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## SUSPECT NABBED

The man accused of the Waffle House shooting has been arrested.

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## HIGH-DOLLAR DIGS

Ever wonder what that big home was worth? Head online and check out a gallery of homes in Midland County that are worth more than \$2 million.

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## Profiling report: Hispanics most likely to be arrested

By Stewart Doreen  
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An analysis of racial profiling compliance by the Midland Police Department states the organization is "fully in compliance with all relevant Texas laws concerning racial profiling" and that "in 2017 the department did not receive any complaints with regards to racial profiling."

However, the analysis also states MPD "should continue its educational and train-

ing efforts within the department on racial profiling" and that the department "should conduct periodic evaluations to assess patterns of officer decision-making on traffic stops."

Today, the Midland Police Department 2017 Racial Profiling Analysis will be presented to the Midland City Council.

Councilmembers, in this report, will read that policies provide clear direction that any form of racial profiling is prohibited and that officers found engaging

in inappropriate profiling may be disciplined up to and including termination of employment. They also will see that all officers are trained and instructed on racial profiling laws in Texas and that all officers and supervisors complete a four-hour course on the racial profiling law and the department's "Bias Based Profiling" policy.

Statistical data in the report will show there were 12,499 stops in 2017. Whites, while making up 64.6 percent of the

population, were involved in 36.8 percent of those drivers stopped. Hispanics make up 26.9 percent of the population but constituted 51.52 percent of all drivers stopped. Lastly, African-Americans make up 7.31 percent of the population, but African-American drivers were involved 10.32 percent of traffic stops.

"One cannot 'prove' that an individual officer has racially profiled any individual

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## EDUCATION ACCOLADES



Tim Fletcher/Reporter-Telegram

Eddie Wallace of the Exchange Club of Midland congratulates all the winners for 2018 on Monday during the Exchange Club of Midland's annual awards luncheon, honoring top students at Midland High, Lee and Early College High School.

## MISD students honored by Exchange Club

Editor's note: A more-detailed look at the Exchange Club winners will appear in a future Education section.

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If it's spring, it must be time for the Exchange Club to hand out their annual academic awards for Midland ISD's top performers.

The prestigious club offered lunch, gifts and acclaim for some of the district's top students Monday at Petroleum Club.

Those honored were Midland High's Rachel Brewer, Abigail Buenda, Caitlin Lauritzen, Raymond Mee and Hollis Hightower; Lee High School's Maren

Smith, Navyl Moyn, Patrick Okimi, Everett Ramos and Crystal Uba; and Early College High School's Annie Vo.

Students honored with awards based on their performance in English, science, foreign language, math or social studies received the acclaim of being an Exchange Club honoree and a 2 terabyte hard drive to use in their college endeavors.

Midland ISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick praised his district's brightest, saying it was "awe-inspiring" to see the giftedness from students who excel and meet the challenge like those honored Monday.

Those in attendance also heard from former Exchange Club winners, who

wrote about their honors and their first year in college. Advice offered to the next in line included to not be afraid to reinvent yourself, learn to use good judgement and that there are consequences and rewards for your actions. Lastly, one Midland ISD graduate wrote, environment is a "reflection of the attitude you carry" and "do not settle for anything less than true potential."

Students honored will attend colleges and universities including Baylor, Texas Tech University, the University of Texas, Texas A&M, the University of Michigan, the University of Maryland, Abilene Christian University, the

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## Spokesman: George HW Bush in hospital with blood infection

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former President George H.W. Bush has been hospitalized in Houston with an infection, just after attending the funeral of his wife, Barbara, a spokesman said Monday.

Jim McGrath said on Twitter that the 93-year-old Bush is "responding to treatments and appears to be recovering." He was admitted Sunday morning to Houston Methodist Hospital after an infection spread to his blood, McGrath said.

Barbara Bush was laid to rest Saturday in a ceremony attended by her husband and former presidents Bill Clinton, Barack Obama, George W. Bush and their wives, along with current first lady Melania Trump. She was 92, and she and her husband had been married 73 years — the longest presidential marriage in U.S. history.

The elder Bush uses a wheelchair and an electric scooter for mobility after developing a form of Parkinson's disease, and he has needed hospital treatment several times in recent years for respiratory problems.

He attended the funeral wearing a pair of knitted socks decorated in blue, red and yellow books — a tribute to his late wife's work promoting literacy.

On Friday, during the public viewing of Barbara Bush's casket, George H.W. Bush offered his hand to many of the around 2,500 people who walked through the church to pay their respects.

A year ago this month, Bush spent two weeks in the hospital for treatment of pneumonia and chronic bronchitis, a constant irritation of the lining of tubes that carry air to one's lungs. Bush's doctors said chronic bronchitis is a condition more prevalent with age and can aggravate the symptoms of pneumonia.

Bush was hospitalized for 16 days in January 2017 for pneumonia. During that hospital stay, which included time in intensive care, doctors inserted a breathing tube and connected him to a ventilator.

He also was hospitalized in 2015 in Maine after falling at home and breaking a bone in his neck, and in December 2014 for about a week for shortness of breath. He spent Christmas 2012 in intensive care for a bronchitis-related cough and other issues.

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# After brief relief, forecasts indicate drought will continue

By Kelly P. Kissel  
Associated Press

Dry weather will prolong the wildfire threat through summer in the southwestern United States, even though weekend showers temporarily relieved drought conditions in parts of the area, forecasters said Monday.

The drought is rooted in a dry spell that began in October and is considered "extreme" from southern California to central Kansas. Conditions are even worse in the Four Corners region and the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles, warranting their description as "exceptional."

"The proverbial spigot shut off," said Brian Fuchs, a climatologist at the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. "Drought isn't necessarily a signal for wildfires, but it can exacerbate the conditions that do take place."

Climatologists consider the months from October to April to be a "recharge" period, with showers and snow replenishing water supplies in the Southern Plains. However, the most recent significant rain in the area came in early October.

"The memory of that precipitation has long went out the back door," Fuchs said. Temperatures have largely been above normal over the same period, triggering evaporation that can carry a lot of moisture away before it has a chance to soak into the ground. There is very little snowpack remaining except on the highest peaks.

A map Fuchs presented during a conference call with reporters showed a sharp distinction on either side of a line from near Fort Worth, Texas, to near Chicago. Moist areas of Arkansas and Missouri were within 100 miles of arid conditions in Kansas and Oklahoma.

"Even normal precipitation ... would be helpful," Fuchs said.

The dry air has likely contributed to some weather anomalies: Several towns in western Oklahoma have seen wild temperature swings, and Oklahoma hasn't had a tornado yet this year, though a later start to the tornado season doesn't mean it could be any less troublesome.

"It just takes one tornado to have a disastrous year," said Todd Lindley, the science and operations officer at the National Weather Service office in Norman, Oklahoma.

Gary McManus, Oklahoma's state climatologist, said the low temperature recorded at a station at Alva on April 17 was 33 degrees — with frost in the area. Hours later, the same station recorded a high of 101. Similar temperature swings were recorded in the Oklahoma Panhandle and could be attributed to the dry air, not any of the station's proximity to wildfires.

"We are very desert-like," he said.

Wildfires have scared many areas of Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Oklahoma forestry officials said Monday that the Rhea fire, which had burned 448 square miles was 74 percent contained but not expected to spread beyond existing fire lines because of higher humidity and lighter winds.

## REPORT

From IA

motorist based on the rate at which a department stops any given group of motorists — even if the rate at which any given group of motorists is stopped is greater than their proportion of the population," according to the analysis. "In short, Disproportionality in stops across different racial/ethnic groups is not evidence of racial profiling."

The report also shows the number of persons stopped and searched subsequent to being stopped. The report states 94 percent of all drivers stopped were not searched (726 of 12,499).

Of those searched (726), 188 were white (26 percent), 137 were African-American (19 percent) and 393 were Hispanic (54 percent).

The report also shows that a vast majority of those stopped were not arrested (about 95 percent). There were 571 arrests made following stops. Of those arrested 143 (or 25 percent) were white, 106 (or 18 percent) were African-American and 319 (or 55 percent) were Hispanic.

## By the numbers

The following are highlights from the Midland Police Department's racial profiling report.

Percentage of population  
White: 64.8  
Hispanic: 28.9  
African-American: 7.1  
Asian: 1.22

Percentage of drivers involved in traffic stops  
White: 36.5  
Hispanic: 51.52  
African-American: 10.32  
Asian: 0.94

Percentage of drivers searched (there was a total of 726)  
White: 16  
Hispanic: 54  
African-American: 19  
Asian: Less than 1 percent

Percentage of searches that were consented (there were 726 searches)  
White: 40.9 percent of the 188 total searches  
Hispanic: 38.1 of the 393 total searches  
African-American: 37.9 percent of the 137 searches  
Asian: 0 percent of the five searches

Percentage of those arrested (there was a total of 571)  
White: 25  
Hispanic: 55  
African-American: 18  
Asian: Less than 1 percent

Source: City of Midland

## STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

### BROWNSVILLE

#### Minnesota woman suspected in 2 killings waives extradition

It will be first come, first served for two states wanting to take custody of a Minnesota woman who is suspected in two killings, a Texas judge ruled Monday.

Lois Riess waived extradition before the judge in Brownsville. The 56-year-old fugitive was the subject of a national hunt after her husband, David Riess, 54, was found fatally shot last month at their home in Blooming Prairie, Minnesota.

Authorities believe Lois Riess fled to Florida and killed Pamela Hutchinson to assume her identity. Hutchinson was found dead with gunshot wounds earlier this month in Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

Minnesota and Florida have 10 days to move Riess. Cameron County Associate Judge Louis Sorola ruled that the first state to send their authorities to retrieve her will get her.

Riess had been on the run since at least late March, when her husband's body was found. Investigators believe she used the same gun to fatally shoot 59-year-old Hutchinson.

Riess had checked into a motel in the South Texas beach resort town of South Padre Island and was sitting at a restaurant bar with others Thursday when, according to South Padre Island Police Chief Randy Smith, a witness recognized Riess from a video and called police.

The Star Tribune reported that the witness — a worker — recognized Riess from the way she flipped back her silvery hair.

"I thought, 'I know this lady,'" George Higginbotham, a manager at Dirty Al's restaurant and bar in South Padre Island,

said. "She had a smile on her face like a vacationer, not really worried that people were looking for her. She flipped her hair, and that is what made it kick in."

Higginbotham said that Rip was the same move he had seen Riess make in a video of her fateful encounter with Hutchinson in an oceanside bar in Fort Myers Beach.

Riess did not stay at Dirty Al's long, Higginbotham said. After checking the menu for about two or three minutes, she left and Higginbotham called police while a co-worker followed her and saw her get into a white car and drive to the north. Federal marshals caught her about 20 minutes later dining at the Sea Ranch Restaurant.

South Padre Island is about 25 miles from the nearest border cross into Mexico.

### AUSTIN

#### Texas Transportation Department to waive \$1.3B in late fines

The Texas Department of Transportation will forgive more than \$1.3 billion in late fines and fees owed by drivers on state toll roads since 2007.

The department announced the decision last week at a House Transportation Committee meeting in response to a cap on unpaid toll fees lawmakers imposed last year. The Austin American-Statesman reported.

The move only covers tolls incurred on roads operated by the Transportation Department, such as State Highway 130 and State Highway 45 North. The decision doesn't affect tolls, fines or fees racked up on tollways operated by the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority or other local toll agencies.

## EXCHANGE

From IA

University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Dickinson College.

About the winners

Midland High  
English: Rachel Brower

Foreign Language: Abigail Burda  
Math: Caitlin Lauritzen  
Science: Raymond Mes  
Social Studies: Hollis Hightower

Lee High School  
English: Maren Smith

Foreign Language: Navyi Moys  
Math: Patrick Oktini  
Science: Everett Ramos  
Social Studies: Crystal Ula

Early College High School  
Annie Wb

## Obituaries



Edna Lona (Tiny) Easton Mitchell

Edna Lona (Tiny) Easton Mitchell was born in her grandparents' house north of Knowles, Oklahoma, on November 4, 1915, the daughter of Anna Ethel (Bond) Easton and Truman Elijah Easton. She died of C.O.P.D. and complications of a stroke in Midland, Texas, on April 22, 2018, in the Vogel memory care unit at the Village at Manor Park. She was 102 years, 5 months, and 18 days old.

Having lost her mother at the age of three in the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918, Tiny and her brother, Leslie, and sister, Lois, grew up in Knowles under the care of a loving father and surrounded by a community of relatives and friends. The entire town took them in and supervised when their carpenter father had to be gone building houses and barns throughout the Oklahoma Panhandle.

Tiny graduated as Salutatorian of the Knowles High School Class of 1934, and several days later eloped with John L. Mitchell of Forgan, Oklahoma. That union would last 67 years. They became part of the Dust Bowl Okie migration to California during the Dirty Thirties and lived in Azusa, CA, until the drought broke and they could return to the farm in 1941. John was a cattleman and sharecropper for the Barby Ranch of Beaver County, and they farmed north of Forgan until their retirement in the mid-1970s.

Small town life as a farmer's wife found Tiny involved in Garden Club, Mothers' Club, and as an avid league bowler. She was baptized as a member of the First Baptist Church of Forgan where she taught Sunday School for many years and held several offices in the Women's Missionary Union. Her specialty dishes of scalloped potatoes and homemade pies were a hit at every church covered dish meal.

Tiny and John became the parents of three children, Leslie, Jim, and Teresa and were enthusiastic supporters of all Forgan School activities. Tiny spent countless hours as a room mother and served up hamburgers and fries in the school concession stand. She said that it brought back memories of her own high school days of playing basketball for Knowles High. She was the second center when the court was divided into 3 sections and the girls had to wear skirts as part of their uniforms.

Tiny always regretted that she was not able to attend college, so she and John made sure that their children had a higher education. It was a source of great pride to them that all three of their children were graduates of the University of Oklahoma and that they began 5 generations of Mitchells that are Sooner born and Sooner bred.

Retirement provided Tiny and John with the opportunity to travel across the western USA pulling their 5th wheel travel trailer. They enjoyed traveling with friends and relatives and eventually settled near friends at Taylor's Island View on the shores of Lake Texoma. Tiny was happiest when the kids and grandkids visited to water ski and fish and she could fry up a mess

of catfish for a big family dinner.

When life at the lake was no longer possible, Tiny and John moved to south Oklahoma City for 10 years and then to Midland, TX. After John's death in 2002, Tiny said that she wanted to see as much of the country as possible while she still could travel. She marveled at the glaciers in Alaska, and watched surfers off the Hawaiian coast.

She attended the Changing of the Guard at Arlington Cemetery, and saw whales breaching in the Pacific Ocean near San Diego. A highlight at the age of 88 was taking her first and last hot air balloon ride which ended in a crash landing on a logging road in the San Juan National Forest. She never missed a beat during that emergency and just beat her knees as instructed and braced for impact.

Tiny began to show symptoms of memory loss at the age of 90, and she and Teresa moved into the retirement community of the Village at Manor Park in Midland. She soon established quite a reputation for her agility in the exercise classes and her expertise at Wii bowling. She made the Wellness Center Wall of Fame with a high score of 268. Her positive attitude and sweet smile caused her to be a favorite with both residents and staff members. She was 98 when she entered the Vogel Unit for memory loss, where she was spoiled and cared for by a remarkable staff of caregivers with gigantic hearts. Tiny loved her room with the big window (even though she said, "Not much goes on out there.") and delighted in discovering that someone made her bed each day and someone else did the dishes!

Tiny was the last of her generation on the Easton/Bond side of the family, and she has two living relatives on the Mitchell side. She is survived by her brother-in-law, Cecil of Beaver, OK, and sister-in-law, Geraldine, of Duncan, OK. Her remaining family members are her children, Leslie and Kathryn of Oklahoma City, Jim and Fran of Beaver, OK, and Teresa of Midland, TX. She has 4 grandsons, Stanley and Carolyn of Katy, TX, John of Taos, NM, Scott and Teresa of Forgan, OK, and Reed and Wendy of Longview, TX. The delight of her later years were her 8 great-grandchildren and 13 great-greats, with another on the way. She loved looking at family pictures and was proud that so many of the little Mitchells had her blue eyes.

The family would like to express special appreciation to the staff at Manor Park and especially the Vogel Unit nurses and aides for the loving care they extended to Miss Tiny during her final years. Cindy Marriner, NP, Visiting Angels, and Hospice of Midland oversaw her every need every day during the last months.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Vogel Unit of the Village at Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, TX, 79707, or to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave., Midland, TX, 79701. Services are under the direction of Alan Clark Funeral Home of Beaver, OK, and American



All obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.



Jane Switzer Parker

Jane Switzer Parker, born January 24, 1931 to Richard Elmer & Dorothy Francis Switzer in Beaumont, Texas, passed away on April 22, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Howard Winn Parker and is survived by their three children, Howard Winn Parker, Jr. and his wife Sandra Watson Parker, Richard Switzer Parker and his partner Antonio Garcia Rojas, Francie Parker Little and her husband Gary Paul Little; seven grandchildren, Kate Woodham, Abby Ryan, Watson Parker, Alex Parker-Jones, Elvis Parker-Jones, Parker Little and Ellie Little; and two great-grandchildren, James and Natalie Woodham.

After graduating from Ball High School in Galveston, Jane attended the University of Texas at Austin, pursuing a degree in Vocal Performance and was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. After marrying the love of her life in 1950, she and Howard settled in Midland, Texas. Jane served in leadership roles of numerous arts and civic organizations in addition to teaching voice and piano. Her musical talents were a treasure in the community for many decades.

Jane and Howard moved to Austin when he retired in 1985. Jane continued to express her passion for the musical arts by serving on the boards of the Austin Symphony League and the Lyric Opera. She was also a charter member of the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

Her interests were not limited to the arts. Jane served on the Seton Development Board and was active in The Settlement Club, Heritage Society, and Les Amis de Hospice. She loved using her skills and talents to help improve her community.

Jane loved to play tennis and golf and is remembered by her children and grandchildren for her prowess with the game of Chicken Foot (Cover the Blank), 99 and backyard volleyball. She was known by her grandchildren as "Super Jane" due to her competitive spirit and her willingness to always play the game.

The angels in Heaven have a new lyric soprano added to their choir. We will miss her infectious humor and quick wit. We love you, Mom.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following: Austin Symphony, Austin Lyric Opera, or The Settlement Club.

Memorial service will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 26, 2018 at University Christian Church, 2007 University Avenue, Austin, Texas.

Arrangements by Wood-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, Austin, Texas - (512) 452-8811. For those desiring, you may also access the online guest registry and obituary at www.wcfish.com.

## Death Notices

### Elmer Lee Brimberry Jr.

Elmer Lee Brimberry, Jr., 92, passed away April 23, 2018 in Midland, Texas. Services are pending with Aviles-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

## OTHER DEATHS

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### ARIZONA World War II Navajo Code Talker dies at 92

WINDOW ROCK — A Navajo Code Talker who used his native language to confound the Japanese in World War II has died.

The Navajo Nation says Roy Hawthorne Sr. died Saturday. He was 92. Hawthorne enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps at 17 and became part of a

finned group of Navajos who transmitted hundreds of messages in their language without error. The code was never broken.

Hawthorne had been one of the most visible survivors of the group. He appeared at public events and served as vice president of a group representing the men.

He never considered himself a hero. Hawthorne later served

with the U.S. Army.

### NORTH CAROLINA Former Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor Jr. dies at 94


WADESBORO, N.C. — Former North Carolina Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor has died more than 45 years since serving as the state's second-highest executive branch official.

Taylor died Sunday at his Wadeboro home at age 94.

**WORD OF THE DAY**  
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**kaput**  
[ka-put]  
adjective  
1: utterly finished, defeated, or destroyed. Their marriage is kaput.  
2: unable to function. The refrigerator is kaput.—often used with go. The engine suddenly went kaput.



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# TODAY IN MIDLAND

## Reach for the stars



Ret. U.S. Air Force Col. and NASA astronaut Eileen Collins talks with admirers and signs copies of her book, "Bringing Columbia Home," on Saturday during a meet-and-greet before her talk at the Blakemore Planetarium as part of Astronomy Day.

- Most read at mrt.com**
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- Things to do**
- Palatte Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon, Palatte Club, 937 W. Wadley Ave. palatteclub-midland.com
  - Watercolor art classes by Sara Draescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org
  - Bridge game play, 1 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. For more information call 682-8585.
  - Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers, 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial Branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
  - Wine, Women and Shoes benefiting Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center will feature wine tasting, designer shopping, the Shoe Guys, live auction and more, 6 p.m., Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. winewomenandshoes.com/midland
  - Bringo, 6 p.m., Tail City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.
  - Asian-Inspired Food Pairings, 7-10 p.m., Qura's Table 223 W. West St. qurastable.com. Menu will include dishes influenced by Asian flavors with various wines paired with each course. Wine optional, \$45-805
  - Live 70s by Challenge Entertainment, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House, 807 N. Colorado St.
  - Porman Bash Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m., Crown Royal Club, 1110 E. Scharbauer Drive. For more information, call 432-638-3707 or 432-250-8215.
  - Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m., Bowlers, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlers.com

**Today in History**

Today is Tuesday, April 24, the 114th day of 2018. There are 251 days left in the year.

**Today's highlights:**  
On April 24, 1860, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress.

**On this date:**  
In 1962, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology achieved the first satellite relay of a television signal, using NASA's Echo 1 balloon satellite to bounce a video image from Camp Parks, California, to Westford, Massachusetts. In 1968, the United States launched an unsuccessful attempt to free the American hostages in Iran, a mission that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen.

**Today's birthdays:** Actress Shirley MacLaine is 94. Actress singer-director Barbra Streisand is 78. Singer Kelly Clarkson is 36.

**Headings today**

City Council

**Weather**

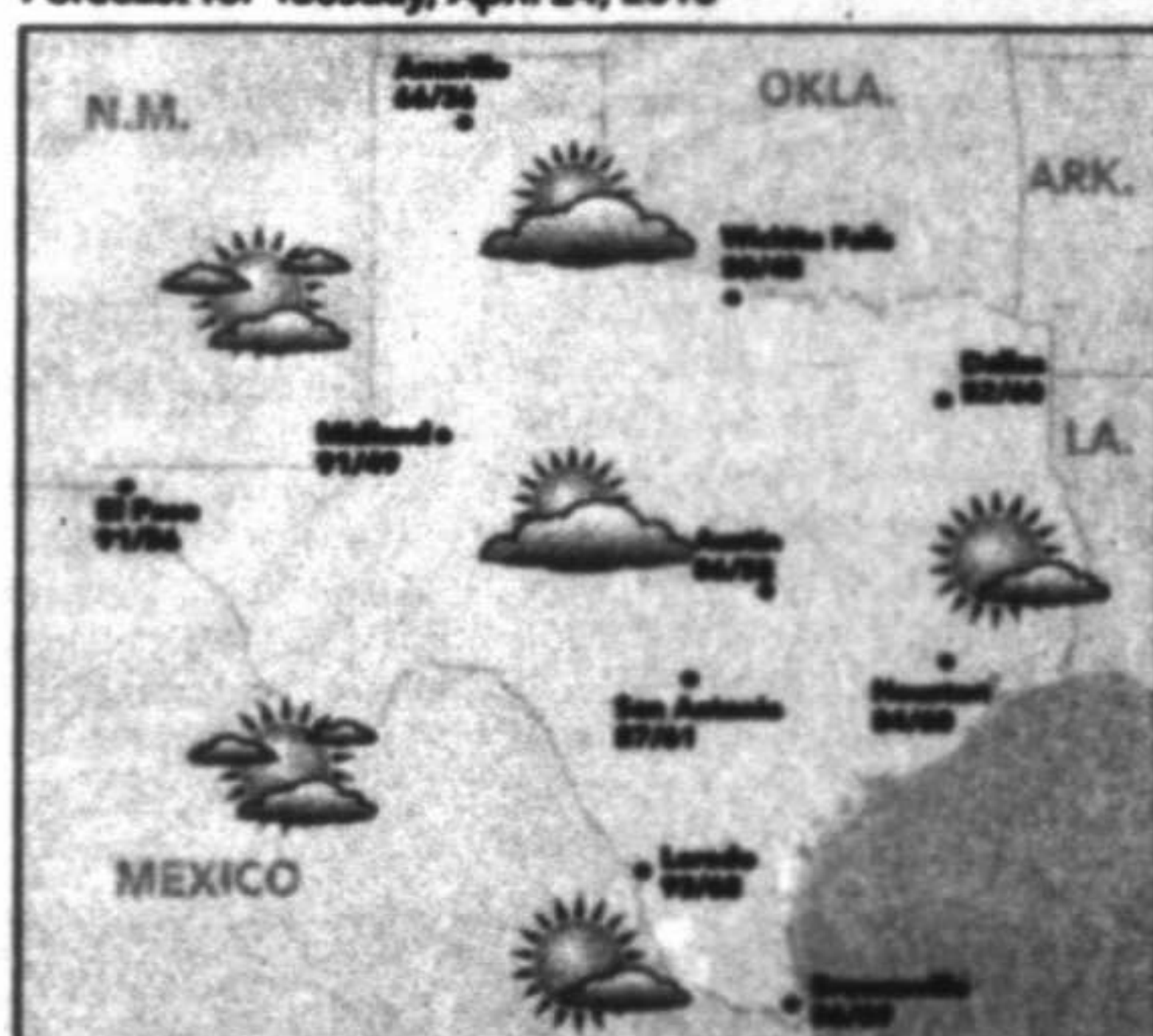
**Monday's temperatures**  
High: 81  
Low: 49  
Normal high: 81  
Normal low: 52

**April 23's records**  
High: 98, set in 1989  
Low: 33, set in 1995

**Precipitation**  
Sunday: 0.00 inches  
Monday: 0.00 inches  
Month total: 0.00 inches  
Year total: 0.16 of an inch  
Normal total (year to date): 2.36 inches

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Daily 4 evening: 6-5-5-7  
Daily 4 night: 6-0-3-0  
Cash Five: 02-05-12-18-38  
Triple Chance: 08-11-15-18-27-41-44-47-49-51  
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## JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

*The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-no-no; 1-difficult*

**Aries (March 21-April 19)**  
You'll make an effort to energize a key person in your life. Know that you are an excellent cheerleader, but everyone has free will. Encouragement comes quickly, which could affect your interaction with others.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
You are more in touch with a domestic matter than you realize. Be careful about how much you choose to share. You understand a loved one better than he or she does. You gain insights that others don't. Curt financial offers, if possible. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**  
Make calls early in the day. Honor the need to complete a certain fleet of work in the morning. Use recent success to energize you. Use your high energy and great ideas. One-on-one relating shows positive results. Curt a tendency to overindulge. Tonight: Entertain at home.

**Cancer (June 21-July 23)**  
Balance your checkbook with care. Handle your finances with strength and understanding. You don't want a situation to get out of control. Understand what is happening with a loved one. Make an important call in the afternoon; you need to clear the air. Tonight: On the right path.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)**  
Understand that you might be pushing someone away without intending to. You could be too direct for your own good, and might be missing an important detail or two. Reexamine your limits. Be will-

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)**  
Listen to news openly. Your finances will be affected if you don't simplify how you handle money. Stay away from any wild risks, unless you are sure you can take a loss. Entertain punctuates your day. Tonight: Have a long-overdue discussion with someone in the know.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
Relate directly to others. Understand your limits and what is needed. If you're having an identity crisis, or are a victim of confusion, detach and try to look at the big picture. Your perspective at this point will give you some insight. Tonight: So many invitations and calls.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
You are in the spotlight most of the day. You might prefer to be elsewhere, but you must remain where you are for now. Toward the late afternoon, a meeting could evolve into a celebration. Share what you are feeling. Tonight: At a favorite spot with a favorite person.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 23)**  
Eye the big picture before taking any action. You also might want to do some research in the morning. By mid-afternoon, you probably will feel more secure about your choices. A child or loved one delights you with his or her changeability. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

**Capricorn (Dec. 23-Jan. 19)**  
You know how to deal with a partner, especially when speaking about matters that pertain to both of you. You have unusual drive, which helps you accomplish key goals. Before you act, detach and decide if this situation is worth the effort. Tonight: Go with the moment.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
You will see a loved one quite differently once you sweep away your innate prejudices. A personal matter could change as a result. Allow your sensitivity to come out. A loved one admits how you demonstrate your caring attitude. Tonight: Hang out with a favorite person.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Dive into work as if there were no tomorrow. You will accomplish a lot in a short period. Calls, emails and texts demand your attention as the day comes to a close. Enjoy your popularity. Be careful when dealing with a friend who has a crush on you. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

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## Southwest inspecting virtually its entire fleet of planes

By Hugo Martin  
Los Angeles Times

In the wake of an in-flight engine failure that killed a Southwest Airlines passenger, the carrier has started ultrasonic engine inspections covering virtually its entire fleet of more than 700 planes.

The Dallas-based carrier canceled 40 flights over the weekend as it moved to conduct the inspections of the fan blades on all of its CFM56 engines over the next 30 days, exceeding the requirement of a Federal Aviation Administration order last week.

The accident took place when an engine fan blade fractured, sending shrapnel into the fuselage, killing Jennifer Riordan, a bank executive and mother of two from New Mexico. The flight from New York to Dallas made an emergency landing in Philadelphia. It was the first fatality of a passenger in Southwest's 51-year history and the first passenger to die in a U.S.-based carrier in nine years.

The FAA and CFM

International, the manufacturer of the CFM56 engines, both called on Friday for ultrasonic inspections within 20 days of engines with at least 30,000 cycles — or take-offs and landings. Such engines typically are about 20 years old, and the FAA said its order would apply to 352 engines on planes flown in the U.S. and 681 engines flown worldwide by various carriers.

Southwest said it will go beyond the FAA requirement and will inspect all of the roughly 700 Boeing 737-700 and 737-800 model Southwest planes that are installed with CFM56 engines. Only about a dozen planes in the Southwest fleet will not need to be inspected because they don't use CFM engines.

The ultrasonic inspections will focus on the fan blades because inspectors suspect the cause of the accident was metal fatigue, which cannot necessarily be detected visually.

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## Man gets 50 years for fajitas caper

BROWNSVILLE — A Texas man has been sentenced to 50 years in prison for stealing \$1.2 million worth of fajitas over nine years. Fifty-three-year-old Gilberto Escamilla was sentenced Friday after pleading guilty to theft by a public servant. The Brownsville Herald reported Escamilla told the court the fajita scheme spun out of control. He had been intercepting fajitas that he ordered through the Cameron County juvenile center where he worked and was delivering them to his own customers. His scam was uncovered when he missed work for a medical appointment and an 800-pound fajita delivery arrived at the center, which doesn't serve fajitas. Escamilla was fired in August and arrested after authorities checked vendor invoices and obtained a search warrant that uncovered county-funded fajitas in his refrigerator.

Associated Press

## STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

### AUSTIN Ex-Texas official questions teen's Harvard acceptance

A former Texas education official has tweeted at a biracial teen accepted to Harvard University to ask if he was admitted based "on merit or quota."

The Dallas Morning News reported that former Texas Board of Education member George Clayton replied Friday to Drake Johnson's tweet announcing his Ivy League school acceptance. Clayton tweeted at the Marina, California, teen, "Congrats. Were you admitted on merit or quota?" Johnson responded with his

accomplishments, including being valedictorian of his high school. Johnson says he wanted to "civilyly defuse the situation" and clearly show he was accepted on merit.

Johnson's mother, Jeanie Johnson, says Clayton's tweet was racist.

On Monday, Clayton apologized on Twitter for his comments and said they were "totally wrong and hugely insensitive."

Clayton, a Republican, held the District 12 seat from 2010 to 2012. He uses the Twitter handle @SBOEDist12 despite no longer being on the board.

Johnson was accepted to 10 schools, including Cornell University and Brown University.

### DALLAS Judge tosses GOP challenge to 2018 Democratic slate

A state district judge in Dallas has dismissed as frivolous a lawsuit the Dallas County Republican Party had filed to strike more than 80 Democrats from the November general election ballot.

State District Judge Eric Moye tossed out the lawsuit filed before the March 6 primaries, seeking to disqualify 127 Democratic candidates because county Democratic Party Chairwoman Carol Demovos didn't sign the candidate applications. The lawsuit, filed by Dallas County GOP Chairwoman

Missy Shorey, contends the signature is required to certify the candidates for election.

The Democratic Party argued the lawsuit was a GOP attempt "to suppress the rights of voters."

### HUNTSVILLE Parole board, appeals court, won't stop execution

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles unanimously has refused a clemency request from a Texas prisoner set for execution this week for the shooting deaths of a 5-year-old girl and her grandmother at a home in Fort Worth a decade ago.

The six-member panel rejected convicted killer Erick Davila's request for a 30-day reprieve from his scheduled Wednesday lethal injection and also refused to recommend his death sentence be commuted to life.

Also Monday, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused to allow his attorneys to file a new appeal focusing on claims that Tarrant County prosecutors improperly withheld some evidence from Davila's trial lawyers.

That issue also is among several in an appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court for the 31-year-old former Fort Worth street gang member.

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## With Bush's death, I say 'farewell to WASPs'

■ Yes, they believed they were born to rule, but they took the obligation seriously

The memorial service for Barbara Bush over the weekend marked the passing of an era.

The outpouring of praise for a woman who was an unselfconscious member of a political elite, an insider and establishmentarian, spoke to a pang of regret over a lost ethos of leadership.

George and Barbara Bush were easily — and at times, justly — pilloried as being out of touch. But the passing of their kind has coincided with a national life short on grace notes and often bereft of leaders who value anything above their momentary self-interest.

In his eulogy for the "first lady of the Greatest Generation," author Jon Meacham said that the Bushes put "country above party, the common good above political gain, and service to others above the settling of scores."

Why? In large part, because it was bred into them. The Bushes were the products of the 20th century WASP ascendancy. The WASP ruling class had the right

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King Features Syndicate



lineage and connections; it lived in high-end neighborhoods, usually in the Northeast; it went to schools like Andover and Yale; it worshipped at Episcopal or other mainline churches; it belonged to the same clubs; and it did business at pedigreed investment and law firms like Brown Brothers Harriman and Covington & Burling.

It wasn't a meritocracy; its members were born into privilege and buoyed by inbred dealings. But they had a strong governing ethic, described by the historian Rick Brookhiser as "success depending on industry; use giving industry its task; civic-mindedness placing obligations on success, and antisensuality setting limits to the enjoyment of it; conscience watching over everything."

At their best, the WASPs achieved

greatness in public service — say, the post-World War II Secretary of State Dean Acheson (Groton, Yale, Covington & Burling), who did so much to define America's posture in the Cold War.

The instinctive patriotism and drive to serve can be seen in George H.W. Bush's decision to sign up as a Navy aviator in World War II as an 18-year-old. His choices as an elected official could be questioned, but never his public-spiritedness. Barbara was known as the family's "enforcer"; what she enforced were manners and standards of conduct that were ultimately about self-control and regard for others.

Undergirding it all was a profound sense of responsibility. Yes, they believed they were born to rule, but they took the obligation seriously.

The WASP ruling class had long passed its peak by the time Bush was elected president in 1988. Mainline Protestant churches had been in decline since the late 1960s. With the advent of the SAT, the Ivy League became more open to talented students without connections. The Northeast lost ground to the Sun Belt. The cultural consensus of the mid-20th century gave way, and politi-

cians no longer felt obligated to serve in the military.

The fate of the WASP establishment can be traced in the electoral fortunes of the Bush family. George H.W. Bush lost in 1992 to Bill Clinton, that paladin of the baby boomer meritocracy who had all the academic credentials but none of the class of the old elite. George W. Bush won twice, but as an evangelical Texan, not a WASP. Jeb Bush lost in the 2016 primaries to a Donald Trump whose ostentation and boastfulness ran counter to the qualities the Bush family cultivated for generations.

The days of the WASP power brokers are gone, and we aren't going to entrench another ethnic elite atop our national life, nor should we. The question is whether we can generate leaders who feel a sense of responsibility again. Yuval Levin, the editor of the journal National Affairs, argues that even the most famous and powerful people in our society adopt the pose of outsiders, relieving themselves of any sense of institutional obligation.

They could do worse than consider the example of Barbara Bush, who made respectability an ingrained habit and a way of life.

### OPINION EXTRA

## A vote to reject Mike Pompeo would be incredibly reckless

When the full Senate votes on CIA Director Mike Pompeo's nomination to be secretary of state this week, the choice in front of every senator will be much more significant than a typical confirmation vote.

Post columnist Marc A. Thiessen has already laid out the colossal mistake the Senate Foreign Relations Committee would commit in voting against backing Pompeo's nomination. But now every senator will cast their vote against the backdrop of positive developments on the Korean Peninsula. I am as skeptical as anyone that Kim Jong Un will ultimately make a deal with the United States that rids his country of weapons of mass destruction as Libya's Moammar Gadhafi did. But unlike Gadhafi, Kim could get a guarantee from China and the United States of safe haven and lots of cash if his regime crumbles, as well as the sort of nonintervention guarantee that Fidel Castro and Nikita Khrushchev got from President John F. Kennedy in 1962.

Such a deal is a very long shot, but the moves and announcements from North Korea have been surprising and all to the good since Pompeo went to Pyongyang over Easter. And crucially, our ally South Korea desires that the United States play out this set.

There's only a small chance that President Donald Trump will succeed where Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama did not, but so what? If Trump succeeds, partisans of the preceding presidents will be able to claim that "strategic patience" paid off. Far more importantly, the recklessness of the regime will be reduced, and the prospect of an assembly line of nukes and missiles running out of control like the chocolates on the conveyor belt in the famous "I Love Lucy" episode will end. The world could breathe easier. Who cannot see that this very long shot is worth not screwing it up with purely partisan posturing?

Now every senator has to say, via his or her vote, either that they know for certain that the rejection of Pompeo's nomination wouldn't adversely affect these negotiations because Kim will understand and not care a bit, or that they don't care about the risk that he would. The first assertion is absurd — no one knows how Kim would react — and the second is incredibly reckless.

Some Pompeo critics have compared blocking him to blocking Merrick Garland, as though the Senate's choice in 2016 to delay a lifetime appointment to an independent branch of government until the people voted is somehow comparable to the confirmation of a senior Cabinet member for a limited term. That's not an argument; it's an outburst of frustration. Others excuse blocking Pompeo by pointing to Republican opposition to the Iran deal, which confuses the objection to a terribly hawed and product with tackling the negotiator who has begun the very delicate process before a second round begins.

It is unbelievable to me that responsible people would further risk scuttling what are already tricky negotiations. But Trump Derangement Syndrome runs deep, and the anger on the left at being denied the executive branch by those inscrutable Trump voters leads to their senators being pummeled with demands for irrational actions.

Votes such as this are precisely when the serious lawmakers show up, or alternatively, would-be bridge senators fracture their credibility. Sens. Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., and Joe Manchin III, D-W.Va., may not have saved their seats by announcing their support for Pompeo, but at least they have saved their reputations as serious senators. The choice remains in front of Indiana's Joe Donnelly, D, Missouri's Claire McCaskill, D, and many others. The vote on Pompeo to become the secretary of state is one that will define a senator, not Pompeo.

— Hugh Hewitt  
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## President Trump is a breed apart

■ Perhaps it is just coincidence that Trump used the language of white supremacists

**DANA MILBANK**

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"This is not normal," James B. Comey said last week after President Trump threatened him with jail.

If I had a nickel for every time somebody said that, I could repay the national debt. There is so much abnormality from this president that we're numb.

I'd like to pause, therefore, to reflect on just one thing the president did this week that, amid Russian hookers and his assaults on truth, law and decency, got little attention: his talk of immigrants "breeding" in America's sanctuary cities.

"There is a Revolution going on in California. Sooooo many Sanctuary areas want OUT of this ridiculous, crime infested & breeding concept," the president tweeted on April 17.

What could he mean? Immigrants are breeding throughout the world? Prize-winning cattle?

Or perhaps Trump was using "breeding" in the sense now popular among white supremacists?

Hmm. I wonder ...

The image of Latinos breeding makes them not quite human, parasites among a host people, an enemy within given sanctuary when they should be cast out. The aliens among us are not like us, but, unfairly protected, they breed and bring danger.

Where have I heard this before? Maybe it was 1919: "Through thousands of years of the closest kind of interbreeding, Jews in general have maintained their race ... And thus comes the fact that there lives amongst us a non-German, alien race which neither wishes nor is able to sacrifice its racial character or to deny its feeling, thinking, and striving. Nevertheless, it possesses all the political rights we do."

Adolf Hitler continued, recommending "elimination of the privileges of the Jews" and eventually "the irrevocable removal of the Jews in general. For both these ends a government of national strength, not of national weakness, is necessary."

The notion later became a staple of Nazi propaganda. From 1944: "Jewry is the product of the interbreeding of avaricious, criminal, sick, degenerate, and rejected elements ... (It) leads a rootless, parasitic life at the expense of the host peoples. Its current homeland is largely the criminal neighborhoods of the great cities of the world."

Sanctuary cities, if you will. Some object to Nazi comparisons, however apt, because they tend to silence debate. So let's look at the modern custom in this country of housing immigrants to breeding animals.

Trump appointee Carl Hialego resigned after the publishing of his earlier complaints that black women think "breeding is a form of government employment."

Rep. Jeff Duncan, R-S.C., has spoken of immigration policy as "allowing any kind of vagrant, or animal ... to come in."

Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, a Trump ally, described the screening of immigrants: "You get the pick of the litter and you get yourself a pretty good bird dog."

Dan Stein, the president of the anti-immigrant Federation for American Immigration Reform, famously said immigrants are conducting "competitive breeding" to dilute the white majority.

White nationalist Richard Spencer's National Policy Institute frets about white "displacement by the subject race through differential fertility rates and interracial breeding."

Alex Jones's Infowars, which Trump has also celebrated, has published headlines saying things such as "Top Imam: Muslim Migrants Should Breed With Europeans to 'Conquer Their Countries.'"

Dive into the fever swamps of the Internet and social media and you will find the conspiracy theory that minorities' higher birthrates are designed to bring about "white genocide" in America: "we can't let the Muslims and Mexicans outbreed us ... their goal is to come here and breed whites out of existence ... what they will do is breed like rats and displace white people and white culture. ... They're outbreeding us and outvoting us."

Perhaps it is just coincidence that Trump used the language of white supremacists; the White House claims the president is concerned with sanctuary cities breeding crime, not people. Presumably, then, it was also happenstance that he called Mexican immigrants rapists, demanded a "shutdown of Muslims entering the United States," said a federal judge should be disqualified because of his Mexican ancestry, defended the use of anti-Semitic imagery during his campaign, declared that Haitian immigrants all have AIDS and that African countries are "shitholes," said there were "very fine people" marching with the neo-Nazi in Charlottesville, called for firing "son-of-a-bitch" black NFL players who kneeed during the national anthem, shared anti-Muslim videos, and warned that those removing Confederate monuments are "trying to take away our culture."

A day after Trump's "breeding" tweet, he visited a drug-interdiction operation and declared that "human trafficking is worse than it's ever been in the history of the world."

Thus did the president erase three centuries of American history, during which millions of Africans were captured and enslaved in this hemisphere.

Trump is a breed apart.

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# Clinton: Free press is under 'open assault' in Trump era

By Jocelyn Noveck  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hillary Clinton excoriated President Donald Trump for his treatment of the media, saying in remarks on Sunday that press rights and free speech are "under open assault" in the current administration, which she compared to an authoritarian regime.

"We are living through an all-out war on truth, facts and reason," Clinton said at

the PEN America World Voices Festival, in Manhattan. "When leaders deny things we can see with our own eyes, like the size of a crowd at the inauguration, when they refuse to accept settled science when it comes to urgent challenges like climate change ... it is the beginning of the end of freedom, and that is not hyperbole. It's what authoritarian regimes through history have done."

Clinton, who was delivering the festival's Arthur Miller Freedom to Write Lecture, began by discussing threats to

press freedom and free speech around the globe, including in Vladimir Putin's Russia. But she soon turned her remarks to the United States under Trump, saying that such freedoms are "in the most perilous position I've seen in my lifetime."

"Today we have a president who seems to reject the role of a free press in our democracy," she said of her 2016 opponent. "Although obsessed with his own press coverage, he evaluates it based not on whether it provides knowledge or understanding, but solely on whether the

daily coverage helps him and hurts his opponents."

And she added: "Now, given his track record, is it any surprise that according to the latest round of revelations, he joked about throwing reporters in jail to make them talk?" The reference to revelations from memos by former FBI director James Comey was Clinton's only reference to Comey, who was fired by Trump.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Clinton's remarks.

## POLITICS BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

### WASHINGTON Pompeo nomination narrowly clears panel, goes to full Senate

Mike Pompeo, President Donald Trump's choice for secretary of state, avoided a rare rebuke Monday as the Senate Foreign Relations Committee narrowly recommended him, but the vote served as a warning shot to the White House as nominees to lead the CIA and Veterans Affairs are hitting stiff resistance.

Pompeo, who's now CIA director, received the panel's approval only after Trump's last-minute overtures to Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky. Pompeo's nomination now goes to the full Senate, where votes are tallying in his favor and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he looks forward to voting to confirm him later this week.

Trump has been quick to fire his top cabinet secretaries, but Senate Democrats are not so fast to confirm replacements. A grilling is expected Wednesday of Ronny Jackson, the White House physician nominated to head the VA, and Pompeo's potential replacement at the CIA, Gina Haspel, is also facing scrutiny.

"Hard to believe," Trump tweeted Monday about the "obstruction." "The Dems will not approve hundreds of good people... They are maxing out the time on approval process for all, never happened before. Need more Republicans!"

Republicans hold a slim Senate majority, 50-49, with the prolonged absence of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. Pompeo's bid to become the nation's top diplomat was in the hands of a few senators but received a boost when two Democrats, Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Sen. Joe Donnelly of Indiana, announced their support.

### WASHINGTON GOP lawmakers say they've struck documents deal with Justice

Two House Republican committee chairmen say the Justice Department has agreed to provide them with documents on the Hillary Clinton investigation that they've been requesting for months.

The deal was struck after leaders of the Judiciary and Oversight committees met this month with the U.S. attorney, John Lausch, who has been selected to respond to Republican demands for documents.

The committees have been investigating the FBI's handling of the Clinton email investigation, which ended in 2016 without criminal charges.

The Judiciary Committee, led by Rep. Bob Goodlatte of Virginia, issued a subpoena to the Justice Department last month for records of the investigation.

Goodlatte and the chairman of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Rep. Trey Gowdy, met with Lausch two weeks ago about the documents.

# Dems might need to flip GOP stronghold cities

By Will Weissert  
Associated Press

DALLAS — As Dallas has evolved from reliably red to deeply blue, joining many other big cities, one enclave has remained the beating heart of country club conservatism — home to Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens and former President George W. Bush.

Just north of downtown, it's where suits-and-cowboy-boots culture meets the high-powered banking circuit and Southern Methodist University's immaculately manicured campus.

Still, this longtime Republican stronghold could now help determine whether Democrats can break the GOP's control of Congress. If Republicans lose their 23-seat margin in the House in this fall's election, as some GOP leaders fear, the swing might be built on unlikely urban and suburban areas like this, where until recently Democrats couldn't even muster credible candidates — but that have slowly become more diverse, well-educated and politically competitive.

Now considered key battlegrounds are exclusive Dallas haunts and mansion-lined blocks of Houston, the oceanfront condos in Miami's South Beach and the mountain-flanked California home of Ronald Reagan's presidential library. Also possibly in play are a district north of Milwaukee that's backed a Democrat for Congress just once since World War II, and one anchored in Cincinnati that's been Republican since native son William Howard Taft became president in 1909.

Nationally, the Republican Party relies on white voters, who account for 86 percent of its totals. More than half are whites without a college education. Democrats run stronger among ethnic minorities and the college educated. As cities have become magnets for minorities and young professionals, the GOP has compensated by peeling off congressional districts in some white, blue-collar places like upstate New York, in



Democratic congressional candidate Colin Allred, a former NFL linebacker and civil rights attorney, addresses a town hall in Dallas on April 7. The area has for years embodied country club Republicanism, but Allred is hoping that changing demographics and an electorate becoming better educated can help him upset longtime Republican Rep. Pete Sessions.

northern Michigan and southern West Virginia.

But this year the balance seems to favor Democrats. In addition to the traditional fall-off in support for the president's party in midterm elections, three dozen-plus House Republicans have decided to retire, opening up more opportunities. Also, while President Donald Trump remains strong in rural areas, his popularity is weakening among women and college-educated Republicans, including those in upscale neighborhoods.

In Dallas, Colin Allred, a former Tennessee Titans linebacker and civil rights attorney, is hoping to oust 11-term Republican Rep. Pete Sessions, whose seat is considered among the vulnerable.

"This is a highly educated district with a lot of people who are paying attention," Allred said. "And a lot of those people don't like what they're seeing."

First elected to Congress in 1996, Sessions is so entrenched that he didn't face a 2016 Democratic challenger. But Hillary Clinton narrowly defeated Trump in his district, which had backed Mitt Romney by 15 points in 2012. Sessions' territory is now more than a quarter Hispanic and nearly another quarter

black and Asian.

Allred was raised in Dallas by a single mother. A neck injury ended his three-year NFL career in 2010, but he used savings from his NFL salary to pay for law school before serving in the Department of Housing and Urban Development during President Barack Obama's administration.

Sessions, a prolific fundraiser, says he's not worried because his territory remains full of Texans who reject "the big government shackles that liberal Democrats always try to force on us."

Allred still has to win a May 22 Democratic runoff against Lillian Salerno, a fellow veteran of the

Obama administration who finished nearly 20 points behind him in the primary last month. Allred raised \$400,000-plus in the year's first three months while Sessions got \$600,000-plus.

National Democrats are investing in the race. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has been buying anti-Sessions digital and radio ads for the last year. It also has full-time organizers in Dallas, Houston and 18 other GOP districts.

The prospect to flip in Houston is Rep. John Culberson's affluent district, which has voted Republican since first sending George H.W. Bush to Congress half a century ago. But Clinton

beat Trump there in 2016, and it's now nearly a third Hispanic, while about a fifth of residents have post-graduate college degrees.

To counter the Democratic push, the Congressional Leadership Fund, a political group with ties to the outgoing House Speaker Paul Ryan, has opened a field office in Culberson's district — one of nearly 30 the group now has protecting Republican House incumbents nationwide.

Shifting demographics are also challenging for veteran Republican Rep. Steve Chabot of Cincinnati and Rep. Steve Knight, whose district encompasses part of Los Angeles and Ronald Reagan's presidential library in Simi Valley.

In Miami, Republican Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen is retiring after 30 years in Congress, creating an opportunity in a district where Clinton beat Trump by 20 points.

Wisconsin Rep. Glenn Grothman's rural-suburban seat has been GOP-controlled since 1967, but Grothman admits he's "very apprehensive about the future."

Back in Dallas, some, like 70-year-old retiree Julie Bengtson, see similar, once unthinkable trends.

Bengtson was a Republican for decades but skipped sending Christmas cards last year to avoid political discussions with Trump-supporting friends. She said she's now finding more friends uncertain about their votes.

"Even in our area, it's happening," Bengtson said. "More and more people are leaving the party."

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# Waffle House shooter's guns were seized but then returned

By Lisa Marie Pane  
Associated Press

Travis Reinking exhibited multiple warning signs that he was mentally unstable. He talked openly about delusions that he was being stalked by Taylor Swift. He insisted unknown people were making barking noises outside his home. He even went to the White House on a mission to talk to the president.

Reinking's behavior resulted in the revocation of his Illinois firearms license, and his weapons were turned over to his father. But authorities say his father simply returned the three rifles and a handgun to his son when he decided to move out of state. The son now stands accused of opening fire Sunday at a Waffle House in Tennessee using an AR-15 that had been among the firearms seized. Four people were killed in the attack.

The case illustrates the difficulty of keeping guns away from mentally disturbed people and shows how easy it is for them to retrieve confiscated weapons.

"It's a story of a highly effective law that then has a really dangerous loophole," said Jonas Oransky, deputy legal director for Everytown for Gun Safety, which works to tighten gun laws.

Reinking was disarmed by a man at the restaurant and fled. He was captured Monday.

Under federal law, a gun owner's weapons can be seized if that person is convicted of a felony or involuntarily committed for mental health treatment. Illinois is one of the few states with a mechanism to allow firearms to be seized if someone's behavior constitutes a "clear and present danger" but does not necessarily rise to the level of a felony conviction or an involuntary commitment.

Police reports describe Reinking as unstable but not violent. He was well known by local law enforcement, and his troubles were not a mystery to his relatives, who told authorities that he had been having delusions since 2014.

In May 2016, Reinking told deputies from Tazewell County, Illinois, that Swift was stalking him and hacking his phone, and that his family was also involved. He agreed to go to a hospital for an evaluation after repeatedly resisting the request, a sheriff's report said.



House slaying suspect arrested after massive manhunt

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The mentally unstable gunman suspected of killing four people in a late-night shooting at a Waffle House restaurant was arrested near his apartment Monday after hiding from police for more than a day, authorities said.

Police and federal agents had mounted a massive manhunt for 29-year-old Travis Reinking after the Sunday morning attacks, in which a gunman clad only in a jacket used an assault rifle to attack a diverse crowd of patrons at the restaurant before being disarmed by a patron.

Construction workers told officers Monday that a person matching Reinking's description walked into the woods near a construction site, Lt. Carlos Lara told reporters. A detective spotted Reinking, who lay down on the ground to be handcuffed when confronted, Lara said.

Reinking carried a black backpack with a silver semi-automatic weapon and .45-caliber ammunition, Lara said. Detectives cut the backpack off him.

Police spokesman Don Aaron said Reinking requested a lawyer and was taken to a hospital before he would be booked on four counts of criminal homicide. It's not clear why Reinking attacked shortly after 3 a.m.

Sunday, though he may have "mental issues," Metropolitan Nashville Police Chief Steve Anderson said earlier.

Police said Reinking opened fire in the restaurant parking lot before storming the restaurant, which had about 20 people inside. Four people — three of them black and one Hispanic — were killed and four others injured before a customer wrestled the weapon away and Reinking, who is white, ran out, police said.

Police said Reinking stole a BMW days before the attack. The car was quickly recovered, but authorities did not immediately link the theft to Reinking.

Police say Reinking drove into the Waffle House parking lot in his gold Chevy Silverado pickup early Sunday and sat there for about four minutes before opening fire.

Associated Press

Photo: Suspected Waffle House gunman Travis Reinking was arrested in suburban Nashville, Tenn., on Monday, reportedly after hiding in the woods of suburban Nashville. Nashville Police Department via AP

Another sheriff's report said Reinking barged into a community pool in Tremont, Illinois, last June, and jumped into the water wearing a pink woman's coat over his underwear. Investigators believed he had an AR-15 rifle in his car trunk, but it was never displayed. No charges were filed.

Last July, Reinking was arrested by the Secret Service after he crossed into a restricted area near the White House and refused to leave, saying he wanted to meet President Donald Trump. Reinking

was not armed at the time, but at the FBI's request, state police in Illinois revoked his state firearms card and seized four guns from him, authorities said.

"It seems like they were proactive and effective at suspending this dangerous person's access to guns in the first place, particularly since that's not something they could've done in most states," said Ari Freilich, a staff attorney at the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. But they "did not foresee the father being so irresponsible and dangerous in

returning the guns to this person."

The father could face charges for returning the guns, according to Marcus Watson, an agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives who spoke Monday at a news conference.

Reinking told police last August that he wanted to file a report about 20 to 30 people tapping into his computer and phone and people "barking like dogs" outside his residence, according to a report.

"There's certainly evidence that there's some sort of mental

health issues involved," Tazewell County Sheriff Robert Huston said Sunday.

The sheriff said his department never took formal custody of Reinking's guns. But Reinking's father, who has an Illinois firearm owner's card, was allowed to take them and agreed to "keep the weapons secure and out of the possession of Travis."

Jeffrey Reinking "has now acknowledged giving them back" to his son, Nashville police spokesman Don Aaron said. Phone calls to a number listed for the father went unanswered.

It is not clear why Reinking moved away from Morton, Illinois, or if he lived elsewhere before settling in Nashville. It's also unclear if the move had anything to do with being near Swift, who has a home in Nashville. Police say he was employed in construction for a while, and there would have been enough work in the booming city for him.

Several states have so-called red flag laws that allow relatives, friends or others to go to a court expressing concern about someone being a danger to themselves or others and seeking a court-ordered emergency hearing to consider seizing firearms. But the laws are still rare. After the Parkland shooting, Florida and Vermont — both traditionally gun-friendly states — enacted laws to allow firearms to be confiscated before someone commits an act of violence.

States vary in what they do with firearms that are seized. Some states give the option of selling or transferring the guns to a licensed dealer or law enforcement. Others allow the person to give them to a friend, relative or some other third party. Experts caution about the danger of allowing relatives or friends to take possession of the firearms.

"Family dynamics are unusual. And here's a situation where the family knew of his danger and still gave him a gun," said Adam Winkler, a professor at the University of California Los Angeles School of Law and gun industry expert.

Reinking's move to Tennessee — which has considerably more lax gun laws than Illinois — exposes another loophole with the laws, experts say.

"That safety net in Illinois that works so well ... evaporated when he moved to Tennessee," said Everytown's Oransky.

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# EDUCATION

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## Poll: Americans back teacher salary raises

By Carole Feldman and Emily Swanson  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans overwhelmingly believe teachers don't make enough money, and half say they'd support paying higher taxes to give educators a raise.

The findings of the new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research come

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Texas teachers' pay is average, but their pensions are among the lowest in the country.

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amid recent teacher strikes and other protests over low pay, tough classroom conditions and the amount of money allocated to public schools in several

### Republican-led states.

Tens of thousands of Arizona teachers voted last week to strike after rejecting an offer of a 20-percent raise, because it didn't include a vow from state lawmakers not to further cut taxes before providing more money for the state's schools.

"To educate children and barely get a living is obnoxious," said Elaine Penman, a company manager in Tucson,

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### Poll: Pay teachers more

A majority of Americans say teachers are underpaid, and half say they would be willing to pay more in taxes to improve school funding, according to a new AP-NORC Center poll.

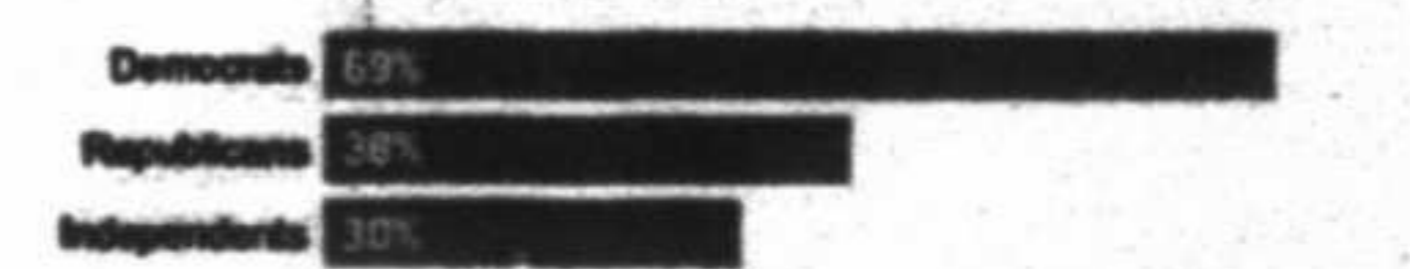
Percentage who say teachers are paid ...



Percentage who would support or oppose raising their taxes to increase teacher pay and school funding:



Support by party affiliation



Results based on interviews with 1,000 U.S. adults April 11-16. Margin of error is a 4 percentage points for the full sample. Higher for subgroups.

SOURCE: AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research

## STUDENTS RECOGNIZED



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Classical Academy students were recognized for their Mastery with Honors projects April 17 at MCA. The students are Nate McQueen, from left, Callie Duke, Madelyn Mareck, Melissa Weaver, Grace Westherl, DeLaney Beattie, David Harper, Conroy Echols, Grayson Layh, Kacy Miller, Payton Parham, Harper Hightower, Lucas Lacy and Ryan Sturdivant. See more photos from this event on Page 4B.

### MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES

By Rebecca Bell

## Back injuries lead to career promoting healthy lifestyle

After fracturing her L5 vertebra while playing softball for Greenwood High School and then fracturing her sacrum in college, Sawyer Cobb is now an advocate for enjoying a healthy lifestyle that includes practical eating choices and low-impact movement. Cobb, 22, will graduate next month with a bachelor of science degree in nutrition and dietetics from Abilene Christian University and will begin taking graduate courses in August at Texas State University.



Cobb

Her higher education journey began at Midland College through dual enrollment courses.

"I was able to obtain 26 college hours by taking dual credit courses," said Cobb. "I entered ACU as a second-semester freshman, and I knew what to expect in college coursework."

Cobb is the daughter of Shauna and Bobby Cobb. The family will be celebrating another graduation in May. Cobb's younger sister, Crosby, is one of the top two ranked students in the GHS Class of 2018.

Cobb, who will be graduating cum laude, has managed to maintain these grades while working as a babysitter and personal grocery shopper through Shipt, an on-demand grocery delivery service.

"My interest in nutrition sparked when I was in high school," she said. "Growing up, I played a lot of sports. In high school, I was on the Greenwood High School volleyball and softball teams. Then, when I was in the 10th grade, I fractured my back playing softball. As part of the healing process, I started eating healthy. As time progressed, I began to see what real nutrition was — what it looked like and how it made me feel. But, as I learned more, I began eating less and less, cutting out more and more food groups because they weren't 'healthy.' Looking back, it makes me sad to remember how much I let food control my life and my happiness."

"When my back healed, I began to exercise again, and eventually my exercise routine became very vigorous. Then, when I was in college, I broke my sacrum from too much stress due to exercise."

It was at this point in her life that Cobb learned the importance of a healthy, practical diet and exercise. "With the help of a dietitian, I was able to finally break free of the food rules and restrictions I had set for myself, and now I truly believe that eating intuitively and enjoying all food is the way to go," she said. "I refuse to miss out on all the sweet things that life has to offer because I am stuck behind a list of foods that I can and cannot eat. Life is about so much more than calories and nutrition facts."

She also took up yoga as part of her rehabilitation. "I love yoga, especially hot yoga," Cobb said. "I've been doing hot yoga for about two years, and eventually I'd like to become a certified yoga instructor. I still do

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## Teachers use coding to ensure meaningful learning

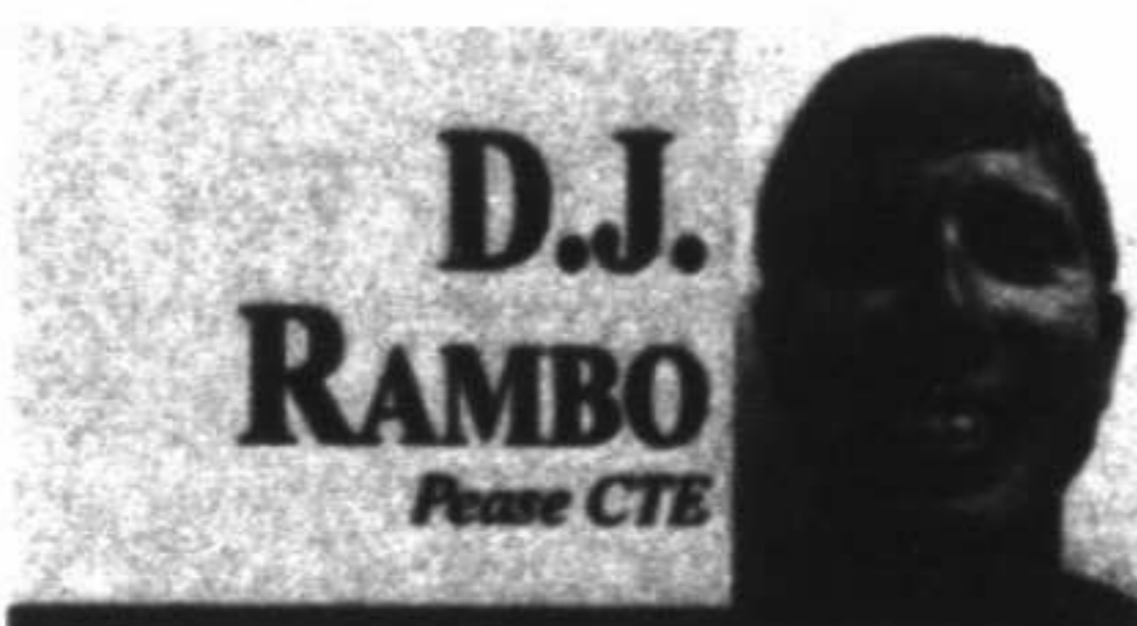
I really feel for teachers who have to teach what students call the boring subjects. You know which ones I'm talking about: reading (especially when Shakespeare is involved), English and speech, just to name a few. Teachers often are asked: "Why do we have to learn this?" Sadly, several teachers respond with: "because you have to."

If you loved these classes, was it because the teacher made the subject matter come alive, was passionate about the topic or used unique ways to teach the information to make it fun?

When a teacher becomes innovative with how they teach a subject, then students can truly engage in what is being taught and retain more information — all because the teacher delivered it in a unique way.

Today, coding is becoming important in the classroom. By the year 2020, there will be a 1 million-person job gap in the area of computer science, according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. We are finding that students are not prepared for the computer science industry — all because we do not teach it like we should. But most students already are obsessed with technology involved in coding. Ever heard of LEGO Robotics? If so, then you know it is one of the largest venues that requires coding knowledge to make a robot do different tasks. If a teacher can apply in their lessons something that students are obsessed with, then they better not pass up that opportunity.

This is why teachers all over the nation have become more innovative by incorporating coding in their normal subject areas. This ensures not only meaningful



learning, but prepares our students for the workforce.

So how can teachers involve coding in their lessons? Take Julius Caesar, for example. Imagine trying to explain to students how Caesar developed effective military strategies to enable the Roman Empire to conquer other countries. You could tell the story of how he did it, but that may not engage students in a meaningful way. An engaging teacher would bring aspects of Caesar's brilliance to life, and could apply coding to the lesson.

Recently, I wanted to explain how Caesar impacted the world of cryptography (a form of coding), so I taught the students how he invented the first known cipher — what we know today as the Caesar Cipher. This is where students see an encrypted cipher (for example, the words "khor zraog") and must take each letter and move backward in the alphabet three times to find the real letter. In that example, the words translate to "hello, world." It's amazing how teachers can engage students in something as simple as a cipher to drive the instructional goal home and ensure meaningful learning.

This also can be applied to a topic of elementary math that can be confusing

for some students: perimeter. The teacher can explain what perimeter is and draw examples on the whiteboard (which is how most of us learned how to do it). But will this method truly drive home the understanding of what perimeter is and how to analyze the problem to find the solution?

A math teacher can use LEGO Robotics to engage in teaching perimeter as well as other critical math skills. A student can take a robot and program it to make a square that is 10 inches on each side. The student would need to program the robot to move forward 10 inches, turn left or right 90 degrees and repeat the process three more times. The teacher can then ask how many total inches the robot had to move to create the square, and the student can use the coding they made as a reference to find out the answer is 40 inches. The teacher has not only taught the concept of finding the perimeter, but he/she has taught critical thinking, problem-solving, analytical thinking and about right angles.

To introduce coding to children, teachers or parents can go to code.org. This resource will give teachers, students and parents all they need to learn coding and apply it in their everyday lives. If you are new to coding, I would challenge you to take part in the website's Hour of Code. You spend one hour within a game, such as Minecraft, Star Wars or Monna to learn the basics of how to code. There are activities involving coding for kids as young as kindergarteners.

D.J. Rambo teaches technology at Peace Communications and Technology Academy.

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## Texas teachers' pay is average but pensions are among lowest in nation

Benefits for Texas teachers have been a point of contention between educators and lawmakers for years — and often a hot topic at the Legislature. But where does Texas fall nationally when it comes to teacher pay, health care and retirement benefits?

By Alex Samuels  
Texas Tribune

Hey, Texplainer: How do employment benefits for Texas educators compare to those in other states?

A: This question has been a point of contention between lawmakers and educators for many years. Texas teachers say they're frustrated due to a lack of state funding for public education. But lawmakers say the uncertainty surrounding the budget makes it hard to allocate better benefits for educators.

If you look at the raw numbers, Texas ranked 27th in the nation for teacher pay in 2016, according to the National Education Association. On average, Texas teachers earned \$51,890 — roughly \$6,500 below the national average.

However, teachers have long argued that inadequate funding for public schools cuts into their salaries. During the 2008 fiscal year, the state covered roughly 48.5 percent of the cost of public education, according to the Legislative Budget Board. By the 2019 fiscal year, that figure will be closer to 38 percent. Over the same period, teacher salaries remained about the same [Texas teachers, on average, earned roughly \$47,000 in 2008].

"One of the biggest costs to education are the teachers and other employees at a school district. That's the biggest cost to the state," said Clay Robison, a spokesman for the Texas State Teachers Association. "When you start cutting education in Texas, you're shortchanging teachers. We're already behind the national average when it comes to teacher pay, and we're getting further behind."

But salaries aren't the only com-

ponent to consider when looking at how Texas teachers fare compared to their peers in other states, said Ed Allen with the American Federation of Teachers.

"When looking at a nationwide comparison, most people factor in the salaries. But when teachers get older, what's being paid into retirement and the health insurance becomes a really big deal," Allen said.

When it comes to health care benefits, advocates say Texas teachers are stuck in 2002. That's when state lawmakers created the plan known as TRS-ActiveCare. The teacher health insurance program, which is run by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, requires the state to contribute \$75 per employee toward monthly health care premiums.

Nearly 430,000 public school teachers and retirees are covered under the plan, which is used by many of the state's 1,200-plus school districts. Since the program went into effect, employees' share of premiums have more than doubled, while the state's contribution to teacher's health care has remained the same.

"When your salary is barely going up year after year, health care costs are going up considerably and you're not getting any additional money put toward those healthcare cost by your employer — which is the state in this case — then effectively you're taking a year over year cut to your salary," said Monty Exter, a lobbyist at the Association of Texas Professional Educators.

Under the TRS-ActiveCare program, districts are also required to put a minimum of \$150 per employee per month toward health insurance premiums, with the option of contributing more. But Exter said that can be difficult for districts as education budgets are squeezed.

Joel Solomon, a senior policy analyst with the National Education Association, said it's hard to compare Texas teacher health insurance programs to other states since the structure of such programs varies nationwide. But, he said, "when we look at educators' health benefits around the country and how important ... ensuring quality health benefits to educators are, what we see in Texas is deeply troubling."

When it comes to retirement funding, a majority of states pay into both a pension plan and Social Security. Texas is in the minority of states that only pay into a pension fund and does not pay into Social Security for the majority of its teachers — which means most Texas teachers won't have access to Social Security benefits when they retire. Fewer than 50 of the state's districts participate in Social Security on their own.

Among states that only offer a pension plan for teachers, Texas is dead last when it comes to funding its pension programs — by a lot.

For years, Texas only paid 6 percent — the constitutional minimum — into the Teacher Retirement System. It now pays 6.8 percent, according to the National Association of State Retirement Administrators. And the Texas Constitution says the state's contributions to pension funds can't eclipse 10 percent without a constitutional amendment approved by voters.

"The next closest non-Social Security state had a retirement contribution rate at least double ours," said Ann Fickel, the associate executive director of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association. The median contribution for the other 14 other states that don't pay into Social Security for their teachers is around 18 percent, she added.

"As retirees' costs rise, especially for medical care, there will be pressure on lawmakers to find a way to increase benefits for retired teachers," Fickel said.

The bottom line: When it comes to teacher pay, Texas ranked 27th in the nation — right around the middle. But Texas is dead last in teacher retirement funding and puts a little more than the minimum into the Teacher Retirement System.

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AP file photo

Teachers from across Kentucky gather April 13 inside the state Capitol in Frankfort, Ky., during a rally for increased education funding. Americans overwhelmingly believe teachers don't make enough money, and half say they'd support paying higher taxes to give educators a raise.

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Arizona, who added she and others went outside to cheer on protesting teachers who were marching by.

She's among the 50 percent of Americans who say they'd pay a higher tax bill if it meant more money for teachers.

"I'm a parent, and I benefit directly from what teachers do," said Penman, who has two children in traditional public schools and one in a charter school.

In 2016-17, the average salary for a public school teacher was \$58,950, down slightly from the previous year, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Overall, 78 percent of Americans said that's not enough. Just 15 percent think teachers are paid the right amount, while 6 percent think they're paid too much. In a 2010 AP-Stanford poll, 57 percent of Americans said they thought teachers are paid too little.

Americans in states with the lowest average teacher salaries — less than \$50,000 a year — were slightly more likely to think teachers were paid too little and that the national average should be an important factor in determining salaries.

The AP-NORC poll found that parents and those without children are about equally likely to think teachers are paid too little. It's a sentiment that crosses party lines, too. Nearly 9 in 10 Democrats, 78 percent of independents and 66 percent of Republicans think teacher salaries are too low.

Slightly more than half of Americans — 52 percent — also approve of teachers leaving the classroom to strike in their search for higher pay, while 25 percent disapprove. Among those who say they've heard about the recent teacher protests, 80 percent say they approve of such tactics.

The recent run of teacher protests began in March in West Virginia, where teachers won a raise after going on strike. The strategy soon spread to Oklahoma, Kentucky, Colorado and Arizona, where educators joined together online and have held increasingly frequent protests during the past six weeks.

The poll found that 51 percent of Americans have been paying at least some attention to the protests. People living in states with the lowest teacher salaries were more likely to have heard about the protests

than those in states with the highest teacher pay.

Americans believe state and local governments share responsibility with teachers and their unions for the disruptions caused by the strikes. Vernita Grimes, 68, of the District of Columbia, said teachers aren't making enough money for the work they do and she supports them having the right to strike, "even though I know kids are losing valuable teaching time."

But Caitlyn Scott, 27, of Kent, Ohio, said teachers are earning "about what they should," and she opposes strikes by teachers.

"I think they kind of committed to being there for the entire school year," she said.

Half of Americans would be willing to shoulder the cost of paying teachers more and providing more money to schools via higher taxes, with only 26 percent opposed. But while 69 percent of Democrats say yes to higher taxes for schools, only 38 percent of Republicans and 30 percent of independents say the same.

People living in urban areas are more likely than those in rural areas to support such a tax increase, 57 percent to 40 percent.

Stephen White, a high school teacher in Marysville, California, said raising taxes is "probably the only way" to pay for teacher raises. "Look at states that cut taxes and some districts had to go to four-day school weeks."

That had happened in Oklahoma, where teachers staged a nine-day walkout earlier this month to protest the level of classroom funding.

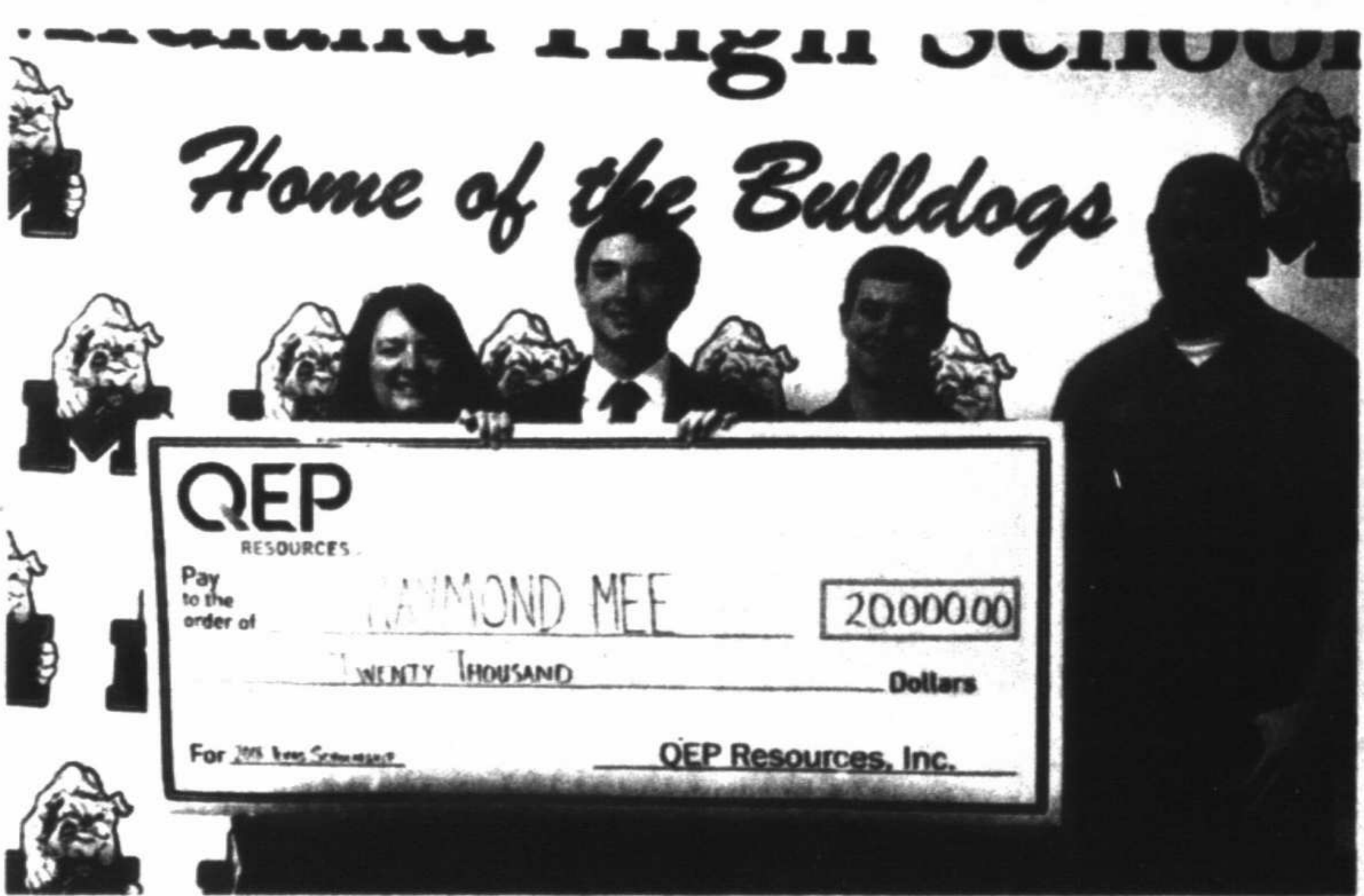
White said he used to be anti-union when he worked in the private sector, but changed his position when he became a teacher. He said salaries don't take into account all that teachers do, especially outside the normal school day.

"The private sector makes double what we do," he said. He acknowledged that strikes are disruptive. "We don't like that, but sometimes drastic times call for drastic measures."

The AP-NORC poll of 1,140 adults was conducted April 11-16 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.0 percentage points.

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## BIG CHECK FOR SCHOOL



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Raymond Mee, second from left, displays the \$20,000 scholarship check he received from QEP Resources Inc. He was awarded \$20,000 from QEP. Mee is the third Bulldog in as many years being awarded this scholarship. The QEP Resources Education Foundation, founded in 2010 by QEP Resources, offered a four-year, \$20,000 scholarship to a high school senior from the Permian Basin. Applicants had to be graduating from Andrews, Grady, Stanton, Midland or Lee high schools in the spring of 2017 and enrolling full time in an accredited four-year college or university in the fall of 2017. Preferential consideration was given to individuals demonstrating a dedicated pursuit of a career in the energy industry, as evidenced by their cover letter, course of study, work and volunteer service or extracurricular activities.

## Lawmakers must act as Texas students slip behind

### GUEST VIEW

How long can Texas remain a good place to raise children if its leaders continue to let slide its commitment to education and to allow the consequences of its irresponsibility to continue piling up?

Not long, we fear. The results from the most recent national assessments of how well Texas students in grades four and eight are learning to read and do math show we are losing ground — a decline whose effects will be felt first by the students themselves as they move into adulthood and eventually by everyone who depends on a strong Texas economy.

Students here are falling "significantly below" the national average in reading. When it comes to math, we've slipped into a steady pattern of being steadily average, ending what had been a years-long run at stronger results.

That's an unconscionable legacy to saddle our children with. It simply cannot be allowed to continue. Texas is too rich, its economy too strong, and its history of progressive investments in education too established for lawmakers to fail in this way.

The 2017 biennial tests showing Texas reading skills below the national level is nothing new. Eighth graders, for instance, have performed below the national average in six of the last eight biennial tests. But the last test's gap — 5 points below the national average — is the largest deficit Texas has ever produced.

As for our fourth-graders, they've performed worse than the national average on reading in each of the past three biennial exams and by a wider margin in 2017 than

ever before. The Texas Legislature has acted unfairly in shifting the burden of adequately funding schools onto homeowners who pay local school taxes, and we have had plenty of company in saying so for years.

In 2014, a state judge ruled that Austin was not living up to its obligations under the Texas Constitution. The Texas Supreme Court overturned that decision in 2016. But it didn't dispute the system's failure, only whether courts should fix it rather than let lawmakers do so.

Nevertheless, lawmakers met in Austin last year and left again without fixing the flawed system for school funding.

The biennial exams, the National Assessment of

Educational Progress, are a useful measure of how well each state's students are learning. Our sliding performance shows we've done a poor job, a result all the more saddening given Texas' long-running economic boom.

If we can't improve, Texas' growing reliance on workers educated in other states and other nations will only deepen. Employers will eventually look elsewhere to find workers and to build headquarters.

It's not too late to reverse these trends. The 2019 session will be here soon and, between now and then, lawmakers must go to school on this issue to ensure they don't again fail our students when the Legislature convenes in January.

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## PROFILE

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some limited running, but I also believe in taking long walks for cardiovascular fitness."

At Texas State, she will be working toward a master's degree in dietetics. After one year, she will apply to the internship portion of the program so she can begin dietetic internship rotations in the Austin/San Marcos area at food service areas such as hospitals and schools.

In her quest to help others discover healthy lifestyles, Cobb maintains "The Wholesome Blog." Its objective is to convey that health doesn't mean eating only kale or running more than 20 miles a week.

In addition to writing in her blog, Cobb also enjoys cooking and baking. Many of her favorite recipes — such as kale, potato and tur-

key soup and triple chocolate banana muffins — can be found on the blog.

"It's being able to eat the kale but also eat the pizza and being able to go on a walk with your friend even though you planned on running," said Cobb. "I want to show people how to eat for nourishment and also for enjoyment and celebration."

When Cobb completes her year of graduate school internship, she will be eligible to take the registered dietitian exam.

"My dream job is to work in women's health and/or pediatrics," said Cobb. "I want to help people realize that eating and exercise habits can be healthy, enjoyable and sustainable."

Rebecca C. Bell is executive director, Institutional Advancement, at Midland College.

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## Revelations about man's past cloud hopes for bright future

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently started dating a man who, until now, has been everything I wanted — respectful, kind, caring, funny, the list goes on. He's recently divorced, and from what I know, he was unfaithful to his wife with many long-term side partners. Later, he started having one-night stands.

He travels a lot for work, and because I had a relationship where I was cheated on, his travel already is a concern for me. Since we have decided to be an official couple, he has disclosed more detail about his one-night stands. They were with prostitutes.

He says he has found peace with himself and knows what a poor decision it was, and how much damage he did to his wife because of it. He claims redemption, that he has disclosed all this to his pastor and will never be that self-destructive man again. He told me because he didn't want to have any lies of omission walking into a new relationship.

I want to believe he's the man I thought he was and that he would never disrespect me, but this was a huge blow. Should I try to move past this by giving him credit for his honesty? — **DUMBSTRUCK IN CHICAGO**

**DEAR ABBY:** A woman I worked with years ago recently moved to the city where I live. We are both in our mid-60s, retired and unattached. After she contacted me on a social website, we met and have continued seeing each other for lunch, movies, sporting events, etc. I misinterpreted her attempts to become friends with me. I can't blame you for wanting to be cautious in light of this man's track record. Considering the number of women he has slept with, it's important you have a discussion with him about any STDs he may have contracted, as well as make an appointment with your OB/GYN to be checked for them because these days they are rampant.

After that, if you are really serious about each other, go as a couple for relationship counseling so you — and he — won't bring any baggage from the past into this current relationship.

**DEAR UNFRIENDEN: UNFRIENDEN IN NEW MEXICO**  
If apologies are in order, do not wait to make them. When you do, make clear that you don't mean to upset her or make her uncomfortable, and you would still like to be friends — on her terms — if she is willing. From there on, the ball is in her court.

### DEAR ABBY

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## GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

### Justification

East-West vulnerable, South deals

**NORTH**  
♠ A J 7 6  
♥ A K 5 4  
♦ J 5 2  
♣ Q 10

**WEST**  
♠ Q  
♥ Q J 9 8 3  
♦ K 10 3  
♣ J 7 5 4

**EAST**  
♠ 5  
♥ 7  
♦ Q 9 8 7 6 4  
♣ A K 9 8 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 10 9 8 4 3 2  
♥ 8 6 2  
♦ A  
♣ 6 2

The bidding:  
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
3♠ Pass 4♠ 2NT  
Pass 5♠ 5♠ Pass  
Pass 5M All pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

East's bold four-no-trump bid, showing both minors, was probably unwise at this vulnerability. The defense could have beaten five clubs three tricks, a costly price. The perfect defense that would have achieved that result was not likely and East-West probably would have escaped

for down one. This despite catching a reasonable hand from partner with a good fit for each of his suits. North wasn't certain that five clubs was going down and he reasoned that five spades shouldn't be too expensive. It wasn't expensive at all when South found a way to make it!

South won the opening heart lead with dummy's king and led a diamond to his ace. He crossed back to dummy with the ace of spades, drawing trumps, and ruffed a diamond. Dummy was re-entered with the ace of hearts and the last diamond was ruffed by declarer. South exited with a club to dummy's 10, losing to East's king. East was able to cash the ace of clubs, but then was forced to yield a ruff-stuff and declarer's heart loser disappeared. Well done!

East was known in the club as a man who would get the needle on certain occasions. This was one of those occasions. "Nice double," said East. "It's a pity you couldn't find the club lead to defeat it."

# EXTRA CREDIT

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Midland Classical's Lucas Lacy is recognized for his Mastery with honors award April 17 at MCA.



Missella Whitner is recognized.



Ryan Stumpert displays his model of the state from Paris's Republic.

## MASTERY WITH HONORS @ MCA



Correy Echols takes an idea back to work.



Taylor Thompson is recognized.



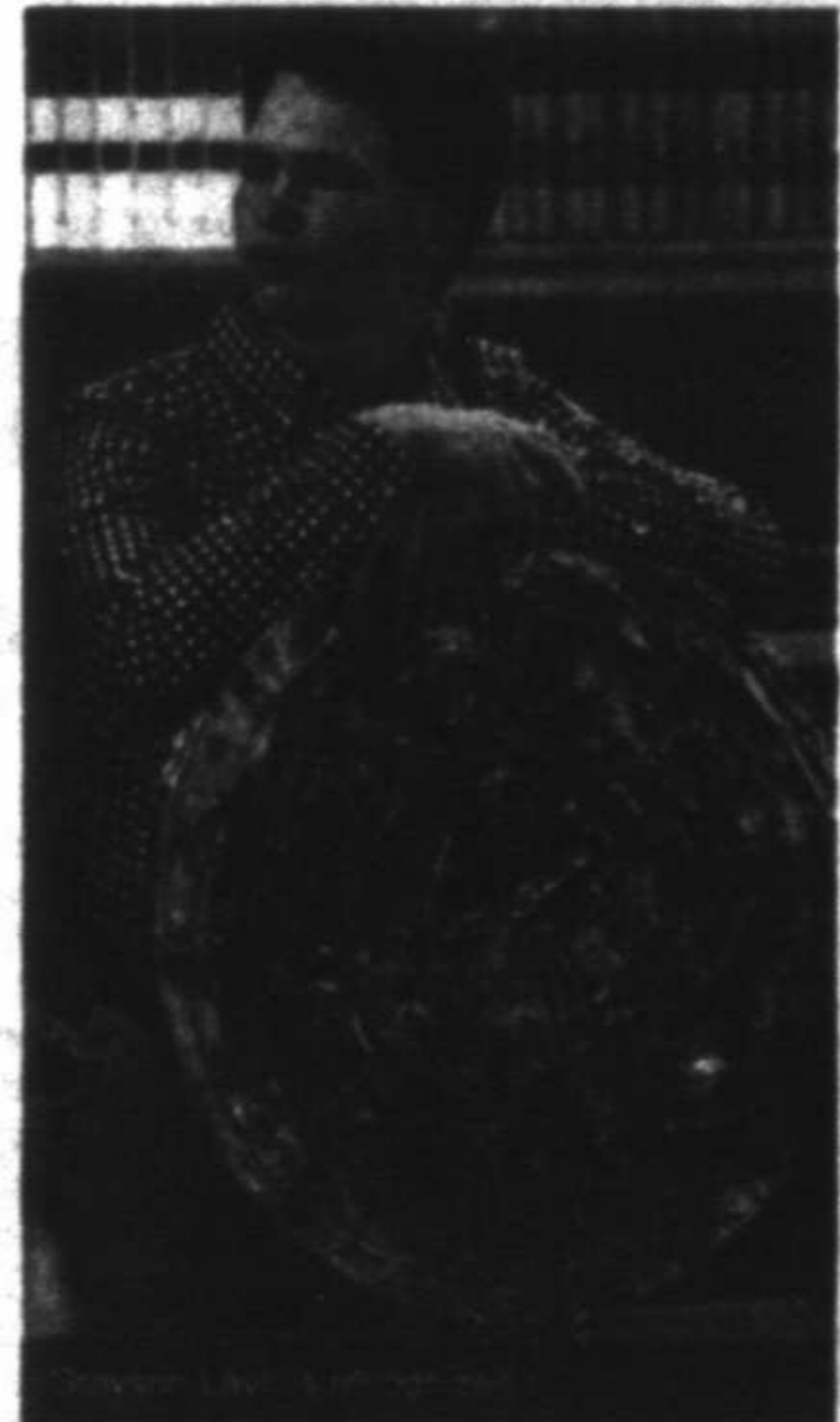
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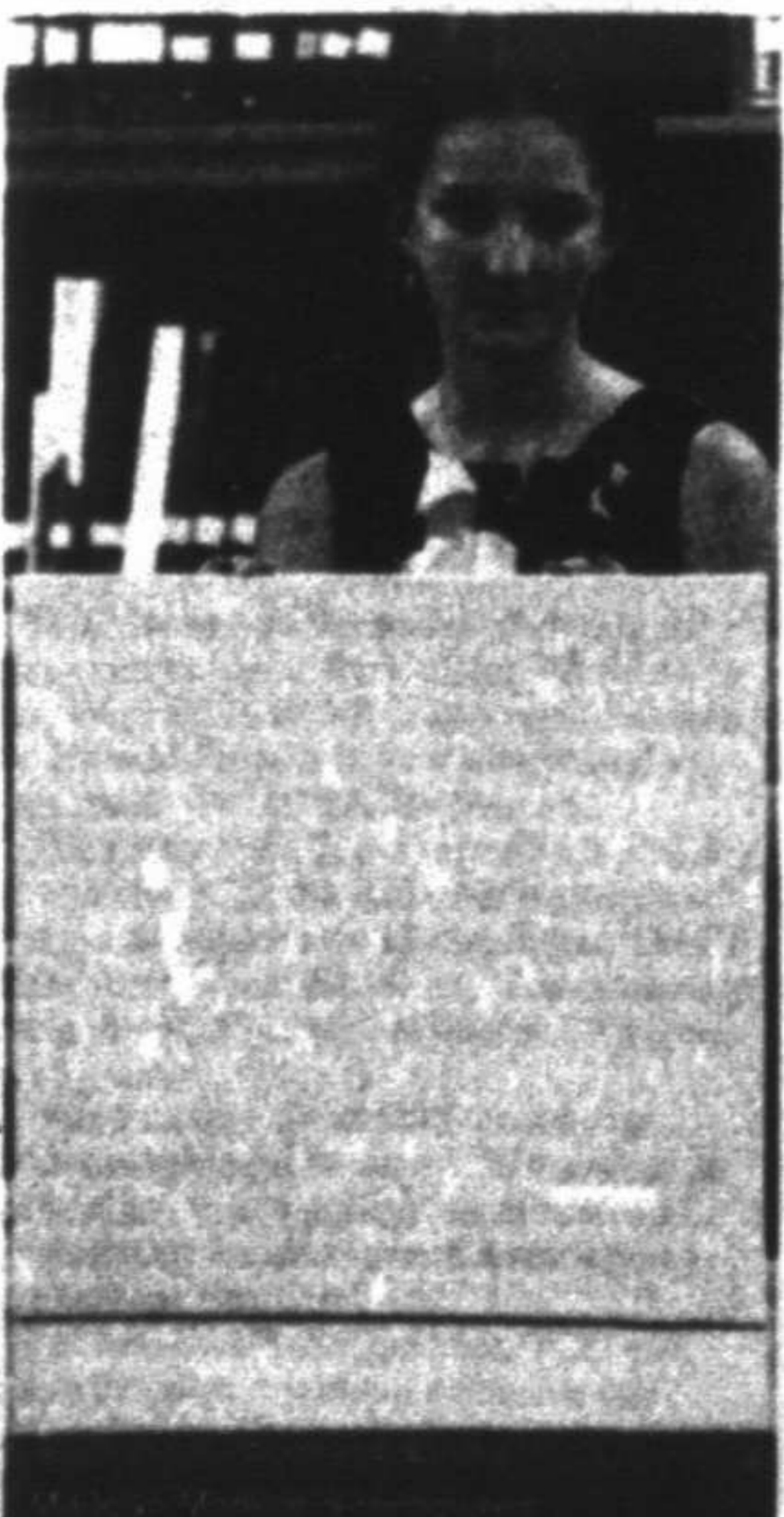
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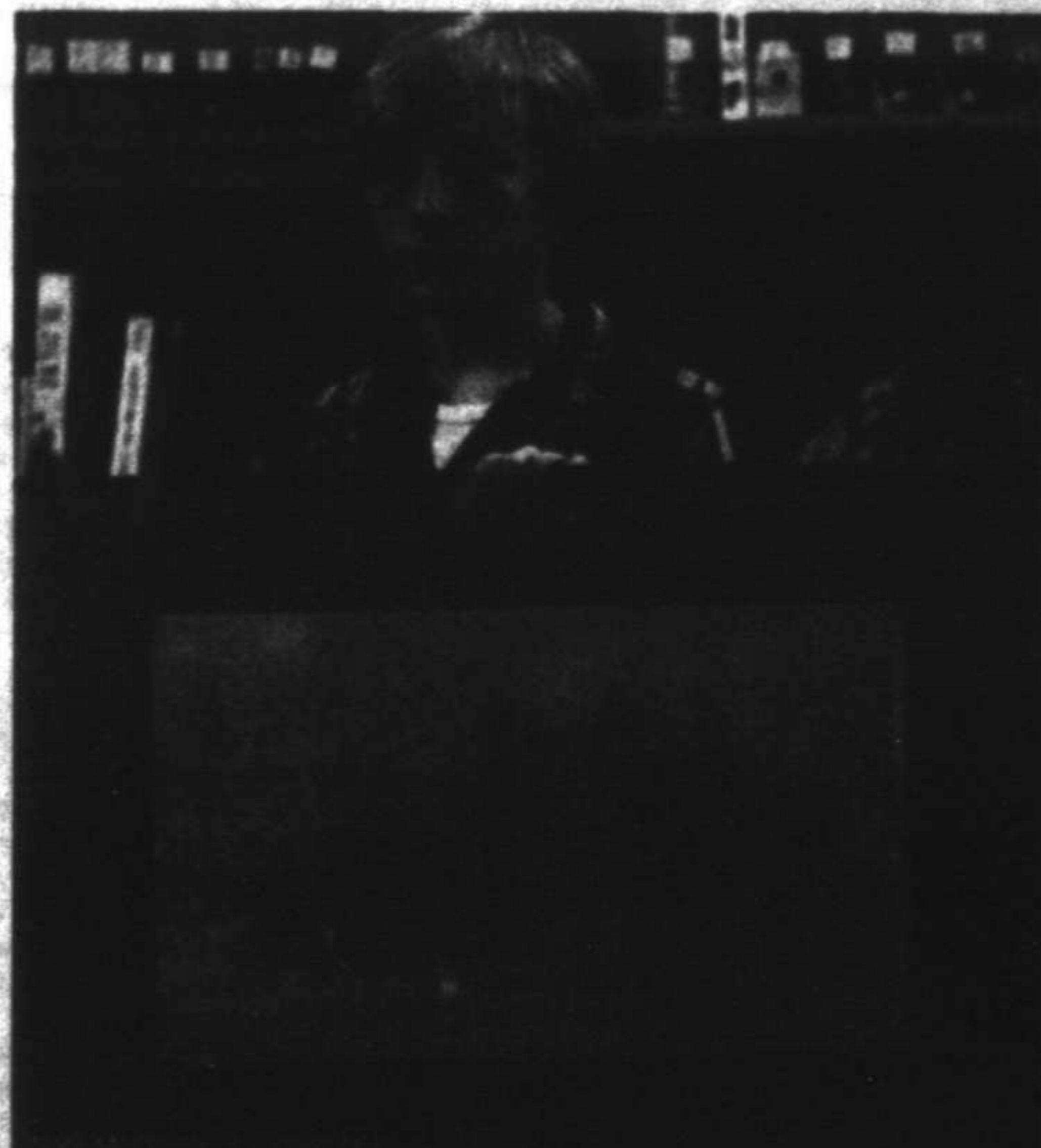
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## NFL draft: This is the class of the (flawed) quarterback

By Arnie Stapleton  
Associated Press

DENVER — We've been hearing it for months: The 2018 NFL draft is all about the quarterback.

The quarterback conundrum is more like it.

"You can go around a room and probably get four or five different opinions on how they should be stacked."

That's a quote from John Elway, Denver Broncos general manager and headliner of the pre-eminent 1983 QB class that featured six first-round selections and produced three Hall of Famers.

There's no consensus top QB this year like there was with Andrew Luck or Cam Newton a few years ago. Every one of this year's "Big Four" — USC's Sam Darnold, Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield, Wyoming's Josh Allen and UCLA's Josh Rosen — can find their names atop somebody's mock draft this week and almost certainly first on somebody's draft board Thursday night.

What this year's quarterback crop lacks in clarity it makes up for in complexity.

Louisville's Lamar Jackson, Oklahoma State's Mason Rudolph, and Senior Bowl star Kyle Lauletta of Richmond are also hopeful they'll hear Roger Goodell call their names early. Throw in Washington State's Luke Falk, and maybe it's one of these "Little Four" quarterbacks who might ultimately end up as the gem of this year's draft.

Sort of like sixth-rounder Tom Brady in 2000 or third-rounder Russell Wilson in 2012.

Should six quarterbacks go in the first round, as many suspect, it would tie the '83 standard when Elway, Todd Blackledge, Jim Kelly, Tony Eason, Ken O'Brien and Dan Marino were selected.

If quarterbacks go 1-2-3, it would match 1999's group in which Tim Couch, Donovan McNabb and Akili Smith were the first three players off the board a year before Brady went 199th.

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LM Otero/Associated Press

Southern California quarterback Sam Darnold (14) throws a pass with teammates providing blocking Dec. 29, 2017, against Ohio State during the first half of the Cotton Bowl NCAA football game in Arlington. Every quarterback prospect in the upcoming NFL draft has a major flaw or drawback that keeps them from being the consensus best one of the bunch.

## MOVING ON UP



Photo courtesy of Jays Lewis

Midland High golf team members from left, Mackenzie Chandler, Mikayla Childers, coach Bryan Sledge, Kelly/Anna Hernandez, Faith DeLaGuzza, and Anya Furdies.

## MHS has breakthrough year with Region I-6A berth

By Will Korn  
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For the last three years, the Midland High girls golf program had been searching for a breakthrough.

Contending with the lack of a stable junior high program, the Lady Bulldogs' fate always rested on the shoulders of the talented Faith DeLaGuzza, who calmly asserted herself as one of West Texas' premier players.

But this season, with the infusion of a young, but skilled and emerging supporting cast, MHS has reached new heights.

The Lady Bulldogs shot a 305 at the District 2-6A Tournament on April 26 in Abilene and ran away with the program's first district title in 35 years, punching their ticket to the Region I-6A Tournament.

MHS will join rival Lee as the Tall City representatives when today's first round tees off at 8 a.m. at Arlington's Tierra Verde Golf Club.

The top three teams and top three individuals on non-qualifying teams will secure a spot in the Class 6A state tournament, May 21-22 at Georgetown's Legacy Hills Golf Club.

MHS head coach Bryan Sledge said he

expected that his team would be on course to compete for a regional bid this season. Despite not having much of an organized junior high program, he could always see the dedication and work ethic of his green group, which includes freshmen Anya Furdies and Mackenzie Chandler, as well as sophomore Mikayla Childers and junior Kelly Ann Hernandez.

With a 66, DeLaGuzza won the 2-6A individual title for the first time since her freshman year. Furdies carded a 71 to finish second and Childers shot a 75 to place

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## Rockets soar past Wolves 119-100 with 50-point 3rd

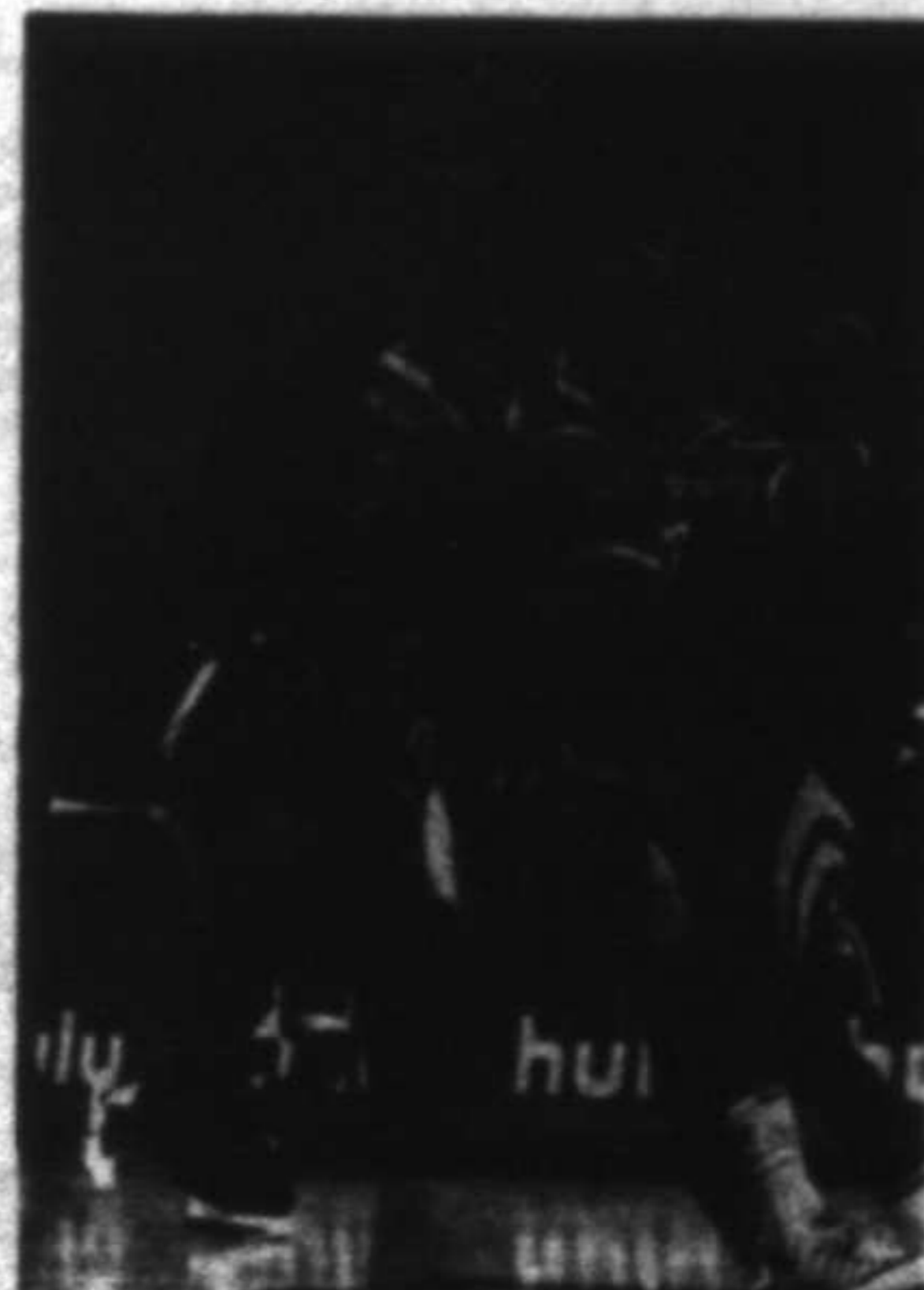
By Dave Campbell  
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — James Harden gave Houston quite the jump-start with 22 of the team's 50 points in the third quarter, as the Rockets cruised past the Minnesota Timberwolves 119-100 on Monday night to take a 3-1 lead in their first-round playoff series.

Chris Paul scored 15 of his 25 points in the non-record third for the Rockets, who turned a 50-49 halftime edge into a 31-point advantage after the torrid 12-minute span. The only team in the history of the NBA playoffs with more points in one quarter was the Los Angeles Lakers, who scored 51 points in the fourth on March 31, 1962, in a loss to the Detroit Pistons.

Harden finished with 36 points on 12-for-26 shooting. Clint Capela added 14 points and 17 rebounds, Eric Gordon

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Jim Shover/Associated Press

Minnesota Timberwolves' Jimmy Butler, left, loses the ball on Houston Rockets' PJ Tucker, center, runs into James Harden, right, during the first half of Game 4 in an NBA first-round playoff series Monday in Minneapolis.

## Injuries to key players put Horned Frogs' season on brink

By Eric Olson  
Associated Press

TCU came into the season shooting for a fifth straight trip to the College World Series. With a month left in the regular season, the Horned Frogs will be hard-pressed to even make the NCAA Tournament.

The Frogs (19-17, 6-8) are fifth in the Big 12 and No. 86 in the RPI after losing three straight at Baylor over the weekend. They'll likely have to win the Big 12 Tournament to make an NCAA regional for the 14th time in 15 years.

"No question about that," coach Jim Schiano said Monday. "If we went on some crazy run, we might be able to do it. It's certainly headed toward a conference tournament situation."

For the second straight year, TCU will finish the season without offensive star Luke Baker. The junior first baseman broke a bone in his left leg while running the bases against Abilene Christian last Tuesday. Last year, he injured his left arm in a collision at home base and missed the last 21 games.

The Frogs also have been without No. 1

starting pitcher Jared Janscak for all but one inning since March 30, and he likely won't return until the first week of May as he recovers from a nerve inflammation.

TCU's margin for error already was thin. Three players in their recruiting class got drafted and didn't come to school, and the Frogs entered 2018 having to replace six everyday players.

"Being a private school that doesn't have extra financial aid, we're like a small-market team in the big leagues," Schiano said. "The guys that we've invested in, they have to stay healthy, they have to have good seasons, and when they do, we can compete with anybody. When we have misfortune or we make a mistake in recruiting or get hit in the draft, then the depth of our team gets exposed."

Schiano was counting on pitching to carry the Frogs. But in addition to Janscak's problems, Saturday starter Sean Wyniar had back issues in February and March. Janscak, Wyniar and the other weekend starters, Nick Ledoia, have a combined 4.36 ERA — "not

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Paul Apichito/Photo Tribune Herald, via AP

TCU outfielder A.J. Bell, right, reaches for the ball as infielder Colby Strickland, left, slides on the bag while trying to field a Baylor infielder Davis Woodard single in the third inning during an NCAA baseball game Sunday in Waco.

'HOUND SWATCH



MONDAY'S SCORE

TODAY'S GAME

INTERNET

RECORDS

Table with 5 columns: Monday, Today, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows show game details for Corpus Christi, Midland, and San Antonio.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV: College Baseball, Coastal Carolina at North Carolina, 5 p.m., ESPN... Major League Baseball, Minnesota at NY Yankees, 5:30 p.m., MLB... RADIO: Major League Baseball, Oakland at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.5 FM (Big Spring)...

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Baseball: Odessa High at Lee, 4:30 p.m., Wofforth Fraternity at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. HS Golf: Region 1-6A Boys Tournament, Tierra Verde Golf Club, Arlington...

HS SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS

PLAYOFF PAIRINGS FOR AREA SCHOOLS SET: Midland High (19-12-2), the No. 4 seed in District 2-6A, will face District 1-6A champion El Paso Coronado (29-4) in a one-game bi-district softball playoff at 6 p.m. CDT Friday in Artesia, New Mexico.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL: BOSTON RED SOX — Traded LHP... COLLEGE FOOTBALL: BOSTON COLLEGE — Signed RB... FOOTBALL: ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed DE... COLLEGE BASKETBALL: ARIZONA STATE — Signed PF...

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

WEST SERIES: Game 1: San Jose at Anaheim, 7:30 p.m. Game 2: San Jose at Anaheim, 7:30 p.m. Game 3: San Jose at Anaheim, 7:30 p.m. Game 4: San Jose at Anaheim, 7:30 p.m.

HS GOLF ROUNDUP

TRINITY BOYS, GIRLS SWEEP REGIONAL TITLES: MANSFIELD — The Trinity boys and girls swept the team titles during Monday's TAPPS 4A North Region Golf Tournament at Mansfield National Golf Club...



The Trinity boys and girls golf teams posed after they both won their respective TAPPS 4A North Region Golf Tournament on Monday in Mansfield.

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Salazar, Chaps lead NJCAA Southwest Championship

From staff reports

POTTSBORO — Led by sophomore Michael Salazar, the top-ranked Midland College men's golf team is in first place after the two rounds of the NJCAA Southwest Championship at Tanglewood Resort on Monday.

at 585, Western Texas College (593) is third and Odessa College (597) is fourth. Salazar leads the individual standings with after shooting 70-67-137. Freshman teammate Calum Bruce is second at 72-66-138.



Salazar

Every Chaparral improved from the first round. Chris Ayers went from a 77 to a 75, Alex Motes shot an 80 before shooting a 77, while Tommy Parker went from an 81 in the morning to a 74.

NJCAA Southwest Championship at Tanglewood Resort, Pottsville, Pa. Tel: 703-624-6244

Monday's final round results: Texas Tech (1) - Midland College (2) 289-289-578; 2. Midland Community College (3) 289-289-589; 3. Western Texas College (4) 289-289-597; 4. Odessa College (5) 289-289-607; 5. Texas A&M University (6) 289-289-617; 6. Midland State College (7) 289-289-627; 7. New Mexico State (8) 289-289-637; 8. Ranger College (9) 289-289-647; 9. New Mexico State (10) 289-289-657; 10. Midland State College (11) 289-289-667; 11. Midland State College (12) 289-289-677; 12. Midland State College (13) 289-289-687; 13. Midland State College (14) 289-289-697; 14. Midland State College (15) 289-289-707; 15. Midland State College (16) 289-289-717; 16. Midland State College (17) 289-289-727; 17. Midland State College (18) 289-289-737; 18. Midland State College (19) 289-289-747; 19. Midland State College (20) 289-289-757; 20. Midland State College (21) 289-289-767; 21. Midland State College (22) 289-289-777; 22. Midland State College (23) 289-289-787; 23. 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ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

HOOKS 6, ROCKHOUNDS 1 At Whataburger Field, Corpus Christi

TOP HITTERS: Corpus Christi's Ryne Birk went 2-for-4 with a triple, two RBI and a run, while teammate Jamie Ritchie was 2-for-3 with a double, an RBI and a run.

TOP PITCHER: Hooks starter Framber Valdez fired seven innings of two-hit ball, allowing only one run and no walks. Valdez struck out seven to improve his record to 1-1.

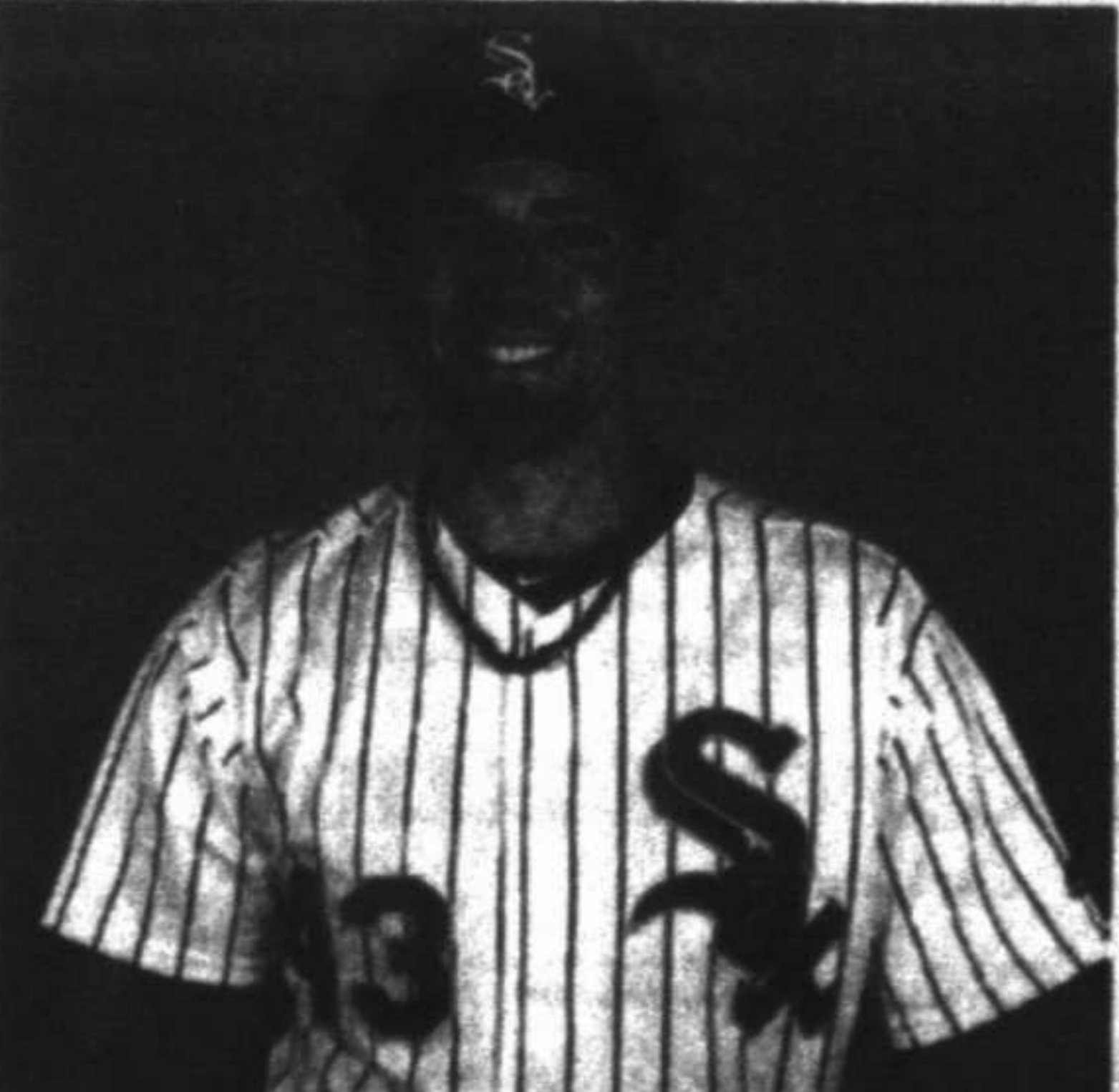
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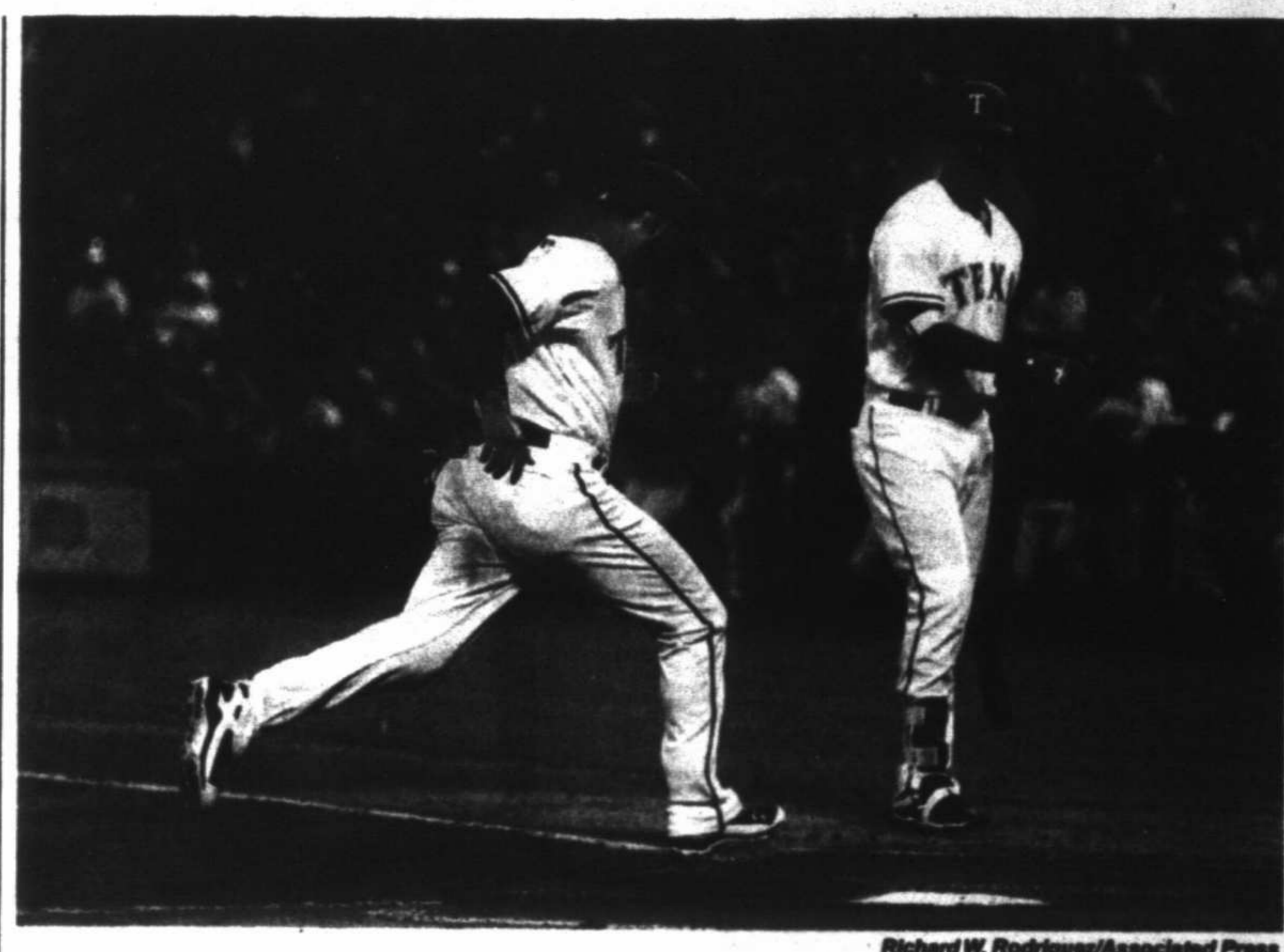
HOOKS 6, ROCKHOUNDS 1 Midland at Whataburger Field, Corpus Christi

White Sox RHP Farquhar 'progressing well' after surgery

By Mike Helfgot Associated Press CHICAGO — White Sox reliever Danny Farquhar is talking to his doctors and family after surgery over the weekend to address a ruptured aneurysm that occurred during Friday night's game against Houston.



This is a 2016 photo of Danny Farquhar of the Chicago White Sox baseball team. White Sox reliever Farquhar suffered a brain hemorrhage during a game and is in stable but critical condition.



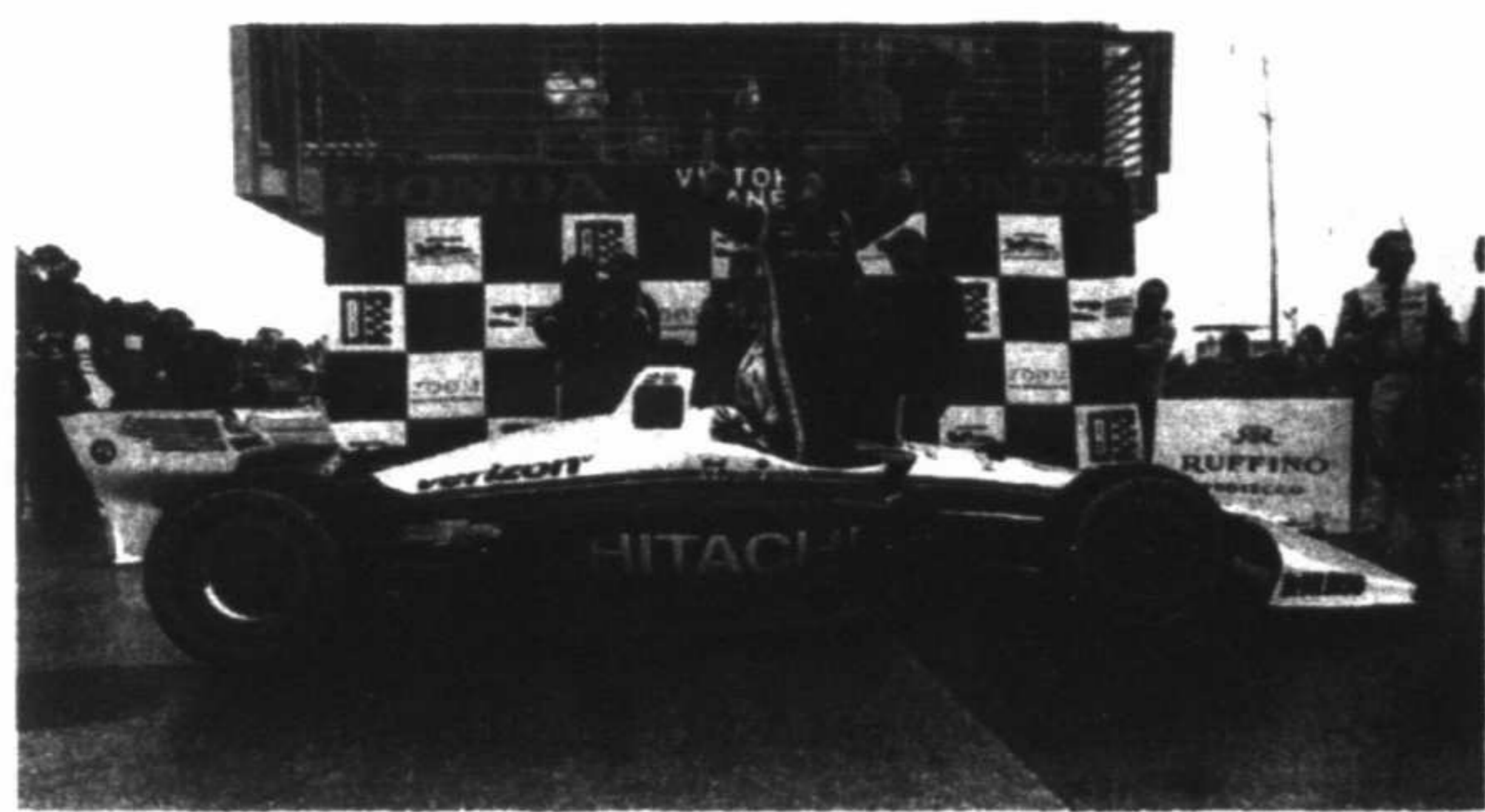
Texas Rangers Isiah Kiner-Faleola (9) scores on a wild pitch by Oakland Athletics starter Trevor Cahill during the third inning of a game Monday in Arlington.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League ARLINGTON — Marcus Semien hit a tiebreaking homer on the first pitch of the ninth inning and the surging Oakland Athletics went on to their third straight victory, 9-4 over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

MLB GLANCE

Standings table for American League and National League, including columns for Team, W, L, Pct., and Today's Games.



Butch Dill/Associated Press

IndyCar driver Josef Newgarden celebrates after winning the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama auto race at Barber Motorsports Park on Monday in Birmingham, Ala.

# Newgarden wins Indy Grand Prix of Alabama for 3rd time

By John Zenor  
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Josef Newgarden banked on the rain at Barber Motorsports Park, and it was a pretty safe bet.

The defending series champion started on the pole for the Indy Grand Prix of Alabama and led almost the entire way, winning the rain-delayed race on Monday for the third time in four years. IndyCar had pushed back completion of the race because of heavy rain Sunday.

With a sizable lead and showers starting anew, Newgarden made his second pit stop with about 15 minutes left in the timed race to switch to rain tires. Contenders like Sebastian Bourdais and runner-up Ryan Hunter-Reay remained on the track while the rain soaked the course.

"We could have stayed out like them, too, but for us it made no sense," said Newgarden, who took over the points lead. "We had everything to lose, they had everything to gain. So I don't blame them with what they did. It would have been their race to win if it stopped raining at that point because they would have been able to make it work."

That's why Team Penske president Tim Cindric told Newgarden on the radio they were racing the weather at that point, not other drivers.

"The rain was either going to come more and work out for us or it wasn't," Newgarden said. "Fortunately, it just kept coming down. The more it came down, it just played into our hands."

He won for the second time in the first four races of the season.

Bourdais stayed on the

track, trying to keep a grip on both the lead and the 2.38-mile (3.83 kilometer) course. He finally relented for a pit stop and Newgarden built a 25-second cushion that wasn't challenged.

He finished 10 seconds ahead of Hunter-Reay, followed by James Hinchcliffe, rookie Robert Wickens and Bourdais. Alexander Rossi entered with the points lead after winning at Long Beach but finished 11th.

Hunter-Reay said it boiled down to balancing the pit strategy just right.

"Newgarden was right on the cusp," he said. "Had it gone another three or four laps, he might have been in trouble with the time that he pitted, because it was still a little bit dry when he took his rains."

"We were coming there at the end. We had a really good rain pace, catching Newgarden by a bunch every lap, but just a little bit too late."

Hinchcliffe, meanwhile, got his first podium at Barber.

"I feel like we kind of almost flirt with it every year," he said.

The final result was familiar: a Newgarden victory on the picturesque road course a few hours from his Tennessee hometown, often labeled his "home track."

Well, home sweet home. It was the sixth win in nine years in Alabama for Team Penske. Newgarden got his ninth career victory after leading 72 of 83 laps.

"It was more hectic than you would want at the end," he said. "It seemed like it was pretty straightforward all day. We weren't having yellows. It was dry and then that rain just made it very nerve-racking. We did the only thing we could. We went

to rain tires as soon as it intensified."

### Who's hot

Bourdais, coming off two 13th-place finishes following an opening win at St. Petersburg, had a big weekend. He has led laps in each of the season's first four races.

### Who's not

Two-time Barber winner Will Power came in on a high note with a second-place Long Beach finish after two subpar performances by his standards. The Australian spun out on the first turn of lap 17 Sunday and slammed into the inside wall. That incident, however, can be chalked up to a water-logged track at a place where he typically has been successful.

### Up next

May is all about Indianapolis Motor Speedway, with the series heading to the IndyCar Grand Prix on May 12 before the Indianapolis 500 on May 27.

Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama Results

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## GOLF

From 2C

The Trinity boys and girls are both the defending TAPPS 4A state champions.

TAPPS 4A North Region Golf Tournament  
 Monday's final results  
 \*Qualified for state tournament, April 29-May 1 at Crowder Creek Golf Course, Waco

Team standings — 1. Trinity 214, 2. Dallas Stratton 202, 3. Arlington Heights Christian 190, 4. Lubbock Christian 182, 5. McKinney Christian 175, 6. Arlington Heights Prep 167, 7. Mansfield Fellowship Academy 148

Individual standings — 1. Austin Escamilla, Trinity 82, 2. Miles Cooper, Dallas Stratton, 73, 3. Davis Taylor, Trinity 74, 4. Jacob Smith, Waco Vanguard, 74, 5. Peter Clark, McKinney Christian, 75, 6. Charles Taylor, Trinity 76, 7. Noah Glen, Dallas Stratton, 78, 8. Tyron Lott, Lubbock Christian, 80, 9. Dylan Parks, Trinity 81, 10. John Dill, McKinney Christian, 82

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### MCA GIRLS LEAD AT STATE AFTER 1 ROUND

GLENN ROSE — Midland Classical lead the TAPPS 3A Girls State Golf Tournament with a score of 350 following Monday's opening round at Squaw Valley Golf Course.

The Lady Knights were led by Julianna Crow, who sits in second with a 73, one stroke back of leader Anna Claire Fincher of Spring Freshet Catholic. MCA's Jaden Crow is in fourth with a 78, while team-mate Samantha Carter is in seventh with a 80. The tournament concludes today.

TAPPS 3A State Golf Tournament  
 Squaw Valley Golf Course, Glen Rose  
 First round results of 104-team tournament  
 Monday

Team standings — 1. Midland Classical 350, 2. Spring Freshet Catholic 357, 3. Moore Area Deep 360, 4. Riverside Our Lady of the Hills 360

Individual standings — 1. Anna Claire Fincher, Spring Freshet Catholic, 72, 2. Julianna Crow, MCA, 73, 3. Candice McDonald, Austin Veritas, 74, 4. Jaden Crow, MCA, 75, 5. Katherine McDonald, Spring Freshet Catholic, 76, 6. Samantha Carter, Spring Freshet Catholic, 77, 7. Jaden Crow, MCA, 78, 8. Samantha Carter, MCA, 80, 9. Jaden Crow, MCA, 80, 10. Jaden Crow, MCA, 80

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## DRAFT

From 1C

There's no clear-cut, sure-fire top pick quarterback in this year's draft because all of the prime prospects have at least one lay drawback.

So, all of those owners, GMs, scouts and coaches scratching their heads for months will soon be crossing their fingers if they bypass Saquon Barkley, Bradley Chubb, Quentin Nelson, Denzel Ward, Minkah Fitzpatrick, Derwin James and Tremaine Edmunds to dive into the deep quarterback class, which could make or break a franchise's fortunes.

Every year, quarterbacks rise to the top of the draft, pushing value down the board to teams who already have theirs. Fifty-six quarterbacks have been drafted in the first round since 1996, the last draft featuring no first-round QBs.

"This quarterback draft, like every draft, drives the top end of this thing," NFL Network analyst Mike Mayock said. "I'm always amazed — and maybe I shouldn't be — but last year, three of the top 12 picks were quarterbacks and all three were trade-ups on draft night. The year before, the Rams went all the way up to one to go get (Jared) Goff. The Eagles went from 13 to eight to two to go get Carson Wentz. It's a quarterback-driven league. I

think it's going to be a crazy eight, 10, 12 picks, so many permutations of the quarterback conversation."

Underscoring the importance of the so-called franchise quarterback, the Texans averaged 35 points a game with Deshaun Watson last season and 13 without him; the San Francisco 49ers went from 17 points a game to 29 under Jimmy Garoppolo, who won all five of his starts.

And yet ... Case Keenum, who wasn't even drafted, took the Vikings to the NFC championship game. Blake Bortles, a top-10 pick but, in Mayock's words, nobody's idea of a "high-level franchise quarterback," took the Jaguars to the AFC championship contest.

And backup Nick Foles, a third-rounder, outdukked Brady to win the Super Bowl for the Eagles.

"Is that an aberration or a trend?" Mayock wonders. A look at the top quarterbacks in 2018 and the hazards that accompany the hype.

SAM DARNOLD, USC: Ball security. Darnold threw 22 interceptions and had 20 fumbles in his two seasons with the Trojans.

"The No. 1 priority of a quarterback is to protect the football. I'm aware of that, and I'm aware how much I turn the ball over and that

### TAPPS North Region Golf Tournament at Riverplace Golf Club.

MCS will compete at the TAPPS 5A State Tournament, April 30-May 1 at Stonebriar Golf Club in Killeen.

Senior Joe Smith led MCS with a round of 82, tying him for eighth in the medalist standings.

The MCS girls finished seventh.

TAPPS 5A North Region Golf Tournament  
 Riverplace Golf Club, Austin  
 Monday's final results  
 \*Qualified for state tournament, April 29-May 1 at Stonebriar Golf Club in Killeen

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Rankin sits in third with 381. Rankin's Caden Fouts shot an 88 and sits in sixth in the medalist standings.

The top three teams after today's second round received invitations to the UIL Class 1A State Tournament, May 14-15 at Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin.

Region I-A Boys Golf Tournament  
 Quicksand Golf Course, San Angelo  
 Monday

First round results of 104-team tournament  
 Top 3 teams and top 3 medalists from non-qualifying teams advance to state

Team standings — 1. Garden City 345, 2. Clyde Park 374, 3. Pecos 381, 4. Sterling City 385, 5. Round Bay 386, 6. Pecos Highland 411, 7. Tuleburg Big Bend, 8. Highland Springs, 9. Pecos Ranch, 10. Garden City 11, 11. Garden City 12, 12. Garden City 13, 13. Garden City 14, 14. Garden City 15, 15. Garden City 16

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# SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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**Level:**  
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3 4

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

SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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## DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

**ACROSS**

1 Jacket: soldier's protection

5 Reeded woodwinds

10 Like some humor

13 NASA prefix

14 Grow fond of

16 Elisabeth who played Finlay on "CSI"

17 Video game preview

19 Window section

20 Naturally bright

21 College sr.'s test

22 Elevator name

23 Exemplary

27 Commercial cow

30 Before, in verse

31 Mary Louvre paintings

32 Columnist Maureen

33 End of most work wks.

34 Arresting image?

37 Boxing legend

38 Romantic jewelry item

40 "A Wrinkle in Time" director DuVernay

41 Sewer entrance

43 Past its prime

44 "My turn"

45 Soccer score

46 Mineo of film

47 Muse of memory

48 Latin phrase about certain effects of alcohol

52 Johns, to Elton

53 Finish in front

54 Long look

58 Riga resident

59 Social sin ... and what 17-, 23-, 38- and 48-Across are guilty of?

62 Significant others, in modern slang

63 Creed

64 Windy City daily, familiarly

65 Take a wrong turn, say

66 "Spider-Man" actor Willem

67 Racy Snapchat message

**DOWN**

1 Passing fancies

2 Onion soup ingredient

3 Military force

4 Powdered drink mix brand

5 Be a debtor of

6 Place for mixed drinks

7 Surgery ctrs.

8 Political refugee

9 Shop

10 "Such sad news!"

11 Written in mystical, ancient letters

12 "Holy moly!"

15 Candy box size

16 Thread holders

18 Vague sense

24 Liveliness

25 Of the Great Lakes, only Ontario is smaller than it

26 Diana of "Game of Thrones"

27 Mild cheese

28 Kinky title woman with "a dark brown voice"

29 Campaign ad target

33 Naturally evolving

34 Pop's ... Vanilla

35 Fertilly clinic egg

36 Sticky strip

38 Interlibrary

39 Strong sound from the savanna

42 Raises, as a sail

44 Newspaper extras

46 New York lake named for a Five Nations tribe

47 Yucatan native

48 "Geef"

49 Musical shortcoming

50 Brightly colored

51 Snicker

55 Sand packing

56 Computer operating system

57 Pride Month letters

60 NBA official

61 ... Balls: Hostess treats

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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## JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt

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**CLUE ACROSS**

1. Cutting implement

5. All \_\_\_\_

6. King's command

7. Revised

**CLUE DOWN**

1. \_\_\_\_ player

2. Inspected

3. Biggest

4. Phoned

**ANSWER**

KIELSC

RLEAC

NKELE

DETDEI

**ANSWER**

CROESC

HEDECK

GSTALER

ADELCL

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

4-24-18

**BONUS**

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## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Krueck

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

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AMUSE SKIMP JOSTLE IMPORT  
 Answer: He felt that fate was leading him to give her a smooch. It was — "KISS-MET"

Our owner loves candy. That's why he started the company.  
 I thought there'd be more to it.  
 THE STORY ABOUT THE CANDY FACTORY WAS ...

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## WUZZLES™

WORD PUZZLES BY WOOD TOM

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WEATHER

Print Your Answers Here:

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ANSWERS

1. Look both ways  
 2. A change in the weather

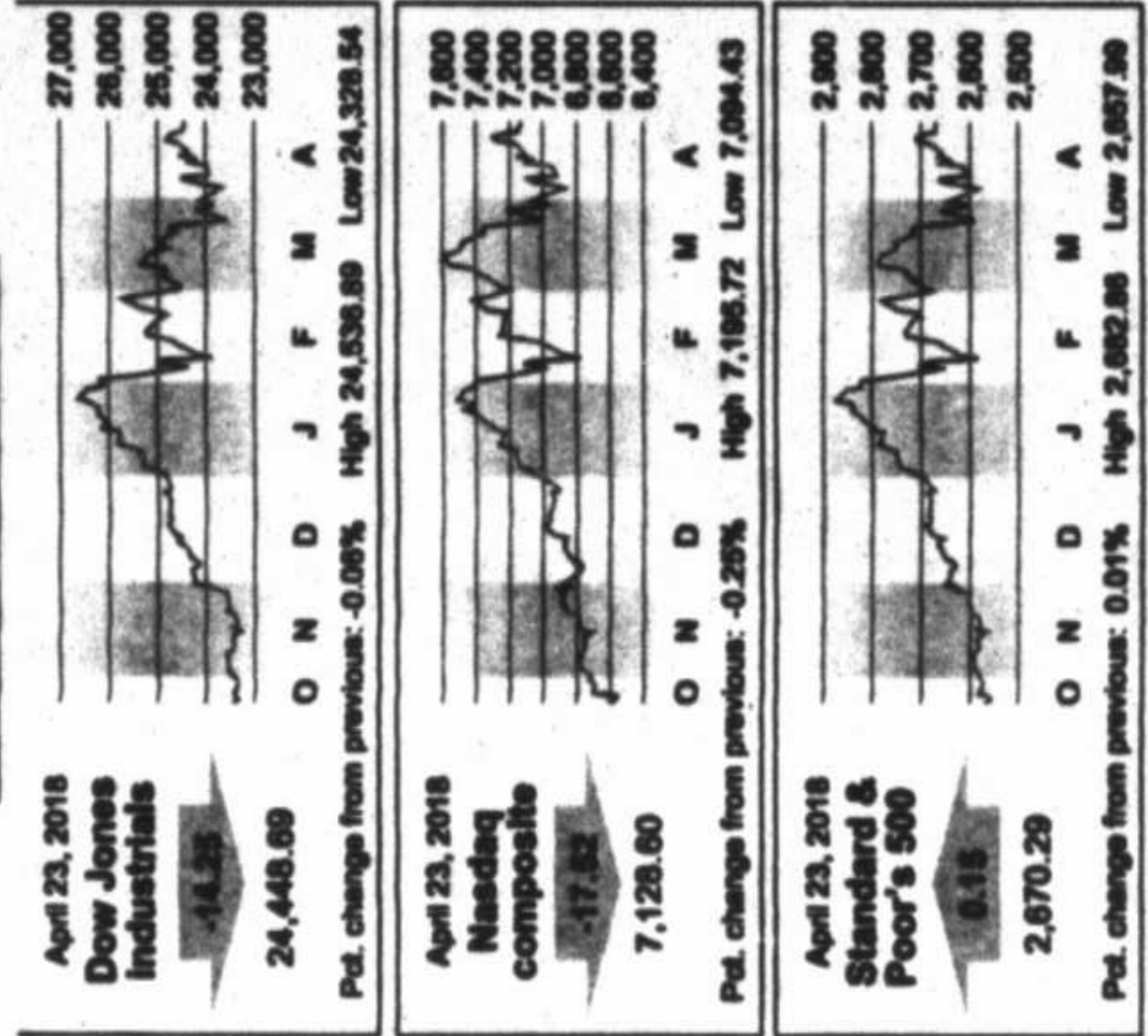
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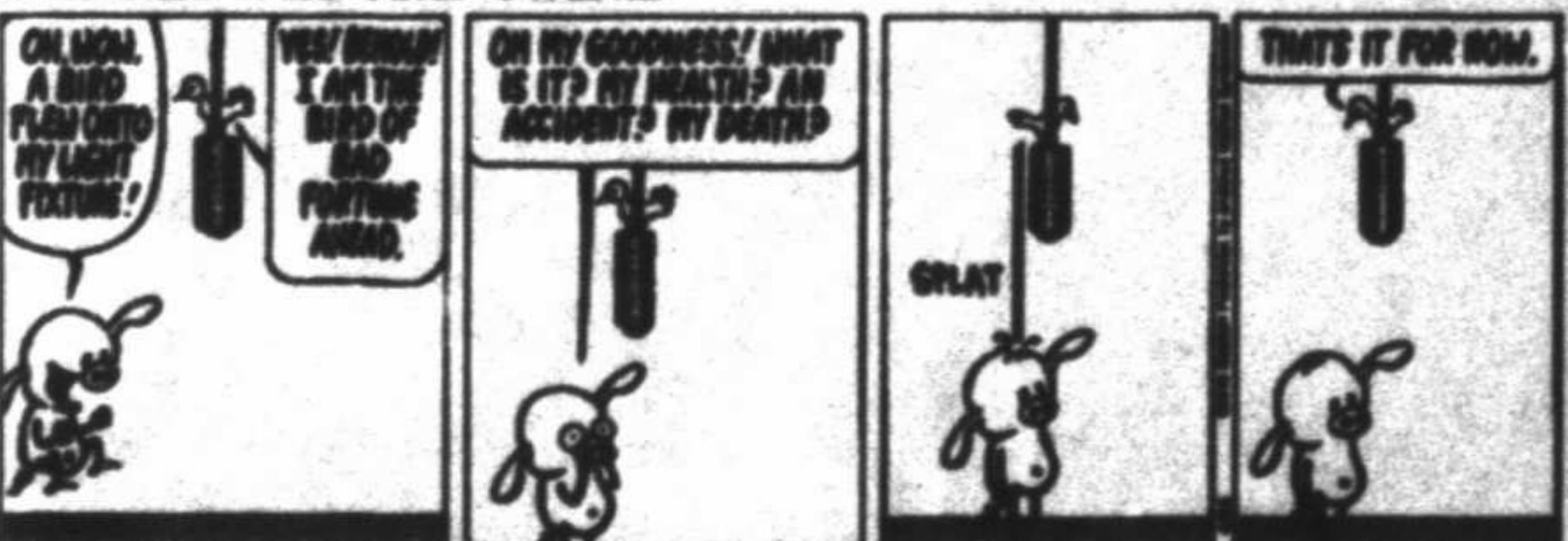
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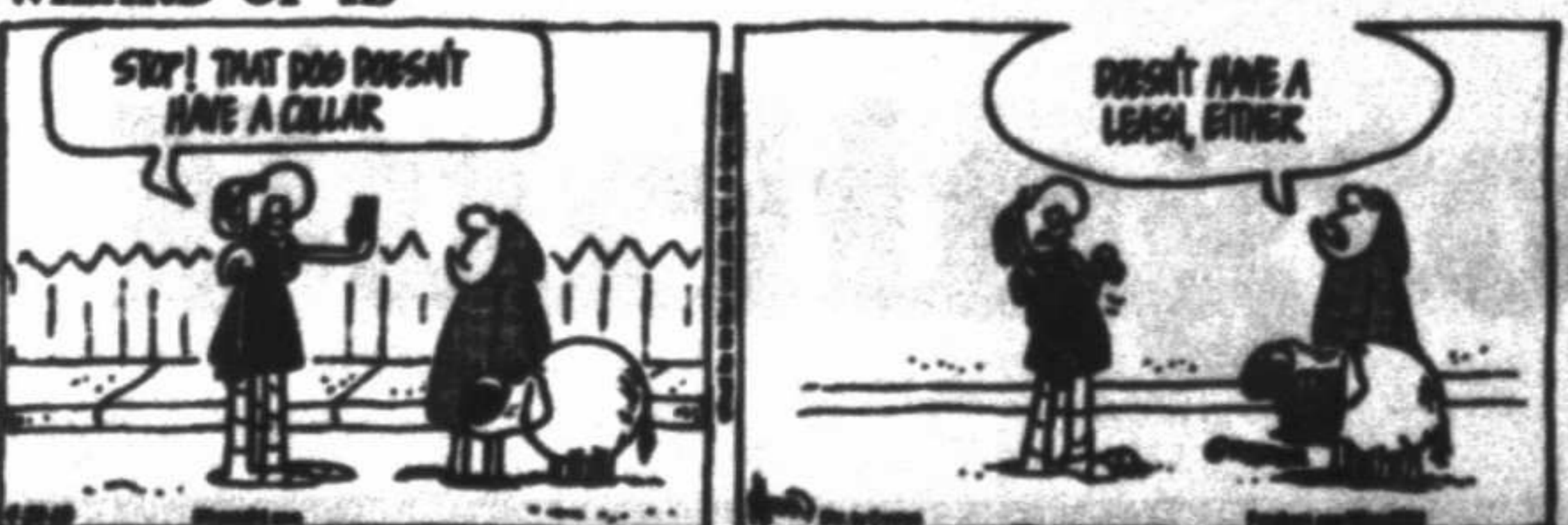
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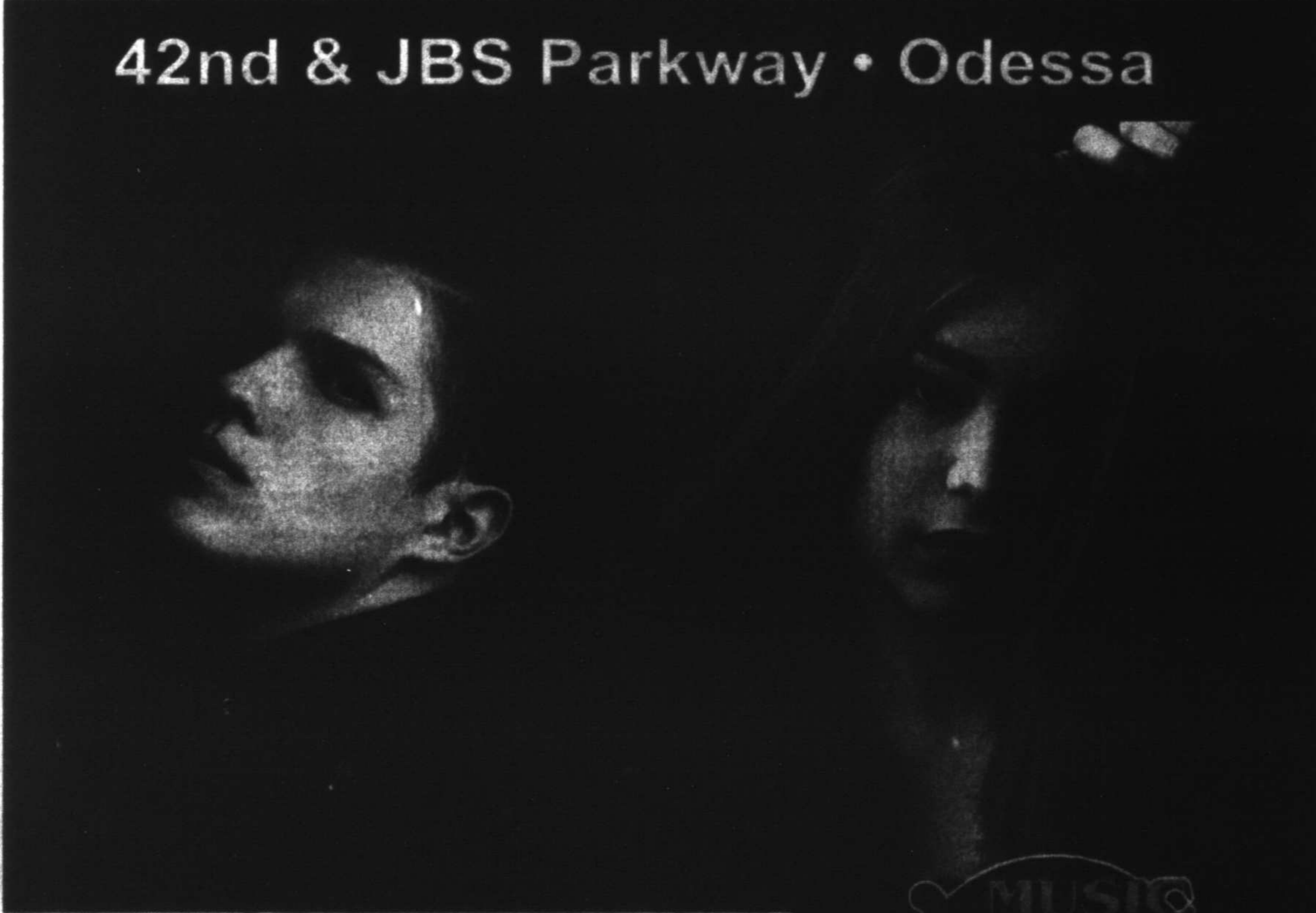


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**COPY EDITOR/DESIGNER**

**WANTED:** A team-oriented, deadline-conscious copy editor/designer. You're a good fit if you're creative; willing to work nights, weekends and holidays; have at least one year of layout or copy editing experience; are InDesign proficient; can learn quickly; aren't afraid to ask questions; have an eye for detail; have a firm grasp of punctuation, grammar and AP style; and have a strong commitment to visual journalism. About us: The Midland Reporter-Telegram has a universal copy desk that handles the daily paper as well as products from other Hearst newspapers in the region.

About the job: This is an entry-level position that offers paid vacation, a 401(k) and other benefits. Experience in design is necessary, experience with sports is a plus. Recent college graduates are encouraged to apply. This would be a good job for someone looking to perfect their copy editing/design skills.

If you're interested: Submit your cover letter, résumé and c/v's in PDF format to Editor Stewart Doreen at sdoreen@mrt.com.

**Instructor-Transportation Trainer**

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

**Required Qualifications:**

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Must possess a valid Texas Class "A" Commercial Driver License, good driving record, and be insurable on Midland College's insurance policy
- Three years' experience driving "over the road" (OTR) or local
- Experience in pre-trip/post trip inspections, coupling and uncoupling of equipment
- Computer literacy
- Knowledge of rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- Knowledge of Double Clutching techniques and how to teach it as required by TXDPS
- Knowledge of air brake testing procedures and be able to instruct and evaluate
- Knowledge of Hours of Service Regulations and be able to log and teach log book entries as well as log book recap
- Ability to manage multiple tasks while providing close attention to detail
- Ability to work in cooperation with others and work a flexible schedule based on training needs
- Maintain a high level of record keeping, utilize creativity, and meet frequent deadlines
- Establish goals and maintain a high level of decision making
- Adaptable to a constantly changing environment
- Ability to move or lift/move up to 75 pounds, capable of climbing stairs, balancing, stooping, and repetitive lifting
- Must successfully pass a DOT physical and DOT drug test

**Midland**

Midland Independent School District is seeking Full-Time Math Teachers at the following locations:  
Lee High School, SAVIDASAP & Goodard 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 - 50 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, Sickness, Heart & Cancer plans and Flex Plans for Medical & Children

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**Field Service Technician/Shop Technician**

VAN ZANDT Controls is a dynamic and growing Valve Automation, Flow Measurement & Instrumentation Company located in Odessa, TX. We are currently looking to fill the following positions:

**Field Service Technicians**

- Troubleshoot & Repair different Types of Actuators
- Make Adjustments, setting Voltage and Checking for Proper Output
- Maintain a Safe Work Environment at All Times

**Shop Technicians:**

- Build & Repair different Types of Valves and Actuators
- Be capable of Understanding Technical Documents
- Knowledge of Valve Actuators a Plus

Please call 432-628-1288 or send your resume to Dave Letch - [dleach@vanzandt.com](mailto:dleach@vanzandt.com)

Applicants must be reliable and have clean driving record

**PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES**

**NOW HIRING**

**Transportation Truck Driver**

Responsible for driving Water, Dump, and/or Belly Dump Truck and hauling water/shale to drill rigs, building crews, etc. Hauls water/shale from well locations to proper disposal facilities.

**Qualifications:**

- High school education or equivalent.
- Experience can range from commercial truck driving experience preferred to only year or a combination thereof.
- Valid Class A CDL with Trailer endorsement.
- Clean driving record.
- Safety conscious and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**Compensation/Benefits include:**

- Housing, Dental, & Vision
- Prepaid Cell Phone
- 401 K
- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
- Company Paid Life
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Onsite Fitness Center

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**LVN**

LVN - Full Time needed for Addition medical clinic. Early morning hours. Medication Management, TB tests, blood draws, medical orders. Paid vacations, holidays, personal days. Flexible travel between Midland and Odessa. No health insurance available. Please fax resume to 940-671-8394.

**Mental Health Professional**

The Wood Group is hiring Qualified Mental Health Professional for Residential facility in Big Spring, TX. Full-time M-F (8am to 4pm) and PRN positions available. A Bachelor Degree in Social Sciences is required. Benefits Package included. To apply visit our website [www.thewoodgroup.us](http://www.thewoodgroup.us) and fax completed application to our Human Resource Dept. 940-767-0468. For questions call our corporate office 940-767-0463.

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St. Joseph's Home Health, Inc. is looking to hire Provider/Caregivers in your area.

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Please call Marie at 432-684-8888 for more information.

**Full Time Maintenance**

Currently looking for Full-Time Maintenance. Experience needed. Apply in person at: **Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 2809 W Loop 289 N, Midland, TX. 79707.**

**CDL Drivers Needed**

Come Join our family! Jones Bros. Dirt and Paving We want your work experience and your hard work! NOW HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

- Water truck drivers
- Belly Dump drivers

Home every night and new equipment

**Requirements:** 1 year of driving experience. Valid Texas Class A CDL, preferably for water truck driver.

**Benefits:** Medical, dental, vision, life insurance. After 1 year of service Paid vacation and 401K

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**Midland**

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

**Educational/Certification:**

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

**Experience:**  
Two years of supervised nurse practice preferably in community health, pt or 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 - 50 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, Sickness, Heart & Cancer plans and Flex Plans for Medical & Children

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**Junior Maintenance Technician**

Local company seeking a junior maintenance technician to work through vendor management program for maintenance activities in engine room and other auxiliary buildings near Spangbury, Texas. Must be able to maintain performance and complete tasks in a timely and safe manner in a variety of environments and temperatures; be able to lift heavy objects and follow all work and safety requirements including wearing the retardant clothing, steel-toed boots, safety glasses with side shields and hearing protection. High school diploma and prior maintenance experience required. Send resume to Operations Manager, P. O. Box 482, Midland, Texas 79705.

**PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES**

**NOW HIRING**

**Instrumentation & Electrical Technician**

Maintains all electrical equipment used to monitor and control of well services equipment. Home nights.

**Qualifications:**

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

**Compensation/Benefits include:**

- Housing, Dental, & Vision
- Prepaid Cell Phone
- 401 K
- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
- Company Paid Life
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Onsite Fitness Center

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**CDL HOTSHOT DRIVERS NEEDED**

Lee E's Enterprises, Inc. is now accepting applications for Owner Operators and Company Drivers. Looking for experienced drivers at least 25 years of age with 1 year of CDL driving experience. Prefer experience in driving 1 to 2 ton trailers with federal trailers along with Windshield. Compensation plus one paid weekly for all drivers. Benefits for company drivers include Health Insurance, uniform and cell phone allowance. For more information please call our office at 432-678-8288 or come by 2902 W. Co. Rd. 149, Midland, TX. 79705 to fill out an application. Email resumes to [leeemartinez@gmail.com](mailto:leeemartinez@gmail.com)

**Midland**

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 ensure 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 course  
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 - 50 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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**Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE**

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

**\$13.00 PER HOUR**

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

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk  
Monday - Friday 8-5 or email: [jmeddon@hearstnp.com](mailto:jmeddon@hearstnp.com)

**NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE**

**Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE**

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

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**WAREHOUSE CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSOCIATE**

Wp Griffin Oil Company, 3910 S. FM 1708, Midland, Texas 79705.  
Warehouse Customer Service Associate. Duties include: Answer phones, Take customer orders, Coordinate deliveries, Maintain inventory, Encourage safe work habits, Keep all the current, needs computer skills/ internet skills. Good pay, Good benefits, Life's dreams. Resumes to [pgriffin@griffin.com](mailto:pgriffin@griffin.com) for an interview

**Endeavor Energy Resources**

**Now hiring for a Field Technician.**

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

**Job Duties:**

- Comply with all OSHA and company safety procedures, rules and regulations
- Proper pre and post trip of equipment
- Consistently demonstrate safe unloading of fuels while handling, hooking and unhooking hoses and operating pumps while following directions and standard operating procedures
- Safely using pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches and other hand tools
- Immediate reporting and cleaning of any spills during shift
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, dispatchers, fellow co-workers and customers
- All other duties as assigned

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Proven capability to work both independently and collaboratively with different levels of management and individual contributors
- Demonstrated ability to manage work in stressful situations
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required
- Experience working on Frac site or similar responsibilities is preferred

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

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

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

Endeavor Energy Resources, LP is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate in regards to race, color, creed, age, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, marital status or disability. We comply with all local, state, and federal laws pertaining to employment and distribution will not be tolerated.

**Endeavor Energy Resources**

**DOT Driver II**

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

**Essential Functions:**

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

**Minimum Requirements:**

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

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

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

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

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

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**Employment Account Executive**

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking an Employment Account Executive just like you to join our team! We are looking for an experienced Human Resources executive that wants to help hiring managers in Midland and West Texas utilize our advanced hiring platform - TexasBackToWork.com. This platform allows hiring managers to access the largest pool of potential job candidates and track them through the recruitment process.

Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve hiring needs. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses. Our ideal candidate will be goal oriented, is a relentless hunter, driving to win new businesses, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

The ideal candidate will have experience in the Human Resources area and will maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships with hiring managers. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local and regional businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the hiring process for our customers. You will be selling a digital hiring solution to your customers with a regional, statewide and national footprint.

**Responsibilities include:**

- Consistently meets/exceeds revenue goals.
- Develops relationships with HR departments throughout West Texas to sell and promote Texas Back to Work.
- Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-demos
- Be the face of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and ensure a superior customer experience

**The Ideal Candidate:**

- Experience within Human Resources or Employment Agency is preferred.
- You have an outgoing, resilient personality
- You enjoy the thrill of the hunt by bringing in new business
- You're confident and not willing to accept average

**Required Skills & Experience:**

- Passion to succeed and close deals
- Exceptional communication and presentation skills
- Strong computer skills, Digital Sales experience a plus

**Bachelor's degree preferred**

**What's in it for you?**

- Paid training
- Competitive Base Salary & Commissions
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- Flex spending accounts
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- 401K with company match
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**MIDLAND**

**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 expenses and equipment at the Citizens Collection Station.

**Job Duties:**

- Schedules and monitors the work of subordinate employees.
- Instructs employees in the use, care, and preventive maintenance of equipment and machinery.
- Checks schematics, manuals, and other specifications in order to determine and make necessary repairs and maintenance.
- Maintains equipment in good working order and keeps records of work performed.
- Ensures the cleanliness and maintenance of facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
- Acts as the customer service representative of the Recycle Division at the Citizens Collection Station and on recycle issues.
- Keeps records and reports recycle activity.
- Coordinates efforts with Solid Waste operations.
- Serves 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 resolve work orders or to discuss 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 communication 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 'C' Multistage Solid Waste Operator License within two years of hire date.

**Benefits:**

- Health Care Plans
- Paid Vacation / Sick Leave
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Julian Gold, Midland's premier women's fashion store, is seeking a full time retail professional to join our sales team. The ideal candidate will have fashion retail experience and be eager to grow in our fast paced environment.

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*Julian Gold*

**Digital Media Account Executive**

"We must be alarmingly enterprising and startlingly original. We must be honest and fearless. And we must speak a revolution."  
-William Randolph Hearst, 1887

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Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve their business objectives. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses. Our ideal candidate will be goal oriented, is a relentless hunter, driving to win new businesses, and has a track record of exceeding monthly goals.

**As a Digital Media Account Executive, you can expect the following:**

- Drive digital product sales.
- Be the Digital Media Guru with a solid understanding of Digital Media, Marketing and Advertising.
- Ability to conduct sales calls with SMB owners.
- Be in the field and on sales calls, leading by example, to sell our various digital products using the current and evolving sales process.
- Consult with clients on Digital Advertising and Marketing.
- Assist sales and marketing in promoting the entire line of digital products.
- Develop coaching plans and track results through sales management system.
- Identify trends, quantify impact, and communicate improvement opportunities to the product team.
- Primary source of sales pitch and strategy development and implementation for digital products.

**Requirements:**

- Highly knowledgeable with digital media, SEO, SEM, Digital Advertising.
- Confidence in pitching and closing business.
- Strong focus on teamwork and ability to manage relationships across multiple departments.
- Ability to multi-task, meet deadlines, and thrive in a fast-paced, deadline-oriented environment
- Bachelor's Degree preferred
- Valid US driver's license and reliable transportation.

**The perks:**

- A great work environment it's never being here!
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**CDL DRIVERS, TECHNICIANS, YARD PERSONNEL AND MORE NEEDED IN MIDLAND**

IMPACT! Chemical Technologies is seeking MULTIPLE POSITIONS including:

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- Yard Personnel
- CDL Drivers
- Service Technicians

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**IMPACT!**

**CDL Mixer Drivers**

4J Concrete, LLC is hiring CDL drivers, form setters and concrete finishers. Excellent pay. Call (432) 934-1384.

**Frac Sand CDL Drivers & Owner Operators**

Local trucking company now hiring Frac Sand Class A CDL Drivers & Owner Operators, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Apply in person at 5513 FM 715, Midland, Texas 79705

**MULTIPLE POSITIONS**

BFO Solutions is looking for Heavy Machinery Operators such as, Backhoes, Bulldozers, Graders, Excavator Water Trucks and Bury Dumps. Pay is based on experience and locality. Full time hours plus OT. If interested please email Tally at [Tally@bfo.com](mailto:Tally@bfo.com) or call (409) 963-9766.

**Tapers & Painters**

Now hiring experienced Tapers and Painters exp. Must come to office to fill out application at 808 W. Ohio Street, Ste 201 A, Midland from Sun-Thu Monday - Friday. 432-852-7888

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**Qualifications:**

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- Clean driving record
- DOT compliant

**Compensation/Benefits package:**

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- Prescription Drug
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- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
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The Hub Pub & Eatery, 1118 Timberlake Blvd., Midland, TX 79705, (432) 693-4400

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Health Food Store is taking applications for energetic and friendly full-time cashiers. Pleasant work environment, steady customers, caring management, generous employee discount and paid vacations. Apply in person Monday through Friday only 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2911 W. Wesley, Midland, TX.

**Full Time Receiving**

Health Food Store is taking applications for a receiving person. Five day work week, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Positive work environment, caring management and pleasant customers. Apply in person Monday through Friday only, 9am to 5pm, at Natural Foods Market, 2911 W. Wesley, Midland, Texas 79707

**Shop Hands & CDL Drivers**

Driving Company looking for experienced hands in the shop:

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- Negative Pay- Phone call: 432-854-8285 or 432-827-1485

**CLASS A CDL DRIVER**

Acme Truck Company is now hiring a Class A CDL Driver. Minimum of 24 months of commercial driving experience. Possess a Texas CDL. Must be able to pass a drug screen, DOT physical, and background check. We offer competitive wages, 401k, health, and 401K. Please email resume with contact information. Call our office if you have any questions 432-854-8017.

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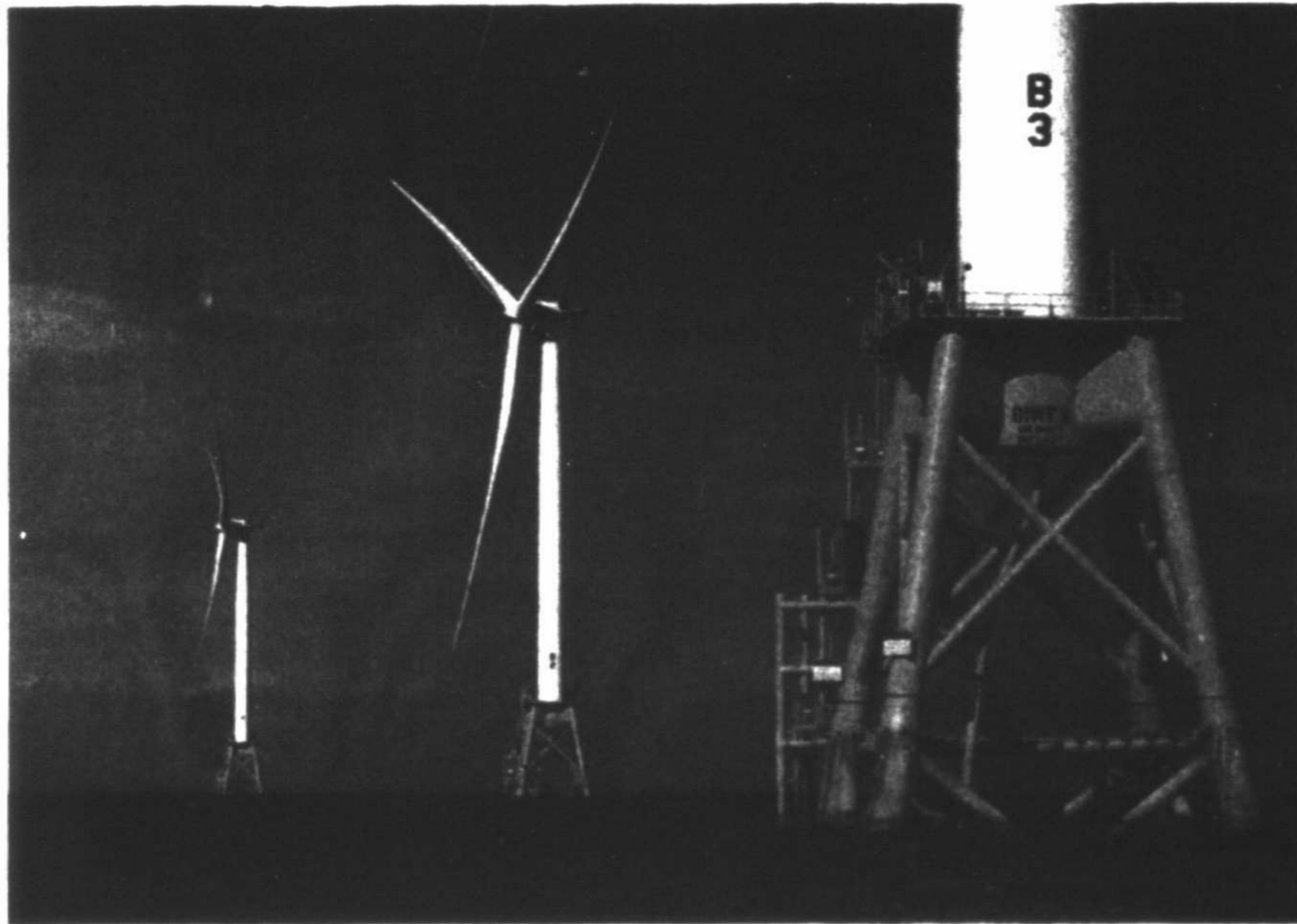


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## ENERGYDOMINANCE



Three of Deepwater Wind's turbines stand in the water Aug. 15, 2016, off Block Island, R.I. Using federal offshore leases, wind power projects along the East Coast are pressing ahead in 2018, with the goal of transforming the electric grid and providing energy to power millions of homes.

## Trump likes coal, but that doesn't mean he's hostile to wind

By Steve LeBlanc  
Associated Press

BOSTON — President Donald Trump has courted coal miners and cast doubt on whether fossil fuels contribute to climate change, but that hasn't translated into hostility for renewable energy — particularly offshore wind.

Using federal offshore leases, wind power projects along the East Coast, including off the shores of Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, Virginia and New York, are pressing ahead with the goal of transforming the electric grid and providing energy to power millions of homes.

The administration is looking to renewable energy sources to help create "energy dominance" that will guarantee America is a leading global energy exporter and can't be held hostage by foreign energy-producing powers, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke says — even as Trump's plan to expand offshore drilling has drawn harsh criticism from environmentalists and coastal state governors of both parties.

"On designated federal lands and offshore, this means an equal opportunity for all sources of responsible energy development, from fossil fuels to the full range of renewables," Zinke said in a recent op-ed in *The Boston Globe*. "As we look to the future, wind energy — particularly offshore wind — will play a greater role in sustaining American energy dominance."

To help streamline the effort, Zinke wrote, he wants to give developers more flexibility by letting them postpone detailed design decisions until later in the

planning process to let them take advantage of the latest technology.

West Coast states are also hoping to turn their offshore winds into energy. One planned project along the Northern California coast would create a 100-150 megawatt floating wind farm more than 20 miles offshore. Projects have also been eyed off Hawaii, in the Gulf of Mexico and even in the Great Lakes.

Renewable energy supporters are backing the development of offshore wind power — with a few caveats.

Offshore wind can help reduce carbon emissions, but it's critical to ensure they don't harm underwater ecosystems, especially the endangered North Atlantic right whale, said Sean Mahoney, executive vice president of the Conservation Law Foundation.

Long in the planning and discussion phase, the push for offshore wind power is picking up steam.

In New York, Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo has called for more projects and said the state will solicit in 2018 and in 2019 a combined total of at least 800 megawatts — with a long-term goal of developing 2.4 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2030, enough to power up to 1.2 million homes.

In New Jersey, the Danish offshore wind company Orsted, which is also working on projects in Massachusetts and Virginia, has set a goal of supplying enough energy for 1.5 million homes. Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy has said he wants New Jersey to generate 3,500 megawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030.

And in Massachusetts, Republican Gov. Charlie Baker is hoping to generate 800

megawatts of offshore wind power as a first step toward a goal of 1,600 megawatts. Three projects — Vineyard Wind, Bay State Wind and Deepwater Wind — are all vying to produce some or all of the 800 megawatts.

Vineyard Wind wants to build its wind farm on a 160,000-acre area south of the island of Martha's Vineyard and 14 miles from the nearest shore. The project — partly owned by Portland, Oregon, renewable energy developer Avangrid Renewables and Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners of Denmark — would consist of turbines spaced at least eight-tenths of a mile apart.

Bay State Wind, an initiative of Orsted and the utility Eversource, would be about 20 miles south of Martha's Vineyard and could power 500,000 homes. Orsted and Eversource are also hoping to build a 200-megawatt wind farm 65 miles off New London, Connecticut. In Virginia, Orsted is partnering with Dominion Energy on a wind project off Virginia Beach.

Deepwater Wind is also looking to build in federal waters southwest of Martha's Vineyard. The company, which also hopes to provide 200 megawatts of wind power to Connecticut, can already claim bragging rights to having opened the nation's first offshore wind farm off Rhode Island's Block Island last year — a five-turbine project generating about 30 megawatts.

Even as the various projects and others move ahead, Zinke has announced that two additional areas off Massachusetts totaling nearly 390,000 acres are now available to be leased for commercial wind energy development.

## NASA's newest planet hunter launches successfully

By Sarah Kaplan  
Washington Post

At the moment the spacecraft lifted off, astronomers knew of nearly 4,000 alien worlds outside our solar system. During the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite's planned two-year mission, scientists expect, it will increase that number by a factor of five. Among the new discoveries, they hope, will be a rocky world with an atmosphere that can be probed for signs of life.

"This is opening an entirely new window on the universe," said MIT astrophysicist George Ricker, the principal investigator for the mission.

TESS should arrive in orbit around Earth — on a never-before-used, highly elliptical path that takes it close to the moon — about two months after launch. It will begin science operations shortly after that.

TESS is intended as a high-powered successor to the Kepler space telescope, which has orbited the sun alongside the Earth for the past 10 years and detected most of the exoplanets known to science.

"Kepler broke open the field in a rather dramatic way," Ricker said — demonstrating that for every star in the sky, there are untold numbers of exoplanets waiting to be found.

Now it is time to pass the torch. Unlike Kepler, which peered deep into a narrow stretch of sky to find faraway planets around stars like the sun, TESS's survey will be "wide and shallow," Ricker explained. It is designed to look stars of all ages and sizes within a few hundred light-years of Earth, and it will be able to canvass the entire sky in just two years.

Armed with four sensitive cameras, the refrigerator-sized satellite will seek out the tiny, telltale dips in a star's light that occur when a planet "transits," or passes in front of it. The frequency of each faint flicker will indicate the planet's size and its distance from the star.

Next, astronomers on Earth will measure the way the planet's gravity makes the star wobble as it orbits — an observation that will provide the planet's mass. Combined, those data will help scientists characterize the planet: Is it a small, rocky world like Earth? Is it light and water-rich? Does it have a solid surface, or does it resemble Neptune, with a dense core surrounded by swirling clouds of gas?

The TESS mission coincides with the debut of powerful new ground- and space-based observatories, including NASA's James Webb Space Telescope that is scheduled to launch in 2020. If a TESS planet has an atmosphere, these instruments may be able to sense the way it alters the starlight that filters through it. That research could reveal "biosignatures" — molecules including oxygen and methane that are often generated by living organisms.

"This is the reason we're all so excited," said Jessie Christiansen, an astronomer at Caltech and NASA's Exoplanet Science Institute who sits on the steering committee for TESS's follow-up working group. Unlike Kepler's discoveries, the planets found by TESS will orbit stars nearby and bright enough to allow for detailed characterization.

## Here's some great games for cheap millennials to play

Dear PropellerHeads: I'm bored. Entertain me!

A: Millennial much? I mean, you're bored, and somehow this is my problem? So, without much in the way of direction, let's assume you want to play a game. And as you are probably young, you'll want said game to be free. Which by extension also means you don't want to pay for any silly console or anything so old-fashioned as that.

Put that all together and I'm understanding you want to know about free games you can play in your web browser, on your phone, or — heaven forbid — that ancient thing that I believe was called a computer. Game research on the company dime? That I'm willing to help you with!

Let's start where all electronic games started: Pong. Of course, we need to spruce that up to the modern day, so we'll make it 3D, add a funky soundtrack, and a cute, cuddly bear named Bob as your opponent. Put that all together and you get *Cube Slam* ([cubeslam.com](http://cubeslam.com)).

While the first level is rather mundane, things quickly spin out of control. In-game popups will do a number of



things to make it more difficult in a hurry. Balls may multiply or turn nearly invisible. Your paddle may decrease in size. Wormholes warp the direction of the ball from a straight line. Fog may obscure the playing field. Bob is, in fact, the least of your problems.

Well, all that virtual, physical exercise made me hungry. How about some cookies? *Cookie Clicker* ([orteil.dashnet.org/cookieclicker](http://orteil.dashnet.org/cookieclicker)) is a highly addictive game that actually educates as it entertains. The premise is simple: make as many cookies as you can. You start out having to click to bake a cookie, which seems a little silly.

But the more cookies you make, the more upgrades you can provide yourself, and the upgrades take over the clicking for you. First come cursors, then grandmas, then farms, mines, factories, temples... eventually you get time-machines to steal

the cookies you baked in the past. Other upgrades increase the capacity of existing structures.

If it doesn't sound instructional, realize that each improvement costs more the next time you buy it. In other words, the law of diminishing returns. So, you need to understand which improvements net you the biggest bang for the buck; e.g., a Mine at 25K is a better value than a Farm at 5K. Before you know it, you are making a million cookies per second feeling surprising satisfaction at your cookie empire!

Need something even more cerebral than cutting cookies? How does a magical purple goat strike you? In *Escape Goat* ([playescapegoat.com](http://playescapegoat.com)), you are said purple goat, wrongfully imprisoned (is there any other way?), and you must solve a series of puzzles that you are especially qualified to solve in order to escape.

If you remember the game *Lemmings* (and if you are a millennial, I'm guessing not), *Escape Goat* is a lot like that, cheesy '80s-style graphics and all. You need to know which special abilities to employ at which time in order to escape each level. Along the way you'll encounter a

very helpful magical teleporting mouse to help you escape. Naturally, the levels get more diabolical each time, requiring you to think your way out, not blast your way out.

Speaking of blasting, I would be remiss if I didn't discuss a shoot-'em-up-type game. Something with cutting edge graphics, a soundtrack that would make Arina cry, and a game so complex it would baffle Stephen Hawking, may be just in peace. I'm of course talking about: *Wizard of War* ([wizardofwar.krissz.hu](http://wizardofwar.krissz.hu)). Yes, that first generation arcade game can be played within your browser by yourself or with a friend. Which Warrior will prevail?

Honestly, I just don't care. I just made a billion cookies and I'm OK with that.

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