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Democratic candidates for governor agree to debate.

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COMPETITIVE FIRE

Ty Coleman and the rest of the Rebels square off today against El Paso Franklin in bi-district round of playoff action. Read more about the star shortstop in Sports.

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City staff, mayor: Residents deserve better parks

By Stewart Doreen
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An "outdated" parks system was a featured topic during the Midland City Council workshop on Thursday.

Whether it was an animal shelter that has outlived its original concept or parks that officials said continue to be woefully underfunded, the presentation offered a message that Midlanders expect better.

The list of "wants" for the next four years included a \$5 million animal shelter, \$2.45 million in neighborhood park improvements, a \$500,000 rehab of the driving range at Hogan Park Golf Course, \$6.5 million in other upgrades at Hogan

Park including its pro shop and snack bar, and \$1.25 million for other sports field improvements. These potential projects could begin as early as next year.

All totaled, the council was presented a list of \$44 million in projects through 2023. Other projects include \$17 million for a new health department facility, \$6 million for a new community center/senior center, \$2.85 million for splash pads at Dennis the Menace, Hogan and CJ Kelly parks and \$1 million each for improvements at Beal Park and parkland development in northwest Midland.

Sports fields were again a workshop discussion point. Mayor Jerry Morales recalled the failed 4B tax election from

2017 and said he was embarrassed about that result. Community Services Director Tina Jauz said current facilities are inadequate compared to other cities and puts the city at a disadvantage when it comes to tournament recruitment. She said people who came to Midland for a recent Little League/junior baseball tournament translated to 800 room nights.

She said Midland needs more controlled fields because some fields — including those at Hogan Park — have become a "free-for-all" by residents who are using them so much. She said the city doesn't have the funds to take care of 160 sports fields across the city and that "an annual solution" of \$250,000 is needed to bring

the fields to the quality expected by Midlanders and those visiting the city.

City leaders discussed the \$2 million spent with Alldredge Gardens on mowing and fertilization and the \$1 million spent for watering city fields.

"We spend \$100,000 to \$120,000 on everything else," Jauz said.

Of the \$35.8 million in projects discussed as "must-do general fund items," \$18.75 million was for community services, specifically park improvements. Funding sources included general fund, money from hotel-motel funds (where eligible), revenue from oil production and future certificates of obligation (debt that can be approved by the council).

HELP FOR THE HAULERS



MRT file photo

Marcus Anderson checks his mirrors as he practices backing up a tractor-trailer in October at Midland College's trucking school.

MDC to consider aiding trucking program

By Simone Jasper
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The Midland Development Corp. board on Monday will consider moving forward on a plan to expand a program for students wanting to obtain commercial driver's licenses (CDLs).

The economic development group's board will vote on whether it will fund the expansion of the transportation training program at Midland College. The plan is for MDC to pay the college up to \$481,000 to add personnel, equipment and testing capabilities.

"It's a very generous commitment that they're willing to make, and it really speaks to the dedication, the commitment that they make to the Midland community to solve a real problem that employers are having right now," said Dale Beikirch, dean of adult and continuing education at the college.

The scheduled MDC vote comes at a time when Beikirch says there's a shortage of CDL drivers in the Permian Basin.

"We've had a transportation training program at Midland College since 1997," said Beikirch, who has worked at the institution for 19 years. "And I think I would be correct to say in today's climate, it is as hot a program as I have ever seen it."

The MDC board will consider a funding proposal that includes: \$130,000 for two pre-owned tractor trucks; \$90,000 for two pre-owned vacuum tank trailers; \$160,000 for two full-time instructors; up to \$17,000 for a part-time clerk; \$3,000 for certification and training of student testers; up to \$41,000 for employing student testers; and \$40,000 for advertising.

The plan aligns with the transportation training program's short-term goals. Beikirch said the four-week courses have a waiting list and that more instructors will allow the program to add six students per class. He also thinks newer equipment can reduce repair costs.

Students face a six- to eight-week delay before they can undergo road testing. Beikirch thinks having on-site personnel who are certified Texas Department of

Public Safety testers will reduce that backlog.

Sara Harris, interim administrator for the MDC, said there is a nationwide demand for CDL drivers and that they represent a rapidly growing segment of the workforce.

"What MDC is interested in with this is filling the need in Midland, specifically because it's such a challenge for industries in Midland to find people to fill these positions," she said.

The potential expansion represents the continuation of a partnership between the two entities. In August, the MDC approved a contract with the Midland Community College District to provide \$1.35 million over five school years for the expansion of career dual-credit programs.

MDC focuses on education as well as health care and roads. Harris said MC has a solid transportation training program to prepare drivers.

"They turn out good-quality graduates in this program that can go right

Please see MDC/4A

Museum names new executive director

From staff reports

The deputy director for operations of the Sarasota Museum of Art has been named executive director of the Museum of the Southwest.

Daniel W. Eck will assume his new position on June 18, Lori Wesley, president of the museum's board of trustees, said Thursday. He succeeds Karmen Bryant, interim executive director.

"After a nationwide search, we are delighted to have selected as our next executive director, Mr. Dan Eck, an experienced museum leader and former college president," Wesley said in a press release. "Dan brings a broad range of experience from three museums, including the Sarasota Museum of Art in Florida, the John Michael Kohler Art Center in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago.

"He brings significant museum and nonprofit management, leadership, and fundraising experience to the Museum, along with his track record as a champion of education, and arts and science curricula," she said.

Eck holds a juris doctorate from Indiana University School of Law and a bachelor's of anthropology and museum studies from Beloit College. He has com-

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Big Spring ISD board to vote on campus carry

From staff reports

Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees is set to vote to implement a campus carry program. The board could vote as early as Thursday.

The district is looking to implement the Guardian Plan, which would allow "certain hand-picked, tested, and trained administrators, faculty, and staff members to carry concealed firearms" on school grounds, according to the Big Spring Herald.

BISD would become third district in West Texas to have such provisions. Coshoma and Forsan ISDs allow some faculty and staff members to carry firearms, according to the Herald.

The program would go into effect at the beginning of the next school year if it is approved by school board.

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cents per gallon is how much gasoline has risen in Midland this week. Page 4A

Word of the Day: **beaucoup**

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NM students join walkout to support gun ownership

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, N.M. — New Mexico teenagers joined with students from across the U.S. in a school walkout to support gun ownership.

Students from schools in Carlsbad, Albuquerque and Santa Fe participated in the movement Wednesday called "Stand for the Second," which aims to raise awareness of Second Amendment rights.

Carlsbad High School student Will Riley had launched the effort that spread to many schools across the country. Riley and hundreds of his classmates walked out about 20 minutes before the end of the school day Wednesday.

The 18-year-old senior said he wanted to show that not all members of his generation are advocating for gun control.

"I was just really proud to give a platform for people who felt like they were being ignored, and I thought I was able to break the silence," Riley said.

As students marched from the main building at Carlsbad High to the student parking lot, community members stood across the street holding American flags and cheering for the teenagers.

"I support the Second Amendment. I think there is a good reason for the Second Amendment. It's not a gun issue. It's a people issue," Valerie Murrill of Carlsbad said.

Riley was named an honorary sheriff's

deputy last week by Eddy County Sheriff Mark Cage for his efforts in organizing the walkouts.

In Albuquerque, students of La Cueva High School left a morning class and held a rally. About 100 students participated, according to co-organizers Casey Bruno, 16, and Devon Van Leeuwen, 15.

"Our school safety is very important to our government and myself. I'm not here to argue about that, but I am here to make sure our Second Amendment is kept safe and upheld," Van Leeuwen said.

The demonstration showed students and government officials that there's another perspective in the ongoing debate, Bruno said.

In Santa Fe, dozens of students at the

Academy for Technology and the Classics participated in a walkout and rally.

Andreas Sandoval, an organizer of that event, told the gathered students that the focus of gun control efforts should be on preventing bad people from owning guns, not banning gun ownership. The 17-year-old junior said people have a right to own AR-15 semi-automatic rifles and he backs plans to place armed officers on school campuses.

About 45 students from the same school marked the April 20 anniversary of the Columbine school massacre by organizing a discussion of school safety issues in the state Capitol with state legislators, school district officials and police.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Most Texas employers are skipping E-Verify when hiring

Texas lawmakers may have beefed up border security and cracked down on so-called sanctuary cities, but private employers are hardly rushing to verify whether Texas job applicants are authorized to work here.

In a state where the non-citizen share of the population is 11 percent, fewer than one-third of Texas hires — 32 percent — were screened with E-Verify for the year ending June 2017, according to a recent Pew Charitable Trusts report.

E-Verify is a digital system that confirms authorization to work in the U.S. by comparing application information to federal records.

The fact that lawmakers failed in 2017 to pass a bill that would have strengthened Texas' existing E-Verify mandates, while at the same time taking a hard line on other immigration-related issues, dramatizes an ongoing conflict between politics and the profit motive that plays out across the nation.

"There are political calculations that are being made," said Tom Jawetz, vice president of immigration policy at the liberal-leaning Center for American Progress. "But employers who know they need the workers, they're making calculations based on the bottom line."

Texas, 6 other states sue to end DACA

Following through on a months-old promise, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton filed a lawsuit Tuesday to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, leading a seven-state coalition against an Obama-era immigration measure that protects hundreds of thousands of immigrants nationwide from deportation, including more than 120,000 in Texas.

Paxton first threatened in June 2017 to sue over the program if President Donald Trump's administration had not ended it by September. After federal court rulings blocked the Trump administration's efforts to end the program, Paxton wrote in January he would consider filing suit if DACA still stood in June.

But a recent ruling in favor of DACA seems to have shifted up Paxton's timeline. The announcement comes exactly a week after a federal judge in Washington, D.C., ordered the Trump administration to continue the program and reopen it to new applicants. That was the third — and by far the strongest — rebuke of Trump's efforts to rescind the program. Judges in California and New York had previously ordered the administration to renew work permits for immigrants enrolled in the program.

In March, a Maryland judge came down on the other side of the issue, ruling Trump has the authority to wind down the program. "Our lawsuit is about the rule of law, not the wisdom of any particular immigration policy," Paxton said in a press release. "Texas has argued for years that the federal executive branch lacks the power to unilaterally grant unlawfully present aliens lawful presence and work authorization."

The other states involved are Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, South Carolina and West Virginia.



Andy Jacobsohn/The Dallas Morning News via Associated Press

Wednesday Dallas Police Department Chief U. Renee Hall greets Bishop T.D. Jakes after an event for Hall to take the ceremonial oath of office at the Latino Cultural Center in Dallas.

New Dallas police chief hired in September, now takes oath

By Naheed Rajwani
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — U. Renee Hall has been Dallas' police chief for eight months, but it wasn't until this week that she completed the final step in making the role official: taking the oath of office.

The Dallas Morning News reports she was sworn in as the city's first female police chief in a ceremony at the Latino Cultural Center near downtown.

Police chiefs are typically sworn in soon after taking office, but Hall's ceremony was postponed because she first had to get her license to be a Texas peace officer. That happened in February.

The department hasn't said why her swearing-in ceremony didn't happen until May.

But the date was decided well before last week's fatal shooting of a Dallas officer, and officials decided to carry on with the ceremony though it was just one day after he was buried.

On Tuesday, Dallas police gathered to bury Officer Rogelio Santander, who was killed last week while trying to arrest a suspect at a Lake Highlands Home Depot. Officer Crystal Almeida and loss-prevention officer Scott Painter were critically wounded.

Hall paid tribute to Santander by having his academy classmates join her on stage, along with Mayor Mike Rawlings, City Manager T.C. Broadnax and members of Hall's command staff.

Hall immediately began making headlines when she moved to Dallas in September, but she's struggled to win over her officers.

She shook up the command staff and demoted a handful of well-respected veterans, a move that surprised many rank-and-file officers. She's also made decisions that she says have helped boost morale, such as allowing officers to have beards and considering letting them take home squad cars.

Hall told D Magazine recently that she has been unfairly criticized.

"She loves being a cop, and she loves being a woman," the magazine wrote. "It's the feminine stuff, she thinks, that has dogged her as Dallas' first female police chief. That and the color of her skin."

The chief said that she is a "woman of faith" who has grown from all of her experiences.

"I think every moment has led me to

this moment," she said. "To err is human, and so if at any point I've erred in my leadership or along my way or if I err in the future, it's for my growth and not anything else."

Health issues kept Hall's mother, whom the chief calls her rock, from attending the ceremony, but her brother, former Detroit police colleagues and sorority sisters were there to cheer her on.

The chief also has the public support of the mayor and city manager.

Rawlings said that when Broadnax hired Hall as chief, he hired a "great servant leader."

After taking the oath, Hall acknowledged the risks her officers face daily. "The circumstances surrounding our fallen hero and our injured officers epitomize one of the greatest challenges facing police departments across this country," the chief said.

Hall had planned to give Santander's badge to his family during Wednesday's ceremony, but when the relatives couldn't make it, she gave it to his classmates.

"I knew that the Dallas Police Department was not immune to tragedy," the chief said. "What I also knew was that the character of the men and women of this organization embodies strength, determination, courage and the desire to continue to make a difference."

She spoke, as she has in the past, of building bridges with the community. The Dallas police academy's graduation last month, for instance, was held at a church in Red Bird and the department's promotional ceremony last week was held at Fair Park.

Wednesday's invite-only event was held at the Latino Cultural Center, which tries to promote Latino art and culture, but there weren't many Latinos in the audience.

When The News asked Hall about the disparity, she said a member of the board of directors of the League of United Latin American Citizens attended the ceremony as a representative of the Latino community.

"Each and every day we continue to figure out what we need to do to build those partnerships," Hall said. "I'm not certain that them not being here as a group is not representative of anything other than they sent a representative."

She added that the department is willing to "do whatever we need to do" to strengthen those relationships.

Texas ruling in hospital billing case sparks concern

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Some health care officials worry a recent Texas Supreme Court ruling may have broader implications on how hospitals and health insurers negotiate billing rates.

The state's high court voted last week in favor of Crystal Roberts, an uninsured woman who was billed more than \$11,000 for an emergency room visit in 2015, the Dallas Morning News reported.

The court ruled the North Cypress Medical Center must share its discounted rates with health insurers to prove Roberts' bill was "reasonable" compared to an insured patient's billing.

The hospital tried preventing the confidential data from being admissible at trial, but the April 27 ruling said the rates show how much North Cypress "is willing to accept from the vast majority of its patients as payment in full for such services."

Some experts argue the ruling could affect free market competition in health care.

"They're private companies that want to be free to set their own rates," said Christian K. Puff, a Dallas-based health care attorney. A hospital benefits from

negotiating to be in a health plan's network by offering lower rates for a potentially higher volume of patients, Puff said.

Others noted hospitals have an incentive to keep patients from knowing how much each procedure or service costs before receiving treatment.

"Can you imagine a better scenario than, 'I'm not going to tell you how much I'll charge you until you've already received the service and you have to pay me exactly what I say,'" said Timothy S. Jost, a health care law professor at the Washington and Lee University School of Law.

A push for price transparency has emerged as the federal government and state lawmakers work to contain unmanageable health costs.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services issued a proposal last week suggesting hospitals be required to make a list of standard charges accessible online, beginning in January.

The agency is also considering having hospitals communicate with patients about charges so they better understand their financial liability. The agency is accepting public comment on the proposal through June 25.

Democratic governor candidate Valdez agrees to debate White

By Peggy Fikac
Texas Tribune

AUSTIN — Former Dallas County sheriff Lupe Valdez has agreed to debate Houston businessman Andrew White just ahead of the May 22 runoff for the Democratic nomination for governor.

The matchup is expected to take place at the University of Texas at Austin on Friday, May 11, Valdez's campaign said. Early voting starts May 14.

White has been pressing for a debate since mid-March. Valdez, in finally agreeing to a specific forum, took an early jab at her opponent, who has said his moderate positions are in line with most Texans.

"I have long known what my values are. I'm a Texas Democrat. I look forward to seeing which opponent shows up, the 'very conservative Democrat or

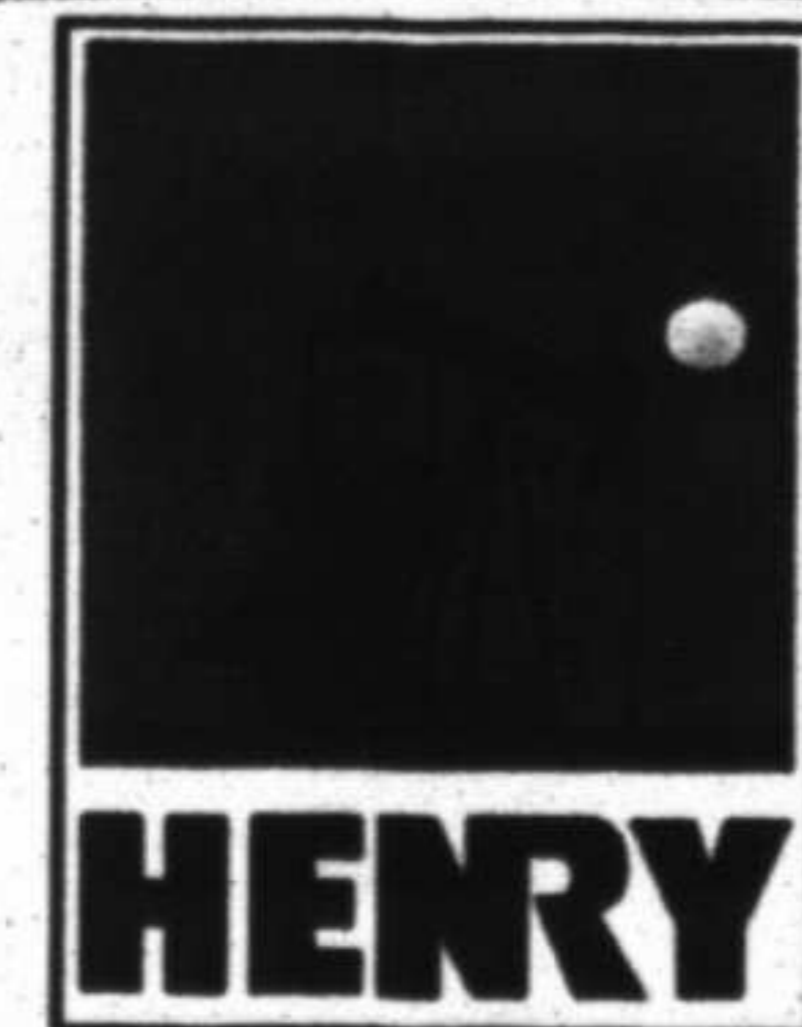
moderate Republican,'" Valdez said in a statement. "Most importantly, I look forward to discussing the concerns I have heard on the campaign trail from so many Texas families."

It was a reference to an early line used by White, who told the San Antonio Express-News in November, "You can call me a moderate Republican. You can call me a conservative Democrat. I don't care." It was a repeat of a sentiment he expressed when Texas Monthly first reported he was exploring a challenge to Republican Gov. Greg Abbott.

White, who came in behind Valdez in the March primary election, was happy that a forum has been set.

"Democratic voters are looking for the best candidate to beat Greg Abbott, and I welcome the opportunity to convey my message of common sense, sanity, and doing right by Texas," he said in a statement.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today in Midland

- Haliburton Gunsmoke Benefit Shoot for the West Texas Food Bank's Food 2 Kids program, 9 a.m., Jake's Clays, 13301 Farm-to-Market Road 1379. \$300 per shooter. yuri.garcia@haliburton.com.
- Evening Storytime at the Library, 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
- Writing is Magic teen writing club, 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
- The sixth annual Kenya Widows and Orphans Sunset Scramble, 5-9 p.m. at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. kwministries.org.
- Fiesta West Texas will feature country, Tejano and country concerts, car show and pageant, 5 p.m., Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. \$20. myfiestawest-texas.com.
- Spring "Fajitas and Margaritas" social kicks off the Jim Henry Open, 6-8 p.m., Bush Tennis Center, 5700 Briarwood Ave. \$25. bushtenniscenter.org. RSVP required.
- Re/Engage: A date night for married couples, 6-8 p.m., First Baptist Church of Midland, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave. \$30. bc-midland.org.
- Friday Night Fish Fry, 6 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.
- The sixth annual Jockeys, Juleps and All that Jazz by Communities in Schools Permian Basin, 7-11 p.m., Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St. cispb.org.
- Date and Paint: Adult Paint Class, 7-9:30 p.m., Kidd's and Canvas Parties, 3300 N. Midkiff Road, kidsart.com.
- Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m., the Dettour, 1709 Rankin Highway. First Friday voter registration, 7 p.m., Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Deauville Road. Free. pbqto.org. Permian Basin LGBTQ (plus) will register voters at its monthly family game night event.



Sworn in

Judge Dean Rucker, presiding judge of the Seventh Administrative Judicial Region of Texas, on Tuesday administered the oath of office to Elizabeth Rainey, the new Drug Court magistrate for Midland County. An official swearing-in ceremony and reception is planned for 4 p.m. May 18 at the central jury room of the Midland County Courthouse. Rainey has a bachelor of arts in communication from Texas A&M University and graduated from Texas Tech School of Law in 2011. She has worked for Ward & Myers LLP, was the paralegal/legal studies program director and instructor at Midland College and has served as defense counsel with Midland County Juvenile Detention.

Courtesy photo

- Aphasia Awareness Concert 2018 with Beach Boys tribute band Surf's Up, 7 p.m., Horseshoe Amphitheater, 2514 Arena Trail. Free. aphasiawtx.org.
- "No Business Like Us!" 7:30 p.m., Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. \$28. mcmtmidland.org.
- Phil Hamilton, 9 p.m., Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.
- DJ Wildman, 9 p.m., Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.
- DJ Boris, 9 p.m., Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive. \$10.

Today in History

Today is Friday, May 4, the 124th day of 2018. There are 241 days left in the year.

- On this date**
- In 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. (Capone was later transferred to Alcatraz Island.)
- In 1961, the first group of "Freedom Riders" left Washington, D.C., to challenge racial segregation on interstate buses and in bus terminals.
- In 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire during an anti-war protest at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.
- In 1998, Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski was given four life sentences, plus 30 years, by a federal judge in Sacramento, California, under a plea agreement that spared him the death penalty.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 4-1-4
Pick 3 day: 5-9-1
Pick 3 evening: 2-9-7
Pick 3 night: 9-0-7
Daily 4 morning: 0-3-2-8
Daily 4 day: 9-4-2-2
Daily 4 evening: 1-2-8-4
Daily 4 night: 7-9-9-8
Cash Five: 02-04-23-28-31
Triple Chance: 04-11-16-17-28-29-37-44-52-54
Texas Two Step: 06-13-25-31

Bonus 05
All or Nothing morning: 01-02-03-04-05-07-09-13-15-16-17-23
All or Nothing day: 01-04-05-06-08-13-14-15-17-18-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 02-03-07-08-09-11-13-15-16-21-22-23
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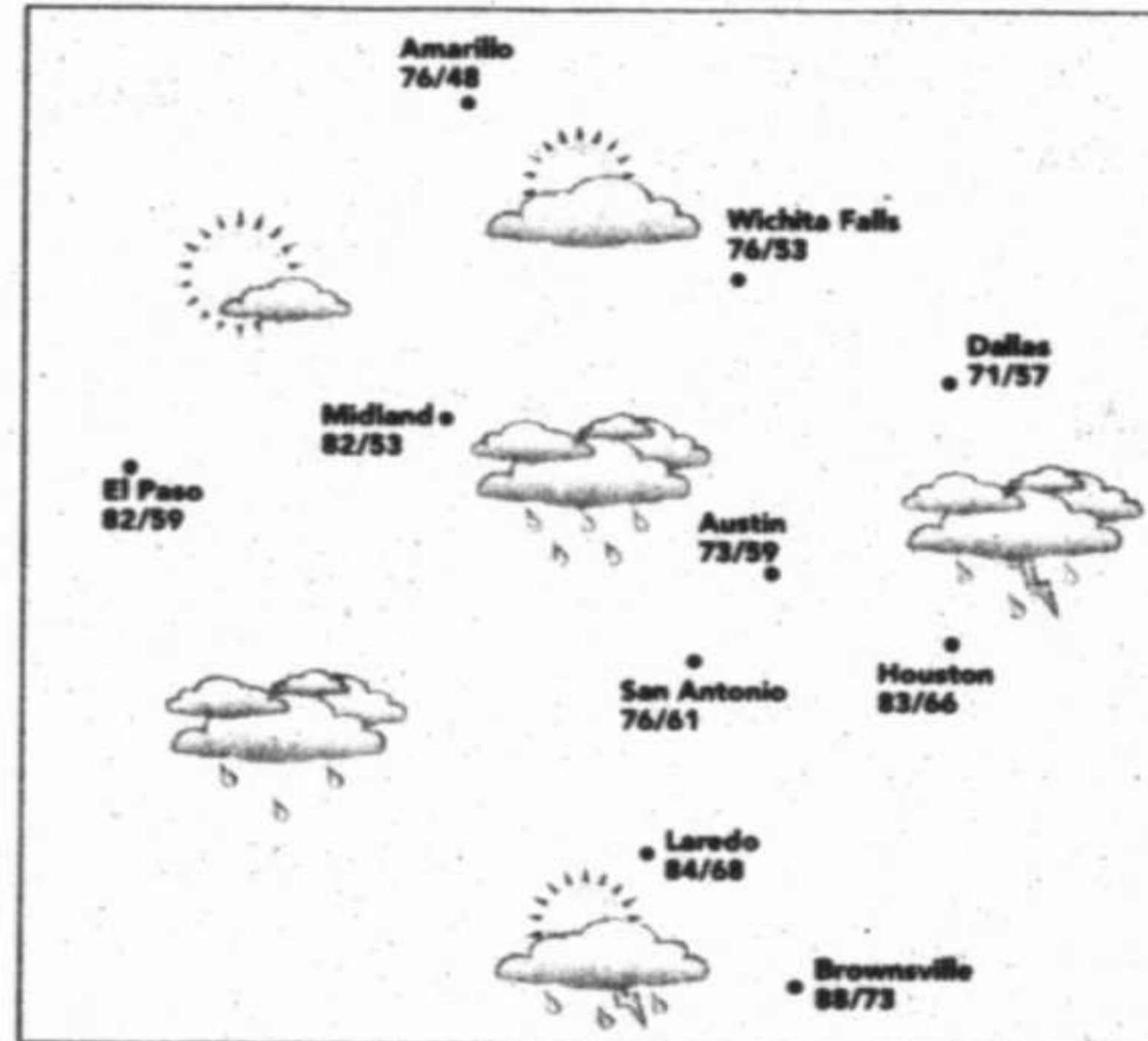
May 3 records
High: 98, set in 1947
Low: 32, set in 2013

Precipitation
Thursday: 0.00
Wednesday: 0.16 of an inch
Month total: 0.16 of an inch
Year total: 0.32 of an inch
Normal total (year to date): 2.61 inches

Winds
Wind speed: 16 mph
Gust speed: 27 mph

Today's forecast
High: 79

Forecast for Friday, May 4, 2018



Low: 52
Conditions: Sunny today/mostly clear tonight
Winds: Notheast 10-15 mph today/northeast 5-10 mph tonight
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 7 a.m.
Sunset: 8:31 p.m.

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 Taurus and a Moon in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, May 5, 2018: This year you have a tendency to be overly serious and demanding. You and others will be a lot happier if you relax and don't push so hard. You will meet some very interesting people who will introduce you to new things. If you are single, someone you meet might become important. New opportunities come forward as a result. If you are attached, the two of you spend a lot of time together. You work well as a team. GEMINI has a habit of adding a lot of confusion to your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Pressure builds, and you'll feel the urge to go off and do a physical activity that helps you reduce your stress level. You might startle some of your close associates, as you

can be quite impulsive. Reach out to friends and/or loved ones to catch up. **Tonight:** Happiest at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ The unexpected occurs, and you might find that something as simple as indigestion or moodiness is holding you back. Analyze what is upsetting you, and figure out how to deal with it. A little detachment goes a long way. **Tonight:** Make it OK to change some plans around.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your playfulness marks your decisions and desires. You might feel as if you are on top of the world and able to manage a difficult situation with ease. Understand that strong winds could emerge from out of the blue, and are likely to disrupt the status quo. **Tonight:** Enjoy friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You know what is happening around you, but you might not be sure how to present the facts. Others are likely to have strong reactions, which will force you to head in a new direction. Know that your perceptions could come across as bias. **Tonight:** Go along with a suggestion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to level yourself out and follow the right path for you. You cannot always be the socially responsible Leo and take care of others as well as yourself. Instead, right now is the time to do something just for you. Give yourself some space. **Tonight:** Easy does it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your creativity can't be tamed, nor should it be. Loosen up, and do your best to make a good impression. Try not to push someone too hard in order to get the results you want. You might be surprised by what occurs when you relax. **Tonight:** Express your playfulness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Stay centered, and figure out what is workable. You could feel overwhelmed by the hectic pace and all of the activity happening around you. Do not push too hard to make an impression. Be natural, and embrace what is happening. Just be yourself. **Tonight:** Where the action is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your intensity could frighten some people, but those who admire and enjoy you find it a pleasure to deal with your high level of focus and concentration. Examine what is going on around you before making plans. Embrace spontaneity. **Tonight:** Time for an overdue chat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Be more aware of your finances. Though you enjoy making purchases, you also enjoy a certain lifestyle. Someone might be encouraging you to go out on a limb regarding spending. In the long run, you will be happier if you use some self-discipline. **Tonight:** Celebrate the night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might not be as sure of yourself as you'd like to be. You have a strong sense of direction, and you know what you want. Honor a fast change that could affect your

plans. Others seem to be acting differently from how they have in the recent past. **Tonight:** Just let go.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You express an innate knowledge that makes you seem wise. You could be going through something that a friend has already experienced, and you might feel as if you have a lot to share. Start talking, and know that your words have some significance. **Tonight:** Not to be found.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Zero in on your priorities, and don't allow others to distract you. A meeting will be instrumental in making plans and gaining a better sense of where people are coming from. Allow greater give-and-take between you and a close friend. **Tonight:** You are leader of the gang.

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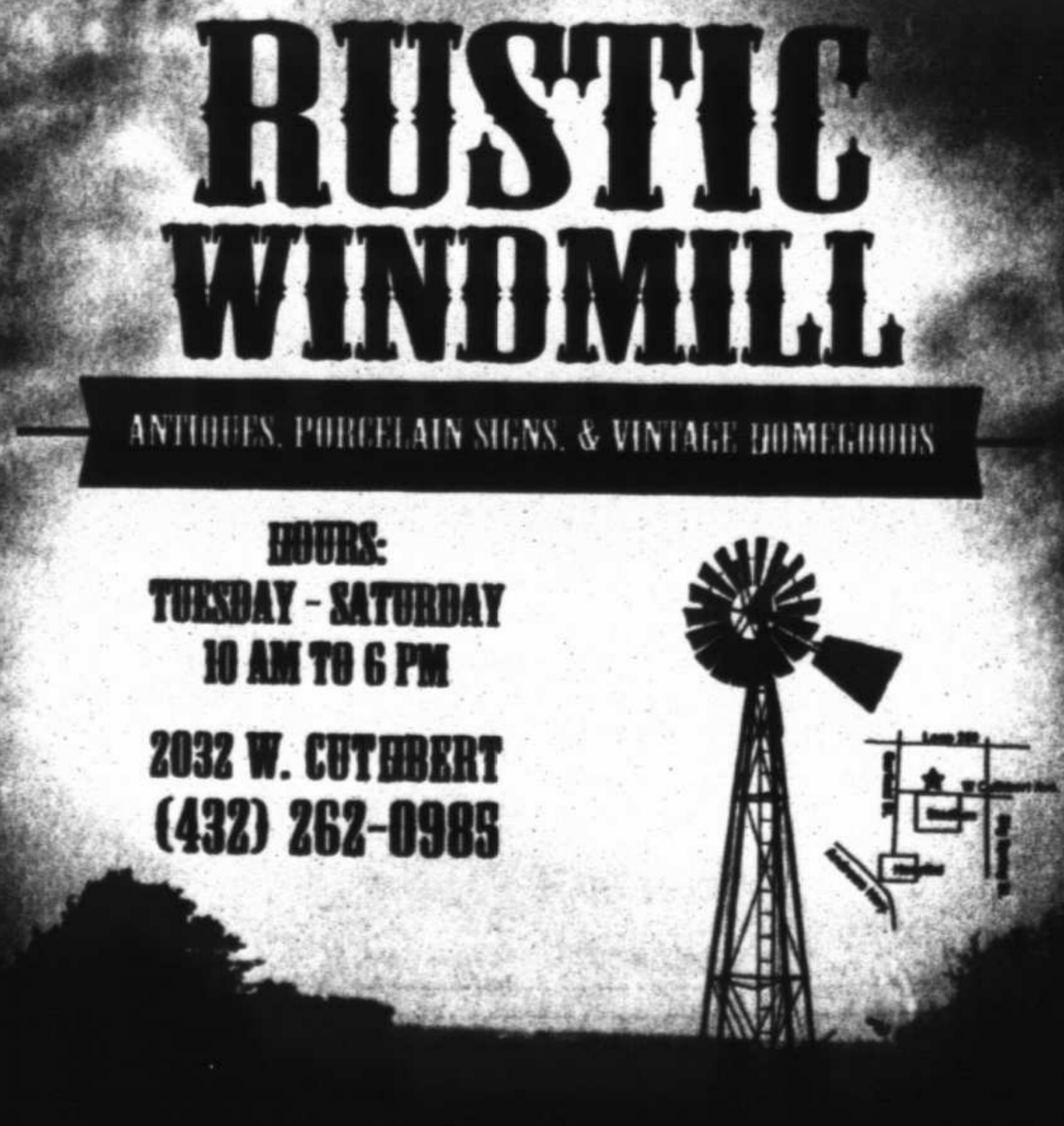
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City works to change termination payment language

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The city of Midland appears on the verge of changing a policy that allowed for a termination payment for the former police chief, who is alleged to have violated personnel policies, specifically those dealing with harassment.

The Midland City Council on Thursday directed city staff to make changes in the "involuntary separation" language contained in contracts of certain employees. The change likely will avoid such payments from occurring in the future.

That language is found in the contracts of employees at the director level and above, according to previous reports, and

states that a terminated employee will be paid six months' salary in the event of an involuntary separation.

During a workshop on Thursday, council members learned the contract language has been in effect going back to the 1990s, which is much longer than previously reported. City Manager Courtney Sharp said including that language in contracts helps attract top talent for certain positions inside city hall by guaranteeing compensation if the city were to move forward in a different direction after an employee is hired. The thought was that an employee, if let go, wouldn't be able to find a similar job in the community. The same language, it was noted during discussion, is found in many private-sector contracts.

There was frustration with some on the

council that the city had to pay former Police Chief Steve Henry \$72,500 — equal to six months of salary — as directed in the agreement. Councilman Spencer Robnett appeared to be the most vocal; he said termination with cause was a different issue than a simple release of an employee.

Mayor Jerry Morales told the Reporter-Telegram not long after Henry's firing last month that he wanted to revisit the language in the contracts.

Morales said Thursday it may be worth considering basing the termination agreement on the amount of time an employee worked for the city. Morales previously seemed particularly bothered about the payment happening for an employee who had been with the city less than six months.

Staff is expected to bring a change in policy for the council to approve. The change will include that the city would not be obligated to pay a six-month severance if the employee:

- is convicted of a felony (that is currently in existence);

- is convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, which would include dishonesty, deceit or fraud;

- was involved in misconduct or a violation of a city policy or rule that would have an adverse effect in the public confidence on the integrity of the city or affect the relationship of the employee with other employees. That language is still being crafted, city officials said.

Henry's termination would have fallen under the third scenario, city officials said.

State looks to uphold law on abortion doctors

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Lawyers for the state of Louisiana asked a federal appeals court Thursday to uphold a law requiring that doctors who perform abortions have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals.

The arguments involve a law blocked by a federal judge in Baton Rouge last year after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a similar Texas law.

U.S. District Judge John DeGravelles was wrong when he ruled against the law in April 2017, argued Elizabeth Murill of the state attorney general's office.

"He exaggerated the burden. He minimized the benefits," Murill told

a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

DeGravelles ruled months after the Supreme Court struck down Texas' rules, widely replicated by other anti-abortion states, requiring hospital admitting privileges for abortion doctors and requiring abortion clinics to meet hospital-like standards.

The clinic standards were not at issue in the Louisiana case argued on Thursday. And Murill argued that, in Louisiana, abortion rights advocates failed to make the case that requiring admission privileges would put impermissible obstacles in the way of women seeking abortions in the state.

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pleted additional coursework from the American University in Cairo, Egypt.

"I am deeply honored to be the next executive director of the Museum of the Southwest. It is a terrific museum with a unique multi-discipline mission that serves broad community interests and needs," Eck said in the release.

"My wife, Christine, and I look forward to becoming part of the Midland community."

Christine Eck has a master's of art in educational leadership and has served as a public and private middle school teacher and in administration and admissions for both kindergarten through 12th-grade schools and higher education institutions.

The search committee was co-chaired by board

members Jaime Alexander and Dr. Summer Merritt. Other committee members were Wesley, Dwight Alworth, Ken Matticks, both trustees, and John Norwood, a member of the board of governors. The museum retained Museum Search & Reference, an executive search firm in Manchester, New Hampshire and Boston to conduct the national search.

"Eck's unique blend of experience will be critical to the museum's plans for continued major renovations to the children's museum and the planetarium, program development, community engagement, and multi-discipline education," Wesley said. "His commitment to learning and the disciplines of art, science, history and education are a perfect match for the museum's plans for the future."

Female trucker dies in Glasscock County wreck

From staff reports

A 54-year-old Houston woman died in a two-vehicle wreck early Thursday morning in Glasscock County, according to a press release from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Estrella L. Gonzalez-Dominguez was driving an International truck-tractor towing a semi-trailer southbound on Ranch-to-Market Road 2401. A truck-tractor towing a semi-trailer driven by a 40-year-old Midland

woman was westbound on Farm-to-Market Road 1357.

Gonzalez-Dominguez ran a stop sign at the intersection and collided with the other truck, according to the release. She was not wearing a seat belt and died at the scene.

The Midland woman was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with non-incapacitating injuries.

The wreck occurred at 12:30 a.m. Thursday about 30 miles northeast of Midland.

Fire spreads to more than 22,000 acres near Fort Davis

From staff reports

The McDannald Fire west of Fort Davis has spread to 22,053 acres, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service. As of noon Thursday, the fire was at 15 percent containment.

Because of worsening weather conditions and an expected increase in fire activity, there was a second

voluntary evacuation for the Davis Mountains Resort, according to Marfa Public Radio.

Fire crews from about 14 states have arrived in Fort Davis to assist with the fire, according to the TFS.

The wildfire believed to have been started by lightning on Monday is currently 21 miles west of Fort Davis.

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into the workforce, fill a need," Harris said. "As an employee of the MDC, I would like people to get well-paying jobs and industry to be able to find the employees that they need." If the MDC board ap-

proves a resolution based on the funding proposal, its chairman will make the final execution of the agreement after negotiations with the college. The MDC is funded by the quarter-cent Type A sales tax.

AAA: Midland, El Paso tie for gas prices

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For the second-straight week, the average price of gasoline in Midland jumped higher than the average around the state, according to AAA Texas. The price in Midland has increased to nearly 25 cents higher than the state average.

The average price in Midland, according to the organization, jumped 5 cents to \$2.84 a gallon. The price hike this past week in El Paso was 6 cents, also to \$2.84. Customers in Odessa saw an increase of nearly 9 cents this past week. The average price in Odessa is \$2.83 a gallon.

Distributors have told the Reporter-Telegram there are many complexities in the fuel business that impact pricing. They pointed to the high cost of transportation from Gulf Coast refineries and the distance Midland is from pipelines.

The average price in Midland is 24 cents higher than the state average and two cents higher than the national average (\$2.82). Last year, the average price in Midland was \$2.35 — again the highest in the state. The 49-cent increase since May 2017 was 10 cents more than the average across the state.

Following record demand in April, market analysts note that retail gas prices may continue to increase potentially another 10 cents through Memorial Day, according to AAA Texas, and then likely will stabilize during the summer. However, if demand spikes during summer months,

Gasoline prices at a glance

- Cheapest price: \$2.56 (Sam's Club, SH 191/Tradewinds)
- Cheapest price (non-membership store): \$2.69 (H-E-B, Wadley/Midkiff, H-E-B, Andrews Highway/Loop 250, Murphy USA, Midland/Briarwood)
- Most expensive: \$2.89
- Most common price: \$2.89
- Cheapest prices in West Texas: San Angelo \$2.39, Lubbock \$2.52, Abilene \$2.56, Midland \$2.56, Odessa \$2.59

- Average prices in West Texas: San Angelo \$2.53, Lubbock \$2.63, Abilene \$2.72, Odessa \$2.83, Midland \$2.84

	Mid-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	\$2.840	\$2.591
Last week	\$2.740	\$2.559
Last month	\$2.611	\$2.423
Last year	\$2.315	\$2.207

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

prices are likely to follow. "As Texas families begin making plans for summer road trips, they should start budgeting now for gas prices that are nearly 40 cents more per gallon compared to this time one year ago," said Daniel Armbruster, AAA Texas/AAA New Mexico spokesman. "Before embarking on any road trip, drivers should make sure their vehicle is up to date on any maintenance needs, including tires. Underinflated tires or low tire tread not only take away from fuel economy, but both are dangerous and can create a deadly situation."

Oil prices were mostly stable over the last week but remained near the three-year highs they reached in April,

according to AAA Texas. Meanwhile, U.S. crude production exports surged to the highest weekly estimate ever on record according to the Energy Information Administration. Demand for gasoline in the U.S. has slowed some compared to last week and is now closer to normal levels for this time of year, but market analysts note that demand could increase again as Memorial Day approaches.

The cheapest gas among the 20-plus communities AAA Texas surveys could be found in San Antonio and Texarkana (\$2.51 per gallon).

AAA Texas reported the following averages across West Texas: \$2.56 in Amarillo, \$2.72 in Abilene, \$2.63 in Lubbock and \$2.53 in San Angelo.

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Striking Arizona teachers win 20 percent raise, end walkout

By Anita Snow
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Associated Press

PHOENIX — The Arizona governor signed a plan Thursday to give striking teachers a 20 percent pay raise, ending their six-day walkout after a dramatic all-night legislative session and sending a majority of the state's 1 million public school students back to the classroom.

Gov. Doug Ducey's signature awarded teachers a 9 percent raise in the fall and 5 percent in each of the next two years. Those increases are in addition to a 1 percent raise granted last year.

Teachers did not get everything they wanted, but they won substantial gains from reluctant lawmakers.

"The educators have solved the education crisis! They've changed the course of Arizona," Noah Karvelis of Arizona Educators United shouted to several thousand cheering teachers. "The change happens with us!"

The Arizona walkout is part of a simmering national rebellion over low teacher pay. The movement started in West Virginia, where a strike resulted in a raise, and spread to Oklahoma, Kentucky and, most recently, Colorado.

Hours after Ducey acted, strike organizers called for an end to the walkout. Most schools stayed closed Thursday, except for a handful that managed to reopen shortly after the pay raises passed. Some districts planned to reopen today, with others likely to resume classes next week.

The Senate approved the raises just before dawn as hundreds of red-shirted teachers followed the proceedings from the lobby, many sitting on the cold stone floor.

The night before, the teachers, who are among the lowest paid in the country, held a candlelight vigil in a courtyard outside the original neoclassical Capitol building. They stood together with their right hands over their hearts and sang "America the Beautiful."

Wrapped in blankets or sleeping bags, they napped on the ground or in folding metal chairs, occasionally using cellphones to monitor an online video stream of the legislative debate in the chambers.

Ducey said the teachers had earned a raise and praised the legislation as



Associated Press

Teachers camp out as the Arizona Legislature debates a budget negotiated by majority Republicans and GOP Gov. Doug Ducey Thursday, at the Capitol in Phoenix. The budget gives teachers big raises but falls short of their demands for better school funding.

"a real win" for both teachers and students. The pay increases will cost about \$300 million for the coming year alone.

Some teachers returned to the Capitol on Thursday as lawmakers debated the rest of the state's \$10.4 billion budget plan. Among them was Wes Oswald, a third-grade teacher from Tucson who made the two-hour drive for a sixth day.

Oswald said the budget still does not address serious issues such as the need for higher per-pupil spending, raises for support staff and a smaller student-to-counselor ratio.

Teachers must still fight for those problems to be addressed, Oswald said, adding that "the worst thing would be for this movement to dissolve."

Arizona Education Association President Joe Thomas said educators should now focus on a campaign for a November ballot measure that would seek more education funding from an income tax increase on the wealthiest taxpayers.

"The budget is a significant investment, but it falls far short" of what the movement demanded, Thomas said.

Helen Hoffman, a counselor in the Phoenix Union High School District, said she was "excited" about the end of the strike.

"I'm worried about my students.

I'm ready to go back," she said.

Elizabeth Ruiz, an eighth-grade math teacher in the Phoenix suburb of Gilbert, expects her school to reopen today.

"It's middle-schoolers, so it's a tough age. But I'm ready to see them," she said.

At its peak, school closures impacted more than 840,000 Arizona students, according to an analysis from The Arizona Republic that tallied up at least 100 school districts and charter schools that were closing.

Education cuts over the past decade have sliced deeply into Arizona's public schools. Teachers wanted a return to pre-recession funding levels, regular raises, competitive pay for support staff and a pledge not to adopt any tax cuts until per-pupil funding reaches the national average.

The new funding package provides schools with a partial restoration of nearly \$400 million in recession-era cuts, and a promise to restore the rest in five years. Other cuts remain in place.

Minority Democrats mainly voted against the budget plan, drawing criticism from Republicans.

"You know, talk is pretty cheap — it's your vote that counts," Republican Rep. Anthony Kern said. "If Republicans voted with Democrats tonight, you would be walking away with zero."

Missouri to hold special session on Greitens' impeachment

By David A. Lieb
and Blake Nelson
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.

— In a historic move, Missouri lawmakers announced Thursday that they are calling a special session to consider impeaching Gov. Eric Greitens following allegations of sexual misconduct and misuse of charity resources.

House and Senate leaders said they had gathered more than the constitutionally required signatures of three-fourths of the members of each chamber to summon themselves into a special session that will start at 6:30 p.m. on May 18 — just 30 minutes after the end of work in their regular session.

It will mark the first time in Missouri history that lawmakers have called a special session. Extraordinary sessions typically are called by governors.

The petition calls upon lawmakers to consider "disciplinary actions" against Greitens, which also could include lesser reprimands than impeachment.

If the House votes to im-

peach Greitens, the Senate then would appoint a panel of judges to conduct a trial on whether to remove him from office.

Only one other Missouri official — former Secretary of State Judi Moriarty in 1994 — has been removed from office following impeachment.

The legislative announcement about a special session came a day after a House investigatory committee released a report indicating that Greitens had misused a donor list from a veterans' charity he founded to raise money for his 2016 gubernatorial campaign. The report included testimony from a former Greitens' aide indicating the campaign also falsely identified the source of the donor list in a settlement with the Missouri Ethics Commission.

It was the second stunning report from the House panel. Last month, it released a report with testimony from a woman alleging that Greitens had restrained, slapped, shoved, threatened and belittled her during a series of sexual encounters in 2015 that at times left her crying and afraid.

California store faces suit over no-Spanish language policy

SAN DIEGO — A grocery store in San Diego subjected Hispanic employees to harassment and a hostile work environment by implementing a no-Spanish language policy, federal officials said Thursday.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed a lawsuit alleging store managers at Albertsons publicly reprimanded Hispanic employees who were caught speaking Spanish. The workers were

barred from speaking Spanish around non-Spanish speakers, even during breaks or when talking to Spanish-speaking customers, the lawsuit said.

No action was taken despite employee complaints, causing some workers to transfer to other stores, according to the EEOC.

Albertsons wouldn't comment on the lawsuit but said in a statement that it does not require its employees speak English only.

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Trump should refuse to take North Korea bait

■ To get what he wants, Kim will lie to the president as his father lied to Clinton

The prospect of winning the Nobel Peace Prize is understandably tantalizing for President Trump. After all the contempt he has faced from the political establishment, watching liberal heads explode at the suggestion by South Korean President Moon Jae-in that he deserves the award must be gratifying. It would be even more gratifying to watch the collective meltdown as he delivered his Nobel acceptance speech.

Moon understands this, which precisely is why he dangled the prospect of a Nobel Prize in front of Trump. He is flattering Trump in the hopes that this will make him more flexible in his negotiations with North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un. Trump should refuse to take the bait.

To his credit, Trump seems to not be taking the Nobel talk too seriously. At a rally in Michigan, Trump smiled while the crowd chanted "No-bel! No-bel! No-bel!" and said "That's very nice, thank you."

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before adding "I just want to get the job done."

Getting the job done could very well mean walking away from the negotiating table, just as Ronald Reagan walked away at his 1986 Reykjavik summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev — a move that was derided by foreign policy elites but proved pivotal to the collapse of the Soviet Union five short years later.

Trump has made clear that he, like Reagan, is willing to walk away. "If we don't think it's going to be successful, we won't have it," the president said of a summit with Kim. "If the meeting when I'm there isn't fruitful, I will respectfully leave the meeting."

This is exactly the right approach.

Trump needs to go into his summit not with visions of Nobel prizes, but with eyes wide open. As Director of National Intelligence Daniel Coats pointed out last May, "Pyongyang's enshrinement of the possession of nuclear weapons in its constitution, while repeatedly stating that nuclear weapons are the basis for its survival, suggests that Kim does not intend to negotiate them away at any price." Just last year, an American college student, Otto Warmbier, died after being detained by North Korea, and Kim was promising to fire missiles at Guam. Now he is on a charm offensive designed to buy him breathing room, lift sanctions, extort money from the West and "decouple" the United States from its ally South Korea. To get these things, Kim will lie to Trump just as his father lied in 1994 when he promised the Clinton administration that he would abandon his nuclear program in exchange for light-water reactors and fuel oil.

If Trump wants to succeed, he must want a deal less than Kim does. He must be willing to walk away and to make Kim understand that he is serious about a military option if negotiations fail. He can't do

so if he is even remotely thinking about a Nobel.

Winning a Nobel Prize is irrelevant. Reagan never got a Nobel, but he is remembered as the president who brought about the peaceful collapse of the Soviet Union and won the Cold War. Barack Obama, by contrast, won a Nobel Prize just nine months after taking office for doing nothing (except not being George W. Bush). Simply by forcing North Korea to the negotiating table, Trump has already done more to deserve the prize than Obama did.

History will judge Trump not by whether he won a Nobel, but by whether he was able to stop North Korea from deploying the capability to destroy an American city with a nuclear intercontinental ballistic missile. If he fails, no prize will make up for the fact that millions of Americans will now be hostages to one of the world's cruelest tyrants. If he succeeds, he will be remembered as one of the greatest foreign policy presidents in American history.

And then, the accolades will take care of themselves.

OPINION EXTRA

West deserves credit for declaring publicly what he believes

It's easy to dismiss Kanye West. It's easy to dismiss him because he's nutty. This is a fellow who tweets about antique fish tanks and fur pillows. This is the guy who calls himself Yeezus (after Jesus) and suggested that then-President George W. Bush didn't care about black people in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. He isn't exactly known for his bouts of emotional stability.

And in our celebrity-driven culture, we shouldn't pay too much attention to those who haven't spent a lot of time studying policy. That's how we end up with celebrity politicians, emotion-driven policy and reality television substituting for news.

With that said, Kanye West did something deeply important over the last two weeks: He opened up the debate.

Stung by the gratuitous censorship of the left, West began tweeting that Americans ought to think for themselves. He even tweeted a picture of himself wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat. And suddenly, the left went nuts, too. Kumail Nanjiani, co-writer of "The Big Sick," tweeted, "This was the worst twitter day in twitter history." Op-eds ran at The Root and The Washington Post claiming that West had been suckered.

But surprisingly, West didn't back down. He soon released a track with fellow rapper T.I. debating the merits of coming out as pro-Trump, with T.I. tearing into him as out of touch and West defending himself as thinking outside "the plantation." West met with conservative activist Candace Owens and tweeted quotes from Thomas Sowell.

Now, none of this means West should suddenly be considered for leadership of The Heritage Foundation. But it does mark a break in the solid leftist wall of Hollywood and the music industry, and in the intersectional coalition.

The entertainment industry can't tolerate conservatives — when I wrote a book on political bias in Hollywood, several Hollywood insiders told me openly that they refuse to hire those on the right. Shania Twain learned just a few weeks ago that signaling support for President Trump in any way means taking your career into your hands.

The same holds true in identity politics circles. Those on the left who suggest that politics must innately follow immutable biological characteristics (i.e. black people have to be Democrats) felt deeply threatened by West's comments. After Chance the Rapper tweeted out that black Americans don't have to vote Democrat, the left's pressure snapped into place so rigidly that he backed off and apologized.

But West hasn't. What's happening? It's doubtful that West started reading Edmund Burke. It may just be that West, like a lot of Americans tired of being told what to think by their industry and racialists on all sides, is getting tired of being told what to do. It's possible that West, like most Americans, sees America as a place with problems but a place where individuals can think and achieve freely. And he's clearly willing to take part in a political debate so many of his friends aren't.

That makes West an important voice, at least for now. It does take courage to buck your entire cadre in order to publicly declare what you think. West deserves credit for that. And who knows? Perhaps some other prominent Americans might come forward to re-engage in a debate from which they have been barred.

— Ben Shapiro, Creator's Syndicate

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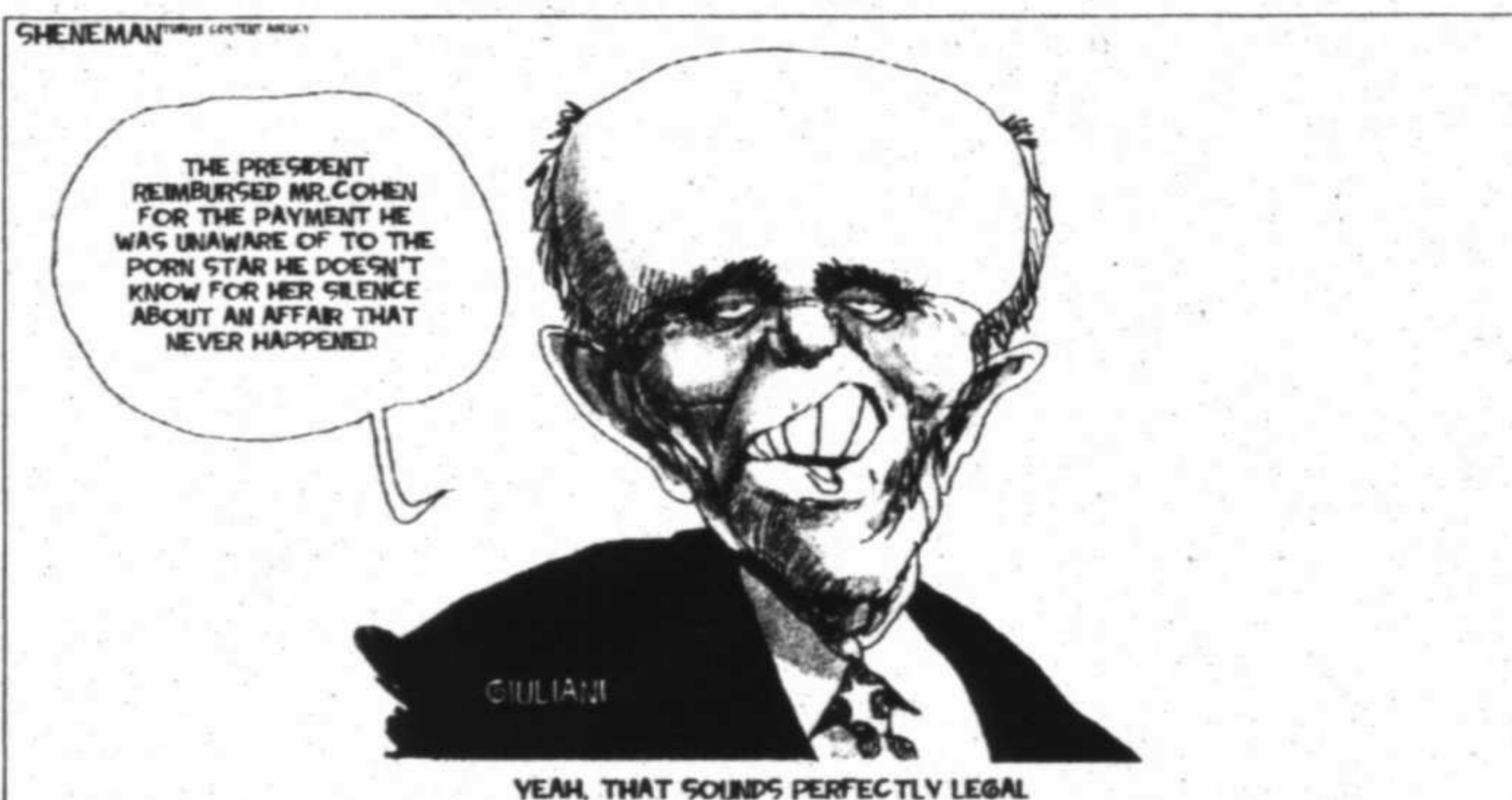
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Giuliani's admissions may be damning

■ Mueller may want to know whether Comey's public confirmation of the investigation — which angered Trump — helped precipitate former FBI director's firing

You know it's gotten bad when the president is required to do damage control for his lawyer, but that's exactly what happened (Thursday) morning, when Donald Trump took to Twitter to explain himself, after Rudolph Giuliani admitted on Fox News that Trump repaid \$130,000 in hush money to Stormy Daniels. In suspiciously non-capitalized prose, Trump (or his ghost-tweeter) basically confirmed the story and said it was no biggie.

But Giuliani's other admission — delivered during his interview with Sean Hannity on Wednesday night — may be more important and damning. Giuliani conceded in an offhand way that Trump fired FBI Director James Comey because Comey failed to do Trump's bidding and publicly declare that Trump was not under investigation. Here's what Giuliani said:

"He fired Comey because Comey would not, among other things, say that he wasn't a target of the investigation," Giuliani said. "He's entitled to that. Hillary Clinton got that, and he couldn't get that. So he fired him, and he said, 'I'm free of this guy.'"

In saying this, Giuliani appears to have thought that he was exonerating Trump. Giuliani was saying Trump didn't fire Comey to obstruct the investigation into Trump campaign collusion with Russian sabotage of our election, but rather because Comey didn't publicly clear him, which Giuliani believes Trump was "entitled to."

But this undercuts the leading public rationale that Trump offered for firing Comey. The White House has cited Comey's handling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation as the fake pretext for the firing. But now Trump's own lawyer has confirmed on national television that the rationale was directly related to the Russia investigation.

"It seems that Giuliani is trying to suggest that Trump did not obstruct justice when he fired Comey," Barbara McQuade, a former prosecutor and current law professor at the University of Michigan, told me. "But in fact he may just be building the case against him. Even demanding that Comey make a public statement that Trump is not under investigation would itself potentially be obstruction of justice."

McQuade added that insisting on such a public statement constitutes "interfering in the investigation."

Here's a key bit of context showing why Giuliani's admission could be important: Remember that Trump himself reportedly made this same demand of Comey — and that special counsel Robert Mueller III appears to be examining that demand as part of his effort to determine whether Trump obstructed justice.

After Comey publicly confirmed the existence of the probe in March of 2017, Trump told Comey

in a March 30 phone call that he wanted Comey to confirm he was not personally under investigation, to publicly "lift the cloud" that the probe had cast over his presidency, according to Comey's memos. Comey detailed in the memos that he didn't want to do this, because the status of the probe could change (as it ultimately did), and he wanted to avoid having to publicly confirm such a change later. Comey took this exchange seriously enough to report it to his superiors at the Justice Department.

What's more, we know that a short time later, Trump personally asked two other top intelligence officials to publicly confirm what Comey would not. As The Washington Post reported, they both refused the request, which they deemed "inappropriate." Trump subsequently went further, prodding them to directly intervene with Comey to curtail the investigation, which they also refused to do.

We also know that Mueller is looking at all of this conduct. To establish obstruction, Mueller needs to show that in trying to hamstring or derail the probe, Trump acted with "corrupt intent," say, to protect himself and his top officials from scrutiny. The leaked questions from Mueller show that he wants to ask Trump about that very same March 30 call with Comey in which he seems to have demanded that Comey publicly exonerate him. Mueller wants to probe Trump's state of mind about all of this, including whether Comey's public confirmation of the investigation — which angered Trump — helped precipitate Comey's firing.

Giuliani has now publicly confirmed that all that did indeed figure into Trump's rationale. And Mueller's team may take an interest in this, McQuade told me: "This will cause them to review what they've done already and will inform their questions going forward."

To be clear, it still remains very unlikely that Mueller will try to indict Trump for obstruction of justice. But Mueller is expected to produce a report on the obstruction question, and his findings on it may be made public in some form. Whether or not Trump can be held criminally liable for obstruction, Mueller may end up documenting a pattern of very serious misconduct, which could shed new light on just how far Trump went to shield himself and his cronies from accountability, something that could have serious implications for our politics and for our efforts to restore the integrity of the rule of law amid Trump's nonstop degradation of it.

Giuliani has inadvertently lent more salience to this whole line of inquiry.

GREG SARGENT
Washington Post

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Giuliani becomes aggressive new face of Trump legal team

By Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rudy Giuliani, once known as "America's Mayor" and hailed for helping unite a wounded city after Sept. 11, has become the aggressive face of President Donald Trump's forceful new legal team.

Giuliani, who is bonded with the president by a particular brand of New York bravado, has escalated Trump's attacks on the Department of Justice, pushed for strict limits on special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia probe and upended White House legal strategy. Giuliani and Trump cut out senior West Wing aides this week as they hashed out plans to combat what they see as an existential threat to the presidency.

Giuliani's bold offensive — on display in a series of cable news appearances in which he unleashed broadsides on the very law enforcement officers with whom he once worked — underscored the thoroughness of his transformation from moderate Republican mayor of a liberal city to fiery conservative hero.

"Russian collusion is total fake news," Giuliani, a former U.S. attorney, told Fox News. "Unfortunately, it has become the basis of the investigation. And Mueller owes us a report saying that Russia collusion means nothing, it didn't happen. That means the whole investigation was totally unnecessary."

Giuliani has quickly become the dominant figure on the president's reshuffled legal team as Trump stocks his political inner circle with familiar, TV-ready faces. The two have had several private conversations in recent days in which Giuliani fanned Trump's anger with Mueller's probe, according to two people familiar with their conversations who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to publicly discuss them. Giuliani has warned Trump against sitting down for an interview with Mueller and has suggested that, at a minimum, the president place limits on his level of cooperation.

Giuliani has warned Trump that he fears that the president's longtime personal

Giuliani offers new explanation of why Trump fired Comey

President Donald Trump's explanation for why he fired FBI Director James Comey has shifted again.

Rudy Giuliani said in an interview on Fox News that Trump fired Comey last year because Comey would not state "that he wasn't a target" of the special counsel's Russia investigation. He said Trump felt that he was treated worse than Hillary Clinton, who was publicly cleared of criminal wrongdoing at an unusual FBI headquarters news conference in July 2016.

"He fired Comey because Comey would not, among other things, say that he wasn't a target of the investigation," Giuliani said. "He's entitled to that. Hillary Clinton got that. Actually, he couldn't get that."

Comey told The Associated Press in an interview this week that telling Trump privately

— at a January 2017 Trump Tower meeting — that he wasn't under investigation was a way to lower the "temperature" of an otherwise tense encounter before the president took office.

Giuliani's explanation foreshadows a likely defense to the May 2017 dismissal, but it was just the latest in a series of rationales offered by Trump and his advisers.

It also comes as the president's legal team is debating whether to allow Trump to be interviewed by special counsel Robert Mueller's team, which in addition to investigating potential coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign, is examining whether the president's firing of Comey and other actions constitute obstruction of justice.

Associated Press

attorney, Michael Cohen, may flip on him. He has urged Trump to cut off communications with Cohen, according to a person close to Giuliani but not authorized to discuss the talks publicly. After an FBI raid on Cohen's office and home, Giuliani also indicated that he wanted to change the discussion surrounding the \$130,000 payment that Cohen made to porn actress Stormy Daniels to buy her silence about a sexual tryst with Trump. Giuliani did so with a jaw-dropping interview with Sean Hannity on Wednesday.

Giuliani's remarks — that Trump knew about the payment and had repaid Cohen for it — seemed to contradict Trump's past statements. But he argued that it removed legal peril over a possible campaign finance violation, a claim some legal experts have questioned. Trump was pleased with Giuliani's performance, according to a person familiar with his views but not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

Over a pair of Fox News interviews, Giuliani also unleashed a series of provocative broadsides. He said Trump had fired James Comey last year because the FBI director wouldn't publicly clear the president of wrongdoing in the Russia probe, a different explanation than the White House offered. He said he would defend the president's daughter Ivanka Trump but suggested that her husband, Jared Kushner, was "dispos-

able." And he derided the agents who raided Cohen's office as "stormtroopers," a charge that attracted particular attention because it appeared to evoke Nazi soldiers in the context of the Manhattan U.S. attorney's office, which had approved the raids and which Giuliani had once led.

"It's a different Rudy. He's always been tough, but he changed when he started to have national ambitions," said George Arzt, former press secretary to Democrat Ed Koch, one of Giuliani's predecessors as New York City mayor. "And after he wedded himself to Trump, his popularity in his hometown disappeared completely."

Giuliani was elected mayor in 1993 on a pledge to slash the city's sky-high crime rate. That year, 1,946 people were killed in the city. By 2001, Giuliani's final year in office, the number had shrunk to 649.

Giuliani was largely praised for the drop in crime but remained a polarizing figure. His no-holds-barred defense of the New York Police Department, often at the expense of minority communities, drew sharp criticism. A possible Senate run was abandoned after a cancer diagnosis. And after years of public battles and a very messy public separation from his second wife — which resulted in him moving out of Gracie Mansion, the mayor's official residence — his poll numbers sank and many New Yorkers were eager for a change at City Hall.

But then, one clear September day just a few months before he was to leave office, two planes flew into the World Trade Center.

In the hours after the attacks, Giuliani became the face of the nation's grief. His leadership — both inspiring and compassionate — over the following weeks earned him the nickname of "America's Mayor."

His relationship with the city would soon change again.

Giuliani played a key role in the 2004 Republican National Convention that re-nominated President George W. Bush, a deeply unpopular figure in New York. And Giuliani shifted right on a number of issues — including gun control and public funding of abortions — during his failed presidential run four years later.

Although his future electoral prospects vanished, Giuliani remained a conservative darling, a frequent guest on Fox News and a sought-after member of the political speaking circuit. He has known Trump for decades — his bomb-throwing rhetorical style can at times mirror that of the president — and he became an aggressive surrogate for the celebrity businessman from the early days of his insurgent presidential campaign.

Giuliani had been widely expected to join Trump's administration but was passed over for secretary of state, the position he badly wanted, and eventually was left without a Cabinet post.

But the president kept in touch with Giuliani, sometimes calling to ask for advice, and frequently asked for the ex-mayor's take on developments in the special counsel's probe, according to three people familiar with the conversations but not authorized to publicly discuss private talks.

In the weeks before he hired Giuliani last month, Trump had grown increasingly frustrated with the cable news chatter that he couldn't hire a big-name attorney for his legal team. But, according to one person familiar with his conversations, he later boasted to a confidant that he had struck a deal that he believed would silence those critics: He was hiring "America's F---ing Mayor."

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WASHINGTON Trump marks National Day of Prayer

President Donald Trump celebrated the National Day of Prayer by announcing a White House initiative that he said would underpin policies recognizing the "vital role" of religion in the country. "America is a nation of believers," he said.

Shortly before the Rose Garden event Thursday, Trump acknowledged reimbursing his personal attorney for hush money the lawyer paid to porn actress Stormy Daniels, who alleges a sexual encounter with Trump in 2006. The White House says Trump denies that accusation, and Trump had claimed no knowledge of the financial arrangement.

Trump tweeted before the faith event that the payments just before the 2016 election "had nothing to do with the campaign."

The president did not address the issue in his public remarks, focusing instead on the power of prayer as a centerpiece of American life.

"Faith has shaped our families and it's shaped our communities," he said. "It's inspired our commitment to charity and our defense of liberty, and faith has forged the identity and the destiny of this great nation that we all love."

Trump outlined steps by the administration to safeguard religious freedom and pledged to continue doing so.

He signed an executive order creating a "White

House Faith and Opportunity Initiative" that will, among other things, make recommendations on policies that affect faith-based and community programs.

Trump said the new office will help ensure such groups have "equal access" to government money and the "equal right to exercise their deeply held beliefs."

"We take this step because we know, that in solving the many, many problems and our great challenges, faith is more powerful than government and nothing is more powerful than God," Trump said.

Members of the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, where more than two dozen worshippers were killed in a November 2017 shooting, attended the event.

WASHINGTON Pruitt's top spokesperson latest to leave embattled EPA

Scott Pruitt's top spokesperson said Thursday she was leaving the Environmental Protection Agency, the latest high-profile departure as the embattled EPA administrator fights ethics allegations.

Liz Bowman, EPA's associate administrator for public affairs, confirmed by phone she was leaving, but refused to discuss what motivated her departure.

In an emailed statement, Bowman said she was grateful to serve under President Donald Trump and Pruitt.

"Being a member of the EPA team has allowed me

to further my skills, learn from my mistakes, and make lifelong friendships," said Bowman, who left the American Chemistry Council trade group to work for Pruitt.

Her departure comes a week after Pruitt's security chief and Superfund administrator left amid a growing series of federal ethics investigations of Pruitt's tenure at EPA.

WASHINGTON House chaplain wins job back after scalding letter to Ryan

The embattled chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives has won his job back just hours after sending a scalding letter to House Speaker Paul Ryan that accused a top Ryan staff aide of telling him "something like 'maybe it's time that we had a Chaplain that wasn't a Catholic.'"

Ryan, a Wisconsin Republican, forced the Rev. Pat Conroy to tender his resignation last month, sparking a firestorm. Ryan has said he was dissatisfied with Conroy's pastoral care to lawmakers.

But in a statement Thursday, Ryan — himself a Catholic — reversed course.

"It is my job as speaker to do what is best for this body, and I know that this body is not well-served by a protracted fight over such an important position," Ryan said.

Ryan's statement came soon after Conroy delivered a two-page letter that said he has never "heard a complaint about my

ministry" as House chaplain. Instead, Conroy says top Ryan aide Jonathan Burks told him the speaker wanted his resignation, and cited a prayer last year that was potentially critical of the GOP tax bill.

"I inquired as to whether or not it was 'for cause,' and Mr. Burks mentioned something dismissively like 'maybe it's time that we had a Chaplain

that wasn't a Catholic,'" Conroy wrote to Ryan in a letter that was also sent to House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Ryan did not directly address Conroy's explosive charge, saying, "To be clear, that decision was based on my duty to ensure that the House has the kind of pastoral services that it deserves."


Burks, in a statement released by Ryan's office, said

"I strongly disagree with Father Conroy's recollection of our conversation."

Conroy also wrote that Burks mentioned a November prayer regarding the GOP tax bill that upset many Republicans.

Then, Conroy prayed for lawmakers to make sure that "there are not winners and losers under new tax laws, but benefits balanced and shared by all Americans."

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Film academy expels Bill Cosby and Roman Polanski

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The organization that bestows the Academy Awards announced Thursday that it has voted to expel two prominent members convicted of sexual offenses, Bill Cosby and Roman Polanski, from its membership.

It's the first major decision since the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences implemented revised standards of conduct for its more than 8,400 members following its expulsion of disgraced mogul Harvey Weinstein in October. In Polanski's case, the expulsion comes more than 40 years after he was accused of raping a 13-year-old girl he plied with champagne and Quaaludes during a photo shoot, and 15 years after he won a best director Oscar.

The academy wrote in a statement that its board of governors met Tuesday night and voted on Polanski and Cosby's status in accordance with the new standards. Polanski's membership dates back to 1969, and Cosby's to 1996.

Wife: Cosby convicted by 'mob justice'

By Michael R. Sisak
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Bill Cosby's wife called Thursday for a criminal investigation into the suburban Philadelphia prosecutor behind his sexual assault conviction, saying the case that could put the 80-year-old comedian in prison for the rest of his life was "mob justice, not real justice" and a "tragedy."

Camille Cosby made her first comments on the verdict in a three-page statement sent to the media through a family spokesman, as institutions from Hollywood to Madison Avenue continued to wipe away the remnants of his legacy. He was expelled on Thursday from the motion picture academy and the Advertising Hall of Fame.

Cosby compared her husband of 54 years, convicted a week ago on three counts of aggravated indecent assault, to Emmett Till and other blacks mistreated by the justice system.

"Once again, an innocent person has been found guilty based on an unthinking, unquestioning, unconstitutional frenzy propagated by the media

and allowed to play out in a supposed court of law," she said. "This is mob justice, not real justice. This tragedy must be undone not just for Bill Cosby, but for the country."

Cosby, 74, said chief accuser Andrea Constand was a liar whose testimony about being drugged and molested at Cosby's home in January 2004 was "riddled with innumerable, dishonest contradictions."

She echoed Cosby's lawyers, who contended that Constand framed him to score a big payday.

Cosby is on house arrest while awaiting sentencing. His lawyers have vowed to appeal.

Her statement did not address behavior Cosby has admitted to, such as philandering and contention that he was having a consensual affair with Constand.

Constand's lawyer bristled at the statement and asked, "why would any reputable outlet publish that?"

"Twelve honorable jurors — peers of Cosby — have spoken," lawyer Dolores Troiani said. "There is nothing else that needs to be said."

More women accuse Charlie Rose

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — With 27 more women accusing former news anchor Charlie Rose of sexual misconduct, a report Thursday calls into question CBS News' claims that his behavior was a surprise before he was fired last November.

The Washington Post said that on at least three occasions before to that, women reported to their superiors discomfort about Rose's actions. Rose was fired as "CBS This Morning" anchor and PBS can-

celled his interview show after an earlier Post report on women who said he groped them, made lewd remarks or walked naked around them.

In one new allegation, a former research assistant said Rose exposed his penis and touched her breasts when they worked at NBC News' Washington bureau in 1976.

The Post said Rose, 76, told the newspaper in an email that its story was inaccurate and unfair.

Since Rose was fired, CBS News said it has taken steps to ensure a safer workplace, includ-


ing mandatory misconduct training. Network news President David Rhodes and other key managers have said they were unaware of Rose's actions.

Some of the women told the Post they feared reporting bad behavior to their bosses because the network was more concerned about the male TV personalities. "I had been there long enough to know that it was just the way things went," said Sophie Gayter, 27, who said Rose groped her while they walked down a hall. "People said what they wanted to you. People did what they wanted to you."

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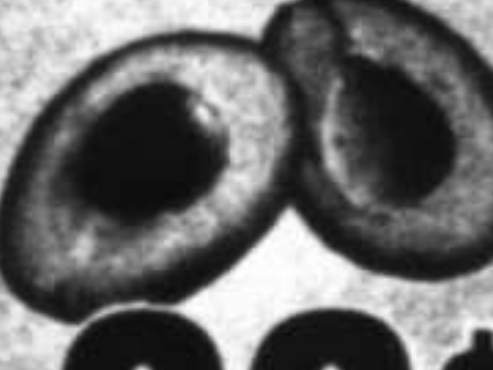
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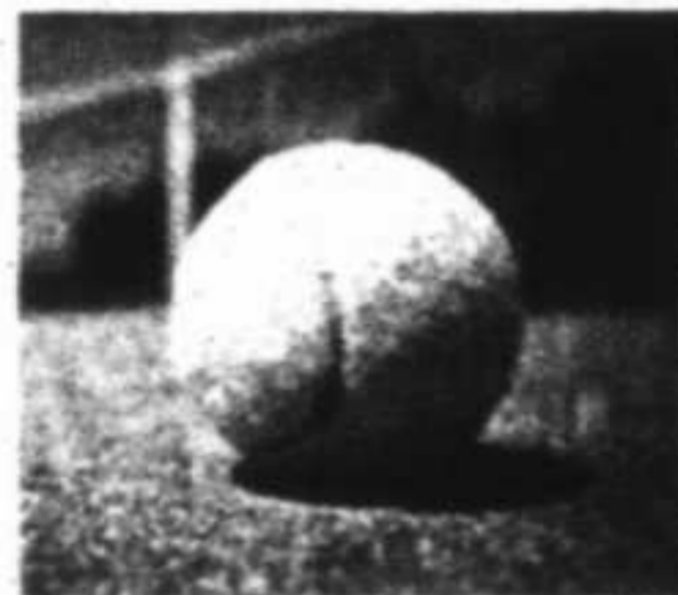
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The Halliburton Gunsmoke Benefit Shoot at Jake's Clays will benefit the West Texas Food Bank's Food 2 Kids program. 9 a.m.

WALK ON BY
Ranchland Hills Golf Club hosts the sixth annual Kenya Widows and Orphans Sunset Scramble. The nine-hole tournament will feature mulligans, longest drive contests, dinner and awards. 5 p.m.



MATCH POINT
The Bush Tennis Center hosts "Fajitas and Margaritas" Tennis Social that kicks off the Jim Henry Open. Join in doubles play to vie for King of the Court. 6 p.m.



GOOD VIBRATIONS
Enjoy the sounds of the Beach Boys with tribute band Surf's Up headlining the free Aphasia Awareness Concert 2018 at Horseshoe Amphitheater. 7 p.m.

SATURDAY



FOOT WORK
Midland Athletic Company hosts the Cinco de Mayo 5K at Neme's Cocina Fresca benefiting 3:11 Ministries. 9 a.m.

Gifts of Hope and the Midland RockHounds host the Cinco de Mayo Victory Run and Walk at Scharbauer Sports Complex for cancer awareness and fundraising. 4:30 p.m.

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Save the date



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The wheels go round at Basin Bikefest

By Rich Lopez
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Save the Date is a snapshot look at upcoming fundraisers and special events. Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center is preparing to host its annual Basin Bikefest.

Here are the details to know before you go.

Event: MCRC invites the public to join in on the wheel-based fun at its fourth annual Basin Bikefest.

The details: The event begins with a two-mile Perfect Family Ride or cyclists can join on longer rides from 4.5 to 10 miles long. The highlight is the Bike Parade where participants are encouraged to decorate bicycles, wagons and strollers. Bikefest then shifts into carnival mode with a petting zoo, bouncers, crafty activities, refreshments and more. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. May 12 at MCRC, 802 Ventura Ave.

Extra details: Admission is \$10 per child for the bike ride and festival. \$15 for adults

for the bike rides, free festival admission. Children 2 and younger free.

The organization's mission: MCRC has been providing pediatric occupational, physical and speech therapy since 1956 to children and adults to age 22 with developmental, orthopedic and neurologic limitations. The center provides these services at no cost to client families. Visit midlandchildrens.org for details about the event and the center.

How attendance helps: The event helps to raise the profile of the organization and its services and programming. MCRC services include occupational, physical and speech therapy, aquatics, hippotherapy and houses the West Texas Dyslexia Center. Enrichment programs include open gym, the Unlimited Dance Company and We are the World Camp. The center served nearly 500 children in 2017 and year to date has served approximately 400.

"This is an opportunity for the community to know we are here whether they have a special needs child or not," communications and development coordinator Roxana Rubio

said. "If not, they might know someone with a child who doesn't know about our services."

How else can people help: Rubio said donations that can help with the center's programming are accepted. This month, however, the focus is on arts and crafts donations. "Therapists are always looking for fun ways to interact and engage children through activities," she said.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Current donations will help with funding two new full-time positions — one for housekeeping and maintenance, the other for administrative assistance — that will then benefit the staff therapists.

The last word: "At Bikefest, we're happy to give tours of the building. We don't close it off, so people can see the different rooms we have for different needs," Rubio said. "We don't bill families for our services, but we do rely on donations to help with those funds. A lot of the people may not know we rely on them always so we are happy to keep our doors open to the community."



Lisa Krantz/San Antonio Express-News

First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs member and shooting survivor David Colbeth applauds Thursday at the conclusion of President Donald Trump's remarks during the National Day of Prayer service at the White House.

Sutherland Springs residents spotlighted at National Day of Prayer

By Silvia Foster-Frau
San Antonio Express-News

WASHINGTON — In a group of 200 gathered at the White House Rose Garden Thursday morning for the National Day of Prayer, five guests from Sutherland Springs knew all too well the power of faith — and said they have relied on it in the darkest of hours.

Frank Pomeroy and his wife, Sherri Pomeroy, wearing her silver necklace with the words "Sutherland Springs strong" that she never goes without, were invited to the White House ceremony. They lost their 14-year-old daughter and closest friends in the Nov. 5 mass shooting at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs.

Pomeroy, the church pastor and a leader in the one-stoplight town of Sutherland Springs, and his wife have been thrust into the spotlight

since the massacre, which claimed the lives of 26 members and wounded 20 others. They were invited to Washington by the National Day of Prayer Task Force and plan to be interviewed on a live broadcast during the ceremony this evening.

President Donald Trump didn't mention the Sutherland Springs shooting at the Rose Garden address, but he did emphasize the importance of uniting under God, something that the Pomeroy family has always believed.

"We know that in solving many, many problems and our great challenges, faith is more powerful than government, and nothing is more powerful than God," Trump said.

The Pomeroy family said that's what has gotten them through the weeks and months the massacre, the worst in modern Texas history.

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Involve kids early in family philanthropy

ON PHILANTHROPY

By Bruce DeBoskey

Many adults give considerable thought to how we will pass along our money to the rising generations in our families when we die. Far fewer of us also consider how we will pass along our "value assets" — our family's unique approach to community, giving back and helping others, while we're living.

The passing along of family values cannot take place all at once, in a few conversations toward the end of life or in a paragraph buried in a will. Rather, to be effective, it must be an ongoing and integral part of family communications from the time children are very young well into their adult years.

A couple of generations ago, young children each had a few prized toys. Today, many have far more toys and games than they could ever play with and more books than they could ever read. On every birthday, holiday or other special occasion, the amount of "stuff" continues to accumulate.

Children as young as toddlers can donate gently used toys and books to a local nonprofit serving children. Likewise, for special occasions, your child can request donations to a local charity in lieu of gifts from their peers. Encourage the child to review a few nonprofits and select one that

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Halliburton Gunsmoke Benefit Shoot for the West Texas Food Bank's Food 2 Kids program. 9 a.m. at Jake's Clays, 13301 Farm-to-Market Road 1379. \$300 per shooter. For more information, email yuri.garcia@halliburton.com.

The sixth annual **Kenya Widows and Orphans Sunset Scramble**. The nine-hole tournament will feature mulligans, longest drive contests, dinner and awards. 5-9 p.m. at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. kwoministries.org.

Re|Engage: A date night for married couples. The dinner date includes child care with pizza for children. 6-8 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Midland, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave. \$30. fbc-midland.org.

Spring "Fajitas and Margaritas" Tennis Social kicks off the Jim Henry Open. Food and drink is followed by King of the Court match play. RSVP required. 6-8 p.m. at Bush Tennis Center, 5700 Briarwood Ave. \$25. bushtenniscenter.org.

Aphasia Awareness Concert 2018 with Beach Boys tribute band Surf's Up. 7 p.m. at Horseshoe Amphitheater, 2514 Arena Trail. Free. aphasiaawtx.org.

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

First Friday voter registration. Permian Basin LGBTQ (plus) will register voters at its monthly game night event. 7 p.m. at Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Deauville Road. Free. pblgbtq.org.

The sixth annual Jockeys, Juleps and All that Jazz by Communities in Schools Permian Basin. The event will feature a hosted cocktail party, three-course dinner, live music, derby hat contest, auctions and more. 7-11 p.m. at the Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St. cispb.org.

SATURDAY

King of Kings men's prayer breakfast. 8 a.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market. The market will include live music and food trucks onsite. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

2018 Basin Race Series: Cinco de Mayo 5K by Midland Athletic Company. The run will end with a celebration of food and music. Proceeds from the event will benefit 3:11 Ministries. 9 a.m.-noon at Neme's Cocina Fresca, 4401 N. Big Spring St. \$40. midlandathleticcompany.com.

Yoga classes are offered weekly. 9 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. Free. uumidland.org.

Financial Peace University is a nine-week course for financial control and success. 10 a.m. Saturdays through June 2 at Goodwill Bible Baptist Church, 1001 S. Main St. Register at fpu.com.

The Practice of Meditation, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays through May 26 at Pilates Reformer and Namaste

Yoga Studio, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. RSVP to kachazeh@gmail.com.

The Apache 12th annual **Cinco de Mayo Victory Run and Walk**. The event is hosted by Gifts of Hope and the Midland RockHounds for cancer awareness and fundraising. 4:30-10 p.m. at the Scharbauer Sports Complex, 5514 Champions Drive. \$20-\$35. raceplanner.com.

Beltane Ritual: Solar Invocation by Tree of Life Open Circle. 7 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave.

SUNDAY

Soul Surfers Youth Bible study. 9:30 a.m. Sundays through May 27 at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

True Love Waits Study. 9:45 a.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

March for Moms: Rally to Improve Birth. 4-6 p.m. at Butler Soccer Park, 3801 Bluebird Lane. improvingbirth.org.

Spaghetti dinner fundraiser and auction. 6-8 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

MONDAY

Gentle Healing Yoga. This weekly yoga camp is open to all survivors of cancer. Led by Anne Lucero. 5:30 p.m. Mondays at Yoga Sanctuary, 4202 Dawn Circle. Free. 575-937-3609.

Grief Support six-week session. 6:30-8 p.m. at Hospice Midland, 911 W Texas Ave. hospiceofmidland.org.

Belly dancing class, 8 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. uumidland.org.

TUESDAY

Intro to Buddhism features basic meditation and then discussion. Hosted by Permian Basin Buddhists. 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. meetup.com/Permian-Basin-Buddhists.

The 12-Step Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 553-7220.

WEDNESDAY

Caregiver Support group, noon-1 p.m. at Hospice Midland, 911 W Texas Ave. hospiceofmidland.org.

THURSDAY

Brothers in Christ is a weekly men's group with studies that range from the Bible to topical issues. 6:30 a.m. at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman Drive. midlandbible.org.

Understanding and Overcoming Food Addictions presented by the Lifestyle Medicine Center. Limited space so online registration is required. 6-7 p.m. at Midland Memorial West Campus, 4214 Andrews Highway \$5. eventbrite.com.

La Hacienda Alumni: Support group for former patients and guests. 7 p.m. Thursdays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 553-7220.

To include your event on this calendar, please email Rich Lopez at rlopez@mrt.com.

Obituaries



Ms. "Rusti" Deborah K Aliff

Ms. "Rusti" Deborah K Aliff died peacefully at Midland Memorial Hospital in care of Hospice on April 28, 2018 in Midland, Texas at the age of 70.

She was a loving mother, sister, grandmother & great-grandmother. Her pride & joy were all of her grandchildren & spending time with them.

Rusti is survived by her brother James Harmon of Bellevue, OH; her daughters, Tracy Ross of Fairport Harbor, OH, Martha Moore and Lynda Slaughter of Midland, TX; her sons-in-law Gary Ross of Fairport Harbor, OH, Daniel Moore and Anthony Slaughter of Midland, TX; her grandchildren, Christopher, Andrew, William and Daniel Ross of Fairport Harbor, Timothy Pritchett, Krysten Dominguez, Bailey Moore, Forrest Randall and Perrin Hatcher of Midland, TX and her great grandchildren, Ayden, Kingston and Lincoln Ross of Ohio, Oliver Pritchett, Arbella Dominguez, and Alba Randall of Midland, TX. She is preceded in death by her grandparents Alvin and Louisa Riddle and her parents Martha and David Estep.

Rusti was born on February 6, 1948 in Paducah, KY to Martha and David Estep. She graduated from Bellevue High in 1967. For the last 30 years of her life she has worked in childcare, loving generations of children and their parents.

The funeral is scheduled for Saturday May 5, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at The Branch at npw, 3800 N Big Spring St, Midland. Come to attend and celebrate Ms. Rusti's life & we welcome you to share any stories you may have of her.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. On-line condolence can be made

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Frank Nevin Cremer Jr.

Frank Nevin Cremer Jr., 56, of Midland, Texas passed away on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. The family will receive friends on Friday, May 4, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church Midland in the Welcome Center. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Midland.

Frank was born on August 2, 1961 to Fran and Frank Sr. in San Francisco, California. Frank was raised all over the world from San Francisco, to Germany, to West Point due to his father's position in the United States Army. The Cremer family eventually settled in El Paso, Texas when Frank was a sophomore in high school. Frank graduated from Burgess High School and went on to attend Baylor University to study geology and law. Frank met the love of his life Kimberley while attending Baylor and they were married in 1984. Frank and Kim moved to Midland shortly after, started a family, and have lived there since 1985.

In addition to practicing law with his beloved partners and associates at Davis, Gerald & Cremer, in Midland, Frank was a loving father and husband. Frank loved being with his family.

He loved taking his children camping with the YMCA Indian Guides and Princesses, coaching little league sports, and attending orchestra and band concerts. Frank also loved his dogs and could often be seen sitting in the front yard in his red chairs watching the dogs run around entertaining the neighbors and their children. Frank loved attending any live sporting event or music event including MOSC. He also enjoyed cooking and all the things that made life rich, including his grandmother's

lasagna.

Frank was also a devoted philanthropist. He was passionate about serving High Sky Children's Ranch which is an organization that helps abused and neglected children. In addition to his time spent with High Sky, Frank was a faithful member of First Baptist Church serving as a Deacon, Sunday School Director, and a member of the church orchestra.

Frank is survived by his mother, Fran, his sisters, Cathy Larson and Lori Anaya, his wife, Kim, his sons, Paul and Joey, his daughter, Abbye, his daughter-in-law, Isabella as well as four nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Frank Sr.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to High Sky Children's Ranch.

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

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R.J. Hill Jr.

R.J. Hill, Jr., 71, of Gage, OK, passed away on Sunday, April 29, 2018. He was born in Belton, Texas on December 18, 1946 to R.J. Hill and Mary Frances (Young) Kessner. R.J. was raised and attended schools in Midland, TX. Gage, OK has been home for the last 22 years.

In 1963, at the age of 17, R.J. joined the United States Navy. While in the Navy, R.J. was deployed to the Philippines. R.J. was a medic in the hospital and the pharmacy on the military base. Then in December of 1966 R.J., nicknamed "Doc Spanky", was deployed to Vietnam and attached to Marine Corps Spear-Head Unit Kilo 3-9. R.J. was wounded five times in Vietnam on May 20, 1967. On May 21, 1967 R.J. was medevac'd back to the United States. After R.J.'s recovery,

he finished his military service at the Naval Hospital in Corpus Christi, TX. R.J. was honorably discharged with numerous medals: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Purple Heart medal with Two Gold Stars awarded for wounds sustained May 20, 1967 during deployment at Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam.

From R.J.'s first marriage two sons were born, R.J. Hill III (Scooter) and Ricky Hill. In 1972 R.J. met and then married his loving wife of 46 years, Lucinda (Range) Hill. To this union three children were born, April, Ronnie and Randi.

R.J. worked in the oilfield for many years as a rough neck to a drilling superintendent until he was disabled. R.J. had a passion for raising and fighting game fowl and he loved to fish and hunt. R.J. was a history enthusiast and an avid John Wayne fan. He loved spending time with his kids, grandchildren, great grandchildren and family.

R.J. was preceded in death by his parents, R.J. Hill, Sr. and Mildred Hill and Frances and Jim Kessner; brother-in-law Jake Williams and one infant grandchild.

R.J. is survived by his wife of 46 years Lucinda (Range) Hill of the home; R.J. Hill III and wife Amy of Shelbyville, KY.; Rick Hill and wife Robyn of Texarkana, TX.; April Adams and husband Joe of Ormond Beach, FL.; Ronnie Hill and wife Jennifer of Shattuck, OK.; Randi Norbury and husband Edwin of Woodward, OK. Grandchildren: Dylan and Jake; Riley and wife Brittany; Tristen, Gavin and Bailey; Ryan and Brent; Angie and husband Wally; Dylan, Bralyn and Rayden; Tyler, Kortney and Caleb; Quynin and wife Heather; Ravin and Brad IV. Great Grandchildren: Elena; Nate and Elijah. Siblings: Sisters, Joyce Williams, Kathy Millen and Cindy Loos, Mary Callender and husband Bobby; Brothers, Bobby Hill and wife Becky and John Garvin and wife Allison. R.J. had many other family members and friends as well. R.J. will be missed dearly.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Three Nine Associates, Inc. in care of Shaw Funeral Home.

Services were held Friday May 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, Arnett, OK with burial following at DeBolt Cemetery, Arnett, OK. Condolences may be made to the family at shawfuneralhome.net. Shaw Funeral Home of Shattuck

EARLY

From 1B

strikes a chord. Explain how the donations will be used to help people or promote a cause. When possible, have the child take the gifts (new or used) to the charity to participate in the transfer. Parents can set an example by making the same request for their own birthday and holiday presents.

When children reach the age to receive an allowance, consider the "three jars" approach: one jar for spending, another for saving and one for giving. One-third of the allowance should go into each jar. Help the child identify a personally meaningful charity to periodically receive the contents of the "giving" jar.

Children who are old enough to more actively participate can do all of the above, as well as join older family members in a volunteer project — such as packing meals at a food pantry, tutoring younger children or engaging in a cause-related walk, run or ride. Meaningful volunteer activities can also be included as part of family vacations, especially abroad.

As children grow older, they can become more meaningfully involved in family giving decisions.

In too many families, philanthropic values and activities are unilaterally created and imposed by the older generations — with little consideration for the lens through which the younger generations see the world. This is nearly always a lost opportunity to engage in thoughtful conversations about what members of each generation value and how they view their role in helping to repair their com-

munity, nation or planet.

It is important to create a "safe zone" where all family participants can safely share their views and values.

The wise family will give serious consideration to the causes important to their rising young adult members. In the words of an ancient proverb, "Do not confine your children to your own learning, for they were born in another time."

Many philanthropic families choose to create donor-advised funds. This is an easily administered charitable fund within a public foundation or investment firm. It allows the donor to "advise" the sponsoring foundation about which nonprofits should receive grants from those funds.

Older children can be invited to research nonprofits and make recommendations for funding. A collective fund allows parents and/or siblings to learn to collaborate and communicate on donation decisions.

Where larger sums are available, a family can establish its own foundation. Once again, older children should be involved with researching and providing input on donation decisions and need to have a respected voice at the planning table.

No matter the size of a family's philanthropic budget, the consistent involvement of younger generations (and recognition of their interests) can enhance family connectedness and communication, teach kids to acknowledge the lifestyle they are privileged to enjoy, transmit values to future generations — and leave a lasting family legacy.

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PRAYER

From 1B

"Seeing the many blessings that the church is being brought, from the ashes to fruition, and seeing so many things that God is working on and prayers that he has answered, it is obvious to me that God had a plan from the beginning," Frank Pomeroy said.

After the ceremony, shooting survivor David Colbath nudged his way through the crowd to meet Vice President Mike Pence for the second time — the first was just days after the Nov. 5 massacre.

"I said 'Do you remember me? And he looked at me and before I could say anything he said 'Of course I remember you, you're my hero,'" Colbath said.

They embraced. "He remembered praying with me," he added. "I was humbled that he remembered, and I was humbled I could talk to such a good man of God that's leading our country."

Sherri Pomeroy's sister, Sylvia Timmons, has "been with me nonstop since Nov. 5," Pomeroy said, providing support through it all. Timmons joined the Pomeroy and Colbath and his 30-year-old son, Morgan Colbath, on the trip to Washington after being invited by the White House to attend today's ceremony. The group arrived Tuesday.

They've spent their free time exploring downtown, observing each new sight and sound and trying to figure out what it could mean, and how it fits into a larger picture of the capital. None of them had been to Washington in recent years, and even so, had only gone on a school or church trip. Frank Pomeroy, 51, won-

dered why he hadn't really seen that many cool cars like he'd expected. Sherri Pomeroy, 49, and Timmons marveled at their ride-share driver's swift, aggressive parallel parking ("D.C. driving!" Sherri Pomeroy exclaimed).

David Colbath wore a Spurs hat and said jokingly that as a Texan, he always expected a deer to pop up. Meanwhile his son, also joking, inquired about the location of the nearest Whataburger. But even being 1,595 miles from Washington, solemnity is inescapable for the Sutherland Springs group. Between the handshakes and sightseeing, brief, inescapable memories of those they had lost, and what they themselves had been through, resurfaced.

When Sherri and Frank Pomeroy exited church services at the Miracle Theatre on Wednesday morning, they ran into Dr. James Dobson, the evangelical radio personality. Instantly, the couple thought of their 14-year-old daughter, Annabelle, who loved listening to CDs of Dobson's book series "Adventures in Odyssey."

"One of her most prized possessions, that we got her every Christmas, was she had every CD of 'Adventures in Odyssey.' And even at 14, when she went to sleep every night ...," Frank's voice caught, and tears sprung from his eyes as he spoke to Dobson.

"Every night she'd start 'Adventures in Odyssey.' And that's what she'd play when she got up for school," he finished.

Those CDs are in a couple boxes in Annabelle's closet back at their home in Seguin — mementos of her life the Pomeroy's couldn't bear to give away.

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Cowboys' Jason Witten retiring, heading to ESPN

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Jason Witten is retiring after 15 years with the Dallas Cowboys, choosing the TV booth just as friend and longtime teammate Tony Romo did a year ago.

Witten says the "time has come to pass the torch."

Just days from turning 36, Witten walks away as the leader in games, catches and yards receiving for a franchise with five Super Bowl wins, but none since the 1995 season. He and Tony Gonzalez are the only tight ends in NFL history with at least 1,000 catches and 10,000 yards. Witten is tied with Ed "Too

Tall" Jones, Bill Bates and the late Mark Tuinei for most seasons by a Dallas player. He's the only one of those four without a Super Bowl.

Witten was flanked by Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and coach Jason Garrett as he announced the decision.

The Cowboys were anticipating a 16th season from Witten — and 15th straight as their starter. Last year, Romo had lost his job to Dak Prescott while injured and was deciding whether to continue his career with another team.

The Cowboys released Romo, the franchise passing leader, the same day of his CBS announcement in April 2017. After join-

ing Dallas together in 2003, the pair never made it to the Super Bowl or an NFC championship game.

"There's not always a fairytale end," Witten said near the end of last season. "I realize that."

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Gonzalez is eligible for Pro Football Hall of Fame induction for the first time next year, which should be a good barometer for Witten's chances.

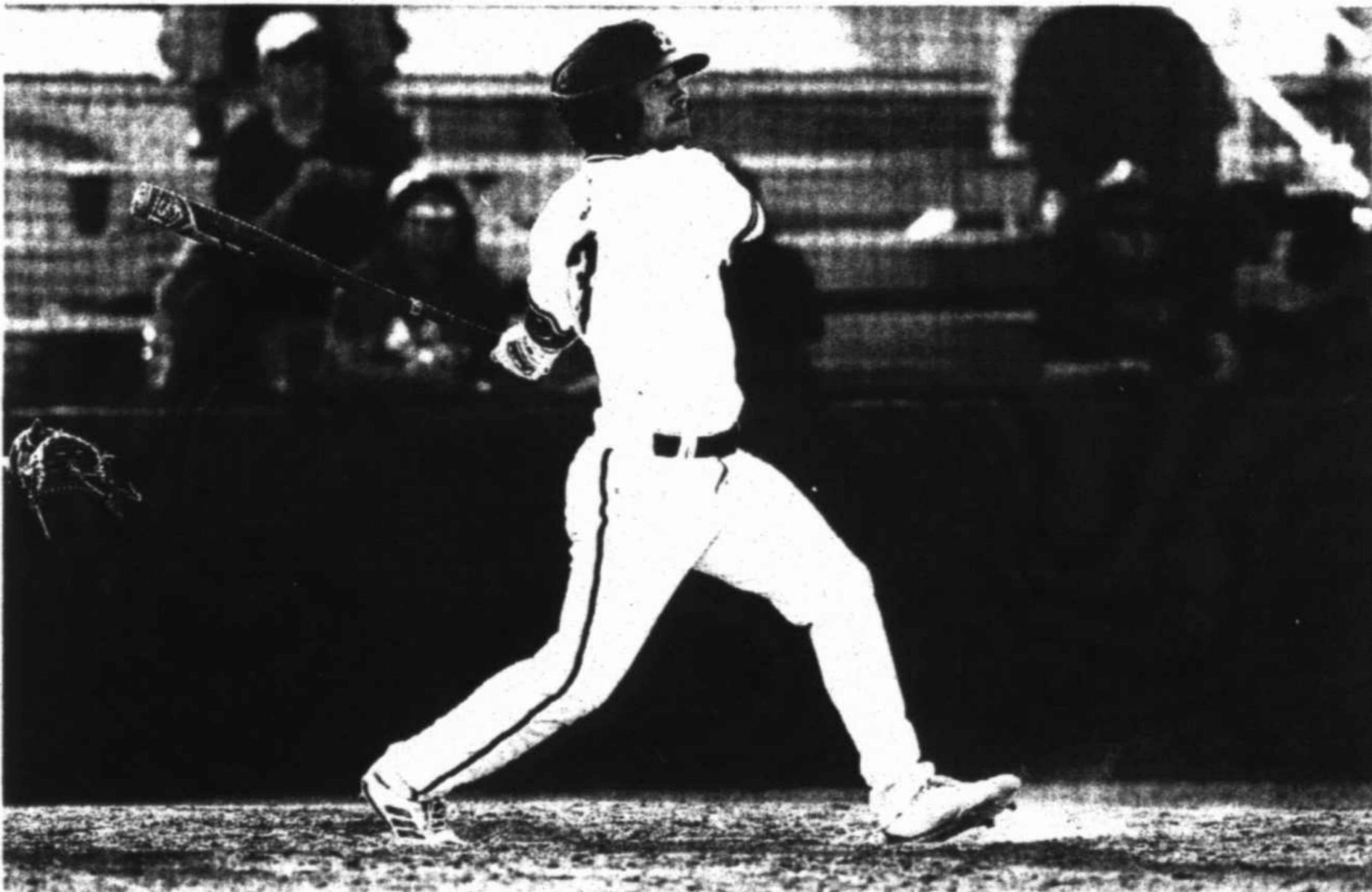


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Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten announces his retirement at the team's training facility and headquarters Thursday, in Frisco.

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It's playoff time



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Lee's Ty Coleman (3) hits against Amarillo Tascosa on March 15 at Ernie Johnson Field.

Coleman's fire helps drive Rebels to playoffs

By Will Korn
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Lee head baseball coach Brian Roper likens senior shortstop Ty Coleman to Boston Red Sox' four-time all-star second baseman Dustin Pedroia.

Though the two play different positions, they are undeniably similar in their level of competitive fire and baseball smarts. Paired with his impressive pedigree in the game, Coleman is an irreplaceable talent for the Rebels.

His father David was an assistant coach at Texas A&M from 1998-2005 and then the head coach at Midland College for 11 seasons. His older brother, Hunter, is a budding sophomore star for the Aggies.

"He has played so many games and has been around the game so much," Roper said of Ty, a four-year varsity starter who will be playing for the Aggies next season. "He is a competitor — he is the high school version of Dustin Pedroia. That's just what

he is, that's who he is. You want him on your team, in your dugout."

Fearless, driven and ever knowledgeable, Coleman's steady hand will lead the Rebels (17-13) into their third consecutive playoff appearance when they take on District 1-6A No. 2 seed El Paso Franklin (21-11-1) in the bi-district round.

Game 1 is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. today at Odessa Permian's McCannies Field, while Game 2 is slated for 11:30 a.m. Saturday. If necessary, Game 3 will follow 30 minutes after the second game.

During a week-long stretch between April 17-24, things were beginning to feel grim for the Rebels, who were coming off back-to-back wins over rival Midland High to clinch a playoff berth. Lee stumbled through a two-game set with district champion WolfForth Frenship and was outscored 25-6 in that span. Then in their next game, the Rebels were stymied by Odessa High, 3-1 in a forgettable home loss at Ernie Johnson Field to fall to fourth place.

Suddenly on a three-game slide, the Rebels were faced with a near must-win in the season finale at Pressly Field if they wanted to avoid the No. 4 playoff seed. Lee was hitting the ball hard, but just couldn't find a hole.

Perhaps more than any other Rebel player, it was Coleman — a three-time first team all-district player and Area Code Games selection — who knew how best to handle the situation. Over the years, he's been there, done that and understood it was only part of the game.

So he took it in stride and moved forward without a fluctuation in emotion, often a dangerous trap for younger players when in a slump.

"(We told ourselves) 'So what? We're hitting the ball well and just can't get it to land,'" Coleman said. "That's how baseball goes. You can tattoo balls all over the park, but this game has been here for a hundred and something years and (the

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Brown twins join forces for state-bound MCS team

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland Christian senior A.J. Brown was looking for a track event to excel in following basketball season.

The 6-foot-3 Brown didn't know what event to compete in, but it soon became evident that he should follow in the footsteps of the person closest to him, his twin sister Abby Claire Brown. Abby Claire, a fellow senior, had been a standout in both the 100 low hurdles and 300 intermediate hurdles since her freshman year.

"I came in track late this year from basketball, I didn't really know what I was going to run," A.J. said. "And they decided, 'Hey your sister is really good at hurdles, you should try it out. You're twins, maybe you will have kind of a thing going.' I just tried it out

and it ended up working out well."

It worked out so well that A.J. will be competing in the boys 300 intermediate hurdles and will run the third leg of the MCS 1,600 relay in the TAPPS 5A State Track and Field Championships, today and Saturday at Waco Midway's Panther Stadium in Hewitt.

Meanwhile, Abby Claire is competing in the fourth time at state in both the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles, and like her brother, she will also run the third leg of the Lady Mustangs' 1,600 relay. Abby Claire, who is a strong contender to medal in both hurdle events, took up the events as a seventh grader.

"Honestly I didn't really have a choice," Abby Claire said. "They just kind of threw me in there because I was

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Midland Christian twin hurdlers A.J. Brown, left, and Abby Claire Brown pictured outside the MCS field house.

Cerda leads by example on for Lady Chaps softball

By Oscar LeRoy
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Bianca Cerda is not the most vocal player on the Midland College softball team but she doesn't have to be to show the leadership for the Lady Chapparrals on the diamond.

The sophomore first baseman from Corona, California, is one of those steady players on and off the field as her knowledge helps the younger Lady Chapparrals develop, while her defense and consistent bat contribute to MC's success.

"I would like to say I'm a leader but I'm usually quiet," she said. "I'm more of a leader by example, a silent leader. I just try to show the other girls, especially the freshmen, kind of what's expected and keep them pumped up and know that we can all do it as a team."

Cerda hopes to help the team this weekend during the NJCAA Region V West Tournament at Lubbock Christian University's Plains Capital Park. MC (35-21) goes in as the No. 4 seed and will face No. 5 seed Western Texas College (18-30) at 11 a.m. today to begin the double-elimination tournament.

"Personally, I'm excited and anxious for the tournament," she said. "We can win it all as a team as long as we're playing as a team and working together. If our batters are on and our pitchers are hitting their spots then we can definitely do it. I think we definitely go in on a high note with the way we finished last weekend and scoring so many runs."

Cerda has been one of those key players in the lineup for interim head coach Amanda Evans this year. Usually hitting in the No. 2 hole, Cerda is second on the team with a .455 batting average to go with five home runs, a team-high 51 RBI and 48 runs scored, which ranks second on the team.

Those are some pretty good statistics for someone, who got off to kind of a slow start this season.

"She definitely leads for us at the plate," Evans said. "She has one of the top batting averages in the conference and on our team. She struggled a little bit early. She kind of felt the pressure of being a sophomore of hitting in the No. 2 spot, but I think overall, she's come in clutch most of the time. She's gotten a lot of big hits late in the games to help put us ahead or helped us win games. I think she had a great freshman year and I think this year she's proven herself on and off the field."

Cerda, who will continue her softball career at Texas Lutheran University next year, said her focus at the plate is to do whatever the team needs at the time of her at-bat, whether it's drive in runs or move runners over.

Cerda is also motivated to help the Lady Chaps get past the regional tournament for the first time since 2008. Last

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Midland College's Bianca Cerda (25) hits against Frank Phillips College on March 23, at MC.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

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ON THE AIR

- Boxing: Ryan Garcia vs. Jayson Velaz, 9:30 p.m., ESPN2, ESPNDEP
Bull Riding: PBR: Last Cowboy Standing, 10:30 p.m., CBS
College Baseball: Seton Hall at Creighton, 7:30 p.m., FS1
College Beach Volleyball: FIU vs. UCLA, 9 a.m., ESPN
USC vs. Florida State, 10 a.m., ESPN
LSU vs. Pepperdine, 11 a.m., ESPN
South Carolina vs. Hawaii, Noon, ESPN
L1 vs. L2, 1 p.m., ESPN
L3 vs. L4, 2 p.m., ESPN
W1 vs. W2, 3 p.m., ESPN
W3 vs. W4, 4 p.m., ESPN
College Lacrosse: Ivy League Semifinal: Yale vs. Penn, 5 p.m., ESPN
Ivy League Semifinal: Cornell vs. Brown, 7:30 p.m., ESPN
PGA: Wells Fargo Championship, 2nd Round, 1 p.m., GOLF
Champions: Insuper Invitational, 1st Round, 5 p.m., GOLF
Horse Racing: Kentucky Derby Oaks, 11 a.m., NBCSN
IHF World Championships: USA vs. Canada, 9 a.m., NHL
Sweden vs. Belarus, 1 p.m., NHL
Norway vs. Latvia, 5 a.m., NHL
Major League Baseball: Boston at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
LA Dodgers at San Diego, 8 p.m., MLB
Houston at Arizona, 8:30 p.m., ATTSW
Men's Soccer: PL: Brighton & Hove Albion FC vs. Manchester United FC, 2 p.m., NBCSN
Mixed Martial Arts Legacy: Fighting Alliance 39, 8 p.m., AXS
Motorsports: XFINITY: Onemain Financial 200, Practice, 8:30 a.m., FS1
Monster Energy Cup Series: AAA 400 Drive for Autism, Practice, 9:30 a.m., FS1
Camping World Truck Series: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series at Dover, Qualifying, Noon, FS1
XFINITY: Onemain Financial 200, Final Practice, 1 p.m., FS1
Monster Energy Cup Series: AAA 400 Drive for Autism, Qualifying, 2 p.m., FS1
Camping World Truck Series: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series at Dover, 4 p.m., FS1
NHR: Southern Nationals, Qualifying, 6:30 p.m., FS1
National Basketball Association: West Semifinal, Game 3: Golden State at New Orleans, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
West Semifinal, Game 3: Houston at Utah, 9:30 p.m., ESPN
National Hockey League: East Semifinal, Game 4: Tampa Bay at Boston, 6 p.m., NBCSN
West Semifinal, Game 5: San Jose at Vegas, 9 p.m., NBCSN
Super League: Leeds vs. Warrington, 1:30 p.m., FSP
ML: Houston at San Jose, 7 p.m., CBSN
NRL: Canberra vs. Gold Coast, 12 a.m., FSP
Major League Baseball: Boston at Texas, 7 p.m., KALP 92.7 FM (Alpine), KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)
Houston at Arizona, 8:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Texas League Baseball: Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM 550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

- HS Baseball: Class 6A bi-district, Lee vs. El Paso Franklin, 4:30 p.m., Permian's McCannies Field
Class 4A bi-district, Fabens at Greenwood, 7 p.m.
Class 4A bi-district, Andrews vs. Clint, 1 p.m., Van Horn
Class 3A bi-district, Coahoma vs. Dublin, 7 p.m., Hawley
Class 2A bi-district, Forsah vs. Van Horn, 6 p.m., Monahans
HS Softball: Class 4A area, Greenwood vs. Levelland Game 2, 5 p.m., Snyder
Class 4A area, Big Spring vs. Venus, 5 p.m., Hawley
Class 4A area, Andrews vs. Bushland, 7 p.m., Lubbock Coronado HS
Class 3A area, Coahoma vs. Henrietta, 6 p.m., Albany
TAPPS bi-district, Midland Christian at Austin Hyde Park, 5 p.m.
HS Track: TAPPS State Meet, Waco
JC Baseball: Odessa College at Midland College (DH), noon
JC Softball: Midland College at NJCAA Region V West Tournament, Lubbock

TRANSACTIONS

- BASEBALL: COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE - Suspended Oakland SS Eric Morneau (Baton Rouge) 80 games and \$1.5 million; Suspended Colorado SS Nolan Arenado (Colorado) 50 games for violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.
American League: CLEVELAND INDIANS - Released RHP Adam Plutko from Columbus (IL); LOS ANGELES ANGELS - Released OF Ryan Schimpf to Salt Lake City (PCL); Released James Bama from Salt Lake City; SEATTLE MARINERS - Released OF Mitch Suuk and named him special assistant to the chairman. Selected the contract of RHP Erik Gooden from Tacoma (PCL); TEXAS RANGERS - Added C Carlos Perez to the active roster. Recalled LHP Wheeler Mitchell from Round Rock (PCL). Designated C Juan Centeno assignment. Options RHP Nick Johnson to Round Rock; TORONTO BLUE JAYS - Released OF Cliff Hoge to Buffalo (IL). Recalled OF Dwight Smith Jr. and LHP Tim Lincecum from Buffalo.
National League: ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS - Options 1B Christian Walker to Reno (PCL). Recalled OF Steven Souza Jr. from the 10-day DL; ATLANTA BRAVES - Claimed INF OF Phil Gosselin off waivers from Cincinnati; CINCINNATI REDS - Placed LHP Amir Garrett on the bereavement list; LOS ANGELES DODGERS - Options INF OF Bryce Vallejo to Oklahoma City (PCL). Placed LHP Hyun-Jin Ryu on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Tim Lincecum from Oklahoma City; MILWAUKEE BREWERS - Sent C Stephen Vogt to Boston (IL) for a rehab assignment; NEW YORK METS - Agreed to terms with

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WESTERN CONFERENCE: Pittsburgh 1, Nashville 1; Friday, April 27; Winnipeg 4, Nashville 1; Sunday, April 29; Nashville 5, Winnipeg 4; Tuesday, May 1; Nashville 4, Winnipeg 7; Thursday, Nashville at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 5; Winnipeg at Nashville, TBA; Monday, May 7; Nashville at Winnipeg, TBA; Thursday, May 10; Winnipeg at Nashville, TBA; Vegas 5, San Jose 2; Thursday, April 26; Vegas 7, San Jose 6; Saturday, April 28; San Jose 4, Vegas 3; Monday, April 30; Vegas 4, San Jose 3; Wednesday, May 2; San Jose 4, Vegas 9; Friday, San Jose at Vegas, 9 p.m.; Sunday, May 6; Vegas at San Jose, TBA; Tuesday, May 8; San Jose at Vegas, TBA

Lewis relishing key role out of Chaps' bullpen

By Oscar LeRoy
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Justin Lewis wasn't unlike most pitchers in his desire to start a game at the beginning of the Midland College baseball season.

The 6-foot-1, 194-pound freshman left-hander from Sachse in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex had been a starter for most of his high school career and when he arrived at MC, he expected to compete for the same role.



Lewis

Instead, he went to the bullpen and the MC coaching staff is not likely to take him out of that role anytime soon as he's been a big reason why the Chaparrals have been able to hold on to leads or win games late.

With one more appearance during this weekend's big Western Junior College Athletic Conference series against rival Odessa College, Lewis will break the single-season school record for appearances with 25. He is currently tied with Jake Bateman, who had 24 appearances during the 2012 season.

The home-and-home four-game series against the Wranglers (30-22, 20-12) begins with a doubleheader at Christensen Stadium at noon today.

Lewis has been the go-to guy in relief as he's gone 4-0 with four saves, a 5.57 ERA, a team-high 58 strikeouts to go with 23 walks in 42 innings of work for the Chaparrals (34-17, 24-8).

MC coach Hector Rodriguez said he could have easily moved Lewis into a starting role when some of his starters were battling injuries but decided that he was too valuable in that

relief role. "He's valuable to us on back-to-back days out of the bullpen, whether it's long relief or to save the game," said Rodriguez, a left-handed pitcher himself who played at U.T.-San Antonio. "His durability and versatility for us are too important to use at the beginning of the game when he's got more value to us at the middle or end of the game."

"He's really accepted that role and has done a good job. He loves to pitch, he loves to compete, he loves to be out there." Added Lewis: "Coming out of the bullpen is fun and all but it's all about the starters putting me in a good place where I can come out and be successful. Just because I want to pitch, I can never wish ill on the people going ahead of me just so I can get in. I need them to put me in a spot to get a win, get a save and things like that. I really do enjoy getting to throw three times a weekend."

Lewis said he tries to have the same approach each time he takes the mound. "Whether it's coming out of the bullpen or out of the gate as a starter your job is to get outs," he said. "I think the biggest thing for me is don't make any situation bigger than it is. That's been a big part of my success so far. I'm not going to lie, sometimes the situation has gotten the better of me. You have to throw with a short memory."

Being on a team with a potent offense that has the potential to score in bunches helps Lewis and the rest of the pitchers as well.

"The lineup can be different and five different guys can change out, we're still just as dangerous as we were the last game," he said. "That's one of the most comforting feelings in the world. It helps a pitcher

sleep at night. Just knowing that if I give up a home run right here, the guys can go out and hit two more or do anything else to score enough runs to keep me in the game. That's a very big competitive advantage for us."

Lewis said the team is playing with a lot of confidence going into this weekend, especially after the four-game series sweep against Frank Phillips College last weekend.

That confidence can only help playing against a rival that's also battling for spot in next weekend's Region V Tournament in Grand Prairie.

"I think it's poetic justice that we end the season with Odessa," Lewis said. "Rivalry stories are always fun. I wasn't here last year, but knowing that they got swept (by the Wranglers) needing to win one or two games for the conference championship, the sophomores are wanting to come out with a vengeance and the freshmen are feeling good and ready."

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ODESSA COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

When/where: Doubleheader of 7 and 9 innings beginning at noon today, Christensen Stadium, doubleheader of 7 and 9 innings beginning at noon Saturday, American Legion Park, Odessa

Records: Midland College 34-17, 24-8 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Odessa College 30-22, 20-12

Last WJAC series: Midland College 4, Frank Phillips College 0, Odessa College 3, El Paso Community College 1
Notes & quotes: This is a big weekend in the WJAC as the conference championship and several postseason spots are up for grabs. It is believed MC has clinched a spot in the Region V Tournament because of its record and WJAC power points. OC needs to win in order to secure a postseason spot. ... MC coach Hector Rodriguez said because his team didn't play a midweek game, the Chaparrals are anxious to play again. "I think our team's ready to go. I think they know what we have in front of us and think they're ready to accept the challenge," Rodriguez said. "It's a good Odessa College team. It's one of those cliches that all the records go out the window when you play Odessa College. They're well-coached, they play hard, they're going to be ready to play. It's going to come down to the team that executes, who pitches a little bit better, doesn't give up walks, and then offensively it will be about who gets the big hits. Everything is going to be magnified with two teams fighting for a tournament spot. ... The Chaps are expected to go with the same starting rotation this weekend with sophomore RHP Logan McCrummen (4-5, 7.71) starting in today's first game, followed by sophomore RHP Levi Hon (6-2, 6.00). Freshman RHP Chandler Eaton (3-2, 6.30) is expected to start in Saturday's first game, while the starter for the series finale will be determined by who's left out of the bullpen.

Weseman commits to TTU: Sophomore LHP Aaron Weseman announced his commitment to Texas Tech on Twitter on Wednesday night. The 6-foot-5, 195-pound Weseman, who is from Frisco, is 3-0 with a 5.73 ERA this season and has recently had to overcome a knee injury.
Next: Midland College, TBA, Odessa College, TBA

2018 WJAC Baseball Standings

Table with columns: Conf., Overall, W, L, Pct. Rows for various colleges including New Mexico JC, Midland College, Howard College, etc.

Last weekend's series: Midland College 4, Frank Phillips College 0, Odessa College 3, El Paso Community College 0, Western Texas College 3, New Mexico Military Institute 1, New Mexico Junior College 3, Cameron College 1
This weekend's series: Midland College vs. Odessa College; Howard College vs. New Mexico Junior College; Lura Community College at Western Texas College; Cameron College at New Mexico Military Institute; El Paso Community College at Frank Phillips College

HS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PREVIEW CAPSULES

BASEBALL CLASS 4A BI-DISTRICT GREENWOOD VS. FABENS

When/where: 7 p.m. Friday, Greenwood High School Field
For five updates: Follow @JaydonHart on Twitter
Records/seeds: Greenwood 10-14-2, No. 2 seed out of District 4-4A, Fabens (3-6), No. 3 seed out of District 3-4A
Notes: The Rangers, back in the playoffs for the third consecutive season, locked down the district's No. 2 playoff seed after edging Monahans, 7-4 in a chippy eight-inning affair on April 24 in the season finale. The Rangers also won four of their final five district contests to put themselves in position for prime playoff seeding. ... After much deliberation between Greenwood head coach Stephen Rodriguez and Fabens coach Ricky Fraire, the two decided to find middle ground and play a one-game playoff at Greenwood's field. Rodriguez was seeking a best-of-three series at a neutral site, while Fraire aimed for a one-game playoff and wouldn't budge on that. ... Rodriguez said his team's seniors getting an unexpected home game will be exciting, but they know

they can't overlook the Wildcats. "Anybody making the playoffs is going to be tough," Rodriguez said. "What I've heard is that they put the ball in play and they've got a guy who can throw it. We're going to have to play our best ball offensively and defensively, and put it all together."
Next: Winner plays winner of Bushland-Lamesa, TBA in Class 4A area round
—Compiled by Will Korn

SOFTBALL TAPPS DIVISION II FIRST ROUND MIDLAND CHRISTIAN VS. AUSTIN HYDE PARK

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Leander Glenn High School, Leander
Records/seeds: Midland Christian 5-21, No. 3 out of TAPPS 1-5A; Hyde Park 16-4, No. 2 out of TAPPS 4-4A
Notes: This game was moved from Hyde Park to Glenn High School in Leander because the latter had an artificial turf field. Rain is forecasted in the Austin area. ... This is a rematch of the 2017 TAPPS Division II bi-district playoff, which MCS won 8-2 over

Hyde Park. ... The Lady Mustangs defeated Grapevine Faith, 9-8, in their TAPPS Division II, District 1 finale on April 21 to finish district on a high note. "That's what I have been talking to the girls about all week is that it doesn't matter what our record is," MCS coach Lee Summers said. "If someone looked at our record, they would think that we weren't that good. We've improved and we are still getting better every time. We are at 0-0, so we have a golden opportunity to go further than just this game. ... MCS brings a young team into this playoff, starting four freshmen with Ashlyn Gallegos, Shyren Taylor, Taylor Debose and Skyler Jones. Taylor and Debose both pitched in MCS' last district game. "We've got four freshmen starters," Summers said. "That's not pretty normal on our varsity team. They've earned the spot, they're doing well. They're as good as the rest of the kids on the field. They're all growing together as a team. That's a good thing."
Next: Winner plays TAPPS 1-3A champion, Bullard Brook Hill or Tyler Grace, TBA Tuesday, bi-district round
—Compiled by Christopher Hadorn

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year, the Lady Chaps kind of surprised some folks when they made a run to the championship round of the Region V West Tournament to rival Howard College.

"Because of the outcome last year, it makes me that much more hungry and motivated to take it and prove everybody wrong because everybody 'cause everyone's always against us," she said. "I just want to end on a high note and on a positive note. It's kind of unbelievable that it's coming to an end."

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NJCAA REGION V WEST TOURNAMENT MIDLAND COLLEGE VS. WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

When/where: 11 a.m. today, Plains Capital Park, Lubbock
Seeds/Records: (4) Midland College 35-21; (5) Western Texas College 18-30

Notes & quotes: The tournament features the top six teams out of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. The winner qualifies for the NJCAA Division I National Tournament May 16-19 in St. George, Utah. ... This is the 18th straight season, the Lady Chaparrals have qualified for the postseason. ... MC interim coach Amanda Evans said that any team is capable of winning the tournament. "It's about the team that shows up and competes every pitch, every

at-bat," she said. "It's going to be an exciting regional because there's a lot of good competition in the WJAC going in." ... MC won three of four games at Lura Community College last weekend but closed out the series with two wins with a combined score of 27-3. ... "Unfortunately we dropped one last week, but that's OK because the next day we overcame the adversity that we faced in the first day," Evans said. "I liked the fact that the next day (the Lady Chaps) came in and they made adjustments. They worked hard to get on top early in the game instead of waiting until the sixth or seventh inning to score most of our runs. ... MC swept WTC in a four-game series in the regular season but Evans said her team is not going to take the Lady Westerners lightly. "It's not going to matter what seed they

have or where they placed in conference," she said. "They're there for the same reason also. They're there to win a regional championship. We have to come in strong, we have to stay control of our emotions. We have to stay even keel all the time and focus on what we need to do and focus on what we want the outcome to be."
Next: Winner plays Howard College, 4 p.m. today; loser plays TBA, 1:30 p.m. Saturday

2018 NJCAA Region V West Softball Championship
At Plains Capital Park, Lubbock
Double elimination format
Today's games
First round: Game 1 (4) Midland College (35-21) vs. (5) Western Texas College (18-30), 11 a.m.; Game 2 (5) Western Texas College (18-30) vs. (4) Midland College (35-21), 1:30 p.m.
Second round: Game 3 (1) Howard College (13-42) vs. (7) El Paso Community College (28-7-1) vs. (8) El Paso Community College (13-42), 1:30 p.m.; Game 4 (2) Cameron College (16-8) vs. (6) Cameron College (16-8), 5:30 p.m.

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5/13 9:00-11:00 Shot & Microchip Clinic at Ulmer Park
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TEXAS MLB ROUNDUP

RANGERS 11 RED SOX 5 ARLINGTON — Nomar Mazara drove in five runs while homering in his third straight game and the Texas Rangers beat the Boston Red Sox 11-5 on Thursday night, handing former AL Cy Young Award winner David Price his



Mazara

third loss in a row. Mazara had a two-run double off Price (2-4) in the third and an inning later hit a towering three-run homer as the first batter after the Red Sox lefty was pulled from the game. Mazara's sixth homer gave Texas a 10-3 lead. Mookie Betts homered again for Boston, his MLB-leading 12th homer in the third coming a day after he went deep three times at Fenway Park against Kansas City. Betts also had a two-run double and a sacrifice fly as the Red Sox opened an 11-day, 10-game trip. Texas scored at least 10

Associated Press runs for the first time this season. The 11 are the most since the Red Sox, whose 22-9 record is still the best in the majors. Mike Minor (3-1), a full-time reliever for the Royals last year after missing two full seasons with shoulder issues, worked six innings. YANKEES 6 ASTROS 5 HOUSTON — Aroldis Chapman struck out AL MVP Jose Altuve on three straight 101 mph fastballs with two on to end the game, and the New York Yankees got a key

hit from rookie Gleyber Torres during a three-run rally in the ninth inning to seasaw past the Houston Astros 6-5 Thursday. The Yankees won a wild one to take three of four from the team that beat them in Game 7 of the AL Championship Series last October. Astros closer Ken Giles, who punched himself in the face after a rough outing earlier in this series, didn't pitch during New York's late comeback. New York took a 3-0 lead into the seventh, trailed 5-3 going into the ninth and let a bounced third strike give the Astros their final chance.

HS SOFTBALL/BASEBALL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

BASEBALL MCS 6 AUSTIN ST. MICHAEL'S 5 AUSTIN — Carter Eckles knocked a two-out single to left in the seventh inning to lift Midland Christian over Austin St. Michael's in a TAPPS Division II area playoff game, Thursday at Moore Field. With the victory, MCS (19-11-1) advanced to the TAPPS state quarterfinal and will play Thursday. The time, opponent and location have not yet been determined. MCS fell behind 2-0 after three innings, but tied the game in the fourth on a two-run single to left by Quinn Kenney. The Mustangs then pulled ahead 5-3 in the fifth, courtesy of a steal of home by Josh Brown and a wild pitch. St. Michael's knotted the game at 5-5 with three runs in the home sixth. Trace Blue got the start for MCS and allowed five runs (four earned) on five hits over 5 2/3 innings. He struck out four and walked four before he was relieved by Eckles in the sixth. Eckles earned the winning decision by tossing 1 1/3 scoreless frames. Kenney was 1-for-3 with the two RBI for the Mustangs, while Brown and Zac Tilton were each 1-for-3. Garrett Urry had two RBI for St. Michael's.

BASEBALL DENTON CALVARY 11 MCA 0 DENTON — Denton Calvary scored early and often to race past Midland Classical Academy in a TAPPS Division IV area playoff game in five innings Thursday. MCA ended its season at 7-11 overall, while Calvary advanced to the state quarterfinal. Calvary led 2-0 after the first inning before scoring six runs in the second to grab full control of the game. Caleb Patterson, victimized by 10 Knights errors, got the start and allowed 10 unearned runs on six hits over three innings. He struck out one and walked three. Andrew Littleton had MCA's only hit of the game and freshman Kenna Bayley caught for the Knights. Calvary collected eight hits and didn't commit an error.

SOFTBALL LEVILLAND 3 GREENWOOD 2 SNYDER — Valerie Maravilla hit a go-ahead single to plate Christen Covarrubias in the bottom of the sixth to lift Levilland to a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three Class 4A area playoff series with Snyder High School. The series resumes with Game 2 at 5 p.m. today and Game 3 will be played afterwards if needed. For the Rangesettes (17-14-1), senior Kyndal Dove allowed three runs, seven hits and two walks over six innings, while striking out three. Greenwood took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Karlie Savage drove home Mollie Snowden with a sacrifice fly. The Lobettes (22-13-1) took a 2-1 advantage in the fifth when Kelly cracked a two-run homer to left field. The Rangesettes tied it at 2 in the top of the sixth when Natalie Karcher scored on an error. Snowden was 2-for-3 with a run, while Greenwood catcher Payslee Sims went 3-for-4 to lead all batters in hits. Covarrubias limited the Rangesettes to only six hits and two walks over seven innings, notching the win in the circle.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Record. MCS 6, Austin St. Michael's 5.

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HS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL CLASS 6A (if necessary) BI-DISTRICT Fort Worth Paschal (22-4, W) vs. Weatherford (16-13, F) at Justin Northwest, Game 1, 7 p.m. Saturday. El Paso Franklin (21-11, R) vs. Lee (17-13, T) at McCasles Field, Odessa, Game 1, 4:30 p.m. Friday. Game 2, 11:30 a.m. Saturday. +Game 3, 11 a.m. Saturday. +Game 3, 30 minutes following conclusion of Game 2. El Paso Permian (23-12, R) vs. El Paso Socorro (25-8, T) at Carlsbad, N.M., Game 1, 9 p.m. Friday. Game 2, 4 p.m. Saturday. +Game 3, 30 minutes following conclusion of Game 2. Waco Midway (26-7, W) vs. Grand Prairie (17-13, F) at Game 1, 7 p.m. Friday. Game 2, 5:30 p.m. Friday. Grand Prairie +Game 3, 30 minutes following conclusion of Game 2. Hargis (20-9, R) vs. McKinney Boyd (16-15, T) at Plano John Paul II, Game 1, 8 p.m. Saturday. Game 2, 7:30 p.m. Friday. +Game 3, 1 p.m. Saturday. Cedar Hill (13-8, W) vs. Belton (12-14, F) at Game 1, 7 p.m. Friday. Belton, Game 2, 2 p.m. Saturday. Cedar Hill +Game 3, 30 minutes following conclusion of Game 2. Plano West (17-12, R) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (21-10, T) at Game 1, 7 p.m. Friday. Game 2, 7:30 p.m. Friday. Marcus +Game 3, 1 p.m. Saturday. Weatherford (27-5, W) vs. El Paso Coronado (20-12, F) at Pecos, Game 1, 1 p.m. Friday. Game 2, noon Saturday. +Game 3, 30 minutes following conclusion of Game 2. Keller Timber Creek (23-9, R) vs. Arlington Martin (16-9, T) at Game 1, 1:30 p.m. Friday. Arlington Martin, Grand Prairie +Game 3, 11 a.m. Saturday. North Tarrant El Paso American (24-4, W) vs. Odessa High (22-9, F) at Zachary Field, Game 1, 4:30 p.m. Friday. Game 2, 2:11 a.m. Saturday. +Game 3, 30 minutes following conclusion of Game 2. Arlington High (19-9, R) vs. Abilene High (19-13, T) at Hooper Field, Wichita Falls, Game 1, 7 p.m. Friday. Game 2, 11 a.m. Saturday. +Game 3, 30 minutes following conclusion of Game 2. Allen (23-8, W) vs. Trophy Club Nelson (10-16, F) at Game 1, 7 p.m. Friday. Game 2, 7:30 p.m. Friday. 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ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 12, HOOKS 6 At Security Bank Ballpark TOP HITTERS: Midland third baseman Eli White was 3-for-5 and a double shy of the cycle, with three RBI and two runs scored. ... Teammate Seth Brown was 3-for-4 with a home run, two RBI and two runs. Mikey White, Brett Vrigian, Tyler Ramirez and Sean Murphy each had two hits for Midland. ... Corpus Christi first baseman Nick Tanielu was 2-for-4 with a home run and two RBI. TOP PITCHERS: Rock-Hounds starter Kyle Friedrichs earned the win after allowing five earned runs on 11 hits over six innings. He struck out four and walked one. ... Midland closer J.B. Wendelken struck out one over a scoreless and hitless ninth inning. HIGHLIGHTS: The Rock-Hounds reeled off eight runs in the first headed by a triple, a single and a pair of RBIs from Eli White. ... The Hooks answered with four runs in the second after the first four batters of the inning reached base, which included a leadoff home run by Taylor Jones. ... Midland added a single run in the home second, third, seventh and eighth. ... The Hooks plated a run in the sixth and eighth innings.

Table with columns: Team, North Division, W, L, Pct., GB. Lists Rockhounds and Hooks records.

Notes: The two teams combined for 32 total hits in Thursday's game. ... Midland took a 2-1 series lead and wraps up the four-game series with the Hooks at 7 p.m. today, before opening an eight-game road trip at 7:05 p.m. Saturday at the Frisco RoughRiders. TODAY'S PROBABLES: Corpus Christi — LHP Conel

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Lists individual player stats for Rockhounds and Hooks.

COLEMAN

From 1C defense) knows how to put the guys where people are going to hit it. We're still going to go out and (try to) drive the ball."

things in these series that you just know aren't going to be too big for him, because he's been through it."

In the season finale in Odessa, Coleman delivered for his team in a huge way, as he belted a solo home run to left field to lead off the third inning. He then scored the winning run in the eighth on a single by Chase Pederson, helping Lee secure a 3-2 win and the No. 3 seed.

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Coleman, preparing for his 17th playoff game at Lee, said he has come a long way as a player and person since his varsity debut four years ago. Of course, his family has been right beside him all along.

CLASS 6A BI-DISTRICT LEE VS. EL PASO FRANKLIN When/Where: Game 1, 4:30 p.m. Friday; McCasles Field, Odessa; Game 2, 11:30 a.m. Saturday; McCasles Field, Odessa; Game 3, 11 a.m. Saturday. Records/seeds: Lee 17-13, No. 3 seed out of District 2-6A; EP Franklin 21-11-2, No. 2 seed out of District 1-6A

"The game is easier to comprehend and understand. I can read everything that is going on and I can see things before they happen," said Coleman, an avid golfer and a career .375 postseason hitter for Lee. "Having the older brother that I have, he explains it at the college level for me as well. I can bring that to (Lee's) games and comprehend it here."

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"That run — knowing what it takes, knowing what to do, knowing to play the caliber of baseball that we can — that'll really help us hopefully have a long month of May here," Coleman said. Roper said that Coleman's know-how and will to win should be priceless for his team this weekend.

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"He's a guy you want to say 'Here is the keys to the bus, let's go drive the bus and he wants to do it. He'll be ready,'" Roper said. "You have these moments and

Standings

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Frank Gunn/The Canadian Press via AP

Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James has words for the referees during the first half of Game 2 on Thursday in Toronto.

NBA PLAYOFF CAPSULES

**CAVALIERS 128
RAPTORS 110**
TORONTO — LeBron James had 43 points and 14 assists, Kevin Love added 31 points and 11 rebounds, and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Toronto Raptors 128-110 on Thursday night to take a 2-0 lead in their second-round playoff series.

J.R. Smith scored 15 points, Jeff Green had 14 and George Hill 13 as the Cavaliers posted their eighth consecutive postseason victory over the Raptors and halted Toronto's four-game winning streak in Game 2s. The Raptors entered 6-1 all-time when playing Game 2 at home.

James had eight rebounds, narrowly missing his second straight triple-double. He connected on 19 of 28 attempts, while Love shot 11 for 21.

DeMar DeRozan scored 24 points and Kyle Lowry had 21 for the Raptors. Toronto won a team-record 59 games and finished as the top-seeded team in the Eastern Conference this season, but was easily shoved one step closer to a third straight postseason exit at the hands of James and the Cavs.

Jonas Valanciunas had 16 points and 12 rebounds and Fred VanVleet scored 14 points, but the Raptors lost back-to-back home games for the first time all season.

Toronto matched Houston by going 34-7 at home in the regular season, and went 3-0 at home against Washington in round one.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

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Tuesday, May 1: Cleveland 113 Toronto 112 OT
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Monday, May 7: Toronto at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9: Cleveland at Toronto, TBA
Friday, May 11: Toronto at Cleveland, TBA
Sunday, May 13: Cleveland at Toronto, TBA
Boston 2, Philadelphia 0
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Thursday, May 3: Boston 108 Philadelphia 103
Saturday, May 5: Boston at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Monday, May 7: Boston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9: Philadelphia at Boston, TBA

**CELTICS 108
76ERS 103**
BOSTON — Rookie Jayson Tatum scored 21 points and hit a pair of free throws in the closing second, and the Boston Celtics rallied from a 22-point deficit to beat the Philadelphia 76ers 108-103 on Thursday night and take a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Terry Rozier added 20 points, nine assists and seven rebounds. Marcus Smart finished with 19 points and five rebounds as the Celtics improved to 6-0 at TD Garden this postseason. They have never blown a 2-0 lead.

Game 3 is Saturday in Philadelphia.
J.J. Redick had 23 points for the 76ers, making five 3-pointers. Robert Covington added

22 points and nine rebounds. Joel Embiid finished with 20 points, 14 rebounds and five assists.

Philadelphia recovered after squandering its big lead to nudge back in front 93-88 midway through the fourth quarter.

But an 11-4 run put Boston back in the lead 99-95 with less than four minutes to play.

It was 101-97 when a missed Philadelphia jumper led to a 2-on-1 fast break and alley-oop dunk from Rozier to Tatum with 2:23 left.

A layup by Dario Saric cut it to 104-101. But Al Horford was able to drive past Embiid for a layup with 8.3 seconds left.

Saric scored out of a time-out to make it 106-103.

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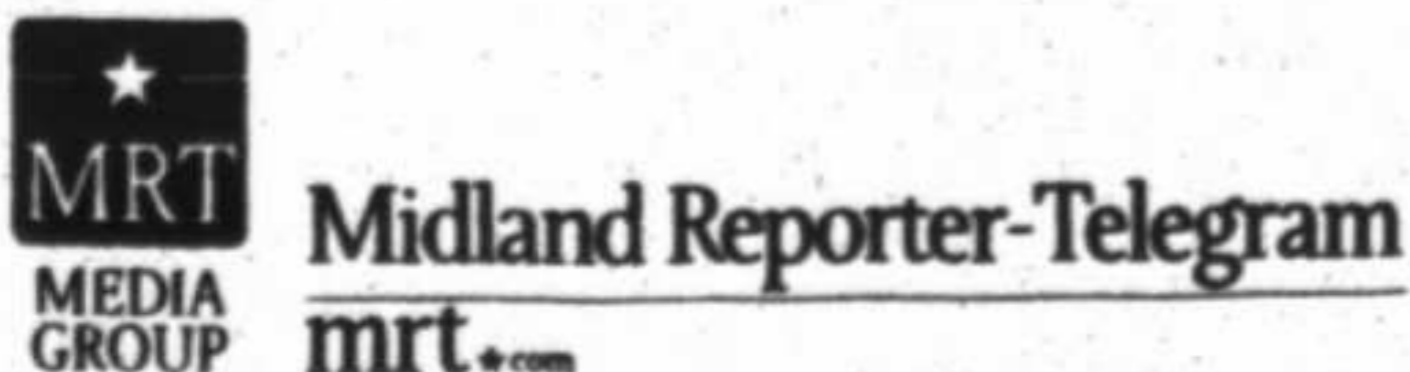


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Retired husband's wardrobe is too casual for wife's comfort

DEAR ABBY: When I met my husband, he dressed impeccably — suits, sharp sport coats, monogrammed shirts, freshly pressed dress stacks, top-of-the-line leather shoes. Even when we went out with friends for a casual night or a movie, he still dressed well in current, fashionable clothing. I fell in love with a man who dressed beautifully (my father was known for his attire as well, which is perhaps why I like the successful look). Now that he's retired, his jeans always look dingy (they're not dirty; they just look like they are), his sneakers look worn, and he just doesn't care about his appearance like he once did. When we go out together, I'm embarrassed. I love the man who used to care about his appearance, not this retired, sloppy-looking guy. If I complain, he tells me I'm being ridiculous. I don't expect him to look like he once did (office attire), but he should at least look current, crisp and clean. Am I wrong to be embarrassed? — **LIKES THE OLD LOOK**

DEAR LIKES: I wish you had mentioned how long you and your husband have been married, because over the last 40 years styles have changed. People of both sexes dress much more casually. Your hus-

DEAR ABBY

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band may have dressed more formally years ago because there was a dress code at work and it was expected with the crowd with whom you socialized or the places you went. At this point, he may feel that because he's retired he has earned the right to dress "comfortably."

Yes, you are wrong to be embarrassed. What is important is how your husband feels about himself. How he presents himself is a reflection only on him — not you. You might suggest a shopping trip so the two of you can update those jeans and sneakers, but if he won't bite, you would be wise to let him off the hook.

DEAR ABBY: My significant other and I have five children between us. He has a son and daughter from a previous marriage, I have a daughter from a previous relationship, and we have two daughters together. I love all our children

equally, but my significant other complains nonstop about my daughter from the previous relationship. He nags about every little thing she does, which he never does with his own children. I have talked to him many times about the favoritism he shows toward his kids over my daughter. I understand she's not perfect, but how can I get him to treat all of the children equally? — **EQUALLY CONFUSED IN TEXAS**

DEAR EQUALLY CONFUSED: Children aren't stupid. In fact, they are very perceptive. I'm sure your daughter recognizes that the man her mother lives with doesn't like her and treats her differently. If you can't get through to him that what he's doing is unfair and damaging to your child, and that he needs to tone it down, then explain to her the reason why it's happening. And if necessary, enlist the help of a licensed family therapist to change the dynamic.

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A read-out

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EAST
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♥ 10 8 7 5 4
♦ 10 7 6 4
♣ J 10 8

SOUTH
♠ A Q 6
♥ A 3
♦ Q 9 5 2
♣ A Q 6 3

The bidding:
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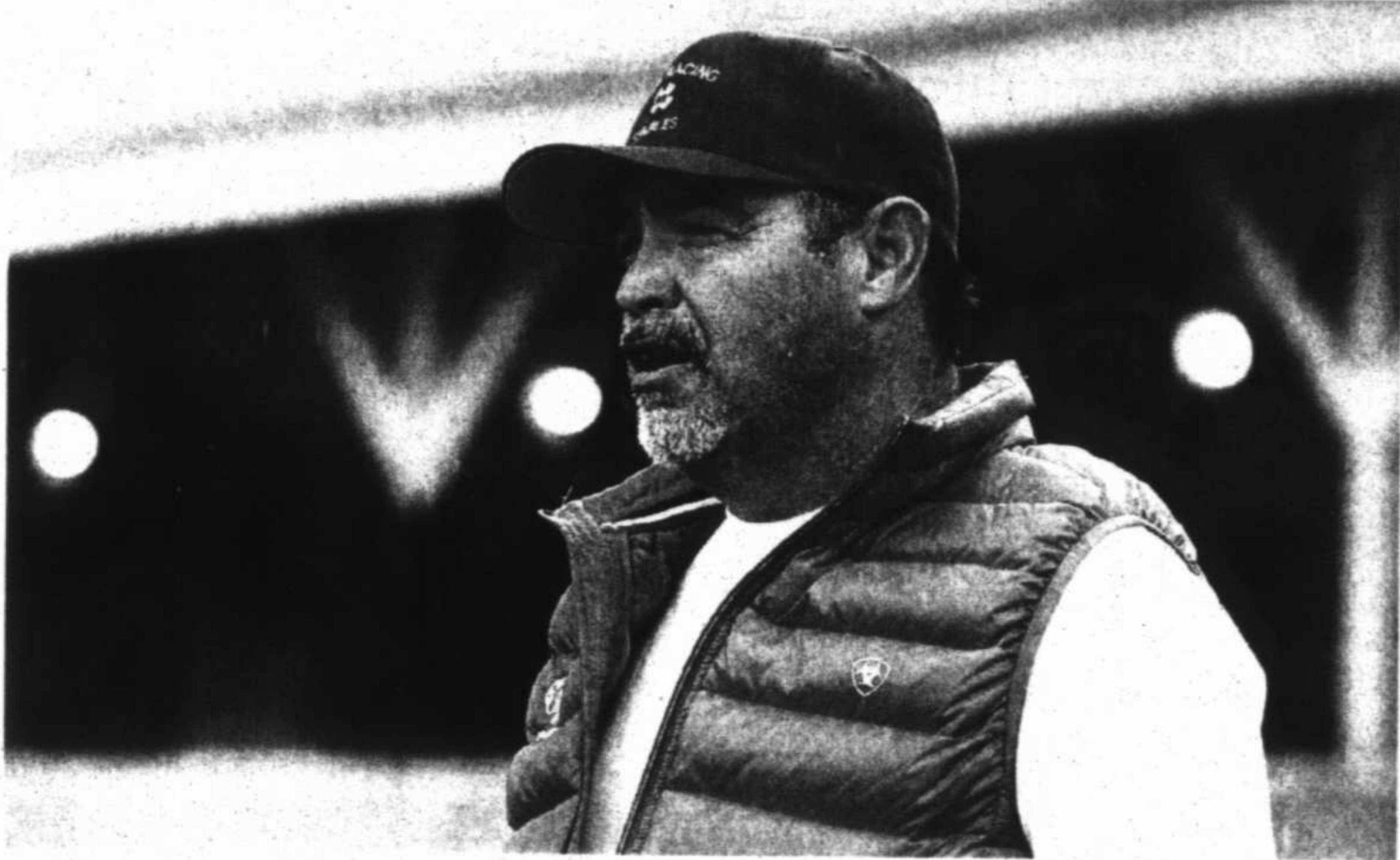
Opening lead: King of ♣

North-South were using a competitive structure common in today's tournament world. When right-hand opponent's bid shows two specific suits, a bid of the lower ranking of those two suits shows a good hand with the lower of the two remaining suits. A bid in the higher ranking suit shows a good hand with the higher of the two

two suits. Hence, North's two heart bid showed clubs. South's four spade bid encouraged North, a player who didn't need much encouragement, to jump to slam. There were only 11 tricks, but the knowledge that West was at least 5-5 in the majors gave South some ideas.

Declarer won the opening heart lead in hand and ruffed a heart. A club to his ace revealed the club position. South cashed dummy's ace and king of diamonds, followed by the king of clubs and a club to his queen, drawing East's trumps. South cashed the queen of diamonds, discarding a spade from dummy, and ruffed his last diamond on the table. He had now eliminated all of the red cards from both his hand and the dummy.

Declarer now led dummy's spade and elegantly ducked when East played the nine! The defenders were helpless. Should East's nine hold the trick, he would have to lead a heart and yield a ruff-suff. West could overtake the nine, of course, but the only way for him to avoid giving a ruff-suff would be to lead a spade back into South's ace-queen. A pretty hand!



Charlie Riedel/Associated Press

Trainer Mick Ruis talks to the media after a morning workout for Kentucky Derby entrant Bolt d'Oro at Churchill Downs Thursday in Louisville, Ky. The 144th running of the Kentucky Derby is scheduled for Saturday.

Self-made trainer Ruis goes own way to Kentucky Derby

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Mick Ruis packed his suitcases for his first trip to the Kentucky Derby as an owner and trainer.

The 57-year-old high school dropout stuffed more than clothing and toiletries in his bags. He feels so strongly about Bolt d'Oro's chances — the colt is the co-fourth choice at 8-1 — Ruis packed plenty of cash.

"When he dropped from first to fifth or sixth now after he lost the Santa Anita Derby, every week I just put more money in a suitcase to come here to bet on him Saturday," Ruis said. "That's how confident we are."

Ruis said he also wagered \$1,200 on Bolt d'Oro in Las Vegas when he was 40-1 last year.

"But you can't put a money value on winning the race," he said.

Ruis is an anomaly in the sport because he owns, trains and handles much of the work around the barn, all with his horses.

He first came to love racing on a 1979 visit to Agua Caliente in Tijuana, Mexico. Leaving high school, he worked his way up from entry level positions in construction and shoring. He started his first company with \$3,000 and sold it six years later for \$2.5 million.

Ruis used the stake to go into training and racing thoroughbreds, but crashed out in the middle of the last decade. He earned \$467,981 in purses over three years before finding himself \$1 million in debt. "Never worked so hard to lose so much money in my life," he said.

He turned full-time attention to his San Diego-based company American Scaffolding, which has contracts on ships in five states and with the Navy. Driven to find a path back into racing, he built up the company and sold it for a reported \$78 million two years ago while keeping a 20 percent stake.

Ruis is faring much better his second time back in the sport.

He spent about \$2 million on horses to get Ruis Racing underway. One of his purchases — for \$635,000 — in 2016 was Bolt d'Oro, named for retired Olympic champion sprinter Usain Bolt and the colt's sire Medaglia d'Oro.

Some of his family is along for the ride, including wife Wendy. The couple married 23 years ago after knowing each other for three weeks. He was divorced with three kids and she was widowed with two. Together, they had two more. His 25-year-old daughter, Shelby, is his assistant.

Most owners with a horse in the Derby for the first time revel in seeing their silks during the post parade as the 100,000-strong crowd sings "My Old Kentucky Home."

Once again, Ruis is going his own way.

Jockey Victor Espinoza will wear the colors of Spendthrift Farm aboard Bolt d'Oro on Saturday. Ruis sold 50 percent of the colt's future breeding rights to 84-year-old Spendthrift owner B. Wayne Hughes, while keeping the rest for himself. The change in Derby silks was a gift to Hughes, the billionaire owner of Public Storage.

"I'm not in here to be the center of attention," Ruis said.

He admits the hubbub of his first Derby week has been stressful.

"You're thinking about the high, what could be," he said.

To escape, Ruis went back to his roots. He headed across the Ohio River to visit a wrestling club in New Albany, Indiana, on Wednesday. A gold medalist in the Junior Pan Am Games as a high school wrestler, Ruis likes to quote Olympic champion Dan Gable and credits the sport for teaching him a work ethic and respect.

He spoke to the group of boys ranging from age seven to 18 and then donated \$10,000 to their club. "They're building character," he

said. "These guys will make it out in the world."

Ruis wasn't done, either. If Bolt d'Oro wins the Derby, he promised to hand over \$50,000. The winning owner receives \$1.43 million.

"I got a bunch of guys rooting for Bolt to win," Ruis said, smiling.

After the colt's morning workout, Ruis headed out of town to decompress Thursday, this time down Interstate 64 to Lexington, where he bought a farm near Keeneland.

A Derby win can generate more clients with good horses for a trainer. But Ruis isn't interested.

"Right now, we're really happy where we're at," he said, anticipating the 20 yearlings he has coming into his stable.

However, he would like to see other owners expand their choice of trainers beyond the sport's big names of Bob Baffert, Todd Pletcher, Steve Asmussen and Chad Brown.

"There's so many good horsemen on the backside, give some of these guys a chance back here," Ruis said. "I don't understand why these mega-owners just go with the big name. I don't think it's the best thing for racing."

While careful not to criticize the high-profile trainers, Ruis sees himself as the person to stand up for the little guys.

"I would hope if we do good, that's the message Bolt d'Oro can give," he said.

Ruis isn't planning much of an upgrade to his trademark white T-shirt and jeans for Derby day. He took advantage of a buy-one-get-one-free deal at a men's store and will wear a \$220 sport coat over the shirt.

Explaining his attire to his wife, he said, "I made my money with a white T-shirt."

She replied, "The rest of us are going to look good."

They all will if their colt is in the winner's circle wearing the garland of red roses.

TAPPS

From IC

tall and I had long legs. They're like 'Oh, you should try out hurdles.' After that, it just kind of stuck with me.

"I just like how it's different from other races. You really have to focus and there's a lot of mental toughness that needs involved whenever you're running, especially in 300 hurdles, because it's such a tough race. I just love it really pushes to work the hardest you can work, just overcome a lot, mentally and physically."

In 2017, Abby Claire just missed medaling at state, finishing fourth in the 300 hurdles with a personal record of 47.07 seconds and finishing fifth in the 100 hurdles with a PR of 16.12.

A.J. has picked up the craft quickly, as he has posted personal records in each of his last four meets in the 300 hurdles. He began the season at 46.18 before lowering his time to 43.28 to qualify for state with a fourth-place finish at the TAPPS 5A North Region Meet, April 26 in Lancaster.

"The first meet, he ran OK and he just got better and better every week," MCS track coach Tyler Fleet said. "He did what it took to get to state. I'm really proud of how he performed late in the year."

"He just had a high ceiling. He had so much room to improve. He looked just as natural as his sister going over the hurdles late in the year."

With A.J. taking up the hurdles, it's given the twins a chance to share a common focus before they head off to college at Abilene Christian University.

"A few times in practice, we go head to head," Abby Claire said. "It's fun getting to compete with each other."

relays at the state meet.

But the Lady Mustangs have a realistic chance to do it this year, as they enter the state meet as the No. 1 seeds in both the 400 relay and the 800 relay, and the second seed 1,600 relay is 1/20 of a second behind No. 1 seed Cedar Hill Trinity Christian.

"We feel like we can compete and win all three," Fleet said. "That was an amazing thing to do for the history of the school, but at same time, that would be a significant amount toward our ultimate goal of a team championship."

Makenzie Mondragon, a senior, anchors both the 400 and 800 relays for MCS.

"We're doing really well right now," Mondragon said. "Our starter that starts off has a good block start and our handoffs have been really good at regionals. They have been really good. At practice this week, the handoffs were really clean, so I'm hoping at state, that they will be really clean and that we will run our best time of the year."

Follow Christopher on Twitter: [chris_MRTSports](#)

TAPPS State Track Championships

Palmer Stadium, Hewitt

Today-Saturday

TAPPS 5A

Midland Christian qualifiers

Boys

200 meters - Joe Rawicki, Jr.

400 - Jacob Thomas, Jr.

800 - Caden Norris, So. Jack Mitchell, Jr.

1,600 - Mitchell

110 high hurdles - Ben Gibbs, Jr.

300 intermediate hurdles - A.J. Brown, Sr.

400 relay - MCS (Thomas, Peyton Muddick, Jr., Rawicki, Garrison Brading, So.)

800 relay - MCS (Thomas, Muddick, Rawicki, Brading)

1,600 relay - MCS (Brading, Cole Little, Jr., Brown, Thomas)

Long jump - Brading

Triple jump - Joseph Venzant, Jr., Brading

Discus - Colin Rogers, So. Ben Thompson, Jr.

Shot put - Luke Finlay, Sr.

Girls

100 meters - Makenzie Mondragon, Sr.

100 low hurdles - Abby Case Brown, Sr.

300 intermediate hurdles - Brown

400 relay - MCS (Abby Sheppard, So., Azayanna Sherrill, Fr., Ally Nelson, Fr., Mondragon)

800 relay - MCS (Sheppard, Sherrill, Nelson, Mondragon)

1,600 relay - MCS (Sheppard, Nelson, Brown, Sherrill)

Long jump - Mondragon

Discus - Breanna Colburn, So. Avery Kyles, So.

Shot put - Cuberton

TAPPS 5A

Weekly qualifiers

Boys

100 meters - Evan Witt, Jr.

300 intermediate hurdles - Mark Farnou, Sr.

Girls

100 - Reagan Long, Sr.

TAPPS 3A

Midland Christian qualifiers

Girls

1,600 - Kasey Boyd, So.

MCS girls relays aim for history

The Midland Christian girls track team has never won three golds in all three

WITTEN

From IC

The decision by Witten, a third-round pick out of Tennessee, means the lead analyst job at three networks covering the NFL will be held by former players who spent their entire careers with the Cowboys. The other is Fox's Troy Aikman, who won three Super Bowls as

quarterback in the 1990s.

The only Monday night game for the Cowboys is Nov. 5 at home against the Tennessee Titans.

While fighting back tears at times after the Cowboys were eliminated from playoff contention for yet another disappointing finish last season, Witten seemed intent on playing a 16th season.

PRO GOLF SCORES

PGA-Wells Fargo Scores

Thursday

At Quail Hollow Club

Charlotte, N.C.

Par: 72, 73

Prize: \$7.7 million

Today: 7:30 a.m. ET (PT-8)

First Round

John Peterson 32-35-66

Pat Hader 32-34-67

Tyrell Hatten 32-34-67

Johnson Wagner 34-33-67

Math Mitchell 35-35-67

Wade Rousey 35-34-67

Anton Wase 34-34-68

Rory McIlroy 34-34-68

Michael Thompson 35-35-68

Tom Lovatelli 35-35-68

Kaylen Bradley 34-34-68

Greg McElroy 35-35-68

Oliver Schnadig 35-35-68

Jason Dufner 34-34-68

Emiliano Grillo 35-35-68

Ben Houder 35-35-68

Paul Casey 34-35-69

Shane Bieber 34-35-69

Tony Friezo 34-35-69

Ross Fisher 34-35-69

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Sam Burns 34-35-69

Chad Schumacher 34-35-69

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Mackenzie Hughes 34-35-69

Greg Chalmers 34-35-69

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Wayne Barlow 34-35-69

Singun Zhang 34-35-69

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Patrick Reed 34-35-69

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Charles Howell III 34-35-69

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW
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Table of NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ Most Active, Gainers, and Losers.

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Table of mutual fund performance data.

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Table of Peruvian Basin Stock prices and volume.

Read Basin Business and the Oil Report every Sunday to catch up with business news topics in the region.

Mother's Day

BRUNCH

MAY 13 | 10AM - 2PM

CARVING STATION

Herb Crusted Prime Rib | Virginia Baked Ham

ENTREES

Southwest Chicken | Smothered Pork Chops | Mango Chutney Salmon
Almond Cod | Hand Breaded Cajun Fried Shrimp | Peel & Eat Shrimp

SIDES

Green Beans Almondine | Primavera Mixed Vegetables
Wild Rice | Loaded Mashed Potatoes

MEXICAN FOOD

Red & Green Enchiladas | Rice | Beans | Asado
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BREAKFAST BUFFET

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CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

MIDLAND
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Administrative Assistant - SSB

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

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

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

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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EDUCATION-TRAINING

Instructor-Transportation Trainer

Midland College is seeking a Instructor-Transportation Trainer

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

Required Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Must possess a valid Texas Class "A" Commercial Driver License, good driving record, and be insurable on Midland College's insurance policy
- Three years' experience driving "over the road" (OTR) or local
- Experience in pre-trip/post trip inspections, coupling and uncoupling of equipment
- Computer literacy
- Knowledge of rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- Knowledge of Double Clutching techniques and how to teach it as required by TXDPS
- Knowledge of air brake testing procedures and be able to instruct and 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
- Must successfully pass a DOT physical and DOT drug test

EOE

Midland
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Educating the Future

Midland Independent School District is seeking
Full-Time Math Teachers
at the following locations:

Lee High School, MAP/DAAEP, Alamo & Goldard Junior High School.

Provide students with appropriate learning activities and experiences designed to fulfill their potential for intellectual, emotional, physical, and social growth. Enable students to develop competencies and skills to function successfully in society.

Education:
Bachelor's degree from accredited college or university
Valid Texas teaching certificate

Experience:
Student Teaching, approved internship or approved Alternative Teacher Certification Program
Supervise assigned teacher assistant(s), if applicable.

Benefits include:

- Health Insurance: District pays for 100% for Employee Only - \$0 cost to employee - Additional cost to the employee for family.
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- Texas Teacher Retirement System: Pay into a retirement pension.
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ENERGY AND UTILITIES

Financial Accounting Position

Oil & Gas Energy firm in Midland, TX is looking to fill a Financial Accounting Position. This position will be responsible for all financial reporting, compliance, budgeting and all year-end audit reconciliations. Candidates must have excellent computer and communication skills. College degree in Accounting or Finance required. 401K and cafeteria Plan. Mail resume to: Financial Accountant, 211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX 79701 or email to employment@westtexasgas.com

MIDLAND
NOW HIRING
Associate Traffic Engineer

Job Duties:

- Support or substitute for the City Traffic Engineer as needed
- Oversee and/or participate in the development, configuration, and operation of the City's computerized control systems
- Manage and perform warrant studies for traffic signals, stop signs, crosswalks, school zones, speed units and others
- Review commercial and residential development requests
- Review all phases of the 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.
- Valid Texas driver's license required.
- Certification as an Engineer in Training (EIT) preferred.

Benefits:

- Healthcare Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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HEALTHCARE

LVN

LVN - Full Time needed for Addiction medical clinic. Early morning hours Medication Management, TB tests, blood draws, medical orders. Paid vacations, holidays, personal days. Routine travel between Midland and Odessa. No health insurance available. Please fax resume to 800-671-8364.

HOSPITALITY-TRAVEL

Full Time Maintenance

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MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

MIDLAND
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 requests related to Division services.
- Negotiates and reviews contracts provided by consultants for GIS services, e.g., LIDAR, ortho-mosaic imagery, Cityworks, etc.
- Develops policies and standards for the GIS Division.
- Manages the setting of priorities for projects, software, database, and application development.
- Oversees development of GIS applications, web services, and tools to ensure they are current and within industry standards and practices.
- Oversees the GIS Division in managing ArcGIS Server installation, maintenance, upgrades and use.
- Provides recommendations to the Director of Engineering Services regarding annual GIS Division budget, priorities for projects, and resources required to complete them.
- Provides user-training services, as requested.
- Independently prepares and delivers reports and presentations to City Councilmembers, City Management, and outside agency officials. Serves as representative of GIS (or the City) to other departments and outside agencies.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies, and to respond to questions from Councilmembers, City Management, consultants, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.
- Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures. Ability to supervise and manage other staff with a variety of skills and abilities.
- Demonstrated proficiency in the use of ArcGIS software (ArcGISDesktop, ArcGISOnline, ArcGISPro). Solid understanding of database design/management and programming is desirable.
- Knowledge of land surveying, municipal governmental operations, acquisitions and procedures is desirable.
- Bachelor's degree in GIS, Geography, Computer Science, Engineering, or a related technical or business field required. Minimum of five years' experience using ArcGIS software required. Master's degree in a related field preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
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MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

Assistant Manager

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Westlake ACE Hardware

MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

MIDLAND
NOW HIRING
Planning Division Manager

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

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

- Employee communicates with other employees in the work group. Communication with the general public, developers, outside agencies and other departments within the organization is required.
- Knowledge of planning and zoning process. Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in writing and interpreting budgets. Ability to write and review reports, memos and other correspondence. Ability to supervise and communicate with employees. Basic comprehension of computer use. Valid Texas Driver License
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent in geography, planning or related field required. Graduate work or advanced degree in planning preferred. Three to five years experience in a related field required, preferably including supervisory experience.

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OTHER JOBS

Midland
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Midland Independent School District is seeking
Full-Time Registered Nurse (RN)/District Wide

Educational/Certification:

- Registered Professional Nurse with academic preparation at the diploma, associate degree, or baccalaureate level
- Current Texas license issued by the Board of Nurse Examiners
- Current certification in CPR and Basic First Aid
- Texas Department of Health certification in vision, hearing, and spinal screening is required.

Experience:

- Two years of supervised nurse practice preferably in community health, pt or to entry into school nursing.

Qualifications:

- Experience in community health or pediatric nursing is preferred.
- Courses of study which strengthen growth in nursing, education, special education, health education, and other health-related fields is recommended.
- Courses of study for child growth and development.

Benefits include:

- Health Insurance: District pays for 100% for Employee Only - \$0 cost to employee - Additional cost to the employee for family.
- Dental & Vision: We offer low monthly premiums.
- Texas Teacher Retirement System: Pay into a retirement pension.
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OTHER JOBS

Midland
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Midland Independent School District is seeking
Full-Time Assistant Head Custodian/ Lee High School Custodian/District Wide

Assistant Head Custodian/ Lee High School: Daily Supervision of all assigned Custodial Staff to assure all Custodians follow routine cleaning and maintenance procedures to maintain a high standard of safety, cleanliness, and efficiency of building operations and grounds

Custodian/District Wide: Follow routine cleaning and maintenance procedures to maintain a high standard of safety, cleanliness, and efficiency of building operations and grounds

Qualification Requirements:

- Pass training courses
- Ability to read, write and understand verbal instructions in English
- Knowledge of basic techniques of minor repairs and building and ground maintenance
- Ability to operate cleaning equipment and lift heavy equipment
- Properly handle and use cleaning supplies
- Ability to lift and carry 15-44 lbs. without assistance

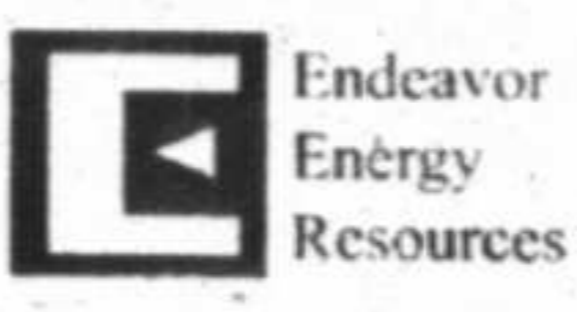
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DOT Driver II

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

Essential Functions:

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

Minimum Requirements:

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

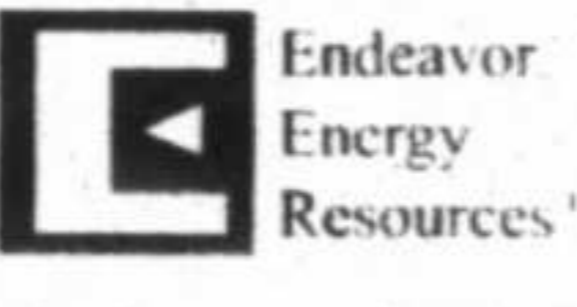
Supervisory Responsibilities:
No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

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

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

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

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

Job Duties:

- Comply with all OSHA and company safety procedures, rules and regulations
- Proper pre and post trip of equipment
- Consistently demonstrate safe unloading of fuels while handling, hooking and unhooking hoses and operating pumps while following directions and standard operating procedures
- Safety using pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches and other hand tools
- Immediate reporting and cleaning of any spills during shift
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, 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
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required
- Experience working on Frac site or similar responsibilities is preferred

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

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

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

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

\$13.00 PER HOUR

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

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NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE**


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

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OTHER JOBS

Gate Attendants needed
Gate Guard Services is looking for Gate Attendants in West Texas area, must have RV or Traveling trailer and must pass background. Requirements needed: Non-Commissioned license. Please call Patty @ 381-949-6992.



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- 880 E 87th St - Odessa
- 1108 E 42nd St - Odessa
- 2251 Linda Ave - Odessa
- 8001 W University Blvd - Odessa

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Planner

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

Job Duties:

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

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

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

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in architecture, planning, engineering or 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 crisis personnel as needed through the use of multi-channel radio system and computer aided dispatch system
- Requests and disseminates vehicle registration, driver's license, criminal history information through the use of the Texas National Computer System (TCIC, NCIC)
- Obtains computer information and disseminates to law enforcement officials and investigators. Enters related information into the system.
- Sends and receive teletype information to and from related agencies.
- Maintains records of work performed.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

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

Ability to read and understand technical and professional manuals in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as specialized computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 38 WPM

Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests:

- Keyboarding
- Data Entry MT
- Data Entry MT (Audio)
- Call Summarization
- Memory Recall-Numeric (Audio)
- Map Reading
- Spelling
- Sentence Clarity
- Reading Comprehension

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


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

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Recycle Supervisor

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

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and to receive work orders or instructions for any project. Interacts frequently with the public, vendors, and government agency representatives.

Ability to read, interpret, and understand local, state, and federal regulations related to disposal of refuse. Knowledge of processes used in the disposal of solid waste. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities. Ability to train others in safe operation of equipment. Ability to work with cash and adhere to cash-handling policies. Ability to properly evaluate activities and make recommendations for improvement. Good public relation skills as well as verbal and written communications skills.

High school diploma or general education degree required and some college preferred. One to three years of experience in Solid Waste and/or supervising and evaluating the work of others preferred. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License and possess or acquire a valid Texas Class 'B' Municipal Solid Waste Operator License within two years of hire date.

Benefits:

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Full Time Cashier
Health Food Store is taking applications for energetic and friendly full-time cashiers. Pleasant work environment, friendly customers, caring management and generous employee discount and paid vacations. Apply in person Monday through Friday only 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley, Midland, TX

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Full Time Receiving
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

SALES JOBS

Manager & Cashiers
Bender's Outlet has SIGNING BONUS for MANAGER TRAINEE & CASHIERS Full-time & Part-time position must have own transportation
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Systems Administrator
 Performs network and system support functions on segments of the computer environment, including planning and emergency maintenance, performance and security analysis, and monitoring, tuning, and implementing new products and procedures. Analyzes emerging technology and makes recommendations for constant improvements to network and infrastructure services and capabilities.

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

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

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Fleet Technician
 Diagnoses, repairs and maintains city trucks and heavy equipment.

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

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

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Code Enforcement Officer

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

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

Qualifications:
 Ability to effectively communicate with developers, citizens and other employees in order to provide information regarding city codes and possible violations.

Ability to read and understand materials including City Ordinances, professional 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.

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Customer Service (Field Work)

Performs field work regarding current or past water service.

Job Duties:
 • Turns water on for new customers, disconnects water for customers leaving or re-connects service that had been disconnected. Obtains new or current readings due to new service or broken lines.
 • Sets meters to establish or re-establish service.
 • Pulls meters should instances occur when customer fails to set up service.
 • Collects past due utilities bills so that water can be connected.
 • Changes our broken meter stop valves and meter box lids.
 • Verifies or re-reads meter information when complaints are filed.
 • Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
 Ability to effectively communicate with citizens, other departments and employees in order to provide information on current repairs or the reading of meters.

Ability to read work orders and maps in order to find street locations. Skill in math in determining amount of water utilized. Skill in the use of variety of hand tools such as shovels, meter wrenches and meter keys.

Valid Texas Driver's License required. Employee must be bondable.

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Effluent Distribution Technician

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

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

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

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

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

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Electronics Tech - Airport

Performs routine and preventive maintenance of electrical equipment systems. Works under the direction of the Electrician/Electronics Specialist.

Job Duties:
 • Performs preventive maintenance on automatic gates, automatic doors, parking lot equipment, lighting, security systems, jetway systems, etc.
 • Assists the Electrician/Electronics Specialist in the day to day operations of the Airport facility as needed.
 • Performs other related duties as assigned.

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

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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Lab Technician

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

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

Monitors expenditures during the year.

Job Duties:
 • Responsible for the daily operation of laboratories in support of the Utilities Department. Conduct bacteriological, chemical, physical and instrumental analysis of water and wastewater samples submitted to the laboratory.
 • Maintains equipment and supplies for the laboratory as well as for the City's facilities. This includes accurately maintaining extensive records tracking all chemicals, supplies, and equipment used for daily operations.
 • Collects, analyzes, and interprets results of environmental, water and wastewater samples.
 • Prepares reagents for use at the laboratory and performs standardization of reagents to ensure quality.
 • 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.
 • Develops 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 required. Available for on-call obligations and work on weekends as needed.

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

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

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

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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.
 • Coordinates 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, sanitary drainage design. Intermediate in drafting with computer aided design systems such as AutoCAD. Intermediate skill in developing field notes and survey plats for boundary surveys.

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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.
 • Monitors vehicles as they enter, unload and leave the Landfill. Gives directions to citizens.
 • Performs related duties as assigned.

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

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

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

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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 I and Water Distribution D Certificate within a reasonable length of time.

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Qualifications:
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 • Paid Holidays
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SKILLED LABOR

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NOW HIRING

Maintenance Specialist - Animal Services

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

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

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

Benefits:

- Health Care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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NOW HIRING

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. Fills 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.

Benefits:

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NOW HIRING

Instrumentation & Electrical Technician

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

Qualifications:

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

Comprehensive Benefits package!

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

Local truck drivers needed. Home nightly, local routes, scheduled shifts 5am-5pm (147 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
- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
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- Tuition Reimbursement
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NATURAL RESOURCES
NOW HIRING

Transportation Truck Driver

Responsible for driving Water, Dump, and/or Belly Dump Truck and hauling water/catch to drill rigs, fracturing crews, etc. Hauls water/catch to 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!

- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Prescription Drug
- 401 K
- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
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The City of MIDLAND
NOW HIRING

Plant Maintenance Mechanic - Water Purification Plant

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

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

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

Benefits:

- Health Care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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Sulzer Service Center NOW HIRING

Machinist, Field Service Technician & Shop Hands

Must be mechanically inclined and have the desire to work on team. Desired experience with lathes, drill press, warming oven sander & milling schenck balancing machine as well as pump repair experience.

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The City of MIDLAND
NOW HIRING

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.
- Clean and maintains shop facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
- Orders and issues parts.
- Opens work orders, charges out parts and closes work orders as required.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

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

Knowledge of proper tools used in general automotive repairs. Ability to safely use tools, vehicles and equipment such as wreckers, tire hammers and breakdown bars, tire and wheel balancers, tire machines, jacks, air impact wrenches, both 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 measure amount of time that will be used in the actual repair process. Ability to speak, understand and follow instructions in English.

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

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

Benefits:

- Health Care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
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- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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The City of MIDLAND
NOW HIRING

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.

Benefits:

- Health Care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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The City of MIDLAND
NOW HIRING

Well Field Technician - Paul Davis

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

RELOCATION/MANDATORY

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, motors and low or 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.

Benefits:

- Health Care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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The City of MIDLAND
NOW HIRING

Well Field Technician - Airport Well Field

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

Job Duties:

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

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

Benefits:

- Health Care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
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MIDLAND
NOW HIRING

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 receive work orders or instructions for any project.

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

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

DAYS & HOURS:
Rotating Shift, Rotating Days Off

Benefits:

- Health Care Plans
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- Paid Holidays
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GULFSTREAM TRUCKING LLC

Haz Mat Drivers

Haz Mat drivers needed to deliver liquid oilfield chemicals within the Permian Basin.

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Legal and Public Notices

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0310629
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 13, 2018 Status/Permit No. 829503
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 18, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PERMIAN DEEP ROCK OIL CO., LLC, [RRC Operator No. 655805] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 11, Bk. 39 T2S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-63, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 2.2 miles SW direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY May 18, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	MUSTANG
Lease/Unit Well No.	H120UH
Lease/Unit Acres	244.55
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	1.0
Lease Lines	100.0 F NW L, 1675.0 F SW L
Survey Lines	100.0 F NW L, 1675.0 F SW L
Wellbore Profile(s)	Horizontal
Lateral: TH1	
Penetration Point Location	
Lease Lines:	100.0 F NW L, 1579.0 F SW L
Terminus Location	
BH County: MIDLAND	
Section: 26	Block: 39 T1S Abstract: 438
Survey: T&P RR CO / GIL, M	
Lease Lines:	50.0 F NW L, 240.0 F SW L
Survey Lines:	1669.0 F SW L, 2470.0 F SE L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11800 feet.
If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Debbie Whiting, at (432)682-6685, x357.

Legal and Public Notices

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
EDDY COUNTY**

BERNARD LEE HOUSE, JR., CASA GRANDE ROYALTY COMPANY, INC., DUSTIN LEE PANNELL, COLTON LANE PANNELL, NATHAN DANIEL PANNELL, and MEGGAN K. WHITWORTH DEVAUGHN, formerly known as MEGGAN K. WHITWORTH, and Plaintiffs
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING DECEASED PERSONS: JOHN HOOK, SARAH L. HOOK, WELLINGTON BEERS HOOK; also known as WELLINGTON B. HOOK, ANNA C. HOOK, JACOB G. TAWFALL, TERRY K. WILDERSPIN, also known as TERENCE CLARICE WILDERSPIN, and LUCY CHERYL PANNELL, also known as CHERYL W. PANNELL;
ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTERESTS IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS.
Defendants.

No. No. D-503-CV-2018-00235

JUDGE ROMERO

AMENDED NOTICE OF SUIT PENDING

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING DECEASED PERSONS:

John Hook; Sarah L. Hook; Wellington Beers Hook, also known as Wellington B. Hook; Anna C. Hook; Jacob G. Tawfall; Terry K. Wilderspin, also known as Terrence Clarice Wilderspin, and Lucy Cheryl Pannel, also known as Cheryl W. Pannel

TO: UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above-entitled action was filed in the above-entitled Court on February 8, 2018 by BERNARD LEE HOUSE, JR., CASA GRANDE ROYALTY COMPANY, INC., DUSTIN LEE PANNELL, COLTON LANE PANNELL, NATHAN DANIEL PANNELL, and MEGGAN K. WHITWORTH DEVAUGHN, formerly known as MEGGAN K. WHITWORTH; SH B. Caraway, Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP, 508 West Wall Street, Ste. 444, Midland, Texas 79701, Tel. (432) 683-4691.

DANIEL PANNELL, and MEGGAN K. WHITWORTH DEVAUGHN, formerly known as MEGGAN K. WHITWORTH. This lawsuit is a quiet title action that involves a controversy over title to oil, gas and other mineral rights previously owned or claimed by the Unknown Heirs of the following deceased persons: John Hook; Sarah L. Hook; Wellington Beers Hook, also known as Wellington B. Hook; Anna C. Hook; Jacob G. Tawfall; Terry K. Wilderspin, also known as Terrence Clarice Wilderspin; and Lucy Cheryl Pannel, also known as Cheryl W. Pannel; and all Unknown Claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the Plaintiffs located in Eddy County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as:

Township 19 South, Range 25 East, N.M.P.M.

Section 1: E1/2SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4

containing 160 acres, more or less.

A default judgment may be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint if a written response is not filed with the Eddy County District Clerk, 102 N. Canal, Suite 240, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220, within thirty (30) days from the last date of this publication, which is June 18, 2018. A copy of your answer or responsive pleading must be mailed to the attorneys for BERNARD LEE HOUSE, JR., CASA GRANDE ROYALTY COMPANY, INC., DUSTIN LEE PANNELL, COLTON LANE PANNELL, NATHAN DANIEL PANNELL, and MEGGAN K. WHITWORTH DEVAUGHN, formerly known as MEGGAN K. WHITWORTH; SH B. Caraway, Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP, 508 West Wall Street, Ste. 444, Midland, Texas 79701, Tel. (432) 683-4691.

WITNESS my hand and Seal of Court this 05 day of March, 2018.

KAREN CHRISTEEN CLERK OF COURT

By: /s/ Emilee Gonzalez
Emilee Gonzalez, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISPOSAL INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Permian Deep Rock Oil Co., LLC, PO Box 11405 Midland, TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of Oil & Gas waste, produced formation water/fluid, into a formation which is not productive of oil or gas.

The application proposed to dispose of fluids into the Devonian, Fuseliman, Monterey, and Ellenburger formation(s), from the Spraberry (Trend Area) field. The Bulldog SWD lease, Well Number 1, is located in Section 12, Block 39, T-2-S, T&P RR CO Survey, 2.6 miles in a SE direction from Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field, in Midland County, TX.

Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 11,700 to 15,000 feet.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the proposed application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone # (512)-463-6792).

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Parsley Energy Operations, LLC, 303 Colorado, Suite 3000, Austin, Texas 78701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced formation water/fluid into a formation that is not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the San Andres (formation), Elmer 10 (lease), and Well Number: 1D. The proposed disposal well is located 10.8 miles Northwest of Garden City, Texas, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field in Glasscock County, TX. Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3,019 feet to 4,050 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the STATEWIDE Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512.463.6792).

Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Kall A. Davis, for a Specific Use Permit with Term for the sale of all alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption on the following property: Lot 1B, Block 2, Corporate Plaza Addition, Section 18, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the southwest corner of North Big Spring Street and Spring Park Drive. (Council District 2)

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.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Landgraf, Crutcher & Associates for a Zone Change from PD, Planned District for a Transition District: O-1, Office District, and O-2, Office District; to C-1, Central Area District, on the following described property: the east half of Block 32, the south 75 feet of the southwest quarter of Block 32, Block 36, the east half of Block 49, and Block 49 1/2, Homestead Addition, Lot 1, Block 32, Homestead Addition, Section 5, and Lot 1, Block 37; Homestead Addition, Section 11, all out of the City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located northeast of the intersection of N. A Street and W. Ohio Avenue. - Council District 3

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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Generally located on the east side of Camp Drive approximately 250-feet north of the intersection of Camp Drive and Crump Street. Council District 2

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Generally located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Thomson Drive and South Midland Drive. Council District 4

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General Announcement

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Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., May 23, 2018 to be opened at 2:00 P.M. in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Lorraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 18002065

For: Crossing Guard Services

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Lorraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Parsley Energy Operations, LLC, 303 Colorado, Suite 3000, Austin, Texas 78701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced formation water/fluid into a formation that is not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the San Andres (formation), Powell 3 (lease), and Well Number: 1D. The proposed disposal well is located 11.8 miles northwest of Garden City, Texas, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field in Glasscock County, TX. Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3,019 feet to 4,050 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the STATEWIDE Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512.463.6792).

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