compliance with City policies, and legal and regulatory guidelines.
•Coordinates preparation of offers to purchase, leases, deeds, exchange agreements, easements, releases, and related property transaction documents.
•Coordinates with others and utilizes engineering plans and plats to determine accuracy of property legal descriptions and boundaries, title histories, etc.
•Other duties as assigned.

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

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

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

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of Esri ArcGIS software is desirable.

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

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
• Employee Wellness Program
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Law Firm engaged in collection of delinquent property taxes seeks individual to work in the office of the law firm in the Midland Central Appraisal District. Duties include checking status of delinquent accounts, updating and maintaining Firm's recordsfax files, speaking with delinquent property owners, arranging payout agreements, and assisting Firm's legal assistant and attorney with research. Good verbal communication skills are necessary - bilingual preferred but not required. $10/hr plus employer paid medical insurance and other benefits. Email resume to mvbatescollection@gmail.com

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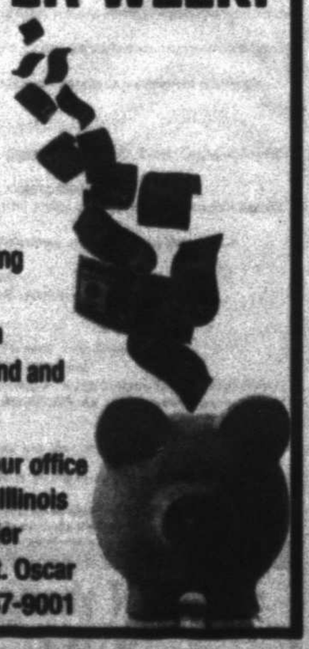

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WAREHOUSE CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSOCIATE

Rip Griffin Oil Company, 3910 S. FM 1788, Midland, Texas 79706. Warehouse Customer Service Associate. Duties include: Answer phones, Take customer orders, Coordinate deliveries, Maintain inventory, Encourage safe work habits, Keep all files current, Needs computer skills/ telephone etiquette. Good pay, Good benefits, List's duties. Resumes to pgriffin@rgriffin.com for an interview

OTHER JOBS

Endeavor Energy Resources LP

DOT Driver II

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

Essential Functions:
- Follow instructions, and maintain compliance with all DOT, company and customer safety and operational policies and procedures
- Properly load and unload product at various customer locations in a professional, courteous, timely, safe, and efficient manner
- Connect and disconnect hoses, operating pumps and valves for loading and unloading
- Complete all paperwork accurately and timely, if applicable
- Complete other related tasks as assigned by manager

Minimum Requirements:
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's license is required
- Class A CDL and Haz Mat is preferred but not required
- Must be able to pass background screening including MVR and criminal
- Must be able to work nights, weekends, and an extended workweek.
- Strong customer service skills, and the ability to effectively prioritize, multi-task, manage time, organize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment

Supervisory Responsibilities:
No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

Work Environment:
Work is often outdoors. Working conditions range from frigid to hot temps, high winds, flying dust, slipping hazards and conditions and frequently exposed to loud noise from heavy equipment and machinery.

Physical Demands:
Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, and bend is required. Must also be able to occasionally lift, carry, push, pull, move, and drag up to 50 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:
This is a full-time position. The ability to work overtime is a requirement to performing this job.

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he Field Technician will provide advanced refueling services to support the Frac operations on location. Endeavor Energy will provide all necessary training for new employees. **This is a non-driving position.**

Job Duties:
- Comply with all OSHA and company safety procedures, rules and regulations
- Proper pre and post trip of equipment
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- Safely using pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches and other hand tools
- Immediate reporting and cleaning of any spills during shift
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, despatchers, fellow co-workers and customers
- All other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Proven capability to work both independently and collaboratively with different levels of management and individual contributors
- Demonstrated ability to manage work in stressful situations
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required
- Experience working on Frac site or similar responsibilities is preferred

Work Environment:
Work is often outdoors. Working conditions range from frigid to hot temps, high winds, flying dust, slipping hazards and conditions and frequently exposed to loud noise from heavy equipment and machinery.

Physical Demands:
Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, bend, and occasionally lift /carry/push/pull/move/drag up to 60 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:
This is a full-time position.

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Requirements: 3 years mechanic experience.
Must have own tools, Valid Texas Drivers license, Pay will depend on work experience, 50 plus work week.
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Grounds Crew Maintenance

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

MIDLAND

NOW HIRING

Planner

Performs field and office work related to planning and development programs for utilization of land and physical facilities of the city.

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

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with developers and citizens in order to provide information and guidance on planning and zoning issues. Ability to work in conjunction with employees from different departments.

Knowledge of current planning processes and procedures. Ability to read and understand technical materials, reports and journals. Skill in developing related reports and ability to analyze and present data on land use applications and planning. Ability to effectively communicate, both orally and in writing, to citizens and other government officials.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in architecture, planning, engineering or economics plus one to three years of experience. Valid Texas Driver's License.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
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OTHER JOBS

MIDLAND

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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 service.
•Directs citizen inquiries and non-emergency calls to the appropriate agency or organization.
•Dispatchers law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel and notifies support and crisis personnel as needed through the use of multi-channel radio system and computer aided dispatch system.
•Requests and disseminates vehicle registration, driver's license, criminal history information through the use of the Texas/National Computer System (TCIC, NCIC).
•Obtains computer information and disseminates to law enforcement officials and investigators. Enters related information into the system.
•Sends and receive teletype information to and from related agencies.
•Maintains records of work performed.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to work with dispatch equipment and communicate with citizens and emergency personnel in highly stressful, possibly emergency situations. Employee communicates with other employees in the work group, citizens and other law enforcement agencies in order to discuss requests for service and possible criminal activities. Will also exchange information or request assistance from other agencies and make referrals when necessary.

Ability to read and understand technical and professional manuals in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as specialized computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 30 WPM.
Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests.
1.Keyboarding
2.Data Entry MT
3.Data Entry MT (Audio)
4.Call Summarization
5.Memory Recall-Numeric (Audio)
6.Map Reading
7.Spelling
8.Sentence Clarity
9.Reading Comprehension

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

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

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
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Equipment Operator - Landfill

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

Job Duties:
•Disposes of refuse with the use of heavy equipment such as compactors, scrapers, bulldozers and related equipment.
•Maintains access roads to the Landfill.
•Covers refuse at the end of each day.
•Maintains all equipment in good working order and keeps records of service problems. Submits daily maintenance sheets to supervisor.
•Performs preventive maintenance on equipment such as oil changes. Determines when servicing of vehicles is required.
•Monitors vehicles as they enter, unload and leave the Landfill. Gives directions to drivers.
•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, dozers and hydraulic systems as well as simple chords, fixtures and valves. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.

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

Benefits:
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OTHER JOBS

MIDLAND

NOW HIRING

Recycle Supervisor

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

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

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

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and to receive work orders or instructions for any project. Interacts frequently with the public, vendors, and government agency representatives.

Ability to read, interpret, and understand local, state, and federal regulations related to disposal of refuse. Knowledge of processes used in the disposal of solid waste. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities. Ability to train others in safe operation of equipment. Ability to work with cash and adhere to cash-handling policies. Ability to properly evaluate activities and make recommendations for improvement. Good public relation skills as well as verbal and written communications skills.

High school diploma or general education degree required and some college preferred. One to three years of experience in Solid Waste and/or supervising and evaluating the work of others preferred. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License and possess or acquire a valid Texas Class 'B' Municipal Solid Waste Operator License within two years of hire date.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
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Full Time Cashier

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

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Digital Media Account Executive

"We must be alarmingly enterprising and startlingly original. We must be honest and fearless. And we must spark a revolution."
William Randolph Hearst, 1887

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking a Digital Media Account Executive just like you to join our team! Our industry is changing into a digital world, and we are looking for experienced professionals who are eager to facilitate our innovative efforts.

Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve their business objectives. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses. Our ideal candidate will be goal oriented, is a relentless hunter, driving to win new businesses, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

As a Digital Media Account Executive, you can expect the following:
• Drive digital product sales.
• Be the Digital Media Guru with a solid understanding of Digital Media, Marketing and Advertising.
• Ability to conduct sales calls with SMB owners.
• Be in the field and on sales calls, leading by example, to sell our various digital products using the current and evolving sales process.
• Consult and educate clients in Digital Advertising and Marketing.
• Assist sales and marketing in promoting the entire line of digital products.
• Develop coaching plans and track results through sales management team.
• Identify trends, quantify impact, and communicate improvement opportunities to the product team
• Primary source of sales pitch and strategy development and implementation for digital products.

Requirements:
• Highly knowledgeable with digital media. SEO, SEM, Digital Advertising.
• Confidence in pitching and closing business.
• Strong focus on teamwork and ability to manage relationships across multiple departments
• Ability to multi-task, meet deadlines, and thrive in a fast-paced, deadline-oriented environment
• Bachelor's Degree preferred
• Valid US driver's license and reliable transportation.

The perks:
• A great work environment it's never boring here!
• Paid in-depth sales and product training.
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SALES JOBS

Employment Account Executive

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking an Employment Account Executive just like you to join our team! We are looking for an experienced Human Resources executive that wants to help hiring managers in Midland and West Texas utilize our advanced hiring platform - TexasBackToWork.com. This platform allows hiring managers to access the largest pool of potential job candidates and track them through the recruitment process.

Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve hiring needs. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses. Our ideal candidate will be goal oriented, is a relentless hunter, driving to win new businesses, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

The ideal candidate will have experience in the Human Resources area and will maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships with hiring managers. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local and regional businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the hiring process for our customers. You will be selling a digital hiring solution to your customers with a regional, statewide and national footprint.

Responsibilities include:

· Consistently meets/exceeds revenue goals.

· Develops relationships with HR departments throughout West Texas to sell and promote Texas Back to Work.

· Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-demos

· Be the face of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and ensure a superior customer experience

The Ideal Candidate:

· Experience within Human Resources or Employment Agency is preferred.

· You have an outgoing, resilient personality

· You enjoy the thrill of the hunt by bringing in new business

· You're confident and not willing to accept average

Required Skills & Experience:

· Passion to succeed and close deals

· Exceptional communication and presentation skills

· Strong computer skills, Digital Sales experience a plus

· Bachelor's degree preferred

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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, tuning, and implementing new products and procedures. Analyzes emerging technology and makes recommendations for constant improvements to network and infrastructure services and capabilities.

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

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

Benefits:
- Heath care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
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NOW HIRING
Fleet Technician

Diagnoses, repairs and maintains city trucks and heavy equipment.

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

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

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NOW HIRING
Code Enforcement Officer

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

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

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with developers, citizens and other employees in order to provide information regarding city codes and possible violations.

Ability to read and understand materials including City Ordinances, professional literature,plans, correspondence and manuals. Ability to write reports and correspondence. Skills in math. Skills to communicate both orally and in writing. Knowedge 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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Customer Service (Field Work)

Performs field work regarding current or past water service.

Job Duties:
- Turns water on for new customers, disconnects water for customers leaving or reconnects service that had been disconnected. Obtains new or current readings due to new service or broken lines.
- Sets meters to establish or re-establish service.
- Pulls meters should instances occur when customer fails to set up service.
- Collects past due utilities bills so that water can be connected.
- Changes our broken meter stop valves and meter box lids.
- Verifies or re-reads meter information when complaints are filed.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with citizens, other departments and employees in order to provide information on current repairs or the reading of meters.

Ability to read work orders and maps in order to find street locations. Skill in math in determining amount of water utilized. Skill in the use of variety of hand tools such as shovels, meter wrenches and meter keys.

Valid Texas Driver's License required. Employee must be bondable.

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Effluent Distribution Technician

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

Job Duties:
- Determines which pump units to operate and maintains center pivots in good working order. Repairs and services when necessary.
- Operates gates and lagoon system in order to store water without allowing holding ponds to overflow. Determines where and when to store water.
- Monitors operations in order to apply the proper amount of water.
- Repairs water line leaks and breaks.
- Uses equipment such as loaders and backhoes in order to fill gullies caused by operations.
- Maintains and repairs electrical systems on central pivot units.
- Performs related duties as required.

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

Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders in order to maintain or repair motors or parts. Skill in writing to record results.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus six months to one year of experience. C Operator's certification from the TNRCC. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

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Electronics Tech - Airport

Performs routine and preventive maintenance of electrical equipment systems. Works under the direction of the Electrician/Electronics Specialist.

Job Duties:

- Performs preventive maintenance on automatic gates, automatic doors, parking lot equipment, lighting, security systems, jetway systems, etc.

- Assists the Electrician/Electronics Specialist in the day to day operations of the Airport facility as needed.

- Performs other related duties as assigned.

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

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

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

Benefits:
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Qualifications:
- High school education or equivalent.
- Experience can range from commercial truck driving experience preferred to one year as a water truck driver required.
- Valid Class A CDL with Tanker endorsement.
- Clean driving record.
- Salary competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Comprehensive Benefits package!
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Instrumentation & Electrical Technician

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

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

Comprehensive Benefits package!
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Local Drivers

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

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

Equipment Operator - Traffic Operations

Performs manual and unskilled labor on traffic signs and markings, which often involves the use of acquired skills. Operate several types of light and heavy vehicles, equipment, and tools. Do related work and training 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 employers, 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 tools as hand and electrical power tools is required. Employee must be able to use heavy equipment required in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and striping truck. 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 obtained within 6 months of employment.

Benefits:
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Midland, Texas

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Bids will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the bid documents in the office of Michelle Helms, Director of Child Nutrition Services at 3:30 P.M., Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at Child Nutrition Services Office, 801 S. Moran, Building 2, Midland, Texas 79701. Award will be based on the following criteria Per Texas Education Code Sec. 44.031 (b), the District shall consider the following criteria.

1. The purchase price; (30 points)
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3. The quality of the vendor's goods or services; (0 points)
4. The extent to which the goods or services meet the district's needs; (0 points)
5. The vendor's past relationship with the district; (15 points)
6. The impact on the ability of the district to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses; (0 points)
7. The total long-term cost to the district to acquire the vendor's goods or services; (0 points)
8. Any other relevant factor specifically listed as follows: (55 points)
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   b. Staff ease of use (25 points)
   c. Supporting Documentation (20 points)

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Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

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8. Any other relevant factor specifically listed as follows: (55 points)
   a. Appearance (10 points)
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   c. Supporting Nutritionals (20 points)

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Midland, Texas

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