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## Manslaughter suspect reportedly has previous arrests

Eagle Pass man who is charged in cyclists' deaths was charged with DWI in Maverick County

From staff reports

The Eagle Pass man arrested Wednesday night on intoxication manslaughter charges in the deaths of two Midland bicyclists was arrested for DWI on multiple occasions, according to officials at the Maverick County Sheriff's Office and Maverick County Clerk's Office.

The Maverick County Sheriff's Office reports that Ricardo Madera, whose age is 36 — not 38 as reported earlier by the Texas Department of Public Safety — was arrested on a DWI charge on Aug. 14, 2005. The County Clerk's Office reports two

arrests — the first in 2007 and the second in 2014. The 2007 charge was reduced to a class C misdemeanor in a county Justice of the Peace Court. He served one day in jail for the 2014 arrest. There was no record of the outcome of the reported 2005 arrest in either the County Clerk's or District Clerk's offices.

The District Clerk of Maverick County reports Madera successfully completed a pre-trial diversion program, having to do with a May 12, 2015, arrest for possession of a controlled substance. Madera is being held on two charges of intoxication manslaughter, one charge of intoxication assault

causing serious bodily injury, two charges of accident involving death and one charge of accident involving serious bodily injury. His bond is \$75,000 for each of the intoxication manslaughter charges, \$50,000 for the intoxication assault charge, \$25,000 for each of the accident involving death charges and \$25,000 for the accident involving serious bodily injury charge, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office website.

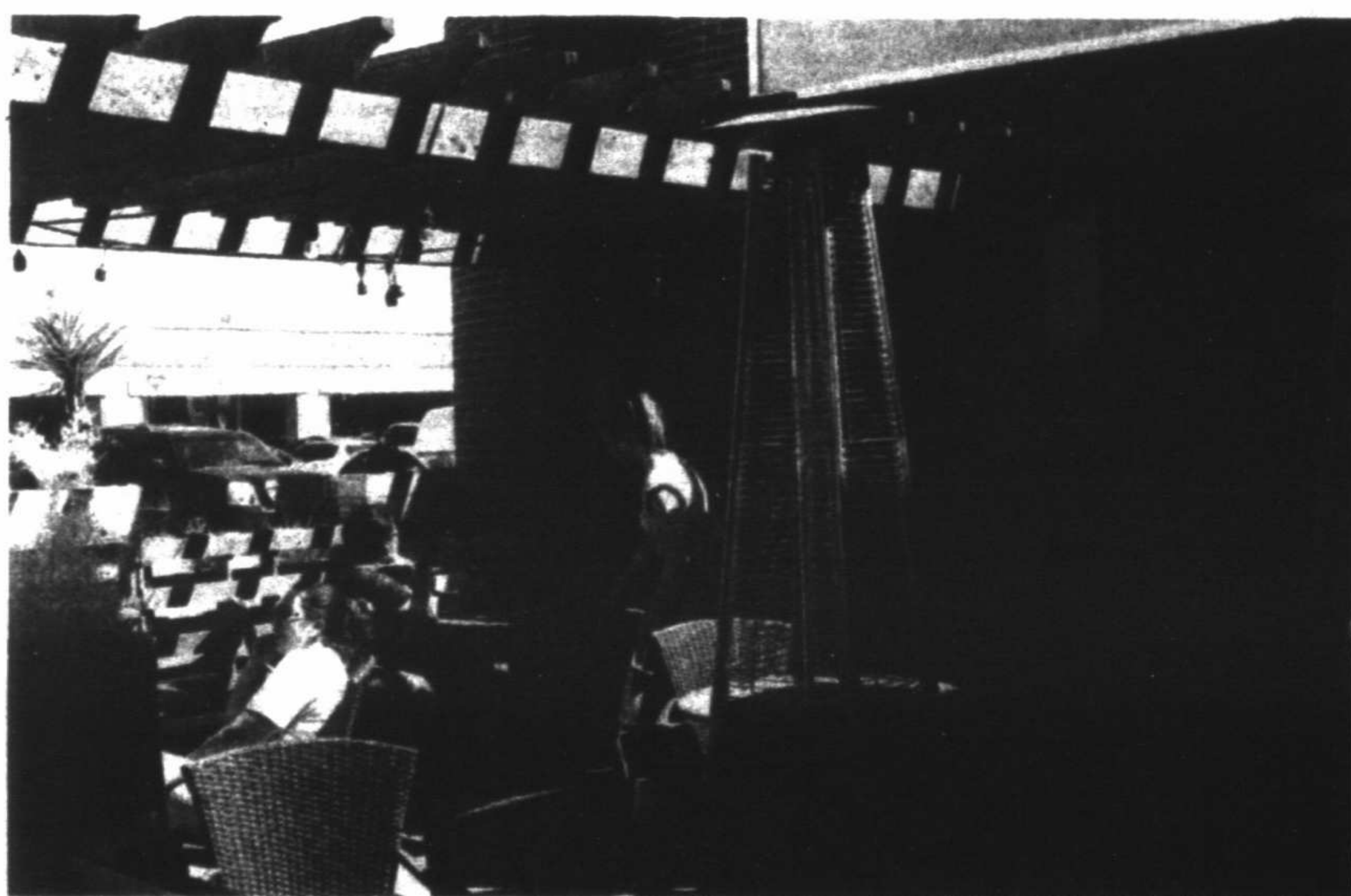
Madera was driving a Chevrolet Silverado northbound on State Highway 158. Three cyclists — Camron T. Stotts, 42; Michael D. Mestas, 47; and Thomas J. Haislip, 38, all of Midland — were northbound on SH

158 and riding on the shoulder ahead of the pickup. Madera drove onto the road's shoulder and hit the cyclists, according to a press release from DPS. He fled the scene of the wreck that occurred at about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday but was located shortly afterward at a man camp, according to his arrest affidavit.

Madera told law enforcement officers he was the driver of the vehicle that hit the cyclists and that he left the scene, according to the affidavit.

Stotts and Mestas died at the scene; Haislip was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital.

## SOAK UP THE SUN



Patrons relax with a beverage at Brew St. Coffee and Bakery. The business on Garfield Street is one local restaurant that has a patio. Read about dining al fresco in the next Midland Magazine, which will be inserted in Sunday's edition.

## Use tax-free weekend to buy gear to prepare for next emergency

Austin American-Statesman

Some frugal Texans might say that one of the best things about living in the Lone Star State is the sales tax holiday weekend that comes three times a year. During the last weekend in May emergency-efficient products will be tax-free, and in August most school supplies will see a similar discount. But this weekend, starting at 12:01 a.m. Friday until midnight Monday, you can buy certain emergency supplies without sales tax.

"We expect taxpayers to save about \$1.54 million in state and local sales taxes during this year's emergency preparation supplies sales tax holiday," said Kevin Lyons, a spokesman for the

Texas comptroller's office. "The estimation was \$1.5 million in 2017 and about \$1.4 million in savings in 2016."

What qualifies as emergency supplies? Because severe weather often can cause major emergencies in Central Texas, let's start with what the National Weather Service recommends for a basic emergency kit — but not all of those things will be tax-free. Here's how it breaks down:

### BASIC EMERGENCY KIT ITEMS (TAX-FREE)

The total cost of these items (including any delivery charges) must be less than \$75:

- AAA, AA, C, D, 6-volt or 9-volt batteries
- Nonelectric can openers
- Fire extinguisher
- First-aid kit
- Flashlights, lanterns, candles
- Battery-powered radio or self-powered weather radio
- Plastic sheeting
- Baby formula (always tax-free)
- Unflavored bottled water (always tax-free)
- Nonperishable food items can be tax-exempt, but the sizes of items considered "snack items" sometimes can make them taxable, Lyons said.

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## Martin County sees big jump in rig count

■ Permian Basin loses 1 rig for total of 452; Midland count down 2 for total of 51

By Trevor Hawes  
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The Permian Basin as a whole saw its rig count edge lower, but Martin County saw big gains.

Martin County matched its year-high 30 rigs after adding six over the course of the week, according to Baker Hughes data. Basin-wide, the Permian recorded 452 rigs, down one.

Reeves County continued with the largest tally, slipping by one to 66. Midland County also declined. There were 51 rigs operating in the county at the core of the Midland Basin, down two.

Other counties with double-digit rig counts were Lea, New Mexico (47); Eddy, New Mexico (38); Loving (31); Martin (30); Howard (24); Ward (24); Reagan (22); Culberson (21); Glasscock (19); Pecos (14); Winkler (14); Andrews (13); and Upton (10).

Cochran County ceased all activity after three weeks with a single rig.

Railroad Commission District 8 — which encompasses most of the Permian's active counties in Texas — was unchanged at 32. For other areas with activity in the Permian, District 7B stayed at three, District 7C rose by three to 36, District 8A fell by two to 15 and New Mexico dropped by two to 88.

New Mexico's activity is largely centered in Eddy and Lea counties; however, Chavez County has had one rig operating the past two weeks.

The Permian had 342 rigs a year ago.

### TEXAS & NEW MEXICO

Texas saw four new rigs, putting the statewide count at 513. Of that tally, 366 (about 71 percent) were in the Permian.

The Eagle Ford in South Texas fell by one to 75. The Barnett in North Texas held at three.

Twenty-two of the Haynesville's 53 rigs were in East Texas; six of the Granite Wash's 11 rigs were in the Permian.

Please see RIG COUNT/2A

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WTI down a half percent this week.

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## WTI down a half percent this week

By Trevor Hawes  
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The price of oil was down a half percent this week in anticipation of sanctions being imposed again on oil giant Iran, a decision the Trump administration will make within the next two weeks.

Newly installed secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Friday it is unlikely the U.S. will remain in its nuclear deal with Iran after the self-imposed May 12 deadline, according to the Tribune Washington Bureau.

"Absent a substantial fix, absent overcoming the flaws of the deal, he (Trump) is unlikely to stay in that deal," Pompeo said.

The news kept oil mostly flat Friday. West Texas Intermediate futures contracts for June delivery finished the week at \$68.10 per barrel, down 9 cents (0.13 percent) on the day and down 28 cents (0.41 percent) for the week.

Monday marked the first day of June as the new near-month contract. The switchover brought with it a new year high of \$68.64.

On Wednesday, the Energy Information Administration reported that U.S. crude oil imports averaged about 8.5 million barrels per day (bbl/d), an increase of 539,000 bbl/d. Over the past four weeks, imports averaged more than 8.2 million bbl/d. The report-

ing week was for the week ending April 20.

Commercial crude oil inventories increased by 2.2 million bbl to 429.7 million bbl.

Refinery inputs averaged more than 16.6 million bbl/d, a decrease of 328,000 bbl/d. Refineries operated at 90.8 percent of their operable capacity. Gasoline production was 9.9 million bbl/d, and distillate production was 5 million bbl/d.

The average price for a barrel of WTI after 81 trading days is \$63.71. The price has fallen to as low as \$59.19 this year.

Plains Marketing posted prices were down 25 cents both for Friday and for the week. The Reporter-Telegram tracks WTI "all other areas" and West Texas sour. WTI fetched \$64.50 per barrel Friday, and sour was priced at \$60.70. The \$3.80 spread between the two has held at that mark for the past 18 trading days.

The price spread between WTI futures and WTI posted was \$3.60 on Friday.

WTI posted has an average price of \$60.20 per barrel this year. Sour is still below the \$60 mark at \$57.20. WTI and sour are up 13.6 percent and 10.82 percent this year, respectively.

In other futures trading Friday, July contracts fell by a dime to \$67.98 per barrel, August decreased 11 cents to \$67.63 and September dropped 11 cents to \$67.10.

## Rig count

From 1A

Texas didn't have any rigs offshore.

New Mexico's statewide total was 87. Its lone non-Permian rig was exploring for natural gas in San Juan County, in the northwestern part of the state. Last week, there were two rigs in San Juan County.

At this time last year, there were 437 rigs in Texas and 55 in New Mexico.

### UNITED STATES & CANADA

Of the eight new rigs in the U.S., five were searching for oil. The nation had 825 oil rigs running, 195 natural gas rigs and one miscellaneous rig. The miscellaneous rig count was unchanged. In total, there were 1,021 rigs this

week, 151 more than the year-ago tally.

All 18 offshore rigs were in the Gulf of Mexico. Rigs in inland waters rose by one to five.

By drilling trajectory, there were 901 horizontal rigs, up 12; 52 vertical rigs, down two; and 68 directional rigs, down two.

Basins with the most rigs were the Permian, the Eagle Ford, the Cana Woodford (70), the Williston (56) and the Marcellus (54). States with the highest counts were Texas, Oklahoma (133), New Mexico, Louisiana (60) and North Dakota (55).

There were 955 rigs in the U.S. a year ago.

Canada's rig count fell by eight to 85, a tally equal to the year-ago count. A loss of five put the oil rig count at 33. There were 52 natural gas rigs.

### Rig count: county by county

The following are county-by-county Permian Basin rig counts, with changes in parentheses, for the week ending April 27.

#### DISTRICT 7B

Fisher.....1  
Nolan.....2  
Total.....3

#### DISTRICT 7C

Crocket.....1  
Hart.....3 (-1)  
Rosenberg.....22 (+3)  
Upton.....10 (+1)  
Total.....36 (+3)

#### DISTRICT 8

Andrews.....13  
Crane.....2  
Culberson.....21 (+1)  
Ector.....1  
Culberson.....21 (+1)  
Ector.....1  
Glasscock.....10 (+3)

Howard.....24 (+2)  
Jeff Davis.....1  
Loving.....31  
Martin.....30 (+8)  
Midland.....51 (+2)  
Mitchell.....1  
Pecos.....14  
Reeves.....66 (-1)  
Ward.....24 (+1)  
Winkler.....14  
Total.....312

#### DISTRICT 9A

Borden.....2  
Cochran.....0 (-1)  
Gaines.....3  
Hockley.....1 (-1)  
Scurry.....2  
Yakum.....7  
Total.....15 (-2)

#### NEW MEXICO

Chaves.....1  
Cibola.....30 (-2)  
Luna.....47  
Total.....80 (-2)

## Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin will send up another rocket from West Texas this weekend

By Maria Halkias  
The Dallas Morning News

New Shepard is going on its eighth mission from West Texas on Sunday when it is launched from Blue Origin's pad in Van Horn.

The launch is planned for 8:30 a.m. and will be live streamed, Blue Origin founder Jeff Bezos said Friday on Twitter.

Blue Origin is one of Bezos' personal passions,

and he talked about why he created the company and got involved in a space travel while in Dallas last Friday when he keynoteed a Bush Center and Southern Methodist University event. He is trying to create a reusable rocket to advance space travel.

He said he's doing it for the future students who can't create a rocket company in their dorm room, but can create companies some day that require space travel.



Connie Burcham/The Ada News via AP

A tornado touches down May 23, 2015, near Francis, Okla. As of Friday, Oklahoma has not yet had a tornado touch down in the state, marking the latest "first" tornado of a year since 1962. Forecasters say that could change next week, as a developing storm system could bring bad weather to the Plains Monday through Wednesday.

## Oklahoma hasn't recorded a tornado this year but may soon

By Ken Miller and  
Kelly P. Kissel  
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — This year's weather on the Southern Plains has an odd twist: Oklahoma has yet to record its first tornado, the deepest into the year it's gone without one since 1962.

Although a drought has dried up moisture needed to fuel storms, state climatologist Gary McManus also attributes the streak to "dump luck." Twisters already have hit the Texas Panhandle and western Arkansas, mere miles away.

"Mother Nature doesn't care where we put the geopolitical lines between Arkansas and Oklahoma or Oklahoma and Texas... it's something we humans put there... we were very close to not setting that record," McManus said.

Oklahoma has not had a tornado since Oct. 21, or 189 days. However, the state's good fortunes are likely to change this week because Wednesday's forecasts for it and neighboring Kansas are relatively ominous.

But for now, residents are embracing the calm.

"Every day in April or May without a tornado is a wonderful day," said Rick Smith, the warning coordinator meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Norman.

Regardless of how long the record may stand, Smith points to the calendar and says it's past time to be ready for tornadoes.

"If you know you are in the 30-percent-risk area for next Wednesday, what does that mean for me, what should I be doing?" Smith asked. "Is your storm shelter ready? I haven't cleaned out my garage floor storm shelter yet this year. I'll be doing that this weekend — not because I think a tornado is going to hit my house but because it's that time of year."

Some meteorologists have used the term "outbreak" to describe what is coming next week, but Smith says such language isn't necessary and that routine preparedness is best.

"If I told you there was going to be one tornado close to you next Wednesday, I would think that the preparations you would take wouldn't be that much different if I told you there were going to be 15

tornadoes close to you next Wednesday," he said.

And the term "outbreak" can mean different things to different people, Smith said. Seven years ago Friday, 175 tornadoes hit the South, killing 316 in what was considered a "super-outbreak." Thirteen twisters hit Arkansas two weeks ago, which could qualify as an outbreak in some circles.

The American Meteorological Society, citing a 1977 study, says 10 or more tornadoes constitute an outbreak.

McManus said the Storm Prediction Center forecast "does perk your years up a little bit."

While the SPC in Norman posts its forecasts online for all to see, its primary audience includes local forecasters, emergency managers and organizations responsible for a large number of people, such as hospitals and theme parks. The forecast brings no surprise.

"It was bound to happen, that's usually what happens in late April and early May," said Mike Honigsberg, the emergency management director for the city of Enid and Garfield County in Oklahoma.

## STATEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

### HOUSTON

#### George H.W. Bush to stay in hospital through weekend

A family spokesman says former President George H.W. Bush will remain hospitalized through the weekend as he recovers from an infection that required his hospitalization a day after his wife's funeral.

Bush was admitted to Houston Methodist Hospital on April 22. He's being treated for an infection that spread to his blood.

Family spokesman Jim McGrath said Friday that the 93-year-old Bush "is in excellent spirits" and is looking forward to resuming his schedule and traveling next month to his family's home in Maine, where he usually spends the summers.

Bush has a form of Parkinson's disease along with a history of pneumonia and other infections.

He was hospitalized after attending the funeral and burial of his 92-year-old wife, Barbara, who died April 17 at their Houston home.

### FORT WORTH

#### Federal authorities charge Dallas-area couple with slavery

U.S. authorities have arrested the son of a former president of the West African country of Guinea and his wife for allegedly enslaving a countrywoman in their Texas home.

Mohamed and Denise Cros-Toures were being held in a federal detention facility Friday pending a probable cause hearing Monday in Fort Worth on a forced labor charge.

Toures' attorney, Brady Wyatt, told The Associated Press that his client is the son of late Guinean President Ahmed Sekou Toures, who helped lead Guinea to independence from French rule in 1958. Sekou Toures was the country's first president, a role he held until his death in 1984.

According to an arrest affidavit, the defendants arranged for the victim to travel from her rural Guinean village to Texas in 2009, and for 16 years, forced her to work in their home without pay. She was forced to cook, clean, do the laundry, perform

yard work and care for their children, the affidavit said, adding her actual age was unclear because the Toures had seized her documents to prevent her from leaving.

Cros-Toures' attorney Scott Palmer denied the allegations and told AP that the woman, whose name has not been released, was a distant relative sent by her father from Guinea as a child to be raised alongside the couple's three children.

"She had chores, but all the children had chores. She loved gardening. She wasn't considered a housekeeper," Palmer said.

Prosecutors also said the woman was not allowed to attend school. Palmer confirmed this, but said it was because she had overstayed her visa, and the family feared that she would be deported.

"She was provided food, clothing, a bed, spending money, a house to live in. Our clients purchased Christmas gifts for her," Palmer said, adding that the Toures hadn't seen the woman since she left their Southlake home in 2016, seeking help from other relatives in Houston.

The maximum penalty for a forced-labor conviction is 20 years in a U.S. prison.

### AUSTIN

#### Confederate leaders' names to be removed from 2 Austin roads

Leaders in Texas' capital city have voted to remove the names of Confederate leaders from two roads.

The Austin City Council voted Thursday to change the names of Robert E. Lee Road and Jeff Davis Avenue.

Robert E. Lee Road will be named for Azale Taylor Morton, the country's first black U.S. treasurer. Morton grew up and went to college in Austin. The roadway's official designation will be Azale Morton Road.

Jeff Davis Avenue will be named for William Holland, a black man who served as a Travis County commissioner and in the Texas Legislature.

Most residents who responded to surveys from the city objected to the proposed name changes, though most of the speakers at City Hall on Thursday were in favor of the revisions.

The city estimates the renaming will cost \$2,900.

## Death Notices

### Camron Stotts

Camron Stotts, 42, of Midland, Texas passed away on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. The family will receive friends on Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 30, 2018 at Mid-Cities Community Church with Pastor Daniel Stephens officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Jani Stotts; children, Owen, Oliver, Miles and Hannah Stotts; mother, Rita Stotts; siblings, Cary Stotts; Craig Stotts and Kristie Nuckols.

### Jesse "Jesse"

#### Manuel Garcia

Jesse "Jesse" Manuel Garcia, 61 of Midland, Texas passed away Wednesday, April 25, 2018. Viewing will be Sunday, April 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. Sunday night at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home & Chapel. Funeral mass is set for Monday, April 30th at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish & Shrine.

He was survived by two sons, Jesse Garcia Jr and Matthew Garcia; three daughters, Tammy Rodriguez, Chanda Mendez and Crystal Elenbaum; one brother and three sisters.

### Lois Louise Wade

#### Kuykendall

Lois Louise Wade Kuykendall, 87, of Midland, Texas passed away on Thursday, April 26, 2018. The family will receive friends on Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Burial will follow at Resthaven Cemetery.

She is survived by her children, Jimmy Kuykendall; Tommy Kuykendall; Don Kuykendall; Terry Kuykendall and Debbie Kuykendall.

## GEAR

From 1A

### BASIC EMERGENCY KIT ITEMS (NOT TAX-FREE)

- Disinfectant wipes
- Toilet paper and bags with ties for personal sanitation
- Paper and pen or pencil
- Sleeping bags or blankets
- Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- Personal hygiene items (travel-size deodorant, cotton swabs, feminine items, etc.)
- Signal whistles
- Duct tape
- Extra pet food
- Dust masks to help filter the air
- Rain gear

### OTHER ITEMS ELIGIBLE FOR TAX EXEMPTION

These items (costing less than \$75, unless otherwise stated) didn't make the weather service's list for basic supplies, but they're also tax-exempt this weekend:

- Portable generators (costing less than \$3,000)
- Emergency ladders (costing less than \$300)
- Axes, hatchets
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Coolers, nonelectric ice chests
- Fuel containers
- Ground anchor systems, tie-down kits
- Mobile phone batteries and chargers
- Smoke detectors

### NOT TAX-FREE

#### NONEMERGENCY ITEMS

The tax exemptions don't apply to everything that could be used in an emergency. You'll still pay taxes on:

- Batteries for motorized vehicles
- Camp stoves
- Camping supplies
- Chainsaws
- Plywood
- Extension ladders
- Shovelers
- Tents

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## TODAY IN MIDLAND

## Rotarians give books



Courtesy photo

Emerson Elementary School third-grader Kisyn Valenzuela shakes hands with Thomas Segal after members of the Midland Rotary Club distributed copies of the book "Midland A to Z: The History and Culture of Midland for Young Readers." Author Jimmy Patterson also was Emerson to talk to the students about Midland history.

Live in HD. Massenet's take on the Cinderella story comes to life in this new production, 11:55 a.m., Tel City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. \$23.77 adults, \$21.80 seniors, \$17.28 children. fshomeevents.com.

Plaster paint demonstration and sidewalk sale, 1-6 p.m., Rustic Windmill, 2032 W. Culbertson Ave. Women's Only Texas Hold 'Em Poker, 4-8 p.m., DoubleTree by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St. Free to enter. Wish Night West Texas fund-raiser gala, 6-10 p.m., Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St.

Steak Night, 6 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1000 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com. Yugish tournaments, 6-10 p.m., Entertainment, 3111 W. Culbertson Ave.

## Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-7-9  
Pick 3 day: 7-1-3  
Pick 3 evening: 7-0-7  
Pick 3 night: 4-7-6  
Daily 4 morning: 7-6-7-2  
Daily 4 day: 5-5-1-1  
Daily 4 evening: 7-6-5-1  
Daily 4 night: 6-0-0-0  
Cash Play: 5-11-24-28-38  
Mega Chance: 1-3-6-9-21-23-28-38-43-51

Mega Millions: 2-29-38-43-68  
BB: 11 Megaplier: 2  
All or Nothing morning: 2-3-5-6-7-12-13-17-19-20-23-24  
All or Nothing day: 1-2-4-5-7-8-9-11-14-15-18-22  
All or Nothing evening: 1-7-8-9-11-13-15-17-18-21-22-23  
All or Nothing night: 6-7-8-11-12-13-14-15-16-18-21-24

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## Weather

Friday's temperatures  
High: 75  
Low: 48  
Normal high: 83  
Normal low: 53

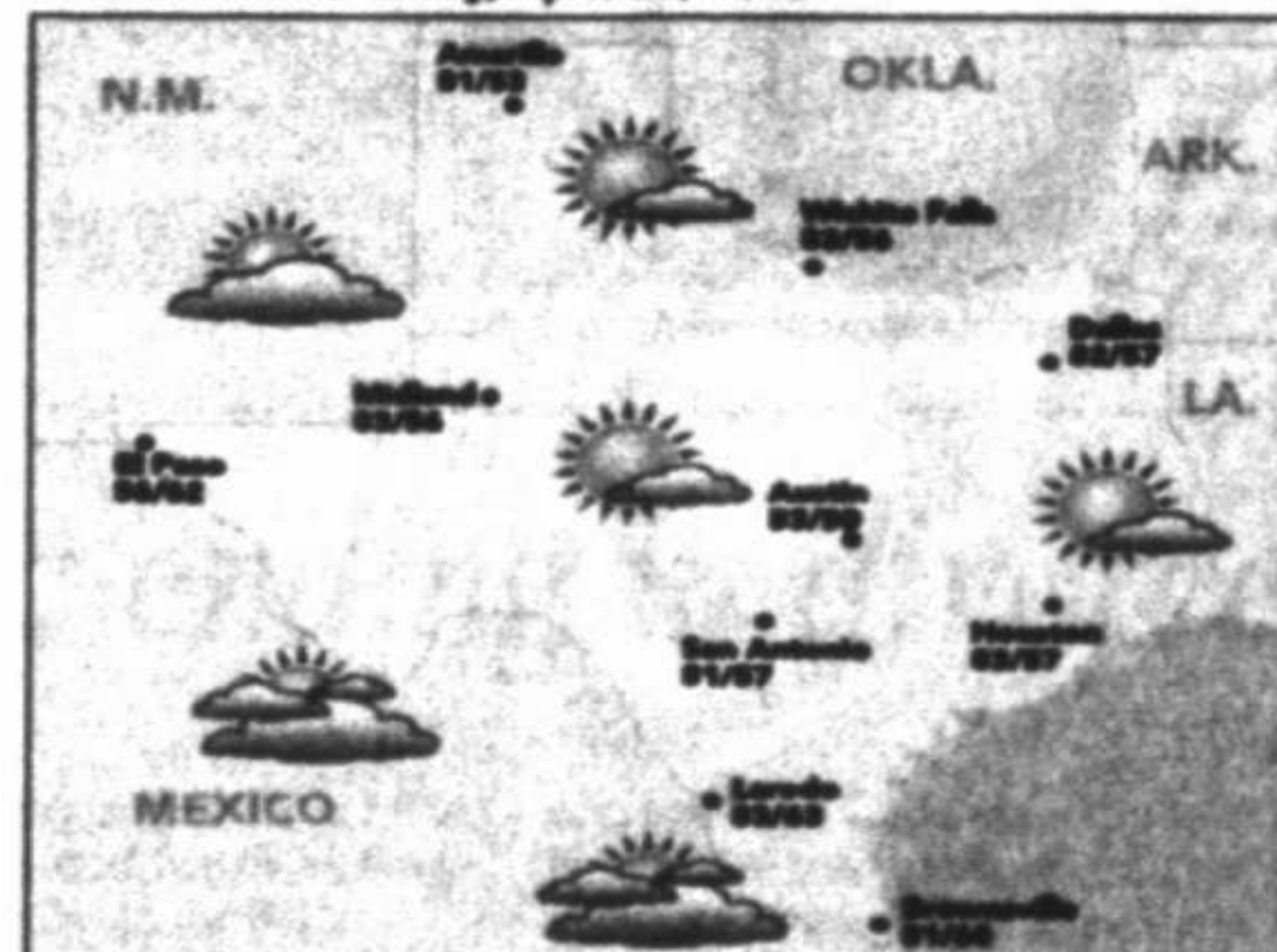
April 27's records  
Record high: 101 set in 1996  
Low: 36, set in 1946

Precipitation  
Thursday: 0.00 in.  
Friday: 0.00 in.  
Month total: 0.00 in.  
Year total: 0.16 in.  
Normal total (year to date): 2.45 in.

Winds  
Average speed: 10.4 mph  
Highest speed: 26 mph  
Highest gust speed: 34 mph

## Today's weather

Forecast for Saturday, April 28, 2018



Today's forecast  
High: 84  
Low: 58  
Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/partly cloudy at night  
Winds: 5-15 mph during the day/15-20 mph (gusts up to 25) at night  
Chance of rain: None  
Sunrise: 7:06 a.m.  
Sunset: 8:27 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

## JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Libra.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, April 28, 2018:

This year you might often be energized by frustration and anger, especially in your daily life. Learn to understand where these moods stem from, beyond the obvious. You will gain control from then on. If you are single, you could meet someone unexpectedly — for example, in a meeting or playing bingo. You do not need to leave for the right person. If you are married, work on staying calm when working through issues with your sweetie. Once you iron out a couple of problems, you will be acting like new lovers. LIBRA appreciates your kind and caring nature.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

★★★★★ A low-grade feistiness surrounds you, no matter which way you turn. Your temper could flare up. You inadvertently might snap at someone you look up to, or vice versa. Honor a need for fast changes, and funnel your energy into a passion. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★★★ Play it relaxed, as others seem to be frantic for some reason. Someone could lose his or her temper over a change of plans. Emphasize detachment from stronger emotions. Come to an understanding about what triggers you. Call a dear friend. Tonight: Finally, time to relax.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★★★ Your creativity perks up when dealing with a career. You could feel challenged by circumstances out of your control. That feeling might be more in your mind than in reality. You need more feedback than you are getting from a loved one. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★★ You might opt to stay close to home — that is, until you have to deal with a key person in your life who is controlling and angry. Make it OK to take off; you don't need to put up with this kind of behavior. Some of you might decide to change your plans. Tonight: Live in the moment.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★★★ Speak your mind, but don't be surprised by some of the outrageous responses you might receive. A partner's mood is out of his or her control. This person might not be up for discussing what is bothering him or her. Encourage a conversation. Tonight: At a favorite restaurant.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★★ You might not be sure how to handle a money conversation. You know how you want others to think, but you also want them to express themselves. You could be estimated by what is going on with a child. You are likely to witness a lot of divorce. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★★★ You will make a difference in a personal matter. You might be too tired to continue as you have been. Take a break from the hectic pace for now. It's important to include yourself from some of the greatest learning about you. Tonight: Your wish is someone's command.

also's command.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★★ A retreat from reality might be appropriate, as many people around you seem to be out of sorts. Remain optimistic, despite being on the receiving end of someone else's negative behavior. Ignore the fumes surrounding this person. Tonight: Choose a favorite spot to hang out at.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★★ A friend or loved one is likely to get under your skin, and before you know it, a feistiness could emerge. Make plans when you're feeling energized. You will be happiest going to a movie and dinner. A

baseball game would work well, too. Tonight: Let someone else pick up the tab.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★★ You could be in a situation where you are too tired to continue down a certain path. How you handle a parent or older person might not be the most diplomatic. Refuse to get into a feisty, sarcastic argument, as it will be impossible to undo. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance whom you don't often get to see. Put yourself in a position where you do not need to listen to anyone's

negativity or grumpiness. Go to the movies, a concert or a sporting event. The less said, the better. Tonight: You are the leader of the gang.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★★★ Keep reaching out to a close friend or loved one. Your positive attitude will pay off when dealing with a neighbor who can be outrageous. You might not be interested in hearing all about this person's ups and downs. Accept people as they are. Tonight: Choose a favorite position.

**BORN TODAY**

Actress Penelope Cruz (1974), actress Jessica Alba (1981), author Harper Lee (1926)

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Michael G. Seamans/The Central Maine Morning Sentinel via AP

Maine state police search along railroad tracks Friday near Mill Stream Road in Norridgewock, Maine, during a manhunt for John Williams, wanted in the shooting death of Somerset County Sheriff's Deputy Eugene Cole on Wednesday.

## Suspect in deputy killing dropped off near where body found

By Marina Villeneuve  
Associated Press

NORRIDGEWOCK, Maine — A woman who for years provided a home for the fugitive suspected in the killing of a Maine sheriff's deputy said Friday that she discovered the officer's body in her yard.

Kimberly Sirois said she found the body of Somerset County Cpl. Eugene Cole around 7 a.m. Wednesday. Authorities say Cole was killed by 29-year-old John Williams earlier that morning in Norridgewock, Maine.

Sirois, an education technician at Mill Stream Elementary School in Norridgewock, said Williams lived with her when he was in high school after having a falling out with his parents. She said he also stayed with her last fall, but she asked him to leave because she was suspicious he was using drugs in the house.

"He was certainly struggling with addiction," Sirois said, "and it seemed to get progressively worse from September to after Christmas when he was asked to leave."

She said Williams last visited earlier this month, and he discussed his recent arrest in Massachusetts on gun charges, for which he was due in court Wednesday.

Upon searching the house and surrounding area, police told her

they found body armor and a rifle in her vehicle, which she said was unlocked. A state police spokesman declined to confirm or deny details of her story.

But Chris Shulenski, who's friends with Williams, has more details. The two initially met while working together as telephone-pole repairmen, Shulenski said.

He said Williams called sometime after midnight Wednesday asking for a ride.

Shulenski and his girlfriend then picked up Williams from a home in nearby Skowhegan. Williams was acting "paranoid" and asked to be dropped off at a house on Mercer Road in Norridgewock, Shulenski said.

It was Sirois' house. Williams had with him two duffel bags and a backpack that Shulenski noticed contained a bullet-proof vest. "I said, 'Don't do anything crazy,'" Shulenski said, adding that Williams said, "As of tomorrow, I'll be a fugitive."

The manhunt is now in its third day. It's taking place in the heavily wooded rural community about 60 miles west of Bangor, Maine. More than 200 officers from multiple agencies, including the FBI, have been working on the case.

Sheriff Dale Lancaster said Williams may want to communicate with his investigators but wouldn't elaborate further. Lancaster said his office is willing to listen and encouraged him to reach out.

"If John Williams is listening to me, I'd like to address him directly," Lancaster said.

"We will do anything to resolve this situation peacefully."

Gov. Paul R. LePage suspended hunting in parts of the towns in Maine where the manhunt is taking place: Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Fairfield.

State Police Lt. Col. John Cote said authorities have interviewed family and friends of Williams and now have a good understanding of his whereabouts and activities in the 24 hours leading up to the shooting. Cote said police are looking for people who may have had contact with him afterward, from 2:30 a.m. Wednesday on, saying they are "critically important."

Sirois said she has no idea what happened that morning and hopes Williams turns himself in.

"Maybe because of this," she said, "people will be more willing to step in when people are having a hard time."

Community members Friday created a memorial for Cole decorated with flowers, red balloons and a framed picture of the deputy.

## Philadelphia crime boss pleads guilty, avoids retrial

By Tom Hays  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A notorious Philadelphia mob boss pleaded guilty to an illegal betting charge Friday before taking the occasion to make a bold prediction about his home town team's chances in the NBA playoffs.

Joseph "Skinny Joey" Merlino, whose lawyer has called him a degenerate gambler, told reporters outside federal court in Manhattan he was picking the Philadelphia 76ers to win the championship. He also chimed in on Philadelphia rapper Meek Mill's recent release from prison, saying, "I'm glad he's at home with his family where he belongs."

The comments came after Merlino agreed to plead guilty so he could avoid a retrial in a racketeering case that ended with a hung jury in February. The deal calls for a prison term of up to 16 months at sentencing on Sept. 13, though U.S. District Judge Richard Sullivan said he could impose a longer sentence based on Merlino's criminal history.

Merlino, 56, once controlled the remnants of a Philadelphia-south Jersey organized crime family that was decimated by a bloody civil war in the 1980s and 1990s. Federal authorities say he was frequently targeted by murder plots after rivals put a \$500,000 murder contract on his head.

In 2001, a jury acquitted Merlino and six co-defendants of three counts

of murder and two counts of attempted murder that could have put him in prison for life. He was convicted of lesser racketeering charges and served 12 years in prison before being released in 2011.

Once freed, Merlino claimed that he retired from the mob for good and began running an upscale Italian restaurant called Merlino's in Boca Raton, Florida, that's since closed. But he ran afoul of the law again in 2016, when he was among four dozen defendants arrested in a crackdown on an East Coast syndicate that prosecutors say committed crimes including extortion, loan-sharking, casino-style gambling, sports gambling, credit card fraud and health care fraud.

At trial, the defense sought to convince jurors that they were being misled by "compromised" turncoat mobsters who testified against Merlino, while prosecutors said tapes secretly recorded by one of the cooperators showed the defendant had full knowledge of syndicate's various misdeeds. In one conversation played for the jury about bribing doctors, he was heard saying, "We do the right thing, make 20,000." In another, he fretted about "stool pigeons."

Before the mistrial, Merlino had predicted outside court that the case would end in a "deadlock win" for him. He also offered what turned out to be a winning tip on the Super Bowl: "Oh, and bet the Eagles."



Joseph "Skinny Joey" Merlino enters federal court Jan. 31 in New York.

Mark Lennihan/Associated Press

## Mom still marks anniversary of marriage ending in divorce

DEAR ABBY: My parents were separated for most of my life and divorced 10 years ago. Dad and I don't talk much, but we do get together for special occasions and visits during vacations. Mom and I speak frequently and see each other as often as possible.

My problem is, when I talk about doing things with Dad, she makes me feel guilty for not inviting her — even when my family is going to stay the night at Dad's. And every year, on the date of their anniversary, Mom never fails to remind me how long they would have been married that year. It's uncomfortable, and I have told her that, but every year I get the call wondering why I haven't acknowledged their anniversary.

### DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.



Am I wrong in thinking it's strange to wish someone happy anniversary when the couple is no longer together and hasn't been for a decade? Am I wrong for not inviting her along for the few visits with my dad? I'm at the point where I avoid talking about him, but I can't lie when I'm asked directly what our plans are. How can I stop these uncomfortable conversations? —

UNCOMFORTABLE IN THE SOUTH  
DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: Please stop letting your mother make you feel guilty. You have done nothing wrong. She is acting like she's still married to your father and their divorce is simply a "vacation" he has taken. If she asks if she can come with you when you visit your dad, an appropriate response

would be to suggest she ask HIM that question. And her expecting to be congratulated for the anniversary of a marriage that failed strikes me as bizarre. Because these conversations make you uncomfortable, change the subject, or talk with her another time.

DEAR ABBY: My husband owns a restaurant. It's a demanding endeavor, and I help him out by running weekly errands, marketing, and occasionally fronting money for larger purchases or unplanned expenses. Generally, I don't mind. I have years of hospitality experience and some schooling in the field.

For the past few days, I have been fuming because my husband hired a man with whom we have a bad history. He dates my cousin

and has been blatantly rude to my family. He has taken advantage of their kindness and turned my cousin into someone she was not before. (She's doing drugs.)

When I asked my husband if he really thought this was a smart choice, he said, "You don't own the restaurant. It's none of your business!" I disagree. Shouldn't I have a say when I help that place function week after week? Or is he right? — MIFFED IN MISSOULA

DEAR MIFFED: When you asked your husband the question you did, it clearly hit a nerve or he wouldn't have become defensive. Because you have been putting money into the business to keep it going, you should be able to offer an opinion about how it is run and have it be respected.

### GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

Q1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

South, you hold: ♠ Q9752 ♣ Void ♦ KQ1054

♠ KJ9543 ♣ Q2062 ♦ 1073 2 ♠ 98

Right-hand opponent opens one diamond. What call would you make? 1♠ DM 1♦ ?

Q2 — North-South vulnerable, as What call would you make?

South, you hold: Q4 — Both vulnerable, as South,

♠ J765 ♣ A Q420 J86 ♦ A7 you hold:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST ♠ 76 ♣ Q986 ♦ A Q J6 ♣ Q

10 Pass 1♦ Pass 104

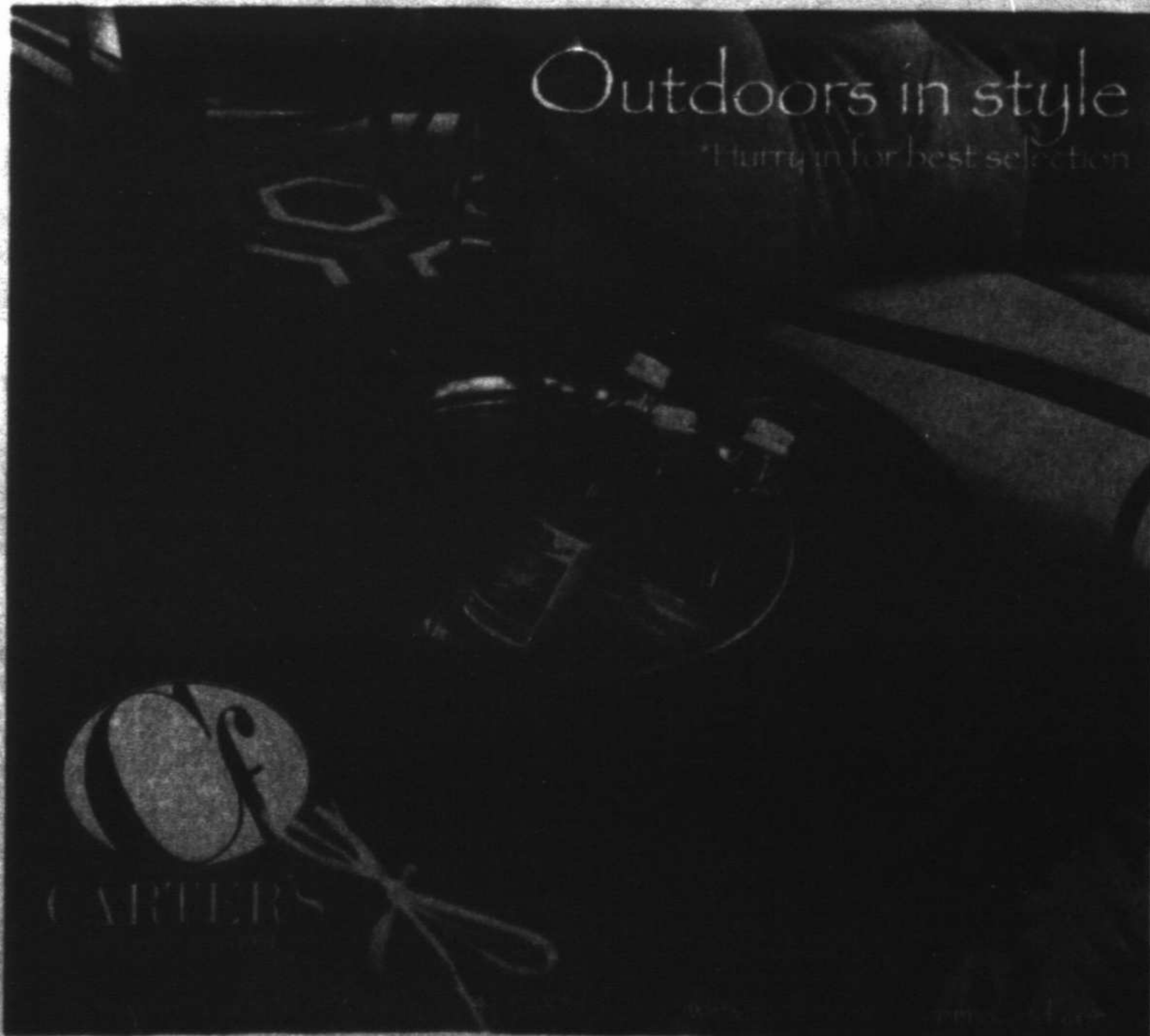
2♦ Pass 3NT Pass Partner opens one spade and right-

hand opponent passes. What call

Q3 — East-West vulnerable, as would you make?

### Outdoors in style

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## Cosby confined to his home as team decries 'public lynching'

By Kristen De Groot  
and Claudia Lauer  
Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — Bill Cosby's team blasted his sexual-assault trial as a "public lynching" Friday and began looking ahead to an appeal as the judge ordered house arrest for the 80-year-old comedian and said he would be outfitted with a GPS ankle monitoring device.

Cosby's appeal seems certain to focus on the judge's decision to let a parade of women testify that they, too, were abused by the former TV star.

Defense allegations of a biased juror and the admission of Cosby's explosive testimony about drugs and sex are among other possible avenues of appeal as he tries to avoid a sentence that could keep him in prison for the rest of his days.

Cosby remains free on \$1 million bail while he awaits sentencing, probably within three months.

Judge Steven O'Neill said Cosby would be confined to his suburban Philadelphia home in the meantime. The judge's order, issued Friday afternoon, said the comic may leave his house to meet with his lawyers or to get medical treatment, but must get permission first.

Cosby kept out of sight and was spending time with his wife of 54 years, Camille, in the wake of his conviction Thursday on charges he drugged and molested Temple University women's basketball administrator Andrea Constand at his home outside Philadelphia in 2004.

Constand, meanwhile, took to Twitter to thank prosecutors in her first comment on the verdict.

"Truth prevails," she wrote.

Cosby's publicists likened the "Cosby Show" star to Emmett Till, the black teenager who was kidnapped and murdered after witnesses said he whistled at a white woman in a Mississippi grocery store in 1955. Constand is white.

"He maintains his innocence, and he is going to walk around as a man who's innocent because he didn't do anything wrong," Cosby spokesman Andrew Wyatt said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

The conviction triggered more fallout for Cosby, whose career and reputation were already wrecked by a barrage of accusations from more than 60 women who said he drugged and molested them over a span of 50 years.

Temple University, the Philadelphia school that counted Cosby as its most famous alum, revoked his honorary degree.

Cosby maintained close ties with Temple, serving as its public face and often turning out to support its basketball teams — an interest that connected him with

Constand.

The defense is likely to focus its appeal on the judge's decision to allow five additional accusers to testify. That ruling was a victory for prosecutors eager to move the case beyond a he-said, she-said.

One of those women called Cosby a "serial rapist." Another choked back tears as she asked, "You remember, don't you, Mr. Cosby?" A third declared: "I was raped."

The women's testimony introduced a "huge amount of prejudice and bias," Cosby spokeswoman Ebonee Benson said on ABC.

Lawyers not connected with the case said the defense has a strong argument.

"I think that his lawyers have a very real chance at overturning the verdict," said Christopher Adams, a defense attorney whose clients have included former NBA star Jayson Williams.

He said the judge's decision to allow the "prior bad acts" testimony could have tainted the jury.

"It's one thing if they looked at one or two, but five? He wasn't charged with being a serial assaulter," Adams said.

Former federal prosecutor David Axelrod, now in private practice in Philadelphia, also said Cosby's team has a shot at convincing an appeals court that the judge went too far.

Generally, testimony about a defendant's past misconduct is admissible only under certain circumstances — for example, if it shows motive or intent.

Only one other accuser was permitted to testify at Cosby's first trial, which ended in a hung jury last year.

The Cosby camp also complained about a juror who allegedly said before the trial that he thought the comedian was guilty. Cosby's lawyers tried unsuccessfully to have the man removed.

The defense is also expected to raise on appeal O'Neill's ruling that allowed jurors to hear portions of a deposition Cosby gave over a decade ago as part of Constand's lawsuit against him. In the deposition, the TV star acknowledged obtaining quaaludes in the 1970s to give to women he wanted to have sex with.

How the jury arrived at its verdict remained a mystery. The judge did not immediately make public the names of the seven men and five women, prompting The Associated Press and other news organizations to go to court Friday in a bid to get them released.

The three counts of aggravated indecent assault carry up to 10 years in prison each, but the charges are likely to be merged into one for sentencing purposes.

The AP does not typically identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault unless they grant permission, as Constand has done.

## Tom Brokaw 'hurt and unmoored' by sex harassment allegations

By David Bauder  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tom Brokaw denied sexual misconduct charges and told friends in a late-night email that he felt "ambushed and then per walked" in the media as an avatar of male misogyny and stripped of his honor and achievement.



Brokaw

The 78-year-old broadcast journalist penned an emotional response to accusations that he had made unwanted advances on a former colleague, writing that "it is 4:00 a.m. on the first day of my new life as an accused predator in the universe of American journalism." The letter was first reported in the Hollywood Reporter and confirmed by The Associated Press.

Brokaw, meanwhile, withdrew on Friday as a commencement speaker at Connecticut's Sacred Heart University next month, saying his appearance would be a distraction.

The Washington Post and Variety reported the charges by Linda Vester, a former NBC News and Fox News Channel correspondent. She said that Brokaw went to her New York hotel room once in the mid-1990s, proposed an affair and tried to forcibly kiss her. She said he tried to kiss her one other time at her apartment in London and once grabbed her from behind and tickled her on her waist.

She told Variety that despite not being at fault, she "suffered years of humiliation and isolation" from the incidents.

Brokaw said he never sought an affair, and that Vester had approached him for advice. He said that he "may have leaned over for a perfunctory good night kiss" on the cheek in London.

As for the hotel room visit, Brokaw said "I should not have gone but I emphatically did not verbally and physically attack her and suggest an affair in language right out of pulp fiction."

"I am angry, hurt and unmoored from what I thought would be the final passage of my life and career, a mix of written and broadcast journalism, philanthropy and participation in environmental and social causes that have always given extra meaning to my life," he wrote.

"Instead, I am facing a long list of grievances from a former colleague who left NBC News angry that she had failed in her pursuit of stardom," he wrote. "She has unleashed a torrent of unsubstantiated criticism and attacks on me more than 20 years after I opened the door for her and a new job at Fox News."

Brokaw said that he had called the late Fox News CEO Roger Ailes on her behalf and that Vester got a job there.

"She couldn't pick up the phone and say, 'I'd like to talk. I have issues from those two meetings 20 years ago?'" Brokaw wrote. "Instead she became a character assassin. Strip away all the hyperbole and what has she achieved? What was her goal? Hard to believe it wasn't much more Look at Me than Me Too."

In response, Vester's lawyer, Ari Wilkenfeld, said Friday that she stands by her allegations, "which speak for themselves."

NBC had no comment on Brokaw's letter.

Vester has said she came forward in part because of NBC's failure to hire outside investigators to look into workplace issues at the company. Following the firing of "Today" show host Matt Lauer in November for an inappropriate relationship, parent company NBC Universal directed its in-house counsel, Kimberley Harris, to investigate.

In a letter to staff on Friday, NBC News Chairman Andy Lack said that hundreds of people have been interviewed for Harris' assessment. He said that more than 1,600 NBC News employees have received mandatory workplace training, and there's still more to be done.

"Our highest priority is to ensure we have a workplace environment where everyone feels safe and protected," Lack said.

The Post reported that it had talked to 12 current or former NBC staffers who said they were sexually harassed at the network but did not report it to anyone. Former "Today" anchor Ann Curry told the newspaper that she complained to NBC management on behalf of a woman who alleged improper behavior by Lauer.

While some women will talk to internal investigators, others won't for fear of putting their jobs in jeopardy, said Jennifer Drobac, an Indiana University law professor and an expert on sexual harassment issues.

"NBC is a sophisticated company," Drobac said, "and yet its response is a bit backward."

A company might want to keep its probe internal because it doesn't want to spend the money to go outside, or because it doesn't believe the problem is serious enough to warrant it, she said. Executives may also fear that outsiders could discover a cultural problem that could put the company at a liability in the future, she said. She also wondered if people conducting the investigation haven't been distracted by other duties since it has been five months since Lauer was fired.

NBC has said it will make the results of Harris' investigation public.

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# Korean summit lays out a path to peace but short on details

By Foster Klug  
Associated Press

GOYANG, South Korea — The leaders of North and South Korea vowed Friday to seek a nuclear-free peninsula and work toward a formal end to the Korean War this year, though their historic summit concluded with few specifics on how they will reach those ambitious goals.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in set aside a year that saw them seemingly on the verge of war. They grasped hands and strode together across the cracked concrete marking the Korean border.

The sight, inconceivable just months ago, may not erase their failure to provide any new measures on a nuclear standoff that has captivated and terrified millions, but it allowed the leaders to step forward toward the possibility of a cooperative future even as they acknowledged a fraught past and the widespread skepticism that, after decades of failed diplomacy, things will be any different this time.

On the nuclear issue, the leaders merely repeated a previous vow to rid the Korean Peninsula of nuclear weapons, kicking one of the world's most pressing issues down the road to a much-anticipated summit between Kim and U.S. President Donald Trump in coming weeks.

Still, the summit produced the spectacle of two men from nations with a deep and bitter history of acrimony grinning from ear to ear after Kim walked over the border to greet Moon, becoming the first leader of his nation to set foot on southern soil since the Korean War. Both leaders then briefly stepped together into the North and back to the South.

The summit marks a surreal, whiplash swing in relations for the countries, from nuclear threats and missile tests to intimations of peace and cooperation. Perhaps the change is best illustrated by geography: Kim and Moon's historic handshake and a later 30-minute conversation at a footbridge on the border occurred within walking distance of the spot where a North Korean soldier fled south in a hail of gunfire last year, and where North Korean soldiers killed two U.S. soldiers with axes in 1976.

Standing next to Moon after the talks ended, Kim faced a wall of cameras beaming his image live to the world and declared that the Koreas are "linked by blood as a family and compatriots who cannot live separately." The leaders also vowed to achieve "a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula through complete denuclearization," something they've said before.

The latest declaration between the Koreas, Kim said, should not repeat the "unfortunate history of past inter-Korean agreements that only reached the starting line" before becoming derailed.

What happened Friday should be seen in the context of the last year — when the United States, its ally South Korea and North Korea threatened and waged as the North unleashed a torrent of weapons tests — but also in light of the long, destructive history of the rival Koreas, who fought one of the 20th century's bloodiest conflicts and even today occupy a divided peninsula that's still technically in a state of war.

Trump tweeted Friday, "KOREAN WAR TO END!" and said the U.S. "should be very proud of what is now taking place in Korea!" Both Koreas agreed to jointly push for talks this year with the U.S. and also potentially China to officially end the Korean War, which stopped with an armistice that never ended the war.

Many will be judging the summit based on the weak nuclear language. North Korea's nuclear and



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, left, and South Korean President Moon Jae-in cross the military demarcation line Friday at the border village of Panmunjom in Demilitarized Zone. Their discussions will be expected to focus on whether the North can be persuaded to give up its nuclear bombs.

missile tests last year likely put it on the threshold of becoming a legitimate nuclear power. The North, which has spent decades doggedly building its bombs despite crippling sanctions and near-constant international opprobrium, claims it has already risen to that level.

South Korean conservative politicians criticized the joint statement as letting North Korea off the hook by failing to secure a clear commitment on nuclear disarmament. Liberty Korea Party Chairman Hong Joon-pyo denounced the summit as a "show camouflaged as peace."

But the Koreas made inroads on a raft of other points of friction between them. Moon agreed to visit Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, sometime in the autumn, and both leaders said they'd meet on a regular basis and exchange calls via a recently established hotline.

They agreed to settle their disagreement over their western maritime border by designating it as a peace area and securing fishing activities for both countries. They said they'd open a permanent communication office in the North Korean border town of Kaesong and resume temporary reunions of relatives separated by the 1950-53 Korean War.

"I feel like I'm firing a flare at the starting line in the moment of (the two Koreas) writing a new history in North-South relations, peace and prosperity," Kim told Moon as they sat at a table, which had been built so that exactly 2018 millimeters separated them, to begin their closed-door talks. Moon responded that there were high expectations that they produce an agreement that will be a "big gift to the entire Korean nation and every peace-loving person in the world."

Kim acknowledged the widespread skepticism over their summit. "We have reached big agreements before but were unable to fulfill them. ... There are skeptical views on whether the meeting today will yield meaningful results," Kim said. "If we maintain a firm will and proceed forward hand in hand, it will be impossible at least for things to get

worse than they are now."

Kim, during their talks, joked that he would make sure not to interrupt Moon's sleep anymore, a reference to the North's drumbeat of early-morning missile tests last year, according to Moon's spokesman, Yoon Young-chan. Kim also referred to South Korea's Yeonpyeong Island that North Korea attacked with artillery in 2010, killing four, saying its residents who have been living in fear of North Korean artillery have high hopes the summit will help heal past scars. Kim said he'd visit Seoul's presidential Blue House if invited.

The historic greeting of the two leaders, which may be the most-remembered images, was planned to the last detail, though the multiple border crossings may have been impromptu. Thousands of journalists were kept in a huge conference center well away from the summit, except for a small group of tightly controlled pool reporters at the border. As they waited and watched, Moon stood near the Koreas' dividing line and moved forward the moment he saw Kim, in a dark, Mao-style suit, appearing in front of a building on the northern side.

They smiled broadly and shook hands with the border line between them. Moon then invited Kim to cross into the South, and, after Kim did so, Moon said, "You have crossed into the South, but when I get to go across?" Kim replied, "Why don't we go across now?" and then grasped Moon's hand and led him into the North and then back into the South.

Moon then led Kim along a blindingly red carpet into South Korean territory, where two fifth-grade students from the Daesongdong Elementary School, the only South Korean school within the

DMZ, greeted the leaders and gave Kim flowers. An honor guard stood at attention for inspection, a military band playing traditional Korean folk songs beloved by both Koreas and the South Korean equivalent of "Hail to the Chief."

They then took a photo inside the Peace House, where the summit took place, in front of a painting of South Korea's Bukhan Mountain, which towers over the South Korean Blue House and where dozens of North Korean commandos trying to assassinate the then-dictator in Seoul were killed in 1968. Kim's sister, Kim Yo Jong, was by Kim's side throughout the ceremony, handing him a pen to sign a guestbook, taking the schoolchildren's flowers from his hand and scribbling notes at the start of the talks with Moon.

Expectations were generally low on the nuclear issue, given that past so-called breakthroughs on North Korea's weapons have collapsed amid acrimonious charges of cheating and bad faith. Skeptics of engagement have long said the North often turns to interminable rounds of diplomacy meant to ease the pain of sanctions — giving it time to perfect its weapons and win aid for unfulfilled promises.

Advocates of engagement, however, say the only way to get a deal is to do what the Koreans tried Friday: Sit down and see what's possible.

The White House said in a statement that it is "hopeful that talks will achieve progress toward a future of peace and prosperity for the entire Korean Peninsula. ... (and) looks forward to continuing robust discussions in preparation for the planned meeting between President Donald J. Trump and Kim Jong Un in the coming weeks."

## Trump says he has a responsibility to end Korean conflict

By Matthew Pennington  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON —

President Donald Trump claimed credit Friday for a historic inter-Korean summit, but now faces a burden in helping turn the Korean leaders' bold but vague vision for peace into reality after more than six decades of hostility.

Trump must contend with two nagging suspicions: first about his own suitability to conduct that kind of war-and-peace negotiation and succeed where his predecessors have failed; secondly, whether North Korean leader Kim Jong Un really is willing to give up the nuclear weapons his nation took decades acquiring.

"It is still unclear whether North Korea still believes that it can have its cake and eat it too," said Victor Cha, who until January had been in the running to become Trump's choice for ambassador to South Korea. Cha said that while the atmospherics of the inter-Korean summit got an "A" grade, the meeting had failed to clarify whether Kim is willing to give up his nukes or is interested in just freezing his programs in return for sanctions relief and economic and energy assistance.

At a White House news conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Trump basked in the afterglow of the feel-good meeting between Kim and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, and said he has a responsibility to try to achieve peace and denuclearization.

"And if I can't do it, it'll be a very tough time for a lot of countries, and a lot of people. It's certainly something that I hope I can do for the world," he said.

While Moon and Kim pledged to seek a formal end to the Korean War by year's end and to rid their peninsula of nuclear weapons, they didn't specify how it would be achieved. And now the pressure to deliver results, at least on the allies' side, has shifted to Trump.

"There will be a suggestion that the South Koreans have tied it up very well for him, and he's not going to have the option of walking away in a huff," said Christopher Hill, who was the lead U.S. negotiator with North Korea under the George W. Bush administration.

Trump left little doubt the unprecedented U.S.-North summit, tentatively scheduled for May or early June, would go ahead. He said he was looking forward to the meeting and that it "should be quite something." The U.S. had narrowed down the choice of summit venue to two locations he didn't name.

The president pushed back against critics that say he's being manipulated by Kim, who has abruptly shifted to diplomacy after last year's full-scale push to become a nuclear power that could threaten the U.S. mainland.

"I don't think he's ever had this enthusiasm for somebody, for them wanting to make a deal," Trump said in the Oval Office.

"We're not going to be played, OK. We're going to hopefully make a deal. The United States in the past has been played like a fiddle."

New Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who as then-CIA director met Kim four weeks ago in North Korea, told reporters in Brussels that he got the impression that Kim was "serious" about negotiating on denuclearization because of the Trump-led economic pressure campaign.

But Pompeo added a word of caution: "I am always careful. There is a lot of history here. Promises have been made, hopes have been raised and then dashed."

North Korea has already called a halt to nuclear and long-range missile tests, which has helped dial down tensions significantly. But Mark Fitzpatrick, the Washington-based executive director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, said the promise of denuclearization must now be backed by tangible actions, like an end of North Korean production of fissile material that can be used for bombs and the dismantling of nuclear facilities.

Hill, the former U.S. negotiator, said the key hurdles for the Trump administration would be to set a timetable for denuclearization and overcome North Korean reluctance to allow a verification process — a failing of past aid-for-disarmament deals.

"I'm guided by my experience which was they said all the right things but they gave us a declaration that was not complete and not entirely accurate, and they also failed to give us any kind of verification protocol," he said.

Despite the optimism, Trump reiterated Friday that the U.S.-led pressure campaign could continue "until denuclearization occurs."

North Korea was hit with unprecedented economic restrictions during a feverish 2017, when the U.S. and North Korean leaders traded threats while Kim pushed his nation to the verge of being able to fire a nuclear-tipped missile at the U.S. mainland.

The diplomatic climate has changed dramatically this year, as Kim has ended his international seclusion, reaching out to South Korea, the U.S., and China.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said the U.S. is "optimistic right now that there's opportunity here that we have never enjoyed since 1950" and any progress will be up to the diplomats. He was referring to the year the Korean War broke out.

The fighting, which also involved China, halted three years later after hundreds of thousands of lives had been lost, through the declaration of an armistice, not a peace treaty. That has left the peninsula in a technical state of war for more than six decades.

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## Restaurants calm customers, say their romaine is safe

By Dee-Ann Durbin  
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Restaurants' advice to their customers? Romaine calm.

The government is still investigating how romaine lettuce from Yuma, Arizona, apparently became contaminated with E. coli bacteria. As of Friday, at least 98 people in 22 states have gotten sick, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Growers in Yuma typically plant romaine lettuce between September and January. During the peak of the harvest season, which runs from mid-November until the beginning of April, the Yuma region supplies most of the romaine sold in the U.S. The outbreak came as the harvest of romaine was already near its end.

At many restaurants around the country, romaine is still on the menu. Both family-run operations and big chains say they've checked with suppliers and are confident their romaine comes from places that aren't affected by E. coli. If they're not sure, they're replacing romaine with iceberg and other lettuce varieties.

"We've got a lot of people asking where we get our lettuce from," said Armando Ayala, the manager of Cavatore, an Italian restaurant in Houston. Cavatore offers three dinner salads — including a Caesar made tableside — with lettuce from California and local farms in Texas.

As it turns out, a lot of romaine comes from California, which grows 74 percent of the nation's lettuce, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Even Salad and Go, a chain with 12 restaurants in Arizona, gets its lettuce from California.

Just Salad, which has 28 locations in New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia and Chicago, says it saw a spike in business this week after a social media blitz to

assure customers that its romaine comes from Salinas, California. Supply chain manager Janani Lee said Just Salad already carried five other types of lettuce, but it recently added iceberg for people who were still concerned.

Katie Calabrese and her friend, Amanda Larsen, both threw out romaine at home, but it didn't stop their salad cravings. On Thursday, they were waiting in a long line at a Sweetgreen restaurant in Philadelphia.

"I'm definitely making non-romaine choices," said Calabrese.

"I eat kale," Larsen said.

The CDC first announced a multistate outbreak of E. coli on April 10. By the end of last week, it was advising customers, grocers and restaurants not to eat whole heads of romaine or salad mixes that might contain romaine unless they knew they weren't grown in Yuma.

The government is still investigating this outbreak.

But generally, E. coli is spread through human or animal feces, contaminated water or improper handling.

Salads UP, which has two restaurants in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Madison, Wisconsin, says it didn't have to get rid of much romaine, since it gets deliveries almost daily. For now, it has replaced romaine with iceberg, says Salads UP co-founder Robert Mayer.

"Customers don't mind the temporary solution, and in general they appreciate that we are taking precautionary steps," he said.

Burrito chain Chipotle also temporarily stopped serving romaine last weekend, but its California-sourced romaine was back on the menu by Monday.

McDonald's, Wendy's and Chick-fil-A say none of the romaine in their U.S. stores comes from Yuma. But Chick-fil-A says it's making some salads with other lettuces or not offering them at all because of a shortage of romaine.

Frog Holler, a produce



Workers plant romaine lettuce Thursday at the EG Richter Family Farm in Puyallup, Wash.

Ted S. Warren/Associated Press

wholesaler that distributes to restaurants in Michigan, says all of its romaine comes from California. But many customers weren't ordering it because of the scare. Iceberg orders increased slightly. Others would only take romaine with an official statement that it was safe, said Brittany Savella, an office assistant.

Then, for about a week, Frog Holler had to scramble when its own suppliers stopped shipping romaine. "We just couldn't get our hands on it anymore," she said. But things are now returning to normal.

It could be difficult for farmers to make up for any shortfalls in romaine at this point in the season, since planting schedules have already been set.

On Thursday at the fifth-generation EG Richter Family Farm in Puyallup, Washington, workers were planting the first romaine crop of the season, which will be harvested around June 1.

Tim Richter and his son

Timothy grow romaine, red leaf, and green leaf lettuce along with other crops. They sell most of their lettuce to big grocery chains.

They hope the E. coli

issue is cleared up soon and that people recognize the problem doesn't affect all romaine lettuce. The Richters say they use conventional fertilizers — not

manure — and irrigate with well water to help keep their crops safe. "The biggest testament is that we eat it," Timothy Richter said.

## US economic growth slowed to 2.3 percent pace in Q1

By Martin Crutsinger  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy slowed to a moderate 2.3 percent annual growth rate in the first quarter as consumer spending turned in the weakest performance in nearly five years. Still, the January-March increase came in better than expected, supporting hopes for a solid rebound for the rest of the year.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that the gain in the gross domestic product, the economy's total output of goods and services, followed a 2.9 percent rise in the fourth quarter and gains above 3 percent in the previous two quarters.

Many economists had forecast that growth would slip below 2 percent in the first quarter, reflecting a big pullback by consumers after a torrid pace of spending in the fourth quarter. Recent history has shown a pattern of weakness in the first quarter, reflecting in part seasonal data quirks. Analysts expect growth to surpass 3 percent in the current quarter.

Consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity, decelerated sharply from a 4 percent growth rate in the fourth quarter to a 1.1 percent pace in the first quarter. That was offset somewhat by gains in inventory building by businesses and a lower trade deficit.

Analysts viewed the first quarter slowdown as temporary, with consumers expected to boost their spending amid a low unemployment rate and the initial impact of the \$1.5 trillion in tax cuts that Congress approved in December.

Over the past four quarters, GDP growth has averaged 2.9 percent, just below the 3 percent projection the Trump administration used in its budget for next year.

A separate report Friday found that U.S. private sector workers saw their wages go up 1 percent in the first quarter, the biggest quarterly gain in 11 years, a sign that the tight job market is beginning to lift wages.

Republicans who supported the administration's successful push to win passage of major tax cuts in December said the reports on wages and GDP growth were indications that the tax cuts and other parts of the Trump economic program were beginning to have an impact.

Rep. Erik Paulsen, R-Minnesota and chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, said that Americans are better off today than 16 months ago "thanks to tax reform and pro-growth policies."

President Donald Trump, in a joint news conference Friday with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, emphasized another part of his economic program — lowering U.S. trade deficits with other major

countries. Trump said he had discussed with Merkel the trade deficit the United States runs with Germany and other European countries and both leaders had agreed "we want to make it more fair."

While the administration expects the economy to grow at rates of 3 percent for the rest of this decade, private analysts are less optimistic. They say that growth will be bolstered by the tax cuts and increased government spending for this year and next year. But then they expect growth levels to return to the lackluster rates of around 2 percent as the boost from fiscal stimulus wears off and the economy starts to feel the adverse effects of rising interest rates.

The Federal Reserve is expected to keep lifting its key interest rate to prevent unwanted inflation, and big federal budget deficits are likely to push up government borrowing costs.

"Growth rates around 3 percent are not sustainable but for the next couple of years all the government stimulus is going to provide a lot of economic juice," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

The Trump administration disagrees, believing that its program of corporate and individual tax cuts, regulatory reform and tougher enforcement of trade laws will lift the economy to sustained levels of higher economic growth. Private economists, however, are worried that these efforts will run up against weak growth in the labor force as many baby boomers retire and lackluster gains in productivity.

Since the end of the Great Recession in mid-2009, the economy has turned in modest quarterly growth rates averaging just 2.2 percent, the weakest expansion in the post-World War II period. The slow pace has helped extend the life of the current expansion, now the second longest in U.S. history. If it lasts through June of 2019, it will become the longest expansion in history, surpassing the 10-year recovery of the 1990s.

Friday's report is the government's first of three estimates of first-quarter GDP.

The first quarter slowdown in consumer spending was offset by strength in business investment, which grew at a 6.1 percent rate, reflecting strong gains in oil and gas exploration, and by business inventory rebuilding, which added 0.4 percentage points to growth. A narrowing of the trade deficit added 0.2 percentage points to growth.

Government spending grew at a 1.2 percent rate, down from a gain of 3 percent in the fourth quarter, as spending by state and local governments slowed.

Housing construction, which had surged in the fourth quarter after two quarters of declines, was flat in the first three months of this year.

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## GOP-led House panel clears Trump campaign in Russia probe

By Tom LoBianco  
and Chad Day  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican-led House intelligence committee on Friday released a lengthy report concluding it found no evidence that Donald Trump's campaign colluded with Russia in the 2016 presidential campaign, drawing praise from the president and rebuttals from Democrats.

The report caps an investigation that began with the promise of bipartisanship but quickly transformed into an acrimonious battle between Democrats and Republicans over Russia's meddling in the 2016 election and whether there were any connections with the Trump campaign.

Trump quickly claimed vindication Friday, calling the report "totally conclusive, strong, powerful, many things."

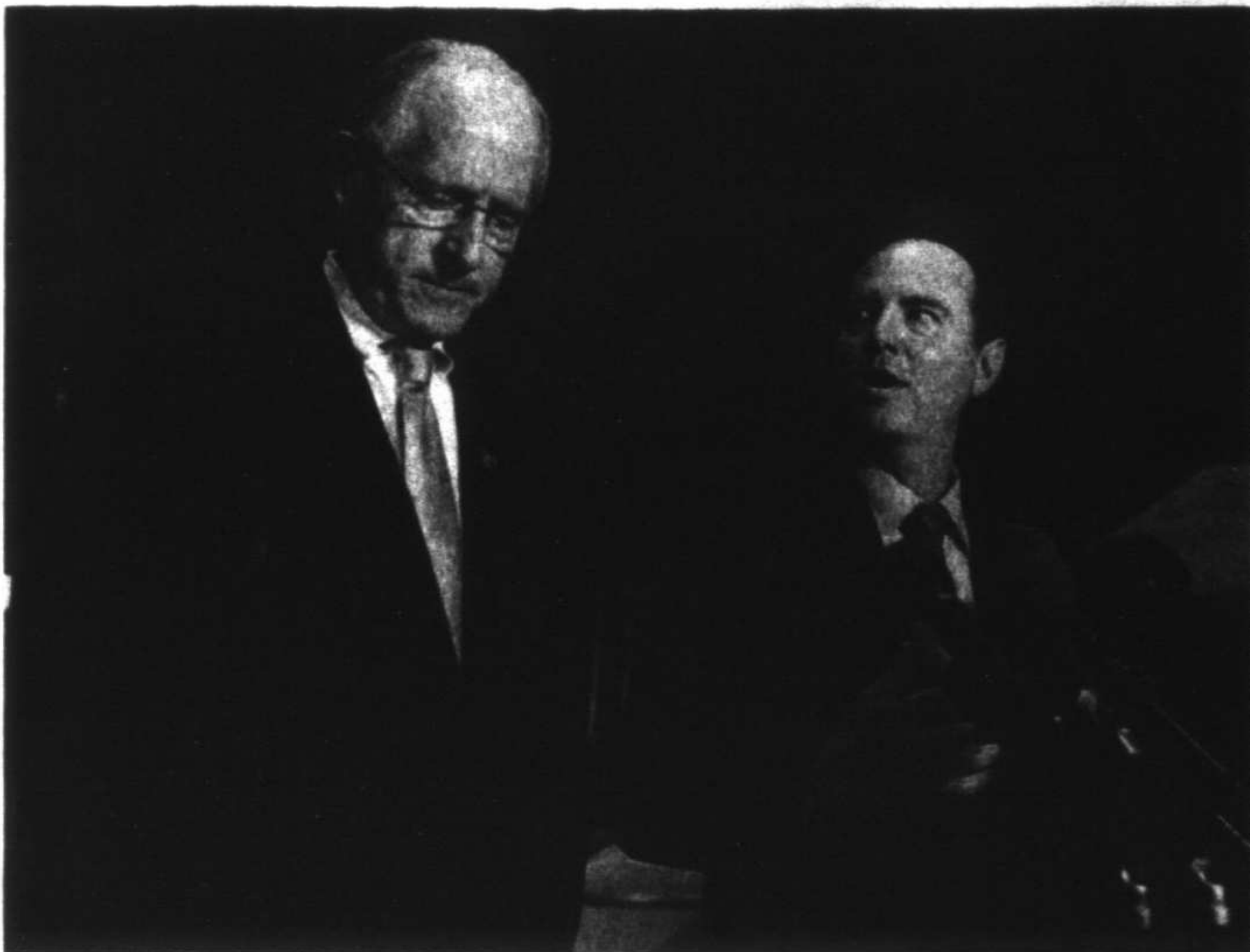
"No collusion, which I knew anyway. No coordination, no nothing. It's a witch hunt, that's all it is," he told reporters in the Oval Office.

But the committee's Republicans didn't let the Trump campaign completely off the hook. They specifically cited the Trump campaign for "poor judgment" in taking a June 2016 meeting in Trump Tower that was described in emails to Trump's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., as part of a Russian government effort to aid his father's presidential bid. The report also dubbed the campaign's praise of WikiLeaks "objectionable."

"While the committee found no evidence that the Trump campaign colluded, coordinated, or conspired with the Russian government, the investigation did find poor judgment and ill-considered actions by the Trump and Clinton campaigns," the House intelligence committee wrote.

The report's conclusion on collusion is fiercely opposed by committee Democrats, who accused their Republican colleagues of playing "defense counsel" for the White House throughout the investigation.

"Committee Republicans chose not to seriously investigate — or even see, when in plain sight — evidence of collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia," Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the top Democrat



Rep. Mike Conaway, left, a member of the House Intelligence Committee, and Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee speak June 8, 2017, after closed meeting in Washington. The Republican-led House intelligence committee on Friday officially declared the end of its Russia probe, saying in its final report that it found no evidence that the Trump campaign colluded with Russia in the 2016 presidential campaign.

on the committee, said in a statement. Schiff cited several "secret meetings and communication" between people linked to Russia and Trump campaign officials, including Trump Jr. and former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn.

Schiff called on the committee to publicly release the transcripts from dozens of interviews with key witnesses, saying the public should be able to judge the evidence gathered by the committee. Democrats also released a 98-page rebuttal.

Rep. Mike Conaway, meanwhile, called on intelligence officials to clear the committee to release more information from the report that was deemed classified. The 253-page document is packed with details and assessments, but is also spackled with redacted names and blacked-out passages. For instance, several pages are redacted in the section on Russian cyberattacks. One page is blacked out entirely except for a line reading, "Attribution is a Bear."

The report faults intelligence officials during the Obama administration for not telling the Trump campaign that some of its members were "potential counterintelligence concerns." It specifically cites Flynn, former Trump campaign foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos and Carter Page, and former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort.

The panel also singles out Manafort for criticism, saying the numerous criminal charges he faces unrelated to Russia illustrated the need for better vetting by the campaign.

"If the accusations against Manafort are true, he should have never served as a senior official with a campaign for the U.S. presidency, much less campaign chairman or manager," the report said. Manafort has denied any wrongdoing.

The report largely confirms the findings of U.S. intelligence agencies that Russia was assessed to be responsible for cyberattacks on U.S. political

institutions, including the hack of the Democratic National Committee's emails. The panel found "no credible evidence" that the computer systems were compromised by another cyber actor or by "an insider threat."

The panel also found that Russians leveraged social media in the U.S. to sow discord during the campaign.

The report challenges one part of a January 2017 intelligence assessment that found that Russian meddling was an effort to help Trump. The report says committee staff found "intelligence failings" that undermine that assessment by the FBI, CIA and NSA, though specifics are not detailed and some portions of that section are redacted.

Last month, in response to the committee's announcing that finding, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence said it stood by the intelligence community's findings and it will review the committee's report.

The House investigation is the first of several inquiries probing

Russian election interference to conclude. A separate investigation led by special counsel Robert Mueller continues, as do probes led by the Senate intelligence and judiciary committees.

The House investigation began with bipartisan promise but ultimately succumbed to factional squabbling. But the probe did provide important public revelations.

Former FBI Director James Comey chose the March 20, 2017, hearing of the House intelligence committee to publicly reveal that the FBI had been investigating the Trump campaign since July 2016. One day later, the committee's chairman, Devin Nunes, took a clandestine trip to the White House grounds to review classified information that quickly drew scrutiny after he publicly disclosed that Trump associates' communications had been swept up by U.S. spy agencies and accused Obama administration officials of misconduct.

The episode drew questions about whether Nunes was coordinating with the White House and ultimately led to his recusing from the probe amid an ethics investigation into whether he mishandled classified information. In his absence, Conaway took over the probe. Nunes was eventually cleared of wrongdoing, but never formally rejoined the House investigation. Instead he launched a pair of investigations on his own, taking aim at the Justice Department and FBI.

At the start of 2018, Nunes and the committee's Republican staff crafted a memo revealing details of the FBI's surveillance of former Trump campaign aide Carter Page. Trump ultimately chose to declassify the sensitive contents of the memo — including details from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act application for Page. House investigators cautioned that Russia will continue meddling in U.S. elections and suggested some fixes that would help the government and politicians better defend against that interference.

The panel wrote that intelligence officials should immediately alert presidential candidates and Congress when they discover "legitimate" threats to a campaign. The panel also recommended the executive branch "crack down" on leaks by conducting polygraphs.

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## Cowboys' Witten retiring after 15 seasons for 'MNF'

Associated Press

FRISCO — Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten plans to retire after 15 seasons and join ESPN as its lead analyst for the "Monday Night Football" telecast, the network reported Friday.

Witten met with owner and general manager Jerry Jones, who said no announcement was coming Friday. Jones said he'd have several conversations with Witten this week and indicated the franchise leader in games, catches and yards receiving hadn't made a final decision.

"He has some things to think about and discuss with his family from a professional perspective," Jones said before the introductory news conference for first-round pick Leighton Vander

Esch.

"He also told me those things are going to require a few more days of consideration, at least through the weekend. He has not made any decisions that are definite at this time."

Jones said the Cowboys would have no other comment on Witten's future the rest of the weekend, which includes the last two days of the NFL draft on Friday and Saturday.

The news on the second day of the draft could affect Dallas' plans just a week after Witten suggested he might play until he was 40 and intended to return this coming season. Witten turns 36 early next month.

If Witten leaves Dallas, it's the second straight year that a Cowboys star is retiring to go

into broadcasting. Former quarterback Tony Romo became the lead analyst for CBS last season.

Witten is also the franchise leader in consecutive games, starts and consecutive starts. The 10-time Pro Bowler will finish tied with defensive end Ed "Too Tall" Jones, safety Bill Bates and late offensive lineman Mark Tuinei for most seasons in franchise history.

The decision by Witten also would mean the Cowboys have lost two of their top three players in career touchdown catches this month. The club released receiver Dez Bryant, the club leader with 73 TD grabs, in a cost-cutting move. Witten is third with 68, three behind Hall of Famer Bob Hayes.



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Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten (82) walks off the field after the first half against the Washington Redskins in 2014 in Landover, Md.

## Lee topples Odessa High



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Ty Coleman gets an out at second against Odessa High's Zach Allaway (5) on Friday, at Presley Field.

## Coleman, Rebels defeat Bronchos, 3-2

By Will Korn  
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ODESSA — With playoff positioning on the line, Lee senior shortstop Ty Coleman knew that his team needed to play aggressively in Friday's District 2-6A finale.

The always aggressive Coleman delivered early for the Rebels with an RBI double in the top of the first. Lee also got a gritty seven-inning start from senior Adam Becker, a slew of nifty defensive plays and a clutch save by Isaac Madrid to edge Odessa High, 3-2 in eight innings at Presley Field.

"(We wanted to) attack early and attack often," said Coleman, who finished 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBI, helping the Rebels to snap a three-game losing streak. "That was the main thing for us. Finally some stuff clicked. We had nine hits and (had) big hits overall."

With the win, combined with Odessa Permian's 9-1 win at Amarillo Tascosa Friday, Lee (17-13, 8-7) secured the district's No. 3 playoff seed. Permian (22-12, 8-7) courtesy of its head-to-head

tiebreaker over Lee and OHS, earned the No. 2 seed, while the Bronchos (22-9, 8-7) settled for fourth.

Lee will face either El Paso Coronado or El Paso Franklin in the Class 6A bi-district round at a date, time and location to be determined.

Rebels head coach Brian Roper said it was refreshing to see his team battle through eight competitive innings and earn up a much-needed victory before the start of the playoffs. A number of players got starts at rare positions, including Tyler Madrid playing left field, Isaac Madrid at third base and Jorge Alvarez at designated hitter.

"We overcame a lot and that's the big thing," Roper said. "Sometimes it doesn't have to be pretty. We always talk about getting 21 outs and we had to get a few more (Friday), but I'm proud of our guys. What we talked about (Thursday) was making sure that we did some things (Friday) to make us feel good about a new season. We did it."

Facing OHS left-hander Damian Aspetia, the Rebels quickly opened a rally when Becker tripled to left field. Coleman then handed Lee a 1-0 lead with a

double to left, but Aspetia stranded the bases loaded to end the inning.

With the help of some strong defense from Madrid at third and catcher Colby Standard, Becker worked his way out of jams in both the bottom of the first and second innings. Then on a 3-0 pitch, Coleman led off the third with a solo blast over the left field fence to make it 2-0 Rebels.

Becker battled his way through the third and fourth frames, before setting down the Bronchos in order in the fifth. OHS finally got on the board in the sixth when Aspetia scored Harvey Nieto with an RBI groundout to second base.

In the seventh, after OHS loaded the bases on a walk and a pair of singles, Gibraltar Pena tied the game at 2-2 with a sacrifice fly to center.

For head coach Josh Hulin and the Bronchos, it was frustrating to settle for just one run after getting the first three batters of the inning aboard. But he credited Becker for executing timely pitches.

"In my mind, you've got the bases loaded with no outs, you're down a run

Please see LEE/3B

## MHS falls to No. 12 Coronado in pitcher's duel

From staff reports

ARTESIA, N.M. — El Paso Coronado held off Midland High in a 2-1 pitcher's duel to win Friday's Class 6A one-game bi-district softball playoff at Mack Chase Athletic Complex.

Coronado's Alexis Hamilton, a UTEP signee, was victorious after holding MHS to only one run, four hits, two walks, while striking out six.

Midland High sophomore Savannah Shiller pitched well in defeat, allowing two runs, eight hits and one walk over six innings, to go along with four strikeouts. Shiller tossed 49 of her 68 pitches for strikes, while inducing seven groundouts.

Coronado (30-4), ranked No. 12 by the Texas Girls Coaches Association, advanced to the area round and will meet the winner of the Fort Worth Paschal and Abilene High bi-district series.

The Lady Thunderbirds took a 2-0 lead in the third inning when Hamilton cracked a two-run homer to center with two out.

The Lady Bulldogs (19-13-2) got on the board in the sixth when Denana



Mechuca



Shiller

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## Low finishes third in shot put at Region I-6A meet

From staff reports

ARLINGTON — Lee sophomore Paige Low earned a bronze medal with her third-place finish in the girls shot put with a throw of 40 feet, 5 inches during the Region I-6A Track and Field Championships, Friday at Maverick Stadium.

Low finished one spot short of an automatic invite to the state meet, as the event was won by Denton Guyer's Christalyn Kirby (43-11), followed by DeSoto's Brianna Washington in second (41-9 1/2). Low can still get a wild card berth to state if her 40-5 is the best third-place mark out of the four regional meets.

Lee sophomore Rory Maguire cleared 14-0 in the boys pole vault to



Low

Please see TRACK/2B

## Starting pitchers step up in MC sweep of FPC

By Oscar LeRoy  
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The Midland College baseball team's offense usually takes center stage as the Chaparrals are one of the top hitting teams in NJCAA Division I.

While the Chaps combined for 25 hits against Frank Phillips College on Friday afternoon at Christensen Stadium, MC's starting pitchers certainly didn't take a back seat.

Logan McCrummen pitched a complete game in MC's 8-2 win in the first game of a doubleheader, then Levi Hon followed with a 5 2/3 solid innings in a 12-4 run-rule win in the second game.

"I think our pitchers set the tone today and that's good," MC coach Hector Rodriguez said. "McCrummen pitched like an ace today. He made some really good pitches and really took over the game there in the middle. And the same thing in game two, Levi Hon had a great start. I didn't want to go get him but he kind of lost a little command and that was the third time (Frank Phillips' hitters) had seen him on the day and I was trying to mix it up a little bit."

"I thought our pitchers did a heck of a job, and then our hitters did a great job as well. But it was good to see the guys on the mound take over the game."

Please see MC/3B



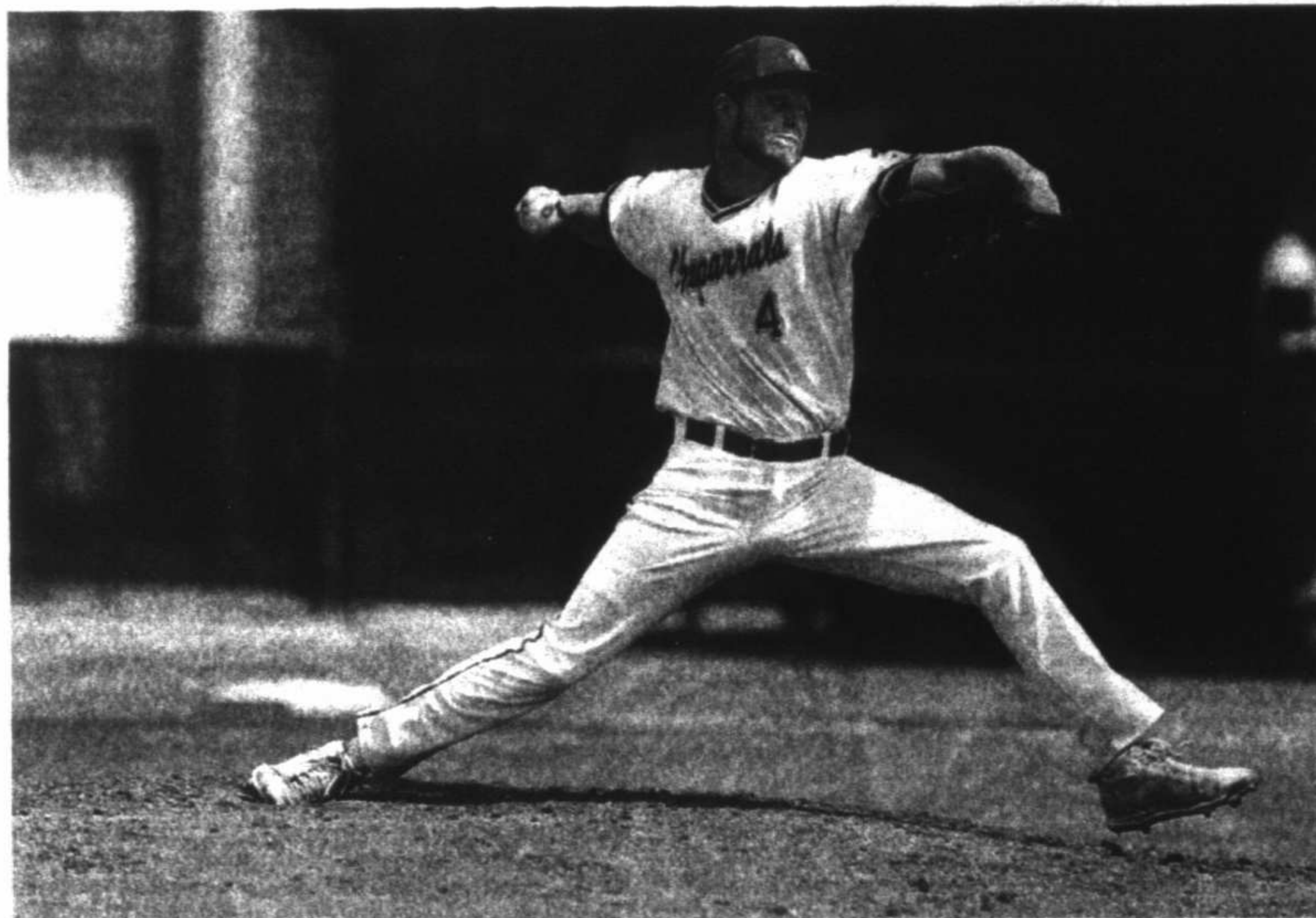
James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Tommy Gilman (4) hits against Frank Phillips College Friday, at Christensen Stadium.









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Midland College's Levi Hon (4) pitches against Frank Phillips College on Friday, at Christensen Stadium.

## MC

From 1B

For McCrummen, a sophomore right-hander from Lubbock, his start was good to see after a tough outing the week before against Clarendon College. He allowed two runs (one earned) on four hits, one walk and struck out five over seven innings.

"I felt good today," McCrummen said. "Everything was working, there was no stressing. After last week, I just wanted to come out here and compete a little harder and get after it. I think my week of preparation helped me with that."

McCrummen hopes that the outing serves as a boost moving forward into next weekend's final regular season series against Odessa College and into the Region V Tournament the week after that.

"I've had my ups and downs this season, so going up against a quality team and getting some balls past them and having them swing and miss

with some pitches I've had some trouble with is really going to help my confidence," he said. "I think this start will get me back on track to where I was at the beginning of the season."

McCrummen's confidence early with two runs in the first inning and then added three more in the fourth for a 5-1 lead.

Jordan Billups led the Chaps (32-17, 22-8 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) by going 3-for-4 with a double, two RBI and a run scored. Cade Bullinger was also 3-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored, while Frayner Chavez was 2-for-4 with a solo home run and two runs scored.

After allowing a first-inning home run, Hon settled down nicely in the second game before MC's bats got going.

MC tied the game at 1-1 with a run in the second and then took control of the game with

a five-run fourth inning, that was highlighted by Billups' two-run double.

Billups had a very good day at the plate and he went a combined 6-for-8 with three doubles, five RBI and three runs scored.

"We certainly came here, stuck to our approach and we had a good day," Billups said. "I was hitting the ball well up there and I just tried to stay hot and help my team however I could."

In addition to Billups' production in the second game, Riley King was 4-for-4 with two doubles, two RBI and a run scored; Frayner Chavez was 2-for-4 with a double, two RBI and a run scored; Tommy Gillman was 2-for-3 with a walk, RBI and two runs scored; and Blake Perdue was 1-for-2 with a triple, two walks and three runs scored.

Thanks to the outing by the starters, MC only used Hutton Frazier in relief of Hon and that sets up the Chaps nicely out of the bullpen heading into today's noon doubleheader

against the Plainsmen (16-33, 11-19).

Today's also a chance for the Chaps to get some wins to try to position themselves for a chance at the WJAC title.

"We try to get as many wins as we can," Billups said. "We play every game like it's the biggest game of the season and we stick to our approach."

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**First Game**  
MIDLAND COLLEGE vs. FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE  
Frank Phillips 0-1 0-0 0-0 - 0-0  
Midland College 0-0 0-0 0-0 - 0-0  
Scoreboard: Midland College 0-0, Frank Phillips College 0-0  
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## ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

**MISSIONS 4, ROCKHOUNDS 3**  
At Nelson Wolff Stadium, San Antonio

**TOP HITTERS:** San Antonio first baseman Kyle Overstreet was 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Josh Naylor was 2-for-5 with the game-winning double in the ninth inning. ... Richie Martin was 2-for-4 with an RBI and teammate Tyler Ramirez went 2-for-3.

**TOP PITCHERS:** San Antonio starter Cal Quantrill limited Midland to two earned runs on six hits over six innings, while striking out four. ... Midland reliever Sam Bregg allowed one hit and fanned one over two innings.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Martin singled to put Midland ahead 1-0 in the first, before San Antonio's Ty France tied the game with a single in the home half. ... In the top of the fifth, the RockHounds pulled ahead 2-1 on an infield single off the bat of J.P. Sportman. ... Overstreet scored two runs for the Missions with a single in the home fifth, before Martin tied the game with a two-out single in the ninth. ... Naylor doubled home the winning run in the bottom of the ninth.

**NOTES:** Midland improved to 12-8 on the season and is tied with Corpus Christi for the Texas League South division lead. ... The RockHounds are now 2-3 against the Missions this season. ... The four-game series continues at 7:05 p.m. today.

**TODAY'S PROBABLES:** Midland - TBD; San Antonio - RHP Miguel Diaz (1-1, 1.48)

### 11 standings

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## HS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

### SOFTBALL

#### GREENWOOD 4, FABIENS 1

PECOS - Kyndall Dove hurled a six-inning lead over Greenwood to a 1-0 lead over Fabiens in the best-of-three Class 4A bi-district playoff series, Friday at Pecos High School.

In seven innings, Dove held Fabiens (24-7) to only one run and three walks, while recording six strikeouts.

Tailing 1-0, the Rangers (16-13-3) took the lead with three runs in the fourth inning, as Dove cracked an RBI single and Natashe Karcher added a two-run single.

In the sixth, Jaylene Valenzuela scored on an error, pushing Greenwood to a 4-1 lead.

"I was very pleased with how my team played (Friday)," Greenwood coach Lee Anne Curry said. "They were very fundamentally sound. The defensive plays were amazing. We turned several double plays. Kyndall threw extremely well."

Curry loaded catcher Payton Sims for blocking balls in the dirt and praised the defensive play of her outfield. Karcher and Mollie Snowden both went 2-for-3 for the Rangers, who face Fabiens in Game 2 at 3 p.m. today.

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### BASEBALL

#### NO. 7 FRIENDSHIP 8, MHS 0

WOLFORTH - No. 7-ranked Wolforth Friendship routed off five runs in the first inning to roll past Midland High in Friday's District 2-6A finale.

MHS, which missed the playoffs since the first time since 1998, completed its season at 18-16 overall and 5-10 in District 2-6A.

The district champion Tigers (27-5, 12-3) added a single run in the second, third and fourth innings and out-hit the Bulldogs, 8-4.

In his first



## Cowboys draft Texas tackle Connor Williams in 2nd round

Associated Press

FRISCO — The Dallas Cowboys didn't do anything about the possible departure of Jason Witten on the second day of the NFL draft. They did add a possible replacement for Dez Bryant.

Dallas took University of Texas offensive lineman Connor Williams in the second round and wide receiver Michael Gallup from Colorado State in the third on Friday night amid questions over how they might fill a hole at tight end if veteran Jason Witten retires after 15 seasons to start a career in broadcasting — perhaps as ESPN's lead analyst on "Monday Night Football."

Bryant was released as a cost-cutting move this month after three subpar seasons since signing a \$70 million, five-year contract following his All-Pro season at receiver in 2014.

The Cowboys took Williams with the No. 50 overall selection, one pick after NFC East rival Philadelphia traded up with Indianapolis to select a South Dakota State tight end named Dallas Goedert.

A consensus first-team All-America tackle as a sophomore, Williams declared for the draft after his junior season with the Longhorns. He started only five games last season because of a left knee injury,



Eric Gay/Associated Press

Texas' Connor Williams poses for a photo with Dallas Cowboys fans after being selected by the team during the second round of the NFL draft Friday in Arlington.

and missed the bowl game to prepare for the draft. Williams is the first Texas offensive lineman drafted in 10 years.

When he declared for the draft in December, Williams wrote an essay thanking the bullies who tormented him when he was a child because he was overweight and had a speech impediment. Overcoming that torment, he said, helped him reach his level of success in football.

"There was so much positive feedback," Williams said, "whether it was kids that actually went through the adversity or if it was parents. If there's people that need help like that and keep reaching out, I'm going to do it all day long to help them."

Some teams projected the 6-foot-5, 296-pound Williams as a guard, but the Cowboys could keep him at tackle.

"Wherever the coach wants me to play, I'm playing," Williams said. "I have some of the best guards and some of the best tackles to learn from, so whatever position I'm open to."

Dallas could use versatility on a line that struggled at times with injuries and ineffectiveness. Williams is the first offensive lineman they've taken as high as second since 2014, when guard Zack Martin was their third first-round O-lineman in four years.

Williams was at the draft in nearby Arlington, just south of his home in Coppell.

## Texans select Stanford safety Justin Reid in third round

By Kristie Rieken  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Justin Reid might have a leg up on most rookies when he joins the Houston Texans after spending years learning about the NFL from his brother Eric, a first-round pick of the San Francisco 49ers in 2013.

"We break down film together, I go and visit him at his house," Justin Reid said. "We watched games together. He would let me in on what the game plan was that week, how they're playing certain personnel."

The elder Reid is a safety who spent the last five seasons with the 49ers, but is currently a free agent. Justin, a safety from Stanford, followed in his brother's footsteps when Houston took him with the 68th overall pick in the draft on Friday night.

General manager Brian Gaine said they valued the football pedigree in his family, but were more impressed by his other qualities.

"What I'll tell you about Justin is No. 1 (he has) the prototypical body type, height, weight, speed for the position," Gaine said. "No. 2 production, graded well in terms of production. No. 3 was the versatility, interchangeable ability to play strong safety, free safety, the ability to

play the run, the ability to play the pass. We feel like he's a fully dimensional safety at the position."

Reid was Houston's first pick in this year's draft after the Texans traded away their first-round pick to Cleveland to get quarterback Deshaun Watson with the 12th overall pick last year. They previously sent their second-round pick in this draft to the Browns as part of the deal to get rid of Brock Osweiler.

The draft was Gaine's first as a general manager after taking over in January when Rick Smith took an indefinite leave of absence to be with his wife, who is fighting cancer. But Gaine has plenty of experience in scouting and player evaluations, having worked as assistant general manager for the Dolphins and in player personnel for the Texans and the Bills.

He talked about having to wait through two rounds before making his first pick with the Texans.

"Unique circumstance, 20 years of doing this, I've never had that experience before," he said. "But in a way after yesterday it allowed us to kind of reposition ourselves and think about what's already occurred and kind of measure the supply and demand at the positions with 32 players already gone."

Reid started 11 of 14

games last season, piling up 99 tackles, including 6 1/2 for losses with five interceptions and six pass breakups.

Houston addressed its need on the offensive line by taking Mississippi State tackle Martin Rankin with the 80th pick. The 6-foot-4, 308-pound Rankin is a versatile player who has lined up at almost every position on the offensive line, but spent the most time at left tackle. He'll have a chance to play early, competing with Julie'n Davenport for the chance to protect Watson's blind side at left tackle.

"We see him as an offensive lineman and hopefully the best five play however that unravels here," Gaine said. "But naturally he was a starting left tackle in the SEC so my hope is he'd have the ability to do that, but we also believe that if he has to play guard, right side, left side, wherever we need him that this guy has the versatility to do that."

The Texans used their last pick Friday night to address another need when they chose Central Florida tight end Jordan Akins at No. 98. At 26, the 6-3, 249-pound Akins is much older than most NFL rookies after spending four years playing minor league baseball after being drafted by the Texas Rangers in the third round in 2010.

### 2018 NFL DRAFT SELECTIONS

**At Arlington**  
**First Round**  
30. Cleveland, Austin Corbett, g, Nevada  
31. N.Y. Giants, Will Hernandez, g, UTEP  
32. Cleveland (from Houston), Nick Chubb, rb, Georgia  
33. Indianapolis, Dallas Leonard, rb, SC State  
34. Indianapolis (from N.Y. Jets), Bradley Smith, g, Auburn  
35. Tampa Bay, Ronald Jones II, rb, Southern Cal.  
36. Chicago, James Daniels, c, Iowa  
37. Denver, Courtland Sutton, wr, SMU  
38. Tennessee (from Oakland), Harold Landry, rb, Boston College  
39. Miami, Mike Gesicki, rb, Penn State  
40. Detroit (from San Francisco through New England), Harrison Johnson, rb, Auburn  
41. San Francisco (from Washington), Dante Pettis, wr, Washington  
42. Green Bay, Josh Jackson, rb, Iowa  
43. Kansas City (from Cincinnati), Shemar Thomas, rb, Mississippi  
44. Arizona, Christian Kirk, wr, Texas A&M  
45. L.A. Chargers, Uchenna Nwosu, lb, Southern Cal.  
46. Philadelphia (from Seattle through N.Y. Jets and Indianapolis), Dallas Goedert, te, South Dakota State

47. Dallas, Connor Williams, rb, Texas  
48. Chicago (from Detroit through New England), Anthony Miller, wr, Memphis  
49. Indianapolis (from Baltimore through Philadelphia), Kemarion Tuioti  
50. Tampa Bay (from Buffalo), M.J. Stewart, rb, North Carolina  
51. Cincinnati (from Kansas City), Jessie Bates II, rb, Wake Forest  
52. Carolina, Cam Akers, rb, LSU  
53. New England (from L.A. Rams through Buffalo and Tampa Bay), Duke Olson, rb, Florida  
54. Oakland (from Tennessee), PJ Hall, rb, Sam Houston State  
55. Atlanta, Isiah Oliver, rb, Colorado  
56. Washington (from New Orleans through San Francisco), Danton Quisenberry, rb, LSU  
57. Pittsburgh, James Washington, wr, Oklahoma State  
58. Jacksonville, D.J. Clark, wr, LSU  
59. Minnesota, Sean O'Connell, rb, Pittsburgh  
60. Tampa Bay (from New England), Carlton Davis, rb, Auburn  
61. Indianapolis (from Philadelphia through Cleveland), Tye Smith, rb, Ohio State  
62. Oakland (from Cleveland through Buffalo and Baltimore), Brandon

**Picks at NC A&T**  
63. N.Y. Giants, Landon Carter, rb, Georgia  
64. Cleveland (from Indianapolis), Chad Thomas, rb, Miami  
65. Houston, Justin Reid, s, Stanford  
66. N.Y. Giants (from Tampa Bay), B.J. Hill, rb, NC State  
67. San Francisco (from Chicago), Fred Warner, rb, BYU  
68. Denver, Rappie Freeman, rb, Oregon  
69. N.Y. Jets, Nathan Aspinall, g, Fordham State  
70. Miami, Jerome Baker, rb, Ohio State  
71. Washington (from San Francisco), Sean Chisholm, rb, Louisville  
72. Kansas City (from Oakland through Baltimore), David Hood, rb, Florida State  
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86. L.A. Rams (from Tennessee through Oakland), Joseph Robinson, rb, YCU  
87. Atlanta, Darius Brown, rb, South Florida  
88. New Orleans, Terrence Smith, wr, UCF  
89. Pittsburgh, Chazson Chubb, rb, Western Michigan  
90. Jacksonville, Foyusfa Foyusfa, rb, Alabama  
91. Tampa Bay (from Minnesota), Alex Cappa, g, Humboldt State  
92. San Francisco (from New England), Tevin Moore, s, Southern Miss  
93. Buffalo (from Philadelphia), Harrison Phillips, qb, Stanford  
94. Jacksonville, Jordan Allen, rb, UCF  
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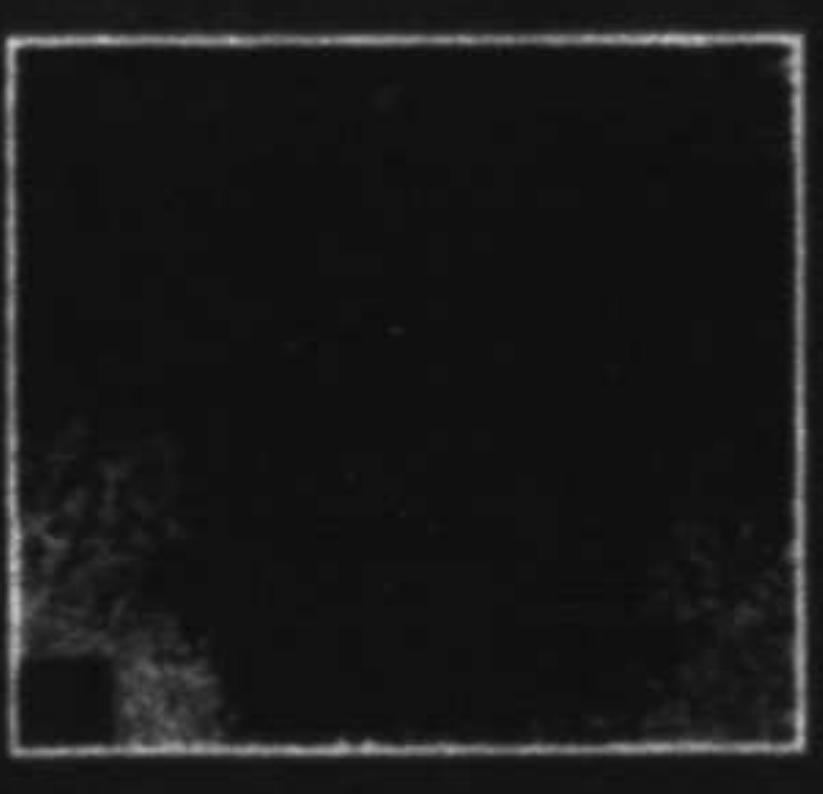
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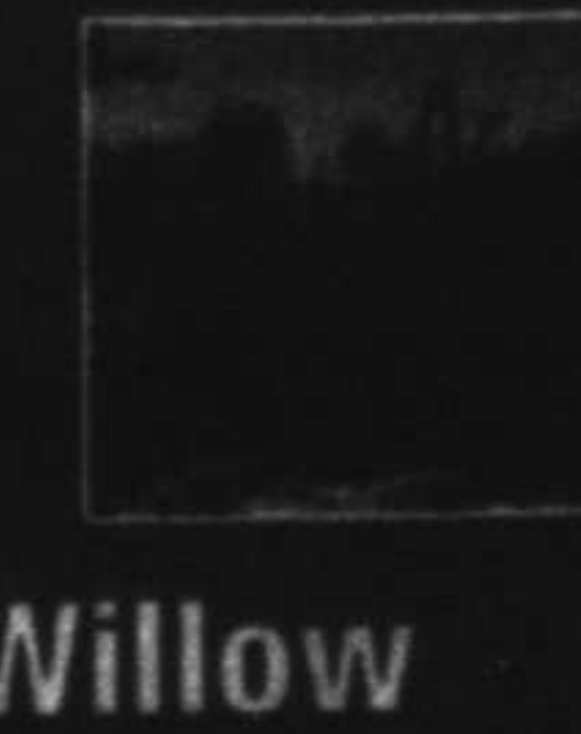
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Vladimir Guerrero signs the spot where his Baseball Hall of Fame plaque will hang during a visit to the hall, Thursday in Cooperstown, N.Y. Guerrero, a native of the Dominican Republic, was elected to the Hall of Fame in January. He played 16 seasons in the major leagues with the Montreal Expos, Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, Texas Rangers and Baltimore Orioles.

## Vlad Guerrero tours Baseball HOF, 'so glad' he made it

Associated Press

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Fresh from swinging some heavy lumber in the basement of the Baseball Hall of Fame, Vladimir Guerrero took a quick peek at where his likeness will hang in three months.

Talk about a sense of pride. "I feel happy and my people feel happy," the 43-year-old native of the Dominican Republic said Thursday in the Plaque Gallery after a whirlwind tour of baseball's mecca. "I'm the first one from my town, obviously, but I'm also the first Dominican hitter in the Hall of Fame."

Guerrero, a nine-time All-Star outfielder, was elected in January on his second try. He will be inducted July 29 with first-ballot sluggers Jim Thome and Chipper Jones, relief ace Trevor Hoffman, and former Detroit Tigers stars Alan Trammell and Jack Morris, who were elected in December by a veterans committee. Guerrero received 92.9 percent of the vote from the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"Growing up in my town of Don Gregorio, all I wanted to do was sign a professional baseball contract," said Guerrero, who was accompanied by girlfriend Roxanne Rodriguez and brother Julio. "Fortunately, and thanks to God, over 16 years I did enough to make it here."

"I never thought I would be in the Hall of Fame, but now that I'm here I'm so glad it has happened."

Guerrero, who earned eight Silver Slugger Awards and the 2004 AL MVP, retired in 2011 with a .318 batting average, 2,590 hits, 1,496 RBIs and 449 home runs. A notorious bad-ball hitter, he hit .300 or better 13 times, knocked in at least 100 runs 10 times, and surpassed 30 homers eight times. Guerrero also had a pair of seasons with 30 homers

and 30 steals. His 31-game hitting streak in 1999 remains tied for 25th on the all-time list, and his rocket arm produced 126 assists.

Guerrero will become the first player with an Angels hat on his bronze Hall of Fame plaque, a surprise to many because he spent more time with the Montreal Expos. He played half of his 16 seasons in the major leagues with the Expos, spent six years with the Angels, and also played for the Rangers and Orioles. He went to the postseason five times with the Angels, but never made it that far with Montreal.

Of the 323 members of the Hall of Fame, Guerrero is one of only three born in the Dominican Republic. The other two are pitchers — right-handers Juan Marichal and Pedro Martinez.

"There's a lot of Dominican players and I feel happy to be the first Dominican hitter," Guerrero said after swinging bats once wielded by Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Willie Mays, Tony Gwynn, and Pedro Guerrero. "It's been a while since I've held a bat in my hands."

On his tour, Guerrero took special note of the museum's Viva Baseball exhibit and the bat he used for that hitting streak.

The Hall of Fame visit capped a memorable month for Guerrero. In late March, his 19-year-old son, Vladimir Guerrero Jr., homered with two outs in the ninth inning to lift the Toronto Blue Jays over the St. Louis Cardinals, 1-0, in an exhibition game at Montreal's Olympic Stadium where his father played much of his Hall of Fame career.

The elder Guerrero hit 234 home runs over eight seasons with Montreal and his 19-year-old son is among the game's top prospects. At mid-week, Junior was hitting .353 in the Double-A Eastern League with 22 RBIs in 17 games.



Stephen M. Dowell/Orlando Sentinel/TNS

Ricky Stenhouse Jr. is interviewed during Daytona 500 Media Day at Daytona International Speedway on Feb. 14, in Daytona Beach, Fla.

## Stenhouse hoping for boost from Kenseth, Talladega return

By John Zenor

Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Ricky Stenhouse Jr. can now lean on the same guy he turned to for advice at times as a young driver trying to make it to the Cup Series.

He's hoping the hiring of Matt Kenseth, and a return to Talladega Superspeedway, make for much-needed boosts for struggling Roush Fenway Racing this week.

The 30-year-old Stenhouse's victory at Talladega last spring was the first Cup win of his career and put a Roush car in the playoffs, which was no small feat for the organization.

"I would like to back up what we were able to do last year with qualifying on the pole and then winning the race," he said. "That is what we came down here to do. We feel very confident in our race cars when we come here."

Roush could use a jolt of confidence. Once considered among the top teams in the garage, Roush drivers won 15 races in 2005 and had five cars finish in the top 10 in the standings.

But that domination declined over the ensuing decade, and Roush's top drivers all moved on to different teams.

Although Stenhouse added a second victory last season, at Daytona in July, the organization has not won anything but restrictor-plate races since 2014.

Now Kenseth has come on board to share the No. 6 Ford with Trevor Bayne, who has seen a drop in performance through the first nine races.

Stenhouse has been better, but has had to go to a back-up car in three of the first nine races this season because he crashed in practice sessions. He has one top-5 finish this season, is 19th in the standings, and needs to improve on 1.5-mile tracks to legitimately contend for a championship.

Stenhouse is embracing the return of Kenseth, who worked with him some in what is now the Xfinity Series.

"He would run a couple races with us throughout the year and he was in our Cup cars," Stenhouse said. "I leaned on Matt a lot my rookie year in the Nationwide Series. I called him and would ask him questions trying to figure out when I was struggling. I really had to get back on track."

"I think he did a really good job with me on that. So fast forward to now, after he left and went to (Joe

Gibbs Racing) and drove different race cars, for me I am looking forward to his feedback on how our cars drive relative to another organization that is clearly one of the class of the field."

Kenseth's debut will be next month at Kansas Speedway, a 1.5-mile track. Roush is hoping he'll have a positive impact on both Bayne and Stenhouse.

"Our goal is to have Trevor continue to grow and mature on the track," Roush team president Steve Newmark said. "We hope that Matt's assistance with all of this will elevate not only Trevor's performance, but also Ricky's performance."

Kenseth, who was not pleased with his exit at the end of last season from a full-time ride, said he's motivated to help the organization improve.

"I feel like I can be a real asset in a lot of different ways besides just driving," Kenseth said. "I'm really competitive, obviously, with whatever I do and if I'm not in the car, there's nothing I want more than Ricky or Trevor to be out there running up front and improving and doing better and working hard at it and hopefully being successful."

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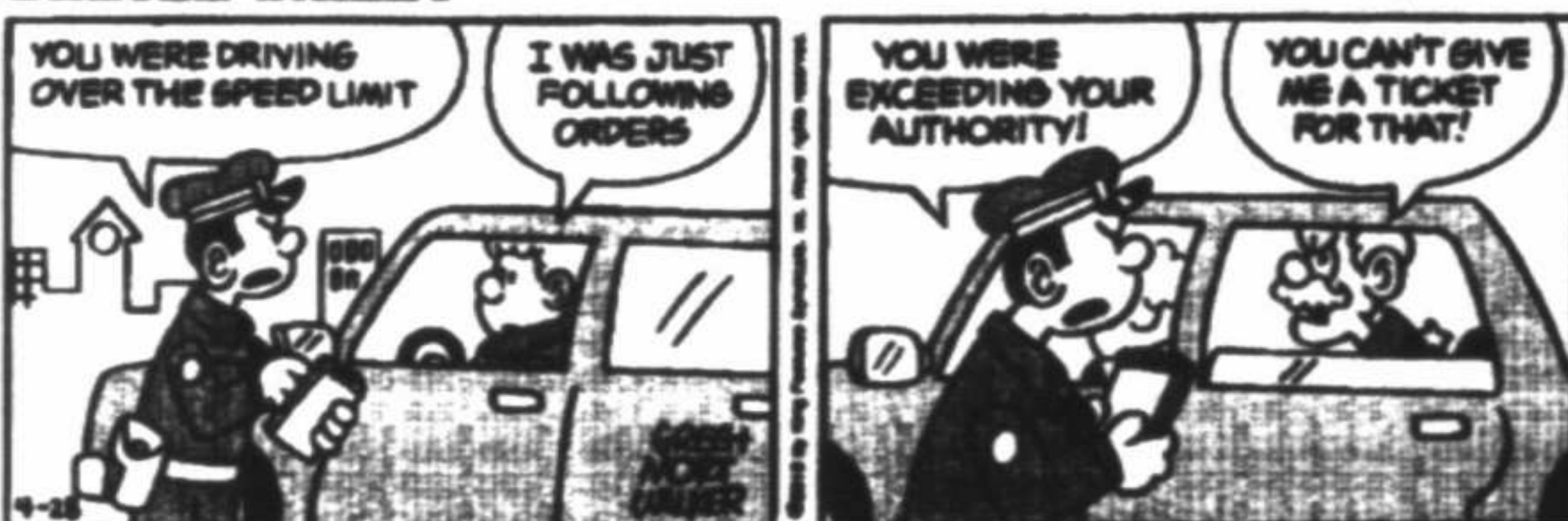
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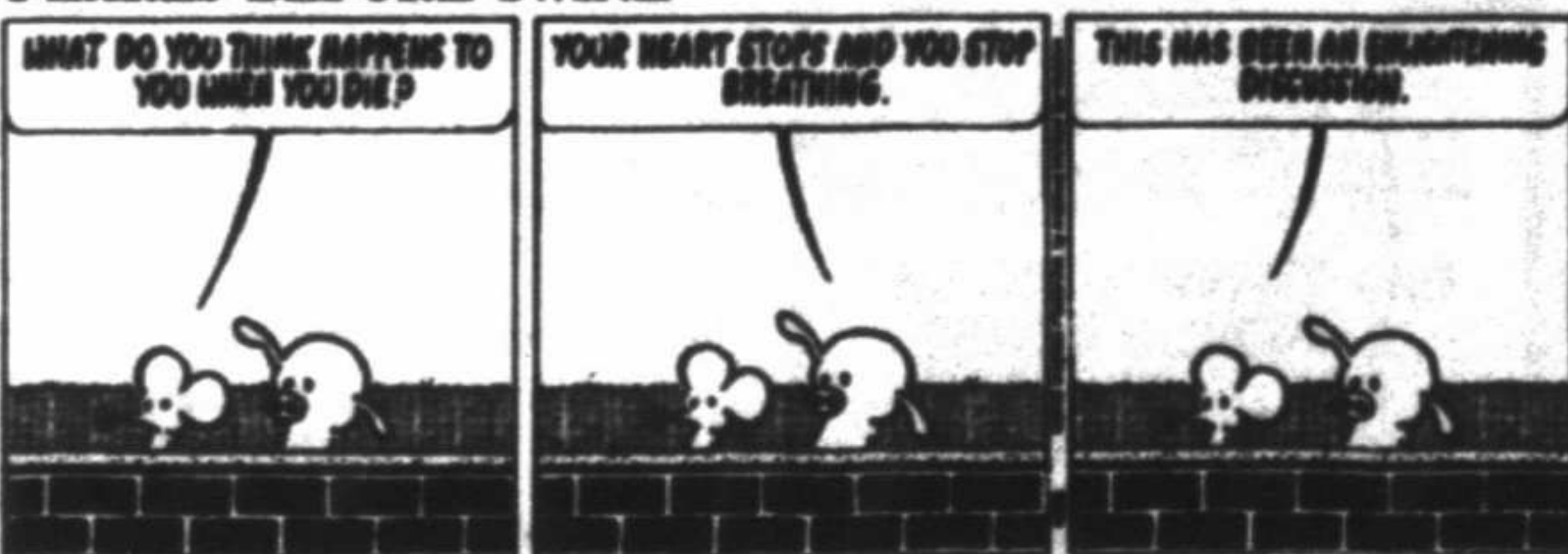
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## JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

**ACROSS**

1. Vowel topper  
5. Squares  
6. Requires  
7. State of inactivity

**DOWN**

1. Mantle  
2. Kitchen  
3. Pearl producers  
4. Contact

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**TRIPLE BONUS**

The circled letters can be unscrambled to form three different BONUS answers.

CLUE: Declared  
CLUE: \_\_\_ point  
CLUE: \_\_\_ degree

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## JUMBLE

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

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

PIOHP  
NTIHN  
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ETRTLE

**THE OIL COMPANY WAS BEHIND SCHEDULE BECAUSE OF TOO MANY PROJECTS**

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

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GAFFE SWORN WALRUS COZIER  
Answer: Her cat slept on her sweater, and now it was — WORSE "FUR" WEAR

## DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

**ACROSS**

1 Has a suggestion (of)  
7 Play period  
13 Stop order  
14 Echo follower?  
15 Jar  
16 Construction equipment with a projecting arm  
17 Game with Skip cards  
18 Difficult to describe  
20 Reaction upon opening a jewelry gift, perhaps  
22 Goes back to zero  
23 Connection letters  
26 Waits at a music festival?  
28 ORD tower gp.  
29 Best of the best  
31 Site to get tight for a fight?  
35 Nervous system transmitter  
36 Post-scoring routine  
38 "\_\_\_ boy!"  
39 Easy way to win  
40 Dr. takes on "Rizzoli & Isles"  
42 "Holy cow!"  
43 It may be open at a club  
44 Two hairpin turns, say  
45 Housewives  
48 "I may interject ..."  
51 Tony winner for his LBJ role in "All the Way"  
53 Pack filler  
54 Buffalo sighting  
57 "You've Got Mail" genre  
59 Main  
60 Cause to laugh  
61 Cuts in Hollywood?  
62 Rubs out

**DOWN**

1 [Meh]  
2 2016 Disney musical set in Polynesia

3 Cloud at heights of about one to five miles  
4 K.C. summer setting  
5 Ceramics oven  
6 Herd member  
7 Subject of an Asimov collection  
8 Permit to leave  
9 Large med. facilities  
10 Diamond fig.  
11 One in a family photo  
12 Notre-Dame honoree: Abbr.  
14 Record holder  
16 "No reason"  
19 Worship of John, Paul, etc.?  
21 Aspen relative  
23 "Wide Open Spaces" country trio  
24 Informant, informally  
25 Bruce posthumously pardoned by New York state in 2003  
27 Comfy footwear

30 Belarus neighbor  
31 Athlete's best  
32 Teeny amounts  
33 \_\_\_-faced  
34 Monopoly foursome: Abbr.  
37 Blatant asset  
41 Over  
46 Collector's prized pursuits  
47 Up from Mexico?  
49 Paris' \_\_\_ des Beaux-Arts  
50 Fast-spreading online phenomena  
51 Till coin  
52 Raymond Chandler specialty  
54 Slew  
55 Clumsy sort  
56 Physician-turned-actor Jeong  
58 Longtime Elton John label

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|                 |           |       |
|-----------------|-----------|-------|
| PICS            | CHEF      | CSPOT |
| ASAP            | HUGO      | LARCH |
| SLEEPING        | PRELATE   |       |
| TENCENTS        | ERODES    |       |
| TRUE            | ANIMATE   |       |
| POKER           | PREFACE   |       |
| EVERY           | RAMS      | HAH   |
| LENS            | HARTE     | DALE  |
| TNT             | SILLO     | AIRER |
| BAR             | PRETENDER |       |
| ALCOVES         | VOTE      |       |
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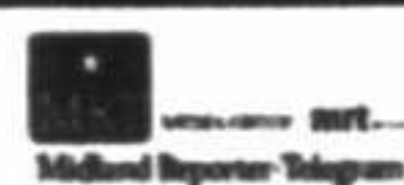
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## OTHER JOBS



Midland Independent School District is seeking Full-Time Registered Nurse (RNP) 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, or to 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.

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  - Voluntary Benefits: Disability, Accident, Bridge, Heart & Cancer plans and
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Midland Independent School District is seeking Full-Time Assistant Head Custodian/ Lee High School Custodian/District Wide

Assistant Head Custodian/ Lee High School: Daily Supervision of all assigned Custodial Staff to ensure all Custodians 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  
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Knowledge of basic techniques of minor repairs and building and ground maintenance  
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Properly handle and use cleaning supplies  
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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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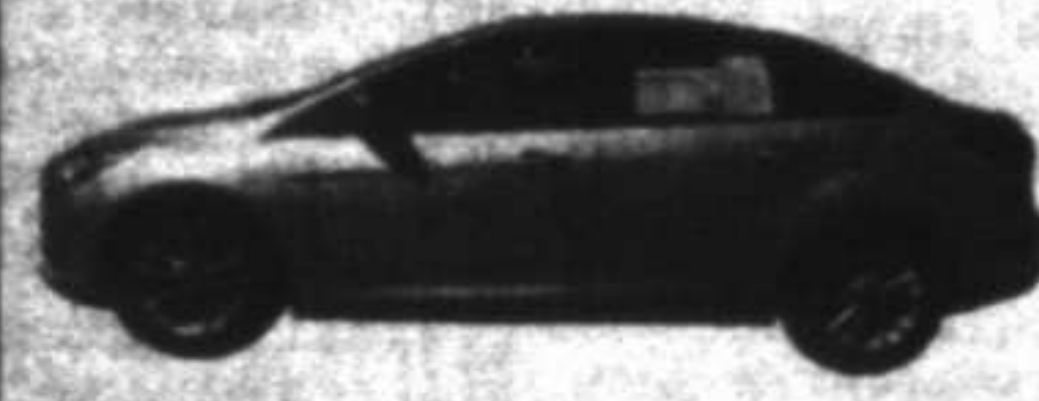
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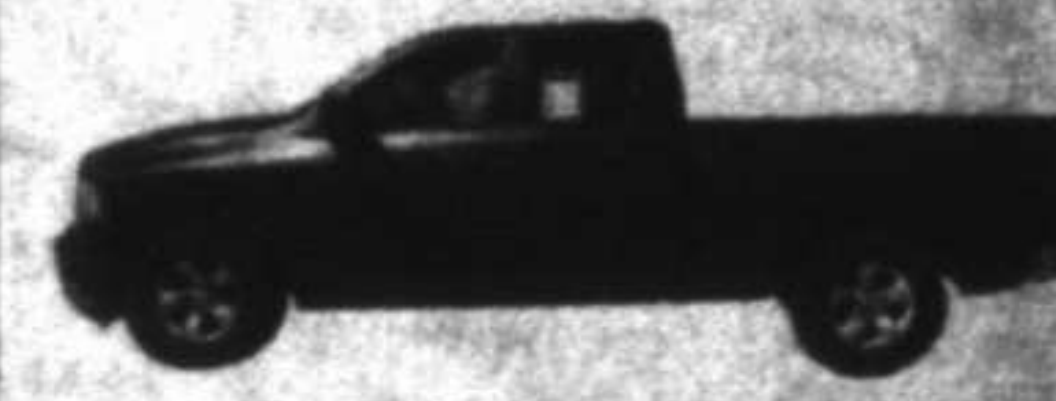
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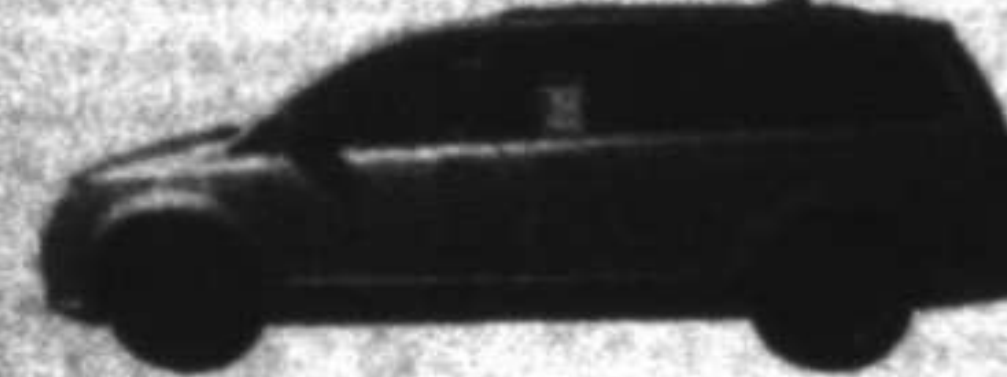
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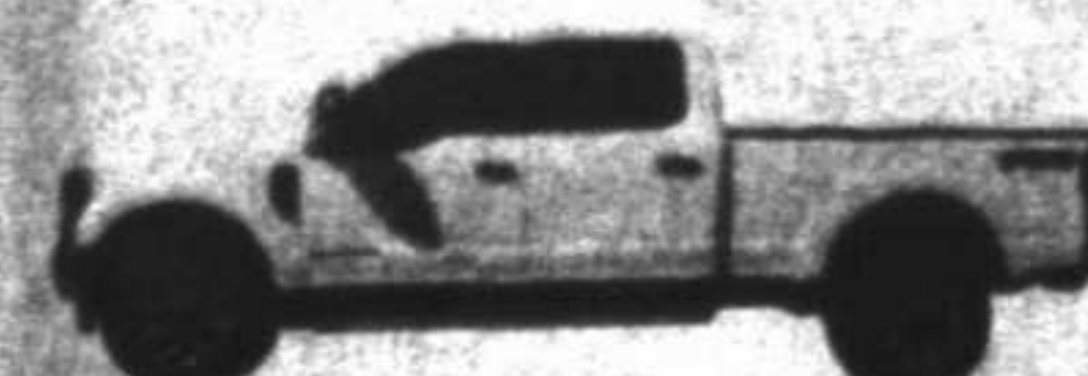
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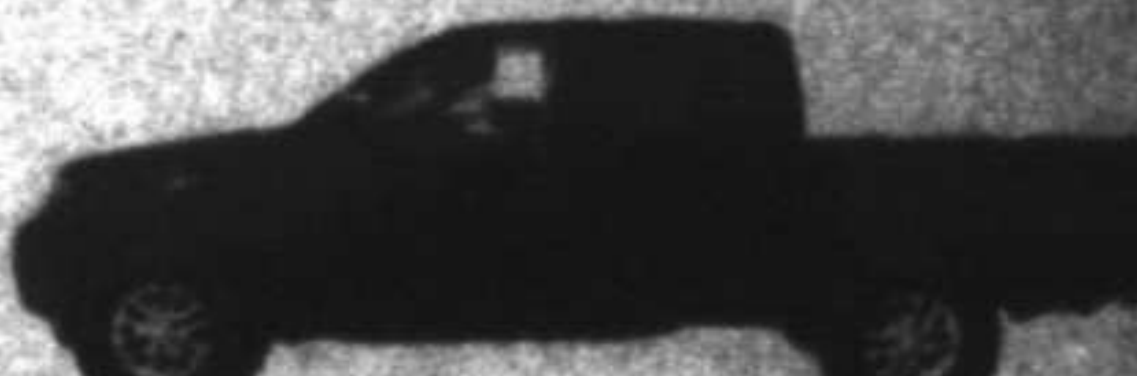
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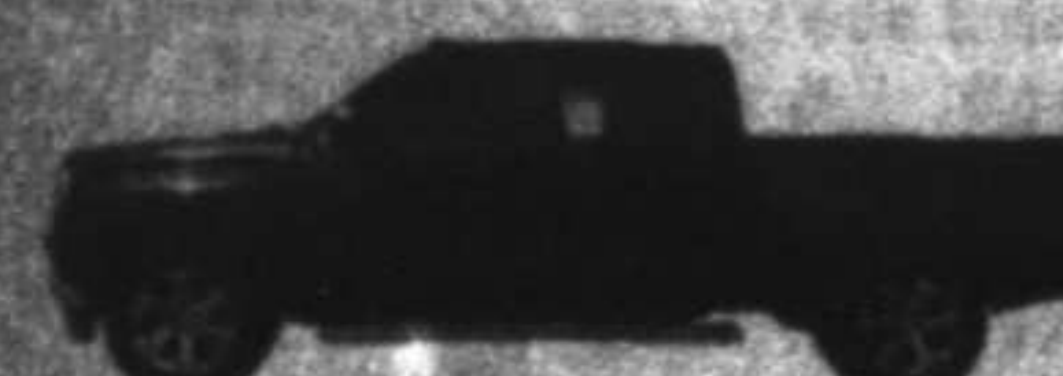
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