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Melanie Hall, Abell Junior High's choir director, helps students connect with music.

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Xavier Woods is in line to be the Cowboys' starting free safety. Woods would replace Byron Jones.

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Report: Majors need to spend $30B in Permian to meet goals

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Oil majors led by Exxon Mobil and Chevron will need to bulk up their Permian Basin spending to meet their growth goals, triggering more consolidation and higher costs for oilfield services, according to a new report Monday.

The IHS Markit report argues that Exxon Mobil, Chevron and, to a lesser extent, Royal Dutch Shell, will need to spend nearly $30 billion from 2018 to 2020 just in the Permian Basin to hit their production targets.

That means the three companies could be buyers of companies and acreage in the Permian, pressuring smaller exploration and production companies to sell as they struggle to keep up with cost inflation.

At the same time, the Big Oil players will need to balance rising costs in the Permian with the pressure from shareholders to maintain conservative spending plans, the report states.

"If truly committed to the Permian Basin, the traditionally return-focused supermajors will have to grow accustomed to a rising cost-basis in order to build their core, operated-acreage positions that currently do not suffice to meet medium- to long-term growth plans," said Sven del Pozzo, director of

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■ Opec aims for modest output

■ Hobbs, New Mexico, looks to give police officers raises to retain the workforce

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TIME TO DO BETTER

Steve Gonzales/Houston Chronicle

Former first lady Laura Bush — seen May 2 announcing the creation of the Houston Methodist Hospital Center for Health & Nature — says the Trump administration's "zero-tolerance policy is cruel. It is immoral. And it breaks my heart."

Separating children, parents at the border is heartbreaking

■ It is possible to find 'kinder, more compassionate and more moral' solution to current crisis

By Laura Bush
Special to The Washington Post

■ COMMENTARY

On Sunday, a day we as a nation set aside to honor fathers and the bonds of family, I was among the millions of Americans who watched images of children who have been torn from their parents.

In the six weeks between April 19 and May 31, the Department of Homeland Security has sent nearly 2,000 children to mass detention centers or foster care. More than 100 of these children are younger than 4 years old. The reason for these separations is a zero-tolerance policy for their parents, who are accused of illegally crossing our borders.

I live in a border state. I appreciate the need to enforce and protect our international boundaries, but this zero-tolerance policy is cruel. It is immoral. And it breaks my heart.

Our government should not be in the business of warehousing children in converted box stores or making plans to place them in tent cities in the desert outside of El Paso. These images are eerily reminiscent of the Japanese

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Read more about Trump's border policy, politicians' views on family separation and opinions on immigration

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P&Z Commission OKs affordable housing plan

By Tori Aldana
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With the price of rent climbing, Midlanders may be relieved to hear affordable housing could be on the way.

Ravi Katta appeared before the Planning and Zoning Commission at Monday's meeting to request approval for his site plan at 2800 W. Illinois Ave., the previous Trinity Towers retirement homes.

The first phase of the plan would include creating office space, renovating the five-story south tower and a new, one-acre parking lot.

Katta, who also owns Ranchland Apartments, told the commission that renovations would include combining two previous senior-living units into one-bedroom apartments. Other units would become efficiency apartments. There could be up to 70 units in the complex, with rent potentially between $800 to $1,200, Katta said.

The commission approved the plan 5-0.

And more apartments could be in the works after the commission approved 5-0 the zoning of an area at the intersection of North County Road 1247 and West State Highway 158 for multi-family dwelling.

In other action, commissioners unanimously approved requests:

■ by Leonard "Chip" Hight, owner of Opal's Table, for a specific use permit with term for the sale of all alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption in a bar. Located at 203 W. Wall St., Ste. 104, the 2,957-square-foot bar is planned to have a patio.

Alcohol would be served Monday through Sunday between 3 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. the next day.

■ by Meredith Morales, owner of Latte Factory located at 6 Desta Drive, Ste. 1250, for a specific use permit with term for the sale of all beer and wine beverages for on-premises consumption in a restaurant.

The restaurant is open 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Morales' request is to serve alcohol 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday

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Group to review MISD's policies regarding bullying

■ District 'could be more empathetic, if nothing else,' board president says

By Simone Jasper
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A report on Monday gave Midland ISD's board of trustees insight into district policies in regards to bullying as well as a new committee designed to review those policies.

Teresa Moore, executive director of student services, presented to board members information about policies and procedures related to identifying, reporting and investigating bullying.

Moore serves as co-chair of the Bullying Prevention Advisory Committee, which is made up of district officials and community members. The goal is to review existing policies and procedures in regards to bullying, according to Moore.

"I believe our purpose is to reflect and evaluate on our process," she said. "I believe that there's always an opportunity to grow and improve."

Moore told the MISD board that the committee gathered last week and has plans to establish future steps at next month's meeting.

During Moore's presentation, some trustees offered remarks and questions related to bullying. Board President Rick Davis said he has received comments and had conversations about the subject.

"I have reviewed MISD's policies and

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New water reclamation plant could be part of Pioneer deal.
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Eric Gay/Associated Press

San Antonio mayor Ron Nirenberg, left, presents King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain with keys to the city Sunday in San Antonio. The visit to San Antonio helps celebrate the city's 300th anniversary and also commemorates the Spanish roots of the city.

King and queen of Spain visit 300-year-old San Antonio

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Spain's King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia are in San Antonio to celebrate the city's tricentennial and its roots as a Spanish colonial village.

The royal couple attended a welcoming ceremony Sunday hosted by Mayor Ron Nirenberg and other city officials at the Spanish Governor's Palace before touring the San Jose Mission site and then visiting an historical exhibit. An evening dinner with Gov. Greg Abbott also was planned.

What became San Antonio originally was founded as Mission San Antonio de Valero on May 1, 1718, by Spanish Franciscan missionaries backed by the Spanish monarchy and government during the colonization of New Spain.

The king and queen are to meet Tuesday with President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump at the White House.

Texas deputy arrested on allegation of child sexual assault

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A sheriff's deputy in South Texas is accused of sexually assaulting a 4-year-old girl and threatening the child's mother with deportation if she reported him, authorities said.

Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar said Sunday that investigators arrested 47-year-old Jose Nunez on suspicion of super aggravated sexual assault of a child, pending formal charges.

"The details of the case are quite frankly heartbreaking, disturbing, disgusting and infuriating all at the same time," Salazar said.

The sheriff said the assaults may have been going on for months, possibly years, and that there could be other victims.

Nunez

Nunez, a 10-year veteran of the Bexar County Sheriff's Office who worked at the county jail, was being held at the facility Monday on a $75,000 bond, according to the jail. He was arrested while off duty and is on paid leave.

A phone message to Nunez's listed attorney was not immediately returned. Nunez was due in court Monday afternoon.

Authorities were notified of the alleged abuse when the child "made an outcry" and her mother, from Guatemala, took the girl to a fire station to make a report. The sheriff said authorities believe Nunez is related to the child victim.

Salazar said the criminal charge carries a minimum 25-year sentence. He reported Sunday that the agency is filling out paperwork to give the mother protective status pending the case's outcome, but declined to comment on the residence status of the child.

"My objective is to separate this person from the agency as soon as possible," Salazar said.

Man arrested on burglary charge

A Midland man was arrested Wednesday after allegedly entering a residence and assaulting a female, according to court documents.

Andrew Gomez, 27, was being held Monday on a $50,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation with the intent to commit another felony and a $100,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of violation of probation.

Midland police were dispatched at about 1:30 a.m. June 11 in reference to a disturbance.

Gomez entered a residence without consent, according to his arrest affidavit. After a woman arrived, Gomez allegedly placed his hands around her neck and lifted her from the floor. He put the woman down and placed his hands over her mouth and nose, impeding her breathing, according to the affidavit.

Gomez

Also during the incident, Gomez prevented the woman from leaving, pushed her and punched her, according to the affidavit. He also allegedly put a knife to his throat and told the female he was cutting himself.

If convicted of the first-degree felony charge, Gomez could face up to life imprisonment.

Obituaries

Rita Cain Curry

Rita Cain Curry, 73 of Midland joined her husband (the love of her life) in Heaven on Sunday, June 17, 2018.

She was born on February 23, 1945 in Dallas, Texas to Glen and Lelia Cain who precede her in death. Rita Married Scott Curry on March 5, 1961.

They were married for 32 years before Scott's passing in May 1993. They had two children, Michelle and Vince Curry. Rita was a stay at home mom for most of her married life. She worked for several years at Bag and Baggage in the Midland Mall where she made many friends.

"Nan" leaves behind her sister Glenna Haskell and husband Steve; children Michelle Ream and husband John and their four children Brandi Conlly, Amber Ream, Colton Ream, and Stormi (Mason) Sparacino, Vince Curry and his children Whitney Curry and Courtney Curry and Brian Wafford and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will be a private burial at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Midland at 911 West Texas, Midland, Texas 79701.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*

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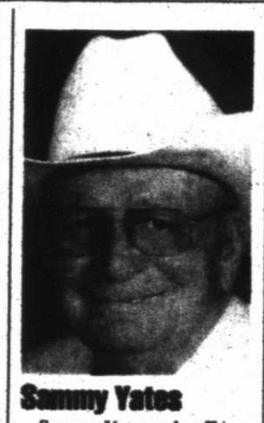

Sammy Yates

Sammy Yates rode off into his final sunset Saturday, June 16th 2018 surrounded by his family and friends.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton, Texas. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Born January 2, 1936 in Big Spring, Texas, he was given the name Preston Gail. However, he was known as "Sammy" to his friends and was a beloved "Pop" to countless young souls.

He graduated from Stanton High School and married Nancy Marie Glaze of Tarzan on June 4, 1955. They have 3 children, Jody, Tana and Judith.

If you knew Sammy, you knew he loved Nancy with his entire being. Together they built an incredibly close and God-seeking family they considered their biggest treasure and greatest accomplishment.

He is survived by wife Nancy (Glaze) Yates, son Jody and wife DeAnn, daughter Tana May and husband Bill, daughter Judith Pinkerton and husband Wayne, all of Tarzan. Grandchildren, Katie Jo & Rusty Day of Meadow, Samantha & Brandon Borgstedt of Tarzan, Ky May of Tarzan, Trent May of San Antonio, Lynsey & Colton Pardue of Tarzan, Brody & Ashley Pinkerton of Midland, Bryley Pinkerton of Tarzan, 7 great-grandchildren, sisters Hazel Martin of Peoria, Illinois and Peggy Latty of Flomaton, Alabama and a host of nieces and nephews.

In his heavenly home he is being reunited with parents Pal & Sudie Yates, brother Marshall Yates; mother & father-in-law Jack & Joe Glaze; brothers-in-law Lee Lawdermilk, Billy Joe Latty, and Donald Nichols; sister-in-law Janice (Glaze) Penn and great-granddaughter Sierra May.

Sammy LIVED every single day. He was a cowman, cotton farmer, and member of the Tarzan Church of Christ. Among his community service, that went unannounced, Sammy was also a 4-H leader for Martin County and the entire State of Texas, a member of the Martin County Sherriff's Posse, Wagon Boss for the West Texas Boys Ranch, a proud member of the Grady School Board and Caprock Electric Board.

Pop adored watching his grandkids play ball and traveled countless miles supporting them in whatever events they participated. He gave them each a nickname when they were little and called them by it even as adults. "Ain't that right, Pee Leg?" His favorite traditions were taking his granddaughters shopping for Gramma and cooking guiso for his family every Christmas. Sammy loved to hunt & fish and was a pioneer in the club calf industry, and he sure wasn't afraid to share his knowledge with anyone. He passed down his passion for outdoors to his grandchildren, teaching them how to handle a gun and respect all of God's creations.

There was nothing he couldn't do and certainly nothing he wouldn't do for friends and family. Sammy never met a stranger and always had room for new friends; it's hard to fathom how God could fit such a huge heart into such a small man.

Sammy wasn't much on flowers but he loved kids, so if you would like to honor him please do so by making a donation to West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Road, San Angelo TX, 76904 or Buckner Children & Family Services, 129 Brentwood Avenue, Lubbock TX, 79416.

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

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Death Notices

Jimmy Ross Barker

Jimmy Ross Barker, 84, of Midland, Texas passed away on Saturday, June 16, 2018. Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be a graveside service at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Convicted Texas Democratic state senator resigning post

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — A state senator from San Antonio is resigning, months after being convicted on 11 federal counts of money laundering and wire and securities fraud.

Democrat Carlos Uresti was convicted in February and is awaiting sentencing of up to 20 years in prison.

Uresti is appealing and wasn't up for re-election until 2020, but announced that he would quit effective Thursday.

He said in a Monday statement that "keeping in mind the best interests of my constituents and my family, I believe it to be most prudent that I step down" to focus on "ensuring that justice is done."

Federal prosecutors say FourWinds Logistics operated a Ponzi scheme against its investors. Uresti was its general counsel and owned a small stake of company shares that earned him commissions for recruiting investors.

NATIONBRIEFS

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HUNTSVILLE

Warden demoted amid planted evidence allegations

A warden has been demoted and transferred from a Texas prison where a supervisor resigned and four corrections officers were fired amid allegations they orchestrated the planting of two screwdrivers in an inmate's cell.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials have said the planted contraband at the Ramsey Unit south of Houston appears to be isolated and unrelated to a quota system involving a supervisor ordering officers there to write disciplinary reports. The agency's Inspector General Office has been investigating.

Prisons spokesman Jeremy Desel says there's no evidence of further quota activity at the system's 104 units. He also says staffers serving as counsel for inmates accused in disciplinary cases no longer report to wardens but to the agency's Division of Administrative Review and Risk Management to increase their independence.

HOUSTON

Man on death row for prison worker death loses appeal

The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to review an appeal from a 45-year-old Dallas man on Texas death row for killing a supervisor at an Amarillo state prison shoe factory.

Attorneys for Travis Trevino Runnels had appealed after the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 2016 rejected arguments that he had deficient legal help at his trial for the 2003 slaying of 38-year-old Stanley Wiley at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Clements Unit in Amarillo.

Wiley's throat was slashed with a knife. He'd worked in the prison system for nearly nine years.

Runnels was serving 70 years for a 1997 aggravated robbery conviction from Dallas and apparently was angry about being assigned janitor duty at the shoe factory. He wanted to work at the prison barber shop.

NEW MEXICO

Agency disciplines workers in wake of trafficking case

ALBUQUERQUE — An internal investigation by New Mexico's child welfare agency into its handling of the case of a 7-year-old girl who authorities say was sexually exploited has resulted in 11 suspensions, demotions and terminations.

Monique Jacobson, State Children, Youth and Families Cabinet Secretary confirmed the disciplinary action in an interview with the Albuquerque Journal.

She said all of the employees were from the agency's office in Bernalillo County. They ranged from case workers to supervisory management.

Court documents say the agency and law enforcement had encountered the girl and her family multiple times dating back to 2012.

The girl's father is charged with human trafficking, promoting prostitution and other counts. The mother was taken into custody on charges of child abuse and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Prosecutor clears 2 who killed Oklahoma restaurant shooter

A prosecutor announced Monday he has cleared two people who fatally shot a man who wounded three others after opening fire at an Oklahoma City restaurant during the dinnertime rush.

David Prater, Oklahoma County District Attorney said that Juan Carlos Nazario and Bryan Whittle were justified when they "neutralized" the shooter and would not face charges.

Both men shot 28-year-old Alexander Tilghman on May 24 after authorities say he walked into Louie's On The Lake and started shooting. Tilghman shot a 39-year-old woman, her 12-year-old daughter and a 14-year-old family friend as they arrived for a birthday party. All three survived.

A fourth person fell and broke his arm in the ensuing chaos.

"It should be noted that both of the civilians who neutralized Tilghman had received significant firearms training and employed tactics that lessened the potential that their use of deadly force would harm innocent bystanders," Prater said in a statement.

Neither Nazario or Whittle could immediately be reached Monday for comment.

Whittle said in an interview with The Oklahoman that he and his wife were driving by the restaurant and pulled in when they saw a commotion. He said he grabbed his .40-caliber semi-automatic pistol and moved toward where everyone was pointing. He said that he wasn't aware another armed person had come to help until he heard Nazario say, "Clear him. I got you. Clear him."

BALTIMORE

New migrant rules could shutter some Maryland crab houses

Many Maryland crab houses expect to stay idle this summer after U.S. immigration officials approved additional migrant worker visas this month for only one picking house.

The Baltimore Sun reports the H-2B visas for seasonal workers were awarded by lottery for the first time this year because of high demand for workers from multiple industries. The crab houses that lost out will have to function without more than a third of their regular seasonal workers. Idle crab houses could drive up the price of Maryland's crab meat.

Bill Sieling is the director of the Chesapeake Bay Seafood Industries Association. He says the move to a lottery system threatens the future of the state's crab houses. The Sun reports that seafood companies say they can't find U.S. citizens willing to do the difficult work.

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[JAB-er-wah-kee]
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1: meaningless speech or writing

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Things to do

■ Dog Tales. Children can read aloud to certified therapy dogs. 2-3 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Geology: Reading the Rocks. Chevron geologists teach children ages 8-12 about rocks, fossils and more. 2-3 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

■ "Curious George: Let's Get Curious!" ice cream craft. 3-4 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

■ PBS Mornings, 10:30 a.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Summer Brown Bag Lunch and Film Series: "The Map that Changed Petroleum Geology for West Texas in 1924 and Beyond" with Robert Lindsay. Drinks and dessert provided. 11:30 a.m. at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20 W. Free. pbpetro.org.

■ "Space Mutiny" by RiffTrax Live. 7:30 p.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.50. fathomevents.com.

■ Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon at the Palette Club. 907 W. Wadley Ave. palette-clubmidland.com.

■ Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

■ Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers. 4:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ West Texas Line Dancing Classes, 7 p.m. at Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. meetup.com/crossingthelinewesttexas.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m. at Midland Downtown Lions Club, 200 Plaza St. $6. For more information, call 638-3707.

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

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m. at Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St.

■ Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Juneteenth celebrations

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The annual Juneteenth parade was Saturday. The event was an observance of today's holiday.

Summer camps

■ Summer Kid's Art Camp: Emoji Camp. For ages 4-13. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Kidd's and Canvas Parties, 3300 N. Midkiff Road. $45 per day, $150 all four days. Kiddsart.com.

■ Summer Swim and Mermaid Camps for students who have completed first through sixth grade. Noon-5 p.m. at COM Aquatics, 3003 N. A St. comaquatics.com.

■ Teen Summer Strengthening Program for ages 13-15. 10:30-11:20 at HIIT4FIT, 1-28 Andrews Highway. $60 per week. hiit4fitmidland.net.

On this date in Texas history

In 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston with news that the Civil War was over, and that all remaining slaves in Texas were free — an event celebrated to this day as "Juneteenth."

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, June 19, the 170th day of 2018. There are 195 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On June 19, 1953, Julius Rosenberg, 35, and his wife, Ethel, 37, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, New York.

On this date:

In 1917, during World War I, King George V ordered the British royal family to dispense with German titles and surnames; the family took the name "Windsor."

In 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved by the U.S. Senate, 73-27, after surviving a lengthy filibuster.

Today's birthdays: Pop singer Tommy DeVito (The Four Seasons) is 90. Author Sir Salman Rushdie is 71. Actress Kathleen Turner is 64. Singer-dancer-choreographer Paula Abdul is 56.

By The Associated Press

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-3-7
Pick 3 day: 4-3-2
Pick 3 evening: 6-5-3
Pick 3 night: 0-7-3
Daily 4 morning: 9-5-1-8
Daily 4 day: 5-7-3-4
Daily 4 evening: 5-6-7-9
Daily 4 night: 3-3-2-2
Cash Five: 1-7-19-23-35
Two Step: 9-11-12-31
Triple Chance: 7-12-13-17-23 35-38-45-52-55
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-4-8-9-10-11-16-18-19-23-24
All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-4-5-8-9-10-12-15-18-22
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-4-5-7-9-13-15-16-17-23-24
All or Nothing night: 2-4-5-7-8-11-13-17-19-20-22-23

Weather

Monday's temperatures
High.....93
Low.....71
Normal high.....94
Normal low.....68

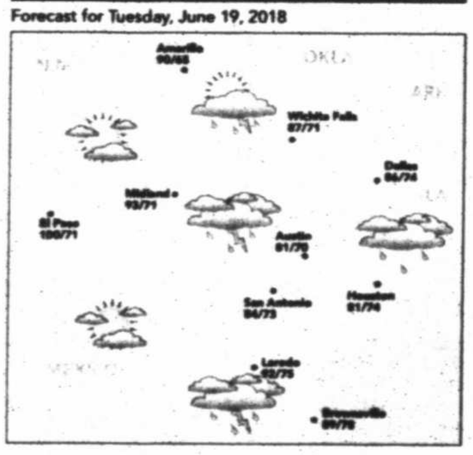
June 18's records
High: 107, set in 1951, repeated in 2011
Low: 52, set in 1945

Precipitation
Monday.....0.00 inch
Sunday.....0.96 of an inch
Month total..1.98 of an inch
Year total.....2.73 of an inch
Normal total (year to date).....5.38 inches

Winds
Average wind speed: 28 mph
Gust speed: 32 mph

Today's forecast

Forecast for Tuesday, June 19, 2018



High: 93
Low: 71
Conditions: Mostly sunny today/partly cloudy tonight
Winds: East 5 mph today/southeast 10 mph tonight
Chance of rain: 20 percent today
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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 Gemini and a Moon in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, June 19, 2018: This year you often feel tense, as you see and hear so many different views and solutions. You will be successful, but you also want to be healthy. Develop some stress-busting habits. If you are single, you might meet someone special from out of the blue. From fall onward, you will feel particularly cared for. If you are attached, develop a shared interest or hobby with your sweetie. As a result, you will find that your bond strengthens. VIRGO might be very instrumental in your decision-making process.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You count on your intuition when making decisions. At times, you might be getting mixed messages. Opportunities come through a close relationship or friendship. Even if you trust this person, it doesn't mean that all of his or her ideas fit your situation. **Tonight:** Dinner for two.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Tap into your creativity to find solutions. Confusion could continue to be an issue in certain relationships. Wait until there is some clarity. You need to approach a situation with respect for different styles; be open to a more liberal slant. **Tonight:** Among the crowds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You are centered and focused. Your priorities reflect who you are, and they tend to involve your home and family. Confusion surrounds joint finances and choices. You have the energy to handle everything you must. A partner could be more demanding than usual. **Tonight:** Order in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your upbeat personality emerges. Ask as many questions as you need to. Listen to your inner voice when dealing with a partner. You might find that this person seems to be distancing him- or herself. Be resourceful in how you draw him or her in. **Tonight:** Be more playful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your concerns revolve around your finances and how much you give to others. On some level, you could be overwhelmed. You might be pleasantly surprised by how a friend offers to pitch in. Recognize that a trip to the doctor might be appropriate. **Tonight:** Relax, and fuss less.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Your charisma draws others toward you. You often are overwhelmed by situations and what occurs. Remain sure of yourself and ready to move in a new direction. Your creativity and intellect help you sort through a confusing comment or situation. **Tonight:** Whatever feels right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Remain sensitive to a loved one. Know that what this person says about you has little to do with his or her true feelings. Activity involving your finances seems busier than usual, whether money is coming in or going out of your wallet. **Tonight:** Take some time to yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Beam in more of what you want. How you say what you think and how you approach the matter could be quite different. Try to be more in sync, and you will be in a stronger position. Listen to a wiser person and you will gain insight. **Tonight:** Speak your mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You find tension mounting, no matter what you do. Your ability to let go of a problematic matter could define your day. Do your best to enjoy yourself despite someone else's criticism. Your easygoing nature is one of the reasons you are successful. **Tonight:** A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Try harder to identify with a loved one. You will open up to new visions and different ways of looking at a personal matter. A friend appears and seems to bring good luck with him or her. Listen and value this person's suggestions and ideas. **Tonight:** Consider a getaway weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating points to a better image in public and within your immediate circle. You tend to sit on some strong feelings, as you might not be conscious of their source. Refuse to close down. Allow yourself to open up more. **Tonight:** Respond to a close friend's invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Defer to someone you care about but with whom you often disagree. The two of you have similar issues, but how you deal with them differs greatly. A friend could be difficult. Give this person the space he or she needs to learn and grow. **Tonight:** At a favorite place with friends.

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OPEC aims for modest hike to overcome Iran's dissent

By Wael Mahdi, Javier Blas and Nayla Razzouk
Bloomberg

OPEC is discussing a relatively modest production increase before its meeting in Vienna this week, an attempt to bridge the gap between Russia's push for a big rise and Iran's insistence that no change is needed.

While a compromise may be necessary to overcome vocal opposition from Tehran, Baghdad and Caracas, it could mean the resulting supply boost is smaller than oil traders — or indeed President Donald Trump — had been anticipating. Crude prices rallied in London on Monday after two weeks of losses, trading above $74 a barrel.

Members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries are discussing an agreement that delivers 300,000 to 600,000 barrels a day of additional oil supply to global markets over the next few months, according to people briefed on the talks. If agreed, that would be smaller than the 1.5 million-barrel-a-day quota increase that Russia has proposed.

"People probably feared 1.5 million barrels a day," but the current talk indicates a smaller increase, said Torbjorn Kjus, chief oil analyst at DNB. "It's going to be the most interesting meeting for a while."

The push by some OPEC members to boost production reflects both internal and external pressures. Within the group, Venezuela's oil output has collapsed to the lowest since the 1950s due to industry mismanagement, and Iran's petroleum exports are subject to renewed U.S. sanctions. These twin crises could remove 1.5 million barrels a day from the market by next year, while also giving those two nations an incentive to block any efforts to fill the gap.

From outside, Trump is attacking the cartel on Twitter for artificially inflating prices and lobbying hard behind the scenes for a significant production increase. Russia, by far the largest non-member to join OPEC's cuts agreement, has said it would be happy with lower crude prices and appears keen to start up new fields.

In the run-up to meetings of OPEC and its allies in Vienna this week, several nations have floated plans for production increases, but no consensus has emerged for what's likely to be a fractious meeting.

OPEC officials are also working on putting the cooperation between the cartel, Russia and other oil producers — the so-called OPEC+ group currently comprising 24 nations — on a permanent footing. That would be a major diplomatic breakthrough for Riyadh and Moscow after just two years of cooperation on oil policy.

The prospect of binding Russia, the world's largest exporter after Saudi Arabia, more closely to OPEC might help persuade Iran and Venezuela to back higher production in the second half of the year.

While Iran said on Sunday it's opposed to any increase to current quotas, a number of other countries are optimistic that a compromise can be reached allowing a relatively modest hike, the people said, asking not to be named discussing private conversations.

Suhail Al Mazrouei, energy minister of the United Arab Emirates and current president of OPEC, said in a statement on Monday that he's "optimistic" that oil producers can reach their goal of stabilizing markets.

Russia has said the total increase in the group's daily quota should be as much as 1.5 million barrels. If allocated proportionally among all members of the group, only about two-thirds of that volume is likely to flow to the market because countries including Venezuela and Mexico are unable to raise output.

The increase of 300,000 to 600,000 barrels a day — above the current OPEC+ production of about 32 million barrels a day — is a less theoretical number. It would be a real increase in production from those countries with spare capacity including Saudi Arabia, Russia and the United Arab Emirates. Some OPEC members back increasing output by the lower end of the 300,000 to 600,000 barrel a day range, one of the people said.

Analysts at Societe Generale predicted a difficult OPEC meeting, but ultimately a deal along the lines of what's currently being discussed.

"Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Kuwait will increase by a combined 500,000 barrels a day, beginning in July," with Russia adding about 200,000 in two to three months, analysts including Mike Wittner wrote in a report. Since this will offset losses in Venezuela, "the result will be broadly stable total OPEC crude, rather than continued declines."

City Council to decide on amendment to Pioneer deal

From staff reports

The Midland City Council will decide today on an amendment to the city's agreement with Pioneer Natural Resources that is expected to put in motion the building of a water reclamation plant.

The current deal between the city and Pioneer includes $120 million in upgrades to Midland's existing wastewater treatment plant, the ability for Pioneer to buy tens of billions of gallons of wastewater at a discounted rate over a 28-year period and a pipeline project with an expected cost of $28 million.

City, state and Pioneer officials have previously said the benefits of the project include:

- city leaders won't have to raise taxes to pay for upgrades at the water treatment facility at Interstate 20 and Farm-to-Market Road 307,
- reduction of truck traffic on city streets because the pipeline system will transport water to the Pioneer Water Management pipeline system that services its operations;
- Pioneer will pay the city up to $2.5 million annually for the sale of treated water; and
- reduction of the amount of freshwater that otherwise would have to be uses for operations.

Pioneer and the city first signed an agreement on this public-private partnership in December 2016. The Texas Legislature approved the project in May 2017. Officials said the agreement went to the Legislature to provide Pioneer protection because of its considerable investment and the length of the contract. The legislation prevents a future Midland City Council from making any major changes to the deal, state Rep. Tom Craddick said previously.

The water deal is Pioneer's second with a Permian Basin city. In a $117 million deal between Pioneer and the city of Odessa, the company receives effluent water for its operations, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. Pioneer Natural Resources COO Tim Dove previously said the contract with Midland is twice the size of the Odessa contract.

The special city council meeting is scheduled to take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Midland City Hall, 300 N. Loraine St.

Hobbs considering another police pay hike amid oil boom

Associated Press

HOBBS, N.M. — A New Mexico city in the heart of the state's booming oil and gas country is considering giving its police officers another raise to keep them from leaving to higher paying jobs.

The Hobbs News-Sun reports that Hobbs city officials are examining a proposal that would boost the pay rate of police officers by 5 percent.

Police officers in Hobbs, New Mexico, are already the highest paid officers in southeastern New Mexico and among the highest paid city police in the state.

Hobbs Police Chief Chris McCall said the Hobbs Police Department has found itself in the position that many area businesses find themselves as the local economy bustles with oilfield activity.

The current starting pay for non-certified Hobbs police officers is $24.78 an hour, or about $51,500 annually.

Bullying

From 1A

procedures," Davis said. "And subject to what the committee comes up, with … I don't see any problems in the policies and procedures. What I am persuaded about is that we can do a far better job of communicating to our parents and to our students what they can do when a bullying event occurs."

Davis also thinks the district can improve setting expectations and must remember that the issue can impact parents.

"We need to be mindful of just what an emotional issue it is for them," Davis said during the meeting. "I'm convinced we could be more empathetic, if nothing else."

The presentation came about one month after the group Midland Moms on a Mission organized a protest in front of MISD Central Office. Parents who were disappointed with how the administration has handled reports of bullying hoped the event would spark change, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

While delivering her report on Monday, Moore detailed some components of the district's current policies and procedures. She described one tool used when investigating bullying situations: a checklist from Texas State University's Texas School Safety Center.

"We've distributed that to our counselors and to our principals and assistant principals to aid them in making a determination as to whether or not an action reported to have taken place does in fact meet the definition of bullying or the definition of cyberbullying," Moore said.

The district administrator also gave a review of MISD's determination of consequences in bullying cases. She said district staff will receive detailed information related to identifying bullying behavior and undergoing the investigation process.

"Those plans are underway to incorporate that into our back-to-school training," Moore said. "We will also have ongoing training throughout the school year to make sure everyone has a better understanding."

In a recent op-ed, Superintendent Orlando Riddick said 29 bullying reports had been filed online in the district last school year.

"We take every bullying allegation seriously and conduct a thorough investigation for each report received to ensure our students are safe and protected at school," he wrote.

Also at Monday's meeting, board members:

- took action on a budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

The general operating budget estimates total revenues of nearly $252 million and expenditures of the same amount.

- approved appointing trustee Tommy Bishop as vice president of the board.

The decision came after Karen Nicholson, who previously held that position, resigned last month. Bishop abstained from voting.

- heard a presentation from the Student Health Advisory Council recommending a written district policy that includes 30 to 60 minutes of recess per day for elementary students and not withholding recess as punishment.

Bush

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American internment camps of World War II, now considered to have been one of the most shameful episodes in U.S. history. We also know that this treatment inflicts trauma; interned Japanese have been two times as likely to suffer cardiovascular disease or die prematurely than those who were not interned.

Americans pride themselves on being a moral nation, on being the nation that sends humanitarian relief to places devastated by natural disasters or famine or war. We pride ourselves on believing that people should be seen for the content of their character, not the color of their skin. We pride ourselves on acceptance. If we are truly that country, then it is our obligation to reunite these detained children with their parents — and to stop separating parents and children in the first place.

People on all sides agree that our immigration system isn't working, but the injustice of zero tolerance is not the answer. I moved away from Washington almost a decade ago, but I know there are good people at all levels of government who can do better to fix this.

Recently, Colleen Kraft, who heads the American Academy of Pediatrics, visited a shelter run by the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement. She reported that while there were beds, toys, crayons, a playground and diaper changes, the people working at the shelter had been instructed not to pick up or touch the children to comfort them. Imagine not being able to pick up a child who is not yet out of diapers.

Twenty-nine years ago, my mother-in-law, Barbara Bush, visited Grandma's House, a home for children with HIV/AIDS in Washington. Back then, at the height of the HIV/AIDS crisis, the disease was a death sentence, and most babies born with it were considered "untouchables." During her visit, Barbara — who was the first lady at the time — picked up a fussy, dying baby named Donovan and snuggled him against her shoulder to soothe him. My mother-in-law never viewed her embrace of that fragile child as courageous. She simply saw it as the right thing to do in a world that can be arbitrary, unkind and even cruel. She, who after the death of her 3-year-old daughter knew what it was to lose a child, believed that every child is deserving of human kindness, compassion and love.

In 2018, can we not as a nation find a kinder, more compassionate and more moral answer to this current crisis? I, for one, believe we can.

EPA shifts oversight of coal waste to a state for 1st time

By Ellen Knickmeyer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency on Monday approved the first state permit program for disposal of toxic ash from coal plants, a switch from federal oversight that the coal industry had sought.

Coal ash is the residue left after burning coal to generate power. Utilities around the country have reported groundwater contamination with arsenic, radium and other pollutants at coal-burning power plants, where landfills and man-made ponds have been used for decades as dumping grounds for coal ash, according to data released by plant owners.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said in a statement that the first approval of a state permit program, in Oklahoma, gives oversight to "those who are best positioned to oversee coal ash management — the officials who have intimate knowledge of the facilities and the environment in their state."

Environmental groups had argued against the transfer of oversight of coal ash disposal to states, arguing that state inaction had already contributed to widespread groundwater contamination.

U.S. coal plants produce about 100 million tons annually of ash and other waste, much of which ends up in unlined disposal ponds prone to leak.

This spring, groundwater testing ordered by the EPA had found heightened levels of pollutants at plants in numerous states, from Virginia to Alaska, according to data released by plant owners.

Despite that emerging understanding of the extent of groundwater problems around coal ash sites, the "industry has asked for leniency, less stringency. That's the direction they're going," attorney Lisa Evans at the environmental Earthjustice nonprofit said of the EPA.

The states involved already have shown "they don't care about the health and safety of communities near coal ash dumps," Evans said.

Pruitt, a Republican and former Oklahoma attorney general, has proposed giving states and utilities more leeway in how they handle the waste, revising a 2015 federal rule that set tighter guidelines for waste from coal plants.

Erin Hatfield, spokeswoman of Oklahoma's Department of Environmental Quality, did not immediately return a call for comment Monday.

A leading U.S. coal producer, Robert Murray of Ohio, had raised the switch of oversight to states as part of a coal "action plan" that Murray presented to Pruitt and other Trump administration officials this spring, according to documents released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Congress in 2016 had approved the rule change that made the permitting programs by the states for coal ash possible.

Georgia also has submitted an application to run a state-permitting program for the coal waste sites, the EPA said.

Texas, a top coal producer, is among other states taking some of the first steps toward taking over permitting of the coal ash dumps, Evans said.

Housing

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through Friday and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday to accommodate events at the restaurant.

- by Midland Koontz, LLC for a specific use permit with term for the sale of all alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption in a restaurant. Johnny Carino's, located at 4711 W. Loop 250, underwent change of ownership and is applying for sale of alcohol during hours of operation.

The hours are 112 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m. to midnight and Friday and Saturday.

- by Betenbough Homes for a zone change from agricultural-estate district to one-family dwelling district to expand the Lone Star Trails subdivision by 0.712 acre. The area is located west of Fairgrounds Road and north of Arapahoe Road.
- by Timber Wolf Estates to realign and subdivide plots of land in Martin County near Timber Wolf Trail and North Elkins Road.

Commissioners will recommend all the items on Monday's agenda to City Council for final approval.

Majors

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energy equity research and analysis at IHS Markit.

Irving-based Exxon Mobil for instance, which paid more than $6 billion last year to increase its Permian position, pledged to triple its Permian position by 2025.

The IHS Markit report contends the three oil majors in the Permian must spend to close $8 billion combined this year, $10 billion next year and $11 billion in 2020. Exxon Mobil would build up to more than $5 billion in 2020, followed closely behind by Chevron with Shell spending almost $2 billion

"The supermajors will further stress the Permian service sector, and as costs escalate, the increased execution risk may be too great for these smaller companies to overcome, possibly forcing them into mergers or sales," del Pozzo said.

The beginning of that wave likely began earlier this year with Midland-based Concho Resources agreeing to buy Dallas-based rival RSP Permian for $8 billion, he said.

The next could be Australia's BHP Billiton selling its Permian acreage that's valued at close to $10 billion. BHP, which is the world's largest mining company, bought big into U.S. shale early this decade, but took a big hit during the recent oil bust and is now planning to exit the shale business.

Trump digs in on immigration as national outrage rises

By Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Undaunted and unapologetic, President Donald Trump defended his administration's border-protection policies Monday in the face of rising national outrage over the forced separation of migrant children from their parents. Tough action is needed to fight illegal immigration, he declared and the U.S. "will not be a migrant camp" on his watch.

Besides, the Democrats are to blame, not him, Trump insisted as images of children held in fenced cages fueled a growing chorus of condemnation from both political parties, four former first ladies and national evangelical leaders. The children are being held separately from parents who have been arrested under the administration's "zero-tolerance" policy for illegal border crossings.

"I say it's very strongly the Democrats' fault," Trump said Monday, citing more lenient policies that had not charged all migrants who had crossed illegally. Republican lawmakers are growing ever more concerned about negative effects on their re-election campaigns this fall, and Trump was to travel to Capitol Hill Tuesday for a strategy session on possible legislation.

Underscoring the sensitivity of the family separation issue, language curbing the taking of immigrant children from parents held in custody will be added to the House's conservative immigration bill, one House GOP aide said Monday. A similar provision is already in a compromise GOP immigration measure between party conservatives and moderates, with the House expected to vote on both late this week.

The administration is hoping to force Democrats to vote for the bills or bear some of the political cost in November's midterm elections.

In the meantime, the administration says it doesn't like the family separations either but migrants who arrive illegally simply won't be released or loosely kept track of.

"The United States will not be a migrant camp and it will not be a refugee holding facility," he declared. "Not on my watch."

Nearly 2,000 children were separated from their families over a six-week period in April and May after Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the new "zero-tolerance" policy that refers all cases of illegal entry for criminal prosecution. Prior procedure had limited prosecution for many family entrants, in part because regulations prohibit detaining children with their parents since the children are not charged with a crime and the parents are.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen rejected criticism accusing her department of inhuman and immoral actions.

"We will not apologize for the job we do or for the job law enforcement does for doing the job that the American people expect us to do," she said in an appearance before the National Sheriffs' Association in New Orleans. "Illegal actions have and must have consequences. No more free passes, no more get out of jail free cards."

The policy change was meant to deter unlawful crossings — and Sessions issued a warning last month to those entering the U.S. illegally that their children "inevitably for a period of time might be in different conditions."

The current holding areas have drawn widespread attention after journalists gained access to one site Sunday. At a McAllen, Texas, detention center hundreds of immigrant children wait in a series of cages created by metal fencing. One cage had 20 children inside. Scattered about are bottles of water, bags of chips and large foil sheets intended to serve as blankets.

Sessions, on Monday, echoed the administration's defense of the policy, and called on Congress to act.

"We do not want to separate parents from their children," he said. "If we build the wall, if we pass legislation to end the lawlessness, we won't face these terrible choices."

White House officials have privately embraced the policy as negotiating tactic to win votes for legislation to fulfil the president's pledge to build a border wall and to tighten the nation's immigration laws.

Trump's commitment to the current policy showed no sign of faltering as voices of outrage and condemnation grew louder and more diverse.

The Rev. Franklin Graham, a longtime Trump ally, called the policy "disgraceful." Several religious groups, including some conservative ones, have pushed to stop the practice of separating immigrant children from their parents, and former first lady Laura Bush called it "cruel" and "immoral."

On Capitol Hill, Republicans joined Democrats in calling for an end to the separations. Michigan Republican Rep. Fred Upton called for an immediate end to this "ugly and inhumane practice," adding, "It's never acceptable to use kids as bargaining chips in political process." And Kansas GOP Sen. Pat Roberts said he is "against using parental separation as a deterrent to illegal immigration."

Politicians visit border amid outrage on family separation

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

MCALLEN — Politicians and advocates flocked to the Mexican border to visit U.S. immigration detention centers and turn up the pressure on the Trump administration amid a growing uproar Monday over its policy of separating immigrant children from their parents.

A group of congressional lawmakers on Sunday visited an old warehouse in South Texas where hundreds of children are being held in cages created by metal fencing. One cage held 20 youngsters.

"Those kids inside who have been separated from their parents are already being traumatized," said Democratic Sen. Jeff Merkley of Oregon. "It doesn't matter whether the floor is swept and the bedsheets tucked in tight."

Nearly 2,000 children were taken from their parents over a six-week period in April and May after Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced a "zero tolerance" policy when it comes to prosecuting those arrested for illegally entering the country. Church groups and human rights advocates have sharply criticized the policy, calling it inhumane.

The policy has divided Republicans, with former first lady Laura Bush saying in a guest column in Sunday's Washington Post that the practice of separating immigrant parents and children along the nation's southern border is "cruel" and "immoral" and "breaks my heart." Bush likened the policy to the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker cited the administration's "cruel and inhuman" policy separating children from their parents in reversing a decision to send a National Guard helicopter from his state to the Mexican border. Migrant advocates announced they would rally outside the federal courthouse in Phoenix on Monday afternoon to protest the policy.

President Donald Trump emphatically defended his administration's policy Monday, again falsely blaming Democrats.

"The United States will not be a migrant camp and it will not be a refugee holding facility," he declared. "Not on my watch."

In San Diego, Rep. Juan Vargas and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus were leading members of Congress on a visit Monday to several immigration detention facilities. Vargas, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and other U.S. lawmakers hoped to meet with men, women and children detained at the international boundary.

Inside the South Texas warehouse, hundreds of immigration children waited inside chain-link enclosures. Scattered about were bottles of water, bags of chips and blankets that looked like large sheets of metal foil.

It was the same facility the U.S. Border Patrol allowed reporters to briefly visit on Sunday. Agents did not allow reporters to interview detainees or take photos.

More than 1,100 people were inside the large, dark facility, which is divided into separate wings for unaccompanied children, adults on their own, and mothers and fathers with children. The cages in each wing open out into common areas so that detainees can use portable restrooms. The overhead lighting in the warehouse stays on around the clock.

At the federal courthouse in McAllen on Monday, some among the estimated 80 immigrants preparing to plead guilty on immigration charges asked the judge questions such as, "What's going to happen to my daughter?" and "What will happen to my son?"

Attorneys at the hearings said the immigrants had brought several dozen boys and girls with them to the U.S., and the judge replied that he didn't know what would happen to their children.

Sergio Flores/Bloomberg

Senator Jeff Merkley, a democrat from Oregon, second from right, speaks to members of the media outside of the Southwest Key-Casa Padre Facility, formerly a Walmart Inc. store, stands in Brownsville on Sunday. Democrats escalated their attacks on President Donald Trump's policy of separating immigrant children from parents who illegally cross the Mexican border, as public outrage over the practice balloons into an election-year headache for Republicans.

5 dead as SUV chased by Border Patrol crashes in South Texas

Associated Press

BIG WELLS — At least five people were killed and several others hurt Sunday as an SUV carrying more than a dozen people during a suspected "smuggling event" crashed while fleeing from Border Patrol agents in South Texas, authorities said.

The SUV carrying 14 people went out of control at more than 100 mph and overturned on Texas Highway 85, ejecting most of the occupants, Dimmit County Sheriff Marion Boyd said.

"From what we can tell the vehicle ran off the road and caught gravel and then tried to recorrect," Boyd said, adding that "caused the vehicle to turn over several times."

Four victims were dead at the scene, Boyd said. He said at least one and possibly two others died at a hospital.

The Border Patrol said in a statement Sunday night that two other vehicles had been traveling alongside the SUV earlier in the day. An agent suspected they were conducting a "smuggling event," according to the statement, which did not elaborate.

The border agent stopped one of the vehicles and another agent stopped a second one. Multiple people from both vehicles were arrested.

The third vehicle kept going when agents encountered it, and a sheriff's deputy took over the chase prior to the fatal crash, the border patrol said.

The incident comes amid heightened tensions over the treatment of immigrants at the southern border. The Trump administration has said tougher immigration policies — even separating children from their parents — are needed to deter immigrants from coming to the country illegally. Over a six-week period ending in May, about 2,000 children had been separated from their families, administration officials said Friday.

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Policy is by far administration's wickedest move

ROSS DOUTHAT
New York Times

Let's start with the easy part. The policy of separating children from their parents at the southern border, delivering them into a bureaucratic labyrinth while their fathers and mothers await trial or petition for asylum, is the wickedest thing the Trump administration has done so far — and you can tell exactly how wicked by observing how unwilling White House officials are to defend the policy on the merits.

The true rationale has been clear from the beginning. Yes, it's partially a byproduct of the tension between the administration's desire to hold illegal arrivals while their status is adjudicated and a court ruling that forbids holding children for more than 20 days. But the cruelty of separation was also deliberately chosen, in the hopes of reducing the number of families trying to make a dangerous border crossing by delivering the ones who get here into a child's nightmare and a parent's hell. It's only since the cruelty has become palpable instead of theoretical that the Trump team has fallen back on the claims that their hands are tied, that they don't want to do this, but law and order requires it, what can you do?

Honesty is generally too much to expect from this administration, but this is a case where it would be useful for everyone if the Trump White House just admitted that this policy was conceived as a deterrent — traumatizing a certain number of families in the hopes of bringing greater order to the border in the long run.

That admission would get us closer to the hard problem in migration policy. Some harshness, some deterrence, really is unavoidable in any immigration system that doesn't simply dissolve borders. So, policymakers are therefore obliged to choose tolerable cruelties over the intolerable one that we're witnessing in action right now.

This dilemma was apparent (or should have been) in the Obama years, when a far more pro-immigration administration pursued sweeping amnesties, eventually by executive fiat. Liberals hailed those amnesties while paying less attention to the consequences of the Dreamer amnesty in particular: It created the impression that kids brought to the United States illegally would soon gain legal status, which in turn helped drive a surge in children being sent north without their parents, overwhelming the Border Patrol and saddling the Obama White House with a problem that it ultimately passed along to President Trump.

Now because Trump is hated and because he's added extra cruelties, the persistence of that problem — the kids living in converted Walmarts or passed off to relatives or foster families and unaccounted for thereafter — has suddenly become a source of outrage for liberals. So have the internal roundups carried out by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), which have likewise been dialed up under Trump, but which predated him and earned far less media attention.

Some of this wider outrage is understandable, but it doesn't sufficiently reckon with the realities that forced even a liberal White House to run detention centers and pursue deportations. It's not just domestic politics and the (justifiable) fear of backlash; it's also that a more generous immigration policy can easily end up requiring more enforcement to prevent a snowballing effect — because migrants are responsive to incentives established by receiving countries, not just conditions at home, and often (just ask Angela Merkel) the more you welcome the more will attempt to come.

So even if you hope to move gradually toward open borders, as much of the Democratic Party seems to want, the slow pursuit of that utopia is still likely to force even Democratic politicians to conduct crackdowns in the year-to-year time being.

This means that even liberals have an interest in finding the least-cruel way of cracking down. My own view, largely unchanged since the days when Mitt Romney was hooted at (including by a then pro-amnesty Donald Trump!) for mentioning "self-deportation," is that workplace enforcement is that less-cruel way. Mandate some version of the E-Verify program, make it harder to hire illegal immigrants, and somewhat more people would leave voluntarily and somewhat fewer would arrive illegally in the first place, reducing the need for ICE raids and the incentives for sudden border surges.

E-Verify is harsh in its own way because it locks many people who have been here a long time out of better-paying jobs. But with that harshness comes possible advantages for working-class Americans: E-Verify mandates "lead to better labor market outcomes among workers likely to compete with unauthorized immigrants," a 2014 study found, with higher incomes for American-born Hispanics and recent-immigrant citizens.

Right now, neither party wants these mandates (E-Verify has fallen out of the proposed House immigration compromise), because both immigration activists and business interests hate them. But morally, E-Verify seems vastly preferable to the brutality of family separation and the harsher Obama-era measures that liberals have belatedly discovered. Trump is showing us what the greater cruelty looks like; that makes it a good time to choose the lesser one.

GUEST VIEW

Inhumanity continues to grow under zero tolerance

The outrages keep piling up.

A Honduran man strangles himself in his Texas cell after being told he would be separated from his family.

Upon release, parents are not being reunited with their children after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of illegally crossing the U.S. border and being sentenced to time served.

And a report Sunday on serious inspection deficiencies at a nonprofit with which the federal government contracts to shelter migrant children who arrived unaccompanied undermines confidence that these children — and others who arrived with but were forcibly separated from their parents — are adequately cared for at any facility.

The nonprofit, Southwest Key, which runs shelters in Texas, Arizona and California, says these represent a fraction of all the items inspected, but consider the deficiencies: delayed medical treatment (including, in one instance, for a child with a sexually transmitted disease), children given food or medicine to which they are allergic and inadequate supervision, followed by some children harming themselves.

Moreover, it's become clear that the Trump administration's zero-tolerance policy of criminally prosecuting illegal crossers means that even asylum-seekers are being arrested and separated from their children.

Put it all together and we have a policy bereft of humanity but full of impracticality and cruelty. And all on purpose, with the goal of deterring future migrants, though it's unclear whether such policies, when enforced in the past, have had that effect.

Attorney General Jeff Session's response to the outrage of separating parents and children is that people arrested for crimes are separated from their children every day — and crossing the border without documents is a crime.

But this is a relatively new occurrence — such crossings were mostly treated as civil violations, subject to civil proceedings. In other words, criminalizing these border crossings is a choice. A particularly cruel one because one of its main purposes is to rip children from their parents as a tool of deterrence.

Many voices — and some legal challenges — objecting to such practices are being heard. Notably, however, Congress has been mostly mute. That must change. This is not who this nation is.

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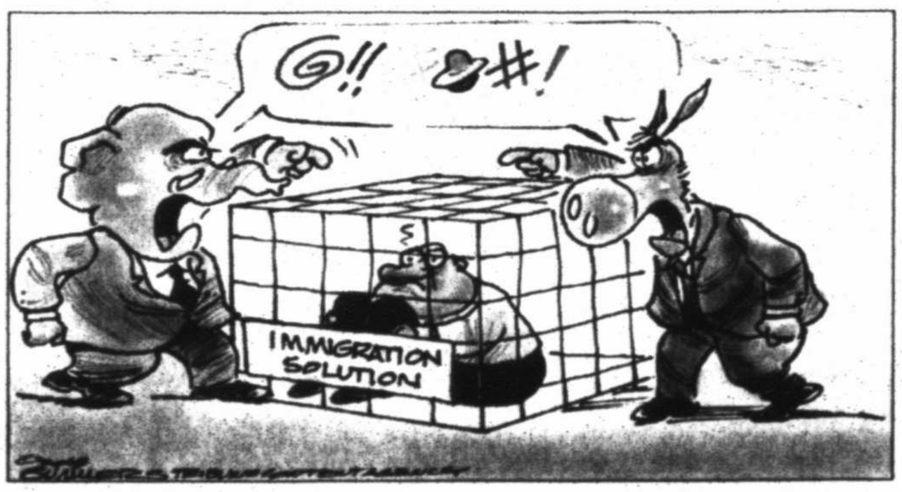

Ryan surrenders last of his principles

ALBERT HUNT
Bloomberg View

Paul Ryan, departing ingloriously from Congress in six months, has capitulated to Donald Trump and House right-wingers at the expense of the "Dreamer" immigrants who were brought to the U.S. at a young age.

Ryan, R-Wisc., blocked a bipartisan bill that would have given the Dreamers protection from deportation and given them a pathway to citizenship. The measure also would have provided money for more sensible border security than the expensive and inefficient Trump wall.

The bill, sponsored by Will Hurd, R-Texas, whose district covers 800 miles along the Mexican border, and Pete Aguilar, D-Calif., easily would have won a majority in the House. But Ryan took his marching orders from Trump, who sees immigration-bashing as a big campaign issue in the fall campaign, and prevented a vote.

Instead, the House this week will take up a harsh measure offered by the nativist chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., and a politically motivated "compromise" the Republican leadership is trying to cobble together.

Ryan started in politics as a disciple of the late Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., and as a pro-immigration "opportunity society" Republican. He abandoned those principles to pander to Trump and the so-called Freedom Caucus, and this latest endeavor is another black mark on what has been a miserable, final turn for him.

The result will be either nothing passes, or the fraudulent "compromise" — designed to give some endangered House Republicans phony talking points in the fall — squeaks through. The Dreamers will continue to be left in the lurch.

Ryan, who announced two months ago he wasn't running for re-election, stayed on as speaker to parlay his political fund-raising prowess. Last month he got rolled by the Freedom Caucus and couldn't pass a farm bill.

Ryan is a big Trump casualty. The two really don't like each other. But even though Ryan is a man who abhors bigotry, and on occasion has distanced himself from Trump's actions and rhetoric, he has more often been an enabler.

Trump loves the politics of immigration-bashing. The Dreamers are young, aspiring Americans who are contributing members of society. But to Trump, they are vehicles. He doesn't want any legislation to distract from his fear-mongering in the midterm election.

This administration is sanctioning the separation of children from parents by border security, leaving small children isolated and scared. It's also cracking down on asylum-seekers, a number of whom are fleeing gang violence and political repression in their countries.

"We are now a country that tells refugees — women fleeing violent abuse, young people fleeing murderous gangs and people fleeing terrorist groups -- to go to hell," says Frank Sharry, a leading advocate for immigrants. "We are now a country that purposefully rips toddlers from the arms of their parents."

The hard-line bill by Goodlatte creates more repression. It would provide very limited protection for Dreamers. As for the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S., it would make their presence here a criminal, rather than a civil, offense. It would mandate government approval of all new hires through the E-Verify database.

The bill, according to some calculations, would reduce future legal immigration by almost 40 percent. As well as civics, chairman Goodlatte flunked economics: There's no way America can remain competitive by drastically reducing that many potential workers and job creators.

The president will meet with House Republicans (today) and is fine with either Republican bill. The only real pro-Dreamer bill is the bipartisan one that Trump opposes and Ryan won't allow to come up for a vote. The alternative partisan measure would provide limited protection for Dreamers, though not as much as the Hurd-Aguilar proposal, and curb, but not end, some of the most tragic aspects of the treatment of children at the border — though some immigration advocates question if it would even do that.

It would also cut back legal immigration, blocking some people who have waited for years, and fully finance construction of the insane border wall, authorizing extensive use of the National Guard for that purpose. Relief for the Dreamers would be tied to the wall funding.

Some Ryan apologists rationalize that if he had allowed a vote on the Hurd-Aguilar measure — the speaker disingenuously claims that all he wants is to give members a vote -- the right-wingers would have had his head instantly. So, Ryan gets to keep his job for 200 more days, thwarts the will of the House majority and avoids offending Donald Trump.

He also relinquished the last sliver of his political soul.

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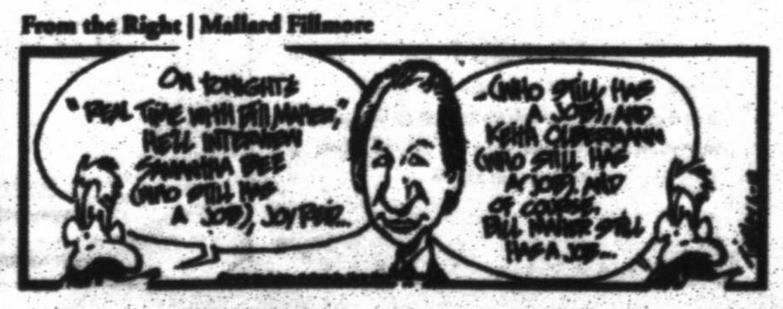

US urges Russia to release political and religious prisoners

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration urged Russia on Monday to release what it called a growing number of political and religious prisoners, warning that President Vladimir Putin's government was turning to "old Soviet practices" to deny rights to detainees.

The condemnation came as President Donald Trump considers holding a summit with Putin and faces continuing questions about whether his administration is insufficiently tough on Russia. In recent months, Trump's administration has taken a number of steps to put pressure on Moscow, including sanctions, but Trump has also raised concerns with comments suggesting that Russia should be allowed back into the Group of 7 — formerly the Group of 8 — industrialized economies despite its annexation of Ukraine's Crimea.

The State Department said it was "deeply concerned" about the problem and added that the number of such prisoners now exceeds 150 people, according to what the U.S. said were credible human rights organizations. State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said the U.S. was calling on Russia to cease using its legal system to "suppress dissent and peaceful religious practice."

"The Russian people, like people everywhere, deserve equal treatment under the law and the ability to exercise their rights without fear of retribution," Nauert said.

The Russian embassy in Washington didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

A senior State Department official said the U.S. had seen a threefold increase in political prisoners in Russia since 2014, along with the use of Soviet practices such as stripping prisoners of parental rights and keeping at least one prisoner detained in a location above the Arctic Circle, despite harsh conditions there.

The official would not answer questions about why Trump's administration was taking particular issue with Russian political prisoners despite downplaying the issue of North Korean political prisoners and other human rights abuses during Trump's summit with Kim Jong Un. Nor would the official explain why the U.S. was taking particular issue with the removal of parental rights from prisoners even as it faces mushrooming criticism over thousands of migrant children being split from their parents by U.S. authorities at the southern border.

The official wasn't authorized to be identified by name and briefed reporters on a conference call on condition of anonymity.

The Trump administration called specific attention to the case of four Ukrainians on a hunger strike, including filmmaker and dissident Oleg Sentsov, a staunch opponent of Russia's annexation of Crimea, where Sentsov is from. In 2015, in a case seen largely as retribution for his views, Sentsov was convicted of conspiracy to commit terror attacks and sentenced to 20 years in prison. He's been on a hunger strike demanding the release of all Ukrainian political prisoners held by Russia.

The U.S. highlighted the cases of Oyub Titiyev, the head of Chechnya's branch of the Russian human rights group Memorial. He was arrested earlier this year on what the U.S. called "trumped-up drug charges." Global human rights groups and the EU have joined the U.S. in condemning his arrest. The U.S. said that his pretrial detention had been recently extended.

FBI won't repeat mistakes noted in watchdog report

By Eric Tucker and Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI is determined to not repeat any of the mistakes identified in a harshly critical watchdog report on the handling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation, Director Chris Wray told lawmakers at a congressional hearing Monday at which he repeatedly sought to distance himself from his predecessor.

Wray said the FBI accepted the findings of the Justice Department inspector general report and has begun making changes, including about how the bureau handles especially sensitive investigations. The FBI is also reinforcing through employee training the need to avoid the appearance of political bias, a key point of criticism in last week's report, and has referred employees singled out in the report to the agency's investigative arm for possible discipline.

"We're going to learn from the report and be better as a result," Wray said, even as multiple Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee pounced on the report's findings to allege rampant bias within the law enforcement agency.

The report blasted FBI actions during the 2016 investigation into whether Clinton, the Democratic presidential candidate, had mishandled classified information on her private email server when she was secretary of state.

It said anti-Donald Trump text messages exchanged by FBI employees who worked on the investigation cast a cloud on the agency's handling of the probe and damaged its reputation. It also said that fired FBI Director James Comey repeatedly broke from protocol, including when he publicly announced his recommendation against charging Clinton and when he bucked the judgment of Justice Department bosses by alerting Congress months later that the investigation was being reopened because of newly discovered emails.

But the report found that the July 2016 decision to spare Clinton from criminal charges was not tainted by political bias or considerations.

Republicans who control the committee and who have grown increasingly skeptical of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into potential coordination between Russia and Trump's Republican presidential campaign said they weren't convinced by that conclusion, or by reassurances that the problems were limited to just a handful of employees.

"There is a serious problem with the culture at FBI headquarters," said Utah Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch.

The Republican committee chairman, Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, drew a contrast between what he said were aggressive actions taken during Mueller's investigation and the "kid-glove treatment" that Grassley maintained had occurred during the Clinton investigation.

"The Justice Department faces a serious credibility problem because millions of Americans suspect that there is a double standard," Grassley said. "They see a story of kid-glove treatment for one side and bare-knuckle tactics for the other. They see politics in that story."

Inspector General Michael Horowitz, who joined Wray at the hearing Monday, said there are lessons to be learned from the 500-page report, including about respecting an institution's hierarchy and norms.

"No rule, policy or practice is perfect, of course," Horowitz said. "But at the same time, neither is any individual's ability to make judgments under pressure or what may seem like unique circumstances.

"When leaders and officials adhere to bedrock principles and values, the public has greater confidence in the fairness and rightness of their decisions," Horowitz said, "and those institutions' leaders better protect the interests of federal law enforcement and the dedicated professionals who serve us all."

He also called into question assertions made by Trump on Twitter before and after the report's release, including his claim that the document exonerated him and his public concern that the inspector general was watering down its findings because of political pressure.

"We followed normal processes, we took comments ... it was not made weaker or softer in any regard."

The report was the culmination of a nearly 18-month investigation by the Justice Department's internal watchdog into how the FBI handled one of the most consequential investigations in its history.

But Horowitz indicated that his work is not done: He confirmed that the office is investigating Comey's handling of personal memos he maintained as FBI director, including one whose substance was shared with journalists by a close friend and law school professor after Comey's May 2017 firing. He's also investigating the origins of the FBI investigation into Trump's campaign, including whether surveillance was conducted under improper motivations.

Asked whether the office was still investigating improper leaks, including to Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani — who claimed to know in advance about damaging revelations against Clinton — Horowitz said, "As we note in the report, our investigative work's still ongoing."

Horowitz said he was especially troubled by anti-Trump text messages between an FBI agent and an FBI lawyer who worked on the Clinton investigation and were both on Mueller's team. In one August 2016 text, the agent, Peter Strzok, said, "We'll stop it," in reference to a possible Trump victory. The inspector general brought those texts to the attention of Mueller, and Strzok was dropped from the team last summer.

Strzok's lawyer has said that his client's actions weren't driven by political bias and that Strzok is willing to testify before Congress.

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President Donald Trump gestures as he signs a "Space Policy Directive" during a meeting of the National Space Council in the East Room of the White House on Monday in Washington, as Vice President Mike Pence watches.

Trump announces plans for Pentagon to create 'Space Force'

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Vowing to reclaim U.S. leadership in space, President Donald Trump announced Monday he is directing the Pentagon to create a new "Space Force" as an independent service branch aimed at ensuring American supremacy in space.

Trump envisioned a bright future for the U.S. space program, pledging to revive the country's flagging efforts, return to the moon and eventually send a manned mission that would reach Mars. The president framed space as a national security issue, saying he does not want "China and Russia and other countries leading us."

"My administration is reclaiming America's heritage as the world's greatest spacefaring nation," Trump said in the East Room, joined by members of his space council. "The essence of the American character is to explore new horizons and to tame new frontiers."

Trump had previously suggested the possibility of creating a space unit that would include portions equivalent to parts of the Air Force, Army and Navy. But his directive will task the Defense Department to begin the process of establishing the 'Space Force' as the sixth branch of the U.S. armed forces. He said the new branch's creation will be overseen by Gen. Joseph Dunford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"When it comes to defending America, it is not enough to merely have an American presence in space. We must have American dominance in space," Trump said. He added: "We are going to have the Air Force and we are going to have the Space Force, separate but equal."

The president also used the White House event to establish a new policy for reducing satellite clutter in space. The policy calls for providing a safe and secure environment up in orbit, as satellite traffic increases. It also sets up new guidelines for satellite design and operation, to avoid collisions and spacecraft breakups.

Trump was joined by Vice President Mike Pence, who leads the recently revived space council, and several Cabinet members, NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine, retired astronauts and scientists.

The council's executive secretary, Scott Pace, told reporters before the meeting that space is becoming increasingly congested and current guidelines are inadequate to address the challenge.

Report says over 1 billion small arms in world, up from 2007

By Edith M. Lederer
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — There are over 1 billion firearms in the world today, including 857 million in civilian hands — with American men and women the dominant owners, according to a study released Monday.

The Small Arms Survey says 393 million of the civilian-held firearms, 46 percent, are in the United States, which is "more than those held by civilians in the other top 25 countries combined."

"The key to the United States, of course, is its unique gun culture," the report's author, Aaron Karp, said at a news conference. "American civilians buy an average of 14 million new firearms every year, and that means the United States is an overwhelming presence on civilian markets."

The report said the numbers include legal and illegal firearms in civilian hands, ranging from improvised craft weapons to factory-made handguns, rifles, shotguns and, in some countries, even machine guns.

The estimate of over 1 billion firearms worldwide at the end of 2017 also includes 133 million such weapons held by government military forces and 22.7 million by law enforcement agencies, it said.

Karp said the new global estimate is significantly higher than the 875 million firearms estimated in the last survey in 2007, and the 650 million civilian-held firearms at that time — mostly due to increasing civilian ownership.

While the United States was dominant in civilian ownership in 2007 and 2017, the report said the U.S. is only fifth today in military firearms holdings, behind Russia, China, North Korea and Ukraine. It is also fifth in law enforcement holdings, behind Russia, China, India and Egypt.

The Small Arms Survey released its study to coincide with the third U.N. conference to assess progress on implementing a 2001 program known as Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms, which includes marking weapons so they can be traced. The conference opened Monday and ends June 29.

Small Arms Survey director Eric Berman stressed that the Geneva-based research and policy institute isn't an advocacy organization.

"We don't advocate disarmament. We are not against guns," he said. "What we want to do, and what we have done successfully for the last 19 years, is to be able to provide authoritative information and analysis for governments so that they can work to address illicit proliferation and reduce it — and to reduce also the incidents of armed violence."

Karp, a lecturer at Old Dominion University in Virginia, said that since the 2007 report, "we have a much more accurate picture of the distribution of firearms around the world than we've ever had before."

He said information, including on civilian ownership from 133 countries, has enabled the Small Arms Survey to publish figures on 230 countries and autonomous territories. But he cautioned that every country's figures include "some degree of estimation."

According to the report, the countries with the largest estimated number of civilian-held legal and illegal firearms at the end of 2017 were the United States with 393.3 million, India with 71.1 million, China with 49.7 million, Pakistan with 43.9 million and Russia with 17.6 million.

But Karp said the more important number is the estimated rate of civilian firearms holdings per 100 residents — and in that table India, China and Russia rank much lower than the U.S. and outside the top 25 while Pakistan ranks 20th.

At the top of that ranking are Americans, who own 121 firearms for every 100 residents. They are followed by Yemenis at 53, Montenegro and Serbia with 39, Canada and Uruguay about 35, and Finland, Lebanon and Iceland around 32.

Karp said the Small Arms Survey doesn't have year-by-year data but countries whose ownership appears to have gone down relative to 2007 include Finland, Iraq, Sweden and Switzerland, though he cautioned this could be due to better data. He said ownership rates in Canada and Iceland are "clearly up" while the rates in Cyprus, Yemen, Serbia and the United States remained relatively stable.

Anna Alvazzi del Frate, the institute's program director, said that "the countries with the highest level of firearm violence — they don't rank high in terms of ownership per person."

"So what we see is that there is no direct correlation at the global level between firearm ownership and violence," she said.

But "the correlation exists with firearm suicides, and it is so strong that it can be used, at least in Western countries, as a proxy for measurement," Alvazzi del Frate said.

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Apple sets up iPhones to relay location for 911 calls

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple is trying to drag the U.S.'s antiquated system for handling 911 calls into the 21st century.

If it lives up to Apple's promise, the iPhone's next operating system will automatically deliver quicker and more reliable information pinpointing the location of 911 calls to about 6,300 emergency response centers in the U.S.

Apple is trying to solve a problem caused by the technological mismatch between a 50-year-old system built for landlines and today's increasingly sophisticated smartphones.

An estimated 80 percent of roughly 240 million emergency calls in the U.S. this year will come from mobile phones, most of which are capable of precisely tracking where their users are.

Emergency calling centers, however, don't get that detailed location information from mobile 911 calls. Instead, they get the location of the cellular tower transmitting the call, and must rely on other methods to figure out where the caller is.

That can take up precious time and often isn't very accurate, especially when calls come from inside a building. Emergency responders are sometimes dispatched a mile or more away from a caller's location.

Apple's upcoming 911 feature relies on technology from RapidSOS, a New York startup. The approach developed by Apple and RapidSOS sends location data from an iPhone to a "clearinghouse" accessible to emergency calling centers. Only the 911 calling centers will be able to see the data during the call, and none of it can be used for non-emergency purposes, according to Apple.

Individual call centers will each have to embrace the technology required to communicate with the RapidSOS clearinghouse. Some centers already have the compatible software, according to Apple, but others will have to install upgrades to their existing software.

Apple expects calling centers for large metropolitan areas to upgrade more quickly than those in rural areas.

Tom Wheeler, a former chairman for the Federal Communications Commission, believes Apple's new approach for locating 911 calls will set a new industry standard. "This is going to save a lot of lives," said Wheeler, now a visiting professor at Harvard University. He said he hopes other phone makers will follow Apple's lead.

The planned changes were announced Monday in Nashville, Tennessee during a 911 convention. They'll be part of iOS 12, the next version of Apple's iPhone software, which the company will release in September as a free update.

Private jet once owned by Elvis Presley for sale

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A private jet once owned by Elvis Presley that has sat on a runway in New Mexico for nearly four decades is back on the auction block.

The online auction site IronPlanet announced this week that the plane with red velvet seats had returned the market after its current owner bought it last year for $430,000.

A previous auction house says Elvis designed the interior that has gold-tone woodwork, red velvet seats and red shag carpet. But the red 1962 Lockheed Jetstar has no engine and needs a restoration of its cockpit.

The plane was owned by Elvis and his father, Vernon Presley.

It has been privately owned for 36 years and sitting on a tarmac in Roswell, New Mexico.

Lindsay Goldstein, a spokeswoman for IronPlanet, said the jet is still grounded in Roswell and the current owner "has not made any changes to this piece of history."

Photos of the plane also show the exterior in need of restoration and seats of the cockpit torn.

A previous owner disputed an auction house's claim the king of rock 'n' roll designed its red velvet interior.

Roy McKay told KOB-TV in Albuquerque he designed the interior himself. McKay said that when he purchased the jet, it had a two-toned gray interior and "kind of looked like a casket."

But then-GWS Auctions Inc. spokesman Carl Carter told The Associated Press the auction house is confident Elvis designed the interior, which photos show has red velvet seats and red shag carpet.

IronPlanet also is confident Elvis designed its red velvet interior, Goldstein said.

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Subject: Choir director

Number of years with Midland ISD: Three

Favorite moment in the classroom: It is a joy seeing a student's face light up when they make music and a connection with the songs they are performing.

Why did you choose a career in education? I always knew that I wanted to be a teacher, and having so many influential ones in my life along the way helped me know that I could make a difference in young people's lives.

How have you moved beyond the basic curriculum and found innovative ways to reach your students? On Fridays we listen to current songs that are on the radio and connect their knowledge of rhythms to what they are hearing in the songs they love. We feel how each different note is through our feet and combine more complex rhythms that they will see later on in choir.

What is the one lesson you want to impart to every student who enters your classroom? That I am not only trying to teach them how to read notes on a page but how to start being responsible for their actions and knowing how to have a conversation with the various adults in their lives.

How do you inspire your peers, colleagues and others aiming to make a difference in Midland ISD? I feel like I am very good at building relationships with my students and letting them know that I am always there for them. I try to make it a point to let all of my students know on a daily basis that I am proud of them and the work they are doing. I try to help them make connections between choir and their other classes so that they are able to be successful in all academic areas.

What are your professional goals for the future? I am currently working on my master's degree in administration and would like to become a Fine Arts director one day.

What is the greatest challenge to being an educator in Midland today? I think the greatest challenge to being an educator in Midland today is the constant ebb and flow of incoming students. Because we attract jobs in Midland, there are constantly new students entering the district, and making sure that the new kids get acclimated to our culture can be tough, especially when they come in toward the end of the year.

What support can Midlanders provide you and other educators? I think that Midlanders need to come and see our kids! We have fabulous students in all of our campuses, and even if you are not a direct family member you can come to the various sporting games and performances that are always happening. Come to a campus and volunteer some of your time and get to know a student. This is a career where it "takes a village" and the campus staff members need your help. Volunteer to read to our elementary students or help with odd jobs around a secondary campus. Students notice that you are investing in them, and we need that now more than ever and not just from educators.

TO THE READER

The Midland Development Corp. has partnered with the Reporter-Telegram to honor teachers and other district officials who make a difference in students' lives.
The MDC, as part of its commitment to education, will sponsor this series that will appear every Tuesday on the front of the Education section. The MDC and Reporter-Telegram thank Midland ISD for its help with Educator Honor Roll.

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COLEMAN CLASS OF 2018

Coleman High School graduation was June 2 at Chaparral Center. Members of the Class of 2018 include:

Caballero, Salvador; Cantu, Gabriella; Cervera, Michelle; Escamilla, Jakob; Garza, Isaiah; Gutierrez, John; Henry, Mya; Hernandez, Oliver; Le, Chau; Leon, D'Amber; Manley, Steven; and Martin, Brookie. And Mendoza, Maria; Pulliam, Kirsten; Quilimaco, Cassandra; Reyes, Iris; Rodriguez, Marcos; Romo, Alyssa; Schumpert-Williams, Brianna; Stephenson, Kyla; Valenzuela, Christieanna; Vidana, Jade; and Willard, Shamill.

Note: List of graduates doesn't include those students whose information is "restricted to the public."

Source: Midland ISD

SUMMEREXPEDITIONARYLEARNINGTRIP

Courtesy photos

A group of 19 Trinity School students recently visited sites in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington, D.C., during a Summer Expeditionary Learning trip. The rising ninth- through 12th-graders went to historical landmarks, museums and educational institutions during the stops on the trip, which was June 3-10, and included: Antietam (left), Gettysburg (right), Monticello, Mount Vernon, Museum of the Bible, U.S. Capitol, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Johns Hopkins University, Gettysburg College, Washington and Lee University, University of Virginia, Georgetown University and United States Naval Academy.

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	C	S	8	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle	The Middle	Black-ish	Black-ish	Last Defense "Darlie Routier: The Trial" (N)	News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:05) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Ready or Not"		Bull "A Redemption"		48 Hours: NCIS (N)	CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show	(:05) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mission "The Case of the Wooden Nickels"	Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Beat Shazam "Episode Four" (N)		Love Connection "Greg and Porsha" (N)		Fox 34 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Mel Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Our Messiah	Housecall	Update News	Lasting Liberty	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Creation Magazine	Mission: 4625	Restore Zion	HaYesod
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News9-out 9 (N)	News9West 9 Now	America's Got Talent "Auditions 4" (N)		World of Dance "The Qualifiers 4" (N)		News9-out 9 (N)		(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Chesapeake Bay by Air		American Experience "The Great War" WWI changed the US through stories of soldiers.				Amanpour (N)	News (N)	News (N)	InnerVision
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16			La rosa de Guadalupe		El Rico y Lazaro		La Bella y Las Bestias		Por Amar Sin Ley	Noticias Telex	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	The X-Files		The X-Files "Orison"		MacGyver	MacGyver	Anger M.	Anger M.	News	Game
FLIX		340	575		185		(3:15) Two Weeks		(:15) ★★ Autumn in New York		(:05) ★★★ Away From Her John Christie.				(:20) Employee of the Month			
HBO		300	501	14	14		Maya	News (N)	Succession (P)		Curtis Finals (N)		Real Sports (N)		Curtis Finals		CHIPS	
HBO2		302	501	15	101	23	Westworld		Bill Maher		LastWeek	W.Conec	It Will Be Chaos (N)			(:20) Westworld		Movie
HBO5		304	502	16	102		(:10) ★ 48th Trip (17, Com) Jada Pinkett Smith.				★ ★★★★ Waitress ('07, Com) Keri Russell.				★ ★★★ Jersey Boys John Lloyd Young.			
MAX		300	507	17	120	24	(3:25) ★ The Plot P...		★ ★★★ Grosse Pointe Blank		(:20) ★ ★★ He's Just Not That Into You						CSI Strike "Episode 3"	
MAX2		302	508	18	122		★ Assassin's Creed Michael Fassbender.				★ Collateral Beauty Will Smith.		(:05) ★ ★★★ Dune ('93, Com) Kevin Kline.				Movie	
FLIX				96			(3:25) ★ Good Burger		★ The Snow Queen		(:10) ★ ★★★ Matilda Mara Wilson.				★ ★★★ Explorers Ethan Hawke.		Movie	
SHOW		320	545	19	140	25	Movie		(:20) ★ Down Dimitri Martin.		The Affair		The Fourth Estate		I'm Dying Up Here		Opposite Sex	
TMC		350	579	22	155	26	(3:45) ★ G.I. Jane		★ The Sense of an Ending Jim Broadbent.				★ Certain Women ('16, Dra) Laura Dern.				★ The Free World	
ABE		27	58	28	35	47	Intervention "Samantha"		Intervention: Then and Now "Tom" (N)		Intervention "Abbie" (N)		Cults and Extreme Belief (N)		(:01) Ext.Polygamy "Exposing the Cult"		(:02) Intervention "Tom"	
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(4:25) ★ Battle Los A...		★ ★★ Hancock ('08, Act) Will Smith.				HUMANS		★ ★★ Hancock ('08, Act) Will Smith.			
BET		58	-		40		★ ★ Soul Plane ('04, Comedy) Snoop Dogg, Method Man, Tom Arnold.								★ ★★ The Wood (1999, Drama) Sean Nelson, Taye Diggs, Omar Epps.			
BRAVO		65	76		41		Below Deck		Below Deck		Below Deck (N)		Million Dollar List		Watch (N)	Below Deck		Million
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	D. Catch "Purgatory"		Deadliest Catch (N)		Deadliest Catch (N)		Exp. Unknown (N)		D. Catch "Lockout"		Expedition Unknown	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi M.	Raven's.	Stuck/Mid.	BigCity	Mixed.	Raven's.	Andi M.	Bunk'd	Duck Tal.	BigCity
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Baseball Division I Tournament Site: TD Ameritrade Park (L)				MLB Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at Los Angeles Angels (L)							
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	NFL Live		On the Clock "No. 2"		NBA Mock Special		NBA: The Jump		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(4:30) ★ Sweet Ho...		The Bold Type (N)		★ ★★ 13 Going on 30 Jennifer Garner.				The 700 Club		Fairy Tale Weddings	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Stars Insider	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Kansas City Royals Site: Kauffman Stadium -- Kansas City, Mo. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Rangers Insider	Post.Spo. "Dallas"	Focused
FX		31	56	59	64	69	★ Kung Fu Panda 3 ('16, Ani) Jack Black.				★ Kung Fu Panda 3 ('16, Ani) Jack Black.				★ Wish Along ('14, Act/Com) Ice Cube.			
HALLMRK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Good Bones (N)		Hidden P.	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	Good Bones	
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Forged "Kora Sword"		Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		(:01) Hunting ISIS (N)		(:02) Forged in Fire		(:03) Forged in Fire	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	40	Grey's A. "Sympathy for the Parents"		★ The Single Mom's Club ('14, Com/Dra) Wendi McLendon-Covey, Mia Long, Amy Smart.						(:05) ★ ★★ Where the Heart Is ('00, Com) Ashley Judd, Natalie Portman.		★ The Single Mom's Club Amy Smart.	
MSNBC		47	53		48	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				The National Dog Show				The National Dog Show				The National Dog Show			
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	H.Bunger	Thunder	★ The Spongebob SquarePants Movie		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★ ★★★★ Raiders of the Lost Ark ('81, Adv) Harrison Ford.						★ Indiana Jones ...	
SYFY		66	62	41	57	67	(3:40) ★ ★★ Tomorrowland Brit Robertson.				Face Off (N)		Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Jeff Goldblum.	Sebastian Maniscalco	Brooklyn 99	Conan
TCM		41	75	34	63	66	(3:45) ★ Brigadoon		★ ★★★★ Singin' in the Rain Gene Kelly.				★ ★★★★ An American in Paris				(:15) ★ ★★★ Gigi	
TELE		20	-	10	20		Vivo El Mundial Y Mo		Mi Familia Perfe (N)		Al Otro Lado del (N)		Sobre de clases (N)		Al rojo		(:20) Tinduras y mas	Al Otro
TLC		51	61	32	36	52	Little People "A Lot to Think About"		Little People (N)		People "Grandkids' First Christmas" (N)		(:10) Our Wild Life (N)		(:10) Little People, Big World		(:10) Our Wild Life	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	(3:30) ★ ★★ Ant-Man ('15, Action) Michael Douglas, Evangeline Lilly, Paul Rudd.				Animal Kingdom "Wolves" (N)		Animal Kingdom "Wolves"		Law & Order "Anchors Away"		Law & Order "Promote This!"	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Younger	Teachers	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Super Smackdown				Chrisley Knows (N)	Chrisley Knows (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN		19	85				Cops	Cops	★ ★★ Jurassic Park III ('01, SciFi) William H. Macy, Tea Leoni, Sam Neill.				100 Code (N)		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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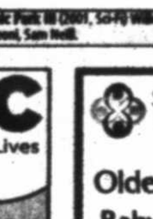

DEAR ABBY: A dear friend has been battling cervical cancer. Her condition has left her dependent on a colostomy bag. She's not shy about discussing it on Facebook and in public, where she speaks loudly. I have tried to be understanding and supportive, but there are limits.

My problem is, she's hell-bent on making sure I see this colostomy bag by frequently checking to see if it's full, even after returning from the bathroom where I'm certain she checked it. More recently, we were at a restaurant and she exposed her bag in full view of others while they were eating. (The bag was full!)

Not only was it disgusting, it's also unhygienic should the bag become disconnected or rupture. Am I insensitive for thinking this is inappropriate and that she should excuse herself to go to the bathroom? — NAUSEATED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR NAUSEATED: No, I don't think you are insensitive. While a colostomy bag is nothing to be ashamed of, because it involves human waste, decorum dictates that it be kept away from the dining table. Have a frank talk with your friend, tell her her behavior is inappropriate, and ask her not to do it in front of you.

DEAR ABBY: I grew up in the generation where if you were gay and you came "out of the closet," as it was called, you were not accepted in the community. A lot has changed since then. However, when it hits close to home, it's difficult for me to deal with.

My 19-year-old daughter told me three years ago that she's gay. At first, I thought she was going through a phase and she was trying to find herself. Now she's dating girls her age, and I'm having a difficult time accepting it. Can you help me? — STRUGGLING MOTHER IN ILLINOIS

DEAR STRUGGLING: Be glad we're not living in the bad old days because the ones we're living in are healthier for everyone. Start by congratulating yourself for having raised a daughter who is honest about her feelings and determined to live her life authentically. While some things may be different than you fantasized when she was little, it does not mean she won't be happy, successful and possibly a parent, if she wishes. Support her as she navigates through her journey in life. If you do, you — and she — will be fine.

DEAR ABBY: During the last year, a female friend of mine has started suggesting that she wants more from our relationship than just a friendship. She has had a history of doing this whenever she becomes friends with a guy.

When she started sending me pictures that became more and more suggestive, I decided to distance myself from her. But in the last month, she has been getting increasingly bold with her advances. How do I handle this without hurting her? — FRIEND AND NOTHING MORE IN IOWA

DEAR FRIEND: Tell your friend you like her, but what she has been doing is making you increasingly uncomfortable. Be direct about saying you are not interested in a sexual relationship with her. Then, if she persists, continue to distance yourself from her.

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With Bob Jones

The escape

Both vulnerable. East deals

NORTH
♠KQ1094
♡J
◇AJ98
♣1072

WEST
♠76
♡Q1087543
◇63
♣94

EAST
♠J3
♡AK92
◇KQ4
♣QJ83

SOUTH
♠A852
♡6
◇10752
♣AK65

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1NT	Pass	2♡*	2♡
3♡	4♠	All pass	

*Transfer to hearts

Opening lead: Nine of ♠

North's two-heart bid, a cue bid of West's known suit, was an intelligent take-out for the other three suits. It was a creative bid, and the meaning was obvious to everyone at the table.

The opening nine of clubs lead was covered by the 10 and jack, and won by South with the ace. The ace of spades and a spade to the king drew the trumps, and a low club was led from dummy. East rose with his jack, a key play, or South would have inserted his six and never lost a club trick. Declarer won with his king and led a low club to dummy's seven and East's eight. Seeing the impending endplay, East courageously under-led his ace-king of hearts to West's queen! West got the message and quickly shifted to a diamond, which South had to duck in dummy. East won and exited safely with his last club. In time, East came to a second diamond trick and the contract was defeated.

The opening club lead did not help the defense, but it's hard to fault West for leading a worthless doubleton when the lead of his worthless diamond doubleton would have been perfect. The contract can actually be made on a heart lead. We'll leave it to interested readers to work out the winning line. We'll offer a big hint. South will have to lead a low club to dummy's seven on the first round of the club suit.

LEE HIGH SCHOOL

Lee High School graduates check their diplomas, congratulate each other and wave to family June 2 after walking the stage during commencement ceremonies at Chaparral Center.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lee High School graduation was June 2 at Chaparral Center.

Note: List of graduates doesn't include those students whose information is "restricted to the public."

Valedictorian: Calloway, Courtney
Salutatorian: Regan Lawrence
No. 3 Dimri, Vijay
No. 4: Patel, Neil
No. 5: Telesca, Alexander
No. 6: Smith, Maren
No. 7: Patel, Dilan
No. 8: Moore, Megan
No. 9: Gibson, Blake
No. 10 (tie) Abbott, Mackenzi
No. 10 (tie) Blasé, Dylan

Abalos, Leonila
Aceves, Esmeralda
Acosta, Fernando
Acosta, Kayla
Acosta-Ramos, Fernando
Adams, Chelsealynn
Aguilar, Cloe'
Aguilar, Jayline
Aguilar, Joseph
Aguilar Carrasco, Lizeth
Aguirre, Alexander
Aguirre, Julian
Ahrlett, Makayla
Akbar, Avery
Alhelo, Tuleen
Alviso, Samantha
Anders, Jacob
Aranda, Luis
Arzavala, Kathlene
Atkinson, Jacob
Avelar, Dylan
Avena, Andrea
Avila, Clarissa
Avila, Ysabel
Baeza, Kassandra
Barnes, Ligaya
Barraza, Melody
Becker, Adam
Bejarano Jiron, Kristoper
Bell, Matthew
Benavides, Alexys
Benitez, Adam
Bermea, Isaiah
Bernal, Jazlyn
Bice, Chloe
Billington, Tylynn
Black, Erin
Blackmon, Kasey
Blessie, Bo
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Cantu, Rafael
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Edwards, Karigan
Elder, Sierra
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Ennis, Hailey
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Escamilla, Josef
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Fawks, Nathan
Figueroa Grijalva, Martin
Fincher, Lyndsey
Finnell, Brent
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Fish, Cormac
Fletcher, Zurie
Flores, Kaitlyn
Fontana, Joseph
Fotis, Joshua
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Fuentes, Angelica
Galarza, Andy
Galindo, Jovanni
Galindo, Mazee
Gamez, Maximo
Gamino Pacheco, Mireya
Gaona, Gregorio
Garcia, Alan
Garcia, Alexia
Garcia, Eric
Garcia, John
Garcia, Mark
Garcia, Pablo
Garcia, Roberto
Garcia Sanchez, Roxana
Garcia Villanueva, Litzy
Garza, Alyssa
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Gillette, Elexa
Gilmer, Bobby
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Gomez, Natalia
Gonzales, Jasmine
Gonzales, Jerimias
Gonzalez, Daniel
Gonzalez, Diana
Gonzalez, Jacob
Gonzalez, Manuel
Gonzalez, Melanie
Gonzalez, Samuel
Gonzalez, Trevor
Goode, Dylan
Granado, Gabrielle
Granado, Luis
Granillo, Eric
Gray, Alyssa
Gray, Reygan
Green, Alaysha
Green, Troy
Griego, Monica
Guajardo, Miguel
Gutierrez Reyes, Jose
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Horton, Dylan
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Jacobs, Caleb
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Koepka could use more wins, but his trophies are big

Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Brooks Koepka now has as many majors as Greg Norman and as many PGA Tour victories as Pat Perez.

Koepka belongs in the conversation of elite players in his generation by winning his second U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills, a test that asked an entirely different set of questions than the U.S. Open he won last year at Erin Hills.

Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth are the only players in their 20s to have won multiple majors, at least for now.

And while the 28-year-old Koepka is only in his fourth full year on the PGA Tour, to see his supreme performance at Shinnecock Hills makes it hard to believe he has only one other PGA Tour title. That was three years ago at the Phoenix Open.

That's likely to change. It might have to for Koepka to get the recognition he deserves, even if that's not what drives him.

His record should get anyone's attention.

Koepka has finished among the top 15 in nine of his past 10 majors starting with the 2015 British Open at St. Andrews. The exception was the Masters two years ago, when he tied for 21st. He missed a month with an ankle injury and returned with a tie for fourth at the 2016 PGA Championship to secure a spot on his first Ryder Cup team. And then he went 3-1 in his Ryder Cup debut at Hazeltine.

He really is a major player.

So what about all the other tournaments he's played?

Koepka touched on that last summer at the Bridgestone Invitational when he said the majors are where "I feel like I'm going to shine."

"Unfortunately, I haven't done it as much in regular tour events or throughout my career," Koepka said. "It's just being a little bit more focused, maybe taking it more serious, knowing that every shot ... to me, it feels like life or death. If you screw up, you're gone. I just love getting up for it and playing the best and

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Julio Cortez/Associated Press

Brooks Koepka kisses the Golf Champion Trophy after winning the U.S. Open Golf Championship, Sunday in Southampton, N.Y.

Woods in the wings

Don't forget about this Cowboy in the middle of the team's flirtation with Earl Thomas

By Brandon George
The Dallas Morning News

FRISCO — Standing in the back end of the Cowboys' defense, Xavier Woods seemingly needs to be jumping in the air and waving his arms these days to make sure he's not forgotten.

Ever since Seattle safety Earl Thomas went into Dallas' locker room on Christmas Eve and told coach Jason Garrett to "come get me" if he wasn't with the Seahawks anymore, the Cowboys have been linked to the Pro Bowler.

The Cowboys have talked to the Seahawks multiple times about a trade for Thomas — including during the draft — but haven't come to an agreement.

The Cowboys are now in wait-and-see mode on Thomas. He skipped Seattle's offseason practices in an effort to force a contract extension or trade. The Seahawks haven't been willing to ship off Thomas for little compensation.

This dance between the Cowboys and Thomas will likely continue into training camp next month.

Meanwhile, Woods has been the overlooked man. If Thomas remains in Seattle, Woods is in line to be the Cowboys' starting free safety. He's being trained by new defensive backs coach Kris Richard, the Seahawks' ex-defensive coordinator who coached Thomas in Seattle.

Woods would replace Byron Jones. One of Richard's first moves after the Cowboys hired him in January was to move Jones from safety back to cornerback.

Woods isn't in the dark about the Cowboys' flirtation with Thomas. He's well aware of the mutual interest, although he doesn't let it bother him.

"I just block it out," Woods said. "I've learned this is a business at the end of the day. The job is based on yourself. You have to be irreplaceable. It's all on you.

"I just control what I can control. I'm trying every day to give them a reason not to want anybody else."

Woods played safety throughout his career at Louisiana Tech, intercepting 14 passes over his final three seasons. The Cowboys drafted Woods in the sixth round last year. He began to emerge midway through his rookie season, playing mostly at nickel back but sometimes at safety.

Woods played 51.5 percent of the defensive snaps as a rookie, finishing ninth on the team with 41 tackles and tied for fifth with six pass breakups. He also had an interception and a fumble recovery.

Richard has been impressed with Woods so far.

"He's really smart," Richard said. "That's the thing that stands out first and foremost about him. He picks stuff up really quick. He takes

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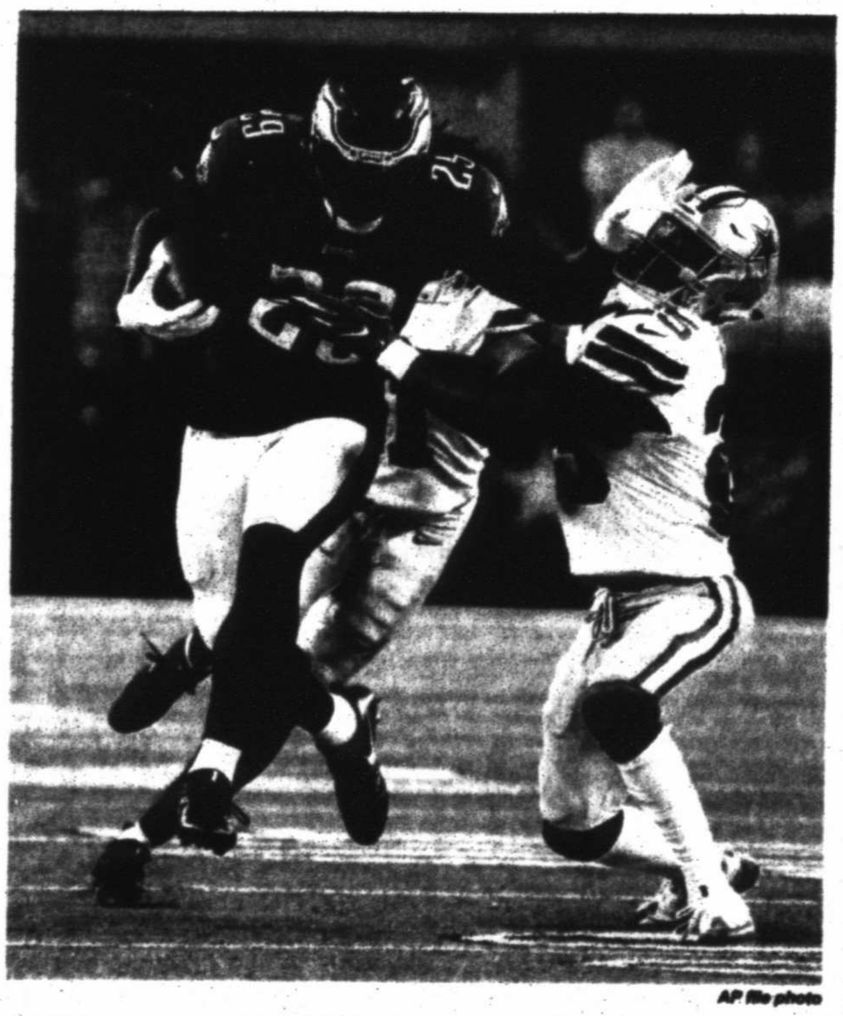

AP file photo

Philadelphia Eagles running back LeGarrette Blount (29) breaks a tackle attempt by Dallas Cowboys' Xavier Woods (25) in the second half of an NFL game Nov. 19, 2017, in Arlington.

Interview remains critical in NBA draft process

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The elevator stopped at the 16th floor of the swanky hotel, and after a few nervous steps down the hallway a soon-to-be professional athlete was ready to face perhaps the most unpredictable part of the NBA draft process.

The interview.

Down in the lobby, Magic Johnson and Rob Pelinka of the Los Angeles Lakers chatted with familiar faces and pretended not to notice random fans taking selfies with them in the background. Agents held court with other agents, Clippers coach Doc Rivers talked with some journalists and a couple dozen people were outside with their phones ready to snap pictures of whoever was walking in next.

But upstairs, high above the bustle and din of Chicago's Magnificent Mile, the real action was happening.

There were probably about 300 interviews conducted over two days in the Windy City during the draft combine. Those chats — more than perhaps the basketball that was played that week — give teams their best insight into a prospect and help decision-makers determine which players will merit multi-million-dollar investments at Thursday's NBA draft. The Associated Press was granted access to one of the sessions.

The 25-minute meeting was held in a room that had its usual furniture — bed, television, dressers — cleared out for two couches and a table with eight chairs.

"Relax, man," the coach said to the player, an early entry candidate, as he sat down. "We're just trying to get to know you."

Water was offered, and the chat began.

A couple of people were taking handwritten notes, the focus clear by the fact that no one is checking their phones, and the interview was more of a conversation than an interrogation. There was an order to things, with five team staffers asking the bulk of the questions, each getting roughly the same amount of time to play their respective role.

"What would your family tell us about you?"

"How many cellphones do you have?"

"Is this just about money?"

They asked the player what he thought of his teammates in college, how he deals with teammates that he doesn't like, how he reacts to criticism. One of the interviewers has turned his chair around, another has his feet up on an unused chair and there were even a couple moments

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AP file photo

Hamidou Diallo, from Kentucky, speaks with the media at the NBA draft combine May 17 in Chicago.

Texas Tech stuns Florida 6-3 in CWS opener

Editor's Note: The game story could not be published until Tuesday's edition because of a late start to the game Sunday.

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Texas Tech cleared the hurdle of winning a College World Series opener. It was a high one, too.

Gabe Holt hit a tiebreaking single in the fifth inning and drove in an insurance run in the ninth, leading the Red Raiders to a stunning 6-3 win over defending national champion Florida on Sunday night.

The Red Raiders (45-18) won their CWS opener for the first time in their three appearances, and they did it against the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament and a first-round draft pick in starting pitcher Brady Singer.

"There are a lot of good teammates on this team, and they're thankful we're in the position we're in. They don't take it for granted," Tech coach Tim Tadlock said. "There aren't too many guys in there after we won tonight saying, 'Hey, we've got this figured out.'

"That's one game. Really proud of our guys of how we went out and competed. We were going to have to do that each inning to come out on the right side. And also have some good fortune."

Texas Tech pitchers limited the Gators to five hits but issued five walks. That was more than good enough against a Florida offense that has struggled for three straight games.

To have a chance to repeat as champions, the Gators (47-20) must win four straight to reach the best-of-three finals. Only Oregon

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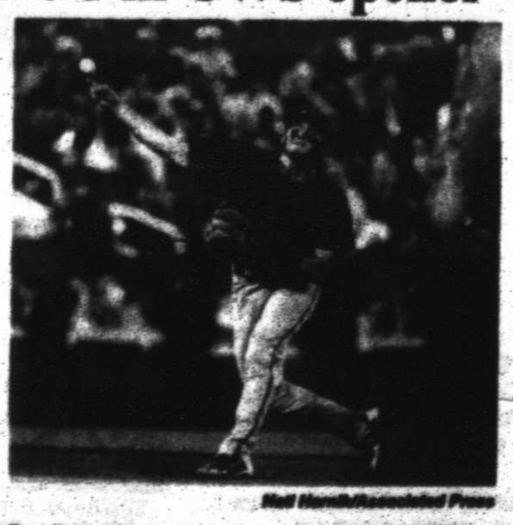

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Texas Tech shortstop Michael Davis (3) is late to throw out Florida's Vill Dalton (19) at first base in the second inning of a College World Series baseball game Sunday in Omaha, Neb.

'HOUNDSWATCH

MONDAY'S SCORE
Frisco 5,
Midland 4

TODAY'S GAME
Midland vs. Frisco
6:30 p.m.

INTERNET
www.milb.com

RECORDS
Midland 33-36
Frisco 24-46

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Frisco 5, Midland 4	Midland vs. Frisco 6:30 p.m.	Midland vs. Frisco 6:30 p.m.	Midland at San Antonio 7:05 p.m.	Midland at San Antonio 7:05 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Baseball
Texas vs. Florida, 1 p.m., ESPN
Arkansas vs. Texas Tech, 6 p.m., ESPN

Golf
PGA of America: Professional Championship, 3rd Round, 6 p.m., GOLF

Horse Racing
Royal Ascot, 7:30 a.m., NBCSN

Major League Baseball
Baltimore at Washington or Seattle at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., MLB
Tampa Bay at Houston, 7 p.m., ATTSW
Texas at Kansas City, 7 p.m., FSSW
Arizona at LA Angels, 9 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Men's Soccer
World Cup: Colombia vs. Japan, 7 a.m., FS1, TELE
World Cup: Poland vs. Senegal, 10 a.m., FOX, TELE
World Cup: Russia vs. Egypt, 1 p.m., FOX, TELE

Tennis
ATP: Halle and London, 5 a.m., TENNIS

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Tampa Bay at Houston, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Texas at Kansas City, 7 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

Men's Soccer
World Cup: Colombia vs. Japan, 7 a.m., KXFS 93.7 FM
World Cup: Poland vs. Senegal, 10 a.m., KXFS 93.7 FM
World Cup: Russia vs. Egypt, 1 p.m., KXFS 93.7 FM

Texas League Baseball
Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

LOCAL GOLF

MARTINEZ ACES AT HOGAN PARK

Rudy Martinez had a hole-in-one at Hogan Park's Quail Course No. 6 hole on Sunday, using a 6-iron. His second ace was witnessed by John Garvin, Mike Printz and Rex Pollard.

LITTLE LEAGUE BRACKETS

Little League District 3 All-Star Tournament
(Times and dates subject to change)
Butler Park, Midland

10-year-old bracket
Saturday, June 16 scores
Game 1: Mid City 19, Sherwood 3
Game 2: Jim Parker 18, Eastern 8
Game 3: Northern 10, Big Spring 2
Monday, June 18 scores
Game 4: Tower 5, Floyd Gwin 4
Winner's bracket
Game 7: Mid City vs. Jim Parker, 8 p.m. Field 2
Loser's bracket
Game 5: Sherwood vs. Eastern, 6 p.m. Field 3
Tuesday, June 19 games
Winner's bracket
Game 8: Northern vs. Tower, 8 p.m., Field 2
Loser's bracket
Game 6: Big Spring vs. Floyd Gwin, 6 p.m., Field 2

11-year-old bracket
Saturday, June 16 scores
Game 1: Mid City 15, Jim Parker 0
Game 2: Northern 18, Sherwood 0
Monday, June 18 scores
Winner's bracket
Game 3: Mid City 16, Big Spring 1
Game 4: Northern 21, Eastern 3
Tuesday, June 19 games
Loser's bracket
Game 5: Jim Parker vs. Game 4 loser, 6 p.m., Field 4
Game 6: Sherwood vs. Big Spring, 8 p.m., Field 4

12-year-old bracket
Saturday, June 16 scores
Game 1: Big Spring 14, Sherwood 4
Game 2: Floyd Gwin 9, Eastern 4
Game 3: Northern 2, Tower 0
Monday, June 18 scores
Game 4: Mid City 13, Jim Parker 0
Winner's bracket
Game 7: Big Spring vs. Floyd Gwin, 6 p.m., Field 1
Loser's bracket
Game 5: Eastern 11, Sherwood 1
Tuesday, June 19 games
Winner's bracket
Game 8: Northern vs. Mid City, 8 p.m., Field 1
Loser's bracket
Game 6: Tower vs. Jim Parker, 6 p.m., Field 1

Intermediate
At Anderson Park, Big Spring
Monday, June 18 score
Game 1: Midland 16, Big Spring 1
Tuesday, June 19 game
Game 2: Big Spring vs. Midland, 7 p.m., Field 3

Junior
At Steer Park, Big Spring
Monday, June 18 score
Game 1: Big Spring vs. Odessa Eastside, late
Tuesday, June 19 game
Game 2: Game 1 winner vs. Midland, 6 p.m.
Thursday, June 21 game
Game 3: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 6 p.m.

Senior
At Steer Park, Big Spring
Monday, June 18 score
Game 1: Big Spring 11, Odessa Eastside 6
Tuesday, June 19 game
Game 2: Odessa Westside vs. Midland, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 20 game
Game 3: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 6 p.m.
Game 4: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 21 game
Game 5: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 8:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Signed INF Zack McLeod, 1B Ign Evans; Ca Jaxel Donning and Matt Beaird; OFs Trey Whitley, Trey Todt and Andrew Joyner; LHPs Jason Montella, Kevin Magee and Cody Hacker; and RHPs Jake Zebron, Jayson Sandridge, Parker McFadden, Dallas Leacher, Tyler Joyner and Andrew Cielli to minor league contracts.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Activated 1B Yandex Alonso from the family medical emergency list. Optioned OF Greg Allen to Columbus (IL). Signed LHP Marc Rzepczynski to a minor league contract and assigned him to the Columbus. Announced OF Melky Cabrera elected outright waivers and elected free agency.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Signed 1B Gabe Snyder, OFs Tyler Webb and Willie Joe Garry Jr. and RHPs Dylan Stowell and Tanner Howell to minor league contracts.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed OF Clint Frazier from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Optioned INF Ronald Torreyes to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Signed RHP Devin Cielli and OF Bryant Arrocha to minor league contracts.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Named Adam Buddenbaum vice president of finance.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Activated RHP Juan Nicasio and C Chris Herrmann from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Rob Whalen and C David Freitas to Tacoma (PCL).
TEXAS (SW RWS) — Signed 3B Kelso Johnson and OF Nick Schnell to minor league contracts.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Signed OF Gabriel Rodriguez, LHP Victor Cavalieri, C Logan Brown, 2B Trey Harris, 3B CJ Alexander and Ray Hernandez and RHPs Luke Jackson, William Woods and Alex Camacho to minor league contracts.
MIAMI MARLINS — Signed RHPs C.J. Carter, Cam Baird and Jameson McElvaine to minor league contracts.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Signed LHP Michael Medoville, OF Micah Bello, Co Nolan Rios and Caleb Marquez and RHPs Peter Strzelecki, Luis Gonzalez and Justin Jarvis to minor league contracts.
NEW YORK METS — Optioned RHP Jacob Rhame to Las Vegas (PCL). Reinstated RHP Jacque Fonda from the 10-day DL.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Sent C Austin Hedges to El Paso (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
American Association
CHICAGO DOGS — Signed OF Tony Rossoh.
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released RHP Jeremy Holcombe.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released INF Joyce Boyd.
TEXAS AIRHOGS — Released RHP Col Dunnivant.
FOOTBALL
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed QB Mitchell Gale to the practice roster.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Re-signed G Eddie Pasquale to a one-year, two-way contract.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Announced the resignation of coach Barry Trotz.
LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League
VANCOUVER STEALTH — Announced the team was purchased by Canucks Sports & Entertainment.
COLLEGE
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN — Announced the resignation of women's tennis coach Mike Baker.
IOWA STATE — Named James Kane men's assistant basketball coach.
NEW MEXICO — Named Sarah Works director of player development for men's basketball.

CWS GLANCE

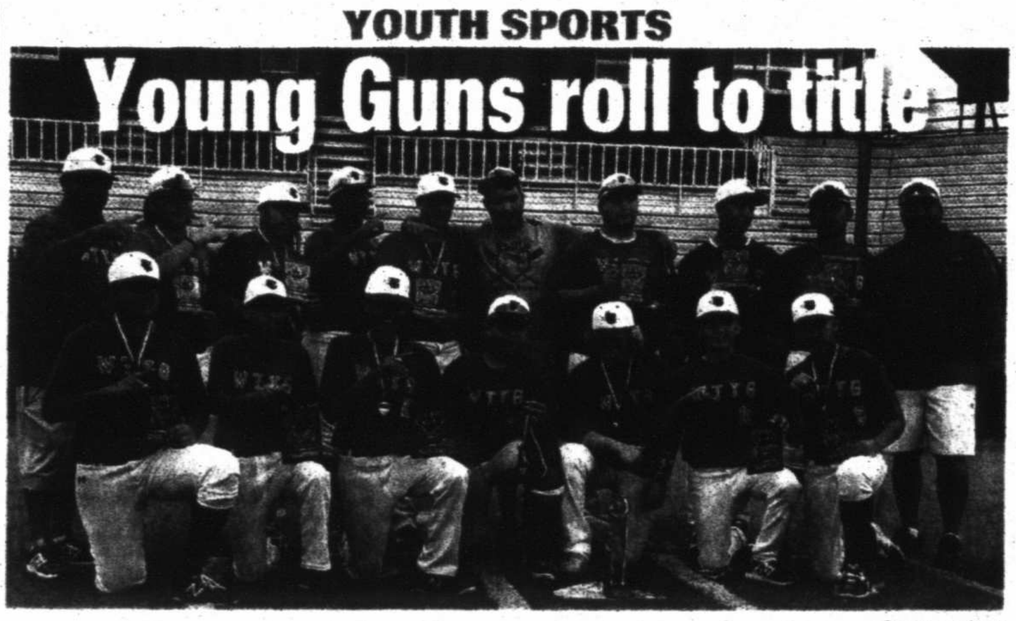
NCAA College World Series Glance
At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha
Omaha, Neb.
(Double Elimination)
Saturday, June 16
North Carolina 5, Oregon State 0
Mississippi State 1, Washington 0
Sunday, June 17
Arkansas 11, Texas 5
Texas Tech 5, Florida 3
Monday, June 18
Oregon State 14, Washington 5, Washington eliminated
Tuesday, June 19
Game 6 — North Carolina (44-18) vs. Mississippi State (39-27), 10 a.m.
Game 7 — Florida (47-23) vs. Texas (42-22), 1 p.m.
Game 8 — Arkansas (45-19) vs. Texas Tech (45-18), 6 p.m.
Wednesday, June 20
Game 9 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 loser, 6 p.m.
Thursday, June 21
Game 10 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 7 p.m.
Friday, June 22
Game 11 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2 p.m.
Game 12 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 23
x-Game 13 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2 p.m.
x-Game 14 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m.
Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
Monday, June 25: Pairings TBD, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, June 26: Pairings TBD, 6 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 27: Pairings TBD, 6 p.m.

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through June 17
All-around
1. Tyl Cooper, Decatur, $107,201
2. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $92,691
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $87,909
Bareback Riding
1. Caleb Bennett, Stevenson, Utah $73,454
2. Mason Clements, Springville, Utah $67,909
3. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $66,333
Steer Wrestling
1. Cole Edge, Bristol, Okla. $59,655
2. Curtis Cassidy, Dewville, Alberta $49,647
3. Tyler Pearson, Locketts, Miss. $45,817
Team Roping (Heeler)
1. Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla. $59,627
2. Cody Doss, Lay Creek, Calif. $45,909
3. Bubba Buhallus, Kingston, Okla. $45,488
Team Roping (Header)
1. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $59,627
2. Aaron Hanson, Owasso, Okla. $45,909
3. John Long, Collinsville, Okla. $45,909
Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Jacobs Crawley, Brewer, $102,554
2. Wade Sundell, Redkins, Iowa $89,909
3. Cody Cross, Hillside, Wyo. $89,288
Tie-down Roping
1. Tyson Durfey, Washington, $89,154
2. Tyl Cooper, Decatur, $87,909
3. Jake Pratt, Cheyenne, Wash. $86,894
Steer Roping
1. Tyl Cooper, Decatur, $84,909
2. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, $67,229
3. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $54,909
Bull Riding
1. Sage Kimzey, Stacy City, Okla. $140,909
2. Parker Breding, Edgar, Mont. $101,709
3. Trey Benton III, Post Mond, $97,279
Barrel Racing
1. Haley Kroul, Colorado, $84,140
2. Nellie Miller, Cottonwood, Calif. $79,894
3. Tori Bella, Round Top, $72,709

YOUTH SPORTS

Young Guns roll to title



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The West Texas Young Guns, a 14U select team from Midland, recently went undefeated at 2018 USSSA West Texas Baseball State Tournament held at Christensen Stadium. The team went 5-0 and defeated the West Texas Flying Squirrels, 11-2 in the championship game. Top row, from left to right, coach Leonard Lara, Luke Rodriguez, Alex Cadena, Jacob Hicks, Alex Bethancourt, Team Hype Man Miquel Matthew Jacobo, Adrian Estrada, Rigo Hernandez, coach Sammy Alvarado. Bottom row, from left to right, Estevan Alvarado, Noah Sainz, Jaime Madrid Jr., Leonard Lara, Major Hook, Nathan Salgado, Raymond Vasquez.

Oregon St. rallies after delay to beat Huskies 14-5 at CWS

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Kyle Nobach hit a three-run homer to put Oregon State in control in the seventh inning, Kevin Abel pitched four strong innings of relief and Oregon State sent Pac-12 rival Washington home from the College World Series with a 14-5 win on Monday night.

The Beavers erased early deficits, starting their comeback just before a 4-hour, 31-minute weather delay and picking up where they left off when play resumed.

Oregon State (50-11-1), the No. 3 national seed, was coming off a loss to North Carolina in its CWS opener and still must win three more games to reach the best-of-three finals. Washington (35-26) went two games and out in its first CWS.

Washington had leads of 3-0 and 5-4 before the teams were pulled off the field with lightning near TD Ameritrade Park in the top of the sixth inning. The Beavers had bases loaded with two outs when play was stopped. Washington sent out closer Alex Hardy (5-4), the fourth of seven Huskies pitchers, after the delay and he walked in the tying run.

The Huskies elected to intentionally walk Adley Rutschman to set up forces on the bases with two outs in the seventh. Michael Gretler smashed a ball down the left-field line for the tie-breaking double, and Nobach hit a 2-2 pitch that barely cleared the wall in right center for his sixth homer of the season and a 9-5 lead.

Oregon State scored all but one of its runs with two outs. The Beavers were 13 for 21 with two outs and 7 for 10 with runners in scoring position.

Tyler Malone homered to start a five-run eighth inning that finished off the Huskies.

Beavers starter Bryce Fehmel turned the game over Kevin Abel after giving up a single to start the fifth. Abel (5-1) threw 17 pitches before the delay, and coach Pat Casey opted to have him go back to the mound when play resumed. Abel allowed one run on one hit and two walks. He struck out five.

Oregon State avoided going 0-2 at a CWS for the first time in five appearances since 2005.

Woods

From 1C

coaching points really well. He already has an idea how to simplify things in his mind, and it works for him. He's fast, he's bright, he's got ball skills and he fits the profile."

Jones said Woods doesn't need to lean on him to pick up the free safety position.

"He's all set, man. He doesn't have to ask me anything," Jones said. "He's going to be just fine. He's going to be very good for us."

Like the Cowboys and Richard, Woods is also fond of Thomas. He said he's studied Thomas ever since college.

"He's one of the greatest safeties in this game right now," Woods said. "Instinctively, his impact on the back end, he's a playmaker."

Before offseason practices started, Richard showed Woods and other players in the Cowboys' secondary tape of how Thomas and the other Seattle defensive backs played within his scheme.

Woods said he also spent more time with Richard breaking down how Thomas moves within the scheme.

"I pick Coach Richard's brain about what Earl thinks," Woods said. "We used to watch film together, me and Coach Richard, and just look and see what Earl brings, what is Earl thinking at this point and time on this play."

Thomas is in the final year of a four-year, $40 million contract. He will be an unrestricted free agent next offseason, free to sign with any team.

The Cowboys could just wait until next offseason to make a push for Thomas, but the price could be even steeper for a safety who turns 30 next offseason.

Or Dallas could be just fine with Woods and Jeff Heath starting at safety in 2018. Heath said he sees a bright future for Woods.

"He's doing a great job right now," Heath said. "If you spend any time around him you understand how serious he takes this, how hard he works, how smart of a player he is. He's got the tools and the skill set you need at that position."

Woods believes he and Heath can excel next season.

"We're both rangy. We both can hit. We both can get our hands on the ball and we both can play in the box or on the back end," Woods said. "I believe we can be one of the best tandems in the league."

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Tech

From 1C

State in 2006 and South Carolina 2010 have lost their Omaha openers and made it to the finals since the tournament went to its current structure in 1999.

"There's no rewind button here. We lost. We've got to move forward," Gators coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "It's certainly doable. Ultimately, we're going to have to have some other guys step up."

Until Nelson Maldonado's two-run homer into the left-field bullpen pulled the Gators to 5-3 in the seventh, Florida's only run had come when Deacon Liput came home on a balk by Ryan Shetter.

Shetter (6-0), who pitched 4 1/3 innings of three-hit relief, earned the win.

Singer (12-2), the No. 18 overall draft pick by the Kansas City Royals, went 6 1/3 innings and allowed five runs — two earned — and nine hits.

The Red Raiders took a 3-1 lead in the fifth after Cody Farhat singled with two outs and ended up on third when shortstop Liput threw wildly to first on Braxton Fulford's grounder. Farhat and Fulford both scored when Holt chopped a ball through the right side.

Tech added two more in the sixth, and it was a three-run game in the ninth when Holt, the Big 12 freshman of the year, singled into right field.

"We're fortunate to have guys who can swing the bat," Tadlock said. "I don't know how much coaching was going on. The guys were hunting pitches to hit."

Florida allowed three unearned runs on a passed ball and a two-out error. The Gators didn't allow an unearned run in last year's title run at the CWS.

Offensively, the Gators had runners at third three times and failed each time to get them home, and they were just 1 for 15 with runners on base and 0 for 7 with runners in scoring position.

In its last three games, Florida has scored a total of eight runs while batting .186.

Running offense

Texas Tech's six runs and 12 hits were its most in a CWS game. Seven players had at least one hit. The Red Raiders' previous highs in a game in Omaha were five runs and nine hits against Coastal Carolina in 2016.

JJ's back

JJ Schwarz returned to the Florida lineup for the first time since breaking his right hand May 18. The Oakland Athletics' eighth-round draft pick started at first base and batted fourth. He was 0 for 4 with two strikes.

Jonah Girand, who had been filling in for Schwarz and remained in the lineup at catcher, continues to struggle with the bat after hitting three home runs in four regional games. Since then he has struck out on 10 of 13 at-bats. He was pulled for a pinch hitter in the seventh inning.

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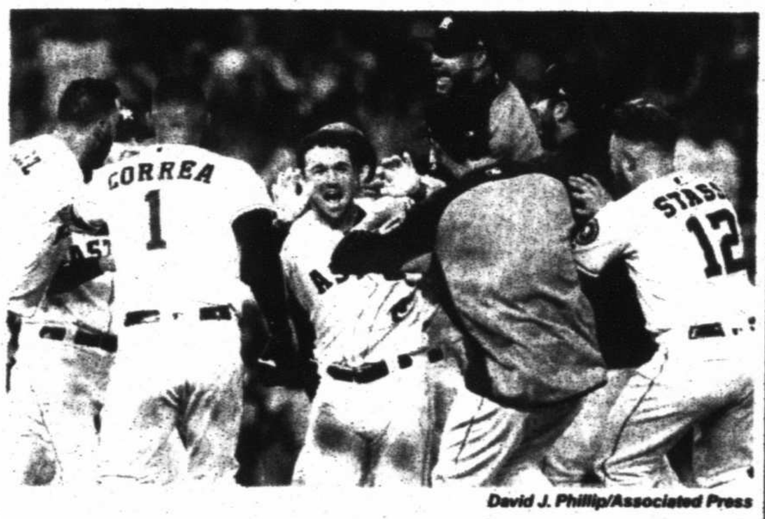

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Houston Astros' Alex Bregman, center, celebrates with teammates after hitting a game-winning double to score two runs against the Tampa Bay Rays during the ninth inning of a baseball game Monday in Houston. The Astros won 5-4.

Bregman's game-ending 2B lifts Astros to 12th straight win

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Alex Bregman hit a game-ending two-run double with one out in the ninth inning and the Houston Astros beat the Tampa Bay Rays 5-4 Tuesday night to match a franchise record with their 12th straight win.

Houston trailed 4-0 after three innings but cut the lead to one entering the ninth.

Sergio Romo (1-2) walked Marwin Gonzalez to start the ninth, then allowed a single to Max Stassi. Tony Kemp's sacrifice bunt moved both runners up, and Houston loaded the bases when George Springer reached on interference by catcher Wilson Ramos.

Bregman then drove a ball that bounced off the wall in left-center. He lifted both arms as he trotted into second base, and teammates mobbed him in the infield.

Collin McHugh (2-0) struck out two in a scoreless ninth for the win on a night Gerrit Cole walked a career-high five to help the Rays build the early lead.

Houston also won 12 straight in 2004 and 1999. The Astros will go for No. 13 on Tuesday with ace Justin Verlander on the mound.

Romo was the seventh pitcher the Rays used as they employed a reliever as a starter for the 16th time in 30 games.

Cole walked Jake Bauers with one out in the first before Ramos launched a fastball into the seats in right field to give Tampa Bay a 2-0 lead.

Matt Duffy drew a walk with one out in the third, stole second base and took third on an error by catcher Brian McCann. Cole, who hadn't walked more than three in a game this season, walked Bauers and Ramos to load the bases. A two-out single by Joey Wendle came next to score two and push the lead to 4-0.

Cole settled down after that, retiring 13 of his final 14 batters, with Tampa Bay's only baserunner coming on a walk by Carlos Gomez with one out in the seventh. He allowed three hits and four runs in seven innings.

Jose Altuve, who finished with three hits, singled with one out in the fourth, and Carlos Correa followed with a double. Houston got within 4-1 on a ground-ball single by Yuli Gurriel which scored Altuve. The Astros made it 4-2 when Correa scored on a sacrifice fly by Josh Reddick.

Altuve doubled and reached third on an error by Johnny Field to start Houston's sixth. A one-out single by Gurriel scored Altuve to cut the lead to 4-3. Gonzalez singled with two outs, but Diego Castillo came in and retired pinch-hitter Evan Gattis to end the inning.

Houston got a single by Altuve with no outs in the eighth inning. He stole second base and advanced to third on an error by Ramos, but Chaz Roe retired the next three Astros to leave Altuve stranded.

Trainer's room

Rays: OF Kevin Kiermaier is expected to return from the disabled list Tuesday after sitting out since April 15 after tearing a ligament in his right thumb which required surgery. He wasn't supposed to be reinstated until Friday, but was feeling good after a rehabilitation stint in the minors and wore manager Kevin Cash down with incessant text messages saying he was ready. "I was sick of hearing from him so I called the general manager and said: 'Please get him up here,'" Cash joked. ... RHP Chris Archer (abdominal strain) has been playing catch and is scheduled to throw a bullpen Friday. Cash said he'll need to make some rehabilitation starts before returning to the team.

Astros: RHP Joe Smith (right elbow inflammation) felt fine after playing catch Sunday but likely won't return from the disabled list until Houston's next homestand, which begins on July 5.

Colon passes Marichal for most wins by Dominican pitcher

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bartolo Colon earned his 244th win, passing Hall of Famer Juan Marichal for the most by a pitcher born in the Dominican Republic, and the Texas Rangers beat the skidding Kansas City Royals 6-3 on Monday night.

Adrian Beltre hit a three-run homer for the Rangers, who won their third straight game. The 45-year-old Colon (4-4) allowed three runs and nine hits in six innings to break a tie with Marichal on the career wins chart.

Only right-hander Dennis Martinez has more victories among pitchers from Latin America. Martinez, a native of Nicaragua, won 245 games in the majors.

The Royals have lost seven straight and 13 of 14. They've dropped 27 of 37 games at Kauffman Stadium, the worst home record in the majors. Kansas City is 2-14 in June, having been outscored 95-35.

Colon was 1-3 with a 9.51 ERA in his five previous starts. Kansas City loaded the bases with one out in the fifth, but the portly and popular right-hander affectionately nicknamed Big Sexy got out of the inning when Hunter Dozier grounded into a double play.

Keona Kela tossed a spotless ninth for his 16th save in 16 chances.

Beltre homered in the third off Ian Kennedy, with Elvis Andrus and Nomar Mazara aboard, to give the Rangers a 5-0 advantage. Mazara had three hits.

Kennedy (1-7) is 1-13 in his last 28 home starts. He is winless in 13 starts since an April 7 victory at Cleveland.

The right-hander gave up a home run to Shin-Soo Choo on his fourth pitch, a drive that just cleared the Royals' right-field bullpen fence. Choo reached base five times, including a double and three walks.

Kennedy yielded five runs on four hits, two of them home runs, and three walks.

Adalberto Mondesi had a run-producing double in the Kansas City third and scored on Mike Moustakas' sacrifice fly.

Rosel Herrera had a run-scoring triple in the fourth for his first extra-base hit and RBI, trimming the lead to 5-3.

Delino DeShields' bunt single in the eighth scored Jurickson Profar for the final Texas run.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROUGHRIDERS 5, ROCKHOUNDS 4 AT SECURITY BANK BALLPARK

TOP HITTERS: For Frisco, Luis Yander La O was 3-for-4 with a double, an RBI and two runs scored, Anthony Gose went 2-for-4 with two runs scored and Michael O'Neill was 2-for-5 with a double. ... Richie Martin was 2-for-5 with a double and two RBI for the RockHounds, while teammate Brett Siddall went 2-for-3 with a double and a run scored.

TOP PITCHERS: Frisco reliever John Fasola improved to 1-2 after hurling 1 2/3 scoreless innings of two-hit ball to go along with three strikeouts. ... RockHounds starter Kyle Friedrichs took a no-decision despite limiting the RoughRiders to two runs (one earned), seven hits and no walks over seven innings, while striking out six. ... RoughRiders starter Pedro Payano held Midland to two runs, five hits and three walks in 6 1/3 innings to go along with six strikeouts.

HIGHLIGHTS: With the game tied 2-2, the RoughRiders scored three runs in the ninth inning to take a 5-2 lead. Frisco's Luis Mendez reached base on a fielding error by first baseman Seth Brown, which allowed Gose, La O and Eliezer Alvarez to score on the play. ... The RockHounds mounted a rally in the bottom half of the ninth, as Martin drove home Siddall with an RBI groundout and Tyler Ramirez followed with a solo home run. But Eli White struck out swinging to end the game.

NOTES: The RockHounds finished the first half of Texas League play with a 33-36 record and in third place of the South Division standings. The second half begins when Midland hosts Frisco at 6:30 p.m. today. The four-game series is tied 1-1. ... Outfielder Brett Vertigan was promoted from Midland to Triple-A Nashville Monday. In a corresponding move, outfielder Skye Bolt rejoined the RockHounds from advanced Single-A Stockton. Bolt hit .146 with two RBI and eight runs scored in 48 at-bats with Midland earlier this season. Bolt was hitting .266 with nine home runs, 32 RBI, 28 runs scored and nine stolen bases with Stockton.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Frisco – RHP Tyler Davis (0-6, 7.50 ERA); Midland – RHP Norge Ruiz (3-5, 4.43).

TL standings

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas (Mariners)	35	34	.507	—
NW Arkansas (Royals)	34	35	.493	1
Tulsa (Dodgers)	34	36	.486	1½
Springfield (Cardinals)	33	37	.471	2½

South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi (Astros)	42	26	.618	—
San Antonio (Padres)	42	27	.609	½
Midland (Athletics)	33	36	.478	9½
Frisco (Rangers)	24	46	.343	19

Sunday's scores
Frisco 5, Midland 4
Corpus Christi 12, San Antonio 0
Northwest Arkansas 11, Arkansas 10
Springfield 3, Tulsa 2

Monday's Games
Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
Arkansas at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

ROUGHRIDERS 5, ROCKHOUNDS 4

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	hbi
O'Neill rf	5	0	2	0	Martin ss	5	0	22
De Leon ss	4	0	0	0	Ramirez dh	4	1	11
Garay 1b	4	0	1	0	E. White 2b	5	0	00
Morgan dh	4	0	0	0	Murphy c	4	0	00
Gose cf	4	2	2	0	Brown 1b	4	0	10
La O 3b	4	2	3	1	Marrero rf	3	0	10
Alvarez lf	3	1	0	0	Bolt cf	3	2	10
Mastman c	4	0	1	0	Siddall lf	3	1	20
Mendez 2b	3	0	0	2	M. White 3b	4	0	11
Totals	39	5	9	3	Totals	39	4	94

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Midland ..... 000 010 102 –4

E – Bolt (2), Brown (6). DP – Frisco 1, Midland 1. LOB – Frisco 5, Midland 8. 2B – La O (3), O'Neill (15), Martin (17), Siddall (8). HR – Ramirez (5). SB – Mendez (1), Bolt (1). SF – Mendez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Frisco						
Payano	6.1	5	2	2	3	6
Fasola W, 1-2	1.2	2	0	0	0	3
Parks S, 1	1.0	2	2	2	0	1
Midland						
Friedrichs	7.0	7	2	1	0	6
German L, 3-3	2.0	2	3	1	1	1

HBP – by Payano (Siddall).
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MLB GLANCE

American League

INDIANS 6, WHITE SOX 2

CLEVELAND — Trevor Bauer shut out Chicago for seven innings before a rain delay ended his night, and Jason Kipnis homered to lead the Cleveland Indians to a 6-2 win over the sliding and sloppy White Sox on Monday.

Bauer (6-5) allowed just three hits, struck out eight and was in line to potentially pitch his first shutout. However, the game was halted by rain in the seventh inning for 35 minutes, and manager Terry Francona pulled the right-hander following the delay and 100 pitches.

Roberto Perez drove in two runs off Dylan Covey (3-2) as Cleveland improved to 15-4 in its last 19 home games against Chicago.

The White Sox committed three errors — one by Covey — in the first three innings, lost their fifth straight and dropped a season-high 23 games under .500.

Matt Davidson homered in the ninth for Chicago.

Chicago's hitters couldn't get anything going against Bauer, who struck out 12 in a tough loss against the White Sox and Covey last week. Bauer was bidding to tie a club record held by two-time Cy Young Award winner Corey Kluber with his fifth consecutive game of at least 10 strikeouts.

Bauer got to eight, but was denied any more because of a line of storms off Lake Erie and Francona's decision not to push him further. Bauer has thrown at least 100 pitches in all 16 starts this season.

Perez's two-run, ground-rule double highlighted Cleveland's three-run second inning, which was set up by Chicago second baseman Yoan Moncada's fielding error.

The Indians loaded the bases on two singles and the error before Perez, who came in batting .100 (7 for 70) against right-handers, hit a shot to right that got wedged in the outfield wall's padding. Kipnis was forced to stay at third, but then scored when Francisco Lindor followed with a sacrifice fly.

Kipnis made it 4-0 with an RBI single in the third, and he hit his fifth homer in the fifth to put Cleveland up by five over Covey, who came in 3-0 with a 1.53 ERA in his previous five starts.

National League

PIRATES 1, BREWERS 0

PITTSBURGH — Trevor Williams pitched one-hit ball over seven innings and two Pittsburgh Pirates relievers closed out a two-hitter in a 1-0 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Monday night.

Williams (6-4) struck out seven and walked two for his first victory in a month. Jordy Mercer drove in the lone run with a seventh-inning double, and the Pirates won for the fourth time in five games.

The Brewers entered the day leading the NL Central but suffered their third straight loss.

The only hit off Williams was a single by Jonathan Villar with two outs in the fifth. The hit followed a walk to Hernan Perez, and the duo executed a double steal before Erik Kratz struck out to end the inning.

Williams had gone 0-2 in five starts since beating the Chicago White Sox on May 15.

Kyle Crick pitched a perfect eighth inning for Pittsburgh. Christian Yelich singled off closer Felipe Vazquez to open the ninth, ending a string of 13 straight Brewers retired. Vazquez retired the next three hitters for his 14th save in 18 opportunities.

Francisco Cervelli drew a one-out walk in the Pirates' seventh and advanced to third on Josh Bell's single. Josh Hader relieved Jhoulys Chacin and struck out Gregory Polanco, but Mercer followed by doubling down the left-field line to score Cervelli.

The run was charged to Chacin (8-2), who had won his previous six decisions and not lost in 13 starts since April 4 against St. Louis. Chacin allowed six hits, struck out two and walked two.

Cervelli had two hits to snap a 0-for-13 skid.

PHILLIES 6, CARDINALS 5

PHILADELPHIA — Left fielder Marcell Ozuna dived for and missed Aaron Altherr's two-run double with two outs in the 10th inning, allowing the Philadelphia Phillies to rally for a 6-5 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Monday night.

Tommy Pham hit a solo homer in the top of the 10th, one inning after a wild pitch on a strikeout kept the game going. But the Phillies rallied.

Rhys Hoskins hit a bloop single to start the bottom of the 10th off Matt Bowman (0-2). Odubel Herrera dived headfirst into first to seemingly beat out an infield single, but the play was overturned by a video review. After Carlos Santana was intentionally walked, Bowman struck out Jesmuel Valentin.

Altherr then hit a sinking liner that appeared to skip off Ozuna's glove before bouncing to the wall.

On a day former closer Hector Neris was sent to the minors, Phillies manager Gabe Kapler's aggressive use of the bullpen nearly cost him. Seranthony Dominguez — the team's best reliever — wasn't available after pitching 2 1/3 innings in the previous two games. So Kapler turned to Victor Arano and Adam Morgan in the ninth to protect a 4-2 lead. Neither pitcher has ever earned a save.

Yadier Molina hit a one-out single in the ninth off Arano, and Jedd Gyorko followed with a double. Arano struck out Harrison Bader and fanned Yairo Munoz, but Munoz reached when catcher Andrew Knapp failed to block the wild pitch and a run scored.

Morgan came in and allowed a tying single to Kolten Wong.

Pham hit a deep drive off Jake Thompson (1-1) for his 11th homer.

Matt Carpenter and Yadier Molina also hit solo homers for St. Louis.

Herrera hit a three-run homer for Philadelphia.

The Phillies' bullpen wasted a strong start from Nick Pivetta. He had a career-high 13 strikeouts, allowing two runs and four hits in 7 1/3 innings in his best outing since May 21. Pivetta lost his previous four starts, posting a 7.11 ERA in those games.

Pivetta left after Carpenter hit a double high off the fence in right to put runners at second and third. Right fielder Nick Williams exited with a bloody face after the ball hit him on the carom.

Edubray Ramos entered and struck out Pham and Jose Martinez swinging at sliders.

The Phillies have won six of eight games while the Cardinals have lost six of eight.

Interleague

FIRST GAME
NATIONALS 5, YANKEES 3
SECOND GAME
YANKEES 4, NATIONALS 2

WASHINGTON — Aaron Hicks' go-ahead two-run homer sparked chants of "Let's go, Yankees!" on the road and helped New York beat Washington 4-2 in the second game of an unusual semi-doubleheader Monday, after pinch-hitter Juan Soto's tiebreaking two-run shot for the Nationals won the opener 5-3.

These games originally were scheduled more than a month ago, and Game 1 resumed after being suspended because of rain in the middle of the sixth — so technically, Soto managed to homer in a game played before he made his major league debut.

Huh?

The 19-year-old Soto was called up from the minors for the first time five days after Game 1 started on May 15; it picked back up at 3-all and the Nationals about to bat in the bottom of the sixth. After Bryce Harper — who had a full beard back on May 15, when the game began, but was clean-shaven this time — struck out, and Anthony Rendon singled, Soto drove a 97 mph fastball from Chad Green (4-1) to the back of the second deck in right field.

MLB GLANCE

KOEPKA

From 1C

playing really, really hard golf courses."

Shinnecock went from ridiculously hard on Saturday to overly gentle on Sunday, though the ultimate measure was Koepka playing the final 36 holes in even par to win. He finished at 1-over 281, the first time in five years that no one broke par at the U.S. Open.

The USGA doesn't like to talk about scores, but that's the identity of this major.

And for now, majors define Koepka.

Norman gets beat up for the number of majors he could have won, including at Shinnecock Hills in 1986, the year he had the 54-hole lead at all four majors. The Shark also had 75 victories around the world and was No. 1 longer than any other player until Tiger Woods came along.

Sunday at Shinnecock began with a four-way tie for the lead, with the past two U.S. Open champions — Koepka and Dustin Johnson — playing in the penultimate group. They are close friends off the course, and even worked out together in the morning before their last two rounds.

Koepka went 1 up on U.S. Open trophies. Still, he was stumped when asked who was ahead in their back-and-forth.

Johnson, still only 33 but much like Norman, hasn't cashed in at the majors as much as he should have. Attribute that to a cold putter on the weekend at Shinnecock, which also held him back at Augusta in April.

Even so, he has 18 victories and is the only player to sweep the World Golf Championships, small fields with the best players.

"He's won every year he's been out here. That's incredible," Koepka said. "I don't know how long he's been out here, 11 years? How many wins has got, 18? That's pretty good. I've got some catching up to do."

Koepka believes Johnson will win another U.S. Open and said he would end his career as among the best to ever play. That will require more than one additional major, for sure, though Johnson already is well ahead in the victory count.

That's the next step for Koepka, at least until the next major.

Before earning his PGA Tour card, Koepka won the Turkish Airlines Open against a strong European Tour field that included Henrik Stenson, Sergio Garcia, Branden Grace and Ian Poulter. Late last year, he registered a nine-shot victory in the Dunlop Phoenix, one of the strongest Japan Golf Tour events. Xander Schauffele tied for second, with Hideki Matsuyama another shot behind.

Koepka doesn't really think about his legacy. He might care even less if people talk about him as much as Johnson, Spieth or McIlroy.

He had a silver trophy in front of him, and it looked familiar. His name goes on there twice, one below the other. That hasn't happened since Curtis Strange won at Brookline in 1988 and Oak Hill in 1989.

"I looked at all these names a million times last year, just looking at everybody," he said. "To have my name on there twice is pretty incredible, and to go back-to-back is even more extraordinary."

Those trophies could use some company. For now, they take up a lot of space on the mantle.

DRAFT

From 1C

of laughter. Almost out of nowhere, there was a very specific question about a block-charge call the player was involved in during a game this past season, and how he reacted to a referee about the call not going his way.

The player slid down in his chair a little bit.

"How'd you even know about that?" he asked, sheepishly.

The time flies by, the interview wraps and the player was due in a few minutes one floor down for another of his seven meetings scheduled throughout the day. Everyone stands, handshakes happen all around, and just like that, it was over. The notebooks close, and the player is walked to the door by the coach who pats him on the back twice while saying "you did great."

The kid stepped into the hall, the door closed, and that was it.

Every team does interviews differently, but for the most part the setup was the same — cleared-out hotel room, about 30 minutes per session, somewhere between five to 10 people in the room to greet the player. By nightfall and the end of the day's meetings, everyone is exhausted. Michael Porter Jr., the Missouri player who will be a lottery pick, couldn't even remember how many teams he met with on Day 1.

"It's all on my phone," he said, as he started running down the list.

There have been some famous, or infamous, stories of how draft combine interviews have gone in recent years.

Many NFL hopefuls have said they've been asked about their sexuality; Jeff Ireland, when he was the general manager of the Miami Dolphins, made headlines in 2010 for asking Dez Bryant if his mother was a prostitute. The Minnesota Timberwolves have been asking players for a couple of years if they speed up or slow down at yellow lights — it's a question seeking insight not into their traffic habits, but their ability to make split-second decisions.

The Detroit Pistons brought a virtual reality setup into their interviews this year, much to the delight of players and something that will likely be copied for years to come given how much of a hit it was. The draft hopefuls were presented with about 12 scenarios when they had the VR headsets on, and were told to assess what to do in the various situations.

And the Portland Trail Blazers went deep into psyches, with a sports performance psychologist asking players a series of questions to determine their personality traits.

"So accurate," said Brian Bowen, who eventually removed himself from draft consideration but will still seek a pro career since the NCAA isn't granting the former Louisville recruit eligibility at South Carolina for the 2018-19 season. "It was crazy."

Kevin Huerter, who is leaving Maryland after two seasons and could get selected as early as the middle of the first round, said some teams — San Antonio and Golden State in particular — were more in-depth than some other clubs were with him during the combine interviews.

"Pick one moment in time that describes your personality," Huerter said he was asked during the Warriors meeting. "I thought that was a really good question."

While one player said he was asked to participate in a staring contest, truly bizarre tales seemed nonexistent.

"I don't let it get there," Miami's Bruce Brown Jr. said. "That's just my personality, to bring everybody up and make everybody smile. Every interview went great."

There was plenty of basketball played at the combine, plenty of on-court testing and evaluation going on, and the sharing of medical information is of enormous value to the teams. There have been more workouts for individual teams since the combine, and more interviews. But teams will review notes from sessions at the combine before Thursday night.

"It's all about business," said Duke's Wendell Carter Jr., someone who will almost certainly be a lottery pick and prepared for that by meeting with most of the teams that have top-14 selections in this draft during his time in Chicago last month. "At the next level, there's no more just playing the game."

Trotz resigns as coach of Capitals

By Stephen Whyno
Associated Press

AP file photo

Washington Capitals head coach Barry Trotz watches his players during an NHL practice June 6 in Las Vegas. Trotz has resigned as coach of the Washington Capitals after leading them to the Stanley Cup. The team announced Trotz's resignation Monday.

Barry Trotz abruptly stepped down as coach of the Washington Capitals on Monday after failing to agree to terms on a new contract, leaving the newly minted Stanley Cup champions without a coach with the draft coming up later this week and free agency opening next month.

Winning the Cup less than two weeks ago triggered a two-year extension for Trotz that would have given him a slight bump in salary to just over $2 million, a person with direct knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team did not announce the extension. Trotz and the team could not agree on an annual salary that would have put him in line with other Cup-winning coaches. Toronto's Mike Babcock makes the most at $6.25 million, Chicago's Joel Quenneville is next at $6 million and Montreal's Claude Julien brings in $5 million.

"After careful consideration and consultation with my family, I am officially announcing my resignation," Trotz said. "When I came to Washington four years ago we had one goal in mind and that was to bring the Stanley Cup to the nation's capital. We had an incredible run this season culminating with our players and staff achieving our goal and sharing the excitement with our fans."

In a statement, the team thanked Trotz for the past four years and said it was grateful for his leadership and accomplishments. General manager Brian MacLellan was expected to address reporters later Monday.

The 55-year-old Trotz went into the season with an uncertain future after ownership and MacLellan declined to talk about a contract extension last summer after back-to-back Presidents' Trophy-winning seasons that ended with second-round exits.

As part of the uneasy arrangement, associate coach Todd Reirden — who was not allowed to interview with other teams last summer — remained on staff and was considered the coach-in-waiting. Reirden is now the leading candidate to replace Trotz, who will be an intriguing figure on the coaching market.

Only the New York Islanders have a current coaching vacancy, though given Trotz's success in Nashville and Washington, other teams might consider making a move to hire him. Trotz has the fifth-most victories in NHL history and has guided a team to the playoffs in 11 of his 19 seasons. He is 762-568-60-134 overall with the Predators and Capitals, and he won 205 of his 328 regular-season games (63 percent) since taking over as Washington's coach in 2014.

WORLD CUP ROUNDUP

SWEDEN 1, SOUTH KOREA 0

NIZHNY NOVGOROD, Russia — Sweden got the break it needed from the video review system, and team captain Andreas Granqvist didn't waste the chance.

Granqvist slid his penalty kick into the bottom right corner of the net in the 65th minute to give Sweden a 1-0 victory over South Korea on Monday at the World Cup.

"I was calm. I waited for the goalie and then I put it in the corner," said Granqvist, a central defender. "We got the penalty, we scored, and then it was just a fight to the end."

The Swedes, playing in their first World Cup since 2006, were awarded the penalty after Salvadoran referee Joel Aguilar consulted a video screen on the sideline. Aguilar had originally waved play on after South Korea substitute Kim Min-woo slid into a tackle and collided with Viktor Claesson. But he took another look and decided Kim had tripped Claesson as he tried to clear the ball.

"There was no doubt it was a penalty and should have been called right away," Sweden coach Janne Andersson said.

It was the third penalty to be awarded because of a video review in the first 12 games at this year's World Cup. France and Peru also benefitted from the technology, though the Peruvians missed their penalty kick.

The video review system, making its World Cup debut in Russia, appears to be working so far.

"We do agree that it was a good call," South Korea coach Shin Tae-yong said.

Sweden is now tied for first place in Group F with Mexico, which beat Germany 1-0. The Swedes will next face the Germans on Saturday, while South Korea plays Mexico on the same day.

Although Sweden used the video review to win, it was the better team and showed most of the attacking intent. The Swedes just couldn't beat goalkeeper Jo Hyeon-woo until the penalty.

Jo saved a close-range shot from Marcus Berg midway through the first half, using his right leg to make the block and then jumping back up to punch the ball away with both hands. He also stopped a powerful, dipping header from Ola Toivonen in the second half.

Shin fielded Jo, the team's third-choice goalkeeper, because he is the tallest of the three keepers and the Koreans wanted to use his height against the Swedes.

Shin also gambled on a three-man attack of Son Heung-min, Hwang Hee-chan and 6-foot-6 striker Kim Shin-wook.

BELGIUM 3, PANAMA 0

SOCHI, Russia — There was a sense of relief for Panama when the last whistle blew at Fisht Stadium in Sochi on Monday.

The team had just lost 3-0 to Belgium in its first-ever World Cup match, and it felt almost like victory.

"Fortunately it didn't happen what everybody thought it would happen, which was for us to lose by six or seven goals," Panama coach Hernan Gomez said. "Panama played with dignity, it wasn't bad."

The 55th-ranked Panamanians put in a valiant effort against the talented Belgians, holding on to a scoreless first-half draw despite conceding many opportunities. It wasn't until the second half that Belgium broke loose with a goal by Driess Mertens and two by Romelu Lukaku.

"The difference between Belgium and Panama in football is greater than three goals," Gomez said. "Nobody likes losing. Some people may say that three goals is a lot, but honestly, three goals against the team we played against today, taking into consideration our experience, this was a normal result, or even abnormal if you consider that it should have been worse."

Veteran midfielder Gabriel Gomez admitted players were worried before the match, but quickly realized it wasn't as bad as they thought it could have been.

"On the field, you realize that in the end they are not that different. They have two legs like you, two eyes like everybody else," he said. "And for a moment we showed that we could fight equally with them."

Coach Gomez said his players should be happy with their performance.

"You shouldn't congratulate someone for losing, but I told my players that they played with dignity and that they did well not to let our opponents put on a rout," he said. "It was 3-0 in the end, but we could have even scored once or twice."

Even the veteran Colombian coach felt the emotions that came with Panama's World Cup debut.

"It was very emotional," he said. "This is my fifth World Cup and it felt like it was the first one. There was happiness, anxiety. It's difficult to overcome that. The match started and the team felt all these emotions. But with time it got better. But it was fantastic, it was a beautiful spectacle for the Panamanians."

The Panamanian crowd was celebrating well before the match and continued even with the team down by three. Many were crying during the national anthem, and players got emotional as well.

"It was very moving to be able to sing the national anthem and represent our country," Panama captain Roman Torres said. "It was historic what we went through here today."

After the game, while Belgium celebrated its victory at one end of the stadium, the Panamanian players huddled at midfield, knelt and prayed. Then they saluted the Panamanian fans who hadn't left the stadium.

ENGLAND 2, TUNISIA 1

VOLGOGRAD, Russia — Twice wrestled to the ground during the match, England captain Harry Kane finally evaded the Tunisian defense just as time was running out.

Kane found an open area of space at the far post and used his head to meet Harry Maguire's flick-on, scoring the winning goal Monday in a 2-1 victory at the World Cup.

It was relief for Kane and Gareth Southgate, who leapt into the air in delight as his World Cup debut as a coach got off to a winning start.

"The best teams in the world keep that belief in what they're doing," Southgate said, "and in the end they break the opposition down."

England shouldn't have found it so tough in its Group G opener against such opposition. Not after Kane got England off to a perfect start with an 11th-minute tap in. But after Kyle Walker softly conceded a penalty that Ferjani Sassi converted in the 35th, many of the fouls went against England.

"Maybe there was a bit of justice at the end," Kane said.

Finally, Kane showcased on the international stage the predatory instinct in front of goal that has served Tottenham so well. Only two years ago, the striker failed to find the net at the 2016 European Championship, which ended in humiliation with a loss to Iceland in the last 16.

The team has been transformed by Southgate since then. For all the placidness and togetherness within the group, Southgate has added persistence and doggedness.

"It shows the work we have put in these last few weeks," Walker said. "Togetherness and believing in ourselves."

At the last World Cup, England couldn't even win a game. Low expectations for this year's overhauled team were dispelled early in Russia when Kane reacted quickly to score after John Stones' header was saved. But England struggled to finish it off.

When Walker's flailing arm caught Fakhreddine Ben Youssef, a penalty was awarded and Sassi slotted it in to equalize.

England's players later thought they deserved the same verdict when Kane was grappled to the ground twice by Tunisians on either side of the halftime break. Both times, the referee decided against punishing the culprits.

Despite it all, Kane remained patient and delivered in the first minute of stoppage time.

"You go until the last second," Kane said, "and I'm absolutely buzzing."

WORLD CUP GLANCE

GROUP STAGE

GROUP A

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Russia	1	0	0	5	0	3
Uruguay	1	0	0	1	0	3
Egypt	0	0	1	0	1	0
Saudi Arabia	0	0	1	0	5	0

Tuesday, June 19
At St. Petersburg, Russia
Russia vs. Egypt, 1 p.m.

GROUP B

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Iran	1	0	0	1	0	3
Portugal	0	1	0	3	3	1
Spain	0	1	0	3	3	1
Morocco	0	0	1	0	1	0

Wednesday, June 20
At Moscow
Portugal vs. Morocco, 7 a.m.
At Kazan, Russia
Iran vs. Spain, 1 p.m.

GROUP C

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
France	1	0	0	2	1	3
Denmark	1	0	0	1	0	3
Australia	0	0	1	1	2	0
Peru	0	0	1	0	1	0

Thursday, June 21
At Samara, Russia
Denmark vs. Australia, 7 a.m.
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
France vs. Peru, 10 a.m.

GROUP D

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Croatia	1	0	0	2	0	3
Iceland	0	1	0	1	1	1
Argentina	0	1	0	1	1	1
Nigeria	0	0	1	0	2	0

Thursday, June 21
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
Argentina vs. Croatia, 1 p.m.

GROUP E

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Serbia	1	0	0	1	0	3
Brazil	0	1	0	1	1	1
Switzerland	0	1	0	1	1	1
Costa Rica	0	0	1	0	1	0

Friday, June 22
At St. Petersburg, Russia
Brazil vs. Costa Rica, 7 a.m.
At Kaliningrad, Russia
Serbia vs. Switzerland, 1 p.m.

GROUP F

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	1	0	0	1	0	3
Mexico	1	0	0	1	0	3
Germany	0	0	1	0	1	0
Republic of Korea	0	0	1	0	1	0

Monday, June 18
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
Sweden 1, Republic of Korea 0

GROUP G

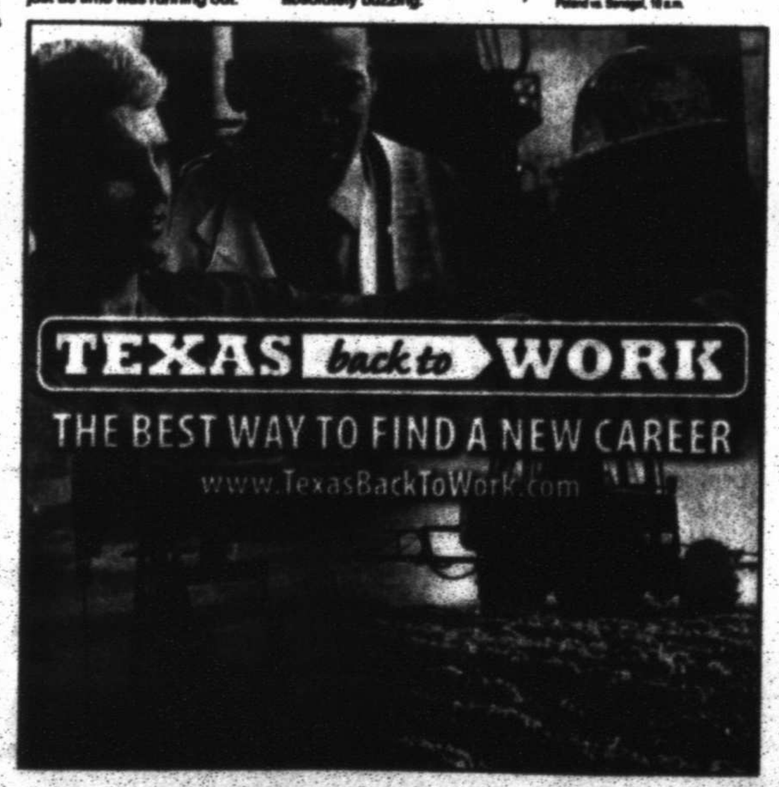
	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belgium	1	0	0	3	0	3
England	1	0	0	2	1	3
Tunisia	0	0	1	1	2	0
Panama	0	0	1	0	3	0

Monday, June 18
At Sochi, Russia
Belgium 3, Panama 0
At Volgograd, Russia
England 2, Tunisia 1

GROUP H

	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senegal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colombia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Japan	0	0	0	0	0	0

Tuesday, June 19
At Saransk, Russia
Colombia vs. Japan, 7 a.m.
At Moscow
Poland vs. Senegal, 10 a.m.



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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

5	6	4	1	3	2	9	7	8
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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WHEN THE BEATLES WERE ASKED IF THEY WANTED TO TOUR AMERICA, THEY WERE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ( ) " ( ) " ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

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Answer: When the elephants worked together, they were — "MULTI-TUSKING"

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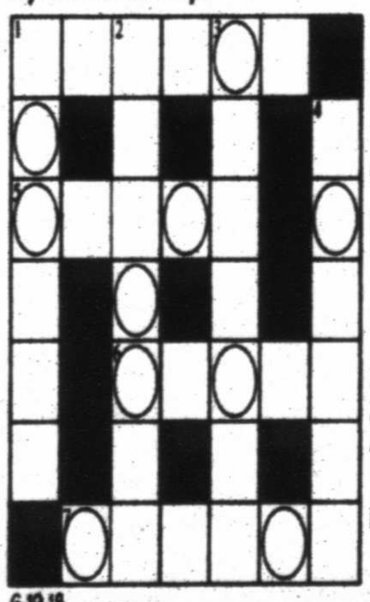

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Holy place	HRSIEN
5. Send, transfer	ETIRM
6. ___ Sea	RONHT
7. Penn partner	ETLERL

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Hit	CKTSRU
2. ___ language	OECNMRA
3. Innate	TULNRAA
4. Spurting oil well	REUSGH

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: This person was voted the 61st "Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Artist of All Time" by Rolling Stone magazine.

BONUS ( ) ( )

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ANSWERS: 1A-Shrine 5A-Forte 6A-North 7A-Tider 1D-Shrug 2D-Flummox 3D-Hebrew 4D-Cedar 5-The Turner

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Like aged cheddar
6 Three-dimensional
11 Clavell's "__-Pan"
14 Down-yielding duck
15 IRA-establishing legislation
16 __ Tin Tin
17 Carry only a carry-on, say
19 "__ had one job!"
20 Bottom edge of a dress
21 Slithery swimmer
22 Bacteria in food recalls
24 MLB's National League nickname (because it was founded first)
29 "Of course"
30 Least fresh
31 Rainbow-shaped
34 Five-time Silver Slugger Award-winning catcher Joe
35 The 2% in 2% milk
38 Nobel physicist Niels
39 Tense with excitement ... and a hint to the ends of the four longest puzzle answers
40 Vague amount
41 Wonderment
42 Funeral rite heaps
43 Aleppo's land
44 Martin of "Route 66"
46 Buddhist discipline
47 Unscrupulous sales tactic
51 Takes a break
52 Ill. neighbor
53 Piece of history
56 Framed works
57 Chew in a cheek
62 Knight's title
63 Downloadable read
64 Moan and groan
65 "Listen up!"
66 Takes a chance on
67 Vetoes

DOWN

1 Meyers of late-night TV
2 Put on the payroll
3 Frequent Yosemite photographer Ansel
4 Gun, as an engine
5 Fussed in front of a mirror
6 Upright violin kin
7 Ocean State sch.
8 The __ Dipper
9 "Kinda" suffix
10 Party food provider
11 Seek a spot on, as a sports team
12 Garlicky mayo
13 Alaskan native
18 Floral garlands
23 IV units
25 Ogler
26 Loud crowds
27 Crossword puzzle list
28 Fingered in a lineup, briefly
31 Old hoops org.
32 Line of seats
33 Mutual attraction in a relationship
34 Stuck in the mud
36 "__ dreaming?"
37 Earl Grey, e.g.
39 Casino mogul Steve
40 Lip-__: mouth the words
42 Wall surface
43 Land a plane
45 Hairy Addams cousin
46 Galvanizing metal
47 Audacious
48 Eagle's nest
49 Trimmable candle parts
50 DNA structure
54 Ancient character
55 Long, long time
58 __-Wan Kenobi
59 Mass. MLB team
60 "All systems go!"
61 __ Beta Kappa

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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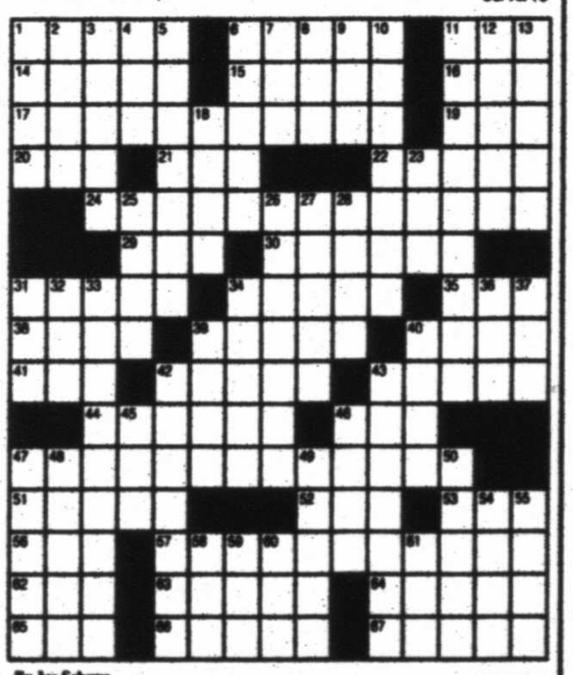

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2. Turn up your nose

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
iShEMkts	635144	44.68	-.55
AT&T Inc	785812	32.19	-.96
GenElec	662262	13.20	-.10
S&P500ETF	525348	276.56	-.57
BkofAm	525115	29.40	+.12

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Pushn n	26.80	+7.80	+37.1
Nordicon	2.62	+.46	+21.3
FormfCA	22.92	+2.80	+14.4
GreenSht n	20.10	+2.00	+11.5
Segus n	15.43	+1.58	+11.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VelocePh	23.58	-3.30	-12.3
BaytexEg	3.40	-.46	-11.9
DBGBHY2	148.00	-19.00	-11.4
BioBnshs s	6.13	-.79	-11.4
RoadrnTn	2.31	-.26	-10.1

Diary

Advanced	1,607
Declined	1,240
Unchanged	112
Total issues	2,959
New Highs	103
New Lows	74
Volume	3,264,620,338

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TransEnrlx	119070	4.00	+.27
GranTrra g	45542	3.21	+.33
GlnIndia lv	43655	33.52	-.21
NthnOAG	35356	2.82	+.04
SRC Eng	26520	10.77	+.20

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Gastar plA	12.78	+1.23	+10.6
Contango	5.40	+.47	+9.5
MexcoEn	4.85	+.35	+7.8
TransEnrlx	4.00	+.27	+7.2
Gastar plB	14.25	+.90	+6.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GoldResrc	6.29	-.37	-5.6
GblGoAm n	20.62	-1.18	-5.4
AvalonHld	2.20	-.12	-5.2
CymaglT s	3.68	-.18	-4.7
PacGE plC	20.95	-.95	-4.3

Diary

Advanced	137
Declined	156
Unchanged	23
Total issues	316
New Highs	3
New Lows	6
Volume	93,251,808

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
JDcom	451898	43.76	+.17
Intel	407288	53.22	-1.89
MicronT	367746	58.45	+.22
Comcst s	299441	32.58	-1.30
RentACt	295124	14.68	+2.65

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Geos n	12.70	+9.19	+261.8
EVS 1-10thU	99.97	+50.00	+100.1
Vanstorn	8.59	+2.05	+31.4
PTC Thera	47.89	+10.33	+27.5
AmrsPhm	13.73	+2.66	+24.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Catasys n	9.11	-16.14	-63.9
NF EngSv	2.84	-.92	-24.5
ApolloEd n	20.13	-5.73	-22.2
Wavedancr	4.25	-1.43	-25.2
Zogenix	3.51	-.79	-18.4

Diary

Advanced	1,454
Declined	1,399
Unchanged	191
Total issues	2,995
New Highs	169
New Lows	43
Volume	2,035,357,923

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11,423.92	9,010.19	Dow Jones Transportation	11,049.95	-24.14	-.22	+4.12	+16.60
778.69	647.81	Dow Jones Utilities	680.16	+2.25	+.33	-3.92	-7.34
13,637.62	11,579.89	NYSE Composite	12,768.63	-26.01	-.20	-.78	+7.40
7,768.69	6,081.86	Nasdaq Composite	7,747.02	+.85	+.01	+12.22	+24.17
2,872.87	2,400.79	S&P 500	2,773.75	-2.91	-.10	+3.75	+13.05
2,068.97	1,684.25	S&P MidCap	1,995.10	+2.81	+.14	+4.98	+13.09
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Abraxas		36	2.82	+.07	+2.4
AdvDrnEq	1.32a		19.66	+.86	+4.2
AMD			17.11	+.77	+68.4
Alibaba		62	208.57	+.57	+21.0
AlpNrsMLP	1.35a		10.33	+.14	-4.3
Amazon			1,701.61	+.15	+19.8
Ambow	.60e	9	4.99	+.05	-22.8
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Bitsh n		76	21.29	+1.63	-69.3
CBSCorpCp	1.56f	17	57.91	+.53	-3.7
Cal Dive rs			28.64	+.68	+35.6
CallyEq	1.00	63	63.65	+1.15	-12.5
CamdnPr s	.79	39	91.35	+.93	+2.7
CamMtPr s			53.14	+.41	
CVS Health	2.00	12	67.74	-2.35	-9.6
CelanseCp			11.75	+.49	-7.1
CenterPnt	.84	23	28.23	+.04	+8.8
Caterpillar	3.44f	16	148.60	-1.34	-5.6
CitrixSys		19	11.92	+.14	+13.7
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Clorox	.84	19	69.92	+1.06	-20.3
Coca	1.32f	22	44.21	-.04	+15.4
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ConocoPhil	.76	16	52.39	+.30	+13.3
Corning	.68	17	27.84	-.06	+.7
CrwnCstle	3.60	9	106.60	+0.89	-44.6
CrwnHold	1.56f	19	82.31	+.11	-2.2
Crocfed	0.60f	16	162.31	-2.11	-2.2
CrstlBk	1.60a	16	94.60	+.60	-4.2
DCP Mid	1.11f	20	37.47	+.34	-21.0
DTE	3.53	17	97.40	+.34	-21.0
DeltaAir			4.60	+.29	-61.9
DenburyR	.20	24	2.98	+.02	-.7
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DrxBull rs			42.80	+2.40	-47.5
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DrxSCBear			6.44	-.26	+19.4
DrxSCBull	.04e	25	63.73	+.89	+8.7
DrxEnBear	.20e		74.57	+.89	+8.7
DrxFnBull	.04		6.01	+.16	+11.7
DrxFnBear	1.71f	21	28.27	+.21	-8.0
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DrxLgBear			17.93	+.31	+12.6
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DrxEnBull			43.66	+.64	-8.2
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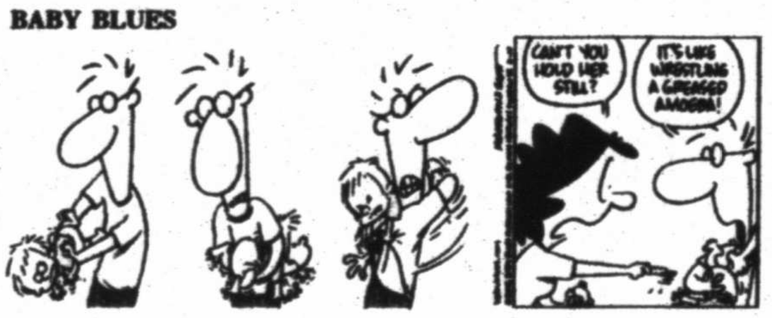

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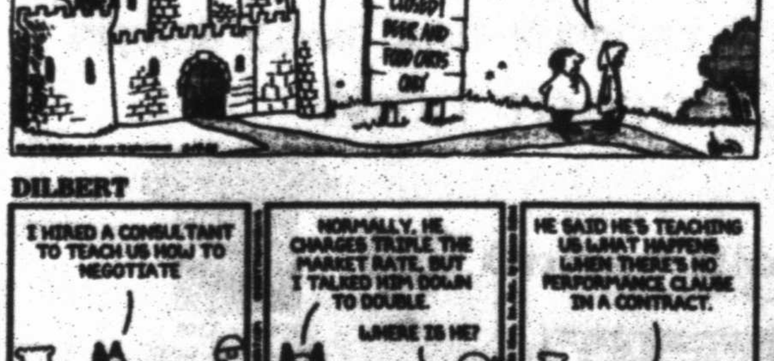

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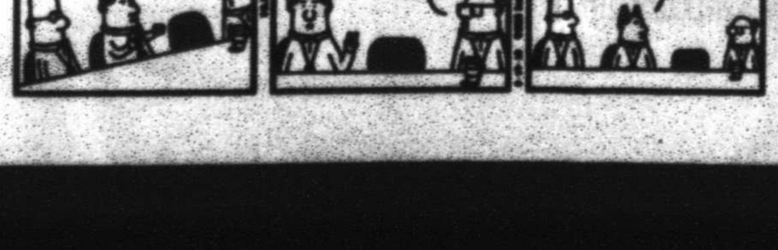

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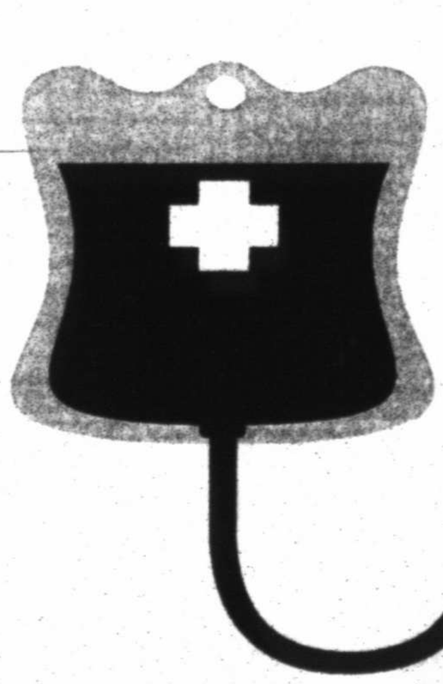

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Assistant Engineer

This is an entry level position for an Engineering Assistant / Engineer Intern at the Midland Development Corporation depending on business need and applicant's qualification.

Full-Time, Regular Employment: $3,500.00 - $5,500.00 monthly
Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time

Physical work location: Midland Development Corporation
200 North Loraine Street, Suite 610
Midland, Texas

General Description:

Performs entry-level engineering work. Design activity is supervised by a licensed professional engineer who has authority for final approval of all projects. Work requires some contact with local governmental representatives, engineering contractors and private entities. Employees at this level perform assignments following specific instructions and are subject to frequent review by the immediate supervisor.

Essential Duties Includes:

Applies principles, methods and techniques of engineering technology to a wide variety of transportation-related activities.
Actively prepares for professional engineering licensing/registration through appropriate training and exams and completion/maintenance of required documentation.
Drives to project sites to assist with collection of engineering data and meetings to participate in project coordinations.
Assists in the performance of engineering-related duties in the field of transportation engineering.
Assists in the performance of research and problem solving of engineering related problems.
Assists with the preparation of routine plan sheets for construction projects.
Assists with the review of engineering work for calculation errors and compliance with applicable federal and state laws and industry standards and guidelines.
Performs engineering-related calculations and drafting/design work using specialized design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.
Uses automated roadway programs and computer-assisted design/engineering systems.
Use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.
Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

Communicate effectively
Transportation engineering terminology and fundamentals
Computer-aided drafting and design systems
Exercises logic and reasoning to define problems, establish facts and draw valid conclusions; makes decisions that support business objectives and goals
Performing calculations to include material and labor estimates, expenses, technical survey data and engineering calculations
Analyzing and organizing business and technical data
The use of applicable hand and power tools, equipment and mechanical devices of the trade
Maintaining a safe working relationship

Minimum Education Required:

Bachelor's Degree in accordance with one of the Other Minimum Requirements outlined below:

Minimum Work Experience Required:

None

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:

Valid Driver's License

Other Minimum Requirements:

Degree in engineering which has been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET).
Degree in engineering technology which has been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET).
Degree in mathematical, physical or engineering science.
Degree in engineering which has not been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET).

Conditions of Employment:

May be required to work weekends and holidays.
May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.
Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.
Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.
External final male applicants who are 18-25 years of age will be required to furnish proof of registration or exemption from registration with the Selective Service System.
If hired, employee must provide document(s) within three (3) days of hire date that establish identity and employment eligibility. A complete list of acceptable documents is on file with the local Texas Workforce Commission office or http://www.twc.state.tx.us/.

Remarks:

Applicants selected for an interview will be required provide an example of engineering design work he or she has developed, and to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.
The Midland Development Corporation (MDC) reserves the sole right in determining the acceptability of work experience and salary based on the applicant's qualified work experience, education, skill level and all other appropriate factors, and based on business needs.

Applications:

Applicants are to send a Cover Letter and Resume to glaw@midlandmdc.com

Design Technician / Engineering Specialist

This position is for one or more Design Technician / Engineering Specialist(s) at the Midland Development Corporation depending on business need and applicants' qualifications.

Full-Time, Regular Employment: $3,500.00 - $8,000.00 monthly
Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time

Physical work location: Midland Development Corporation
200 North Loraine Street, Suite 610
Midland, Texas

General Description:

Performs highly advanced and complex detailed transportation and municipal infrastructure design. Develops transportation and infrastructure project planning documents, supporting permit submissions and construction plans. Provides technical expertise and coordination for multiple infrastructure and/or transportation programs involving design, building construction projects, construction of transportation systems, traffic operations, municipal infrastructure projects and facilities, in accordance with City, State, National and industry standards. Work requires contact with governmental officials, consultants, contractors and private entities. Employees at this level perform work independently on assignments; however, all unusual issues are referred to the supervisor.

Essential Duties Include:

Performs advanced and specialized drafting and calculations in support of design activities; develops graphic presentations that include distinctive design features.
Prepares quantity summaries, hydraulic and utility studies and construction estimates.
Prepares roadway design, infrastructure design, small drainage structures details, traffic control plans, lighting details, signal details, signs summaries, markings layouts, and building plans.
Reviews entire sets of plans for format, drafting and calculation errors and correlation of plans and specifications.
Uses additional automated design tools, interactive graphics or specialized design procedures in areas including bridge/culvert detailing, traffic management, geometric design, signal lighting design, retaining walls and utility design.
Reviews and revises Plans, Specifications & Estimates (P.S.& E.) and project designs for transportation and infrastructure projects to include utilities, streets, small drainage structures, traffic control devices, signals, signs, markings, detours, traffic control plans, and roadway illumination.
Ensures compliance with specifications for devices, safety laws, rules, and regulations; the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and City Standards.
Drives to conduct project site visits and attend coordination meetings.
Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

Considerable knowledge of applicable plans, specifications and estimates preparation, review, processing and compliance requirements
Considerable knowledge of design and plan preparation methods and requirements

Working knowledge of The Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
Proficient skill in the use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems
Advanced and specialized design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.
Proficient skill in maintaining a safe working environment
Ability to communicate effectively
Proficient skill in maintaining effective working relationships with others
Proficient skill in writing, reviewing and revising documents to include engineering notes, specifications, standards and procedures
Proficient skill in reading and interpreting applicable plans, schematics, blueprints and maps
Proficient skill in performing calculations to include material and labor estimates, expenses, technical survey data and engineering calculations.
Proficient skill in planning, coordinating and handling multiple projects within area of responsibility to meet short and long term deadlines
Working knowledge of automated roadway/structural/hydraulic design programs and computer-assisted design/engineering systems.

Minimum Education Required:

Bachelor's Degree in a related discipline
Relevant Work Experience may be substituted for Education on a year per year basis.

Work Experience required:

5 years in civil, transportation and/or infrastructure design.
(Experience can be satisfied by fulltime or prorated part-time equivalent)
No Supervisory Experience Required
Same Relevant Experience may not be substituted for Education on a year per year basis and credited for Required Work Experience.

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:

Valid Driver License

Conditions of Employment:

May be required to work weekends and holidays
May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.
Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.
Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.
External final male applicants who are 18-25 years of age will be required to furnish proof of registration or exemption from registration with the Selective Service System.
If hired, employee must provide document(s) within three (3) days of hire date that establish identity and employment eligibility. A complete list of acceptable documents is on file with the local Texas Workforce Commission office or http://www.twc.state.tx.us/

Remarks:

Applicants selected for an interview will be required provide two examples of civil / transportation / infrastructure design work he or she has developed, and to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.
The Midland Development Corporation (MDC) reserves the sole right in determining the acceptability of work experience and salary based on the applicant's qualified work experience, education, skill level and all other appropriate factors, and based on business needs.

Applications:

Applicants are to send a Cover Letter and Resume to glaw@midlandmdc.com

General Design Technician

This position is for one or more experienced Engineering Assistant/Engineer Intern(s) at the Midland Development Corporation depending on business need and applicant's qualifications.

Full-Time, Regular Employment: $4,500.00 - $7,000.00 monthly
Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time

Physical work location: Midland Development Corporation
200 North Loraine Street, Suite 610
Midland, Texas

General Description:

Performs engineering work. Design activity is supervised by a licensed professional engineer who has authority for final approval of all projects. Work requires contact with local governmental representatives, engineering contractors and private entities. Employees at this level perform work independently on assignments; however, all unusual issues are referred to the supervisor.

Essential Duties Includes:

Applies engineering principles, methods and techniques to a wide variety of transportation-related activities.
Performs research and problem solving of engineering-related problems.
Performs engineering-related duties in the field of transportation engineering.
Performs engineering-related planning, design, data collection, evaluation and analysis activities.
Performs engineering-related calculations and drafting/design work.
Performs engineering analysis; to include travel demand, traffic operations, water distribution and waste water collection.
Reviews engineering work for calculation errors and compliance with applicable federal and state laws and industry standards and guidelines.
Actively prepares for professional engineering licensing/registration through appropriate training and exams and completion/maintenance of required documentation.
Assists a Project Manager oversee consultants performing advanced and complex engineering work.
Assists with reviews and processing of project design plans developed by consulting engineers.
Assists with monitoring contract performance, evaluating contract deliverables, reviewing billing documentation, monitoring the consultant's compliance with the terms of the contract, and preparation of written evaluation of the consultant's performance.
Assists with negotiation of fees and budgets, development and negotiation of scopes of work, negotiation of contract work schedules, and negotiation of other contract agreements.
Uses automated roadway/structural/hydraulic design programs and computer-assisted design/engineering systems.
Use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.
Drives to project sites to collect engineering data and attend meetings for project coordinations.
Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

Civil / Transportation design engineering principles, practices and methods and the application of engineering theory.
Civil engineering terminology and fundamentals
Working knowledge of design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.
Plan review methods, processes and procedures
The Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
Highway/Utility construction and maintenance
Applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations specific to area of responsibility for safeguarding information.
Collecting, sorting and compiling data.
Applying engineering principles, practices, and methods in job responsibilities.
Analyzing and organizing technical data.
Maintaining a safe working relationship.
Communicate effectively.
Research and analysis methodologies.

Minimum Education Required:

Bachelor's Degree in accordance with one of the Other Minimum Requirements outlined below:

Minimum Work Experience Required:

Three (3) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers
(Experience can be satisfied by fulltime or prorated part-time equivalent)
No Supervisory Experience Required
Master's degree in engineering or a Master of engineering degree from an institution that offers a Bachelor of Science degree, in the same discipline, which has been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (EAC/ABET) may substitute for a Bachelor's degree and experience.

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:

Valid Driver's License
Engineer-In-Training (EIT) Certified

Other Minimum Requirements:

Degree in engineering which has been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (EAC/ABET), plus three (3) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.
Degree in engineering technology which has been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET) plus seven (7) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.
Degree in mathematical, physical or engineering science approved by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers plus seven (7) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.
Degree in engineering which has not been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET) but has been approved by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers plus seven (7) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

Conditions of Employment:

May be required to work weekends and holidays.
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Applications:

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Senior Assistant Engineer

This position is for one or more experienced Engineering Assistant/Engineer Intern(s) at the Midland Development Corporation depending on business need and applicant's qualifications.

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Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time

Physical work location: Midland Development Corporation
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General Description:

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Essential Duties Includes:

Applies engineering principles, methods and techniques to a wide variety of transportation-related activities.
Performs research and problem solving of engineering-related problems.
Performs engineering-related duties in the field of transportation engineering.
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Performs engineering analysis; to include travel demand, traffic operations, water distribution and waste water collection
Reviews engineering work for calculation errors and compliance with applicable federal and state laws and industry standards and guidelines.
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Assists with negotiation of fees and budgets, development and negotiation of scopes of work, negotiation of contract work schedules, and negotiation of other contract agreements.
Uses automated roadway/structural/hydraulic design programs and computer-assisted design/engineering systems.
Use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems
Drives to project sites to collect engineering data and attend meetings for project coordinations.
Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

Civil / Transportation design engineering principles, practices and methods and the application of engineering theory.
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Minimum Education Required:

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Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.
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Applications:

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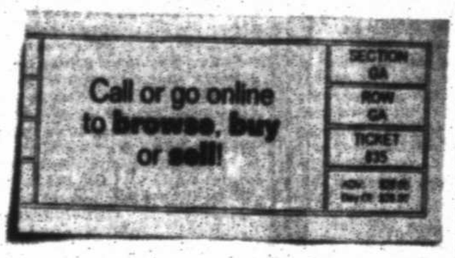

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Senior Design Engineer

This position is for a Senior Design Engineer at the Midland Development Corporation depending on business need and applicant's qualifications.

Full-Time, Regular Employment: $6,500.00 - 10,500 monthly
Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time

Physical work location: Midland Development Corporation
200 North Loraine Street, Suite 610
Midland, Texas

General Description:

Performs highly advanced and complex transportation engineering work in one or more functional areas such as planning, project development, detailed design and transportation/traffic operations. Ensures compliance with applicable federal and state laws, policies, procedures, standards and guidelines. Work requires contact with governmental officials and private entities. Employees at this level are virtually self-supervising and assume direct accountability for the work product.

Essential Duties Include:

Coordinates design work among TxDOT entities, City entities, consultants and contractors.
Creates realistic and achievable schedule baselines for advanced and highly complex projects.
Analyzes schedule trends, determines risks, and recommends options to management for corrective action for highly complex projects.
Coordinates and monitors assigned projects/programs/plans.
Develops and reviews engineering related documents, correspondence, reports and remediation plans.
Interprets laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to professional services contracting to ensure compliance with City and governmental regulations.
Develops and reviews engineering related documents, correspondence, reports and remediation plans.
Oversees data collection and performs analyses, forecasts and plan development.
Performs highly advanced and complex planning work such as plan review, calculations and transportation planning studies.
Prepares design schematics and public involvement presentations.
Prepares and coordinates design schematics and construction Plans, Specifications & Estimates (P.S.&E.).
Serves as a Project Manager overseeing consultants performing advanced and complex engineering work.
Reviews and processes project design plans developed by consulting engineers.
Monitors contract performance, evaluates contract deliverables, reviews billing documentation, monitors the consultant's compliance with the terms of the contract, and prepares and delivers a written evaluation of the consultant's performance.
Negotiates fees and budgets, develops and negotiates scopes of work, negotiates contract work schedules, and negotiates other contract agreements.
Drives to project sites to collect engineering data and participate in meetings for project coordinations.
Performs other duties as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

Communicate effectively
Exercises logic and reasoning to define problems, establish facts and draw valid conclusions, makes decisions that support business objectives and goals
Preparing technical/statistical reports.
Applicable engineering workstations and applications to support efficient planning and design activities.
Design and plan preparation methods and requirements for traditional and innovative projects.
Critical Path Method (CPM) for managing projects.

Researching, analyzing and interpreting policies and state and federal laws and regulations.

Applying engineering principles, practices and methods in job responsibilities.

Planning, coordinating and handling multiple projects within area of responsibility to meet short and long-term deadlines.

Uses automated roadway/structural/hydraulic design programs and computer-assisted design/engineering systems.

Advanced and specialized design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.

Use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems
Proficient skill in maintaining a safe working environment.

Minimum Education Required:

Bachelor's Degree in an Engineering related discipline

Minimum Work Experience Required:

8 years in Civil or Transportation engineering
(Experience can be satisfied by fulltime or prorated part-time equivalent)
No Supervisory Experience Required
Related graduate level education may be substituted for experience on a year per year basis.

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:
Valid Driver License
Licensed Prof Engineer

Other Minimum Requirements:

Professional engineers licensed in another state, but not currently licensed in the State of Texas, must (1) meet the license requirements of the State of Texas Engineering Practices Act, (2) obtain a professional engineering license from the Texas Board Of Professional Engineers within six (6) months of the date of hire, and (3) sign an agreement to that effect as a condition of employment.

Conditions of Employment:

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HEALTHCARE

Front Desk Clerk

Full time position available at Permian Gastroenterology, P.A.
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1108 E 42nd St - Odessa
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LOCATION: Generally located 782 feet east of South Garfield Street and 327 feet north of West County Road 111.

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Local Notice

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- Interested persons may review the application by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the Form 854 File Number: A1104790
- Interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the proposed structure by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission;
- The Federal Communications Commission strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online, and that instructions for making such filings can be found at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest; and
- The mailing address for interested parties that would prefer to file a Request for Environmental Review by paper copy: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

Request for Dental Plan Administration Services

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal(s) for **RFP #18-17 Dental Plan Administration Services** through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the proposal documents in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, Texas at **2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 17, 2018.** Request for Proposal documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1985.

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Statements of Qualifications will be received until 4:00 PM, June 29, 2018, in the office of the Purchasing Manager, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following:

Request for Qualifications 18002559: The City of Midland is seeking parties interested in performing professional services for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master plan Update for the Community Services Department.

The RFQ is now available. To receive a copy of the RFQ, please call 432-685-7234 or e-mail: purchasing@midlandtexas.gov

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.

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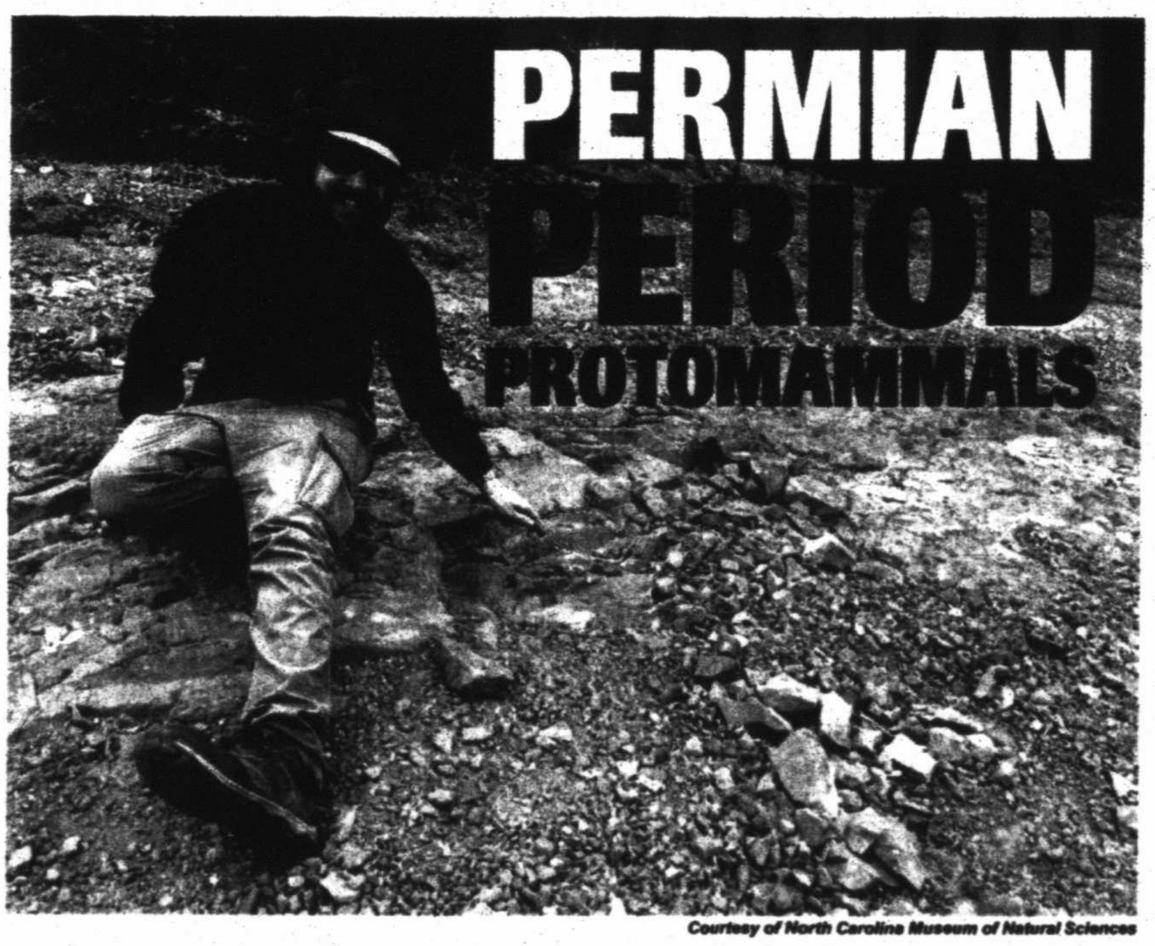

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Christian Kammerer on a trip to Kotelnich, pointing out the fossiliferous layer where Gorynychus and Nochnitsa came from.

Before dinosaurs, mammal-like reptilian creatures ruled Earth

By Yen Duong
The News & Observer (Raleigh, N.C.)

RALEIGH, N.C. — You wander through a museum, glance at some dinosaur bones and think that one skull looks a little funny. You've discovered a new species.

Sure, that sounds unlikely. But that's what happened when a North Carolina paleontologist discovered two new species of protomammals, mammal-like reptiles that existed millions of years before dinosaurs, while visiting a small Russian museum.

Almost an entire skull of the saber-toothed Gorynychus sat unidentified in the Vyatka Paleontological Museum in Kirov, Russia, until Christian Kammerer, research curator of paleontology at the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences, stopped by for a short visit.

Kammerer previously had discovered 15 new species before finding Gorynychus and Nochnitsa, the other species he identified at Vyatka.

"I would guarantee you there are thousands of undescribed species in museum collections," Kammerer said. "Most new species are found in museum collections for the sole reason that there are literally millions of species on earth today and many more in the fossil record. When you're going out and collecting specimens, you won't know those things. The people in the museum knew they were protomammals but they didn't know they were new species."

Protomammals lived during the Permian period, which ended around 252 million years ago when a massive event killed off 90 percent of species on Earth, Kammerer said.

The new fossils prove that a smaller mid-Permian event switched up the global pecking order.

Before the mid-Permian mass extinction, Gorynychus loomed larger than Nochnitsa as the top predator. But fossils from after the extinction show that animals like Gorynychus were smaller and ate insects, while animals like Nochnitsa ruled the roost as tiger-sized saber-toothed carnivores. It's as if bears and weasels traded sizes, Kammerer said.

"In the age before the dinosaurs, when protomammals were the dominant life on land, you had two different groups that switch off on which is the top predator," Kammerer said. "You have wolf- to lion-sized saber tooth animals wiped out by a mass extinction, and (the Nochnitsa-like animals) take over. But (Gorynychus-like animals) aren't wiped out altogether in this extinction, and they take over and become a small insect eating predator, not large carnivores anymore."

It's hard to find mid-Permian fossils. Erosion, earthquakes and volcanoes have destroyed most Permian rock. Grass, forests and water cover up much of the remaining intact rock layers.

Almost all mid-Permian fossils come from South Africa, where extremely hard volcanic rock protects lower layers from erosion. Paleontologists can reach the fossils because wind has swept off millions of years of layers above the volcanic rock, said Kirstin Brink, postdoctoral fellow at the University of British Columbia.

"It takes millions of years for a fossil to form," Brink said. "If you were to cut open your arm, you'd find your bone is full of tiny holes. In a living animal they hold blood, bone marrow or fat. When an animal dies, that soft tissue is washed away by water or dirt."

"The bones have to be covered by dirt or mud quickly, so they'll be protected from animals trying to eat or decomposition. Then the minerals in the dirt seep into the holes of the bone, and over millions of years those grow and look like the organic material."

Researchers knew the top predator position swapped in South Africa, but didn't know whether it happened globally or was a local trend.

"Until we have finds from multiple continents, it's very hard to say what's a global pattern and a mass extinction instead of a regional extinction," Kammerer said. "This is really strong support that this was going on worldwide, not a fluke in the South African record."

Kammerer and his co-author, Vladimir Masyutin of the Russian museum, named the new species after mythological Russian monsters as a nod to their origins. A vampire-like night spirit inspired Nochnitsa geminidens. The three-headed dragon Zmei Gorynych led to Gorynychus masyutinae, which also refers to the person who dug up the fossil, Olga Masyutina.

People love finding new species of animals and plants. Paleontologists examine fossils to learn how animals interacted in the past, which might help us understand the future.

"We need to know what these animals looked like and where they lived to understand how our planet has changed over time," Brink said. "For example, a lot of animals are going extinct today. Is it a local problem where animals are going extinct in one part of the world but live in another part, or is it a global thing where the animals are gone everywhere? We can use the fossil record to predict what might happen in the world today."

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Antarctica's ice sheet is melting 3 times faster than before

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The melting of Antarctica is accelerating at an alarming rate, with about 3 trillion tons of ice disappearing since 1992, an international team of ice experts said in a new study.

In the last quarter century, the southern-most continent's ice sheet — a key indicator of climate change — melted into enough water to cover Texas to a depth of nearly 13 feet (4 meters), scientists calculated. All that water made global oceans rise about three-tenths of an inch.

From 1992 to 2011, Antarctica lost nearly 84 billion tons of ice a year. From 2012 to 2017, the melt rate increased to more than 241 billion tons a year, according to the study Wednesday in the journal Nature .

"I think we should be worried. That doesn't mean we should be desperate," said University of California Irvine's Isabella Velicogna, one of 88 co-authors. "Things are happening. They are happening faster than we expected."

Part of West Antarctica, where most of the melting occurred, "is in a state of collapse," said co-author Ian Joughin of the University of Washington.

The study is the second of assessments planned every several years by a team of scientists working with NASA and the European Space Agency. Their mission is to produce the most comprehensive look at what's happening to the world's vulnerable ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland.

Outside experts praised the work as authoritative.

Unlike single-measurement studies, this team looks at ice loss in 24 different ways using 10 to 15 satellites, as well as ground and air measurements and computer simulations, said lead author Andrew Shepherd of the University of Leeds in England.

It's possible that Antarctica alone can add about half a foot to sea level rise by the end of the century, Shepherd said. Seas also rise from melting land glaciers elsewhere, Greenland's dwindling ice sheet and the fact that warmer water expands.

"Under natural conditions we don't expect the ice sheet to lose ice at all," Shepherd said. "There are no other plausible signals to be driving this other than climate change."

Shepherd cautioned that this is not a formal study that determines human fingerprints on climate events.

Forces "that are driving these changes are not going to get any better in a warming climate," said University of Colorado ice scientist Waleed Abdalati, a former NASA chief scientist who wasn't part of the study team.

In Antarctica, it's mostly warmer water causing the melt. The water nibbles at the floating edges of ice sheets from below. Warming of the southern ocean is connected to shifting winds, which are connected to global warming from the burning of coal, oil and natural gas, Shepherd said.

Progressive web apps let websites function like mobile apps

Dear PropellerHeads: I have just gotten the hang of responsive websites, now I hear responsive is dead? Good grief!

A: It is always a challenge to keep up with web trends. Maybe a little background will help?

When the PropellerHeads first started building websites, the challenge was that the languages and components needed to create useful sites was just evolving. HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and other technologies were emerging in a fast-paced, wild, wild west of evolution. Gee willikers!

The next challenge (that still remains a bit) was that the various browsers interpreted our website pages differently. Many times we had to check the browser type and release version to decide what code to employ. What a mess!

Then, as flat screen monitors got bigger and cheaper, larger resolutions was the issue. We then adjusted the layout of our pages using some clever code to best match your browser screen dimensions. Goodbye 640x480. Hello 1920x1080. Yikes!

When browsers became popular on smartphones and tablets, we used similar techniques to create useful, fast-loading sites on small platforms (small-portrait orientation). Sometimes that meant a special mini-version of the site we redirected you to when we determined you were using a mobile device. These are sometimes referred to as m-dot (m.) sites (bit.ly/2rYWIHI). Basically, that meant two separate websites. Mama Mia!

In 2011, Ethan Marcotte (ethanmarcotte.com) wrote Responsive Web Design (aka RWD). Instead of special versions of a site, we used CSS and other tricks to have the website respond to the platform. So, on your phone, the menu becomes a hamburger, graphics get clipped, horizontal layouts become vertical, and more. All of this happens "automatically" as you view sites on different sized platforms. A variant of this is known as adaptive design (bit.ly/1WU6hYG), which adapts to specific browser widths to enhance the user experience. Oy vey!

Soon, Google rewarded responsive and adaptive mobile websites in search result placement. Wordpress, Wix, Squarespace, and others created responsive (albeit boring) templates for the DYIers. Seems like we had finally found nirvana.

Enter Progressive web apps (PWA). These are websites that function more like a mobile app.

Unlike traditional sites, PWAs can get their icons added to your home screen, so they can be launched like a normal app. They can also cache data (allowing for offline use), operate in full-screen mode (hiding the address bar), and push notifications to you (like "real" apps could do all along).

There are some additional coding requirements in order to build PWAs, including creating a (JSON) manifest that details screen attributes, icons, and other details. A quick tutorial can be found here: bit.ly/2aOlcVk.

Try out some PWAs, including Trivago, Washington Post, Forbes, Twitter Lite, and others at bit.ly/2IlgRT1. This will give you a better understanding of how this can work.

Still not sure if you want to dip you toe in? Maybe bit.ly/2KMjbsK will help.

With fast load-time needs, unrealistic connectivity demands, the abandonment of the desktop in favor of a phone for all things internet, and other trends, it looks like PWAs are here for a while (at least). Arg!

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