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IN THE WAKE OF TRAGEDY



Mario D. De Jesus / Houston Chronicle

Alvin High School senior Nathan Jordan, 18, sobs during a service at Arcadia First Baptist Church on Sunday, two days after 10 people were killed by a gunman at Santa Fe High School.

Guns aren't issue for many in Santa Fe

By Molly Hennessy-Fiske
Los Angeles Times

SANTA FE — Students and teachers returning to Santa Fe High School on Saturday to claim belongings left behind during the evacuation had to be escorted by police: The school was still a crime scene, cordoned off with yellow police tape.

They were joined by Cassandra Garza, a sophomore. She didn't bring a sign with a political slogan, or talk about gun control. All she wanted was to be with her friends, Cassandra said, and "to get together and pray this never happens again."

"I'm young and naive about politics," the 16-year-old said.

Santa Fe suspect

Shooting suspect won't face death penalty.

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There was no outcry against firearms in Santa Fe after a gunman killed 10 and wounded another 10 on Friday. Guns didn't come up at a prayerful vigil attended by 1,000 people that evening. On Saturday, there were no protests, and local leaders don't expect any Sunday.

But three months earlier in Parkland, Florida the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that left 17 dead unleashed a movement,

with students and parents of the dead organizing, protesting and calling for expanded gun control laws. Their activism led to school walkouts nationwide, voter registration drives and massive demonstrations, including the March for Our Lives in Washington.

Polls show the U.S. remains deeply divided about guns, and the responses in Parkland and Santa Fe help explain why. Residents in both cities say something needs to be done about school shootings, but there's no agreement on what that something should be.

Outside the high school Saturday, Sandy Phillips said she was not surprised to be the lone advocate there for gun control.

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Reports reveal support during county judge runoff

From staff reports

As the last chance approaches for voters to choose the Republican nominee for Midland County judge, campaign finance reports give insight into noteworthy contributors to each campaign. They include some whose support shifted after the field narrowed to a two-person race, according to the documents.

Candidates James Beauchamp and Terry Johnson are facing off in Tuesday's primary runoff election. With no candidate garnering more than 50 percent of the vote in March's three-person primary election, the two were forced into a runoff.

Stephen M. Robertson, the third candidate, didn't make it into the runoff after receiving the lowest percentage of votes. Campaign finance reports show some current and former elected officials who had supported Robertson during the primary later contributed to Beauchamp's campaign during the runoff.

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Runoff in race to face Abbott lacks luster

■ Valdez, White stumble on way to primary; Democratic voters don't have a 'great choice'

By Mike Ward
Houston Chronicle

AUSTIN — By most measures, the Democrats' hoped-for blue wave in the race for governor has had an inauspicious start as Texans wrap up the primary election season with Tuesday's runoffs.

Neither contender has mustered much momentum.

Lupe Valdez, the former Dallas sheriff who finished first in the March 6 primary, is routinely criticized for not understanding fully how state government works.

She has suggested that state officials should set property tax rates, apparently unaware that local jurisdictions do that. In an interview with her hometown newspaper, she famously admitted not knowing whether the state was spending \$8 million or \$8 billion on border security — when the actual sum is about \$800 million. And her incomplete responses to questions about her handling of jailed immigrants prompted a Latino activist group to endorse her opponent, an Anglo.

Her runoff foe, Houston entrepreneur Andrew White, has faced controversy over his church membership in a denomination that is pro-life and anti-gay, and for his ownership of a company that makes border-security gear used to apprehend undocumented immigrants. His first policy proposal was a complicated

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Lubbock mental-health program may expand

By Marissa Evans
Texas Tribune

A Lubbock-based program seeing success helping prevent at-risk students from committing violent acts is getting more attention after Gov. Greg Abbott touted it as a potential statewide model to reduce school shootings the day after a student allegedly shot 10 people to death at his a southeast Texas high school.

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Midland could be hub for child psychiatry

The Telemedicine Wellness, Intervention, Triage, and Referral Project at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center works to identify junior high and high school students most at risk for committing violence in schools and intervene before it happens.

At Santa Fe High School on Friday, police said 17-year-old junior Dimitrios Pagourtzis, armed with his father's legally owned shotgun and .38 revolver, killed eight students and two teachers and wounded 10 others. Pagourtzis, who had written about his plans in his journal but otherwise showed no obvious danger signs according to Abbott, has been charged with capital murder and remains in Galveston County Jail

without bond, the school district said.

Abbott alluded to Tech's program in a Friday tweet, saying "we want to use it across the state."

But could it identify, and stop, someone like the alleged Santa Fe shooter?

Billy Phillips, executive vice president for rural and community health at Tech's Health Sciences Center, said

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The Hawaiian volcano started erupting more than two weeks ago. Page 7A

The big number

A 12 year-old boy involved in wreck also bitten by a rattlesnake. Page 7A

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Congregations grieve shooting victims

By Juan A. Lozano and Claire Galofaro
Associated Press

SANTA FE — Congregations in this deeply religious community near Houston gathered Sunday for their first services since a gunman blasted his way into the high school and killed 10 people, with one pastor lamenting the grief "that none of us can comprehend."

Just two days after the deaths of eight students and two substitute teachers, the pastor of the Dayspring Church acknowledged the pain wracking Santa Fe, a town of 13,000.

"They will never be forgotten in this community, these young people, children just going to school," said Brad Drake, who then read the names of the dead, including a slain student who attended services at Dayspring.

"We have families today that are grieving a grief that none of us can comprehend."

The family of the slain student, Angelique Ramirez, did not attend the service. She was a member of the church's youth ministry, Drake said.

"She was a sweet young lady, had a style all of her own," he recalled. "She almost always had a new hairstyle."

Kelly Ward, who runs a ministry in Springfield, Missouri, and is a licensed counselor, took the stage to urge congregants not to hold in their emotions.

"How do we get through

this? What do we do?"

Ward asked. "The answer is to let everyone grieve, including yourselves."

He said people can help grieving family or friends simply by listening.

"No words are going to fix this. But your presence, being there is what the families need," Ward said. "Why is our presence so important? Because dwelling in us is the spirit of God."

Church leaders wore green T-shirts with gold lettering — the colors of Santa Fe High School. Inside an outline of the state of Texas, the letters spelled out a verse from 2 Corinthians 4:8-9: "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

In a nearby church kitchen, parishioners prepared plates of barbecue to be sold after the service, with all the proceeds going to victims' families.

At Arcadia First Baptist Church, Gov. Greg Abbott hugged parishioners as they arrived. Among them was Monica Bracknell, an 18-year-old senior who survived the shooting. She stopped to tell the governor that the attack should not be turned into a political battle over gun control.

Surrounded by television cameras, photographers and reporters, she told Abbott guns were not to blame.

"People are making this into a political issue," she said she told him. "This is not a political issue. It's

not a gun-law issue."

It was not the first time faith in Santa Fe has been tested with the whole country watching. In 2000, the city was at the center of a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that banned students from leading pregame prayer over loudspeakers.

The court ruled 6-3 that the school district's policy of allowing student-led prayers at campus events violated the constitutionally required separation of church and state. Justices said giving students a public forum for prayer was effectively sponsoring the message.

Also Sunday, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick called for a "hardening" of the nation's school buildings in the wake of the attack.

Patrick, a Republican, blamed a "culture of violence" and said more needs to be done to keep shooters away from students, such as restricting school entrances and arming teachers.

"When you're facing someone who's an active shooter, the best way to take that shooter down is with a gun. But even better than that is four to five guns to one," he told CNN's "State of the Union."

On ABC's "The Week," Patrick said he supports background checks for gun purchasers but stressed that "gun regulation starts at home."

Meanwhile, families planned funerals. Services for 17-year-old Pakistani exchange student Sabika

Sheikh took place Sunday at a mosque in suburban Houston.

Her father, Abdul Aziz Sheikh, described his daughter as an accomplished student who aspired to work in civil service and hoped one day to join Pakistan's foreign office. Her body is to be returned to Karachi.

The 17-year-old suspect, Dmitrios Pagourtzis, has been jailed on capital murder charges.

In their first statement since the massacre, Pagourtzis' family said Saturday that the bloodshed "seems incompatible with the boy we love."

"We are as shocked and confused as anyone else by these events," said the statement, which offered prayers and condolences to the victims.

Relatives said they remained "mostly in the dark about the specifics" of the attack and shared "the public's hunger for answers."

The suspect's attorney, Nicholas Poehl, said he was investigating whether his client endured any "teacher-on-student" bullying after reading reports of Pagourtzis being mistreated by football coaches.

In an online statement, the school district said it investigated the accusations and "confirmed that these reports were untrue."

Poehl said that there was no evidence of mental health issues with his client, though there may be "some indications of family history." He said it was too early to elaborate.

Obituaries



Joel Brady Locke II

Joel Brady Locke II, 4 years old, of Midland, Texas, went to Heaven on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. Memorial services will be held 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church in Midland.

Joel was born on December 18, 2013 in Midland, TX. Joel was a happy boy, who loved to laugh and dance. He loved his family, his dogs, and his cats. Joel was full of love and giggles and the center of his families lives.

Joel was a warrior and fighter; in October 2015, Joel survived a terrible accident against all odds. His sweet, yet brave spirit touched all

who knew him.

Joel is survived by his parents, Dr. Brady and Tiffany Locke; brothers Chase Locke, Cole Locke and Miles Goran. Grandparents, Marilyn and Johnny Grace; Patty Locke and Paul Mackey; Freda Davidson. Godparents, Rosalba and Joaquin Argil; Dr. Carl and Stacy D'Agostino as well as many family and friends.

He joined his Grandfathers, John Davidson and Joel Brady Locke I, in heaven. We are sure Joel is fishing and creating pottery with his Grandpa's.

The family would like to thank Midland Fire Department, Midland Police Department, Midland Memorial Hospital, Cook Children's Hospital, Midland Women's Clinic, Dr. Paul Harch and staff, Dr. Sari Nabulsi and staff, and all of Joel's nurses and therapists.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to Team Luke Hope For Minds, PO Box 64323, Lubbock, TX, 79464.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800

Death Notices

Alta Williams

Alta Williams, 86 of Odessa, Texas passed away on Wednesday May 16, 2018. Services will be Wednesday May 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are with Ellis Funeral Home.

Guns

From 1A

Phillips, a San Antonio native, was wearing a pin with a photo of her daughter, Jessica Ghawi, who was killed in the mass shooting in Aurora, Colorado six years ago at age 24. Phillips and her husband have since responded to support fellow victims at the scenes of nine other mass shootings. She also protested outside the National Rifle Association convention in Dallas earlier this month.

"It's unfortunate they've already made up their minds about what happened here. They're gone right to, 'No one's taking my guns.' The typical NRA rhetoric. It's all about 'pray,'" Phillips said.

She sees little chance for a meeting of minds about guns.

"People go their own ways," she said. "It divides the community, divides the students."

The Rev. Brad Drake has ministered to the Santa Fe community for seven years at Dayspring Church, an Assemblies of God congregation of about 150 people a few miles from the high school. The town of about 13,000 has 15 churches, and Drake serves on the local ministerial alliance as well as the Chamber of Commerce.

After the shooting, he worried that outside groups might show up with political agendas. He noticed a man openly carrying a handgun on his hip at the Friday vigil. But that was it, he said.

"We're able to look past that stuff and just take care of people," Drake said as he sat in his office.

Drake, 45, is a gun owner, with a deer head mounted on his office wall. He's also a father of five who lost a member of his congregation in the shooting, student Angelique Ramirez. On Friday, he was waiting nearby as officials notified her parents and the parents of seven other victims.

"You could hear it down the hallway as each family reacted," he recalled.

Like many in Santa Fe, the pastor didn't fault guns. He faulted himself, and society. Schools need help to improve security, but that won't prevent shootings, he said. Neither will prayer alone, he added.

"We have created a culture that does not value life, that does not honor God, that does not respect authority. We are reaping the consequences of those actions, and that's not going to be reversed by a security

guard or a metal detector," he said.

Youth minister Richard Pourchot accompanied Angelique's parents when they were notified of her death. He saw them break down, and spent the evening with them afterward.

"You're not hearing a lot about gun control," he said, and while he said school security should be stepped up in the short term, "the long-term goal is to change hearts."

"We're allowing the culture to raise our kids," added Pourchot, a father of two who graduated from Santa Fe High in 2000.

On Saturday, Pourchot and Drake opened the church sanctuary for their response to the shooting: public prayer. Drake wondered aloud how long the shooting would stay in the limelight.

"Do people really care, or do they just want to push an agenda?" he said.

No local officials mentioned guns at an afternoon briefing outside the high school.

Asked about gun control, Galveston County Judge Mark Henry said expanding laws wouldn't prevent mass shootings.

"I can't speak for our entire country, but we need to pay more attention to mental health," Henry said, saying tougher gun laws won't keep firearms out of the hands of criminals because "they won't abide any."

A few yards away, Clarissa Potts and her 7-year-old daughter, Kaylee, added flowers to a growing memorial under a tree outside the school. She, too, opposes expanding gun control laws. She said parents need to get more involved with their children.

"We need better communication. We need to pay more attention to mental health. I don't think it's a gun control issue. It's their constitutional right to carry guns," said Potts, 41, who does not own guns.

Up the street, a Santa Fe High junior who stopped at the Shell gas station that sells "Hunter for life" caps said she agreed.

"It's not the guns; it's the people," said Dawn Pence, 17, who wore cowboy boots and a Def Leppard T-shirt. She wasn't at the school Friday, and didn't know the alleged shooter or any of the victims.

A few local officials, students and victim's families did blame guns for the shooting and called for increased gun control Saturday. But they kept a low profile, contacting Parkland student activists for advice and speaking out virtually, on social media.

Rhonda Hart posted her plea on

Facebook after learning her daughter Kimberly Vaughan was among the dead: "Call your congressmen. We need GUN CONTROL. WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR KIDS."

Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo expressed frustration with officials who "ran to the cameras today, acted in a solemn manner, called for prayers, and will once again do absolutely nothing."

"Please do not post anything about guns aren't the problem and there's little we can do," Acevedo wrote on Facebook. "... The hatred being spewed in our country and the new norms we, so-called people of faith are accepting, is as much to blame for so much of the violence in our once pragmatic Nation."

A dozen Santa Fe students who participated in a national walkout last month for expanded gun control, posted online after Friday's shooting and could become active in the coming days, said Matt Deitsch, a Parkland student organizer.

"Some students will speak out. Others will need to find their voice," Deitsch said in a Saturday text. "We all need to demand change. I feel awful that these students are in the same ugly club."

Marcel McClinton, co-director of the Houston March for Our Lives chapter, tried to contact students after the shooting, driving to town for a Friday vigil. The 16-year-old left his March for Our Lives T-shirt at home and kept a low profile, offering hugs and support.

"We're here to help you guys," he'd say. "You're not buying into our agenda."

Marcel survived a mass shooting at his Houston school two years ago. He's tried prayer and forgiveness, but still has headaches and flashbacks after other mass shootings.

"I care about kids and having to see kids in fear," he said by phone Saturday. "The grieving process starts, but it hardly ever ends."

Marcel spent Saturday conferring with members of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, a Washington-based gun control advocacy group, who had flown in to help reach out in Santa Fe.

"I would be very shocked if at least one student does not want to talk to us to amplify their voice. So we're waiting," he said.

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HEALTH

From 1A

he "was a bit surprised" to hear Abbott mention the program, which he said has seen success but is still being refined and perfected.

Phillips said the project has found students at West Texas schools possessing notes, maps, threats and other evidence that they may have been planning a mass shooting. He said the screenings have helped avert violent incidents and got students the help they needed.

"The aim of it is really to provide just one more tool to be sure that our schools are safe," Phillips said. "To make sure that our kids have the opportunity to not worry while they're in school, to create a peace about it so they can learn and grown and share ideas ... things we all did when we were in school."

The program launched in 2014, in response to a pair of mass shootings in 2012: A theater shooting in Aurora, Colorado that killed 12 people and injured 70 others and the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Conn. that left 20 children and six adult staff members dead.

The Criminal Justice Division of Abbott's office funded the program with a \$565,000 grant.

Through the program, at-risk students at 10 West Texas school districts who show aggressive or harmful behavior are identified and then screened for potential psychiatric services. Parents have to consent each step of the way. Students first receive two psychiatry sessions at school — in which they use laptops to video conference with a child adolescent psychiatrist working remotely — and additional psychiatric services are provided through the center's clinic.

Since its launch, more than 400 students have been referred to the

program, with 200 getting screened for anxiety, depression, loneliness, isolation — and whether they're prone to violence or violent thoughts. Those screenings can lead to psychiatric appointments and sometimes immediate hospitalizations and arrests for planning violent incidents like shootings, according to an April 30 brief that Tech's Health Sciences Center published about the program.

In four years, the program has had 25 students removed from school, 44 placed in alternative schools and 38 sent to a hospital.

The project also measures success through changes in grades, truancy referrals and discipline referrals. So far, Phillips said, the program has seen a 37 percent drop in referrals for students who received services.

He said the program also helps the targeted schools amid a statewide shortage of mental health professionals. Phillips said before the program, students would sometimes have to wait weeks to get an appointment to see a psychiatrist. Using telemedicine, "we can get those links in moments and those moments can be critical in some situations," he said.

Phillips said the program is looking to expand into five more school districts.

"We've got about a third of our kids in schools these days who are troubled by some form of mental illness either directly or because they live in a home environment where someone has trouble," Phillips said. "The services need to be there for them, the people need to be there that are trained to help with mental health issues. This is one approach that we use in schools that seems to be very effective."

JUDGE

From 1A

Those people include Jimmy Smith, former county commissioner for Precinct 1; J.D. Faircloth, former Midland mayor; Wes Perry, former Midland mayor; and Jeff Sparks, city councilman. Robin Donnelly, county commissioner for Precinct 2, contributed to the Robertson and Beauchamp campaigns during the primary as well as for Beauchamp's primary runoff.

Other elected officials supported the same candidate in both the primary and primary runoff elections.

Former city officials Carroll Thomas and L.D. Sipes Jr. backed Beauchamp leading up to those two elections, according to his campaign finance reports. His opponent, Johnson, garnered contributions from Ernest Angelo Jr., former Midland mayor, during the periods.

Election Day

Democratic and Republican primary runoff is Tuesday. Voting centers are at Midland County Annex, Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, Midland College Cogdell Learning Center, Fairmont Park Church of Christ, Golf Course Road Church of Christ, MLK Community Center and St. Paul United Methodist Church.

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KoJack's Poker Club is a members-only social club open to players of all skill levels and offers daily tournaments, according to its website. The first day of the Main Event poker tournament was Saturday.



Thomas Bowden plays during the first day of the Main Event poker tournament at KoJack's Poker Club on Saturday.

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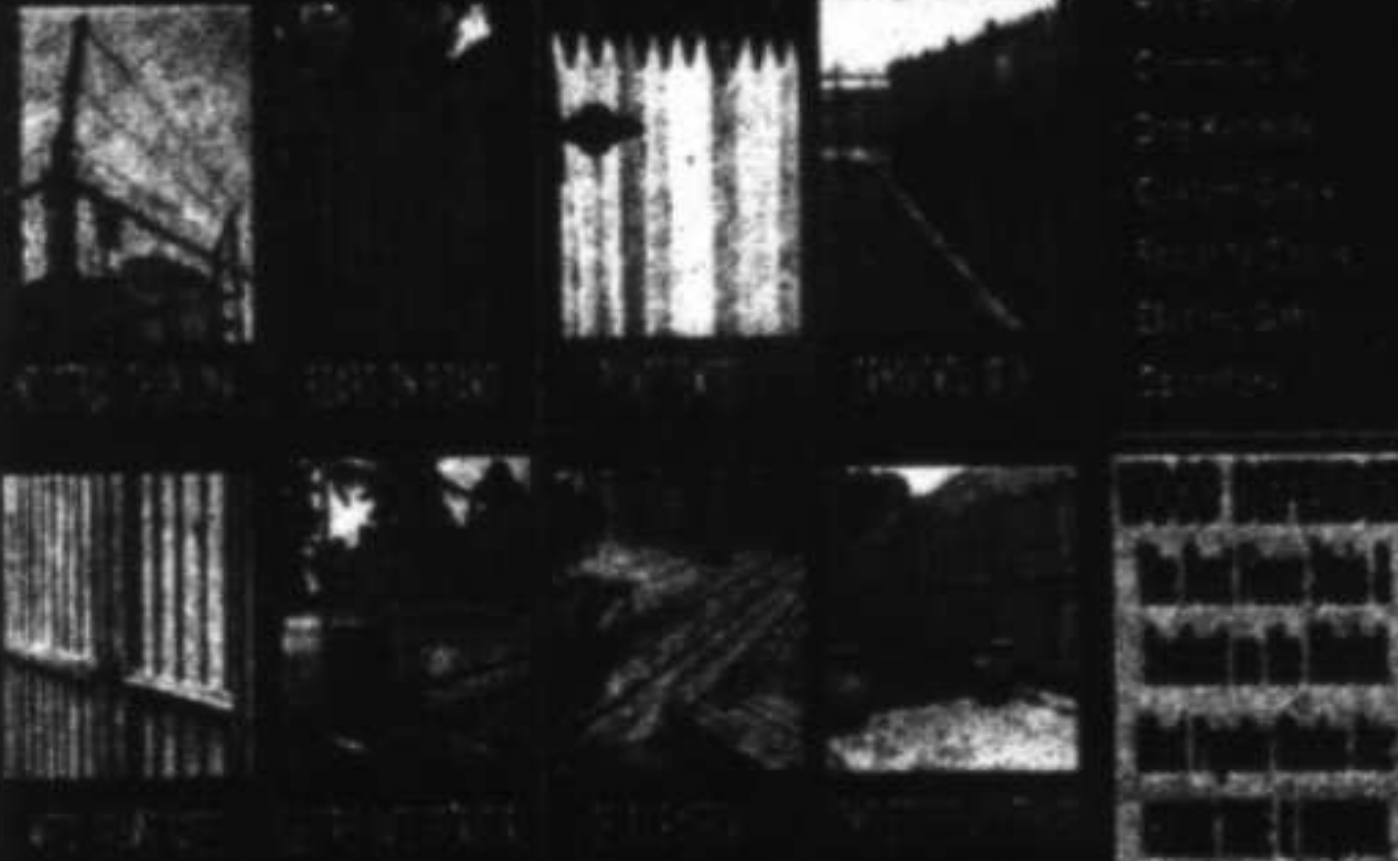
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Santa Fe is a reminder to say our prayers

■ It's time to have conversation about guns

I spent some time praying Friday morning, after hearing about a mass shooting at Santa Fe High School in northeast Galveston County. I said some more prayers on the way into town, at a church I passed along the way.

And that evening, having made my way back to the Chronicle, I said another quick prayer after hearing the news that the school police officer, John Barnes, was in stable condition after surgery at UTMB Galveston.

Ten people were killed at Santa Fe High School, and the death toll may well have been higher if not for the courage shown by law enforcement officers like Barnes, a 23-year veteran of the Houston Police Department who began working at the school four months ago.

He was critically injured while confronting the alleged shooter, who was subsequently taken into custody. So his survival was a piece of good news at the end of an otherwise heartbreaking and dispiriting day, and I prayed for his swift and full restoration.

The suspect had been a student at the high school. I heard some speculation about him after I joined a group of people who were gathered around a picnic table outside a bar called Murphy's, on Texas 6, close to the school.

One of the men had heard that the

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suspect was wearing a trench coat. That burned him up to think about, he explained. You can't hide a shotgun in a pair of Daisy Dukes, but girls who wear such shorts to school get sent home anyway.

A woman had heard that the suspect had been bullied. This was a possibility that elicited no sympathy from the group. Lots of students get bullied at some point, one of her friends observed; that's not an excuse for murdering 10 people.

"We've raised a lot of really good kids over the years," he had told me earlier, after I joined the group.

I'm sure that's the case, and that it's still true today and that the same is true of the many other communities across the United States that have been left in mourning after similar killing sprees.

And the school shooting in Santa Fe was similar to those that have preceded it, if you ask me. The perpetrator in this case had apparently brought explosives to school, in addition to guns. So did the Columbine killers, who murdered 12 of their classmates on April 20, 1999.

The woman sitting to my right had a personal connection to that massacre, too, it turned out.

Her ex-husband's nephew had been a student at Columbine, she explained. Thankfully, he had been outside running during his gym period when the killing began.

"It's a small world," marveled the man to my left.

It's also a country that has a problem with mass shootings, such as the one their small town had just endured.

My colleagues at the Chronicle and other media have reported on the tragedy itself, of course, but I'm a columnist who really isn't sure what else to say about school shootings at this point.

They're bad? It's a shame that they keep happening? And it's disgraceful that so many of our leaders are still reluctant to have a serious conversation about why that's the case and what we might do about it, even though it's been nearly 20 years since the Columbine massacre?

Most Americans would agree with those opinions, obviously. And the Texans I met in Santa Fe had, of course, been personally affected by this latest tragedy. So I figured I would just try to learn a bit about their community, and what it was like that morning, before the first shots were fired.

Santa Fe Elementary's third-graders were supposed to go on a field trip on Friday, to the town's library. But some of them missed it because their parents,

having heard about the disturbance at the high school, decided to keep them home.

Later, after I returned to Houston, I learned that Gov. Greg Abbott called for a roundtable on the subject of mass shootings, during his own visit to Santa Fe that day. I'm not against the idea, per se; in fact, I suggested we might try having a serious conversation about mass shootings back in November, in the wake of the mass shooting in Sutherland Springs.

But the conversation itself wouldn't have changed anything, or prevented the mass shootings that have happened since then, obviously. My point was that it's not unreasonable to expect our leaders to be willing to consider such things.

"The problem is not guns, it's hearts without God," Abbott said earlier this month, when he appeared in Dallas at the annual meeting of the National Rifle Association.

I don't find it offensive when leaders ask for prayers in the wake of a mass killing. I've usually already started praying.

It's been pretty clearly established that prayers don't prevent school shootings, of course, but I've never expected them to. I just pray for the people who have been left brokenhearted by them — that we may be healed, and comforted, and stronger than the leaders who seem to think we should be resigned to the occasional slaughter of children, or numb to the fact that such slaughters have become routine.

GUEST VIEW

Santa Fe shooting horrifies all Texans

Friday was supposed to be an ordinary day at Santa Fe High School in Galveston County, another hot day near the end of the school year, with students and teachers mostly hoping to get through finals and plan their summer. Just as the school day began, at 7:45 a.m., all that changed horribly.

The details are still being sorted out, but it appears that a student armed with a pistol, a shotgun and bombs went to that campus determined to do harm. Sadly, he was successful.

For starters, if must be said that no public facility is prepared for that kind of planned, evil assault. There will be no good outcome when it happens — only differences in the number of ambulances called to the scene.

As ghastly as the toll was, it could have been worse. Law enforcement apparently responded as quickly as humanly possible and arrested the shooter. At least that's better than the shooting in Parkland, Florida, where a security officer lingered outside as students were killed.

The questions now confronting officials in Galveston County, and all of Texas, are stark: Could this have been prevented? Was there a loophole in our laws exploited by the shooter? Did anyone see signs that he was descending into darkness?

Texas is a famously pro-gun state, and this tragedy won't change those general beliefs. But some restrictions on guns could be reviewed, or some prudent changes might be in order. That's not just a naive hope, either, as proved by a recent decision in Oklahoma, another conservative pro-gun state.

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin vetoed a bill that would have allowed the unlicensed carrying of guns — euphemistically called "constitutional carry" by supporters. Had the bill become law, anyone who could get a gun could carry it anywhere with no permits, background checks or training. If a conservative Republican governor in Oklahoma can finally say no on a gun issue, ours can, too, if the situation warrants it.

There have been 22 school shootings in America this year by one count, which is 22 too many. This is the first major one in Texas, but it must be the last. No Texan can shrug it off or be close-minded to reasonable proposals that might reduce these nightmares. We can do more, and we should.

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Impact of gun violence is unknown

■ Kids know they're on their own and that nothing will be done to lessen effects of 'secondhand terrorism'

Like most parents, I have times when I do an OK job and many moments when I fail. Friday morning was a grimacing example of the latter.

I was driving my kids to school while the latest mass, school shooting news blared on the car radio. I instinctively reached to turn the sound down, but then I figured: They're in high school. They can hear it.

Ten were reported dead. A teenager with multiple guns opened fire in an art class. The president came on and said something about it being a tragedy, and God bless them all.

"Thoughts and prayers," my daughter said. She's 17 and has seen this movie many times already.

When we got to the school, the radio was describing a bloody scene. As my kids clambered out of the car alongside streams of other students heading inside, I got rattled and said, inanely: "Be careful in there. Try to stay safe."

They were simply going to school. My basic job as their dad was to reassure them. Yet I acted as if I was sending them off to the Gaza-Israeli border or something.

In my defense, they go to school in a very different environment than I did in the 1980s. In February, right after the Parkland, Florida, school shooting that killed 17, a kid at their high school was arrested by Seattle police for threatening to pull the fire alarm and then massacre the students as they evacuated the building.

He told police he was joking. But like the teen boy arrested in Friday's Santa Fe, shooting, he had posted photos of guns on social media and watched violent videos on his cellphone in class.

So our school, three months later, is in a state of permanent semi-lockdown. All but one of the doors to the outside are locked during the school day. There's a resource officer — a good guy with a gun. Every classroom door is also locked, so if you get a hall pass to go to the bathroom, you have to knock to be readmitted when you return.

My kids have been doing school-shooter lockdown drills since they were in kindergarten. Over the years they have also been through a dozen real lockdowns, when they huddled quietly against a wall or in the dark of the band storage room. Once back in middle school, the word mistakenly got passed down that there was an actual shooter in the building. And so, for a brief time before the all-clear signal, they felt real terror.

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They also witnessed a shooting a few years ago, when one teen shot another in the shoulder as he was running away across a sports field. Dispute over a girl, the police later told me.

This is typical of "Generation Parkland," as a psychologist and a doctor recently dubbed it in an essay. The Washington Post has calculated that 214,000 students have seen or experienced some measure of gun violence at school since the 1999 Columbine shooting. I know this count is low, because I searched the database and it doesn't include the shooting my kids saw.

What is the effect of this exposure to violence — and to all this worry about it — on kids? Stress, anxiety, numbness, nobody knows for sure.

"The effect of this 'secondhand terrorism' on kids is, however, largely undocumented," the "Generation Parkland" essay concluded.

After the inspiring gun protests this spring, I've noticed something disturbing creeping in that I recognize from my own generation. There's acceptance of our country's insane blood rituals. There's a realization that "This is America," as the No. 1 song says.

"Prepare to see students rise up and be called 'civil terrorists' and crisis actors," wrote Cameron Kasky, a Parkland survivor. "Prepare for the right-wing media to attack the survivors."

When asked if the shooting felt like it was too crazy to be real, one survivor of the Texas high-school shooting Friday gave the same resigned look my daughter gave me when I was dropping her at her hardened target of a school:

"It's been happening everywhere," the Texas student said. "I've always kind of felt like, eventually, it was going to happen here, too."

The kids know. They know why we're at a loss for words. They know why we come at them with "thoughts and prayers" or other meaningless pabulum, such as my "be careful in there."

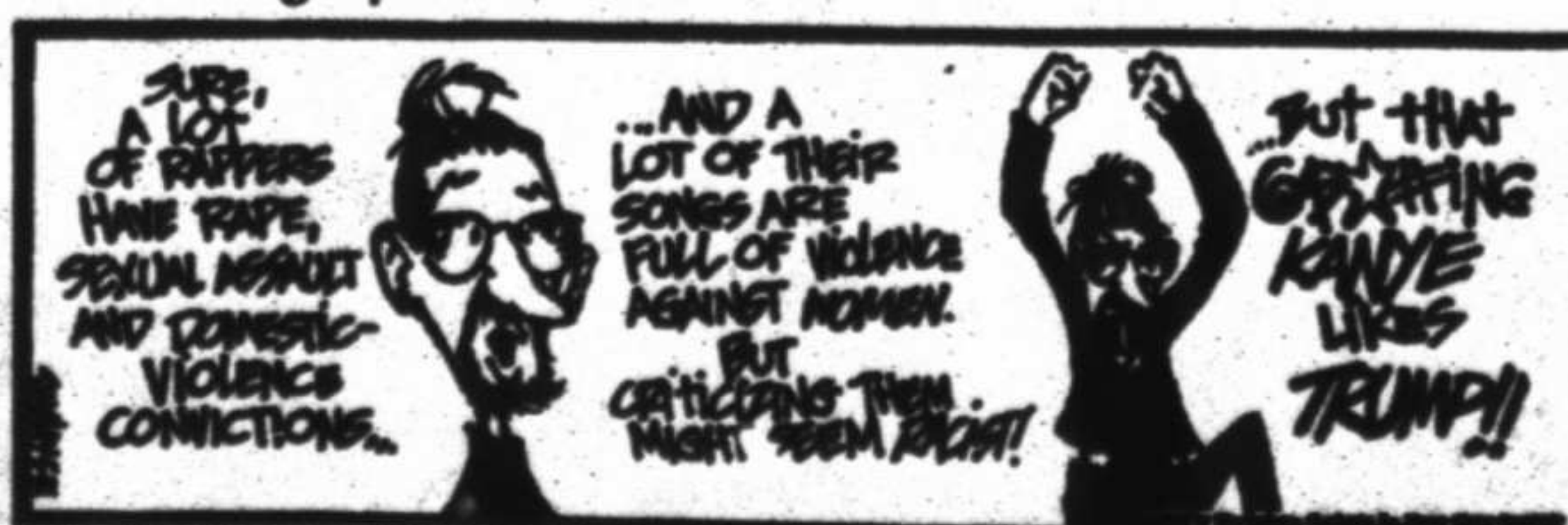
It's because we're not going to do anything. In the land of the gun, they know they're on their own. I wonder, what's the psychological effect of being abandoned like that?

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mix of gas-station signs listing how much Texas oil was being pumped and self-driving cars as a mass transit solution, a workish plan that has barely been mentioned since. And his performance at the one-and-only debate was solid but short of a knockout punch.

On Tuesday, when Democrats decide which candidate will face formidable incumbent Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, political experts will be watching to see which one stumbles forward into the November election in a state where the party has its longest drought in winning a statewide office — 24 years.

'NO GREAT CHOICE'

No one is suggesting either can win against the much better-funded Abbott, except their own campaigns.

"With a reduced turnout, it's expected that Valdez will emerge as the winner on Tuesday," said Cal Jillson, a political scientist at Southern Methodist University in Dallas who has been studying Texas politics for decades, as far back as when Democrats were in charge.

"Valdez appears ill-equipped in a number of ways — familiarity with the issues and a lack of a statewide campaign organization to name two — and that will end up to an election cycle where Democratic hopes will rest almost entirely at the top of the ticket, with Beto O'Rourke (running against GOP U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz), for any gains they make this year."

Fellow politics-watcher

Brandon Rottinghaus, a political scientist at the University of Houston, agreed: "Both of these candidates are six months behind where they should be at this point in their campaigns, and it's so hard to catch up when you're the underdog."

To Texans like Carl Chastain, 71, a lifelong Austin Democrat, the predictions ring true. "The party is left with no great choice. Neither one can probably win short of a miracle," he lamented after a recent Austin debate between Valdez and White.

For their part, both campaigns insist those predictions are way wrong.

"Don't tell me this Latina can't work her you-know-what off and win, to make things the way they should be," Valdez said, stressing that her grassroots organizing Democrats across Texas — slow though it may be — will prevail over Abbott in a November surprise.

For his part, White has been telling campaign crowds for months that he is the only Democrat who stands a chance against Abbott, despite the long odds.

Both he and Valdez have targeted the ultra-right conservative views of Abbott and the state's Republican leadership to argue that the time has arrived for political change. Even so, Valdez, an openly gay Latina, appeals to the party's liberal base and not to the centrist, more moderate factions — even some disaffected Republicans — where White has cachet.

FLUB FALLOUT

Aside from a lack of street appeal, running short of cash can be a huge detriment.

Both Valdez and White jumped into the race at the last minute in December after much-better-known candidates declined to run, not wanting to be the latest Democratic roadkill after Wendy Davis four years ago became the latest to lose to Republicans — despite a high-promise campaign that raised nearly \$40 million and still got whipped by about 20 percentage points.

By traditional measures, experts believe a Democrat must be able to spend at least \$3 million a week against Abbott at the end of the campaign to get their message out and to react to an expected fusillade of final attacks from Abbott.

So far, Valdez has been unable to raise more than \$500,000. White, by contrast, has raised more than \$1.7 million, but that includes a \$1 million loan to himself.

Even though the winner of the runoff is likely to get some boost in fundraising as Democrats coalesce around their nominee, it will likely be far less than Abbott already has in the bank: \$41 million and counting.

And, it will be far less than other Democratic gubernatorial candidates raised in recent years — perhaps the lowest amount in a decade, say consultants and campaign officials not affiliated with their current campaign.

"This year, I think, will be their lowest point in history," Jillson said. "The big donors have gotten tired of writing checks to a losing campaign. The credible candidates know this is not an election cycle the Democrats can win, and they didn't get in. So far, (Valdez) hasn't been able to raise the bar."

Even in the closing days of the

runoff, missteps have continued to underscore the not-ready-for-prime-time aura of both campaigns.

Last week, Valdez announced that she had raised about \$290,600 since February, out-raising White, and had \$258,000 in cash in her account. Within hours, citing an unexplained "administrative error," she had to amend her report downward to show she had raised just \$208,000 — just atad more than White — and had only \$115,200 on hand.

For his part, White waged a brief Twitter fight with Cecile Richards, the former national head of Planned Parenthood, over him quoting her during the debate as saying there is room for people like him in "her movement." Planned Parenthood is a big supporter of Valdez.

White, who says he is personally pro-life but would protect abortion rights if elected governor, had declared during an Austin debate last Friday that Richards said there's room for people like him in "her movement."

"Rule #1. Don't speak for someone else, especially a woman you've never met or talked to, like me. Rule #2. That's also why women don't like politicians telling us what to do with our bodies," Richards, daughter of former Texas Gov. Ann Richards, said in a tweet Thursday that quickly caught fire in Texas' political community.

White tweeted back: "I was quoting you and agreeing with you in this recent video. (Also, we met a long time ago)."

After reports that White was not spending his accumulated \$1

million in campaign donations, giving the appearance he may have given up, White announced that he was going up on TV in the Austin market with an ad that will air through Tuesday — a spot that touts his rescue heroics in a small fishing boat during Hurricane Harvey.

CAMPAGNING TO THE END

Both candidates in the closing days have continued making campaign appearances in key areas — Valdez in South Texas, San Antonio, Austin, Dallas and the Houston area; White in Dallas, Houston, Austin and perhaps San Antonio, Valdez's hometown.

In downtown Austin on Friday, several groups of Democrats who said they had voted in the primary for either Valdez or White said they were uncertain whether they would vote in the runoff.

"It just doesn't look like either campaign has a chance and, frankly, neither (candidate) looks great — even in a year when Democrats are supposed to be the great choice," said Jillian Romero, 34, a therapist from Pflugerville who said she has been doing volunteer work in a local Democratic legislative race.

Earlier this month, the liberal Austin Chronicle, which had endorsed Valdez in the primary, hinted at much the same thing as they withdrew that endorsement in the runoff.

"We sincerely hope and frankly urge Texas Democrats to see this gubernatorial election as a true wake-up call, and to work harder to motivate and enlist formidable candidates during the next election cycle," the weekly paper said.

Northern states taking down vestiges of racism, intolerance

By Corey Williams
Associated Press

DETROIT — A nearly 80-year-old statue depicting a European settler with a weapon in his hand towering over a Native American that some say celebrates white supremacy has been dismantled by crews in southwestern Michigan's Kalamazoo.

And at the University of Michigan, regents have voted to strip a former school president's name from a campus science building because he lent his scientific expertise to groups that were in favor of selective reproduction, also known as eugenics.

Vestiges of racism and intolerance are slowly being moved and removed in Michigan and other northern states. In some cases, the efforts are being led by students and faculty at prestigious universities, community leaders and elected officials taking harder looks at their history and potentially divisive issues while being spurred by more widespread efforts in the South to erase the nation's slave past.

"I think it's very much in line with the things we're seeing happen across the country," said Josh Hasler, a recent University of Michigan graduate who worked as a student with some faculty members to have Clarence Cook Little's name scraped off the building on the school's Ann Arbor campus.

Little was the school's president from 1925 to 1929. He supported sterilization of what eugenics referred to as the "unfit" and also backed immigration restrictions and laws against the mixing of racial groups, including in marriage. He was scientific director of a tobacco research advisory board in the 1950s and was accused of sowing doubt about smoking and cancer.

The vote to take down Little's name came in March along with one by regents to remove late science professor Alexander Winchell's name from a residence hall wing. Winchell wrote a book that is cited by white supremacist groups.

"No one is trying to erase history," Hasler said. "It goes to show that remembering and commemorating aren't the same thing."

Monuments honoring Confederate soldiers have been targeted for removal from courthouses, statehouses, schools and public parks since the racially motivated killings of nine African-American parishioners in 2015 at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, and after last

Mayor honored

The former mayor of New Orleans is being honored for his leadership in removing Confederate memorials in his city.

Mitch Landrieu will be presented with the 2018 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for standing behind his decision to take down four monuments.

The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation is paying tribute to Landrieu for taking the action despite legal challenges and outright threats from those who insist the Confederacy is an important part of New Orleans' heritage.

President Kennedy's grandson, Jack Schlossberg, is scheduled to make Sunday night's presentation. Schlossberg says Landrieu "turned a difficult and divisive issue into an opportunity."

The award has been presented annually since 1989 to public servants who have made courageous decisions of conscience without regard for personal or professional consequences.

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year's violent protests at a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. Charlottesville leaders have voted to remove statues of Confederate Gens. Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. Earlier this year, Tulsa Public Schools removed a monument dedicated to Lee and rescinded the school's name.

Meanwhile, the North Carolina Historical Commission is considering a formal request from late last year by Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper to move three monuments from the state's Capitol grounds to a historic battlefield site.

But such statues and monuments aren't just being mothballed down South.

Last year, Helena, Montana, removed a memorial to Confederate soldiers that had been in a public park since 1916. And in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn, a statue of former Mayor Orville Hubbard — who spent decades trying to keep the city all white — was socked away for more than a year after leaders decided it didn't belong outside a new City

Hall. The Hubbard statue now stands beside a small museum.

Kalamazoo's Fountain of the Pioneers is expected to be stored away until officials decide on a new home for the monument. Some residents say the piece is racist toward Native Americans. Others argue that it is art and can teach people about history.

Only time will tell if calls to remove monuments will continue to grow, according to Paul Brest, professor emeritus and former law school dean at Stanford University.

"I think it has more to do with a moment in history when there is a lot of consciousness of people's conduct ... a period where people are socially conscious about this behavior in the past," Brest said. "The Civil War monuments are a particular example of that."

"The things that may seem innocuous today may — 100 years from now — seem like bad deeds. It calls for a degree of caution."

Brest chaired a committee that developed principles and procedures for renaming buildings at the northern California school. The committee was put together after some students and faculty demanded that Junipero Serra's name be removed from campus buildings and signage. Serra was the Roman Catholic founder of nine California missions, and many of the missions were built on land native to the Ohlone Indians.

Stanford says it will consider renaming buildings, streets, monuments, endowed positions and prizes when there is strong evidence that retaining the name is inconsistent with the university's integrity or is harmful to its research and teaching missions and inclusiveness.

Other schools' approaches have varied. Yale University in Connecticut said last year that it would change the name of a residential college that honors John C. Calhoun, a 19th century alumnus and former U.S. vice president, who was an ardent supporter of slavery.

NEWSBRIEFS

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TEXAS Man shot by police in Fort Worth after chase

FORT WORTH — Police say officers have shot and wounded a man who opened fire at them during a chase. Authorities say the man initially shot at police in White Settlement, just west of Fort Worth, then drove to Fort Worth with officers in pursuit.

Fort Worth police joined the chase and he was shot several times. His truck was disabled after police deployed spikes strips on the roadway.

The victim in the late Saturday shooting is hospitalized but his condition hasn't been disclosed.

Police spokesman Jim Pollozani says investigators have been looking at four separate crime scenes. No one else was hurt and no motive has been immediately determined.

TEXAS Boy, 12, bitten by rattlesnake after crashing four-wheeler

GEORGETOWN — Authorities in Central Texas say a 12-year-old boy involved in the wreck of a four-wheeler also has been bitten by a rattlesnake.

Few details are available about the Saturday evening incident in Georgetown in Williamson County, just north of Austin.

Williamson County Sheriff Robert Chody says the boy was riding the vehicle when it crashed, and then he was bitten. His condition isn't immediately known. His name hasn't been released.

Chody says the Texas Department of Public Safety the Texas Department is investigating.

Rattlesnakes are the most common venomous snakes living in Texas.

HAWAII Faster-moving Hawaii lava gushes into sea, spews new danger

PAHOA — A volcano that is oozing, spewing and exploding on Hawaii's Big Island has gotten more hazardous in recent days,

with rivers of molten rock pouring into the ocean Sunday and flying lava causing the first major injury.

Kilauea volcano began erupting more than two weeks ago and has burned dozens of homes, forced thousands of people to flee and shot up plumes of steam from its summit that led officials to distribute face masks to protect against ash particles.

Lava flows have picked up speed in past days, spattering molten rock that hit a man in the leg.

He was outside his home Saturday in the remote, rural region affected by the volcano when the lava "hit him on the shin, and shattered everything from there down on his leg," Janet Snyder, Hawaii County mayor's spokeswoman, told the Hawaii News Now TV station.

ARAB EMIRATES NYU Abu Dhabi blocks journalists from filming John Kerry

Former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Sunday warned that "true civil discourse" is under threat around the world while speaking to graduates at NYU Abu Dhabi, an event that the school blocked journalists from filming.

While obliquely criticizing President Donald Trump, Kerry did not mention the 2015 Iran nuclear deal he secured with other world powers, an accord of which Trump now has pulled America out.

It likely was courtesy to his hosts in the capital of the United Arab Emirates, which long opposed the deal as not going far enough to limit Iran's power in the greater Mideast. Kerry shared the stage with Anwar Gargash, Emirati Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, who long had led the UAE's criticism of the deal.

"True civil discourse is also under threat all around the planet, eroding rights alongside trust," Kerry said. "Certainly in my country, our politics has become almost all accusatory and all bombastic."

While never naming Trump, Kerry began his remarks by saying: "Given what's going on today, I'm glad to be invited anywhere, folks." He quickly added that the U.S. "needs to build partnerships and cannot turn its back on the world."

Andrew Hamilton, president of New York University, also made a point to criticize "disturbing trends of anti-intellectualism and anti-factualism" in the world.

NYU Abu Dhabi invited reporters to cover Kerry's speech, then just before the ceremony said journalists from The Associated Press and others could not film his full remarks. They said the school would offer video that it would editorially control after the event.

A university spokeswoman, Kate Chandler, said it was the school's decision. Staffers for Kerry said they had no part in the organization of the event. The school allowed an AP photographer and writer to attend Kerry's full speech.

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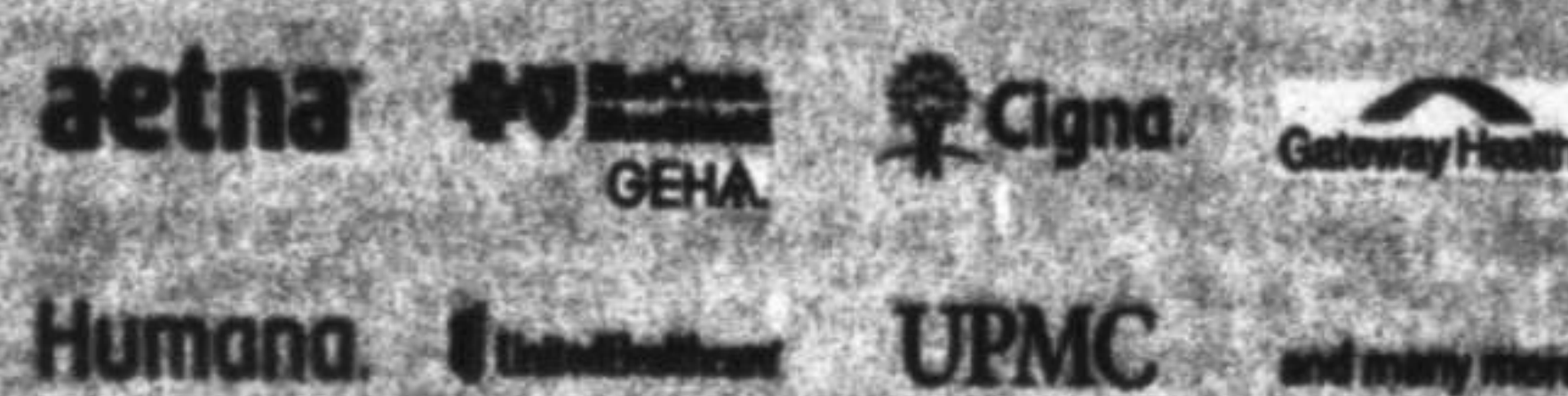
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Demand soars for data scientists

People transition to 'sexiest job' from other fields because 'there's money to be made'

By Michael Sasso
Bloomberg

Murray Webb had been a lackluster student more interested in sports than schoolwork while attending a small Virginia college. Then he transferred to Kennesaw State University in suburban Atlanta to pursue a master's degree in applied statistics and landed four job offers upon graduation. Webb, 33, now earns \$160,000 a year targeting health-care customers for hospitals and says he is approached weekly by companies and recruiters seeking data scientists. Webb is part of a national employ-

ment trend that has data scientists at tech companies such as Airbnb and Uber adding the words "I'm hiring" next to their LinkedIn.com profiles.

"The word on the street is there's definitely a shortage of people who can do data science," said Daniel Gutierrez, managing editor of the journal insideBIGDATA in Los Angeles. "A lot of people are transitioning from other fields like economics, psychology, mathematics, because they see the field is exploding and there's money to be made."

Indeed, it turns out that even in the wake of Facebook's privacy scandal and other big-data blunders, finding

people who can turn social-media clicks and user-posted photos into monetizable binary code is among the biggest challenges facing U.S. industry. People with data science bona fides are among the most sought-after professionals in business, with some data science PhDs commanding as much as \$300,000 or more from consulting firms.

"I like to say we're seeing the employment equivalent of a run on the bank, and it's because everyone's chasing the same talent at the same time," said Jennifer Priestley, a professor of statistics and data science at Kennesaw State University.

Job postings for data scientists

rose 75 percent from January 2015 to January 2018 at Indeed.com, while job searches for data scientist roles rose 65 percent. A growing specialty is "sentiment analysis," or finding a way to quantify how many tweets are trashing your company or praising it.

A typical data scientist job pays about \$119,000 at the midpoint of salaries and rises to \$168,000 at the 95th percentile, according to staffing agency Robert Half Technology.

Andrew Gardner, a senior machine learning manager in Atlanta at IT security firm Symantec, fields at least one

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Lockers line the hallways at JPMorgan Chase's new campus in Plano on Nov. 7, 2017. Employees who don't have assigned workstations store their personal items in the lockers when they are not on the job.

Employees give up their desks to cut costs

By Steve Brown
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Like fax machines and desktop telephones, your individual office workspace may be headed for extinction.

More than half of corporate execs say they plan to switch to unassigned worker seating for all or some of their employees during the next three years. Instead of having their own desks, workers will grab an empty workstation when they come to the office in the morning.

Don't be late to work, or you could wind up sitting by the dumpster.

It's just one of the ways that employers are shaking up the traditional office environment to cut costs and — supposedly — increase productivity, according to a new report by commercial real estate firm CBRE.

In the last decade, business employers have increasingly shifted from individual offices to open work environments. They usually say the moves are to increase collaboration among workers.

But major office users also acknowledge they are slashing real estate costs with these shifts.

At a growing number of office centers,

including JPMorgan Chase's new campus in Plano and Liberty Mutual Insurance across the street, many workers don't have assigned desks and keep their personal items in a locker or cabinet when they leave.

"The modern workplace is in a state of transition as workplace design standards have evolved from traditional layouts with a mix of enclosed and open workspaces," CBRE research analyst Julie Whelan said in the new report. "Managing employees through this change is critical, so that the initiative is viewed as being additive to productivity and wellness instead of a pure cost-cutting measure."

The moves, it appears, are only partially to build teamwork and promote employee networking.

More than 50 percent of firms say their primary reason for the office changes is to reduce costs. Only 20 percent of companies said they are going to the new office environments to promote innovation. And less than a third say the changes are to retain and attract talent — something we keep hearing from big corporations.

CBRE surveyed mostly banking and finance, tech and telecom and professional service firms about their office plans.

Almost half of the companies said they planned to make workplace changes to seek better space utilization. Less than half of the companies said they plan to allocate primary assigned worker seating in the years ahead.

Not all trends are as utilitarian. To keep their workers happy, office users say they plan to ramp up their workplace amenities, including full-service cafeterias, employee showers, bike racks for commuters, custom coffee services, green space, game rooms and on-site health care.

"Twenty years ago, real estate was much different. It was a place to house people. But now our clients are using it as a tool to attract and retain the best talent in their respective industries," said CBRE's Clay Vaughn, a senior vice president in Dallas. "A big part of creating great space is giving employees options of how and where they work in the office."

"The companies that embrace this will be the winners in the fierce competition for talent."

Even if that means giving you a locker to call your own instead of a desk.

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Voicemail soon may be a thing of the past

■ Many people ignore phone calls in favor of texts, emails

By Ethan Baron
The Mercury News

Don't wait for the beep: Voicemail is going the way of the dinosaurs.

Although phone-message technology advanced steadily from cassette recorders attached to landlines to services offered by phone companies to cloud-based message storage for mobile devices, it's now running up against a changing American society that places increasing value on saving every possible moment of time.

With the prevalence of mobile phones, texting, chat apps and email, voicemail just isn't what it used to be.

"Let's say I get a phone call from my brother," said Nora Lara, a 50-year-old employee at Santa Clara County Superior Court, who is no fan of voicemail and prefers texting to talking on the phone. "I'll ignore it. And then he'll text me. When people leave me voice messages, I just delete them without even checking. If they want to get hold of me, they can text me."

Roman Basinschi, a 26-year-old software engineer, never uses voicemail. "I don't think it's even set up," he said. Occasionally he'll leave a voicemail — but only for older people and only in more formal situations.

Lara and Basinschi illustrate a profound and widespread change, one that is re-shaping personal and professional communications and creating a whole new set of rules for how to connect. Voicemail is now viewed as inefficient. And for many, that feeling extends to phone conversations in general. These days, a phone call often requires advance scheduling.

The frantic pace of life and work is pushing out phone-based voice communication in favor of text, chat, email and other options seen as more efficient, said Mary Jane Copps, a Canada-based phone-communication consultant known as "The Phone Lady" who gives workshops and consultations across North America.

"We're all feeling more and more overwhelmed," Copps said. "We all have less time."

Businesses began adapting in the past few years to the trend away from voicemail,

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'Leery' customers prompt Walmart to shelve self-scanning

By Matthew Boyle
Bloomberg

Walmart has ended a service where customers could ring up their own purchases, showing that old habits die hard even in the digital age.

The retailer had offered its so-called "Mobile Scan & Go" technology in about 150 Walmart stores, after a successful rollout across its Sam's Club warehouse chain. But while the service worked in Sam's — which carries fewer products, all of which are prepackaged — it confused some Walmart

shoppers, who found that bagging, weighing and then scanning items including fresh fruit and vegetables was a hassle.

Walmart's CFO Brett Biggs admitted as much at an investor conference in March, saying that there were things that "make the customer maybe a little more leery of Scan & Go." Customers could use a handheld device or their own smartphone to scan their goods.

The service forced shoppers to change their habits, and the enormous number of items in a typical Walmart basket complicated the process, according to Neil Stern, a senior partner at retail consultants McMillanDoo-

little.

"Even though scan-and-go technology has been around for some time, consumers still don't seem to embrace it the way we anticipated," he said.

The service will remain at Sam's Club, where its usage doubled last year, according to Sam's CEO John Furner. Walmart is testing a potential replacement, called "Check Out With Me," where employees can ring up a customer's order and scan their payment card from a handheld device inside the store. The new service is available in more than 350 lawn and garden centers.



Georgia Vance and Zaedyn Bean, 3, of South San Francisco, use Amazon Alexa's voice recognition to turn on a television in a model home on Mare Island in Vallejo, Calif., on May 10.

Home design includes Amazon, Alexa

Voice-assisted technology is standard feature in houses built by Lennar

By Rex Crum
The Mercury News

VALLEJO, Calif. — From the outside, homebuilder Lennar's model home in Vallejo could be any other house in a new suburban development. But that's where the similarities end and the future begins, courtesy of a new smart-home partnership with Amazon.

Amazon and Lennar have begun showing off what they are calling the Amazon Experience Center, a pre-wired, voice-activated smart home at a North Bay Lennar housing development, along with similar model homes in seven other locations across the country.

Lennar — one of the nation's largest homebuilders — plans to build Amazon's Alexa voice-assistant technology into the design when constructing all of its houses nationwide from now on. Because of the partnership with Amazon, this technology package will come standard and will not add anything to the base cost of the home. Alexa will be able to handle many of the mundane, everyday tasks that those who buy the developer's homes currently do on their own.

Talk to Alexa and, thanks to the Amazon Echo devices that are

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standard with the house, you can close your shades, find a movie to watch via Amazon Prime — and the Amazon Fire TV that comes with the home — schedule automatic orders of household goods, or order those things directly by using the Amazon Dash buttons that also come standard with the home. Finally, you can lock your doors and set your thermostat as you turn in for the night.

Technology that handles such chores isn't new; Amazon, Google and Apple have offered voice-command assistant technology for years. But a home built from the ground up with a full suite of one company's home-control technology takes the concept to another level. And while Alexa — or any other kind of voice-command platform — offers convenience, the Lennar-Amazon connected-home model presents a slate of questions about just how much control one company can and should have over an individual's daily routines, habits and privacy.

"This definitely takes the 'everything store' to another level, delivering not just products, but nearly every service one could need in a given day," said Gene Munster, partner

with tech research firm Loup Ventures. "A whole-sale upgrade to a fully smart home gives Amazon a lot of power over whoever lives there. Each incremental smart device you control with Alexa is another touch point for the Amazon brand and makes Prime a little more difficult to leave."

During a tour of the Amazon Experience Center home in Vallejo, Tom Burrill, Lennar's Bay Area division president, said that for some, facing such new technologies in the home "can be intimidating," but that seeing the devices in a home setting can alleviate worries about how everything works together.

"It (the Amazon technology home) lets you come experience it," Burrill said. "Amazon looked at Lennar, saw that we've got thousands of model homes around the country, and they said, 'Why don't we show what we can do?'"

Some see Amazon as a good steward of the personal data its devices gather in consumers' homes.

"Are they always listening? Are they recording our activity? They clearly have the potential to do so," said Michael Pachter, an analyst who covers Amazon for Wedbush Securities. "But I think Amazon values its customer relationships and will take whatever steps necessary to ensure that privacy is maintained."

Amazon didn't respond to a request for comment

about its Experience Center homes. But Lennar's Burrill said the homebuilder trusts Amazon to handle and ensure the security of the systems. Customers still have the final say about whether or not to use all of the Amazon-enabled options in their homes.

"In reality, it's just like anything else, and people can turn it all off," Burrill said.

Including Alexa and other Amazon technologies — Echo speakers, Prime video, home security service — in someone's home from the moment they move in may also lock a consumer into the Amazon tech universe. People typically like to stay with the systems they know rather than go through the rigmarole of switching and learning how to operate something new, so whatever company is providing the in-home technology will get an automatic leg up on its competitors.

"The concept is viable, but my concern is that this locks you into a single digital assistant and ecosystem. And not everyone buying a home from Lennar will want to have their home connected to just Amazon base assistants," said Tim Bajarin, president of Creative Strategies, a San Jose-based tech research firm.

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according to Naomi Baron, an American University linguist who studies language and technology.

In 2014, Coca-Cola scrapped voicemail for employees in a move designed to increase productivity. JPMorgan Chase followed suit in 2015, stripping the service from its consumer-bank workers. Baron said her own university two years ago stopped automatically providing employees with voicemail and made it an opt-in service.

"There is a death knell being sounded for voicemail in business," said Baron.

If you're looking to point a finger at those responsible for the looming demise of voicemail, and the change ways we use our phones, millennials are an appropriate target, experts said. That's because they cut their communications teeth on text messaging and emailing, Baron said.

"This is a large generalization, but they don't feel that comfortable in face-to-face spoken interaction or its derivative over the phone," Baron said. "They haven't had the practice. You have far greater control when you can type something out ... and then read it again before you send it, and then edit if you choose to."

Copps sees people under 40 or so as the leaders in the movement against voicemail. Leaving messages for them is usually a waste of time, she said. "They've stopped listening to voicemail, so if your phone number shows up on their phone and they recognize your number they'll call you back, but they won't listen to your message," Copps said.

Advertising account manager Tiffany Sung, 24, said she used to talk on the phone a fair amount, but that was back when it cost a dime to send a text. "When texting became unlimited, I stopped making phone calls as much," said Sung, who typically doesn't leave voicemails and rarely listens to them except those from her doctor's office.

Not only is texting usually faster, "You can do it wherever, whenever," said Cici Tong, 26, an accountant from San Jose.

With people moving away from voicemails and phone calls, they face a whole new series of decisions about how to get in touch with someone, said Anne Ricketts, a communications coach and founder of Lighthouse Communications in San Francisco. It all depends on whom you're trying to reach, she said.

Among younger adults, a phone call can come as an unwelcome surprise. "If you don't schedule it beforehand ... people think it's an emergency, their heart rate goes up," Ricketts said.

"If it's more of a formal relationship, I don't think you text — you email," Ricketts said. "If it's a colleague I was comfortable with, I'd just shoot them a text, but I wouldn't do that with someone I didn't know very well."

For matters too complicated to sort out effectively via email or text, a phone call may be required. But that call is best arranged in advance — via email, text or an

app, Ricketts said. That's because voicemail will most likely go unheard.

"In the last three to five years the majority of phone calls in my world are booked ahead of time, just like a meeting," Copps said, noting that a host of apps are now available to make scheduling calls even easier.

But not every social revolution results in positive change.

"I'm not sure we're moving toward more efficiency," Copps said. "We've been seduced by text communication. It makes us feel more efficient because we can finish our part of the conversation. We've developed a discomfort with conversation."

In many cases, especially when making logistical plans, text-based communication can actually steal far more time from participants than a quick phone call would, Copps said.

It's also lot harder to convey and understand emotion and nuance in written language than through spoken words, Copps added. "If I send a client a proposal and they email me back and they say, 'No,' or 'not right now' ... are they saying, 'No, we don't have the budget,' or, 'No, but in three weeks we'll be ready?' You need tone of voice."

If you're going to leave a voicemail, it's important to hedge your bets, Baron said. She suggests that if you leave one, you should also send a text or email to make sure your message gets through.

In the end, different people and different businesses have different communications practices, which means trial and error is often necessary to figure out how to contact someone, Copps said.

For San Francisco lawyer and California Republican Party national committeewoman Harmeet Dhillon, the decisions depend on the work she's doing.

"Like any good lawyer, I target my communications according to who is my market and my listener," Dhillon said. "If I am calling someone in their 80s I leave them a voice message. I don't text. Frankly, sometimes I don't even email them."

But when she's contacting other lawyers, she said, "An email is likely to be received and processed more promptly than a voice message." For confidential communication, Dhillon often relies on phone calls, but she won't answer her phone unless she recognizes the caller's name.

Ultimately, experts say, talking on the phone may become a prized ability that gives people a leg up in their careers.

"Fewer and fewer people are going to have that skill," Copps said.

Varun Bhansali, a digital marketer from San Jose, uses text messaging, apps or a gaming platform for most communications. But he admits that spoken conversation still matters in important relationships. "That's why, for the people that are close to me, I'll make sure to pick up the phone and call them once in a while," said Bhansali, 32. "It gives you a little more of a connection."

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Clocks may go cuckoo with power grid change

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Running late for work or just miss that bus? You could have a good excuse: Your electric clock might be running a bit cuckoo.

Because of a change in federal energy regulations, some scientists say your trusty, older plug-in clock may be losing or gaining a few ticks over time.

Electric clocks keep time based on the usually stable and precise pulses of the electric current that powers them. In the U.S., that's 60 hertz (cycles per second). In the past, regulators required power companies to immediately correct the rate if it slipped off the mark. But that precision is expensive to maintain, so last year, the correction part was quietly eliminated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Energy officials insist other standards will keep the time in check, and so far the problem has not amounted to more than a few seconds here and there. But some scientists looked at what could happen without the time correction rule and concluded clocks could gradually go off-kilter if the grid's power

was delivered consistently at higher or lower rates than 60 hertz. That can happen when power demand surges or slows because of weather and the grid can't adjust right away.

This would affect clocks that get their power from a wall socket, such as alarm clocks and those on microwaves and coffeemakers. Cellphones, newer clocks with GPS, those connected to cable TV and modern ones that don't rely on the grid to keep time aren't affected, experts said.

The changes could be just matters of seconds and all but unnoticeable, but the time could drift by as much as seven and a half minutes between time changes in March and November, when people reset their clocks, according to a study conducted by researchers at the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the U.S. Naval Observatory.

In some extreme cases, Americans might miss their bus, parts of television shows and even be slightly late or shudder, early for work, said Demetrios Matsakis, co-author of the study and chief time scientist at the Naval Observatory.

"They'll think something is wrong with their clock but they won't know what," said Matsakis, co-author of the study.

The request to retire the long-

standing time correction rule came from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), which coordinates the grid. NERC standards director Howard Gugel says newer standards prevent veering from 60 hertz so the rule isn't needed. NERC has guidelines for what to do if time corrections are necessary, he said in an email.

Without the rule, the fixes will still be made but maybe not right away, said Terry Bilke, who works on time coordination for the Indiana-based Midcontinent Independent System Operator, which provides power to 15 states and Manitoba.

Earlier this year, in the eastern half of the country, a time error of 10 seconds too fast went uncorrected for a week or more. It was during a bitter cold snap and utilities didn't think it was wise to tinker with power levels, said Bill Henson of the system operator for New England. Generally, time errors are fixed every three to five days in the eastern U.S., he said.

An advocate for the rule change said worries about time slips are unwarranted. Don Badley, a recently retired systems operations manager for the Northwest Power Pool Corporation, said any lingering errors will be corrected when people reset their clocks twice a year.

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Hard work in gym pays off with arm-wrestling triumph

DEAR ABBY: I'm average, fitness-wise, and work in an office. My girlfriend, who is naturally athletic, has belonged to a gym for a year. Our two fitness paths collided when I was enjoying a coffee with her and her training partner, "Trixi," at her place one day.

Trixi made a muscle. When I complimented her on her impressive arm definition, she responded I should see my girlfriend's. When my girlfriend flexed, her bicep popped up so high my eyes bulged. Trixi then prodded me to flex. I didn't want to because I knew my muscle wasn't as developed. Trixi felt both our arms and declared mine softer. She then pushed us to arm wrestle. I'm 3 inches taller than my girlfriend, and I'm a man, so I thought I would win.

Anyway, two times on the right and once on the left, I ended up with the back of my hand securely pinned down to the table to their extreme amusement. I felt embarrassed because there was nothing I could do to stop her stronger arms driving me down.

The upshot is, I feel there has been a power shift in our relationship. My girlfriend will now teasingly flex when she wants something. She also enjoys challenging me in public. I have now been de-

DEAR ABBY

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feated in arm wrestling in front of her parents and a group of her cheering girlfriends. How should I adjust? Must I just accept her superior strength, tell her to tone down her showing off or get myself stronger at the gym? — **OUTMUSCLED IN AUSTRALIA**

DEAR OUTMUSCLED: A wise person asks his or her physician before starting a diet and/or exercise program. Then, if you get the go-ahead, go to a gym and gradually begin a regular exercise program. While you're there, ask a trainer to help you get started with the weights and machines so you can learn proper form and build yourself up rather than tear yourself down. If you do, it will not only increase your strength, but benefit you in other ways.

And by the way, your girlfriend must be very immature to deliberately emasculate you in front of her friends and family. By all means tell her to knock off the showing off at your expense because it's demeaning.

DEAR ABBY: I'm wondering how to deal with friends who want to take advantage of my big-box store memberships. I don't mind helping out sometimes, but it seems like they are avoiding the cost of membership while reaping the benefits at my time and expense. They either ask if I mind picking up a particular item for them, or if I will take them so they can shop for themselves. That means spending half a day while they scrutinize every aisle and every item. Some of these friends are well off financially, so it isn't that they can't afford the membership. Am I wrong to feel imposed upon? — **INDIANA SHOPPER**

DEAR SHOPPER: You are only as imposed upon as you allow yourself to be. If it isn't convenient to take these people shopping, no law says you must. If you want to make sure a user never asks again, all you have to say is, "Great! And afterward you can take me out to lunch/dinner."

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

Q1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J73 ♥ K7 ♠ AKQ9652

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass

2♣ Pass 2NT Pass

What call would you make?

A — Partner has advertised a diamond stopper. Believe him and bid three no-trump.

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

♠ J95 ♥ KJ72 ♦ 10 ♠ KJ1075

Left-hand opponent opens a weak two spades, partner makes a take-out double, and right-hand opponent passes.

What call would you make?

A — Those who play the Lebensohl convention in this situation would have options, but most of us don't play that. Just bid what you hope you can make.

Bid four hearts.

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

♠ 10754 ♥ A J9 ♦ 1032 ♠ A84

Partner opens one no-trump, 15-17, and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A — Don't bother looking for a spade fit with such a balanced hand. Make an invitational raise in no-trump. That is bidding two no-trump for most of us.

Q4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ KQJ52 ♥ 106 ♦ K7642 ♠ 8

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

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Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending May 13:

Top Paid iPhone Apps:
1. Facetime, Lightricks Ltd.
2. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
3. Minecraft, Mojang.
4. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations.
5. iSchedule, HotSchedules
6. PlantSnap Plant Identification, PlantSnap, Inc.
7. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
8. Pocket Build, MoonBear LTD
9. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
10. Papa's Freezeria To Go!, Flipline Studios

Top Free iPhone Apps:
1. Love Balls, Super Tapx
2. Rise Up, Serkan Ozyilmaz
3. Helix Jump, Voodoo
4. Fortnite, Epic Games
5. YouTube: Watch, Listen, Stream, Google, Inc.
6. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
7. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
8. Snapchat, Snap, Inc.
9. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
10. Google Maps - GPS Navigation, Google, Inc.

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

Top Free iPad Apps:
1. Love Balls, Super Tapx
2. Fortnite, Epic Games
3. YouTube: Watch, Listen, Stream, Google, Inc.
4. Helix Jump, Voodoo
5. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
6. Rise Up, Serkan Ozyilmaz
7. Granny, Dennis Vukobratovic
8. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
9. ROBLOX, Roblox Corporation
10. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.



Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending May 13:
1. Black Panther (2018)
2. Fifty Shades Freed
3. The Greatest Showman
4. Thor: Ragnarok
5. 12 Strong
6. Game Night (2018)
7. Peter Rabbit
8. The Post
9. Iron Man
10. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle

iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:
1. The 12th Man
2. Lady Bird
3. Phantom Thread
4. Darkest Hour
5. Fruitvale Station
6. Terminal
7. The Magic Pill
8. The Pass
9. Marshall
10. Room

Music

iTunes charts for week ending May 17:

Top Songs
1. This Is America, Childish Gambino
2. Whatever It Takes, Imagine Dragons
3. Nice For What, Drake
4. Heaven, Kane Brown
5. Back to You, Selena Gomez
6. Meant to Be, Bebe Rexha & Florida Georgia Line
7. In My Blood, Shawn Mendes
8. Psycho (feat. Ty Dolla Sign), Post Malone
9. God's Plan, Drake
10. The Middle, Zedd, Maren Morris & Grey

Top Albums
1. The Greatest Showman (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
2. Tranquility Base Hotel & Casino, Arctic Monkeys
3. Voicelines, Charlie Puth
4. baerhongs & Bentleys, Post Malone
5. All I See Is War, Seven-Dust
6. Die Lit, Playboi Carti
7. Beach House
8. Frozen: The Broadway Musical (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
9. Invasion of Privacy, Cardi B
10. Moments: Mighty Sound (Live), Bethel Music

Source: Apple Inc.

DEMAND

From 1B

"serious inquiry" weekly from recruiters trying to hire him away even as he's trying to fill roles at Symantec. To compete for talent, Gardner is offering more perks including the ability to telecommute: "You have to compete a little differently."

Aspirants like Jiong Gao, who is pursuing a master's in data science and analytics at Georgia State University, are rushing to get in while the getting's good.

"It's the sexiest job in the 21st century," said a grinning Gao, 25, referencing the title of a 2012 Harvard Business Review article. "For everyone who has a background in computers, statistics and mathematics, it's the hottest job."

Companies are begging colleges to let them help with class projects, hoping to get a foot in the door with future data

scientists. Atlanta-based Equifax Inc. was one of 11 companies doing data science and prescriptive analytics projects with Cornell University this year, with Equifax offering up voluminous data sets scrubbed of personally identifiable information. The official goal was to determine how customers prioritized paying bills, such as whether someone is more prone to paying a mortgage, car or cell phone bill first, said Chris Yasko, who heads a data science research unit at Equifax.

The unstated goal was making a connection with future graduates.

"Honey, we have a backlog of companies that want to bring their data into our classroom," said Priestley. "I probably have a conversation with a company every week that wants to do that."

Equifax is shortening the hiring process to keep anyone from

slipping away. A data science candidate interviewed on a Friday had an offer in hand by the following Monday, said Peter Maynard, senior vice president of global analytics. The company hasn't seen a drop-off in candidate interest despite suffering a data breach that exposed some 146 million people's personal information, the company said.

Experts in data science describe a wild west atmosphere right now, with little agreement over how to define the field and scores of people rushing to add "scientist" to their resumes whether or not it's accurate. A common definition calls data science a meshing of statistics, math and computer science, with practitioners using the Python and R programming languages to create algorithms for things like "recommendation engines" — those programs that predict what

you may want to buy next based on your recent searches.

"It used to be that if you were a mathematician you became a teacher, and then you became a geologist because your knowledge helped

find oil, and then you went over to Wall Street," said Jim Sterne, chairman of the Digital Analytics Association. "And now, the quote is, the best minds of our generation are being put to work in advertising."

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PAID CONTENT

AUDIO ACOUSTICS

Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids connect seamlessly to smartphones and other devices

By Orland Purcell Au. D., CCC-A

It seems the hardest things for hearing aid wearers have been talking on the phone, hearing in crowds and adjusting the TV volume without bothering everyone else. With Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids those and many other problems are a thing of the past!

Hearing aid makers like GN Resound, Oticon, Widex and Phonak are making new strides in connectivity all the time. Here are just a few of the problems they address.

It's so much easier to talk on the phone when your smartphone is paired with your hearing aids. No more holding the phone just the right distance from your ear. With Bluetooth you don't have to hold the phone at all. Your phone call streams seamlessly into BOTH hearing aids, which further improves your ability to hear.

As stated, your hearing aids have become hands-free devices, leaving you free to talk while you cook supper, paint the bedroom or accomplish other two-handed tasks.

Different hearing situations can require different settings—a quiet talk on the back porch is dynamically different from ordering lasagna at your favorite Italian restaurant. With iPhone apps like GN Resound's LINX², you can easily switch among various saved settings or create a new one. Tinker with it until it sounds right for a new situation. That way you can easily enjoy conversation wherever you are.

Listening to music, podcasts or watching videos is much easier. The same Bluetooth option that connects to your smartphone can also connect to your iPad, iPod, laptop, AppleWatch or other mobile device. Even better, you can set your own personal volume level through your enabled hearing aids, without turning it too loud for others.

It's also true of TVs or stereos. By attaching what's known as a streaming device to your TV, the device will Bluetooth the audio straight to your hearing aids, giving you the unique volume options you need.

If you work or recreate outdoors, this next feature may be the best of all. Have you ever lost a hearing aid in the woods, on the ranch or even left one at a family member's home? Finding a tiny hearing aid at the state park or on the ranch can be a nightmare—without help.

With a special app you can pair your hearing aids to your smartphone. Your smartphone will then do two things: It will remember the GPS coordinates of the last location where it communicated with either or both hearing aids. Then it will "listen" for the Bluetooth signal so that, when you get near the hearing aid location, it will let you know as you get warmer or colder. So even if it's under some leaves or behind a couch cushion, you can find it.

You also have the option of toggling your microphones on or off while listening to music. So if you want to shut off outside noise, turn off the mics and enjoy silence. If you want to hear your spouse call you for dinner, leave the mics on. It's up to you.

There are other options as well. The best thing to do is to tell us what you'd like Bluetooth to do for you. Then we can help you get there, if Bluetooth does what you need it to. We can help show you how to connect with your devices as well.

It's exciting to see how much better hearing aids are getting, almost every day.

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Aaron Wise gets 1st tour win, shatters record

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Aaron Wise strolled up the 18th fairway in the fading twilight, lifting his hat over his head a couple of times as the thinned-out crowd cheered what would soon be his first PGA Tour victory at the AT&T Byron Nelson.

The 21-year-old rookie pulled away from Marc Leishman at the turn after a four-hour rain delay to start the final round at the new Trinity Forest course Sunday. Then it was just a race to finish before nightfall so he wouldn't have to wait at least another 12 hours to celebrate.

Wise shattered the Nelson record at 23 under, shooting a 6-under 65 to beat Leishman by three strokes as both became the first to finish the Nelson at 20 under or better. Leishman, who shared the third-round lead with Wise after leading the first two days, shot 68.

The treeless links-style par-71 layout, a few miles south of downtown Dallas, was defenseless with softer fairways and greens and no wind once the morning storms passed.

The Nelson celebrated its 50th anniversary with a return to Dallas after 35 years at the TPC Four Seasons in suburban Irving. Rory Sabbatini set the previous record on that par-70 layout at 19-under 261 in 2009.

"It's everything I've dreamed of," said Wise, who won once each on the Web.com and Canadian tours. "I felt like when it rained today I was really going to tear the course up just because it allowed me to hit driver, which is my strength. I got a lot of short irons in my hand and was able to make a lot of birdies."

Branden Grace matched his career-best 62 from last year's British Open — which was the lowest round ever in a major — and finished at 19 under with

J.J. Spaun and Keith Mitchell, who had matching 63s.

Hometown star Jordan Spieth again couldn't improve on his best Nelson finish from his first start as a 16-year-old amateur in 2010. The three-time major winner, and highest-ranked player in the field at No. 3, shot 67 to finish at 11 under. Spieth tied for 21st.

Instead, Spieth has been joined by another 21-and-under winner, with Wise cruising a month shy of his 22nd birthday and two weeks after the 2016 NCAA individual champion at Oregon tied for second at the Wells Fargo Championship, two shots behind Jason Day.

Spieth doesn't have a top 10 finish in eight Nelson appearances, the most of any tournament for him.

"Felt like I played better than I scored," Spieth said. "Typically when you say that, it just means putts didn't go in."



Aaron Wise holds up the trophy after winning the AT&T Byron Nelson golf tournament Sunday in Dallas.

Eric Gay/Associated Press

Keeping up the streak

Andrews knows 8th straight title won't come easy

By Will Korn
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After such a dominant run over the last decade, local expectations soar each season for the Andrews girls golf team.

By a whopping 63 strokes, the Lady Mustangs captured their unprecedented seventh consecutive state title and 15th overall last season. For many folks in Andrews, failing to continue the streak isn't an option and for some others, the team adding another title to the illustrious collection is merely assumed.

But even with a major coaching change, the Andrews players have successfully rolled with the pressure and are back at the Class 4A state tournament once again, in search for No. 8 in a row. The Region I champion Lady Mustangs are scheduled to tee off from Hole 1 at 8 a.m. in today's first round at Marble Falls' Slick Rock Golf Course at Horseshoe Bay.

The tournament's second round commences Tuesday morning.

Perhaps the Lady Mustangs were feeling that heat during the first round of the Region I-4A Tournament late last month in Lubbock. In unusual fashion, the team shot a 316 and fell behind leader Abilene Wylie by seven shots after the first day's action.

Senior and West Texas A&M signee Rachel Huffman, who is making her third state appearance and finished fourth at state last year, said nerves definitely factored in to Andrews' first round performance at regionals. Despite their seemingly unmatched experience in post-season golf, she said jitters and pressure can still be a formidable opponent on the course.

Undoubtedly, some of that is of the Lady

Please see ANDREWS/4C

Forsan ready for third consecutive trip to Austin

By Will Korn
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The Forsan girls golf team is hoping the third time is the charm.

Two years ago, the Lady Buffaloes ventured down to Roy Kizer Golf Course in Austin a bit star struck by reaching the state tournament for the first time. New to the state scene, the team labored through a practice round unaware it had access to the clubhouse's golf carts.

That year, Forsan placed fifth at state and upon returning in 2017, the team moved up to second, finishing nine shots behind defending champion Memphis.

But now, with experience as their ally, the Lady Buffaloes will take concentrated aim at glory when they tee off in the Class 2A state golf tournament at 8:15 a.m. today at Roy Kizer Golf Course.

The second round commences Tuesday morning. Forsan junior Razyl Yanez, who finished second in the individual standings at the Region I-2A tournament in late April, said her state-seasoned teammates are far more prepared now for high school golf's grandest stage than they were in 2016.

"My freshman year, that was a rough trip (to state)," said Yanez, who finished seventh individually at state last year. "We didn't know the course, didn't know what we were doing. The experience will help (this year). We've felt the pressure before, so we know what to expect when we feel it again."

Forsan head coach Dave Park said there is a real fervor within the Forsan community surrounding his team's drive to state. Senior and Region I-2A champion Jillian Jones, Yanez and fellow junior Alexis Stercks are each making their third trip the state's capital. Freshman Sara Tarbet is the group's promising newcomer.



Courtesy photo

The Forsan girls golf team, from left, Razyl Yanez, Alexis Stercks, Jillian Jones and Sara Tarbet, pose after winning the District 7-2A championship April 2 in San Angelo.

Please see FORSAN/4C

Curry scores 35, Warriors rout Rockets by 41

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry got his groove back to score 35 points with five 3-pointers, shooting over James Harden and driving past the Houston star as the Golden State Warriors made a second-half statement to beat the Rockets 126-85 on Sunday night for a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference finals.

Kevin Durant added 25 points, six rebounds and six assists, while Draymond Green grabbed 17 rebounds to go with 10 points and six assists. The Warriors won an NBA-record 16th consecutive home postseason game, surpassing the Chicago Bulls' mark of 15 in a row from April 27, 1990-May 21, 1991.

The defending champions got defensive — and maybe a little mad — after a 127-105 Game 2 defeat Wednesday night at Houston, determined to make stops to ignite the transition game and open up 3-point shooters.

And they eventually got Curry going with 18 points on 7-for-7 shooting in the third quarter.

Harden had 20 points and nine assists, while Chris Paul added 13 points and 10 rebounds as they combined to shoot just 12 for 32.

Game 4 is Tuesday night at Oracle Arena. Curry and Durant each scored five quick points as Golden State opened the third quarter with a 10-0 burst to go ahead 64-43.

Under pressure from Paul, Curry swished a 3 from way back with 5:06 left in the third. He struggled with his long-range shot again early but drove through the paint at every chance.

Curry hit a baseline 3-pointer at the 9:02 mark of the first but missed his next five 3s before going 4 for 5 in the second half. He is now 7 of 25 from long range — he made one in each of the first two games.

The Warriors' five starters all scored in double figures, the first time they've done so this postseason.

Trevor Ariza and Green received a double-technical with 6:49 to play when Ariza shoved Green as they traded words.

Both potent offenses were slow getting rolling as the teams played strong defense.

Harden and Paul began 3 for 14 with Paul missing six shots before getting his first basket on goaltending against Andre Iguodala 2:39 before halftime.

Golden State began getting the looks it liked after halftime. The Warriors faced more stingy, in-the-face pressure from Houston, making it hard to get any early flow shooting. Durant hit his first 3 6:27 before halftime then missed from the deep the next time down.



Marco Jose Sanchez/Associated Press

Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) shoots against Houston Rockets guard Joe Johnson during the second half of Game 3 of the NBA Western Conference Finals on Sunday in Oakland, Calif.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Golf
NCAA Women's Individual National Championship, 3 p.m., GOLF
Major League Baseball
Kansas City at St. Louis, 7 p.m., MLB
Colorado at LA Dodgers, 10 p.m., MLB
Men's Soccer
Bundesliga, Relegation Playoff Leg 2: Holstein Kiel vs. VfL Wolfsburg, 1:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
Liga Adelante: CD Lugo vs. SD Huesca, 1:55 p.m., beIN E
National Basketball Association
East Final, Game 4: Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPN2
National Hockey League
East Final, Game 6: Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m., NBCSN
Tennis
ATP: Banque Eric Sturza Geneva Open, 5 a.m., TENNIS
Women's Soccer
UEFA Women's U17 Championship: Germany/England winner vs. Spain/Finland winner, 10:50 a.m., ESPN, UDN
RADIO
Major League Baseball
NY Yankees at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)
National Hockey League
East Final, Game 6: Washington at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m., KJTV 950 AM
Texas League Baseball
San Antonio at Midland, 11 a.m., Tuneln

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Girls Golf

Class 4A state tournament, Slick Rock Golf Course at Horse-shoe Bay, Marble Falls
Class 2A state tournament, Roy Kizer Golf Course, Austin
Class 1A state tournament, Lions Municipal Golf Course, Austin

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Options LHP Darnell Hester to Houston (L), RHP David Hale from Seattle.
BOSTON RED SOX — Sent RHP Hector Velazquez to Pawtucket (L) for a rehab assignment.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Options RHP Carson Faller to Charlotte (L), RHP Jason Pridmore to Durham (L).
HOUSTON ASTROS — Placed OF Denzel Clark on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Recalled INF J.D. Davis from Fresno (PCL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Placed 3B Chris Colabello on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday. Recalled SS Ryan Braun from Omaha (PCL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Placed C Rane Platero on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Thursday. Selected the contract of C Jose Brant from Salt Lake (PCL). Transferred RHP Rayann Madson to the 60-day DL.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Sent 3B Miguel Sano to Rochester (L) for a rehab assignment.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Claimed RHP Carlos Ramirez from Seattle.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed SS Aubrey Huff on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Friday. Recalled RHP Ryan Braun from Durham (L).
TEXAS RANGERS — Options RHP Angel Jimenez to Fresno (L), RHP Chris Martin from the 10-day DL. Sent RHP OF Drew Robinson to Fresno (L) for a rehab assignment.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Options RHP James Shuster to Reno (PCL), Selected the contract of RHP Clayton Kershaw from Reno, Transferred RHP

Golden Knights advance to Stanley Cup Final

Associated Press

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Ryan Reaves scored the winning goal, Marc-Andre Fleury made 31 saves and the Vegas Golden Knights pushed their remarkable expansion season into the Stanley Cup Final, beating the Winnipeg Jets 2-1 on Sunday in Game 5 of the Western Conference final. Alex Tuch also scored for the Knights. They lost Game 1 in Winnipeg before winning four straight to become the first expansion team since the 1968 St. Louis Blues — when the six initial expansion teams were put alone in the West — to get to the final.

Vegas will meet the Tampa Bay Lightning of the Washington Capitals in the final. Tampa Bay leads the Eastern Conference final 3-2, with Game 6 set for Monday night in

Washington.

Josh Morrissey scored for the Jets, and Connor Hellebuyck made 30 saves.

Reaves, the bruising Winnipeg native acquired from the Pittsburgh Penguins before the trade deadline in February, snapped a 1-1 tie with 6:39 left in the second period when he tipped Luca Sbisa's point shot past Hellebuyck for his first goal of the playoffs.

Winnipeg got a power play early in the third, but couldn't muster much of anything. The Knights smothered much of the Jets' attack for the next 10 minutes, with Hellebuyck having to come up with big stops on William Karlsson and Eric Haula to keep his team within one.

The Jets pressed with under 4 minutes to go, with Fleury stopping captain Blake Wheeler on the door-

step, but it wasn't nearly enough as the Knights closed out their third straight series on the road.

The Jets beat the Knights 4-2 in Game 1, but Vegas snatched home ice with a 3-1 victory in Game 2 before picking up 4-2 and 3-2 wins at T-Mobile Arena.

The Knights, whose jaw-dropping inaugural 109-point campaign included a Pacific Division crown, swept the Los Angeles Kings in the first round, and knocked out the San Jose Sharks in six games.

The Jets had the NHL's second-best record with 114 points in the regular season. They advanced to the first conference final in city's history with a five-game victory over the Minnesota Wild in the opening round before topping the Presidents' Trophy-winning Nashville Predators in

Game 7 on the road.

The usual raucous, white-clad crowd at Bell MTS Place — not to mention the thousands of fans outside the arena attending a street party on a sun-drenched spring afternoon — were silenced just 5:11 into Game 5 when Tuch jumped on Morrissey's turnover and fired his sixth past Hellebuyck.

The Jets were tentative to start and it got worse after the opener as Vegas dominated the next couple of shifts, forcing some good saves from Hellebuyck before Winnipeg got its feet moving.

After being outshot 7-1 in the first 17 minutes, the Jets finally pushed back and turned the tide with the next nine attempts on goal, culminating with Morrissey making amends for his early gaffe with 2:46 left in the period.

Carpenter takes top starting spot at Indy 500

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Ed Carpenter and Danica Patrick got exactly what they needed in qualifying Sunday.

Now comes the hard part: Finding a way to victory lane next weekend.

After crashing Roger Penske's front-row party by claiming his third Indianapolis 500 pole-winning run and watching his teammate, Patrick, qualify seventh for the final start of her career, Carpenter quickly turned his attention to hosting a bigger family celebration at the track his stepfather's family owns.

"We've been in this position before and ran a good race. I thought we had a chance to win (when we won our) first pole, we didn't really have the right game plan," Carpenter said. "I feel like we've learned a lot. I feel like I've gotten better since 2014. We've got a great package with Chevrolet and ECR and hopefully we'll be able to be in the mix (next) Sunday."

Carpenter has largely taken a back-seat to other prominent story lines this month.

Penske's team earned its 200th career win last week and was in position to claim the top three spots Sunday.

Patrick has drawn plenty of attention as she gears up for the final stop on her two-race farewell tour.

Helio Castroneves had the fastest car in qualifying Saturday and looked like he might break a tie for second by claiming his fifth career Indy pole. Instead, he'll chase a record-

tying fourth 500 win from the No. 8 starting spot.

The return of Bump Day left two drivers, James Hinchcliffe and Pippa Mann, searching for ways to get back into the field. There was no immediate indication if either had a pathway back though one door closed when IndyCar president of competition and operations Jay Frye told The Associated Press the traditional 33-car field would not be expanded.

But Carpenter's surprisingly quick four-lap qualifying run was all the rage Sunday.

He was the only driver to top 230 mph, the only one to turn four successive laps over 229 and the only one who beat Penske's drivers. Carpenter's average of 229.618 topped Simon Pagenaud's 228.761 and Will Power's 228.607.

Carpenter has five career starts from the first three rows but hasn't finished higher than 10th.

"Good job dad!" one of Carpenter's children said, stealing a hug at the end of the day.

Penske took the next three all with drivers who have won series titles — Pagenaud, Power and Josef Newgarden, who qualified second, third and fourth.

"You could say I'm the first loser, but I'm still happy," Pagenaud said after briefly holding No. 1 spot.

Patrick enjoyed her final qualifying day on the 2.5-mile oval.

The first female to lead Indy hasn't competed in an IndyCar since 2011. But she looked relaxed on the first run of the pole shootout and posted a number, 228.090, that looked like it might put her in the top

three.

It's the fourth time Patrick has qualified in the top nine, finishing fourth, eighth and 22nd on the previous occasions.

She was equally pleased with how her teammates — Carpenter and Spencer Pigot — fared. Pigot will start sixth, the outside of Row 2, after going 228.107.

"That's awesome. He deserves it," Patrick said, referring to Carpenter.

The drama that evoked so much intrigue Saturday was missing Sunday. Qualifying went pretty much according to script — until Castroneves came up well short of winning his fifth career Indy pole.

Indy 500 lineup

Starting

At Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Lap length: 2.5 miles

(Car number in parentheses)

- (38) Ed Carpenter, Chevrolet, 2:28.761 (229.618 mph)
- (22) Simon Pagenaud, Chevrolet, 2:27.808 (228.761)
- (12) Will Power, Chevrolet, 2:27.475 (228.607)
- (1) Josef Newgarden, Chevrolet, 2:27.615 (228.408)
- (18) Sebastian Bourdais, Honda, 2:27.795 (228.142)
- (21) Spencer Pigot, Chevrolet, 2:27.808 (228.107)
- (13) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 2:27.858 (228.090)
- (3) Helio Castroneves, Chevrolet, 2:27.924 (227.899)
- (9) Scott Dixon, Honda, 2:28.405 (227.289)
- (14) Tony Kanaan, Chevrolet, 2:28.129 (227.884)
- (4) Marcus Lund, Chevrolet, 2:28.182 (227.571)
- (28) Marco Andretti, Honda, 2:28.384 (227.288)
- (19) Zachary Claman De Mello, Honda, 2:28.590 (226.999)
- (24) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Honda, 2:28.738 (226.788)
- (23) Charlie Kimball, Chevrolet, 2:28.804 (226.657)
- (30) Takuma Sato, Honda, 2:28.900 (226.557)
- (32) Kyle Kasz, Chevrolet, 2:28.919 (226.588)
- (6) Robert Whitham, Honda, 2:28.988 (226.289)
- (33) James Davison, Chevrolet, 2:28.113 (226.255)
- (39) Alex Chilton, Chevrolet, 2:28.149 (226.212)
- (20) Carlos Munoz, Honda, 2:28.255 (226.048)
- (88) Gabby Chaves, Chevrolet, 2:28.274 (226.007)
- (25) Stefan Wilson, Honda, 2:28.389 (225.863)
- (24) Sage Karam, Chevrolet, 2:28.471 (225.823)
- (26) Zach Neach, Honda, 2:28.488 (225.748)
- (84) Orel Sanval, Honda, 2:28.504 (225.699)
- (27) (88) JH Hildebrand, Chevrolet, 2:28.782 (225.418)
- (7) Jay Howard, Honda, 2:28.724 (225.389)
- (19) Ed Jones, Honda, 2:28.743 (225.362)
- (15) Graham Rahal, Honda, 2:28.769 (225.327)
- (89) Josh Hansen, Honda, 2:28.818 (225.254)
- (27) Alexander Ross, Honda, 2:28.842 (225.195)
- (17) Connor Daly, Honda, 2:28.879 (224.428)

Road tripped: Celtics' Game 3 loss another playoff pothole

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Celtics were loose, smiling and laughing. They weren't straining to hear each other speak and there were no obnoxious Cleveland fans heckling them.

All was quiet as Boston worked out Sunday.

Practice isn't an issue on the road in the postseason. Playing games is the problem.

Less than 24 hours after a 30-point bludgeoning at the hands of LeBron James and the Cavaliers in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals, the Celtics did some film study and critical evaluation.

They were hard on themselves.

"I thought it was embarrassing," Celtics guard Jaylen Brown said of Boston's 116-86 loss — and his own performance. "I thought we came out, the way I played, the way I performed, how

not aggressive I was in the first half, I look at that as fuel to come out in Game 4 and be excited about it and be ready to play and ready to fight."

Brown scored just 10 points — 13 below his average after two games in the series — and was in almost immediate foul trouble as the Cavs dominated while pulling within 2-1 in the series.

Celtics coach Brad Stevens may change his lineup for Monday's Game 4, perhaps returning to center Aron Baynes and bringing Marcus Morris off the bench. Stevens has to do something to free up Al Horford, who has been held in check by Cleveland's Tristan Thompson the past two games.

By starting Baynes, Stevens could force Cavs coach Tyrone Lue to make a counter move — or even put Kevin Love — or even James — on Horford.

Stevens wouldn't tip his

hand. Beyond any lineup tweaks, more concerning for him may be his team's Jekyll-and-Hyde postseason play.

The Celtics have been sensational at home, going 9-0. But the road has been treacherous as Boston is 1-5 in trips to Milwaukee, Philadelphia and Cleveland, with the only win in overtime against the 76ers.

The Celtics have a case of homesickness. They aren't playing with the same intensity or confidence as they do when they're under those dangling NBA championship banners and retired jersey numbers atop TD Garden.

Boston had one of the league's best road records during the regular season, going 28-13 — only Houston and Golden State were better. But with several young players, including 20-year-old Jayson Tatum, the Celtics are learning that playing in front of hostile playoff crowds can be

daunting.

"It's very different," said Horford, who took only four shots in Game 3. "I think that at home, you have your home crowd behind you. You have a comfort level about you. And on the road, literally it's just you against everybody else. It takes a while for you to get used to and understand how well you have to play on the road. You have to be able to do all the little things in order to have a chance."

The good thing for Boston is that it doesn't have to win a road game to make the Finals.

Cleveland does, but James has been down this path before. He's twice rallied teams from 2-0 deficits.

The Cavs seized control from the opening tip in Game 3, bursting to a 20-4 lead and then clamping down defensively on the Celtics, who didn't get the open looks they enjoyed in Games 1 and 2.

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ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

MISSIONS 8, ROCKHOUNDS 5

At Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Webster Rivas was 3-for-4 with a triple, home run, three RBIs and two runs scored to lead the Missions. Teammate Peter Van Gansen was 2-for-3 with a home run, two RBIs and two runs scored. ... Midland's J.P. Sportman was 3-for-4 with a home run, RBI and two runs scored for the RockHounds, teammate Brett Vertigan was 3-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored, while Tyler Marincov was 2-for-3 with a double, home run, RBI, walk and two runs scored.

TOP PITCHERS: San Antonio starter Logan Allen earned his sixth win of the season after he allowed three runs on seven hits with two walks and 12 strikeouts over six innings. ... Missions reliever Brad Wieck picked up his fourth save of the year after he allowed one hit and struck out one in a scoreless ninth inning.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland took an early 2-0 lead with a two-run double by Sean Murphy in the first inning. After a solo home run by Marincov in the fourth inning to give Midland a 3-0 lead, the Missions scored

TL standings

North Division			
Team	W	L	Pct. GB
Springfield (Cardinals)	22	20	.524 —
Tulsa (Dodgers)	22	20	.524 —
NW Arkansas (Royals)	20	22	.476 2
Arkansas (Mariners)	20	22	.476 2

South Division			
Team	W	L	Pct. GB
San Antonio (Padres)	27	16	.625 —
Corpus Christi (Astros)	25	18	.581 2
Midland (Athletics)	21	22	.486 6
Frisco (Rangers)	13	30	.302 14

Sunday's scores			
Arkansas 11, Tulsa 13	Innings		
San Antonio 8, Midland 5			
Corpus Christi 9, Frisco 7			
Northwest Arkansas 6, Springfield 3			

Today's games
San Antonio at Midland, 11 a.m.
Corpus Christi at Frisco, 11:05 a.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Springfield, 11:10 a.m.
Arkansas at Tulsa, 12:05 p.m.

two in the fifth, four in the sixth and another run in the seventh to take a 7-3 lead. In the big sixth inning, Rivas had a two-run triple and Van Gansen added a two-run home run. ... Sportman hit his solo homer in the bottom of the seventh to cut it to 7-4.

NOTES: The RockHounds turned three double plays in

the game. ... San Antonio has won two of three games in this four-game series, which wraps up at 11 a.m. today with Security Awareness Day for area school kids. Today's game also wraps up the eight-game homestand.

TODAY'S PROBABLES:
San Antonio — LHP Jerry Keel (2-0, 5.24 ERA); Midland — RHP Norge Ruiz (2-4, 4.91).

MISSIONS 8, ROCKHOUNDS 5									
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Naylor	5	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Francis	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allen	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thomson	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
V.Garcia	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gutierrez	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Alley	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kohlschutter	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tate	35	8	16	8	0	0	0	0	0
San Antonio	200	88	110	4	0	0	0	0	0
Midland	200	110	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

E — Allen (2), Sportman (3), DP — Midland 2, LOB — San Antonio 3, Midland 10, 2B — Naylor (8), Murphy (18), Marincov (4), SS — Rivas (1), HOF — Rivas (1), Marincov (4), Sportman (4), SB — Tate (5), Sportman (6), Murphy (1).

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Chicago White Sox's Tim Anderson, left, scores on a single by Leury Garcia during the third inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers on Sunday in Chicago.

Lopez goes 8 innings as White Sox blank Rangers 3-0

By Jay Cohen
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Reynaldo Lopez hid the ball in his glove as White Sox manager Rick Renteria approached the mound. Renteria asked if Lopez had enough left to retire Shin-Soo Choo, and Lopez said it was his batter.

That was all Renteria needed to hear. Lopez finished a career-high eight innings by striking out Choo with a runner on first, and Chicago beat the Texas Rangers 3-0 on Sunday for its first home series win this season.

"The way he went out today, there was a lot of conviction and intensity and focus in his outing today, from pitch one," Renteria said.

Lopez (1-3) allowed two hits, struck out eight and walked two in his first victory since Sept. 22 against Kansas City. The right-hander has been Chicago's best starter this year, but has been hurt by poor run support.

Leury Garcia had two hits and two RBIs, and Wellington Castillo homered as the major league-worst White Sox (13-30) took three of four against last-place Texas. They won consecutive games for the first time since winning three in a row at Kansas City from April 26-28.

"This was one of the best games for us," Garcia said.

Texas (18-30) lost for the sixth time in eight games and was shut out for the first time this season. Mike Minor (3-3) struck out a season-high nine in five innings, but was charged with three runs and six hits.

Choo singled in the first and Carlos Perez led off the third with a double for the Rangers' only hits. Jace Fry pitched a perfect ninth for his first career save.

"The effort's there. However, we've got to reassess what our identity is and who we are," Texas manager Jeff Banister said. "I know we're a better ballclub than this. I know

our hitters should be able to pose a better attack than we did today."

Lopez retired 17 of 18 batters before Delino DeShields walked with two outs in the eighth, prompting the visit from Renteria. The crowd cheered when Renteria left Lopez in, and the pitcher pounded his chest after he struck out Choo swinging to end the inning.

The 24-year-old Lopez struggled in his previous start, yielding six runs in two-plus innings during a 7-0 loss at Pittsburgh on Tuesday night.

"I just changed my attitude in the game," Lopez said through a translator. "I was more positive today than I was in my last outing, and I think that was one of the biggest differences."

Castillo put the White Sox in front with a one-out drive deep into the seats in left in the second. Garcia added an opposite-field, two-run single in the third, with Tim Anderson sliding in ahead of Perez's tag.

McCullers, McCann lead Astros to 3-1 win over Indians

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Lance McCullers allowed one hit over seven innings and Brian McCann hit a two-run homer to lead the Houston Astros to a 3-1 win over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday night.

With the game still scoreless in the seventh inning, McCann sent the ball over the Astros' bullpen in right-center field off an 87 mph changeup from Indians starter Carlos Carrasco (5-3). The homer brought home Yuli Gurriel, who had led off the inning with a single.

The defending champion Astros had recently struggled against Cleveland, entering Sunday as losers of six of their previous seven meetings. But McCullers (6-2) was perfect through five innings, retiring the first 15 batters he faced with six strikeouts, two ground balls and seven fly balls. One of the flyouts came in the first inning when Astros left fielder Tony Kemp chased down a ball near the foul line and made a leaping grab at the wall.

McCullers' perfect game attempt was broken up when Jason Kipnis led off the sixth inning with a line-drive single to right center on a 2-2 count, but the Indians were unable to get much else going against McCullers.

McCullers walked two and struck out eight on 96 pitches, completing seven innings for the fourth time in his last seven starts. He has allowed two hits or fewer in three of those starts during this stretch. Ken Giles earned his eighth save of the season.

Carrasco matched McCullers' seven

innings, but allowed six hits and two runs while striking out six and walking one.

Josh Reddick pushed Houston's lead to 3-0 with a ground-rule double to center off Tyler Olson that scored Alex Bregman. Reddick returned from a two-game absence with a leg infection.

The Indians scored their only run on a fielder's choice grounder by Edwin Encarnacion that scored Michael Brantley, who led off the inning with a double.

Cleveland outfielder Melky Cabrera, who was called up from Triple-A Columbus on Sunday, played right field and batted sixth. Cabrera went 0 for 3 in his Indians debut, including lining out to right field to strand two runners in the seventh.

Trainer's room

Indians: LHP Andrew Miller (back tightness) threw a bullpen session and received treatment before Sunday's game and said he felt fine. Miller, who recently returned from a three-week absence with a hamstring strain, was unavailable to pitch on Saturday because of the lingering back discomfort.

Astros: OF Derek Fisher has been sent to the 10-day disabled list with gastrointestinal discomfort that has limited his food intake and caused noticeable weight loss in recent days, manager A.J. Hinch said. Fisher played with discomfort on Friday against Cleveland and will see a specialist Monday. To replace Fisher, the Astros recalled IF J.D. Davis, who leads Triple-A with a .415 batting average at Fresno.

MLB GLANCE

Associated Press									
Kansas City (Royals) 1-0 at St. Louis (Brewers) 5-0, 7:15 p.m.					(4), Renteria (1).				
Colorado (Rockies) 2-0 at L.A. Dodgers (outlet) 2-1, 8:10 p.m.					Angels 9, Rays 2				
Texas (Rangers) 3-0 at Tampa Bay (Rays) 0-0					Blue Jays 9, Athletics 2				
Cleveland (Indians) 1-0 at Houston (Astros) 0-0					Toronto (Blue Jays) 9-2 on Sunday to complete a four-game sweep.				
Pittsburgh (Pirates) 5-1 on Sunday					Marcus Semien hit a two-run home run and had three RBIs, and Matt Chapman had three hits and a walk as Oakland swept a four-game road series for the first time since September 2016 at Kansas City.				
San Francisco (Giants) 5-1 on Sunday					Mariners 3, Tigers 2				
Seattle (Mariners) 3-0 on Sunday					Seattle — Mitch Haniger hit a tying two-run homer in the ninth inning and Jean Segura's RBI single in the 11th gave the Seattle Mariners a 3-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Sunday.				
Minnesota (Twins) 3-0 on Sunday					Minnesota starter Francisco Lirio took a no-hitter into the seventh but closer Shane Bieber blew his third save of the season, giving up Haniger's 11th home run on an 0-2 pitch with one out.				
Los Angeles (Dodgers) 7-2 on Sunday to complete a three-game sweep.					Angels 5, Rays 2				
Hermendez's blast off Stephen Strasburg in the fifth inning put the Dodgers up 3-2. Yasmani Grandal also homered off Strasburg (5-4), who allowed three runs and five hits over 6 2/3 innings with seven strikeouts.					Anaheim, Calif. — Shohei Ohtani struck out nine while throwing 7 2/3 innings of excellent six-hit ball in his seventh career start, and the Los Angeles Angels snapped their five-game skid with a 5-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday.				
Martin Maldonado homered and drove in two runs, and Zack Cozart drove in two more runs on sacrifice flies as the Angels wrapped up a disappointing 11-game homestand with only four victories — including both games started by Ohtani (4-1).					Yankees 10, Royals 1				
Austin Hill a pair of two-run homers, Sonny Gray pitched eight innings of four-hit ball and the New York Yankees beat the Kansas City Royals 10-1 on Sunday to win eight consecutive games for the first time since 1996.					Miguel Andujar and Austin Romo added back-to-back homers in the ninth for the Yankees, who have won 14 of their last 15 against the AL				

Standings									
American League					National League				
East Division					East Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	28	12	.700	—	Atlanta	28	17	.622	—
Boston	28	13	.683	1	Philadelphia	28	18	.558	1
Tampa Bay	21	20	.512	7 1/2	New York	29	19	.540	3 1/2
Seattle	17	22	.436	10 1/2	Washington	24	21	.530	4
Chicago	19	28	.400	15 1/2	Miami	17	29	.368	11 1/2
Central Division					Central Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	20	20	.500	—	Minnesota	28	19	.595	—
Minnesota	17	20	.457	1 1/2	Chicago	25	19	.568	1 1/2
Detroit	16	22	.420	2	St. Louis	25	19	.568	1 1/2
Kansas City	13	28	.317	7 1/2	Pittsburgh	26	20	.565	1 1/2
Chicago	10	27	.270	8 1/2	Cincinnati	16	32	.333	12 1/2
West Division					West Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	26	16	.619	—	Arizona	25	21	.543	—
Los Angeles	24	16	.600	1	Colorado	25	22	.530	1
Seattle	23	17	.575	1 1/2	San Francisco	24	24	.500	2
Oakland	20	21	.485	5 1/2	Los Angeles	20	26	.435	5
Texas	16	28	.361	10	San Diego	20	28	.417	6

Schedules									
American League					National League				
Sunday's Games					Sunday's Games				
Boston 5, Baltimore 9					Chicago Cubs 4, Cincinnati 1				
Oakland 9, Toronto 2					N.Y. Yankees 10, Kansas City 1				
Chicago White Sox 3, Texas 0					L.A. Angels 5, Tampa Bay 2				
Minnesota 3, Milwaukee 1					Seattle 3, Detroit 2, 11 innings				
N.Y. Yankees 10, Kansas City 1					Houston 3, Cleveland 1				
L.A. Angels 5, Tampa Bay 2					Monday's Games				
Seattle 3, Detroit 2, 11 innings					N.Y. Yankees (Royals 4-2) at Texas (Cubs 2-1), 7:05 p.m.				
Houston 3, Cleveland 1					Baltimore (Cubs 1-5) at Chicago White Sox (Brewers 5-1), 7:10 p.m.				
Monday's Games					Detroit (Rays) at Minnesota (Brewers 4-4), 7:10 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Royals 4-2) at Texas (Cubs 2-1), 7:05 p.m.					Kansas City (Royals 1-4) at St. Louis (Brewers 5-0), 7:15 p.m.				
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NETS 4, DIAMONDBACKS 1
NEW YORK — Améd Rosario hit his first two home runs of the season and pinch-hitter Aubrey Huff homered to give the Nets a 4-1 victory over the New York Yankees and the New York Mets over the Arizona Diamondbacks 4-1 Sunday for a surprising sweep.

The Mets hadn't won back-to-back games in more than a month before rolling past the NL West leaders for their first three-game sweep at home since September 2016 vs. Minnesota's Twins. Arizona had four in a row and 10 of 11, scoring just 22 runs in that span.

GIANTS 6, ROCKIES 5
SAN FRANCISCO — Brandon

in two games. His solo shot off Aaron Nola (9-21) in the sixth made it 3-1.

Interleague

TWINS 3, BREWERS 1
MINNEAPOLIS — Logan Morrison hit a two-run single to give the Minnesota Twins offense a much-needed lift, and four relievers worked 3 1/3 scoreless innings in a 3-1 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday.

Morrison's liner hit high off the right-field wall with one out and the bases loaded in the eighth against reliever Boone Logan. Minnesota was 3 for 18 with runners in scoring position in the series before Morrison's hit.

The Twins salvaged the final game of the series, snapping a three-game skid with an injury-depleted lineup.

Addison Reed (1-3) struck out one batter in one hitless inning. Fernando Rodney struck out the side in the ninth to secure his ninth as. in 12 chances.

WEEKEND POKER TOURNAMENT



Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram



RIGHT: Players are shown on the first day of the Main Event poker tournament Saturday at Kojack's Poker Club. LEFT: Darrell Hopkins plays during the first day of the Main Event

GOLF CAPSULE

GARDEN CITY'S WOOD MAKING 2ND TRIP TO STATE

LOGAN WOOD
School: Garden City

Class:

Sophomore

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Class 1A

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Tuesday, Lions Municipal

Golf Course, Austin

Notes: Wood is looking

to improve on her eighth-place

finish at the state tournament

a year ago. Wood shot a 97-

89—186 last year after win-

ning the Region II-A Tourna-

ment title. ... This year, Wood

qualified for her second

straight state appearance af-

ter finishing in a tie for fourth

at the region tournament in

San Angelo last month with a

96-95—191 total. ... Garden

City coach and Logan's dad,

David Wood, said because her

road to Austin hasn't

been as easy as last year.

She's had to work harder

at tournaments to get back

here. "She's a tougher player

now," he said. "She's just

so much more mature. She

had too much success as a

freshman, and she thought

it was going to come easy.

But she realized, "I need to

work at it a little harder." Our

goal is to finish in the top 10.

It was a little overwhelming

in eighth, ... and she finished

in eighth. ... Wood is sched-

uled to tee off at 9:15 a.m.

today.

—Compiled by Oscar

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PRO GOLF SCORES



Eric Gay/Associated Press

Aaron Wise hits off the 16th tee during the final round of the AT&T Byron Nelson golf tournament Sunday in Dallas.

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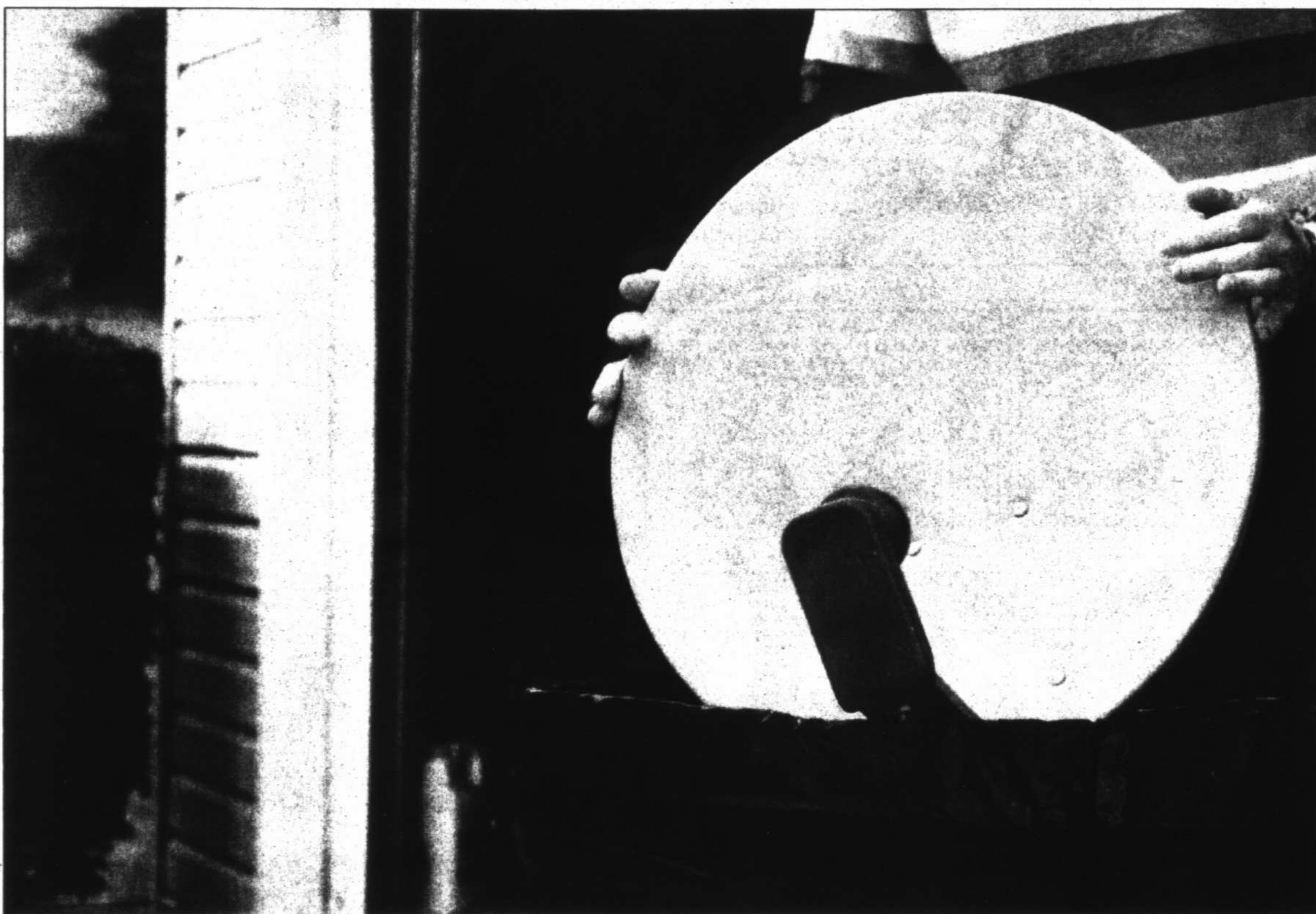
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- Enters data into the computer regarding police actions or projects.
- Processes and routes mail as needed.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

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

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

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

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- 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.

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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 and troubleshoots technology and makes recommendations for constant improvements to network and infrastructure services and capabilities.

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
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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 legal 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 blueprints, correspondence and manuals. Ability to write reports and correspondence. Skilled in math. Skilled to communicate both orally and in writing. Knowledge of office equipment including personal computer.

High school diploma or equivalent and a valid Texas driver's license required. Certification through Texas Department Health as a Certified Code Enforcement Officer, or ability to obtain after one year of training. Certification as Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector, or ability to obtain within one year.

Benefits:

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Performs field work regarding current or past water service.

Job Duties:

- Turns water on for new customers, disconnects water for customers leaving or re-connects 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.

Benefits:

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NOW HIRING
Effluent Distribution Technician

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

Job Duties:

- Determines which pump units to operate and maintains center pivots in good working order. Repairs and services when necessary
- Operates gates and lagoon system in order to store water without allowing holding ponds to overflow. Determines where and when to store water
- Monitors operations in order to apply the proper amount of water
- Repairs water line leaks and breaks
- Uses equipment such as loaders and backhoes in order to fill gullies caused by operations
- Maintains and repairs electrical systems on central pivot units
- Performs related duties as required

Qualifications:

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

Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders in order to maintain or repair meters or parts. Skill in writing to record results

High school diploma or equivalent required plus six months to one year of experience. C Operator's certification from the TNRC. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:

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NOW HIRING
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, jewelry 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.

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NOW HIRING
Well Field Technician - Paul Davis

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

RELOCATION MANDATORY

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

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

Benefits:

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NOW HIRING

Electrical/Electronics Tech - WPP

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

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

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

High school diploma or equivalent required plus two years of experience. A valid Apprentice Electrician license from the State of Texas or have successfully completed 2 college hours of electronics coursework would be preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must also obtain a valid state of Texas class "C" or above water works license.

Benefits:

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NOW HIRING

Equipment Operator - Landfill

Disposes of 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 citizens
- Performs related duties as assigned

Qualifications:

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

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

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

Benefits:

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NOW HIRING

Equipment Operator - Water and Wastewater

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

Qualifications:

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

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

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

Benefits:

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Maintenance Specialist - Parks - Sports Complex

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

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

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

Benefits:

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MIDLAND

NOW HIRING

Lab Technician

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

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

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

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

Benefits:

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Lead Water Purification Plant Operator

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

Benefits:

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Plant Maintenance Mechanic - Water Purification Plant

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

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

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

Benefits:

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MIDLAND

NOW HIRING

Well Field Technician - Airport Well Field

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

Still in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, motors and tower operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity and electronics. Skill in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. On call 24/7 of overnights and weekends.

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

Benefits:

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Service Center Technician

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

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

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

DAYS & HOURS:
Monday - Friday: 2:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Benefits:

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Utility Plant Operator - Water Purification Plant

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

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

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

Benefits:

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Utility Plant Operator - WPCP

Assists in the operation of the waste water treatment plant.

Job Duties:

- Collects water samples for testing and analysis in primary treatment area.
- Operates and maintains primary treatment equipment and observes the operation of related plant equipment.
- Reads gauges, records information and reports problems to the Operator, or other supervisors.
- Performs janitorial and grounds keeping duties in assigned area.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

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

Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders to collect samples for analysis. Skill in writing to record results. Shift work required.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus ability to obtain C operator's certification from the THFCC within established time constraints. Valid Texas Driver's License.

DAYS & HOURS:
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Equipment Operator - Traffic Operations

Perform 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 employees, management and citizens in order to effectively receive and complete assigned work.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to traffic control devices and operations. Knowledge of the processes used in traffic control maintenance. Employee must be able to follow instructions for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools is required. Employee must be able to use heavy equipment required in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and stripping 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 be obtained within 6 months of employment.

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
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TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

MIDLAND

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Equipment Operator - Transportation

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

Job Duties:

- Performs routine maintenance and repair of City streets and alleys through the operation of light and heavy equipment including walk-behind saws and compactors, dump trucks and water trucks, and other equipment related to the maintenance of streets and alleys.
- Performs daily preventative maintenance of equipment.
- Performs manual work and general labor such as making street and curb cuts.
- Maintains tools and equipment.
- Assists with the proper set up of work zone traffic control.
- Assists in loading and unloading of transported material and equipment.
- Fulfills on-call duties as required and outlined on Transportation's on-call roster.
- Assists with the maintenance of Transportation's buildings and grounds.
- Assists other City divisions and departments, as needed.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

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

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

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

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

Benefits:

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Maintenance Specialist - Transportation

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

Job Duties:

- Performs routine maintenance and/or construction on streets, alleys, right of ways, drainage channels, etc.
- Performs daily preventative maintenance of motorized equipment or hand tools.
- Performs manual work and general labor such as weed cutting, pothole repair, shoveling, etc.
- Maintains tools and equipment in good and safe operating condition.
- Performs any related duties needed to complete projects.
- Installs and maintains signage throughout the city.
- Paints lane lines on the streets and thoroughfares. Paints designated curb.
- Installs lane marking devices.
- Trims trees in order to clear sign obstructions.
- Fabricates signs.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work schedules, status reports and records of work orders.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Employee communicates with other employees in the work group.

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

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

Benefits:

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