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## Long-term care facilities face staffing crisis

■ Texas Health Care Association: There is a 97 percent turnover rate for certified nurse aides statewide

By Mella McEwen  
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Those in the Texas health care industry are ringing alarm bells about a growing crisis affecting nursing homes throughout the Lone Star State.

The Texas Health Care Association reports the 97 percent turnover rate for certified nurse aides and the 90 percent turnover rate for registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses are affecting nursing homes statewide, including the 22 operating in Andrews, Brewster, Crane,

Ector, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin and Midland counties.

"It's a huge concern when you look at the fact we're seeing direct care staff who are caring for our mothers, our grandmothers, our fathers, our grandfathers, have a turnover rate of 90 to 97 percent," Kevin Warren, president and chief executive officer of the association, said in a phone interview from his Austin office.

"It's a significant problem that we need to work on and come together to address," he said.

Warren said staffing has always been a challenge, but he has not seen such high turnover rates in the more than 20 years he's worked in the industry, "particularly in West Texas where unemployment is sub-3 percent.

"Everyone who wants to work is working" and the long-term health care industry is competing with other industries, particularly the energy industry, for employees.

In addition to the labor market, Warren said another challenge is the state's low nursing home Medicaid reimbursement rate, which is among the lowest in the nation. His association said the state's Medicaid rate falls almost \$10,000 short of the cost of care on an annual basis per Medicaid resident, and more than two-thirds of all Texas nursing home residents rely on Medicaid to cover their costs after depleting their assets. The association said that, for a typical long-term care facility with 100 beds, that shortfall can be more than \$650,000 a year that has to be made

up somewhere else. It also leaves nursing home operators unable to raise wages to hire and retain staff, who frequently move to jobs with higher pay or less stress.

Warren put the state's reimbursement rate at \$143 an hour. And since long-term care is 24 hours a day, he said that is equal to \$6 an hour over a 24-hour period. The national average reimbursement rate is \$190 an hour.

He and his association are highlighting the issue because Warren said it needs to be addressed quickly. He suggested a three-pronged solution:

■ addressing the state's low reimbursement rate.

He said his association is working with

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## KEEP THE ICE HANDY



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Jarvis Conally fills a truck bed with bags of ice while volunteers at the 31st annual Mex-Tex Family Fiesta on Saturday at Scharbauer Sports Complex.

## Midland county restricts fireworks after concerns about fires

By Simone Jasper  
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Two types of aerial fireworks are restricted in Midland County after a decision Monday. Commissioners voted to approve restricting rockets with sticks and missiles with fins.

"They will continue to burn," said Dale Little, Midland County fire marshal. "That's what sets off grass fires and wild land fires. If they continue to burn when they come down, then we have a lot of problems there."

The county in the past has considered fireworks restrictions. Little said that this year, recent precipitation hasn't come to every part of the county.

"It's so dry, and we've got so much grass," Little said. "We're still under a drought situation, so it's very proactive to do that."

The restrictions will be in effect leading up to Independence Day, and people who violate them could be issued citations. County Judge Mike Bradford described reasons behind restricting the two types of aerial fireworks.

"If you shoot them off into a pasture, you can't get a fire truck there..." Bradford said. "Then what are you going to do? This is a safety precaution for the general public."

Fireworks are usually sold a week or so before Independence Day and other major holidays, according to the Texas Department of Insurance. Bradford said the county has cooperation from sellers.

"We have asked the industry to restrict sticks and fins... — those are aerial fireworks — and the industry has agreed," Bradford said.

The fireworks restrictions come after commissioners last month took action to extend the county burn ban, which is now in effect through July 15.

The burn-ban order doesn't prohibit outdoor cooking in approved containers or outdoor burning related to public health and safety, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram story. Those instances include: firefighter training; public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; planting for harvesting of agricultural crops; and burns that are conducted by a certified prescribed burn manager.

Violations of the order constitute a Class C misdemeanor, according to the story.

Commissioners Scott Ramsey of Precinct 1 and Luis Sanchez of Precinct 3 weren't present at Monday's meeting.

## Permian blowout apparently is never-ending

By Liam Denning  
Bloomberg

### ■ COMMENTARY

Energy dominance carries its own backlash, it turns out. Ground zero is the Permian Basin in West Texas, where oil production has run ahead of pipeline capacity to get it to market, forcing some U.S. barrels to price at wide discounts. Thankfully, new pipelines should fix the problem by early 2020.

Apparently, though, the futures market is less convinced about that last bit.

This looks odd. There is about 3.1 million barrels-a-day of pipeline capacity to take crude oil out of the Permian Basin versus production of about 3.3 million a day, according to Bloomberg Intelligence. Hence the problem. By early 2020, though, new pipelines should raise that capacity to around 5 million barrels a day. Even allowing for continued growth in output, that sounds like more than enough to let barrels flow and narrow those spreads.

The first thing to note is that futures are notoriously bad predictors of, well, the future. They're for hedging, not scrying. And as I wrote here, while the

volume of trading in oil futures has shot up in recent years, much of that reflects algos playing the near end of the curve — which has had the effect of pushing some specialist hedge funds out.

In that context, the latest blow-out in spreads between West Texas Intermediate and Brent prices looks a bit suspect. They have blown out far more in the past, such as in 2011. But those dislocations were mostly confined to near-term futures, which makes sense because they were perceived to be temporary ahead of, say, new infrastructure alleviating bottlenecks. Looking at spreads between contracts for one, 12, 24 and 36 months out, variation between the four pairs was wide in those earlier dislocations, with a standard deviation of typically 5 percentage points or more. That isn't the case now, despite a similar expectation of new pipelines coming, with the standard deviation at less than 1 percentage point.

All of which is to say that those signals from the less-liquid, further

reaches of the curve may well be a bit hazy. In which case, long-dated WTI looks underpriced relative to Brent, and the discount post-2019 ought to be more like \$4 a barrel, not \$8 or \$9.

That no-one seems to be diving on that apparently free profit may be because of simple skepticism: After all, construction schedules don't always run on schedule. Somehow, though, it's tough to see new pipelines facing many delays in Texas in the middle of a production boom.

More likely, it reflects a mixture of those thin markets and some real potential wrinkles on the logistical side.

For example, while new pipes should alleviate the build-up of oil inland, that won't solve the problem fully if more bottlenecks emerge at the coast. Peter Pulikkan of Bloomberg Intelligence highlights the risk of oil from the Permian Basin and elsewhere inland barreling into storage and loading constraints at ports on the Gulf Coast. Right now, he estimates there's effective export capacity of about 2 million barrels a day at those ports versus

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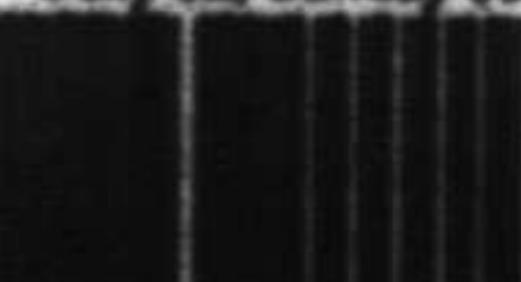
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## Science panel says the FAA is too tough on drones

By David Koenig  
Associated Press

Science advisers to the federal government say safety regulators are hindering the spread of commercial drones by being too cautious about the risks posed by the flying machines.

The National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine said in a report Monday that federal safety regulators need to balance the overall benefits of drones instead of treating them the same way that they oversee airliners.

Academy experts said in a strongly worded report that the Federal Aviation Administration tilts against proposals for commercial uses of unmanned aircraft without considering their potential to reduce other risks and save lives.

For example, they said, when drones are used to inspect cell-phone towers, it reduces the risk of making workers climb up the towers.

The study on the FAA's work on integrating drones into the nation's airspace was requested by Congress last year.

In a statement, an FAA spokesman said the agency was working to safely speed the integration of drones into the airspace. The science board's recommendations match the FAA's efforts "and we see them as an endorsement of our efforts and encouragement to accelerate our efforts," he said.

The drone industry hailed the report. The president of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, a trade group, called for a "flexible" approach to regulation including allowing operators to fly drones beyond their line of sight, at higher altitudes and weights greater than 55 pounds.

Others including airline pilots have expressed concern about more drones sharing the airspace. The FAA is investigating an incident reported in February in which a drone flew close to a Frontier Airlines jet approaching Las Vegas. A drone hit a small charter plane in Canada last October, and other operators have been charged with interfering with firefighting planes.

In Monday's report, the science academies leaned on a 14-member committee whose members come mostly from universities and research groups but also the aerospace industry, including a representative of Boeing's drone business.

The high-level science board said that the FAA was making "overly conservative risk assessments" about drones by applying the same near-zero tolerance for risk that it uses with other aircraft.

"In many cases, the focus has been on 'What might go wrong?' instead of a holistic risk picture" that considers overall risk and benefit, the advisers wrote.

Instead, the advisers recommended, the FAA should meet requests for drone operations approvals by saying, "How can we approve this?"

The board was critical of FAA culture even while acknowledging that the FAA's approach has helped make manned aviation safer.

"The committee concluded that 'fear of making a mistake' drives a risk culture at the FAA that is too often overly conservative, particularly with regard to (drone) technologies, which do not pose a direct threat to human life in the same way as technologies used in manned aircraft," the board experts wrote.

They said that FAA staffs may believe they could endanger their careers by allowing any new risk.

The board said its committee recommended that the FAA be guided by asking whether it can make drone use as safe as other background risks in everyday life.

"We do not ground airplanes because birds fly in the airspace, although we know birds can and do bring down aircraft," they wrote.

## Obituaries



**Antonio Mongarrra Yharte Valles**

Antonio Mongarrra Yharte Valles, 93 years young, was born April 17, 1925 in San Vicente Texas and was heavily bound on June 8, 2018 at 8:00 am in Midland, Texas. She married Jesse Valles and had 6 children.

She is survived by 2 sons, 4 daughters and their spouses: Jesse and Sela Valles, of Midland, TX, Ramon and Anita Valles, of Midland, TX, Teresa and Manuel Torres, of Midland, TX, Janie and Carlos Equimones, of Midland, TX, Brenda and Daniel Sanchez, of Grand Prairie, TX, Esmeralda Valles, of Midland, TX; 5 brothers, Jose (Josefina), Gilberto (Julia), Macario, Abraham (Lupe), Hermenegildo (Manuela), 5 sisters, Cesaria (Presiliano), Francisca (Benito), Consuelo, Florinda (Rafael), Teresita (Ricardo); numerous nieces and nephews; 17 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandson.

She was preceded in death by her ex-husband, Jesse Valles, mother, Isabel Yharte, father, Antonio Yharte, stepmother, Inez Yharte, 2 brothers, Isabel Yharte and Wenceslao Yharte, sister, Felicitas Yharte Flores, granddaughter, Jennifer Michelle Sanchez, and great grandson, Jesse Noel Valles.

Antonio lived in Midland for the greater part of her life. Her passion was her family. She raised them with honesty, integrity, and a lot of love. A single mother who instilled in them strength, values, and a love for God. Her favorite scripture was Psalm 121 and lived her life as quoted in Proverbs 31. She was known as Tony, mom, grandma, Lu-Lu and GG. She was a member of the Latin Free Methodist Church in Midland, TX. Grandma, as most everyone

who knew her, was soft-hearted and she never passed up an opportunity to share a kind word and Jesus.

Her smile would melt your heart and she would touch your heart with a wise word and advice. While she will be extremely missed by everyone, she knew that she would see them again if they gave their lives to Jesus. She was the prayer warrior of the family and was known for laying hands as she prayed healing and restoration to those in need.

Prayer services will be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens. Reception to follow at Iglesia Bautista Monte Sinai, 2105 S. Baird St. in Midland. Pallbearers for the service will be grandsons, Jesse Frank Valles, Gabriel David Valles, John Thomas Valles, Roman Adrian Torres, Angel Valles and Michael Valles. Honorary Pallbearers will be her great grandsons as they follow behind the procession. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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**Donald Ralph Bowen**

Donald Ralph Bowen of Odessa, TX, passed away Sunday, June 10, 2018 in Odessa, TX.

Donald Ralph Bowen, beloved father, grandfather, and great grandfather, was born April 25, 1922 in Greenfield, Iowa to Oren Chesley Bowen

and Lula Maude (Shanklin) Bowen.

He retired from the U.S. Postal Service as a Postmaster, on Sept. 28, 1984. He also served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 - 1946. Don was a true patriot and loved his country. His main occupation was carpentry; he was both a finish carpenter and a home builder. He was an active member and faithful attendee of Sherwood Church of Christ in Odessa, Texas.

His main hobby was bowling; he was an avid league bowler through the age of 92.

Donald is survived by his sons, Jeff Bowen and Jesse Bowen, of Odessa & Midland, Texas and one daughter, Nancy Vinyard Nowak of Washington, Michigan. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Allene Bowen and one great-granddaughter.

Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Lynn Mone officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To send family condolences please sign his guestbook at [www.sunsetodessa.com](http://www.sunsetodessa.com).



**Emily Davidson**

It is with sadness and respect that the family of Dr. Emily S. Davidson announces her passing after a brief

illness on Thursday, June 7, 2018, at the age of 69. Emily was born on June 19, 1948 in Greensboro, N. C. to Frank and Margaret Snodgrass. She grew up in Bennettsville, South Carolina with her sisters, Ann Parish, (now in Midland, TX) and Barbara Snodgrass (now in Austin, TX), and her brother, Rick Snodgrass (now in Duluth, GA). She is preceded in death by her parents.

Dr. Emily Davidson earned her B.A. in Psychology from Southern Methodist University in 1970 and a Ph.D. in Clinical and Developmental Psychology from State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1975. She taught at Vanderbilt University before joining Texas A&M in 1980.

She served as Director of Graduate Studies for over 12 years. She was the recipient of a Distinguished Teaching Award in 1986, Diversity Award in 1992 and the University Honors Teacher-Scholar Award in 1996. During her time there, she received numerous letters of recognition and gratitude from students. Graduate students in the department of psychology will remember her work on their behalf in the years when she was DGS.

Emily loved to travel and made life-long friends while teaching in TAMU's Study Abroad programs in both England and Asia. While her health permitted, she used to travel to New York for theatre and ballet and to Houston for the opera. Her tastes were broad: she was a devotee of the arts, and a regular attendee at B/CS music, dance, and theatre events, and in recent years she had season tickets to TAMU women's softball games and Austin Opera and Symphony.

Emily was always an advocate. In the middle 1980s, when it was not fashionable, she was instrumental in building a supportive setting for people living with AIDS.

She sat on the TAMU Institutional Review Board for many years, reviewing research proposals involving human subjects, balancing complex ethical considerations.

Emily was a gardener and was notorious in the neighborhood for her spring flowerbeds of tulips and daffodils.

She was a devoted, caring, and much-loved sister and friend who will be dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the

Brazos Valley Food Bank, 1501 Independence Ave. Bryan, TX 77803, or the charity of your choice.

The family will receive guests at Emily's home on Saturday, June 16, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please call Callaway-Jones Funeral Home for additional information.®

## Paul Allen Hiebert

Paul Allen Hiebert, 69, of Midland passed away on June 7, 2018. He is preceded in death by his wife Suzanne Voltz. He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Hiebert of Carrollton, Texas and Laura Durand of Willow Park, Texas; sister Ruth Montgomery; brother David Hiebert and grandchildren Sidnee Durand and Eli Durand.

The family will receive visitors from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home on Thursday, June 14, 2018. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Haskell, Texas. Online condolences may be offered at [www.ellisfunerals.com](http://www.ellisfunerals.com)

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## Death Notices

### Harold C. Franklin

Harold C. Franklin, 88 of Midland, Texas passed away June 8, 2018. He was born in Hereford, Texas on March 28, 1930.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Franklin; children, Jon Harold Franklin, Wana Lynn Franklin. A visitation will be held Tuesday, June 12, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at American Heritage Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held Thursday, June 14, 2018, 2:00 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church. Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Cemetery.

### Lilia G. Baeza

Lilia G. Baeza, 91, of Presidio, passed away June 10, 2018 in Midland. She was born May 18, 1927 in Mexico. She is survived by her husband, Daniel Baeza; children, Ruben Baeza, Rosario Baeza, Juan Baeza and Marco Baeza. Services will be held at a later date in Mexico.

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

## Don't trust the tech giants? You likely rely on them anyway

By Anick Jesdanun and Ryan Nakashima  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — If technology giants like Facebook, Google and Amazon face a common threat to their dominance, it probably lies in a single word: trust.

In some respects, these companies are riding high. They have woven themselves into the fabric of our daily lives, making their services indispensable for daily tasks like keeping in touch with family and friends, watching TV and buying cat food. Revenues are up and profits are soaring.

But they've also drawn the attention of regulators in Europe and the U.S. thanks to carelessness with consumer data and other problems. Facebook's leaky data controls, for instance, let Cambridge Analytica mine the profiles of up to 87 million people in an

attempt to swing elections. The social network has also had to beef up manual oversight to clamp down on the spread of fake news.

Google's YouTube has likewise been implicated in the spread of political conspiracy theories. Not long ago, Amazon's always-listening Echo speaker inadvertently recorded a family's conversation at home — and then sent the recording to someone else.

Some of these issues are systemic; others may be little more than the growing pains of new technologies. What they all fuel, though, is a sense that technology may not always warrant the implicit faith we place in it.

Companies have to realize "that trust isn't digital," says Gerd Leonhard, a futurist and author of "Technology vs. Humanity." "Trust is not something that you download. Trust is a feeling. It's a perception." Trust looms large in modern

life. We still get on airplanes even though they sometimes come apart in flight. We go to hospitals even though medical errors sometimes kill patients. These services are too important to live without, despite the occasional disastrous error.

But those industries are also heavily regulated because of the risks involved. Technology companies, by comparison, are largely unconstrained.

Trust issues could be especially acute for technology companies, since their services are effectively omnipresent yet largely inscrutable. You can't audit Google's algorithm to see why it's giving you certain search results the way you can watch your bank balance. You just have to trust that the company is upholding its promises.

Yet so far, such concerns don't loom large for most consumers. "That trust is eroded, but the uncomfortable thing is no one

really cares," says Scott Galloway, a New York University marketing professor. "As long as they trust that technology will improve their lives, they don't appear to care about the other stuff."

A 2016 survey from the Pew Research Center, for instance, found that only 9 percent of users were "very confident" that social media companies could protect their data. More than half had little or no confidence. Yet a January survey from Pew found that 69 percent of U.S. adults use social media, unchanged from 2016.

Shaky consumer confidence can still limit the time people spend on Facebook or curb their enthusiasm for new boundary-pushing services. Amazon, for instance, now wants its delivery people to leave packages inside your home or car. That's not going to fly if you're worried about Amazon exploiting its access to your private spaces.

## Fed watchers await rate forecast with a hike all but certain

By Martin Crutsinger  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Another interest rate increase is all but certain when the Federal Reserve meets this week. What's not so sure is whether the vigorous U.S. economy will lead the Fed to accelerate its rate hikes in the months ahead — a move that could raise the risk of a recession.

When it last met in May, the Fed left its short-term rate unchanged. But it noted that inflation was edging near its 2 percent target after years of remaining undeniably low. Should

inflation eventually pick up, the Fed might move to tighten credit more aggressively. The challenge would be to do so without slowing growth so much as to cause a downturn.

Investors are eagerly awaiting the updated economic forecasts the Fed will issue when its meeting ends Wednesday. Among other things, the forecasts will show whether the policymakers still foresee a total of three rate increases for 2018, as they predicted three months ago, or whether they now envision four. The Fed has so far raised its key rate once this year, in March.

A gradual rise in inflation is coinciding with new-found economic strength. After years in which the economy expanded at roughly a tepid 2 percent annually, growth could top 3 percent this year. Consumer and business spending is powering the economy, in part a result of the tax cut

President Donald Trump pushed through Congress last year.

With employers hiring at a solid pace month after month, unemployment has reached 3.8 percent. Not since 1969 has the jobless rate been lower.

The Fed will probably note the economy's strength in the statement it will issue Wednesday. Further clarity could follow, when Chairman Jerome Powell holds his second news conference since succeeding Janet Yellen in February.

Beginning in 2008 in the midst of the financial crisis, the Fed kept its key rate unchanged at a record low near zero for seven years. It then raised rates once in 2015, once in 2016 and three times in 2017. Wednesday's expected quarter-point rate increase will raise the Fed's benchmark rate to a range of 1.75 percent to 2 percent.

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analy-

tics, said he thinks stronger growth and rising inflation will lead the Fed to raise rates four times this year and four more in 2019.

"We are going to get a period of rip-roaring growth that is going to push unemployment down to close to 3 percent, a level we have only been at twice in our history," Zandi said. "That means the Fed is going to have to start stepping harder on the brakes."

The Fed aims to achieve its mandates of maximizing employment and stabilizing prices by lowering rates to spur growth during times of economic weakness and raising rates to slow growth if the economy threatens to overheat. When the Fed tightens credit, it aims to do so without derailing the economy. But if it miscalculates and overdoes the credit tightening, it can trigger a recession.

The economic expansion has survived for

nine years and is now the second-longest in history. It will become the longest if it lasts past June 2019, at which point it would surpass the expansion that lasted from March 1991 to March 2001.

While many economists think the current expansion will exceed the 1990's streak, some worry about what might occur once the impact of the tax cuts begin to fade and the Fed's gradual rate hikes begin to curb growth. Diane Swonk, chief economist at Grant Thornton, suggested that the economy could experience a "growth recession," in which the gross domestic product slows so much that unemployment starts to rise.

In the meantime, some Fed watchers are revising their forecasts to predict four rather than three rate increases this year. Even so, the CME Group says trading in the futures market still suggests a slight majority envisioning three increases for 2018.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Dean Rucker, right, presiding judge of the Seventh Administrative Judicial Region of Texas, congratulates Ellen Griffith after swearing her in as associate judge for Child Protection Court of the Permian Basin on Monday at the Midland County Courthouse.

Griffith is succeeding Judge Sylvia A. Chavez, who retired. Griffith was an assistant county attorney in the Midland County Attorney's Office, where her duties included representing the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in child protection cases.

1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome. Bridge game play, 1 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.

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City Council 10 a.m. Council Chambers City Hall 300 N. Loraine Ave.

Today in History Today is Tuesday, June 12, the 163rd day of 2018. There are 202 days left in the year. On this date: In 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Loving v. Virginia, unanimously struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.

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- Membership 101 is open to current, former and potential members of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., 303 W. Wall St., Suite 200.
PBS Mornings, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

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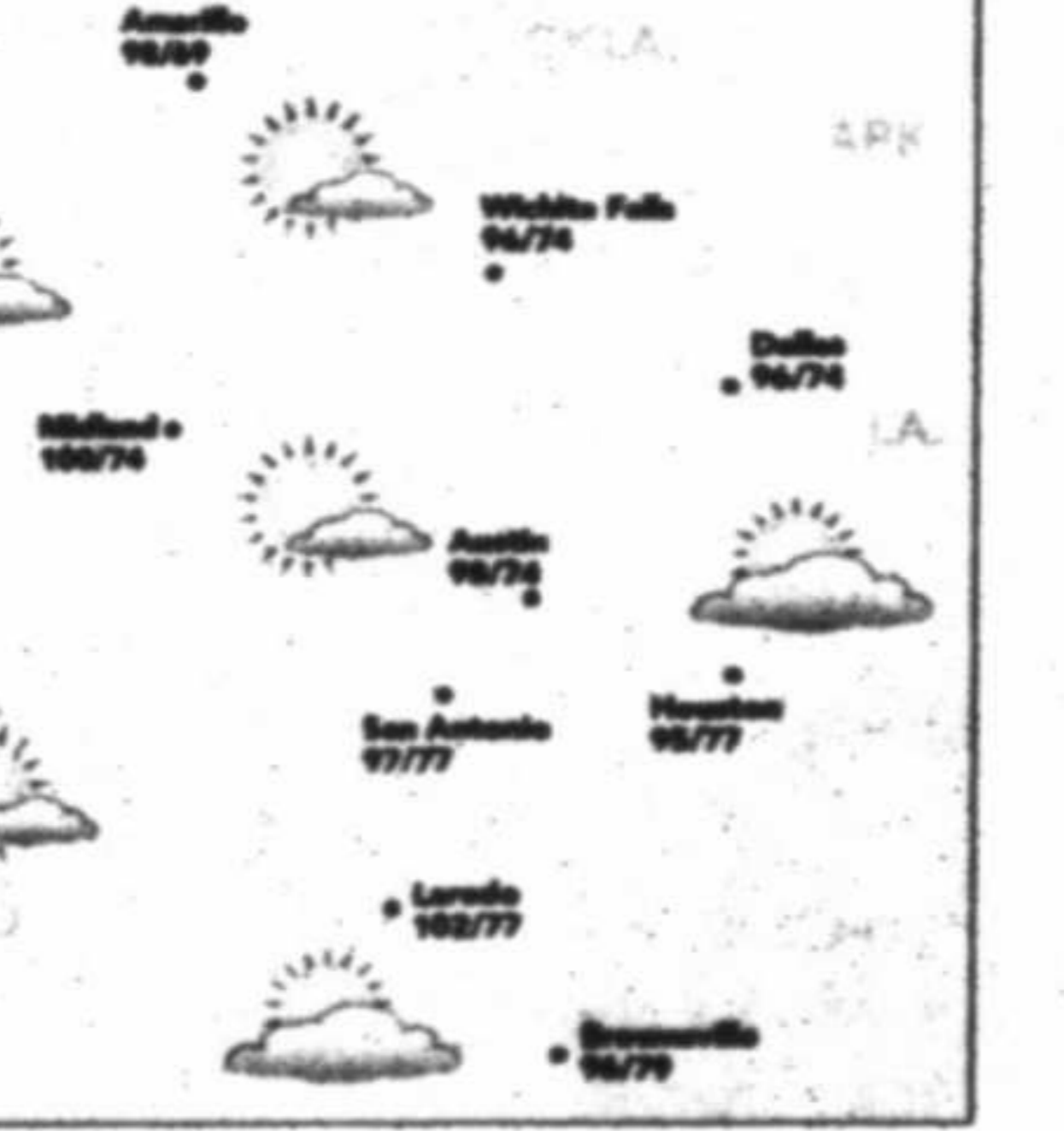
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# Party convention delegates to debate high-profile issues

By Alex Samuels and  
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Texas Tribune

Several thousand Texans will descend on San Antonio and Fort Worth for the biennial Republican and Democratic conventions to hear from the state's most prominent politicians, adopt new platforms and elect party leaders.

Republicans, who are meeting this week, will participate in the "most bottom-up, grassroots-driven political party organization in the country — bar none," said Texas GOP Chairman James Dickey.

Democrats will meet the following week, and party leaders say they hope to showcase a united front ahead of what's expected to be a tumultuous general election in which many are predicting Democrats will make gains nationwide. Texas hasn't elected a Democrat to statewide office since 1994.

"The party is going to be extremely unified in supporting all of its candidates," said Texas Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa. "I think you'll see the convention spending a lot of time showcasing these candidates ... that we believe have a fighting chance of breaking that ceiling we've been up against for the last 25 years."

The conventions this summer are almost certain to highlight rubs between the two parties. Here are four things to keep an eye on as both affairs play out this month.

## SCHOOL SHOOTINGS AND #METOO

Delegates at both party conventions will debate, assemble and approve their 2018 platforms — a list that reflects the ideas leaders and members support ahead of the November election and 2019 legislative session.

For the past few conventions, Democrats have adopted a platform with few changes. But national conversations surrounding issues such as the #MeToo movement and gun control are shaping how party leaders approach this year's meeting in Fort Worth.

"The status quo isn't going to cut it anymore. We've had a national debate around the #MeToo movement and gun

control, and Texas is not immune to that," said state Rep. Celia Israel, D-Austin, who chairs the Texas Democratic Party's platform committee. "We feel as though the platform is a good place to reflect these high profile issues."

And in the wake of several mass shootings — including one at Santa Fe High School last month that left 10 dead and another 13 injured — conversations on school safety will also make an appearance at the Texas GOP convention.

Along with sparking potential platform debates, prominent Texas Republicans, including U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz and Attorney General Ken Paxton, are expected to take part in a panel titled "The constitutional response to mass shootings" on Friday. An advertisement for the event describes the planned discussion as focusing on how to "enhance public and personal safety" and adds in parentheses that "gun control is not the answer."

## DUELING FACTIONS

Both state parties' last conventions unfolded in 2016 amid heated moments in the presidential race. Texas Republicans met soon after Cruz ended his bid for president, ceding his party's nomination to Donald Trump. Party activists remained split between those backing Trump and those who were not sure if they could ever support him.

A few weeks later, Texas Democrats held their convention while the presidential nomination fight between former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont was still playing out.

This year, both parties are expecting less intense gatherings, though some divisions remain unresolved.

On the Democratic side, the party's Clinton/Sanders divide played out in several of this year's primary races, most prominently in the state's 7th Congressional District where the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee actively tried to block Laura Moser from winning the nomination by releasing opposition research on her. Though Moser ultimately

lost in a runoff to Lizzie Fletcher, who the DCCC preferred, the controversy put a national spotlight on the race and could prompt discussions among the party faithful in Fort Worth.

On the GOP side, debate over House Speaker Joe Straus' leadership of the Texas House could pop up at the convention, even though Straus is retiring in January. Some activists are expecting an attempt to abolish a party rule that allows the censure of GOP office holders who oppose "the core principles" of the state party. In January, the State Republican Executive Committee voted to censure Straus for standing in the way of some of the party's priorities — a move that some delegates may want to ensure can't happen again in the future.

"There will be an absolute battle to keep that rule in place," JoAnn Fleming, chair of the group Grassroots America — We the People and one of the state's most prominent conservative activists, told the Tribune last week. "And we're intent on keeping and improving that rule."

## PARTY CHAIR RACES

Attendees at both conventions will also decide whether to stick with their current party chairman or go with a potential challenger.

Dickey, the current Texas GOP chairman, is being challenged by Cindy Asche, a GOP activist. Dickey was elected in 2017 by the State Republican Executive Committee to replace Tom Mechler, who abruptly resigned from the position — so this will be his first time facing a vote before thousands of party delegates.

Dickey has touted a record and experience as a party leader that present "significant contrasts" to that of his opponent. Asche, meanwhile, has knocked Dickey over issues she says disqualifies him to lead the party with honesty and integrity, including a 2004 securities fraud case involving him. (Dickey's campaign later dismissed that attack as "grossly misrepresenting nearly every aspect of the claims" against him.)

Both have tried to position themselves as the more experienced and conservative candidate, though groups and party mem-

bers representing different wings of the party have lined up behind their preferred contender. Dickey has racked up support from half of those 62 SREC members and some of the state's more headline candidates and groups, including members of the conservative Texas House Freedom Caucus, Texas Right to Life and Grassroots America — We the People. Asche has been endorsed by several SREC members and other party figureheads, including Mechler, the former party chairman.

Texas Democrats, on the other hand, will see a four-way race for party leadership. Three Democrats — Cedric Davis Jr., Rachel Barrios-Van Os and Fidel Acevedo — are running to unseat Gilberto Hinojosa, who has been party chairman since he was elected in 2012.

Hinojosa has been challenged in past years (Barrios-Van Os ran against him in both 2012 and 2014) but party leaders expect him to once again come out on top during this year's convention.

"People have different approaches about how to run the party, but what's clear is that we've been supporting our candidates and building a strong party under Chairman Hinojosa," said Manny Garcia, the deputy executive director of the Texas Democratic Party. "I think the current chairman enjoys really strong support across the entire party."

## HOW MUCH WILL TRUMP MATTER?

The president was unavoidable in this year's primaries, with Republicans aligning themselves with him to varying degrees and Democrats debating whether to support his impeachment and generally criticizing his various actions and tweets.

But leaders in both state parties predicted that conversations dominating Washington won't play a big role at their conventions.

"At the state convention, I think you're going to hear a lot of talk about actual issues facing Texans," said Mike Floyd, a trustee for the state Democratic Party. "At the convention, we'll all come together to figure out what our plan should be for success in November, and I think you're actually going to hear more about Texas than you will about Trump."

## Man charged with aggravated assault

An Odessa man was arrested Wednesday after he allegedly pulled a gun on a man, according to court documents.

Justin H. Lewis, 57, was released Thursday on a \$25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Midland County sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a business at about 4:35 a.m. Wednesday in reference to a disturbance with weapons.

Lewis and a man were arguing when Lewis pulled out a gun and pointed it to the man's chest, according to his arrest affidavit. Video



Lewis

of the incident showed a gun in Lewis' hand, according to the affidavit.

Lewis allegedly denied the incident took place, but he later admitted to pulling the gun because he felt threatened.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Lewis could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

## PERMIAN

From IA

current crude oil exports of about 1.6 million barrels a day. More capacity is being built, including a major expansion at Corpus Christi, and other analysts estimate constraints wouldn't emerge until exports hit something like 3 million barrels a day or more.

Still, this presents a known unknown that could keep spreads wider for longer.

Another debate within the market concerns the battle between the relatively light crude coming from extra Permian production and heavier barrels such as those from Canada. The latter are often preferred by refiners on the Gulf Coast because they are cheaper and, as RBC Capital Markets points out in a recent report, they are now helping to fill the gap left as Venezuela struggles to export its heavier barrels. Moreover, these barrels yield more low-sulfur distillates when run through those

refineries, which will be in high demand from 2020 due to tightening emissions standards for ships.

While international demand for lighter barrels from the Permian will likely be robust, they could well be competing with heavier ones for space on pipelines to the coast. It's possible that, as happened last year, barrels unable to reach the coast build up at the Cushing, Oklahoma, hub instead, depressing WTI prices.

The clear lesson of the past few years is that the Gulf Coast's re-emergence as a major oil-trading hub has caught people out repeatedly, as those almost annual blow-outs in spreads attest. The current episode looks unusually extended. But with constraints set to remain acute for many months yet, and the curve moving with such coordination, betting on reversion is risky. Energy dominance, for the market at least, is very much a work in progress.

## CARE

From IA

state leaders and legislators on ways to increase that rate. "This is an investment in the elderly in our state," he said.

Partnering with schools in an effort to engage young people about the potential of the long-term care industry "and the joy of long-term care" as a career path.

Creation of a long-term care career market and opportunities to make it economic for those who want to work in the field but also have the responsibility of caring for their own families.

He said the technical skills required to care for

those living in nursing care facilities and the relationships being created with those residents gives rise to the level of care they need.

"With the high turnover rates, that continuity and relationships diminish. Staff that are new to the facility or to long-term (care) increases the potential for things to go wrong," Warren said.

He said there are more than 90,000 Texans living in 1,200 facilities across the state and that number is expected to rise as Texans age and as more people are drawn to the state by its strong economy.

"We need to work now to ensure we have the staff," he said.

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### BEEVILLE

#### Deputy retrieves snake that emerged from toilet

A South Texas man says he was cleaning the bathroom at his home when his 6-year-old son alerted him. About 3 feet of a snake was slithering out of the toilet and climbing toward a window.

Wade Velock tells San Antonio TV station KSAAT he ran so fast he knocked down his son.

Bee County sheriff's deputies were called.

In a Facebook post, the sheriff's office says Deputy Lindsay Scotten retrieved the snake, which appears to be about 5 feet long, in the bathroom vanity, then released it into the brush.

It was identified as a non-venomous blue indigo. Vielock says Scotten told him she has trouble dealing with cockroaches but is OK handling snakes. Bee County is about 90 miles southeast of San Antonio.

### FORT DAVIS

#### Firefighter dies after battling blaze in mountains

Officials say a Texas firefighter who was battling wildfires in the western part of the state has died after suffering a medical emergency.

Weatherford Fire Marshal Bob Hopkins tells the Star-Telegram that Andy Loller died Sunday en route to a hospital in Odessa. Hopkins says the 42-year-old Weatherford firefighter had been sent to help fight wildfires burning in the Davis Mountains.

Circumstances of the medical emergency were unclear Monday.

A firefighting team with the U.S. Forest Service says up to 18 blazes have been reported in the area this wildfire season. They have burned more than 40 square miles and are believed to have been started by lightning strikes or other natural causes. The Forest Service says they are burning in rough terrain and are not a threat to dwellings.

### HOUSTON

#### Man, 21, charged with fatally shooting his father

A 21-year-old Houston man has been arrested and

charged with murder for fatally shooting his father.

Authorities say Dentrell Adam Claverie was arrested after an argument at a Houston apartment escalated to gunfire.

Relatives say Claverie was acting in self-defense after his father, whose name hasn't been released, was intoxicated and refused to leave late Sunday night. When officers arrived, they found the man had been shot at least four times.

Claverie is set for a court appearance Tuesday. Court records do not list an attorney for him.

### HOUSTON

#### Condemned killer of boy, 9, loses US Supreme Court appeal

The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to review the appeal of a Houston man on death row for the 1992 slaying of a 9-year-old boy.

The justices offered no comment Monday in rejecting the case of 58-year-old Perry Allen Austin. Austin was serving a 30-year term for sexual assault on a child when he pleaded guilty in April 2002 to capital murder for injecting David Kazmouz with a pain killer and then slitting the boy's throat. His skeletal remains were found in Houston in 1993. Austin confessed in 2001.

Attorneys have argued in appeals he wasn't mentally competent to plead guilty. Prosecutors described Austin as a drug courier for a Houston street gang.

He volunteered for execution, then changed his mind a week before his scheduled punishment in 2003.

### NEW MEXICO

#### Triple-digit temperatures lead to heat advisories

ALBUQUERQUE — National weather forecasters have issued a heat advisory for parts of southern New Mexico, saying more triple-digit temperatures were expected across the region.

New Mexico is coming off of its third warmest May on record as climate predictions for June show greater than average chances that the state will see above average temperatures again this month.

In Las Cruces, officials on Monday closed Municipal Court early because

of a lack of air conditioning. They reported that temperatures inside the building were between 85 and 90 degrees and were expected to rise as the day progressed.

All hearings set for the afternoon were being rescheduled.

### NEW MEXICO

#### Lawsuit advances after raid on youth program

SANTA FE — The owner of a ranch for troubled youth said Monday a lawsuit seeking compensation for damages from a New Mexico State Police raid cleared a crucial hurdle earlier this month when a federal judge refused to dismiss the case.

U.S. District Court Judge Christina Armijo said the lawsuit raises valid questions about whether police may have violated constitutional protections against unreasonable searches and seizures when they accessed the ranch near Hillsboro in September 2013.

The Albuquerque-based judge dismissed accusations of malicious prosecution, noting that the state never brought charges against the Tierra Blanca Ranch or its owners in connection with the September 2013 visit to by police and state social-services staff to interview youths. The raid was in response to concerns about possible abuse or neglect.

Tierra Blanca Ranch owner Scott Chandler, his wife Colette Chandler and a former participant in the youth program at Tierra Blanca allege that state police led by agent Felipe Gonzalez used deceit and intimidation to access the ranch. The Chandlers say their reputation and business suffered.

State Police did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Attorneys for Gonzalez argued in court filings that he provided advanced warning and obtained consent before entering the ranch, and that Gonzalez' work as a police agent makes him immune from prosecution for civil damages.

The raid took place weeks after the death of an 18-year-old attending the ranch program when a pickup truck driven by a staff member overturned.

Earlier this year, the Chandlers reached an undisclosed financial settlement with the state

in a separate defamation lawsuit. That suit alleged that the Chandlers' reputation was damaged when they were removed from a campaign event for New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez at a Deming motel in 2014.

### NEW MEXICO

#### Rule mandates alternate path to graduation

ALBUQUERQUE — New Mexico education officials are considering a proposal that would change the path for students to use alternative methods to graduate if they don't get high enough scores on competency tests.

The Albuquerque Journal reports the proposed rule would mandate that all public and charter schools follow detailed alternatives that would be verified by the state's Public Education Department.

Under the rule, a student without the necessary scores would have to go through a new two-step process to meet competency requirements. Part of that process would include an internship or getting a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in an appropriate class.

The other step would be getting an industry-recognized certificate or completing dual credit coursework or another program. Students would also have the option of submitting a portfolio that could be used to meet the qualifications.

State Public Education Secretary Christopher Ruszkowski said the rule boils down to rigorous standards, more emphasis on methods that have a track record of success and a focus on career and technology education.

"A diploma should mean the same thing across New Mexico," he said.

To graduate, students must show they are competent in writing, math, science, social studies and reading through standardized testing scores. State statute allows for those with failing scores to use alternative demonstrations of competency.

The Public Education Department says the statute doesn't outline exact measures or processes, and the proposal would change that.

Ruszkowski said he was optimistic the change wouldn't negatively affect graduation rates.

# Democrats test liberal messages in midterm House elections

By Bill Barrow and Thomas Beaumont  
Associated Press

A single-payer health care advocate in South Texas. A gun restriction supporter in Dallas. Cheerleaders in Arkansas and Iowa for public option health care.

Weeks into the primary season, with five more states voting Tuesday, Democrats' midterm class is shaping up to test what liberal messages the party can sell to the moderate and GOP-leaning voters who will help determine control of the House after the November election.

It's not one size fits all, with every candidate checking every box wanted by the activists driving the opposition to President Donald Trump and the GOP Congress, and Democratic voters typically aren't tapping the most liberal choices in targeted districts. But, taken together, the crop of nominees is trending more liberal than many of the "Blue Dog" Democrats swept away in Republicans' 2010 midterm romp.

That means voters now represented by a Republican will be asked to consider some or all of the mainstream Democratic priorities that may have been considered "too liberal" in the past: more government involvement in health insurance, tighter gun laws, a path to citizenship for people in the country illegally, reversing parts of the GOP tax law, support for LGBTQ rights.

"You have ballpark 60 districts as diverse as Kansas and Staten Island. One bumper-sticker message will be self-defeating," said former congressman Steve Israel of New York, who led Democrats' national House campaign in 2012.

The question is whether that path results in Democrats gaining the 23 new seats they need for a majority.

The next test will come with Tuesday's primaries in five states: Maine, Nevada, North Dakota, South Carolina and Virginia.

A key measure of Democrats' leanings will come in suburban northern Virginia, where vulnerable Republican Barbara Comstock has a half-dozen Democrats vying to knock her out of Congress in November. The field spans from establishment favorite Jennifer Wexton, a state senator who touts her bipartisan deal-making in Richmond and says the U.S. should move cautiously toward universal health insurance, to political newcomers with calls for a \$15-hour minimum wage and a more immediate move to single-payer, government health insurance.

Israel disputes that the current House slate represents a notable leftward shift nationally, and national party leaders have still angered liberals with some of their recruitment choices. Still, resistance leaders are confident of their influence. "We are seeing grassroots action and organizing in a meaningful way," said Maria Urbina, national political director of Indivisible, founded after Trump's 2016 election. "We see the party apparatus coming in behind some of this action on the ground."

To be clear, not every surviving candidate is a carbon copy of Bernie Sanders, the 2016 presidential candidate whose insurgent campaign emboldened the left with his calls for universal health insurance, a \$15-hour minimum wage and tuition-free college. But the influence of Sanders' inspired base is palpable, as winning nominees have adopted pieces, if not the whole, of an agenda that has become more typical within the party since it lost the House majority eight years ago.

At least to date, it's staved off a Democratic version of the 2010 tea party rise, when GOP lead-

ers, even as they marched in lockstep opposition to then-President Barack Obama, watched archconservative outsiders defeat incumbent Republicans and fundamentally reshape the party's identity on Capitol Hill. The Democratic path seems to be more incremental evolution.

A key indicator is the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's "Red to Blue" program, the party's top candidates for flipping Republican seats. Twenty candidates with that designation have faced primaries already, only one of them — among the party's most conservative choices — has lost. (About two dozen more Red to Blue candidates have upcoming primaries, and the DCCC could add to its list.)

On health care, at least two of the Red to Blue hopefuls past their primaries call explicitly for single-payer health insurance, four more want a government-run public option, and several others generically call for expanded coverage under the Democrats' 2010 health insurance overhaul. Eighteen were endorsed by End Citizens United, signifying their pledges to block corporations and wealthy individuals from spending unlimited amounts on campaigns.

A leftward shift on health care is clear in Arkansas, where state Rep. Clarke Tucker dominated a primary as the more centrist choice — he's among the Democrats saying he wouldn't back California's Nancy Pelosi for speaker — in a congressional district Trump won by almost 21 points.

A cancer survivor, Tucker does not support single-payer, but he does say all Americans, regardless of age, should be able to buy Medicare coverage. That's quite a leap from 2010, when then-Sen. Blanche Lincoln, a self-declared Arkansas centrist, joined other moderate Democrats to back the Affordable Care Act only after a public option was scrapped. She lost her 2010 re-election bid in a landslide anyway.

Beyond national Democrats' favored candidates, environmental lawyer Mike Levin won a November ballot spot in a Southern California district championing single-payer. He beat three other candidates who support Medicare-for-all health insurance. Together, the four Democrats received more votes than the eight-member Republican primary field in a district that retiring Rep. Darrell Issa has represented since 2001.

"I know that with a bold progressive agenda and with the continued mobilization of the progressive base in California 49, we're going to win come November," Levin said.

In some instances, the liberal arguments come from candidates who can sell themselves as trustworthy messengers, even if the message is stereotyped as out of place.

So Abby Finkensauer in an expansive northeast Iowa district and Colin Allred in metro Dallas can forcefully advocate for ideas like paid family leave, long a goal of the American labor movement. Finkensauer plays up her working-class roots as she also stakes out liberal positions on abortion rights. Allred still looks every bit the NFL defender he was before becoming a civil rights attorney. He's outspoken about LGBTQ rights while endorsing a \$15 minimum wage and a partial semi-automatic gun ban — all notable contrasts with the Republican congressman, Pete Sessions, he's trying to defeat in November.

Republicans, meanwhile, say bring it on.

"Wacky, far-left positions," said Courtney Alexander of the Congressional Leadership Fund, a GOP super PAC aligned with Speaker Paul Ryan, "aren't going to fly in suburban swing districts this fall."

# Cartel leader gets nearly 50 years

By Kate Brumback  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — A Texas-born man who prosecutors say rose to the top ranks of a Mexican drug cartel using ruthless violence to defeat rivals and secure control of drug trafficking routes was sentenced Monday by a federal judge in Atlanta to serve nearly five decades in prison.

Edgar Valdez Villarreal, known as "La Barbie" because of his light eyes and complexion, was sentenced to serve 49 years and one month and was also ordered to forfeit \$192 million, which prosecutors say is a conservative estimate of the value of the cocaine Valdez was responsible for importing into the United States.

Valdez, 44, was born and raised in the border town of Laredo and began dealing marijuana when he was still a linebacker on the football team, prosecutors said. He climbed the ranks of the Beltran Leyva cartel at a time when the gang's leaders were associated with Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman and the Sinaloa Cartel, they said.

He enjoyed a flashy lifestyle and cultivated an image in the media to impress people and intimidate his rivals, prosecutor Elizabeth Hathaway said in court. He wore nice suits and owned luxury homes, including a ranch with a zoo that housed a lion.

His security team captured a member of a rival gang known as the Zetas who had been sent to assassinate Valdez during a turf war. A video shows Valdez and others interrogating the man and then shows him being shot in the head, prosecutors said. Valdez had the video sent to news outlets and even to law enforcement in the U.S.

At his sentencing hearing, one of his six sisters and his brother pleaded with the judge for leniency. His parents, other siblings and nieces and nephews, packed the courtroom.

Carla Valdez, who works as a prosecutor in Texas, told U.S. District Judge William Duffey that she and her siblings were raised by humble, hardworking parents who taught them strong values and morals. She acknowledged that her brother strayed from that upbringing but insisted he's a good person.

Duffey said he struggled to understand how Valdez got so off track despite his strong family background.

"Why are you a prosecutor and why is your brother a seriously evil criminal?" Duffey asked Carla Valdez.

That's a question her family asks every day, she said. After Mexican marines killed Arturo Beltran Leyva in December 2009, Valdez and Beltran Leyva's brother, Hector, began a bloody fight for control that left dismembered and decapitated bodies in the streets and often hanging from bridges in Cuernavaca and Acapulco.

Mexican federal police arrested Valdez and four others at a woody vacation home outside Mexico City in August 2010. At the time, then-Mexican President Felipe Calderon called Valdez "one of the most-wanted criminals in Mexico and abroad."

He was among 13 people extradited to the U.S. from Mexico in September 2015. He pleaded guilty in January 2016 to charges of conspiring to import and distribute cocaine and conspiring to launder money.

Defense attorney Buddy Parker stressed that his client cooperated

with U.S. law enforcement agents even before his 2010 arrest, putting his own life in jeopardy. Valdez considered surrendering to law enforcement, but feared it would seriously endanger his family, Parker said as he asked the judge to stick to the low end of the sentencing guidelines and give his client 30 years.

Duffey was skeptical, noting that even as he communicated with law enforcement, Valdez was arranging for regular shipments of cocaine into the U.S.

Hathaway seized on that skepticism when asking the judge to impose a 55-year sentence. By providing information to U.S. authorities, she said, Valdez was "structuring a situation where his competitors were being taken out by law enforcement."

She acknowledged that Valdez has cooperated and saved the government money and effort by quickly pleading guilty, but she argued that a harsh sentence was needed to send a message to other traffickers.

Valdez told the judge he accepted responsibility for his wrongdoing and apologized to his family. He said he'd like for his life to serve as an example to young people about the dangers of getting mixed up in drugs.

"I'm not a bad person," Valdez told the judge. "I am a good person who has made bad decisions."

Duffey wasn't swayed, telling Valdez that his actions were despicable and amounted to a betrayal of his family and his country. He said he didn't get a real sense of remorse from Valdez for flooding American communities with drugs.

"You haven't earned the right to live in an American community," Duffey said.

# After teasing a name change, IHOP says "b" is for burgers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — IHOP, which teased a name change to IHOB earlier this month, says the "b" is to promote its burger menu.

The pancake chain has been coy about whether the name flip is permanent, saying Monday that it was "for the time being." Pressed for details, the company would not give an end date for IHOB but referred to the "tongue-in-cheek name change" and said it was tied to the summer burger promotion.

The company known for breakfast already had burgers on the menu, but is adding a line made of Black Angus

ground beef. It started using the IHOB name on social media, on its website and for in-store promotions.

The hints of a name change had spurred guesses on social media — and some disappointment Monday at what was revealed. Others were concerned that the pancakes would disappear: "No need to worry, the pancakes aren't going anywhere!" IHOP reassured customers on Twitter.

Burger joints, meanwhile, fired off blistering tweets. "Can't wait to try a burger from the place that decided pancakes were too hard," Wendy's posted.

And Red Robin, which doesn't have a breakfast menu, teased: "We're as serious about pancakes as @IHOB is about burgers."

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## It's good time to deal with nation's social crisis

In the United States in the years after the Great Recession, pessimists had a lot of material to work with. Economic doomsayers looked at the stubbornly elevated unemployment rate and discerned a depressing new normal, in which technological and social change had rendered many Americans simply unemployable, and stagnation and sclerosis loomed ahead. Social pessimists looked at the disarray in working-class culture, the retreat from marriage and child rearing and civic and religious life, the spread of loneliness and depression and addiction, and saw a society where ordinary forms of flourishing were slipping out of reach.

Five years ago it was easy to tell a story where these two problems were straightforwardly conjoined, with economic disappointment driving social dysfunction and vice versa.

More recently, though, the problems have partially decoupled. The deepest economic pessimists have turned out to be wrong, for now at least, about how fast the 21st-century American economy can grow and how many jobs it can create. But as the economic picture has improved, the social picture hasn't. The birthrate keeps declining, the opioid epidemic is dragging down American life expectancy, young people's mental health seems to be worsening, and new data showing a rising suicide rate offered a grim accompaniment (last) week to the tragedies of Kate Spade and Anthony Bourdain.

**ROSS DOU THAT**  
New York Times News Service



Since this column sometimes inclines to grim readings of our situation, it's important to stress how genuinely good recent economic trends have been. Yes, structural problems are still present — wage growth should be faster, work-force participation should be higher. But a lot of commentary circa 2012 seemed to assume that unemployment might never get down below 4 percent, either because Obamacare was killing jobs and a debt crisis was looming, or because Republican obstruction was sabotaging the economy, or because technological change was automating too many jobs and dooming the less-skilled to the dole.

Most of this looks wrong now. Deficits haven't crushed growth and Obamacare hasn't kept people from going back to work. Economic inequality isn't throttling the economy; indeed, as Michael Strain pointed out for Bloomberg News (last) week, inequality has stopped rising over the last decade or so, and if you include government transfers it's going down. The robots may take all our jobs eventually,

but not just yet. The idea that only some truly radical move — a federal job guarantee, some sort of libertarian shock therapy — could deliver us back to full employment looks less persuasive than it did five years ago.

And yet: The hope that material growth would heal our social problems hasn't been vindicated so far. And as long as that's the case, the improved economy shouldn't be treated just as an end unto itself, but as an opportunity to look for social cures as well.

For policymakers, that quest for healing starts with not doing any harm. If the economy is really cooking for the first time in almost 20 years, well, then let it cook. Don't freak out about deficits in the absence of inflation; don't draw up plans to nationalize the labor force; don't start an ill-conceived trade war; don't revive centrist dreams about cutting Social Security or suddenly increasing low-wage immigration.

Instead, see how far this expansion can go and how high it can lift people before making any sweeping, ideologically driven moves. And to the extent that you do make moves, design them for the social crisis — whether that means wage subsidies or a larger child tax credit or opioid-related interventions or something else that might shore up Middle America's crumbling foundations.

Then, beyond the realm of legislation, there are various ways our civic institu-

tions can take the grimmer social trends more seriously. For instance, instead of just letting themselves be carried along by information-age propaganda, our schools and colleges should look harder at the ways in which the smartphone era might be making social life worse among the young — increasing isolation, worsening depression and anxiety and suicidal ideation, bringing up a generation that's well-behaved in certain ways but strangely ill-equipped to befriend and mate and marry.

Likewise America's churches, whose weakening is part of the story of growing anomie, should recognize the new mission fields that social disintegration has created here at home — in precarious working-class neighborhoods, or among the lonely late-middle aged and isolated elderly. (Pursuing these new missions would also be easier if liberals could recognize that their post-Obergefell culture war against conservative religious institutions does its own kind of damage to the social fabric.)

Of course, the wall-to-wall frenzy of the Trump era, in which everyone is constantly being asked to take sides in a battle to the death, makes these kinds of cultural efforts harder to formulate and pursue. But they're what our moment, with its partially regained prosperity and ongoing cultural crisis, may be asking of us — because this welcome growth won't last forever, and social problems unsolved now will be that much worse when it is gone.

### OUR VIEW

## Oil leaders needed to help community from hard times

While the price of oil has made Midland the mecca for production in the United States, it doesn't mean this is the best of times.

On Sunday, Simone Jasper offered a report on child care challenges, which are another factor in making Midland unaffordable for many people. It is another dose of reality that impacts our community.

Housing costs, hotel costs, a higher cost of living across the board — hey, it's the new norm. Anyone looking for government to come in with the solution will be disappointed. First of all, that is not the role of government. And if it was, there isn't much hope that Midland has government representatives capable of that type of planning.

Local government appears more concerned about raising the quality of life rather than providing the basic essentials. Officials would rather put potential revenue into athletic fields than the infrastructure that will allow for more housing to be built in a quicker period of time. Our leaders, it appears, are more worried about downtown revitalization (whatever that means) and expanding exposition centers than roadways, aging infrastructure and justice centers.

We have repeatedly been told that Midland needs to get ahead of the problem, but we keep finding ourselves further behind the eight ball, bowing down to the inevitability of the hard times and staying stagnant because of red X's that have done more to hold this community back than to move this community forward.

In times like these, this community should turn to the real difference makers in our community — the leaders of the oil and gas companies — to show us the way forward. Their ability to be innovative will allow this community to make the necessary changes. It will be because of their voices that anything of note will be accomplished.

Electoral, this has been shown. The only tax election that passed in the last five years — last year's road bond election — happened because campaign leaders worked their tails off to get industry leaders behind it. If someone believes they can win without the energy industry's endorsement, they are fooling themselves.

So, yes, we hope that oil leaders use their knowledge and resources and play a bigger role in this city's future. We don't see how any negatives outweigh the positives, and frankly, no one in our community has a better record of getting things done.

We were told earlier this year that there are 10 production and service companies working on the Permian Strategic Partnership, which was expected to provide a plan to deal with issues including education, roads, construction and health care. We understand most of us won't be privy to the results of this privately funded initiative. However, we hope that study is being shared with community leaders, and we hope the results of that study create a sense of urgency. This community needs that.

A soccer coach at one of the city's high schools recently told the Reporter-Telegram he is leaving the school not because of the talent or facilities but because of the high cost of living. He was right that a drive across I-20 will result in cheaper gas by 40 cents a gallon and other opportunities in communities that aren't hamstrung by the inevitability of hard times.

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## Trump is right; all tariffs must go

**LEONID BERSHIDSKY**  
Bloomberg

President Donald Trump's unexpected call to remove all trade barriers didn't gain much traction with other Group of Seven leaders, perhaps because they were fuming about the U.S. president's behavior during the summit in Canada this weekend. But a partial implementation of the idea would be a good way to defuse the brewing trade war without preventing nations from protecting certain markets.

Trump's demands for fairer terms of trade for the U.S. has focused on tariffs. On average, these levies don't put the U.S. at much of a disadvantage even though those imposed by the European Union and Canada are generally slightly higher than America's.

The averages hide some aberrations. The EU taxes U.S. cars at 10 percent, 7.5 percentage points higher than the U.S. tariff on European autos. But the U.S. levy on railroad cars is 14 percent, compared with 1.7 percent in the EU. Every imbalance represents some industry's pet peeve, which creates a near-endless potential for clashes as interest groups exert pressure.

Removing tariffs altogether would get rid of the uneven headline numbers. At the same time, it would leave nations with ample tools to protect specific markets with more finely tuned non-tariff barriers, such as quotas, sanitary regulations and quality requirements, which can be far costlier, and far more unequal, than tariffs when applied among Western allies.

These measures are difficult to quantify because assessments of the effects of trade restrictions on the final prices of goods can vary widely. One attempt, during the early discussions over the now-dead Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership in 2015, provided a comparison of previous efforts to calculate the tariff equivalents of non-tariff barriers. The authors, Koen Berden and Joseph Francois, cited a 2009 study showing that the regulations in place at the time added the equivalent of a tariff of up to a 48.2 percent to the price of U.S. fruit and vegetables in Europe; the U.S. effectively imposed a 60.2 percent tariff on European fruit and vegetables through import regulations.

Another 2015 study calculated that U.S. non-tariff measures added 25 percent to the cost of European air transport services, while EU regulations added 11 percent to the U.S. cost.

That's why reducing non-tariff barriers between Western allies was a more important sticking point in the TTIP negotiations. Europeans were worried, for example, that their market would quickly fill with inferior American food ("chlorinated chicken" was a rallying cry).

Again and again, Trump has assailed Canada's 270 percent tariff on U.S. milk. But the reason he's worried about milk exports to Canada is a non-tariff measure. Deterred from exporting whole milk to Canada by the tariff, the U.S. dairy industry began selling so-called ultrafiltered milk, a protein-rich product used in the making of cheese that wasn't subject to the tariff. U.S. exporters did great until last year, when a regulation pushed through by Canadian dairy farmers priced local milk product ingredients at below international market prices, hurting the viability of U.S. imports.

Canada still buys more dairy products from the U.S. than the other way round. If it were to cancel its 270 percent tariff, it can still protect its farmers through moves similar to the National Ingredient Strategy, which created a new milk product class.

At the press conference after the fractious G-7 meeting, Trump suggested going further than getting rid of tariffs:

"You want a tariff-free, you want no barriers, and you want no subsidies, because you have some cases where countries are subsidizing industries, and that's not fair. So you go tariff-free, you go barrier-free, you go subsidy-free. That's the way you learned at the Wharton School of Finance. I mean, that would be the ultimate thing."

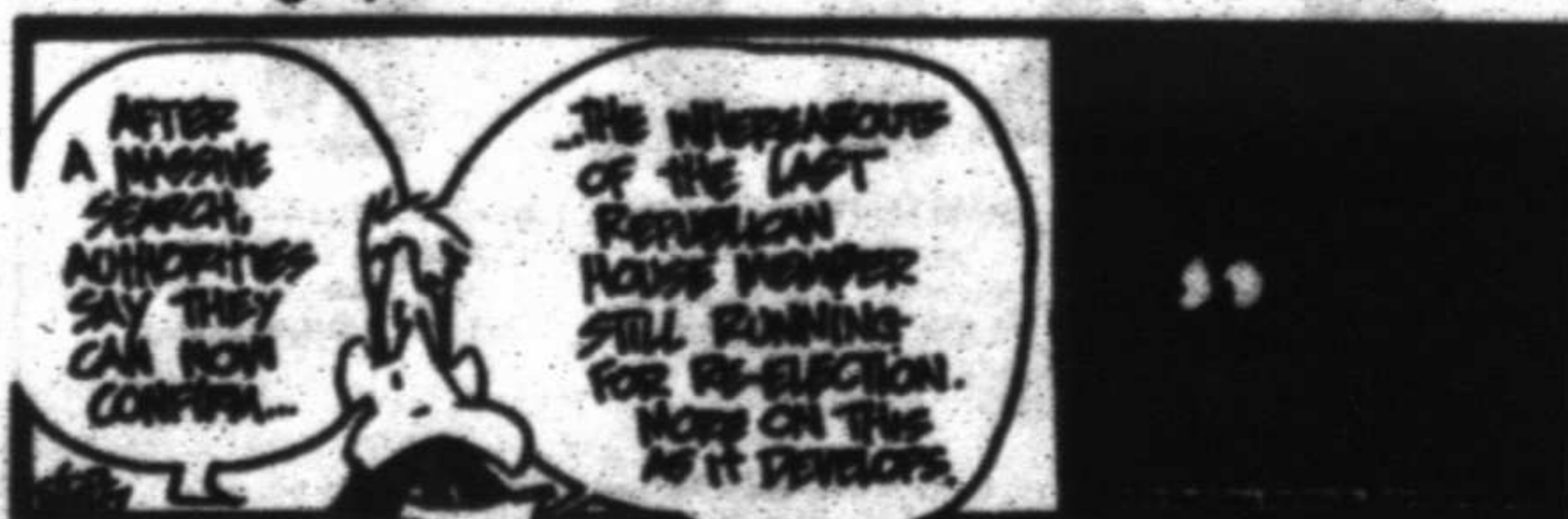
Trump's economic adviser, Larry Kudlow, confirmed the president's idea included non-tariff barriers. But "going to zero," as Kudlow put it at the same news conference, is probably a non-starter for the same reasons that TTIP was unpopular in Europe: Few countries, and certainly not the EU, would agree to abolish customer protections such as food quality standards.

Abolishing tariffs would be a good start, if only because it would help take trade out of the populist realm of simple solutions and back into negotiating rooms filled with detail-oriented professionals. There's a reason Trump keeps talking and tweeting about Canada's milk tariff but not about Pricing Class 7, the actual problem for Wisconsin dairy producers: It's much harder to explain in a tweet. Zero tariffs would give Trump a victory he could trumpet without hurting America's allies any further.

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# Excitement high, expectations lower on Trump-Kim summit eve

By Zeke Miller, Catherine Lucey and Josh Lederman  
Associated Press

SINGAPORE — The eyes of the world upon them, President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un headed on Monday into their historic summit balancing the elusive promise of peace against the specter of a growing nuclear threat. Yet even before they met, Trump announced plans to leave early, raising questions about whether his aspirations for an ambitious outcome had been scaled back.

The first-ever meeting between a U.S. president and a North Korean leader was to kick off at 9 a.m. today with a handshake, an image sure to be devoured from Washington to Pyongyang and beyond. Trump and Kim planned to meet one-on-one for most of an hour — joined only by translators. Then aides to each were to come in for more discussions and a working lunch.

In the run-up to the talks in Singapore, Trump had optimistically predicted the two men could strike a nuclear deal or forge a formal end to the Korean War in the course of a single meeting or over several days. But on the eve of the summit, the White House unexpectedly announced Trump would depart Singapore by Tuesday evening, meaning his time with Kim would be fairly brief. And Secretary of State Mike Pompeo sought to keep expectations for the summit in check.

"We are hopeful this summit will have set the conditions for future successful talks," Pompeo said, describing a far more modest goal than Trump had outlined days earlier.

The sudden change in schedule added

to a dizzying few days of foreign policy activity for Trump, who shocked U.S. allies over the weekend when he used a meeting of the Group of Seven industrialized economies in Canada to alienate America's closest friends in the West. Lashing out over trade practices, Trump lobbed insults at his G-7 host, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Trump left the summit early, and as he flew to Singapore, he tweeted that he was yanking the U.S. out of the group's traditional closing statement.

As for Singapore, the White House said Trump was leaving early because negotiations had moved "more quickly than expected," but gave no details about any possible progress in preliminary talks. On the day before the meeting, weeks of preparation appeared to pick up in pace, with U.S. and North Korean officials meeting throughout Monday at a Singapore hotel.

The president planned to stop in Guam and Hawaii on his way back to Washington.

Trump spoke only briefly in public on Monday, forecasting a "nice" outcome. Kim spent the day mostly out of view — until he left his hotel for a late-night tour of Singapore sights, including the Flower Dome at Gardens by the Bay, billed as the world's biggest glass greenhouse.

As Trump and Lee sat down for a working lunch at the Istana house, the president sounded optimistic, telling Lee, "We've got a very interesting meeting in particular tomorrow, and I think things can work out very nicely." Trump had earlier tweeted about "excitement in the air!"

It was a striking about-face from less than a year ago, when Trump was threatening "fire and fury" against Kim, who in turn scorned the American president as

a "mentally deranged U.S. dotard." As it happens, the North Korean and the American share a tendency to act unpredictably on the world stage.

Beyond the impact on both leaders' political fortunes, the summit could shape the fate of countless people — the citizens of impoverished North Korea, the tens of millions living in the shadow of the North's nuclear threat, and millions more worldwide. Or, it could amount to little more than a much-photographed handshake.

Still, the sense of anticipation was great in Singapore, with people lining spotless streets holding cellphones high as Trump headed to meet Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

U.S. and North Korean officials huddled throughout Monday at the Ritz-Carlton hotel ahead of the sit-down aimed at resolving a standoff over Pyongyang's nuclear arsenal. Delegates were outlining specific goals for what the leaders should try to accomplish and multiple scenarios for resolving key issues, a senior U.S. official said, adding that the meetings were also an ice breaker of sorts, allowing the teams to get better acquainted after decades of minimal contact between their nations.

Trump's early exit will be his second from a summit in just a few days.

As he was trying to build a bridge with Kim, he was smashing longtime alliances with Western allies with his abrasive performance at the G-7. After his premature departure from Quebec, he continued to tweet angrily at Trudeau from Singapore, saying Monday, "Fair Trade is now to be called Fool Trade if it is not Reciprocal."

Trump advisers cast his actions as a show of strength before the Kim meeting.

Alluding to the North's concerns that giving up its nuclear weapons could surrender its primary deterrent to forced regime change, Pompeo told reporters that the U.S. was prepared to take action to provide North Korea with "sufficient certainty" that denuclearization "is not something that ends badly for them."

He would not say whether that included the possibility of withdrawing U.S. troops from the Korean Peninsula, but said the context of the discussions was "radically different than ever before."

"I can only say this," Pompeo said. "We are prepared to take what will be security assurances that are different, unique, than America's been willing to provide previously."

The North has faced crippling diplomatic and economic sanctions as it has advanced development of its nuclear and ballistic missile programs. Pompeo held firm to Trump's position that sanctions will remain in place until North Korea denuclearizes — and said they would even increase if diplomatic discussions did not progress positively.

Experts believe the North is close to being able to target the entire U.S. mainland with its nuclear-armed missiles, and while there's deep skepticism that Kim will quickly give up those hard-won nukes, there's also some hope that diplomacy can replace the animosity between the U.S. and the North.

While advisers say Trump has been reviewing briefing materials, the president insists his gut instincts will matter most when he gets in the room with Kim. He told reporters he thinks he will know almost immediately whether a deal can be made, saying: "I will know, just my touch, my feel. That's what I do."

## Ditching entourages, Trump and Kim Jong Un to meet 1 on 1

By Josh Lederman and Matthew Lee  
Associated Press

SINGAPORE — They came with scores of aides, bodyguards and diplomats in tow: Donald Trump from Washington, Kim Jong Un from Pyongyang. But for the better part of an hour, the two men will square off one on one, alone but for a pair of translators, raising concerns about the risk of holding such a monumental meeting with barely anyone to bear witness.

After greeting each other in front of reporters, the American president and the North Korean leader will seclude themselves on Singapore's Sentosa Island for roughly 45 minutes while their entourages wait nearby. The intimate huddle will precede a larger meeting and a working lunch attended by Trump's chief of staff, national security adviser and secretary of state, the White House said, along with some of their North Korean counterparts.

Word of the private tete-a-tete on Monday immediately unleashed a torrent of criticism on social media from national security veterans. After all, having aides present in high-stakes meetings — especially ones with adversaries like the leader of North Korea — provides a president with a modicum of protection, ensuring there are staffers on hand to take accurate notes.

Absent a detailed historical record and corroborating witnesses, the president's interlocutor could potentially leave the meeting and misrepresent what transpired, creating a he-said-he-said showdown that could turn into a major headache for the U.S. leader.

"Bad idea," tweeted Paul Hoenle, a former China director at the White House National Security Council in the Obama and George W. Bush administrations. "I could see Trump giving up a lot for very little in return."

Barry McCaffrey, a retired U.S. Army general, called the one on one an "unacceptable danger to U.S. national security." He took to Twitter to say that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defense Sec-

retary Jim Mattis should oppose the meeting "in writing."

"NSC should have TRANSCRIPT of all interactions with brutal, nuclear armed dictator," McCaffrey wrote, referring to the National Security Council. At stake, he said: "America's security."

Yet despite the apprehension, there is established precedent for presidents meeting privately with foreign leaders — including foes — with only interpreters as witness. Note-takers are not essential: In the past, interpreters have fulfilled that role by drawing on their contemporaneous translation notes to provide an official, historic record.

Former President Barack Obama was known to occasionally hold impromptu chats with leaders on the sidelines of major global summits with only their translators at their sides. Early in Trump's presidency, he raised eyebrows when he met with Russian President Vladimir Putin during a conference in Germany with only a Kremlin translator present.

At former President Ronald Reagan's first meeting with then-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Geneva, Switzerland, in

November 1985, the two men met alone with only trusted translators. Only 15 minutes had been allotted for the discussion, but it went on for a full hour.

What's more, the official U.S. "memorandum of conversation," or "Mem-Com," of that meeting was written by the longtime U.S. Russian-to-English interpreter Dmitri Zarechnak, according to a copy of the document posted by the National Security Archive at The George Washington University. The Mem-Com identifies Reagan and Gorbachev and their translators, Zarechnak and Yuri Uspensky, as the only participants.

One question left unanswered ahead of the Kim Jong Un summit: Who will translate for Trump?

The White House wouldn't release any names ahead of Tuesday's summit. But at Pompeo's two meetings with Kim in Pyongyang earlier this year, the translator role was filled by Andrew Kim, a Korean-American and former CIA Seoul station chief. Pompeo brought him back to the CIA last year to run the Korea Mission Center that has played a central role in the run-up to the summit.

## POLITICS BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS  
SINGAPORE

### Dennis Rodman arrives in Singapore ahead of Trump-Kim summit

Former NBA star Dennis Rodman arrived in Singapore around midnight Monday, hours before President Donald Trump is set to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un for the first time.

Rodman told reporters at Changi airport that he came to Singapore "to see what's going on" and that he hopes "that things turn out to be well for everyone in the world."

Trump and Kim are meeting Tuesday in what



Wong Maye-E/Associated Press

Former NBA basketball player Dennis Rodman, and Chris Volo, right, arrive at Singapore's Changi Airport on Tuesday.

the U.S. hopes will be the start of negotiations to eliminate North Korea's rapidly advancing nuclear weapons program.

Rodman is one of the few westerners to have met the North Korean leader on visits to the capital city of Pyongyang.

Asked if he would meet

Kim in Singapore, the ex-basketball player said he thinks the North Korean leader "has bigger things to worry about than seeing me right now." He added though that every time he has met with Kim, it has been a surprise, so maybe he will be surprised again today.

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## Poll: Americans want more of what journalists want to report

By David Bauder  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — There's substantial agreement on what Americans want from the news media and what journalists want to report, according to a pair of studies that also reveal a troubling caveat: a nagging feeling among both the ideal isn't being met.

Public suspicion about journalism is also fueled by some basic misunderstandings on how the process works, particularly in an era of rapid change, according to the twin surveys of the American public and journalists released Monday by the Media Insight Project. The effort is a collaboration between The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and the American Press Institute.

The close look at attitudes comes in the midst of President Donald Trump's relentless attacks on the news media and the continued downsizing of the economically beleaguered newspaper industry. It has left journalists beaten down: The surveys found about 3 in 4 journalists believe the public's level of trust in the news media has decreased in the past year. Yet only 44 percent of American adults actually say their level of trust has decreased.

The public actually wants what most journalists say they want to give

them — news stories that are factual and offer context and analysis, said Tom Rosenstiel, executive director of the American Press Institute. But the public doesn't feel like they're seeing enough of that work, with 42 percent of Americans saying journalists stray too far into commentary, according to the new research.

That's one reason that Anna Retana, a mother of five from Enumclaw, Washington, said that she's cut back on her news consumption.

"Most people who watch the news or read a newspaper, they're wanting to find out the truth," Retana said. "They don't want to have tons of propaganda to sift through, and that's what we see a lot of."

Journalists can't take for granted that the public knows what it's getting, Rosenstiel said. Much of journalism's shared language and structure is rooted in newspapers, yet many Americans get their news through social media streams, where it isn't always clear from where stories come, Rosenstiel said. Newspapers have "op-ed" sections, yet half of the public doesn't know what the term means.

That may contribute to the finding that most American adults aged 18 to 29 think the news is fairly inaccurate, while most above 30 felt it was fairly accurate.

There's broad agreement

that journalists need to do a better job of explaining their work. Sixty-eight percent of the public said the media should offer more information about its sources — and 66 percent of the journalists agree. Nearly half of the public said journalists should explain how their story was reported and 42 percent of the journalists said the same thing.

"You need to explain the mystery of how the meal was cooked," Rosenstiel said. "We ought to take a cue from the way people go to the grocery store. Before they buy something, they need to learn what the ingredients are."

The public and journalists answered similarly on what each thought the media should be doing, with one major exception. Only a little more than half of the people said the press should act as a watchdog to powerful people and institutions, while 93 percent of journalists view this as their role.

There's some good news about journalism. When Americans are asked about their favorite news organization, a third of them say they trust it more than they did a year ago, while only about 1 in 10 say their level of trust has declined.

Lamar Walker, of Huntsville, Alabama, said he follows the news on his smartphone and smart TV and feels smarter for it. He thinks the news media is doing an "excellent" job.



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Bruce Springsteen performs at the 72nd annual Tony Awards at Radio City Music Hall on Sunday in New York.

## Ratings for Springsteen-fed Tony Awards rise slightly

By Mark Kennedy  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ratings were slightly higher for this year's Tony Awards over last year, likely thanks to a bump supplied by Bruce Springsteen.

The CBS show co-hosted by Josh Groban and Sara Bareilles was seen

by 6.32 million people, according to preliminary ratings from the Nielsen Co.

That compares with 6.06 million last year when "Dear Evan Hansen" won the best musical trophy, and 8.74 million in 2016 when the show was buoyed by the megahit "Hamilton." One of the highlights of this year's Tonys was

Springsteen's performance of "My Hometown" from his sold-out one-man Broadway show.

The Tony telecast this year didn't have to compete with any NBA or Stanley Cup games, but did have to fight against the Kardashians squaring off against Kanye West on ABC's "Celebrity Family Feud."

## NATION BRIEFS

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### OKLAHOMA CITY Murder conviction in 1991 slaying dismissed

An Oklahoma City man who was sentenced to life in prison for the 1991 slaying of

a homeless man was released Monday after testing on DNA recovered at the crime scene failed to match him.

A judge vacated the sentence and dismissed the case against Johnny Tallbear, 61, and ordered his immediate release.

Tallbear, who said his birthday was last Friday, expressed wonder at the cellphone he was handed to speak to an Associated Press reporter after he finished a

brisket taco at a downtown Oklahoma City restaurant.

"How do you use these things?" Tallbear asked when given the phone by Innocence Project attorney Karen Thompson.

Tallbear, who raised his arms skyward in joy as he exited the courthouse, said he feels "(A) very great sense of relief. I've been fighting this case for 27 years, ever since they put the handcuffs on."

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## KRISTIN UELAND

PARKER ELEMENTARY

**Subject:** Reading interventionist

**Number of years with Midland ISD:** eight

**Favorite moment in the classroom:** I treasure the moment when a student who previously struggled with reading confidence finally begins to develop natural and fluent reading with little adult assistance.

**Why did you choose a career in education?**

Before becoming a teacher, I worked as a Child Life specialist in several children's hospitals. As a Child Life specialist, my responsibilities included advocating and supporting the social, developmental, and educational needs of hospitalized children. This is when I became interested in education and pursued and completed my master's degree in elementary education.

**How have you moved beyond the basic curriculum and found innovative ways to reach your students?**

Throughout the school day, I work with small groups of students on improving reading skills. During this specialized intervention time, each group's needs are vastly different. I create activities that allow for interaction between students and I assist in growing students' confidence in reading fluency and comprehension abilities.

**What is the one lesson you want to impart to every student who enters your classroom?**

I want my students to develop a love for reading and to possess self-confidence in their ability to read, despite the difficulties many face.

**How do you inspire your peers, colleagues and others aiming to make a difference in Midland ISD?**

I work collaboratively with other campus teachers and provide lessons that support the unique needs of students in their classrooms. Our school is a team that strives to see student progress and success through the dedication of many professionals.

**What are your professional goals for the future?**

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Tracie Burrows, Principal  
Parker Elementary

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# EDUCATOR HONOR ROLL

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## KRISTIN UELAND PARKER ELEMENTARY

**Subject:** Reading interventionist

**Number of years with Midland ISD:** eight

**Favorite moment in the classroom:** I treasure the moment when a student who previously struggled with reading confidence finally begins to develop natural and fluent reading with little adult assistance.

**Why did you choose a career in education?**

Before becoming a teacher, I worked as a Child Life specialist in several children's hospitals. As a Child Life specialist, my responsibilities included advocating and supporting the social, developmental, and educational needs of hospitalized children. This is when I became interested in education and pursued and completed my master's degree in elementary education.

**How have you moved beyond the basic curriculum and found innovative ways to reach your students?**

Throughout the school day, I work with small groups of students on improving reading skills. During this specialized intervention time, each group's needs are vastly different. I create activities that allow for interaction between students and I assist in growing students' confidence in reading fluency and comprehension abilities.

**What is the one lesson you want to impart to every student who enters your classroom?**

I want my students to develop a love for reading and to possess self-confidence in their ability to read, despite the difficulties many face.

**How do you inspire your peers, colleagues and others aiming to make a difference in Midland ISD?**

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## MC faculty members receive teacher of the year awards

From staff reports

Midland College employees were recognized for their service at the annual awards celebration.



Beikirch

A highlight of the event was the presentation of teachers of the year for the 2017-18 school year. Students voted for this award, and four faculty members were chosen: Brendan Egan, department chair, creative writing and philosophy; Eric Gutierrez, assistant professor, automotive and diesel technology; David Hopkins, Henry Professor of History; and Doug Johnson, department chair, business administration.

Rebecca Randolph, English faculty, was named adjunct instructor of the year.

Receiving staff excellence awards were Tiffany Adair, associate director of Financial Aid; Elsa Brandeey, secretary for Pathways Advising; Yafei Blevins, secretary of adult education & literacy; Fonda Bowen, Business Systems Lab instructor; Katelyn Fanning, academic advisor; Jody Garcia, PC/network technician; Beth Gilbert, vehicle make ready technician/driver; Carolyn Snider, accounting assistant;

Karen Waggoner, director, Institutional Effectiveness & Research; and Wendy Wood-Collins, director of Health Sciences Continuing Education.

Margaret Wade, dean of mathematics and science, received the Institutional Ambassador award for her efforts to promote Midland College and secure resources for research, extracurricular activities and the college's new Primary Care Pathways program. Dale Beikirch, dean of adult and continuing education, received the Camille Duchesne Award for his service to the college's satellite campus, the Williams Regional Technical Training Center in Fort Stockton.

Receiving retirement awards were D. J. Coughenour, maintenance technician; John Deats, director of the Fasken Learning Resource Center; Kay Floyd, executive secretary of health sciences; Richard Jolly, executive vice president; Kim Linebarger, associate degree nursing faculty; Lynn Mock, associate degree nursing faculty; Dana Raney, admissions and records specialist; Jim Rees, shipping and receiving specialist; Ken Riley, director of physical plant; Stacy Schroeder, students accounts coordinator; Gregory Smith, groundskeeper; Carolyn Sutton, cosmetology lab supervisor; and Andrea Zabel, professor of psychology and sociology.

## DESTINATION IMAGINATION



Courtesy photo

Two Carver Center fifth-grade "Destination Imagination" teams, Disco Dilemma and Nautical Navigators, recently competed at the Global Finals competition in Knoxville, Tennessee. Team members are Davian Pena, back row from left, Lauren Blaylock, Olivia Romanson, Corinne Berry, Karlie Gist, Carson Gonzales, Grace Medley, Aubrey Rushton and A.J. Hernandez; and Stoman Bridges, front row from left, Blade Brandon, Ayla Rushton, Kyndall Torres and Noelani Hernandez. More than 1,400 student teams from the United States and countries including Canada, Australia, China, Indonesia, Qatar, and South Korea participated in the competition to showcase their solutions to challenges in six categories and an instant challenge. Disco Dilemma won the instant challenge title. Nautical Navigators placed 23rd in the technical challenge and Disco Dilemma placed 12th in the fine arts challenge.

## Washington district offers evening preschool

Program enables more students to be enrolled in classes that prepare them for kindergarten

By Neal Morton  
Seattle Times

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Hours after the final school bell rang on a recent afternoon, the empty hallways and barren playground at Martin Luther King Elementary were silent.

But in a corner of the campus, located just north of the Columbia River in southwest Washington, about a dozen 4- and 5-year-olds erupted in giggles as teacher Jennifer Gay tried to focus their attention on the final day of an unconventional preschool program.

"Raise your hand if you know how to speak Spanish," Gay told her students, only a couple of whom raised their hands. "Maybe we can learn together."

Shouts of "cinco," "dos" and "cuatro" followed as Gay pointed to different numbers.

Traditionally, schools across Washington hold their prekindergarten classes in morning and afternoon shifts during the regular school day. But three years ago, as classrooms filled to capacity at all 21 elementary schools in Vancouver Public Schools, the district floated an idea with the families that filled an ever-growing waiting list.

"It just struck me during a late-night brainstorm session: Why can't we do this in the evening?" said elementary mentor and preschool teacher Kendra Yamamoto.

She now oversees an evening preschool program that grew from just one campus in 2016 to nine sites this school year.

Twice a week for eight weeks, teachers like Gay help the young learners build their early math, reading and writing skills. The teachers also gently remind the preschoolers how to act in a classroom setting before they officially start kindergarten.

"I'm looking for friends whose lips are zipped because they're not talking over me," Gay said in a singsongy voice.

"If we're getting ready for kindergarten, do we color outside of the lines?" she



Mike Siegel/Seattle Times via AP

Teacher Jennifer Gay shows magnetic building shapes to pre-school students Liam Evans, 5, left, and Aaron Elliot, 5, enrolled in the evening pre-school at Martin Luther King Elementary School in Vancouver, Wash. in Vancouver Public Schools, a waiting list for a free preschool program grew so long that the district started offering new evening classes and has since expanded them to nine campuses. The program gives children a head start before they formally start kindergarten.

asked, prompting a resounding "no" from the small class. "Right! And we all want to look like we're ready for kindergarten."

Later, after the preschoolers enjoyed pizzas and juice, the parents returned to King Elementary for a short family activity. Yamamoto said she designs these lessons so mom and dad know what to expect as their children learn how to learn.

"They might ask me, 'My kid's backward letters — is that normal?' Well, yes, it is. It's called mirror writing," Yamamoto said.

Vancouver Public Schools funds its evening preschool program — free of charge to all families — through a mix of funds for elementary schools and a private donation.

For years, the district has focused on

early learning to ensure that more students walk into school ready to learn on day one. And on a state test that measures how well students are prepared for kindergarten, programs like the evening preschool classes appear to have helped Vancouver Public Schools boost its share of school-ready kindergartners from 39 percent in 2014 to 61 percent last year.

"We kind of started this on a song and a prayer," Debra Hale, the district's executive director of teaching and learning, said of the evening program.

"Nobody wants to close the door on these families, so this was one of those ideas that was so good that we just had to find a way."

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## MAKING THE GRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Lieutenant William Brewer Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution presented the Good Citizenship Award to graduating seniors of five local high schools. The 2018 recipients are:

Crystal Uba, Lee High School; Gentry Foreman, Midland High School; Gilda Tebao, Midland Christian School; Karina Galindo, Greenwood High School; and Julia Elizabeth Sharum, Trinity School.

PORTALES, N.M. — Midlander Taylor Conner has been named to the Deans' List for the spring semester at Eastern New Mexico University. To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.25.

WORCESTER, Mass. — Midlander Aichetou Fagninjaya has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Becker College. To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Midlander Shelby Collins has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Samford University. To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5.

FAYETTVILLE, Ark. — Three Midlanders have been named to honor rolls for the spring semester at the University of Arkansas. Foster Ellis and Haley George have been named to the Chancellor's List, and Elyse Haggard has been named to the Dean's List.

To be eligible for the Chancellor's List, students must maintain a 4.0 GPA; for the Dean's list, they must maintain a GPA of at least 3.75.

### Obituary

Canton Sherman is the son of Kelli and Albert Sherman. The recent Midland High School graduate is No. 8 in the Class of 2018; his parents' names were mistakenly omitted from a presentation that was published in the Saturday edition.

## UTPB creates scholarship in professor's memory

From staff reports

ODESSA — The University of Texas at the Permian Basin has created a scholarship endowment in honor of a professor who died last year.

Chad Vanderford, associate professor of history, died in August from a rare heart condition. He was 43.

His wife, Nichole Rougeau-Vanderford, is a senior lecturer in the university's English department. The couple has one daughter.

"This scholarship is a memorial to a wonderful man," said UTPB President Sandra Woodley in a press release. "The student who receives this award will carry on Dr. Vanderford's legacy and his passionate pursuit of excellence."

To make a donation to the endowed scholarship, go to [utpb.edu/give](http://utpb.edu/give).

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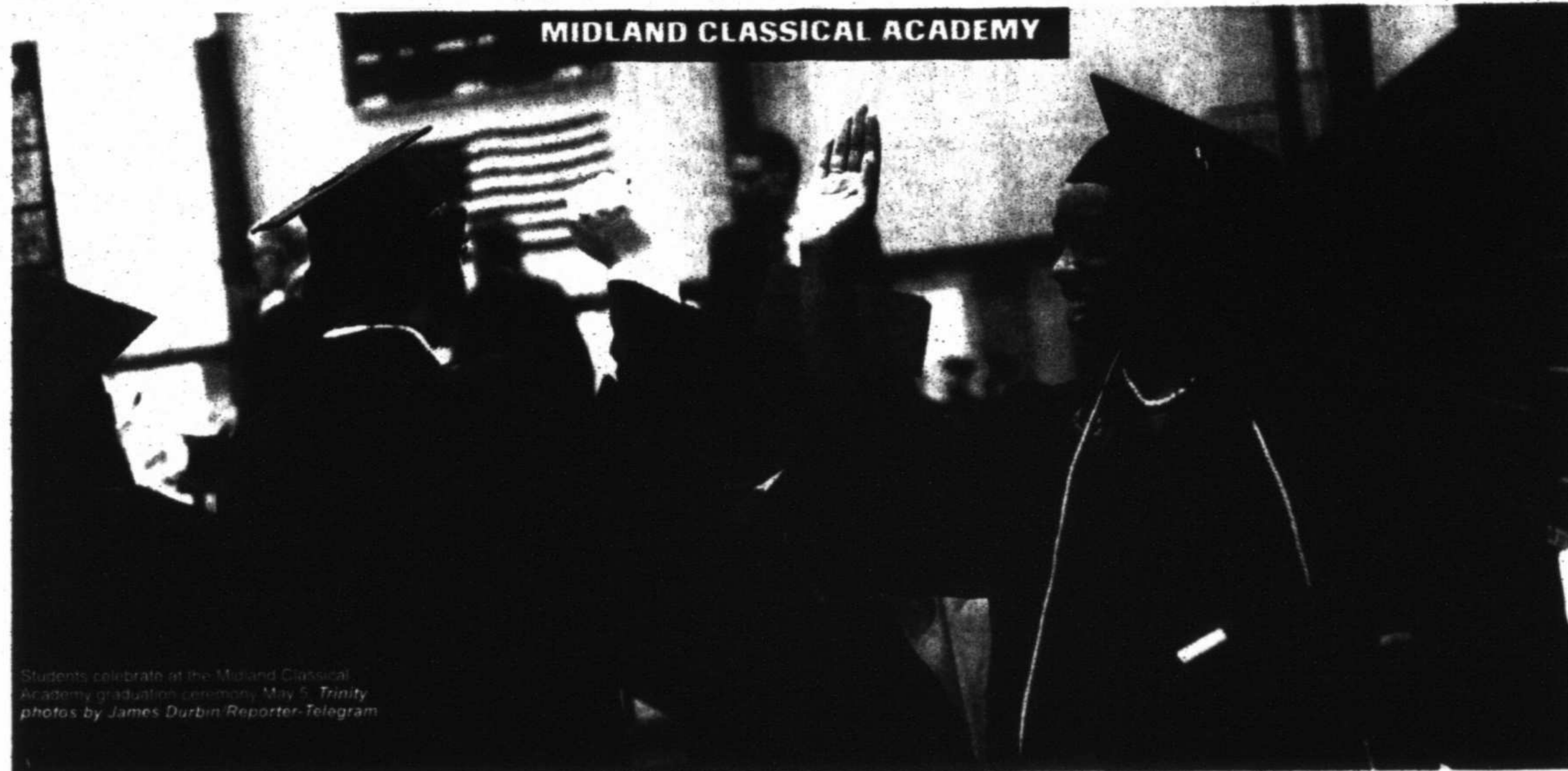
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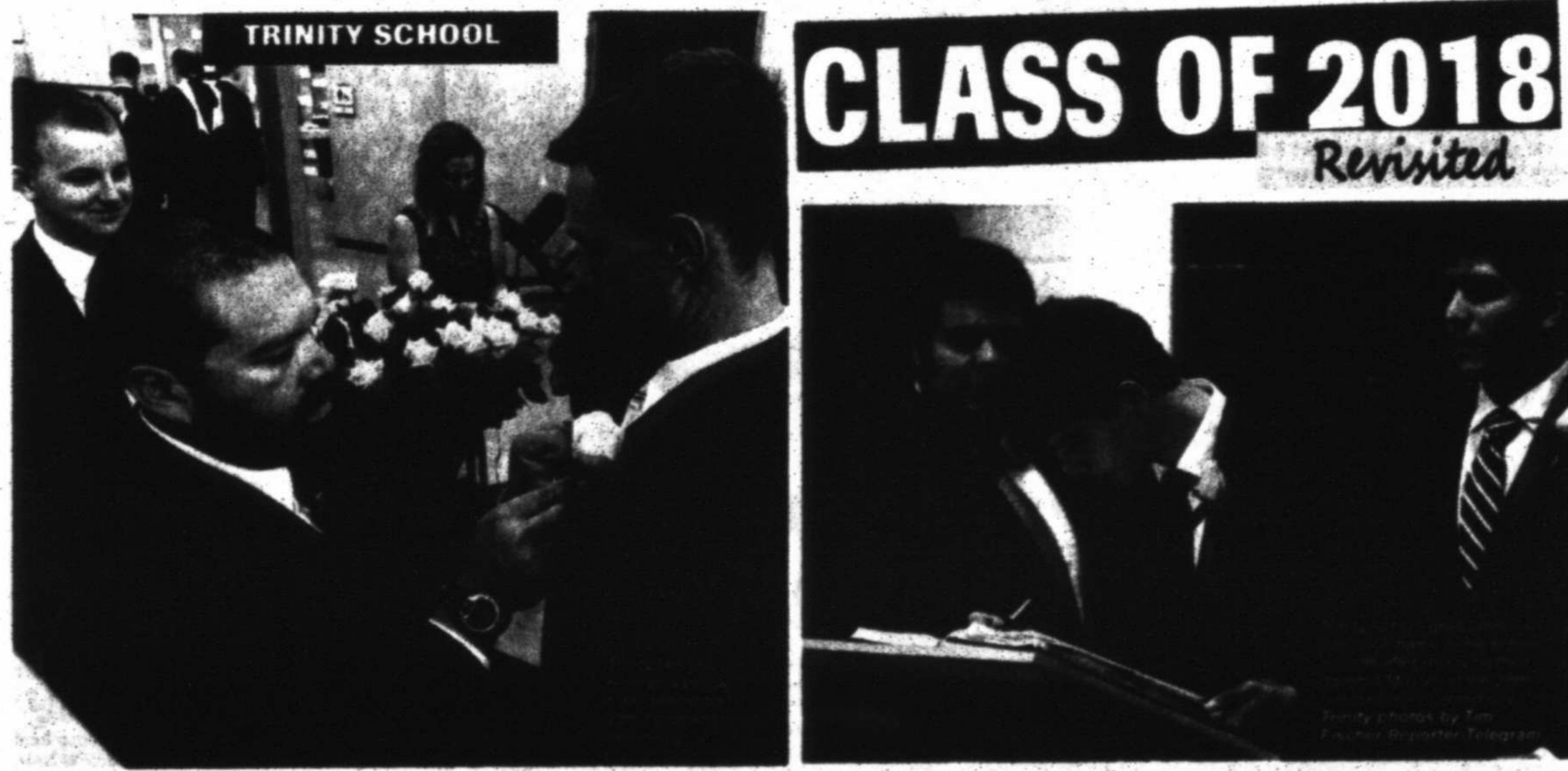
Students celebrate at the Midland Classical Academy graduation ceremony, May 5. Trinity photos by James Durbin Reporter-Telegram



Hannah Thacher delivers a charge to the seniors.

John Curdson awarded the 2018 valedictorian, Hannah Thacher.

Maxima Denton is awarded the 2018 salutatorian, Quynh Nguyen.



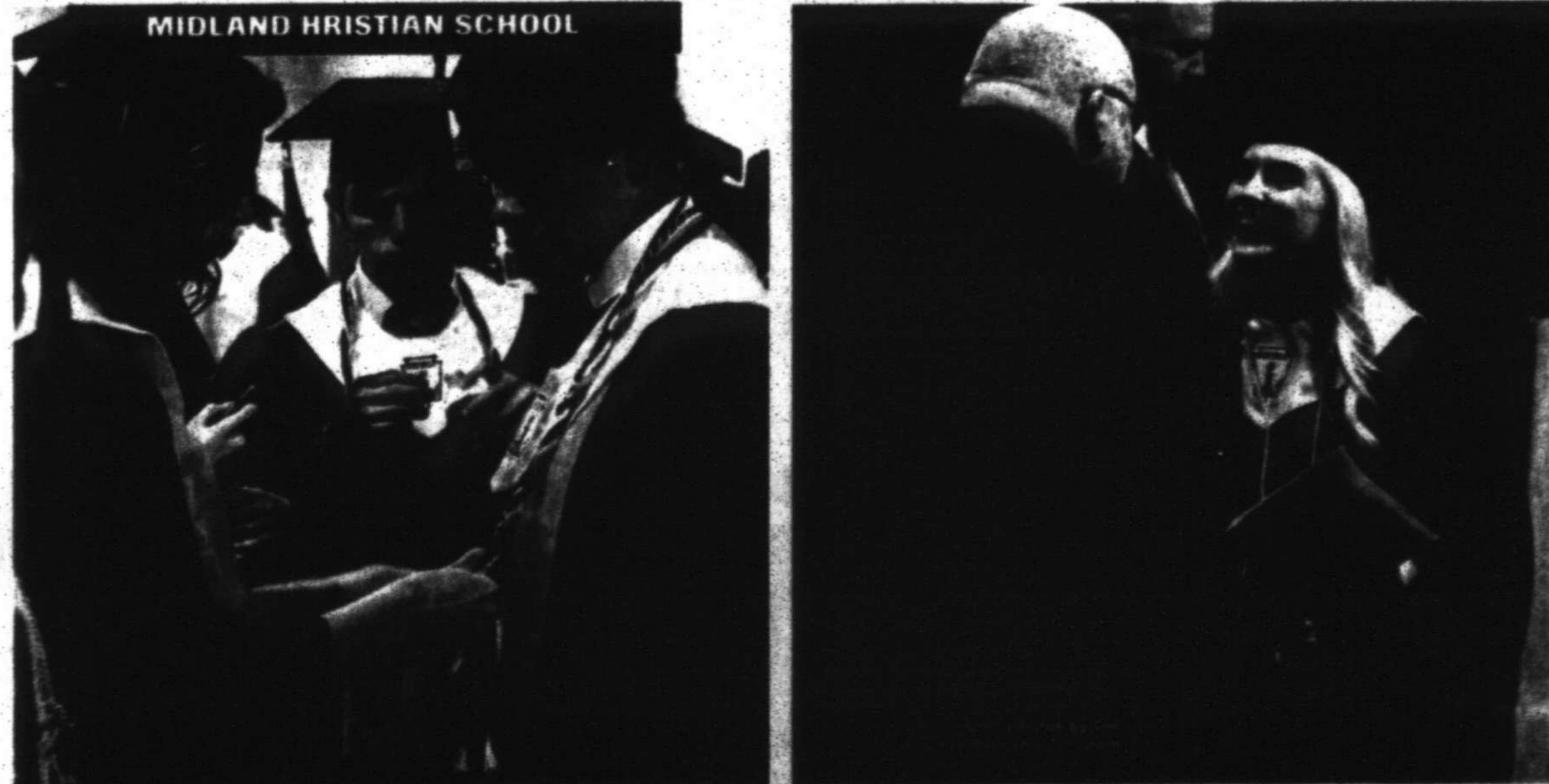
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## Texas beats Tennessee Tech to reach CWS

By Mark Rosner  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Relying on strong pitching and sufficient hitting, Texas advanced to the College World Series.

Kody Clemens and DJ Petrusky hit home runs, Matteo Bocchi was effective in a rare appearance as a starting pitcher, and Texas defeated Tennessee Tech 5-2 on Monday to secure one of eight spots in the CWS.

Texas (42-21), under second-year coach David Pierce, returns to the CWS for the first time since 2014.

"It feels awesome," Pierce said. "We're not always. A lot of times we're ugly. But we just figure out

how to keep playing. That's what so special about this group."

Texas took the super regional series by winning the last two games after losing the first on Saturday.

Clemens hit his 24th home run of the season — one less than the national leader Spencer Torkelson of Arizona State. Clemens has 11 home runs in his last 15 games.

The matchup of starting pitchers seemed to favor Tennessee Tech.

But left-hander Alex Hursey (8-5), the No. 3 starter for Tech (53-12), lasted just three innings, allowing four runs.

Pierce used his No. 3 starter, Blair Henley, in relief on Sunday. So Bocchi (4-1) made only his fourth start of the season and

allowed one run in a season-high five innings. Nolan Kingham, the Game 1 starter on Saturday and the sixth pitcher for Texas on Monday, came on in the ninth, walking one to load the bases but inducing Brennon Kaleiwahea to ground out and end the game. Parker Joe Robinson pitched 2 2/3 innings of scoreless relief for Texas.

Tech leads the nation with 135 home runs, but the Golden Eagles hit only one in the series. They also lead the nation in batting average but had just five hits on Monday, matching their season-low, after managing only three a day earlier, fewest since 2015.



Eric Gay/Associated Press

Texas infielder Kody Clemens (2) celebrates with head coach David Pierce (22) and teammates following their win over Tennessee Tech in an NCAA super regional baseball game, Monday in Austin, Texas won 5-2.

Please see TEXAS/3C

## Going back to Omaha



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Texas Tech players celebrate after winning in an NCAA baseball tournament super regional game against Duke on Monday in Lubbock.

## Texas Tech beats Duke to reach CWS

Red Raiders are Omaha-bound for third time in five years

By Oscar LeRoy  
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LUBBOCK — There were plenty of high expectations for the Texas Tech baseball team prior to the season.

It had to overcome the loss of pitching ace Steven Gingery for the season on the first game of the season and some inconsistent play late in the year.

They breezed through NCAA Regional round play but after winning the first game against Duke in this weekend's NCAA Super Regional, the Red Raiders faced elimination after an 11-2 shellacking to the Blue Devils in Game 2 of their best-of-three series on Sunday night.

None of that mattered on a hot Monday afternoon.

In front of 4,474 fans at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park, the Red Raiders punched their tickets to the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska, by hitting three home runs in a 6-2 victory over the Blue Devils.

The CWS begins this weekend.

Tech (44-18) will be making its third CWS appearance in the last five years and first since 2016.

Like those previous trips, this one didn't come easy as the Red Raiders had to put aside the previous night's beating and go up against Duke's vaunted bullpen and a Blue Devil offense that had found some momentum with 16 hits the night before.

But the Red Raiders (44-18), under head coach Tim Tadlock, have proven to have the ability and resilience to bounce back, and that's exactly what they did in the do-or-die game.

"Obviously we would have liked to have gotten this done (on Sunday) but the opportunity to play (Monday) was there," Tadlock said. "We were fortunate. We brought a bunch of guys into some tough spots and the guys executed some pitches against some really good hitters. It was just a lot of fun, a lot more fun today than it was yesterday."

The Red Raiders seemed to follow the lead of senior shortstop Michael Davis,

who said on Sunday night that the key was to forget about the loss and just have fun.

"My brother called me before the game and said, 'Don't miss a beat, enjoy what you get to do,'" Davis said. "That final out is probably the most enjoyable thing I've gotten to do since I've been here."

The Red Raiders had plenty of fun hitting the ball out of the park as Gabe Holt started things off with a solo shot to right in the third inning.

After Duke (45-18) tied the game at 1 in the top of the fourth, Davis followed in the fourth with a two-run blast in the bottom of the frame to right to help Tech retake the lead, 3-1.

While the Tech offense was displaying its power, the Tech pitchers were doing the same. After Davis Martin pitched a solid three-plus innings, Tadlock decided to go with top reliever Ty Harpenau early, who held the Blue Devils to a run

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## Mickelson trying not to look at another US Open chance

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Phil Mickelson is running out of time.

Mickelson doesn't need to be reminded that this is his 27th appearance in the U.S. Open, more than any of the 156 players at Shinnecock Hills. He wouldn't want to be reminded that 65 players — including the last four major champions — were not even born when Mickelson was low amateur in his first U.S. Open in 1990 at Medinah.

"I just can't believe that time has flown by so fast," he said Monday.

The desire hasn't changed, only the emphasis.

Mickelson didn't win a major until he was 33 and in his 12th full year on the PGA Tour. Back then, any major would have sufficed. A year after he won the 2004 Masters, he added a PGA Championship. And then in 2013 at Muirfield, he surprised even himself by capturing the British Open.

One to go for the career Grand Slam, the one that has vexed him the most.

He has more runner-up finishes in the U.S. Open than the other three majors combined. So when Mickelson was asked if he had unfinished business at Shinnecock Hills, he paused briefly before delivering an obvious answer.

"I can say that a few times in this tournament," he said.

It helps that Mickelson has a strong history at Shinnecock Hills, which he refers to as one of his favorite courses.

He had a one-shot lead with two holes to play in 2004 when Retief Goosen made a 12-foot birdie putt in the group behind him on the par-5 16th, and then Mickelson put his tee shot in the bunker on the par-3 17th, blasted out to 5 feet and took all the air out of the Hamptons when he three-putted for double bogey.

In his first U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills in 1995, he was one shot out of the lead going into the final round, closed with a 74 and finished four shots behind. More than a tough final round was playing the par-5 16th hole in 6 over for the week.

"If I played that hole even, I could have won," Mickelson said.

This is not a time for Mickelson, who turns 48 on Saturday, to be looking behind.

He doesn't want to look forward, either.

Never mind that Mickelson has played well on the next three U.S. Open courses — Shinnecock Hills, Pebble Beach and Winged Foot. Or that with a victory earlier this year at the Mexico Championship that his confidence level is higher than in all four previous years when he didn't win at all.

Mickelson only cares about posting a score in the opening round Thursday that will keep him in the mix, and then repeat.

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Phil Mickelson hitting from the 118th tee during the first round of the Players Championship golf tournament May 10 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

## Midlander breaks alligator gar record in South Texas

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Midland's Rock Shaw has the special touch when it comes to fishing alligator gar at Choke Canyon Reservoir in Callahan.

On Aug. 15, 2017, Shaw set two lake records by reeling in a 216-pound alligator gar and an 18-pound longnose gar.

Last week Shaw returned to Choke Canyon and kept pulling in massive catches.

Shaw, 50, broke his own lake record by catching a 220-pound alligator gar on Thursday, and followed it up with a 228-pound alligator gar on Saturday.

Shaw had a banner week with four 200-pounders, which included alligator gar catches of 204 and 205.

Remarkably, Shaw's 228-pound record only lasted



Courtesy photo

Midland's Rock Shaw poses with his 228-pound alligator gar, which he caught Saturday at Choke Canyon Reservoir in Callahan. Shaw broke his own lake record for the second time in a week before it was passed by another angler Sunday.

a day as his guide Byron Kirkland had a fisherman land in an alligator gar of 266 pounds Sunday. Shaw was originally scheduled to fish with Kirkland Sunday before backing

out due to work obligations back home.

But it was still an exciting week for Shaw, who reeled in 18 alligator gar weighing over 100 pounds, and had 47

catches for a total of 4,600 pounds in three days.

"They typically like the flat sandy bottom where the carp

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'HOUNDWATCH



MONDAY'S SCORE Midland 7, Frisco 1
TODAY'S GAME Midland at Frisco 12:05 p.m.
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RECORDS Midland 31-32 Frisco 21-42

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Midland at Frisco 12:05 p.m.
Midland vs. Corpus Christi 6:30 p.m.
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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

- Golf USGA Celebration of Champions, 3:30 p.m., FS1
Hockey Calder Cup Final, Game 6: Texas at Toronto, 6 p.m., NHL
Major League Baseball NY Mets at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPN2
Houston at Oakland, 9 p.m., ATTSW
Texas at LA Dodgers, 9 p.m., FSSW
Men's Soccer Friendly: Poland vs. Lithuania, 10:50 a.m., beIN, beIN E
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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League BOSTON RED SOX - Acquired OF Mookie Betts from the Los Angeles Dodgers...
National League ST. LOUIS CARDINALS - Purchased the contract of RHP David Peralta from the Minnesota Twins...
FOOTBALL National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS - Signed QB David Ryan...
TENNIS COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT - Announced that it will hear a dispute between tennis player Andy Murray and his agent...

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through June 10
All-around
1. Ted Connor, Oklahoma, \$87,281
2. Kyle Smith, Oklahoma, \$82,081
3. Peter Brant, Oklahoma, \$81,281
4. Curtis Conroy, Oklahoma, \$80,281
5. Donnie Edwards, Oklahoma, \$79,281
6. Justin Brantley, Oklahoma, \$78,281
7. Jason Brantley, Oklahoma, \$77,281
8. Willie Brantley, Oklahoma, \$76,281
9. Clayton Brantley, Oklahoma, \$75,281
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20. Chad Brantley, Oklahoma, \$64,281

WORLD GOLF RANKING

Through June 10
1. Dustin Johnson USA 8.28
2. Jason Day AUS 7.92
3. Brooks Koepka USA 7.88
4. Justin Thomas USA 7.84
5. Jon Rahm ESP 7.80
6. Rory McIlroy IRL 7.76
7. Tiger Woods USA 7.72
8. Adam Scott AUS 7.68
9. Matt Kuchar USA 7.64
10. Sergio Garcia ESP 7.60
11. Paul Casey USA 7.56
12. Henrik Stenson SWE 7.52
13. Francesco Molinari ITA 7.48
14. Shane Lowry IRL 7.44
15. Bryson DeChambeau USA 7.40
16. Hideki Matsuyama JPN 7.36
17. Webb Simpson USA 7.32
18. Jordan Spieth USA 7.28
19. Charles Howell III USA 7.24
20. Matt Fitzpatrick USA 7.20

AUTO RACING

2018 NASCAR Cup Series Points Leaders
Through June 10
1. Kyle Busch, 402
2. Denny Hamlin, 398
3. Chase Elliott, 394
4. Kevin Harvick, 390
5. Clint Bowyer, 386
6. Matt Kenseth, 382
7. Ryan Newman, 378
8. Tony Stewart, 374
9. Brad Keselowski, 370
10. Jeffery Pierce, 366
11. Erik Larsson, 362
12. Austin Dillon, 358
13. Daniel Suarez, 354
14. Michael Annett, 350
15. Trevor Bayne, 346
16. Ryan Blaney, 342
17. Paul Menard, 338
18. Aric Almirola, 334
19. Justin Allgaier, 330
20. Cole Custer, 326

Woods remains an enigma entering US Open

TIM DAHLBERG

Associated Press

His irons are sublime, his driver for the most part long and straight. If we've learned anything from his latest comeback, Tiger Woods can still putt a bit, too. A decade ago that would have made him the overwhelming pick to win the U.S. Open. Heck, a decade ago he won the U.S. Open basically on one leg for what, incredibly enough, was his last major championship win.

But as Woods docks his yacht near Shinnecock Hills this week he's still a golfing enigma of sorts. His scores are decent, if not spectacular, but he's yet to win and has only been in serious contention once in nine tournaments this year.

Is the real Tiger finally back? The answer to that question may be that no one has an answer to that question. And that might include Woods himself, who must still have trouble reminding himself he's only the No. 80 player in the world.

Everything looks good. Everything including the massive crowds that follow him everywhere — has the feel of the old Tiger. Someone who saw Woods practicing at Shinnecock last month described his ball striking as "mouthwatering," and Woods himself says he's hitting it as well as he can remember.

Something, though, is missing. So far this isn't the Tiger of old in the most important way imaginable for the greatest player of his time — he isn't winning.

It might be age — Woods is in great shape for 42 but the noticeably thinning hair gives away the fact he's been playing professional golf for the better part of a quarter century and the nerves might not be what they once were. It might be something psychological, though Woods keeps his inner thoughts

leaderboard over the last few months. A tee shot into the water at Honda, another tee shot OB at Bay Hill. Three greens missed from the short grass with a wedge in his hands on Sunday at the Players.

The old Tiger didn't make mistakes like that. The old Tiger was so laser focused he could almost will the ball into the hole — and did on the 18th green at Torrey Pines to force a playoff in 2008.

And surely the old Tiger wouldn't hit an iron off the 18th tee in Tampa when he needed birdie after closing to within a shot of the lead in his final round.

So now Woods looks for a breakthrough in a tournament he has won three times. He'll try for it on a golf course where he finished 10-over and 14 shots behind winner Retief Goosen the last time the Open was at Shinnecock in 2004.

Massive crowds will follow him, and they will be as loud as they are supportive. No one moves the needle in golf like Woods, even when it's been 10 years since he won a major and five years since he won anything other than a putting contest in his backyard golf compound in Florida.

And, aside from his runner-up finish in Tampa, he hasn't finished within six shots of the lead all year.

Yes, Woods has tested his game and it looks great for the most part. He's also tested his ability to find a way to win, and that doesn't look great for the most part.

Could he contend, and even possibly win at Shinnecock Hills? Yes, but only if he can somehow figure out what is holding him back.

Unfortunately for Woods, a punishing U.S. Open may not be the best place to find something that's been missing for so long.

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By Doug Ferguson Associated Press

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over three innings to get the win. The game hung in the balance with Tech holding a 3-2 lead. That's when Tadlock went to hard-throwing right-hander John McMillon in the seventh, who crased a leadoff walk issued by Jose Quezada by pitching a shut-out inning that included inducing a 6-3 double play against Duke's best hitter in Griffin Conine.

McMillon and the Red Raiders got a little breathing room in the bottom of the seventh when Klein hit a rocket over the right-field fence for a 4-2 advantage. Duke threatened again in the eighth when they loaded the bases against McMillon. But McMillon got out of the jam when he got Chris Proctor to fly out to center.

"It's always a lot of fun coming in tight situations," said McMillon, who had not pitched in the post-season until Monday. "My mindset going in was just to execute pitches. Like Coach Tadlock says, 'Execute pitches and have fun and get these guys out.' I said 'Yes sir'. It was a great atmosphere and a lot of fun."

The Blue Devils had their opportunities but left 14 runners stranded. "We were really close," Duke coach Chris Pollard said. "If you had told me coming into this weekend that we were going to limit them to six runs when they average 10 runs a game at home, I would have liked our chances. We did a good job of getting a lot of runners on base today. We had a couple of opportunities to get a big hit in a close ballgame and a couple of close chances to get them off the field when we didn't. Those are the differences in ball-



Texas Tech's Michael Davis (3) tags out Duke's Jimmy Herron (30) as he slides into second base during an NCAA baseball tournament super regional game Monday in Lubbock.

games like this. I thought we competed great, I thought we stayed in the moment really well but we just didn't come up with that one big hit when we needed it." The Red Raiders padded the lead in the eighth when Holt and Josh Jung (4-for-5) connected for RBI singles for a 6-2 advantage. Senior Dylan Dusek, who was pitching with a blister, came in for the ninth inning and earned the save and got the final out when he fielded a grounder and threw to first to spark a celebratory dog pile

near the mound. "It's a relief, honestly," Tadlock said. "It's a relief when the game's over and in the books. But the game itself, we enjoy college baseball. It's a lot of fun to watch these guys play. They take pride in playing the game the right way. Most of the time, the fundamentals will separate close games and we were fortunate our guys executed in some spots. "But I feel more of a relief than I do anything. Because during the game itself, I got some apple

Chapstick today and gosh, I was just enjoying it the whole day."

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NO. 9 TEXAS TECH 4, DUKE 2 Date: 6/11/18 2:00 PM 600 - 10 2 Texas Tech 200 200 150 - 12 2 Bryce Davis, Matt Dickman (4), Ethan DeCoster (4), Mitch Stallings (5), Ryan Day (6), Josh Lohmeyer (7) and Chris Proctor (8) pitched. 3rd inning: (R) John McMillon (7), Dylan Quack (8) and Justin Fulkner (9) - Hitters: (L) Griffin Conine (1), S. - Dusek (1), 2B - Duke Proctor (12), Griffin Conine (12), Chris Collins (5), Chase Cheek (1), Josh Jung (1), Texas Tech Zach Rheame (10), Cameron Wimmer (15), Coley Farris (5), 3B - Duke Jimmy Herron (3), 1B - Texas Tech Gabe Holt (8), Brian Khan (6), Michael Davis (12). Records: Duke 45-18, Texas Tech 64-18

TEXAS From 1C

"I am honestly amazed," Tech coach Matt Bragga said. "I give credit to them. I think that they really pounded the strike zone. They went after us with fastballs. Our guys were a little late and that doesn't happen very often with our guys."

Ryan Reynolds, moved from sixth to ninth in the Texas batting order on Sunday after a 2-for-17 performance through his first four NCAA Tournament games, doubled home two runs in the second.

Clemens and Petrinsky hit solo home runs in the third to put Texas ahead 4-0. After Clemens hit home runs in the first two games, Bragga said he might walk him every time on Monday. Instead, he pitched to Clemens, who went 2 for 3.

"With nobody on I guess they tried to attack me," Clemens said. "I got some pitches to hit."

SUPER REGIONAL ROUNDUP

FLORIDA 3, AUBURN 2 GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Austin Langworthy's home run off Steven Williams' glove in the 11th inning gave overall top seed Florida a 3-2 victory against Auburn in the deciding game of their NCAA super regional Monday night, sending the defending national champion Gators to the College World Series for the fourth consecutive year.

Langworthy lined a pitch off freshman All-American closer Cody Greenhill (8-3) to the wall. Williams had a bead on it, but it bounced off his glove and over the fence. It was Langworthy's fourth homer of the season and second in the best-of-three series.

Williams dropped to the ground in disbelief as Florida players rushed the field and waited for Langworthy to touch home plate before mobbing him.

The Gators (47-19) advance to play Texas Tech in Omaha, Nebraska later this week. Florida is headed there for the seventh time in the last nine years.

Auburn (43-23) was trying to get to the CWS for the first time since 1997.

ARKANSAS 14, SOUTH CAROLINA 4

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Eric Cole had three hits, a home run and scored five runs to help No. 5 national seed Arkansas advance to the College World Series with a 14-4 win over South Carolina in the deciding game of their NCAA super regional on Monday night.

The trip to Omaha is the first since 2015 for the Razorbacks (44-19), and it's their fifth in the last 16 seasons under coach Dave Van Horn.

Cole had a pair of RBIs for Arkansas, and Luke Bonfield added three hits and four RBIs. The Razorbacks scored five runs in the first inning, highlighted by a three-run home run by Carson Shaddy.

Barrett Loshak (3-2) earned the win for Arkansas while allowing one run in 2 1/3 innings of relief of starter Isaiah Campbell, who struck out five in four innings.

Jacob Olson had a pair of home runs for the Gamecocks (37-26), who were trying to return to the CWS for the first time since 2012. Carmen Modzinski (3-6) took the loss after allowing five runs, four earned, in his only inning of work.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

shortstop Elvis Andrus went 0-for-3 while batting leadoff and playing shortstop for the Roughriders in a rehab assignment. Andrus suffered a fractured right elbow on April 11 and has been on the 60-day disabled list. ... Midland's Brett Vertigan walked to extend his on-base streak to 17 games. Rockhounds center fielder El White has reached base safely in 16 consecutive games after going 1-for-4. ... Midland caps its eight-game road trip at 12:05 p.m. today. The Rockhounds lead the series, 2-1, over Frisco. TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland - TBA; Frisco - RHP Pedro Poyano (2-5, 5.73 ERA).

Rockhounds 7, Roughriders 1 At Dr. Pepper Ballpark, Frisco. TOP HITTERS: Midland's Seth Brown was 2-for-5 with a home run, three RBI and two runs scored. ... Rockhounds catcher Sean Murphy went 1-for-4 with a home run, two RBI, two runs scored and a walk. ... Midland's Edwin Diaz was 3-for-4 with an RBI. TOP PITCHERS: Rockhounds starter Jesus Luzardo improved to 3-3 after holding Frisco to one run (unearned), three hits and no walks over five innings. Luzardo struck out eight. ... Midland's John Gorman hurled 2 2/3 shutout innings of one-hit ball to go along with four strikeouts and

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists standings for North Division (Arkansas, Texas Tech, etc.) and South Division (San Antonio, Corpus Christi, etc.).

MLB GLANCE

Standings table for American League and National League, showing teams like Boston, New York, Los Angeles, etc. with their records and games in hand.

Schedule table listing dates and times for various MLB games, including matchups like Washington vs NY Yankees, Chicago vs Cleveland, etc.

Associated Press. Washington (Post 5-8) at NY Yankees (Giants 3-1), 6:05 p.m. Milwaukee (Cubs 5-8) at Detroit (Tigers 3-1), 6:10 p.m. San Francisco (Giants 3-8) at Tampa Bay (Rays), 6:10 p.m. Cleveland (Phillies 3-8) at Chicago White Sox (Giants 1-3), 7:10 p.m. Cincinnati (Pirates 3-7) at Kansas City (Royals 1-6), 7:15 p.m. Houston (Astros 7-8) at Oakland (A's), 8:05 p.m. L.A. Angels (Tigers) at Seattle (Mariners), 9:10 p.m. Texas (Cubs 3-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Tigers), 9:10 p.m.

Associated Press. Cardinals 4, Pirates 2. Cardinals (15) at Pittsburgh (Pirates 2), 7:05 p.m. St. Louis (Cardinals 4) at Cincinnati (Pirates 2), 7:05 p.m. St. Louis (Cardinals 4) at Cincinnati (Pirates 2), 7:05 p.m. St. Louis (Cardinals 4) at Cincinnati (Pirates 2), 7:05 p.m.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League. RAYS 8, BLUE JAYS 4. ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Julio Baez hit his first career home run to put Tampa Bay ahead in the fourth inning and the Rays went on to an 8-4 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday night. Baez' two-run homer off Sam Gaviglio after Matt Duffy's single erased a 4-3 Toronto lead. Tampa Bay loaded on three runs in the seventh with the help of a bases-loaded throwing error by reliever John Axford. Left-hander Ryan Yarbrough, who leads the major leagues with 44 relief innings, started and pitched six innings for the Rays. Yarbrough (5-2) gave up four runs on seven hits while striking out three in his first start since May 14. Baez, playing in his 6th major league game, got on base his first four times and scored three runs. Rocky Willy Adams, recalled earlier Monday from the minor leagues, also drove in two runs for the Rays, who won for the second time in 11 games.

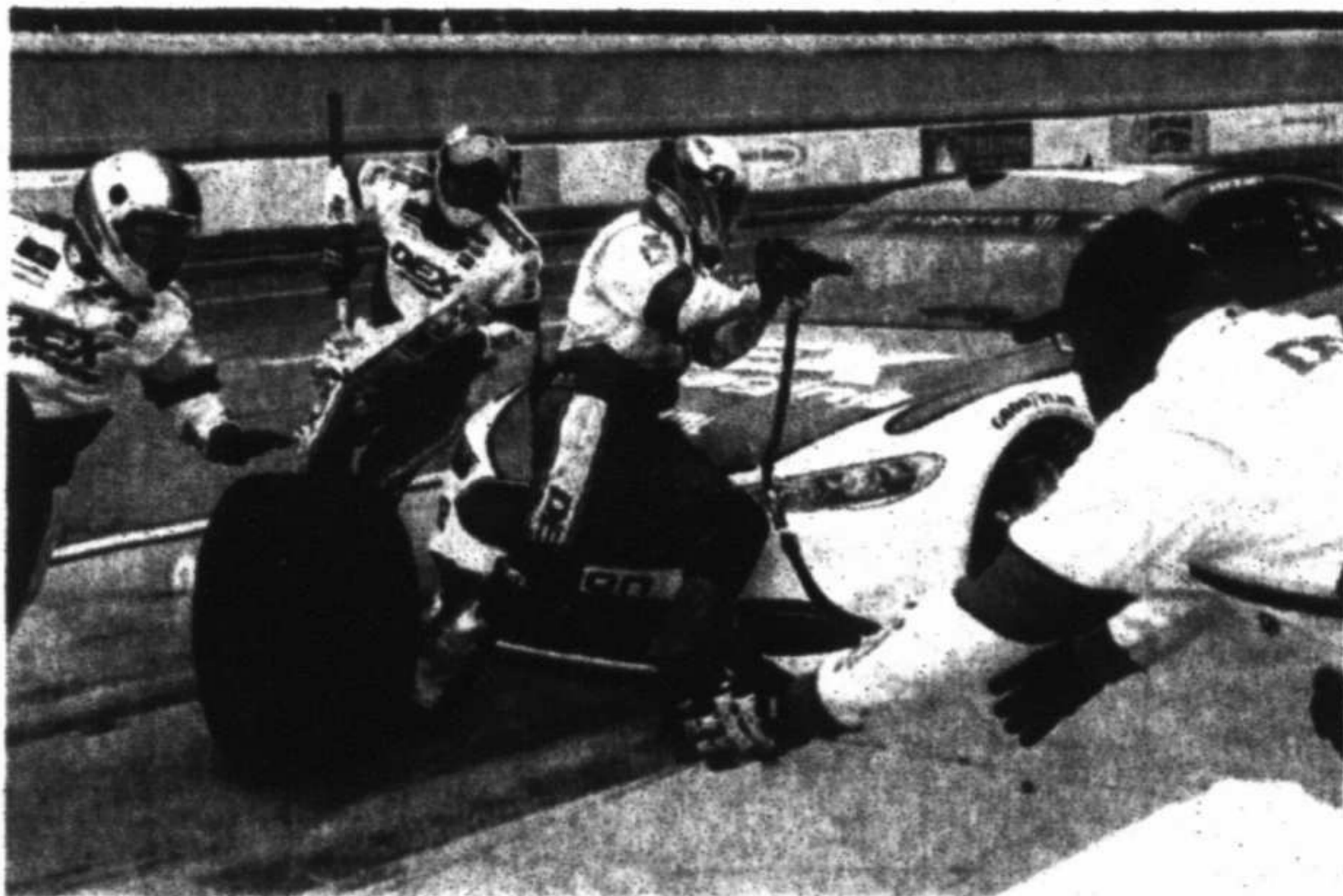
Red Sox 2, Orioles 0. BALTIMORE — Brock Holt and Jackie Bradley Jr. each delivered a sacrifice fly in the 12th inning, and the Boston Red Sox limited the Baltimore Orioles to five hits in a 2-0 victory Monday night. A pitching dual between Dylan Bundy and Steven Wright was ultimately decided long after both starters departed. Kendal Boggs led off the 12th with a single against Michael Glenn (6-5), and the Red Sox went on to lead the bases before Holt broke the scoreless deadlock with a fly to center. Bradley followed with a fly ball to score

Relief Devers, who had doubled. Heath Hembree (3-1) struck out the side in the 11th and Craig Kimbrel got three outs for his 21st save. It was the 6th straight loss for the Orioles, who have been shut out seven times this season. Facing a Boston team that leads the majors in runs and batting average, Bundy gave up three hits over eight innings. He struck out a runner, walked two and did not permit a swimmer to reach third base. It was his fourth scoreless outing of the season, the second in a row. Last week, the right-hander blanked the Mets on three hits in seven innings.

Cardinals 4, Pirates 2. ST. LOUIS — Marcell Ozuna and Jose Martinez hit two-run homers, rookie Jack Flaherty pitched into the seventh inning, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the San Diego Padres 5-2 on Monday night. Jedd Gyorko added a one-out home run in the eighth. The Cardinals have won 13 of their last 19 games against the Padres, who have dropped 46 of their last 62 games in St. Louis. Flaherty (3-2) pitched 6 1/3 innings. His second longest outing this season. He allowed one run and three hits with a walk and six strikeouts. It was a bounce-back effort for Flaherty, who took an 11-3 loss in his previous start against Miami. Flaherty, 22, has pitched five or more innings in all eight starts this season. Flaherty retired 14 consecutive batters before issuing a one-walk in the seventh. John Brebbia relieved and walked the bases loaded before getting two strikeouts to end the threat. Brad Harris earned his 13th save in 15 chances. Jordan Lyles (2-3) gave up 11 hits and four runs in six innings. St. Louis went ahead 2-1 in the third when Martinez barreled into the right-field fence after Tommy Pham led off with a single. Martinez has five homers over his last five games.

SUPER REGIONALS GLANCE

FLORIDA 3, AUBURN 2. Gators' Austin Langworthy hit a home run in the 11th inning to give Florida a 3-2 victory over Auburn in the deciding game of their NCAA super regional Monday night. Williams dropped to the ground in disbelief as Florida players rushed the field and waited for Langworthy to touch home plate before mobbing him. The Gators (47-19) advance to play Texas Tech in Omaha, Nebraska later this week. Florida is headed there for the seventh time in the last nine years. Auburn (43-23) was trying to get to the CWS for the first time since 1997.



Ryan Blaney makes a pit stop during the NASCAR Cup Series race Sunday in Brooklyn, Mich.

Carlos Osorio/Associated Press

# Ford vs. Chevy was one-sided matchup in Michigan

By Noah Trister  
Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Ford vs. Chevrolet is always a subplot to watch when the top auto racers come to Michigan.

This past weekend, it was no contest. Clint Bowyer's NASCAR Cup Series win Sunday capped a weekend in which Ford dominated in qualifying and on race day. Bowyer was one of seven Ford drivers in the top eight in the rain-shortened race. The highest Chevy was Chase Elliott in ninth (Kyle Busch finished fourth in a Toyota).

"It's just unbelievable the start to the season with the wins and success that we're having, come here to our home track with our employees here watching," said Mark Rushbrook, global director of Ford Performance. "To have this performance and strength across all of our teams, to win the race, it's just tremendous for all the company."

The races at Michigan International Speedway always seem to take on extra significance, since it's about 70 miles from downtown Detroit. There is a Michigan Heritage Trophy that goes to the race-winning manufacturer for Cup weekend, too.

There's little debate over who ended up with Motor City bragging rights this time. Bowyer, Kevin Harvick and pole winner Kurt Busch gave Stewart-Haas Racing a sweep of the top three

spots. Team Penske — another Ford team — finished 6-7-8 with Brad Keselowski, Joey Logano and Ryan Blaney.

Blaney was the winner of the race's first stage.

"We were really fast. We got our car better all day and won that stage and kind of got back there and a lot of guys took two," Blaney said. "We were making it back up but then the rain came. It was a really great race car. Definitely not an eighth-place car but unfortunately that is where we ended up."

The Fords were fast in qualifying too, taking six of the top seven spots, with Busch winning the pole.

The victory by Bowyer was the eighth of the year for Ford in 15 Cup races. It's been a decade since Ford finished with the most victories by a manufacturer, and in that 2008 season, it finished tied with Chevy with 11 wins each.

"It's a team effort to not have any weaknesses. We also come here to Michigan for bragging rights," Busch said. "I've always driven that way. It really shines through when you see Doug Yates (of Roush Yates Engines) here, Mark Rushbrook is here, the chief aero guy was here this weekend from Stewart-Haas. We put in a full effort. It's bragging rights to win at Michigan. Those bragging rights belonged to Chevy last year, when Kyle Larson won both races at

MIS. This season, the only Cup victory for Chevrolet has been Austin Dillon's in the Daytona 500. It's been better on the IndyCar side, where Will Power won the Indianapolis 500 in a Chevy, but even in that series, Chevrolet was largely outclassed by Honda at Detroit's Belle Isle two weekends ago.

Kyle Busch leads the Cup standings, followed by four Ford drivers — Harvick, Logano, Keselowski and Bowyer. The top Chevy driver is Larson, in 10th place. Jimmie Johnson is 12th and has only led two laps all season.

Larson said Friday that he didn't feel Chevrolets have been at a disadvantage this year, and he didn't want his team to make any excuses. After Sunday's race, he said he felt he had the fastest car — and blamed himself for a "stupid mistake" that led to a 28th-place finish. Perhaps Larson and the other Chevrolets can rebound during the latter stages of the Cup season, but they have a lot of catching up to do.

This was Ford's weekend. "We're working on all fronts of what it takes to be successful in racing with our teams and giving them the right tools, making sure they have the best engines, aero tools, CFD tools to optimize what they've got," Rushbrook said. "We're just going to keep pushing as hard as we have to."

# Nadal not obsessed with Federer's 20 Slams

By Howard Fendrich  
Associated Press

PARIS — Rafael Nadal's 11th French Open title raised his Grand Slam trophy count to 17, three away from the men's record held by Roger Federer.

That doesn't necessarily mean Nadal is fixated on catching his rival.

"Of course I would love to have 20, like Roger, in the future — or even more," Nadal said Sunday evening after beating Dominic Thiem 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 in the final at Roland Garros, "but being honest, (it's) something that is not in my mind."

He added that it's not an "obsession."

"Let me enjoy this title," Nadal said. "I can't be always thinking of more. Of course, I have ambition. Of course, I have passion for what I am doing. But I never have been crazy about all this kind of stuff. No, you can't be frustrated always if somebody has more money than you, if somebody has a bigger house than you, if somebody has more Grand Slams than you. You can't live with that feeling, no?"

Nadal's uncle, Toni, who used to also be his coach, attended Sunday's match and was asked afterward whether Rafael can pull even with Federer.

"I want to think that is possible," Toni said. "But I know (that) maybe in one month, Federer will win again Wimbledon."

Federer, of course, sat out the French Open to rest and prepare for the grass-court season. He did the same a year ago, and then went on to claim his record eighth championship at the All England Club, where play begins July 2.

The only man with more titles at a single major is Nadal in Paris. He is now 86-2 at the French Open — and, by the looks of things, as good as ever at the place.

Here are other things we learned at the 2018 French Open:

### Halep can win the big one

After losing her first three Grand Slam finals, Simona Halep added major championship No. 1 to her No. 1 ranking by coming back to defeat Sloane Stephens in three sets. Halep kept insisting she needed to do it, and could do it — and she was correct. "Now she can relax, go out there, let her game go," said her coach, Darren Cahill.

### Serena still superb

At her first major in 16 months, and first as a mother, Serena Wil-

iams showed with three victories that she still has the game and the grit to go far and — even at age 36 — could be a threat to add her 23 major titles. She withdrew from the field before her much-anticipated fourth-rounder against Maria Sharapova, citing a chest muscle injury, so it's not clear whether Williams will be someone to watch at Wimbledon.

### Not their time yet

Runner-up Thiem, a 24-year-old from Austria, might very well be the second-best player on clay in the world, but there's still a large gap, at least at Roland Garros, where he is 0-3 against Nadal. Thiem and the man he beat in the quarterfinals, 21-year-old Alexander Zverev of Germany, are the two most well-rounded rising stars in the game. The question is when each will be ready for the next step.

### Americans women

Before her loss to Halep, Stephens, 25, eliminated Madison Keys, 23, in the first all-American semifinal at the French Open since 2002, when Williams defeated Jennifer Capriati. "All in all," Stephens said, "I don't think anyone can complain." It was also a rematch of last year's U.S. Open final, in which Stephens topped Keys. For all the hand-wringing in years past over what would happen to U.S. women's tennis after the Williams sisters, they seem to be in pretty good shape. Plus, consider this: Coco Gauff, a 14-year-old from Florida, beat Caty McNally, a 16-year-old from Ohio, in the junior final, the fourth time at the last five Grand Slam tournaments that two Americans played each other for the girls' title.

### Don't forget

One important lesson from this French Open: If you fail to make it out of qualifying, do not skip town. Thanks to a new rule that awards some prize money to players making late injury withdrawals, more than a half-dozen men got into the draw as a "lucky loser" to replace those who pulled out. None of the beneficiaries was more celebrated than 190th-ranked Marco Tringoliti. He headed home to Barcelona after being beaten in qualifying, then learned he could sign up for a spot in the field. So he made the 10-hour drive back to Paris with his 88-year-old grandmother, mother and younger brother in a rental car, then went out and won in the first round.

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## DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

**ACROSS**

- Condition before a storm
- Secure at the pier
- Swamp croaker
- Hand lotion ingredient
- Triangular Greek letter
- Jackass hairdo
- Area behind velvet ropes, often
- Sci-fi hoverers
- Cu-de-... rental property
- Completes a sentence?
- Cholesterol-inhibiting drug
- Smokey Bear TV ad, e.g.
- Scoundrel
- Sports drink suffix
- Stockpile
- JFK's predecessor
- Favoring relatives in hiring
- Richter scale event
- Pinch in a recipe
- Tourney winner
- Roller coaster
- Pride members
- Baggage claim bag
- John of "Star Trek" (2009)
- Word of choice
- So-so grade
- Tribute in verse
- Yellowfin tuna
- Book buyers
- Not-so-subtle verbal nudge
- "O Sole ..."
- Relaxing soak, or a financial soaking
- Former "SNL" regular known for Sinatra impressions
- Draft classification
- Building extension
- Be acquainted with
- Kriller's purchase
- Rock group
- Planted, as seed

**DOWN**

- Cleveland NBAer
- "Moonlight" Oscar winner
- Chop off
- Argentine soccer superstar
- Net judge's call
- "Put ... on it"
- Hunches over
- Underwear brand
- Tightly drawn
- Commercial
- Candle shop allure
- Provided with medicine
- "Wonder Woman" publisher
- Bother a lot
- Marquis de ...
- Arrive onshore
- Perfect example
- Beverage-named Denver arena
- Reckless
- Rising success
- Blu-ray buy

- Looks like trouble?
- Curry powder, e.g. ... and what each set of puzzle circles contains
- Unlikely
- GoFundMe donor
- "ABC World News Tonight" anchor David
- Casual shirts
- Ark builder
- Bangkok natives
- Ryder of "Edward Scissorhands"
- "Yippeee!"
- Mythical hunter
- Muslim woman's headscarf
- Comes to port
- Larger ... life
- Ky. neighbor
- One on foot, in signs
- Musician Yoko
- "Kaboom!"
- Part of MYOB

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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## JUMBLE

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

**GIRRO**

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**UGGAE**

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**LHEWAT**

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**TAREHF**

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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Kruek

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THE BATTLE FOR BUSINESS BETWEEN THE SOD SELLERS WAS A ---

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SCOUT HELLO TRENDY ATRIUM  
 Answer: The ancient deli used the abacus at its — MEAT COUNTER

## JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt


**ACROSS**

1. Certain vertebra

5. Prominent

6. Lariat

7. Stretch tight

**ANSWER**

MRLBUA

NWKON

SLOAS

AIRSNT

**DOWN**

1. Probably

2. Bright at night

3. Forgetful condition

4. Howard directed it

**ANSWER**

IKYLL

TIMONOL

NSAIME

OCNCOO

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

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PUZZLE

Print Your Answers Here:

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Today's Answers:

2. Pieces of a puzzle

1. White wine

6-12

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ANSWERS

2. Pieces of a puzzle

1. White wine

WUZZLES

6-12

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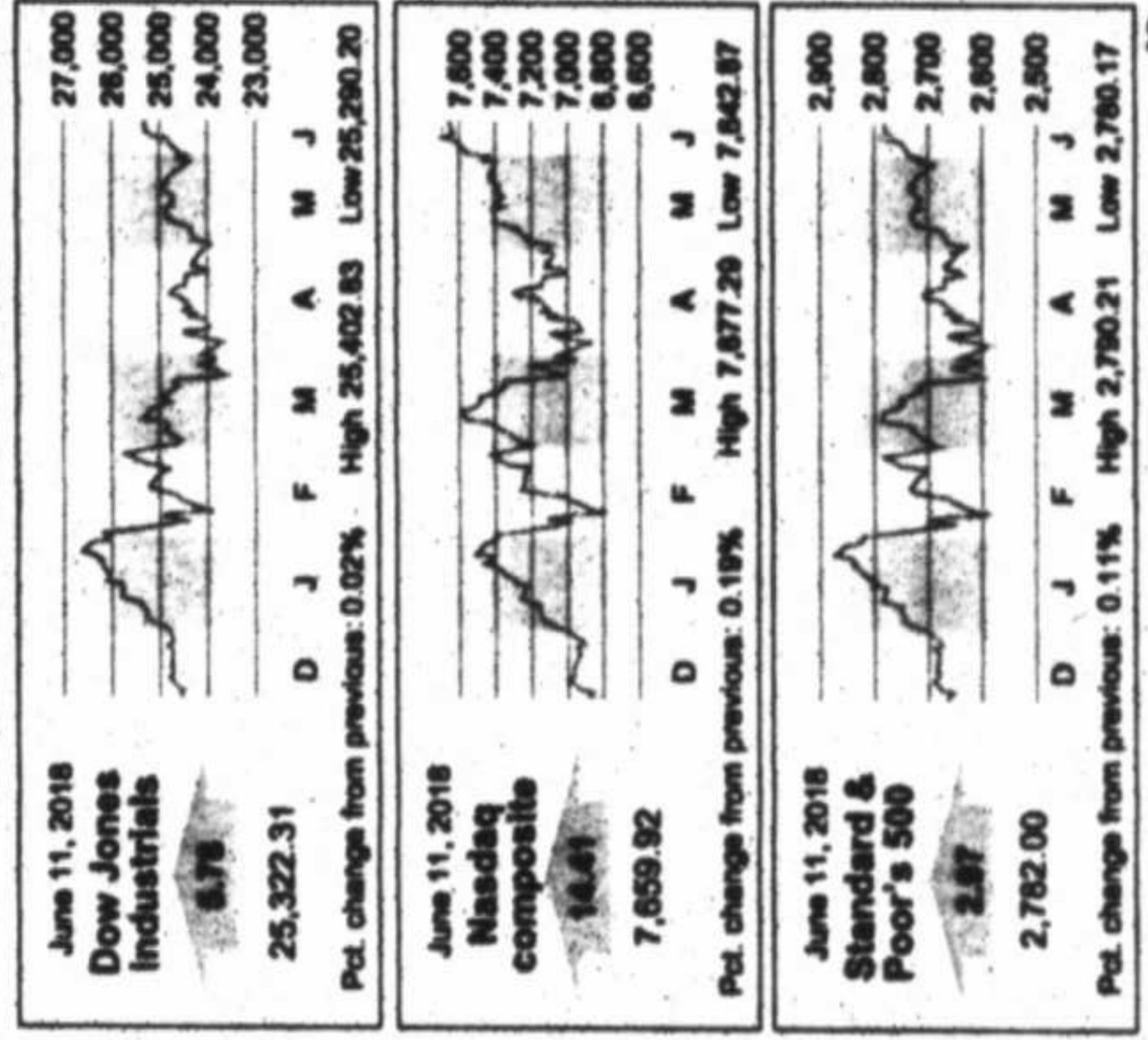
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Twitter		35.00	+0.20
LinkedIn		25.00	+0.10
Slack		20.00	+0.10
Zoom		15.00	+0.10
Dropbox		10.00	+0.10
Box		8.00	+0.10
SendGrid		6.00	+0.10
MailChimp		5.00	+0.10
Constant Contact		4.00	+0.10
HubSpot		3.00	+0.10
Marketo		2.00	+0.10
Pardot		1.50	+0.10
Eloqua		1.00	+0.10
Braze		0.80	+0.10
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#### A DAY ON WALL STREET



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Symbol	Price	Change
AMZN	175.00	+0.50
GOOGL	235.00	+0.50
MSFT	105.00	+0.20
FB	155.00	+0.50
AAPL	170.00	+0.50
INTC	35.00	+0.20
AMD	25.00	+0.10
QCOM	100.00	+0.50
TXN	50.00	+0.20
AVGO	400.00	+0.50
ADI	150.00	+0.50
MRVL	50.00	+0.20
SWKS	30.00	+0.10
KLAC	20.00	+0.10
MPWR	15.00	+0.10
CRUS	10.00	+0.10
ONCY	8.00	+0.10
SMCI	7.00	+0.10
TERC	6.00	+0.10
COIN	5.00	+0.10
BTBT	4.00	+0.10
BTBT	3.00	+0.10
BTBT	2.00	+0.10
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#### MUTUAL FUNDS

Fund Name	Price	Change
Fidelity	100.00	+0.50
BlackRock	95.00	+0.50
State Street	90.00	+0.50
Wellington	85.00	+0.50
Investment Company	80.00	+0.50
Putnam	75.00	+0.50
Dimensional	70.00	+0.50
Janus	65.00	+0.50
Principal	60.00	+0.50
WisdomTree	55.00	+0.50
First Trust	50.00	+0.50
SPDR	45.00	+0.50
iShares	40.00	+0.50
ProShares	35.00	+0.50
Global X	30.00	+0.50
ETFS	25.00	+0.50
MicroStrategy	20.00	+0.50
Bitfarms	15.00	+0.50
Bitcoin	10.00	+0.50
Blockchain	8.00	+0.50
Bitcoin	7.00	+0.50
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Symbol	Price	Change
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AAPL	170.00	+0.50
INTC	35.00	+0.20
AMD	25.00	+0.10
QCOM	100.00	+0.50
TXN	50.00	+0.20
AVGO	400.00	+0.50
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#### INDICES


Index	Value	Change
Dow Jones Industrial	25,322.31	+100.00
S&P 500	2,762.00	+10.00
Nasdaq Composite	7,603.92	+50.00
Russell 2000	1,875.00	+10.00
NYSE	1,800,000,000	+100,000,000
NASDAQ	1,000,000,000	+100,000,000

#### PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

Symbol	Price	Change
AT&T	27.00	+0.10
IBM	163.00	+0.50
Microsoft	105.00	+0.20
Apple	170.00	+0.50
Amazon	175.00	+0.50
Google	235.00	+0.50
Facebook	155.00	+0.50
Twitter	35.00	+0.20
LinkedIn	25.00	+0.10
Slack	20.00	+0.10
Zoom	15.00	+0.10
Dropbox	10.00	+0.10
Box	8.00	+0.10
SendGrid	6.00	+0.10
MailChimp	5.00	+0.10
Constant Contact	4.00	+0.10
HubSpot	3.00	+0.10
Marketo	2.00	+0.10
Pardot	1.50	+0.10
Eloqua	1.00	+0.10
Braze	0.80	+0.10
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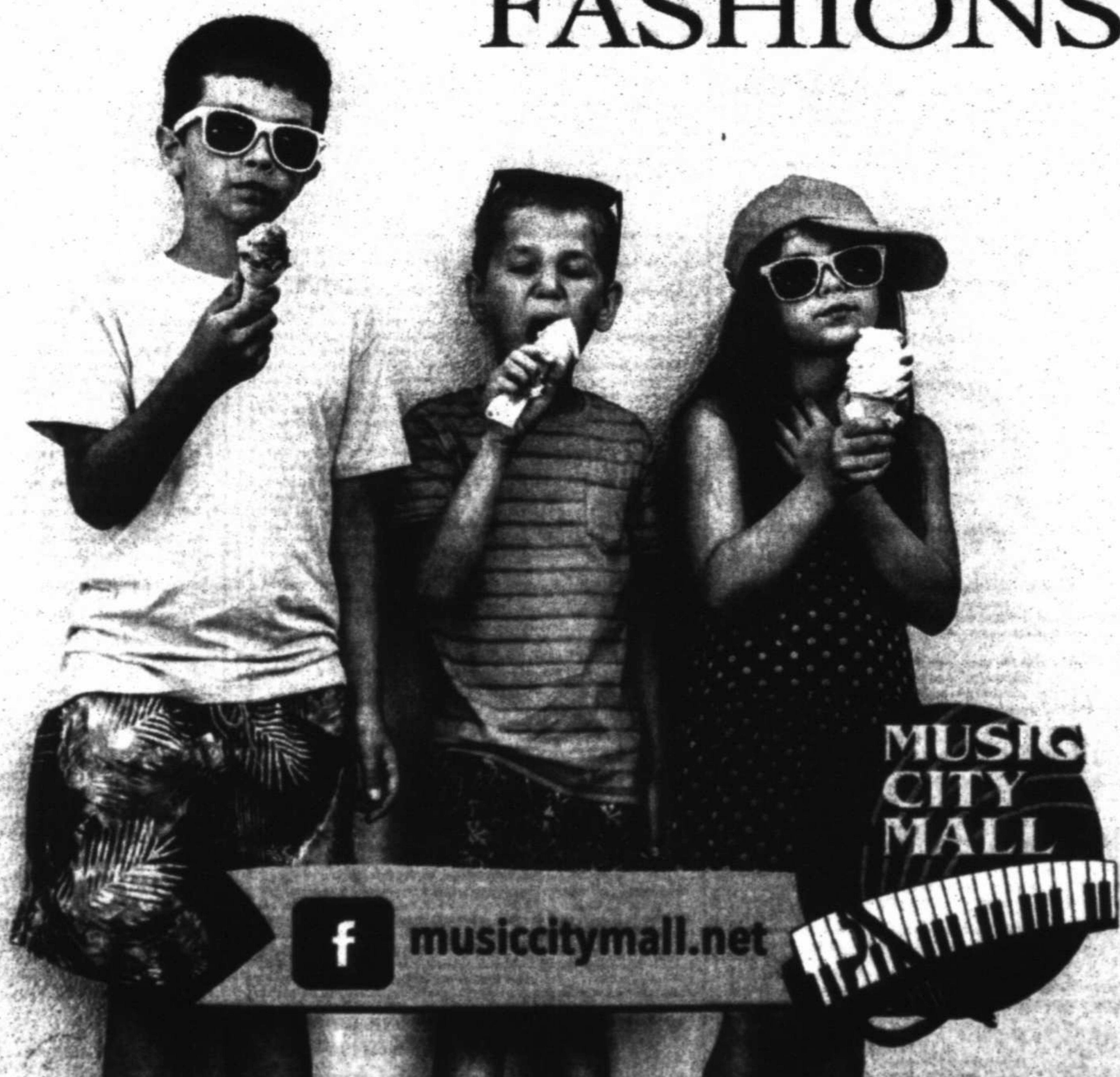
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Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$4,500.00 - \$7,000.00 monthly  
Overtime Travel: Up to 10% of the time

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

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

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

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

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

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:  
Valid Driver's License  
Engineer-In-Training (EIT) Certified

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

**Conditions of Employment:**  
May be required to work weekends and holidays.  
May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.  
May be required to work under exposure to inclement weather conditions.  
Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.  
Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.  
External final state applicants who are 18-25 years of age will be required to furnish proof of registration or exemption from registration with the Selective Service System.  
If hired, employee must provide document(s) within three (3) days of hire date that establish identity and employment eligibility. A complete list of acceptable documents is on file with the local Texas Workforce Commission office or <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/>.  
Applicants selected for an interview will be required provide two examples of civil / transportation / infrastructure design work he or she has developed, and to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

The Midland Development Corporation (MDC) reserves the sole right in determining the acceptability of work experience and salary based on the applicant's qualified work experience, education, skill level and all other appropriate factors, and based on business needs.

**Senior Design Engineer**  
This position for a Senior Design Engineer depending on business need and applicant qualifications.  
Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$6,500.00 - \$10,000.00 monthly  
Overtime Travel: Up to 10% of the time

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

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

**Required Competencies Include:**  
Communicate effectively.  
Exercise logic and reasoning to define problems, establish facts and draw valid conclusions, makes decisions that support business objectives and goals.  
Preparing technical/statistical reports.  
Applicable engineering workstations and applications to support efficient planning and design activities.  
Design and plan preparation methods and requirements for traditional and innovative projects.  
Critical Path Method (CPM) for managing projects.  
Researching, analyzing and interpreting policies and state and federal laws and regulations.  
Applying engineering principles, practices and methods in job responsibilities.  
Planning, coordinating and handling multiple projects within area of responsibility to meet short and long-term deadlines.  
Uses automated roadway/structural/hydraulic design programs and computer-assisted design/engineering systems.  
Advanced and specialized design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.  
Use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.  
Proficient skill in maintaining a safe working environment.

**Minimum Education Required:**  
Bachelor's Degree in an Engineering related discipline

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

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

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

**Conditions of Employment:**  
May be required to work weekends and holidays.  
May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.  
May be required to work under exposure to inclement weather conditions.  
Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.  
Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.  
External final state applicants who are 18-25 years of age will be required to furnish proof of registration or exemption from registration with the Selective Service System.  
If hired, employee must provide document(s) within three (3) days of hire date that establish identity and employment eligibility. A complete list of acceptable documents is on file with the local Texas Workforce Commission office or <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/>.  
Applicants selected for an interview will be required provide two examples of civil / transportation / infrastructure design work he or she has developed, and to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

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**Assistant Engineer**  
This is an entry level position for an Engineering Assistant / Engineer Intern depending on business need and applicant's qualification.  
Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$3,500.00 - \$5,500.00 monthly  
Overtime Travel: Up to 10% of the time

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

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

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

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

**Minimum Work Experience Required:**  
None.  
The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:  
Valid Driver's License  
Other Minimum Requirements:  
Degree in engineering which has been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET).  
Degree in engineering technology which has been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET).  
Degree in engineering which has not been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET).

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

Applicants selected for an interview will be required to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

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**Design Technician / Engineering Specialist**  
 This position for one or more Design Technician / Engineering Specialist(s) depending on business need and applicant's qualifications.  
 Full-Time, Regular Employment \$3,500.00 - \$8,000.00 monthly  
 Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Conditions of Employment:**  
 May be required to work weekends and holidays.  
 May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.  
 Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.  
 Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.  
 External final state applicants who are 18-25 years of age will be required to furnish proof of registration or exemption from registration with the Selective Service System.  
 If hired, employee must provide document(s) within three (3) days of hire date that establish identity and employment eligibility. A complete list of acceptable documents is on file with the local Texas Workforce Commission office or http://www.twc.state.tx.us/  
 Applicants selected for an interview will be required provide two examples of civil / transportation / infrastructure design work he or she has developed, and to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill in Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

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**General Design Technician**  
 This position for an design technician skilled in advanced and specialized drafting.  
 Full-Time, Regular Employment \$3,200.00 - \$5,000.00 monthly  
 Overnight Travel: Rarely to 5% of the time

**General Description:**  
 Performs advanced drafting and calculations and intermediate design work, performs field work, uses automated systems and learns specialized procedures. Design activity is overseen by a licensed professional engineer or registered architect who has final approval authority for projects. Employees at this level perform work independently on assignments, however, all unusual issues are referred to the supervisor.

**Essential Duties Include:**  
 Performs advanced drafting and calculations in support of design activities, develops graphic presentations that include distinctive design features.  
 Performs intermediate design work.  
 Prepares quantity summaries, hydraulic and utility studies and construction estimates.  
 Prepares roadway design, traffic control, lighting, signal, and building plans.  
 Prepares public presentations and exhibits.  
 Reviews entire sets of plans for format, drafting and calculation errors and correction of plans and specifications.  
 Writes general notes, specifications and provisions.  
 Drives to conduct project site visits and attend coordination meetings.  
 Reviews work done by others for drafting and calculation errors.  
 Learns additional automated design tools, interactive graphics or specialized design procedures in areas including bridge/overhead detailing, traffic management, geometric design, signal lighting design, retaining walls and utility design.  
 Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

**Required Competencies Include:**  
 Communicate effectively.  
 Advanced design/drafting procedures.  
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37/38 Case No. 0311497  
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NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 25, 2018  
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas  
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6780  
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, [RRC Operator No. 217012] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statute Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 8, Bk. 39 T1S, T&P RR CO / EDWARDS, W Survey, A-719, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 5.89 miles NW direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

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**FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)**

Lease/Unit Name:	BOZEMAN UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No.:	803WA
Lease/Unit Acres:	320.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	250.0

Lease Lines: 2145.0 F WEST L. 306.0 F SOUTH L  
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Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Laterals: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 2145.0 F WEST L. 306.0 F SOUTH L

Terminus Location  
Bk County: MIDLAND  
Section: 17 Block: 39 T1S Abstract: 37  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 196.0 F EAST L. 90.0 F SOUTH L  
1894.0 F WEST L. 2593.0 F NORTH L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:  
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3306, 80.0 acres.  
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10450 feet.

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**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37/38 Case No. 0311499  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 21, 2018 Status/Permit No. 839875  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 25, 2018  
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6780  
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The baobab is native to the African savanna. The oldest and biggest angiosperm trees in the world, the African baobabs, are dying or already dead, an international team of scientists has found.

### Africa's baobab trees can live for more than 1,000 years, but the oldest are dying

By Amina Khan  
Los Angeles Times

The oldest and biggest angiosperm trees in the world, the African baobabs, are dying or already dead, an international team of scientists has found.

The scientists said the spate of deaths, described in the journal *Nature Plants*, might be the result of a changing climate but that research needs to be done to determine that.

The baobab known as *Adansonia digitata* L. is an icon of the African savanna. With wide, cylindrical trunks and gnarled branches, the trees appear to have been yanked out of the ground, flipped over and shoved back in, roots in the air. These giant plants are the largest and longest-living angiosperm (flowering) trees today, with some individuals surviving for close to 2,000 years.

Baobab trees have been nicknamed the "tree of life," perhaps because their trunks and branches can store large volumes of water in a dry and often unforgiving landscape — stores that humans and animals have relied on. But they could just as well be called the giving tree: The leaves and fruit of many species also provide nutritious food, their bark can be made into rope and cloth, their wood can be harvest-

ed for hunting and fishing tools, and their broad, often hollow trunks can be used for shelter.

But until recently, much about these trees was not known with confidence, which is why in 2005 the team of researchers began a project to study their structure, growth and age.

Over the years, the scientists have found that big African baobab specimens always have multiple stems. While baobabs typically begin growing as single-stemmed trees, they produce new ones over time, developing increasingly complex structures. The multiple stems can start to trace out a ring-shaped structure, containing an empty space within.

These structures defy ring-counting, the traditional method of age-dating trees. So the scientists instead used accelerator mass spectrometry to perform radiocarbon dating on samples from the largest, oldest trees in southern Africa.

The researchers found that since 2005 eight of the 13 oldest, and five of the six largest, African baobab trees have either died or their oldest parts or stems died. That includes Panke, a sacred baobab in Zimbabwe that was estimated to be about 2,450 years old, with an 82-foot-wide trunk and a height of 51 feet. In 2010, its branches started to fall off; then its mul-

multiple stems began to split and topple over. By 2011 it was dead.

A similar fate befell the Platland tree in South Africa, which the authors call "probably the most promoted and visited African baobab." Known also as the Sunland baobab, it was the biggest known individual, with a 112-foot-wide trunk and a height of 62 feet. It had lived for an estimated 1,110 years until its largest stem unit split four times in 2016 and 2017 and all five stems fell and died.

"The deaths of the majority of the oldest and largest African baobabs over the past 12 years is an event of an unprecedented magnitude," the scientists wrote. "These deaths were not caused by an epidemic and there has also been a rapid increase in the apparently natural deaths of many other mature baobabs."

The scientists did not study why the trees died, though they said climate change in the region was a possible cause.

"We suspect that the demise of monumental baobabs may be associated at least in part with significant modifications of climate conditions that affect southern Africa in particular," the authors wrote. "However, further research is necessary to support or refute this supposition."

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### Internet use could change at end of 'net neutrality'

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NEW YORK — Your ability to watch and use your favorite apps and services could start to change — though not right away — following the official demise Monday of Obama-era internet protections.

Any changes are likely to happen slowly, as companies assess how much consumers will tolerate.

The repeal of "net neutrality" took effect six months after the Federal Communications Commission voted to undo the rules, which had barred broadband and cellphone companies from favoring their own services and discriminating against rivals such as Netflix.

Internet providers such as AT&T, Verizon and Comcast had to treat all traffic equally. They couldn't slow down or block websites and apps of their choosing. Nor could they charge Netflix and other video services extra to reach viewers more smoothly. The rules also barred a broadband provider from, say, slowing down Amazon's shopping site to extract business concessions.

Now, all that is legal as long as companies post their policies online.

The change comes as broadband and cellphone providers expand their efforts to deliver video and other content to consumers.

With net neutrality rules gone, AT&T and Verizon can give priority to their own movies and TV shows, while hurting rivals such as Amazon, YouTube and startups yet to be born.

The battle isn't entirely over, though. Some states are moving to restore net neutrality, and lawsuits are pending. Also, the Senate voted to save net neutrality, though that effort isn't likely to become law.

For now, broadband providers insist they won't do anything that would harm the "internet experience" for consumers. Most currently have service terms that specify they won't give preferential treatment to certain websites and services, including their own.

However, companies are likely to drop these self-imposed restrictions; they will just wait until people aren't paying a lot of attention, said Marc Martin, a former FCC staffer who is now chairman of communications practice at the law firm Perkins Coie. Any changes now, while the spotlight is on net neutrality, could lead to a public relations backlash.

Companies are likely to start testing the boundaries over the next six months to a year. Expect to see more offers like AT&T's exemption of its DirecTV Now streaming TV service from customers' mobile data limits. Rival services like Sling TV and Netflix count video against data caps, essentially making them more expensive to watch.

### Movie-worthy spy tricks have been in use for years

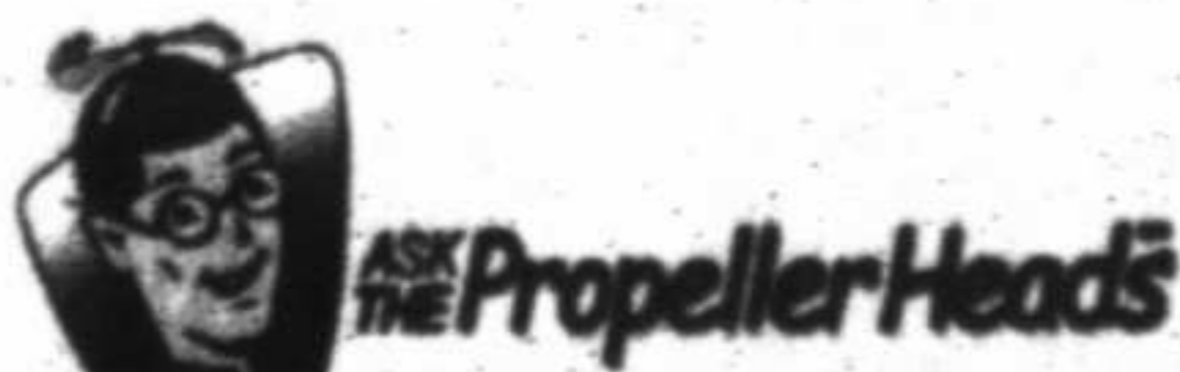
Dear PropellerHeads: I've been binge-watching spy movies lately and it got me wondering...how much of that tech stuff is really possible nowadays?

A: You mean, can Tom Cruise really run that fast or is Daniel Craig really that good a skier? Probably "yes" and "no." Next!

Actually, between the recent spate of NSA leaks and documents published by security researchers, it turns out several movie-worthy spy tricks have been in use for years or soon will be.

Some of the coolest techniques have been demonstrated by researchers at Ben-Gurion University in Israel and specifically target "air-gapped" computers. These are computers that are not connected to the Internet making them much harder to infiltrate. The first problem is getting your spyware on the target PC in the first place — no easy task, but it's been done before by tricking users into plugging in infected USB drives.

The second problem is getting the PC to send out passwords or encryption keys, and this is where things get interesting. No Internet? No problem! Just write data to the USB drive in a way that causes the radiation emitted by the internal circuits to spike, then measure patterns in those spikes and voilà! Now you have Kim Jong-un's Farmville password. It's like Morse code, but instead of long and



short beeps, they monitored the radio waves for low and high frequencies (bit.ly/2pXzXvu).

The same team also captured data by listening to hard drive noise (bit.ly/2pXwFZ6), measuring the heat generated by CPUs (bit.ly/2pXzXvu), and detecting changes in cooling fan sounds (bit.ly/2pXwFZ6). Ever notice your laptop getting noisy at night when you're not even using it? An older technique turns PC video cards into FM transmitters, so a nearby phone with the right software installed can receive covert messages (bit.ly/2oYDyLq).

Elsewhere, Google presented a new method of hacking hardware at a security conference recently (bit.ly/2oFenu8). By writing to a computer's memory in a certain way, they caused the transistors on the memory chip to leak electrical charges. Those leaked charges changed the data stored in other parts of the memory chip, giving them administrator privileges on the targeted PC. And presto! Now they have the ayatollah's Uber password. You're probably thinking, "I don't en-

rich uranium in the basement anymore, so I'm safe." True enough, unless you have a TV or a phone.

That's because a security consultant in Switzerland just proved that smart TV security has more holes in it than his homeland's famous cheese. Smart TVs listen for over-the-air signals and connect to the strongest signal they find. Anyone with a \$150 custom transmitter only needs to be closer to your house than the nearest cable provider in order to override their signal.

Since these TVs also have web browsers installed, they're susceptible to the same security exploits that desktop browsers are. With the precision of his country's famous timepieces, the consultant sent a signal to a TV that loaded a web page in the background, and from that page he took control of the TV. Many TVs have microphones and cameras — almost as many functions as a particular nation's famous army knives — all of which could be controlled by a rogue signal. Watch out for that white van parked across the street (bit.ly/2pXzXvu).

Lastly, the phones: Back in 2015, two researchers at a French security agency commandeered phones remotely when the phones had headphones plugged in. Some headphones have built-in microphones, so the wearer can issue voice commands to Siri or Google Now. Radio signals can

travel up the headphone cords, allowing an attacker to impersonate the phone's owner and manipulate the phone's software (bit.ly/2pXw61z). Now they have your Snapchat password. Ooh is!

If you think "Surely Apple and Google have fixed that one by now," we present a research paper published last April: bit.ly/2pXHNVS. In it, a team of computer scientists from the UK explain how a web page can tap into a phone's motion sensors without requiring user permission. By detecting the phone's tilt when someone enters their PIN, software can correctly guess 83% of PINs in one try and 99% in three tries. Smashing! Now they have your Twitter password.

Yes, some of that spy stuff is real, and if you don't want to be spied on, the worst thing you can do is open a browser. So head over to askthepropellerheads.com and send us more questions...and booyah! Now we've got your Pokémon Go password.

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