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High level nuclear waste could be headed to Andrews

By James Osborne
Houston Chronicle

Radioactive waste from nuclear power plants across the country could be headed to West Texas under legislation passed by the House on Thursday.

The legislation, which passed 340 to 72, directs Secretary of Energy Rick Perry to find interim storage sites for the growing stockpile of waste at the nation's nuclear power plants, while also restarting the licensing process for a controversial permanent storage facility in Nevada, at the Yucca Mountain site.

Finding communities willing to take the radioactive waste has proven hugely difficult in the past, but one option available to Perry would be an existing hazardous waste site in Andrews County where Dallas-based Waste Control Specialists is proposing to store spent nuclear fuel until a permanent storage facility is completed.

The legislation, which was introduced last year by Rep. John Shimkus, R-Ill., has passed in similar form in past Congresses but has so far failed to win support in the Senate. At issue are concerns from communities surrounding potential storage sites, as well as criticism from environmentalists who argue transporting the waste to multiple sites is simply too dangerous.

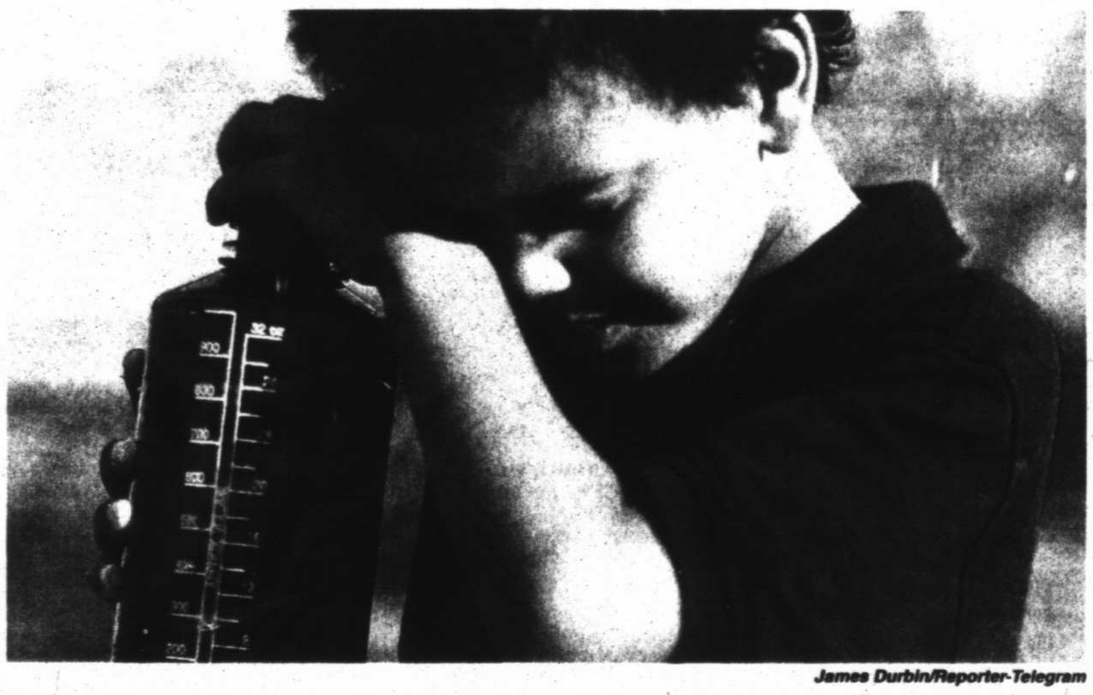
"The whole nation could be at risk from an unprecedented mass movement of high-level radioactive waste across the nation, with 10,000 rail cars of deadly waste being transported over a period of 20 or more years," said Karen Hadden, director of the Austin-based advocacy group Sustainable Energy and Economic Development Coalition.

WCS announced earlier this year it was partnering with the French energy giant Orano, which has a long history of managing and storing nuclear waste in France. That nation operates more nuclear reactors than any country in the world besides the United States.

WCS and Orano have since notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission they plan to resume the licensing process, which WCS suspended last year because of financial concerns, said Thomas Graham, a spokesman for the joint venture.

"Nuclear fuel management has been successfully addressed for more than 60 years without any industrial accidents," he said. "The processes that are in place are redundant and thorough."

IT'S HOT OUT THERE



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Kai Ouattara, 7, wipes his face after taking a drink of water near the playground at Windlands Park on Thursday. Temperatures reached nearly 100 degrees. The National Weather Serviced is forecasting a high of 102 today.

Saudi signal more supply amid Iran crisis

By Grant Smith and Javier Blas
Bloomberg

The international nuclear agreement with Iran might not be the only deal President Donald Trump has unraveled.

On Monday, Saudi Arabian Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih was repeating his mantra that production cuts by OPEC and its allies must keep going. Within 48 hours, the kingdom had raised the prospect of increasing output.

Between the two pronouncements came Trump's decision to scrap the Iran deal, re-imposing sanctions on the world's fifth-biggest oil exporter.

"There is a good chance the current OPEC deal will end by end-2018, if not before," said Ed Morse, head of commodities research at Citigroup Inc. in New York.

For the past 16 months, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Russia and other allies have been constraining output to eliminate a global glut. They've largely achieved that goal, but the Saudis — keen for higher prices — have insisted the curbs should continue to drive oil stockpiles even lower.

That policy may falter in the wake of Trump's Iran sanctions. While it's still uncertain how much he intends to curtail Iranian oil shipments, most analysts predict a cutback.

"The Iranian sanctions may change the OPEC June meeting completely," said Amrita Sen, chief oil analyst at consultants Energy Aspects Ltd. in London. "It's no longer about extending the production cuts, but rather about when to start raising output gradually."

When the international sanctions were last in force on Iran from 2012 to 2015, it removed about 1 million barrels a day from the market. This time, America's allies in Europe want to keep the nuclear accord alive and are resisting joining any U.S. embargo. Estimates vary from "little impact" anticipated by Barclays Plc, to a potential loss of more than 50 percent of the country's 2.7 million barrels of daily shipments predicted by consultant FGE.

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Big Spring ISD OKs letting some teachers carry guns

■ Former board president: 'We need to protect our kids'

By Simone Jasper
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BIG SPRING — Authorized employees will be allowed to carry concealed firearms on Big Spring ISD campuses after the district's board of trustees on Thursday approved campus carry policy upgrades.

"We need to protect our kids," said Tony Kennedy, former board president, after the meeting at Big Spring High School. "If we don't do that, shame on us."

Kennedy was long-involved in efforts that led to Thursday's vote on policy changes. It was his last meeting as a trustee because he decided not to run for re-election.

"I was the one that really pushed it to try to get this done," Kennedy said. "So, it was not my place to not vote on it tonight."

After the board's approval, Superintendent Jay McWilliams will send an email with campus carry information to all full-time district employees, according to Kennedy.

"That starts the ball rolling," the former board president said. "We're hoping to get this all in effect by the time school convenes next year."

Big Spring ISD and other school boards can adopt local policies that authorize designated employees to carry firearms on their campuses, according to the Texas Education Agency website.

For Big Spring ISD, leaders chose a Guardian Plan that allows the board to authorize certain district employees to possess firearms to use in response to active shooter situations. The so-called guardians also will receive written approval from the superintendent, who can revoke authorization, according to the sample policy provided in agenda documents.

The plan calls for hand-selected volunteers who must have a license to carry, pass a psychological exam and receive training. Names of guardians will not be revealed to the public.

Also, signs will be posted on all campuses

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MISD points to increased enrollment during facilities forum

■ School district's collection of public input focuses on three questions

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland ISD officials are prepping the community for student population growth by as many as 10,000 students in the next 10 years.

That was the message imparted to those in attendance during the Public Facility Forum held Thursday evening at Yarbrough Elementary School.

One of Midland ISD's three newest campuses was the site of the first public forum. The district took public comment for the next bond by going to a "21st century campus" built as a result of the 2012 school bond, the largest bond approved in the history of Midland.

The district's Facility Master Planning Committee accumulated information that will be part of its report to the board in January. Midland ISD Chief Facilities Officer James Riggen told those in attendance that the district's current student population — or membership — is 25,670, and officials expect the population to grow to as high as 35,855 in 10 years (assuming growth by 2.5 percent progressively through the membership).

Midland ISD officials also said that the anticipated enrollment growth and additional education facilities/buildings needed are broken down as follows:

■ elementary (pre-K through sixth): plus 5,069 students (enough to fill five to six new elementary schools);

■ junior high (seventh and eighth): plus 1,806 students (enough to fill two middle schools);

■ high school (ninth through 12th): plus 3,339 students (enough to fill ninth- through 12th-grade senior high school).

Those at the forum were asked to answer the following questions:

■ Two or three comprehensive high schools for Midland?

■ When future facilities are designed and built for MISD, what building design factors/features are the highest priority for parents, students and the community?

■ What opportunities are currently missing from our students elementary, middle school or high school experience?

Answers were written out and posted on boards that will be taken and used by the planning committee when making decisions later in the process.

From the discussion that took place at individual tables, one could hear conversations about the importance of safety, the sense of community, efficient building strategies, students' ability to participate in academic programs and extracurriculars, the importance of the right type of environment to motivate students and the need for more vocational training and other types of non-traditional education models.

Midland ISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick said he hopes the end result of the facilities conversations and future improvements is wide-eyed enthusiasm for students about the schools they attend. Riggen said the district brought together students from its four high schools (Midland High, Lee High School, Early College High School at Midland College and Coleman High School) for a similar forum last week. He also said the Facilities Planning Committee will hold more events this fall.

"This is powerful work," Riddick said to end the forum. "We will do this with our community, and we will do it well."

AAA Texas: El Paso takes title from Midland for city highest gas price

By Stewart Doreen
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El Paso has snatched the top spot from Midland for the most expensive gas in the state, according to an AAA Texas survey of prices from larger metropolitan areas.

The average price of regular unleaded gasoline in El Paso jumped a state-high 11 cents this past week and a new average high was set at $2.95 a gallon.

The average price of gas in Midland rose 5 cents — which was still higher than the state average of 3 cents — to move to $2.89. Midland and Odessa are tied for second behind the Sun City, according to AAA Texas rankings. Abilene is showing an average price of $2.80 a gallon. Those four are well-above the state average ($2.63) and more than 12 cents higher than the next closest city — Dallas at $2.68.

Drivers in Sherman/Denison, which is located north of Dallas, and San Antonio are paying the least at $2.53 a gallon, according to the organization. All totaled, 16 of the 27 metropolitan areas show averages of $2.60 or less, including the West Texas/Panhandle cities of San Angelo ($2.57) and Amarillo ($2.58). Lubbock's average price is $2.64.

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

AAA Texas reports the state average is up 45 cents compared to one year ago. In Midland, that difference is 57 cents; Midlanders were paying an average of $2.32 one year ago. That price was the highest average in the state.

"Texans are paying 45 cents more for gas today than they were one year ago," said Daniel Armbruster, AAA Texas/AAA New Mexico spokesman. "As gas prices continue to rise, more Americans are considering purchasing an electric vehicle, according to a recent AAA survey. Drivers can learn more about the latest electric vehicles by stopping in the nearest AAA Texas branch to pick up a Green Car Guide."

According to TexasGasPrices.com on Thursday, five of the 28 prices reports across Midland was lower than $2.70.

Following the announcement that the U.S. will reinstate sanctions on Iran, crude oil prices increased. Any impact on oil prices that happens now could affect retail gas prices later this summer, according to AAA Texas.

By the numbers

Gas prices

	Mid-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	$2.890	$2.629
Last week	$2.841	$2.572
Last month	$2.620	$2.423
Last year	$2.289	$2.168

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Cheapest gas: $2.69 (Sam's, Tradewinds/SH 191)
Cheapest gas (non-membership store): $2.69 (Murphy USA, Midland Drive/Briarwood; H-E-B, Andrews Highway/Loop 250; H-E-B, Midkiff Road/Wadley; Texaco, Midkiff Road/Wadley)
Most expensive gas: $2.95
Most common price: $2.89
Cheapest prices in West Texas: San Angelo $2.39, Lubbock $2.49, Abilene $2.57, Odessa $2.59, Midland $2.63

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Oklahoma agency investigates apparent Bates parole violation

By Justin Juozapavicius
Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — A white ex-volunteer deputy who served time in prison for shooting an unarmed black man was recently seen drinking at an Oklahoma bar in apparent violation of the conditions of his probation, which prohibit him from consuming alcohol or being in places that serve it.

Robert Bates, the 76-year-old millionaire insurance executive who moonlighted for years as a reserve Tulsa County sheriff's deputy, was convicted of second-degree manslaughter in the death of Eric Harris in 2015. Harris was fleeing a botched illegal gun sales sting and was being restrained face-down on the pavement by deputies when Bates caught up to him and fired. Bates has said he confused his handgun for a stun gun.

Bates was spotted by another patron in January sitting at the bar of a Tulsa restaurant. The patron, Pat McClanahan, was seated across the bar from Bates, eating dinner with his wife, when the couple spotted him. McClanahan took pictures and a short video clip of Bates. He gave them to a Harris family attorney and also provided copies to The Associated Press.

In the images, Bates is seated next to his wife, Charlotte, and wearing a red ball cap and heavy black jacket. A half-filled glass of wine sits in front of Bates, though the video does not show him drinking from it. McClanahan said he stayed long enough at the bar to see Bates consume several drinks of what he said looked like white wine.

"I wouldn't say he was pounding them, but it looked like he was kicking back a few," he said. "He wasn't trying to hide in the least bit."

Guy Fortney, Bates' attorney, said he didn't understand why his client "is still being targeted."

"He's an old man off in Florida (where Bates has a home) doing nobody any harm," Fortney said Wednesday. "I'm not saying he did or didn't (drink at the bar). I don't understand why this is a story."

When Bates was released in October after serving less than half of a four-year sentence, conditions of his release required him to abstain from alcohol and avoid places that may serve it, avoid drugs unless prescribed by a doctor and not associate with people who have criminal records.

Oklahoma Department of Corrections spokesman Matt Elliott said Thursday the department is probing the allegation and if Bates is found to have violated the terms of his probation, the department will "treat him like we do all former inmates who violate their supervision."

Elliott says possible punishments include being placed under house arrest, wearing a GPS monitor or submitting to increased urine analysis tests, among others.

Tulsa County District Attorney Steve Kunzweiler, whose office prosecuted Bates in 2016, didn't comment directly on Bates' situation, but said any decision to revoke parole depends on proof that the rule has been violated and, if true, whether parole officials choose to act on it.

"Any person who is administratively placed upon parole is granted that early release with the understanding that he or she will completely abide by the rules he or she signed upon release," Kunzweiler said.

The Harris family hasn't spoken with authorities about the video or photos. Tulsa County in March settled a federal civil rights lawsuit with Harris' estate for $6 million.

It's highly unlikely Bates would be sent back to prison for what would be considered "a technical violation," said Terrence Alladin, an assistant criminal justice professor at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pennsylvania, who has researched Oklahoma's probation laws.

Bates' behavior is less egregious than so-called "affluenza teen" Ethan Couch, who served time in prison for striking and killing four teens while driving drunk and then received probation. Probation was revoked in 2016 after he attended a party where alcohol was served, then fled to Mexico with his mother to avoid punishment.

Bates might be more likely to be ordered to perform community service, attend counseling sessions or abide by a curfew, Alladin said.

Race and class also could play a role in any decision on how corrections officials treat someone like Bates, according to Lori Brown, a sociology and criminology professor at Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina.

"Rich people get a different form of justice than the poor," she said. "African Americans are more likely to have their probation or parole revoked."

Eric Harris' brother, Andre Harris, said Bates must have known that he should not be in a restaurant that serves liquor.

"When any convicted felon gets out before the end of his sentence, he knows the deal: If you don't abide by the rules, then you risk going back to prison," Andre Harris said.

After the fatal shooting, it emerged that Bates had repeatedly bent the rules. A 2009 internal memo written by a sheriff's office sergeant alleged superiors knew Bates didn't have enough training hours but pressured others to look the other way because of his friendship with ex-Sheriff Stanley Glanz.

Glanz resigned over the scandal and was sentenced in 2016 to a year in jail — which was suspended by a judge— after pleading no contest for failing to release the training memo.

In the January incident, McClanahan snapped a picture of Bates' bill on the counter, which shows a tab of $47.47, liquor tax, $10 tip and Bates' signature. The receipt didn't itemize what beverages were consumed.

"For me, I don't think it's right for somebody to act like they think they're above the law," McClanahan said.

NEWSBRIEFS

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BEAUMONT

Southeast Texas church damaged by explosion

A package left at the front door of a Southeast Texas church exploded, causing minor damage and marking the second time in two weeks that a device has been found in the city of Beaumont.

The overnight blast broke windows and caused other damage to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Beaumont's West End, the Rev. Steven Balke told KFDM-TV on Thursday.

No one was injured in the explosion. Bishop C. Andrew Doyle, Episcopal Bishop of Texas, said in a statement that the church and the All Saints Episcopal School next door were evacuated and will remain closed until further notice.

AUSTIN

Nassar victims urge Texas to investigate Karolyis

Victims of disgraced sports doctor Larry Nassar are imploring Texas authorities to investigate whether Bela and Martha Karolyi could have done more to prevent Nassar's sexual abuse at the couple's Texas training center.

Five former gymnasts, including two who say Nassar abused them at the Karolyis' ranch near Huntsville, addressed reporters Thursday outside state Attorney General Ken Paxton's office.

They say Texas authorities have focused on Nassar, now imprisoned for life, while overlooking whether the Karolyis could have prevented abuse. Martha Karolyi told "Dateline NBC" last month that Nassar conned her and her husband in much the same way he conned the parents and coaches of the girls he abused.

The Texas Rangers are investigating, but the gymnasts say Texas hasn't executed search warrants or secured indictments, as some statutes of limitation loom.

Olympic bronze medalist Jamie Dantzscher, who says Nassar molested her at the ranch, said: "I can't understand why this is not taken seriously in Texas."

HOUSTON

East Texas man on death row for child slaying loses appeal

A 28-year-old East Texas man on death row for the slaying of his girlfriend's 13-month-old daughter in what prosecutors said was an exorcism has lost a federal appeal.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Thursday rejected arguments from Blaine Milam, who was condemned for the 2008 beating death of Amora Carson at Milam's trailer in Rusk County. Milam's attorneys contended he had deficient legal help at his trial and in earlier appeals and that the trial judge gave jurors a faulty instruction.

Evidence showed the child was bitten some 30 times and beaten with a hammer.

Milam's trial in 2010 was moved about 140 miles south to Montgomery County, outside Houston, because of extensive publicity in Rusk County.

Milam doesn't yet have an execution date.

NEW MEXICO

Prosecutors clear Las Cruces officer in deadly shooting

LAS CRUCES — Prosecutors have cleared a Las Cruces police officer of any wrongdoing in the deadly shooting of a New Mexico man suspected of homicide.

Dona Ana County prosecutors determined last week that officer Joseph Campa's shooting of 23-year-old Nathaniel Montoya in mid-February was justified under state law.

Montoya was accused of shooting and killing 29-year-old Abraham Gomez in Las Cruces. An officer spotted Montoya in a car a day after the shooting.

Police entered into a pursuit, which ended at a Las Cruces gas station where Montoya crashed. Police say Campa commanded Montoya to show his hands.

NEW MEXICO

Man accused of threatening to shoot up school

CLOVIS — Clovis police say a man reportedly angry over not being provided information about his child's school attendance is accused of threatening to shoot up the school.

Police say 33-year-old Carlos Anchondo was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of interference with members of staff and interference with the educational process.

According to police, Anchondo is not listed as a custodial parent for the student and that two schools attended by his children were placed on lockdown until he was located and detained by police.

IOWA

Man says his dog shot him while they were playing

FORT DODGE — With best friends like these, who needs enemies?

An Iowa man says his dog inadvertently shot him while they were roughhousing Wednesday.

Fifty-one-year-old Richard Remme of Fort Dodge told police he was playing with his dog, Balew, on the couch and tossed the dog off his lap. He says when the pit bull-Labrador mix bounded back up, he must have disabled the safety on the gun in his belly band and stepped on the trigger.

The gun fired, striking one of Remme's legs. He was treated at a hospital and released later that day.

Remme told The Messenger newspaper that Balew is a "big wuss" and lay down beside him and cried because he thought he had done something wrong.

FLORIDA

Man hid legless fugitive girlfriend in plastic tote

WINTER HAVEN — A Florida man is accused of hiding his legless fugitive girlfriend from police by stuffing her into a plastic storage container.

Forty-eight-year-old John Robert Carr Jr. of Winter Haven is charged with resisting arrest. News outlets report Carr attempted to hide 39-year-old Krystle Lee Anderson from U.S. marshals and Polk County Sheriff's deputies Tuesday.

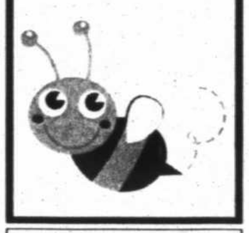
Anderson was wanted for failing to appear in court on charges including false imprisonment related to a 2015 incident when she allegedly held people hostage at a Burger King with a BB gun. It ended in a shooting with police and she lost both legs.

Authorities received a tip that Anderson was with Carr. He denied Anderson was there, but an officer had spotted Carr placing the now-4-foot-tall woman into the container. She surrendered without incident.

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Things to do

Today

■ Clay Bustin' Beats benefiting the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale and hosted by the Symphony Young Professionals, 9 a.m.-noon, Jake's Clays, 13301 Farm-to-Market Road 1379. $175 per shooter, $50 per two-man cart. MOSC.org.

■ The $10 Baked Potato Fundraiser by MARC, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m., MARC, 2701 N. "A" St. Guests can enjoy a baked potato bar to support the Tall City Advocates and their visit to Austin to promote awareness and education.

■ Evening Storytime at the Library, 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Friday Night Fish Fry, 6 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchland-hills.com.

■ Night Market, 6:30-10:30 p.m., The Urban Market, 312 N. Colorado Ave.

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

■ Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

■ Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m., The Detour, 1709 Rankin Highway.

■ El Fantasma, Voz de Mando, Austeros de Durango, Kanales, 7 p.m., La Hacienda Event Center, 12600 State Highway 1919. $75. haciendamidland.com.

■ "No Business Like It," 7:30 p.m., Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

■ Wicked West Band, 8 p.m., Hot Shots, 615 W. Wall St.

■ Trouble No More, 9 p.m., Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80.

■ Casey Donahew Band, Bri Bagwell, 9 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. $20 advance, $25 door. dosamigos.com.

■ DJ Wildman, 9 p.m., the Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.

■ DJ Boris, 9 p.m., Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive. $10.

■ Algo Trunk Show at Julian Gold, 21010 W. Wadley Ave.

Saturday

■ Basin Bikefest features bicycle rides, a bike parade, petting zoo, games, refreshments and more. The event benefits Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., MCRC, 802 Ventura Ave. $10-$15. midlandchildrens.org.

■ Beer Garden Brewstival by Midland Beer Garden and the Midland RockHounds, 3-11 p.m., Security Bank Ballpark, 5515 Champions Drive. $35. midlandrockhounds.org.

■ Runway in the Gardens fashion show, 3-5:30 p.m., Alldredge Gardens, 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road. $25. thepinkpugshop.com.

■ MOSC Pops: "Celebrating our Heroes," 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

Moms on a Mission



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland ISD parents gathered Tuesday morning outside the administration building to protest how the district has handled alleged bullying incidents. The event was organized by Midland Moms on a Mission, which was formed earlier this year to give mothers a place to share their stories.

Community Calendar

■ Midland County System of Care – organizations that serve children and families – is hosting Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

There will be games, art projects and information on available resources for mental health resources.

Today in History

Today is Friday, May 11, the 131st day of 2018. There are 234 days left in the year.

On this date

In 1927, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was founded during a banquet at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

In 1953, a tornado devastated Waco, claiming 114 lives.

In 1960, Israeli agents captured Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In 1973, the espionage trial of Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo in the "Pentagon Papers" case came to an end as Judge William M. Byrne dismissed all charges, citing government misconduct.

By The Associated Press

Lottery

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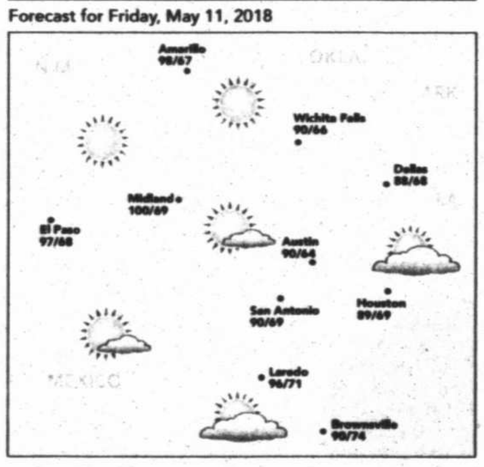
Thursday's temperatures
High ... 99
Low ... 68
Normal high ... 86
Normal low ... 58

May 10 records
High: 99, set in 1962 amd equaled in 1963, 2010 and 2018
Low: 40, set in 1981

Precipitation
Wednesday ... 0.00 inches
Thursday ... 0.00 inches
Month total ... 0.16 of an inch
Year total ... 0.32 of an inch
Normal total (year to date) ... 2.87 inches

Winds
Average wind speed: 19.6 mph
Highest sustained wind speed: 25 mph
Highest gust speed: 38 mph

Forecast for Friday, May 11, 2018



Today's forecast
High: 102
Low: 71
Conditions: Sunny during the day/increasing clouds at night
Winds: 15-20 mph (gusts up to 25 mph) during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 6:54 a.m.
Sunset: 8:36 p.m

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Pisces if born before 8:40 a.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 11, 2018: This year you become much more proactive than you have been in a while. In fact, you let others know your priorities clearly and directly. Stay in control of your anger. Be careful about sitting on hurt feelings, as they often develop into more. If you are single, you need someone who can flex with your varying moods. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy more time together, perhaps as the result of a mutual commitment to a new interest. Defer to your sweetie more often. ARIES often stirs up others' anger.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ A friend or loved one could push you to agree with his or her way of thinking. Be willing to stand up to a powerful associate who often steals the limelight. Your creativity flourishes as you attempt to make plans or handle a professional situation. **Tonight:** Whatever pleases you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Someone will try to change your mind about an important matter. You might opt to revise your thinking because of this conversation. Make a point of listening to others' ideas. Avoid a power play at all costs. You need to move past a major obstacle. **Tonight:** Share exciting news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You move from a state of tension to one of relaxation and accomplishment. Others see you land successfully on the road to victory. Recognize what must be done in order to accomplish what you want. Listen to feedback carefully. **Tonight:** Out till the wee hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You know what you want, but perhaps you don't intend to pressure a loved one to the extent that you are. Walk away from a difficult situation. Do not fight someone else's suggestion. Make it OK for this person to test out an idea, if you don't agree with it. **Tonight:** Near good music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You are full of fun, and you demonstrate a great ability to flourish in a different setting. Listen to what another person suggests. Sit on frustration or a need for rapid change. Let the events around you unfold before you make a decision. **Tonight:** Try a totally new experience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Deal directly with a friend or loved one. You could see a major change occur that involves a creative person who adds excitement to the moment. Use some of your high energy to complete a project and make the day more rewarding. **Tonight:** Avoid a difficult person.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You'll want to approach a touchy situation involving a loved one with a great deal of sensitivity. Know that an element of volatility surrounds you. Avoid a controlling individual by not playing into his or her games. Stay close to home. **Tonight:** You have a choice to make.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Play out an important situation and find out what is going on with some of the people involved. A family member could be quite touchy and upset, as he or she can't seem to get centered. This person could misdirect his or her energy. **Tonight:** Be responsive to an inquiry.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A risk could become a major focus. You might not be sure as to the best way to continue, and could veer in the direction of instability. Share your feelings with someone who is likely to be affected. You understand a lot more than you realize. **Tonight:** Let the fun begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your ability to get past a problem could lighten up the moment and improve how you feel. Curb a tendency to overspend or go overboard. You might want to act on a certain issue but feel restricted. Be aware of what is happening within a relationship. **Tonight:** Remain sensitive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Speak your mind clearly. Don't get frustrated if you have difficulty squeezing everything into a set time. Be realistic and less demanding of your schedule. A conversation with a friend could have a harsh moment or two, but it is necessary to have. **Tonight:** Leader of the gang.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might not be sure what to do when dealing with a child or loved one. Clearly, you do not see a personal matter in the same light as in the recent past. Be imaginative when dealing with a money matter. You can get a personal matter under control. **Tonight:** Kick up your heels.

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Rep. Hurd leads push to vote on immigration bills

By Haley Samsel
Texas Tribune

Fed up with a long stretch of inaction on immigration in the U.S. House, U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-Helotes, and some of his Republican colleagues declared Wednesday that they'll try to force the House to vote on a series of bills addressing the status of undocumented immigrants brought into the country while they were children, among other immigration measures.

Hurd, along with a small group of other moderate Republicans, introduced what's known as a discharge petition Wednesday that would effectively force Speaker Paul Ryan to bring four immigration bills to the House floor for a vote as early as June. GOP leadership has previously declined to do so.

If the measure is signed by a majority of House members, the legislation can bypass the committee process that is required for most bills.

At a news conference this week, Hurd said it's urgent for the House to address the concerns of millions of young undocumented people in the U.S. In 2012, President Barack Obama implemented a policy known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals that protects from deportation some undocumented immigrants brought here as children. But President Donald Trump has tried to dismantle the program, saying it should be up to Congress to act on the issue.

"These are men and women who have contributed to our economy," Hurd said at the press conference. "They have contributed to our history. These are people who are Americans, and they need a permanent legislative fix."

At least 25 Republicans, along with the entire House Democratic delegation, must sign on to the measure to reach the necessary 218 votes. Fifteen House Republicans — including U.S. Rep Charlie Dent, R-Pennsylvania, whose tenure ends this week — have already done just that.

"We feel very good today," said U.S. Rep. Carlos Curbelo, R-Florida. "I think [the 15 signatures] exceeds all of our expectations, so we think we're on our way."

The petition takes advantage of a little-known provision known as the "queen of the hill" rule, which allows a series of bills to compete with one another. The bill that collects the largest majority of votes is the one that passes.

In this case, Hurd and his colleagues want to bring four bills to the floor, including "The U.S.A. Act" co-authored by Hurd and U.S. Rep. Pete Aguilar, D-California. Hurd's plan provides protection for DACA beneficiaries and beefs up border security measures.

The other bills up for debate under the "queen of the hill" plan include a conservative measure authored by Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Virginia, and the DREAM Act of 2017, the favored plan of House Democrats. Goodlatte's bill offers temporary status to DACA recipients alongside increased border security and deep cuts to legal immigration, while the DREAM Act offers a path to citizenship for DACA recipients and other young undocumented immigrants without increased immigration enforcement measures. Ryan would decide the fourth bill up for debate.

House Republican leadership, including Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-California, have already expressed displeasure with the discharge petition. The reaction was not surprising to the members behind the measure.

But Curbelo said the petition is "deferential" to leadership because it gives Ryan an opportunity to craft his own legislative solution.

"Leadership, no matter the party, is never going to support a discharge petition," Curbelo said. "We truly believe that this process actually empowers them because it allows every member to have a role in the immigration debate."

Republicans supporting the measure stressed that the petition is not an endorsement of any one immigration bill, but of bringing those bills to the floor for debate. Hurd said that this is the House's chance to act.

"No matter what your ideological views on this topic are, everybody should have a debate," Hurd said. "I'm glad that there are an intrepid few that are willing to take this step to force this broader conversation."

Guns

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to warn that district staff may be armed. The district hopes they will prompt a potential shooter to move to a "softer target" or re-evaluate, according to a document provided to those who attended a community meeting on Wednesday.

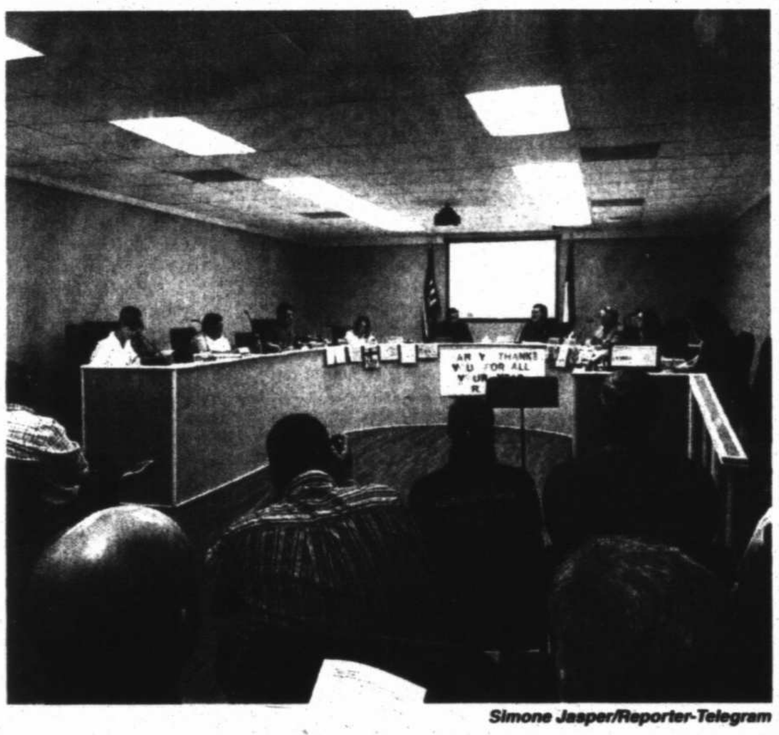
One parent who attended that meeting, David Mathis, said he was on the fence about the Guardian Plan. He said he understands the district's desire to take steps to protect students, but he had concerns.

"It is my fear that a teacher with a gun will decide that they are the police," Mathis said. "I understand that it is part of training, that they know that they are not. But human nature is to make mistakes."

Another parent, Candice Smalling, told the Reporter-Telegram before Thursday's vote she hoped the board would approve the policy changes. She had previously attended two district meetings that addressed the topic.

"I wanted to make sure that the teachers that will be carrying will be properly trained and vetted, and I feel very secure in the plans they have in place," she said. "I just believe that the proper tools are necessary to protect my children."

During the public comment period, two people — including Smalling's husband, Ray —spoke in favor of planning for emergency situations. Another encouraged the board to delay its vote.



Simone Jasper/Reporter-Telegram

The Big Spring ISD board on Thursday voted 5-0 to upgrade the campus carry policy to trustees were not in attendance.

Kennedy said hundreds of people are in favor of the plan, and he felt that the policy changes were right for the district.

"I was very comfortable with it because I've researched," Kennedy said. "I know the training they're going to have to go through. I know our sheriff's department and police department are going to be a part of this."

The board voted 5-0 to upgrade district campus carry policies. Two board members weren't present at the meeting.

Nearby Coahoma and Forsan ISDs have policies with language allowing specific people within the districts to possess firearms in certain places or situations, according to information found through the Texas Association of School Boards website. Midland ISD isn't currently considering a Guardian Plan.

OPEC

From

Reduced flows from Iran would compound escalating losses in troubled OPEC member Venezuela, further draining global oil inventories while demand remains strong, according to Goldman Sachs Group Inc. Brent oil futures rose to a three-year high of $78 a barrel on Thursday.

This presents the Saudis with a dilemma: Should they retain their focus on higher prices and keep output steady? Or should they offer political and economic support to Trump, and take market share away from their regional rival, by raising production to fill the gap?

A statement released by the kingdom a few hours after Trump's announcement seemed to provide the answer. Saudi Arabia will "mitigate the effects of any supply shortages," it said. Kuwait later gave a similar assurance.

"The signal from that is: the Iranian oil lost, we will replace," Fereidun Fesharaki, founder and chairman of FGE, said in a Bloomberg television interview.

Boosting output to compensate for Iran and reining in rising prices would prevent damage to the global economy, and fuel demand. With U.S. gasoline costs rising, the move could also appease Trump, who last month lashed out at OPEC for keeping prices "artificially very high."

There are risks too. Increasing supply by too much, or without coordination with fellow producers such as Russia, could inundate markets and drive prices lower. The alliance they established in 2016 could dissolve into mutual rivalry and suspicion.

"OPEC has to engage in some balancing acts," said Bassam Fattouh, director at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies. "They want to preserve the deal that they worked very hard to achieve," he said, referring to the group's historic production cuts.

In a sign that Riyadh is aware of the political sensitivity of any oil-production increase, Al-Falih said in a post on Twitter on Wednesday that he was in "close contact" with other OPEC nations, Russia and the U.S. on how to "ensure market stability." Sanctions on Iran won't affect the deal between OPEC and its partners, Kuwait Oil Minister Bakheet Al-Rashidi said Thursday.

Much depends on Russia. The Kremlin will have to weigh its alliance with Iran in the Syrian conflict against the new bond forged with Saudi Arabia and the temptation of boosting production of Urals crude that could replace Iranian barrels in Europe.

If the latter argument prevails, President Trump's decision may in fact have finally provided OPEC and Russia, which in 2016 had expected their effort to take just six months, with an exit strategy.

"The Saudi oil policy has been forced to change," said Olivier Jakob, managing director at Petromatrix GmbH in Zug, Switzerland. "The OPEC-Russia supply restriction is seeing its last days."

Whole world won't be watching tonight's Democratic debate

By Ken Herman
Austin American-Statesman

■ COMMENTARY

It's not exactly "Friday Night Lights." In fact, one crueler than I might call it "Friday Night Lightweights," a debate between two Democratic gubernatorial candidates battling for the honor of being a prohibitive underdog in November.

But as a member of the civic chorus that called for this debate, I'm looking forward to it. That — in addition to other things — makes me odd, because it aligns me with the sliver of a fraction of a portion of a percentage of the people of the Great State of Texas who'll be watching.

This debate between ex-Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez and Houston businessman Andrew White will help decide which candidate will be run off in the runoff. Early voting starts Monday and ends May 18. On-time voting is May 22. There is no late voting, though there should be.

First, let's remember the runoff rules: If you voted in the March 6 GOP primary you can't vote in the Democratic runoff. If you didn't vote in either primary, you can vote in either party's runoff. And, of course, if you voted in the Democratic primary you can vote in the Democratic runoff.

But many — most? — of the million or so folks in that last category, though eligible, won't return to the polls to complete their civic responsibility.

The good news is, everybody is eligible to watch tonight as the Democrats scuffle for the right to lose to GOP Gov. Greg Abbott in November. (I've never been wrong on a political prognostication. Trump? President? Don't make me laugh.)

You don't even need to have a TV to watch the Democratic gubernatorial debate. The hourlong event will be livestreamed at 7 p.m. on KXAN.com. Thanks to KXAN and the various Democratic groups that helped make this debate happen.a

Breaking news: Looks like Spectrum News will carry the debate for customers of Spectrum Cable, which used to be Time-Warner Cable, which used to be Something Else Cable and someday will be Yet Again Something Else Cable.

Anticipating a less-than-boffo viewership, I understand why KXAN opted not to pre-empt regularly scheduled programming to show the debate on real TV. (FYI, looks like KXAN's regularly scheduled programming is an episode of "Blindspot," in which "Jane is forced to recruit someone from her past to help take down a dangerous alliance." Hmm, if White, son of a gov, wins the nomination might that be kind of like the Democrats turning to someone from their past to help take down a dangerous alliance?)

The debate's cordial moderator will be Gromer Jeffers, the Dallas Morning News' veteran political reporter. Jeffers is most assuredly cordial. I don't know if he's a moderate. And on the off chance that Jeffers might steer the debate to topics of interest to him, the debaters might want to do some homework on the Chicago Cubs and blues, gospel and soul music.

It'll be interesting to see what tone the debate takes. Valdez has been acting like a front-runner, a status she earned by taking 43 percent of the vote in the March primary. White ran second with 27 percent. Let's see who — if anyone — gets feisty.

Perhaps we got a hint when Valdez, in announcing she'd agreed to the debate, issued a statement: "I have long known what my values are. I'm a Texas Democrat. I look forward to seeing which opponent shows up, the 'very conservative Democrat or moderate Republican.'"

That last part referred to a White quote about himself in Texas Monthly.

For Valdez, the debate is an opportunity to answer questions raised by some — including newspapers and others that endorsed White after speaking with both candidates — about her depth of knowledge on issues.

There's this from the Ouch Department for Valdez: The Austin Chronicle, which endorsed Valdez in the March primary, isn't endorsing anybody in the runoff: "We tepidly endorsed Lupe Valdez in the primary, but her performance since March has given us pause." The weekly said it continues to admire her "progressive ideals" but also notes "her tenuous grasp of policy."

"Unfortunately," the paper said, "those shortcomings have persisted in a way that has made it unwise to invest in her candidacy, and we've seen little from Andrew White that would make us want to change our vote."

One thing's for sure: Whoever wins the Democratic nomination will face a GOP governor well-steeped in how state government works. (And yes, you wise guy, state government periodically does work.) Abbott has been in state government as a Texas Supreme Court justice, attorney general or governor since 1995.

Valdez has never been in state government. She was Dallas County sheriff for 13 years. White's never held public office. His dad, Mark, was a one-term governor in the 1980s, which, if my math and memory are correct, was even longer ago than 1995.

So, if you've got nothing better to do tonight (Sad!), fire up your browser of choice and choose to browse on over to the debate.

And, when it's over, I'd be interested to hear what you think.

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Author Wright considered run for governor

Texas Tribune

New Yorker staff writer and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Lawrence Wright said Thursday morning he considered running for Texas governor this election cycle.

Wright told Texas Tribune CEO Evan Smith that he considered running against Republican Gov. Greg Abbott following a legislative session in which social conservative issues such as the "bathroom bill" went unchallenged by the governor. He said he discussed running at a time when the governor didn't seem to have any Democratic challengers.

"There was a period of time where nobody was going to challenge the governor — because he's unbeatable," Wright said. "I thought it shouldn't be the case that he's not challenged."

Wright is a staff writer for The New Yorker, a screenwriter, a playwright and the author of 11 previous books, including "The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11" and a new book about Texas, "God Save Texas: A Journey into the Soul of the Lone Star State." He said he was ultimately overruled by his family.

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> **Lawrence Wright**
> Author

Wright said his family was concerned about the loss of privacy in a potential campaign. A handful of Democratic candidates ended up entering the race. The two most prominent — former Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez and Andrew White, the son of former Gov. Mark White — will square off in a runoff for the Democratic nomination on May 22.

"To be honest, the chances of winning that race were slim, but I thought it was worth providing a contribution — a voice," he said.

Texas suit could speed DACA's path to Supreme Court

By Jessica Gresko
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Three judges have ordered the Trump administration to continue a program that has shielded hundreds of thousands of young immigrants from deportation. Now, a lawsuit filed last week in Texas seeks to shut down the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and may create a legal clash that could speed the issue's path to the U.S. Supreme Court.

President Donald Trump's decision in September to phase out the Obama-era program, called DACA, resulted in protests and a failed congressional effort to salvage it. Experts say it's a matter of when, not if, the Supreme Court will rule on the program. It could be the second opportunity for the high court to weigh in on a high-profile decision of the president's, with a ruling on Trump's travel ban expected before the end of June.

Josh Blackman, a professor at South Texas College of Law Houston, said the Texas lawsuit filed May 1 tees up "a fast pass to the Supreme Court."

If Texas and six other states persuade a judge to issue a nationwide order barring the government from continuing DACA, that decision could conflict with existing judges' orders telling the government it must partially continue the program. That's the kind of conflict the Supreme Court generally steps in to address.

The high court has already finished hearing arguments ahead of its summer break at the end of June, and it's rare for the court to hear arguments again before October. But if judges issue conflicting orders on what the government must do with DACA, the court might be asked to make an interim, procedural decision, said Stephen Yale-Loehr, who teaches immigration law at Cornell University's law school. The Texas lawsuit "creates even more uncertainty in what is going to happen," he said.

DACA, created in 2012, has provided protection from deportation and work permits for about 800,000 young people who came to the U.S. as children and stayed illegally. A person enrolled in the program gets protection from deportation that lasts two years and can be renewed.

Judges in California and New York have ruled that the Trump administration must allow current DACA participants to renew their enrollments, but the government doesn't have to process new applications. A ruling by a judge in the District of Columbia would require the government to also process new applications, but it has been put on hold until late July.

While these lawsuits challenged Trump's decision to wind down DACA, the lawsuit filed by Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, South Carolina and West Virginia aims to end it. The states argue the creation of the program was unlawful, an overreach by President Barack Obama, a conclusion the Trump administration agrees with.

And the states filed the case in a way to put it before a potentially sympathetic judge, U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen in Brownsville.

Hanen criticized the Obama administration for lax enforcement of immigration laws. And in 2015 he ruled against an expansion of DACA by Obama as well as a program that would have protected the parents of children who are in the country legally. His ruling blocking the programs was upheld by an appeals court. The Supreme Court, short a member after the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, was divided 4-4 on the case in 2016, leaving the lower court's ruling in place.

University of Texas law professor Stephen Vladeck said the Texas case "increases the likelihood of conflicting orders to the government and conflicting substantive conclusions about DACA's legality."

If Hanen sides with the states, he could order the government to immediately stop processing new DACA applications or renewing old ones, which would contradict the existing orders. That would create a "pretty chaotic" situation that the Supreme Court would likely want to resolve, Vladeck said.

Facebook ads show Russian effort to stoke political divide

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats on the House intelligence committee have released more than 3,500 Facebook ads that were created or promoted by a Russian internet agency, providing the fullest picture yet of Russia's attempt to sow racial and political division in the United States before and after the 2016 election.

Most of the ads are issue-based, pushing arguments for and against immigration, LGBT issues and gun rights, among other issues. A large number of them attempt to stoke racial divisions by mentioning police brutality or disparaging the Black Lives Matter movement. Some promote President Donald Trump or Bernie Sanders, who ran against Hillary Clinton in the Democratic presidential primary. Few, if any, support Clinton.

The intelligence committee Democrats released a sampling of the ads purchased by Russia's Internet Research Agency last year, but they are now releasing the full cache of ads that Facebook officials turned over to the panel after acknowledging in September they had discovered the Russian efforts. The release of ads from early 2015 through mid-2017 does not include 80,000 posts that the agency also shared. Some of the ads are partially redacted, part of an effort by Facebook and the committee to protect unsuspecting people whose names or faces were used.

An Associated Press review of the thousands of ads and their data shows how precisely — and sometimes randomly — the agency targeted them.

Some ads designed to appeal to critics of immigration were targeted to users who liked specific Fox News hosts, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, "Old Glory" and the United States Constitution, among other words.

Others were more narrowly targeted. Facebook users within 12 miles of Buffalo, New York, were directed to an event supporting justice for a black woman who died in a county jail. Another ad criticizing a Texas school teacher who lost her job after making racist remarks was aimed at adults living in Cleveland, Baltimore, St. Louis and Ferguson, Missouri.

One ad that targeted African-Americans concerned about discrimination was only to be shown to users accessing Facebook on Wi-Fi, rather than cellular. There was no explanation as to why that was.

Sometimes the targeting appeared to work — after a try or two. A January 2016 ad that promised news on "bad" refugees got five clicks when targeted at those interested in immigration or conservatism. But the same ad got 163 clicks when targeted at those interested in Syria, the Republican Party or politics.

Others got many more clicks. A pro-patriotism ad created on June 23, 2015 featuring a stylized drawing of a bald eagle was viewed nearly 530,000 times and was clicked on 72,000 times.

As the Russians attempted to pose as Americans, their language sometimes hinted at their origin. One ad railed against immigrants who "should prove that they are deserved to stay in the United States." Another read: "Your life matter. My life matter. Black matters."

Facebook revealed in September that it had discovered the divisive ads, which were paid for in rubles. Ads were still running in July and August of 2017, weeks before Facebook made the effort public.

In February, special counsel Robert Mueller indicted 13 Russians in an elaborate plot to disrupt the 2016 presidential election, charging several people associated with the Internet Research Agency with running a huge but hidden social media trolling campaign aimed in part at helping Trump defeat Clinton. The indictment was part of Mueller's larger investigation into Russian intervention in the election and whether Trump's campaign was involved. There has been no evidence that Trump's campaign was in any way associated with the social media effort.

The trove of ads released Thursday appears to back the assertion that the Russians wanted to hurt Clinton. Some spread rumors about her husband, former president Bill Clinton, or promote lies about her. Several depict Clinton behind bars.

Hundreds of the ads ran after the election, continuing the effort to sow discord. A series of ads posted two days after Trump was elected urge his supporters to show up at Trump Tower in Manhattan to respond to the "massive crowds of libtards" who protested him. It targets people within 50 miles of New York City and provides the street address.

Pence says it's time for Mueller to 'wrap it up'

By Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Mike Pence said Thursday he believes it's time for special counsel Robert Mueller to conclude his investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and other potential misdeeds by those in the president's orbit.

"In the interests of the country, I think it's time to wrap it up," Pence told NBC News following the release of three Americans held by North Korea.

Pence said the Trump administration has "fully cooperated" with Mueller's probe, including turning over more than 1 million documents. President Donald Trump has called the investigation a "witch hunt," and his outside counsel, former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani, has called on the Justice Department to put an end to the probe.

Pence added: "I would very respectfully encourage the special counsel and his team to bring their work to completion."

The vice president was pressed on the news about millions of dollars in payments from companies to Trump's personal attorney Michael Cohen. Pence said that was a "private matter" and "something I don't have any knowledge about."

Cohen, Trump's self-described longtime "fixer," is also under investigation for his role in paying hush money to a porn actress in the days leading up to the 2016 presidential election.

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There's no rush for Giuliani to get his facts right

■ When it comes to Mueller's investigation and the Stormy Daniels scandal, the loudest voices on both sides care only about whether something helps or hurts Trump



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If there were any doubt that the multi-front battle over the Russia investigation has become the political equivalent of a Tong war, Rudy Giuliani removed it.

The former mayor of New York City made his debut on Sean Hannity's Fox News show last Wednesday as a "cleaner" of sorts, like The Wolf from "Pulp Fiction," determined to tidy up the whole mess in a matter of weeks.

But the celestial writers of the reality show we all live in had a different plan. As a new member of President Trump's legal team, Giuliani turned out to be more of a mix between Sonny Corleone and Inspector Clouseau, vowing to go to the mattresses but making the mess worse instead.

He trampled Hannity's talking points by insisting that Michael Cohen, Trump's so-called fixer, did pay off porn actress Stormy Daniels — and did so with Trump's knowledge. The president then humiliated Giuliani, saying that Giuliani had no idea what he was talking about.

Giuliani got the message. "I'm not an expert on the facts yet," he told Fox's Jeanine Pirro on Saturday night. "I'm getting there." By the next morning, Giuliani had an update on his baby-steps quest to get "up to speed on the facts," telling ABC's George Stephanopoulos, "I'm about halfway there."

Honestly, though, there's no need to rush. The facts aren't really a priority these days. When it comes to Robert Mueller's investigation and the Stormy Daniels scandal, the loudest voices on both sides care only about whether something helps or hurts Trump.

Consider the question of whether or not the president should testify under oath in the Mueller probe. The standard answer from the pro-Trump caucus is that the president should not. Mueller is out to get Trump, the logic goes, and if Trump talked to Mueller, it would be a "perjury trap."

In other words, no one disputes that if put under oath, the president couldn't avoid lying, either because Mueller is an evil genius or because, well, that's what the president does. As Giuliani told Stephanopoulos: "You couldn't put a lawyer on this show, who wants to keep his law license, to tell you he should testify."

Giuliani has a point. When asked, most lawyers say that if they were representing Trump, they'd advise against testifying. And quite a few of them, Giuliani included, suggest that maybe Trump should invoke his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

That alone should be the first indication that lawyers don't always give the best political or moral advice. Invoking the Fifth would likely be politically disastrous, especially since Trump suggested on the campaign trail that doing so amounts to an admission of guilt.

It would also be bad for the country. If you're not one of Trump's lawyers or political advisers, and you still think he shouldn't cooperate with an investigation into foreign meddling in our elections, it's likely because you care more about Trump's political health than the country's.

The notion that Mueller has a personal vendetta against Trump is grounded more in the president's paranoia than in any evidence. The most commonly cited "proof" is that Mueller hired many Democrats for his team. But as Ramesh Ponnuru noted at Bloomberg View, this assumes "ambitious Republican lawyers were likely to sign up for a high-profile investigation of a Republican president."

Meanwhile, not all of the facts are working against Trump. The Resistance refuses to acknowledge that the case for an obstruction of justice charge is weak at best. The president can fire underlings, even the head of the FBI, for whatever reason he wants. More important, the dismissal of James Comey didn't thwart the investigation into Russian meddling; it merely launched an investigation into Comey's firing.

The debate over whether Trump should fire Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein follows the same dynamic. There's a strong argument that Rosenstein has botched his job overseeing the Mueller investigation. But the Department of Justice's original authorization of the Mueller investigation didn't specify what, if any, crimes he should investigate — a violation of the department's own regulations. There's also solid reason to believe that firing Rosenstein would plunge the country into an even uglier phase of the Tong war.

Of course, none of this matters anymore. All that matters is whose side you're on.

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OUR VIEW

Russell's impact at MHS goes beyond state title, playoff appearances

Laurels

■ **For Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell.** We are sad that coach Russell announced his retirement this week. While we hope he enjoys a well-deserved retirement, Midland ISD is losing a state-championship coach, and as we know inside Midland ISD, these coaches do not grow on trees.

Russell's Midland High teams qualified for the playoffs for 20 straight seasons and reached the state tournament two times. In 2001, his Bulldogs' delivered the school's second state title. It was the last team title for a MISD team in any sport.

We also think it is worth mentioning that during Russell's tenure high school baseball replaced football as the No. 1 feeder of high school boys to Division I colleges. Baseball no longer is just a complementary sport to football in Midland. In fact, its importance in the local athletic scene is undeniable. It is probably time for Midland ISD to shift its coaching pay rates to bump up the stipend for its baseball coaches.

■ **For Midland Christian Superintendent Eddie Lee.** Midland Christian has grown dramatically under the watch of Eddie and Carol Lee, who are retiring from the school. Both will continue to be connected — there are buses to take care of and an auction to run, after all — but now is an appropriate time to remember the thousands of students and their parents whose lives the Lees impacted with their service to Midland's largest private school.

■ **For Trinity's Jordan Sanz.** First, he was named a National Merit Scholarship Corp. semifinalist, which is an honor that goes to only 16,000 students across the nation. Then, the Trinity valedictorian was named a National Merit finalist, again no small feat. This week, we learned Sanz was one of 2,500 designees selected from the 15,000 finalists to earn the National Merit Scholarship Corp. scholarship as part of the corporation's 2018 program. Congratulations, Jordan.

■ **For the West Texas Food Bank.** The food bank is participating in the 26th annual Stamp Out Hunger event, which is Saturday.

Residents in Midland likely have already received a paper bag in their mailbox related to the food donation event. Residents are encouraged to put nonperishable food items in that bag and leave the bag out for your letter carrier by the end of the week. The National Association of Letter Carriers also are participating. Residents also can take the bag to the post office or bring it to the West Texas Food Bank. It seems like a pretty easy way to make a difference in someone's life. We hope our readers are willing to participate.

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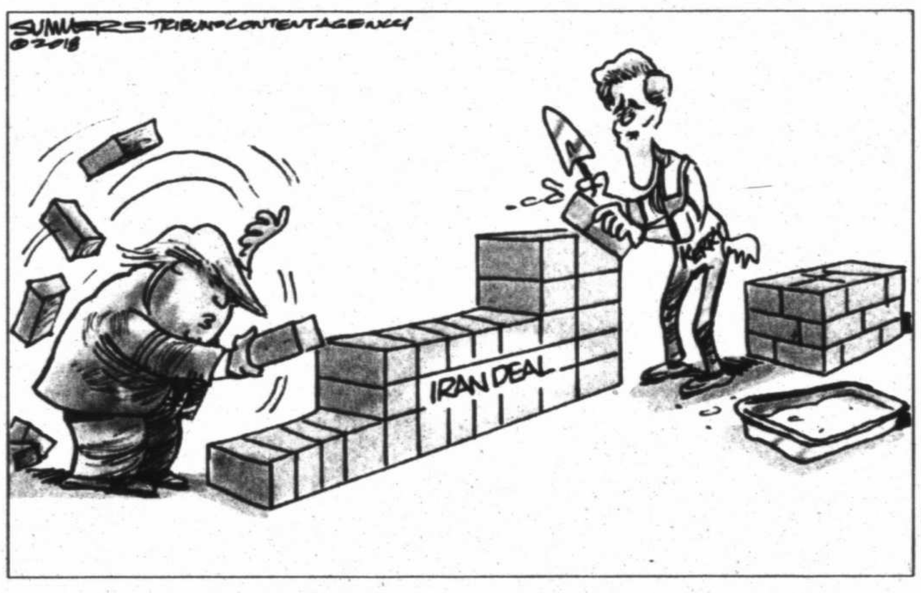
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Kerry to blame for Trump's decision

■ Collusion is usually a dirty word, so where's the outrage over Kerry's secret meetings on the Iran deal?



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Democrats routinely express outrage over claims of collusion with a foreign power to undermine our democracy. So where is the outrage over revelations that former secretary of state John Kerry held not one but two secret meetings with Iran's foreign minister to strategize over how to undermine President Trump's plans to withdraw from the Iran nuclear deal?

An Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman confirmed the meetings after the Boston Globe broke the news, declaring, "We don't see the U.S. just as Mr. Trump; the United States is not just the current ruling administration." Think about what this means. Iran is a terrorist state responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Americans in Iraq, whose leaders hold rallies where thousands chant "Death to America!" Kerry was working with a sworn enemy of the United States to try to undermine the foreign policy of the elected president of the United States.

I thought we didn't like Americans who colluded with our enemies.

Kerry's meetings with Iran's leaders were not isolated incidents, but part of a formal lobbying campaign that included phone calls with European Union leaders and meetings with the presidents of Germany and France in which, the Globe reports, he discussed "the details of sanctions and regional nuclear threats in both French and English."

On Twitter, Trump suggested that Kerry might have violated the Logan Act, which says: "Any citizen of the United States ... who, without authority of the United States, directly or indirectly commences or carries on any correspondence or intercourse with any foreign government ... with intent to influence the measures or conduct of any foreign government ... in relation to any disputes or controversies with the United States, or to defeat the measures of the United States, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both." In fact, no one has been prosecuted under the Logan Act in more than 160 years, and most conservative legal scholars consider it unconstitutional.

Although what Kerry did was probably not illegal, it was deeply hypocritical. Recall that in 2015, when Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., and 46 other Republicans wrote to Iran's leaders informing them of the Senate's constitutional role in approving international agreements, Kerry was incensed. "My reaction to the letter was utter disbelief," he said at the time. "To write leaders in the middle of a negotiation ... is quite stunning ... [and] ignores more than two centuries of precedent in the conduct of American foreign policy," Kerry said, adding that he would never have interfered in that way "no matter what the issue and no matter who was president." What a difference three years make.

Cotton is a sitting United States senator. The Senate has a constitutional role in foreign policy. Kerry is a private citizen.

He has a constitutional role in nothing.

Kerry's defenders compare him to Henry Kissinger and other former secretaries of state who regularly meet with world leaders.

"Secretary Kerry stays in touch with his former counterparts around the world, just like every previous secretary of state,"a Kerry spokesman said. But Kissinger does not conduct rogue diplomacy. When he meets with foreign leaders, he usually coordinates with the White House, often carrying messages for the president, and then briefs administration officials afterward. Kerry did none of this.

This is not the first time Kerry has interfered in U.S. diplomacy as a private citizen. In 1970, he flew to Paris and met with the North Vietnamese while they were in the midst of negotiating the Paris Peace accords with Kissinger. Kerry admitted then that his actions were "on the borderline of private individuals negotiating." What he did last month was not on the borderline.

Kerry would not have had to resort to rogue diplomacy if he had negotiated a better deal. The agreement he struck could not even muster the support of a simple majority in the Senate, much less the two-thirds majority needed to ratify a treaty. As Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., correctly points out, the Obama administration "made a bad deal with Iran without support from Congress. ... American foreign policy makes lasting progress when it is led by the president, approved by Congress, and presented honestly to the American people." Kerry has no one to blame but himself for Trump's decision to withdraw. And he certainly has no business colluding with America's enemies against America's president.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Summit set, detainees free

By Zeke Miller, Jill Colvin and Matthew Lee
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Envisioning "a very special moment for world peace," President Donald Trump announced Thursday he will meet North Korea's Kim Jong Un for highly anticipated summit talks in Singapore on June 12. He set the stage for his announcement by hosting a 3 a.m., made-for-TV welcome home for three Americans held by Kim's government.

"We welcomed them back home the proper way," Trump told supporters at a campaign rally in Indiana Thursday evening.

Final details in place, Trump and Kim agreed to the first face-to-face North Korea-U.S. summit since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War. It's the most consequential and perhaps riskiest foreign policy effort so far in Trump's presidency as North Korea's nuclear program approaches a treacherous milestone — the capacity to strike the continental U.S. with a thermonuclear warhead.

Trump says the U.S. is aiming for "denuclearization" of the entire Korean peninsula, but he has yet to fill in just what steps that might include and what the timing would be.

"We're starting off on a new footing," Trump said of himself and Kim as he welcomed the detainees in a floodlit ceremony at Joint Base Andrews outside Washington. He hailed their release as a potential breakthrough in relations between the long-time adversary nations.

He and Kim "will both try to make it a very special moment for World Peace!" he said of the summit later on Twitter. He told his rally crowd, "I think it's going to be a very big success."

Kim has suspended nuclear and missile tests and put his nuclear program up for negotiation, but questions remain about how serious his offer is and what disarmament steps he would be willing to take. The White House has said withdrawal of thousands of U.S. troops from South Korea is "not on the table."

Long before dawn Thursday, with the former detainees by his side on the air base tarmac, Trump said it was a "great honor" to welcome them back to the U.S. but "the true honor is going to be if we have a victory in getting rid of nuclear weapons."

The ceremony, which also featured a giant American flag suspended between the ladders of two firetrucks, emphasized Trump's penchant for the dramatic as he raised expectations for the summit. And it underscored how closely the fate of his foreign policy agenda is being tied to the North Korean negotiations.

He had wanted to hold the summit in the demilitarized zone between the two Koreas but yielded to the concerns of officials who thought a DMZ meeting would focus attention on relations between the North and South rather than the nuclear question.

Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, other top officials and first lady Melania joined the president for the air base celebration. The former detainees — Kim Dong Chul, Kim Hak Song and Tony Kim — had been released Wednesday at the end of Pompeo's visit to North Korea.

They appeared tired but in excellent spirits, flashing peace signs and waving their arms as they emerged from the aircraft. One said through a translator, "It's like a dream; we are very, very happy." They later gave the president a round of applause.

Pence said Pompeo had told him that at a refueling stop in Anchorage, "one of the detainees asked to go outside the plane because he hadn't seen daylight in a very long time." The men were taken to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for evaluation before being reunited with their families.

In Indiana, Trump urges GOP to mobilize for 2018 midterms

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

ELKHART, Ind. — Embracing his role as party leader, President Donald Trump issued a stern warning at a rally Thursday that Democrats would disrupt the economic progress of his administration, imploring Republicans to mobilize during the 2018 midterm elections.

Trump used one of his signature rallies in northern Indiana to paint a rosy picture of his presidency, pointing to low unemployment, "booming" job growth and optimism under his watch. Two days after Indiana wrapped up a divisive Republican Senate primary, the president praised a lengthy ticket of House and Senate candidates by name and predicted Democrats would dismantle his agenda if they regained control of Congress.

"You have to work every day between now and November to elect more Republicans so that we can continue to make America great again," Trump said, referencing his 2016 campaign slogan.

The president, who was joined at the Elkhart rally by home-state Vice President Mike Pence, said Democrats would raise taxes, "destroy your jobs and they are going to knock the hell out of your border."

Chief among his targets: Indiana's Democratic Sen. Joe Donnelly, who faces Republican businessman Mike Braun in what is expected to be one of the nation's most competitive Senate races.

Trump branded Donnelly as "Sleepin' Joe," assailing him for opposing the president's signature tax cuts and his attempt to end the Affordable Care Act and for supporting the Iran nuclear deal forged by President Barack Obama and withdrawn by Trump this week.

Trump said Donnelly would "do whatever Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi tell him to do" and claimed the senator would "say one thing in Elkhart," and then support the "radical, liberal agenda."

Basking in the cheers of thousands of supporters wearing his red campaign hats, the president hailed his decision to impose tariffs on steel and aluminum imports and his tough stance on trade deals, appealing to the region's manufacturing base. He reissued his campaign pledge to build a border wall with Mexico, telling the crowd the work had started despite opposition from Democrats.

And he celebrated the return of three Americans who had been held captive in North Korea, saying: "We welcomed them back home the proper way."

But for a onetime political novice who ran as an outsider, Trump played the role of party champion ahead of midterm elections that typically haunt the party that holds the White House.

Trump is expected to ramp up his political travel in the coming months, and his advisers viewed the event as a way to project party unity following a rough primary that pitted Braun, a former state legislator, against two Republican congressmen.

Imploring Braun to join him on stage, Trump turned the podium over to the Senate nominee, who credited the president for providing an inspiration to his candidacy. "I'm a businessman and an outsider, just like our president," Braun said to cheers.

The president, who helped raise $132 million for the Republican National Committee in 2016, won 10 states where Democratic senators are on the ballot this year. He's expected to campaign heavily to help Republicans maintain Senate and House majorities and elect GOP governors.

In his remarks, Trump painted a glowing picture of his presidency.

"We are all making America proud. We are rockin,"" he said. "The great news keeps rolling in."

Missing was any reference to the clouds cast by the special counsel's ongoing investigation into Russian election meddling and near-daily revelations about Trump's personal attorney Michael Cohen's payments to a porn actress who alleges an affair with Trump.

McCain raises his voice against torture

By Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the Senate began considering Gina Haspel's nomination to head the CIA, one voice was noticeably missing.

Republican Sen. John McCain remained at home in Arizona battling brain cancer as Wednesday's debate turned to the past use of enhanced interrogation techniques, now banned, that President Donald Trump has suggested perhaps should return.

Haspel, the CIA's acting director and a career intelligence officer, faced grilling about her role overseeing some CIA operations in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Some senators asked about her morals. Haspel told them she doesn't believe torture works.

The absence of McCain, a Navy pilot who was tortured in captivity during the Vietnam War, hung over the conversation. What he would have to say about Haspel mattered. But not until Washington had all but finished for the evening did he finally weigh in.

"I believe Gina Haspel is a patriot who loves our country and has devoted her professional life to its service and defense," he said in a statement. "However, Ms. Haspel's role in overseeing the use of torture by Americans is disturbing. Her refusal to acknowledge torture's immorality is disqualifying."

He added, "The Senate should exercise its duty of advice and consent and reject this nomination."

McCain's decision will certainly influence the debate, but it may not block Haspel's confirmation.

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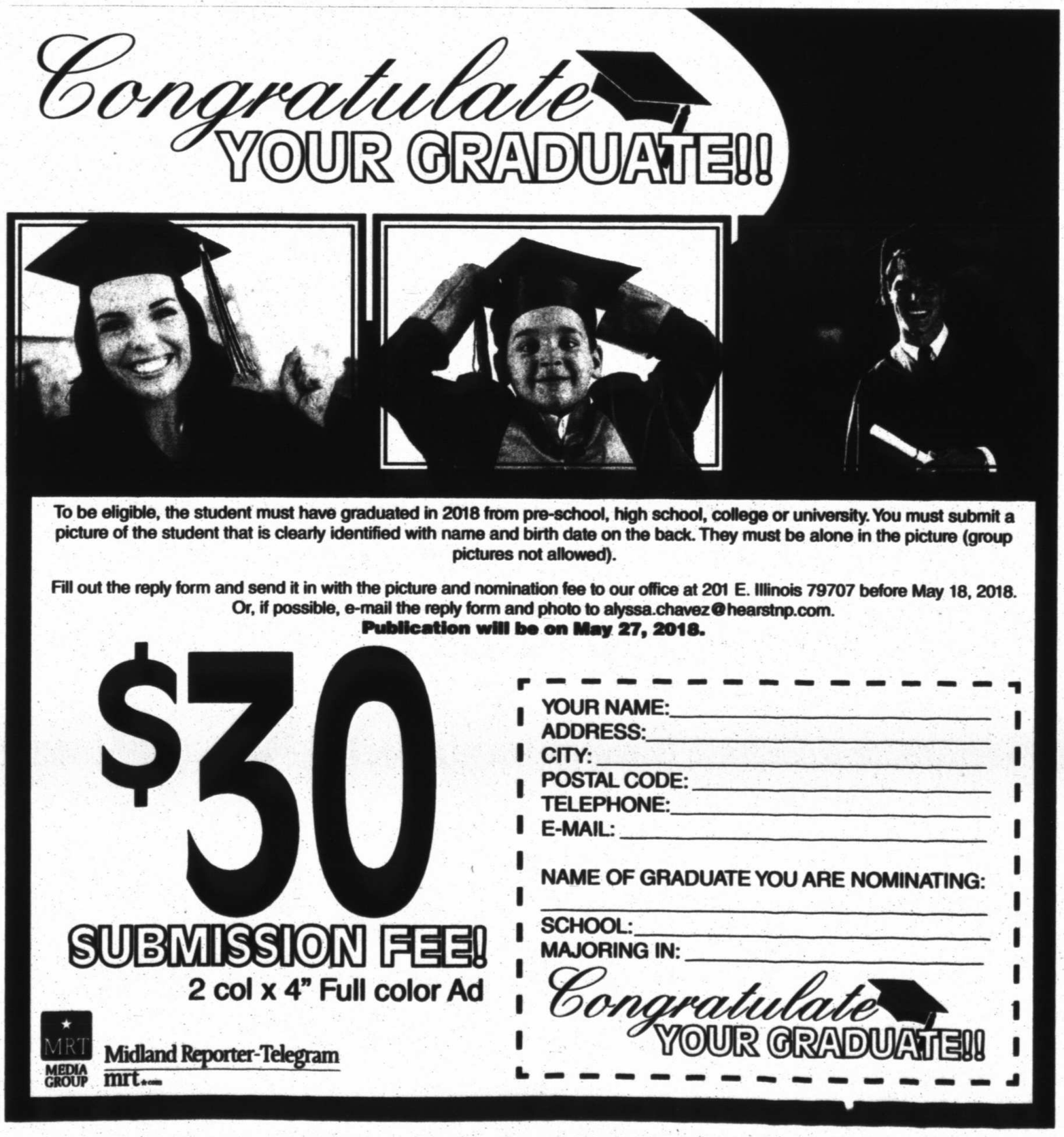
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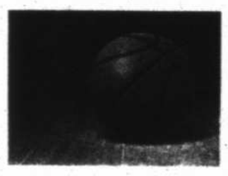
TODAY



HOT POTATO MARC hosts its $10 Baked Potato Fundraiser at its "A" Street offices for lunch and dinner. The event will help send its Tall City Advocates to the capital promoting awareness and education. 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

NIGHT OUT Midland YMCA will watch and feed the kids while mom and dad enjoy Parents' Night Out from 6-9 p.m.

SATURDAY



NOTHING BUT NET Witness a day of hoop action at Mount Rose Full Gospel Baptist's Rise 3-on-3 basketball tourney at Palmer Activity Christian Center. Teams and players will compete in age-based divisions. 8 a.m.



SPOKES AND MORE Enjoy the bike parade, petting zoo and games at Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center's annual Basin Bikefest. Serious riders can sign up for longer rides as well. 8 a.m.

MONDAY



ANIMAL-FRIENDLY The Midland Humane Coalition holds its adoption center volunteer orientation. Learn about working with animals and even playing with cats and taking pictures of the animals. 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

GOOD DINNER Help the American Cancer Society by dining at Texas Roadhouse from 4-10 p.m. Let the server know you are there to Dine to Donate and 10 percent of your purchase will help the ACS.

THURSDAY

READ ON The George W. Bush Childhood Home will feature the book "Finding Susie" written by former Supreme Court justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Copies given to each child in attendance. Space is limited so reservations are encouraged. 4:30 p.m.

Food drive to help Stamp Out Hunger

■ Nonprofit to dedicate its new Disaster Response Mobile Pantry

From staff reports

West Texas Food Bank will help stamp out hunger with a food drive planned for Saturday and a new mobile pantry.

Residents may donate non-perishable food items that mail carriers will pick up for Stamp Out Hunger. The National Association of Letter Carriers hosts the nation's largest food drive, now in its 26th year.

"We are looking forward to this Saturday's Stamp Out Hunger food drive. It comes at a great time of need for the West Texas Food Bank. With the kids out of school, the need goes up," Libby Campbell, WTFB executive director, said in a release.

Residents may use the specially marked bag they received in their mailbox or other bags for their donations. Glass containers are discouraged because of safety issue, according to the release.

Once packed, the bags can be left next to the mailbox for pickup.

Donations also will be accepted at the post office and at the West Texas Food Bank facilities.

"The food bank appreciates all the support of our community, and we are especially thankful to the letter carriers who volunteer their time to make Stamp Out Hunger a success," Campbell said.

In conjunction with the food drive, Sims and Guess Realtors will host a food truck rally 5 to 8 p.m. at its offices located at 4526 E. University Blvd. in Odessa. The food bank will collect food donations.

DISASTER RESPONSE

Earlier this month, the WTFB announced the launch of its Disaster Response Mobile Pantry that will be

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Volunteers and letter carriers process donations from Stamp Out Hunger in 2017. For more information, visit wtxfoodbank.org.

Westminster Concert Bell Choir brings the hits to Midland

From staff reports

The Westminster Concert Bell Choir will present "Top 40 Hits" May 20 at First Presbyterian Church. Celebrating its 40th anniversary season, the Westminster Concert Bell Choir shares the most popular pieces from its four decades as one of America's premier handbell ensembles.

The program will feature original works, transcriptions, hymns, folk tunes and popular pieces all performed on the world's largest range of handbells — eight octaves — and six octaves of Choirchime instruments, according to a press release.

The 14-member Westminster Concert Bell Choir is composed of undergraduate and graduate students of Westminster Choir College of Rider University in Princeton, New Jersey, which was the first institution in the world to develop a handbell program as part of its curriculum.

The Westminster Concert Bell Choir has appeared on public television's "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" and several holiday broadcasts of the "Today" show.

Most recently, the choir joined singer Josh Groban for NBC's nationally televised lighting of the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree.

Conductor Kathleen Ebling Shaw, a member of the college's Sacred Music Department at Westminster Choir College, led a clinic earlier this year at the West Texas Handbell Festival.

A free-will offering will be taken at the concert, which begins at 7 p.m.

Dallas-area immigrants apply for IDs issued by Catholic churches to ease deportation fears

By Elvia Limon
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Nearly 300 people sat inside San Juan Diego Catholic Church in North Dallas at 8 a.m. on a recent Saturday — but none were there for Mass.

The predominantly Hispanic crowd sat in pews or stood against the white walls as they waited for a group of church volunteers seated near the altar to call out their assigned numbers. Many were immigrants living in the United States illegally, making them ineligible to get a Texas-issued identification card.

But now they and other unauthorized immigrants are able to apply for a church-issued ID provided by a handful of Dallas-area Catholic churches, including San Juan Diego. In recent months, Dallas, Carrollton and Farmers Branch began giving their police the discretion to accept the cards as a form of identification.

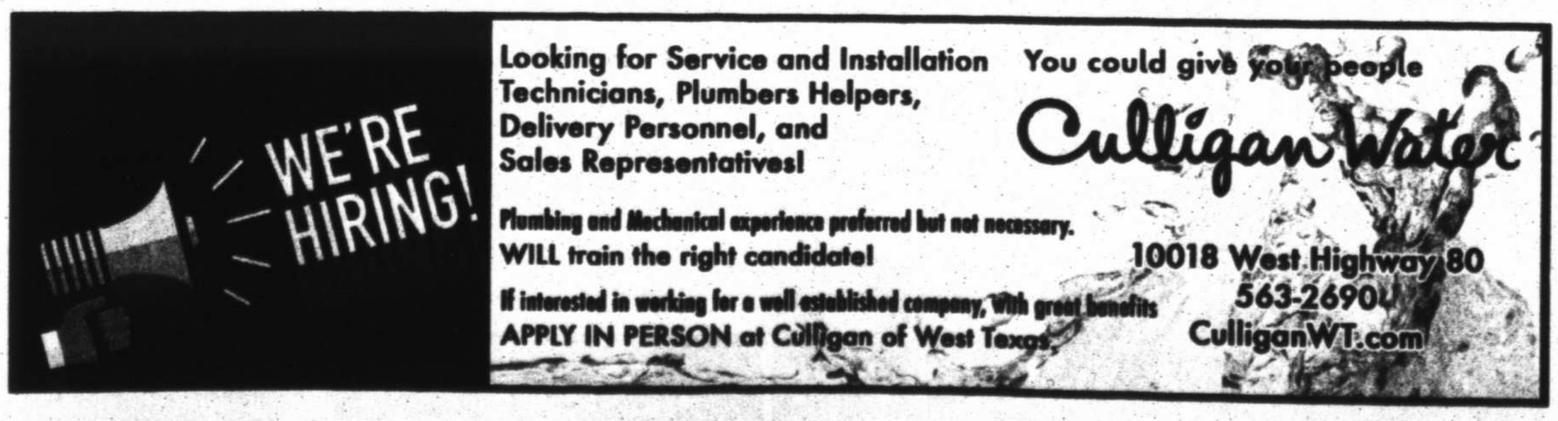
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Nearly 300 people sit and wait in line for a church-issued ID card April 22 at San Juan Diego Catholic Church in Dallas.



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Although only three area cities have given their police discretion to accept the cards as a form of ID, residents from any city can apply through participating churches.

For many applicants, even though there is no guarantee an officer will accept a church-issued ID card, the cards provide an added measure of security in a time when immigrants worry that not having an ID during something such as a simple traffic stop could lead to jail time and a possible run-in with immigration authorities. "There is a fear now, and we feel exposed," Maria Matilde Ramirez of Dallas said in Spanish. She, her husband and their 21-year-old daughter were all applying for ID cards that day. "There's a lot of interest in the IDs. I have some family members who said they will be applying."

An added benefit to the card, she said, is that anyone who sees it will see that she is an active member of her church.

"If a police officer sees my ID, then he will see that I got to church and that I am a good citizen," Ramirez said.

Five hours into the event at San Juan Diego, volunteers had received about 500 applications for IDs and had issued about 300 cards. The rest couldn't be printed due to an equipment failure.

The push for the church IDs came after former Dallas Assistant Police Chief Gary Tittle, Farmers Branch Police Chief David Hale and Carrollton Police Chief Derick Miller met with 1,500 people at a Dallas Area Interfaith meeting in November.

The chiefs told the crowd they would consider utility bills, library cards and church membership cards as acceptable forms of ID under a law banning sanctuary cities in Texas.

"We know that does not take the place of a driver's license," said Socorro Perales, senior organizer for the interfaith group. "We know this is not a document issued by the state. But when they do accept it to identify the person, they can issue a ticket to their name and avoid arrest."

Under the "sanctuary cities" law signed by Gov. Greg Abbott last May, police in Texas can ask anyone they detain about their immigration status. Jurisdictions that violate the law are subject to fines up to $25,000 a day, and local officials who break the law can be removed.

Abbott and others who back the law said that people would not be pulled over and questioned by police if they hadn't committed a crime. Racial profiling laws would be strictly enforced, they said.

But Father Michael Forge of Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Farmers Branch said several of his immigrant parishioners have been more fearful of police since the law was passed, telling him they're afraid to drive their children to school or to go to church because they're unable to get a Texas driver's license.

To help ease their fears, Forge said his parish is providing IDs to anyone who applies and provides some type of active or expired government-issued ID from their country of origin or an affidavit to prove they are who they say. The IDs are also free.

"You don't have to be Catholic for that matter," he said. "We certainly want our immigrants, legal or otherwise, to have some sort of peace."

Mary Immaculate has issued 231 IDs since it first began handing out applications in March, said youth ministry assistant Erma Perez.

"We are trying to work as much as we can to provide a bit more comfort for the Hispanic community," said Perez. "Now that they have the ID, you can see it in their faces. When they leave, they leave with a little smile and they say, 'Thank you very much.'"

But not every parish works like Mary Immaculate. San Juan Diego requires parish ID applicants who are 18 years or older to first become an active church member for six months. At the time of application, they must bring an active or expired government-issued photo ID from their country of origin and be accompanied by a legal U.S. resident or citizen who can vouch for them.

San Juan Diego does not charge for the IDs, but it does in some cases ask for a small donation to cover costs of making the card.

Adriana Godines, a volunteer at the church, said the requirements are in place because to ensure that IDs aren't handed out to just anyone.

Since the start of the church ID program, she said, San Juan Diego has since registered about 1,000 new members, although many had already been attending Mass there for some time.

"For us, this is a really important document," she said. "We cannot take it lightly. It's something that person is going to show to an officer."

Similar to San Juan Diego, St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church requires applicants to have been members of the church for three months before they are issued a parish ID. Applicants must also bring a current or expired government-issued ID from their country of origin and ask for a donation.

Lily Rodriguez, secretary at St. Philip, said the church is providing cards for adults and children.

The ID can also be used to enroll in GED, U.S. citizenship and English-language classes that will be provided by the Dallas County Community College District at St. Philip this summer.



Elvia Limon/Dallas Morning News/TNS

Jaquina Balli asks church ID applicants to fill out a survey while they wait for their photos to be taken April 22 at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church in Dallas.

Obituaries



Brian Lee Payne

Brian Lee Payne, 44 of Midland, Texas went to be with his Lord and Savior on May 9, 2018 after a long illness. Brian was born September 11, 1973 in Kermit, TX and was adopted by Bobby and Ann Payne, when he was a day old. Brian was preceded in death by his mother Ann Payne, his grandparents Bill and Mary Payne, Darwin and Loreen Sprawls and Kenneth Martin. He is survived by his daughter Andrea Payne and her fiancée Saxon Johnson, his dad Bobby Payne, his sister Tammy Mitchell and her husband Eric Mitchel and a special friend Wendy Wiles and her son John.

Brian was a 1992 graduate of Lee High school where he was a member of the mighty Rebel Band and a football trainer. He enjoyed life to the fullest and touched all our hearts in a way only he could. He loved his daughter, his family and his many friends.

The family will be taking visitors at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Friday, May 11, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the services will be on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at Second Baptist Church in Midland, TX at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers we ask that you give donations to S.H.A.R.E. - Caring for families who have children with special needs. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

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Cody Rodriguez Portillo

On January 22nd, 1991, John and Betty Portillo were blessed with their son Cody Rodriguez Portillo in Midland, Texas. For 27 years Cody brought so much life and joy to his family and friends with his big smile and even bigger heart. On May 8th, 2018, Cody was called home to his Heavenly Father, but his memory will never fade from the hearts of those who loved him.

Cody is survived by his son Ezekiel Cody Portillo, and his parents John and Betty Portillo both of Midland. He will always be "The Best Looking Brother" to his seven brothers and two sisters whom he loved so much, Chris and Vanessa Portillo, Ricky and Carmen Portillo, Jacqueline Portillo, Heather and Ruben Martinez, Stephen Portillo, Anthony Portillo, Robert Portillo, Adam Portillo, and Reyes Portillo all of Midland, TX. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and his girlfriend Stephanie Cedillo of Midland, TX. Cody will meet his grandparents Manuel and Beatrice Rodriguez and Reyes and Lucy Portillo in heaven. Cody was a happy person and he was loved dearly by everyone he knew.

You could count on him to make you laugh and leave your life a little brighter just because he was in it and he loved his "Zekey" more than anything in this world.

Although Cody has left everyone's world a little darker now that he's gone home, his memory will live on forever. Pallbearers will be, Chris Portillo, Ricky Portillo, Stephen Portillo, Anthony Portillo, and Adam Portillo. A rosary was held Thursday May 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Friday, May 11th, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. The burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.



Jewell Elizabeth Wood Dunlap

Jewell Elizabeth Wood Dunlap was born April 4, 1923, in Knott, Texas and departed this life Sunday, May 6, 2018, at the home of her oldest daughter, Mary Gowen. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m.until 6:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jewell was the seventh of ten children born to George and Lena Wood. Jewell was united in marriage to the love of her life, James Carlton Dunlap, Sr. on April 4, 1942, in Big Spring, Texas. To this union eight children were born.

Jewell was a Jehovah's Witness, being baptized in 1949.

Jewell worked at the Senior Citizens Center in Big Spring for numerous years, followed by Nurses Unlimited until her retirement. Out of everything "Granny" worked at, her passion was her family. Her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren were her life. We are all truly blessed to have had this special lady in our lives.

Jewell leaves to cherish her memories, her children: Mary Gowen of Midland, Texas, Carol Wright and her husband Bud of Sand Springs, Texas, Gary Dunlap and his wife Ruth of Lufkin, Texas, Ronnie Dunlap and his wife Cindy of Big Spring, Texas, Gerald Dunlap and his wife Kenda of Plainfield, Illinois, Jannetta Penn and her husband Cal of Odessa, Texas; 32 grandchildren; 57 great grandchildren; 6 great great grandchildren; sister-in-law: Francys Walker; sister-in-law and brother-in-law: Raenita and Joe Earnest; daughter-in-law: Rose Ann Dunlap and special daughter-in-law: Wanda Weissmiller; and numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

Jewell was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband, one daughter: Sharron Walls; one son: James Carlton, Jr. and his wife Barbara; three grandsons: Mark, Jeffery and Paul Dunlap; one granddaughter: Elizabeth Dunlap; four brothers: Gaylord, Garland, Alvin, and Carl; five sisters: Novelle, Eunice, Laveda, Roxie and Baby Girl.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons. Honorary pallbearers will be her great grandsons.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at *www.myersandsmith.com*



Michael Wes Towse

Michael Wes Towse - born December 17, 1986 in Anaheim, California and died May 3, 2018 in Odessa, Texas.

Mike was a devoted husband, father, son, brother and friend.

Mike liked to play practical jokes on people. You knew Mike loved you if he "pranked" you.

He a had adventurous spirit and was good natured. His sense of humor knew no bounds. Mike had a huge heart for people and animals alike. He was constantly rescuing dogs and bringing them home. Mike would help anyone and everyone he could. Mike was truly liked and loved by everyone.

Mike is preceded in death by his mother Tamara Towse, and survived by his wife Jessica, his son Logan, his brother Josh and his wife Juanita, his sister Caitee, his mother and father in-law Robin and Tim Grangruth, his brother-in-law Aron and other loving family members. In addition, Mike was a lineman, and leaves behind his lineman "brothers" who loved and respected him.

Mike and Jessica were blessed with the birth of their son Logan on March 4, 2018. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Logan Towse gofundme page at *gofundme.com/michaeltowse*



Pamela Medlock

Pamela Medlock was born in Midland, Texas on July 7, 1965 and Departed this life on May 9, 2018. She was a loving and caring person who would light up a room with her presence. She was a social butterfly to everyone. She will truly be missed and never forgotten. Her laughs and loud talks will forever live on. There will be a viewing at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel, 1502 N Lamesa Road, Midland, TX 79701 on Friday, May 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. A wake service will be held from 6:00 till 8:00. p.m. on Friday, May 11, 2018. Funeral Service for Pamela Medlock will be held at Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church located at 1001 S Main Street, Midland, TX 79705 on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.. Thank you, The Family of Pamela Medlock. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.



Steven Neil Holcomb

Steven Neil Holcomb, 40 years young of Midland, Texas passed away on May 8, 2018 early that morning while home sleeping in bed.

Born October 11, 1977 7:00 a.m. at Midland Memorial Hospital, he weighed 10 pounds and 11 ounces. He has lived most of his life in Midland, Texas (2 years in Desoto, Texas). After graduating from Robert E. Lee High School in 1996, Neil worked at Midco Machine, his family's business.

Neil had Type 1 Juvenile diabetes from the age of 11 and he fought it his entire life.

He had a gift for playing musical instruments and seemed to grab anything that made a noise and could play it. He picked-up his first guitar at 11 years old and never stopped playing it his entire life. Neil and friends started a musical group in High School named True Witness and they played everywhere they could. He loved the music scene and Old country music, but rock-a-billy was his first choice. Hundreds of friends on Facebook are posting in memory of Neil.

He is survived by Thoren Tricommi his first born son and the latest Love of his Life 3 year old Lucas Gene Holcomb; grandmother Janel Holcomb; parents Judy Holcomb and Steven Holcomb and brother Lance Holcomb and many lifelong friends.

He is preceded in death by his son Hayden Connally Holcomb just short of birth who is buried at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

Graveside Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park on Friday, May 10, 2018.

Pallbearers are Cran Ferrell, Chris Pittman, Paul Shaw, Ty Blount, Anthony Goyang, and Tom Burgess.

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

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Death Notices

Shirley Alls

Shirley Alls, 73, of Midland passed away May 9, 2018. She was born June 24, 1944 in Nashville, TN.

She is survived by her children, Jeff Alls, Shannon White, Karren Thurmond; one sibling; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Viewing will be held Friday, May 11, 2018 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at American Heritage Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held Monday, May 14, 2018, 11:00 a.m., at a American Heritage Funeral Home. Burial immediately following at American Heritage Cemetery.

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Questions about death notices or online Guest Books? Email to obits@mrt.com

Southeast Texas church damaged by explosion

Associated Press

BEAUMONT — A package left at the front door of a Southeast Texas church exploded, causing minor damage and marking the second time in two weeks that a device has been found in the city of Beaumont.

The overnight blast broke windows and caused other damage to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Beaumont's West End, the Rev. Steven Balke told KFDM-TV on Thursday.

No one was injured in the explosion. Bishop C. Andrew Doyle, Episcopal Bishop of Texas, said in a statement that the church and the All Saints Episcopal School next door were evacuated and will remain closed until further notice.

At a news conference Thursday afternoon, Police Chief Jim Singletary displayed resources being used in the investigation. He declined, however, to address the nature of the bomb, motive, whether any suspects had been identified, or if there were any links between this bomb and other devices.

Authorities said a similar device was found unexploded outside a Beaumont Starbucks on April 27. Police have disclosed no motive.

A recent series of package bombs exploded in the Austin area over a three-week period, killing two people and severely wounding four others. Investigators said suspect Mark Conditt used one his own devices to blow himself up as authorities approached his SUV before dawn on March 21.

CALENDAR

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MAY 11-17

TODAY

The $10 Baked Potato Fundraiser by MARC. Guests can enjoy a baked potato bar to support the Tall City Advocates and their visit to Austin to promote awareness and education. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. at MARC, 2701 N. "A" St.

Triumphant Warrior Sock Drive. The nonprofit collects donations of fun socks for cancer patients. All sizes for men, women and children welcome. Noon-6 p.m. through May 28 at Wall Street Lofts, 100 N. Main St.

Parents' Night Out with child care and dinner provided for children 6 weeks to 12. 6-9 p.m. at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. $10. midlandymca.org.

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

SATURDAY

Rise 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. The tourney will include four divisions based on age. 8 a.m.-8 p.m. May 12 at Palmer Activity Christian Center, 1305 E. Illinois Ave. $75 per team. Mtrosefgbc.org.

Basin Bikefest features bicycle rides, a bike parade, petting zoo, games, refreshments and more. The event benefits Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center. Register online. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at MCRC, 802 Ventura Ave. $10-$15. midlandchildrens.org.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market celebrates its 11th season. Along with a variety of vendors, the market will include Music on the Porch, DELL workshops and onsite food trucks. Visit the calendar online for details and changes. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 27 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

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

Family Free-For-All: Bee Inspired by Art will feature a reception for artist Nancy Macko. Guests can enjoy refreshments and learn about bees and conservation in conjunction with "The Fragile Bee" exhibition. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. May 12 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

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

Youth Car Wash, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

"Tips and Tricks for doing Genealogy Research in Ancestry, FamilySearch and on the Web" with Sarah Ross Kelliher. 10:30 a.m. May 12 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. Facebook: @midlandtxgenealogocialsociety.

Lone Star Sanctuary Meet and Greet. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Midland Park Mall (at Dillard's), 4511 N. Midkiff Road.

The Practice of Meditation, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays through May 26 at Pilates Reformer and Namaste Yoga Studio, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. RSVP to kachazeh@gmail.com.

Choral Treasures by Allegro Chorale. 4:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. Free.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation. 6-9 p.m. at Midland Humane Coalition, 4206 W. Loop 250 N. midlandhumane.org/volunteer.

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

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

TUESDAY

Dine to Donate benefiting Relay for Life of the Permian Basin. Ten percent of food purchase will go toward the American Cancer Society. 4-10 p.m. at Texas Roadhouse, 4512 W. Loop 250 N.

Peer Support Group by Permian Basin LGBTQ (plus). 7-9 p.m. at Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Deauville Road.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

Laura Bush Literacy Program Reading Event will feature the book "Finding Susie" with copies given to each child in attendance. Space is limited so reservations are encouraged. 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. Free. bushchildhoodhome.org.

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

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

DAILY PROMISE BROUGHT TO YOU BY
HENRY
Lamentations 3:22-23
"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."



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Volunteers and letter carriers process donations from Stamp Out Hunger in 2017.

FOOD

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available to other areas in Texas in the event of emergency or disaster. This follows WTFB's recent involvement with Hurricane Harvey relief.

The pantry was made possible through a grant by Occidental Petroleum and funding by Feeding Texas.

"I am so excited to launch the new Disaster Response Mobile Pantry for many reasons," Campbell said in a press release. "The Mobile Pantry is also going to be such an asset for disaster response in the state. Of course, we hope to never be called out to a disaster, but we are on the ready should one arise. I want to personally thank Occidental for their support of this project. It would not have been possible without them."

The pantry, designed and built by Cruising Kitchens of San Antonio, will allow the food bank to reach out to underserved areas locally.

"We serve such a vast area, and the ability to reach our clients with a mobile market and fresh produce is incredible," Campbell said. "This project will help the West Texas Food Bank reach its goal of distributing over 1 million pounds of fresh produce this year."

The food bank will celebrate the new initiative and the pantry with a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony on Wednesday at Occidental Petroleum, 6001 Deauville Blvd.

"Occidental is proud to support the communities where we operate here in the Permian Basin. And we are particularly honored to have the opportunity to partner with the West Texas Food Bank to make this mobile pantry a reality," said Mark Grommesh, Occidental Petroleum's president and general manager for Permian Resources Midland Basin.

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		G	S	R	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
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Once Upon a Time "Homecoming" 1/2 (N)		Agent SHIELD "The Force of Gravity" (N)		20/20		News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Undercover "Gabby Douglas" (P) (N)		Hawaii Five-0 (N)		Blue Bloods "My Aim Is True" (SF) (N)		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) 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	Mason "The Case of the Grinning Gorilla"		Twilight Zone
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Meghan Markle A look at the lives of Meghan Markle and Prince Harry. (N)				Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
	KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Think Red Ink	Creation Magazine	Update News	HaYesod	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Update News	Creation Magazine	Shepherd's Heart	
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsW-est 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	Blindspot "Deflection" (N)		Dateline NBC Investigative features are covered.				NewsW-est 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Wash. Week (N)	In Princ (N)	Live From Lincoln Center (N)		Great Performances		Aman-pour (N)	World News (N)	NHK Newsline	Stories
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		El Rico y Lazaro		Papa a Toda Madre		Por Amar Sin Ley		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	News	Game
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	575			165			(4:15) Cold Moun...		While You Were Sleeping		(:45) ★★ Punch-Drunk Love			★★ Bulletproof		
	HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	News (N)	Making A (:15) ★★ Bridget Jones's Diary				Bill Maher (N)		VICE (N)	W.Conac	Bill Maher	
	HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:15) Garden State		Westworld		Lady Macbeth Florence Pugh.		★★★ The Beguiled			(:05) My Cousin ...		
	HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:15) ★★ Whiteout Kate Beckinsale.				★★ Live by Night ('16, Cri) Ben Affleck.				(:15) ★★ The Informant! Matt Damon.			
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:50) The Accoun...		Assassin's Creed Michael Fassbender.				Rellik "Episode Five"		Rellik "Episode Five"	Assassin's Creed		
	MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:50) Rules Don't Apply Alec Baldwin.				Rellik "Episode Four"		★★ A Perfect Getaway		(:40) The Midnight Mee Tra..			
	PLEX			96			(3:20) ★★ Scoop		★★★ The Evening Star Jack Nicholson.				(:10) ★★ The Woman in Red		(:40) ★★★ Gallipoli			
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:15) The Whole ...		I'm Dying Up Here		Kevin Smith: Sil...		Boxing Shobox: The New Generation (L)					
	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:35) Bad Ass 3: ...		★★ Daddy Day Care				(:25) ★★ Madea's Family Reunion			★★ The Stepford Wives		
CABLE	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	(4:00) Live PD		Live PD (:05) Live PD "Rewind"		Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces and the communities they patrol. (L) (N)						Live PD	
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(3:20) ★★★ Titanic Leonardo DiCaprio.				★★ Twister ('96, Act) Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt.					(:25) Fear the Dead		Badlands
	BET	58	-		40		★ For Colored Girls ('10, Dra) Janet Jackson, Loretta Devine.						Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	In Contempt	
	BRAVO	65	76		41		Beverly	★★ Coyote Ugly Piper Perabo.					★★ Coyote Ugly Piper Perabo.			★★ Enough Jennifer Lopez.		
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		American Greed		American Greed	
	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	BattleBots		BattleBots (N)		Bering Sea Gold (N)		Catch "Collision Void"		Bering Sea Gold (N)		Catch "Collision Void"	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	(3:20) Inside Out		DuckTal.	★★★★ Inside Out			StuckM.	StuckM.	Raven's.	Bunk'd	DuckTal.	Bizaard.
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NBA Countdown (L)		NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)						NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)			
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Interrupt	NFL Live			Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		The Five	
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive-Ins (N)		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive-Ins	
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:40) ★★★ Casper			(:50) ★★★ Brave ('12, Ani) Kelly Macdonald.					The 700 Club		Ella Enchanted	
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Rangers Insider	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Houston Astros Site: Minute Maid Park -- Houston, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Riders Insider	UCL Mag. (N)	Europa Mag. (N)
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00) Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation				★★ Lucy ('14, Act) Scarlett Johansson.				Trust "Kodachrome"		★★ Lucy	
	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) A Country...		★ Royal Matchmaker Bethany Joy Lenz.				Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Bargain	Bargain	Dream H.	Dream H.	Dream H.	Dream H.	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	Dream H.	Dream H.
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens (N)		(:05) Tesla Files (N)		(:05) Ancient Aliens		(:05) Ancient Aliens	
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Grey's Anatomy "The Great Pretender"		Grey's Anatomy "Starting at the End"		Grey's Anatomy "The Distance"		Grey's Anatomy "I Feel the Earth Move"		Grey's Anatomy "The Great Pretender"		Grey's Anatomy "Starting at the End"	
	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	43				Mecum Auto Auctions: Muscle Cars & More "Houston, Texas" The Mecum Auto Actions from Houston, Texas, are covered.											
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	Lip Sync	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	(5:00) ★★★ The Rundown				★★★★ John Wick ('14, Act) Keanu Reeves.				★★ Remember the Titans			
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Shaun of th...		★★★ Beetlejuice Michael Keaton.				Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	★★★ Transformers ('07, Act) Shia LaBeouf. Two alien robot tribes battling for supremacy come to Earth seeking an energy source.				ELeague				★★ American Pie ('99, Com) Chris Klein.	
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:45) Miracles Fo...		★★★ The Great Train Robbery				★★ Hanover Street Harrison Ford.				★ From Beyond t...	
	TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Mi Familia Perfe (N)		Al Otro Lado del (N)		Señor de cielos (N)		Al rojo	(:35) Thalor.	Al Otro Lado del	
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Say Yes to the Dress		90 Day Fiancé "Jorge and Anfisa: Our Continuing Journey" (N)						90 Day Fiancé "Jorge and Anfisa: Our Continuing Journey"			
	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	NCIS: New Orleans "Carrier"		★★ Red 2 Bruce Willis. A team of retired C.I.A operatives reunite to track down a missing nuclear device.				★★ War of the Worlds A man struggles to protect his children when aliens invade Earth wanting to destroy it.					
	TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	55	42	07	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern "Grab It"	Modern Family	Modern Family
	WGN	19	85				M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

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In-laws' public scorn chips away at man's confidence

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DEAR ABBY: I have a great marriage to an amazing woman. We have beautiful kids and are really happy together. The issue, however, is my in-laws. We are complete opposites in personality and certain views.

I know everyone has different opinions and I respect that. The problem is, they belittle my opinions, job, hobbies and habits. I have been with my wife since high school, and they have never liked me. Lately, the problems have gotten worse.

I am educated, have a good job and take care of my family. But every chance my in-laws get, they make negative comments to me, and in front of others. My friends have called them beyond cruel. My feelings are constantly hurt, and I have begun to feel negatively about myself. My wife doesn't see a problem and says that's just how they are.

I have stood up for myself. When I did, my father-in-law proceeded to threaten me with physical violence. It is worse when they drink, which is usually when we see them, but the insults are there regardless. I am scared my kids will see how they treat me and think it is OK to do so. I used to be a confident man who would defend myself, but because they are family, I usually take it.

I am at my breaking point, and my marriage is beginning to suffer because my wife refuses to support me. She also keeps inviting us to their house for gatherings. I tell her I don't want to go, but she says to let things go. I don't know how. Please help. — STRESSED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR STRESSED: I fail to see how a couple can be happy under these circumstances. That a wife would tolerate her parents' abuse of her husband is shameful. However, that does not mean you must allow it to continue. Dig deep and resurrect the confident man you once were. Tell your wife you will no longer visit the in-laws unless you receive an apology from them and they agree to remain sober while you're there. And because you have reason to believe you'll be disrespected in front of your children — or it will happen behind your back — make other plans for them and for yourself while your wife visits her folks.

DEAR ABBY: Maybe I am wrong to feel the way I feel. My 90-year-old mother passed away a month ago. My sister emailed me to tell me the awful news. I almost fainted when I read it. I can't believe it was acceptable to notify me that way. At the funeral, my sister also had the pastor read what she wrote about our mom, and never acknowledged me in her writing or asked if I wanted to write something to be read. What is going on here? None of this behavior seems right to me. — DEVASTATED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR DEVASTATED: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother. What your sister did was not proper. I can only conclude that you and your sister are not close, and that she may harbor some anger or resentment toward you that she demonstrated at a most inappropriate time.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

What's the best line?

Neither vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
♠A865
♡3
◇AK2
♣AKJ54

WEST
♠Q43
♡AJ1092
◇107
♣Q63

EAST
♠J1092
♡7654
◇Q96
♣98

SOUTH
♠K7
♡KQ8
◇J8543
♣1072

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1◇	Pass
2♣	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♡

Today's deal was played recently at a tournament in Australia. The field routinely reached the contract of three no-trump, but there was no clear agreement on the best way to play it.

After winning the opening heart lead with the king, declarer has seven top tricks. Four tricks from either minor will get his total up to nine, but which minor? It is essential that he keep the East hand off lead, as a heart return by East will scuttle the contract. One appealing line is to cash the ace and king of both minors, hoping that one of the queens will drop. When neither queen appears, declarer will have to guess which minor to continue.

David Stern is an Australian expert who doesn't play much these days, but he is in great demand at tournaments around the globe for his expertise in producing daily bulletins for the attending players. He also helps in putting on vue-graph presentations, where bridge lovers who are not playing at the time can watch experts play in a theater-like setting accompanied by expert commentary.

Stern suggested leading the jack of diamonds at trick two. West will surely cover if he holds the queen, and South can simply duck and allow West to win the trick. A 3-2 split in diamonds will then give him nine tricks. Should West play a low diamond, South should rise with dummy's ace and cash the ace of clubs, cross back to his hand with the king of spades, and lead a club to dummy's jack. That would produce 10 tricks on this deal and applause from a vue-graph audience. We like it!

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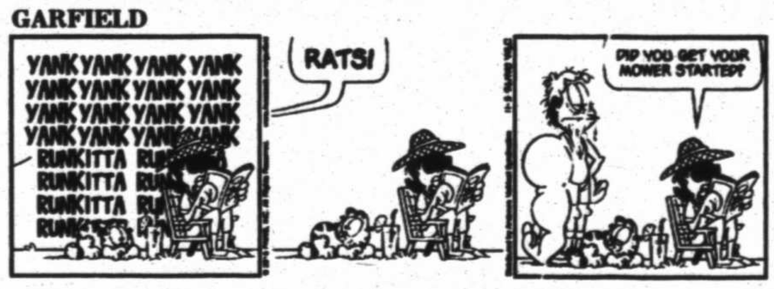
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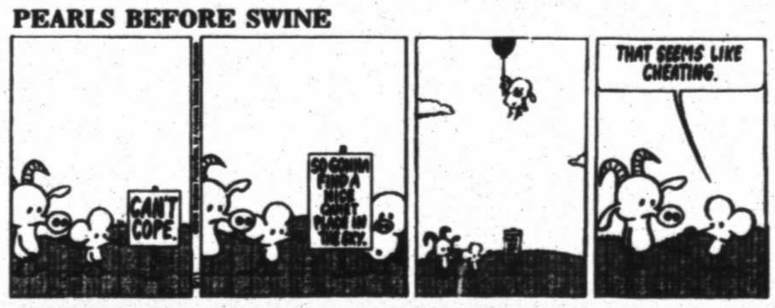


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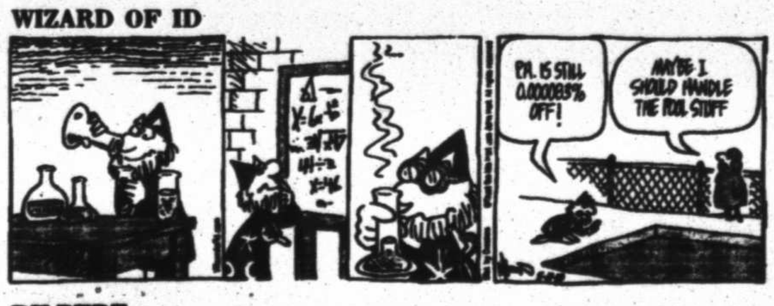


"THOSE WORRIES I LEFT BEHIND FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH ME."

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



WIZARD OF ID



LOCKHORNS



"WHEN I ASKED 'HOW LAZY CAN YOU BE?' DID YOU TAKE IT AS A CHALLENGE?"

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Wow, look at that! These french fries have potatoes in 'em!"

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Mother's Day SCRAMBLED STORY

Read about how Mother's Day started. Number the flowers to show the correct order of the story.

In the U.S., the idea of Mother's Day was first suggested by Julia Ward Howe in 1872 as a day dedicated to peace.

In 1909, Mother's Day services were held in all 46 states plus Canada and Mexico.

During the 1600s, people in England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday." On that day servants were released from work to spend the day with their mothers.

In 1912, West Virginia became the first state to adopt an official Mother's Day.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a resolution establishing Mother's Day.

In 1908, St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia held a Sunday service honoring mothers.

One day each spring in ancient Greece, people held celebrations in honor of Rhea, whom they called the Mother of the Gods.

In 1907, Ana Jarvis passed out carnations at her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia – one for each mother in the congregation. She did this in memory of her own mother.

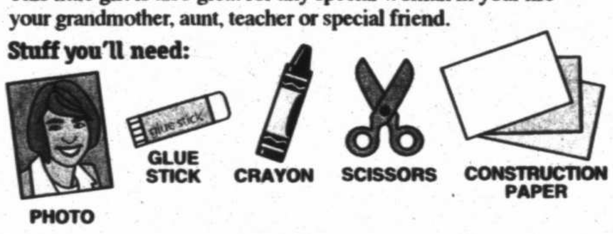
How many flowers can you find on today's page?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Identify structural patterns (sequencing) found in informational text.

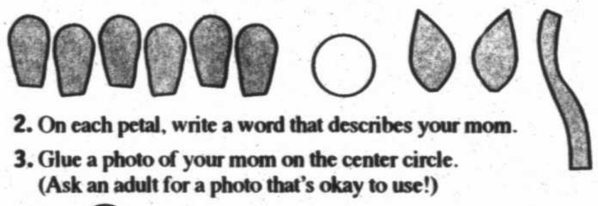
Make a Keepsake Flower for Mom

This little gift is also great for any special woman in your life – your grandmother, aunt, teacher or special friend.

Stuff you'll need:



1. Cut out six flower petals, a center circle, stem and two leaves.



2. On each petal, write a word that describes your mom.
3. Glue a photo of your mom on the center circle. (Ask an adult for a photo that's okay to use!)
4. Write "I love you" on the stem.
5. Glue the flower parts together.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple multiple-step written directions.

Unscrambled Fact

Julia Ward Howe, who was the first North American to suggest Mother's Day, made another important contribution to U.S. history. Unscramble the letters to find out what she wrote.

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FO HET LUCIPREB

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Help the kittens find their mom.



Extra! Extra!

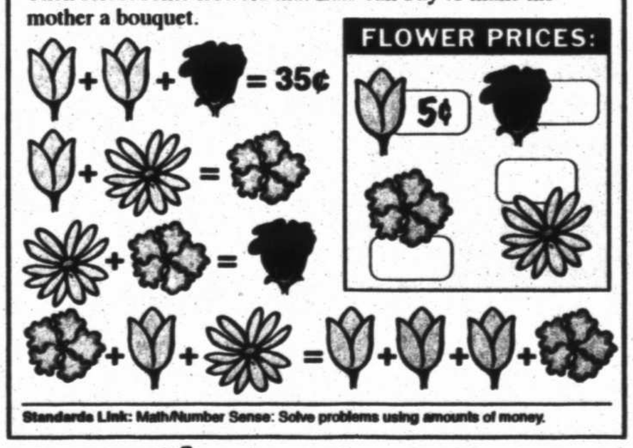
Mystery Note to Mom

Cut out letters from today's newspaper and use them to write a mystery note to your mother.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write friendly letters.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Luis wants to buy his mother some flowers. He has $1.00. Use the puzzle to figure out what each of the flowers costs. Then select some flowers that Luis can buy to make his mother a bouquet.



Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Solve problems using amounts of money.

Kid Scoop Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

DEDICATED
MYSTERY
SERVICE
BOUQUET
MOTHER
MEMORY
SUNDAY
PETALS
ADOPT
PEACE
GREAT
RHEA
IDEA
FACT
LOVE

H	O	Y	S	N	T	P	O	D	A
O	R	A	M	E	G	R	E	A	T
M	T	D	A	F	R	T	H	M	S
P	Y	N	E	A	A	V	O	H	L
E	R	U	D	C	E	T	I	O	A
A	O	S	I	T	H	R	V	C	T
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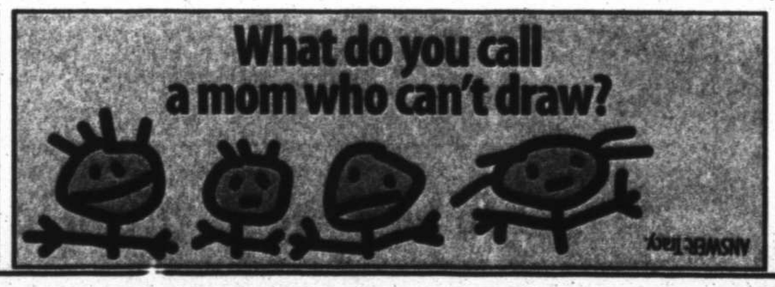
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Thank You, Mom!

Cut out pictures and words from the newspaper and design a "Thank You" ad for your mom, sister, aunt or a special lady in your life. Be sure to tell them why you are thanking them.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository description to present unified impressions of people.



Weekly Writing Corner

Elephant Jokes

Students send in their favorite elephant jokes.

How do you make an instant elephant?
Open package, add water and RUN!

Kailey, 4th grade

Why are elephants so wrinkled?
Did you ever try to iron one?

Sarah, 1st grade

What do elephants wear to the pool?
Swimming trucks.

Hunter, 1st grade

What cheers you up when you are sick?
A get wellephant card.

Alexus, 4th grade

Why did the elephant sit on the marshmallow?
Because he didn't want to fall into the hot chocolate!

Sarah, 1st grade

If you see an elephant in your car, what time is it?
Time to get a new car!

Josh, 4th grade

What has six legs, three ears, four tusks and two trunks?
An elephant with spare parts.

Ben, 2nd grade

What is gray and blue and very big?
An elephant holding its breath.

Callie, 2nd grade

What did the grape say to the elephant?
Nothing, grapes can't talk.

Zachary, 4th grade

How do you stop a charging elephant?
Take away its credit card.

Louise, 5th grade

What is large and gray and goes around and around in circles?
An elephant in a revolving door.

Ryan, 4th grade

How do you get down off an elephant?
You don't. You get down from a goose.

Angie, 4th grade

An elephant walks into a bar. "Where are you from?" asks the bartender.
"Tuskcany!" replied the elephant.

Leon, 6th grade

Write On!

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MC's Gillman stays positive after battling cancer as child

■ Chaparrals open Region V Tournament against McLennan CC

By Oscar LeRoy
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Midland College sophomore third baseman Tommy Gillman tries to bring a positive attitude and outlook on life every day to the ballpark.

Considering what he went through as a child, nothing that happens in the game of baseball can compare to what he experienced.

When he was 9 years old, Gillman was diagnosed with stage 4 Burkitt's lymphoma, a rare form of cancer of the lymphatic system that happens in children, usually in boys between the ages of 7 to 9.


Gillman

"That was kind of a huge thing in my life and it's given me a whole new perspective," Gillman said. "It's easy for me to be positive, especially when I have that perspective. When I look at baseball, the bad things that happen in baseball – making errors, losing games — it's nothing that's really that bad. When I was a kid, I had to go through something that truly was bad."

Gillman will certainly look to keep that same positive attitude this weekend when the Chaparrals (35-20) play in the Region V Baseball Tournament at Grand Prairie's Texas Airhog Stadium. MC opens play against No. 13 McLennan Community College (40-14) at 5 p.m. today.

"He's a guy that shows up to play every day with a smile on his face. He's really a joy to be around," said MC coach Hector Rodriguez about Gillman. "He just enjoys playing the game. I'm glad we got him. He's been huge for us. He's great for morale."

Gillman, who is from Littleton, Colorado, has proven he's a fighter. After being diagnosed in late 2006, Gillman said he finished

Please see **GILLMAN/4C**


James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Tommy Gillman (6) hits against Frank Phillips College on April 28, at Christensen Stadium.

This is for you


James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Sametria Smith reacts after winning the 100 meter hurdles during the Tall City Invitational track meet on March 2 at Memorial Stadium.

MHS' Smith hopes to do well at state for mother

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland High senior Sametria Smith will be thinking of her mother Demika Lane when she competes Saturday in the UIL State Track and Field Championships at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin.

It was her mother that insisted that Smith stick with track when she thought about quitting in the second grade. Boy, was her mother right, as Smith is back at the state meet for the third time, having qualified in the Class 6A long jump and 100-meter low hurdles.

Smith is the first Midland ISD athlete to qualify for the state meet three straight times since former University of Texas athlete Victoria Lucas, of MHS, did so in the girls high jump from 2006-08.

However, Lane won't be present to enjoy Smith's special moment though.

Lane, 41, is incarcerated at Bryan Federal Prison Camp, serving a sentence for an undisclosed offense until July 31, 2021.

"It's pretty difficult," Smith said. "Whenever I go to meets, I'm like, 'I wish she was here' but it's OK, I will take some of the pictures that people take of me and I will send them through the mail, or I just tell her about it. But it's difficult because this is my last high school meet and she's not here, but she's here with me in spirit, so it's fine."

Smith has not had Lane nor her father Airthemas around to raise her since she started high school. The MHS track star can't even remember the last time she saw her father, but she still thinks about him with an open heart.

Even with her parents absent, Smith says she is fortunate to have a strong support system behind her.

Her grandmother Cynthia Hall serves as her guardian and acting mother, while her aunt Lauren Lee and uncle Norris Lane and wife Claudia are active in her life.

Bond is still strong between mom, daughter

Smith maintains an ongoing dialogue with her mother over the phone. Smith is often astonished how Demika finds out about her track and field exploits and successes.

"She still supports me from there," Smith said. "She will call me after every meet and sometimes I'm like, 'I don't even know how you knew I had a meet this weekend.' She will just call me, she will say, 'I know you did great. You don't even (have) to tell me.'

"I said, 'Ah, thank you.' She's very sweet about things."

Hall says Demika provides words of encouragement when she converses with Sametria.

"She talks to her mother two to three times a week and her mother tries to inform her to do the right things, don't end

Please see **SMITH/4C**

Dustin Johnson part of 6-way tie for lead at Players

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — The PGA Tour gave its premier tournament even more sizzle by putting Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Rickie Fowler in the same group Thursday afternoon. For the undercard, Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas played together in the morning.

None was anywhere near the lead at The Players Championship.

McIlroy was the only player from those two groups who managed to break par. He shot 1-under 71.

The best golf — and there was plenty of it on an ideal opening round for scoring — was all around them.

Dustin Johnson, Webb Simpson and Alex Noren set the pace early. Matt Kuchar, Chesson Hadley and Patrick Cantlay joined them late. All were at 66, part of the largest share of the lead in the opening round at the TPC Sawgrass, and the most players tied at the top at The Players in 40 years.

"If you're on your game, this course suits you," Kuchar said.

That's been the story of the TPC Sawgrass over the years — a design that doesn't favor one particular style of play. That notion was on overdrive in warm sunshine and moderate wind, conditions so ideal that 12 players were separated by one shot after the opening

Please see **PLAYERS/4C**


Lynne Sladky/Associated Press

Dustin Johnson hits from the 11th tee during the first round of The Players Championship golf tournament Thursday in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

The NBA's Final Four: Cavs, Celtics, Warriors, Rockets

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

The franchise with the most titles. The best player of this generation. The reigning champions. The probable MVP.

The NBA has its Final Four.

It certainly does not disappoint.

Boston's win over Philadelphia on Wednesday night brought down the curtain on the postseason's second round — one that wasn't exactly loaded with drama, since it was the first time since 2002 that none of the NBA's four conference semifinal series went past five games. Cleveland swept Toronto, while Houston, Golden State and the Celtics all prevailed by 4-1 counts.

Everyone gets to catch their collective breaths for a few days, with the league going dark until the weekend. Cleveland and Boston don't tip off the Eastern Conference finals until Sunday, and the Warriors and Rockets start their West title series on Monday. And yes, the Cavaliers and Warriors are four wins away from a fourth consecutive meeting in the NBA Finals.

A few things to know going into the conference finals:

Lebron, of course

Any list of anything this time of year basically has to start with LeBron James, still generally considered the best player on the planet even at 33 years old and in his 15th NBA season.

Cleveland's star is trying to reach the NBA Finals for the eighth consecutive season — something only four other players have done, and they were all Boston Celtics. Bill Russell went to 10 straight title series, Sam Jones and Tom Heinsohn went to nine, and Frank Ramsey went to eight.

James is already the NBA's all-time playoff leader in points, steals and minutes played. He's fifth in playoff wins with 152, behind only Derek Fisher (161), Tim Duncan (157), Robert Horry (155) and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (154).

Cavs-Celtics history

This is the eighth time Cleveland and Boston have met in the postseason. Boston has won four of the previous seven meetings, but Cleveland has won the last two — including the East finals last season.

Warriors-Rockets history

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Tony Dejak/Associated Press

Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James shoots against the Toronto Raptors in the first half of Game 4 Monday in Cleveland.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Australian Football League
Carlton vs. Essendon, 11 p.m., FSP
Fremantle vs. St. Kilda, 5 a.m., FSP
College Baseball
CCAA Semifinal 1, 2 p.m., ELVN
CCAA Semifinal 2, 6 p.m., ELVN
Texas A&M at Arkansas, 6 p.m., SEC
Mississippi State at Kentucky, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU
Oklahoma State at Baylor, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+, FCS
College Softball
Minnesota vs. Wisconsin/ Purdue winner, 10 a.m., BTN
Oklahoma State vs. Baylor, 11 a.m., FCSC
Southland Championship, Noon, ESPNU
ACC Semifinal, Noon, FSSW
Big East Semifinal: DePaul vs. Villanova, Noon, FS2
Indiana vs. Illinois/Purdue winner, 12:30 p.m., BTN
SEC Semifinal, 2 p.m., ESPNU
Oklahoma vs. Texas, 2 p.m., FCSC
ACC Semifinal, 2:30 p.m., FSSW
Big East Semifinal: Creighton vs. St. John's, 3 p.m., FS2
Michigan vs. Michigan State/ Nebraska winner, 3:30 p.m., BTN
SEC Semifinal, 4:30 p.m., ESPNU
Oklahoma State vs. Texas Tech, 5 p.m., FCSC
Northwestern vs. Ohio State/ Iowa winner, 5:30 p.m., BTN
Oklahoma vs. Iowa State, 7:30 p.m., FCSC
Golf
2018 Players Championship, Day 2, Noon, GOLF
IIHF World Championships
Denmark vs. Norway, 9 a.m., NHL
USA vs. South Korea, 1 p.m., NHL
Slovakia vs. Sweden, 5 a.m., NHL
Major League Baseball
Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs, 1 p.m., MLB
Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m., MLB
Texas at Houston, 7 p.m., FSSW, ATTSW
Men's Soccer
Turkish Super Lig: Antalyaspor vs. Istanbul Basaksehir FK, 11:55 a.m., beIN E
Eurocopa U17: Germany vs. Spain, 12:50 p.m., UDN
Ecuador Serie A: Emelec vs. Delfin, 7:30 p.m., GolTV
Motorsports
F1: Grand Prix of Spain, Practice 2, 7:55 a.m., ESPNU
Camping World Truck Series: 37 Kind Days 250, Practice, 8:30 a.m., FS1
Camping World Truck Series: 37 Kind Days 250, Final Practice, 10:30 a.m., FS1
Monster Energy Cup Series: KC Masterpiece 400, Practice, 11:30 a.m., FS1
Monster Energy Cup Series: KC Masterpiece 400, Final Practice, 1 p.m., FS1
Camping World Truck Series: 37 Kind Days 250, Qualifying, 4 p.m., FS1
Monster Energy Cup Series: KC Masterpiece 400, Qualifying, 5:30 p.m., FS1
Camping World Truck Series: 37 Kind Days 250, 7:30 p.m., FS1
F1: Grand Prix of Spain, Practice 3, 4:55 a.m., ESPN2
National Hockey League
East Finals, Game 1: Washington at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m., NBCSN
Rugby
Challenge Cup: Lehigh vs. Salford, 1:30 p.m., FSP
MLR: Austin at Utah, 8 p.m., CBSSN
NRL: Melbourne vs. Gold Coast, 2:30 a.m., FSP
Tennis
ATP: Madrid, Quarterfinals, 6 a.m., TENNIS
RADIO
Major League Baseball
Texas at Houston, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
National Hockey League
East Finals, Game 1: Washington at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m., KJTV 950 AM
Texas League Baseball
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Baseball
Class 4A Area, Greenwood vs. Bushland, 7 p.m., Lubbock Cooper HS
Class 4A Area, Lubbock Estacado at Andrews, 7 p.m.
Class 2A Area, Forsan vs. Stamford, 5 p.m., Hermleigh

HS Track
State Meet, Austin

JC Baseball
Midland College at Region V Tournament, Grand Prairie

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB — Named Chris Young vice president, on-field operations, initiatives & strategy.
American League
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned OF Jabari Blash to Salt Lake (PCL). Reinstated RHP Keynan Middleton from the 10-day DL.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Reinstated OF Byron Buxton from the 10-day DL. Optioned OF Ryan LaMarre to Rochester (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent OF Billy McKinney and 1B Greg Bird on rehab assignment to Tampa (FSL). Sent 3B Brandon Drury on a rehab assignment to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS — Sent RHP Dan Altavilla on a rehab assignment to Arkansas (TL).
National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Promoted Nick Krall to general manager. Optioned LHP Brandon Finnegan to Louisville (IL).
MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned RHP Marandy Gonzalez to Jacksonville (SL). Activated RHP Eleiser Hernandez from the 10-day DL. Agreed to terms with CF Antenee Seymour on a minor league contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Named Jason Hartland chief revenue officer. Reinstated LHP Boone Logan from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Jorge Lopez to Colorado Springs (PCL). Agreed to terms with 2B Darren Seferina on a minor league contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned LHP Zac Curtis and RHP Ben Lively to Lehigh Valley (IL). Recalled RHP Jake Thompson from Lehigh Valley.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Placed RHP Carlos Martinez on the 10-day DL, retroactive to May 9. Recalled RHP Mike Mayers from Memphis (PCL). Sent LHP Brett Cecil on a rehab assignment to Memphis.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Transferred RHP Johnny Cueto to the 60-day DL. Recalled RHP Jose Valdez from Sacramento (PCL). Optioned RHP Derek Law and LHP Josh Osich to Sacramento.
Midwest League
QUAD CITIES RIVER BANDITS — Announced INF Miguelangel Sierra, C Ruben Castro and RHP Daniel Aquino were transferred from extended spring. Released INF Marcos Almonte, C Gabriel Brecamonte and LHP Cole Watts.
American Association
CLEBURNE RAILROADERS — Signed 3B Patrick Palmeiro and 1B Rafael Palmeiro.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed OF Joe Moran.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Acquired RHP Alex Bohare from Southern Maryland (Atlantic) to complete an earlier trade.
Can-Am League
OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed OF Sebastien Boucher.
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed OF Javier Herrera.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE HORNETS — Named James Borrego coach.
OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER — Announced the retirement of F Nick Collison.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed FB Derrick Coleman to a one-year contract. Released RB Bronson Hill.
ATLANTA FALCONS — Agreed to terms with DT Deadrin Senat.
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed S Siran Neal, G Wyatt Teller, WR Ray-Ray McCloud and WR Austin Proehl.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Placed RB Fozzy Whittaker on injured reserve.
DETROIT LIONS — Waived RB Tion Green.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Waived CB Tracy Howard.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released OL Jason King.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Waived RB Paul Perkins.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Released QB Josh Johnson.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed CB M.J. Stewart, S Jordan Whitehead, WR Justin Watson and LB Jack Cichy.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with DB Dan Cruikshank and QB Luke Falk.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed DT Da'Ron Payne, RB Derrius Guice, DB Troy Apke, DT Tim Settle, LB Shaun Dion Hamilton, DB Greg Stroman and WR Trey Quinn.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WR Dontaea Dye, DL Brandin Bryant, OL Matthew Ouellet Da Costa, DB Jacob Filotto and OL Ben Koczwara.
Alliance of American Football
MEMPHIS — Named Mike Singletary coach.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Signed D Mark Alt to a two-year contract.
COLLEGE
MARQUETTE — Named men's tennis team coach Steve Rodecap director of tennis.
PENN STATE — Named Cory Chapman associate athletic director for facility and event operations.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

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CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Washington wins 4-2
Thursday, April 26: Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2
Sunday, April 29: Washington 4, Pittsburgh 1
Tuesday, May 1: Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3
Thursday, May 3: Pittsburgh 3, Washington 1
Saturday, May 5: Washington 6, Pittsburgh 3
Monday, May 7: Washington 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT
Tampa Bay wins 4-1
Saturday, April 28: Boston 6, Tampa Bay 2
Monday, April 30: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 2
Wednesday, May 2: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 1
Friday, May 4: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3, OT
Sunday, May 6: Tampa Bay 3, Boston 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Winnipeg wins 4-3
Friday, April 27: Winnipeg 4, Nashville 1
Sunday, April 29: Nashville 5, Winnipeg 4, 2OT
Tuesday, May 1: Winnipeg 7, Nashville 4
Thursday, May 3: Nashville 2, Winnipeg 1
Saturday, May 5: Winnipeg 6, Nashville 2
Monday, May 7: Nashville 4,Winnipeg 0
Thursday: Winnipeg 5, Nashville 1
Vegas wins 4-0
Thursday, April 26: Vegas 7, San Jose 0
Saturday, April 28: San Jose 4, Vegas 3, 2OT
Monday, April 30: Vegas 4, San Jose 3, OT
Wednesday, May 2: San Jose 4, Vegas 0
Friday, May 4: Vegas 5, San Jose 3
Sunday, May 6: Vegas 3, San Jose 0

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CLASS 4A AREA PLAYOFF GREENWOOD VS. BUSHLAND

When/where: Game 1, 7 p.m. today, Lubbock Cooper High School; Game 2, 4 p.m. Saturday, Cooper High School; if necessary, Game 3, 30 minutes after Game 2 if needed

Records/seeds: Greenwood 11-14-2, No. 2 seed out of District 4-4A; Bushland 27-4, No. 1 seed out of District 1-4A

Last game: Greenwood 9, Fabens 0, bi-district; Bushland swept Lamesa, 2-0 in bi-district

Notes: The Rangers are fresh off a dominant 12-strikeout, six-inning performance from ace right-handed starter Dawson Merryman in their 9-0 bi-district win over Fabens last Friday. … Greenwood head coach Stephen Rodriguez said it was important that his team get off to the quality start that it did, as it could set a tone for this weekend's series. "It was a huge start," Rodriguez said. "We had some young guys who hadn't been in those (playoff) spots get some postseason experience." … The Rangers, in the area round for the third time in the last three years, also have plenty of playoff experience on the roster. Rodriguez said against 27-4 Bushland, that know-how will be critical. "A lot of these guys have been here for the three-year run," Rodriguez said. "They know the work it takes to get to where we want to be. There's a lot of buy in and it's going to be tough." … The District 1-4A champion Falcons are currently on a 14-game winning streak dating back to March 13 and have outscored their opposition, 165-51 in that span. They have scored 10 or more runs in 22 of their 31 games this year and are coming off a 7-5 and 18-8 sweep of a much-improved Lamesa team in bi-district. … Rodriguez said his team will have to be on point in all phases of the game to advance. "We're going to have to have really good (pitching) outings, play solid defense and eliminate the big inning," he said. "Bushland is going to get their runs. Our goal is to win or tie every inning." … The Rangers swept Bushland in a best-of-three series, 1-0 and 8-4, in the 2016 area round. Bushland lost to Levelland in the regional quarterfinal last season.

Next: Winner plays winner of Monahans-Levelland, TBA in Class 4A regional quarterfinal

CLASS 4A AREA ANDREWS VS. LUBBOCK ESTACADO

When/where: Game 1, 7 p.m. today, Andrews High School; Game 2, Noon Saturday, Lubbock Estacado High School; if necessary, Game 3, 30 minutes after Game 2

Records/seeds: Andrews 14-14-1, No. 4 seed out of District 4-4A; Estacado 19-15, No. 2 seed out of District 2-4A

Last game: Andrews swept Clint, 2-0 in bi-district; Estacado def. Pampa 2-1 in bi-district

Notes: The Mustangs are coming off a sweep of District 3-4A champion Clint in last weekend's bi-district round, while Estacado rallied from a 1-0 series hole to topple Pampa and advance. … Against Clint in the bi-district series, the Mustangs trailed in the sixth inning of Game 1 but rallied for a 5-3 win and carried the momentum over for an 8-5 victory in Game 2 to move on. Andrews head coach Robert Morris said earning the sweep was no simple task. "Clint was not easy. They came to play and they were a very well coached and well prepared team," Morris said. "We had to play really hard to get the win there." … Morris said Estacado is another capable club that will pose a challenge this round. "They are a very solid team. They're just a quality team," he said. "They have a lot of speed and they like the run the bases and put pressure on you defensively." … The Mustangs have six seniors on their roster and Morris said they are thrilled to have an opportunity to play a second round playoff game on their home field. "Last year we got a first round playoff game (in Andrews). This year, getting a second round (home game) and getting one last chance to play at home is big for them, it's exciting." … Morris added that staying focused for a full seven innings in at least two games will be the key for his team to be successful this weekend. … Andrews defeated Estacado 11-0 back on Feb. 23 in the Levelland Tournament.

Next: Winner plays winner of Pecos-Denver City, TBA in Class 4A regional quarterfinal

CLASS 2A AREA FORSAN VS. STAMFORD

When/where: 5:30 p.m. today, Hermleigh High School

Records/seeds: Forsan 7-11-1, No. 1 seed out of District 6-2A; Stamford 12-10, No. 3 seed out of District 8-2A

Last game: Forsan 12, Van Horn 0 in bi-district; Stamford swept Miles, 2-0 in bi-district

Notes: The Buffaloes have now reached the area round in 13 of the 14 seasons the school's baseball program has existed. … Forsan is coming off a 12-0 run-rule victory against Van Horn in last Friday's bi-district game and head coach Stephen East said he was thrilled with his team's focus. The Buffaloes are the only team in District 6-2A that has Class 2A enrollment numbers, and so they are usually the shoe-ins as the district champion. Despite that fact, East said his team played with plenty of intensity in the win. "Our kids were just focused," East said. "(Winning the district title) is hard on them sometimes, but once the playoffs started, they were ready to play." … East said Stamford is quality team out of tough District 8-2A and today's contest should be a challenge. "We know Stamford well. (Head coach Jeremy West) coaches those kids up and they'll be tough to beat. If we can hit the ball and put it in play, I think we'll be OK. We've been hitting the ball well lately and have cleaned up our defense a lot." … Stamford topped Forsan 11-4 in the Buffaloes' season opener on March 6.

Next: Winner plays winner of McCamey-Hawley, TBA in Class 2A regional quarterfinal

-Compiled by Will Korn

A&M Kingsville rolls past UTPB in LSC Tourney

From staff reports

CANYON – Texas A&M Kingsville had 22 hits and a seven-run sixth inning to defeat U.T.-Permian Basin, 18-8, in the first round of the Lone Star Conference Tournament at Wilder Park on Thursday.

No. 3 seed A&M Kingsville (37-13) advances to play No. 2 seed Tarleton State at 2 p.m. today.

UTPB (9-41) actually had an 8-6 lead before A&M-Kingsville had its big inning.

The Falcons had 14 hits, as Mike Fernandez was 3-for-5 with a home run and three RBI, while Andrew Donovan was also 3-for-5. Mitchell Hazlett and Chris Ortega also homered for UTPB.

THREE FALCONS HONORED: Three members of the UTPB baseball team were honored by the Lone Star Conference during its banquet on Wednesday night.

Senior outfielder Dalton Drury was selected second team and Gold Glove, senior first baseman Mike Fernandez was named honorable mention and all-academic, and sophomore first baseman/designated hitter Alex Wixson was an honorable mention selection.

Vegas next in Western final after Jets stun Preds in Game 7

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Winnipeg Jets are headed to the first Western Conference final in their short history after knocking off the NHL's best team in the regular season.

Tyler Myers and Paul Stastny scored 2:06 apart in the first period, and the Jets stunned the Nashville Predators 5-1 on Thursday night in their first Game 7 — continuing an amazing run for a team swept in its previous two playoff appearances.


Stasny

Stastny finished with a second goal and an assist, and Mark Scheifele also had two goals. Blake Wheeler and Kyle Connor each had two assists.

Connor Hellebuyck made 36 saves for Winnipeg, which won three of four games in Nashville after missing the Presidents' Trophy by three points to the Predators.

The Jets now host Vegas in Game 1 on Saturday night in a conference final nobody could've predicted when this season started.

P.K. Subban scored for Nashville, now the ninth Presidents' Trophy winner in 10 years not to win the Stanley Cup.

The best season in Predators history ended earlier than a year ago, but in the same fashion on their own ice. They lost to Pittsburgh in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Final last June.

Pekka Rinne, Nashville's Vezina Trophy finalist along with Hellebuyck, was chased for the third time in this series after giving up two goals on seven shots.

NBA

From 1C

This is only the third Golden State-Houston playoff meeting, and all have come in the last four seasons. The Warriors are 2-0 in the series, winning both times in five games — the 2015 West finals and a first-round matchup in 2016.

Seeking 10

Golden State is trying to reach the NBA Finals for the 10th time, a mark that two other franchises have reached. The Los Angeles Lakers have made The Finals on 31 occasions (winning 16 titles), and the Celtics have gone 21 times (winning a league-high 17 titles).

If the Warriors successfully defend their NBA title and go back-to-back, it'll be the franchise's sixth time as the last team standing — and would tie Chicago for the third-most championships in league history, behind the Celtics and Lakers.

MVP watch

Houston's James Harden seems like the probable winner of the NBA's MVP award this season, with the only other realistic candidate for top honors probably LeBron James.

They won't know who won until June 25 — after the season.

Regardless, they could wind up adding to a recent trend.

The league MVP has played in the NBA Finals in four of the last six seasons — James and the Miami Heat won titles in 2012 and 2013, Stephen Curry and the Warriors won in 2015 and lost to Cleveland in 2016.

Matter of time

Ray Allen is still the league's all-time leader in playoff 3-pointers made, with 385.

LeBron James and Stephen Curry are coming his way.

James is No. 2 on the all-time list with 346 playoff 3-pointers. Curry is No. 3 with 329 — in only 79 playoff games. Allen played in 171, and James has played in 228.

Well done, schedule makers

Here's how the NBA season began, back on Oct. 17: Boston at Cleveland, and Houston at Golden State.

Almost seven months later, the conference finals begin with Cleveland at Boston, Golden State at Houston.

Win game 1

Winning Game 1 of any NBA playoff series is important; under this format that the league has been using since 1984, teams that take 1-0 series leads ultimately win those matchups about 80 percent of the time.

That's even more pronounced in this round.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Eastern Conference
Cleveland vs. Boston
Sunday, May 13: Cleveland at Boston, 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15: Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 19: Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 21: Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 23: Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
x-Friday, May 25: Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 27: Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Western Conference
Houston vs. Golden State
Monday, May 14: Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 16: Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 20: Houston at Golden State, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22: Houston at Golden State, 8 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 24: Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 26: Houston at Golden State, 8 p.m.
x-Monday, May 28: Golden State at Houston, 6 p.m.

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Gaston is a 1 yo male medium haired lighter grey tabby with creme markings. He was brought in from another rescue that found him as a stray. Gaston is friendly, lovable, & was in a home with other cats prior to coming to us.

MCS' season ends in loss to Tyler All Saints

From staff reports

BROCK – The Tyler All Saints baseball team scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to pull away from Midland Christian for a 4-1 victory in a TAPPS Division II regional playoff game, Thursday at Brock High School.

The Mustangs ended their season at 19-12-1 overall. All Saints (21-6) advanced to the state semifinal and will take on Bullard Brook Hill (16-7) at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Eagles' starting pitcher Raul Martinez fired a complete game and limited MCS to the one run on six hits. He struck out eight batters and walked one on 109 pitches.

MCS fell behind 1-0 in the first before the Mustangs tied the game in the top of the second on a single to left field by Quinn Kenney. The Eagles then grabbed a 2-1 lead in the third against MCS sophomore starter Trace Blue.

All Saints established separation in the sixth on sacrifice flies by Jacob Roberts and Braden Wheat.

Blue finished his outing with four runs allowed on four hits over 5 2/3 innings. He struck out four and walked two before being relieved by Carter Eckles for the final out of the sixth.

Kenney was 1-for-3 with the RBI to lead MCS at the plate, while teammates Rhett Clark, Dakota Snyder, Zac Tilton, Josh Brown and Hunter Robertson each collected a hit.

The Mustangs out-hit All Saints 6-5.

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Trace Blue, Carter Eckles (6) and Zac Tilton. Raul Martinez and Sully McCreery. W – Martinez. L – Blue. 2B – MCS: Hunter Robertson; All Saints: Jayden Torres.

Records: MCS 19-12-1; All Saints 21-6

Next: MCS has ended its season; All Saints vs. Bullard Brook Hill, 1 p.m. Tuesday in TAPPS Division II state semifinal

MLB ROUNDUP

Associated Press

American League

ORIOLES 11
ROYALS 6

BALTIMORE — Adam Jones homered, scored three runs and had three RBIs, and the Baltimore Orioles outslugged the Kansas City Royals 11-6 Thursday night to emerge with their second winning streak of the season.

Manny Machado and Trey Mancini also went deep for the Orioles, who trailed 4-0 in the first inning and 6-3 in the second before rallying to beat the Royals for the second night in a row. The only other time Baltimore (10-27) won successive games this season was April 5-6 at Yankee Stadium.

The Orioles had seven extra-base hits and eclipsed their previous season high of eight runs by the fourth inning.

Miguel Castro (1-1) replaced ineffective starter Chris Tillman and blanked Kansas City over 4 2/3 innings, his longest outing of the season.

Salvador Perez hit a grand slam for the Royals, who were seeking their second series win of the year.

Staked to a 4-0 lead before taking the mound, Ian Kennedy (1-4) left with the Royals down 9-6. He went four innings and allowed eight hits, including three home runs.

At least he lasted longer than Tillman, who yielded six runs and got only four outs.

Tillman has given up 13 runs over 2 1/3 innings in his last two starts, raising his ERA over seven starts to an unsightly 10.46.

After starting Tuesday night's game at Camden Yards with a 10-run first inning, the Royals settled for a four-run first in the finale. A single and two walks set the table for Perez, who ripped an 0-2 pitch from Tillman over the right-field scoreboard.

Machado connected with a man on in the bottom half to make it 4-3, but Tillman gave up a two-run single by Jorge Soler in the second, prompting his early exit.

Jones hit a two-run shot in the third to get Baltimore to 6-5, and the Orioles completed the comeback in the fourth.

After Chance Sisco doubled in two runs, Mancini followed with his fourth home run.

MARINERS 9
BLUE JAYS 3

TORONTO — Kyle Seager hit two home runs, including his fourth career grand slam, and Jean Segura had four hits as the Seattle Mariners beat the Toronto Blue Jays 9-3 on Thursday night.

Mariners right-hander Mike Leake (4-3) matched a season high by pitching seven innings. He allowed two runs and six hits.

Seager hit a two-out grand slam off left-hander J.A. Happ in the first inning and a leadoff shot against Jako Petricka in the fifth, his seventh career multihomer game. Seager's homers were his fifth and sixth of the season.

Seager also turned in a great defensive play at third base, a sliding catch in foul territory to retire Yangervis Solarte in the first.

Ryon Healy and Mike Zunino added solo home runs for Seattle. Healy connected off Happ in the third, his sixth. Zunino went deep off Tim Mayza in the ninth, his sixth.

Seattle had 17 hits, matching its season high for a nine-inning game. The Mariners also had 17 hits against Oakland on April 14.

Segura singled and scored in the first, doubled and scored in the second, singled in the fourth and singled again in the seventh. He is 20 for 45 (.444) over his past 10 games against Toronto, dating to 2016.

Russell Martin hit a two-run homer for Toronto, but the Blue Jays lost for sixth time in their past eight home games. Toronto is 4-6 in May.

Happ (4-3) allowed a season-worst seven runs and 10 hits in 3 1/3 innings, the shortest of his eight starts in 2018. Happ has lost consecutive starts for the first time this season.

Blue Jays designated hitter Kendrys Morales went 0 for 3 and is hitless in 28 at-bats.

RED SOX 5
YANKEES 4

NEW YORK — J.D. Martinez hit a tiebreaking home run against Dellin Betances leading off the eighth inning, just beyond Aaron Judge's reach at the right-field wall, and the Boston Red Sox rebounded after wasting a four-run lead to beat New York 5-4 Thursday night and send the Yankees to only their second loss in 19 games.

In another dramatic game before a sellout crowd, Boston moved back into a tie with the Yankees for the AL East lead at 26-11, the best record in the major leagues. The rivals have 13 more games this year but don't meet again until June 29 in the Bronx.

Boston built a 4-0 lead against CC Sabathia as Hanley Ramirez drove in three runs with an RBI groundout in the first, an RBI single in a two-run third and a solo homer in the fifth just before a 55-minute rain delay.

National League

PHILLIES 6
GIANTS 3

PHILADELPHIA — Vince Velasquez recovered from a slow start to strike out 12 in six innings, Carlos Santana hit a three-run homer and the Philadelphia Phillies rallied past the San Francisco Giants 6-3 on Thursday for a four-game sweep.

Odubel Herrera added three hits and drove in two runs, extending his on-base streak to 39 games for the Phillies, who improved to 15-5 at home.

Gregor Blanco and Alen Hanson homered to give the Giants a 3-0 lead in the second inning before Velasquez (3-4) began a string of five straight strikeouts. The right-hander allowed five hits and helped the Giants set a dubious mark.

The Giants struck out 53 times in Philadelphia, obliterating the previous team record of 44 in a four-game series set in 2003, according to Stats LLC.

Santana, batting .153 entering May, continued his recent tear when he connected off Ty Blach (3-4) in a four-run fourth. Santana, signed away from Cleveland in the offseason, has driven in 15 runs in the past six games.

Herrera doubled earlier in the fourth to give him the Phillies' longest on-base streak since Bobby Abreu (48) in 2000-01. Herrera added RBI singles off Will Smith in the fifth and Sam Dyson in the seventh, lifting his average to an MLB-best .353.

Rhys Hoskins had an RBI single off Blach, who gave up five runs and seven hits in 4 1/3 innings. The Giants, who were coming off a three-game sweep at Atlanta, were outscored 32-8 in Philadelphia.

With Andrew McCutchen and Buster Posey getting scheduled days off, the Giants took their first lead of the series when Blanco hit the game's second pitch over the right-field wall.

Hanson's two-run shot in the second made it 3-0 and was the seventh homer allowed by Velasquez in his past four starts. Velasquez immediately settled down, striking out 10 of 12 hitters at one point and and adding two singles at the plate.

Seranthony Dominguez, Luis Garcia and Hector Neris each threw a hitless inning, with Neris earning his eighth save.

BRAVES 9
MARLINS 2

MIAMI — Ozzie Albies hit Atlanta's first grand slam of the season to highlight a seven-run sixth inning, Freddie Freeman had a career-high five hits and the NL East-leading Braves beat the Miami Marlins 9-2 on Thursday night.

Freeman also homered for the Braves in that sixth-inning outburst, when Atlanta got all of its runs with two out. Albies also had a run-scoring single in the ninth to cap his five-RBI night.

The Braves have won eight straight games on the road, outscoring opponents 50-7 in that span. Atlanta starter Mike Foltynewicz (3-2) gave up three hits and one unearned run in five innings, and Luiz Gohara got a three-inning save.

Lewis Brinson homered in the ninth, and Martin Prado had two hits and an RBI for the Marlins. Miami has lost four straight and been outscored 26-6 in its last 26 innings.

Manager Don Mattingly was not with the Marlins, away from the team because of a death in his family. Tim Wallach, Mattingly's longtime bench coach, filled in for the opener of the four-game series.

Mattingly is expected back Friday.

Jose Bautista got his first RBI with the Braves to open the scoring in the second. He also was Miami's saver of sorts in the sixth, going 0 for 2 in an inning where Atlanta sent 12 men to the plate and got seven runs on six hits and three walks — one of which was intentional.

Marlins starter Caleb Smith (2-4) went 5 1/3 innings, allowing two runs on seven hits and striking out five. He was replaced by Drew Steckenrider, who retired Bautista for the second out of the sixth, then loaded the bases with the intentional walk and a conventional one to pinch-hitter Preston Tucker.

Albies unloaded them with one swing for a 5-1 lead with his 11th home run, and two batters — two pitches — later, Freeman added a two-run shot for his sixth of the season.

Freeman came into the night batting .301. He left batting .326.

Steckenrider was charged with six runs and got one out.

BREWERS 5
ROCKIES 2

DENVER — Lorenzo Cain homered on the first pitch of the game, Jhoulys Chacin kept his former team in check into the sixth inning and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Colorado Rockies 5-2 on Thursday night.

Cain lined a fastball from German Marquez to deep center for his second career leadoff homer. The Milwaukee outfielder also accomplished feat on June 25, 2014, as a member of the Kansas City Royals.

Chacin (3-1) cruised along in the place where he kicked off his career, allowing two runs over 5 1/3 innings. A member of the Rockies from 2009-14, the right-hander still ranks eighth in Colorado history in wins (38) and seventh in strikeouts (514).

Even more, Chacin improves to 2-1 in four career starts against the Rockies.

Up 5-2 in the sixth, Chacin walked Nolan Arenado with one out. He was replaced by lefty Boone Logan, another former Rockies pitcher who was making his Brewers debut after starting the season on the disabled list due to a strained triceps. Logan allowed a single to David Dahl before giving way to Matt Albers, who walked Trevor Story to load the bases.

Albers wiggled out of trouble when he got Gerardo Parra to ground into an inning-ending 5-2-3 double play.

Jeremy Jeffress struck out the side in the ninth for his third save in four chances.

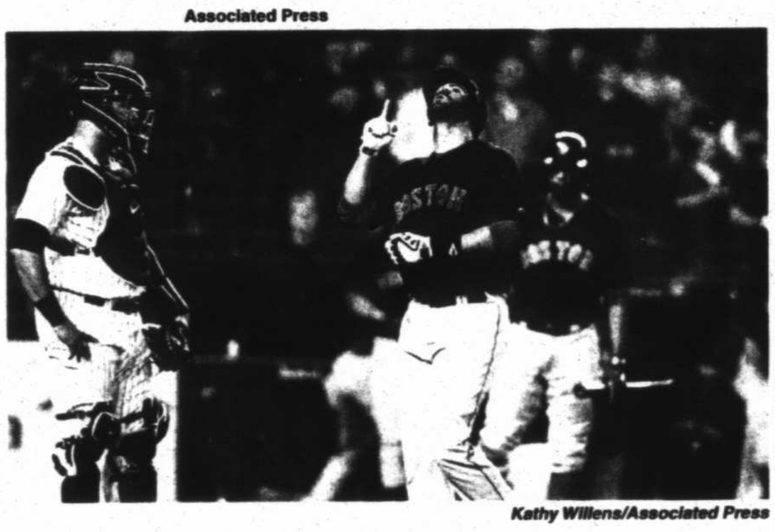
Hernan Perez added a two-run single and Travis Shaw collected three hits as the Brewers began a 10-game trip on the right note.

Story sparked Colorado's lackluster offense by homering on a slider from Chacin in the second. The Rockies left five runners on base a day after going 0 for 12 with runners in scoring position.

Marquez (2-4) struggled with his command in allowing five runs over 4 2/3 innings.

Once again, the opening frame wasn't friendly to Marquez. Teams are hitting a combined .389 with three homers in the first over his eight starts. The Brewers went 2 for 4 to begin the game with two walks as Marquez threw 21 pitches.

Manager Bud Black discussed Marquez's first-inning struggles before the game, saying his hard-throwing pitcher needed to get "a little bit of a momentum roll, getting guys out early, because it seems to complement how he pitches later in the game."



Kathy Willens/Associated Press

Boston Red Sox right fielder J.D. Martinez (28) points skyward scoring on his eighth-inning solo home run Thursday in New York.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

HOOKS 9, ROCKHOUNDS 2
At Whataburger Field, Corpus Christi

TOP HITTERS: Corpus Christi designated hitter Josh Rojas was 3-for-5 with a home run, a double, three RBI and three runs scored. Teammate Myles Straw was 3-for-5 with two runs and two stolen bases. ... Brett Vertigan and Eli White each went 1-for-3 with two walks for Midland.

TOP PITCHERS: Hooks starter Cionel Perez limited the RockHounds to hit three hits over five shutout innings. He struck out seven and walked one. ... Corpus Christi reliever Alex Winkelman fanned seven Midland batters over three innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Hooks took control early with a six-run third inning, headlined by a three-run home run to left off the bat of Randy Cesar. ... Midland scored in the sixth on a wild pitch that scored Eli White. ... A double by Rojas and a single by Taylor Jones stretched Corpus Christi's lead to 8-1. ... Rojas' solo home run in the ninth made it 9-1. ... A bases-loaded walk by Seth Brown accounted for the RockHounds' second run.

NOTES: With his two-out single in the third, Eli White extended his on-base streak to 15 games, while teammate Brown stretched his hitting streak to 10 games. ... Midland is now 4-5 versus the Hooks this season. ... The four-game series resumes at 7:05 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland – RHP Joel Seddon (2-2, 4.28); Corpus Christi – LHP Framber Valdez (1-1, 6.04)

HOOKS 9, ROCKHOUNDS 2

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Corpus Christi	abr	h	bi
Vertigan dh	3	0	1	0	Straw cf	5	2	3 0
E.White 2b	3	1	1	0	Wrenn rf	3	0	0 0
Ramirez cf	3	0	1	0	Rojas dh	5	3	2 3
Murphy c	5	0	0	0	Jones 1b	3	1	1 1
Brown 1b	3	0	1	0	Birk 2b	5	1	1 2
M.White 3b	5	0	0	0	Cesar 3b	3	1	1 3
Sportman lf	4	0	1	0	Benedetti lf	4	0	2 0
Marincov rf	4	0	0	0	Quintana c	3	0	0 0
Martin ss	3	0	0	0	De Goti ss	4	1	1 0
Totals	**33**	**2**	**5**	**1**	**Totals**	**35**	**9**	**11 9**

Midland	000	001	001—2
Corpus Christi	005	002	01x—9

E – De Goti 2 (3), Brown (3). LOB – Midland 13, Corpus Christi 8. 2B – De Goti (8), Rojas (3). HR – Cesar (2), Rojas (1). SB – Straw 2 (19). CS – Vertigan (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Friedrichs	2.2	5	6	6	2	3
Stull	2.1	1	0	0	1	2
Bragg	2.0	4	2	2	0	0
Martin	1.0	1	1	1	0	2
Corpus Christi						
Perez	5.0	3	0	0	1	7
Winkelman	3.0	2	1	1	2	7
Ferrell	0.2	0	1	1	4	1
Garza	0.1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP – By Winkelman (Ramirez, Brown); By Friedrichs (Wrenn, Jones); By Stull (Jones).
WP – Friedrichs; Winkelman.
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TL standings

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield (Cardinals)	18	13	.581	—
Tulsa (Dodgers)	18	14	.563	1
Arkansas (Mariners)	15	16	.484	3
NWArkansas (Royals)	12	20	.375	6.5

South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio (Padres)	23	10	.697	—
Corpus Christi (Astros)	18	15	.545	5
Midland (Athletics)	18	15	.545	5
Frisco (Rangers)	7	26	.212	16

Thursday's scores
San Antonio 3, Frisco 1
Corpus Christi 9, Midland 2
Tulsa 9, Northwest Arkansas 3
Arkansas 9, Springfield 6

Today's Games
Springfield at Arkansas, TBD
Springfield at Arkansas, 5:10 p.m.
Frisco at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Northwest Arkansas, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Tulsa at Northwest Arkansas, 6:05 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 6:10 p.m.
Frisco at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.

HS BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL PAIRINGS

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
UIL Region I
CLASS 6A
AREA
(x-if necessary)

Fort Worth Paschal (23-8, W4) vs. El Paso Franklin (23-12, R1): Game 1, 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Christian University; Game 2, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Lubbock Christian University; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

Keller (22-6, W3) vs. El Paso Socorro (27-9, T1): Game 1, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Wolfforth Frenship; Game 2, 30 minutes after Game 1; *Game 3, 11 a.m. Saturday, Wolfforth Frenship

Waco Midway (27-8, W8) vs. Hurst LD Bell (21-9, R5): Game 1, 7 p.m. Friday at Midway; Game 2, 2 p.m. Saturday at Bell; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

Belton (14-15, F8) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (23-10, T5): Game 1, 7 p.m. Friday at Belton; Game 2, 4 p.m. Saturday at Marcus; *Game 3: 30 minutes after

Keller Timber Creek (25-9, R3) vs. El Paso Coronado (22-13, F1): Game 1, 5 p.m. Friday at Odessa High; Game 2, 11 a.m. Saturday at Odessa High; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

Abilene (20-11, T3) vs. Odessa High (24-9, F2): Game 1, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Monterey HS; Game 2, Noon, Lubbock Monterey HS; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

South Grand Prairie (23-7, R7) vs. Trophy Club Byron Nelson (12-16, F5): Game 1, 7 p.m. Friday at Nelson; Game 2, 1 p.m. at South Grand Prairie; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

Southlake Carroll (26-6, W5) vs. Irving MacArthur (21-12, T7), 7 p.m. Friday, MacArthur High School

CLASS 4A
AREA
(x-if necessary)

Pecos (18-8-2, W4) vs. Denver City (17-12-1, T2): Game 1, 2:30 p.m. Friday at Odessa Permian; Game 2, 10:30 a.m. at Odessa Permian; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

Andrews (14-14-1, F4) vs. Lubbock Estacado (19-15, R2): Game 1, 7 p.m. Friday at Andrews; Game 2, Noon Saturday at Estacado; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

Godley (23-1, W8) vs. Burkburnett (18-10, T6): Game 1, 4 p.m. Friday at Henrietta High School; Game 2, 30 minutes after; *Game 3, Noon Saturday at Henrietta High School

Kennedale (22-6-1, W7) vs. Vernon (14-9-2, R6): Game 1, Kennedale 2, Vernon 0; Game 2, 1 p.m. Saturday, Graham High School; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

Levelland (20-14, W2) vs. Monahans (16-14, T4): Game 1, 1 p.m. Friday, Abilene Christian; Game 2, 30 minutes after; *Game 3: 11 a.m. Saturday at Abilene Christian

Bushland (27-4, W1) vs. Greenwood (11-14-2, R4): Game 1, 7 p.m. Friday at Lubbock Cooper; Game 2, 4 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock Cooper; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

Iowa Park (24-2, W6) vs. Stephenville (15-13-2, T8): Game 1, 7 p.m. Friday, Abilene Christian; Game 2, 6 p.m. Saturday, Abilene Christian; *Game 3, 30 minutes after Game 2

Abilene Wylie (21-4-1, W5) vs. Midlothian Heritage (20-5, R8), 7 p.m. Friday, Everman High School

CLASS 3A PLAYOFFS
AREA
(x-if necessary)

Wall (23-5-1, W4) vs. Slaton (15-10, T2): Game 1, 6 p.m. Friday, McMurry University; Game 2, 1 p.m. Saturday, McMurry University; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

Alpine (15-6-1, W5) vs. Idalou (15-14-1, R2): Game 1, 7 p.m. Friday at Stanton; Game 2, 2 p.m. Saturday at Andrews; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

Tolar (9-13, F7) vs. Dublin (10-11, T6): Game 1, Dublin 5, Tolar 4; Game 2, 5 p.m. Friday at Dublin; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

Brock (25-2-1, W7) vs. Comanche (11-8, R6), 7 p.m. Friday at Eastland High School

Shallowater (26-1-3, W2) vs. Ballinger (12-11-1, T4): Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday at Snyder; Game 2, 1 p.m. Saturday at Snyder; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

Tolar (20-4, W1) vs. Reagan County (23-5, R4): Game 1, 6 p.m. Friday at Seminole; Game 2, 3 p.m. Saturday at Seminole; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

Brady (18-4-1, W8) vs. Peaster (21-5, R7): Game 1, 7 p.m. Friday at Glen Rose; Game 2, 3 p.m. Saturday at Glen Rose; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

Clyde (23-3, W5) vs. Jacksboro (16-12-1, R8): Game 1, 4:30 p.m. Friday at Graford; Game 2, 1 p.m. Saturday at Abilene Christian; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

CLASS 2A PLAYOFFS
AREA
(x-if necessary)

Post (21-2-1, W4) vs. Stinnett West Texas (15-5, R1), 1 p.m. Friday, Wayland Baptist University

New Deal (23-2, W3) 6, Wellington (8-3, R2) 1

Albany (15-2-3, W8) vs. Anthony (6-10, R5): Game 1, Albany 17, Anthony 0; Game 2, Noon Friday at Fort Stockton; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

DeLeon (18-2, W7) vs. Fort Hancock (3-4), 4 p.m. Friday at Ozona High School

Clarendon (21-3, W2) vs. Abernathy (18-5, R3), 10 a.m. Friday at Lockney High School

Gruver (17-7, W1) vs. Sundown (13-5, R4): Game 1, 5 p.m. Friday at Canyon High School; Game 2, Noon Saturday at Canyon High School; *Game 3, 30 minutes after

Forsan (7-11-1, W6) vs. Stamford (12-10, T8), 5 p.m. Friday at Hermleigh High School

McCamey (11-8, W5) vs. Hawley (20-5, R8): Game 1, 6 p.m. Friday at San Angelo Central; Game 2, 30 minutes after; *Game 3, 9 a.m. Saturday at San Angelo Central

TAPPS
Division II
Area

Midland Christian (19-11-1, R1) 6, Austin St. Michael's 5

Regional

Tyler All Saints (21-6, W3) 4, Midland Christian (19-12-1, R1) 1

Division IV
Bi-District

Midland Classical 10, Dallas Lakehills Prep 4

Area

Denton Calvary 11, Midland Classical 0, 5 innings

Softball
Region I playoff pairings
Regional quarterfinals
***if necessary**

Class 6A

Mansfield (28-0-1, W4) vs. Keller (29-2-1, W3), 7:30 pm. Friday Weatherford College

Wylie (27-8, T6) vs. Denton Guyer (24-3-2, R6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Denton Braswell

Odessa Permian (31-3, W2) vs. Abilene High (16-12, T3), Coahoma

Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

Plano (22-4, W4) vs. Flower Mound (25-8-2, W5), 7 p.m. Friday, Frisco Lone Star

Class 4A

Fort Stockton (19-10-1, W4) vs. Levelland (23-14-1, R2), Andrews

Game 1: 8:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes

Brownwood (22-6-1, R5) vs. Vernon (21-4, R6), 6 p.m. Friday, Wells Field, Abilene Christian University

Monahans (26-8, T4) vs. Bushland (30-4, W1), Lubbock Coronado

Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

Graham (24-9, W6) vs. Venus (19-7-1, R8), Ataco

Game 1: Graham 5, Venus 2; Game 2: noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

Class 3A

Wall (24-4-1, W4) vs. Alpine (24-10, W3), Stanton

Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday; Game 2: noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

Henrietta (19-10, W8) vs. Brock (27-5, W7), 7 p.m. Friday, Bowie

Shallowater (19-13, W2) vs. Amarillo River Road (28-2, W1), Plainview

Game 1: River Road 5, Shallowater 3; Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

Colorado City (10-15, F5) vs. Clyde (26-4, W5), Wells Field, Abilene Christian University

Game 1: 8 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 6 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

Class 2A

Floydada (15-9, T2) vs. Ralls (19-8-1, R2), Wolfforth Frenship

Game 1: 8:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

Windthorst (22-10, W8) vs. Albany (20-4, W7), Graham

Game 1: Albany 9, Windthorst 7; Game 2: 5 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

Forsan (15-17, R3) vs. New Deal (9-7-1, F2), Seminole

Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

Hawley (21-9, R7) vs. Petrolia (24-6, R8), Seymour

Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 30 minutes after Game 1; *Game 3: 10:30 a.m. Saturday

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Standings

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	26	11	.703	—
New York	25	12	.694	1/2
Toronto	20	18	.526	6 1/2
Tampa Bay	15	19	.441	9 1/2
Baltimore	10	27	.270	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	18	18	.500	—
Minnesota	15	17	.469	1
Detroit	15	21	.417	3
Kansas City	12	25	.324	6 1/2
Chicago	9	25	.265	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	24	15	.615	—
Los Angeles	22	14	.611	1/2
Seattle	21	15	.583	1 1/2
Oakland	16	19	.457	5
Texas	15	24	.385	9

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	22	14	.611	—
Philadelphia	22	15	.595	1/2
Washington	20	18	.526	3
New York	18	17	.514	3 1/2
Miami	13	24	.351	9 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	20	14	.588	—
Milwaukee	22	16	.579	—
Pittsburgh	21	16	.568	1/2
Chicago	19	15	.559	1
Cincinnati	10	27	.270	11 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	24	12	.667	—
Colorado	21	17	.553	4
San Francisco	19	19	.500	6
Los Angeles	16	20	.444	8
San Diego	14	24	.368	11

American League
Thursday's scores
Boston 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
Baltimore 11, Kansas City 6
Seattle 9, Toronto 3
Minnesota at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (Fulmer 2-2) at Chicago Cubs (Chatwood 2-0), 1:20 p.m.
Oakland (TBD) at N.Y. Yankees (Gray 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Faria 3-1) at Baltimore (Gausman 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Sale 3-1) at Toronto (Sanchez 2-3), 6:07 p.m.
Kansas City (Hammel 0-4) at Cleveland (Bauer 2-3), 6:10 p.m.
Seattle (Gonzales 3-2) at Detroit (Boyd 1-5), 6:10 p.m.
Texas (Hamels 1-4) at Houston (Verlander 4-1), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Lynn 1-5) at L.A. Angels (Skaggs 3-2), 9:07 p.m.

National League
Thursday's scores
Philadelphia 6, San Francisco 3
Atlanta 9, Miami 2
Milwaukee 5, Colorado 2
Washington at Arizona, late
Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers, late
St. Louis at San Diego, late

Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (Fulmer 2-2) at Chicago Cubs (Chatwood 2-0), 1:20 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Matz 1-0) at Philadelphia (Arrieta 3-1), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Suarez 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Taillon 2-0), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (McCarthy 4-1) at Miami (Straily 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodruff 1-0) at Colorado (Bettis 4-1), 7:40 p.m.
Washington (Scherzer 6-1) at Arizona (Koch 2-0), 8:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harvey 0-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 2-2), 9:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Weaver 2-2) at San Diego (Lauer 1-1), 9:10 p.m.

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ORIOLES 11, ROYALS 6

Kansas City	420	000	000	—6	10 0
Baltimore	302	411	00x	—11	14 1

Kennedy, Flynn (5), Adam (7) and Perez; Bubon, Tillman, M.Castro (2), Scott (7), Givens (9) and Sisco. W—M.Castro 1-1. L—Kennedy 1-4. HRs—Kansas City, Perez (4). Baltimore, Machado (10), Jones (6), Mancini (4).

MARINERS 9, BLUE JAYS 3

Seattle	411	110	001	—9	17 0
Toronto	020	000	010	—3	8 0

Leake, Rzepczynski (8), Bradford (8), Pazos (8), Diaz (9) and Zunino; Happ, Petricka (4), Loup (6), Mayza (8) and Martin. W—Leake 4-3. L—Happ 4-3. HRs—Seattle, Healy (6), Seager 2 (6), Zunino (6). Toronto, Martin (5).

RED SOX 5, YANKEES 4

Boston	102	010	010	—5	10 0
New York	000	000	400	—4	5 0

Rodriguez, Barnes (6), Hembree (7), Kelly (7), Kimbrel (9) and Vazquez; Sabathia, Betances (7), Shreve (8) and Sanchez. W—Kelly 2-0. L—Betances 1-2. Sv—Kimbrel (10). HRs—Boston, Ramirez (5), Martinez (8).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PHILLIES 6, GIANTS 3

San Francisco	120	000	000	—3	5 0
Philadelphia	000	410	10x	—6	11 0

Blach, Smith (5), Moronta (6), Dyson (7), Strickland (8) and Hundley; Velasquez, Dominguez (7), Garcia (8), Neris (9) and Alfaro. W—Velasquez 3-4. L—Blach 3-4. Sv—Neris (8). HRs—San Francisco, Hanson (3), Blanco (1). Philadelphia, Santana (6).

BRAVES 9, MARLINS 2

Atlanta	010	007	001	—9	16 2
Miami	000	010	001	—2	5 0

Foltynewicz, S.Freeman (6), Gohara (7) and Suzuki; C.Smith, Wittgren (6), E.Hernandez (7), Ziegler (9) and Realmuto. W—Foltynewicz 3-2. L—C.Smith 2-4. Sv—Gohara (1). HRs—Atlanta, Albies (11), Freeman (6). Miami, Brinson (5).

BREWERS 5, ROCKIES 2

Milwaukee	101	000	003	—5	12 1
Colorado	010	010	000	—2	5 0

Chacin, Logan (6), Albers (6), Knebel (8), Jeffress (9) and Pina; Marquez, Dunn (5), Musgrove (6), B.Shaw (8), McGee (8) and Wolters. W—Chacin 3-1. L—Marquez 2-4. Sv—Jeffress (3). HRs—Milwaukee, Cain (5). Colorado, Story (8).



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Tiger Woods, left, and Phil Mickelson, right, walk down the 10th fairway during the first round of the Players Championship golf tournament, on Thursday in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

PLAYERS

From 1C

round, and 68 players in the 144-man field broke par.

Woods wasn't among them. He shot 72 in his first time at The Players since in three years. Neither was Mickelson, who had three double bogeys on the back nine and shot 79. Fowler shot 74.

"Toward the back nine, it started getting a little sparse," Woods said. "I think they might have tipped back a couple and got a little sleepy."

Or maybe they were just bored.

There was plenty of excitement elsewhere.

Johnson played like he was determined to keep the No. 1 ranking, which he could lose if he finishes 12th or worse. And he putted like he was fed up with not seeing enough go in. He tried the "AimPoint" method that some players use to help them read the greens. He liked the results.

Johnson started on No. 10 and went out in 31, and when he rolled in a 10-foot birdie putt on the par-5 second hole, he was on his way. Johnson only gave himself a few reasonable chances the rest of the way, though he was more than happy with his 66. It was his best score ever on the Stadium Course, and only his fourth time in the 60s.

"I was just not making enough putts," Johnson said. "It's definitely helped. Because I'm a feel putter, anyway, and so the way you're doing it really is you're just feeling. So it definitely works. I was pretty good the first time I switched. I had done it a little bit, like messing around with it. I'm very pleased with the way I putted today."

Rookies and veterans alike were in the group at 67. The rookie was Keith Mitchell, who didn't even know he was in the field until Paul Casey withdrew on Wednesday. Mitchell birdied his opening four holes, made seven birdies over his first 11 holes and was slowed only by a double bogey on the par-3 third.

The veteran was 51-year-old Steve Stricker, who still can't decide whether to hang his hat in the big leagues or the senior circuit. He was irritated by a late bogey and failing to birdie the par-5 ninth, settling for a 67. That was enough to remind him he can still challenge the best.

"I'm not surprised," Stricker said. "I expect to play well."

So did Woods, even after his putting woes last week at Quail Hollow. Back on putting surfaces he knows, Woods made a number of key putts. Except for an 18-footer just off the green at No. 9 for eagle, however, most of them were for par. There was also a 10-footer to escape with bogey on the 18th hole after he hooked his iron off the tee into the water. Woods hit only five fairways.

Mickelson said he ran out of energy, which he feared coming into the week. He was hanging around until chopping up the 14th hole for a double bogey, and then adding a pair of doubles on the 16th and 17th with balls in the water.

The feature group in the morning wasn't much better. Thomas had a 73 and Spieth appeared headed for a fourth consecutive weekend off at The Players when he shot 75, which included an eagle when he drove the green on the par-4 12th. McIlroy topped his group but was tied for 55th overall.

"It could have been better. I could have been probably a little worse, as well. It was probably a fair reflection of how I played," McIlroy said. "It looked like it played easy out there, but our group didn't feel like that with what we shot."

Defending champion Si Woo Kim didn't seem to worry that no one has ever won back-to-back at the TPC Sawgrass. He was at 7 under in the morning until a pair of bogeys late in his round dropped him to a 67.

Fowler said the size of the crowd was "definitely up there," comparing it with majors or being in contention on Sunday.

"But I would say as far as a mass group actually following your group the whole way around, that's up there as one of the biggest," he said.

They just didn't see a lot of great golf.

The Players Championship Scores
Thursday
At TPC Sawgrass (Players Stadium)
Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
Purse: $11 million
Yardage: 7,189; Par 72
First Round

Webb Simpson	33-33—66
Dustin Johnson	35-31—66
Alex Noren	34-32—66
Chesson Hadley	33-33—66
Matt Kuchar	35-31—66
Patrick Cantlay	34-32—66
Jhonattan Vegas	35-32—67
Si Woo Kim	35-32—67
Keith Mitchell	36-31—67
Rory Sabbatini	33-34—67
Steve Stricker	35-32—67
Andrew Landry	33-34—67
Lucas Glover	33-35—68
Danny Lee	34-34—68
Charles Howell III	34-34—68
Justin Rose	35-33—68
Bubba Watson	35-33—68
Cody Gribble	33-35—68
C.T. Pan	34-34—68
Ollie Schniederjans	34-34—68
Billy Horschel	34-34—68
Charl Schwartzel	37-31—68
Jon Rahm	34-34—68
Henrik Stenson	34-34—68
Sergio Garcia	33-35—68
Xander Schauffele	35-33—68
John Huh	33-36—69
Kevin Na	35-34—69
Branden Grace	32-37—69
Tommy Fleetwood	33-36—69
Adam Scott	36-33—69
Emiliano Grillo	38-31—69
Brice Garnett	36-33—69
Keegan Bradley	36-33—69
Nick Taylor	38-31—69
Anirban Lahiri	33-36—69
Jimmy Walker	35-34—69
Jason Day	36-33—69
Richy Werenski	34-36—70
Scott Brown	37-33—70
Ross Fisher	36-34—70
Ian Poulter	36-34—70
Chris Kirk	34-36—70
Brooks Koepka	36-34—70
Chris Stroud	35-35—70
Ted Potter, Jr.	35-35—70
Beau Hossler	35-35—70
Kevin Tway	33-37—70
Tony Finau	36-34—70
Bryson DeChambeau	34-36—70
Nick Watney	36-34—70
Kevin Streelman	35-35—70
Luke List	35-35—70
Tom Hoge	37-33—70
Kradech Aphibarnrat	38-33—71
Harold Varner III	34-37—71
J.J. Spaun	38-33—71
Ryan Blaum	34-37—71
Ryan Moore	35-36—71
Zach Johnson	35-36—71
Charley Hoffman	33-38—71
Martin Kaymer	36-35—71
Rory McIlroy	36-35—71
Wesley Bryan	37-34—71
Chez Reavie	38-33—71
Rafa Cabrera Bello	35-36—71
Byeong Hun An	37-34—71
Marc Leishman	36-35—71
Jason Kokrak	37-35—72
Brian Gay	37-35—72
Patton Kizzire	35-37—72
Trey Mullinax	37-35—72
J.J. Henry	35-37—72
Matthew Fitzpatrick	37-35—72
Brendan Steele	36-36—72
Grayson Murray	34-38—72
Patrick Reed	35-37—72
Tiger Woods	36-36—72
Jason Dufner	38-34—72
Austin Cook	39-33—72
Russell Henley	38-34—72
Kevin Chappell	35-37—72
Vaughn Taylor	37-35—72
Adam Hadwin	36-36—72
Martin Laird	36-36—72
Bud Cauley	38-35—73
William McGirt	38-35—73
Justin Thomas	35-38—73
Ryan Armour	36-37—73
Robert Streb	36-37—73
Alexander Levy	34-39—73
James Hahn	35-38—73
Francesco Molinari	38-35—73
Patrick Rodgers	36-37—73
Chad Campbell	38-36—74
Ryan Palmer	39-35—74
Danny Willett	37-37—74
Brian Harman	35-39—74
Rod Pampling	35-39—74
Russell Knox	37-37—74
Bill Haas	36-38—74
Daniel Berger	38-36—74
Satoshi Kodaira	37-37—74
Gary Woodland	36-38—74
Rickie Fowler	35-39—74
Kelly Kraft	37-37—74
Tyrone Van Aswegen	40-34—74
Scott Stallings	36-39—75
Tyrrell Hatton	37-38—75
Jonas Blixt	38-37—75
Stewart Cink	39-36—75
Jordan Spieth	36-39—75
David Lingmerth	37-38—75
J.B. Holmes	41-34—75
Whee Kim	35-40—75
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Kyle Stanley	38-37—75
D.A. Points	37-38—75
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Wayne Bader	39-37—76
Cameron Smith	39-37—76
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Jamie Lovemark	37-39—76
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Pat Perez	37-39—76
Michael Thompson	35-41—76
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Kevin Kisner	38-39—77
Harris English	39-38—77
Derek Fathauer	38-41—77
Scott Piercy	38-39—77
Sung Kang	43-35—78
Michael Kim	40-38—78
Geoff Ogilvy	38-40—78
Ben Martin	43-35—78
Louis Oosthuizen	43-35—78
Hideki Matsuyama	37-42—79
Phil Mickelson	39-41—79
Scott McCarron	40-39—79
Martin Flores	40-40—80
Brandt Snedeker	39-46—85



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Midland High's Sametria Smith competes in the Varsity girls 100 meter hurdles during the District 2-6A track meet April 6 at Memorial Stadium.

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up where she's at," Hall said.

In recent years, Sametria said competing in the Texas A&M Indoor Classic track meet in early January has been a blessing because it's given her an opportunity to visit her mother in nearby Bryan. Track is now Smith's passion, but she remembers a time when she wasn't excelling at the sport, and her mother wouldn't allow her drop out of it.

"I got on the track and I hate this," Smith said when she took up the sport. "I was like 'Why do people run laps around this?' My mom said, 'You're not quitting yet.' That's been since the second grade. I haven't quit since then. I just got to finish out what I started."

Community rallies behind Sametria

The old proverb "It takes a village to raise a child" applies to Smith. Hall is thankful that role models within the community have reached out to guide her.

Smith refers to her private track coach Tara Burns as a motherly figure in her life. Hall says private coach Dreyfus Andrews and ex-MHS coach Hil Ochoa have been strong father-like figures to her.

Hall believes Sametria's faith has kept her on the right path, as they attend Alexander Temple Church of God and Christ regularly, where family friend Tommy T. Hudson is the pastor.

"First of all, Christ has been in her life," Hall said. "I've always told her about Christ, 'You should depend on Him.' She goes to church. I'm kind of what you would call an overprotective grandmother or parent or whatever you want to call it. She's done well as far obeying. She has her moments like any other teenager, but she's surrounded by (good) people at her church."

The track is Smith's haven

Smith has always found her comfort zone on the track, which has served as an outlet from the pressures and anxiety of life.

"Sametria has never made excuses," MHS track coach Laura Taylor said. "You would never know that she has a lot of adversity early on in her life. I think for her, track has been a really neat way of dealing with everything that goes in life."

Smith is hoping to leave Austin Saturday with her first state meet medal. She enters the girls long jump as the third seed with a mark of 19 feet, 4 inches at regionals, and she's the fifth seed in the 100 hurdles with a time of 14.14 seconds. Smith still has lofty future goals, which includes being a pro track athlete. Next year she will compete at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs. But for now, she's grateful for making it to three state meets with the love and support of many people.

Smith even has words of wisdom for Tall City youngsters that might be growing up without their parents in their lives.

"It all gets better in the end, just keep pushing through it and never quit," Smith advises. "Just keep going and strive for everything that you want to be. Strive to be greater than you were yesterday and the day before and the day before."

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UIL State Track and Field Championships
At Mike A. Myers Stadium, Austin
Friday-Saturday
Area qualifiers
Class 6A

2 p.m. Saturday – Sametria Smith, Sr., Midland High, girls long jump
5:45 p.m. Saturday – Smith, girls 100-meter low hurdles
7 p.m. Saturday – Calyha Brown, Sr., Odessa Permian, girls discus

Class 4A

4 p.m. Friday — Jeremiah Cooley, Jr., Big Spring, boys long jump
4:30 p.m. Friday — Jacob Mechler, Jr., Andrews and Paxton Hair, So, Andrews, boys discus
4:30 p.m. Friday — Ajanique Wells, Sr., Big Spring, girls high jump
10 a.m. Saturday — Chris Samaniego, Sr., Monahans, boys shot put
12:20 p.m. Saturday — Aaron Martinez, Sr., Big Spring, boys 800 meters
1 p.m. Saturday — Carlie Roberts, Sr., Big Spring, girls discus
1:45 p.m. Saturday — Martinez, boys 400 meters

Class 2A

7:45 p.m. Saturday – Emily Garcia, Jr., Forsan, girls 200 meters

Class 1A

12:20 p.m. Saturday — Kenzie Schaefer, Sr., Garden City, girls 800 meters
12:45 p.m. Saturday — Jordan Driver, Fr., Garden City, girls 100-meter low hurdles
1:05 p.m. Saturday — Markus Black, Sr., Rankin, boys 100-meter dash
1:45 p.m. Saturday — Cristian Jimenez, So., Grady, boys 400 meters
2:05 p.m. Saturday — Alyssa Lyon, Jr., Grady, girls 300-meter intermediate hurdles
3:05 p.m. Saturday — Garden City 1,600 girls relay (Allison Hallmann, Jr.; Lyndee Walker, Jr.; Ischel Sotelo, Jr.; Schaefer; Abbye Matschek, So.; Angelica Munguia, Jr.)
3:05 p.m. Saturday — Grady 1,600 boys relay – (Alijah Ontiveros, Jr.; Jordan Rodriquez, Jr.; Marshall Cox, Jr.; Jimenez; Charles Cassell, Jr.; Garrett Talbott, Fr.)
6 p.m. Friday — Black, boys long jump
1 p.m. Friday — Payton Hastings, Sr., Garden City, girls pole vault
9 a.m. Saturday — Calen Fouts, Jr., Rankin, boys pole vault

Wheelchair

1 p.m. Saturday – Wyatt Liming, Jr., Andrews, shot put

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going through chemotherapy in June 2007.

"I went from getting a check-up every month to getting a check-up every six months and now it's been every year," he said. "The type I had, it's a very aggressive type and it could come back within five to 10 years, and it's been 12 years since, so it looks like I'm in the clear."

He added that the experience of going through that as a kid made him a stronger person.

"I think it was a blessing in disguise," he said. "It was one of the worst times in my life, and I know it's cliché, but it made me who I am. It's brought so much good in my life that I never realized would have happened. I think it's the reason I am a positive person and I have a positive outlook on things. All the things that people usually say are bad or negative or tough, it really doesn't seem that bad to me because I have a kind of different idea of what tough is."

A new start

Gillman began his college career at Texas A&M but transferred to MC after his freshman year with the hopes of getting more playing time with the Chaparrals. After meeting with former head coach David Coleman, he knew MC was where he wanted to be.

"When I met Coach Coleman, I saw what type of guy he was and the way he carried himself, I knew how Midland College carried themselves and that's the kind of culture and team I wanted to be around," he said. "It was everything I expected and more."

A natural shortstop, Gillman had to make the move to third base this year because Frainyer Chavez, a dynamic freshman player, played the same position. In true Gillman fashion, he didn't fret about making the move.

"Chavez is an awesome player, one of the best players I've ever played with," Gillman said. "If he plays short and I play third and that's what makes this team the best, I'm totally happy about that. Obviously I love short and that's definitely where I want to play, but if that's best for the team I totally understand it. We'll see what happens in the future. I know I'm a good infielder so I can play either second, short or third, but I think I'm a good shortstop."

Gillman has not only played a solid third base this season but he's been one of the team's best hitters as he's batting .367 with 12 home runs and a team-best 52 RBI. Gillman has also shown the ability to hit anywhere in the lineup and most recently in last weekend's series against Odessa College, was the leadoff hitter.

"He's really done a good job for us," Rodriguez said. "We can put him anywhere in the lineup but he led off for us the other day. Of course being able to switch hit has been huge too."

The next step

Next year, Gillman will be heading to the Air Force Academy to play baseball for the Falcons and rejoin older brother C.J., who's an assistant coach there. Gillman said he's excited about the opportunity.

"Me and my brother are really close and we have really good chemistry," he said. "Coach Mike Kazlausky, who's the head coach, had been recruiting me since I was in high school and I wouldn't want to play for anybody else. Talk about a fiery guy with a lot of attitude and just a lot of passion for the life and for the game."

Before he goes off to the Air Force Academy, Gillman would love nothing more than to make a good postseason run with the Chaps. And Gillman will once again have that positive attitude along the way.

"Like Coach Rod said, 'We're a whole different team since the beginning of the year,'" he said. "We've made a ton of improvements. We've learned a lot about ourselves and the whole dynamic of our team.

"I couldn't be more happy with this whole team and everything we've had going. I've had one of the most fun years in my entire life playing baseball. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. The culture here is really special and the guys are close to each other. There are no clicks on the team, we are just a good chemistry-filled team. It's just been a blast playing with a bunch of guys who have your back."

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REGION V BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
MIDLAND COLLEGE VS. MCLENNAN CC

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Texas Airhog Stadium, Grand Prairie
Online: tsmsports.com
Seeds/records: (W3) Midland College 35-20; (N2) McLennan Community College 40-14
Notes & quotes: MC coach Hector Rodriguez said his team is ready to play and added that he feels good about his team despite losing three of four games in close, low-scoring fashion to Odessa College to close the regular season. "We gave up five runs against Odessa and we didn't really have anything to show for it. But when you look back at it, we really threw the ball well," Rodriguez said. "That's a positive to take into the week." ... MC played McLennan to begin the year and got swept in the three-game series. However, Rodriguez said his team completely different than it was at the beginning of the year. "We were a little overmatched against McLennan," he said. "We just have to beat them one time. It's not a series. We'll be ready to play. We'll have a different group of hitters than we had 55 games ago. We're more prepared now. I think our guys are ready to get after it. In tournament play, getting a win in the first game is the most important thing." ... Rodriguez said sophomore RHP Logan McCrummen will get the start today but it will be "all hands on deck" as far as the pitching staff goes. "I'm pleased with the way our guys threw the ball," he said. "I think offensively, we got in the cage (on Tuesday), banged some balls around and worked on our strokes a little bit." ... Rodriguez said MCC has depth on the mound and have about five our six hitters in the lineup who can really swing the bats well. MCC also boasts the top JUCO draft prospect in catcher/designated hitter/pitcher Josh Breaux, according to Baseball America. ... The winner of this double elimination tournament qualifies for the JUCO World Series May 26-June 2 in Grand Junction, Colorado.
Next: Winner plays Howard College/Grayson County winner, 5 p.m. Saturday. Loser plays Howard/Grayson loser, 10 a.m. Saturday

NJCAA Region V Baseball Tournament
At Texas Airhog Stadium, Grand Prairie
Double elimination format
Friday's Games

Game 1: (W2) Howard College (35-19) vs. (N3) Grayson County (35-15), 10 a.m.,
Game 2: (N1) Cisco Junior College (40-6) vs. (W4) Odessa College (33-23), 1 p.m.
Game 3: (N2) McLennan Community College (40-14) vs. (W3) Midland College (35-20), 5 p.m.
Game 4: (W1) New Mexico Junior College (40-15) vs. (4) Temple College (33-21), 8 p.m.

Saturday's games
Loser's bracket

Game 5: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 10 a.m.
Game 6: Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4, 1 p.m.,

Winner's bracket quarterfinals

Game 7: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 5 p.m.
Game 8: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 8 p.m.

Sunday's games
Loser's bracket

Game 9: Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 7, 10 a.m.
Game 10: Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 8, 1 p.m.

Winner's bracket semifinals

Game 11: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, 5 p.m.
Game 12: Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10, 8 p.m.,

Monday's games
Loser's bracket final

Game 13: Loser Game 11 vs. Winner Game 12, 1 p.m.

Championship

Game 14: Winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 13, 5 p.m.,

Tuesday's game
If necessary

Game 15: Winner Game 14 vs. Loser Game 14, 1 p.m.



Richard Rodriguez/AP file photo

Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten announces his retirement from football at the NFL team's training facility and headquarters in May 3 in Frisco. Three new voices will work ESPN's Monday night games this NFL season: play-by-play announcer Joe Tessitore, analysts Jason Witten and Booger McFarland.

Tessitore, Witten, McFarland, Salters on ESPN 'Monday Night Football' crew

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe Tessitore calls his new gig at ESPN a "legacy job."

Jason Witten notes he's joining "another iconic franchise."

Booger McFarland says it's "the pinnacle of what we do."

They are the three new voices who will work ESPN's Monday night games this season.

Tessitore has been one of the network's top announcers for 16 years on boxing, college football and basketball, including calling the College Football Playoff semifinals the past two years. It will be his first NFL assignment.

"I am very conscious of that lineage," says Tessitore, who at 46 is the oldest member of what he calls "a young, vibrant crew."

"When I got the call that I would be doing this, my first reaction was remembering when I was a kid watching Frank Gifford, Dandy Don (Meredith) and Howard Cosell. Everybody back then watched 'Monday Night Football' and 'Wide World of Sports' and Howard Cosell doing boxing. I did a Cosell imitation that had my grandfather, who didn't speak English, laughing his tail off."

Witten, one of the sport's finest tight ends for 15 seasons and a likely Hall of Famer, retired from the Dallas Cowboys earlier this month to move into the booth.

Tessitore believes Witten will be a natural as he and McFarland replace Jon Gruden as analysts. Gruden, of course, is back coaching in the league with Oakland.

"We had a lot of candidates, and at the end of the audition process we all were saying, 'This is very obvious,'" Tessitore says of Witten.

"He has such an upside that this is a guy who could be the next generation's face and voice of the NFL. He's smart, respected, even beloved by coaches, and has a tremendously high football IQ. Jason has a little of all the traits and characteristics of the great ones. Most importantly, he is wholly authentic."

Witten will be in the broadcast booth with Tessitore. McFarland, who won two Super Bowls as a player and has been an analyst for ESPN and SEC Network for four years, will be the first field-level analyst for "Monday Night Football.'"

The idea is for the effervescent McFarland to give a viewpoint from near the trenches — exactly where he spent nine pro seasons as a defensive lineman.

McFarland's wit and enthusiasm will be apparent from the outset of the broadcasts; ESPN's first telecast will be Thursday night, Aug. 16 with the Jets at the Redskins in the preseason.

"I am going to use a strange word to describe Booger as an announcer: nimble," Tessitore says. "He's dynamic, a huge personality and presence. You can't have a cookie-cutter type of analyst and Booger is far from that — he's a guy who you can turn on the red light for the broadcast and he's ready to go."

Tessitore replaces Sean McDonough, who returns to doing college football.

Lisa Salters is the only holdover, returning for her seventh season as the sideline reporter.

Tessitore recognizes the platform he and his new sidekicks will have. Their first regular-season game will be the nightcap of the opening Monday night doubleheader, the Rams at the Raiders (and Gruden).

"The college game lends itself to every game being its own story, the pageantry and the storytelling attached to it," Tessitore says. "In the NFL, each game is a continuation of a well-told narrative that everyone is following.

"It's like this is our weekly story, part of a book we've all been continuously reading, and each week we're on to the next chapter."

He also realizes that simply calling a game for three hours or longer isn't what his new job should be about. There's much more to it.

"There's a vision of when we land in town we begin to create content for fans who can go to the app and hear what we have to say about the upcoming games or what's happening in the league," he says. "We also want to have more content made available pre-game and postgame.

"I've become so football-obsessed, it has become ridiculous."

Lions' Patricia says he was 'falsely accused' of assault

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Detroit Lions coach Matt Patricia said Thursday he was "falsely accused" in a 1996 sexual assault allegation that resurfaced this week, and he indicated that the matter has not been an issue as he has climbed from job to job in the years since.



Patricia

Patricia held a brief news conference one day after a Detroit News report that he and a friend were indicted 22 years ago by a Texas grand jury on one count each of aggravated sexual assault. They were accused of assaulting a woman on South Padre Island. The accuser did not testify and the case was dismissed.

"I was innocent then, and I am innocent now," Patricia said.

The Lions said Wednesday night that a pre-employment background check did not turn up the incident. The team said Patricia was 21 at the time and on spring break in Texas. The Lions said they were standing by Patricia.

An NFL spokesman said Thursday the league "will review the matter with the club to understand the allegations and what the club has learned."

Lions owner Martha Firestone Ford, general manager Bob Quinn and president Rod Wood were at Thursday's news conference but did not speak.

"I'm here to defend my honor and clear my name. Twenty-two years ago, I was falsely accused of something very serious," Patricia said . "There were claims made about me that never happened. While I'm thankful on one level that the process worked, and the case was dismissed, at the same time, I was never given the opportunity to defend myself."

Patricia took a few questions but did not provide details about the day in question.

"I was falsely accused of something that I did not do," he said.

The Detroit News, citing a March 1996 story in the Brownsville (Texas) Herald, said Patricia and a friend were accused of entering the hotel room where the woman was sleeping and sexually assaulting her. The men were arrested later that night and released on bond, according to the story and court records.

The indictment came that August, but the case was eventually dismissed. The Detroit News posted a motion to dismiss from January 1997, which said the alleged victim did not feel she could "face the pressures or stress of a trial."

Patricia's first NFL coaching job was as an assistant with the New England Patriots in 2004, and he remained with them through last season, when he was the defensive coordinator. He was hired by the Lions in February to replace Jim Caldwell.

Before joining the Patriots, Patricia worked as a graduate assistant in 1996 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, his alma mater. That was before he spent two years working as an aeronautical engineer. Patricia was an assistant coach at Amherst and a graduate assistant at Syracuse before moving on to the NFL.

"I've interviewed for a lot of jobs," Patricia said. "Interviewing for jobs in engineering right after the situation happened, it was never an issue, it never came up as anything, because it was dismissed, and I was innocent, so it just has never been part of any process that I've been involved with."

Patriots coach Bill Belichick said the team wasn't aware of the legal case and expressed support for Patricia.

"For 14 years in our organization, Matt conducted himself with great integrity and is known to be an outstanding coach, person and family man," Belichick said in a statement. "We have always been confident in Matt's character and recommended him highly to become the head coach of the Detroit Lions."

Baffert: Justify doing well after treatment for bruised heel

By Stephen Whyno
Associated Press

A hesitant step by Justify the morning after winning the Kentucky Derby was enough to create quite the scare.

All the fuss was over a bruised heel on his left hind foot.

Trainer Bob Baffert believes the trouble is over now and that it won't keep Justify from running in the Preakness with a very real chance at the Triple Crown.

Baffert said Thursday that Justify is doing well and is on track to run in the May 19 race. The veteran trainer attributed the injury to the muddy track at Churchill Downs for the Derby and tender feet that were sensitive to gravel outside the barn the morning after.

"We were treating it for a cracked heel, but it never developed because we didn't let it develop," Baffert said on a conference call. "It's all behind us, and we're on to Baltimore."

Justify returned to the track at Churchill Downs to gallop Thursday, with assistant trainer Jimmy Barnes reporting to Baffert that the Derby winner was sharp. Don't take it just from Baffert, though, veteran trainer D. Wayne Lukas also watched closely and said Justify looked excellent.

"He jogged off perfectly sound, he turned around and galloped very strong," said Lukas, who is expected to saddle Bravazo and Sporting Chance in the Preakness. "I know everybody was watching and looking for a little crack in the armor, but it wasn't there today and he looked excellent out there. Very good. And showed no signs of what I call stress — breaking out or anything. It was a good day for him. He had a wonderful day."

Justify got in a good day on the track after Baffert rested him following the foot condition that he initially referred to as scratches similar to diaper rash. Elliott Walden of WinStar Farm, which co-owns Justify, was worried when the horse didn't want to put his heel down but credited Baffert and his team for moving quickly with treatment.

"Obviously it's something that was concerning at the time," Walden said. "I was certainly pleased with the way he galloped this morning, and I think that would be a very good indication that the bruise is behind him."

Justify is undefeated in four starts and expected to be a heavy favorite against Tampa Bay Derby winner Quip and others at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore. The consensus is he'll be more than an even-money favorite on the morning line and is far and away the best horse in the field for the second jewel of the Triple Crown as long as he's healthy.

Mad at himself for exposing Justify to the gravel on Sunday morning and setting off a "firestorm," Baffert knows a thing or two about how to guide horses on this two-week turnaround. He is four-for-four with Derby winners in the Preakness and will be trying to win the Triple Crown for the second time in four years after ending the drought with American Pharoah in 2015.

Castroneves eagerly gearing up for IndyCar season debut

By Michael Marot
Associated Press



Matt Slocum/AP Photo, File

Helio Castroneves prepares to qualifying for the IndyCar auto race in 2017 in Long Pond, Pa. Castroneves spent two long months watching IndyCar races. It was tough for the three-time Indianapolis 500 champ who thought he still had plenty of racing left in him. Now the beloved Brazilian will finally get a chance to show Team Penske and the series what it's been missing when he makes season debut Saturday at his favorite venue, Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

INDIANAPOLIS — Helio Castroneves monitored the first four IndyCar races of the season from afar.

He learned to cope with the emotions of competing outside the series, being away from longtime friends and surrounded by his biggest fans. The itch to be out there, competing never waned, though.

On Friday, the beloved Brazilian will get the best belated birthday gift he could: Returning to the track as he prepares to make his season debut Saturday in the IndyCar Grand Prix.

"It's really hard when you drove for 20 years and all of a sudden you're doing something else," Castroneves said Thursday as he celebrated his 43rd birthday. "It doesn't connect. But I'm super happy have the opportunity I do have."

Sure, he knew this day would come.

But the wait has been the hardest part for one of the world's steadiest open-wheel drivers.

After making 344 starts, winning 30 races, collecting 141 top-five and 226 top-10 finishes and placing fifth or higher in IndyCar points 13 times in 16 full-time seasons, Castroneves' career turned in a new direction.

He switched to Roger Penske's new sports car program after last season and now anchors one of the team's Acura entries along with defending series champion Ricky Taylor and is happily running full-time on the IMSA circuit.

"It's great to be back, awesome," Castroneves said during last week's testing. "It's like you're playing with your old toy that (you) miss so bad."

Castroneves' comeback couldn't begin at a better venue, either.

Only three drivers — A.J. Foyt, Al Unser and Rick Mears — have more Indianapolis 500 wins than Castroneves, who also has three runner-up finishes and three additional top-fives in 17 starts on the 2.5-mile oval.

For now, though, Castroneves must remain focused on tinkering with this year's new aero kit on the track's 2.439-mile, 14-turn road course. Practice begins Friday morning with qualifying set for later in the day. There will be another practice round Saturday morning prior to the race.

Weather conditions could create another wrinkle. Saturday's forecast calls for a high temperature of 93 degrees with a 20 percent chance of rain.

"It should be a bit different than the last two years. It should be a bit warmer, as well, so that should change how the race is going to go," defending winner and Penske teammate Simon Pagenaud said. "I think the drafting is pretty good here. It's been strong on the straightaway, so you can certainly get sucked up really well, you can follow closer and not get as affected as before. So there's more opportunities (to pass) for sure."

Fortunately for Castroneves, he's in the best situation of any part-time driver.

He's been with Penske's team 19 seasons, has a crew he's worked with previously, three teammates he worked with last year and just happens to be driving for a team that has won three of the last four series championships and each of the four other grand prixs at Indy.

The question, of course, is how long will it take Castroneves to get up to speed?

Penske's ballyhooed return to IMSA started slowly. Then last weekend, Castroneves and Taylor drove to their first victory in a race at Mid-Ohio.

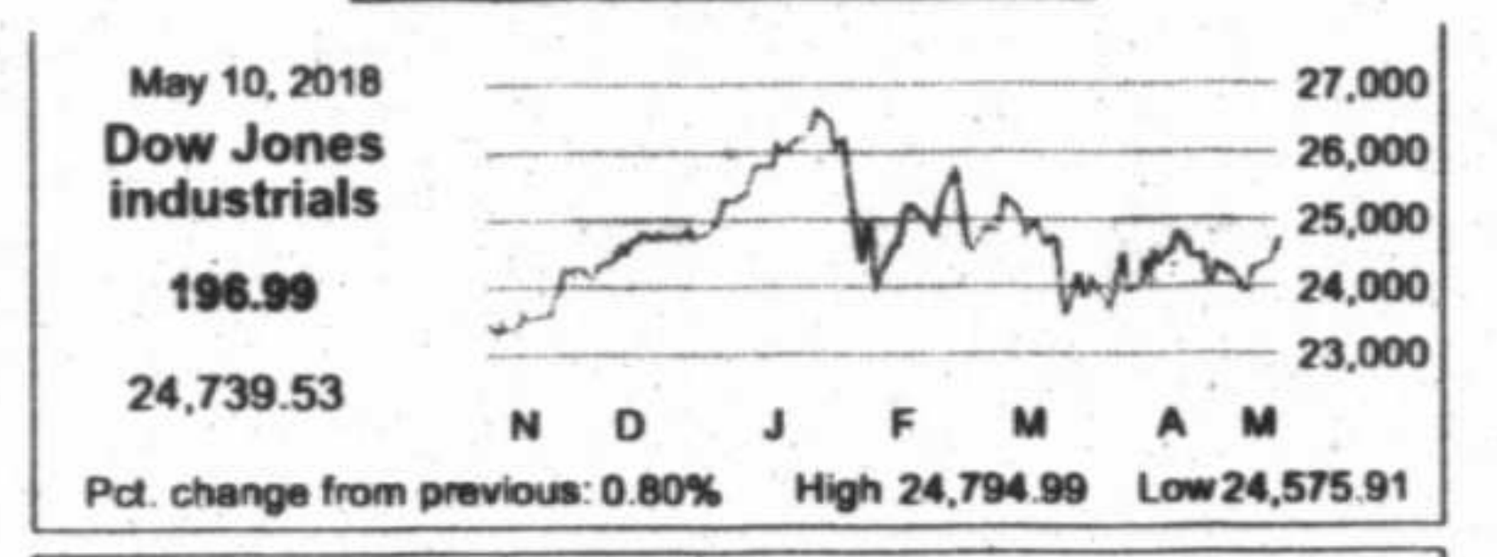
Castroneves also won the pole — nipping fellow Penske driver Dane Cameron for a 1-2 Penske start to the race — and he and Taylor combined to lead a race-high 87 laps.

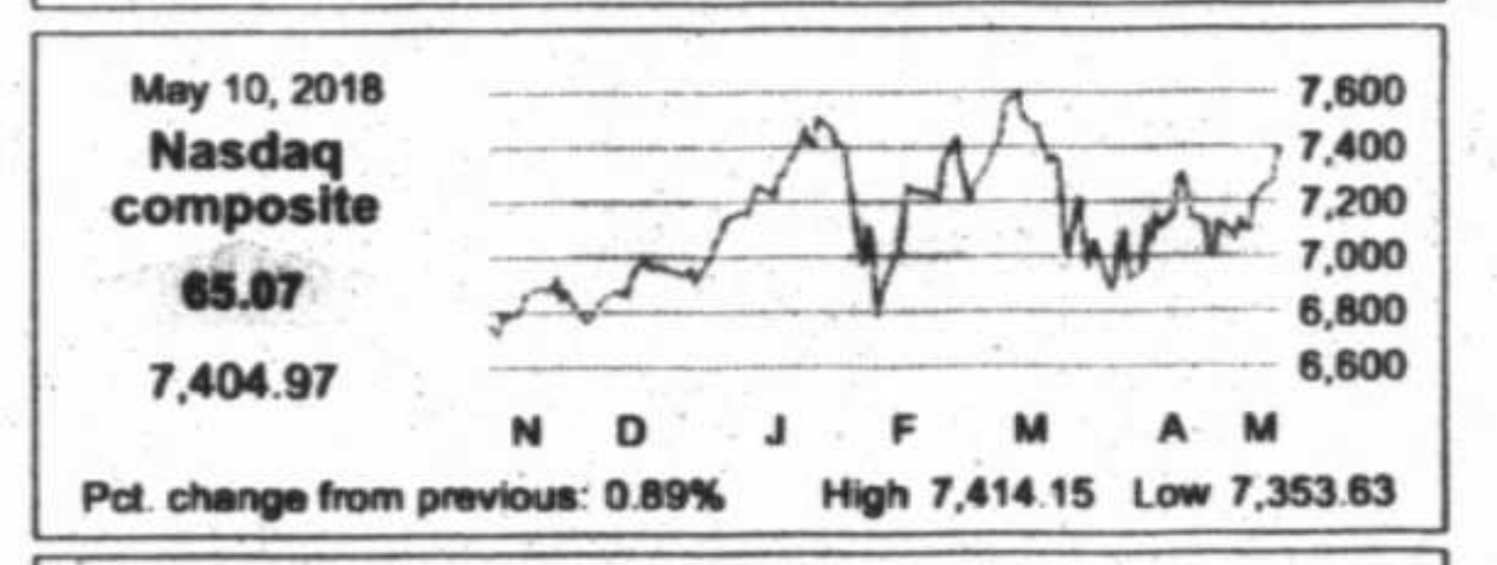
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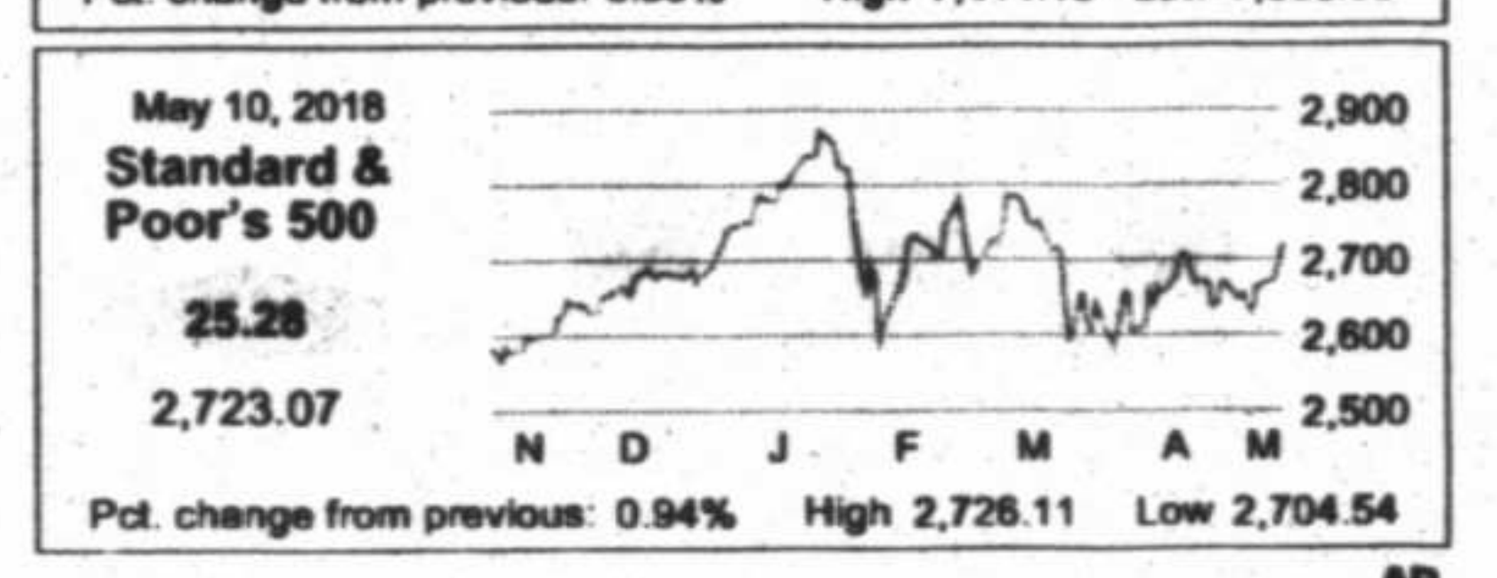
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NYSE — MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
iShEMkts	1156333	47.48	+.97
Nabors	729117	7.92	-.11
S&P500ETF	707044	272.02	+2.52
BkofAm	546939	30.89	+.17
SPDR Fncl	414438	28.28	+.23

AMEX — MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	98389	2.35	-.11
iShIndia bt	44389	34.35	+.14
NthnO&G	31618	2.23	+.04
TransEntx	31247	2.04	-.04
B2gold g	28065	2.89	+.04

NASDAQ — MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	369515	52.66	+1.65
CSVixSh rs	363171	5.56	-.55
Roku n	307348	35.46	-.62
Apple Inc	279396	190.04	+2.68
PwShs QQQ	270155	169.62	+1.74

NYSE — GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Prestige rs	35.25	+6.76	+23.7
DiploPhm	23.22	+3.20	+16.0
GreenDot	72.57	+9.27	+14.6
SanchezEn	3.69	+.44	+13.5
VivintSolar	4.50	+.50	+12.5

AMEX — GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IntellgSys	7.26	+1.18	+19.4
Reeds	2.45	+.25	+11.4
GpoSimec	10.35	+1.02	+10.9
LevelBr n	5.27	+.44	+9.1
AmShrd	2.89	+.21	+7.8

NASDAQ — GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ARMO Bi n	49.80	+19.98	+67.0
TurtleBc rs	11.42	+4.48	+64.6
CecoEnv	5.71	+1.19	+26.3
Koss h	2.40	+.48	+24.9
Depomed	7.34	+1.38	+23.2

NYSE — LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
QuorrnHI n	6.20	-1.29	-17.2
NewSenInv	7.61	-1.06	-12.2
SolarOil n	16.74	-2.26	-11.9
SailpITch n	23.07	-2.73	-10.6
EnduroRT	3.90	-.45	-10.3

AMEX — LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Myomo n	3.07	-.50	-14.0
AvalonHld	2.17	-.24	-9.8
RafaelH n	7.59	-.54	-6.6
RegHlt pfA	6.50	-.44	-6.3
BluerkRsd	8.86	-.46	-4.9

NASDAQ — LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IntegMed n	11.18	-5.47	-32.9
MDC Pr gs	4.85	-2.00	-29.2
HudsonTc	3.07	-1.03	-25.1
Amphastar	14.63	-4.80	-24.7
ProtagTh n	6.52	-1.88	-22.4

DIARY

	NYSE	AMEX	NASDAQ
Advanced	2,061	177	1,763
Declined	805	115	1,079
Unchanged	109	31	171
Total issues	2,975	323	3,013
New Highs	136	7	174
New Lows	26	5	35
Volume	3,311,431,226	88,090,282	2,198,943,771

INDEXES

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net % Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
26,616.71	20,553.45	Dow Jones Industrials	24,739.53	+196.99	+.80	+.08	+18.26
11,423.92	8,744.36	Dow Jones Transportation	10,605.79	+97.91	+.93	-.06	+17.35
778.80	647.81	Dow Jones Utilities	687.88	+9.26	+1.36	-4.91	-1.28
13,637.02	11,374.64	NYSE Composite	12,731.65	+99.16	+.78	-.60	+10.10
7,637.27	5,996.82	Nasdaq Composite	7,404.97	+65.07	+.89	+7.27	+21.08
2,872.87	2,352.72	S&P 500	2,723.07	+25.28	+.94	+1.85	+13.72
2,001.48	1,683.72	S&P Midcap	1,937.91	+14.02	+.73	+1.96	+12.18
29,760.60	24,445.51	Wilshire 5000	28,309.83	+231.21	+.82	+1.86	+13.67
1,615.52	1,349.35	Russell 2000	1,603.71	+7.66	+.48	+4.44	+15.36

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

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MUTUAL FUNDS

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AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

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PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	20	4.45	+.07	-21.4
AT&T Inc	2.00f	12	31.88	+.48	-18.0
Abraxas	...	72	2.88	+.15	+17.1
AdaDvsEq	1.32e	...	15.26	+.15	+1.5
AMD	...	...	12.13	+.18	+18.0
Alibaba	...	58	195.96	+.53	+13.6
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	10.07	-.19	-6.7
Ambev	.05e	6	6.10	+.06	-5.6
Amgen	5.28	15	170.77	+1.13	-1.8
Anadarko	1.00f	80	68.39	+.95	+27.5
Apache	1.00	26	41.84	+.39	-1.4
Apple Inc	2.92f	22	190.04	+2.68	+12.3
ApldMatl	.80f	18	55.53	+1.40	+8.6
Archrock	.48	31	11.60	+.20	+10.5
ATMOS	1.94f	16	88.60	+.92	+3.2
AutoData	2.76f	34	127.39	+.35	+8.7
BP PLC	2.38	24	45.88	-.30	+9.2
BkofAm	.48	18	30.89	+.17	+4.6
B iPVxST rs	...	...	36.44	-1.72	+30.5
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.07	+.04	-1.2
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	24	301630.03	+1639.07	+1.4
BlkHillsCp	1.90f	17	58.12	+.54	-3.3
BrMySq	1.60	51	51.15	+.06	-16.5
BrownFA s	.79	32	54.15	+.05	+8.3
BrownFB s	...	...	57.43	+.46	...
CVS Health	2.00	11	62.44	+1.23	-13.9
CaesarsEnt	...	...	12.10	+.15	-4.3
CallonPet	...	31	14.16	-.10	+16.5
Caterpillar	3.12	19	153.97	+1.36	-2.3
Celestic g	...	10	12.05	+.16	+15.0
CntryLink	2.16	9	19.40	+1.36	+16.3
ChesEng	...	6	3.35	+.09	-15.4
Chevron	4.48	57	128.82	+.10	+2.9
ChicB&I	.28	...	16.39	+.27	+1.5
Chicos	.34f	14	9.62	-.05	+9.1
Cimarex	.64f	21	97.82	+.09	-19.8
Cisco	1.32f	24	46.30	+.26	+20.9
Citigroup	1.28	13	72.57	+.62	-2.5
ClevCliffs	...	7	8.33	+.25	+15.5
CocaCola	1.56	71	42.18	+.40	-8.1
ColgPalm	1.68f	22	62.48	+.57	-17.2
ColNrthS n	...	...	6.03	-.32	-47.2
Comcast s	.76	15	31.56	+.83	-20.9
ConAgra	.85	17	37.76	+.09	+.2
ConchoRes	...	24	156.01	-3.46	+3.9
ConocoPhil	1.14f	55	69.34	+.84	+26.3
CrackerB	4.80	19	162.58	+1.43	+2.3
CSVixSh rs	...	...	5.56	-.55	+.4
CrosTim	1.02e	13	13.30	-.04	-9.4
DCP Mid	3.12	55	38.92	+.87	+7.1
DTE	3.53	18	101.33	+1.09	-7.4
DenburyR	...	...	3.77	-.02	+70.6
DevonE	.24	26	40.89	+.67	-1.2
DrGMBII rs	.09e	...	15.82	+.90	-10.9
Disney	1.68f	14	101.68	+1.71	-5.4
EOG Rescs	.74f	...	118.95	+1.16	+10.2
Energen	.08	24	68.73	+1.02	+19.4
EngyTrfPt	2.26	18	18.54	+.25	+3.5
EnPro	.96f	41	72.89	+.66	-22.1
ENSCO	.04	...	6.73	+.15	+13.9
EntProdPt	1.71f	20	27.39	+.46	+3.3
Ericsson	.13e	...	7.92	-.02	+18.6
Exelixis	...	23	18.56	-3.13	-38.9
ExxonMbl	3.28f	17	81.72	+1.79	-2.3
Facebook	...	35	185.53	+2.87	+5.1
FordM	.60a	6	11.21	+.15	-10.2
FrptMcM	.20	11	16.22	+.54	-14.5
GATX	1.76f	13	72.27	+.98	+16.3
GabMultT	.94e	...	9.50	+.10	+3.3
GAInv	1.15e	...	34.42	+.17	+.1
GenElec	.48	...	14.69	+.07	-15.9
GlPlainEn	1.10	16	32.23	+.27	...
Groupon	...	...	5.18	+.30	+1.6
Hallibrtn	.72	...	52.71	+.01	+7.9
HellMAn h	...	...	.61	-.17	-80.3
IQIYI n	...	...	20.72	+2.10	+33.2
iShGold	...	...	12.67	+.07	+1.3
iShBrazil	.67e	...	41.86	+1.38	+3.5
iShChinaLC	.87e	...	48.02	+.60	+4.0
iShEMkts	.59e	...	47.48	+.97	+.8
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	71.58	+.46	+1.8
iShBxHYB	5.09	...	85.76	+.25	-1.7
iShR2K	1.77e	...	159.53	+.85	+4.6
Intel	1.20	21	54.08	+.84	+19.1
InterDig	1.40	11	79.80	+.30	+4.8
JohnJn	3.60f	17	125.35	+1.84	-10.3
KimbClk	4.00f	20	103.83	+.77	-13.9
KindMorg	.80f	23	16.50	+.05	-8.7
L Brands	2.40	9	31.88	-2.44	-47.4
LegacyRes	...	...	7.78	+.58	+383.2
Lubys	...	...	2.80	+.04	-1.5
MGM Rsts	.48	10	33.37	+.47	-.1
Macys	1.51	10	29.42	-.72	+16.8
MarathnO	.20	...	21.14	-.12	+24.9
McDerl rs	...	10	20.70	+.78	...
McDnlds	4.04	25	165.07	+.83	-4.1
Merck	1.92	22	58.06	+.11	+3.2
MeritMed	...	51	52.10	+1.05	+20.6
MexcoEn	...	...	5.68	-.03	+44.5
MicronT	...	6	52.66	+1.65	+28.1
Microsoft	1.68	57	97.91	+.97	+14.5
Nabors	.24	...	7.92	-.11	+16.0
NOilVarco	.20	...	40.61	+.24	+12.7
Neovasc g	...	...	.05	+.00	-92.0
NokiaCp	.19e	...	6.35	...	+36.3
NuanceCm	...	...	13.50	-1.78	-17.4
NSTFR3	.55a	...	14.56	+.11	-4.1
NTXQI	.85	...	13.02	+.01	-9.2
Nvidia	.60	63	260.13	+4.35	+34.4
OcciPet	3.08	...	83.86	+1.46	+13.8
OpkoHlth	...	...	4.35	+.19	-11.2
PDC Engy	...	...	59.92	-.07	+16.3
Pandora	...	...	7.16	-.34	+48.5
ParTech	...	36	14.81	+.17	+56.3
ParkDrl	...	...	.61	-.01	-39.2
PattUTI	.16f	...	22.62	+.37	-1.7
PayPal n	...	50	79.19	+2.18	+7.6
Penney	...	8	2.86	-.02	-9.5
PennaRE	.84	14	10.09	-.01	-15.1
Prmian	.56e	27	9.82	+.10	+10.7
PetrbrsA	...	...	14.55	+.74	+48.0
Petrobras	...	...	16.21	+1.08	+57.5
Pfizer	1.36	14	35.04	+.21	-3.3
PioNtrl	.32f	...	203.19	+1.67	+17.6
PlainsAAP	1.95	31	24.09	-.22	+16.7
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	169.62	+1.74	+8.9
Praxair	3.30	36	157.05	+1.54	+1.5
PrmEgy	...	...	69.71	...	+35.4
PUVixST rs	...	...	12.33	-.93	+20.8
ProctGam	2.87f	19	73.15	+.78	-20.4
PShtQQQ rs	...	...	15.06	-.46	-30.0
PUShtSPX	...	...	10.06	-.29	-11.5
Qualcom	2.48f	...	54.97	+1.80	-14.1
RangeRs	.08	16	14.76	-.03	-13.5
Roku n	...	...	35.46	-.62	-31.5
Rowan	.40	28	16.21	+.38	+3.5
RoyDShllA	3.76	...	71.03	+.26	+6.5
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	247.46	+2.06	...
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	272.02	+2.52	+1.9
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	35.83	+.08	-2.4
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	41.58	+.19	+11.8
SabnR	2.29m	22	47.25	+.55	+5.9
SanderFm	1.28	8	114.23	+.71	-17.7
Schlmbrg	2.00	45	71.12	+.24	+5.5
SeadrillLtd	...	1	.32	+.05	+39.4
SiriusXM	.04	38	6.82	+.05	+27.2
Smucker	3.12	15	114.16	+1.15	-8.1
SnapInc A n	...	...	11.01	...	-24.6
SwstnEngy	...	5	4.33	+.04	-22.4
Sprint	...	3	5.18	...	-12.1
SP Engy	2.04e	...	76.62	+.57	+6.0
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	28.28	+.23	+1.3
SP Tech	.78e	...	69.98	+.90	+9.4
SP Util	1.55e	...	50.31	+.70	-4.5
TelefEsp	1.20e	...	9.92	+.04	+2.5
3M Co	5.44f	30	205.03	+1.61	-12.9
Torchmark	.64f	7	85.38	+.36	-5.9
Transocn	...	...	13.42	+.32	+25.7
TriContl	1.07e	...	27.06	+.16	+.4
TurtleBc rs	...	...	11.42	+4.48	+530.2
Twitter	...	...	32.87	+.41	+36.9
TylerTech	...	54	229.50	+1.98	+29.6
UBSI	1.36	21	35.00	+.05	+.7
US OilFd	...	...	14.41	+.04	+20.0
Vale SA	.29e	14	14.44	+.51	+18.1
ValeantPh	...	5	20.01	-.24	-3.7
ValeroE	3.20	30	114.49	-.33	+24.6
VanEGold	.06e	...	22.95	+.32	-1.2
VanE JrGld	...	...	34.10	+.68	-.1
VangEmg	1.10e	...	46.27	+.90	+.8
VangFTSE	1.10e	...	45.42	+.32	+1.2
VerizonCm	2.36	6	47.20	+.82	-10.8
VulcanM	1.12f	27	125.60	-1.37	-2.1
WEC Engy	2.21	20	62.19	+.75	-6.4
WalMart	2.08f	18	82.60	+.15	-16.3
WalgBoots	1.60	14	63.81	+.87	-12.1
WeathfIntl	...	...	3.34	-.03	-19.9
WellsFargo	1.56	12	54.65	+.89	-9.9
WmsCos	1.36	10	26.60	+.17	-12.5
XcelEngy	1.44	20	46.35	+.44	-6.9
Xerox rs	1.00	37	29.33	+.50	+.6
Yamana g	.02	...	2.98	+.03	-4.5
Zynga	...	66	3.93	+.03	-1.8

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8	2	9	6	4	3	7	1	5
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3	6	1	5	2	7	9	4	8
9	1	6	7	5	8	3	2	4
7	5	4	2	3	1	6	8	9
2	8	3	4	9	6	5	7	1
1	7	8	3	6	5	4	9	2
6	3	2	9	1	4	8	5	7
4	9	5	8	7	2	1	6	3

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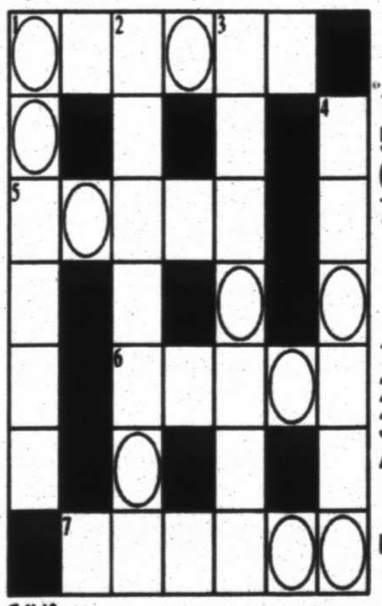
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(Answers tomorrow)

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Answer: Her old 10-speed was way beyond repair and was at the end of its — LIFE CYCLE

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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Sword, for example	OPENWA
5. Controlled	UDREL
6. Waist measurement	TRGHI
7. Noisier	DEORUL

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Distorted	PADEWR
2. Rapid in tempo	RLEOGLA
3. Requested	DDEEORR
4. Squirrel relative	OGERPH

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CLUE: This was first introduced to the public in 1948.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Weapon 5A-Ruled 6A-Girth 7A-Louder 1D-Warped 2D-Adagio 3D-Ordered 4D-Goptar 5-11

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Cow, for one
4 Cancel, in a way
9 Food fight noise
14 "U R 2 funny!"
15 "On the Media" medium
16 Michelangelo carved it from a single slab of marble
17 Circus reaction
18 Spread served in concave pasta?
20 Statuette site
22 Sushi bar appetizer
23 Start to pace, say
26 Stood
27 Polite address
28 "We'll Meet Again" host Curry
29 Documentarian Burns
32 Laid-back cats and dogs?
36 Ancient Aegean region
38 Teased
39 Word of welcome
41 1993 Literature Nobelist Morrison
42 Law school subject
44 Revealing sweat remover at the poker table?
46 Sliding runner
47 Sounds of contentment
49 Name associated with the Gateway Arch
50 Only
52 Like ghost towns
56 Hitchcock classic set in San Francisco
58 Colorful tank addition
59 What Royal Caribbean reps do?
62 Move on a lake
63 Forbidden
64 For fun, with "on"
65 "Hamilton" creator __-Manuel Miranda
66 Spiral-horned creature
67 Sinatra standard
68 Sgt.'s superiors

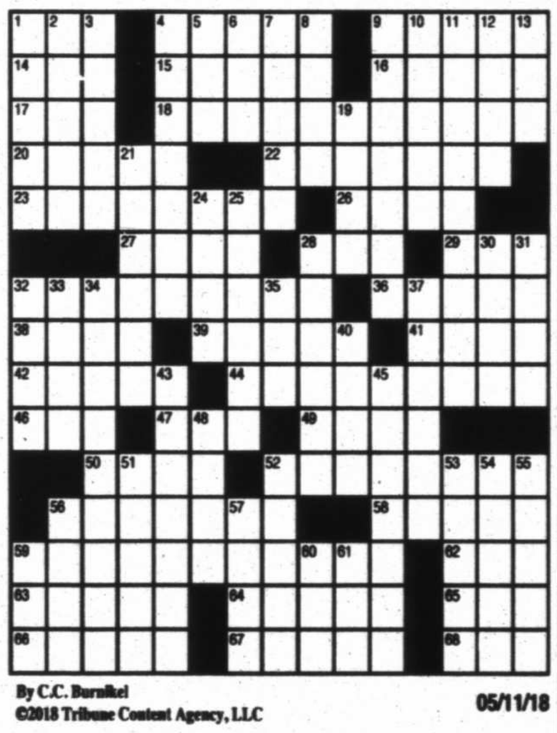
DOWN

1 Urban Dictionary focus
2 Mandel of "Deal or No Deal"
3 Give a seat to
4 Premier League powerhouse
5 "Humph!"
6 Celebratory work
7 One with an easy life
8 Spilled the beans
9 Layered ice cream
10 Deli pockets
11 "I'll be waiting to hear from you"
12 Suit to __
13 Street cover
19 Raised building?
21 Play with a ghost
24 Taberna tidbit
25 Refines, as ore
28 "Pieces of Me" singer Simpson
30 Bonn article
31 Polish target
32 Older PC screens
33 Errant golf shot, usually
34 "Luther" star
35 Golf club part
37 "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" (1969) star
40 Taproom array
43 Dried fish used in brandade
45 October Revolution leader
48 Next in line
51 Wrinkle-resistant fabric
52 Lacy table mat
53 Island ring ... or, in three parts, a hint to 18-, 32-, 44- and 59-Across
54 Black hair, e.g.
55 Deserves
56 Saltimbocca meat
57 Largest of the Mariana Islands
59 Sault __ Marie
60 Tool with teeth
61 Cy Young Award stat

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

O	D	D	S		S	A	C	R	A		N	C	A	A
N	E	E	T		O	R	I	E	L		A	L	M	S
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		H	I	E		E	V	E	L		U	Z	I	
C	O	R	P	O	R	A	T	E	L	A	D	D	E	R
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S	Y	N	E		P	L	O	D		O	L	D		
E	X	E	C	U	T	I	V	E	O	F	F	I	C	E
		D	A	M		B	A	W	L		T	S	A	R
		R	B	I			A	L	A		P	S	I	
G	O	L	D	E	N	P	A	R	A	C	H	U	T	E
A	V	E		R	U	I	N			M	O	T		
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Mother's Day BRUNCH

MAY 13 | 10AM - 2PM



CARVING STATION
Herb Crusted Prime Rib | Virginia Baked Ham

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

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

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The City of MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING
Administrative Assistant - SSB

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

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

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

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

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

Benefits:
- Heath care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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EDUCATION-TRAINING

Instructor-Transportation Trainer

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

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

EOE

EDUCATION-TRAINING

MIDLAND COLLEGE IS SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR:

FACULTY-ADN FUNDAMENTALS
FACULTY-ADN MEDICAL/SURGICAL

Responsible for teaching registered nursing content in the classroom, campus skills/simulation labs, and in clinical settings. Active participation in program development, implementation and evaluation is expected.
Required: Master's in Nursing.
Excellent fringe benefits.

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For additional information on these positions and part-time positions with Midland College, please visit our website at midland.peopleadmin.com, or go directly to the Human Resources office located at 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, TX or call (432) 685-4532.

EDUCATION-TRAINING

Midland Independent School District

Midland Independent School District is seeking
Full-Time Math Teachers
at the following locations:
Lee High School, MAP/DDAEP, Alamo & Goddard Junior High School.

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

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

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

Benefits Include:
- Health Insurance: District pays for 100% for Employee Only - $0 cost to employee - Additional cost to the employee for family.
- Dental & Vision: We offer low monthly premiums.
- Texas Teacher Retirement System: Pay into a retirement pension.
- Voluntary Annuity: In addition to TRS, retirement plans such as 403(b), 457, or Roth Annuity Plans
- Voluntary Benefits: Disability, Accident, Bridge, Heart & Cancer plans and
- Flex Plans for Medical & Childcare

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ENERGY AND UTILITIES

Field Service Technician/ Shop Technician

VAN ZANDT Controls is a dynamic and a growing Valve Automation, Flow Measurement & Instrumentation Company located in Odessa, TX. We are currently looking to fill the following positions:

Field Service Technician
- Troubleshoot & Repair different Types of Actuators
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- Maintain a Safe Work Environment at All Times

Shop Technician:
- Build & Repair different Types of Valves and Actuators
- Be capable of Understanding Technical Documents
- Knowledge of Valve Actuators a Plus

Please call 432-528-1266 or send your resume to Dave Latch - dlatch@vzcontrols.com
Applicants must be reliable and have clean driving record

Financial Accounting Position

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

HEALTHCARE

LVN

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

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

MUST BE BILINGUAL, AVAILABLE M-F PLEASE CALL 432-520-4305 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

The City of MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

Planning Division Manager

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

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

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

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

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

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

Benefits:
- Heath care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

The City of MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

Right-Of-Way Manager

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

Budgetary Responsibilities:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Benefits:
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OTHER JOBS

Midland INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Educating the Future!

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

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

Experience:
Two years of supervised nurse practice preferably in community health, pri or to entry into school nursing.

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

Benefits Include:
- Health Insurance: District pays for 100% for Employee Only - $0 cost to employee - Additional cost to the employee for family.
- Dental & Vision: We offer low monthly premiums.
- Texas Teacher Retirement System: Pay into a retirement pension.
- Voluntary Annuity: In addition to TRS, retirement plans such as 403(b), 457, or Roth Annuity Plans
- Voluntary Benefits: Disability, Accident, Bridge, Heart & Cancer plans and
- Flex Plans for Medical & Childcare

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Midland INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Educating the Future!

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

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

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

Benefits Include:
- Health Insurance: District pays for 100% for Employee Only - $0 cost to employee - Additional cost to the employee for family.
- Dental & Vision: We offer low monthly premiums.
- Texas Teacher Retirement System: Pay into a retirement pension.
- Voluntary Annuity: In addition to TRS, retirement plans such as 403(b), 457, or Roth Annuity Plans
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Gate Attendants needed

Gate Guard Services is looking for Gate Attendants in West Texas area, must have RV or Traveling trailer and must pass background. Requirements needed: Non-Commissioned license. Please call Patty for more information @ 361-949-6982.

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OTHER JOBS

The city of MIDLAND Texas

NOW HIRING

Planner

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

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

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

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

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

Benefits:
- Heath care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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NOW HIRING

Public Safety Dispatcher

Directs calls for service for emergency purposes and directs non-emergency inquiries.

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

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

Ability to read and understand technical and professional manuals in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as specialized computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 38 WPM.
Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests.
1.Keyboarding
2.Data Entry MT
3.Data Entry MT (Audio)
4.Call Summarization
5.Memory Recall-Numeric (Audio)
6.Map Reading
7.Spelling
8.Sentence Clarity
9.Reading Comprehension

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

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

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Recycle Supervisor

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

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

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

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

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

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

Benefits:
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RETAIL JOBS

Full Time Cashier

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

SALES JOBS

Manager & Cashiers

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IMPACT!

SKILLED LABOR

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NOW HIRING

Systems Administrator

Performs network and system support functions on segments of the computer environment, including planned and emergency maintenance; performance and security analysis; and monitoring, tuning, and implementing new products and procedures. Analyzes emerging technology and makes recommendations for constant improvements to network and infrastructure services and capabilities.

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

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

Benefits:
- Heath care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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

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

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

Benefits:
- Heath care Plans
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- Paid Holidays
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Customer Service (Field Work)

Performs field work regarding current or past water service.

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

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

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

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

Benefits:
- Heath care Plans
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NOW HIRING

Effluent Distribution Technician

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

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

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

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

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

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Electronics Tech - Airport

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

Job Duties:

•Performs preventive maintenance on automatic gates, automatic doors, parking lot equipment, lighting, security systems, jetway systems, etc.

•Assists the Electrician/Electronics Specialist in the day to day operations of the Airport facility as needed.

•Performs other related duties as assigned.

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

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

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

Benefits:
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Electrical/Electronics Tech - WPP

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

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

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

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

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

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

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Engineering Tech - Construction Inspector

Perform responsible work in support of city engineering staff. Work relates to engineering construction activities such as construction inspection of municipal projects involving construction of asphalt or concrete pavement, sidewalks, ramps, water lines and sewer lines.

Job Duties:
•Inspect forms, materials and workmanship for compliance with plans and specifications. Tests materials and workmanship as required.
•Maintain daily diary and records on projects including emergency telephone numbers for key people.
•Maintain inspection project files for all phases of construction for each project. Provides information to update record drawings.
•Inspect traffic control devices for compliance with plans and the Texas Manual on Uniform Control Devices. Make safety inspections to note deficiencies for correction.
•Analyze field construction problems and assists engineers with recommending corrections.
•Performs survey work as requested by Engineering staff.
•Coordinate with traffic, utility companies, landowners, etc. before and during construction.
•Acts as project field coordinator for contractors, utility companies and city departments.
•Researches utility locations and right of way, assemble plat and deed information and produces plan views.
•As appropriate, trains and evaluates the progress of other employees.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Must be able use and communicate by hand-held radio. Basic skill in the use of a variety of machines, including personal computers, printers, calculators, scanners and large document copier are preferred.

Must have a valid Texas Driver's License and a good driving record. Employee must be able to effectively communicate with other employees in the work group. Must be able to correctly respond to questions from contractors, surveyors, inspectors, or city staff regarding work performed or applicable specifications related to a design or construction project.

Must coordinate effectively with other city departments, contractors, and utility companies when designing or scheduling work. Must posses skill to observe, read, and interpret written technical materials and construction drawings. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment.

Must have obtained a High school diploma or equivalent GED plus 5 years of experience in civil construction trades. College degree or construction certifications preferred. Extensive knowledge of state, federal, and local laws and requirements regarding construction, surveying and safety standards.

Extensive skill in observing, reading and interpreting written technical materials and construction drawings. Extensive knowledge of city codes and ordinances and other state and federal requirements regarding utility construction and safety standards.

Extensive knowledge of engineering standards and construction practices for water, sewer, street and drainage design. Intermediate in drafting with computer aided design systems such as AutoCAD. Intermediate skill in developing field notes and survey plats for boundary surveys.

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NOW HIRING

Equipment Operator - Landfill

Disposes for refuse through the use of heavy equipment at the Landfill.

Job Duties:
•Disposes of refuse with the use of heavy equipment such as compactors, scrapers, bulldozers and related equipment.
•Maintains access roads to the Landfill.
•Covers refuse at the end of each day.
•Maintains all equipment in good working order and keeps records of service problems. Submits daily maintenance sheets to supervisor.
•Performs preventive maintenance on equipment such as oil changes. Determines when servicing of vehicles is required.
•Monitors vehicles as they enter, unload and leave the Landfill. Gives directions to citizens.
•Performs related duties as assigned.

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

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

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

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Equipment Operator - Water and Wastewater

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

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

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

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

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Lead Water Purification Plant Operator

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

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NOW HIRING

Lab Technician

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

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

Monitors expenditures during the year.

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

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

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

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

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Maintenance Specialist - Animal Services

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

Job Duties:

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

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

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

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

Benefits:
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NOW HIRING

Maintenance Specialist - Parks - Sports Complex

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

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

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

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

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

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Utility Plant Operator - WPCP

Assists in the operation of the waste water treatment plant.

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

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

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

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

DAYS & HOURS:
Rotating Shift; Rotating Days Off

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NOW HIRING

Plant Maintenance Mechanic - Water Purification Plant

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

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

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

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

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

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NOW HIRING

Service Center Technician

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

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

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

Knowledge of proper tools used in general automotive repairs. Ability to safely use tools, vehicles and equipment such as wreckers, tire hammers and breakdown bars, tire and wheel balancers, tire machines, jacks, air impact wrenches, fork lifts and assorted hand tools. Skill in the reading and practical application of manuals, schematics and other similar specifications used by city departments. Ability to

read, measure and calculate types and sizes of materials needed and ability to reason amount of time that will be used in the actual repair process. Ability to speak, understand and follow instructions in English.

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

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

Benefits:
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Utility Plant Operator - Water Purification Plant

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

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

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

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

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

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Well Field Technician - Paul Davis

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

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

RELOCATION MANDATORY

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

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

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Well Field Technician - Airport Well Field

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

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

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

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

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

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Equipment Operator - Traffic Operations

Perform manual and unskilled labor on traffic signs and markings, which often involves the use of acquired skills. Operate several types of light and heavy vehicles, equipment, and tools. Do related work and training as required.

Job Duties:
•Assist in loading and unloading transported equipment.
•Operate equipment used in the daily activities of the Traffic Operations division such as paint machines, sign installation equipment, welders and other heavy equipment.
•Perform maintenance, service minor repairs on vehicles and equipment.
•Install and maintain roadway signs, markings and all other traffic devices.
•Assist in maintaining inventory of supplies and equipment.
•Maintain records of work performed, schedules, status reports and work orders.
•Perform related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee must be able to communicate effectively with employees, management and citizens in order to effectively receive and complete assigned work.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to traffic control devices and operations. Knowledge of the processes used in traffic control maintenance. Employee must be able to follow instructions for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools is required. Employee must be able to use heavy equipment required in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and striping truck. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders is also required.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas Class 'A or B' CDL required, or must obtained within 6 months of employment.

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Equipment Operator - Transportation

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

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

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

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

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

Benefits:
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Maintenance Specialist - Transportation

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

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

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group.

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

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

Benefits:
• Heath care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
• Employee Wellness Program
• Tuition Reimbursement

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Sanitation Driver

Drives a single or tandem axle side loading refuse packer truck and collects and disposes of solid waste. Serves as standby driver until a regular route becomes available. Works at recycling center when required sorting recyclables. May be assigned to a roll-off truck or boom truck instead of side loaders.

Job Duties:
•Drives a sanitation vehicle and collects and disposes of solid waste from containers. Collects and disposes of yard waste and large, bulky items when assigned to hand pick up.
•Travels to and from the landfill in order to dispose of waste materials.
•Assists in litter pickup and similar programs when required.
•Maintains and inspects vehicles and performs safety checks daily.
•Maintains records of work performed for supervisor such as vehicle check list, trip logs and repair reports.
•Any solid waste management activity required of the solid waste management division in order to adequately perform public service responsibilities.
•Assists in recycling activities.
•Assists in solid wasted disposal related activities when not driving a regular route.
•Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and citizens who will inquire regarding disposal procedures. Ability to work with citizens who may have complaints on services provided.

Knowledge of processes used in the collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to read and write and follow oral and written instructions from supervisor. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, lifts, claws and various hydraulic systems as well as shovels, brooms and rakes.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred with six months to one year of experience in a related position. Valid Texas Class B Commercial Driver's License required.

Benefits:
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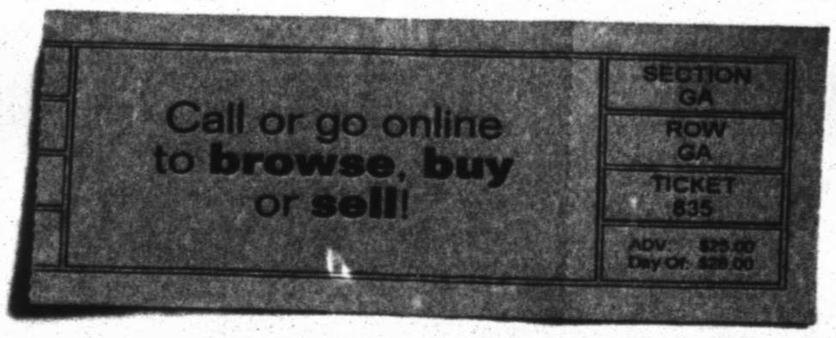
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