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## ExxonMobil details steps needed to unleash Permian's potential

By Mella McEwen  
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ExxonMobil Corp. is banking on its Permian Basin holdings to add a significant boost to its fortunes.

In late January, the company announced plans to triple total daily production from its Permian Basin operations to more than 600,000 barrels of oil equivalent by 2025,

while also increasing tight oil production from the Delaware and Midland basins five-fold. In that same announcement, the company announced plans to spend more than \$2 billion on transportation infrastructure for its Permian Basin operations.

Sara Ortwein, president of ExxonMobil's XTO Energy subsidiary, offered more detail on the company's views of the Permian at HIS Markit's recent CER-AWeek event.

The company provided the Reporter-Telegram with a video of her comments during a panel discussion on how North American oil is disrupting supplies.

"We are so confident (in the Permian) we plan to triple our production per day by 2025," Ortwein said. "We're already one of the most active operators in the Permian through our acquisitions from the Bass family in 2017, which added 3.4 billion barrels of resource, but we're

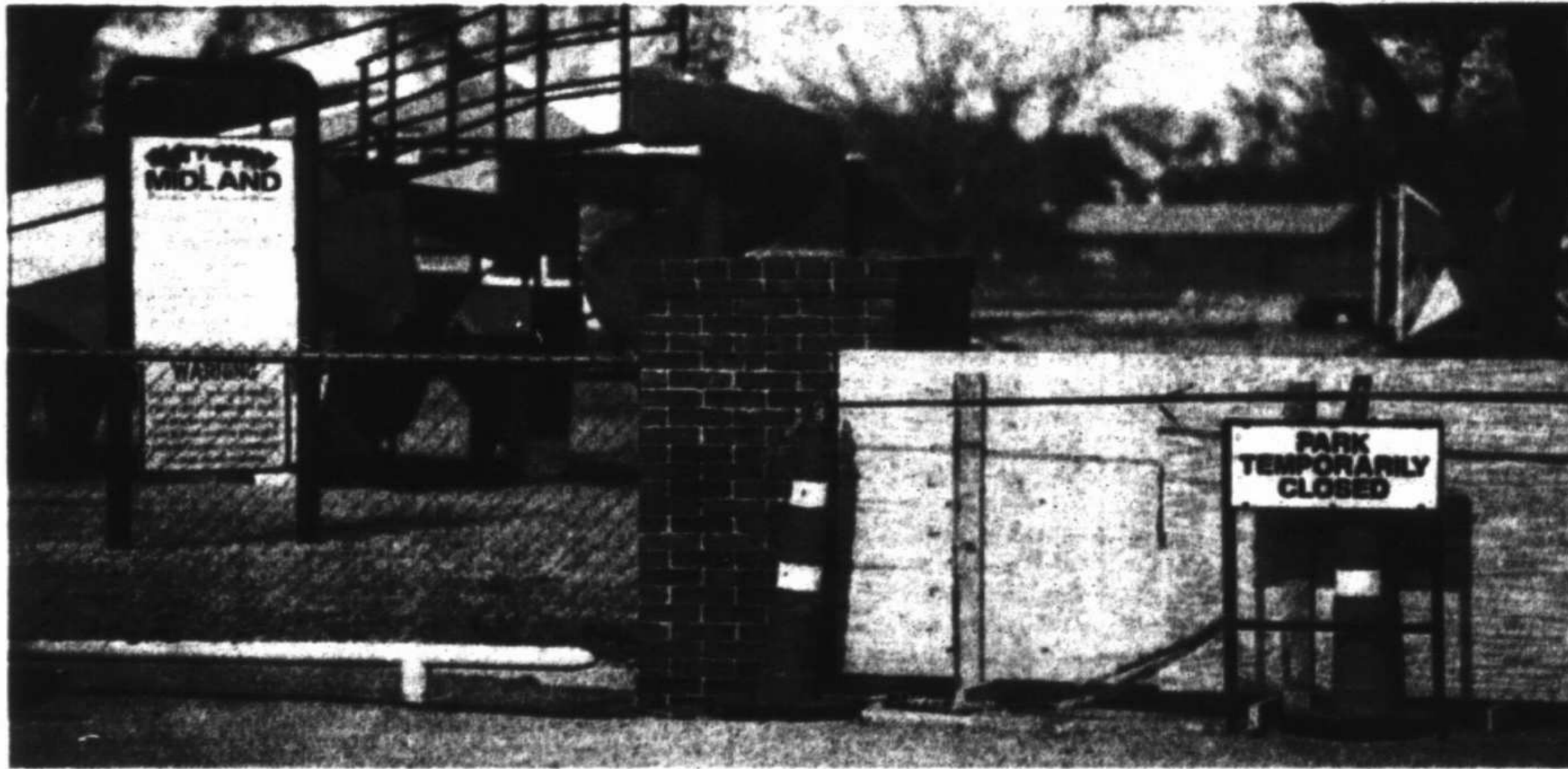
seeing an upside to that number" to 5.4 billion oil equivalent barrels.

In three years, we've doubled the amount of footage drilled in horizontal drilling, and we plan to expand our rig count 65 percent over the next several years."

ExxonMobil says the Permian, where it has grown its resource to 9.5 billion

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## PARK FACE-LIFT



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Dennis the Menace Park, photographed Saturday, is closed for renovations. The yearlong project will upgrade the park that was opened in 1988.

## Dennis the Menace renovations to begin

City closes park effective today

From staff reports

Dennis the Menace Park, located at 2201 W. Indiana Ave., will close beginning today for renovations to upgrade the 60-year-old facility. Construction is expected

to take one year to complete.

The \$2.344 million project will be done in three phases, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

Phase 1 deals with park infrastructure — sidewalk, grass, parking, restrooms and shade canopies — and should be completed in September.

Phase 2 is about the playground equipment.

Officials hope to replicate some of the features of the park and mix in more modern features. Park users expressed a desire for water elements, tree house, dinosaurs, climbers and swings.

Construction on this phase is expected to start in August and be completed three

months later.

Work on the third phase, which will include more playground equipment and a splash pad, has not been scheduled because currently there are funds only for the first two phases, according to the previous article.

The park's new elements

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## 'Thunder tour' seeks to raise awareness about being insured

As storm season approaches, policyholders need to review coverage, State Farm representative says

By Mella McEwen  
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Storm season is approaching, and insurance experts are urging businesses and homeowners to be prepared.

Memories of last summer's hailstorm, which pounded Odessa, Ector County and parts of Midland County, remain fresh because it was the state's most damaging hailstorm last year at \$480 million in damages.

"Midland, Odessa and the surrounding area got hit all the time," said Joe Espino, a State Farm representative in Midland. "Hail is very common in this area. The biggest percentage of claims I handle is for hail."

That's why, before storm season hits, it's important for policyholders to review their coverage, Espino said.

"I like to do (a review) once a year to make sure I understand the coverage and my deductibles. Not every policy and not every company is the same," he said.

Espino joined Mark Hanna, spokesman for the Insurance Council of Texas, for what Hanna called the "Thunder Tour" of Texas. Other stops on the tour — designed to promote insurance awareness — are Dallas, Wichita Falls, Sherman, Amarillo, Lubbock, Odessa and Abilene. Each city has a history of catastrophic hailstorms and tornadoes.

"You want the basic statistics: If a storm comes along, do I have enough coverage? And what money will I have to pay out of pocket?" said Hanna.

The ultimate goal is to educate policyholders and prompt them to give insurance some thought now, Hanna said.

"You don't want there to be any surprises that you don't have the right coverage after a storm. Joe is just sitting there, waiting for you to call, policy in hand, to go over it with you. (Plus), if you make that call, you can ask about discounts you might not think to ask

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## Small Bites: See inside the new Tropical Smoothie Café

Editor's note: Small Bites is an online feature that originally appeared at mrt.com.

By Rich Lopez  
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This week, Small Bites takes a look

at the new Tropical Smoothie Café, which opened Friday.

It was the second new eatery to open last week. Ohana Poke debuted Tuesday, and both are healthy additions to the Midland casual dining scene.

The Tropical Smoothie Café menu is far more than just its name.

It features a range of classic and Superfood smoothies, but also a selection of flatbreads, sandwiches and signature wraps and bowls

such as Caribbean Jerk Chicken wrap, a Supergreen Caesar chicken bowl and a hummus veggie wrap.

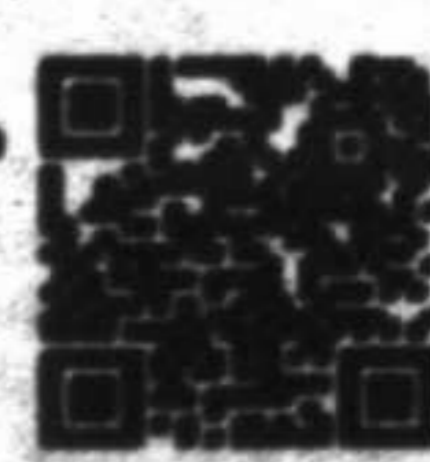
The kids' menu has its own selection of junior smoothies for \$2.99 and wraps for \$3.99. Both can be

combined into the Big Kahuna Meal priced at \$6.49 and \$7.78.

Breakfast features two savory wraps and the peanut butter banana crunch flatbread.

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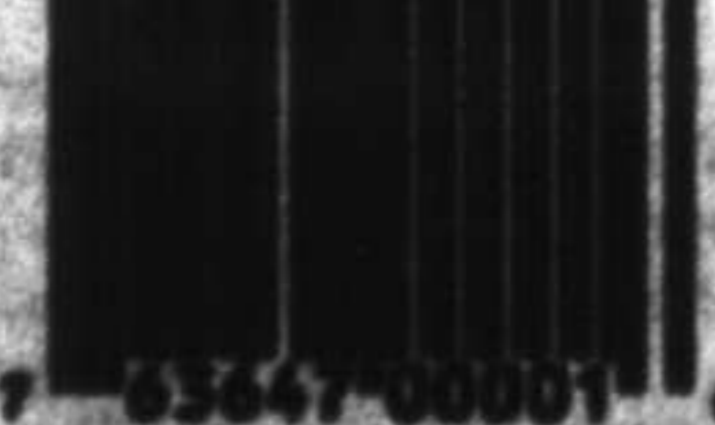
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Mariachi music at the mall

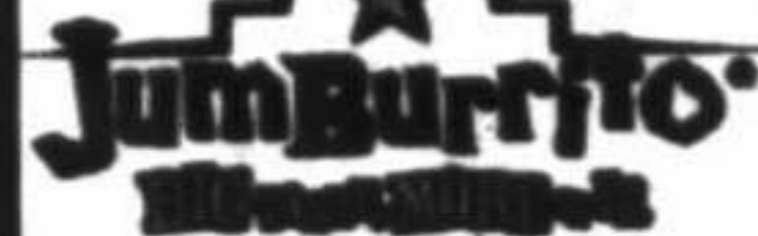


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A mariachi group performed at Bunny Breakfast, which was Saturday morning at Midland Park Mall. The annual event is a fundraiser for Northside Lions Club.

WORD OF THE DAY

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(be-nov-o-lent) adjective
1 a : marked by or disposed to doing good
b : organized for the purpose of doing good
2 : marked by or suggestive of goodwill



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- Open Shop Nights are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. 6:30-9 p.m. at 802 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.
Blago, 6 p.m. at the Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.
Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. at Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wesley Ave. \$5. For more information call 682-8593.
Monday Matham features unlimited bowling for \$14.00 with free shoe rentals after 5 p.m. Bowling, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlers.com.

Easter events

- Photos with the Easter Bunny will be taken at Midland Park Mall through Saturday.
Annual Easter egg hunt hosted by First Christian Church is 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at Hill Park, 1301 Culbert Ave. Even includes 25,000 eggs and a free hot dog lunch.
Easter Spring Fest is 4-6:30 p.m. Friday at Ashton Medical Lodge, 801 S. Loop 250 West. Easter egg hunt, hot dogs and cotton candy, face painting and balloon animals, and photos with the rabbit. 688-2108.

Meetings today

- Commissioners' Court 9 a.m. Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Lawrence Ave.
MISO 8:30 p.m. Davis Fine Arts Academy, 805 Elk

Today in History

Today is Monday, March 26, the 86th day of 2018. There are 280 days left in the year.
Today's 1944: On March 26, 1944, during World War II, two Jims was fully secured by

U.S. forces following a 6th. desperate attack by Japanese soldiers.
On this date:
In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens in Game 4 of the finals by a score of 3-1.
In 1978, a peace treaty was

signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and witnessed by President Jimmy Carter at the White House.
In 1987, the bodies of 30 members of the Heaven's Gate technoreligious cult who committed suicide were found inside a rented mansion

in Rancho Santa Fe, California.
Today's Birthdays: Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 88.
Actor Alan Arkin is 84. Politician President Mahamud Abbas is 83. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (pub-LIH-see) is 78. Actor James Dean is 78. Journalist

Bob Woodard is 75. Singer Diana Ross is 74. Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aerobically) is 70. Singer and TV personality Vicki Lawrence is 68. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Marvin Allen is 58. Basketball and College Basketball Hall of Famer John Stockton is 58. Country singer Kenny Chesney is 50.

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Weather
Today's temperatures
High: 90 (record)
Low: 58
Normal high: 73
Normal low: 43
March 26's records
Record high: 90, first set in 1938
Record low: 23, set in 1955
Precipitation
Sunday: 0.00 in.
Saturday: 0.00 in.
Month total: 0.01 in.
Year total: 0.06 in.
Normal total (year to date): 1.75 in.
Winds
Wind speed: 25 mph
Gust speed: 32 mph
Today's forecast
High: 78
Low: 55

Forecast for Monday, March 26, 2018
Conditions: Mostly cloudy today/cloudy tonight
Winds: South 5-15 mph today/southwest 5-15 mph tonight
Chance of rain: 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms today/30 percent chance tonight
Sunrise: 7:45 a.m.
Sunset: 8:04 p.m.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult
Notes: 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 boom today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Cancer if born before 6:45 a.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Leo.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 26, 2018: This year you enter a period where you feel more put together than you have in a long time. Your finances could swing up and down after May. You are likely to have some wonderful opportunities coming. Double-check any agreement you sign. If you are single, others are drawn to you. This fall through your next birthday will prove to be prime time for meeting someone of interest. If you are attached, you and your sweetie might opt to change the financial structure you have created together. Some couples will be getting a new addition to their family. LEO knows how to fix you up.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You might be voted in a certain contest with a creative project. An unexpected surprise from you to rethink a decision. Many people would be more confident moving forward. However, you are likely to continue at the same speed. Tonight: Add vitality to a relationship.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Deal with a domestic issue before it deals with you. Your ability to use the long-term advantages and insights needs to come into play in order to reach a goal. Open up to better communication and understanding. Tonight: Make a favorite dessert for a family member.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You need to process decisions quickly during the day. You will have some time to think through your recent behavior and decisions. Conversations will be matter but noteworthy. Invite a friend out to dinner to work through a recurring problem. Tonight: Ask a favorite sign.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You walk up with energy. Refuse to take offense to someone else's snip or sarcastic comment, otherwise, you are likely to feel completely unloved by it. Move on. Listen to a recording, and check your budget before taking action. Tonight: Treat others to dinner.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You could be surprised by what is going on around a child or loved one. Use a sudden outburst of energy to allow some intellectual and emotional flexibility into your life. Good ideas seem to naturally appear if you open up and share more with others. Tonight: Time for fun!
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You could be in a situation that allows greater give-and-take. A partner might be unpredictable yet also a source of energy. The latter you'll find. Resolve any issue that could tear it up. Tonight: Tell it like it is, but with diplomacy.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You could be in a position where you need to come to terms with a change of attitude from a key person in your life. You might wonder what would happen if you were to turn a personal issue around. Find out! You will be pleasantly surprised. Tonight: Manage what is happening.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Be more in tune with what others seem to need. Make an effort to give more of yourself, and witness the difference it makes. You might opt to be more available or sensitive to certain people, especially in the work arena. Tonight: Move forward with an important plan.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You could make a change, though you might feel as if someone has forced it upon you. Listen to what is being said, and you'll receive important feedback on what is going on. Open up to serious discussions, and do your best to grasp all points of view. Tonight: As you like it.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Approach a problem with the expectation of resolving it. You might feel as if you need to lower a flag change. Listen to the feedback that leads in your direction. Your love life is likely to be affected. Remain direct yet understand the when dealing with others. Tonight: Keep it light.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You could be more expressive than you are now. If the unexpected comes, center yourself. Be careful around mechanical equipment, as you could be involved in an accident with consequences as well. Tonight: Accept a fun invitation.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Follow through on an important matter involving your budget and communication; otherwise, you could make a costly mistake. Double-check your funds and count your change. Make an effort to return a call that you have been avoiding. Tonight: Off to the gym to work out.
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Arturo Kato Knightley (1983), singer/songwriter Diana Ross (1944), singer/songwriter Kenny Chesney (1968)

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# Texas ranks 30th among states dependent on US government

From staff reports

Texans are known for their independent spirit, but they still rely on the federal government for help — just not as much as other states.

In a recent WalletHub study, Texas ranked 30th overall among states for its dependence on the federal government.

Texas is considered to be a state with a low

dependency on the federal government but with high taxes. It ranked 42nd in the state residents' dependency category, which looked at the return on taxes paid to the federal government and the share of federal jobs. The return on taxes paid was calculated by dividing federal funding by IRS collections.

The state ranked 21st in its government's

dependency. Federal funding as a share of state revenue is the proportion of state revenue that comes from the federal government in the form of intergovernmental aid.

The top five most federally dependent states are New Mexico, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama and West Virginia. The five least dependent were Delaware, Kansas, Illinois, New Jersey

and Massachusetts.

When looking at how states voted in the 2016 presidential election, those that voted Republican (average rank 20.17) relied more on the federal government than those that voted Democrat (average rank 33.55).

Check out the full study at <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-most-least-dependent-on-the-federal-government/2700>.



Richard Drew/Associated Press

Larry Kudlow, a longtime fixture on the CNBC business news network who previously served in the Reagan administration, is interviewed March 14 on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

# Trump plans to oust Shulkin

By Hope Yen and Ken Thomas  
Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump is planning to oust embattled Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin amid an extraordinary rebellion at the agency and damaging government investigations into his alleged spending abuses, three administration officials told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Two officials said an announcement on Shulkin could happen this week, subject to Trump's final decision as the White House hones in on possible replacements to head the Department of Veterans Affairs. One of the officials rated Shulkin's chances of being pushed out in the next day or two at "50-50."

The three officials demanded anonymity to discuss a sensitive personnel matter.

Trump, who spent the weekend at his Mar-a-Lago estate, told associates that he would keep two other administration officials who had been under fire: White House chief of staff John F. Kelly and Housing Secretary Ben Carson.

"He did say that he's expecting to make one or two major changes," said Newmax CEO Chris Ruddy, a Trump confidant who spoke with the president over the weekend, on ABC's "This Week."

"Now, other White House sources, not the president, tell me that Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin is likely to depart the Cabinet very soon," Ruddy said.

The White House did not immediately comment. Shulkin did not respond to a request for comment Sunday.

Speculation over Shulkin's fate has ramped up in recent weeks following a blistering report by VA's internal watchdog in February that found he had improperly accepted Wimbledon tickets and his staff had doctored emails to justify his wife traveling to Europe with him at taxpayer expense. Earlier this month, two people familiar with the White House discussions told the AP that Trump increasingly viewed Shulkin as a distraction as the White House floated the names of possible candidates to replace him, including conservative "Fox & Friends"



Jose Luis Magana/Associated Press

Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin testifies on FY2019 and FY2020 budgets for veterans programs before the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs on Wednesday, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

contributor Pete Hegseth.

A separate VA watchdog investigation, due out in the coming weeks, is also looking into a complaint that Shulkin asked his security detail to accompany him to a Home Depot store and cart furniture items, according to two people familiar with the allegation who requested anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation.

One person familiar with the White House discussions told the AP on Sunday that the White House was looking closely at roughly half a dozen candidates to head the VA, the government's second-largest department with 370,000 employees.

Among the candidates being vetted include Hegseth, a former military officer and former CEO of the conservative Concerned Veterans for America; former Rep. Jeff Miller, who had been chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee; retired U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Keith Kellogg; Michael Kusman, a former VA undersecretary of health; Toby Congrove, a former president and CEO of the Cleveland Clinic; and Leo Mackay Jr., a former VA deputy secretary who is now senior vice president at Lockheed Martin Corp.

In the event of Shulkin's departure, deputy VA secretary Tom Bowman would serve as acting head of the VA until a nominee is confirmed by the Senate. Bowman has also come under criticism at the White House for being

too moderate to push Trump's agenda of fixing veterans' care.

During the presidential campaign, Trump repeatedly pledged to fix the VA by expanding access to private doctors and firing bad employees, criticizing the department as "the most corrupt."

Last year, Trump promised to triple the number of veterans "seeing the doctor of their choice."

But a Trump administration plan to expand the Veterans Choice program remains in limbo after lawmakers declined last week to include it in a massive spending bill.

In response to the ethics issues, Shulkin has denied wrongdoing and complained about internal drama at the agency that has made it difficult for him to push through VA improvements, citing a half dozen or so political appointees there who were rebelling against him.

But Kelly, the White House chief of staff, recently made it clear to Shulkin that he had become weary of the VA secretary's tendency to run to the media to voice complaints and claim a White House mandate that he did not fully have, according to a person familiar with the conversations who wasn't authorized to discuss them publicly and insisted on anonymity.

The department provides medical care and other benefits to 9 million military veterans in more than 1,700 health facilities around the U.S.

# Trump is staffing — or casting — from Fox News

By Catherine Lacey  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's favorite TV network is increasingly serving as a West Wing casting call, as the president reshapes his administration with camera-ready personalities.

Trump's new national security adviser, John Bolton, is a former U.N. ambassador, a White House veteran — and perhaps most importantly a Fox News channel talking head. Bolton's appointment, rushed out late Thursday, follows Trump's recent attempt to recruit Fox guest Joseph diGenova for his legal team.

Bolton went on Fox to discuss his selection and said it had happened so quickly that "I think I'm still a Fox News contributor."

Another recent TV-land addition to the Trump White House is veteran CNBC contributor Larry Kudlow as top economic adviser. Other Fox faces on Trump's team: rising State Department star Heather Nauert, a former Fox News anchor; communications adviser Mercedes Schlapp and Treasury Department spokesman Tony Sayegh. The latter two are both former Fox commentators.

"He's looking for people who are ready to be part of that television White House," said Kendall Phillips, a communication and rhetorical studies professor at Syracuse University. "This is the Fox television presidency all the way up and down."

diGenova, who has accused FBI officials of trying to "frame" Trump for nonexistent crimes, will not be joining the legal team because of "conflicts," said Trump counsel Jay Bybee on Sunday. Bybee, however, said diGenova and his wife, attorney Victoria Toensing, also a frequent commentator on Fox, would not be prevented from helping Trump "in other legal matters."

Trump's affinity for Fox News is by now well-documented. He has bestowed more interviews on the network than any other news outlet and is an avid viewer. People close to the president say he thinks Fox provides the best coverage of his unconventional presidency. It also provides him a window into conservative thinking, with commentary from Republican lawmakers and right-wing thinkers — many of who are speaking directly to the audience in the Oval Office.

On-air personalities Sean Hannity and Laura Ingraham are favorites of the president, who also speaks to them privately. This past week Trump presented Hannity on Twitter, saying: "Special shout out to @seanhannity now! Great! 8:18 A.M."

The president's early-morning tweets often appear to be reactions to Fox programming. On Friday, for example, Trump tweeted he was "considering" a vote of a massive spending bill needed to keep the government open not long after it was unveiled on "Fox and Friends" as a "strong budget."

The White House said it was not commenting on Fox

Hegseth, a favorite of the president who has been rumored to be a possible replacement for embattled Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin.

Fox News came in for criticism this past week from CNN chief Jeff Zucker, who on Thursday attacked the rival network by saying it has become a propaganda machine that is "doing an incredible dis-service to the country."

Zucker spoke at the Financial Times Future of News conference two days after a former Fox military analyst quit, claiming he was ashamed at the way the network's opinion hosts were backing Trump. Zucker said that analyst, Ralph Peters, voiced what a lot of people have been thinking about Fox in the post-Roger Ailes era.

Still, in Trump's Washington, lawmakers and influence-seekers know that the best way to get in Trump's ear is often to get on Fox. Legislators routinely seek to get airtime when they are trying to push legislation or policy ideas, said congressional aides who sought anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss private thinking.

"A year ago, everyone was trying to figure out how to get into the building; now everyone is trying to figure out how to get on TV," said Republican consultant Alex Conant.

This past week, for example, conservative lawmakers unhappy with the spending bill moving through Congress took to Fox. "This may be the worst bill I have seen in my time in Congress," said Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, on Wednesday.

And when the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, prompted a national conversation on gun laws, Fox contributor Geraldo Rivera used his platform to urge the president to support raising the age requirement to buy assault-type weapons.

"You've gotta let me give my pitch," he said on "Fox and Friends" several weeks ago, noting that he would see Trump that night. "Here in Florida and most states a kid cannot buy a bear ... and yet he could buy an AR-15 legally."

The hosts quickly pushed back. "Tell him to let the teachers carry concealed," said one. "While the coverage varies by show, 'Fox and Friends' tends to be Trump-friendly, with the cheaper morning show spotlighting his achievements and bashing the 'mainstream media.'" On Friday, they featured a teen from the Florida high school where the shooting occurred who opposes gun control efforts, as well as a young conservative activist who interviewed Trump at a White House event the day before.

Also appearing Friday was White House counselor Kellyanne Conway — behind a constant presence on cable news — who pushed back at the idea Trump was focused on hiring TV personalities. "The irony is not just on me that you have a lot of quote 'TV stars' calling Larry Kudlow and John Bolton 'TV stars,'" Conway said.

# TxDOT lists traffic alerts for this week

From staff reports

The following are traffic alerts for the week of March 26 from the Texas Department of Transportation Odessa District:

■ Andrews County: Crews will be working

on State Highway 115 on Tuesday and Wednesday between mile markers 326 and 328, near Loop 1910.

■ Crane County: Crews will be working on SH 329 today and Tuesday between mile markers 260 and 261, just west of

Crane. Expect daytime lane closures.

■ Martin County: Eastbound exit 154 on Interstate 20 in Stanton will be closed today for the installation of overhead lighting. TxDOT asks that motorists find alternative routes.

■ Midland County: Crews will be working on Spur 268 today through Thursday between Williams Street and Andrews Highway. Expect daytime lane closures.

■ Pecos County: Crews will be working on Farm-to-Market Road 305 on Tuesday between mile markers 396 and 398. Expect daytime closures.

■ Reeves County: Crews will be working on FM Road 3334 today and Tuesday between mile markers 178 and 186. Expect daytime closures. Also, work will occur Tuesday and Wednesday on FM 1450 between mile markers 200 and 210.

# Stormy Daniels, in TV interview, breaks silence on sex with Trump

By Margaret Talev and Toluse Olorunnipa  
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — Porn actress Stormy Daniels said she had sex with Donald Trump in 2006, recounting a statement denying the affair that Trump's personal lawyer issued under her name in January.

Daniels, in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes," said she signed the denial, after the Wall Street Journal reported she'd been paid \$130,000 a month before the 2016 election to remain silent, because she believed that Trump's lawyer, Michael Cohen, would make her "life hell in many different ways."

She said she and her young daughter were physically assaulted by an unidentified man in Las Vegas in 2011 if she

revealed the affair. Earlier that year, Cohen threatened to sue in Touch magazine if it published an interview with Daniels in which she detailed the relationship, according to "60 Minutes."

"I was concerned for my family and their safety," she said.

Cohen and the White House declined to comment for the "60 Minutes" broadcast. Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, declined to answer questions about whether she had any text messages or video documenting the relationship.

Daniels said she signed a nondisclosure agreement drawn up by Cohen in 2016 in part because she was afraid of physical harm, citing the 2011 threat.

"A guy walked up on me and said to me, 'Leave Trump alone. Forget the story,'" she said. "And

then he leaned around and looked at my daughter and said, 'That's a beautiful little girl. It'd be a shame if something happened to her mom.' And then he was gone."

In Touch published its 2011 interview with Daniels in January, including details of the alleged affair with Trump, after the Wall Street Journal revealed the \$130,000 payment. Trump has denied the affair through his lawyers. The White House has declined to answer most questions about the alleged affair.

Cohen has said he paid Daniels out of his own pocket and wasn't influenced by the Trump Organization, the president's company, or by his campaign. He has not said whether the president personally reimbursed him.

Daniels said in Clifford's story that she was released from the

nondisclosure agreement, in part because she says Trump never signed it. Cohen and the president's lawyers have threatened to claim as much as \$20 million in damages from Daniels for violating the agreement and have sought to have the suit moved to federal court.

Daniels has offered to return the \$130,000, and the advocacy group Common Cause has sued Cohen and the president, claiming that the payment violated campaign finance law.

Daniels said that she met Trump in 2006 and agreed to have dinner in his hotel room, where the two later had sex. In a separate interview last week on CNN, Karen McDougal, a former Playboy model, said she had a 10-month affair with Trump that also began in 2006, the year Trump's wife Melania gave birth to their son Barron. McDougal said she was in love with Trump but broke off the relationship after feeling guilty because he was married.

# Anguished students take aim at gun laws

By Martha Irvine  
Associated Press

Charlie Goodman looked at the massive crowd around him, the largest youth-led protest in Washington since the Vietnam War era. He listened to people speak about toughening gun laws. They included some of his peers at the Florida high school who've sparked this movement, as well as the 9-year-old granddaughter of the Rev. Martin Luther King.

When she spoke, he was moved to tears. "This is truly a revolution," said Goodman, a sophomore at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, where 17 people were gunned down last month. "We can really change the world."

The marches united hundreds of thousands of people in cities across the country and have galvanized this movement, he and others say. Now they are vowing to get young voters registered and send a message in upcoming elections.

"We have a lot of people who are inspired," said Kobey Lofton, a student from Chicago's South Side who also traveled overnight to Washington on Friday with 12 busloads of fellow students and adults.

Before the march, Lofton and his fellow Peace Warriors at North Lawndale College Prep High School had already met with the Florida students — young people from different worlds, but both impacted by gun violence.

Now they and other students across the country are planning voter registration drives through the fall. Voter registration groups, including Rock the Vote, Voto Latino and HeadCount, a nonpartisan group that usually focuses on registering people at concerts and music festivals, also helped mobilize teams at Saturday's marches in 30 U.S. cities and have created a registration tool kit for high school students.

"I've never felt the energy that I felt," HeadCount spokesman Aaron Ghitelman said of the registration training that preceded the march in Washington. In a matter of hours, he said the groups registered nearly 5,000 people, many of them millennials.

"More young people are realizing that we can have a voice and we can have a seat at the table," he said. "But people realize that you have to fight for that seat at the table."

"We have to force them to do something," agreed Lofton, who was referring to elected officials, including President Donald Trump. The White House issued a statement about the student-led march and also pointed to the president's support for the Stop School Violence Act, which authorized grants to schools to bolster security and attempts to improve background checks.

But Cameron Kasky, a student leader at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, says the current laws and legislation don't go far enough.

The students, he said, are



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Protesters hold up signs during a rally on Saturday at Lake Eola Park in downtown Orlando, Fla., as part of the nationwide protest against gun violence.

demanding an assault weapons ban, prohibition of sales of high-capacity magazines and universal background checks. But Kasky said this won't happen if his peers across the nation don't get more involved.

"The youth of America needs to step up and start voting. (You) see the statistics. It's an embarrassing turnout," Kasky said Sunday on the CBS program "Face the Nation."

Compared with 2012, voter turnout for millennials, those ages 18 to 35, increased to just below 50 percent in the last presidential election, according to the Pew Research Center and U.S. Census data. But that turnout still lags behind

other generations.

Still, Dianne Daley, a 60-year-old corporate events planner from Long Beach, California, said the students have done a lot to inspire their older peers.

"Maybe that's what it's going to take — children leading us," Daley said. She comes from a family of educators and marched Saturday in her hometown with three generations of her family, including her 87-year-old father, an Air Force veteran.

Some students from "the silent minority" still said they felt excluded.

Kyle Kashuv, another student at the Florida school, also appeared on "Face the Nation" to voice his support

for the 2nd Amendment and for enforcement of existing gun laws. He expressed his disappointment that he was not invited to speak at Saturday's march and placed blame for the deadly shooting at his school on local law enforcement and the FBI.

"This kid was flagged," Kashuv said of accused shooter Nikolas Cruz and reports to law enforcement before the shooting that he posed a threat.

Rick Santorum, a former Republican Senator from Pennsylvania and now a CNN commentator, suggested Sunday that students shouldn't look to others to solve their problem. "Do something about maybe

taking CPR classes or trying to deal with situations that when there is a violent shooter that you can actually respond to that," Santorum said on CNN's "State of the Union."

However, Sen. Mark Warner, a Virginia Democrat who has previously voted against stricter laws on high-capacity magazines and semi-automatic weapons, said the student rallies will likely make a difference as Congress takes on the issue again.

Some of the Florida students said they realize that compromise will be necessary. But, even as he rested back in Florida on Sunday, Goodman said the marches are only the beginning.



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One World Trade Center towers above St. Paul's Chapel on March 16 in New York.

## Churches that survived 9/11 give in, install metal detectors

By Karen Matthews  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The two stone churches near the foot of Broadway, in the shadow of the World Trade Center, have seen fire and calamity and the sweep of American history, and through it all have kept their doors wide open.

But in a sign of the times, Trinity Church and St. Paul's Chapel both installed metal detectors this month. Visitors on their way to see Alexander Hamilton's tomb in Trinity's historic graveyard, or who want to sit in the pews at St. Paul's where George Washington prayed and dust-covered rescue workers rested after 9/11 attacks, now have to pass through airport-style security checkpoints.

The metal detectors, installed March 1, will be there "until this world becomes a safer place," said Trinity's vicar, the Rev. Philip Jackson.

Visitors to St. Paul's passed through them Palm Sunday as they gathered to mark the start of Holy Week, which commemorates the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

Church officials said the decision to step up security was not a response to any specific threat, but Jackson said a terrorist attack in the fall, when a man used a spending truck to kill eight people on a nearby bike path, was "kind of a wake-up call."

"While no one wants to have to implement such measures, it's a reflection of the times we live in and our

lower Manhattan when it comes to security measures.

People visiting the Statue of Liberty, the Sept. 11 memorial or the observation deck at One World Trade Center all have to pass through metal detectors. The New York Stock Exchange closed to tourists altogether after 9/11.

Yet the appearance of security checkpoints at two churches long seen as sanctuaries still struck some visitors as something new.

"I thought it was weird," said Rosie Meeks, of San Antonio, who visited St. Paul's with her 9-year-old grandson.

Kijunna Winn, of Atlanta, said she had never seen metal detectors at a U.S. church before, though she was becoming used to seeing them elsewhere.

"I think I've become more accustomed to that now in traveling, with so many different attacks and gun violence," Winn said. "It didn't bother me."

The neo-Gothic Trinity Church was consecrated in 1846 after previous churches serving the congregation were replaced or destroyed, including a church that burned in a fire that destroyed much of Manhattan after the British occupied the city during the American Revolution.

Trinity saw a new surge of visitors after the smash success of Broadway's "Hamilton," since Alexander Hamilton, his wife, Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton, and Elizabeth's sister Angelica Schuyler Church are all buried in the picturesque graveyard.

St. Paul's Chapel was

The church narrowly escaped being destroyed when the World Trade Center collapsed on 9/11, gaining the nickname "The Little Chapel that Stood." For months, it became a center for the relief effort. Volunteers met there to distribute food, water and spiritual counseling to rescue and recovery workers. For years, people left messages and mementos to the dead in the chapel's iron fence.

Metal detectors remain rare at U.S. churches, even in security-conscious New York.

St. Patrick's Cathedral, which gets an estimated 5 million visitors a year, does not have them.

"We have security at the cathedral, of course, but we do not have metal detectors at the doors," said Joseph Zwilling, spokesman for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York.

Ron Aguirre, a Louisville, Kentucky-based consultant on church security and the author of "Keeping Your Church Safe," published in 2008, said many churches around the U.S. have armed guards, but he hasn't been recommending walk-through metal detectors.

"The general consensus is we're not at that point yet," he said.

Some synagogues in New York and elsewhere have installed metal detectors, to the disappointment of critics like Rabbi Philip Gornham, director of the Advanced Institute for Jewish Studies at the San Diego Jewish Academy. He said the "extreme atmosphere" "reluctance" for as a daily practice.

## Video shows man before being shot by deputy

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Cellphone video of a sheriff's deputy fatally shooting an unarmed black man shows the man wandering in a Houston street with his pants around his ankles and continuing to approach the deputy as the officer tells him to stop.

The video, obtained by the Houston Chronicle from a civilian witness, does not show the actual shooting because a car passes in front of the cellphone camera as the Harris County deputy fires a single shot.

A spokesman for the sheriff's office says the man had an object in his hand, but no weapon was recovered at the scene.

Family members identified the man as 34-year-old Danny Ray Thomas, and said he had been devastated after two of his children were killed in 2016. The children's mother is accused of drowning them in a bathtub.

Officers were responding to reports that a man was walking in the intersection

with his pants down hitting cars as he mumbled to himself. Before the deputy arrived, a motorist had stopped in the intersection to confront Thomas.

The deputy, whose name has not been released, broke up the altercation and can be seen in the video walking backward away from Thomas with his gun drawn, shouting commands at Thomas.

He can be seen telling Thomas to stop walking and get down, but Thomas continues to approach the deputy. A gunshot can be heard on the video, but can't be seen. The deputy is next seen on the video crouching over Thomas, who is face down on the pavement.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Texas issued a statement Sunday calling on the sheriff's department to release any dashcam and body-camera footage in the shooting and for the department to review its use-of-force policies to "demand lethal force only be used as a last resort."

"It's difficult to imagine how this shooting could possibly be justified. We must demand that our law enforcement agencies, who are sworn to protect our communities, be held accountable whenever deadly force is used unlawfully," Sharon Watkins-Jones, director of political strategies of the ACLU of Texas, said. "But whatever the excuse, another unarmed black man has been killed by law enforcement, in the street and in broad daylight, and the only reason we know about it is because of bystander footage."

Thomas' sister, Kita Thomas, said she and her brother both suffered depression and helped each other survive recent events.

According to court records, Sherorah Thomas, the mother of Danny Thomas' children, is facing two capital murder charges for allegedly drowning his 5-year-old daughter and 7-year-old son in a bathtub before hiding their bodies under a neighbor's house in August 2016.

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## Iraq War veterans deserve Medal of Honor

■ This year, the 15th anniversary of the conflict's beginning, would be appropriate time to bestow nation's highest award for valor on living veterans

March 25 is National Medal of Honor Day, a day to pause and reflect on the profound legacy of the United States' most highly decorated heroes. About 30 of the 71 surviving recipients will have gathered in Washington to celebrate the bond that unites them over the span of seven decades — from World War II through the wars in Korea, Vietnam and Afghanistan.

One major modern conflict is noteworthy for its lack of representation: the Iraq War.

This eight-year war claimed the lives of almost 4,500 Americans and left more than 32,000 wounded. The most brutal battles since Vietnam took place in Iraq, in cities such as Baghdad, Fallujah and Ramadi, and acts of heroism abounded. Emblematic is the story of Marine Sgt. Maj. Bradley Kasal. On Nov. 13, 2004, then-1st Sgt. Kasal entered an enemy-occupied building in Fallujah, a death trap our troops had dubbed "Hell House," to assist fellow Marines who were pinned down by a superior enemy force. Under withering fire, Kasal killed an insurgent

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immediately; then, while dragging a wounded Marine to safety, he was struck with seven rounds of small-arms fire. Severely wounded, Kasal used the few bandages he had to treat his injured comrade rather than himself.

When the insurgents lobbed a grenade at them, Kasal rolled on top of the wounded Marine, absorbing the impact of the blast and suffering 43 shrapnel wounds. He refused to leave the house until all of the other Marines were safe. A photograph taken of Kasal staggering from the house, pistol in hand, supported by fellow Marines, his uniform soaked in blood, became an iconic image of the Iraq War.

Kasal was later awarded the Navy Cross — the Navy and Marine Corps' second-highest award for valor. Does anyone seriously doubt that his heroism is also worthy of the Medal of Honor?

There are many other Iraq War veterans with stories as compelling as Kasal's,

and I have met many of them. They are extraordinary men, yet without the Medal of Honor their stories will almost certainly be forgotten as time passes.

That is because the Medal of Honor confers a unique cachet upon its recipients. Honorees are in demand as speakers at civic, military and corporate conventions — and, most importantly, by schools and youth groups.

The fact that not a single living Iraq War veteran has received the Medal of Honor is a serious injustice to the 1.5 million Americans who served in that conflict. Consider: 1,523 Medals of Honor were awarded for heroism in the Civil War, 126 in World War I, 471 in World War II, 145 in the Korean War and 260 in Vietnam. Two soldiers killed in Somalia in 1993 and 14 who fought in Afghanistan have received the award (three of the latter posthumously). Yet for Iraq, only four Medals of Honor have been awarded, all posthumously.

Until 2009, there were no living recipients from Afghanistan, either. That year, then-Defense Secretary Robert Gates openly disbelieved that the 2.5 million American veterans who had served in Iraq and Afghanistan, none of whom were still living, had received the Medal of Honor.

Things began to change almost immediately, with the eventual awarding of 11 Medals of Honor to living veterans

of Afghanistan, the most recent going to Senior Chief Special Warfare Operator Edward Byers Jr. in 2016. All are veterans of Afghanistan. Inexplicably, incredibly, not a single medal went to a living Iraq veteran.

It is not too late for remedial action.

The Pentagon has periodically conducted reviews of conflicts going back to World War II to correct injustices regarding withholding the Medal of Honor. Most recently, three living Vietnam veterans — Sgt. Santiago Erevia, Sgt. 1st Class Jose Rodela — received the medal from President Barack Obama four years ago.

The selection of Medal of Honor recipients is not done by formula. It is up to the judgment of those responsible in the Pentagon.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis commanded troops in Iraq and must surely rue the irony that not one of the living veterans of that conflict has been found worthy of the nation's highest award for valor.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the beginning of the war in Iraq. It is an appropriate time to recognize the first of many deserving Iraq War veterans with the Medal of Honor.

*James C. Roberts is president of the American Veterans Center.*

### GUEST VIEW

## Better school district will reduce transfer requests

Student transfers will never be an easy issue for Beaumont ISD or most large school districts. Some parents will always want their children attending a different school than the one they're zoned for. In turn, administrators should accommodate as many of these requests as possible.

But only a certain number of students can be allowed to shift from School A to School B, or one campus would have half-empty classrooms and the other would have kids spilling over into the hallways. That means telling a parent no, a word they don't want to hear.

Here's one way to minimize those problems, even if it seems obvious: Make each school as successful as possible. If each campus has committed teachers, engaging classes and a solid array of extracurricular activities, fewer parents will seek transfers.

The reverse is also true. Teachers and coaches don't want to work at inferior schools, and once a downward spiral starts it can be hard to stop.

It comes down to this: The BISD has to make sure parents don't feel hopeless. If they do, they'll want a transfer. If they don't get that, they might leave.

And not just leave the district for a private school in Beaumont, but leave the city entirely.

Neither Beaumont nor the region is in a position to handle that. Population growth was flat before Harvey. We will be fortunate if we can recover from post-storm losses and show some gains in the 2020 census.

School quality is at the top of the list of reasons people select a city to move into — or stay there once they're established.

This goal is achievable. The BISD has made impressive progress under the state-appointed board of managers and Superintendent John Frossard. It's headed in the right direction. Clearly, it needs to stay that way when the locally elected board of trustees takes over. A key indicator will be transfer requests.

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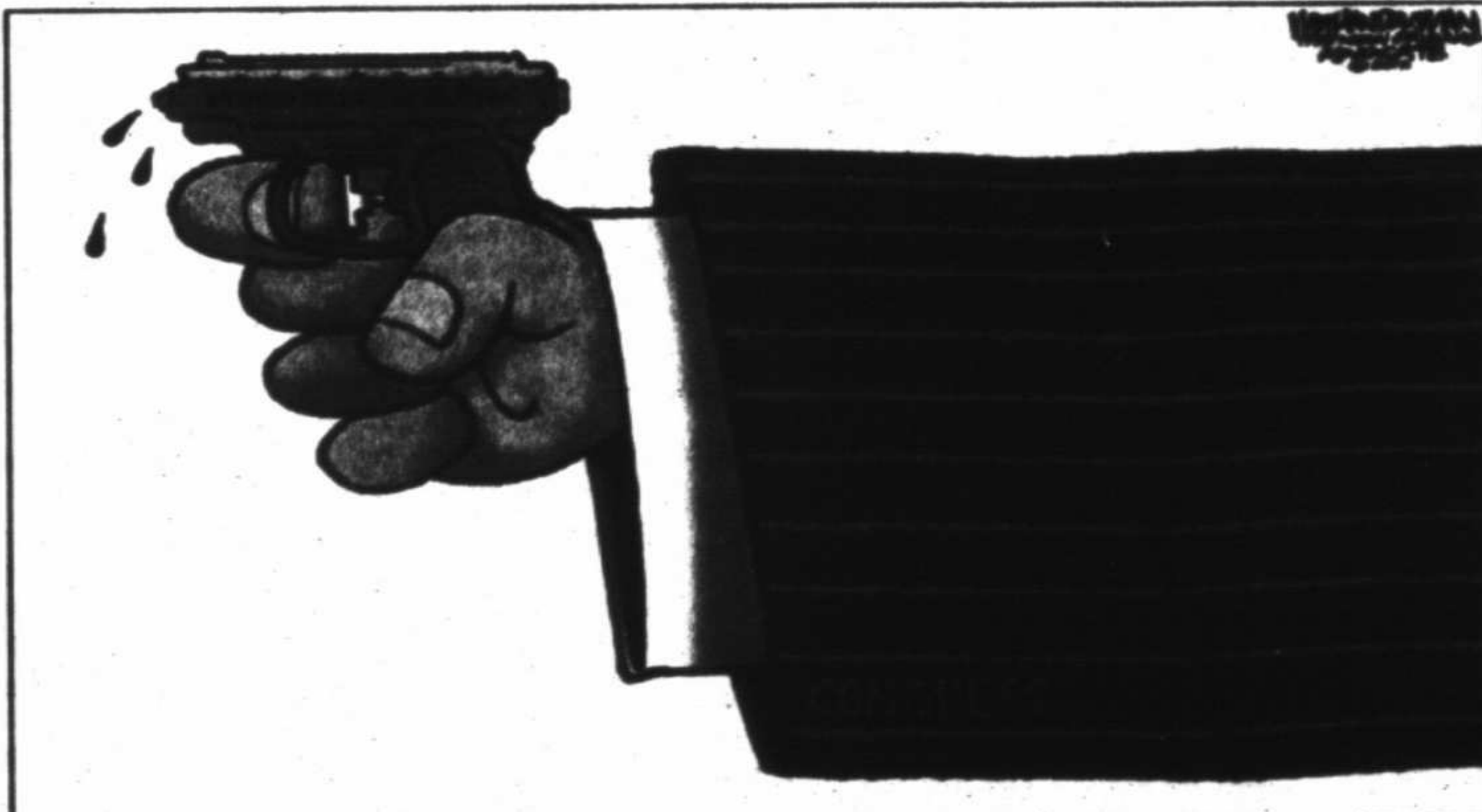
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## Youth will upend American politics

■ Gun violence eclipses all other worries for 13- to 24-year-olds

The kids have come to save us. They have come from Florida, where their high school peers were gunned down on Valentine's Day, inspiring them to organize Saturday's March for Our Lives.

They have also come from Minnesota, where my two teenage nephews boarded an overnight bus to Washington to participate in the march.

They have come by the hundreds of thousands to the capital, or to the streets of their home towns — just as kids across the country, my daughter and her classmates among them, walked out of classes on March 14 to protest school shootings.

Most important, they are coming to the polls in November, the beginning of a generational wave that will upend our politics.

And they are going to get what they have come for.

They will get reasonable gun control — eventually — but they will get a lot more than that. The kids — millennials and those following, Generation Z, born since the mid-1990s and just coming of age — are going to save us from ourselves.

A Quinnipiac University poll this week shows that a whopping 67 percent of voters in the 18-to-34 age group want to see a Democratic Senate, vs. only 28 percent favoring Republicans (it's similar for the House), a dramatically larger margin than for older generations. These voters also profess to be more motivated than usual.

The change they seek won't come immediately. Although the National Rifle Association may be out of favor (dramatically so among young Americans), it still controls the Republican Party, which still controls Congress and the White House despite being overwhelmingly unpopular.

But the future belongs to these kids, and it is arriving. We are on the cusp of change of a magnitude not seen since the 1960s, at least, and not just on guns but on immigration, race, health care, diplomacy, the role of government and America's place in the world.

This is a paradox of the Trump era, which every day brings more calamity: a trade war, dramatic debt expansion during an economic boom, tax cuts that expand the gap between rich and poor, the arrival of a dangerous ideologue as national security adviser, a president allying himself with a hostile foreign power trying to disrupt U.S. democracy with an assist from America's own Facebook empire, a leader turning American against each other by race, gender and religion and attacking the pillars of democratic governance.

And yet it could not be clearer that the power structure that created this mess is on its way out.

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Millennials will sometime next year become the largest living generation, and Generation Z is poised to be even larger. Together, they will resoundingly repudiate the status quo. Just 27 percent of millennials approve of Trump's job performance, according to the Pew Research Center, which says the generational gap in political views is wider than at any point since Pew began examining it in the early 1990s.

This is related to rapidly changing racial demographics (millennials are more than 40 percent nonwhite, Gen Z even more so), but even controlling for racial diversity, Pew reported in a study this month that young Americans are markedly more liberal than older cohorts.

Seventy-nine percent of millennials say immigrants strengthen America (vs. 47 percent of the oldest, Silent generation). Seventy-seven percent of millennials say good diplomacy is the best way to ensure peace (vs. 45 percent of the Silent). There are similar gaps in views of free trade, universal health care, welfare and racial discrimination, and liberal millennials outnumber conservative millennials 57 percent to 12 percent; among the oldest generation it's almost the reverse: 28 percent liberal to 40 percent conservative.

The kids might even save us from Facebook, a creation of millennials that is now being turned into an anti-democratic weapon. The research firm eMarketer found that the number of 12- to 17-year-old American users of Facebook declined 9.9 percent in 2017, part of a drop of 2.8 million U.S. users of Facebook under age 25.

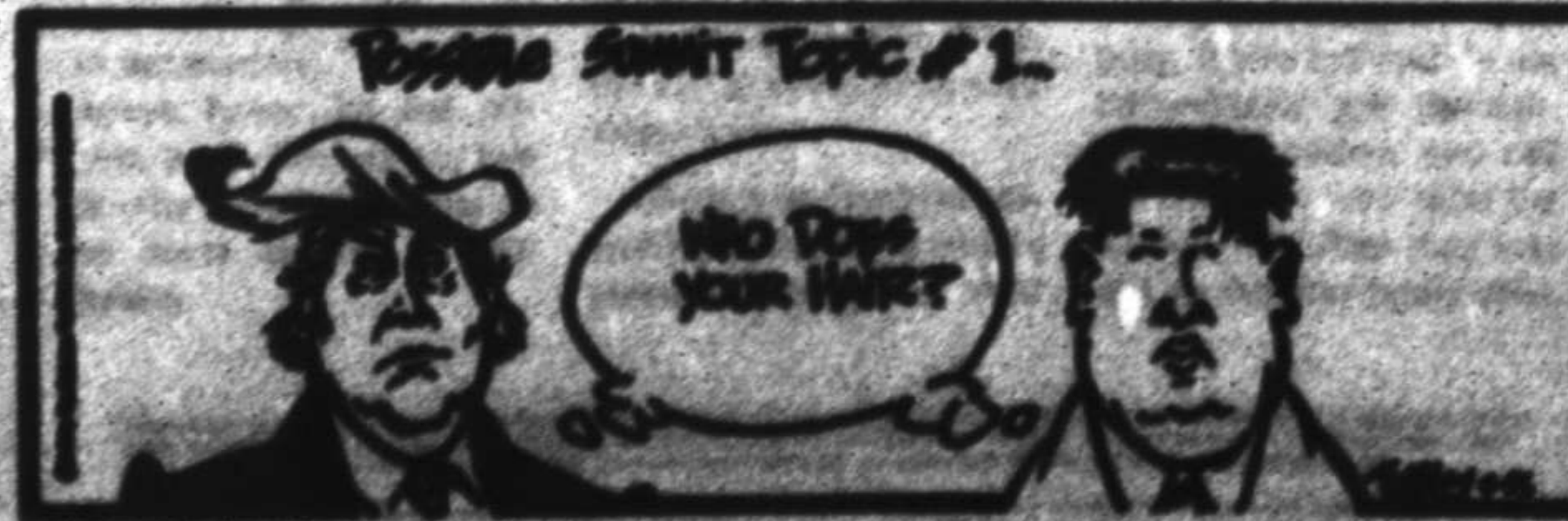
On gun control, there is broad and growing support across generations. But the issue of mass shootings is the "defining fear" for the youngest Americans, according to an attempt by USA Today and Ipsos to poll 13- to 24-year-olds. The survey, released this week, found that gun violence eclipses all other worries, including terrorism, racism, college affordability and climate change. Nearly one-fifth don't feel safe at school.

This will change. The zeitgeist is already changing, as seen in recent actions by Delta Air Lines, Hertz, MetLife, Dick's Sporting Goods, Walmart, Citigroup and others. These now controlling Washington may not adapt. But rest assured, kids: They will soon be gone.

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"Mike" Mike Hughes reacts after the decision to scrub another launch attempt of his rocket on March 6 near Amboy, Calif. The self-taught rocket scientist, who believes the Earth is flat, propelled himself about 1,000 feet into the air before a hard landing in the Mojave Desert that left him injured on Saturday. Hughes tells The Associated Press that he injured his back but is otherwise fine after Saturday's launch near Amboy, Calif.

## Self-taught rocket scientist blasts off into California sky

By Pat Graham and Michael Balsame  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — He finally went up — just like the self-taught rocket scientist always pledged he would.

He came back down in one piece, too — a little dinged up and his steam-powered vessel a little cracked up.

Still, mission accomplished for a guy more daredevil than engineer, who drew more comparisons to the cartoon character Wile E. Coyote from his critics than he did to iconic stunt man Evel Knievel.

"Mike" Mike Hughes, the rocket man who believes the Earth is flat, propelled himself about 1,875 feet into the air Saturday before a hard landing in the Mojave Desert. He told The Associated Press that outside of an aching back he's fine after the launch near Amboy, California. "Believed," he said after being checked out by paramedics. "I'm tired of people saying I chickened out and didn't build a rocket. I'm tired of that stuff. I'manned up and did it."

The launch in the desert town — about 200 miles east of Los Angeles — was originally scheduled in November. It was scrubbed several times because of logistical issues with the Bureau of Land Management and mechanical problems that kept popping up.

The 61-year-old limo driver converted a mobile home into a ramp and modified it to launch from a vertical angle so he wouldn't fall back to the ground on public land. For months he's been working on overhauling his rocket in his garage.

It looked like Saturday might be another in a string of cancellations, given that the wind was blowing and his rocket was losing steam. Instead, they wanted it at 350 psi for maximum thrust, but it was dropping to 340.

"I told Mike we could try to keep charging it up and get it back," said Wally Seaton, who's been helping Hughes with his endeavor. "He said, 'No.' Sometimes after 3 p.m. PDT, and without a countdown, Hughes' rocket soared into the sky.

Hughes reached a speed that Seaton estimated to be around 350 mph before pulling his parachute. Hughes was dropping two feet, though, and he had to land on a second one. He landed with a dead end and the rocket's nose broke in two places like it was designed to do.

"The thing wants to kill you 10 different ways," said Hughes, who had an

altimeter in his cockpit to measure his altitude. "This thing will kill you in a heartbeat."

"Am I glad I did it? Yeah, I guess. I'll feel it in the morning. I won't be able to get out of bed. At least I can go home and have dinner and see my cats tonight."

He got permission to launch on the land owned by Albert Okura, who bought Amboy in 2005 for \$435,000. Okura was in attendance and said the event lasted about three to four minutes. The rocket landed about 1,500 feet from the launch ramp. Stukas said, "Mike brained us as 'Rocket Town,' Okura said. "It was amazing."

This has been quite an undertaking for Hughes, who lives in Apple Valley, California. He's seen a flurry of reaction to his plans, with detractors labeling him a crackpot for planning the launch in a homemade contraption and in flat.

Some sayers have posted things like "He'll be fine" with a picture of Wile E. Coyote strapped to a rocket. "I hope he doesn't blow something up," retired NASA astronaut Jerry Linenger said as Hughes' plans captured widespread attention. Linenger orbited the globe more than 2,000 times during four months in 1997. "Rocketry, as our private space companies found out, isn't as easy as it looks."

Hughes often sparred with his critics on social media leading up to the launch, through Facebook comments and a 12-minute video addressed to his detractors. He's always maintained that his

future plans are simple: Fill out the paperwork to run for governor. "This is no joke," Hughes said. "I want to do it."

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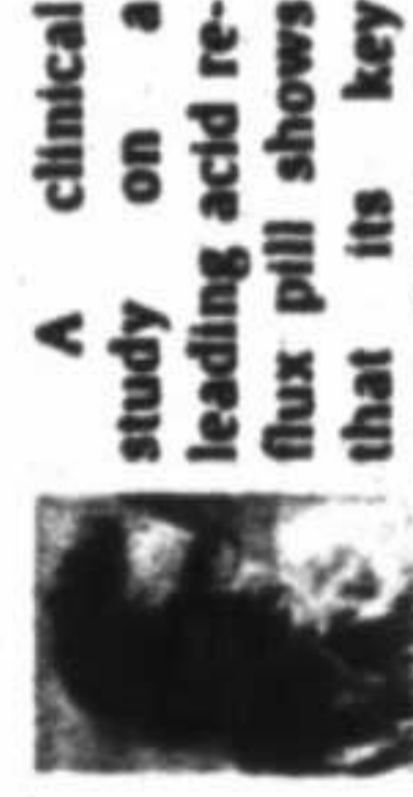
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# 'Pacific Rim: Uprising' dethrones 'Black Panther'

By Jake Coyle  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It took six weeks but "Black Panther" has finally been unseated as the top film at the North American box office. The monsters vs. robots science-fiction sequel "Pacific Rim: Uprising" dethroned the superhero sensation with \$28 million in ticket sales over the weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday.

But the result for "Pacific Rim: Uprising," a Universal Pictures-Legendary Entertainment release that cost \$150 million to make, was soft — at least domestically. Like the recently released "Tomb Raider," its biggest business was in China. "Pacific Rim: Uprising" debuted there with \$65 million for Universal, which the Chinese conglomerate Wanda Group acquired in 2016.

And even though "Black Panther" slid to second place with \$16.7 million in its sixth weekend, Ryan Coogler's film notched another box-office milestone. It's now the highest-grossing superhero film ever in North America, not accounting for inflation. The film's \$631 million in domestic ticket sales has surpassed the \$623 million of 2012's "The Avengers." "Black Panther" also becomes the fifth highest-grossing film of all-time, rising above "Star Wars: The Last Jedi."

Yet the record-breaking hit of "Black Panther" has been followed by a string of lackluster performers, including "Tomb Raider," "A Wrinkle in Time" and "Red Sparrow." "Pacific Rim: Uprising" may have taken down the champ, but a blockbuster heir to "Black Panther" is yet to be found. Next weekend, Steven Spielberg will try with his big-budget virtual-reality spectacle "Ready Player One."

Hollywood has essentially already squandered the early lead "Black Panther" gave it. Despite the firepower of "Black Panther," the year is running 2.6 percent behind 2017 at U.S. and Canada theaters, according to comScore. This weekend was down 36.5 percent from last year when "Beauty and the Beast" was in its second week and the surprisingly successful "Power Rangers" debuted.

"One movie isn't enough to support a whole marketplace," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore. "We need a real shot in the arm here. 'Pacific Rim,' that's a fine opening. But we need bigger numbers to be put up."

"Pacific Rim: Uprising" could point to better results abroad, where it grossed \$122.5 million over the weekend. The July 2013 original, directed by Guillermo del Toro, was likewise conceived as an East-West hybrid tailored after classic kaiju

movies, the Japanese giant monster genre. It launched with \$37.3 million domestically and \$45 million in China.

The \$411 million worldwide haul for del Toro's film was enough to prompt a sequel, even if enthusiasm for a second installment was considerably higher in Asia. Steven S. DeKnight co-wrote and directed "Uprising," which critics largely slammed. It scored a 46 percent fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

"The domestic market was a very important part of it and we really came in above any reasonable expectations," said Jim Orr, domestic distribution chief for Universal. "This was always engineered to be a worldwide event film."

The strategy was similar for Warner Bros.' "Tomb Raider" reboot, starring Alicia Vikander. Domestically, it dropped steeply in its second week, sliding 56 percent with \$10.4 million. Sales have been brisker overseas, where "Tomb Raider" has grossed \$170 million thus far.

MGM and Paramount Pictures' animated family sequel "Sherlock Gnomes" disappointed with a \$10.6 million debut. Forecasts had been higher for the sequel to "Gnomeo & Juliet," which grossed \$194 million worldwide in 2011.

The results were also modest for Steven Soderbergh's "Unsane," a psychological thriller starring Claire Foy ("The Crown") that the director shot with iPhones. The Bleeker Street-Fingerprint Releasing film opened with \$3.9 million in 2,023 theaters. Though both were inexpensively made, neither of Soderbergh's first two films following his brief retirement from Hollywood has made much of a dent at the box office. Last year's "Logan Lucky," starring Channing Tatum, topped out at \$27.8 million domestically.

But there were also bright spots. The Christian drama "I Can Only Imagine" held especially strongly in its second weekend. The Liongate-Roadside Attractions release grossed \$13.8 million, bringing its two-week total to \$38.5 million. "I Can Only Imagine" has emerged as the clear faith-based film of choice ahead of Easter, likely to the detriment of "Paul: Apostle of Christ," which took in \$5 million this weekend for Sony's Aflim Films.

And in limited release, Wes Anderson's stop-motion animated "Isle of Dogs" got off to a healthy start with \$1.6 million in 27 theaters. Fox Searchlight, coming off its best-picture win at the Academy Awards for "The Shape of Water," carefully selected the opening-weekend theaters to cater to Anderson's die-hard fans.

"We just wanted to be out there to give his audience an opportunity to find the film," said Frank Rodriguez, distribution head for Searchlight.



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Nick Cannon, center left, Mariah Carey, center right, and from left, their children Moroccan and Monroe arrive at the Kids' Choice Awards at The Forum on Saturday in Inglewood, Calif.

## Celebrities at Kids' Choice Awards praise youth marches

By Nicole Evatt  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The power of the youth rallies against gun violence that were held across the U.S. this weekend impressed many of the celebrities who turned out at the Kids' Choice Awards.

Stars including former couple Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon voiced their support for the hundreds of thousands of teenagers and their supporters who spent Saturday marching for gun control.

"We were with them in spirit," Carey said as she arrived that night to the annual event with ex-husband Cannon and their twins, Moroccan and Monroe.

"Oh, it's so amazing. Absolutely! I want to see that as well," Cannon said, pointing to his son perched on his shoulders.

The Kids' Choice Awards in Los Angeles featured host John Cena and others getting doused with green slime, as is tradition, along with performances and awards.

Before the ceremony, stars praised the kids and teens who participated in the rallies in the kind of numbers

seen during the Vietnam era. They were called to action by a new corps of leaders: student survivors of the high school shooting in Parkland, Florida, that left 17 people dead on Feb. 14.

The demonstration in Los Angeles was the first protest for 15-year-old Jenna Ortega. The "Jane the Virgin" actress was deeply moved by the atmosphere.

"We are kids. We have so much ahead of us. We have so much hope, so many dreams. So when situations like school shootings happen, they're killing those dreams along with them and our future activists and politicians."

Ortega said the prevalence of mass shootings has made her scared to go to public places.

"I'm only 15! It shouldn't be like that. And school is supposed to be a place for love, where you learn, where you grow, not die. And that's the saddest thing," she said.

Disney Channel actress Skai Jackson spoke at the Los Angeles rally and said teenagers still have power, even if they aren't old

enough to vote. "We still have a voice, and that change needs to be done," she said. "And I know even my friends, they want to feel safe when they go to school, and they shouldn't be scared."

Candace Bure, a Kids' Choice Awards nominee for "Fuller House," said she's proudly raised her daughter to be an activist.

"I think it's so important to teach our kids to speak up for what they believe in and use their voice and know that they are never too young to have an opinion, to have their voice heard, regardless of whether people agree or disagree with them, but they have to speak up," she said.

Patrick Schwarzenegger, star of romantic teen film "Midnight Sun," said he can't wait to see this young generation of activists become the leaders of tomorrow.

"They're the future, and I think it's awesome how they've handled themselves and gone out and used the situation (that) unfortunately (happened) to create a change," said Schwarzenegger, son of actor and former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

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## Ads apologize for Cambridge Analytica scandal

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facebook's CEO apologized for the Cambridge Analytica scandal with ads in multiple U.S. and British newspapers Sunday, saying the social media platform doesn't deserve to hold personal information if it can't protect it.

The ads signed by Mark Zuckerberg said a quiz app built by a Cambridge University researcher leaked Facebook data of millions of people four years ago. "This was a breach of trust, and I'm sorry we

didn't do more at the time. We're now taking steps to make sure this doesn't happen again," the ads said.

Facebook's privacy practices have come under fire after Cambridge Analytica, a political consulting firm affiliated with President Donald Trump's 2016 election campaign, got data inappropriately. The firm is alleged to have created psychological profiles to influence how people vote or even think about politics and society.

Facebook's stock value has dropped more than \$70 billion since the revelations

were first published.

Among the newspapers with the ads were The New York Times and The Washington Post in the U.S. and The Sunday Times and The Sunday Telegraph in the United Kingdom.

The ads said Facebook is limiting the data apps receive when users sign in. It's also investigating every app that had access to large amounts of data. "We expect there are others. And when we find them, we will ban them and tell everyone affected," the ads stated.

Zuckerberg closed the ads by saying: "I promise to do better for you."

Cambridge Analytica got the data from a researcher who paid 270,000 Facebook users to complete a psychological profile quiz back in 2014. But the quiz gathered information on their friends as well, bringing the total number of people affected to about 50 million.

The Trump campaign paid the firm \$6 million during the 2016 election, although it has since distanced itself from Cambridge.

## COLLECTING YOUR LIFE



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Chuck Goolsbee, site director for Facebook's Prineville data centers, shows the computer servers that store users' photos and other data Oct. 15, 2013, at the Facebook site in Prineville, Ore. Facebook frequently defends its data collection and sharing activities by noting that it's adhering to a privacy policy it shares with users.

## What Facebook's privacy policy allows may surprise you

By Barbara Ortutay  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — To get an idea of the data Facebook collects about you, just ask for it. You'll get a file with every photo and comment you've posted, all the ads you've clicked on, stuff you've liked and searched for and everyone you've friended — and unfriended — over the years.

This trove of data is used to decide which ads to show you. It also makes using Facebook more seamless and enjoyable — say, by determining which posts to emphasize in your feed, or reminding you of friends' birthdays.

Facebook claims to protect all this information, and it lays out its terms in a privacy policy that's relatively clear and concise. But few users bother to read it. You might be surprised at what Facebook's privacy policy allows — and what's left unaid.

Facebook's privacy practices have come under fire after a Trump-affiliated political consulting firm, Cambridge Analytica, got data inappropriately from millions of Facebook users. While past privacy debates have centered on what marketers gather on users, the stakes are higher this time because the firm is alleged to have created psychological profiles to influence how people vote or even think about politics and society.

Facebook defends its data collection and sharing activities by noting that it's adhering to a privacy policy it shares with users. Thanks largely to years of privacy scandals and pressure from users and regulators, Facebook also offers a complex set of controls that let users limit how their

information is used — to a point.

You can turn off ad targeting and see generic ads instead, the way you would on television or in a newspaper. In the ad settings, you'd need to uncheck all your interests, interactions with companies and websites and other personal information you don't want to use in targeting. Of course, if you click on a new interest after this, you'll have to go back and uncheck it in your ad preferences to prevent targeting. It's a tedious task.

As Facebook explains, it puts you in target categories based on your activity. So, if you are 35, live in Seattle and have liked an outdoor adventure page, Facebook may show you an ad for a mountain bike shop in your area.

But activity isn't limited to pages or posts you like, comments you make and your use of outside apps and websites.

"If you start typing something and change your mind and delete it, Facebook keeps those and analyzes them too," Zeynep Tufekci, a prominent techno-sociologist, said in a 2017 TED talk.

And, increasingly, Facebook tries to match what it knows about you with your offline data, purchased from data brokers or gathered in other ways. The more information it has, the fuller the picture of you it can offer to advertisers. It can infer things about you that you had no intention of sharing — anything from your ethnicity to personality traits, happiness and use of addictive substances, Tufekci said.

These types of data collection aren't necessarily explicit in privacy policies or settings.

What Facebook does say is that advertisers don't get the raw data. They just tell Facebook what kind of people they want

their ads to reach, then Facebook makes the matches and shows the ads.

Apps can also collect a lot of data about you, as revealed in the Cambridge Analytica scandal. The firm got the data from a researcher who paid 270,000 Facebook users to complete a psychological profile quiz back in 2014. But the quiz gathered information on their friends as well, bringing the total number of people affected to about 50 million.

Facebook says Cambridge Analytica got the data inappropriately — but only because the app said it collected data for research rather than political profiling. Gathering data on friends was permitted at the time, even if they had never installed the app or given explicit consent.

Ian Bogost, a Georgia Tech communications professor who built a tongue-in-cheek game called "Cow Clicker" in 2010, wrote in The Atlantic recently that abusing the Facebook platform for "deliberately nefarious ends" was easy to do then. What's worse, he said, it was hard to avoid extracting private data.

"If you played Cow Clicker, even just once, I got enough of your personal data that, for years, I could have assembled a reasonably sophisticated profile of your interests and behavior," he wrote. "I might still be able to; all the data is still there, stored on my private server, where Cow Clicker is still running, allowing players to keep clicking where a cow once stood."

Facebook has since restricted the amount of types of data apps can access. But other types of data collection are still permitted. For this reason, it's a good idea to check all the apps you've given permissions to over the years. You can also do this in your settings.

## Growing number of people delete Facebook

By Barbara Ortutay  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fed up with Facebook? You're not alone. A growing number of people are deleting it, or at least wrestling with whether they should, in light of its latest privacy debacle — allegations that a Trump-linked data-mining firm stole information on tens of millions of users to influence elections.

Even before that, users have considered dumping Facebook after growing tired of political disagreements with friends and relatives. And studies have shown that the mindless scrolling that Facebook is so good for can leave us feeling depressed.

While Facebook has tried to address some of these problems, it's not enough for some users. If you are one of them, there are options. Hard as it might seem to quit, especially for those entwined with it for years, it can be done. Mostly.

Goodbye forever

Before deleting your account, rescue your posts and photos. Facebook lets you download the data you've shared with Facebook since you joined. This includes your posts and photos, as well as the "activity log" — the history of everything you've done on Facebook, such as likes and comments on posts, use of apps and searches. The download also contains your profile, messages, list of friends, ads you've clicked on and IP addresses you've used to connect to Facebook.

This process should give you a good — perhaps scary — idea of what Facebook has on you.

What you won't get are photos other people shared with you, even if you've been tagged. You need to save those individually. And some stuff will remain, including what others have posted about you, your chats with others and your posts in Facebook groups (though your name will be grayed out). To delete all this, you'll need to sift through your "activity log," accessible through your profile page, and delete each item individually.

Once you've saved everything and gone through your activity log, sign in one last time. Go to <http://bit.ly/198w10d> and click on the blue button. You can't get that from the settings page, so Facebook, it may seem, doesn't want you to leave. Facebook says the process could take a few days. Your delete request will be cancelled if you log back in during this time. Facebook says it may take up to 90 days for all the data associated with your account to be wiped, but you can't change your mind after the first few days.

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## Breaking up with Facebook is harder than it looks

■ Permanently deleting account could take up to 90 days

By Barbara Ortutay  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facebook's latest privacy scandal, involving Trump campaign consultants who allegedly stole data on tens of millions of users in order to influence elections, has some people reconsidering their relationship status with the social network.

There's just one problem: There isn't much of anywhere else to go.

Facebook has weathered many such blow-ups before and is used to apologizing and moving on. But the stakes are bigger this time.

Regulatory authorities are starting to focus on the data misappropriation, triggering a 9 percent decline in Facebook's normally high-flying stock since Monday. Some of that reflects fear that changes in Facebook's business will hurt profits or that advertisers and users will sour on the social network.

The furore over Cambridge Analytica, the data-mining firm accused of stealing Facebook data, follows a bad year in which Facebook

acknowledged helping spread fake news and propaganda from Russian agents. It also comes less than three months after CEO Mark Zuckerberg told the world that he would devote the year to fixing Facebook. Instead, things seem to be getting worse.

"It's more serious economically, politically, financially and will require a more robust response in order to regain users' trust," said Steve Jones, a professor of communications at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Yet leaving Facebook, the ending a long marriage, isn't exactly simple.

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## Apple will return to roots with education tools, new iPad

By Mark Gurman  
Bloomberg

Apple is preparing to introduce new low-cost iPads and education software (this week) in a bid to win back students and teachers from Google and Microsoft.

In its first major product event of the year, Apple will return to its roots in the education market. The event on Tuesday at Lane Technical College Prep High School in Chicago will mark the first time Apple has held a product launch geared toward education since 2012 when it unveiled a tool for designing e-books for the iPad. It's also a rare occasion for an Apple confab outside its home state of California.

In Chicago, the world's most-valuable technology company plans to show off a new version of its cheapest iPad that should appeal to the education market, said people familiar with the matter. The company will also showcase new software for the classroom, said the people, who asked not to be identified discussing private plans. Apple declined to comment.

Steve Jobs made schools a priority for Apple early in its life. But as the company has driven toward mass-market and higher-margin products in recent years, Google and Microsoft have had success breaking into classrooms with inexpensive laptops and tablets. Last year, the global educational technology market generated \$17.7 billion in revenue, according to research firm Frost & Sullivan.

Apple accounted for 17 percent of mobile computing shipments to American students in kindergarten through high school, according to data from the third quarter published by Futuresource Consulting. Devices running Google's operating systems on Chromebooks or Android tablets held 60 percent of the market, and Windows PCs had 22 percent. While Macs and iPads make up less than 20 percent of Apple's sales combined, students and teachers are a key market to drive future purchases.

A new, cheaper MacBook laptop is in the works and likely destined to replace the MacBook Air at a price less than \$1,000, but it probably won't be ready (by Tuesday), the people said. The MacBook Air, introduced about a decade ago, hasn't seen a major change since 2010, the same year the iPad came out. Although the laptop is popular with college students, it has languished as Apple focuses on more expensive Macs.

Rival laptops have made inroads into the education market lately, a field that originally helped Apple make its name. The sector is prized among industry giants because students learn to use a certain type of device, then head into the workforce and spread the technology wider.

With a recent advertising onslaught, Apple is hoping to capture more young minds with the iPad. The company has revised its tablet strategy over the years by releasing different versions at a variety of price points. That's helped the iPad business return to growth after multiple declining quarters. Still, demand for tablets is weak. According to research firm IDC, the market shrank by about 7 percent in 2017. Apple grew 3 percent last year and leads the industry with about a quarter of the market.

Apple currently offers a slew of different education-related software. The company's Classroom app for the iPad lets teachers manage Apple devices that are assigned to students for their classwork. There's also an iTunes U app that lets teachers issue homework, grade assignments and post lessons online. It also lets students complete assignments and take tests. The company offers a software coding curriculum via the Swift Playgrounds app and sells interactive textbooks through its e-book store.

More software is coming. Apple is working on a new version of the iBooks app that's more in line with the design of the App Store, though it's unclear if it'll be shown (this) week, people familiar with the project have said.

In an invitation to the Chicago event, Apple said it will introduce "creative new ideas for teachers and students." Having a venue where attendees can see the new technology in action inside a classroom would be a sound strategy for a company that focuses its announcements on live demonstrations.

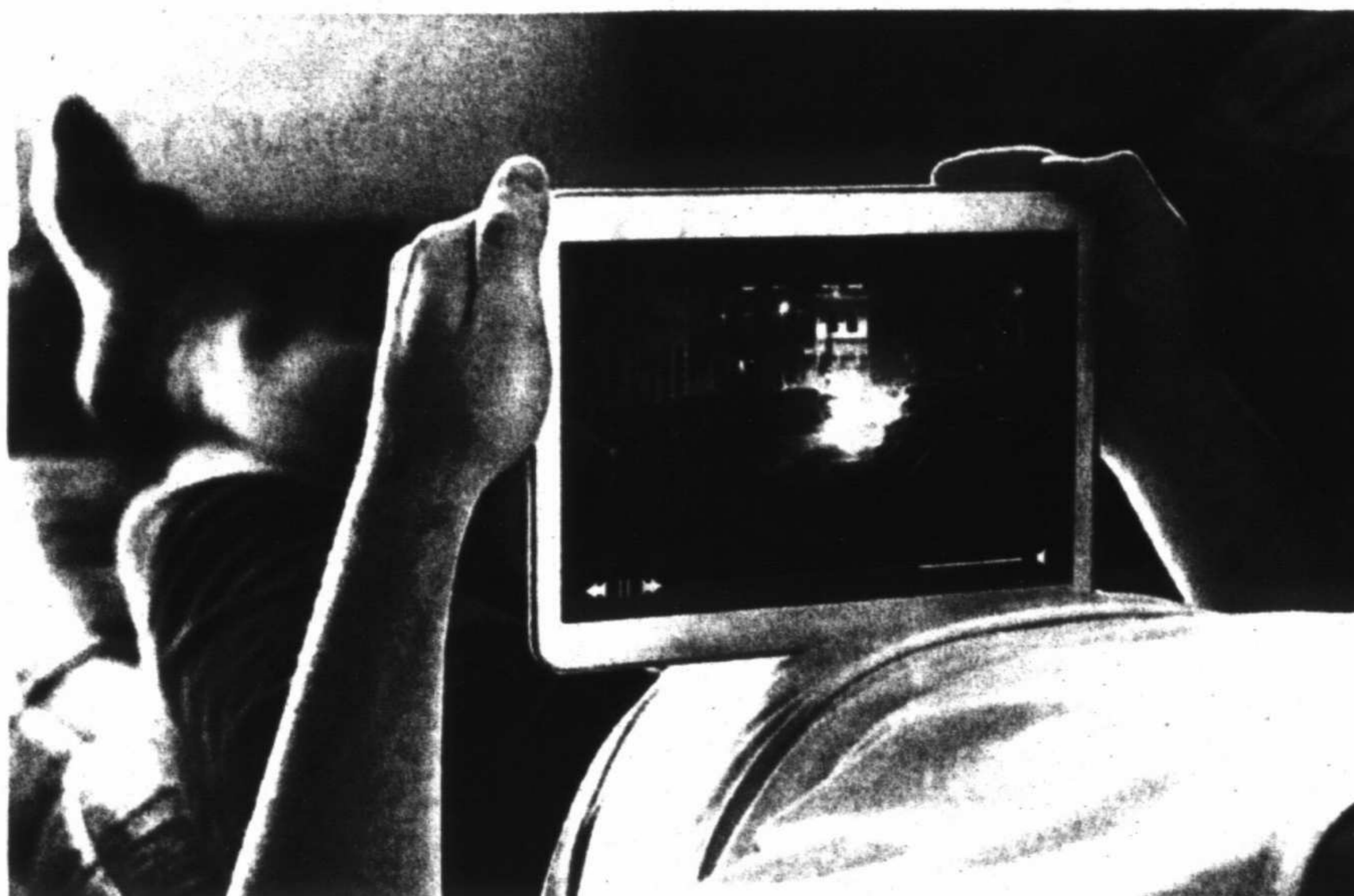
(This) week's event will also provide an opportunity for Apple to boast about the work it's doing with Chicago schools. In December, the company partnered with the public school system and City Colleges of Chicago on a coding curriculum for thousands of local students. Apple has also discussed additional education-related programs with the city, people familiar with the talks said.

According to Apple's website, the school where the event will take place is not an "Apple Distinguished School," a designation given to institutions with curriculum that uses Apple products and provides iPads to all students.

Apple has tried citywide iPad deals for students in the past, with little success. In 2013, the Los Angeles Unified School District said it would spend \$30 million to provide some students with iPads. The deal was expected to become a \$1.3 billion initiative to give every student in the district an iPad, but it fell apart.

Such a deal won't be announced with Chicago (this) week, people familiar with the plans said. But the city could see more of Apple in the future. According to a recent Bloomberg analysis, the company could be eyeing the Midwest for a major new office.

Bloomberg's Dobby Wu contributed to this report.



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Consumers spend an average of 38 hours a week watching video content; 15 hours of that content is streamed, survey indicates.

## Survey: Majority of households use a paid streaming service

Usage surges 450 percent between 2009 and 2017, Deloitte says

By David Ng  
Los Angeles Times

In yet another sign of streaming media's growing dominance in the entertainment industry, the majority of U.S. households now subscribe to at least one digital video streaming service such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and Hulu, with a surge of original content driving consumer adoption, according to a new survey released Tuesday by Deloitte.

Deloitte's 12th annual digital media trends survey shows that streaming video adoption passed the halfway mark in 2017 with 55 percent of U.S. households now subscribing to paid services.

In less than a decade, the percentage of U.S. households subscribing to a paid streaming video service surged 450 percent — from just 10 percent in

2009 to 55 percent in 2017.

The survey found that 54 percent of streaming video subscribers said they had signed up to watch original content they can't find anywhere else. Other factors include the ability to watch movies and shows at anytime, as well as commercial-free content.

Nearly one-half, or 48 percent, of all U.S. consumers streamed television content every day or weekly in 2017, compared with just 37 percent of consumers in 2016. Consumers spend on average 38 hours watching video content each week, 15 hours (or 39 percent) of which is streamed.

One of the casualties of the trend has been traditional pay TV packages, such as cable and satellite bundles. As more consumers cut the cord, pay TV penetration has fallen, dropping to 63 percent in 2017 after remaining steady at about 75 percent for years, according to the survey.

The study showed that 16 percent to 22 percent of millennial consumers, as well as those in Generations X and Z, have never subscribed to a pay TV service and are probably unlikely

to do so in the future. The majority of survey respondents said they felt they were paying too much for the value they received from a traditional pay TV subscription.

Deloitte's study found that Generation X — those who are between 35 and 51 years old — have picked up the viewing habits of younger generations, such as watching more content on mobile devices. Typically, as generations grow older, they tend to revert to the consumption patterns of parents.

"But what we've seen is the opposite. The older is becoming like the younger," said Kevin Westcott, a Deloitte principal and leader of the company's U.S. Media and Entertainment practice.

He said the proliferation of streaming options could lead providers to start re-bundling services under a single billing experience in the coming years.

"I expect to see some form of re-aggregation to happen maybe in 2019," he said.

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## Listening to random sound can improve brain function

By Lisa Napoli  
Tribune Interactive

LOS ANGELES — David Tobin took to the stage at a recent technology conference in downtown Los Angeles, asked the 500 attendees to close their eyes, and turned up the sound so they could sample his wares: a textured, layered soundscape that he calls an "audiobook."

A thousand eyes clamped shut as they collectively heard a ball thudding into a glove. A cracking bat. Fans roaring with approval. "How does what you're hearing make you feel? What does it make you remember? There are no right or wrong answers," Tobin told the group, who'd gathered for demonstrations and discussions on how technology can improve the lives of the nation's rapidly aging population. "It's all up to you to imagine," he said.

Taking back people's imaginations from an onslaught of words, images, video and other stimuli is Tobin's goal with his business, Audiobook, so named, he said, because he hopes listeners will get "jacked" by the sounds.

A former television producer and one-time manager of the famous Roxy Theater on Hollywood's Sunset Strip, Tobin happened on the idea by accident after a friend gave him a hard drive that contained a folder of sound effects. Just for fun, Tobin mixed them with no apparent plot or structure, leaving out any human voices. He found that friends who listened to his creation started "putting together a story instantly because your brain associates the sound with memory," he said.

Next he shared it with his mother, a teacher, who brought it into her classroom and saw that kids seemed particularly engaged after a listening session. When a friend suggested it for his mother, who in turn played the soundscapes for dementia patients she cared for at a senior center, Tobin began to realize he'd made something that had broad appeal and a



Courtesy of AudiobookMe TNS

David Tobin speaks about Audiobook at a recent technology conference.

useful application.

Senior citizens with even the most advanced memory loss have powerfully responded to his product. One elderly listener who'd not spoken a complete sentence in weeks was able to articulate memories triggered by the sound of cooking breakfast or of a tiger in the wild.

Tobin received similar encouragement from educators and students at the Perkins School for the Blind in Woburn, Massachusetts, who asked him to make more audiobooks, and even invited him in for a group session. Students worked in an on-campus studio to make their own "movie for the mind."

Tobin has not yet conducted formal research into the efficacy of his sound recordings, but researchers in Canada have found that oral stimulation engages older people with memory loss, helping them to be more connected to their surroundings.

More well-understood are the benefits of music therapy, which has been shown in extensive patient studies at Harvard University and Oxford University to achieve reduced stress and improved mood and social function, as well as regulated heartbeat

and breathing. One program, SingFit, offers music playlists with lyric prompts specially designed to engage older people and others with traumatic brain injury.

Audiobook can cite one study by George Mason University that shows improved brain function for people with moderate to severe dementia who used the program over a four-month period. Fernando Roman at the city-funded Echo Park Senior Center just outside downtown Los Angeles has seen this with his work.

During the session he holds every few weeks, he hands out paper to each attendee, makes sure the room is quiet, and afterward asks them to share what images and feelings the soundscapes have stirred up. Though they're far from the Siberian tundra, much like the woods the session takes and reflect.

"They get to see the wide range of what everyone's mind is at," Roman said. The fact that there are no spoken words makes it accessible to his multi-lingual clientele, too.

Art teacher Michelle Murrell at Edison High School in Fresno, California, has seen particular impact with all of her students, but

particularly one boy with autism. Typically, he was silent, she said, but when she played one of Tobin's creations, he instantly responded. "He perked up, spoke, and pointed out what he heard," she said. "It got him to be part of something."

Tobin sells the audiobooks for institutional use with lesson plans and prompts, but it's also available to individual users in mobile app form. There's one free available in each category, and an annual subscription costs \$14.99. Lately, he said, he's seen a surge in downloads and mail from users who like listening to them for no other reason than to space out. Consider it an active form of meditation, where you can choose to imagine any visuals you like or none at all.

Tobin considers it the antidote to virtual reality, another popular form of tech-mediated experience. "VR is so stimulating," he said. "You're locked in, your eyes are peeling, you can't get away from it. Here, you close your eyes and do it on your terms."

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you may be busy or going out. You can still be a loving and involved father to your 10-year-old without doing anything more than co-parenting with your ex, but only if you draw the line.

dinner, you cannot do that because your parents feel you are too young to date. Then take a rain check until your parents meet Donald and agree that it's all right for you to see him and accept his mother's invitation.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones Bidding Quiz

- Q1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠J8432 ♣K970 ♠A ♠AQ 542 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH 10 Pass 30 7 \*Pre-captive What call would you make? A - The thieves are out stealing and you have to act with this hand. Double. Q2 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠854 ♠A20A ♠QJ2 ♠QJ108 With the opponents passing, you open one diamond and partner responds one spade. What is your bid? A - With the ace of spades limited of the ace of hearts, we would happily raise. Bid one spade with this hand.

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### Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending March 18:

- Top Paid iPhone Apps:**
1. Heads Up! Warner Bros.
  2. Minecraft, Mojang
  3. Pocket Build, MoonBear LTD
  4. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
  5. Facetime, Lightricks Ltd.
  6. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
  7. Schedule, HotSchedules
  8. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
  9. NBA 2K18, 2K
  10. My Talking Pot, WOBA Media

- Top Free iPhone Apps:**
1. Fortnite, Epic Games
  2. NCAA March Madness Live, NCAA Digital
  3. YouTube: Watch, Listen, Stream, Google, Inc.
  4. The Sims Mobile, Electronic Arts
  5. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
  6. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
  7. Snapchat, Snap, Inc.
  8. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
  9. Gmail - Email by Google, Google, Inc.
  10. Bitmoji, Blisstrips

- Top Paid iPad Apps:**
1. Minecraft, Mojang
  2. Procreate, Savage Interactive Pty Ltd
  3. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
  4. Scribblenauts Remix, Warner Bros.
  5. Scribblenauts Unlimited, Warner Bros.
  6. Darkest Dungeon: Tablet Edition, Red Hook Studios Inc.
  7. Notability, Ginger Labs
  8. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon
  9. GoodNotes 4, Time Base Technology Limited
  10. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations

- Top Free iPad Apps:**
1. Fortnite, Epic Games
  2. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
  3. YouTube: Watch, Listen, Stream, Google, Inc.
  4. NCAA March Madness Live, NCAA Digital
  5. Partymasters - Fun Idle Game, Playgendary
  6. The Sims Mobile, Electronic Arts
  7. Color by Number: Coloring Book, Fun Games For Free
  8. ROBLOX, Roblox Corporation
  9. Rules of Survival, NetEase Games
  10. The Weather Channel, The Weather Channel Interactive

### Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending March 18:

- iTunes Movies US Charts:**
1. Star Wars: The Last Jedi
  2. I, Tonya
  3. Justice League
  4. The Shape of Water
  5. Thor: Ragnarok
  6. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle
  7. Coco (2017)
  8. Ferdinand
  9. Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
  10. The Dark Tower

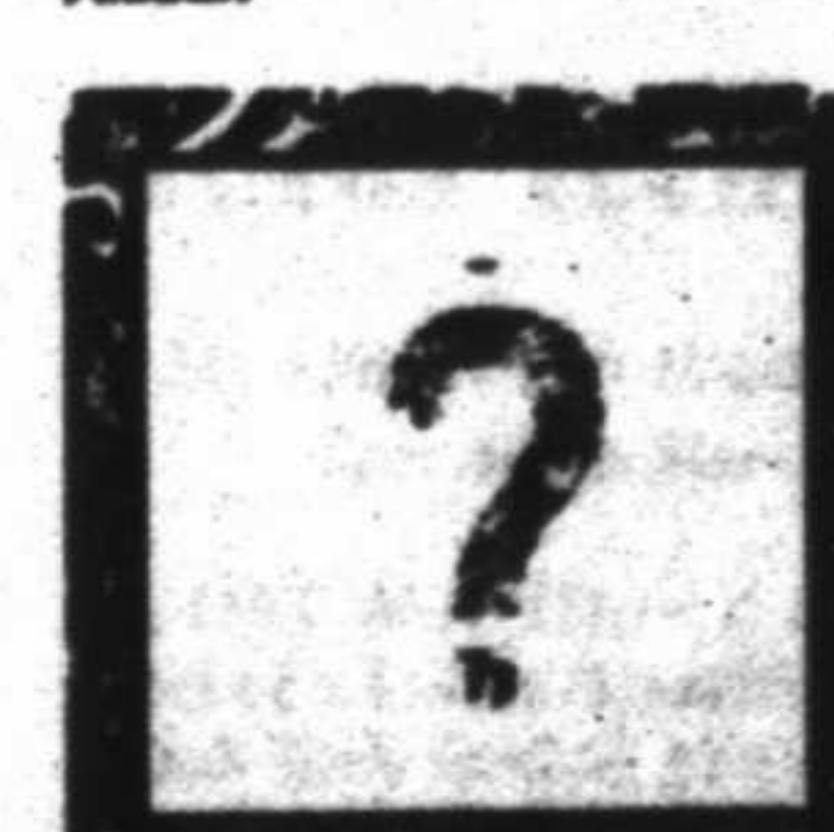
iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:

1. Darkest Hour
2. Lady Bird
3. The Disaster Artist
4. Demon House
5. The Theory of Everything
6. The Florida Project
7. The Square
8. The Killing of a Sacred Deer
9. My Friend Dahmer
10. Marshall

### Music

iTunes Official Music Charts for the week ending March 22:

- Top Songs**
1. Found / Tonight, Ben Platt & Lin-Manuel Miranda
  2. God's Plan, Drake
  3. Freaky Friday (feat. Chris Brown), Lil Dicky
  4. Meant to Be (feat. Florida Georgia Line), Bebe Rexha & Florida Georgia Line
  5. Whatever It Takes, Imagine Dragons
  6. The Middle, Zedd, Maren Morris & Grey
  7. In My Blood, Shawn Mendes
  8. I Can Only Imagine, MercyMe
  9. Zumbie, Bad Bunny
  10. You Make It Easy, Jason Aldean



- Top Albums**
1. 1, XXXTENTACION
  2. Savage Change, Quincy McCreary
  3. The Greatest Showman (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
  4. 1989 (Deluxe Edition), Taylor Swift
  5. American Idol: Adam Carlin & Friends 2, Various Artists
  6. Steve Jobs, Steve Jobs
  7. Steve Jobs, Steve Jobs
  8. Baby, I'm Yours, Justin Bieber
  9. Hamilton, Original Broadway Cast of Hamilton
  10. Love, Steve Jobs (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists

# One day, smart watch could detect signs of disease

By Carolyn Y. Johnson and Hayley Tsukayama  
Washington Post



N.Y. Times file photo

The Apple Watch 3 is shown Sept. 12, 2017, in Cupertino, Calif. Some of the most mundane devices designed to accomplish a simple task execute those duties extremely well — and in some cases, better than their high-tech, Wi-Fi connected brethren.

Imagine a smart watch that surreptitiously scans your body for telltale signs of disease. Over time, it detects a quiver in your heartbeat — the telltale pattern of a common heart condition. An alert prompts you to seek out further testing for atrial fibrillation, an irregular heartbeat which otherwise might have lurked silently until it caused a stroke.

That's the tantalizing intersection of wearable consumer technology and medicine that lies in the future. But according to a new study that married the cutting-edge of artificial intelligence with the Apple Watch's sensor data, we're not there yet.

Researchers from the University of California, San Francisco, set out to test the viability of using the Apple Watch to detect signs of atrial fibrillation, which is a major cause of stroke. In the scenario that was closest to a real-world use of the technology, people that tested positive for atrial fibrillation had only an 8 percent probability of actually carrying the diagnosis. The results were, according to an accompanying editorial in JAMA Cardiology, "humbling."

"It really just doesn't perform," said Eric Topol, a cardiologist at the Scripps Research Institute who was not involved in the study. "This doesn't pass muster for use in detection of atrial fibrillation."

That doesn't mean the idea isn't an exciting one, or that limitations of the study can't be overcome. The study was seen as a proof-of-concept that screening tools could be taken out of hospitals and deployed in people's everyday lives, not as a failure. Already, the UCSF researchers are working to address the limitations and continue the work.

And the space is growing. AliveCor, a health-tech company, has developed a mobile

electrocardiogram and watch band for the Apple Watch that allow people to actively monitor their heart rates. Apple in the fall announced it was launching a 500,000-person clinical trial with Stanford University to test whether the Apple Watch could be a way to detect irregular heart rhythms and flag signs of atrial fibrillation.

"We have to be very careful about false positives and causing distress when it's really not needed or adding to health care costs, for example, because of unnecessary testing — which is why I do agree more refinement is needed," said Gregory Marcus, a cardiologist at UCSF who led the work. "But it'll be coming. It's going to get better, and it's going to be coming soon. This is the first heads-up: Your smart

watches have the capability of doing this, so it's coming and it's theoretically possible."

At a time when there is almost boundless excitement around the potential for consumer technologies to make medicine better, the study shows that entrepreneurs and doctors won't just be able to send sensor-laden devices out into the world to transform medicine. They will need to figure out the appropriate uses, improve and tune the technology so it won't give false reassurance or cause unnecessary alarm — and figure out how to connect data to useful interventions.

The researchers started with data harvested from the Apple Watch, from healthy people and those with atrial fibrillation. A neural network, essentially a computer system modeled on the human

brain, was set loose on the data, to learn the difference between the two groups. That allowed the researchers to develop algorithms to predict who had atrial fibrillation and who did not based on the Apple Watch sensor data.

The good news: when they put Apple Watches on a very select population of 51 atrial fibrillation patients who weren't moving around and were about to undergo a procedure to shock their irregular heartbeats brought back into rhythm, the algorithm worked wonderfully well. The bad news: When researchers tried to test their algorithm on data from about 1600 people in less pristine conditions, as they were Apple Watches in their daily lives, its ability to correctly predict atrial fibrillation plummeted. "I think this is im-

portant, not just for the field, but to patients and consumers to understand that AI or wearables or sensors are a progressively incremental piece of the pie here," said Mintu Turakhia, executive director of the Stanford Center for Digital Health. "So the progress is going to be incremental, no differently than self-driving cars."

Many cardiologists are excited by the idea of a technology that could passively monitor people. However, one technology executive argued there's more value in making electrocardiogram technology more mobile. "If a fitness product could get an indication of atrial fibrillation, the first thing a doctor would call for is an EKG," said AliveCor chief executive Vic Gundotra.

## NUMBER

From 1B

are up.

If you used your Facebook account for third-party apps and sites, you'll need new usernames and passwords for each.

### Total separation

If you're not quite ready for a divorce, deactivating your account is an option. To do this, go to your account settings.

Deactivating means other people won't be able to see your profile, but if you log back in, the whole thing is canceled and you are "active" again. Ditto if you log into an outside app or site using your Facebook account.

### FIND (Fear of missing out)

Depending on whether you were a full-time Facebook addict or an occasional lurker, the psychological separation could prove harder or easier than the physical one.

Facebook has become a one-stop shop for so many things. You can keep up with friends and family, find out about or create local events, buy and sell stuff, keep up with the news, raise money for a cause or join groups of like-minded people such as parents, porch gardeners and people with a rare disease.

There are other places to do many of these things, though likely

not all at once. There's Eventbrite for events, Letgo for buying and selling stuff, Peanut for moms to connect, Meetup to find and meet like-minded people, GoFundMe for raising money and Twitter, or, gosh, your local newspaper's website for the news.

If you find your mind wandering back to Facebook as you go through your day, thinking how you might craft a post about a thought you've just had or an article you came across, it's OK. Let it go. It's all part of the breakup process.

And while you may not see updates about near-forgotten schoolmates or that random person you met six years ago, the people who matter most will stick around.

For them, there's email, the phone, and meeting in person for coffee.

### About those other apps

If your boycott of Facebook has more to do with your view of the company than with tiring of the Facebook service, you might consider deleting Instagram, WhatsApp and Messenger as well — they are all owned by Facebook. Deleting your Facebook account won't affect your Instagram or WhatsApp account. If you want to keep using Messenger, you can create an account using your phone number instead of your Facebook profile.

## DELETE

From 1B

Starting with the little things.

Arvind Rajan, a tech executive from San Francisco who deactivated his account on Monday, suddenly discovered he needs to create new usernames and passwords for a variety of apps and websites. That's because he previously logged in with his Facebook ID.

It's a pain, he said, "but not the end of the world." And because he is bothered by Facebook's "hannibalistic" response to recent problems, the inconvenience is worth it.

For other users looking to leave, it can feel as if there are no real alternatives. Twitter? Too slighty, too public. Instagram? Whoooo, owned by Facebook. Snapchat? Please, unless you're under 25 — in which case you're probably not on Facebook to begin with.

Facebook connects 2.2 billion users and a host of communities that have sprung up on its network. No other company can match the breadth or depth of those connections — thanks in part to Facebook's ability to

squash or swallowing up its competition.

But it is precisely in Facebook's interest to make users feel Facebook is the only place to connect with others. Where else will grandmothers see photos of their 10-year-old grandchild? How will new mothers connect to other parents also up at 4 a.m. with a newborn?

"My only hesitation is that there are hundreds of pictures posted over 13 years of my life that I do not want to lose access to. If there was a way to recover those photos, I would deactivate immediately," Daniel Schwartz, who lives in Atlanta, said in an email.

People eager to delete their profiles may find unexpected problems that point to how integral Facebook is to many activities, said Susan Ajayia, a professor of organizational behavior at Cornell University.

"It is getting more and more difficult for people to delete Facebook, since it's not just as a social media platform but also almost like a meeting space," she said. "Focus could mean rearing their child's soccer

schedule with games and pickup times is only on a Facebook page, for example. Many businesses also schedule meetings via Facebook.

"It's more and more difficult for people to feel plugged in if you're not on Facebook," Ajayia said.

Not surprisingly, Facebook doesn't make it easy to leave. To permanently delete your account, you need to make a request to the company. The process can take several days, and if you log in during this time, your request will be canceled. It can take up to 90 days to delete everything.

There's a less permanent way to leave, deactivation, which hides your profile from everyone but lets you return if you change your mind.

Liz O'Connell, a 28-year-old office manager for her family's heating and cooling company in Watkinsville, Georgia, deleted her account in December. She was upset that every new app she downloaded would ask for her Facebook access.

And while she had staying in touch with people, she was bothered by

the conspiracy stories her high school friends would share.

"Facebooks spread faster on Facebook than the

truth does," she said. She now gets her news from Twitter and shares pictures with friends through Instagram.

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## MHS, Lee teams ready for district tourney

By Will Korn  
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It has been over three weeks since the MISD boys and girls golf teams have competed in tournament play.

They'll have to shake off any lingering rust quickly, as the all-important District 2-6A Tournament commences at 8:30 a.m. today at Abilene's Diamondback Golf Club. The top two teams and top two individual players on non-qualifying teams will compete in the Region I-6A Tournament, April 23-26 at Arlington's Tierra Verde Golf Club.

This year's tournament will

combine the boys and girls field into two days, rather than hold them during separate weeks. The boys' first round will tee off in at 8 a.m. and the girls' first round will follow immediately after the boys finish. Tuesday's second round will proceed in the same manner.

The MHS girls figure to enter this week as the favorites to win the district tournament. The much-improved Lady Bulldogs have shown increased depth this season and their recent performances prove it.

Led by senior Faith DeLaGanza's individual title, MHS took second place in the Girls Tall City

Invitational in late February. They followed that up with a third place finish the next weekend in the Abilene Invitational.

The MHS boys placed ninth in the Boys Tall City Invitational, Feb. 16-17 and then held their own in a competitive field in Andrews the following weekend.

The program's upward trend this season has head coach Bryan Sledge excited to get underway today in hopes of securing regional team berths. He added that the lengthy layoff from tournament play should be a plus, as it allowed his players some time

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Midland High's Faith DeLaGanza follows her shot Feb. 23 during the Tall City Golf Invitational at Green Tree Country Club

MRT file photo

## Going home empty handed



Elise Amendola/Associated Press

Texas Tech players, from left, Davide Moretti, Andrew Sorrells, Noreen Odense and Parker Hicks, all in the locker room after losing an NCAA men's tournament regional final to Villanova on Sunday in Boston. Villanova won 71-59 to advance to the Final Four.

## Villanova in Final Four, beats Texas Tech

By Jimmy Golon  
Associated Press

BOSTON — With all of the underdogs and upsets that have upended the NCAA tournament, no one has managed to come close to Villanova.

The 2016 national champions are headed back to the Final Four, thanks to a fourth straight double-digit victory in a month of March where they've played every bit like the No. 1 seed they earned.

"This tournament's a crazy tournament. Anybody can beat anybody," guard Jalen Brunson said after the Wildcats beat Texas Tech 71-59 in a cold-shooting East regional championship Sunday to send Villanova back to the Final Four for the second time in three years.

"The underdog mentality, they may have it. But, honestly, they believe they're good. That's why they're in that position. That's (also) why we're in that position," Brunson said. "We're a good team, and we believe we can keep getting better."

The Wildcats (34-4) will play fellow No. 1 seed Kansas, which beat Duke 85-81 in overtime later Sunday. They will join 11th-seeded Loyola-Chicago and its telegraphic run, along with No. 3 seed Michigan in the national semifinals on Saturday in San Antonio.

Sister Jenn, get ready for Father Rob.

"I very much look forward to meeting Sister Jenn," said the Rev. Rob Hagan, the priest on the Villanova bench. "I was 12 years of Catholic School and taught by the nuns. I have great respect for the Nuns. Usually what Sister says is what goes."

But if these two Catholic schools — one Jesuit, one Augustinian — meet in the national championship game, the Wildcats won't be without spiritual support of their own.

"He's our rock," said guard Dante DiVincenzo, who scored eight points. "He keeps us level-headed to make sure we don't get too high or too low. So to be able to share that moment with him was actually real fun."

Eric Paschall had 12 points and a career-high 14 rebounds, Brunson scored 15, and DiVincenzo also had eight of the Wildcats' season-high 51 rebounds. After starting four guards, Texas Tech (27-10) grabbed just 33 boards and shot just 18 free throws compared to 35 for Villanova to miss a chance to play for a championship in its home state.

"We knew they were a great 3-point shooting team and talented players, but we also know how tough they were," Texas Tech coach Chris Beard said. "We know the identity of their team was the toughness and physically, and that proved to be true."

The teams matched each other with

33 percent shooting from the floor — Villanova's lowest since 2015 — and the Wildcats made just 4 of 24 from beyond the arc. One of the most prolific 3-point shooting teams in NCAA history, they need seven to set a Division I single-season record.

They'll get that chance in the Final Four.

"Wasn't really a pretty offensive game. But we played pretty good defensively too," said Villanova coach Jay Wright, whose team spent eight weeks in two different stints as the No. 1 team in The Associated Press Top 25 this season.

"That's why I give Texas Tech credit, they did a great job," Wright said. "But we don't rely on our shooting. There's a lot more to the game. Our guys take pride in that. We never worry about missing shots. It's fun when they go in, but we don't worry about missing them."

Playing through pain

Texas Tech star Keanon Evans scored 12 points for the Red Raiders, and revealed after the game he has been playing with a broken toe since injuring his foot in mid-February against Baylor.

"We take a lot of pride just knowing

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## Newman leads Kansas past Duke in OT for Final Four bid

By Luke Meredith  
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Kansas is going back to the Final Four.

It's hard to argue that Duke shouldn't be headed there as well after the most riveting show of the NCAA tournament.

Malik Newman and the top-seeded Jayhawks got past their Elite Eight road block Sunday, knocking off second-seeded Duke 85-81 in overtime to clinch the program's first trip to the Final Four since 2012.

Newman scored all 13 of the Jayhawks' points in OT and finished with a career-high 32 to lead Kansas (31-7).

The Jayhawks will face fellow top seed Villanova on Saturday in San Antonio — the site of KU's last title over Memphis in 2008 — after snapping a two-game losing skid in the regional final.

"Everything we've been through...we do it for moments like this," Kansas star Devonte' Graham said. "Especially after the last two years, getting over the hump. It just feels (perfect)."

This was college basketball at its best, two blue bloods trading blows for 45 minutes in what was arguably the best game of March so far, one that featured 18 lead changes and 11 ties.

Had Grayson Allen's bank shot to end regulation gone half an inch in a different direction, it might be Duke heading to South Texas.

But it didn't, and instead the Jayhawks are moving on.

"It was an honor to play in this game," said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, who remained tied with UCLA legend John Wooden with 12 Final Four performances. "I think both teams were deserving of winning."

Newman, a redshirt sophomore who came on late this season, drilled his fifth and final 3 from the corner to make it 81-78 with 1:49 left. Newman followed with four straight free throws, and the Jayhawks' defense stiffened enough to knock the favored Blue Devils out of the tournament.

Trevon Duval scored 20 points, two shy of a career high, for Duke. Freshman star and future lottery pick Marvin Bagley added 16 points and 10 rebounds in what could have been his final game for the Blue Devils (29-9), who fell shy of their first Final Four trip since winning the national title in 2015.

Allen had 12 points for the Blue Devils, but the senior's try at the regulation buzzer went in and then out and then off the rim

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Midland High's Newman (14) celebrates after Duke's Woodford Carter Jr. for a banked shot Sunday in Omaha, Neb. Carter fouled out on the play.

## Texas Tech football players jailed after nightclub disturbance

By Domingo Ramirez Jr.  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — A disturbance in front of a Lubbock nightclub left four Texas Tech football players jailed Sunday morning, including quarterback Jett Duffley and Lubbock police said Sunday.

Six other people also were taken into custody in the incident which occurred shortly before 2 a.m. Sunday at Bush River's.

Tech defensive back and Odessa Pennan grad Damon Smith, 20, was bitten by a K-9 during the disturbance, Lubbock police said, and he was taken to a local hospital where he was treated, released and arrested.

Lubbock police responded to a report of a disturbance where a suspect could be armed, Lubbock police spokeswoman Kate Whitley said in a Sunday email.

"Officers received a large group of people in front of the nightclub who were

impeding traffic," Whitley said. "An officer observed an individual intentionally cause damage to a vehicle by smashing the windshield."

When officers attempted to arrest the vandal, the crowd became aggressive, Whitley said.

That's when police arrested the four Tech players and six other people.

Duffley, a sophomore, was the first booked into the Lubbock County Jail Sunday at 4:15 a.m. on a charge of criminal mischief, according to jail records.

He was followed by linebacker Christian Mills-Shaker Taylor at 4:48 a.m., then wide receiver Quan Shorts was booked into jail 5:06 a.m. and Smith was placed in jail at 8:07 a.m., jail records state.

Shorts and Taylor face disorderly conduct charges while Taylor faces a charge of criminal mischief, according to jail records.

Duffley is a sophomore from Mansfield Lake Ridge, Taylor is a junior from In-

ter Valley High School in Houston and Shorts is a junior from Atascocita High School in Humble.

The four were at a scrimmage at Midland's Grande Communications Stadium on Saturday.

It was just in August 2017 that Duffley rejoined the football team after serving a suspension in the spring and summer of 2017 after a Title IX hearing panel sided with a woman who alleged Duffley had sex with her twice when she was too incapacitated to consent, according to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

A Lubbock County grand jury returned a no-bill decision against Duffley on any criminal charges.

Duffley was competing as quarterback for the Red Raiders.

He led Mansfield Lake Ridge to the Class 5A Division I state title game in 2015.

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Friendly: Portugal vs. Holland, 1:25 p.m., ESPNDEP  
**National Basketball Association**  
Denver at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., NBA TV

**Boston at Phoenix**, 9 p.m., NBA TV  
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The winners of the 2018 Energy City Half Marathon held Saturday were Elen Trasko, left, and Victor Saldana.

## MARATHON RESULTS

The Energy City Half Marathon, 13.1 miles, was held Saturday at the following times:

**Top 10 (Men):** 1. Elen Trasko, 1:17:28.2; 2. Victor Saldana, 1:20:12.3; 3. Steve Mann, 1:20:28.4; 4. David Pineda, 1:20:41.2; 5. Justin Hansen, 1:20:55.1; 6. Andrew Bunker; 7. Michael Pineda, 1:20:54.2; 8. James Rodriguez, 1:20:57.4; 9. Billy Brown, 1:21:34.1

**Top 10 (Women):** 1. Elen Trasko, 1:28:17.2; 2. Amy Mathis, 1:30:12.3; 3. Mike Pineda, 1:30:42.4; 4. Gabby Sims, 1:30:42.5; 5. Lisa Westwood, 1:30:42.6; 6. Haley Green, 1:30:42.7; 7. Lillian Bunker, 1:30:42.8; 8. James Rodriguez, 1:30:42.9; 9. Billy Brown, 1:30:43.0

## TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**  
Arizona League  
BOSTON RED SOX - Agreed to terms with C Christian Vazquez on a one-year contract.  
SEATTLE MARINERS - Re-signed LHP Andruw Jones to a one-year contract.  
CHICAGO WHITE SOX - Re-signed RHP Jeff Keppner on a one-year contract.  
CINCINNATI REDS - Re-signed RHP Jeff Keppner on a one-year contract.  
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## NHL GLANCE

Team	W	L	OT	PTS
San Jose	25	17	7	55
St. Louis	25	17	7	55
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St. Louis	25	17	7	55

## MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

Team	W	L	PTS
Arizona	10	10	20
Baltimore	10	10	20
Boston	10	10	20
California	10	10	20
Florida	10	10	20
Los Angeles	10	10	20
Minnesota	10	10	20
New York	10	10	20
Philadelphia	10	10	20
Pittsburgh	10	10	20
San Diego	10	10	20
Texas	10	10	20
Washington	10	10	20

# Boucher, Dowd make power play; Canucks beat Stars

Associated Press

DALLAS — Reid Boucher and Nic Dowd scored rare goals on the power play, and the Vancouver Canucks rallied to beat the reeling Dallas Stars 4-1 on Sunday night. Dallas' Mattias Janmark started the scoring with a short-handed goal in the first period, but Boucher tied it on the same man advantage. It was Boucher's third goal this season, all coming over two games in Dallas.



Tony Gutierrez/Associated Press

Vancouver Canucks center Tyler Motte (64) defends as Dallas Stars left wing Jamie Benn (14) handles the puck in the first period of an NHL game Sunday in Dallas.

Dowd scored his third goal with one second left on a four-minute power play in the second period. Jake Virtanen added a third-period goal and Tyler Motte scored into an empty net for Vancouver, which won for only the second time in 10 games. The Stars are on an

0-6-2 skid and have all but fallen out of playoff contention. With six games remaining, they are five points behind St. Louis for the second wild card from the Western Conference. The eight-game losing streak is the longest since

the Stars moved to Dallas in 1993. Jussi Jokinen assisted on the Canucks' first two goals. The goals by Janmark and Boucher followed a tripping penalty on Stephen Johns. Janmark

beat Alexander Edler to a puck in the neutral zone, skated in alone and beat Jacob Markstrom with a wrist shot. Thirty seconds later, Boucher tied it after Jokinen's shot from the right circle deflected to him for a put-back past Kari Lehtonen.

Dallas killed 3:59 of Tyler Seguin's double minor for high sticking before Dowd put in a shot off Lehtonen's left skate and the right goalpost.

Virtanen's goal came on a shot from the right boards that went in between Lehtonen and the post.

Notes: Markstrom had 30 saves, and Lehtonen stopped 23 shots. ... Janmark's short-handed goal was his second this season, Dallas' second in two games and the Stars' sixth this season.

## NBA ROUNDPUP

Associated Press

### ROCKETS 118, HAWKS 99

HOUSTON — James Harden had a triple-double with 18 points, 15 assists and 10 rebounds in three quarters and the Houston Rockets rolled to their 60th victory, beating the Atlanta Hawks 118-99 on Sunday night.

It was the second straight game where the Rockets never trailed after a timeout on Saturday night that set a franchise record for wins in a season. The NBA-leading Rockets have won nine straight and became the 18th team in NBA history to reach 60 wins in the 74th game of the season.

Houston was up by 24 at halftime and the Hawks cut into the lead with a solid third quarter, but never really threatened, allowing Harden to watch the final quarter from the bench for the second night in a row.

Taurean Prince scored 28 and Isaiah Taylor had 26 for the Hawks, who have lost three in a row and nine of their last 10.

Harden, who had 12 assists by halftime, had his fourth triple-double this season and the 35th of his career.

### BUCKS 106, SPURS 103

MILWAUKEE — Glenn Anderson returned from an ankle injury to score 25 points, and the Milwaukee Bucks held on in the final few minutes after building a double-digit lead in the fourth quarter against the San Antonio Spurs.

Anderson added 10 rebounds to pick up his 37th double-double of the season. The Spurs trailed by 15 points with 8 minutes left before rallying to get within three with 35 seconds left on P.J. Tucker's putback. Eric Bledsoe missed a 3-pointer on the other end for the Bucks. San Antonio rushed down court to get one last shot off, but Milwaukee's Jorvis Middleton blocked DeJuaney Murray's 3-point attempt from the right wing with 3.7 seconds left. The loss snapped the Spurs' six-game winning streak. LaMarcus Aldridge scored 34 points.

### CELTICS 104, WIZARDS 92

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Terry Rozier scored a season-high 33 points and nearly matched the Celtics franchise record for 3-pointers. Jaylen Brown made consecutive buckets to break open a close game in the fourth quarter, and Boston held on to beat the Sacramento Kings.

### Making his All-Star start in place of injured All-Star point guard Kyrie Irving, Rozier shot 12 of 16, including 8 of 12 on 3s, in the rookie's most impressive game of the season. Rozier, who had been averaging 16.2 points in Irving's absence, also had five rebounds and three assists. The eight 3s were one shy of the Celtics' single-game record of nine shared by Isaiah Thomas and Andre Walker.

Brown had 19 points in his return after missing two weeks with a concussion. Buddy Hield scored 24 points for Sacramento.

### PACERS 113, HEAT 107, OT

INDIANAPOLIS — Victor Oladipo had 23 points and five assists to help the Indiana Pacers clinch a playoff berth. Thaddeus Young had 22 points, nine rebounds and five steals, and Bojan Bogdanovic added 18 points and eight rebounds for the Pacers, who secured their seventh appearance in the postseason in the last eight seasons.

Tyler Johnson made five 3-pointers and finished with 19 points. James Johnson had 15 points and nine rebounds, and Bam Adebayo added 14 points for the Heat, who split the four-game season series. Miami coach Erik Spoelstra missed the first game of his career, leaving Indianapolis on Saturday after learning his wife Nikki was entering labor. Assistant coach Dan Craig filled in and Spoelstra is expected to return for Miami's home game against Cleveland on Tuesday.

### WIZARDS 91, SEAGUARDS 87

WASHINGTON — Trey Burke scored 18 points in his first start in exactly three years, leading eight players in double figures as the New York Knicks defeated the ever-watchful Washington Wizards.

Courtney Lee added eight of his 13 points in the fourth quarter to send the Wizards to a third straight loss. It's the second three-game skid of the season for Washington and both have come in the latter portion of a 28-game stretch without All-Star point guard John Wall, who underwent surgery on his left knee in late January. Wall returned to full-contact practice on Saturday.

Burke scored 14 points, but just 5 of 17 for Washington, which led only once after the early stages of the second quarter. Otto Porter Jr. added 13 points and 10 rebounds as the Wizards remained in sixth place in the Eastern Conference, but lost

## NBA GLANCE

Team	W	L	PTS
Atlanta Hawks	41	20	82
Boston Celtics	54	26	80
Brooklyn Nets	29	23	52
Charlotte Hornets	42	20	62
Chicago Bulls	27	47	27
Cleveland Cavaliers	23	31	31
Dallas Mavericks	40	26	66
Denver Nuggets	40	26	66
Detroit Pistons	18	38	36
Golden State Warriors	49	17	66
Houston Rockets	60	14	74
Indiana Pacers	40	21	61
Los Angeles Clippers	39	24	63
Los Angeles Lakers	32	31	63
Memphis Grizzlies	21	31	42
Minnesota Timberwolves	21	31	42
Miami Heat	22	31	54
Milwaukee Bucks	18	34	46
New York Knicks	16	34	46
Orlando Magic	16	34	46
Philadelphia 76ers	27	27	54
Phoenix Suns	27	27	54
Portland Trail Blazers	15	33	48
Sacramento Kings	15	33	48
San Antonio Spurs	15	33	48
San Diego Clippers	15	33	48
Utah Jazz	15	33	48
Washington Wizards	15	33	48

for the eighth time in their last 12 games.

### CLIPPERS 117, RAPTORS 105

TORONTO — Lou Williams scored 28 points against his former team, Tobias Harris had 20 and the Los Angeles Clippers overcame an 18-point first-quarter deficit to beat the Toronto Raptors. Montreal Harel scored 19 points and Miles Teodocic had 15 as the Clippers boosted their playoff hopes by winning for the second time in seven games and snapping a three-game losing streak north of the border. Austin Rivers scored 11 points and D'Andre Jordan had 14 rebounds to help the Clippers wrap up a four-game road trip on a winning note. Los Angeles won 2-3 on the trip, and has won 13 of 20 on the road.

James Valanciunas had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Raptors, who dropped to 30-7 at home, the best mark in the NBA. It was a tough night for Toronto as DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry. DeRozan scored 11 points, making three of 12 field goal attempts. Lowry had 11 points and eight assists, shooting 4 for 9.

### TRAIL BLAZERS 108, THUNDER 105

OKLAHOMA CITY — C.J. McCollum scored 29 points to help the Portland Trail Blazers edge the Oklahoma City Thunder. Damian Lillard scored 24 points, and Jusuf Nurkic added 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Trail Blazers, who swept all four games with the Thunder

this season. Portland doubled its lead to games over the Thunder for third place in the Western Conference.

Russell Westbrook led the Thunder with 23 points, nine assists and eight rebounds. Steven Adams had 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Jerami Grant added 17 points.

Oklahoma City got possession trailing by two with 18.5 seconds remaining. Oklahoma City's Carmelo Anthony got trapped in the corner and forced his way through before turning the ball over. Westbrook fouled Portland's Al-Farouq Aminu with 7 seconds to play. Aminu made the first free throw and missed the second, giving the Thunder one more chance. Anthony missed a 3-pointer as time expired.

### CAVALIERS 121, NETS 114

NEW YORK — LeBron James had 37 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists, and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Brooklyn Nets for their fifth straight victory.

James kept up his latest seasonal stretch by going 14 for 19 from the floor. He reached 2,000 points in a season for the 16th time, joining Karl Malone and Michael Jordan as the only players in NBA history to do that.

Kevin Love added 25 points and 15 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who came in averaging 122.5 points during the streak and just about reached that over with a slow start. Former Cavs guard Joe Harris scored a career-high 30 points for the Nets, who lost their third straight.

## COLLEGE BASEBALL SCORES

Team	Score
Arizona	10-10
Baltimore	10-10
Boston	10-10
California	10-10
Florida	10-10
Los Angeles	10-10
Minnesota	10-10
New York	10-10
Philadelphia	10-10
Pittsburgh	10-10
San Diego	10-10
Texas	10-10
Washington	10-10

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# Vettel holds off Hamilton to win Australian GP

By Justin Bergman  
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Believing his Ferrari still lacks the race pace to fully challenge Mercedes in Formula One, Sebastian Vettel will take a little luck when he can get it.

On Sunday at the season-opening Australian Grand Prix, his Ferrari team benefitted not only from a smart pit-stop strategy, but also the fortuitous emergence of a safety car midway through the race that helped Vettel take the lead from rival Lewis Hamilton and hold on for victory. "We got a bit lucky, but we'll take it," Vettel said. "We're not yet there where we want to be. But I think it gives us a good start, a good wind and fresh motivation for the coming weeks."

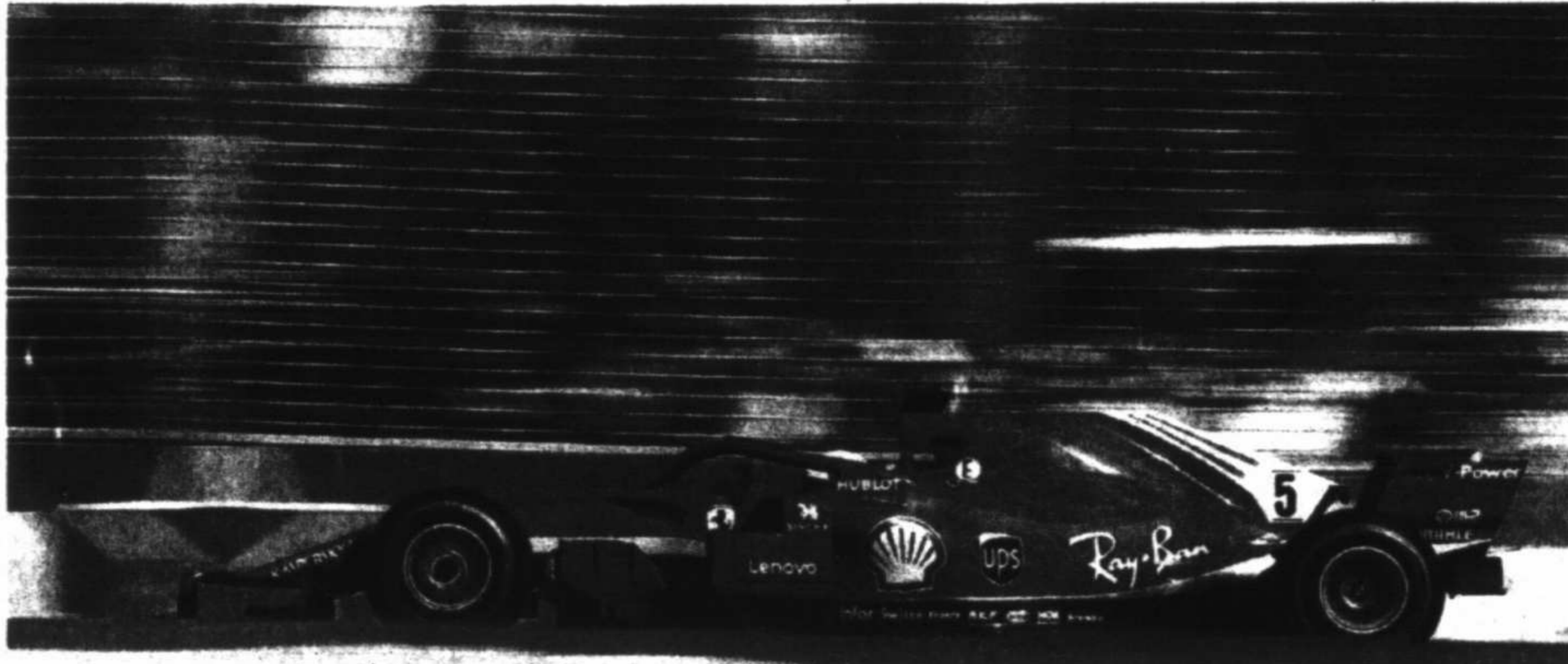
It was the 48th race win of Vettel's career and his 100th podium finish, coming in his 200th F1 race. The German becomes the fourth driver to claim 100 podium finishes, joining Hamilton, Michael Schumacher and Alain Prost.

Vettel finished the race a full five seconds ahead of Hamilton, who started from pole and had made several late attempts to catch the Ferrari but couldn't manage to pass on the narrow Albert Park circuit.

Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen finished third, denying Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo a chance to become the first Australian driver to secure a podium place at the Australian GP.

A resurgent Fernando Alonso of McLaren made a bold run to finish in fifth place, holding off a spirited challenge by Red Bull's Max Verstappen, who recovered after losing control of his car and doing a 360-degree spin early in the race to take sixth.

Hamilton looked comfortable up front for the first 20 laps before deciding to pit, giving up the lead to Vettel. The race then took a dramatic turn when Haas drivers Kevin Magnussen and Romain Grosjean suffered calamitous back-to-back pit stops midway through the race. Both drivers had been running strongly in fourth and fifth places, respectively, but were forced to stop immediately after coming out of pit



Asanka Brendon Ratnayake

Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany races along during the first race of the season at the Australian Formula One Grand Prix on Sunday in Melbourne.

lane with loose wheels.

The virtual safety car emerged as race marshals removed Grosjean's car from the circuit and Vettel took advantage of the slowdown to pit and change tires. He came out of the pit lane just ahead of a confused Hamilton, who got on the radio to ask his team what had just happened.

"Why did you not tell me Vettel was in the pits?" Hamilton asked.

"We thought we were safe, but there's obviously something wrong," his team responded.

When racing resumed, Hamilton stayed close to Vettel's Ferrari, trailing by less than a second for more than 10 laps, but was unable to find space on the tight circuit to pass the German. With victory looking increasingly out of reach, Hamilton then eased up toward the end to conserve his engine for future races.

Hamilton said after the race that he still wasn't clear exactly what happened.

"I think just disbelief was really from

that moment until the end. Just disbelief," he said. "I had extra tools and could have been further ahead by the first pit stop. There were so many good things we could have done."

Vettel's victory comes a day after Hamilton set a blistering track record to capture pole position nearly 0.7 of a second ahead of the rest of the field, a massive margin that raised concerns among some teams that Mercedes had the speed to dominate yet another Formula One season.

But Vettel said he believed Ferrari would fare better in race conditions — and he was right.

"I think we didn't have the true race pace to match them but we weren't that far off," he said. "Even though we were probably lucky with the virtual safety car, we still had enough pace to stay ahead and make it very difficult for him to be close and try and do something."

Ricciardo also pushed Raikkonen hard

for the entire second half of the race for a chance at a podium spot, but the Ferrari driver put in a masterful drive to hold him off and maintain third.

"I think we're pretty close with Ferrari and our race pace is strong," Ricciardo said. "Being so close to the podium and getting fastest lap is definitely an encouraging way to start the season."

Alonso also put several dispiriting years of technical failures with McLaren's Honda-made engines behind him, securing his best race result since late 2016 with the team's new Renault engines.

Renault's Nico Hulkenberg finished in seventh place, just ahead of the other Mercedes driver, Valtteri Bottas, who crashed in qualifying and ended up starting in 15th place on the grid after incurring a penalty for switching out his damaged gearbox.

McLaren's Stoffel Vandoorne finished in ninth place, followed by Renault's Carlos Sainz in 10th.

# Bubba Watson wins Match Play for 2nd World Golf Championship

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Bubba Watson was in high spirits for someone with such low expectations at the Dell Technologies Match Play.

Walking to the sixth tee, already 2 up in his semifinal match against Justin Thomas, he smiled and said, "Just remember, I was beating No. 1 at some point." Thomas only had to win that match to reach No. 1 in the world, and Watson figured that's what would happen.

It was about the only thing he got wrong Sunday.

Watson denied Thomas with a brand of golf that was close to flawless, and then he made the final look as though he were on vacation all along. Watson won his second World Golf Championship with the biggest blowout since the title match switched to 18 holes in 2011, a 7-and-6 victory over Kevin Kisner.

He sure didn't expect to play only 28 holes in two matches on the final day at Austin Country Club, lead after every one of them, and pose with the trophy.

"These stories all different directions that didn't go the way I saw it," he said. "It worked out in my favor. I'm glad I didn't see it."

Watson wasn't as sharp in the final as he was in his 3-and-2 victory over Thomas, and didn't have to be. If not for missing a 4-foot birdie putt on the sixth hole of the championship match, Watson would have won the first seven holes.

Kisner contributed to that. After escaping in 19 holes against Alex Noren in the semifinals, in which Noren had putts of 10 feet and 7 feet on the last two holes to win, Kisner didn't put up much of a fight. He made four straight bogeys, and only twice was putting for birdie through 10 holes.

"I don't know what was going on. It was just pitiful," Kisner said. "I've just got to forget this 12 holes and get back to working on the things that got me here."

Watson never expected to be here, mainly because this fickle format is not his favorite. He reached the semifinals his first year in 2011 — losing to Martin Kaymer, the PGA champion, for Kaymer to go to No. 1 in the world — and only made it to the weekend once after that.

So he booked a family vacation for Sunday, and then had to change his plans, which was a good problem to have.

Watson won \$1.7 million for his 11th career victory on the PGA Tour.

The tougher match was against Thomas, the PGA champion who was poised to replace Dustin Johnson at No. 1 in the world.

Watson went out to a 3-up lead on the first nine, and when Thomas closed to 1 down at the turn with his first birdie putt, Watson was two of the next three holes to regain control. Thomas didn't make another birdie until the par-3 16th, and by then it was too late. Watson made his birdie from 3 feet for the win.

Thomas said he was too concerned with what was at stake in the semifinals — the No. 1 ranking.



Eric Gay/Associated Press

Bubba Watson watches his drive on the sixth hole during round six of the Dell Technologies Match Play golf tournament Sunday in Austin.

"I haven't had such a hard time not thinking about something so much. And that really sucked," Thomas said. "I couldn't stop thinking about it, to be perfectly honest. And I think you're constantly getting questions about it with the media. But I need to be mentally stronger than that, and understand that it's just a match."

Noren beat Thomas in the consolation match, 5 and 3.

One year after Watson disappeared from among the elite in golf, he has won twice in his last four starts. He was No. 117 in the world when he arrived at Riviera, where he won for the third time in his career. With his 11th victory on the PGA Tour, he now is back up to No. 21.

And the two-time Masters champion added his name to the growing list of contenders at Augusta National.

"I'm looking forward to it, and hopefully I can get this focus and my putter rolling like it is," Watson said.

Watson played 109 holes over seven matches, going to the 18th hole just once when he halved his match with Julian Suri on Friday.

Through it all, he said he wasn't committed to only four or five shots. He was hitting high draws, low cuts, all the shots he created as a kid in the Florida Panhandle when he was just a boy with a club and a wild imagination.

He wouldn't have imagined such an easy time against Kisner in the all-Georgia Bulldogs final that ended with the fabled "dog license" score in match play. A dog license in Britain used to cost seven shillings, six pence (referred to as 7 and 6).

Watson holod a 10-foot birdie on the opening hole, and then Kisner took care of the rest with four straight bogeys. Watson missed his short birdie putt to win the sixth hole, but not to worry. Kisner's next shot bounced off a spectator's head and went to a fence, and he had to chip off from well across the green for another bogey.

This can happen in match play, and Kisner saw it Sunday in his 3-and-6 victory over Ian Poulter.

Watson, finally, was on the winning end of it.



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Lee's Rebecca Reed follows her shot Feb. 23 during the Tall City Golf Invitational at Green Tree Country Club

## TOURNEY

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away from the intensity of tournament action.

"Honestly, I expect both teams to compete and play well," Sledge said.

"I have high expectations, both teams have been playing well and they've played Diamondback a lot. I'm happy for these kids, they're a great group of kids. We're always together and we've had so many tournaments, it was nice to have a break."

Meanwhile, the Lee girls are looking to build off some recent momentum of their own, as they took third place at the Odessa Invitational in early March.

Junior Rebecca Reed made

up for a forgettable performance in the Girls Tall City invite and returned to her winning ways with an individual title in Odessa.

Reed, the 2016 district champion, finished second in last year's district tournament, eight strokes behind Wolforth Fresh-ship's Haley Vargas.

The Lee boys are contending with the longest layoff, as they have not played in a tournament since mid-February. But head coach Wes Overton said he's confident in preparation of both of his teams as they aim for a ticket to Arlington over the next two days.

"We've been able to get some things worked

out," Overton said. "We're ready. You never know how they're going to come back and perform with the long layoff. But they've been working hard, hitting the course every day and getting work in."

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# NASCAR postpones Cup race at Martinsville

Associated Press

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — The NASCAR Cup Series race at Martinsville Speedway has been postponed until Monday because of inclement weather.

Rain and light snow started falling Sunday afternoon and continued into the night, creating dangerous driving conditions on nearby roads and leaving little chance of getting the track cleaned and dry enough to race Sunday.

Cup Series driver Denny Hamlin said

last night tweeted a picture of the track late Saturday and later thanked fellow driver Ricky Stenhouse Jr. for clearing snow off the satellite dish atop his motorhome.

There was no qualifying session for the Cup Series because of a victory mix that moved through the Virginia area and halted the Truck Series race after just 23 laps Saturday.

The Truck Series race will resume at 11 a.m. Monday, followed by the Cup Series race at 2 p.m.

### National anthem will be hot topic at NFL owners meetings

By Barry Wilner  
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The national anthem is going to be a hot topic at the NFL owners meetings.

Just don't expect any far-ranging decisions to be made.

Judging by the comments Sunday from the Texans' Robert McNair and the Jets' Christopher Johnson, the debate among the 32 owners could be confrontational.

McNair, who last year made an analogy of inmates running the prison about players' demonstrations during the anthem, remains adamant that everyone should stand for the "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"Our playing field is not the place for political statements, not the place for religious statements," McNair said. "It's the place for football."

Johnson, acting owner of the Jets with his brother, Woody, serving as ambassador to the United Kingdom, took a far different tack.

"I have immense respect for the players and their efforts," Christopher Johnson said. "I think if other teams approached it like that, it would not be such a problem in the NFL."

"I can't speak to how other people run their teams, but I just think that trying to forcibly get the players to shut up is a fantastically bad idea."

While the social protests players made last season will be a topic here, reaching an agreement on language in the league's policy regarding behavior during the anthem is highly unlikely. Owners will meet again in May in Atlanta, and with so much other business to attend in the next three days, the anthem issue figures to extend until then.

"I don't know if it'll be a vote or just a new policy coming out," Giants owner John Mara said. "I think we can't go much beyond the May meeting before coming up with some sort of resolution to that."

McNair and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones are among the leaders of the move to ban any demonstrations during the anthem. McNair drew strong criticism from a variety of players after making his "inmates" comment last fall.

"We're going to deal with it in such a way, I think, that people will understand that we want everybody to respect our country, respect our flag," McNair said Sunday. "And our playing fields, that's not the place for political statements."

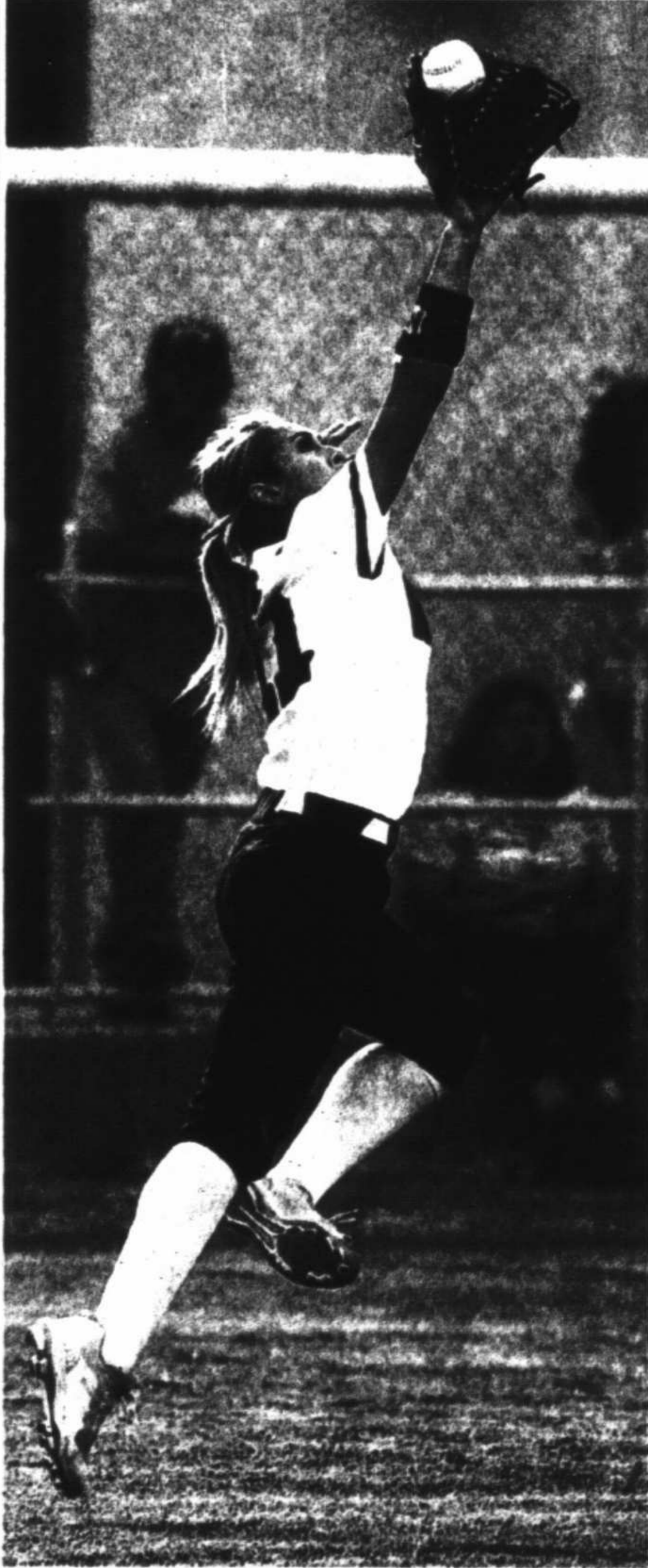


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# SPORTS THIS WEEKEND

COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Midland College's Dee Allen pitches against Frank Phillips College on Friday at MC. Lee's Litzy Gutierrez (11) makes a catch for an out against Midland High on Friday at Gene Smith Field. Midland College's Mercedes Beltran (10) scores against Frank Phillips College's Sara Lane. Texas Tech quarterback Jett Duffley runs a play during the spring scrimmage Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium. Midland High's Yaelin Vidana (11) hits against Lee on Friday at Gene Smith Field.



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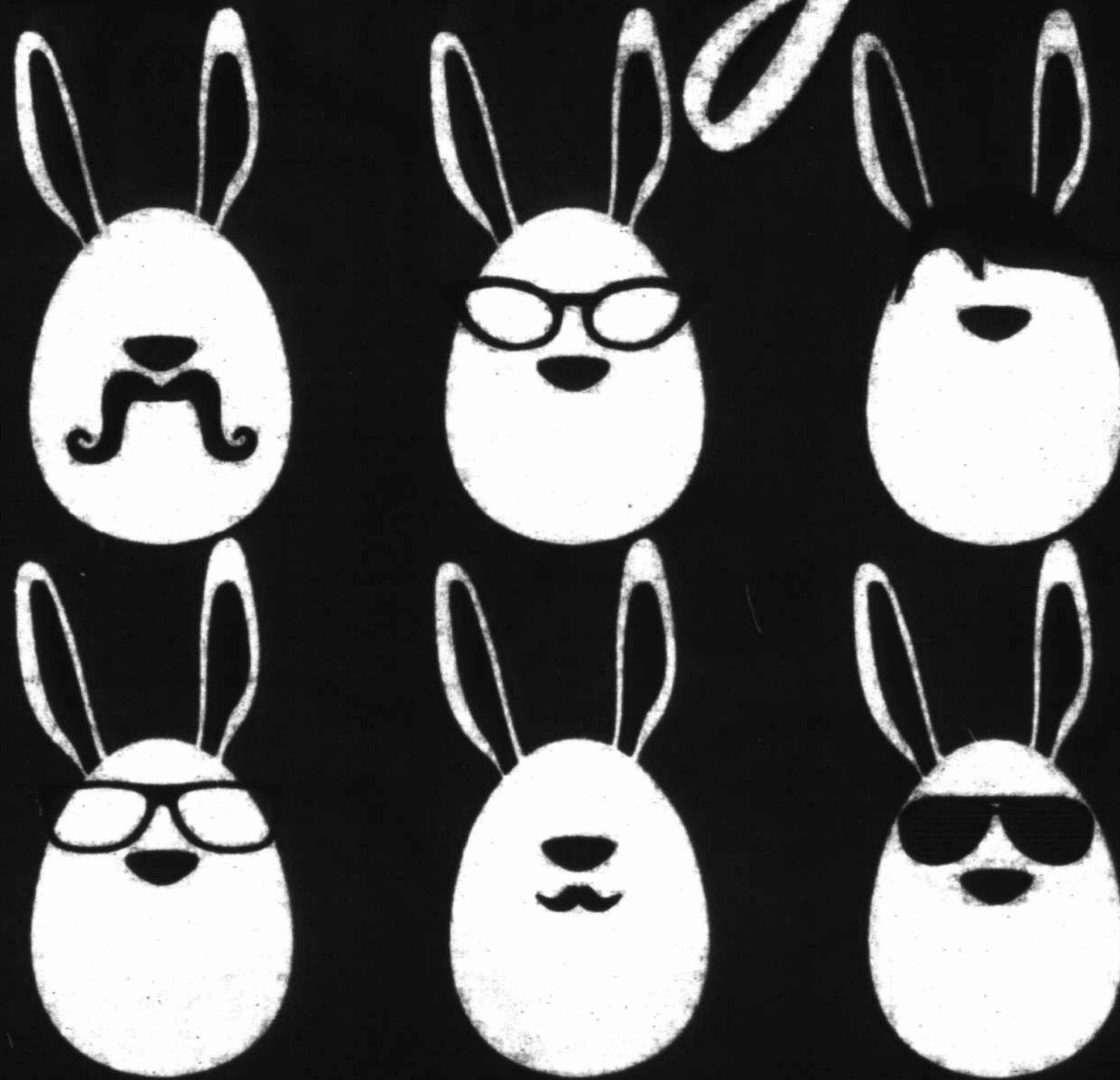
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**Asado**  
Rice, beans, & large homemade flour tortilla.

**Quesadilla Relleno**  
Includes beans, cheese, beef or chicken, lettuce, tomato, guacamole, sour cream, & jalapenos.

**Shredded Chicken**  
Rice, beans, & large homemade flour tortilla.

**Carne Tex Mex**  
Two slices of beef, cheddar, sour cream, & onion. Served with rice & beans.

**Enchiladas**  
Cuts of red or green sauce, beef, chicken or cheese. Served with rice & beans.

**Flanitas**  
Four chicken flautas, rice, beans, guacamole, & sour cream.

**Chile Verde con Carne**  
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### SALES JOBS



### Multi-Media Sales Executive

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking Multi-Media Sales Executives just like you to join our team! Our industry is changing into a digital world, and we are looking for experienced professionals who are eager to facilitate our innovative efforts.

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

Multi-Media Sales Executives maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships and promotion of new advertising products. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-generating.

Development with local business. We pride ourselves on simplifying the marketing process for our customers, while helping advertisers track the impact of their campaigns and understand their advertising options. In short, we help our customers grow their business.

#### Responsibilities include:

- Consistently meet/exceed all print and digital revenue goals.
- Understanding the client's advertising needs, and develop the most marketing solution for them
- Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-confer
- Generating new leads by making cold calls and maintaining an awareness of new businesses opening in the area
- Be the face of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and ensure a superior customer experience

#### The Ideal Candidate:

- You're self-motivated and results oriented
- You have an outgoing, resilient personality
- You enjoy the thrill of the hunt by bringing in new business
- You're confident and not willing to accept average

#### Required Skills & Experience:

- 2+ years of sales experience with a proven record of successfully exceeding goals
  - Proven to achieve clients in their marketing options and close deals
  - Exceptional communication and presentation skills
  - Strong computer skills, Digital Sales experience a plus
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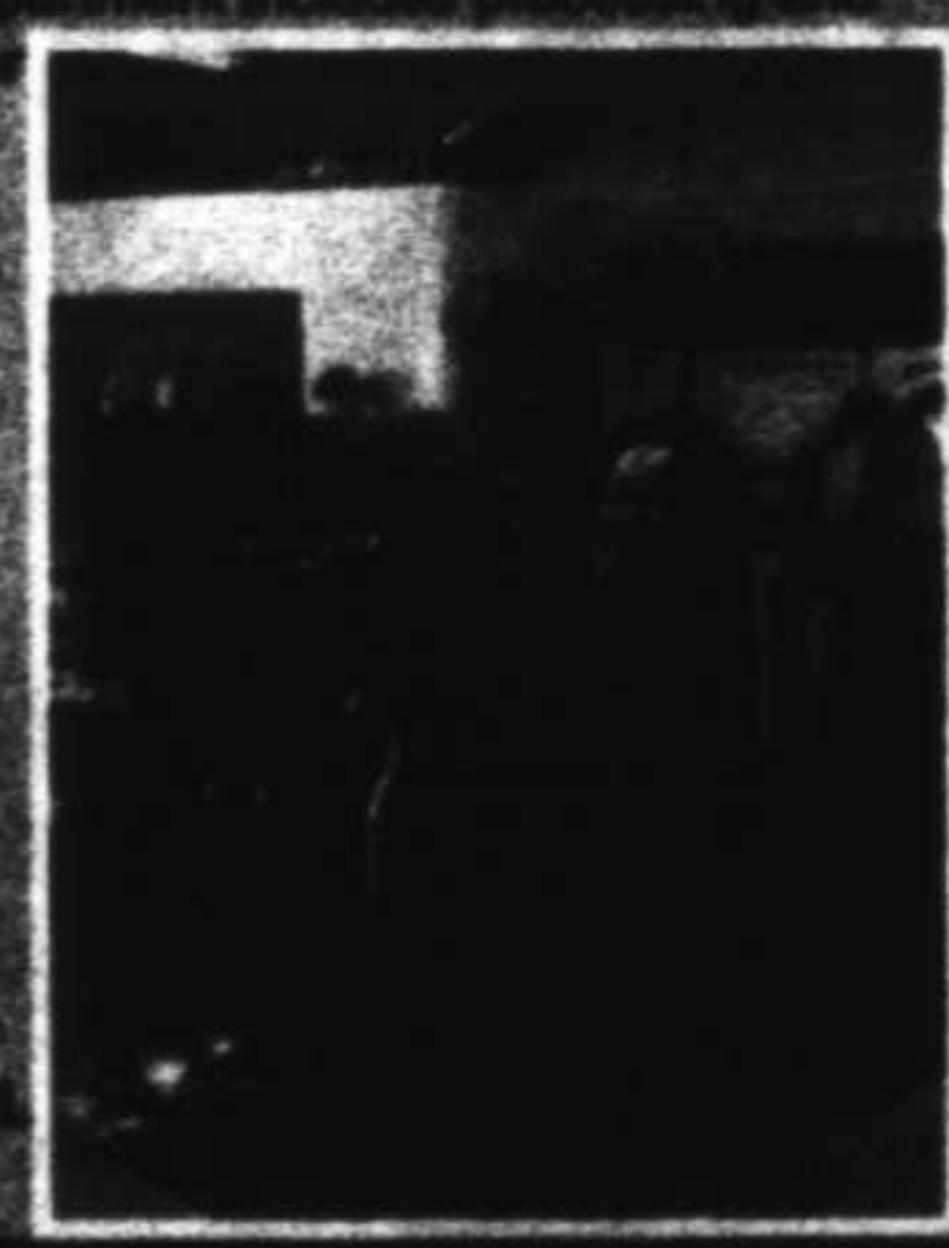
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### MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

**Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE**  
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-5pm. Tuesday will be hours later at about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 8-9 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.  
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**Night Time Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE**  
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night occasionally. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 8-9 hours per week. We will train the right person.  
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### MIDLAND NOW HIRING Administrative Assistant - GIS

Perform all duties and specialized successful work for the Midland Police Department.

#### Job Duties:

- Answer phone, take messages, greet visitors and assist citizens with questions or concerns.
  - Maintain calendar for assigned personnel.
  - Develop, issue and file correspondence.
  - Obtain data into the computer regarding police actions or projects.
  - Preparation and routing mail as needed.
  - Perform related duties as assigned.
- Qualifications:**
- Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and citizens when acting as a receptionist, answering inquiries, processing information or making referrals to the proper staff person.
- Ability to read and understand records and reports in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computer. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as computer, copiers and printers. Skill in typing and word processing. Skill and experience in the operation of computerized systems in order to develop or process reports, forms or word processing assignments, brochures, newsletters and programs. Experience in customer with personal computer related to spreadsheets, databases and word processing.**
- High school diploma or equivalent required. Must be able to pass typing test with minimum score of 40 wpm.**
- Benefits:**
- Health care Plans
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Midland College is seeking a Instructor-Transportation Trainer Job Opportunity. The Transportation Trainer will provide instruction and train students in the classroom as well as in driving. The students will be provided with training and experience to obtain a Commercial Driver License.

- Required Qualifications:**
- High school diploma or equivalent
  - Must possess a valid Texas Class "D" Commercial Driver License, good driving record, and be licensed on either of Midland College's campuses
  - Three years' experience driving "over the road" (OTR) or long
  - Experience in pre-trip/tpi inspections, coupling and uncoupling of equipment
  - Computer literacy
  - Knowledge of rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
  - Knowledge of Double Clutching techniques and how to teach it as required by TDRS
  - Knowledge of all basic testing procedures and be able to instruct and evaluate
  - Knowledge of Hours of Service Regulations and be able to log and teach log book entries as well as log book rules
  - Ability to manage multiple tasks while providing class attention to detail
  - Ability to work in cooperation with others and work a flexible schedule based on training needs
  - Minimum a high level of moral integrity, ethics, honesty, and moral integrity
  - Excellent goals and maintain a high level of student meeting
  - Adaptable to a constantly changing environment
  - Ability to raise or decrease up to 75 percent, expense of driving units, including insurance and registration
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**Customer Service Order Entry**  
Review and enter customer orders in CRM order management system and manage South through delivery. Communicate with customers regarding the status of orders. Answer phone, email, and fax. Good oral and written communication skills. Must be able to work a flexible schedule. Hours: 8-4 Monday-Friday. Competitive pay and health benefits. Send resume to [jobs@midlandtx.com](mailto:jobs@midlandtx.com)

### Shop/ Yard/ Field Help

Pay based on experience. Submit resume to: PRODUCTION LIFT, Box 9425, Midland, TX 79708 or [productionlift@productionlift.com](mailto:productionlift@productionlift.com). Apply at 814 E Industrial Loop, Midland, TX, 79701, (432) 682-1208. [www.productionlift.com](http://www.productionlift.com)

**MIDLAND NOW HIRING Associate Traffic Engineer**

**Job Duties:**

- Support or substitute for the City Traffic Engineer as needed
- Oversee and/or participate in the development, configuration, and operation of the City's computerized control systems
- Manage and perform seasonal studies for traffic signals, stop signs, crosswalks, school zones, speed limits and others
- Review commercial and residential development requests
- Review all phases of the planning process for commercial and retail development
- Prepare analysis and recommendations in support of geometric, roadway, intersection, and other infrastructure improvements
- Prepare analysis and recommendations for the installation and maintenance of traffic control devices within the city

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree in civil engineering or related field with a minimum of three years' experience in traffic engineering or related field
- Master's degree in civil engineering or related field may be substituted for three years' experience.
- Valid Texas driver's license required.
- Certification as an Engineer in Training (EIT) preferred.

**Benefits:**

- Health care Plans
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### MIDLAND NOW HIRING GIS Manager

Reporting to the Engineering Services Director, this position oversees the development and management of the City of Midland Geographic Information System (GIS). This includes staff supervision, budgeting, training, etc.

#### BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Manages the GIS Division budget and recommends budget request for new hardware and software as appropriate.

- Job Duties:**
- Supervise all phases and implementation of the City Enterprise GIS.
  - Supervise GIS Division staff.
  - Provide planning and direction for GIS growth to serve the City and Public.
  - Provide general customer service; responds to concerns and inquiries related to Division services.
  - Negotiate and review contracts provided by consultants for GIS services, e.g. - LIDAR, ortho-aerial imagery, Cityworks, etc.
  - Develop policies and standards for the GIS Division.
  - Manage the setting of priorities for projects, software, database, and application development.
  - Oversee development of GIS applications, web content, and tools to ensure they are current and within industry standards and practices.
  - Oversee the GIS Division in managing ArcGIS Server installation, maintenance, upgrades and use.
  - Provide recommendations to the Director of Engineering Services regarding use of GIS Division budget, priorities for projects, and resources required to complete them.
  - Provide user-training services, as requested.
  - Independently prepare and deliver reports and presentations to City Commissioners, City Management, and outside agency officials. Serve as representative of GIS for the City to other departments and outside agencies.
  - Other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Commissioners, City Management, consultants, vendors, business, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures. Ability to supervise and manage other staff with a variety of skills and abilities.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of ArcGIS software (ArcGISDesktop, ArcGISOnline, ArcSDE), Solid understanding of database design/management and programming to desktops.

Knowledge of local, municipal governmental operations, capabilities and procedures to desktops.

Bachelor's degree in GIS, Geography, Computer Science, Engineering, or a related subject or degree field required. Minimum of five years' experience using the GIS software required. Master's degree in a related field preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

**Benefits:**

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- Ability to lift, push or pull up to 50-lbs
- Must be able to read, hear, see as needed
- Must be able to work independently & be a team player
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- Perform other duties as delegated or assigned by Supervisor
- Required education: High School or equivalent

This is a full time position that offers paid vacation and 401K benefits of benefits.

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**Planning Division Manager**

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

**BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

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

**Job Duties:**

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

**Qualifications:**

Employee communicates with other employees in the work group. Communication with the general public, developers, outside agencies and other departments within the organization is required.

Knowledge of planning and zoning process. Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in writing and interpreting budgets. Ability to write and review reports, memos and other correspondence. Ability to supervise and communicate with employees. Basic comprehension of computer use. Valid Texas Driver License.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in geography, planning or related field required. Graduate work or advanced degree in planning preferred. Three to five years experience in a related field required, preferably including supervisory experience.

**Benefits:**

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**Right-Of-Way Manager**

This position manages the acquisition, sale, and licensing of City rights-of-way and other real property; oversees the execution of transactions of real property; and administers the issuance of easements and licenses to outside parties for the use of City-owned rights-of-way and property.

**Budgetary Responsibilities:**

Assist management staff with recommendations and budget data for potential right-of-way and easement acquisitions for public improvements.

**Job Duties:**

- Develops policies and procedures for standardization of third-party use of City rights-of-way and property.
- Manages the distribution of surface damages for City rights-of-way and other real property owned by the City, including 47,000+ acres of City-owned parcels.
- Develops and negotiates Surface Use Agreements, Right-of-Way License Agreements, Easement Agreements, for third-party users of City-owned parcels or rights-of-way, and coordinates with appropriate City Departments or Management.
- Prepares and presents reports to City officials, Council members, and representatives of outside agencies.
- Obtains Approvals, Title Work, and coordinates Closings on tracts of interest.
- Coordinates and processes public assessments for City projects.
- Coordinates departmental actions related to acquisition of real property to ensure compliance with City policies, and legal and regulatory guidelines.
- Coordinates preparation of offers to purchase, leases, deeds, exchange agreements, easements, releases, and related property transaction documents.
- Coordinates with others and utilizes engineering plans and plats to determine accuracy of property legal descriptions and boundaries, title histories, etc.
- Other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

Proven ability to plan, organize and manage multiple concurrent projects with minimal supervision. Willingness to work in a team environment and learn new skills to help improve systems and procedures.

Knowledge of land surveying, oil drilling and pipeline operations, and typical petroleum industry practices related to land use and acquisition is desirable. Knowledge of municipal governmental operations, acquisitions and procedures is helpful.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with employees within and outside the department, and with outside agencies; and to respond to questions from Council members, constituents, vendors, businesses, and other governmental agencies or staff.

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of Esri ArcGIS software is desirable.

Bachelor's degree required. Minimum of five years' experience in real estate, land acquisition, or a similar field. Valid Texas driver's license required.

**Benefits:**

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- Must be able to lift and move heavy boxes.
- Must be able to work flexible hours.

Apply in person at James Cook, CDL & Training Center, Inc. 1401 E. Guadalupe Odessa, Texas 79701

**Endeavor Energy Resources**

**DOT Driver II**

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

**Essential Functions:**

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

**Minimum Requirements:**

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

**Supervisory Responsibilities:**

No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

**Work Environment:**

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

**Physical Demands:**

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

**Position type and expected hours of work:**

This is a full-time position. The ability to work overtime is a requirement to performing this job.

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**Job Duties:**

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- Proper pro and post tip of equipment
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- Immediate reporting and clearing of any spills during shift
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, dispatchers, fellow co-workers and customers
- All other duties as assigned

**Minimum Qualifications:**

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

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**Instrumentation & Electrical Technician**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

**Compensation Benefits included:**

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**Local Drivers**

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**Qualifications:**

- High school education or equivalent.
- Valid operator's license.
- Clean driving record.
- DOT compliant

**Compensation Benefits included:**

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**Planner**

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

**Job Duties:**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

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

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in architecture, planning, engineering or economic plan and three years of experience. Valid Texas Driver's License.

**Benefits:**

- Health care Plans
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**Planning Supervisor**

Supervises and manages Planning Division staff and reports directly to City Manager on operations and programs. Works as a senior member of the Planning Division staff on major projects. Acts as a Staff/Team Supervisor as needed.

**BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

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

**Job Duties:**

- Supervises and manages the work of subordinate employees.
- Coordinates with the City Council and provides recommendations on ordinance and resolutions.
- Prepares, administers and monitors annual budget.
- Presents information at public meetings. Participates with other staff members concerning interested projects.
- Answers various questions from general public and developers concerning city ordinances, development trends, and population.
- Performs related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**

Employee communicates with other employees in the work group. Communication with the general public, developers, outside agencies and other departments within the organization is required.

Knowledge of planning and zoning process. Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Skill in writing and interpreting budgets. Ability to write and review reports, memos and other correspondence. Ability to supervise and communicate with employees. Basic comprehension of computer use. Valid Texas Driver License.

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in geography, planning or related field required. Graduate work or advanced degree in planning preferred. Three to five years experience in a related field required, preferably including supervisory experience.

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