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## FATAL WRECK

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## City Council approves new stormwater fee

Monthly collection scheduled to begin in October, last 10 years

By Stewart Doreen  
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The Midland City Council cited the need to improve and maintain drainage in a growing community as the reason to approve a monthly fee for residential and commercial property owners.

The council on Tuesday gave its OK to the creation of a "municipal drainage

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utility" and new fees that are expected to raise \$2.47 million annually for stormwater drainage improvements across the city.

Council members also decided to include a 10-year sunset that calls for fees to end unless a future council decides to continue it.

There was opposition, as expected, to creation of the fee. Comments included it was an alleged violation of the U.S. Constitution, the appearance of the fee is an alleged money grab and contrary to the community's conservatism and the rates are unfair to less affluent Midlanders.

Council members again stressed the needs with Midland's stormwater drainage system, especially how water moves from northwest to southeast, leaving parts of District 2 (a more economically disadvantaged part of the community) flooded. City leaders referred to the 10-year, \$20 million project plan, which these fees will help fund. That plan will help reduce

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## COUNTING CRASHES



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Midkiff Road and Loop 250, photographed Tuesday afternoon, is the most dangerous intersection in Midland, according to the city's Traffic Operations Division.

### City: Most dangerous intersection is on Loop 250

Volume of traffic increases by nearly 2 percent; number of crashes increases 16 percent

From staff reports

The most dangerous intersections in Midland last year were along Loop 250, according to the city's Traffic Operations Division's annual assessment of crashes within city limits.

The most dangerous intersection is located at Loop 250 and Midkiff Road. That intersection is followed by Loop 250 and Big Spring Street and then Loop 250 and Midland Drive.

Overall, traffic volume counts increased nearly 2 percent compared to 2016, according to the report. That level of growth appears consistent with the 2.5 percent population growth many community leaders believe is taking place during this economic uptick.

Traffic Operations officials believe volume is expected to increase this year.

The report also shows reported crashes increased 16 percent — from 3,228 in 2016 to 3,755 in 2017. This figure is below the peak of 2014, when there were 4,013 crashes.

The number of fatalities also increased in the last year, moving from 11 in 2016 to 18 in 2017. In 2014, the city reported

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## Saudis push OPEC for oil price near \$80 a barrel

By Javier Blas  
Bloomberg

Saudi Arabia wants to get oil prices near \$80 a barrel to pay for the government's crowded policy agenda and support the valuation of state energy giant Aramco before an initial public offering.

In conversations with OPEC delegates and oil market participants, Saudi officials had been careful to avoid pinpointing an exact price target. Yet people who have spoken to them said the inescapable conclusion from the conversations was that Riyadh is aiming for \$80.

The private discussions, relayed by several people who met the Saudis over the last month and asked not to be named to protect their relationship with the kingdom, chimes with the hawkish tone in public from Saudi officials.

Oil extended gains. London's benchmark Brent crude futures rose as much as 2.3 percent to \$70.21 a barrel.

In an interview with Time magazine last week, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman made the first public statement linking his expectation of higher oil prices with the timing of the initial public offering of Saudi Aramco.

"We believe oil prices will get higher in this year and also get higher in 2019, so we are trying to pick the right time," he told the magazine in reference to the IPO. Riyadh, which initially targeted the second half of 2018 for the listing, is now aiming for next year.

### CUTTING INVENTORIES

Saudi Oil Minister Khalid Al-Falih has also sounded increasingly hawkish in public, suggesting that OPEC should keep tightening the oil market even though the cartel is close to meeting its goal of cutting crude inventories in industrialized countries back to their five-year average.

In an interview in New York last month, he said today's price near \$70 a barrel hadn't been sufficient to stimulate

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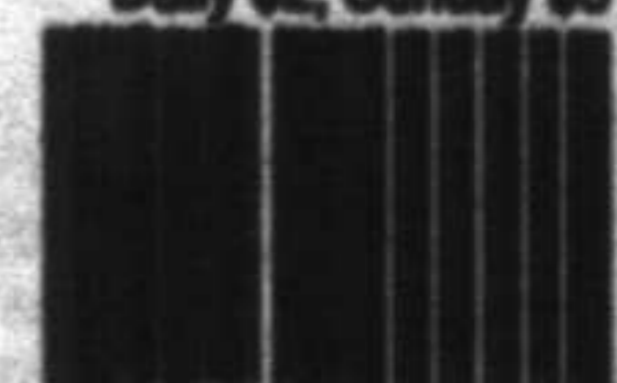
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## Man arrested on assault charge

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Sunday after allegedly assaulting a female, according to court documents.

Gregory Allen Knapp, 55, was being held Tuesday on a \$50,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault on a family/house member by impeding breath/circulation and a \$500 bond for a Class A misdemeanor charge of unlawful restraint.

A Midland police officer was dispatched to a residence at about 4:45 p.m. Sunday in reference to a

female screaming for help. The female was sleeping on a couch when Knapp allegedly woke her by banging her head against the armrest. The female tried to escape, but Knapp pinned her against the couch with his shin on her throat, according to his arrest affidavit. She hit and scratched Knapp during the incident and remembers seeing black spots and stars, according to the affidavit.

The female was later running toward the door when Knapp allegedly blocked the exit, threw her to the ground and started choking her.

Knapp had injuries that were consistent with defensive wounds from the female, according to the affidavit. If convicted of the third-degree felony charge, Knapp could face up to 10 years imprisonment.



Knapp

## Man arrested on burglary charges

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Saturday after allegedly entering a residence and storage building without the consent of the owners, according to court documents.

Jose Rodriguez, 25, was being held Tuesday on two \$15,000 bonds for second-degree felony charges of burglary of a habitation.

A Midland police officer was dispatched at about 6:25 p.m. March 28 in reference to a burglary.

A person — identified as Rodriguez — forced open a door to a residence and took video games and

electronic devices, according to his arrest affidavit. He also allegedly broke into a storage building and stole equipment.

One week later, a police detective found four items belonging to the property owners at a pawnshop, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of a second-degree felony charge, Rodriguez could face up to 20 years imprisonment.



Rodriguez

## MPD: Midland man is one of two fatalities in SH 191 collision

From staff reports

Two people, including a 24-year-old Midland man, died Monday night in a collision on State Highway 191, according to Midland police.

It was the first multi-person fatality on roads inside Midland County this year and brings the total number of deaths overall to nine, according to Reporter-Telegram records. It was the first fatality since April 3.

Midland police reported Tuesday that around 9:40 p.m. Monday officers responded to the scene of a two-vehicle collision on SH 191 near the intersection with County Road 1275.

Investigators determined that a Nissan Rogue was westbound on SH 191, while a Toyota Avalon was traveling eastbound.

The Avalon left the traffic lane, entered the median and entered the westbound traffic lanes on SH 191 still traveling eastbound, according to a press release from the city's spokeswoman. The Avalon collided head-on with the Rogue.

The driver of the Avalon — Tylor Richoux, 24, of Midland — and one passenger of the Rogue — Michelle Nguyen, 45, of Odessa — died by the time officers arrived at the scene, according to the release.

The driver of the Rogue and an additional passenger in the Rogue, both adult females, were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The investigation is continuing.

## EPA to clean up toxic site damaged by Harvey

By Jason Dearen and Michael Biesecker  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal environmental regulators have reached a long-awaited agreement with the owners of a polluted toxic waste site in Texas that was damaged during Hurricane Harvey, releasing dangerous chemicals into a river.

The Environmental Protection Agency says it reached a final deal with International Paper Co. and McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corp. to design a plan to remove dioxin-contaminated materials from the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site, located outside Houston.

Both companies, which had fought cleanup efforts for years, said in statements that they look forward to working with

EPA to protect the river and community.

EPA says the estimated cost for the project is \$115 million and is expected to take more than two years.

The Associated Press reported last year that more than a dozen Superfund sites including the San Jacinto pits were flooded by Harvey. EPA's press office assailed AP's reporting as fear-mongering "yellow journalism" but weeks later acknowledged leaks of potentially harmful materials from San Jacinto and a second Houston-area site.

The expansive cleanup project announced Tuesday includes removing 212,000 cubic yards of contaminated materials and creating infrastructure to contain remaining pollutants so they don't spread beyond the site. The work will be overseen by EPA and state environment regulators.

## Commissioners approve Drug Court magistrate recommendation

From staff reports

Midland County commissioners on Tuesday took action approving the selection of Elizabeth Rainey as magistrate for the newly established Drug Court.

The vote came after Judge David W. Lindemood, administrative judge, made the recommendation to commissioners. He said district judges and county court of law judges interviewed seven applicants for the position and unanimously selected Rainey.

"Today's action was different because the other two specialty courts — the

Veterans Court and the Mental Health Court — are currently under the direction and in the processing of two district judges who asked for those themselves," said Midland County Judge Mike Bradford.

Unlike the other specialty courts, the person presiding over the Drug Court is appointed and not elected. Also, the Commissioners' Court created the



Rainey

program.

"It manages the jail population, and it gives relief to these chronic issues we have in the community with drugs and drinking," Bradford said.

Rainey is a Lockhart native and has lived in Midland since 2011. She is of counsel at Ward & Myers LLP, paralegal program director at Midland College and a juvenile defense attorney for Midland County.

"I'm ready to get started," she said.

Tuesday's Commissioners' Court session was the continuation of the regular meeting that was held the previous day. Bradford

said commissioners had questions during executive session and spent time getting answers.

Rainey will work with Allen Bell, agency director for adult probation, and Laura A. Nodolf, Midland County district attorney, to define details about the Drug Court, according to Lindemood. Rainey's salary was approved as \$90,000.

Bradford said Drug Court will initially be held in the courtroom of Judge Sylvia Chavez, which isn't used every weekday.

Commissioner Luis D. Sanchez of Precinct 3 was not present at the meeting.

## Council gives OK to alcohol sales at Regal Theaters

By Stewart Doreen  
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The Midland City Council approved an alcohol permit Tuesday for Regal Theaters on Loop 250.

Representatives of Regal clarified that its intention was not to have a one-drink-per-customer limit — as was previously reported through the Planning and Zoning process — but that the theater will serve the customer one drink at a time. Representatives said customers can buy up to three drinks per theater visit.

Still, there was conversation with the council that "times are changing" and the council should not create a "competitive disadvantage" for a business. Midland's other theater —

Cinergy Cinemas — serves alcohol, and since the council rejected Regal's previous attempt to obtain a permit, it approved a permit for the Chuck E Cheese children's entertainment center to serve alcohol for adults.

"I'm against (Regal's wanting to serve alcohol)," Councilman Jeff Sparks said, "but it is not fair to not give them the permit since we have in other instances."

Sparks added that it is "sad" that today's culture is such that people can't go to a movie without having a drink.

Council member Sharla Hotchkiss was the lone vote against the permit. She said her constituents have been vocal in telling her that they prefer having an alcohol-free theater to take

their families.

Regal officials said they will continue to have off-duty law enforcement officers on the premises on Friday and Saturday nights. Also, Interim Police Chief Seth Herman said there have been not been any instances at Cinergy or Chuck E Cheese that were "directly alcohol-related."

Regal officials said a customer who wants to buy alcoholic drinks will have to obtain a wristband. Each time the customer purchases a drink, the wristband will be marked and the customer will have to show ID. Alcoholic drinks will be served in translucent cups.

Regal officials said that currently 15 of its theaters in Texas have permits to sell alcohol. They also said alcohol currently represents 5 percent of total sales, and food is 10 times that amount.

Regal's ability to serve alcohol will be part of a menu upgrade. Regal officials said the new menu will include burgers, chicken sandwiches, chicken tenders and other fried options.

## Border Patrol agent charged in deaths of woman, infant

By David Warren  
Associated Press

DALLAS — A supervisor for the U.S. Border Patrol killed a woman with whom he was romantically involved and her 1-year-old child before calling 911 claiming to have discovered the bodies near a park along the border with Mexico, Texas authorities said Tuesday.

Ronald Anthony Burgos Aviles, 28, was being held without bond in the Webb County jail on two counts of capital murder.

Joe Baeza, police spokesman in the border city of Laredo, said Burgos

Aviles was identified as a person of interest within an hour of the 911 call Monday, but Baeza declined to elaborate.

He said Grizelda Hernandez, 27, and her son, Dominick Alexander Hernandez, likely were killed Monday near the park, which is adjacent to the Rio Grande and just south of the World Trade Bridge that carries traffic between the U.S.

and Mexico.

Burgos Aviles and the woman were in a romantic relationship, Baeza said. The investigation will determine if Dominick was Burgos Aviles' child.

"This isn't over," Baeza said. "This investigation is just barely getting started."

Authorities declined to provide the manner of death for the two. Online jail records do not indicate an attorney for Burgos Aviles to answer the allegations.

Burgos Aviles was a nine-year veteran of the Border Patrol, Baeza said, and had been promoted last year.

Jason Owens, Border Patrol chief for the agency's Laredo sector, said at a news conference Tuesday that the deaths represent a "horrific tragedy."

"The actions of this individual, if true, are both inexcusable and reprehensible," Owens said. "No one is more sickened than we are at the thought of someone wearing this uniform committing such a heinous act."

Baeza said investigators are working to learn more about Burgos Aviles' relationship with Hernandez and many other aspects of the case, such as whether the suspect acted alone or had help.

Webb County District Attorney Isidro Alaniz said it's too early to determine if prosecutors will seek the death penalty, adding that the case "is being given extreme priority."

## TRAFFIC

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24 fatalities.

The city reports that because of the variations in daily traffic patterns, caution should be exercised in determining trends by comparing counts

between multiple years at any specific location. Additionally, the city has changed the way that an "intersection crash" is evaluated by extending the distance from the intersection within which a crash is counted.

"Therefore, values in this report

should not be directly compared against reports issued in past years," the city report states.

"However, all historical data presented within this 2017 report has been re-calculated in the same manner for comparison purposes."

## FEE

From 1A

flooding under normal conditions, city officials have said. Other benefits of the projects include moving water off some of Midland's streets, therefore limiting the damage that standing water can have on those thoroughfares.

Council members said that stormwater fees were discussed more than a decade ago but at that time Midland wasn't growing at the rate the community is experiencing today. As Scott Dufford, the dean of all council members said, 13 years ago, Midland felt like a "sunset community" and there also was a feeling the oil and gas business was a "sunset" industry. Hydraulic fracturing changed that and how government has to approach growth issues, he said.

J. Ross Lacy defended the council's conservative reputation, saying current revenues aren't keeping up with projects, such as those associated with stormwater drainage. He again cited that property tax across the city brings in \$50 million, while police and the budgets this year are around

### About the fee

**Residential**  
Tier 1: less than 1,399 square feet, the rate will be \$1.20 a month.  
Tier 2: between 1,399 and 2,424 square feet, the rate will be \$2.  
Tier 3: Greater than 2,424 square feet, the rate will be \$3.40 a month.  
Commercial rates are based on the building footprint, plus driveways and parking lots. The six tiers and the rates are:  
■ less than or equal to 8,330 square feet, \$5.80 a month;  
■ greater than 8,330 and less than or equal to 16,702 square feet, \$13 a month;  
■ greater than 16,702 and less than or equal to 47,553 square feet, \$30 a month;  
■ greater than 47,553 and less than or equal to 92,740 square feet, \$68.40 a month;  
■ greater than 92,740 and less than or equal to 261,475 square feet,

\$154 a month; and  
■ greater than 261,475 square feet, \$220 a month.  
Entities that are exempt from the fee:  
■ the state of Texas  
■ the city of Midland  
■ Midland ISD  
■ state agencies  
■ Midland College  
■ Midland County  
■ property owned by a tax-exempt religious organization  
■ property held and maintained in its natural state, until such time that the property is developed and all of the public infrastructure constructed has been accepted by the city for maintenance  
■ property with "proper construction and maintenance of a wholly sufficient and privately owned drainage system, a subdivided lot — until a structure has been built on the lot and certificate of occupancy has been issued by the city."

problems add up.

"Regardless if we like or not, this community is on steroids," Lacy said.

Sparks said he thinks the stormwater fee will help avoid unnecessary debt payments because the projects in the stormwater drainage relief plan will be completed under a pay-as-you-go process.

"We will not be waiting for a crisis," Sparks said. This stormwater fee likely is to be the first alternate funding source to help take the burden off property taxpayers. City leaders are expected to consider developer fees next.

Sparks also said during the meeting that he hopes the county becomes a bigger player when it comes to stormwater drainage costs.

Improvements start when development — and therefore necessary drainage requires — takes place inside city limits, he said. Having county participation in certain drainage projects might be a better use of taxpayer funds compared to "bringing in a rock band," he said.

The rates are expected to go into effect in October.

\$55 million. He said excess sales tax revenue typically is used for one-time projects and infrastructure

improvements. He also said that the road bond-type projects are necessary because past

# TODAY IN MIDLAND

## WORD OF THE DAY

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adjective  
: that may be permitted : allowable

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### MCRW to meet

The Midland County Republican Women are meeting 11:30 a.m. today at Midland Country Club.

The speaker will be Nick Adams, Australian-born best-selling author, commentator and founding director of FLAG USA. The Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness is dedicated to promoting and providing high-quality civics education that informs students and families about the "greatness of America and the power of the American dream."

A buffet lunch will be served beginning 11:15 a.m. Tickets are \$20 with advance reservation and \$25 at the door. To RSVP, please register online at [www.mcrw.us](http://www.mcrw.us) or e-mail your reservation to [mcrwmen@mcrw.us](mailto:mcrwmen@mcrw.us).

### Things to do

- Storytime at the Library: 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space. Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
- Steak Night, 8 p.m., Little Woodrow's, 3415 N. Loop 250.
- Bridge game play, 8:45 p.m., 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.
- Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway, Free.
- Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 8 p.m., Torino's, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. [challengeentertainment.com](http://challengeentertainment.com)
- Karaoke Wednesdays with DJ Savage and host Ayva Nevash, 9 p.m., The Recovery Room, 2802 N. County Road West, Odessa. Facebook: [therecoveryroom432](https://www.facebook.com/therecoveryroom432).

### Meetings

Commissioners' Court  
At or after 1:30 p.m.  
Auxiliary Courtroom  
Midland County Courthouse  
500 North Lorraine St.

### School boundaries

A community meeting is planned for Thursday to discuss a Midland ISD

secondary school boundary proposal. The meeting is 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Alamo Junior High School, 3800 Storey Ave.

### Kids can fish for prizes

Kids can go fishing 8 a.m.-noon Saturday at C.J. Kelly Park, 5500 League Drive. Midland's Parks and Recreation Division will host a fishing competition for children up to age 12. Prizes will be awarded in four age groups: 6 and under, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12.

The park's pond is stocked with catfish, and anglers are welcome to keep fish that meet state law pertaining to size and quantity.

Registration is not required. A limited number of fishing poles will be available for use at the event. Adults also may fish on Saturday and will not be required to have a fishing license.

This event is possible with the support of Texas Parks and Wildlife. State Game Wardens will be present during the event to answer questions. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 685-7379.

### Today in history

**Today's highlight:**  
On April 11, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which included the Fair Housing Act, a week after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

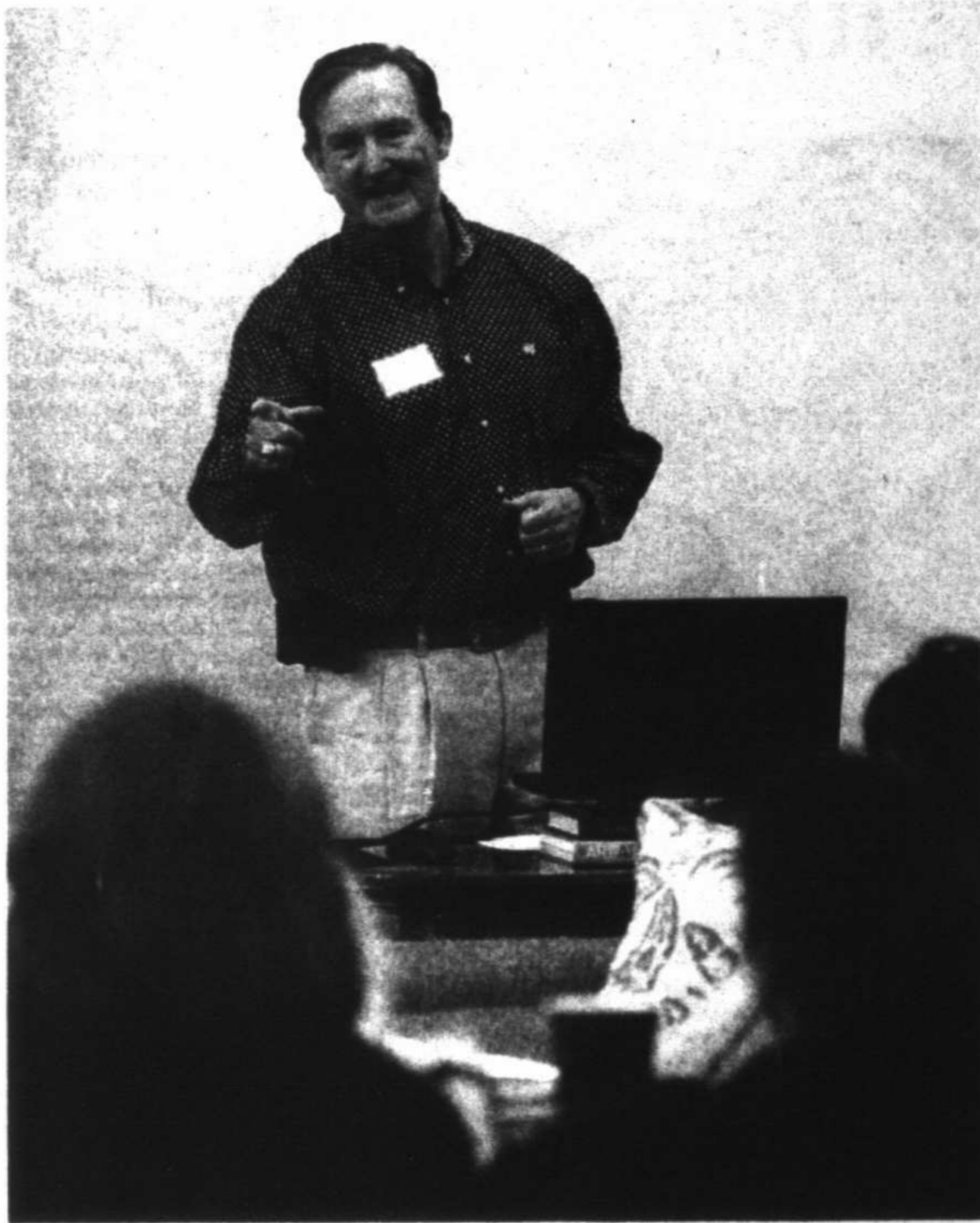
**On this date:**  
In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln spoke to a crowd outside the White House, saying, "We meet this evening, not in sorrow, but in gladness of heart." (It was the last public address Lincoln would deliver.)

In 1921, Iowa became the first state to impose a cigarette tax, at 2 cents a package.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald in Germany.

In 1947, Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers played in an exhibition against the New York Yankees at Ebbets Field, four days before his regular-season debut that broke baseball's color line. (The Dodgers won, 14-6.)

Source: The Associated Press



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Clay Pollard, Texas A&M Class of 1981, grandson of Clayton Williams Sr., class of 1915, and nephew of Clayton Williams Jr., class of 1954, talks about the family legacy of attending Texas A&M. He was speaking Monday at the meeting of the local chapter of Aggie Moms.

## Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 4-9-0  
Pick 3 day: 4-5-1  
Pick 3 evening: 1-7-8  
Pick 3 night: 2-0-7  
Daily 4 morning: 6-9-1-5  
Daily 4 day: 1-7-2-9  
Daily 4 evening: 9-3-2-3  
Daily 4 night: 5-4-1-6  
Cash Five: 4-9-10-30-31  
Triple Chance: 11-22-26-30-33  
36-46-47-51-55

Texas Two Step: 5-13-31-43-53  
BB: 20 Megaplier 2  
All or Nothing morning: 1-5-8  
9-10-11-16-17-19-21-23-24  
All or Nothing day: 2-3-5-6-7-10-11-14-16-19-22-24  
All or Nothing evening: 1-4-7-10-13-14-16-17-21-22-23-24  
All or Nothing night: 1-2-7-9-10-11-12-13-17-19-22-24

## Weather

**Tuesday's temperatures**  
High: 78  
Low: 42  
Normal high: 78  
Normal low: 47

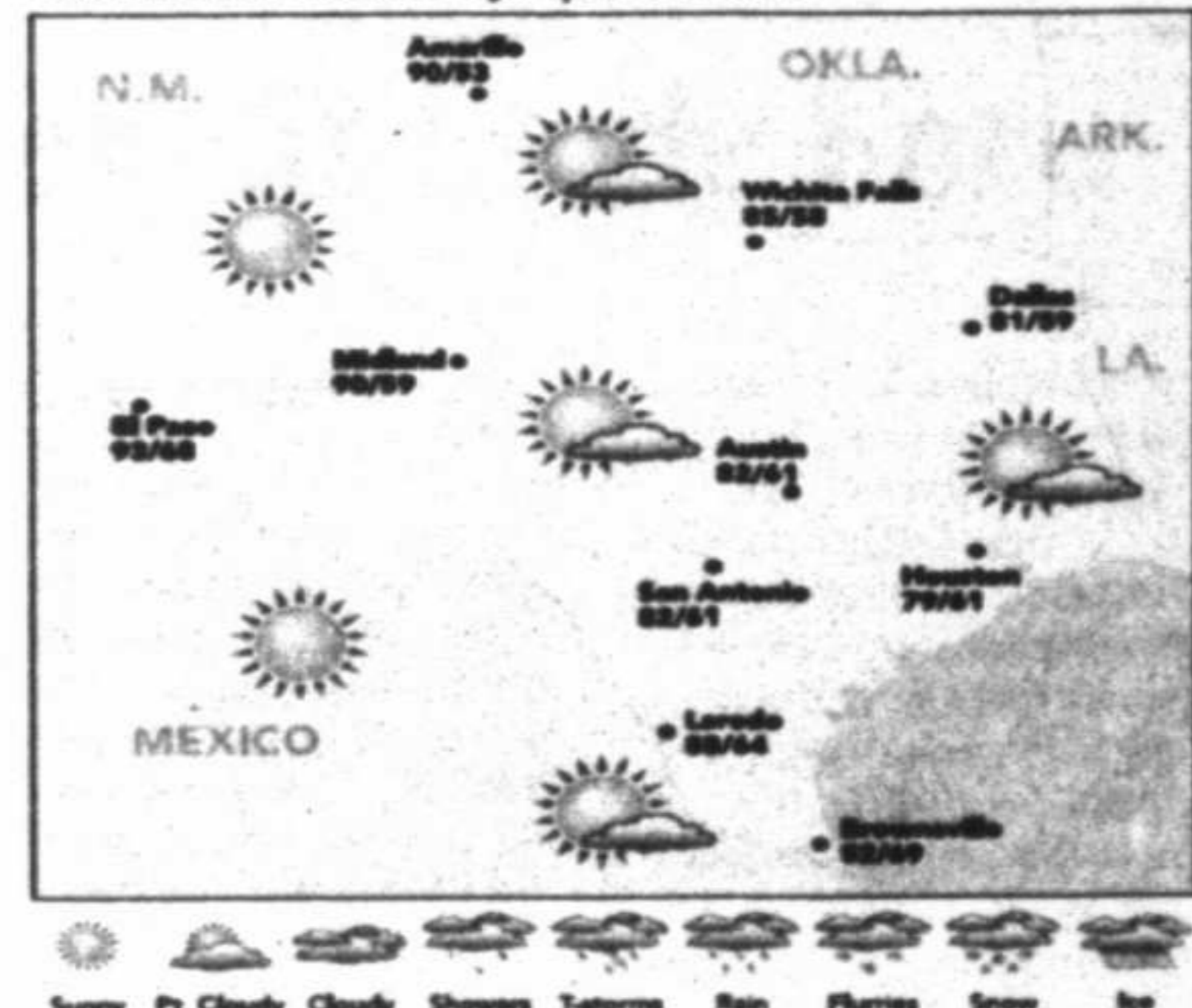
**April 10's records**  
Record high: 95 set in 1948  
Low: 30 set in 1952

**Precipitation**  
Saturday: 0.00 in.  
Sunday: 0.00 in.  
Month total: 0.00 in.  
Year total: 0.16 in.  
Normal total (year to date): 2.09 in.

**Winds**  
Average speed: 8.3 mph  
Highest speed: 21 mph  
Highest gust: 25 mph

**Today's forecast**  
High: 88

## Forecast for Wednesday, April 11, 2018



**Low: 61**  
**Conditions:** Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night  
**Winds:** 15-20 (gusts of 30) mph during the day and

**night**  
**Chance of rain:** None  
**Sunrise:** 7:25 a.m.  
**Sunset:** 8:15 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

## JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Aquarius if born before 1:42 p.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Pisces.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, April 11, 2018: This year you will want more time to think through problems. You seem to become a more active reader than you have been in the recent past. You will review certain long-term goals. If you are single, your quirky behavior draws many potential suitors to you. Keep an open mind as you sort through the possibilities. If you are attached, the two of you often opt to take off for a day trip somewhere. As a couple, you enjoy your friends and many of their interests. PISCES always responds with possibilities.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ Use the daylight hours for getting through your to-do list. By mid-afternoon, a low-level fatigue is likely to overcome you. In any case, you will not be very productive later in the day. You will need extra time to reflect on certain key issues. **Tonight:** Not to be found.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ Stay on top of a personal matter. You might not be able to make a strong decision

at the moment, as other matters are occupying your time. You could feel as if someone expects you to handle a personal situation immediately. Make it OK to say "no." **Tonight:** Find your friends.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ Your instincts will home in on a potential problem that could become explosive. A loved one might become helpful in clearing up a problem or lingering confusion. Everyone will feel better once the issue is handled. **Tonight:** A suggestion sounds like a good time.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ One-on-one relating elicits strong results. You might not be sure what to do with the information you receive. Be sensitive to the possibilities, but do not overthink your recent conversation. Know that you may not like what you hear. **Tonight:** Dance to a different tune.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ You have so much on your mind that it seems as if you're not able to squeeze in some fun. Touch base with a friend in the morning. You have a tendency to let one idea trigger another idea as you open up to different types of thinking.

A partner will offer to help. **Tonight:** As you like it.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Dive into the morning with the hope of getting more done than you originally had thought possible. You are likely to clear out enough work to be able to accept an invitation from a friend. You might want to give some consideration to what is happening. **Tonight:** Wrap up a project.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Let the softer side of your personality emerge. Clear up a problem before it becomes even bigger. Focus on each item or issue as it comes forward. You don't want anything to backfire on you. Go along with a fast change instead of questioning it. **Tonight:** Opt for togetherness.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ No one doubts your creativity and enthusiasm. Reach out to a new friend who serves as a muse. This person

inspires you to dream and act on your dreams. Listen to your inner voice when dealing with a child. Allow your sense of humor to emerge. **Tonight:** Add some romance.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ Situations arise that could affect your personal life. Make an effort to take the lead quickly. You will notice how easy it is to let the other party think that he or she has control, when really you are the one running the show. Know what you want. **Tonight:** Be subtle, if possible.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Stay on top of your to-do list. Someone might surprise you. Keep smiling, and stay up-to-date with what is happening. Fatigue could play a role in your plans. Know your limits. Speak your mind, and allow others to internalize what is happening. **Tonight:** Take a midweek break.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ You are full of offbeat ideas, which seem to fall into place without much thought. You finally will be able to connect with a friend. Jump over any obstacles that come your way. You know what works and what is not working. **Tonight:** Be more direct, and act as you feel.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ You might opt to stay hush-hush about a matter that others can be heard whispering about. Still, you could have a difficult time not saying what you are thinking. Know that more information is coming your way. Use caution with spending. **Tonight:** Let the fun begin!

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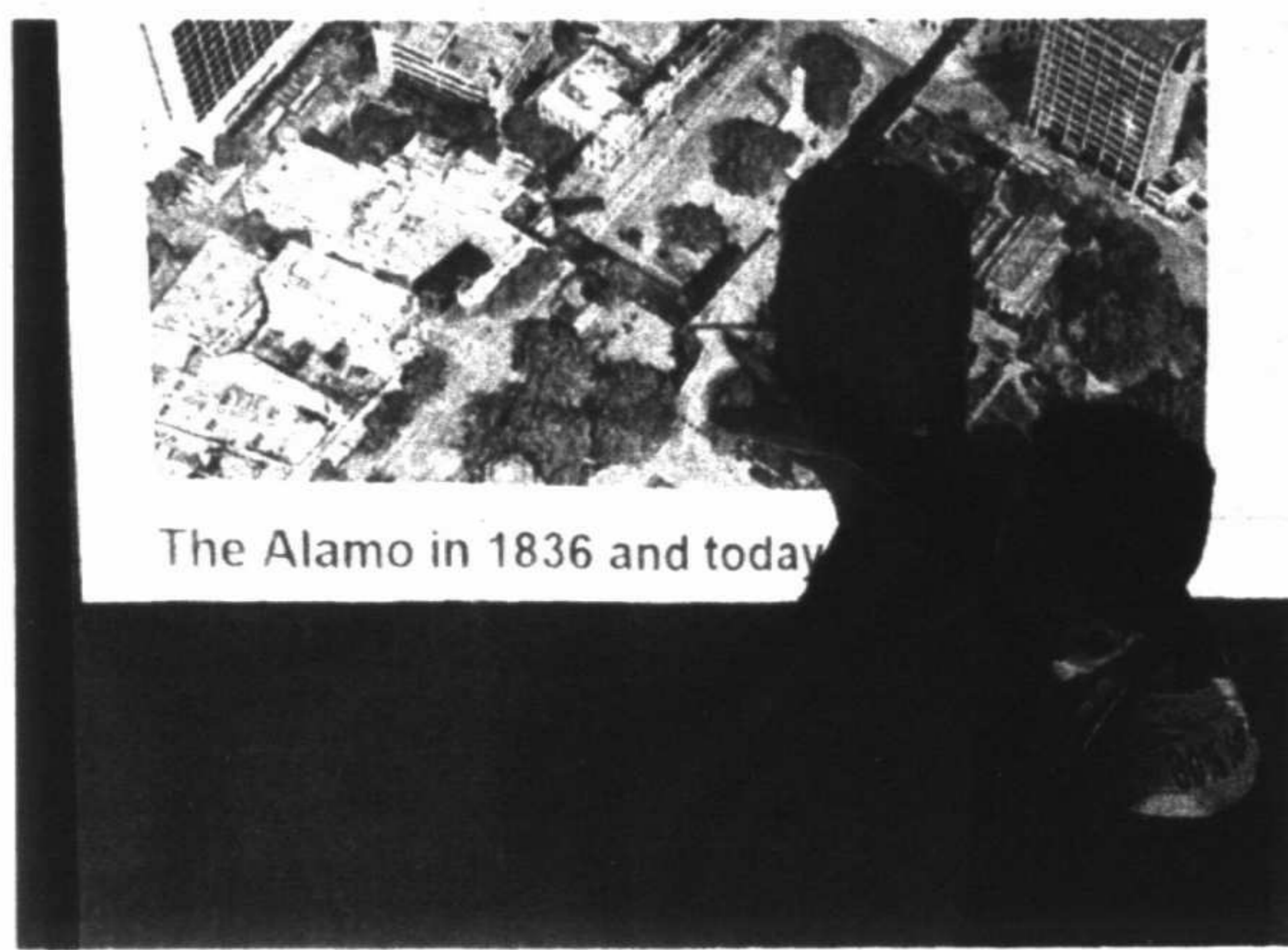
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## ALAMO ROADSHOW



The Alamo in 1836 and today

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ABOVE: Bryan Preston, communication director with the Texas General Land Office, talks about the history and land around the Alamo. His presentation Tuesday at the Haley Library was part of Alamo Roadshow, being staged in 12 cities across the state. BELOW: A Remington model 1875 revolver, on display Tuesday.



## Gradual deployment of US troops to border underway

By John L. Mone and Paul J. Weber  
Associated Press

ROMA — The deployment of National Guard members to the U.S.-Mexico border at President Donald Trump's request was underway Tuesday with a gradual ramp-up of troops under orders to help curb illegal immigration.

The Trump administration also announced that Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen will visit this week a stretch of new border wall breaking ground in New Mexico, putting additional focus on what Trump has called a crisis of migrant crossings and crime.

The construction and commitment of at least 1,600 Guard members from Arizona, New Mexico and Texas provoked fresh condemnation from immigrant activists and praise from border-state Republican governors, who will retain command-and-control of their state's Guard during a mission that for now has no firm end date.

The only holdout border state was California, led by Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown, who has not announced whether troops from his state's National Guard will participate and has repeatedly clashed with Trump over immigration policy. The state was still reviewing Tuesday whether it join the effort, said Lt. Tom Keegan, a spokesman for the California National Guard.

In Texas, where Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has pledged to put more than 1,000 Guard members into action, military officials said Tuesday that 300 troops would report to armories this week for preparation and training. Texas has previously kept about 100 Guard members stationed on the border for years as part of its own border security efforts.

"What is different now it is happening in a different context and a different narrative," said Fernando Garcia, director of the Border Network for Human Rights, an immigrant advocacy group.

Speaking from the Rio Grande Valley where immigrant crossings are the highest along the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border, Garcia



Ruben R. Ramirez/The El Paso Times via AP  
Aaron Hull, chief patrol agent of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's El Paso Sector, speaks Monday where construction on a new segment of the border wall will be built, near Santa Teresa, N.M.

said, "When you hear the narrative of the president, it seems to him the enemy is the immigrant family."

Abbott said in a statement Tuesday that the Guard has "proven to have a meaningful impact" in reducing immigration and crime.

In the Texas border town of Roma, about a half-dozen uniformed Guard members were seen Tuesday near an international bridge along the Rio Grande. Children played just across the river in Mexico, and it wasn't clear whether the Guard members were new or part of Texas' earlier observe-and-report missions.

One guard member was armed with an M4 rifle and used binoculars to peer across the river. Pickup trucks with guard members inside circled the town square along with border patrol vehicles. Mexican children who had attended school on the U.S. side of the border showed their passports and paid a toll to cross a bridge over the river and walk home to the Mexican community of Ciudad Miguel Aleman.

Trump said last week he wants to send 2,000 to 4,000 National Guard members to the border, issuing a proclamation citing "the lawlessness that continues at our southern border."

Trump administration officials have said that rising numbers of people being caught at the southern border, while in line with seasonal trends in recent years, require an immediate response.

Monthly border arrests surpassed 50,000 in March for the first time since December 2016. The Border Patrol, which polices

between but not at official crossings, made more than 37,000 of those arrests, including more than 14,000 in Texas' Rio Grande Valley, nearly 6,000 in its Tucson, Arizona, sector and more than 4,000 in San Diego.

Inspectors at official crossings made nearly 13,000 arrests in March, led by the Laredo, Texas, field office with more than 4,800 and the San Diego field office with about 3,800.

Apprehensions are still well below their historical trends during the terms of former presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, both of whom also deployed the Guard to the border.

Some Guard members will be armed if they are placed in potential danger. Abbott said, adding he wanted to downplay speculation that "our National Guard is showing up with military bayonets trying to take on anybody that's coming across the border, because that is not their role."

There is no end date for the deployment, Abbott said. "We may be in this for the long haul."

Trump has said he wants to use the military at the border until progress is made on his proposed border wall, which has mostly stalled in Congress. Defense Secretary James Mattis last Friday approved paying for up to 4,000 National Guard personnel from the Pentagon budget through the end of September.

Mexico's foreign relations secretary said his government is evaluating its cooperation with the United States.

## Why does part of Midland Drive belong to TxDOT?

■ Roads agency will apply fog seal coat tonight

By Trevor Hawes  
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The Texas Department of Transportation will be performing night work Wednesday through early Thursday morning on Midland Drive between Andrews Highway and Loop 250.

But there's a curiosity: Why TxDOT and not the city of Midland?

When you travel along Midland Drive between Andrews Highway and Loop 250, you might not have noticed road signs indicating this stretch is more formally known as Farm-to-Market Road 868.

TxDOT maintains farm-to-market roads, and FM 868 hasn't been taken over by the city, said Gene Powell, TxDOT Odessa District public information officer.

In looking at TxDOT's highway designation file:

■ FM 868 was designated Nov. 23, 1948. Back then, it ran from State Highway 158 (Andrews Highway) northward to SH 349. It was a distance of 5.9 miles. It's also noted that the road was 4 miles northwest of the city.

■ In 1955, FM 868 grew to 10 miles long, when it was extended to U.S. Highway 80, which is now Business 20.

■ The road shrank to 5.7 miles in 1956, when it ran from SH 158 to SH 349.

■ The road got even smaller in 1984, when it was given a distance of 1.9 miles from Loop 546 (now Business SH 158, or Andrews Highway) to Loop 250.

■ Since 2010, the segment is now 1.975 miles.

The story doesn't end there, however. Today, signs show this segment of Midland Drive is "Farm Road 868"; however, highway designation files indicate it's Urban Road 868, a new designation the



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This sign at the intersection of Midland Drive and Andrews Highway marks the beginning of Farm-to-Market Road 868. FM 868 runs between Andrews Highway and Loop 250 in the city of Midland but is better known as Midland Drive. The Texas Department of Transportation is in charge of this 1.975-mile segment's maintenance, even though it is in the city of Midland.

state adopted in 1995.

No matter what you call it, TxDOT is informing motorists that fog sealing will occur from 11 p.m. today through 6 a.m. Thursday between Wadley Avenue and Andrews Highway. It's expected to be completed in one evening.

"A fog seal is a light application of asphalt, usually emulsion, applied to retain aggregate," according to TxDOT's online manual. "It is sometimes used over an asphalt concrete surface or a new seal coat, particularly if a porous aggregate has been used as the cover aggregate."

The manual warns that fog seal coats can cause a temporary loss of friction on the roadway surface and that traffic shouldn't be allowed on the seal until it has adequately cured.

## Increased credit availability could benefit Eagle Ford

By Kevin Crowley  
Bloomberg

U.S. oil and gas producers expect their borrowing ability to increase over the next few months leaving them open to invest in new shale assets, particularly the Eagle Ford in Texas, a survey said.

More than 80 percent of respondents to a survey by Haynes and Boone LLP said their borrowing bases, or credit availability backed by collateral, will likely increase as banks conduct their biannual reviews, the law firm said Tuesday. That may benefit the Eagle Ford and nearby Austin Chalk as the "next big play," the study said.

The Eagle Ford is already an established shale play, generating about 12 percent

of the U.S.' daily oil, but it's been receiving more attention of late. While the formation produces only about a third of the oil from the nearby Permian Basin, the country's most prolific field, the south Texas field is closer to the Gulf Coast's network of refineries and pipelines and acreage is typically cheaper.

In March, Steve Chazen, former Occidental Petroleum Corp. chief executive officer, bought drilling rights in the Eagle Ford and Austin Chalk from EnerVest Ltd. in a deal worth \$2.66 billion. Also last month, KKR & Co. and Venado Oil & Gas LLC also expanded their position in the play with a \$765 million purchase of Cabot Oil & Gas Co.

EOG Resources Inc. currently is the biggest

producer of crude from the Eagle Ford. Production from the play, though, remains below its 2015 peak, according to the Energy Information Administration, potentially creating an opportunity for new entrants.

With West Texas Intermediate, the U.S. crude benchmark, up 31 percent over the last six months, pressures have been easing on debt-loaded oil producers. They've used that to lock in prices. About 50 to 60 percent of their 2018 production has been hedged, the survey indicated.

Producers will use cash flow from operations, bank debt and private equity as their main sources of capital this year, the survey said. Bankruptcies "are showing a dropoff," it said.

## Devon Energy announces plans to lay off about 300 employees

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma City-based Devon Energy is announcing plans to lay off 9 percent of its workforce, totaling about 300 of its approximately 3,400 employees.

The company did not provide a definite date for the layoffs that were announced Tuesday, saying they "will occur in the weeks ahead."

A statement from Devon spokesman

John Porretto says the job cuts will involve all parts of the company.

The company noted that oil and gas prices have been low for some time and says the workforce reduction will align Devon's organizational structure with business activities that support optimal investment returns. Devon says the reduction combined with other cost-cutting measures will reduce the company's general and administrative costs by \$150-\$200 million by the year 2020.

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investment in the industry, which remains significantly below levels seen before 2014's price crash.

"That tells me that the pricing signals that have come out of the recovery haven't been sufficient," he said, without giving a target for prices.

The Saudi Ministry of Energy didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Domestic Policy Riyadh's desire for higher prices is driven by domestic policy imperatives. Although Saudi Arabia's budget deficit has narrowed sharply as oil has recovered, Prince Mohammed has set out an ambitious and expensive economic and social reform program. He also needs to pay for the kingdom's increasingly

drawn-out military entanglement in Yemen.

While there's little indication the Saudis are prepared to deepen their oil cuts to achieve \$80, at the very least the aspiration suggests they'll keep with the current measures until the price goal is closer. Riyadh is counting on declining Venezuelan oil production, the likely imposition of new U.S. sanctions on Iran, and continued demand growth to absorb U.S. shale production.

The Saudi strategy, which isn't universally shared within OPEC, the same people said, carries risk as it could further boost U.S. production, already at a record of 10 million barrels a day.

Current oil prices below \$70 a barrel have already propelled drilling in the prolific shale regions of

the Permian, Bakken and others.

The number of oil rigs in operation in the U.S. last week rose to 808, up nearly 20 percent from a year ago and the highest since 2015.

So far, Riyadh has public support from other OPEC countries for continuing the cuts, but privately some nations are increasingly worried that Saudi Arabia is trying to boost oil prices too high, the same people said.

For the kingdom, the most important thing is to keep Russia supporting the current OPEC and non-OPEC production cuts. So far, Moscow has backed Riyadh, at least in public, with Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak saying that the alliance between the cartel and Russia that coordinated historic oil-output cuts could last "indefinitely."

# Facebook implements series of changes

By Matt O'Brien and Ryan Nakashima  
Associated Press

Lost amid a flurry of Facebook announcements about privacy settings and data access is a much more fundamental question: Is Facebook really changing its relationship with users, or just tinkering around the edges of a deeper problem — its insatiable appetite for the data it uses to sell ads?

CEO Mark Zuckerberg, who is scheduled to testify to Congress on Tuesday and today, long defined the company's mission as making the world more open and connected. He's now tweaking that high-minded goal to emphasize positive community-building, not just connectivity. But it's not at all clear how much Facebook can shift without undermining what makes it one of the world's most profitable companies.

"Why is connectivity a good thing? Once you begin to challenge that, you begin to question the business model, which is about mining our data," said Richard John, a Columbia University professor of business history. Facebook is "extraordinarily reliant on the goodwill of users" who allow it to harvest what they share about themselves, he said — much more so than other tech companies.

Wall Street analysts are already counting on Facebook to survive a user revolt. Based on recent polling, GBH Insights analyst Daniel Ives expects roughly 15 percent of users to disengage somewhat from the social network following revelations that the political data-mining firm Cambridge Analytica improperly obtained personal information from 87 million users to try to influence elections. In a worst-case scenario, decreased engagement and what Ives terms a "negligible" number of deleted accounts could cost the company up to \$2 billion in annual advertising, Ives said.

Facebook could likely survive a \$2 billion cut in its bottom line. Its shares have rebounded after hitting their lowest price in nine months in late March. Since then, the stock has climbed about 4 percent to \$158.61 at midday Monday.

Less clear is how Facebook will handle the threat of increased regulation if Zuckerberg does not adequately resolve lawmakers' concerns this week.

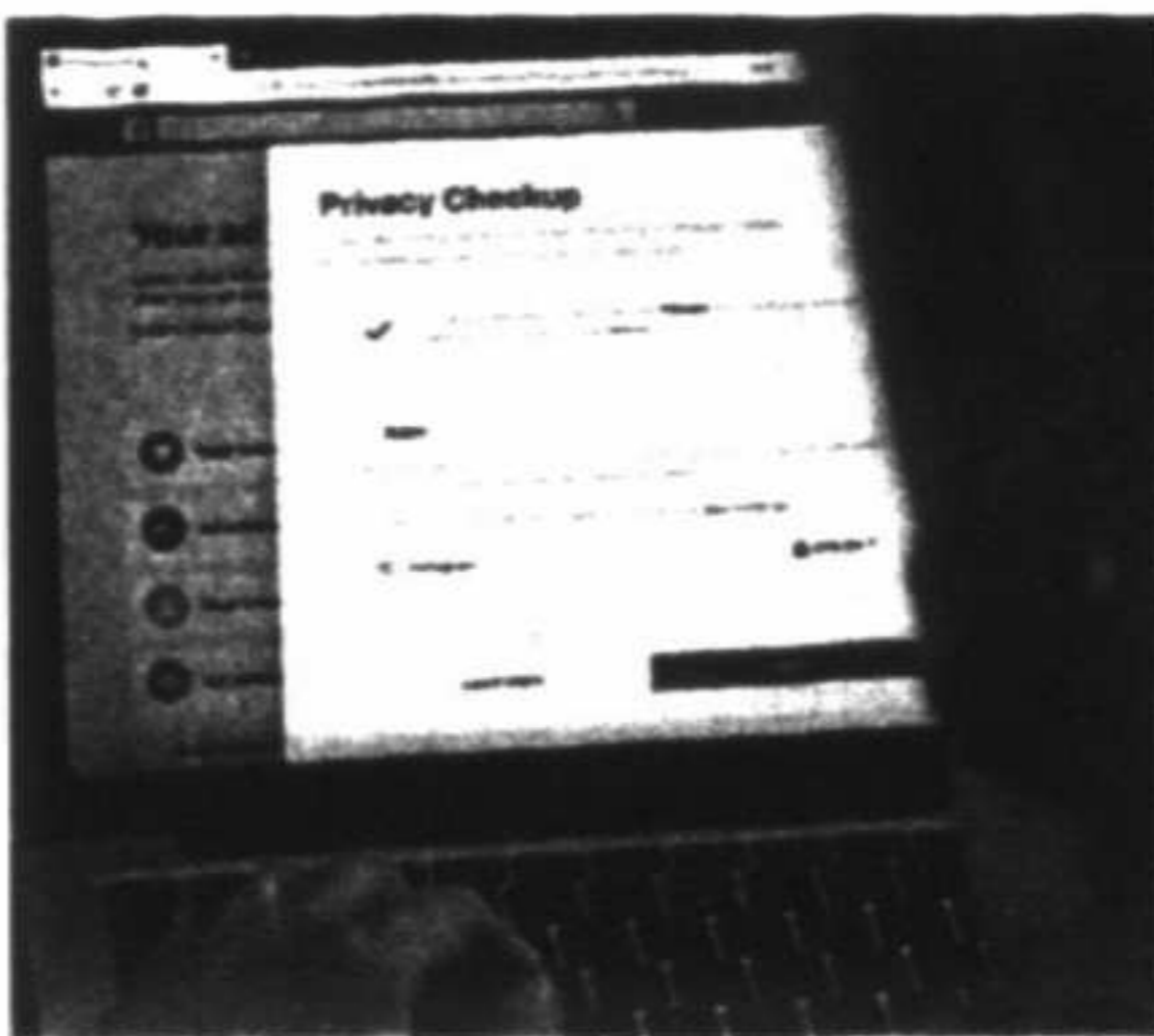
"Could Facebook still exist even though you have greater privacy protections? That's the billion-dollar question," said University of Tennessee law professor Maurice Stucke, who has argued against allowing a handful of tech companies to monopolize everyone's personal data.

In the days leading up to Zuckerberg's testimony, Facebook has implemented a series of changes. It took yet another stab at explaining what happens to user data on its service and rejiggered its confusing privacy controls for the seventh time in a decade.

The company also planned to alert users affected by the Cambridge Analytica breach on Monday, although those efforts were delayed, and announced an independent commission that will have access to Facebook data to study the effects of social media on elections and democracy. Last week, it announced new transparency and verification rules for advertisers and page administrators.

Facebook is also restricting the access that outside parties have to data from Facebook users and groups, and it removed an option to search for users by entering a phone number or an email address that it said "malicious actors" had abused to scrape information from nearly all Facebook users.

Researchers generally consider such steps positive, if insufficient. Stucke, for instance,



AP file photo

A man poses March 26 for photos in front of a computer showing Facebook ad preferences pages in San Francisco.

said a much stronger move would be for Facebook to fold U.S. users into the more stringent data protections the European Union will impose on internet companies starting May 25.

Zuckerberg has been unclear about whether Facebook would extend the European protections to the U.S. and elsewhere. He said recently the company will make its "controls and settings the same everywhere, not just in Europe," although it wasn't clear exactly what he meant, nor how that would affect data collection and privacy.

Privacy advocates are calling for Facebook to embrace the European rules globally. In an open letter sent Monday to Zuckerberg and lawmakers on both sides of the Atlantic, a group called the Trans Atlantic Consumer Dialogue said the law will offer "protections that all users should be entitled to no matter where they are located."

Researchers such as Stucke worry that Facebook might be able to wait out the pressure. "There's a big commotion," he said. "You hire a lot of lobbyists. You pressure the agencies not to do anything and just ride it out until the next scandal."

But Jeffrey Chester, executive director for the Center for Digital Democracy, said it would be a mistake to view Facebook's current turmoil as a "one-time event." Thanks to the European rules, he said, "there's a noose that's tightening around the necks of the Googles and the Facebooks" that will eventually force changes in their business models.

Some who favor stricter regulations want Facebook users to be treated like the advertising products that they are and to be paid for what they contribute to the social network. A few scholars say Facebook has so much influence over media and society that the U.S. government should consider turning its dominance by forcing it to spin off Instagram, WhatsApp or other businesses.

"We're in totally unprecedented waters," said Lina Khan, a Yale law professor and director of legal policy with the Open Markets Institute. "I wouldn't be too conservative about what's realistic."

Others who find the European model too onerous say most U.S. consumers don't care if Facebook analyzes them and their friends in a way that keeps what they share anonymous. Such data collection "doesn't create a lot of harm and can create some significant benefits," said Joe Kennedy, a fellow at the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, which is backed by the technology industry.

He cited targeted ads as a boon to consumers and said the data behind them can boost artificial intelligence systems, which use vast quantities of data to "learn" human-like behavior.



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Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg sits on a cushion Tuesday as he testifies before a joint hearing of the Commerce and Judiciary Committees on Capitol Hill in Washington about the use of Facebook data to target American voters in the 2016 election.

## Zuckerberg: Mistakes, yes. Solutions, yes. Resignation, no

By Laurie Kellman  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Here's what Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg wanted 44 senators to know about the scandal in which Cambridge Analytica used the massive social platform to access 87 million users: He made mistakes. Facebook's mission is to "help people connect." And no, he's not resigning.

"Founded Facebook. My decisions. I made mistakes. Big challenge but we've solved problems before," read Zuckerberg's notes, which he left sitting on his desk during a break in testimony to the Senate Judiciary and Commerce committees. "Going to solve this one."

Not so fast, the much-older senators told Zuckerberg, 33, who was perched atop a seat pillow for the much-anticipated hearing into whether and how the breach affected the 2016 elections. They peppered him with questions about an array of Facebook's lengthy privacy policy and data, but didn't always seem to know how to follow up Zuckerberg's talk of algorithms and AI systems. So one member

of the joint committee, average age 62, got to the point.

"I just don't feel like we're connecting," Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., told Zuckerberg in hour four of the hearing. "Your user agreement sucks."

This time, there was no flop sweat, perhaps because the senators spent most of the first two days of hearings reading questions for Zuckerberg on privacy issues rather than attacking him as expected on broader matters such as Russia's role in election meddling. It wasn't as if senators could forget about the Russian meddling. Multiple investigations are probing the interference. Besides, someone dressed as a Russian troll watched from the audience wearing a pouty, blue-and-green wig.

Zuckerberg repeatedly said unsatisfied Facebook members can adjust their privacy settings — or delete their accounts. But even he acknowledged limits on what he's willing to share.

"Mr. Zuckerberg, would you be comfortable sharing with us the name of the hotel you stayed in last night?" asked Sen. Dick Durbin, an Illinois Democrat.

"Um ... no," Zuckerberg said after pausing, then smiled as the room laughed. And no, he said to Durbin's next question, he'd probably choose not to share the names of people he's messaged.

"I think that maybe is what this is all about," Durbin said. "Your right to privacy. The limits of your right to privacy and how much you give away in modern America in the name of quote, 'Connecting people around the world.'"

Twitter widely noted the apparent age or knowledge gap between Zuckerberg and the senators.

"Wrap it up, Grandpa Grassley," tweeted one user to the Judiciary Committee chairman, who was deep into his first term in the Senate when Zuckerberg was born in 1984.

Some senators of a certain age utilized posters to illustrate their questions, such as Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who's served in the Senate since 1975. He asked Zuckerberg about hate speech, in places like Myanmar.

"What's happening in Myanmar is a terrible tragedy," Zuckerberg answered.

"We all agree with that," Leahy snapped.

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## Democrats are in need of a new program

■ 'Better Deal' is a 'presentation correction' of FDR's New Deal

One of the right's most common, and best, arguments for the Trump presidency is that it shattered the Republican Party's calcified agenda. Invested in a coalition of various interests and beholden to a pervasive and outdated Reagan nostalgia, the GOP desperately needed new rhetoric and a new approach. For good or ill, President Trump provided both.

The Democrats' effort to come up with a program, separate from anti-Trumpism, suggests they're in desperate need of some disruption as well.

Say what you will about Reagan nostalgia, it's at least fresher than FDR nostalgia, which has largely defined the Democratic Party for the better part of a century. When Democrats look for a policy vision, their framework is the New Deal.

Harry Truman's Fair Deal and LBJ's Great Society were both continuations of the New Deal.

After the 9/11 attacks, New York Sen. Charles Schumer wrote in the Washington Post that the attacks proved "the era of a shrinking federal government has come

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to a close." This new challenge proved we needed a "new New Deal."

Even the New Deal's biggest competitor, John F. Kennedy nostalgia, has always been about aesthetics and atmospherics. Kennedy's own policy agenda never broke with the New Deal paradigm.

Barack Obama, who had a Kennedy-esque cult of personality, was nonetheless expected by liberals to be a new FDR, which is why Time magazine ran a picture of a Photoshopped Obama as Roosevelt on its cover after the 2008 election. When Obama rolled out his sweeping policy vision, a "New Foundation," it was a New Deal refresh.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, 78, is a child of the New Deal. Her father, Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., a passionate New Dealer in Congress, named one of his sons Franklin D. Roosevelt

D'Alesandro. The New Deal remains Pelosi's North Star, which may be why she accidentally referred to their new program as "the New Deal."

Now, the Democrats have their "Better Deal" agenda, yet another New Deal retreat. The Democrats even admit it. Pelosi insisted that the Better Deal is not "a course correction." It is "a presentation correction." Schumer says it was chosen in part for "its relation to both the New Deal and a better deal than Trump."

It's remarkable how Democrats call GOP ideas tired and outdated, yet keep returning to a well that was dug four years after the invention of sliced bread. At the rollout of a Better Deal, Pelosi said it is "founded on strong values that we share. Strong values fueled by fresh ideas."

On "Fox News Sunday," anchor Chris Wallace asked House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley to "give me one fresh idea that Democrats are offering voters for November."

Crowley's confident response: A new infrastructure plan! But one that, unlike Trump's plan, the feds would pick up more of the tab for. Can't you smell the freshness?

Ironically, the New Deal was never a coherent program. It was a mixed and

entirely ad-hoc, dirigiste response to an economic crisis. "To look upon these programs as the result of a unified plan," wrote Raymond Moley, FDR's right-hand man during much of the New Deal, "was to believe that the accumulation of stuffed snakes, baseball pictures, school flags, old tennis shoes, carpenter's tools, geometry books and chemistry sets in a boy's bedroom could have been put there by an interior decorator."

There are many reasons the Democrats remain a cargo cult to the New Deal, but the most important one for this moment is that the approach unifies not Democratic voters but Democratic politicians. The FDR coalition is a relic. The coalition the Democrats want is shot through with divisions. The Better Deal gives Democratic pols something to talk about that won't rile one faction or another.

That may be good enough to win the 2018 midterm elections, because all they really need is some boilerplate to rely on as they ride an anti-Trump wave. But the time will come when it won't be enough. The disruption is coming. They can help shape it, or they await a destroyer not of their own choosing.

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### OPINION EXTRA

## Facebook should admit importance of bottom line

Once again, Mark Zuckerberg is sorry. The founder of Facebook, who has apologized for privacy breaches throughout much of his company's existence, is back at it, on a much larger stage than ever before.

The proximate cause is the Cambridge Analytica controversy. In violation of Facebook's rules, the Trump-linked political consultancy schemed to get access to the data of 87 million users. This has made Facebook a scapegoat for President Donald Trump's victory on par with the Russians and James Comey (at least before the FBI director got fired and became a Trump adversary).

In 2012, President Barack Obama's re-election campaign did a less underhanded version of the same thing as Cambridge. The great chronicler of the Obama digital operation, Sasha Issenberg, wrote of how its "targeted sharing" protocols mined an Obama backer's Facebook network in search of friends the campaign wanted to register, mobilize, or persuade. No scandal ensued; rather, the Obama team was hailed as geniuses who changed campaigning forever.

It's not Zuckerberg's fault that he has suddenly been deemed on the wrong side of history, but the Cambridge Analytica blowup is bringing a useful spotlight on the most sanctimoniously self-regarding large company in America. Facebook can't bear to admit that it has garnered the largest collection of data known to man to sell ads against and line the pockets of its founder and investors.

The problem isn't that Mark Zuckerberg is a businessman, and an exceptionally gifted one, but that he pretends to have stumbled out of the lyrics of John Lennon's song "Imagine." To listen to him, Facebook is all about connectivity and openness — he just happens to have made roughly \$63 billion as the T-shirt-wearing champion of "the global community," whatever that means.

It's this pose that makes him and other Facebook officials sound so shifty. In a rocky interview with Savannah Guthrie of the "Today" show last week, Sheryl Sandberg was asked what product Facebook sells. "We're selling the opportunity to connect with people," she said, before catching herself, "but it's not for sale."

Something or other must be for sale, or Facebook is the first company to rocket to the top ranks of corporate America based on having no product or profit motive. Guthrie, persisting, stated that Facebook sweeps up data for the use of advertisers. Sandberg objected: "We are not sweeping data. People are inputting data."

Uh, yeah. That's the genius of it. In a reported exchange with a friend while he was a student at Harvard, Zuckerberg boasted of having data on thousands of students because "people just submitted it."

Zuckerberg has now managed the same trick on a global scale. On the one hand, Facebook has indeed made efforts to protect the data of its users, knowing that it can't risk a fundamental breach of trust. On the other, Zuckerberg has repeatedly said he's sorry for offenses against his users' privacy because his business model contradicts his self-righteous public posture.

The company is deeply committed to that posture. In the "Today" interview, Sandberg made a confession as humble brag: "We were very idealistic and not rigorous enough." In his prepared testimony before a House committee, Zuckerberg declared: "Facebook is an idealistic and optimistic company. For most of our existence, we focused on all the good that connecting people can bring."

It's possible to imagine something like Facebook run as a non-profit service for the global commons. That's not what Zuckerberg chose to do. To his credit, he created a compelling — nay, for some people, addicting — product and made a killing for the ages.

Perhaps the public pressure will force the social network to give its customers even more control over the use of their data. At a minimum, it will have achieved something if it gets Facebook to give up the saccharine one-world rhetoric about its mission and admit the bottom line is as important to it as any other profit-making company.

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## Neighbors can be guardian angels

■ Law enforcement officers need more training on how to deal with people who have mental illness

**ESTHER CEPEDA**

Washington Post Writers Group



There's an elderly gentleman in my community who is known by most of the gas station attendants, baristas and store managers as "Ray."

If you drive along any of the streets within about a three-mile radius of my house, you'd know Ray if you saw him: He's a tall, gray-haired man who walks up and down the road — rain or shine, freezing cold or sizzling hot — swinging his arms, lurching and mumbling to himself.

My family and I always keep an eye out for him, sometimes intervening when he alarms someone who has not come into contact with him before. We'll say, "His name is Ray, he's not violent," as the person behind the counter at the local Starbucks prepares him a complimentary coffee.

Generally, Ray is a gentle person, though sometimes he gets lost in his own thoughts and raises his voice. He is clean and always dressed appropriately for the weather, indicating that he is well-taken care of at home, even if they can't supervise him all the time.

Once I was at the grocery store and Ray was walking up and down the frozen food aisle, gaping into people's shopping carts. The store managers were standing at the end of the aisle desperately trying to remember his name. I reminded them, and they said, "Oh that's right — Ray. We'll call the police, they know him and will come pick him up."

The managers then gently got Ray to go with them to the breakroom to wait for the police.

I've called around to the police stations in the surrounding area, and they all know Ray. They report getting calls, retrieving him and getting him home safely.

Still, I worry about Ray. He jumped to mind when I learned about the recent shooting death of 34-year-old Saheed Vassell.

Like Ray, Vassell was a community fixture in Brooklyn, where he was widely known to the residents of his neighborhood as having mental illness but was harmless. Residents who spoke to the New York Times said Vassell, like Ray, "had a penchant for picking things up off the street — cigarette lighters, empty bottles and other curbside flotsam — and playing with them like toys."

John Fuller, who lived nearby, told the Times, "Every cop in this neighborhood knows him." That chilled me to the bone, because even

though many people in the area knew Vassell — including law enforcement — he was fatally shot one night by four officers who were not from the local precinct and who, presumably, were not familiar with Vassell's story.

Indeed, the officers were responding to multiple reports of a man thrusting a metal object that looked like a gun into the faces of several people — including a woman holding the hand of her child. Vassell was shot when he took a two-handed shooting stance at police officers responding to 911 calls. It turned out he was aiming a bent metal pipe with a silver knob, an implement that could easily have been misconstrued as a gun by passers-by as well as law enforcement.

While, to some, this tragic incident might fit neatly into a pattern of national headlines about black men who are senselessly killed by police, there is another story here.

It's the story of community members who are less connected than ever before, about the terrible shortage of mental health services in neighborhoods that need them the most, and the story of people with profound needs falling through the cracks.

There are many lessons to take from Vassell's untimely death — not least of which is that our law enforcement officers need far more training in how to respond to situations involving people with mental illness. But another important takeaway is the need to raise awareness about our own neighbors who might be in similar situations.

If there's someone in your neighborhood who's known to have issues, touch base with his or her family if possible. If there is a local website where neighbors post community news, it doesn't hurt to put up an alert so others can become familiarized with a person who might be spotted acting erratically. Keep your eyes open for vulnerable people who need a guardian angel, and help your neighbors do the same.

These are tiny things, really, but in a world where so much is out of our control, let's just try to take care of each other as best we can.

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## Fox News giving bigger role to ex-Bush aide Perino

By David Bauder  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Facebook's Sheryl Sandberg made the media rounds in advance of Mark Zuckerberg's congressional testimony this week, it was a telling sign that Dana Perino was chosen to question her for Fox News Channel.



Perino

The assignment speaks to Perino's growing role at Fox, and a sense that sources are trusting her as an honest broker of information. Perino, who hosts an afternoon news hour and is a panelist on "The Five," is quietly persistent in a medium where bluster pays. She believes in homework at a time when "fake news" is used as an epithet.

She's a Bush Republican in a Trump world. "My nature," said the former White House press secretary for President George W. Bush, "is to try to show people that we may actually agree on things more than we think."

The Sandberg interview was only the third such interview Perino has done, and the one with the highest profile. The beginning was awkward, as Perino couldn't dislodge Sandberg from talking points. But when the anchor observed that people are more tribal the more connected they've become, it opened a real discussion.

Only one question seemed designed specifically for a Fox audience, when Perino asked about concerns among conservatives that changed algorithms for sharing news would benefit liberals.

"There are a lot of people who are angry about Facebook," she said in an interview. "But nobody has the same grievance. It was hard to kind of settle in on what to ask her about."

For most of her career, Perino was at the other end of the questions. She grew up outside of Denver and worked as a press secretary in the Capitol Hill in the late 1990s. Following the 2001 terrorist attacks, she went to work for the Bush administration and was his final press secretary, leaving the White House when Bush did in January 2009.

She searched for a second act, and found television the most satisfying. She was an original panelist on "The Five" when it started in 2011. Fox gave her more assignments — she was filling in for Bill O'Reilly when he was fired and it was left to her to tell his audience he wouldn't be back — and earned a weekday show at 2 p.m. Eastern time last fall. Her show was called "The Daily Briefing" in part because that hour was often interrupted by the White House press briefing she once led.

While not as brash as Shepard Smith, who seems to delight in debunking theories pushed by Fox opinion hosts, Perino largely takes refuge in reporting.

During her time on "The Five," Perino paid a summer visit to the Bush compound in Maine. She said the first time former first lady Barbara Bush spotted her, she said, "Ah, it's the voice of reason" on the show.

"I'll never get a T-shirt and wear that around," Perino said. "But if people feel they can get that from me and get other things from other people, then that's good. I'm reluctant to give my opinion, because I don't want to sound judgmental or

condescending."

Her show includes Democratic guests, unlike times at Fox where they're unwelcome or deliberately outnumbered in discussions. Jennifer Palmieri, communications director for Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign, recently discussed her new book with Perino, and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is booked for Wednesday. Some Democrats "come in with a little chip on their shoulder about Fox," Perino said. "I just try to gently remove it and find a way where they have a chance to have their voices heard."

Like her old boss, Perino believes deeply in the dignity of public service, said Josh Earnest, a former White House press secretary under President Barack Obama.

"I would guess that there's a lot of pressure working at a place like Fox that she has to resist," Earnest said. "The path to success ratings-wise has been by having most of the personalities be extremely supportive of the administration's talking points. In my mind, that is to be admired."

Perino is trained to pick her words carefully. When she was at the podium at the White House, she assumed her boss was watching. "That's why if I ever had a sarcastic thing that was about to come out, I would swallow it, because he would not have been pleased."

There's always a level of hostility between the press and a presidential administration; it's built into their roles. She asked Sarah Huckabee Sanders once how much of the ill feelings she sees between the Trump White House and press is an act, and admitted to some surprise when she was told it was all real.

She said she always feels for press secretaries and says of Sanders, "I think she represents her boss well."

When Sanders has the opportunity to display humor, she lights up the room, she said. But that's not often.

"I remember Greg (Gutfeld, of 'The Five') asked me about it and I said, 'They've accomplished so much, you'd think they'd sound happy about it,'" she said. "But I do think there is a level of animosity that I didn't feel when I was there. I would hope for everybody's sake that they would try to find a little joy in their jobs."

Perino said she's been in contact only once with Donald Trump. At the time he announced his candidacy for president, Perino ridiculed it like many others, publicly wondering about the planet where that would be considered a good idea. Trump took a shot at her on Twitter and followed up a few days later, where she said they had a "frank and friendly discussion."

She doubts he watches "The Daily Briefing," but believes Trump catches her on "The Five." With the president watching Fox so frequently, the network sometimes seems like a proving ground for future administration talent.

Not with Dana Perino. "I think my White House days are behind me," she said.

## Ingraham returns to work, complains about censorship

By David Bauder  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fox News Channel's Laura Ingraham returned to work with defiance Monday, denouncing a "Stalinist" effort by liberals to stifle the free speech of conservatives and promising to make fighting it her new cause.

She made no mention of the advertisers who had abandoned her own program after she tweeted that a survivor of the Parkland, Florida school shooting had "whined" about not getting in to some colleges he had applied for.

That high school senior, David Hogg, responded by suggesting that people offended by Ingraham's remark contact her advertisers.

Some 19 companies responded by saying they wouldn't air commercials on Ingraham's show.

Ingraham was on vacation for a week after apologizing via social media for her tweet. She hasn't



AP file photo

Conservative political commentator Laura Ingraham speaks July 20, 2016, during the third day of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland. Ingraham returned to Fox News Channel on Monday with a passionate speech about what she called "Stalinist" liberal bullies attempting to stifle the free speech of conservatives. Several advertisers have dropped her program after she tweeted about a Parkland, Florida school shooting survivor supposedly whining about colleges he didn't get accepted into.

discussed that episode with her viewers specifically, but it didn't take much reading between the lines to realize it was on her mind Monday. Ingraham even played a video clip

of Bill Maher saying some liberals have defended free speech; Maher last week came out against a boycott of Ingraham's program. She said that "left wing retaliatory hit squads"

respond to speech that makes them uncomfortable by trying to evict opponents from the public square instead of debating their ideas.

"The free speech clause to our Constitution doesn't just apply to speech our elites deem acceptable," she said.

Hogg has been among the most vocal of the Parkland students arguing in favor of stricter laws on gun safety; Ingraham has resisted stricter gun laws.

Ingraham's show was light on advertisements Monday. But some sponsors stuck with her, with ads running for a visiting nurse service, a floor covering company, a debt relief company, a weight reduction drink, a knife sharpener and a pillow manufacturer.

Ingraham said she would feature stories in coming weeks about conservatives who she says are fighting attempts to silence them.

"We will never relent and we will never give in," she said. "Never."

## Fox anchors call Houston teen accepted to 20 colleges 'obnoxious'

By William Axford  
Houston Chronicle

Hosts on Fox 5 DC are drawing controversy after they called a Houston teen who got accepted into 20 different colleges "obnoxious."

Anchor Holly Morris and contributor Sarah Fraser were speaking of Michael Brown, of Houston, last week and his nationally recognized success. The pair criticized Brown for applying to multiple colleges and receiving full-ride scholarships, argu-

ing that his success was taking away from other students.

"It's a little ridiculous that this kid applied to 20 (colleges), taking away a spot and basically wait-listing another kid," Fraser said.

Morris agreed and said, "It's a little obnoxious because you can only go to one. You can only take one full ride, and you are taking a spot from someone else who worked really hard."

Brown, 17, is a senior at Lamar High School and has a 4.68 GPA.

The Third Ward resident has been awarded full-ride scholarships from Stanford, Princeton, Yale and every other school he applied to.

The Fox TV pair were criticized as being insensitive and bigoted. As the news website Now This! notes, similar arguments are usually used against people who are successful.

Fraser has apologized on Twitter after she received backlash.

Morris said race wasn't an issue in her critique. She has not apologized for her comments.

## TV host resigns after threatening school shooting survivor

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A conservative commentator who sent a tweet saying he would use "a hot poker" to sexually assault an outspoken 17-year-old survivor of the Florida high school shooting has resigned from a St. Louis TV station and been taken off the radio after several advertisers withdrew from his shows.

KDNL-TV accepted Janis Allman's resignation and canceled "The Allman Report," according to a brief statement from Ronn Torossian, a spokesman for the Sinclair Broadcast Group, which operates the TV station. Before the show's launch in January 2015, KDNL-TV touted it as a nontraditional newscast with a conservative spin.

Allman's radio show on KFTK-FM has been taken off the air while the com-

pany "looks into the matter," said Esther-Mireya Tejeda, a spokeswoman for Entercom, which began operating the station last month.

Allman hasn't responded to messages from the Associated Press seeking comment. Several businesses pulled advertising from Allman's shows after he sent the March 26 tweet targeting David Hogg, who has strongly advocated for stricter gun control since 17 people were killed in the Feb. 14 mass shooting at his school in Parkland, Florida. Allman's Twitter account was "locked" shortly after he sent the tweet, restricting access to his account, but a screenshot of it has been widely circulated on social media.

Hogg's willingness to take on the gun-control cause has made him a target for some conservatives. Fox News Channel's Laura Ingraham

took a week's leave after apologizing via social media for her tweet that Hogg had "whined" about not getting in to some colleges.

Ingraham hasn't discussed that episode specifically but promised upcoming stories about conservatives who she says are fighting attempts to silence them. Hogg, meanwhile, said it's "time to love thy neighbor, not musing at children." Their social media spat came to symbolize the debate over how youthful advocates for gun safety should be treated by political opponents. Another student, Emma Gonzalez, has been falsely depicted in a doctored photo tearing up the Constitution.

In Missouri, state

Rep. Stacey Newman, a Democrat from Richmond Heights, led calls for a boycott by Allman's sponsors after he sent his tweet.

"We've had people all over Missouri (and) all over the country weighing in on this ... it's heartwarming to know that tons of people throughout the state understand this is not acceptable," Newman told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on Monday. "Even though we hadn't asked for his removal or resignation, (Sinclair) took it upon themselves. People know where the line is."

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## Cosby lawyer attacks accuser as prosecutors build case

By Michael R. Sisak  
Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — Bill Cosby's retrial took a far more combative turn Tuesday than the first go-round, as his lawyers launched a scathing attack on his accuser and prosecutors put the first in a parade of women on the stand to portray the comedian as a sexual predator.

Heidi Thomas, who was a 24-year-old aspiring actress in 1984 when she met Cosby in Reno, Nevada, testified he knocked her out with a potent glass of wine and forced her to perform oral sex.

Prosecutors have lined up five accusers in all to make the case that the TV star once revered as "America's Dad" made a habit of drugging and assaulting women well before he was charged with violating Andrea Constand at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004.

Cosby's lawyer urged jurors to ignore the other accusers — calling them irrelevant to this case — but saved most of his fire for Constand, branding her a "con artist" who tried to frame the comedian for the money.

Tom Mesereau, delivering his opening statement a day after prosecutors took their turn, said Constand "hit the jackpot" when Cosby paid her \$3.4 million over a decade ago to settle her lawsuit against him.

"What did she want from Bill Cosby?" Mesereau said. "You already know the answer: money, money and lots more money."

His attack on Constand was a striking departure from the more subdued tone that Cosby's previous lawyer took at the first trial, which ended in a hung jury last spring.

It was also a likely glimpse of what's to come when the former Temple University basketball administrator takes the stand to say Cosby made her woozy with pills and then penetrated her with his fingers.

Cosby, 80, is charged with three counts of aggravated indecent assault, each punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

As they began building their case against Cosby, prosecutors chose Thomas, now a Colorado music teacher, as their first substantive witness.

Thomas, who said her agent had arranged for Cosby to give her acting tips, told the jury that she took a sip of white wine that Cosby gave her as they rehearsed a scene in which she was portraying a drunken woman. Thomas said her next memory was waking up with Cosby forcing himself on her.

She said she remembered thinking she felt sick and wondering, "How did I get here?" Thomas testified she blamed herself for what happened, thinking she must have said or done something that led Cosby to believe she would be open to his advances. She never told her agent or her parents about the alleged assault.

"I was pretty sure whatever I did was my fault," Thomas testified, adding: "I was just going to move on. And I did."

Under cross-examination, Thomas testified that she chronicled her trip to Reno in a scrapbook and recorded a cassette tape at the home where she had the encounter with Cosby. She said she wanted to recount the trip for her mother and agent but destroyed it years later after seeing a psychiatrist.

It made no mention of the alleged assault, Thomas said, because she had planned to give it to her mom.

Defense attorney Kathleen Bliss is to continue questioning Thomas today. Earlier Tuesday, Mesereau told the jury that Constand was in deep financial trouble and set out to exploit her relationship with Cosby.

Constand stiffed roommates on utility bills, racked up big credit card bills and operated a Ponzi scheme while running women's basketball operations at

Temple, where Cosby was an alumnus and trustee, Mesereau said.

He said Constand went to Cosby's home at least a half-dozen times and sneaked into bed with him at a Connecticut casino, winning his trust so she could set him up later, he said.

Constand outlined her scheme to a Temple colleague, Marguerite Jackson, Mesereau said. The defense plans to call Jackson as a witness, and Mesereau said she will testify that Constand mused about setting up a celebrity so she could sue and get money.

"A con artist is what you get, ladies and gentlemen of the jury," the defense attorney said. "A con artist. And we'll prove it."

Cosby's legal team at his first trial wasn't nearly as aggressive in attacking Constand, focusing instead on inconsistencies in her statements to police and arguing the pair had a romantic relationship. The jury that time was not permitted to hear about the settlement, nor was Jackson allowed to take the stand.

Under no such constraints this time, the defense let loose on Constand.

Mesereau also urged jurors to set aside any sympathy they might have for the #MeToo movement against sexual misconduct that has toppled Harvey Weinstein, Sen. Al Franken, Matt Lauer and other powerful men in recent months.

The comedian arrived at the courthouse Tuesday amid heightened security after a topless protester who appeared on several episodes of "The Cosby Show" as a child jumped a barricade on Monday and got within a few feet of Cosby as he entered the courthouse.

Cosby was surrounded by five sheriff's deputies as he walked inside Tuesday.

The Associated Press does not typically identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault unless they grant permission, which Constand and Thomas have done.



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Bill Cosby arrives for his sexual assault trial Tuesday at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown, Pa.

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## Report: Texas' maternal deaths lower

■ Number of women who died dropped from 147 to 56, according to study

By Marissa Evans  
Texas Tribune

The number of Texas women who died from pregnancy complications in 2012 is being cut by more than half through a new state method for counting and confirming maternal deaths — which made Texas the subject of national news coverage over its high death rate.

Several of the state's top health experts released a report in the medical journal *Obstetrics & Gynecology* on Monday showing that by using the new method, the number of women who died dropped

from 147 to 56.

The study uses an enhanced method of counting maternal deaths that involves cross-referencing birth certificates, death certificates, hospital discharge data and medical records to confirm that a woman who died was pregnant before she died. The state's current method of calculating maternal deaths includes using specific medical codes and requiring officials to check a box on death certificates indicating whether a woman was pregnant before she died.

The study said the state's 2012 maternal death numbers inflated the number of women 35 and older who were classified as a maternal death and included reporting errors in which women who had not been pregnant were reported as maternal deaths. The researchers said they also found 2012 deaths that were not included

in the state's original maternal death numbers.

The authors noted that other states have used the same methodology to calculate maternal deaths. They said they chose 2012 for the new analysis because it was the year when maternal deaths peaked in Texas.

The study's authors said they plan to use the new method to confirm maternal deaths and calculate maternal mortality rates for additional years.

Regardless of the overall numbers, the new study showed that black women in Texas are still at the highest risk of dying during or after their pregnancy. The study found that the rate of black mothers dying during or soon after pregnancy in 2012 was 27.8 per 100,000 live births, compared to 13.6 for white women and 11.5 for Hispanic women.

Lisa Hollier, chairwoman of the state's Task Force on Maternal Mortality and Morbidity and one of the study's authors, said part of the group's mission is to make sure accurate data is being used. She said the new study "illustrates the incredible importance of having the review committee look at all of these cases very carefully."

Hollier said there's still a need for health providers and state legislators to focus on how to reduce preventable pregnancy complications from hemorrhaging, high blood pressure, drug overdoses and other causes.

"Even one preventable death is too many, and we owe it to the women and the families that we care for to make childbirth safe," Hollier said.

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## HEALTHY SINGLE SOLUTION



Karsten Moran/N.Y. Times

A dish with fresh peas, scallions, sage, parsley, mint, lemon, ricotta salata and a little pancetta, and pasta made with farro, an ancient grain that is high in protein and other nutrients. Pasta with peas is a classic combination, with many variations, some brothy and some creamy. A salty element — usually pancetta, guanciale, prosciutto — is often involved. An emphasis on lifestyle medicine, once only a fringe consideration, is beginning to be recognized for what it truly is: the solution to our burgeoning chronic disease burden and bloated health care expenditure.

### Plant-based diet helps patients create health

■ Doctors, dietitian to present Food as Medicine seminar

Health care in the United States is changing. An emphasis on lifestyle medicine, once only a fringe consideration, is beginning to be recognized for what it truly is: the solution to our burgeoning chronic disease burden and bloated health care expenditure.

The truth is that your physician and the medications they prescribe and procedures they perform will not make you

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healthy. For too long, the implicit message has simply been "take this medication," or "you need this procedure" — without any meaningful discussion of

the underlying cause of disease or of the choices we make that can make a huge personal difference in disease outcome. Conventional health care is aimed at mitigating or palliating the manifestation of disease, not at avoiding disease or creating health. Achieving health is a personal responsibility.

I am a heart surgeon. Until a few years ago, my practice, for the most part, consisted of seeing patients with end-stage coronary artery disease and operating on

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## Scientists propose new way of defining Alzheimer's

■ Definition would be based on biological signs rather than current symptoms such as memory loss

By Marilyn Marchione  
Associated Press

Government and other scientists are proposing a new way to define Alzheimer's disease — basing it on biological signs, such as brain changes, rather than memory loss and other symptoms of dementia that are used today.

The move is aimed at improving research, by using more objective criteria such as brain scans to pick patients for studies and enroll them sooner in the course of their illness, when treatments may have more chance to help.

But it's too soon to use these scans and other tests in routine care, because they haven't been validated for that yet, experts said. For now, doctors will still rely on the tools they've long used to evaluate thinking skills to diagnose most cases.

Regardless of what tests are used to make the diagnosis, the new definition will have a startling effect: Many more people will be considered to have Alzheimer's, because the biological signs can show up 15 to 20 years before symptoms do.

"The numbers will increase dramatically," said Dr. Clifford R. Jack Jr., a Mayo Clinic brain imaging specialist. "There are a lot more cognitively normal

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## Phone apps encourage people to take their medication

■ Technology can help eradicate tuberculosis

By Carla K. Johnson  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Take two tablets and a selfie? Your doctor's orders may one day include a smartphone video to make sure you took your medicine.

Smartphone apps that monitor pill-taking are now available, and researchers are testing how well they work when medication matters. Experts praise the efficiency, but some say the technology raises privacy and data security concerns.

Selfie medicine works like this: Open an app on your phone, show your pills, put

them in your mouth and swallow. Don't forget to show your empty mouth to the camera to prove today's dose is on its way. Then upload the video proof to the clinic.

Fans say the technology addresses a big problem: About half of drugs for chronic conditions aren't taken as prescribed because of cost, side effects or patient forgetfulness.

With treatment for opioid addiction, a skipped dose can mean a dangerous relapse. The National Institute on Drug Abuse is funding research to tailor a smartphone app for those patients and see if they'll use it.

"If we can keep patients engaged, we can keep them in treatment longer," said lead researcher Dr. Judith Tsui of the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle.

The next phase of her research will

compare a group of patients who use the monitoring app called *emocha* with those who don't to see if there's a difference.

At one Tennessee treatment center, some patients with opioid addiction are already using the app to upload selfies of their daily dose and answer questions about how they're doing.

"Every time they sign on, it allows us to capture data. Are they having cravings? Suicidal tendencies?" said Scott Olson, CEO of Dallas-based Pathway Healthcare, which is trying the app at its Jackson, Tennessee, site. "Maybe a phone call from a counselor might make the difference between staying clean and a relapse."

Olson thinks insurers will pay for the

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"I wouldn't consider going out of town because we have the Total Joint Center in Midland. It's just the greatest there is, in my opinion." *Nancy Jerry*

Thanks to the Total Joint Center, Nancy got her quality of life back and for the first time, she was able to climb the bleachers to see her great-grandchildren receive their basketball trophies. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 855-26JOINT | midlandhealth.org/joint

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## APPS

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service with more evidence. For monitoring tuberculosis patients, health departments pay roughly \$35 to \$50 per patient each month for systems that include encrypted data storage. A small health department might pay as little as \$500 a month.

The idea of watching someone take their medicine — called directly observed therapy or DOT — has roots in tuberculosis where one person's forgetfulness can be serious for everyone. If patients don't take all their antibiotics, their infectious TB germs can get stronger, developing drug resistance and endangering the broader community.

But taking a handful of pills daily for up to a year is difficult, so public health departments traditionally sent workers to people's homes and workplaces to watch them take their doses. Today, many TB patients prefer remote monitoring. Nurses like it, too.

Nurse Peggy Cooley has used Skype for years to chat live with patients taking TB medicine.

"We can accomplish in a two-minute phone call something that might have taken an hour to do and most of that hour was in the car," said Cooley, who works for the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department in Washington state.

The new updated selfies don't need an appointment. They are a daily routine for many tuberculosis patients in Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Houston, where savings on mileage and worker time amounted to \$100,000 in a recent year.

In Boston, Albuquerque and five other cities, researchers are studying whether the technology works for hepatitis C, a blood-borne virus that's surging among a new generation of injection drug users. New drugs for hepatitis C can cure, but they're expensive — \$75,000 for a 12-week course of treatment — so insurers want to make sure patients take them.

"I think it holds a lot of promise," said researcher Dr. Alain Litwin of University of South Carolina School of Medicine, who's testing whether patients do better when someone watches them take their pills.

What's next? An insurer in Maryland plans to use the technology in diabetes and high blood pressure to make sure Medicare and Medicaid patients take their medicine. Startups selling the apps say they could be used by adult children monitoring an elderly parent's daily pill-taking.

Experts worry about privacy, data security and penalties for poor pill-taking.

"That's the biggest ick factor," said Carolyn Neuhaus, a medical ethicist at the Hastings Center in New York. "You can imagine a program where benefits are tied to compliance and the insurer says, 'We won't pay for medication anymore unless you're taking it correctly.'"

Globally, the rapid spread of smartphones creates an opportunity to eradicate TB, say the app developers.

But eliminating TB may take simpler, cheaper technologies that can be scaled for millions of cases, said Dr. Daniel Chin, who leads TB efforts for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The group supports research in China and India on two homegrown technologies. China's tool, about the size of a child's shoebox, reminds patients to take their pills and saves data for review. In India, the government favors a blister pill pack printed with phone numbers; a patient punches out a daily pill, then calls the revealed number.

Worldwide, TB kills more than 1.6 million people annually, even though most deaths are preventable with treatment.

"If we are going to eliminate the disease, we need technology," said Dr. Richard Garfein of the University of California, San Diego School of Health Care, who helped develop SureAthere, one of the smartphone apps.

## Obituaries



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### Gloria Lewis

Gloria was called home to the Lord in November 2017. She was born in April 1934 to parents V.A. and Ina Green. Gloria was predeceased by both parents, brothers Joel Carl, Kenneth, sister Rhea Jean and husband Weldon. Her sisters Ina Faye, Colleen, brothers Carroll, Leroy and both her children survive her.

Gloria married Weldon in August 1950 and had two children, Wade and Susan. She had six grandsons and 10 great grandchildren.

Gloria touched the lives of countless people. She worked many jobs in Midland, Amarillo and Conroe, Texas working her way from the bottom to top positions. She never met a stranger and always had a kind word, encouragement and a smile for everyone. Gloria's nickname was "Tutter" and she was famous for making people laugh. She is sorely missed by all.

If desired, please make donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org>) or Wounded Warrior Project (<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>) in her name.

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### Leonidis Odell

#### "Cotton" Pulliam

Leonidis Odell "Cotton" Pulliam, 89, former longtime Seminole resident, died Friday April 6, 2018 at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland, Texas. Cotton was born November 19, 1928 in Seminole, Oklahoma to Ben Pulliam and Ada (Hudson) Pulliam. He grew up in Seminole and attended Varnum Public Schools and graduated from Prairie View High School west of the Little Community.

Cotton worked in the oilfields his entire working career starting out in Odessa, Texas as a roughneck. Later he became an oil well drilling contractor and owned and operated his own drilling company. When he was not working he was always spending time with his family, taking them places and to ballgames. He was a big baseball fan and he loved to watch the Midland Rock Hounds, a semi-pro baseball team, play. He was a big OU baseball and football fan, also a Midland College baseball fan, and he loved to work crossword puzzles, especially the puzzles from the New York Times Paper.

He married Donna (Villines) Pulliam on August 19, 1947 in Seminole, Oklahoma. She preceded him in death on August 27, 2012. Cotton is survived by his son Monty Pulliam and his wife Karen of Midland, Texas, one daughter Diana Velasquez and her husband, Tom, of Yukon, Oklahoma, five grandchildren, six great-

grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Donna and seven siblings.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at the Swearingen Funeral Home Chapel in Seminole, Oklahoma, with Rev. Michael Vallandigham officiating. Burial will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery in Seminole, Oklahoma.

Casket bearers will be; Jake Pulliam, Tommy "Bubba" Velasquez, Alexander Cantu, Joshua Cantu, Vincent Cantu and Randall Scannell.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home in Seminole, Oklahoma.



### Victor Manuel

#### Gonzalez

Victor Manuel Gonzalez, 55, of Houston, Texas passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday April 7, 2018. He was born November 8, 1962, in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. He was raised in Stanton, Texas, and graduated from Stanton High School with Honors. He continued his education and received an Engineering Degree from Texas Tech University and his MBA from SMU. He was employed with the City of Houston as an Executive Analyst with the Legal Department, where he will be missed.

Victor is preceded by his parents, Bruno and Piedad Gonzalez; and a brother, Alfonso Reyes.

He is survived by eight sis-

ters, Herminia Gonzalez of Stanton, Evangelina Williams (Allen) of Helena, AL, Leticia Madrid (Gustavo) of Odessa, Macrina Gonzalez (Sergio) of McAllen, Rosa George of Stanton, Maria Martinez (Mario) of Grand Prairie, Ignacia Gonzalez and Juana Gonzalez of Mexico; two brothers, Joe R. Gonzalez (Mary Jane) of Stanton, Jose Concepcion Gonzalez (Berta) of San Antonio; and many nephews and nieces who loved him and will miss him.

A viewing will be held at Gilbreath Funeral Home, 209 N. St. Charles St., Stanton, TX, on Thursday April 12, 2018, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday April 13, 2018, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 405 N. Convent St., Stanton, TX with Father Tim Schwertner officiating. Interment to follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Stanton.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231 or to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, P. O. Box 846, Stanton, TX 79782.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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## Death Notices

### Maria Isabel

#### Ortega

Maria Isabel Ortega, age 87, of Midland, Texas, passed away on April 9, 2018 in Midland. Funeral Service will be at 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 13, 2018 at Remanente Apostolic Church, 907 S. Terrell St., Midland, TX. Father Juan Carlos Mendoza will be officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home of Odessa.

## ALZHEIMER'S

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people who have the pathology in the brain who will now be counted as having Alzheimer's disease."

He led a panel of experts, working with the Alzheimer's Association and the National Institute on Aging, that updated guidelines on the disease, published Tuesday in *Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association*.

### About Alzheimer's

About 50 million people worldwide have dementia, and Alzheimer's is the most common form. In the U.S., about 5.7 million have Alzheimer's under its current definition, which is based on memory problems and other symptoms. About one-third of people over 70 who don't show any thinking problems actually have brain signs that suggest Alzheimer's, Jack said.

There is no cure — current medicines such as Aricept and Namenda just temporarily ease symptoms. Dozens of hoped-for treatments have failed, and doctors think one reason may be that the studies enrolled patients after too much brain damage had already occurred.

"By the time that you have the diagnosis of the disease, it's very late," said Dr. Eliezer Masliah, neuroscience chief at the Institute on Aging.

"What we've realized is that you have to go earlier and earlier and earlier," just as doctors found with treating cancer, he said.

Another problem: As many as 30 percent of people enrolled in Alzheimer's studies based on symptoms didn't actually have the disease — they had other forms of dementia or even other medical conditions. That doesn't give an accurate picture of whether a

potential treatment might help, and the new definition aims to improve patient selection by using brain scans and other tests.

### Better tests

Many other diseases, such as diabetes, already are defined by measuring a biomarker, an objective indicator such as blood sugar. That wasn't possible for Alzheimer's disease until a few years ago, when brain scans and spinal fluid tests were developed to do this.

They measure certain forms of two proteins — amyloid and tau — that form plaques and tangles in the brain — and signs of nerve injury, degeneration and brain shrinkage. The guidelines spell out use of these biomarkers over a spectrum of mental decline, starting with early brain changes, through mild impairment and Alzheimer's dementia.

### What to do?

People may be worried and want these tests for themselves or a family member now, but Jack advises: "Don't bother. There's no proven treatment yet."

You might find a doctor willing to order them, but spinal fluid tests are somewhat invasive, and brain scans can cost up to \$6,000. Insurance usually does not pay because they're considered experimental outside of research. A large study is underway now to see whether Medicare should cover them and when.

Anyone with symptoms or family history of dementia, or even healthy people concerned about the risk can consider enrolling in one of the many studies underway. "We need more people in this pre-symptomatic stage" to see if treatments can help stave off decline, Masliah said.

## AWTREY

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them to restore blood flow to areas of the heart deprived by blockages in their coronary arteries. Every surgeon and cardiologist understood that my operation was not a cure and that blockages would continue to form and that the bypasses I constructed would likely fail all too soon. That same understanding applied to coronary stents, and we all understood that no medication on the market would arrest or reverse coronary artery disease. Everything we had to offer was palliative.

Things are very different now. I am able to offer my patients hope that extends far beyond mere palliation. I have learned, through peer-reviewed clinical trials, that there is exactly one intervention available to not only prevent, but arrest and even reverse coronary artery disease. This single solution is not a drug or procedure, but rather the food we eat — specifically a whole-foods, plant-based diet. Research has shown that blood flow to the heart muscle improves impressively within weeks (300 percent average improvement after one year based on PET scan imaging of the heart), angina improves or resolves within weeks and reversal of blockages begins immediately and continues. In patients treated with aggressive state-of-the-art drugs, however, the disease progresses; symptoms increase, blockages progress and PET scans demonstrate progressive loss of blood flow to the heart.

The question is this: Do you want to palliate and slow down the progression of your coronary artery disease, or do you want to arrest and even reverse it? Do you want to live a long life of health and vitality, or accept steady decline as you accumulate more disease burden. The collateral benefits of embracing food as medicine to achieve heart health will be weight loss; improved energy; decreased risk for prostate, colon and breast cancers; and significant improvement or even complete remission of your diabetes and hypertension.

Our local nonprofit, Healthy City, is presenting the annual Food is Medicine seminar 8:30 a.m.-4p.m. Saturday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$25, which includes lunch. (There is a 10 percent discount for groups of 10 or more.) Tickets are available online and space is limited, so register today at [www.ourhealthycity.com/events](http://www.ourhealthycity.com/events).

Food is Medicine is an all-day seminar that includes sessions from renowned speakers in the field of lifestyle medicine, a delicious and healthy lunch, book signings, and a Q&A session with experts. The seminar is designed to help those who are interested in health and wellness learn about the incredible impact our lifestyle and nutrition choices have on our short- and long-term health and hear testimonials from those who have experienced radical change. The seminar speakers are:

■ Dr. Scott Stoll, author of "Alive!" and co-founder of the International Plant Based Nutrition Healthcare Conference.

He will give a comprehensive overview of the most current research for disease prevention and address dieting, food addiction, and current challenges in health care.

■ Dr. Kim Williams, past president of the American College of Cardiology and chief of cardiology at Rush University Medical Center.

He will discuss the epidemiology and risk factors of heart disease and how to take the "die" out of your diet.

■ Dr. Michael Klaper, who was featured in the documentary, "What the Health."

He will address how the standard American diet plays a role in obesity, Type 2 diabetes and hypertension and how plant-based foods are effective in reversing these diseases.

■ Julieanna Hever, registered dietician and author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Plant-Based Nutrition."

She will discuss the health advantages of a plant-based diet and teach you how to meal plan and prepare healthy and delicious meals for your family.

In addition to the treatment of coronary artery disease, here are other reasons you may consider coming to Food is Medicine to learn that:

■ Type II diabetes is an epidemic. It was once called adult onset diabetes but now affects adolescent children and shortens their life expectancy by 20 years. You can continue to manage your diabetes or defeat it with plant-based nutrition.

■ Multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease and other autoimmune diseases are often effectively treated with diet.

■ Colon cancer is preventable with a plant-based diet.

The benefit doesn't stop there though. A recent study of colon cancer patients demonstrated that after diagnosis and treatment, those adopting a plant-based diet and exercise had a 48 percent less likelihood of dying from the disease compared with those who remained sedentary and continued to eat the typical unhealthy American diet.

There are many people in the Permian Basin already experiencing new health as a result of adopting a plant-based lifestyle. I hope you will join us on Saturday to learn how you can, too.

For more information, call Healthy City at 1-800-856-4916, or email [info@ourhealthycity.com](mailto:info@ourhealthycity.com). You can also find out more about Food is Medicine on Healthy City's website at [www.ourhealthycity.com](http://www.ourhealthycity.com), or by following @ourhealthycity on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Doctors and nurses who attend Food is Medicine are eligible for Continuing Nursing Education or Continuing Medical Education credit. For information, call Leigh Milefsky at 221-1533.

Dr. Stacey Awtry is a cardiovascular surgeon with Midland Health.

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## ALYSSA THOMPSON

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### Depression is not a condition that disappears over time

Depression is one of the most common mental health issues, according to the American Psychological Association. Depression can affect individuals differently but there are some common symptoms: lack of energy and interest in daily activities, difficulty eating or sleeping, sleeping too much and having feelings of worthlessness. Some individuals with depression may even have suicidal thoughts.

The word depression has become a way to describe a day that someone feels exceptionally tired or when someone is feeling sad. However, depression is much more than simply feeling sad; it can greatly affect a person's daily functioning.

An estimated 2.8 million children between 12 and 17 had experienced depression at some point, according to a study done by the National Institute for Mental Health. Adolescents with depression may be more irritable than usual, be overly emotional, have difficulty finding motivation, isolate themselves from friends and family or report feeling sad more days than not. If your child or adolescent is experiencing these symptoms, it may be time for them to speak with a counselor. Depression is not something a child or adolescent will grow out of. With counseling and learning the tools to cope with symptoms associated with depression, their condition can improve.

Many of you reading this article may have depression or have experienced the above symptoms. It is important to remember that you are not alone in facing depression, and it is OK to seek counseling to learn how to manage and deal with depression. If an individual does not seek counseling or treatment for depression, their condition may become worse. Some individuals may need to see a psychiatrist to determine if medication, combined with counseling, would be the most effective treatment in managing their depression.

### Study: Stop-smoking drugs don't pose heart risks

By Lindsey Tanner  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Two popular stop-smoking drugs are as safe for the heart as nicotine patches and dummy pills, according to research requested by U.S. and European regulators.

The results come from an extension of a large study of Chantix and Zyban that earlier found no increased risks for severe psychiatric problems including suicidal behavior. Those findings were reported in 2016.

"It's enormously reassuring," said Dr. Nancy Rigotti, director of the Massachusetts General Hospital Tobacco Research and Treatment Center. She was not involved in the research.

"We now know it's a lot safer to use these drugs to help people quit smoking than to continue smoking," Rigotti said.

The original study involved 8,000 smokers randomly assigned to daily use of Pfizer's Chantix, GlaxoSmithKline's Zyban,

nicotine patches or dummy pills for 12 weeks. The extended study tracked about 2,400 participants for a year.

During and after treatment, there were five heart-related deaths and 22 nonfatal heart attacks and strokes, pretty evenly distributed among the four groups. The few other heart problems also occurred at similar rates in each group.

The study was published Monday in JAMA Internal Medicine. It included adult smokers from the United States, Canada, Mexico and several European countries. In the original study, by the last three weeks of treatment, 34 percent of Chantix users had quit smoking, 23 percent of nicotine patch users, almost 23 percent of Zyban users and 13 percent of those on dummy pills.

Chantix blocks the effects of nicotine on the brain; Zyban is the brand name for a drug used for depression but it is thought to also affect brain regions

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## REPORT

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In a series published in January, The Texas Tribune found that Texas' maternal death rate stems from many women's lack of access to health insurance, prenatal and postpartum care, as well as changes to the state's women's health programs and Texas lagging behind other states in implementing maternal health initiatives.

Texas' maternal mortality data has been the subject of conflicting studies showing a variety of results. The state's official statistics are different from those compiled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and researchers have produced their own numbers.

In 2016 Marian MacDorman, a professor at the University of Maryland Population Research Center, released a study in Obstetrics and Gynecology showing that in 2012, 148 Texas women died from pregnancy-related complications, including excessive bleeding, obesity-related heart problems and infection. Two years earlier, 72 women had died from those causes.

MacDorman wrote at the time that "in the absence of war, natural disaster, or severe economic

upheaval," such a rise seemed unlikely. The study made national and international news and raised questions over how Texas was addressing women's health.

The state researchers addressed MacDorman's findings in Monday's study: "Given the significant reduction in the maternal mortality ratio when using confirmed maternal deaths, this high estimate reported was likely the result of data error."

In an editorial released in the same journal Monday, MacDorman wrote that the Texas maternal mortality task force's work is "laudable, necessary, and entirely appropriate given the current state of Texas vital statistics."

But she raised concerns about the new study's scope.

"As the study examined data from only a single year (2012), questions concerning the maternal mortality increase in Texas in the critical period from 2010 to 2012 remain unanswered, as do questions about more recent trends," MacDorman wrote. "In the absence of reliable vital statistics data, answers to those questions depend on detailed case review — an expensive and time-consuming process for committees."

### Prevention Resource Center launches data webpages

A group of interactive webpages published Thursday offers a new way for West Texans to view figures related to substance use and demographics. The resource presents survey results, crime statistics and other data in the forms of text, maps and charts.

The webpages include statewide figures as well as data about Midland County and the 29 other counties that comprise Region 9. The information is a part of the website for the Region 9 Prevention Resource Center, a program of the Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

The webpage includes a link to the Prevention Resource Center's 2017 Regional Needs Assessment, which concluded youth alcohol and marijuana consumption in Region 9 were among the highest levels in the state. It also found a need for additional providers to treat people with substance abuse and mental health issues.

To access the webpages, visit [reg9prc.org/data](http://reg9prc.org/data).

### Walking club to attend Stanton event

Midland AVA Walkabout Volkssport Club's April walk is a 10K in Stanton at Old Sorehead Days on Saturday. The group will carpool from Jumburrito, 4509 N. Midkiff Road, at 7:30 a.m. The walk will begin at about 8:15 a.m. at the Stripes store on Interstate 20 in Stanton.

For more information, call Sammy at 210-9506.

### Seminar planned on advance care directives

Advance Care Directive Seminar is planned for noon-2 p.m. Monday and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 21 at Hospice Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave. The event is co-sponsored by Midland Health.

Topics include hospice and hospital care, funeral and legal considerations and home health.

To RSVP or for more information, call 682-2855. It is recommended that those attending bring a laptop.

### MMH executive to receive award

Brandon "Kit" Bredimus, director of emergency services at Midland Memorial Hospital, has won the Pamela Austin Thompson Early Careerist Award from the American Organization of Nurse Executives. The early careerist award — named after the organization's CEO emerita — recognizes an AONE or AONE Foundation program alumna who exhibits significant potential as a future health care leader and demonstrates exemplary leadership, according to an organization spokesman.

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Bredimus will be honored at AONE's annual meeting Saturday in Indianapolis.

### Alzheimer's Association to present program

The Alzheimer's Association West Texas Chapter is presenting an education program on effective communication strategies. The program is 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

It will be repeated 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Orchard Park, 8050 Dr. Emmitt Headlee St. in Odessa.

To register for the free program, call 800-272-3900.

### Midland Health events

■ **Becoming a Mom Class**, 6:30 p.m. today at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 221-1150; to register, go to [midlandhealth.org](http://midlandhealth.org) and click on classes & events.

■ **Lifestyle Medicine Center education series**: "Treating and Reversing Heart Disease," 6 p.m. Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, 221-5433; \$5 fee; to register, go to [midlandhealth.org](http://midlandhealth.org) and click on classes & events.

■ **Breastfeeding Support Group**, 11 a.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, [childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org](mailto:childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org).

### Weekly support groups & hotlines (subject to change)

■ **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous**; 3 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 553-1031.

■ **Survivors of sexual abuse**; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570-5935.

■ **Peer to Peer support group** for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, [william.hoggard@wtc-mhmr.org](mailto:william.hoggard@wtc-mhmr.org).

■ **PDAP meetings**: 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church 11:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays: older group, 1208 W. Wall St., includes lunch.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** — hotline 580-7868.

■ **Serenity Group**, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. "A"

St., Building C; 685-3100. 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

■ **Alpha Omega**, 8 p.m. Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 311 S. Pecos St.

■ **12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous**, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

■ **Al-Anon** (support group for family members of alcoholics), Serenity Group 3101 N. "A" St. Bldg. C noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous** — hotline 582-2926.

■ **Laundry Group**, 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 104 N. Marshall St.

■ **Xodus Group**, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, PDAF, 1208 W. Wall St., 634-7609.

■ **CODA Group**, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Fridays and Sundays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 599-4490.

■ **La Hacienda Alumni**, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

### COM Aquatics

COM Aquatics, 3003 N. "A" St., offers weekly paddle board classes.

The schedule is: Hit the Wave, 7:15 p.m. Monday, 5:15 a.m. Tuesday and Saturday, 6:45 p.m. Thursday and 10:15 a.m. Saturday; and Cardio Wave is 11:05 a.m. Thursday.

Members of COM Water Aerobics Program can reserve a board at any time; non-members can reserve a board two hours before class. (For early-morning classes, call the night before.) To reserve a board, call 684-7755, extension 101.

### Finding a doctor

Access to a primary care provider is one mission of Midland Health. Residents who need help finding a physician or setting up an appointment can call 221-3627 (221-DOCS).

### Hope Chest

Hope Chest is a program that provides support for women during their pregnancy and after their baby is born.

Hope Chest allows mothers and mothers-to-be to earn necessities such as diapers, wipes, clothing and car seats through a point system.

Points are earned by attending prenatal appointments and childbirth classes, and once the baby is born, moms continue to earn points at pediatrician visits until the child turns 2.

The program office is at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. For more

information or to enroll in the program, call 221-1150. To make a monetary donation or donate brand new baby items to Hope Chest, call the March of Dimes office at 416-7310.

### MMH payment options

Midland Memorial Hospital recognizes that our community is facing challenging financial times. Resources are tight and families are having to make important decisions about what to spend money on now and what has to wait.

Realizing health care can be expensive and the increasing deductibles make it hard to manage, the hospital has adjusted its payment procedures.

We want to make sure you receive the care you need, when you need it. To find out about the new options now offered to better accommodate your payment needs, call 221-4705.

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

### How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a nurse triage program "68-NURSE." The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room ... or just staying home.

### Help line for long-term or disabled care

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services has a toll-free number residents can call to obtain information on services for the disabled or long-term care.

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

### Contact your Hospital District representative

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## Study: Losing weight by age 13 may reduce risk of diabetes

By Marilynn Marchione  
Associated Press

There may be a critical window for overweight kids to get to a healthy level. Those who shed their extra pounds by age 13 had the same risk of developing diabetes in adulthood as others who had never weighed too much, a large study of Danish men found.

Diabetes can develop when the body can't properly use insulin to turn food into energy. Being overweight at any age raises the chances of the most common form, Type 2. But it's not known whether or how much that risk is reduced if people lose weight, and when.

"This study seems to suggest that overweight in adolescence is particularly harmful" and that reversing it by then can do a lot of good, said Dr. Stephen Daniels, pediatric chief at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver.

He didn't have a role in the study, which was led by researchers at the University of Copenhagen, sponsored by the European Union, and published last week by the New England



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Journal of Medicine. It involved 62,565 men in Denmark, where mandatory school and military service exams enabled

tracking their health for decades. Heights and weights were measured

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# Personality traits can put people at risk for smartphone addiction

By Tara Bahrapour  
Washington Post

When the Trump-affiliated firm Cambridge Analytica obtained data on tens of millions of Facebook users, it used the "Big 5" or "Five Factor Model" personality test to target them with ads designed to influence their votes in the 2016 election.

The test scores people on five traits — openness, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness and neuroticism — and was used in the election to predict the way a voter would respond to an advertisement.

But the Big 5 can predict a lot more — including how likely you are to even use Facebook, or any other social media.

That's because the way you score on the test can tell you how likely you are to become addicted to your screen. Research shows that people who score high on neuroticism, low on conscientiousness and low on agreeableness are more likely to

become addicted to social media, video games, instant messaging or other online stimuli. Studies have also found that extraverts are more likely to become addicted to cellphone use than introverts.

Some of the correlations make sense. Less agreeable people may be more apt to immerse themselves in technology because it does not require the kind of friendly interactions that real life does. Neurotic people have been shown to spend more time online because it validates their desire to belong or be part of a group. Conscientious people are less impulsive and therefore more able to control and organize their time.

But then it gets complicated. Because according to a new study out of the State University of New York at Binghamton, specific combinations of those personality traits can mitigate or exaggerate one's propensity to addiction.

Addiction, said the paper's co-author Isaac Vaghefi, an assistant professor of information systems at

Binghamton, involves some degree of obsessive/compulsiveness, urgency and online use that has negative consequences.

His study surveyed 275 undergraduate and graduate students and asked about the effects of their online behavior. Addiction was noted when the behavior "impairs their personal relationships, when it causes constant conflicts with peers and partners, when they say, 'Every time I go back home and we're having dinner my dad yells at me because I'm on my phone.'"

Other indicators were depression, social anxiety and loneliness or professional problems resulting from online behavior (for example, missing classes, meetings or deadlines).

Vaghefi estimated that around 20 percent of the population is addicted, but an additional 30 to 40 percent are in danger of it, especially as technology becomes more sophisticated — and addictive.

"It's hard," he said. "Technology is becoming advanced. Facebook and these other companies are

working to make people hooked and they're all improving their features."

Some of the combinations his study found seem logical: Someone who is highly conscientious and organized is nonetheless at a higher risk for addiction if he or she is also very neurotic and stressed-out.

But some are counterintuitive: The study found that even though conscientiousness and agreeableness are both negatively associated with addiction to social networking sites, a combination of the two traits actually increases one's tendency to become addicted.

A possible explanation, according to the study, could be that agreeable people "likely value their relationships with their friends" and conscientious people are meticulous about doing things like staying in touch — resulting in the perfect storm of addiction.

So once you know how likely you are to become addicted to online activities, what do you do about it? James Roberts, a professor of

marketing at Baylor University who has studied the effects of the Big 5 personality traits on online addiction, said a better understanding of the correlations can help people — and particularly parents — steer away from the dangers.

"We need to teach people to have more self-control," he said. "Our brains are being prepared for fast and furious activities, and that's undermining our conscientiousness. We talk about our personality impacting our social media use, but our social media use also impacts our personality... We've hooked a generation or two so that they're prepared for constant stimulation and quick and fast and shallow interactions."

Vaghefi said he hopes the growing body of research on the topic will help people become more aware and avoid addiction. Noting that there are apps that can tally people's daily smartphone use, he said, "Most people don't realize they unlock their phone 200 times a day."



AP file photo

A doctor holds the medication Zyban July 23, 2002 in Kansas City, Kan. According to industry-funded research mandated by U.S. and European regulators and released Monday, Chantix and Zyban, two heavily promoted smoking cessation drugs, are as safe for the heart as nicotine patches and dummy pills.

## STUDY

From 3B

linked with addictive behavior. Patches deliver small amounts of nicotine to help reduce smokers' cravings. All are generally used short term.

The patches and prescription pills can potentially raise blood pressure, and Chantix's current packaging information includes warnings about a possible small increased risk for heart attacks and strokes in smokers with

heart disease.

"The FDA is reviewing the findings of this study and substantial supporting documentation from the clinical trial, along with additional published medical literature, as we continue to evaluate this issue," said Michael Felberbaum, a spokesman for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The companies paid for and conducted the post-approval studies at the request of the FDA

and European Medicines Agency.

The researchers noted that the study didn't include smokers with severe heart disease, although many had high blood pressure or other risks for heart problems. Dr. Neal Benowitz, the lead author and a professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, said other recent studies have suggested the drugs are safe for smokers with severe heart disease.

## RISK

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when they were 7, 13, and between 17 and 26. National health records were used to see how many developed diabetes in adulthood.

Men who were overweight at age 7 but weren't by age 13 had similar odds of diabetes later in life as men who'd never been overweight.

Those who were overweight only at 13, or only at 7 and 13, had a lower risk than those who stayed overweight throughout young adulthood but a higher risk than men who'd never been overweight.

"They are hopeful results" that show there are benefits if parents can help chubby kids "grow into a healthy weight," said Steven Gortmaker, a childhood obesity researcher at the Harvard School of Public Health. "If you can slow the rise of obesity in very young children you have a

chance of really preventing future cases of diabetes."

Why might the teen years matter so much?

"At adolescence you become more insulin-resistant, just sort of a natural part of puberty," Daniels said.

The muscles and organs don't use insulin as well after then, so it takes more to get the same job done, he said.

The study had many limitations — it was only in men, and there was no information on what they weighed in adulthood, when the diabetes developed.

It was a different time and place — decades ago in Denmark, only 5 percent to 8 percent of these men had been overweight as children or teens. Today in the United States, about 35 percent of kids are overweight, and more than 23 percent are worldwide.

# Number, severity of brain injuries raise dementia risk

Associated Press

SEATTLE — A large study offers more evidence of a link between traumatic brain injuries and dementia later in life, with repeated injuries and severe ones posing the greatest danger.

Researchers analyzed 36 years of health records of 2.8 million people in Denmark, where a national health system makes it possible to explore connections in a far-reaching way.

Overall, the risk was small. About 95 percent of people who suffered a brain injury never developed dementia.

But a single severe brain injury increased the risk of later dementia by 35 percent compared with a person who never had brain trauma. A mild brain injury increased the risk by 17 percent. Each additional brain injury added to the danger.

Overall, the risk of dementia was 24 percent higher for people with a traumatic brain injury compared with people without one. The study was published Tuesday in the journal *Lancet Psychiatry*. A study of 3.3 million people in Sweden

earlier this year showed similar results.

Despite the size of the studies, they won't settle scientific questions — or social debate — about brain injuries from sports, war, car crashes or domestic violence.

Scientists know that a blow to the head can damage brain cells, but they don't know exactly how that might lead to later cognitive problems, said lead researcher Dr. Jesse Fann of University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle.

This kind of study can't prove a cause-and-effect relationship, but researchers tried to eliminate the possible effect of age, gender, marital status and health, including depression. And they looked at other types of trauma, such as broken bones, and found that brain injuries were more closely tied to dementia.

In a commentary in the journal, Dr. Carol Brayne of University of Cambridge's medical school in England wrote that improvements in care mean more people are surviving brain injuries, making it crucial to understand more about their long-term effects.

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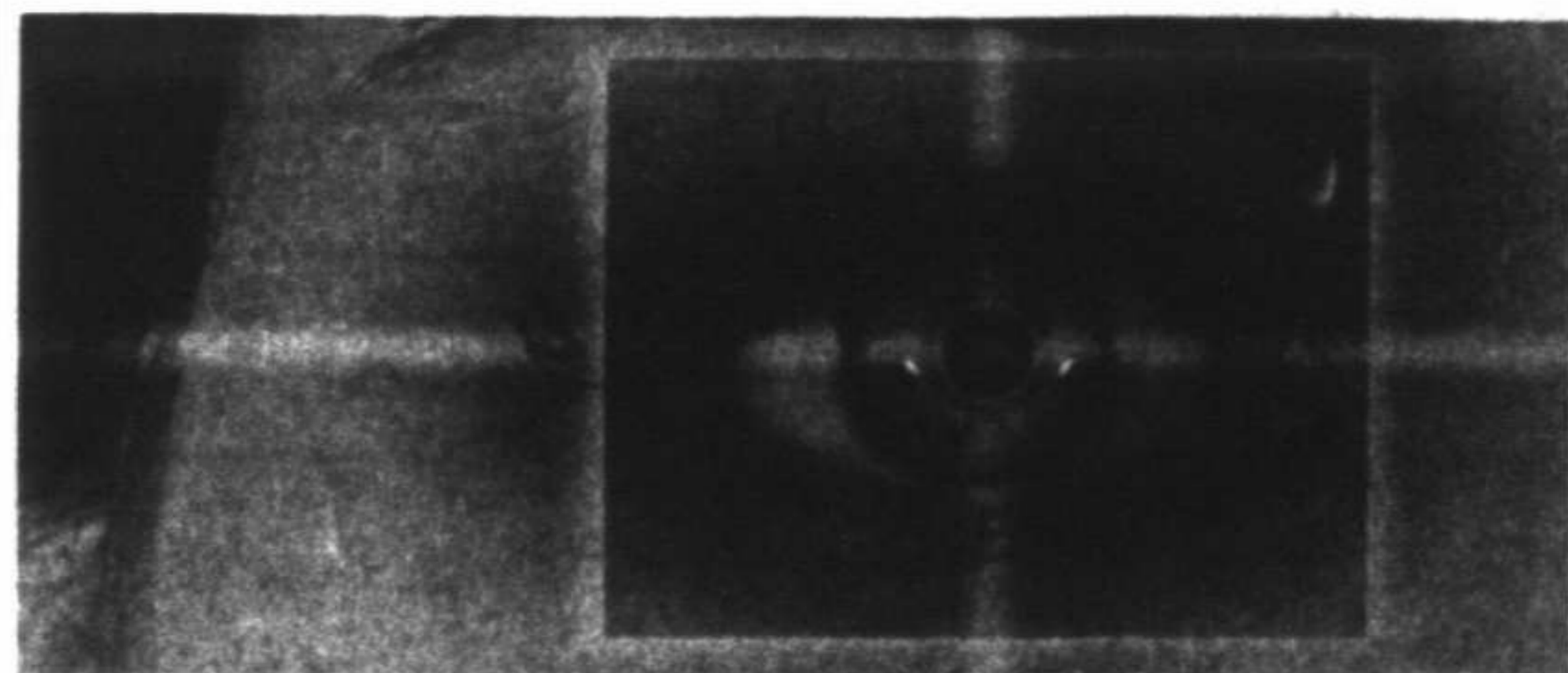
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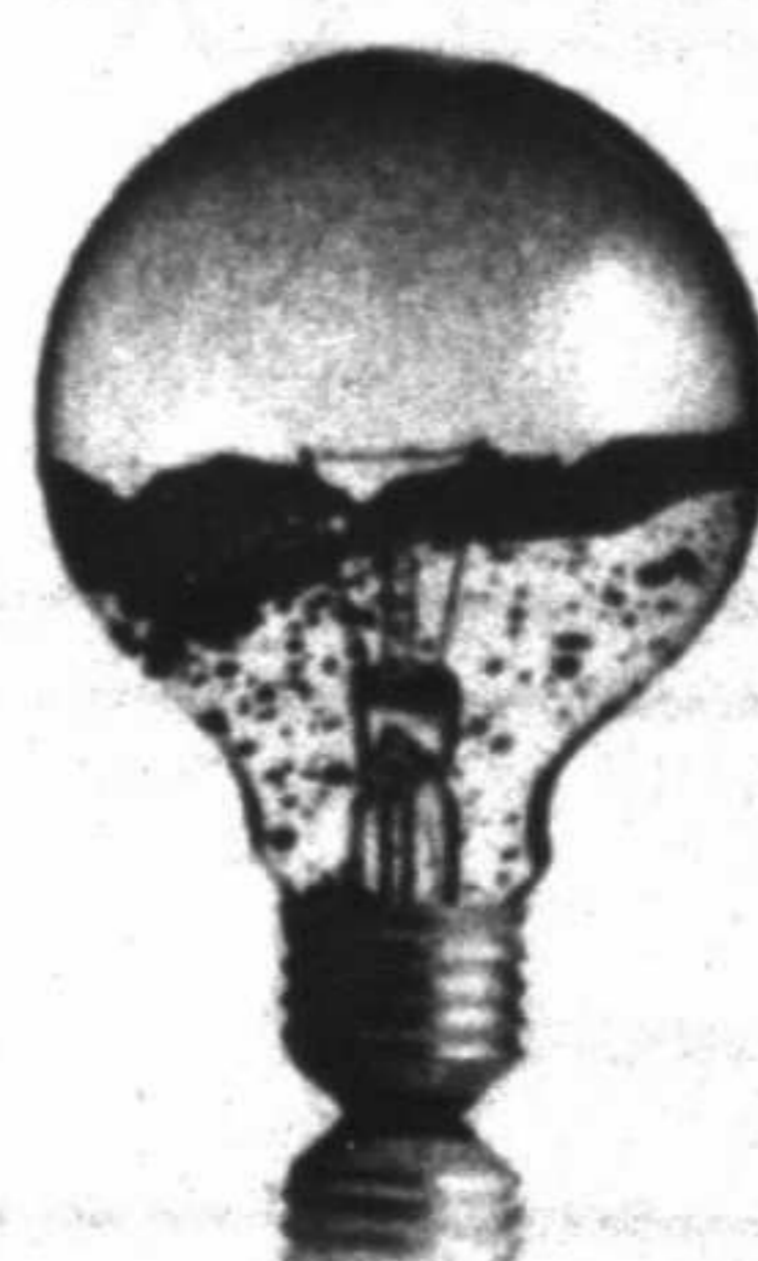
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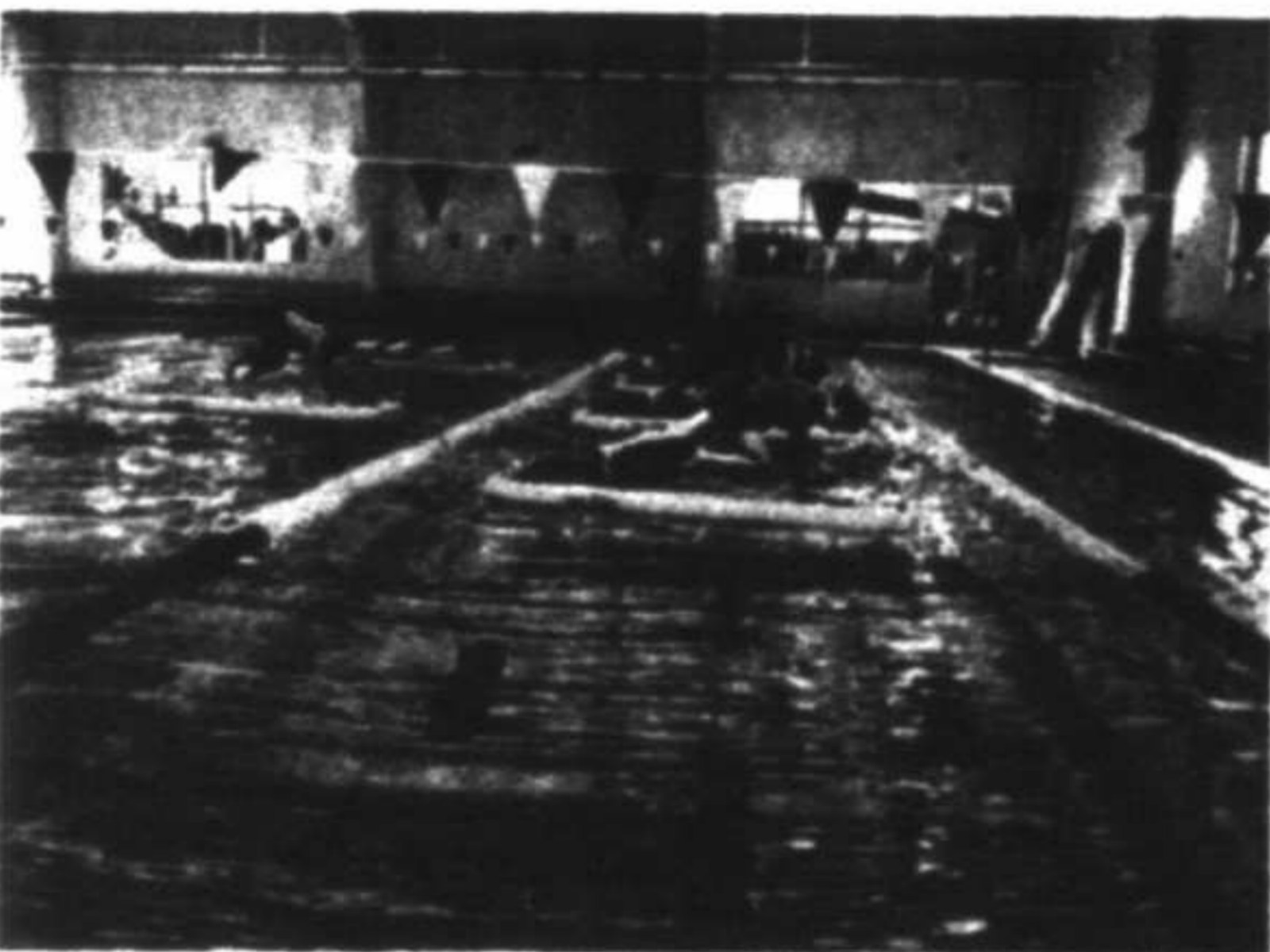
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## Study: Many teens, young women think STDs can't happen to them

By Rita Giordano  
Philadelphia Inquirer

Many young women and their doctors remain uncomfortable talking about sexually transmitted diseases, and these patients often underestimate their risk, according to a new report by a major health services provider.

Poor patient-doctor communication and false beliefs about STD risks may be among the factors contributing to the nation's record high rates of STDs, says the study, released Monday by medical laboratory testing giant Quest Diagnostics.

The Quest-commissioned national survey queried females ages 15 to 24, mothers of females in that age group, and physicians.

STD cases exceeded 2 million in 2016, the highest rates ever reported by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: About half were in young people.

According to the study by Secaucus, New Jersey-based Quest, 51 percent of the young survey respondents who acknowledged being sexually active said they do not want to talk about sex or STDs with their doctors, and 27 percent said they do not always tell their doctor the truth about their sexual history.

Some of the youngest patients may be most at risk of not being diagnosed. Of the sexually active teenagers ages 15 to 17 who were questioned, 43 percent said they were not always truthful with their health providers. In addition, these teenagers said their clinicians were less likely to ask if they wanted



Diversity via TMC

Graduate student Terri Stoner of Copley, Ohio, examines a culture while doing research on green vegetables that may arrest the progress of herpes at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Rootstown, Ohio. Poor patient-doctor communication and false beliefs about STD risks may be among the factors contributing to the nation's record high rates of STDs, says the study, released Monday by medical laboratory testing giant Quest Diagnostics.

to be tested for STDs than the respondents to a similar Quest survey done two years before.

The new survey results also suggest some doctors may be part of the problem.

Although the CDC recommends annual testing for chlamydia and

gonorrhea for all sexually active women under 25, 49 percent of the young women said their doctor or nurse had never asked them if they wanted STD testing.

In addition, about one quarter of the doctors questioned said they were "very

uncomfortable" discussing sexually transmitted infection risk with their female patients. A third said they rely on symptoms to diagnose STDs, and about a quarter said they wouldn't order chlamydia or gonorrhea tests for females who were sexually active but had no disease symptoms. The study notes the CDC has advised that STDs do not always cause symptoms, and that people can have infections without knowing it.

The study results also indicate that young women harbor many misconceptions about STD risk.

Of those who said they were sexually active, 56 percent said they had been tested for a STD. The reasons the young women gave for not getting tested were thinking they were not at risk — 62 percent — and not having symptoms — 55 percent.

Only 39 percent said a condom was used the last time they had sex.

"Our findings suggest that discomfort with frank conversations about sexual activity and false beliefs about risk are key barriers to STD testing, and could be driving some of the increase in STD cases of young women," said Damian P. Alagia, Quest's medical director of women's health.

"Our hope in sharing this survey's findings with clinicians and the general public is that it prompts open dialogue about reproductive health and STD risk," Alagia said, "which is absolutely critical to reversing the trajectory of high STD rates in the United States."

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## Spurs, Pelicans, Thunder all in; 1 spot left in West race

A look at the NBA playoff picture, with two days remaining in the regular season and now only one berth left to be decided:

By **Tim Reynolds**  
*Associated Press*

### The scenarios

The NBA says there are 56 possible seeding scenarios still in play going into the final two days of the regular season.

All but one of the 16 playoff spots have been clinched, with the Minnesota-Denver game on Wednesday deciding the final berth in the postseason. But going into Tuesday, the next-to-last day of the regular season, only five of the 16 seeds have been wrapped up.

The Portland-Utah winner on

Wednesday will finish No. 3 in the Western Conference, but if the Jazz lose they could fall as far as No. 7 depending on the outcome of other games.

San Antonio, Oklahoma City and New Orleans could all be anywhere from fourth through eighth in the West. Minnesota would finish anywhere from fifth through eighth if it tops Denver, and the Nuggets — if they beat the Timberwolves — will be fifth, sixth or seventh.

Houston is No. 1 in the West, followed by Golden State at No. 2. The clinched East seeds are No. 1 Toronto, No. 2 Boston and No. 5 Indiana.

Philadelphia and Cleveland will be No. 3 and No. 4 in the East, in some order. Going into Tuesday, Milwaukee, Miami and Washington all could finish

either sixth, seventh or eighth in the East.

### West update

The playoffs start Wednesday. Officially, that's not true. But the Denver at Minnesota game on Wednesday night may as well be considered a play-in game: Winner moves on, loser goes home.

Monday started with four spots available out West, and ended with only one still unclaimed. New Orleans, San Antonio and Oklahoma City all won to clinch their playoff berths — the Spurs doing so for the 21st consecutive year, tying Portland for the second-longest run in NBA history and moving one shy of

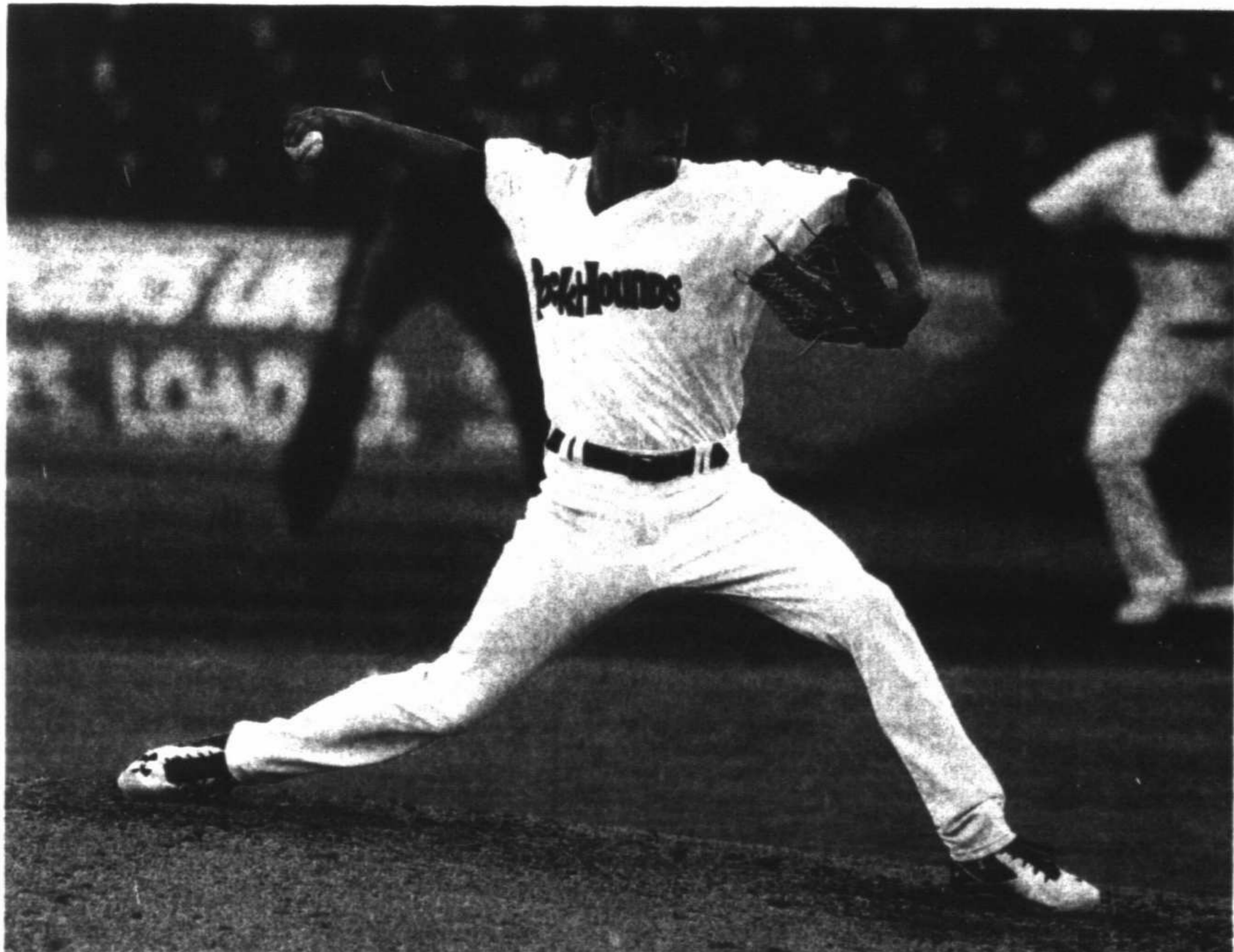
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San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker (9) and guard Manu Ginobili (20) stand during the national anthem before the game with the Sacramento Kings on Monday at the AT&T Center.

## More innings, please



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

RockHounds' Joel Seddon pitches against Tulsa on Tuesday, at Security Bank Ballpark.

### Seddon draws on relief experience, thriving as starter

By **Christopher Hadorn**  
*chadorn@mrt.com*

In college, Midland RockHounds right-handed pitcher Joel Seddon was used to throwing one inning as a closer for the University of South Carolina.

On Tuesday, Seddon showed that he can pitch the long game too.

Seddon hurled a gem to lead the RockHounds to a 5-0 shutout of the Tulsa Drillers at Security Bank Ballpark, helping Midland end its season opening homestand with a 5-1 record.

Seddon spun seven scoreless innings, while limiting the Drillers to only three hits and a walk.

The 25-year-old struck out five, and lowered his season ERA to 1.64 over two starts.

It was Seddon's first seven-inning start since his win on June 9, 2017 at San

Antonio.

"It feels good," Seddon said. "Last outing, I only went four (innings), so I was kind of surprised they let me go for seven. I'm glad they did."

The 6-foot-1, 185 pound Seddon has been developed as a starter by the Oakland Athletics ever since his first full season of professional baseball in 2015.

But Seddon still draws upon his relief experience to help him out, as he learned how to strand runners in a fireman role at South Carolina.

In the third inning Tuesday, Seddon hit Tulsa's Jacob Scavuzzo with a pitch and walked Peter O'Brien to open the frame. However, Seddon responded by inducing a double play ground ball off the bat of Michael Ahmed.

After hitting another batter, the 25-year-old struck out Angelo Mora swinging to escape trouble with no runs.

"I think that closer experience in col-

lege kind of helps me in tough situations with runners on base," Seddon said. "I kind of lock in a little more. I've been there before I know how it feels. It gets me out of some trouble sometimes."

Seddon was efficient, firing 62 of his 87 pitches for strikes. Seddon retired the side in order in four of his seven innings.

It was the second straight day that a starting pitcher gave the RockHounds length and efficiency after Kyle Friedrichs tossed six innings of one-run ball in Midland's 7-3 win over Tulsa Monday. Friedrichs walked none, tossed first-pitch strikes to 16 of the 21 batters he faced and had only two 2-0 counts in his outing. Seddon followed Friedrichs' lead Tuesday.

"He mixed pitches," Midland manager Scott Steinmann said of Seddon. "He conserved his pitches. There wasn't that

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## Lee grad Coleman, Aggies topple Longhorns

By **Brent Zwerneman**  
*Houston Chronicle*

COLLEGE STATION — Texas starter Nico O'Donnell fired a pitch high and tight to Texas A&M's second batter on Tuesday night at Blue Bell Park. The fastball nearly brushed Logan Foster's helmet, prompting a long stare back from the Aggie.

Perhaps the offering simply got away from O'Donnell. Maybe he was sending a message to let everyone know an old, revered rivalry lives on.

No matter his intent, the pitch was just the first inkling Longhorns and Aggies still love to go hard at each other on the field, no matter the conference affiliation, and this time around A&M prevailed. The No. 22 Aggies defeated the No. 24 Longhorns 6-5 before 7,537 fans, a record crowd for the stadium since it was renovated prior to the 2012 season.

A&M's Hunter Coleman laced a 2-RBI single to left field in the sixth inning that shoved the Aggies' lead to 6-3, after fouling off five two-strike pitches. Coleman pumped his arm while exiting the batter's box and heading for first base — yet another sign how much this nonconference

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## A&M grad Victor wins Commonwealth decathlon title

By **John Fye**  
*Associated Press*

GOLD COAST, Australia — Damian Warner's bid to defend his Commonwealth Games decathlon title ended when he failed to clear a height in the pole vault, leaving the aptly-named Lindon Victor to win his first gold medal at a major meet.

Warner, the Olympic bronze and former world silver medalist, missed all three attempts at 4.50 meters — well short of his personal best of 4.90. After seven events, he was leading with 6,297 points. The 28-year-old Canadian dropped from first to sixth and didn't compete in the javelin or the 1,500 meters on a wet night at the Carrara Stadium. His officials result: DNF.

Victor, a Texas A&M alum, won the gold for Grenada with 8,303 points and Warner's Canadian teammate Pierce Lepage took silver at 8,171. Australia's Cedric Dubler collected bronze in 7,983.

"It's not the way I wanted to win, with Damian having three fouls, but I prayed for the gold medal," Victor said. "It's 10 events, not nine. It's the nature of the decathlon."

Victor was competing at his first major international meet since graduating from Texas A&M, where he set an all-time collegiate record with 8,539 points and was a two-time NCAA decathlon champion.

"I'm looking forward to starting my

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## Williams sisters join Billie Jean King's equal pay push

By **Howard Fendrich**  
*Associated Press*

A day before playing in the 2005 final at the All England Club, Venus Williams addressed a meeting of the Grand Slam Board, urging Wimbledon and the French Open to offer equal pay to male and female players.

"I said: 'All of our hearts beat the same. When your eyes are closed, you really can't tell, next to you, who's a man and who's a woman.' And (I asked them) to think about their daughters and their wives and sisters. How would they like them to be treated?" Williams recalled. "Sometimes, we lose track of, and don't even

realize, our own bias and our own prejudice. And we have to confront ourselves."

The following afternoon, she won one of her seven major singles championships. About 11 1/2 years later, Wimbledon announced it would, indeed, offer the same prize money to men and women in all rounds of the tournament, and the French Open soon followed suit, eliminating the pay gap at the four majors.

Now, Williams and her sister, Serena, are adding their names and voices to the push for equal pay across all types of jobs that the Billie Jean King Leadership Initiative (BJKLI) is championing.

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Stephen Chernick/AP file photo

Billie Jean King is flanked by Venus, left, and Serena Williams after Serena defeated Venus in the championship match of the Billie Jean King Cup tennis exhibition in 2009 at Madison Square Garden in New York. Venus and Serena Williams are adding their names and voices to the push for equal pay championed by the Billie Jean King Leadership Initiative. The two current tennis stars are joining the advisory board of the group founded by the former player.

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ON THE AIR

**College Softball**  
McNeese State at Baylor, 5 p.m., FSSW, FCSP

**Major League Baseball**  
Houston at Minnesota, Noon, ATTSW  
Atlanta at Washington, Noon, MLB  
Milwaukee at St. Louis, Noon, Facebook  
NY Yankees at Boston, 6 p.m., MLB  
LA Angels at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW

**National Basketball Association**  
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., ESPN  
San Antonio at New Orleans, 7 p.m., FSSW  
Utah at Portland, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

**National Hockey League**

East 1st Round, Gm 1: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., NBCSN  
West 1st Round, Gm 1: Minnesota at Winnipeg, 6 p.m., CNBC  
West 1st Round, Gm 1: Los Angeles at Las Vegas, 9 p.m., NBCSN

**RADIO**  
Major League Baseball  
Houston at Minnesota, Noon, KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)  
LA Angels at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

**National Basketball Association**  
San Antonio at New Orleans, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

# WHAT'S ON DECK

**JC Baseball**  
Midland College at New Mexico JC, 3 p.m.

# TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**  
Major League Baseball  
MLB — Suspended Arizona manager Tony La Russa one game and fired him as coach of the second team of an April 8 game against St. Louis. Suspended St. Louis C Yadier Molina one game for his actions during the incident, which included making contact with Angels Tin Tiernan. Suspended Arizona Diamondbacks minor league C Jose Herrera 50 games without pay after testing positive for marijuana and cocaine, substances in violation of the Major League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled RHP Tyler Rogers from Norfolk (IL). Designated LHP Nestor Cortes, Jr. for assignment.  
BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled INF Taijuan Walker from Pawtucket (IL).  
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Placed OF Alex Gordon on the 10-day DL, retroactive to April 9. Recalled OF Alcides Escobar from Omaha (PCL).  
NEW YORK YANKEES — Signed OF Shane Bieber and selected him from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Designated RHP OF Jose Pate for assignment.  
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed 1B Kendry Morales on the 10-day DL. Recalled LHP Tim Lincecum from Buffalo (IL).  
National League  
CHICAGO CUBS — Placed 1B Anthony

Rizzo on the 10-day DL, retroactive to April 6. Selected the contract of RHP OF Ethen Weaver from Iowa (PCL).  
CINCINNATI REDS — Selected the contract of RHP Trevor Bauer from Louisville (IL). Designated RHP David Galarraga for assignment.  
NEW YORK METS — Acquired OF Ronald Cabelman from New York Yankees for RHP OF L.J. Mazzilli. Recalled RHP Casey Odor from Las Vegas (PCL).  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Called up RHP Tyler Beane from Sacramento.  
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Placed C Miguel Montero on the 10-day DL, retroactive to April 7.  
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
DETROIT LIONS — Placed OT Ernest Cleary on the reserve-removed list.  
CANNONVILLE FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
WASHEGUE BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WR Tony Stevens.

**COLLEGE**  
ALBURN — Announced sophomore C Austin Wiley has declared for the NBA draft.  
EVANSHVILLE — Named Tennessee Commodore and Ohio State coach assistant football coaches and Logan Bowman director of basketball operations.

# NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

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Monday, April 16: Tampa Bay at New Jersey 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 18: Tampa Bay at New Jersey 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 21: New Jersey at Tampa Bay 7 p.m.  
Monday, April 23: Tampa Bay at New Jersey 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 25: Tampa Bay at New Jersey 7 p.m.

Boston vs. Toronto  
Thursday, April 12: Toronto at Boston, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, April 14: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Monday, April 16: Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.  
Thursday, April 19: Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, April 21: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Monday, April 23: Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 25: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.

Washington vs. Columbus  
Thursday, April 12: Columbus at Washington, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 14: Columbus at Washington, 6:30 p.m.  
Monday, April 16: Washington at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, April 19: Washington at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 21: Columbus at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Monday, April 23: Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 25: Columbus at Washington, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh vs. Philadelphia  
Today: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.  
Friday, April 13: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.  
Sunday, April 15: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 18: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.  
Friday, April 20: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
Sunday, April 22: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 25: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
St. Louis vs. Colorado  
Thursday, April 12: Colorado at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 14: Colorado at St. Louis, 2 p.m.  
Monday, April 16: St. Louis at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 18: Colorado at St. Louis, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, April 21: St. Louis at Colorado, 7 p.m.  
Monday, April 23: Colorado at St. Louis, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 25: St. Louis at Colorado, 7 p.m.

Minnesota vs. Winnipeg  
Thursday, April 12: Minnesota at Winnipeg, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 14: Winnipeg at Minnesota, 6 p.m.  
Monday, April 16: Winnipeg at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 18: Minnesota at Winnipeg, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 21: Winnipeg at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
Monday, April 23: Minnesota at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 25: Winnipeg at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Vegas vs. Los Angeles  
Today: Los Angeles at Vegas, 9 p.m.  
Friday, April 13: Los Angeles at Vegas, 9 p.m.  
Sunday, April 15: Vegas at Los Angeles, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 18: Vegas at Los Angeles, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 21: Vegas at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.  
Monday, April 23: Vegas at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 25: Los Angeles at Vegas, 7 p.m.

San Jose vs. Anaheim  
Thursday, April 12: San Jose at Anaheim, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 14: San Jose at Anaheim, 6:30 p.m.  
Monday, April 16: Anaheim at San Jose, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 18: Anaheim at San Jose, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 21: Anaheim at San Jose, 7 p.m.  
Monday, April 23: Anaheim at San Jose, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 25: Anaheim at San Jose, 7 p.m.

# COLLEGE BASEBALL

**College Baseball scores**  
Big 12  
Oklahoma 13, Arkansas-Little Rock 9  
TCU 1, UT Arlington 5  
Dallas Baptist 6, Texas Tech 5

Team ABM 6, Texas 9  
Oklahoma City 47, 20,000 1  
Missouri 40, 20,000 2  
Ducor 40, 20,000 2

Florida State  
L. Pitt 60  
y-Golden State 50, 20,707 1  
L.A. Clippens 42, 20,619 10a  
L.A. Lobos 24, 40,420 23  
Sumner 10, 20,221 21a  
Pawnee 21, 41,250 27

Weekend's Scores  
Charlotte 110, Indiana 30  
Philadelphia 120, Illinois 110  
Washington 110, Boston 90  
Purdue 100, Ohio State 70  
Utah 110, Golden State 70  
Houston 100, L.A. Lobos, 100  
Saginaw State 100

San Jose at San Jose, 7 p.m.  
Ducor at Missouri, 7 p.m.  
Sumner at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.  
Missouri at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
San Jose at New Orleans, 7 p.m.  
North Carolina at Georgia, 7 p.m.  
Florida at Georgia, 7 p.m.  
L.A. Lobos at L.A. Clippens, 6:30 p.m.  
Utah at Purdue, 5:30 p.m.

# NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Team	W-L	Team	W-L
Atlanta Hawks	40-30	San Antonio Spurs	40-30
Boston Celtics	39-27	Denver Nuggets	39-27
Brooklyn Nets	38-28	Golden State Warriors	38-28
Charlotte Hornets	37-29	L.A. Clippers	37-29
Chicago Bulls	36-30	L.A. Lakers	36-30
Cleveland Cavaliers	35-31	Memphis Grizzlies	35-31
Dallas Mavericks	34-32	Minnesota Timberwolves	34-32
Denver Nuggets	33-33	New Orleans Pelicans	33-33
Detroit Pistons	32-34	Oklahoma City Thunder	32-34
Indiana Pacers	31-35	Portland Trail Blazers	31-35
Los Angeles Lakers	30-36	San Antonio Spurs	30-36
Memphis Grizzlies	29-37	Utah Jazz	29-37
Minnesota Timberwolves	28-38	Washington Wizards	28-38
New Orleans Pelicans	27-39	Wizards	27-39
Oklahoma City Thunder	26-40		
Portland Trail Blazers	25-41		
San Antonio Spurs	24-42		
Utah Jazz	23-43		
Washington Wizards	22-44		
Wizards	21-45		

# Trinity teams win district golf titles

From staff reports

**LUBBOCK** — The Trinity boys and girls golf teams each cruised to a district title in the TAPPS 1-4A District Tournament, Tuesday at Lubbock Country Club.

Trinity senior Austin Escamilla won the boys tournament with a score of 74, while teammates Chesley McDonald (77) placed second, Davis Seybert (79) was fourth and Ciro Baeza (82) was fifth. The

Chargers won the tournament by 51 strokes over second place Lubbock Christian.

In the girls' field, Aspen Escamilla captured the individual title with a card of 87. Teammates Brooke Widner (91) placed second, Julissa Carrasco (109) was third and Rebecca Young (110) finished fourth.

Both teams advanced to the TAPPS 4A North Regional Golf Championships, to be held April 23 at Mansfield National Golf Course.

**TAPPS 1-4A Golf Tournament**  
Tuesday's final results  
Lubbock Country Club  
Boys  
Team standings — 1. Trinity 312; 2. Lubbock Christian 362; 3. Lubbock Trinity 410  
Individual standings — 1. Austin Escamilla, Trinity 74; Chesley McDonald, Trinity 77; 3. Ciro Baeza, Trinity 82; 4. Davis Seybert, Trinity 79; 5. Ciro Baeza 82; 6. El Prank, Lubbock Christian 90; 7. Zach Lusk, Lubbock Trinity 91; 8. Thomas Best, Trinity 95; Ryan Sparks, Lubbock Christian 95; 10. Blayden Myers, Lubbock Christian 100

Girls  
Team standings — 1. Trinity 387; Lubbock Christian 483  
Individual standings — 1. Aspen Escamilla, Trinity 87; 2. Brooke Widner, Trinity 91; 3. Julissa Carrasco 109; 4. Rebecca Young, Trinity 110; 5. Julia Terry, Lubbock Christian 112; 6. Maria Davis, Lubbock Christian 112; 7. Ashlyn Reynolds, Lubbock Christian 116; 8. Halle Haydel, Lubbock Christian 122; 9. Hannah Lamore, Trinity 130; Cately Anderson, Lubbock Christian 130

# Lubbock Christian strikes early, rolls by MCS

From staff reports

**LUBBOCK** — The Lubbock Christian softball team scored eight runs over the first three frames to race past Midland Christian, 12-2 in 4 1/2 innings in a non-district game Tuesday.

The Lady Mustangs scored their two runs in the top of the fifth and were out-hit, 10-3 in the loss.

Both teams committed three errors.

Ashlyn Gallegos led MCS at the plate by going 1-for-3

with a home run. Teammates Zaita Suarez and starting pitcher Taylor Debose each collected a hit for the Lady Mustangs.

In the circle, Debose struck out one and walked three over four innings.

**LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN 12,**  
**MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 2**  
2nd-4th-12th-3  
Taylor Debose and Madeline Whigham Brewer and Hays, W — Brewer, L — Debose, 2B — LC: Hays 2.  
Brewer, 2B — Canfield, HR — MCS: Ashlyn Gallegos.  
Host MCS at Fort Worth Southwest Christian, 4:30 p.m. Friday

# Dirty Work: Net-front guys play vital role in NHL playoffs

By Will Graves  
Associated Press

**PITTSBURGH** — There's a bit of masochist in Patric Hornqvist. Has to be.

How else to explain the thrill the Pittsburgh Penguins forward gets by planting himself in front of an opposing net and daring someone — be it a goaltender or defender typically within a stick's reach of him — to move him out of the way by any means necessary?

Over the course of three periods on a given night, Hornqvist will be punched, pushed, stretched (both legally and illegally) and generally treated as a piñata on skates. And here's the thing. He likes it. A lot. The smile on his face even as he's being chopped to the ice is a dead giveaway.

"I think he finds comfort in being a pain in the neck," Penguins coach Mike Sullivan said.

Sure, it's not quite the career path the 31-year-old envisioned while growing

up in Sweden, where the larger international ice sheets provided Hornqvist plenty of room to do as he pleased. That space has disappeared in the NHL, where the ice surface is smaller, the players bigger and faster, and the goals far harder to come by.

So Hornqvist has carved out a niche by volunteering to get to the places on the ice that aren't for the meek — a 5-foot-11, 189-pound stockpile of kinetic energy. In the process, he's become arguably the best of the net-front masters that will play a pivotal role in the Stanley Cup playoffs. Hornqvist scored 29 times this season for the two-time defending Stanley Cup champions, most of them coming from in tight. Some on deflections. Others on rebounds. Others still when he managed to thrust his stick in the middle of chaos and find the order in it. Oh, and the puck, too.

They call the corners and the front of the net the "dirty area." Maybe, but beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Especially in the postseason.

"Usually it's not the pretty goal that wins the game," said Predators forward Scott Hartnell, no stranger to the mosh pit that doubles as the area just outside the goal crease. "It's the one-two-three-four whacks on it and it goes in."

The goal that propelled the Penguins to a second title last June came not from Sidney Crosby or Evgeni Malkin or Kris Letang but by Hornqvist doing what he does as well as anyone in the NHL — collecting Justin Schultz's shot off the end boards then banking it off Nashville's Pekka Rinne and into the net late in Game 6 of the 2017 Stanley Cup finals.

"I love to be where it's hot, especially in those areas in front of the net," Hornqvist said. "It's probably the best place to be."

And, in a weird way, it's a pretty effective path to career longevity. Hornqvist just signed a five-year contract extension over the winter. Hartnell will turn 36 later this month. Tampa Bay's Chris Kunitz — who filled a role similar to Hornqvist's while helping the Penguins to three cups before joining the Lightning — played in all 82 games this year for the Eastern Conference's top seed at age 38.

Pain, it turns out, has its perks. Washington's Tom Wilson, just 24, points to players like Hornqvist and Philadelphia's Wayne Simmonds as a role model of sorts. "Simmonds will tip the puck, he'll turn and he'll find it," Wilson said. "He's strong enough to be able to get two or three chances."



Hornqvist

# WARNER

From IC

professional year," he said.

"I was a little below my personal record, but it's early in the season."

As far as he was concerned, he felt like a winner when he started the competition with Victor on his singlet.

"I thank my parents for that," he said. "I say I'm already the victor."

Warner started competition on the second day of the event with the lead-

ing time in the 110-meter hurdles at 13.89 seconds. He had the fourth-best mark in the discus with a throw of 46.55 meters.

He started the decathlon competition on Monday with his season-best 10.29 seconds in the 100 and also threw a personal best 15:11 meters in the shot put and held a 129-point overnight lead over Lepage.

After surpassing 8,100 points for the first time and experience a major multi-sport competition for

the first time, Lepage said he was looking forward to bigger meets.

He said he'd let Warner have time to himself because talking about the pole vault, which is where things can often go wrong in the decathlon.

"I know from experience — I know I've hit the pole — I did it three years in a row," he said.

"When something like that happens, you leave them alone. Give him some space. He'll figure

# WILLIAMS

From IC

The two current tennis stars are joining the advisory board of the group founded by the former player, and Tuesday's announcement was timed to coincide with Equal Pay Day, which approximates how far into a new year a woman must work to earn what a man made by the previous Dec. 31.

"Venus, in particular, helped us get equal prize money in the majors. She was amazing. She really got Wimbledon to make the big step," King said in a telephone interview. "Venus has always had the courage

to step up. And Serena's the same way. They step up. I mean, Serena is not afraid to say whatever is on her mind."

Added King: "They've been through a lot themselves, so they totally understand what's going on. The two of them have transcended sports. The BJKLI is not about sports. It's about every industry. To try to get equal pay for equal work, and that means across the board, from CEOs down to entry level."

Her group was formed in 2014, and other advisory board members include 2003 U.S. Open champion Andy Roddick, former NBA

player Jason Collins, singer Elton John and CNN's Christiane Amanpour.

It was a pretty easy sell for King to add the Williams siblings, owners of a combined 30 Grand Slam singles titles, along with another 14 they've won together in doubles.

"We always put our hands up for Billie. We love her. She has a tremendous history, not just in women's tennis, but in leading rights for people, in general, no matter who they were," Venus Williams said. "Billie could be at the point in her life now where she could say, 'Hey, I'm going to sit back and enjoy my life.' But she's still working hard for others. And that's a prime example for every single person. Your work on this earth never ends, as long as there is inequality."

King, for her part, looks at the Williams sisters as among those who can carry on the work she started decades ago.

"I am in my 70s, so I am looking to younger people to take up the mill as I phase out over time," King said. "I've got energy right now, so we're toting everything up so we're in great shape for the legacy of the BJKLI, because I want it to have a life after I'm out of here."

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MLB ROUNDUP

Associated Press

American League

ANGELS 11 TEXAS 1

ARLINGTON — Mike Trout and Andrelton Simmons each homered, Albert Pujols had two more hits in his push to 3,000 and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Texas Rangers 11-1 on Tuesday night.

The Angels, who went ahead to play with a three-run first, improved to 9-3 for the first time since 1982. They lead the majors with their 79 runs, 128 hits and 20 home runs.

Angels rookie two-way sensation Shohei Ohtani grounded out as a pinch-hitter in the ninth after not playing in the series opener Monday night, a day after he threw seven scoreless innings with 12 strikeouts against Oakland. Ohtani could be the DH for the finale in Texas.

Trout's fourth home of the season was a 441-foot solo drive that hit high above the Angels bullpen in left-center in the second inning. Simmons led off the next inning with his first homer to make it 5-1 against Martin Perez (1-1).

Pujols has 2,983 career hits after his two singles. Tyler Skaggs (2-0) struck out seven while allowing one run and throwing 114 pitches in five innings. The lefty allowed five hits and walked four.

After Perez retired the first two batters in the game, five straight Angels reached base. The first run scored on a wild pitch before Jeffery Marte and Chris Young had consecutive RBI singles.

Perez allowed eight runs and nine hits and was done after walking the first two batters in the fourth.

TWINS 4 ASTROS 1

MINNEAPOLIS — Jake Odorizzi grinded through six innings for his first win with Minnesota, leadoff man Brian Dozier walked a career-high four times and the Twins beat the Houston Astros 4-1 on Tuesday night.

Odorizzi (1-0) struggled with control on another cold night in Minnesota but eventually settled in during his first home start since being acquired from Tampa Bay in February. He allowed a run on five walks and five hits.

Minnesota took advantage of Dallas Keuchel's control problems to scratch across three runs in the first two innings. Keuchel (0-2) gave up three runs, five hits and four walks in four innings. He struck out six and left after 101 pitches.

Fernando Rodney pitched the third and was called out when third baseman Alex Bregman made a quick throw to first. A replay review showed Dozier just beat the throw. Dozier later scored on a sacrifice by Eduardo Escobar, and Robbie Grossman doubled to drive in another run.

Joe Mauer had two walks and two hits for Minnesota. He drew a bases-loaded walk from Keuchel in the second. It's the second straight start Keuchel has walked four batters.

Jake Marisnick had an RBI single in the second for Houston, but the Astros stranded six runners over the first four innings.

Odorizzi had all five of his walks in the first three innings. He gave up two hits in the fifth but picked off Bregman at first and got Carlos Correa to ground into an inning-ending double play.

RAYS 6 WHITE SOX 5

CHICAGO — Blake Snell pitched one-hit ball and struck out 10 through six innings and the Tampa Bay Rays kept the White Sox winless at home this season, beating Chicago 6-5 on Tuesday.

The White Sox dropped to 0-5 at Guaranteed Rate Field. That matched Chicago's five-game home skid to start 1975 at Comiskey Park.

Carlos Gomez hit a solo homer and Joey Wendle, Wilson Ramos, Adelyn Hachewerri and Daniel Robertson each drove in a run as Tampa Bay



Cooper Nell/Associated Press

Los Angeles Angels' Shohei Ohtani (17) prepares to bat during the ninth inning on Tuesday in Arlington.

won its second straight following an eight-game slide.

Jose Abreu hit a three-run homer off Rays closer Alex Colome, capping a four-run rally in the ninth. After a two-out walk, Colome held on for his third save in five chances.

Snell (1-1) didn't allow a hit until Tyler Saladino's double bounced over the left-center field wall with one out in the fifth inning. The 6-foot-5 left-hander was charged with Chicago's first run and walked five before his pitch count climbed to 114 and Andrew Kittiridge replaced him to start the seventh.

INDIANS 2 TIGERS 1

CLEVELAND — Roberto Perez hit a leadoff home run in the eighth inning against reliever Alex Wilson, lifting the Cleveland Indians over the Detroit Tigers 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Perez belted a 2-0 pitch to center field that landed in the seats in front of the bullpen to give Cleveland its ninth straight win over Detroit. The Indians are 29-10 against the Tigers since the start of the 2016 season.

Jose Ramirez's two-out homer in the first put Cleveland ahead, a lead that lasted until Jaimer Candelario's seventh-inning double. It was Detroit's first run in 23 innings.

Andrew Miller (1-0) pitched a scoreless eighth. Cody Allen worked the ninth for his third save.

Indians starter Josh Tomlin bounced back from a rocky outing in his first start with five strong innings. Matthew Boyd allowed one run in seven innings for Detroit.

Wilson (0-2) came in to start the eighth and quickly fell behind Perez. The Cleveland catcher made amends for a throwing error in the seventh with his go-ahead homer.

Cleveland is batting a major-league low .158 but has won its last three games via the long ball. Yan Gomes hit a game-ending two-run homer Sunday against Kansas City, and Bradley Zimmer had a two-run homer Monday night.

BLUE JAYS 2 ORIOLES 1

BALTIMORE — Aaron Sanchez lost his no-hit bid when Baltimore's Tim Beckham led off the eighth inning with a sharp grounder through the legs of third baseman Josh Donaldson, and Curtis Granderson hit a leadoff homer in the ninth to carry the Toronto Blue Jays over the Orioles 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Seeking to throw the second no-hitter in Blue Jays history, Sanchez walked four and hit a batter before it all came apart. After Beckham's double, Anthony Santander singled to right and rookie Chance Sisco followed with an RBI double to make it 1-1.

Sanchez (1-1) got the victory, though, when Granderson hit a sidearmed fastball from Darren O'Day (0-1) over the right-field scoreboard. It was his first homer since signing as a free agent with Toronto this past offseason.

Roberto Osuna got three straight outs for his fifth save. He became the youngest player in major league history (23 years, 62 days) with career 100 saves.

Orioles starter Andrew Cashner pitched seven shutout innings, allowing four hits and

three walks. He struck out six. On almost any other night, that would have been good enough to get the win. But Cashner — making his third start with Baltimore after signing as a free agent in February — had to settle for matching zeroes with Sanchez.

The Blue Jays broke up the scoreless duel in the eighth with an unearned run on a throwing error by Santander on a single to right by Yangervis Solarte.

Toronto's defense helped keep the no-hitter in the early innings. Right fielder Steve Pearce and center fielder Kevin Pillar made leaping catches on deep fly balls, and second baseman Devon Travis raced into the outfield to snag a fifth-inning bloop for Beckham.

Until the eighth, Sanchez was in the running to join Dave Stieb as the only pitchers to throw no-hitters for Toronto. Stieb beat Cleveland on Sept. 2.

RED SOX 14 YANKEES 1

BOSTON — Mookie Betts hit a grand slam on a monster night, leading Chris Sale and the Boston Red Sox over the New York Yankees 14-1 Tuesday for their ninth straight victory.

Betts went 4 for 4, scoring five runs and driving in four. His third career slam capped a nine-run burst in the sixth inning that turned the first matchup of the season between the AL East rivals into a rout.

Sal (1-0) allowed one run in six innings, scattering eight hits. He struck out eight without a walk.

Boston's starting pitchers improved to 6-0 on the season on a night in which the temperature dipped into the 30s. The Red Sox haven't lost since opening day.

Harley Ramirez went 2 for 2 with three RBIs and Andrew Benintendi added a two-run triple, along with a double.

Luis Severino (2-1) allowed five runs and eight hits in five innings. Aaron Judge had three hits for the Yankees, a drive off Sale over the center field wall in the fifth for his third home run on the season.

The highest profile acquisitions both showed a little something at the plate after early-season slumps.

National League

PIRATES 8 CUBS 5

CHICAGO — Ivan Nova pitched seven solid innings, Francisco Cervelli hit a three-run homer and the Pittsburgh Pirates routed the Chicago Cubs' home opener with an 8-5 victory on Tuesday.

Not even the presence of Suter Jean Dolores Schmidt, the 98-year-old captain of the Loyola baseball team, could help the Cubs. She threw out a ceremonial first pitch at Wrigley Field.

Cory Dickerson had three hits and two RBIs and Sterling Marte also connected as Pittsburgh won for the fourth time in five games. The Pirates' 8-2 record is their best 10-game start since 1982, and they are a perfect 4-0 on the road for the first time in 15 years.

Felipe Vizquez got four outs for his first save in a new jersey after he legally changed his surname to match that of

his sister, Precilla. He was known as Felipe Rivero, and he apologized on Twitter on Monday to fans who bought gear with his old name.

The Cubs became the last major league team to play at home a day after the series opener was postponed by snow. A crowd of 40,144 packed Wrigley on another chilly day — the game-time temperature was 43 degrees — but the fans had very little to cheer about after the first couple innings.

Javier Baez homered twice for the Cubs, and Wilson Contreras collected three hits. Tyler Chatwood (0-2) was tagged for five runs and nine hits in five innings in his first home start since signing a \$38 million, three-year contract with Chicago in the offseason.

Baez's solo drive to the back of the bleachers in left gave the Cubs a 2-1 lead in the second, but the Pirates took over from there.

Dickerson hit a leadoff two-run double in Pittsburgh's three-run third. Marte went deep with two out in the fourth, and Cervelli made it 8-2 with a drive to center in the seventh after Mike Montgomery surrendered consecutive two-out singles to Josh Bell and Dickerson.

NATIONALS 4 BRAVES 1

WASHINGTON — Stephen Strasburg threw eight scoreless innings, Ryan Zimmerman had a two-run triple and the Washington Nationals defeated the Atlanta Braves 4-1 on Tuesday night.

A night after Washington starter Max Scherzer stymied the Braves with a two-hit shutout, Strasburg (2-1) was nearly as effective against Atlanta.

Strasburg allowed three hits and two walks while striking out eight, at one point retiring 12 in a row. He didn't allow a runner past second base.

Ryan Zimmerman followed a two-out RBI double in the ninth to Darnesh Swanson, but escaped the jam to earn his first save.

Zimmerman, dropped one place in the lineup to the fifth spot as part of first-year manager Dave Martinez's early-season tinkering, entered the night riding .087 with only three RBIs in 34 at-bats.

He broke out of the funk with a first-inning liner that center fielder Ender Inciarte dove for and missed. Zimmerman ended up with a two-run triple, his first triple since May 30, 2016, and he looked upward and grinned to celebrate what could be the end of his slump.

Brian Gooden's two-out single knocked in an unearned run off starter Mike Foltynewicz (1-1) in the fourth, and the Nationals added another run in the sixth when reliever Shane Bieber overthrew first on Strasburg's sacrifice attempt.

PHILLIES 6 REDS 1

PHILADELPHIA — Aaron Nola pitched eight stellar innings and Scott Kingery hit a grand slam, leading the Philadelphia Phillies to a 6-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday night.

Nola (1-0) gave up three hits while striking out six and walking three as Philadelphia won for the fourth time in five games. The Reds have lost three in a row.

Nola threw 103 pitches, two starts after rookie manager Gabe Kapler's disputed decision to sit the Phillies ace through 68 pitches with a lead in a season-opening loss at Atlanta. The right-hander improved to 9-3 with a 2.04 ERA in his last 12 home starts.

Kingery connected with one out in the eighth off Tanner Rainey, who was making his big league debut. It was the second career homer for Kingery — he helped the Phillies beat the Reds 9-5 on Monday night by going deep.

Reds starter Homer Bailey didn't allow a hit through 5 1/3 innings and pitched through the sixth, giving up one run on two hits with seven strikeouts and no walks.

Cesar Hernandez broke up Bailey's no-hit bid with a solid single to right.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 5, DRILLERS 0

At Security Bank Ballpark TOP HITTERS: Midland left fielder Tyler Marincov was 1 for 3 with a two-run home run and a walk. ... RockHounds designated hitter Brett Siddall was 2 for 3 with a walk and a run scored.

TOP PITCHERS: Midland's Joel Seddon fired seven scoreless innings of three-hit ball, improving to 1-0. ... RockHounds lefty Jarret Martin hurled two shutout innings of one-hit ball, striking out two.

HIGHLIGHTS: Marincov's two-run homer to left off Tulsa's Dennis Santana gave Midland a 2-0 lead in the first. ... The RockHounds added two runs in the seventh when Santiago Chavez plated Siddall with an RBI double, and J.P. Sportman brought home Chavez with a run-scoring groundout. ... Mike White added an RBI single in the eighth.

NOTES: RockHounds utility infielder Melvin Mercedes was promoted to Triple-A Nashville of the Pacific Coast League. Mercedes, 26, hit .455 (5 for 11) with two RBI, three runs and two steals in three games. ... With his 10th RBI, White tied San Antonio's Josh Naylor for the Texas League lead. ... Midland took five out of six in its opening homestand and won the series against the Drillers, 2-1. The RockHounds begin a three-game road series at Springfield Thursday.

THURSDAY'S PROBABLES: Midland - RHP Corey Walter (1-0, 4.50 ERA); Springfield - RHP Ryan Healey (0-1, 8.44).

TL Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists RockHounds, Drillers, and other teams in the Texas League.

ROCKHOUNDS 5, DRILLERS 0

Table with columns: Team, AB, R, H, E, BB, SO, 2B, 3B, HR, SB, CS, WP, SH, BK, WP, SH, BK, WP, SH, BK. Shows game statistics for RockHounds vs Drillers.

THURSDAY'S PROBABLES

Table with columns: Team, P, W, L, ERA, IP, H, R, E, BB, SO. Lists probable pitchers for Thursday's games.

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game means to each team.

UT right fielder Austin Todd was ejected from the game in the eighth inning after drawing a line in the dirt with his bat after taking a pitch inside for strike three — to signify where he thought the pitch crossed.

The game dragged on and the teams used a combined 13 pitchers, to save arms for their respective league play this weekend.

The former Southwest Conference and Big 12 rivals now play once a season, in alternating home sites, and then plenty of fans hope they meet in the postseason. Two years ago in College Station the Aggies prevailed in the bottom of the ninth inning on a game-winning home run by Mike Barash.

Last year the Longhorns won at Disch-Falk Field 4-3 against the error-prone Aggies, as reliever Chase Shugart shut down A&M in the ninth. All three games since the teams started meeting in the regular season again have been decided by a run.

On Tuesday the Aggies got things rolling right off the bat with four runs in the first, courtesy of 2-RBI singles up the middle by both Will Frizzell and Cole Bedford, and the freshman O'Donnell was finished before he could add any more fire to the rivalry.

Both teams settled down until the fifth inning, when the Longhorns countered with a 2-RBI double by Kody Clemens and Zach Zubia followed with an RBI single to tighten the Aggies' lead to 4-3.

The Aggies, who've won three consecutive games at home including two against LSU, stay at Blue Bell Park for a three-game series against SEC West foe Alabama starting Thursday.

The Longhorns stay on the road for a three-game series at Oklahoma starting Friday.

A&M honored legendary UT coach Augie Garrido, who passed away on March 15 following a stroke, with an "AG 16" mat as the on-deck circle.

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many extended batters or extended innings." Seddon, who was drafted in the 11th round of the 2014 amateur draft by Oakland, has developed a deeper pitch repertoire as a starter to give himself more weapons to attack opposing batters.

"Recently I kind of developed more of a cutter," Seddon said. "I had a slider in the past, but I developed a cutter and that's keeping them off-balance a little bit. It works well with my two-seam fastball, kind of the same plane, moving in

and opposite directions. I use that a lot. My change-up was pretty good tonight, it kept them off-balance. My sinker is my go-to pitch, which I try to get ground balls with early in the count, that's how I can go deep in the game."

The Michigan native feels equipped to help the RockHounds in any role they need him.

"I kind of like that I can be versatile, go back to the pen if I need to, but I like starting," Seddon said.

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Standings

Table showing MLB Standings for American League and National League, including teams like Boston, Toronto, Tampa Bay, etc.

American League

Table showing American League Standings for teams like Tampa Bay, Chicago White Sox, Cleveland, etc.

National League

Table showing National League Standings for teams like St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, etc.

Yankees & Astros

Table showing Yankees & Astros Standings for teams like Yankees, Astros, Red Sox, etc.

Phillies & Reds

Table showing Phillies & Reds Standings for teams like Phillies, Reds, Cubs, etc.

RockHounds & Drillers

Table showing RockHounds & Drillers Standings for teams like RockHounds, Drillers, etc.

## NBA looks for playoffs not marred by more player-ref strife

By Tim Reynolds  
Associated Press

MIAMI — By rule, any substitute checking into an NBA game must first report his intentions to the scorer's table. Denver's Jamal Murray was on his way there during a game last month, then got derailed when an errant pass came flying his way.

That's when referee Jason Phillips intervened.

Phillips could have easily been a stickler for rules and told Murray — who never made it to the table — that he had to wait until the next stoppage of play. But Phillips knew Murray was on his way to checking in long before the play was dead and allowed him to enter the game.

"Thank you," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said, and Phillips nodded.

There were moments of civility like this between referees, players and coaches this season. They just were overshadowed way too often. Now everyone is watching to see how things unfold in the playoffs.

The league wants to avoid more headline-grabbing confrontation with the playoffs starting Saturday and stakes and emotion becoming even higher, so officials met with all 30 teams, the last of those on Monday.

"We all make mistakes," Toronto coach Dwane Casey said. "It's a game. We're all a part of it. We're all in the NBA. The officials are part of the NBA. So we have to understand that we're all under the same corporation."

There have been instances where they have looked more like combatants.

Referee Courtney Kirkland was taken off the floor for a week for getting too aggressive with Golden State's Shaun Livingston. Warriors star Kevin Durant — who'd been ejected once in his first nine seasons — got kicked out of five games. Even LeBron James got tossed for the first time in his 15-year career.

It all led the NBA to announce in late January its plan to improve how players and referees get along.

Former referee Monty McCutchen, now an NBA vice president overseeing referee development and training, and NBA senior vice president Michelle Johnson met with clubs to listen to their perspective.

McCutchen's biggest hope is finding a way to

make communication better, on all sides. He stressed to teams that he wasn't meeting with them solely to defend and protect officials.

"Our league needs strong officials," McCutchen said. "What we're trying to shoot for is this idea that you can have strength without arrogance and you can show humility without having to give into weakness. And that sort of Goldilocks moment, where the porridge is just right, is the balance in which we can start to disagree about the play without being demeaning or condescending or arrogant to one another."

That hasn't been the case at times this season.

It's rare that a call will truly decide a game, and the NBA is sticking to its pledge of transparency by continuing to release reports about calls made in the final two minutes of close games. The Last 2 Minute Reports have been widely panned by players and coaches, especially when those reports show that a big call didn't go their way in a close loss.

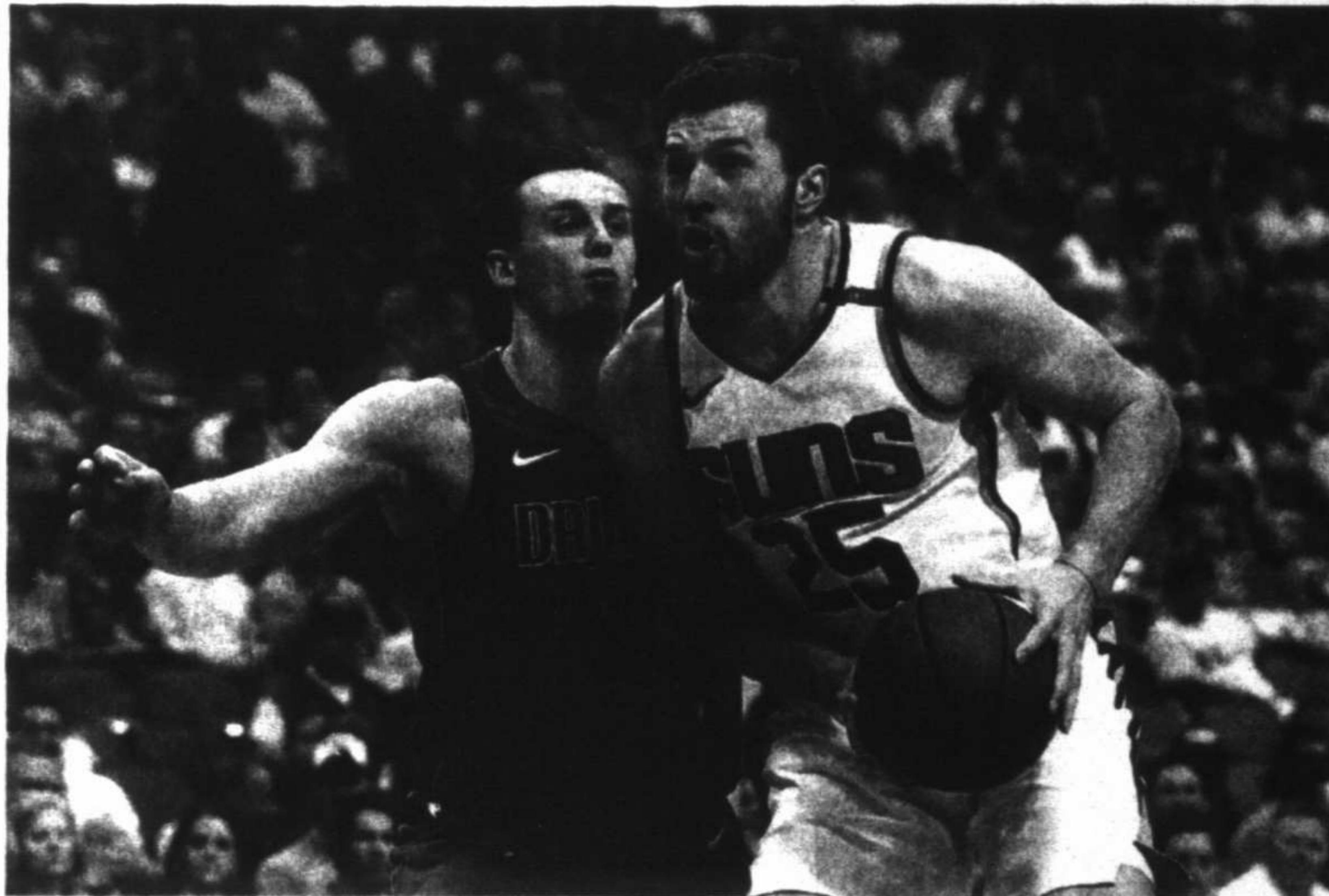
For the 400-plus games that have met the criteria for such a report being publicly issued this season, the NBA has said 97.4 percent of the calls made — in other words, 39 out of every 40 — are correct. When factoring in no-calls, what the NBA defines as "event accuracy" drops to 93.9 percent.

But there have also been some difficult moments.

Livingston and Kirkland butted heads in a game at Miami, earning the Warriors guard a one-game suspension and Kirkland's discipline after the league determined they were both in the wrong in their argument over a non-call. Through Sunday, there were 79 ejections this season — up considerably from the 61 last season. The NBA said, 902 technicals were called last season; that figure has also been topped this season, albeit only by about 30.

Draymond Green, who isn't shy about getting technicals, has complained. So has Chris Paul, the president of the National Basketball Players Association.

"To be honest, we need to be kind of just go out there and play, and not worry about anything but that," Toronto guard Kyle Lowry said. "We can't worry about what happened, even legitimately. We have to just go play and not say anything and just do our jobs."



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Dallas Mavericks' Kyle Collinworth (8) defends as Phoenix Suns forward Alec Peters (25) drives to the basket for a shot in the second half on Tuesday in Dallas.

## Suns top Mavs as reserves rule for lottery teams

By Schuyler Dixon  
Associated Press

DALLAS — Rookie Alec Peters scored a career-high 36 points and the Phoenix Suns beat the Dallas Mavericks 124-97 on Tuesday night in a reserve-filled finale for two teams headed to the lottery.

The Mavericks (24-58) entered the game tied for the third-worst record in the NBA and stayed that way while sitting eight players. That included star Dirk Nowitzki, whose 20th season ended last week when he had ankle surgery.

Atlanta finished with the same record after losing at home to Philadelphia 121-113. Orlando can join the Mavericks and Hawks with a loss at home to Washington on Wednesday.

Phoenix (21-61), which had already clinched the worst record and best lottery odds for the No. 1 pick in the draft in June, also didn't dress eight players. The Suns won for the second time in 19 games to wrap up their third straight season with at least 58 losses.

Johnathan Motley led Dallas with 21 points. Peters, who had 46 points total in 19 previous games, was 8 of 13 from 3-point range. The Suns shot 76 percent in the second half while outscoring the Mavericks 80-43. It matched the most points the Mavericks have given up in a half.

### Tip-ins

**Suns:** The four players not already listed as out who sat were Devin Booker (right hand sprain), Troy Daniels (left ankle sprain), T.J. Warren (left knee inflammation) and Marquese Chriss (lower back/leg pain).

**Mavericks:** The two players not already listed as out who didn't play were Doug McDermott (left elbow contusion) and rookie guard Dennis Smith Jr. (left knee soreness). Leading scorer Harrison Barnes was listed as rest.

### Dark for 21

Nowitzki revealed that he spent all season dealing with bone spurs in his left ankle that finally resulted in surgery last week. The German star has maintained that he planned to return next season, which would make him the first to play 21 seasons with the same franchise. The timing of the surgery was designed to give Nowitzki plenty of time to recover for his offseason regimen. He said he would spend about three weeks in the walking boot he wore in his meeting with reporters before the game.

"I didn't miss a lot of games this year," said Nowitzki, who played 77 games, a record for a player in his 20th season. "I felt fine most of the time. I always said all year that I

want to fulfill that two-year contract if possible. I saw nothing this year that was going to stop it." The club has an option on the second year of the deal, but owner Mark Cuban has always said Nowitzki will decide what happens with the contract.

### Tip most

**Suns:** C Tyson Chandler could be attractive in an offseason trade with one year left on a contract that averages \$13 million per season. He was a key piece of the Dallas championship in 2011, and returned in a trade with the New York Knicks three years later with one year left on a four-year contract. Chandler signed with the Suns when the Mavericks tried hard to lure DeAndre Jordan away from the Clippers. After initially agreeing to sign with Dallas, Jordan changed his mind and stayed in LA.

**Mavericks:** They seem committed to keeping Barnes, who has two years left on a \$94 million, four-year max deal he signed two years ago. The most likely piece in a trade would be G Wesley Matthews, who is going into the final year of a \$70 million, four-year deal that got richer when Jordan backed out on the Mavs. While Matthews returned from a ruptured Achilles tendon much quicker than usual in his first season and was durable thereafter.

## NBA ROUNDUP

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### HORNETS 118

#### PACERS 93

INDIANAPOLIS — Dwight Howard finished with 14 points and 17 rebounds and Frank Kaminsky led his career high with 24 points Tuesday night to lead the Charlotte Hornets past the Indiana Pacers, 118-93.

Charlotte ended the season with two wins in its last seven games.

The Pacers, who are locked into the No. 5 seed in the Eastern Conference, lost for the second time in three games with three starters sitting out. Darren Collison, T.J. Leaf and Glenn Robinson III all scored 13 points for Indiana.

With Bojan Bogdanovic, Victor Oladipo and Thaddeus Young all missing, the Hornets quickly took advantage of the short-handed Pacers.

Williams made four 3-pointers in the first quarter to help Charlotte take a 37-25 lead.

The Pacers out the halftime deficit to 63-55 but never seriously threatened.

Charlotte delivered the

knockout punch with a 13-4 run midway through the third quarter. When it ended, the Hornets had a 79-63 lead and the Pacers couldn't cut the deficit to single digits again.

### 76ERS 121

#### HAWKS 113

ATLANTA — JJ Redick scored 28 points and the surging Philadelphia 76ers set a franchise record with their 15th consecutive victory, holding off the Atlanta Hawks 121-113 Tuesday night to move a step closer to locking up the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference.

The 76ers overcame a tough outing for rookie star Ben Simmons, who missed the morning shootaround after coming down with the stomach flu. He still managed to put up 14 points, 10 rebounds and six assists before fouling out with 7 seconds remaining.

Simmons picked up a technical in the third quarter for arguing all the way down the court about a call that didn't go

his way.

His teammates helped pick up the slack. Redick hit 6 of 9 from beyond the 3-point arc, while former Atlanta player Ersan Ilyasova and Marco Belinelli burned their old team.

Ilyasova scored 26 points, Belinelli added 20 and the duo combined for nine 3-pointers.

Philadelphia went 17 of 37 beyond the arc.

Just two years removed from a 10-72 debacle, the 76ers can look up the Eastern Conference with a home victory over Milwaukee in the regular-season finale Wednesday night. The rebuilding Hawks were long ago eliminated from playoff contention, closing out their worst season since 2005 with a record of 24-58.

### WIZARDS 113

#### CELTICS 101

WASHINGTON — John Wall surpassed 5,000 career assists and the Washington Wizards beat the Boston Celtics 113-101 Tuesday night despite Jaylen Brown's 21 first-quarter

points to remain in play for the No. 6, No. 7 or No. 8 seed in the Eastern Conference.

For now, the Wizards are eighth in the East, and potentially more worrisome is this: Starting small forward Otto Porter Jr. left at halftime with a right lower leg strain and did not return.

Washington ended its four-game losing streak and will wrap up the regular season at Orlando on Wednesday.

That result, along with how Miami fares against Toronto and what Milwaukee does at Philadelphia, will determine where the Wizards, Heat and Bucks all wind up in the standings ahead of the playoffs.

The Celtics already were locked into the No. 2 seed, but they're also without point guard Kyrie Irving the rest of the way. If the Wizards end up at No. 7, they would face Boston for the second year in a row. The Celtics eliminated the Wizards in Game 7 of the second round last season.

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tying Philadelphia's league record (which started when the 76ers were the Syracuse Nationals).

The funny part about Monday's triple-clinchings is that nothing changed in the standings. The order of the top eight remains the same, going into the next-to-last day of the regular season.

It won't stay that way. Get ready for craziness. Oklahoma City can remain No. 7 in the West, but only if it loses to Memphis (and a lot of other things happen).

All we really know is this: Wednesday night will be great fun.

### East update

Cleveland won the Central Division and locked Indiana into the No. 5 seed with a win at New York.

Milwaukee is now up to No. 6 in the East, flip-flopping spots with now-No. 7 Miami. The Bucks beat Orlando, while the Heat could get nothing going and got routed in the fourth quarter on the way to losing to the Thunder.

The Bucks wrap up No. 6 with a win at Philadelphia on Wednesday night. But the 76ers will go into the final day with a chance at the No. 3 spot, regardless of whether they win in Atlanta on Tuesday.

### Tuesday's games

■ Charlotte at Indiana: No playoff impact, Pacers will be the No. 5 seed.  
■ Philadelphia at Atlanta: Philadelphia can be

No. 3 seed by winning last two, and stretching its winning streak to 16.

■ Boston at Washington: A potential first-round matchup if Wizards finish seventh. Washington can also be No. 6 or No. 8.

■ Golden State at Utah: Jazz still could get to the No. 3 seed. Warriors could be first NBA team with 30 road wins in three straight seasons.

■ Phoenix at Dallas: No playoff impact, Suns have clinched NBA's worst record.

■ Houston at L.A. Lakers: No playoff impact, Lakers aiming for winning home record.

### Current bracket

First-round matchups if the season ended Monday

East: 1-Toronto vs. 8-Washington, 2-Boston vs. 7-Miami, 3-Philadelphia vs. 6-Milwaukee, 4-Cleveland vs. 5-Indiana.  
West: 1-Houston vs. 8-Minnesota, 2-Golden State vs. 7-Oklahoma City, 3-Portland vs. 6-San Antonio, 4-Utah vs. 5-New Orleans.

### Note of the day

Neither Denver nor Minnesota has ever missed the playoffs in a 46-win season. One will this year.

### Quote of the day

"We know we can beat anybody when we're playing our best." — Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook, after the Thunder clinched their spot.

## A'ja Wilson talks tourney, awards & draft prep

By A'ja Wilson  
For The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Wow, it's been quite a great journey at South Carolina.

It was a fitting end to my college career being able to share the Naismith Trophy with the fans Monday night, knowing that this is the last time I'll be around here until I graduate in May. It was really special to be with the fans one more time, but also I know it's goodbye for now as I head to New York later this week for the WNBA draft.

Looking back at the last few weeks since we lost in the Elite Eight to UConn, I haven't really had time to process it all. I've been at the Final Four, in Los Angeles and prepped for the draft. Yet what's been stuck in my mind is that the incredible ride we have had here at South Carolina is over.

The only plus out of not playing in Columbus this year was that I

was able to take a step back from it all and see some of the things that I didn't get a chance to experience last year when we won the national championship.

One thing that I will always remember is sitting in the USBWA award ceremony at the Final Four. I was really touched hearing Lauren Hill's parents share her story when they awarded the Pat Summitt Most Courageous award to Saint Joseph's guard Avery Marz. To hear how special it was for Lauren and Avery to play basketball meant a lot to me. I didn't know Lauren personally, but we both wore No. 22 and I will always feel connected to her because of that.

I've gotten to know Avery a bit, and I follow her on Instagram. She's a phenomenal woman and her returning from a stroke put a lot of things in perspective. Both stories really touched my heart.

As much as I really wanted to be playing in the Final Four, there was

something nice about sitting back and actually watching the games. And what a Final Four it was. Those games were incredible. To be around the fans and see Kobe Bryant and see those shots that Arike Ogunbowale hit, definitely made it one to remember. I hope we can bring some of that excitement to the WNBA.

Before coming back to South Carolina, I spent a few days in Los Angeles at the ESPN College Basketball Awards. It was a ton of fun doing a promo and breaking out my inner actress, but also interacting with some Special Olympians who were there. Something I will always cherish. But now it's time to start the next chapter of my basketball career. It's truly an honor to be invited to the draft and I'm super excited. Although I've heard it's cold in New York and I've got to pack my warm clothes.

I have my outfit all picked out for Thursday night and it definitely shows off my personality. I can't wait for everyone to see it.

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ROSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (R)	Sat. Tonight	Sheriff "Four Keeps You Sharp" (R)	SEAL Team "Credible Threat" (R)	Hogan's Harvest	Hogan's Harvest	Carol Burnett	F. Mason "The Case of the Shilly Shobos"	
KWWT CW	5	14	5	14	5	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Generoso	Star "Dreamers" (R)	Fox 34 News (R)	THZ	
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## Mom is rattled to learn son has started cross-dressing

**DEAR ABBY:** My son's girlfriend confided to me that my son, age 35, is cross-dressing. I knew his life was in flux and that his appearance had changed, but it stunned me. He hasn't mentioned anything, and she said he would be very upset if I knew.

When I saw him the same day, I made sure to hug him and tell him I love him. Please tell me what to do or say. — **WHAT TO SAY IN TEXAS**

**DEAR WHAT:** Do nothing, say nothing. This isn't your business, and the girlfriend was wrong to betray your son's confidence.

It may reassure you to know that cross-dressing has been around for centuries and has been present in many cultures. Your son isn't the only cross-dresser in the United States or even the state of Texas. Most male cross-dressers are heterosexual and do it because it feels good to them. It is no reflection on their morals, their sexual orientation or gender identity.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a 6-year-old son, "Tyler," from a previous relationship. I have been dating a man I'll call Chad for almost four years. My problem is, Chad can't seem to have any kind of relationship or interaction with Tyler. Chad isn't abusive, but he constantly ignores my boy and gives him no attention. I thought after all this time Chad would be used to my son, but it hasn't happened. Sometimes he seems annoyed when Tyler is in the same room. I'm not sure if I should end the relationship or stick around. Any advice would be helpful. — **LOSING HOPE**

**DEAR LOSING HOPE:** Your first responsibility is to your son. The way Chad treats Tyler will eventually damage the boy's self-esteem if it hasn't already. Children are perceptive. When they are ignored, they know something is wrong and think it's their fault — that there's something wrong with them and that they don't measure up. My advice is to tell Chad the romance is over and why. Frankly, you should have done it years ago.

**DEAR ABBY:** I admit I'm a loud snorer. However, I was on a plane recently, flying home after an exhausting trip. I fell asleep and my seatmate repeatedly woke me to complain about my snoring. Shouldn't the woman have let me sleep in peace if she saw that I was genuinely tired? What made her needs greater than mine? — **TRYING TO SLEEP**

**DEAR TRYING TO SLEEP:** Not knowing the woman, it's hard to say. Perhaps your seatmate felt entitled to a quiet flight and your snoring was so disruptive that, even with earplugs, she could concentrate on nothing else. I suppose she could have asked the flight attendant to change her seat, but if the flight was fully booked she probably woke you because she wasn't inclined to suffer from coast to coast.

P.S. I would be remiss in my responsibility as an advice columnist if I didn't urge you to discuss your snoring with your doctor. It could be a symptom of sleep apnea, a condition that is very serious.

## GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

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East-West vulnerable, West deals

**NORTH**  
♠AQ105  
♥74  
♦A84  
♣J965

**WEST**  
♥K876  
♦AK9653  
♣Q5  
♠3

**EAST**  
♠J3  
♥QJ102  
♦J109632  
♣A

**SOUTH**  
♠942  
♥8  
♦K7  
♣KQ108742

The bidding:  
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
17 2M 4C 3S  
All pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

South in today's deal was Zia Mahmood, who has won several World Championships representing the USA after moving here from his native Pakistan. Zia bid five clubs expecting it to be a sacrifice against four hearts. He caught a perfectly suitable dummy and realized that he had a chance to make his contract. He needed for West

to hold the king of spades. It looked like he would have to double finesse in spades, playing West to hold both the king and jack of spades. Zia was in no rush to play on spades and he decided to play on diamonds first to see if he could learn something about the hand. He ruffed the heart continuation at trick two and cashed the king of diamonds, led a diamond to dummy's ace, and then ruffed a diamond with the king of clubs. West discarding on the third diamond was a surprise, but it provided useful information. East had started with six diamonds and four or five hearts. He needed a good side card for his bid and Zia had to hope it was the ace of clubs rather than the king of spades. Should the ace be singleton, a strong possibility according to what was known so far, Zia saw a way home. Zia led a low spade to dummy's queen and cashed the ace of spades before finally leading a trump. Bingo! East won with his singleton ace and was forced to yield a ruff-shelf. Zia ruffed in dummy while shedding his last spade and claimed the balance. Well done!

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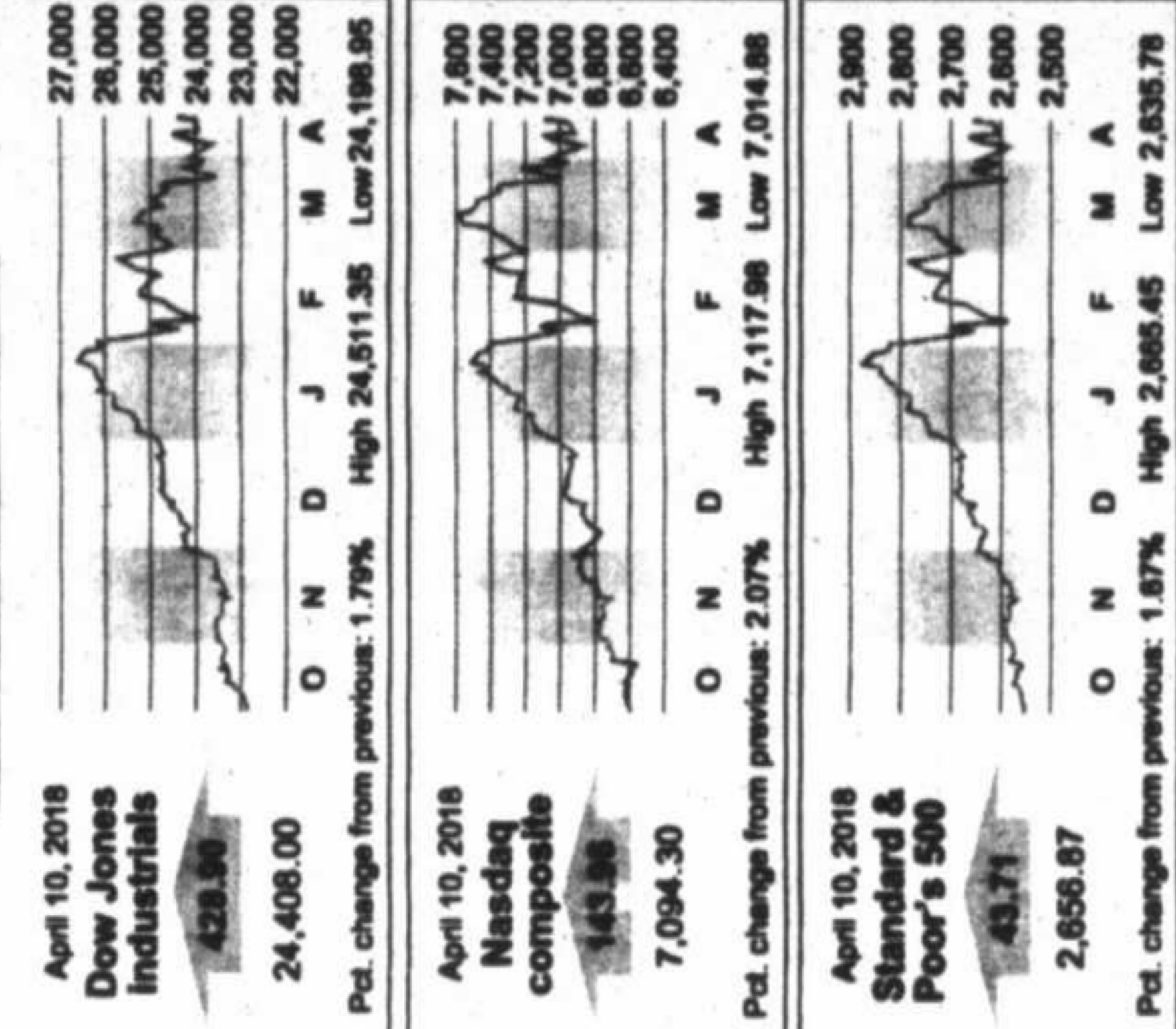


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-Maintain calendar for assigned personnel.  
-Develops, types and files correspondence.  
-Enters data into the computer regarding police actions or projects.  
-Processes and routes mail as needed.  
-Performs related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**  
Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and citizens when acting as a receptionist, answering inquiries, processing information or making referrals to the proper staff person.  
Ability to read and understand manuals and reports in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as computers, copiers and printers. Skill in typing and word processing. Skill and experience in the operation of computerized systems in order to design or complete spreadsheets, forms or word processing assignments, brochures, certificates and programs. Experience in software with personal computers related to spreadsheets, databases and word processing.

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**Instructor-Transportation Trainer**

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

**Required Qualifications:**  
• High school diploma or equivalent  
• Must possess a valid Texas Class "A" Commercial Driver License, good driving record, and be insurable on Midland College's insurance policy  
• Three years' experience driving "over the road" (OTR) or local  
• Experience in pre-trip/post trip inspections, coupling and uncoupling of equipment  
• Computer literacy  
• Knowledge of rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
• Knowledge of Double Clutching techniques and how to teach it as required by TXDPS  
• Knowledge of air brake testing procedures and be able to instruct and 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  
• Establish goals and maintain a high level of decision making  
• Adaptable to a constantly changing environment  
• Ability to move or lift/move up to 75 pounds, capable of climbing stairs, balancing, stooping, and repetitive twisting  
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**ENERGY AND UTILITIES**

**Line Walker & Meter Technician**

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• Manage and perform warrant studies for traffic signals, stop signs, crosswalks, school zones, speed limits and others  
• Review commercial and residential development requests  
• Review all phases of the planning process for commercial and retail development  
• Prepare analysis and recommendations in support of geometric, roadway, intersection, and other infrastructure improvements  
• Prepare analysis and recommendations for the installation and maintenance of traffic control devices within the city

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

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**MANAGEMENT/EXECUTIVE**

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**NOW HIRING**  
GIS Manager

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

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

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

**Qualifications:**  
Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Councilmembers, City Management, consultants, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.  
Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures. Ability to supervise and manage other staff with a variety of skills and abilities.  
Demonstrated proficiency in the use of Esri ArcGIS software (ArcGIS Desktop, ArcGIS Online, ArcGIS Pro). Solid understanding of database design/management and programming is desirable.  
Knowledge of land surveying, municipal governmental operations, capabilities and procedures is desirable.  
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Planning Division Manager

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

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

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

**Qualifications:**  
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group. Communication with the general public, developers, outside agencies and other departments within the organization is required.  
Knowledge of planning and zoning process. Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in writing and interpreting budgets. Ability to write and review reports, memos and other correspondence. Ability to supervise and communicate with employees. Basic comprehension of computer use. Valid Texas Driver License.

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

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- Connect and disconnect hoses, operating pumps and valves for loading and unloading
- Complete all paperwork accurately and timely, if applicable
- Complete other related tasks as assigned by manager

**Minimum Requirements:**

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

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**Work Environment:**

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**Physical Demands:**

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- Immediate reporting and clearing of any spills during shift
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, dispatchers, fellow co-workers and customers
- All other duties as assigned

**Minimum Qualifications:**

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

**Work Environment:**

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

**Physical Demands:**

Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, bend, and occasionally lift/carry/push/pull/move/drag up to 80 lbs.

**Position type and expected hours of work:**

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## Right-Of-Way Manager

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

**Budgetary Responsibilities:**

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

**Job Duties:**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

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

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

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OTHER JOBS



## Planner

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

**Job Duties:**

- Prepare special studies and reports related to code amendments and annexation studies. Assists with comprehensive plan and studies and updates as necessary.
- Prepare statistical reports such as annual population estimates.
- Review requests and prepare written reports for zone change and proposed subdivision plat applications and special studies.
- Present information and recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Review miscellaneous applications including temporary land uses, special events, public rights of way, etc.
- Respond to public inquiries concerning development of the city in general as well as specific areas.
- Research, compile and analyze land use and related data.
- Work with the public and developers in answering questions and providing information.
- Perform related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**

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

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

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

**Benefits:**

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## Public Safety Dispatcher

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

**Job Duties:**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

Ability to read and understand technical and professional manuals in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as specialized computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 38 WPM.

Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests.

- Keyboarding
- Data Entry MT
- Data Entry MT (Audio)
- Call Simulation
- Memory Recall-Numeric (Audio)
- Map Reading
- Spelling
- Reading Comprehension

Employees work rotating shifts and gather, organize, translate and process information from various emergency calls.

**DAYS & HOURS:**

Rotating Shifts, Rotating Days Off - Valid Texas Driver License.

**Benefits:**

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## Recycle Supervisor

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

**BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

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

**Job Duties:**

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

**Qualifications:**

Ability to effectively communicate with employees and to receive work orders or instructions for city projects. Interacts frequently with the public, vendors, and government agency representatives.

Ability to read, interpret, and understand local, state, and federal regulations related to disposal of refuse. Knowledge of processes used in the disposal of solid waste. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as front and skid steer loader and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities. Ability to both operate and maintain equipment. Ability to work with cash and others in customer service positions. Ability to properly evaluate activities and make recommendations for improvement. Good public relation skills as well as verbal and written communication skills.

High school diploma or general education degree required and some college preferred. One to three years of experience in Solid Waste under supervising and evaluating the work of others preferred. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License and possess or acquire a valid Texas Class 'B' Restricted Solid Waste Operator License within two years of hire date.

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### Service Technician

Service Technician must: Service safety related equipment. Mechanical aptitude required with attention to detail. Requires training through TX State Fire Marshal for Portable Pro Sidelighter within 60 days of hire date. Paid Holidays, Annual Paid Time Off, Medical Insurance, and 401K. Resumes may be submitted by email [hr@midlandtx.gov](mailto:hr@midlandtx.gov). Apply at 1000 S. Winding St. Odessa.

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**OTHER JOBS**

**Perman Basin Community Centers**

**Veteran Services Volunteer Coordinator**

PBCC is looking to employ a full-time Veteran Services Volunteer Coordinator to serve Midland and Ector Counties. Ideal applicants should display good writing skills, have good interpersonal skills, and be detail oriented. This position is responsible for initiating, coordinating, and supporting access to resources for service members, veterans, and their families (SMVF) through peer-to-peer counseling services. This position will also organize and lead Military/Veteran Peer Network (MVPN) activities and volunteers. These activities may include training events, social gatherings, one-on-one mentoring, and support group discussions designed to develop trusted peer relationships. This position is based out of the Midland office. Successful candidates may commute from surrounding counties. A high school diploma or equivalency is required. A Bachelor's degree in Psychology, Social Work or similarly related field is preferred.

All Full Time positions have a full benefit package consisting of excellent health coverage, retirement, life insurance, scheduled pay increases, optional cafeteria coverage and paid leave up to 28 days per year after 5 years of employment. All applicants must have a valid Texas Driver's License, copy of DD 214, proof of auto liability insurance coverage, and will be subject to a criminal history background check. For additional information and qualifications for all positions, see our electronic application and current job listing available at [www.pbccmtr.com](http://www.pbccmtr.com). For questions, contact the Human Resources Department at (432)-579-3322.

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Are you fun, attractive, charming & have a great personality? Do you love making great money while having fun at your job? If so, we were made for each other!

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Health food store is taking applications for a receiving person. Five day work week. 30-40 hrs per week. Positive work environment, caring management and pleasant customers. Apply in person Monday through Friday only, 9a.m. to 5p.m. at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79707

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Merchandising or management experience a plus!  
We offer great benefits, including paid vacation, insurance and 401K. Applications accepted in store or online - no phone calls, please.

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2101 W. Wadley, Ste. 16, Midland, TX 79705

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**Digital Media Account Executive**

"We must be alarmingly enterprising and startlingly original. We must be honest and fearless. And we must spark a revolution."  
William Randolph Hearst, 1887

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking a Digital Media Account Executive just like you to join our team! Our industry is changing into a digital world, and we are looking for experienced professionals who are eager to facilitate our innovative efforts.

Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve their business objectives. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses. Our ideal candidate will be goal oriented, is a relentless hunter, driving to win new businesses, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

As a Digital Media Account Executive, you can expect the following:

- Drive digital product sales.
- Be the Digital Media Guru with a solid understanding of Digital Media, Marketing and Advertising.
- Ability to conduct sales calls with SMB owners.
- Be in the field and on sales calls, leading by example, to sell our various digital products using the current and evolving sales process.
- Consult and educate clients in Digital Advertising and Marketing.
- Assist sales and marketing in promoting the entire line of digital products.
- Develop coaching plans and track results through sales management team.
- Identify trends, quantify impact, and communicate improvement opportunities to the product team.
- Primary source of sales pitch and strategy development and implementation for digital products.

**Requirements:**

- Highly knowledgeable with digital media. SEO, SEM, Digital Advertising.
- Confidence in pitching and closing business.
- Strong focus on teamwork and ability to manage relationships across multiple departments.
- Ability to multi-task, meet deadlines, and thrive in a fast-paced, deadline-oriented environment
- Bachelor's Degree preferred
- Valid US driver's license and reliable transportation.

**The perks:**

- A great work environment it's never boring here!
- Paid in-depth sales and product training.
- Competitive base salary, uncapped commissions for unlimited earning potential, and significant opportunity for advancement within the company
- Collaboration ideas and input are always welcome
- Health, dental, 401k, paid time off we have you covered

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**Employment Account Executive**

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Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve hiring needs. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses. Our ideal candidate will be goal oriented, is a relentless hunter, driving to win new businesses, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

The ideal candidate will have experience in the Human Resources area and will maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships with hiring managers. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local and regional businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the hiring process for our customers. You will be selling a digital hiring solution to your customers with a regional, statewide and national footprint.

**Responsibilities Include:**

- Consistently meets/exceeds revenue goals.
- Develops relationships with HR departments throughout West Texas to sell and promote Texas Back to Work.
- Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-demos
- Be the face of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and ensure a superior customer experience

**The Ideal Candidate:**

- Experience within Human Resources or Employment Agency is preferred.
- You have an outgoing, resilient personality
- You enjoy the thrill of the hunt by bringing in new business
- You're confident and not willing to accept average

**Required Skills & Experience:**

- Passion to succeed and close deals
- Exceptional communication and presentation skills
- Strong computer skills, Digital Sales experience a plus
- Bachelor's degree preferred

**What's in it for you?**

- Paid training
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- Responds to citizen calls regarding code violations, mail information regarding zoning or city regulations.
- Researches planned districts, nonconforming uses, plats and illegal uses of property for the department.
- Manages city contracts for the clearing of lots, to include bidding projects, preparing contracts, awarding contracts and preparing payments to contractors.
- Conducts field inspections to ensure proper environmental compliance in response to complaints.
- Provides information to the public and contractors regarding the requirements of zoning and related code and city requirements.
- Conducts field inspections of junked and abandoned vehicles, abandoned structures and other properties for compliance with city codes.
- Performs related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**

- Ability to effectively communicate with developers, citizens and other employees in order to provide information regarding city codes and possible violations.

Ability to read and understand materials including City Ordinances, professional literature, plans, correspondence and manuals. Ability to write reports and correspondence. Skills in math. Skills to communicate both orally and in writing. 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:**

- Health care Plans
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Customer Service (Field Work)

Perform 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 has 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.
- Checks past due utility bills so that water can be connected.
- Changes out broken meter stop valves and meter box lids.
- Verifies or re-reads meter information when complaints are filed.
- Performs related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**

- Ability to effectively communicate with citizens, other departments and employees in order to provide information on current repairs or the reading of meters.

Ability to read work orders and maps in order to find street locations. Skill in math in determining amount of water utilized. Skill in the use of variety of hand tools such as shovels, meter wrenches and meter keys.

Valid Texas Driver's License required. Employee must be bondable.

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Effluent Distribution Technician

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

**Job Duties:**

- Determines which pump units to operate and maintains center plants 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 when 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 bulldozers in order to fill gates caused by operations.
- Maintains and repairs electrical systems on control plant units.
- Performs related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**

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

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

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

**Benefits:**

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Electronics Tech - Airport

Perform routine and preventive maintenance of electrical equipment systems. Works under the direction of the Electronics/Electronics Specialist.

**Job Duties:**

- Performs preventive maintenance on automatic gates, automatic doors, parking lot equipment, lighting, security systems, jetway systems, etc.
- Maintains the Electronics/Electronics Specialist in the day to day operations of the Airport facility as needed.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

- Effective communication 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 dikes.

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

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**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.
- Perform Operations & Maintenance duties as assigned.
- Performs related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**

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

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

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

**Benefits:**

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**Equipment Operator - Water and Wastewater**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

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

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

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**Maintenance Specialist - Parks - Sports Complex**

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

**Job Duties:**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

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

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

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**Engineering Tech - Construction Inspector**

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

**Job Duties:**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

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

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

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

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

Extensive knowledge of engineering standards and construction practices for water, sewer, street and drainage design. Intermediate skill in developing field notes and survey plans for boundary surveys.

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**Lab Technician**

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

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

Monitors expenditures during the year.

**Job Duties:**

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

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**Instrumentation & Electrical Technician**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

**Comprehensive Benefits package:**

- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Prescription Drug
- 401 K
- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
- Company Paid Life
- Tuition Reimbursement
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**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.
- Maintains 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, cranes and hydraulic systems as well as single 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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**Lead Water Purification Plant Operator**

This position requires a demonstrated ability to perform advanced functions related to the operator 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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**Local Drivers**

Local truck drivers needed. Home nightly, local routes, scheduled shifts 6am-5pm (14/7 rotational) never on call, optional overtime.

**Qualifications:**

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

**Comprehensive Benefits package:**

- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Prescription Drug
- 401 K
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**Maintenance Specialist - Animal Services**

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

**Job Duties:**

- Process animals that are brought to the animal shelter by providing health evaluations, parasite control, scanning for microchips and placing in the proper holding area.
- Maintain the sanitation and environment of kennel areas, cat facilities, quarantine areas, wildlife facilities and outdoor animal room.
- Administer vaccines and the disposal of waste as required.
- Maintain and operate the animal cremation systems for mass disposal and private cremations.
- Pick up large quantities of dead animals from veterinarians for disposal by cremation.
- Administer dead and live animals from the public, veterinarians and animal control officers.
- Perform preventive maintenance on equipment, building and grounds.
- Provides assistance to visitors.
- Operates a vehicle to pick up dead livestock and supplies and other machinery.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

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

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

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

**Benefits:**

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**Transportation Truck Driver**

Responsible for driving Water, Dump, and/or Belly Dump Truck and hauling water/waste to the oil rigs, facturing areas, etc. Hauls water/waste from well locations to proper disposal facilities.

**Qualifications:**

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

**Comprehensive Benefits package:**

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**Plant Maintenance Mechanic - Water Purification Plant**

Performs skilled & Semi-skilled maintenance duties as they relate to equipment repair and upsets. Perform manufacturer recommended preventive maintenance to equipment at the Water Purification Plant.

**Job Duties:**

- Repairs equipment including pumps, chemical feeders, valves and specialized equipment.
- Performs preventive 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.
- Carries 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 possess and retain a valid "C" Water license within 3 years of employment. Must receive National Assessment and OSHA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must possess a valid Texas Class "C" CDL, or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

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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 assigned.

**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 levers 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 handling vehicles, changing oil and oil filters, and changing or repairing auto and large equipment tires is also required. Employees 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.

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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 reporting functions to ensure compliance with Federal and State water quality requirements & Standards.

**Job Duties:**

- Gathers and computes chemical analysis of water samples. Interprets and logs results.
- Controls water treatment processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and 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.

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

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

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**Well Field Technician - Paul Davis**

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

**Job Duties:**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

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

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

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**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 distribution 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.

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

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

**Benefits:**

- Health care Plans
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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 areas.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

Ability to effectively communicate with employees and supervisors on plant condition and in order to resolve 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 THRCO within established time constraints. Valid Texas Driver's License.

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Rotating Shift, Rotating Days Off

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Pro Oil and Gas Services now hiring CDL drivers class A with hazmat, tanker endorsement. Start pay \$23 hour depending on experience, insurance and benefits. Must have clean driving record and pass DOT physical and drug test. Must also pass federal background check, 14/7 work schedule. Send resumes to: [ajrads@prooil.com](mailto:ajrads@prooil.com).

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Griffith Trucking Company now accepting applications for CDL Hot Shot Drivers. On call position - paid weekly per job commission. Job description: 1-2 ton W/P truck - pulling flatbed trailers to and from oil field locations. Minor mechanic maintenance skills required. Must be 25 years of age with 1 year CDL driving experience and live in the Midland or Ector County areas. Benefits include: Health Insurance, uniforms and cell phone allowance. For applications call: Law R's Enterprises 432-670-6233 / [lresbarbora@gmail.com](mailto:lresbarbora@gmail.com)

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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, vehicles 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.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

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

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

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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 assigned.

**Qualifications:**

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

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to read materials including equipment manuals and daily work logs. Ability to read level 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, chipping, 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 curbs.
- 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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**Sanitation Driver**

Drives a single or tandem axle side loading refuse pusher truck and collects and disposes of solid waste. Serves as standby driver until a regular route becomes available. Works at recycling center when required sorting recyclables. May be assigned to a roll-off truck or boom truck instead of side loader.

**Job Duties:**

- Drive a sanitation vehicle and collect and dispose of solid waste from containers. Collects and disposes of yard waste and logs, bulky items when assigned to haul job up.
- Travels to and from the landfill in order to dispose of waste materials.
- Assists in litter pickup and other programs when required.
- Maintains and reports vehicles and performs safety checks daily.
- Maintains records of work performed for supervisor such as vehicle check list, log logs and repair reports.
- May assist waste management activity required of the solid waste management division in order to effectively perform public services responsibilities.
- Assists in recycling activities.
- Assists in solid waste disposal related activities when not driving a regular route.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

Ability to effectively communicate with employees and citizens who will require regular disposal procedures. Ability to work with citizens who may have complaints on services provided.

Knowledge of processes used in the collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to read and write and follow and understand instructions from supervisor. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, lifts, chutes and various hydraulic systems as well as shovels, buckets and rakes.

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

**Benefits:**

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**PROPOSED ZONING OF ANNEXED LAND**

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Midland will hold a public hearing at 3:30 pm on Monday, April 16, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, to consider the initial zoning of annexed land as follows:

Legal Description of Area proposed for annexation

Being a 70.04-acre tract of land located in Section 20, Block 38, T-1-S, T & P RR, Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas. (Generally located on the north side of East Loop 250 North, approximately 1,872-feet east of North County Road 1162. ETJ, Extrajurisdictional Jurisdiction)

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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Legal Description of Area proposed for annexation

Being a 43.97-acre tract of land out of the east 1/2 of Section 18, Block 40, T-1-S, T & P RR, Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas. (Generally located on the east side of South FM 1788, approximately 187-feet north of West County Road 127. ETJ, Extrajurisdictional Jurisdiction)

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Legal Description of Area proposed for annexation

Being a 3.31-acre tract of land located in Section 24, Block 40, T-1-S, T & P RR, Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas. (Generally located on the north side of Briarwood Avenue, approximately 2,460-feet west of Holiday Hill Road. ETJ, Extrajurisdictional Jurisdiction)

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**GARNEY COMPANIES, Inc.** is soliciting proposals for the Midland County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1 CMAR Water System Improvements.

Proposals are to be submitted electronically prior to 2:00 p.m., prevailing time on May 1st, 2018 in accordance with 00100 - Instructions to Bidders.

One single combined PDF proposal shall be submitted to the email addresses provided in "00100 - Instruction to Bidders" addressed to Mr. John Sedbrook & Mr. Ryan Kennedy, and clearly denote: "Bid Package 01: Hwy 191 Bore & Utility Work".

No proposal may be changed, amended, or modified after the above time and date. A proposal may however, be withdrawn and resubmitted any time prior to the time set for receipt of proposals. Any proposal received after 2:00 p.m., prevailing time on May 1st, 2018 will not be considered.

Bid documents are available on the website below.

[www.fluam.com/00CFWSD](http://www.fluam.com/00CFWSD)

Contact John Sedbrook by email at [jsedbrook@fluam.com](mailto:jsedbrook@fluam.com) to receive login credentials for the above-mentioned website. It is necessary to input contact information on the website once you log in. Emails will be sent to the e-mail addresses provided as Bid Packages and Project Updates become available.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday April 17th at 2:00 p.m. at the Garney Construction Midland office located at 1030 Andrews Hwy., Ste 104.

Proposal Documents may be downloaded from the above-mentioned website for free. No hard copies will be made available. It is the responsibility of the interested party to download and print all necessary documents. Please contact John Sedbrook by email [jsedbrook@fluam.com](mailto:jsedbrook@fluam.com) or phone at 729.657.2150 with any questions.

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## Lost and Found

**LOST PURSE!**  
Locality of waitress of Midland Dr and Andrews Hwy possibly Manor Park. Purse is black 12 in X 6 in with black shoulder strap if found please call 432-684-9671 REWARD IF FOUND!

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