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## Ingham: More oil produced with fewer people, rigs

By Jordon Blum  
Houston Chronicle

Both Texas and the nation are producing more oil than ever, but they're doing so with far fewer workers and drilling rigs.

Texas is producing more oil now than at any point in 2014 when oil was last priced above \$100 a barrel, and the industry is doing so with more than 25 percent fewer people and almost half the rigs, according to the Texas Petro Index calculated by economist Karr Ingham.

Today's rigs are more automated, and

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Price of oil rises to 3-year high at \$66.82 a barrel.

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each of them are able to drill more wells from single locations, as well as produce more oil per well by drilling longer horizontal laterals and using hydraulic fracturing, called fracking, to unlock the petroleum from shale rocks.

"The implications are striking: record

Political crises threaten to double OPEC's planned cuts.

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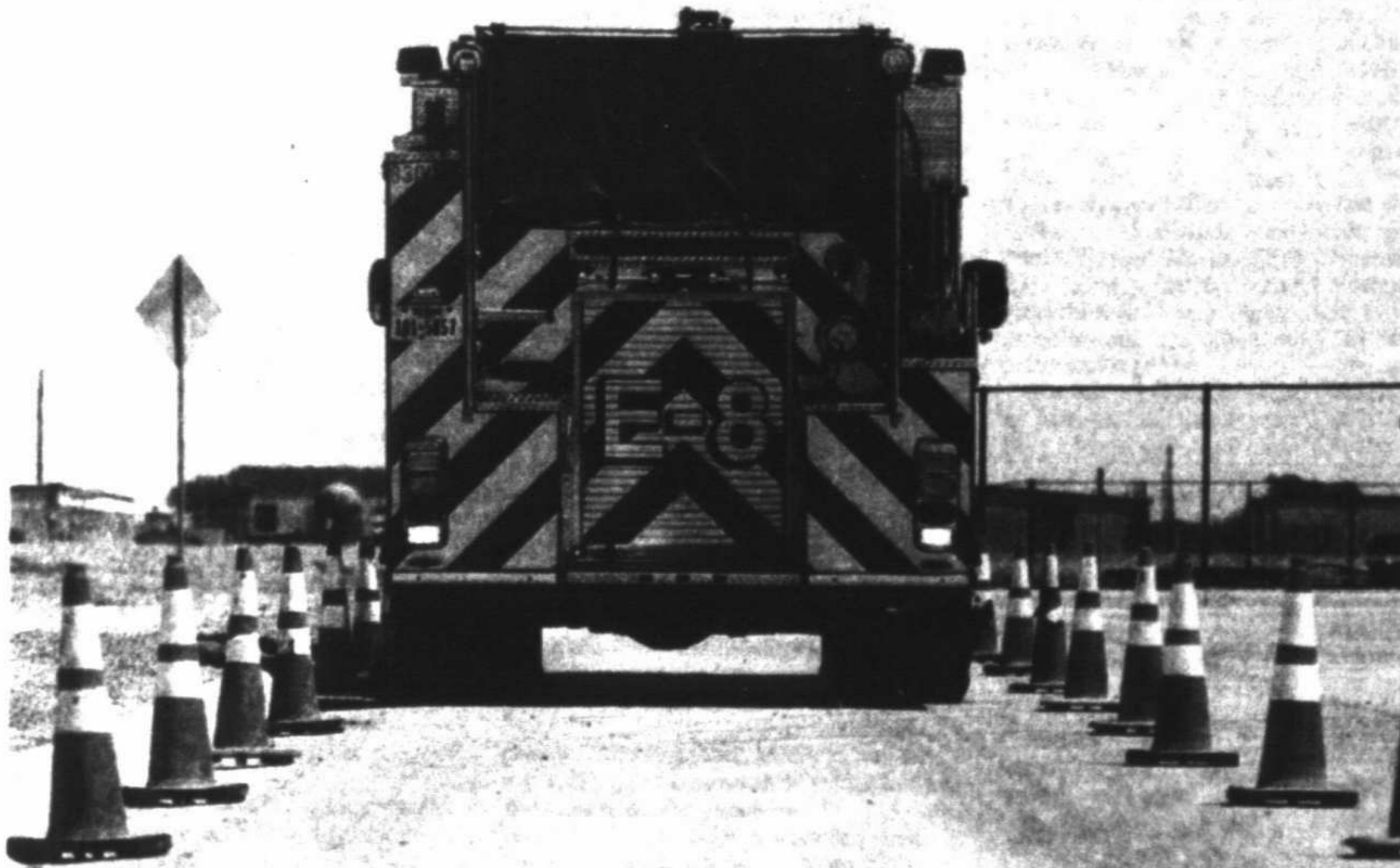
crude oil and natural gas production at significantly lower prices, rig counts, and number of industry workers," Ingham said. "It means that fewer employees are needed to produce more crude oil in Texas and the U.S. than has ever been produced." Ingham's index estimates the upstream

oil and gas industry employs about 215,500 people in Texas. That's higher than 189,400 people a year ago, but well below the nearly 300,000 workers at the end of 2014.

Likewise, the U.S. oil rig count is down 50 percent from its peak of 1,609 in October 2014, before oil prices began plummeting.

However, Ingham estimates Texas produced 110.5 million barrels of oil in February, which is higher than the 2014 monthly peak of 109.5 barrels, according to the Railroad Commission of Texas.

## FIRETRUCK TRAINING



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Members of the Midland Fire Department are undergoing safe-driving training this week. The training includes classroom instruction as well as behind-the-wheel training, which took place at the Grande Communications Stadium parking lot.

## Riddick has high expectations for after-school program

■ MISD no longer has to settle for mediocrity

By Stewart Doreen  
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I realized something as I was listening

### COMMENTARY

to Midland ISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick's presentation on the new after-school program. It hit me when Riddick talked about wanting to provide the best for MISD students — specifically, his

ferce expectations to have the best."

It made me think for a second about living in Midland right now, and how my expectations have changed. I go into a typical restaurant and hope that the service will be "good" and know that I will settle for "adequate." Such is life during economically prosperous times for a community with 2.5 percent unemployment.

The issue of settling is not only a restaurant problem but one that frankly has become part of the West Texas psyche.

We have become accepting of mediocrity, and it isn't just when we go

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## Parents respond to MISD's Right to School program

■ Company says demand for after-school care is 'record-breaking'

By Stewart Doreen  
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There is a demand for after-school child care in Midland.

The demand was "record-breaking," according to officials with Right to School, the company that will oversee after-school education at Midland ISD.

Company officials said that within 24 hours of word getting out earlier this month that Right to School would be operating after-school activities during the next school year, 140 families had registered. Tuesday night, during a presentation showcasing the Right to School before- and after-school school experience, Cindy Lawson, senior director of school partnerships for the Evanston, Illinois, company, said 286 people had registered and every one of MISD's 27 elementary school campuses were represented. Lawson also expects that the number of families registering to rise dramatically. She said on Tuesday alone more than 40 people had registered and that was before the event at Bowie Fine Arts Academy, attended by parents interested in what Right to School was all about.

Lawson, a single mother of three, said an after-school program matters more than most people realize. She also said that the Right to School program works because staff believe in the mission and because it is "innovation-driven," "locally inspired" and "efficiency-obsessed." She said Right to School officials "watch every penny we spend, so we can put more money into people, partnerships and the curriculum." She also said Right to School customizes its programs to the community and even to specific

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House Speaker Paul Ryan will retire rather than seek another term in Congress. Page 8A

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## Nurse fired, arrested after patient dies at Texas hospital

By David Warren  
and Juan A. Lozano  
Associated Press

DALLAS — A former nurse who was fired last month from a Texas hospital has been charged with murder in the death of a patient last year and will likely face additional charges for hurting other patients in six other cases, police announced Wednesday.

William George Davis was being held on a \$2 million bond after he was arrested Tuesday evening in the August death of 47-year-old Christopher Greenaway. Police say aggravated assault charges could also be filed against Davis.

At a news conference, Tyler police chief Jimmy Toler declined to offer details on what authorities allege Davis did to Greenaway or other patients at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler or if he targeted any of the individuals.

Tyler police spokeswoman Jenny Wells later said that there are "not any indications" that this could be a case of assisted suicide.

Online court and jail records didn't list an attorney for Davis, 34. The office of Taralynn Mackay, a lawyer who had represented Davis earlier this year, said she's no longer representing him.

A GoFundMe account started by Davis says he's raising money in an effort to fight the state's suspension of his license, an action that he contends was due to "misunderstandings." The campaign on Wednesday had raised more than half of his goal of \$10,000.

The seven cases connected to Davis date back to June 2017 and all took place at the hospital where he worked, Toler said.

Davis was not being cooperative with investigators and did not have a criminal record, Toler said. An initial court appearance for Davis was not immediately set.

Greenaway was described in his obituary as a pilot and a decorated veteran. He was born in Columbia, South Carolina, and had worked as a pilot for medical transport. He had served in the U.S.



Chelsea Purgahn/Tyler Morning Telegraph via AP  
Tyler Police Chief Jimmy Toler speaks during a press conference Wednesday at the Tyler Police Department.

Army and had received several awards. The hospital approached authorities in January "with concerns that a nurse may have been involved in causing harm to patients," Toler said. "These patients were experiencing unexplained symptoms inconsistent with their treatment and recovery."

In an order issued last month that suspended Davis' license, The Texas Board of Nursing said the ex-nurse entered three patients' rooms at the Owen Heart Hospital, part of Christus Mother Frances Hospital, and "performed an intervention" that either killed or critically harmed them. The hospital fired Davis in February.

The suspension order doesn't specify what Davis is alleged to have done to a patient on Aug. 4, but says "the patient immediately deteriorated from their stable condition" and died two days later of an embolism and other complications. The patient was not under Davis' care and he didn't mention to the patient's assigned nurse that he intervened or document it, according to the order.

He's accused of going into other patients' rooms, once in November and again in January, and taking "unnecessary and/or inappropriate" actions that led two patients to fall into vegetative conditions. He wasn't assigned to care for either patient.

When questioned by

administrators following the January incident, Davis said he "silenced an IV that was beeping," pumped up a pressure bag and took other actions, according to his suspension order. A spokesman for the Board of Nursing said he couldn't immediately discuss the ongoing Davis investigation.

Christus Trinity Mother Frances Health System, which includes Owen Heart Hospital about 100 miles southeast of Dallas, said in a statement that Davis began working for the system in 2013. Toler said that prior to coming to Christus, Davis had worked at another hospital for two years. Toler didn't offer any information on where that hospital was located.

An investigation began in January when administrators identified "an unusual and unexplained patient outcome."

"We believe the issues with Mr. Davis were isolated to him and he acted independently and of his own accord," the statement said.

In an email, hospital system spokesman William Kacous declined to comment on how hospital officials or authorities linked Davis to the patient death and injuries. He also declined to comment on whether Davis had done anything else during his employment that had previously raised concerns or how many patient interactions involving Davis the hospital system might be reviewing.

there will be instant feedback on both.

I know there is a tendency to be critical of an outsider, especially on the education front that means so much to thousands of people. But remember, Midland was not operating from a position of strength when it comes to public education. We had little room to be snooty about what someone from the outside was going to do. This community looked the other way while the education of our students dramatically declined. That's what the data showed, at least.

Riddick said Tuesday he doesn't mind the discussion on issues, but people should realize he won't settle.

"We might have to disagree with things, which is OK. But I want the best."

Public education is probably more difficult than other government entities because school superintendents and college presidents have more power in their respective positions than just about any other appointed official. What they say goes and because of that, there is a certain amount of trust required.

Is this community ready to trust the new superintendent of schools? It's tough to say.

For more than a decade, Midlanders probably have felt as if they had to settle when it comes to their children's education. So, the hope here is Riddick will show us some successes, and the community will be ready to follow. And until then, remember, those longing for the recent past don't have much of a leg to stand on.

## DOREEN

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to a worker-challenged eating establishment. If it involves life above ground; we have come to learn that is just the way life is.

Highest rents in Texas? Nothing we can do about it. Roads as bad as any in a city our size? Oh, well.

A public education system as poor-performing as any in the state our size? Well, the kids speak too many languages, it's hard to find teachers, our schools are too old and overcrowded, the state takes too much money from our district. Any of these sound familiar?

But if Riddick's conversation Tuesday with those at Bowie Fine Arts Academy was any indication, the days of the district settling are in the past.

"I want to be sure it is offered at gold-seal level and will push the provider that they make it happen," Riddick said about those who choose to be partners. "Our kids deserve the best programs. I will reach far and wide to find someone."

"We are outpacing programs that have been part of program for a while. That is because of you."

And the after-school program just might be the first chance to see if the product matches the high expectations Riddick has set for himself, his staff and those who partner with MISD. Not only will the after-school program be installed but so will the Collegiate Prep Academy at Sam Houston Elementary, the first choice school established during the Riddick era. I expect is

## PARENTS

From 1A

campuses.

Lawson said there is an 8:1 child-to-teacher ratio for pre-K and 15:1 for other first through sixth grade. Local staff will include three area managers and a regional director who will be part of the Right to School hierarchy.

The curriculum meets the TEKS standard, and Right to School is available for parents on break weeks — Christmas, Thanksgiving, spring break — on early-release days, on other days when students are off and during the summer. Some of those "break" days will come at an additional cost, and a family does not have to be enrolled in the after-school program for the children to take part in Right to

School during break times.

The fee schedule provides flexibility because it is month to month and features options for those who need after-school care on a more limited basis, she said. Students can attend one to five days a week, but there is also a punch card — \$280 for 10 days — which can be used on days a parent needs it.

She repeated information previously released by MISD: free and reduced lunch students receive a 25 percent discount and siblings of a student in the program will receive a 10 percent discount. There is also a discount for MISD employees who work with Right to School programs and a less significant discount for MISD employees in general.

"If you are employed with MISD, you get the discount," Lawson said.

MISD officials said with the discounts available, a student currently enrolled in a five-day-a-week after-school program in the district will pay just \$6 more a month than the current program offered.

Lawson said Right to School's goal is to be open on each campus with "high-quality" employees. She said Right to School had put out information about job opportunities and was performing job searches to be ready in the fall. She told those in attendance, "If you have a current child care provider that you love, that you please have them call us" (about employment).

## Obituaries



### Leola "Nanny" Ione Massingill Green

Leola "Nanny" Ione Massingill Green passed away peacefully in her home April 10, 2018.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 12, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m., Friday, April 13, 2018 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born October 24, 1923, in Polar, Texas, to Bert Massingill and Leona Ford Massingill, as the eldest of 5 children. Nanny moved from Kent County, Texas to Vealmoor, Texas where she lived most of her life. She worked at Consolidated Air, in Ft. Worth, Texas, during WWII. She was one of the greatest of her generation. She married Willis Green, in North Carolina, in 1942 and returned to Vealmoor, where she managed the Family Country Store (Massingill Grocery) and the town Post Office for many years.

She was a lifetime member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Nanny is survived by her children Gary Green of Lipan, Texas, Carolyn Ratliff and husband Randy of Powderly, Texas, and Leslie Green and wife Kathy of Lubbock, Texas; siblings Oteka Hunt of Odessa, Texas, Jamie Mills of Lafayette, Louisiana, and James "Bunny" Massingill of Big Spring, Texas; nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by both parents, one brother Billy Massingill and one daughter Vicki Bavousette. Pallbearers are Wes Hunt, Mark Massingill, Scott Richardson, Jeff Ratliff, Zachary Green, Jeremy Green, Chris Green, and Keith Crane.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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### Maria Isabel Ortega

Maria Isabel Ortega, age 87, of Midland, Texas, passed away on April 9, 2018 in Midland, TX.

Visitation will be at Remanente Apostolic Church at 907 S. Terrell St., Midland, TX.

Funeral Services will be at 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 13, 2018 at Remanente Apostolic Church, 907 S. Terrell St., Midland, TX with Juan Carlos Mendoza officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

Maria was born November 5, 1930 in Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico to Jesus Morales and Diancia Urquidi Morales.

Maria is survived by her children, Hector F. Ortega, Luciana Ortega, Rodolfo Ortega, Armida Navarrete, Aracely Ortega, Leticia Ortega, Rosa Isela Alvarez and Jacqueline Ortega, 36 grandchildren, 71 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren.

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



### Michel Ernest Primeaux "Mike"

Michel Ernest Primeaux, "Mike", 72 of Midland, Texas passed away in the early morning of April 9, 2018 at his home.

Mike was born in Elko, Nevada on April 28, 1945 where he raised hell and gave his parents panic attacks until his 1963 high school graduation from Elko High School. He graduated from Northwestern Institute of Medical Technology at Minneapolis in 1967 before serving in the US Army from 1967-1969. A leg injury placed him on the bench where he then moved to Nebraska where he met his future wife, Betty, while working in a local hospital. The two love birds casted their votes on election day, November 3, 1972 in David City, Nebraska and soon moved to Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Mike worked for the potash mines while in Carlsbad, but spent the majority of his time telling stories and cracking jokes at the Elks Lodge.

Mike and Betty had two bouncing and beautiful kids while in Carlsbad and Mike returned to the big leagues graduating with his Associates degree in radiological technology from the Dona Ana Branch Community College of New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico in 1985. Mike and the family moved to Midland, Texas where he worked the night shift for 26 years before retiring.

Mike didn't let retirement slow him down. Like his youth he was always on the go. If his kids were involved he was there and usually involved too. He enjoyed spending time with family. Through the years, his kids activities were replaced with his grandkids, Noah and DJ's sports and activities. He served in many capacities as dad, coach, umpire, and cheerleader to his kids, grandkids, and many nieces and nephews. Mike liked to

travel to see his nieces and nephews in their settings and spend time with them. He was a family guy. Mike was Uber before Uber was trending, as he provided rides to cancer stricken patients to doctors appointments through the American Cancer Society. Aside from being with family this was something Mike was most passionate about. In his spare time, Mike battled cancer himself.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Antoine and Ellen Primeaux; brother Roy Primeaux; in-laws, Edwin and Mary Wilson, and sisters-in-law Mary Lou Pirnie and most recently Vicky Leffert.

Mike is survived and missed by his wife of 45 years, Betty; son Chris (wife Irma); grandson Noah, and granddaughter DJ all of Odessa Texas; daughter Michelle Perkins (husband Jonathan) of Abilene, Texas; brother Charles Primeaux (wife Doc) of Elko, Nevada; several cousins and many nieces and nephews all over the United States of America, as well as his loyal companion and dog, Jack.

A memorial service will be held in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2018.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in Midland, Midland Humane Coalition, Odessa Police, New Horizons Ranch and Center in Abilene or charity of choice.

Online condolences may be offered at [www.ellisfunerals.com](http://www.ellisfunerals.com)

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## Death Notices

### Chan Hre

Chan Hre, 52, of Midland, Texas passed away on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family and friends. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at Genesis Center in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven North Cemetery.

### Cipriano Arenivas Parra

Cipriano Arenivas Parra, 88, passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Funeral services will be at a later date in Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico followed by interment at Paredero Cosenterio.

He is survived by his son, Daniel Jose Parra; daughter, Oliviana Cruz; and one brother.

### Pearl Vera Moore

Pearl Vera Moore, 87, peacefully passed away April 5, 2018. She was born March 1, 1931 in Marlin, Texas. A wake service will be held on Friday, April 13, 2018 at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel, 1502 N. Lamesa Road. Funeral service will be held Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Mt. Rose Full Gospel Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens. She leaves to cherish her memory daughters, Pamela O'Neal-Jones, Erna Wortham, Jan Voss; sons, Donnie Hayes, Herbert O'Neal, Robert O'Neal, David O'Neal; one sister; grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

fun," Lawson said.

Lastly, Lawson said when Right to School goes into a community, the company works on developing "elective" programs for students. Those electives can be science-related or activity-based (such as dance or cooking) and will take place once a week for 10 weeks. There can be a separate cost for those programs, she said.

She said that because it takes time to develop electives for a community, the first course may not be offered until January or February.

Full registration for Right to School in Midland is expected to take place in two weeks, but Lawson said people can pre-register immediately.

Lawson described the curriculum as "disigned learning" and that it is "multi-sensory" and supports cross-curricular education objectives. She used the example of children learning about "fractures" and "smo" as ways to keep learning "engaging and fun." For instance, she told those in attendance at Bowie that when learning about fractures — or facts — students will know it is caused by bacteria in the intestines. Then there will be "gas in the boots" experiments for students to learn more about health and nutrition. She said that example is one that reinforced the healthy-bodies and healthy-minds concept.

"They are learning, but the kids just think they are having

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Remembering the Alamo



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A 3 1/2 inch diameter, 4 1/2 pound brass cannonball that was found on the Alamo plaza in 1875 was among artifacts on display Tuesday during a presentation at the Haley Library, one stop on the 12-city Alamo Roadshow. Representatives of the Alamo and Texas General Land Office discussed Alamo preservation and a planned museum.

harem of Jewish people who died in the Holocaust between 1933 and 1945. Source: www.timeanddate.com

Related event Holocaust Memorial Day will feature readings of writings by Elie

Wiesel and memorial candles for those five lost in the Holocaust, 7 p.m., Temple Beth El, 1501 N Grandview Ave.

Related date On April 12, 1990, in its first meeting, East Germany's first democratically

elected parliament acknowledged responsibility for the Nazi Holocaust, and asked the forgiveness of Jews and others who had suffered. Source: Associated Press

Today in History Today is Thursday, April 12, the

102nd day of 2018. There are 263 days left in the year.

Today's highlight: On April 12, 1861, the Civil War began as Confederate forces opened fire on Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

On this date: In 1606, England's King James I decreed the design of the original Union Flag, which combined the flags of England and Scotland.

In 1776, North Carolina's Fourth Provincial Congress authorized the colony's delegates to the Continental Congress to support independence from Britain.

In 1934, "Fender Is the Night" by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published in book form after being serialized in Scribner's Magazine.

In 1949, President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Georgia, at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman.

In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing.

In 1963, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested and jailed in Birmingham, Alabama, charged with contempt of court and parading without a permit. (During his time behind bars, King wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail.")

In 1975, singer, dancer and civil rights activist Josephine Baker, 66, died in Paris.

In 1983, Chicagoans went to the polls to elect Harold Washington the city's first black mayor.

In 1985, Sen. John Glenn, R-Ohio, became the first sitting member of Congress to fly in space as the shuttle Discovery lifted off.

In 1988, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a patent to Harvard University for a genetically engineered mouse, the first time a patent was granted for an animal life form.

In 1990, in its first meeting, East Germany's first democratically elected parliament acknowledged responsibility for the Nazi Holocaust, and asked the forgiveness of Jews and others who had suffered.

Ten years ago: Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama conceded that comments he'd made privately during a fundraiser about bitter working class voters who "cling to guns or religion" were ill-chosen. Actors, religious and politicians gathered at a church in Los Angeles to mourn Charlton Heston, one of the last lions of Old Hollywood who died April 5 after battling Alzheimer's disease. Source: Associated Press

School boundaries

A community meeting is planned for today to discuss a Midland ISD secondary school boundary proposal. The meeting is 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Alamo Junior High School, 3800 Storey Ave.

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Many people in the United States observe Yom Hashoah, which is also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day. It commemorates the lives and

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 1-3-7 Pick 3 day: 5-4-4 Pick 3 evening: 7-7-7 Pick 3 night: 5-7-1 Daily 4 morning: 5-1-0-8 Daily 4 day: 5-0-4-4 Daily 4 evening: 4-1-0-6 Daily 4 night: 8-3-7-1 Cash Five: 15-20-32-36-37 Triple Chance: 13-23-25-31-35-30-41-43-48-55

Weather

Wednesday's temperatures High: 92 Low: 57 Normal high: 78 Normal low: 48 April 11's records Record high: 95 set in 1972 Low: 28 set in 1995 Precipitation Tuesday: 0.00 in. Wednesday: 0.00 in. Month total: 0.00 in. Year total: 0.16 in. Normal total (year to date): 2.11 in. Winds Average speed: 13.7 mph Highest speed: 21 mph Gust speed: 30 mph Today's forecast High: 96

Forecast for Thursday, April 12, 2018



Low: 60 Conditions: Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night Winds: 20-25 mph (gusts up to 40 mph) during the day and night Chance of rain: None Sunrise: 7:23 a.m. Sunset: 8:16 p.m. Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 12, 2018: This year you open up to many possibilities, though clearly you like to spend time by yourself. You will explore your mind/body connection, and might find yourself in yoga classes as a result. If you are single, you could meet someone who is emotionally unavailable, especially in the time period before fall. Take your time getting to know any person in this period. If you are attached, the two of you often disappear with little explanation. You use these periods to enhance and cement your bond. PISCES reads you loud and clear.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You wake up ready to make a difference in a certain area of your life. How and where you decide to make waves could change. Remain sensitive to what is happening within your circle of friends. You might want to help someone discuss his or her feelings. Tonight: Make it personal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Emphasize friendship and your long-term goals. Taking action in order to handle a problem or misunderstanding might seem natural. However, it would serve you to detach first and understand the different mechanisms at play here. Tonight: Ask and you shall receive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) At times, you can be feisty and difficult. Think through a problem more carefully. A partner also could be unusually feisty, especially if you start talking about a sensitive issue. Take it one step at a time. Tonight: Make a point of spending more time with a special loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There are periods when you are far more sensitive than usual. Do not hold back but rather move forward with thought and deliberation. You will not tolerate any obstacle in your path. Express your caring in a meaningful manner. Tonight: Listen to your sixth sense.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Sometimes it is the smart move to act as if you are unreachable. Be somewhat less available than usual, and feel free to move forward with any matter involving joint finances or a particular bond. Also pay attention to a situation that is affecting a friend. Tonight: Out late.

VERGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not allow others to hold you up. It seems as if many people want some time with you. You are only one person with a limited amount of time. Your creativity comes into play, as you know what must happen. Express your concern in a meaningful way. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You'll dive into work and complete your to-do list quickly and efficiently. Focusing up some more time might be helpful, as you probably need a break. You have been working very hard as of late. You know

how to make others smile, so do it. Tonight: Run some errands first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You see a situation develop, and you might have several instantaneous responses. One knee-jerk reaction allows you to approach the matter with creativity. See what can be done to make it the best experience possible. Tonight: Just be yourself and be less guarded.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Tension builds between you and someone else. You might not be able to discern the situation immediately, but you will in the next 24 hours. Take your time working through

different scenarios that could do the job. Spend some quality time at home. Tonight: At a favorite place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make calls and run errands. Though you might need to do some reading or working alone, your social side emerges. You often feel a need to express that side of your personality. Try to hold yourself back right now, even if just for a little while. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite haunt.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You might want to defer to someone else who can handle a personal situation in an

unusual way. You often feel as if you need to hold back, especially when it comes to spending. Learn to say "no" a little more often. Tonight: Be discreet yet clear about what you desire.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You wake up knowing that you are in your element today. What you plan to do with some free time could change as the day progresses. Loved ones and friends check in to see what you are up to. Hopefully, you might feel a bit present. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

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## Sessions takes fight on border enforcement to New Mexico

By Mary Hudetz  
Associated Press

LAS CRUCES, N.M. —

As thousands of National Guard troops deploy to the Mexico border, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions brought his tough stance on immigration enforcement to New Mexico on Wednesday, telling border sheriffs that cracking down on illegal crossings and drug smuggling is necessary to build a lawful immigration system.

Sessions ticked off stories about smugglers being caught with opioids and cocaine at the U.S.-Mexico border and legal loopholes that have encouraged more immigrants to make the journey.

"This is not acceptable. It cannot continue," he said. "No one can defend the way the system is working today."

Outside the meeting, dozens of immigrant rights activists protested, once again rejecting Sessions' previous characterization of the border region as "ground zero" in the Trump administration's fight against cartels and human traffickers.

They chanted in Spanish, saying the region is not a "war zone" while hoisting signs that protested the proposed border wall and the deployment of National Guard troops to the region.

Sessions was speaking in Las Cruces at the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition annual spring meeting with the Southwestern Border Sheriff's Coalition, which includes 31 sheriff's departments from Texas,

New Mexico, Arizona and California.

The departments patrol areas located within 25 miles of the border.

Sessions' trip to Las Cruces, a small city about an hour north of the border, comes as construction begins nearby on 20 miles of steel fencing that officials say is part of Trump's promised wall.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials say the heightened barrier will be harder to get over, under and through than the old post and rail barriers that line the stretch of sprawling desert west of the Santa Teresa border crossing.

"The lack of a wall on the southern border is an open invitation to illegal crossings," Sessions said.

Dona Ana County Sheriff Enrique "Kiki" Vigil, whose jurisdiction includes Las Cruces and Santa Teresa, doubted that a wall is an appropriate use of resources to combat the flow of drugs in the area — one of the busiest sectors of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Vigil said he would prefer to see any additional potential spending on a border wall instead go toward acquiring more technology and filling other needs of law enforcement on the border.

"Just the building of the wall, that's going to be a humongous price," he said.

"Why not use some of that money to try to address some of the issues here in the counties?"

Citing a crisis on the border, Sessions has issued an order directing federal

prosecutors to put more emphasis on charging people with illegal entry.

He took another swipe Wednesday at sanctuary cities, telling the sheriffs that it's "illogical and insane" that a person can enter the country illegally Monday and make their way to San Francisco by Wednesday and not be deported.

Sessions said the crisis has been allowed to fester for decades while politicians made promises but did nothing to fix the system.

A 37 percent increase in illegal border crossings in March brought more than 50,000 immigrants into the United States. It was triple the number of reported illegal border crossings in the same period last year.

It was still far lower, however, than the surges during the last years of the Obama administration and prior decades.

The attorney general's "zero-tolerance" involving border crossings calls for prosecuting people who are caught illegally entering the United States for the first time.

He told the sheriffs that it would help end a practice of "catch and release" at the border, drawing applause from some in the audience. Yuma County Sheriff Leon Wilmot, of Arizona, was among those who supported the "zero-tolerance directive."

"When they would catch backpackers, for instance, they were seizing the dope and cutting them loose," Wilmot said. "The criminal element is going to exploit that."



Matt York/Associated Press

A Customs and Border Patrol agent monitors where the fence ends along the international border Tuesday near Nogales, Ariz. The Republican governors of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico on Monday committed 1,600 Guard members to the border, giving President Donald Trump many of the troops he requested to fight what he's called a crisis of migrant crossings and crime.

## Texas OKs Mexican-American studies curriculum under new name

By Will Weissert  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Board of Education on Wednesday gave preliminary approval to creating statewide academic standards for a Mexican-American studies high school course — but only after changing the name to "ethnic studies," which conservatives argued is less alienating for other groups of people.

The issue has been hotly debated for years in a state that was once part of Mexico and where a majority of public school students are Hispanic. The vote was a small but key victory for supporters of including more in classrooms about the contributions of Mexican-Americans throughout Texas' history, but the name change reflects how contentious that remains.

The Republican-controlled board voted to begin working on a statewide curriculum for a course known as "Ethnic Studies: An Overview of Americans of Mexican Descent." A final vote is set for Friday.

Four years earlier, the same board refused to approve a full, statewide Mexican-American course. Texas' 1,000-plus school districts were instead allowed to create their own, and many did, including a course offered by schools in Houston, the country's seventh largest school district.

The idea was for a consistent state framework that would make it easier for administrators and teachers wanting to create Mexican-American studies courses in their school districts to do so. But how calling it "ethnic studies" may change what gets taught remains to be seen.

"I don't subscribe to hyphenated Americanism," said David Bradley, a Republican from the Gulf Coast city of Beaumont who proposed the name change. "I find hyphenated Americanism to be divisive."

Democrats bristled, but didn't have the votes to stop the change.

"As someone who identifies as Mexican-American your experience differs from my experience," said Maria Perez-Diaz of San Antonio. "A vote in support of a change in this language sends a message that we are not about inclusivity."

Emotions ran high even before the vote. Supporters of teaching Mexican-American

studies staged a morning rally outside the state education building, then dozens of teachers, students, parents, academic experts and activists — some wearing traditional Aztec dress, others as young as 12 — lined up to defend expanding the course in Texas.

When seventh graders said they were already taking a Mexican-American studies course, board member Pat Hardy, a Republican from Fort Worth, said that state law required them to be learning Texas history. That prompted a heated exchange with an elder activist, who said it was "terrifying" to suggest that students were engaging in illegal learning.

Hardy also argued that much of what was being taught in existing high school Mexican-American studies courses is already covered elsewhere in Texas curriculums.

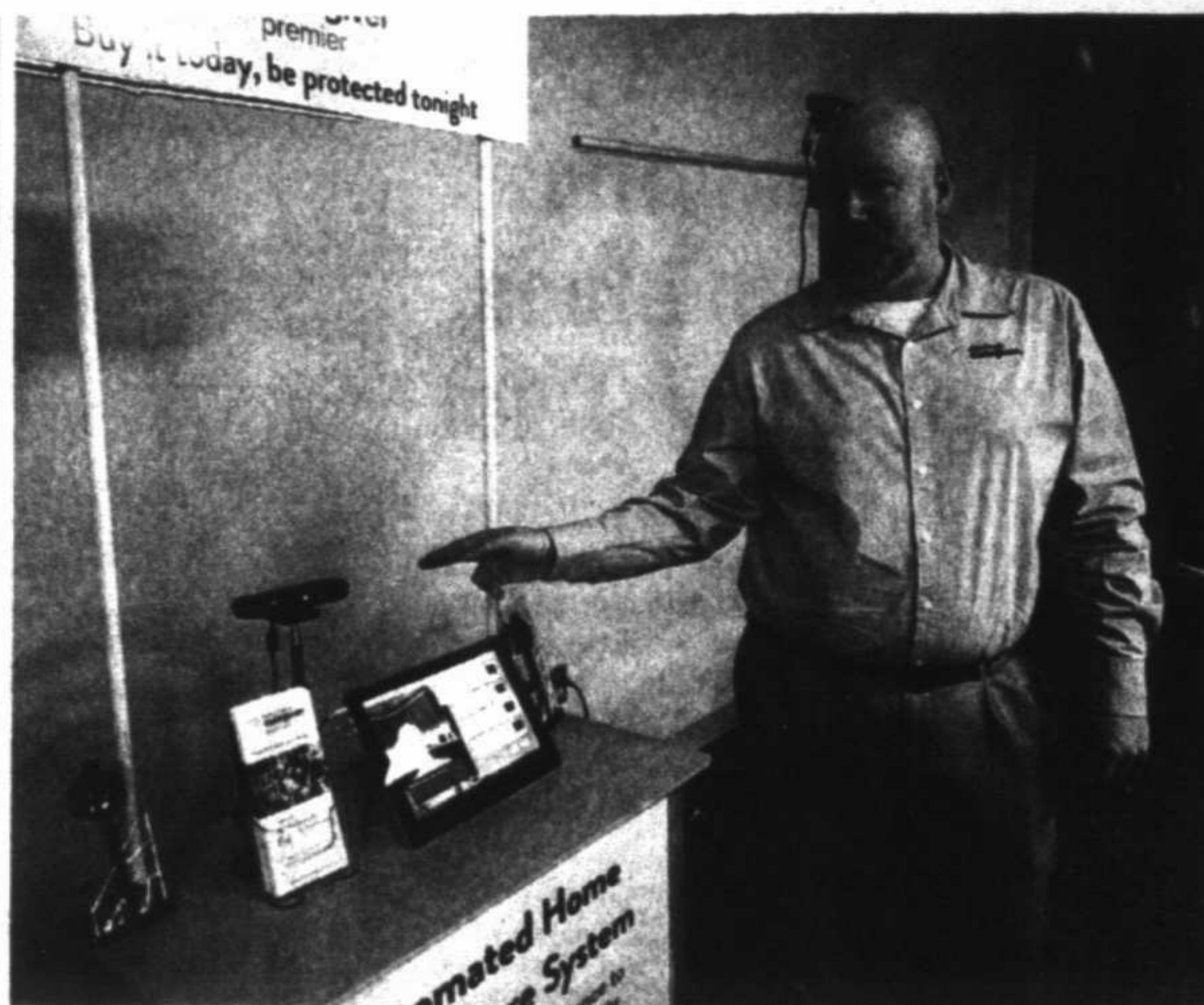
"You don't just arbitrarily put someone into the curriculum just because you want to have someone of a different ethnic background," she said.

Key historic figures of Mexican descent and Mexican-American culture are covered in existing Texas and U.S. history courses. Texas already teaches students about Mexican-American civil rights giant Hector P. Garcia and the efforts of trailblazing Tejanos dating back to the 1500s. The Republic of Texas declared independence from Mexico in 1836 and was voluntarily annexed by the United States nine years later.

But supporters of Mexican-American studies say existing curriculums don't offer enough.

Now that it's approved to create a curriculum, the board will still have to vote on exactly what it will include. A group of academics and teachers already had offered to help the board create Mexican-American course frameworks, using Houston's as a base. It includes lessons on Herman Cortez's first encounter with the Aztecs in 1519, the Mexican Revolution of 1910, the Bracero program — which allowed Mexicans to temporarily work in the United States during World War II and later — and iconic labor leaders Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta.

Texas has more than 5.3 million public school students, second in the nation behind only California, where a 2016 law developed a model curriculum for ethnic studies to eventually be offered in all high schools.



Josh Bachman/The Las Cruces Sun News via AP

Bryan Chasko, the chief technology officer for Electronic Caregiver, explains Addison, the company's new virtual assistant that can measure and notice many medical conditions a person might have, April 4 in Las Cruces, N.M. Electronic Caregiver is an emerging national tech company, the kind that could readily be found in Silicon Valley.

## Meet Electronic Caregiver: A new Las Cruces tech company

By Diana Alba Soular  
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Electronic Caregiver is an emerging national tech company, the kind that could readily be found in Silicon Valley.

But instead, it's chosen to headquarter its operations in the Mesilla Valley — a fact the company made much more prominent over the weekend when its logo and name appeared on the side of the Las Cruces Tower, the tallest building in the city.

The 60-employee company has its roots in a home-security business. But nearly a decade ago, company officials foresaw a future shift in client demand, not simply for home security devices but for ones that help to ensure the personal health and safety of elderly residents living at home by themselves. Electronic Caregiver was born.

The company occupies the 10th floor and part of the first floor of the Las Cruces Tower. It also maintains warehouse space elsewhere in Las Cruces.

After years of scientific research and \$14 million invested in software and product development, company officials believe the business is poised for bumper growth, thanks to a growing potential customer base and heightened public interest in the types of products they're creating.

### A BOOMING CUSTOMER BASE

The U.S. population of seniors 65 and older totaled 43 million in 2012, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. But that's expected to nearly double in size by 2050, reaching 83.7 million as the Baby Boomer generation ages.

In addition to greater numbers of seniors, people are tending to live longer, and they'll be dealing with many of the health conditions seniors experience, such as heart disease, respiratory problems, visual and hearing decline, and bone and joint problems, said Tony Dohrmann, CEO of Electronic Caregiver. With that in mind, the company set out to invent technology that would fill gaps it identified in the need for senior health and senior care services.

"The products we put together are going into the market, and they're being widely adopted," he said.

The company's goal is to create smart technologies that help seniors stay independent as long as possible, said Bryan Chasko, chief technology officer for Electronic Caregiver. He said the devices are like a "personal smart-home system for your body and health."

"We are in the mission of aging in place," he said. "We want to keep people in their homes longer than previous generations."

### PRODUCTS LAUNCHED

Company officials say their products go beyond the call-for-help pendants that have tended to characterize the personal safety monitoring devices for the elderly. Rather, they also tackle problems such as monitoring a person's activity levels to make sure the individual isn't unconscious, determining if a person is adhering to a doctor-prescribed treatment plan, and checking if the person is taking prescription medication on time and in the right amounts. They give access to on-the-spot medical consultation, via a partner company in Syracuse, New York.

The first wave of Electronic Caregiver devices went on the market in the fourth quarter of 2017. Dohrmann said they've been well received. Saturday, March 30 turned out to be the company's biggest single day yet in terms of new client growth, he said.

The main system consists of a wristband, a portable remote device and a docking station for charging the remote. The wristband works in tandem with the remote and serves as a backup safety feature.

The services built into the devices are purchased on a subscription basis. And they range in cost from \$40 to \$79 a month.

Chasko said the devices are gaining interest from younger clients, too, as a way to monitor personal safety or the status of a person with a chronic disease.

"We have families sending their kids to

college with these things," he said.

### DEBUTING ADDISON

Dohrmann said the release of another major product — a tablet-based, interactive virtual medical assistant known as Addison — is set to happen this summer. It will be able to do everything the wristband system does, as well as additional functions such as collecting key vitals and monitoring for falls. As part of that, an animated character, known as Addison, verbally interacts with users. The aim is to give a friendly, compassionate face to technology, he said.

"We're using AI (artificial intelligence)," Dohrmann said. "We're using visual sensing. We're using augmented reality techniques."

Plans are for the system to be multi-lingual. Addison-based services are expected to range from \$199 to \$499 monthly. Dohrmann said it will be a comprehensive product.

"It's like having a full-blown caregiver in the house 24 hours a day," he said.

### PREVENTING FALLS

Trying to gauge whether he or she might be at increased risk for falling, one of the biggest hazards seniors face, has been a big focus of Electronic Caregiver. Dohrmann said the company more than six years ago began designing a plan about how to collect and analyze data on gait — the way a person walks. And in-depth research in collaboration with New Mexico State University began. The company took a mobile lab on the road to gather data on individuals' gait.

The idea is that early detection of certain changes in a person's walking patterns can serve as a forewarning of falls, said David Keeley, biomechanist and Electronic Caregiver's director of clinical research. The research has led to publications of roughly 10 scientific papers, and a number of technology patents have been filed.

"We're putting out a lot of intellectual property protections," he said.

In addition to offering the Addison system to customers, the company is proposing to deploy Addison-enabled kiosks at pharmacies, doctor's offices and other places across the country to assess a person's gait and risk of falling. To get an assessment, a person will follow the instructions and walk in a designated pattern in front of the kiosk, in addition to answering a series of questions.

### WHY LAS CRUCES

So why didn't Electronic Caregiver choose a bigger city for its headquarters?

Dohrmann said there are several reasons he likes Las Cruces, including the fact that there's not a long commute. Because the company isn't in a California metropolis, employees don't spend hours a day commuting to and from the office, he said.

"We spend our time working and collaborating, not on freeways and traffic," he said.

Also, Dohrmann said New Mexico State University is a nearby resource, producing talented graduates and working collaboratively on research.

Chasko says when he's looking to hire a new employee, a go-to place for referrals is NMSU.

### GROWTH ANTICIPATED

Electronic Caregiver employs 60 people now across a spectrum of professions, including physicians, nurses, accountants, computer scientists and digital artists. And company officials expect to hire at least another 50-70 people in the next year, particularly programmers, customer service reps and accounting specialists, among others.

Dohrmann said the company's innovation has been attracting some national attention, such as from Amazon Web Services, which recently tweeted about the company. Electronic Caregiver is planning a big display at the Consumer Electronics Show in early 2019 in Las Vegas.

Also, the company is planning a convention for its investors in Las Cruces in early May, an event that will be paired with a border regional health summit.



Jacquelyn Martin/Associated Press

House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis., announces that he will not run for re-election at the end of his term Wednesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

## Ryan bowing out, sending ripples of uncertainty through GOP

By Lisa Mascaro  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Paul Ryan announced Wednesday he will retire rather than seek another term in Congress as the steady if reluctant wingman for President Donald Trump, sending ripples through a Washington already on edge and spreading new uncertainty through a party bracing for a rough election year.

The Wisconsin Republican cast the decision to end his 20-year career as a personal one, saying he did not want his children growing up with a "week-end dad." Claiming he's accomplished "a heckuva lot," he said the party can point to strong gains as lawmakers campaign ahead of November elections. A self-styled budget expert, Ryan had made tax cuts a centerpiece of his legislative agenda, and a personal cause, and Congress delivered on that late last year.

"I have given this job everything I have," he said. "We're going to have a great record to run on."

But Ryan's impending departure also sets off a scramble among his lieutenants to take the helm. And it will fuel speculation that Ryan is eyeing a coming Democratic surge, fueled by opposition to Trump, that could wrest control of the House from Republicans' grip. Several GOP veterans have announced plans to retire in recent months and another, Rep. Dennis Ross of Florida, followed Ryan on Wednesday.

After talking with Trump early Wednesday, Ryan, 48, first announced his plans at a closed-door meeting of House Republicans. Rep. Mark Walker of North Carolina said an emotional Ryan "choked up a few times trying to get through" his remarks to colleagues and received three standing ovations.

Moments later, Ryan told reporters that if he were to stay for one more term, his children — now all teens — would only know him as a weekend dad.

"I can't let that happen," he said. The speaker had been heading toward this decision since late last year, said a person familiar with his thinking, but as recently as February he had considered running for another term. His own father died suddenly of a heart attack when he was 16, and though Ryan is in good health, the distance from his family weighed on him. A final decision was made over the two-week congressional recess, which was partly spent on a family vacation in the

Czech Republic.

Ryan called extended family and a few close friends Tuesday night and alerted a few staff. On Wednesday morning, after talking to the president, the vice president and fellow GOP lawmakers from Wisconsin, he gathered the rest of his staff before going to the conference meeting, officials said.

Ryan, who has had a difficult relationship with Trump, thanked the president for giving him the chance to move the GOP ahead.

For many Republicans, Ryan has been "a steady force in contrast to the president's more mercurial tone," said Rep. Mark Sanford of South Carolina. "That's needed."

Ryan, from Janesville, Wisconsin, was first elected to Congress in 1998. Along with Reps. Eric Cantor and Kevin McCarthy, he branded himself a rising "young gun" in an aging party and a new breed of hard-charging Republican ready to shrink the size of government.

He became GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney's running mate in 2012.

Ryan was pulled into the leadership job by the abrupt retirement of Speaker John Boehner in 2015. Boehner had struggled to wrangle the chamber's restless conservative wing and failed to seal big deals on fiscal policy he sought. Ryan had more trust with the hardliners in the House.

"That's probably his greatest gift to us," said Rep. Kevin Cramer of North Dakota. "His ability to bridge the vast divide."

But Ryan ultimately had to wrestle with another unexpected challenge: Trump, a president with little of Ryan's interest in policy detail or ideological purity. The two have had not had a close working relationship.

House Majority Leader McCarthy, a Republican from California known to be tighter with Trump, is expected to again seek the top leadership post that slipped from his reach in 2015. He will likely compete with Majority Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana. Both men spoke at the closed-door meeting Wednesday, delivering tributes to Ryan.

Another potential rival, Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, demurred when asked if he'd pursue the speaker's job. "Leadership has never been on my bucket list, and it's not on my bucket list today," he said.

Ryan's announcement comes as Republicans are bracing for a potential blue wave of voter enthusiasm for

Democrats, who need to flip at least 24 GOP-held seats in November to regain the majority.

As the House GOP's top fundraiser, Ryan's sudden lame duck status could send shockwave through donor circles that are relying on his leadership at the helm of the House majority. He has hauled in \$54 million so far this election cycle.

"It injects some more uncertainty to be sure," said the No. 2 Senate Republican, John Cornyn of Texas. "It's just another issue that's floating out there, and obviously there's going to be some competition for his successor."

A top GOP fundraiser, Eric Tanenblatt, expects Ryan to remain a force in a tough cycle. "Donors who are committed to making sure Republicans hold onto the majority will do whatever they have to do to make that happen," he said.

In Wisconsin, the most likely Republican candidate for Ryan's seat is state Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, multiple Republicans in the state said. Vos did not immediately return telephone or text messages.

Another Republican mentioned as a potential candidate is longtime Ryan family friend and backer Bryan Steil, an attorney and member of the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents. Steil did not immediately return an email seeking comment.

Democrat Randy Bryce, a colorful ironworker who has cultivated an "IronStache" moniker, had been Ryan's best-known challenger, drawing liberal support from around the country. He had nearly \$2.3 million in the bank at the end of the first quarter. Janesville teacher Cathy Myers was also running on the Democratic side. The only declared Republican was Paul Nehlen, who was banned from Twitter for a series of posts criticized as racist or anti-Semitic.

In Washington, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell praised Ryan's tenure, and the Democratic leader, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, said she hoped Ryan would work constructively on bipartisan goals before he leaves.

While his plans are uncertain once he steps down in January, Ryan has long said being speaker would be his last job in elected office. Others have suggested that an ideal job for the policy wonk could be running a think tank, noting the leader of the conservative American Enterprise Institute recently announced he would be stepping down.

## Speaker Ryan will leave behind new tax code, busted budget

By Andrew Taylor  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Paul Ryan will leave Congress having achieved one of his career goals: rewriting the tax code. On his other defining aim — balancing the budget and cutting back benefit programs like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid — Ryan has utterly failed.

Ryan, a budget geek with a passion for details who announced Wednesday that he would retire next year, proved adroit in drawing up budget plans that balanced on paper but didn't get beyond the hypothetical. Under his leadership, Republicans never tried to implement

the deep cuts his budget called for, particularly his vision of turning Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees. Instead, the House passed steep tax cuts while increasing spending, setting the government on a path to rising deficits.

The gap between Ryan's reach and his grasp was especially stark this week. The Congressional Budget Office said Monday that the tax bill and last month's \$1.3 trillion spending bill would add more than \$2.6 trillion to the national debt over the coming decade — and the looming return of the first trillion-dollar deficits since President Barack Obama's first term.

The rising deficits don't

lay at Ryan's feet alone. Although the 48-year-old lawmaker from Wisconsin was an aggressive salesman for his plans, and was once viewed as the new face of a GOP focused on shrinking the size of government, the party ultimately did not turn his way.

President Donald Trump had no interest in Ryan's Medicare proposal and even called it a political loser during the 2016 primary campaign. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has made clear he's not interested in taking on Social Security reforms.

"I feel from all the budgets that I've passed, normalizing entitlement reform, pushing the cause

of entitlement reform and the House passing entitlement reform, I'm very proud of that fact," Ryan said Wednesday.

Still, this was not likely how a young Ryan, who cut his teeth in Washington as a speechwriter for conservative icon Jack Kemp, imagined closing out his career.

Earlier in his career, Ryan was an advocate for partially privatizing Social Security by allowing younger retirees to steer a portion of their payroll taxes into retirement accounts.

That idea cratered in 2005 despite a determined push by President George W. Bush.

"Collectively, Congress is always fearful of taking on tough issues, and there's no budget issue tougher than Medicare and Social Security," said former Sen. John Sununu, R-N.H., who co-sponsored Ryan's 2005 Social Security bill. "It's been true for three decades or more."

## Paul Ryan retirement plans could make waves for Texas delegation

■ The decision could spur Republicans in Texas to seek leadership positions. Fundraising in the state and elsewhere could also be affected.

By Abby Livingston  
Texas Tribune

WASHINGTON — U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan announced he would retire from Congress at the end of this term Wednesday morning, a move expected to have far-reaching political implications for this year's midterm elections and the Republican Party's future leadership in Congress.

Ryan pointed to his young family as the reason for his retirement.

"What I realize is, if I am here for one more term, my kids will have only known me as a week-end dad," he told reporters on Wednesday.

Axios first reported the news, which could have consequences for politics within the state of Texas. Should Republicans hold the House, the retirement will open up a leadership slot, which some Texans in the congressional delegation might eye.

Ryan pointed to his young family as the reason for his retirement.

"He's going to be hard to replace," said U.S. Rep. Ted Poe, a retiring Republican from Houston who was once roommates with Ryan.

"I think there is a lot of wisdom leaving Congress this year, people who really get along quite well with each other in parties," he added. "It's rare to see that many people, in my opinion, with that much wisdom all leaving in the same year."

The announcement did not set off the kind of pandemonium that has followed past announcements of changes in leadership. Most on Capitol Hill were already expecting Ryan to retire, but not until after the November elections.

And the race to succeed him — possibly between U.S. House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California and U.S. House Majority Whip Steve Scalise — had already begun to take shape.

But it is a concrete reality now.

And how that race and a number of other shifts in power throughout the conference could affect Texans' ambitions — including the bid of U.S. Rep. Kay Granger of Fort Worth to lead the U.S. House Appropriations Committee — will be front and center in members' regional considerations.

Along with Granger's potential bid, U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions, a Dallas Republican, was eyeing the majority whip slot if it opened when former U.S. Speaker John Boehner retired in 2015, but that race didn't come to pass.

The powerful speaker's position opening is contingent on the GOP holding the House.

But Sessions, who once ran the House GOP campaign arm, shut down such talk about future leadership races at afternoon votes on Wednesday.

"I think that this announcement comes at a time that could create a scenario two different ways," Sessions said. "Number one, it could create a scenario that people start running for something that we haven't won; and two, it sets a trajectory where people are out stumbling over each other to prove who's good or better rather than following a succinct plan."

"I think we ought to keep our powder dry," he added.

"I think we should go do what we're going to do and that every member should be cognizant that until we win we haven't won."

It is hard to underscore how much of a blow to Republican unity this retirement could bring to an already-divided conference. While conservatives frequently criticized Ryan, he was widely viewed as the lone member who could hold the conference together.

Ryan is a prolific fundraiser and, by retiring, will lose much leverage on that front. The money he raises across the country largely goes toward television advertising to help vulnerable incumbents.

This cycle, that money could potentially go toward the three Texas Republicans that Democrats say they are targeting most aggressively in the fall: Sessions and U.S. Reps. John Culberson of Houston and Will Hurd of Helotes.

At the news conference, Ryan suggested that his retirement would have no effect on individual Republican members' races.

Privately, Republican strategists are deeply unhappy with the news. The tradition is for a speaker to run for re-election and resign after the midterms, setting up a special election in their home district. Ryan said at the news conference that he viewed such a move as being dishonest with his constituents and his "conscience could not handle going out that way."

The speaker just completed a multi-million dollar fundraising swing through Texas that also included a retreat with about 100 GOP donors.

"I think it's a signal that Speaker Ryan thinks things aren't going well for the 2018 midterms," said U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio.

"On some level, it's no surprise the president's party will take a hit, but I think they're expecting a very big hit in November of 2018, including in places like Texas."

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, the Senate majority whip, saluted Ryan as an "extraordinary human being," noting the speaker had taken the job "not as a personal ambition but out of a sense of duty."

"I don't begrudge his decision at all, although I do think this creates another element of uncertainty in the lead-up to the 2018 election, and of course there's going to be a lot of jostling for his successor," the Texas Republican told reporters on a conference call.

### Congressman Conaway reacts

"Speaker of the House is a thankless job, and Speaker Ryan stepped in to lead our conference when we needed him most. He has done a tremendous job, unifying the Republican party to help us elect a Republican president and championing the most significant tax cuts we've seen for working families in over 30 years. Speaker Ryan has made it clear that he intends to serve out the rest of his term, which will allow for his continued leadership through the 2018 midterm elections. I am grateful for Speaker Ryan's service to our country, and wish he and his family all the best as they enjoy some much deserved quality time together."

— Mike Conaway

# OPINION

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## Republicans, Democrats did something big

Washington seems to be in the grip of hyperpartisan gridlock these days. Important bills are passed on party-line votes (when they are passed at all) and the investigative committees of Congress appear to be sideshows, unable to agree on basic facts.

Many Americans despair that Republicans and Democrats seem incapable of coming together to do anything important.

Take heart — the two parties just did do something big together. On Wednesday, President Trump signed into law the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act, a bill designed to crack down on websites that knowingly facilitate the online sex trafficking of vulnerable persons, including underage boys and girls. And the FBI, informed by evidence collected during a nearly two-year bipartisan investigation by the Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, just seized the website Backpage.com — which the Center for Missing and Exploited Children says is responsible for 73 percent of the 10,000 child sex trafficking reports it receives each year — and arrested seven of its top executives.

You might think cracking down on child sex traffickers would be a legislative layup. You'd be wrong. The bill — authored by Republican Sens. Rob Portman (Ohio), John McCain (Arizona), and John Cornyn (Texas) and Democrats Richard Blumen-

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thal (Connecticut) Claire McCaskill (Missouri) and Heidi Heitkamp (North Dakota) — was hard to pass. (Full disclosure: My wife works for Portman).

The act faced a wall of opposition from Silicon Valley because it amended Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, which gave blanket immunity from civil and criminal prosecution to online entities that publish third-party content. Big Tech wanted to preserve that blanket immunity, even if it gave legal cover to websites that were using it to sell children for sex. When child sex trafficking survivors tried to sue Backpage, and state attorneys general tried to prosecute the owners, federal courts ruled against them, specifically citing Section 230. This did not move Big Tech. Chief among the culprits was Google, which apparently forgot its old corporate motto of "Don't Be Evil" and lobbied fiercely against the bill.

How did the senators overcome Big

Tech's lobbying campaign? First, Portman and McCaskill, the chairman and ranking member of the permanent subcommittee on investigations, used subpoena power to gather corporate files, bank records, and other evidence that Backpage knowingly facilitated criminal sex trafficking of vulnerable women and children, and then covered up that evidence. They fought Backpage all the way to the Supreme Court to enforce their subpoenas. The subcommittee then published a voluminous report detailing its findings of their investigation, including evidence that Backpage knew it was facilitating child sex trafficking and that it was not simply a passive publisher of third-party content. Instead, the company was automatically editing users' child sex ads to strip them of words that might arouse suspicion (such as "lolita," "teenage," "rape," "young," "amber alert," "little girl," "fresh," "innocent" and "school girl") before publishing them and advised users on how to create "clean" postings.

Then Portman, McCaskill and their co-authors used the result of their investigation to craft a narrow legislative fix that would allow bad actors such as Backpage to be held accountable. The bill they produced allows sex trafficking victims to sue the websites that facilitated the crimes against them and allows state law enforcement officials, not just the Justice Department, to

prosecute websites that violate federal sex trafficking laws. The committee also turned over all its raw documents to the Justice Department, urging them to undertake a criminal review, which Justice did.

Despite all the Silicon Valley money against them, the senators never wavered. Through the sheer power of the testimony of trafficking survivors, Mary Mazzio's documentary "I am Jane Doe," the evidence of crimes committed by Backpage, and the support of law enforcement, anti-trafficking advocates, 50 state attorneys general, the civil rights community and faith-based groups — as well as carefully negotiated language — they wore down most of Big Tech's opposition. Last November, Facebook finally came on board. But Google shamefully never relented in its opposition. Despite this, the act overwhelmingly passed both chambers of Congress.

Thanks to this bipartisan effort, the world's largest online child sex bazaar is shuttered, many of its executives are under indictment and sex trafficking victims can finally get justice in court. These senators have given hope not just to the survivors but also to millions of Americans who had lost faith that their elected leaders could put aside partisanship and resist the power of money in politics for the good of the country.

### OPINION EXTRA

## DOJ, FBI better have evidence against Cohen

This week, the FBI raided the office, hotel room and home of President Trump's personal attorney and self-described "fixer," Michael Cohen. According to various media reports, the Department of Justice signed off on a warrant for the search; presumably, the law enforcement agency is searching for evidence regarding Cohen's \$130,000 payment to pornography actress Stormy Daniels, who allegedly had a one-night stand with Trump in 2006. Cohen has openly stated that he paid Daniels to shut up about her peccadillo with Trump — and he has said that Trump had no knowledge of the payment.

That presents a problem. If Cohen paid off Daniels without Trump's knowledge, that raises the question as to whether their agreement was binding. If not, then Trump may have been party to a violation of campaign finance law, since a \$130,000 in-kind donation is well above any legal limit. And if Cohen and Trump coordinated that arrangement, none of their communications on the matter are subject to attorney-client privilege.

So, it's quite possible that the FBI and DOJ may have just ensnared Cohen and, by extension, Trump, in a serious scandal.

But this raises another question: Where the hell were the FBI and DOJ when it came to Hillary Clinton? Trump himself has been enraged by the disparity between law enforcement's treatment of Clinton and its treatment of him. He rightly points out that the FBI and DOJ worked to exonerate Clinton, with former FBI Director James Comey going so far as to change the definition of existing law to avoid recommending her indictment for mishandling classified material. And not only did then-Attorney General Loretta Lynch meet with former President Bill Clinton on a tarmac in the middle of the election cycle and the investigation of his wife; Lynch's Department of Justice allowed Cheryl Mills, Hillary Clinton's top aide, to claim attorney-client privilege. As Andrew McCarthy of National Review pointed out at the time, Mills was involved in the scrubbing of more than 30,000 emails, yet the DOJ "indulged her attorney-client privilege claim, which frustrated the FBI's ability to question her on a key aspect of the investigation." Furthermore, Mills was allowed to sit in on Clinton's interview with the FBI as Clinton's lawyer.

And herein lies the problem for the DOJ and the FBI. Let's assume, for a moment, that everything they're doing now is totally honest and aboveboard — that there's no attempt to "get" President Trump and they're just following where the evidence leads. Many conservatives will rightly point to the DOJ and FBI treatment of Hillary Clinton, and state that the agencies ought to be consistent in their application of the law and leave Trump alone. Or they'll suggest that Trump ought to turn those agencies into personal defense organizations, as former President Obama did.

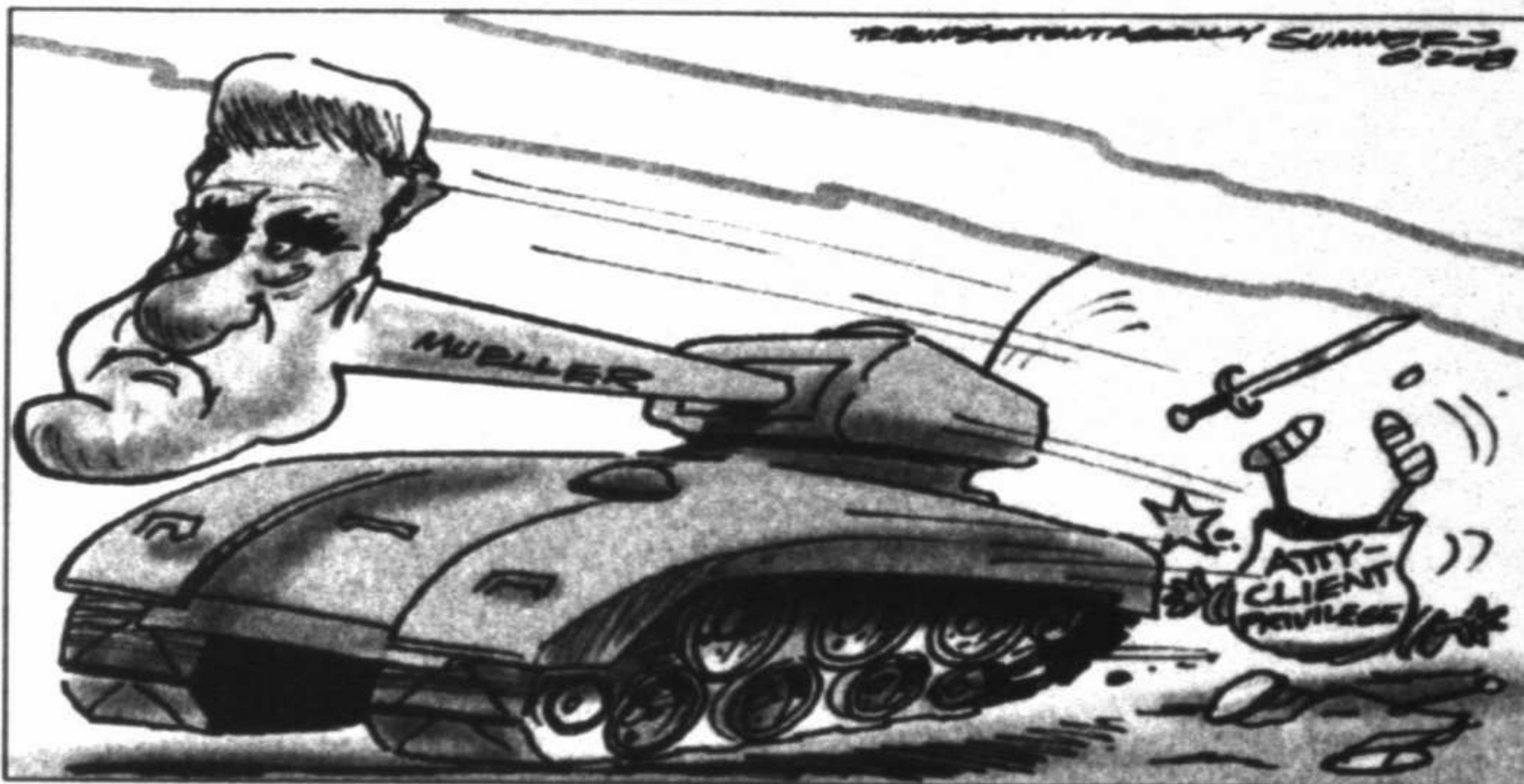
Once supposedly neutral organizations are made partisan, a return to neutrality looks partisan. That means that the FBI and DOJ damn well better have gold-plated evidence against Cohen; they better not leak to the press ancillary information damaging to Trump; and they better have dotted all their i's and crossed all their t's. If not, there will be hell to pay, not merely for those agencies but for a country that can no longer trust its own law enforcement agencies.

— Ben Shapiro, Creators Syndicate

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## Facebook's boy billionaire leaves the tough stuff to the grown-ups

The boy billionaire needed some added stature. Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg replaced his usual gray T-shirt with a blue suit for his big day before Congress, a sartorial upgrade that evoked class-photo day at school.

The slight 33-year-old, led into the cavernous Senate hearing room by a phalanx of aides, appeared momentarily confused about where to sit, until aides beckoned toward the witness table. Awaiting him on the leather chair: a 4-inch-thick black foam cushion.

At least they didn't try to put him in a booster seat.

It is going to take more than some firm foam to prop up Zuckerberg. His creation, 14 years after it started in his Harvard University dorm room, has billions of users and has made Zuckerberg worth tens of billions of dollars. But it has also violated the privacy expectations of millions of people, allowed Russia to interfere in U.S. elections and promoted the spread of fake news.

Zuckerberg came prepared with one message to those who would regulate Facebook: Trust me. "I'm committed to getting this right," he promised. Problem is, whenever the questioning got tough, Zuckerberg made clear that he could not be trusted to give an answer.

How many improper data transfers to third parties have there been?

"I can have my team follow up with you."

How many fake accounts have been removed?

"I'm happy to have my team follow up with you."

Were Facebook employees involved with Cambridge Analytica's help for Donald Trump?

"I can certainly have my team get back to you."

Where do the 87 million Facebook users who had their data scraped for Cambridge Analytica come from?

"We can follow up with your office."

Zuckerberg was practically crying out for adult supervision.

Zuckerberg, of course, is no dummy. He was coached for the hearing by some of the best Washington hands money can buy. His professed ignorance, therefore, was most likely a calculation that he could avoid committing to much — and it wouldn't come back to bite him.

He was probably right. Senators seemed as if they were less interested in regulating him than in gawking at him.

Sen. Ervin's Watergate committee had seven members. The committee probing the Titanic's sinking also had seven. The Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack had 10.

Total number of senators on the panel to question Zuckerberg on Tuesday afternoon: 44. They had to

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bring in seven folding tables to seat all the senators.

When executives are hauled before Congress — automakers, bankers, tobacco or oil honchos — it is usually under the threat of laws and subpoenas. Zuckerberg's appearance didn't have that feel. Lawmakers skipped the ritual of swearing him in. There were tough questions but relatively few threats of major legislation. For the most part, senators were asking Zuckerberg whether he would please take care of things himself.

"Many are incredibly inspired by what you've done," Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., declared, telling Zuckerberg "it's up to you" to avoid "a privacy nightmare" for Facebook users.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, put on the kid gloves, defending Facebook's business model by saying "nothing in life is free." And Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., boasted that he was the first to put his Facebook page on his business card.

Zuckerberg, high atop his cushion, returned the flattery: "Senator, I believe that's an important principle ... this deserves a lot of discussion ... great question ... this is an important question ... thank you for your leadership."

Zuckerberg read his opening statement about the data breach as it was written, including the "I'm sorry." But he was rather easier on himself when responding to questions, explaining that "it's pretty much impossible, I believe, to start a company in your dorm room ... without making some mistakes."

Zuckerberg has come a long way from the dorm room, yet he still labored to play the grown-up at times Tuesday. After a break in testimony, he returned to say that his "team" told him his testimony about Cambridge Analytica had been wrong. The questioning resumed.

Zuckerberg told Sen. Edward J. Markey, D-Mass., he looked "forward to having my team follow up."

He told Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., he would "have my team follow up with you."

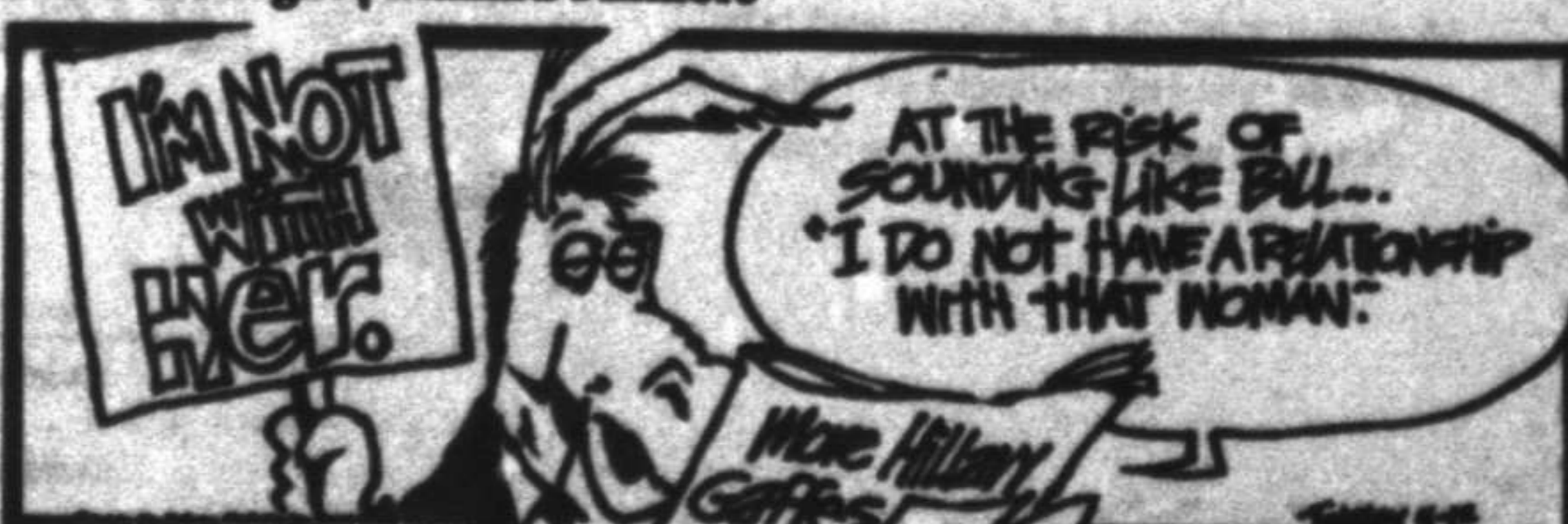
He told Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., "I can follow up or I can have my team follow up."

When he made a similar offer to Sen. Tom Udall, the Democrat from New Mexico refused to accept it. "I'm talking about you, not your team," he told Zuckerberg.

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## Banks and technology stocks fall; oil rises to three-year high

By Marley Jay  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Companies including banks and technology and health care firms fell Wednesday after U.S. stocks had surged the day before. Oil prices hit a three-year high after President Donald Trump tweeted that the U.S. will launch missiles at targets in Syria.

Other than energy companies, stocks were slightly lower for most of the day. Banks slipped along with interest rates while health care and technology companies gave up some of the big gains they made on Tuesday. Trump said the U.S. will respond to the recent suspected chemical attack and Saudi Arabia said it intercepted missiles fired by rebels in Yemen. Fighting in the Middle East could restrict oil supplies and push prices higher.

The Federal Reserve released minutes from its meeting in March. Some policymakers felt the central bank may have to increase rates more quickly in response to faster economic growth and rising inflation, and it might have to focus on slowing the economy to keep inflation under control. The market didn't react dramatically to that development, but stock indexes trailed off in the afternoon.

Simona Mucuta, senior economist for State Street Global Advisors, said it's a challenge for investors to respond to events like possible strikes in Syria because it's not clear what the outcomes will be.

"There is so much uncertainty about the geopolitics that it's hard for the market even to price on a day-to-day basis," she said.

The S&P 500 index fell 14.68 points, or 0.6 percent, to 2,642.19 after it surged 1.7 percent Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average slid 218.55 points, or 0.9 percent, to 24,189.45. The Nasdaq composite lost 25.27 points, or 0.4 percent, to 7,069.03. But the Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks rose 3.37 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,546.80, and most of the stocks on the New York Stock Exchange finished higher.

Facebook stock continued to rise as CEO Mark Zuckerberg testified before Congress for a second day. The stock surged Tuesday afternoon at the beginning of Zuckerberg's testimony. It rose 0.8 percent to \$166.32 Wednesday after a jump of 4.5 percent Tuesday, its biggest gain in two years.

Daniel Ives, head of technology research for GBH Insights, said



A pedestrian passes the New York Stock Exchange on April 5.

Facebook rallied for two reasons. One is that Zuckerberg did well in his testimony after investors had their doubts about how he would perform on Capitol Hill. The other is that Wall Street felt many members of Congress weren't very tough on Facebook because they don't grasp some of the relevant issues. As a result, investors grew less worried that the government will crack down on Facebook and other technology companies.

"A lot of the regulators and politicians don't really understand Facebook and its (business) model, so how can you expect that regulation is going to be a near-term issue?" he said. "The political theater and grandstanding has actually worked to the benefit of Facebook and Zuckerberg rather than to its detriment."

Facebook's stock is still down 10 percent since the Cambridge Analytica privacy scandal broke in mid-March. Other social media companies also rallied over the past two days. Snap, the parent of Snapchat, rose 2.2 percent, to \$14.80. Twitter slipped 0.5 percent to \$29.39 after a 5.4 percent gain Tuesday.

Energy companies rose as benchmark U.S. crude climbed 2 percent to \$66.82 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, gained 1.4 percent to \$72.06 a barrel in London. Oil prices jumped more than 3 percent Tuesday as investors got more optimistic about a possible resolution to the U.S.-China trade spat.

Overseas markets mostly fell following their gains the day before. Germany's DAX lost 0.8 percent and

the CAC 40 in France dropped 0.6 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 edged 0.1 percent lower. Japan's Nikkei 225 stock index lost 0.5 percent and the Kospi in South Korea declined 0.3 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng climbed 0.6 percent.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.78 percent from 2.80 percent. That put pressure on banks. When bond yields fall, it forces interest rates on mortgages and other kinds of loans lower, meaning lower profits for banks. JPMorgan Chase fell 1.7 percent to \$110.62 and Bank of America declined 1.9 percent to \$29.90.

Medical and security imaging equipment maker Analogic agreed to be bought by Altaris Capital Partners for \$84 a share, or \$1.05 billion. That was much less than investors had hoped for and the stock dropped 13.2 percent to \$83.35.

Analogic spiked from about \$84 in March to as much as \$96 a share Tuesday. Analogic noted that the stock price was lower than that when the company announced it would consider a sale. The dollar dipped to 106.95 yen from 107.17 yen. The euro hardly budged as it rose to \$1.2362 from \$1.2361.

In other commodity trading, gold rose 1 percent to \$1,360 an ounce. Silver also rose 1 percent to \$16.77 an ounce. Copper lost 0.6 percent to \$3.12 a pound.

Wholesale gasoline rose 1.3 percent to \$2.07 a gallon and heating oil added 1.4 percent to \$2.09 a gallon. Natural gas edged up 0.7 percent to \$2.68 per 1,000 cubic feet.

## Political crises threaten to double OPEC's planned cuts

By Grant Smith  
Bloomberg

The deal OPEC struck in 2016 to clear a global glut by halting a significant chunk of oil production took almost a year of bargaining and brinkmanship. By year-end, the group may have lost the same amount of crude unintentionally.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is already cutting daily production by much more than its pledged 1.2 million barrels. Venezuela's economic crisis is battering its oil industry and pushing output to the lowest level in decades, with a further decline likely. If President Donald Trump also reimposes sanctions on Iran, the cartel's unplanned losses could swell to double the targeted cut.

That would pose a dilemma for Saudi Arabia and Russia, the leaders of the cuts agreement. Should they let the oil market get even tighter, but run the risk that higher prices hurt demand or spur an even bigger wave of American shale-oil? Or should they fill the gap by increasing production, but in the process unravel their historic agreement prematurely?

"When we think about the year end, it's Iran in combination with Venezuela," said Helima Croft, head of commodity strategy at RBC Capital Markets LLC in New York. "We could have a snap-back in U.S. sanctions on Iran. In Venezuela, it's a slow bleed — the losses just keep adding up."

Saudi Arabia and Russia, for years oil-market rivals, assembled a coalition of 24 OPEC nations and non-members to eliminate the surplus created by the U.S. shale boom. The accord has exceeded expectations. Excess inventories will be gone in two to three months, according to the International Energy Agency, and Brent crude prices are above \$70 a barrel, the highest in three years.

The collapse of Venezuela's oil industry has aided the wider group's efforts. The nation's daily production of 1.5 million barrels is 560,000 barrels lower than October 2016 — the starting point specified in the cuts agreement. That's more than five times its pledged reduction.

The Latin American country's economic crisis shows no sign of abating and output may slump to 1.1 million barrels a day by the end of the year, according to consultant Rapidan Energy Group in Washington. The decline will be even steeper if the U.S. follows through on threats to impose new sanctions after elections scheduled for May, Rapidan said.

The loss of that much Venezuelan crude would tighten oil markets significantly more than OPEC and its allies intended. The growing tensions between the U.S. and Iran could make the supply deficit even more severe.

Next month, President Trump will review

America's commitment to an international agreement that restricted Iran's nuclear activities in exchange for relief from sanctions. He has been fiercely critical of the accord and recently fired top officials who were supportive of the deal, replacing them with more hostile figures.

There's a 70 percent likelihood that Trump will abandon the pact and reintroduce sanctions on oil sales, said Mike Wittner, head of oil market research at Societe Generale SA. That would curb Iran's exports by about 500,000 barrels a day, he estimates.

Under the terms of the 2016 OPEC deal, Iran didn't have to reduce production because it was still recovering from the last round of international sanctions. So a half-million-barrel drop in its output, combined with the loss of 900,000 barrels a day of Venezuelan crude beyond its pledged reduction, would double the group's intended cut.

The situation in both countries is highly uncertain and the direct predictions may not be fulfilled. America's European allies are keen to preserve the accord with Iran, which could mean the impact of renewed U.S. restrictions on oil sales would be limited, said Olivier Jakob at consultants Petromatrix GmbH in Zug, Switzerland.

Venezuela's state oil company has so far managed to avoid defaulting on its debt, although it shows no sign of having the resources required to reverse the slide in production.

Still, the likely outcome is that OPEC's efforts to tighten the market will go further than intended and "the inventory draw will be more than the target," said Ed Morse, head of commodities research at Citigroup Inc. in New York.

That would give Russia and Saudi Arabia the dilemma of whether to continue restraining production or restore it. It's not clear which they would choose.

Before OPEC and Russia agreed to extend their cuts last year, Moscow voiced concerns that letting prices rise too high would only stimulate more production in the U.S. More recently however, Energy Minister Alexander Novak echoed Saudi support for continuing the curbs until the end of 2018 as planned and spoke of the cooperation lasting indefinitely.

Maintaining the cuts and allowing a significantly tighter market would align with Saudi Arabia's desire for an oil price of about \$80 a barrel to support the valuation of Aramco before an initial public offering. Yet it may also be inclined to boost output to take market share from regional antagonist Iran, just as it did in the last round of sanctions in 2012.

"Saudi Arabia increased its production the last time Iran was under sanctions," said Eugen Weinberg, head of commodities research at Commerzbank AG in Frankfurt. "Is it going to be different this time around?"

## AP sources: Raid on Trump lawyer about payments to women

By Chad Day, Eric Tucker and Tom Hays  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal agents who raided the office of President Donald Trump's personal attorney, Michael Cohen, were looking for information about payments to a former Playboy Playmate and a porn actress who claim to have had affairs with Trump, two people familiar with the investigation said.

Public corruption prosecutors in the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan are trying to determine if there was any fraud related to the payments to Karen McDougal and Stormy Daniels, according to one of the people. McDougal, a former Playmate, was paid \$150,000 by the parent company of the National Enquirer for her story, though the magazine never published it. Cohen paid \$130,000 to Daniels as part of an agreement, made before the 2016 election, to keep her from going public.

A warrant used in the raid Monday specifically authorized agents to seize records related to McDougal, said one of the people, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the confidential details.

The payments appear to be part of a pattern of Trump's self-described fixer trying to shield the businessman-turned-politician from embarrassing press by buying women's silence.

Investigators also sought bank records and communications with the Trump campaign, according to a third person familiar with the investigation, who also spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the confidential details.

The warrants also sought business records on Cohen's dealings in the taxi industry, the person said. Cohen owns several medallions for New York

City yellow cabs that allow them to pick up passengers on the street.

The new details on the Cohen raid emerged as the president boomed over on Twitter about it and evidence that investigators are zeroing in on his inner circle. The raid on Cohen was not carried out by special counsel Robert Mueller's team.

But the president's ire has been directed at Mueller and his boss, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein. On Monday, Trump called Mueller's investigation "an attack on our country" and suggested he was considering firing the special counsel.

The White House remained defiant that the president has the power to directly fire Mueller — despite Justice Department regulations saying otherwise. The regulations say only Rosenstein, who appointed Mueller last May, has the authority to fire him and only for specific cause. Rosenstein has repeatedly said he has not seen any reason to dismiss Mueller.

The search did not appear related to allegations of Russian election interference or possible coordination with the Trump campaign, the main focus of Mueller's probe. But the raid was prompted, at least in part, by evidence or allegations uncovered by Mueller's team.

Under Justice Department regulations, Mueller must consult with

Rosenstein when his investigators uncover new evidence that may fall outside his original mandate. Rosenstein then determines whether to allow Mueller to proceed or to assign the matter elsewhere.

FBI agents searched Cohen's office, apartment and a hotel room where he's been staying while his home is under renovation, looking for documents related to Daniels and McDougal.

McDougal has said she carried on an affair with Trump in 2006 after the birth of his son. The Enquirer's publisher, American Media Inc., said it paid McDougal for details of the alleged affair, but they never appeared in print. AMI has said she was paid to become a fitness columnist.

Agents also seized records related to a \$130,000 payment made to Daniels, who says she had sex with Trump the same year as McDougal. Daniels' team has had extensive communications with federal investigators, said the third person familiar with the investigation.

Cohen has said he paid Daniels out of his own pocket shortly before the 2016 presidential election, but has not explained why.

Several former officials at the Federal Election Commission have said the payment could have violated campaign finance laws because it may amount to an unsupported campaign

donation.

Cohen has said neither the Trump Organization nor the Trump campaign was involved in the transaction with Daniels and he was not reimbursed for the payment. Trump has said he didn't know about the payment. The White House has consistently said Trump denies the affair.

In his first public comments since the raid, Cohen told CNN on Tuesday that he is rethinking how he handled the payment to Daniels because of what it has done to his family.

Asked if he was worried, Cohen said: "I would be lying to you if I told that I am not. Do I need this in my life? No. Do I want to be involved in this? No."

Cohen has been involved in the New York City yellow cab industry since the 1990s, going into business with his Ukraine-born father-in-law.

Some of his companies that owned medallions were given names such as NY Funky Taxi Corp, Mad Dog Cab Corp and Sir Michael Hacking Corp.

Although he has said publicly that he got out of the business in the mid-2000s, city, state and court records show he and his wife own as many as 30 medallions.

Tax records show some of his companies currently owe thousands of dollars in mandatory per-ride state transportation taxes.

In recent years, his taxis were managed by Gene Friedman, the so-called Taxi King of New York and a close friend. Friedman was charged last year by state prosecutors with pocketing \$5 million in state transportation taxes. He's pleaded not guilty.

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# Zuckerberg testimony reveals lawmaker confusion

By Mary Clare Jalonick and Barbara Ortutay  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg acknowledged Wednesday that regulation of social media companies is "inevitable" and disclosed that his own personal information has been compromised by malicious outsiders. But after two days of congressional testimony, what seemed clear was how little Congress seems to know about Facebook, much less what to do about it.

House lawmakers aggressively questioned Zuckerberg Wednesday on user data, privacy settings and whether the company is biased against conservatives. As they did in the Senate a day earlier, both Republicans and Democrats suggested that regulation might be needed, but there was no consensus and few specifics about what that might look like — or even what the biggest problems are.

New Jersey Rep. Frank Pallone, the top Democrat on the panel and a 30-year veteran of the House, said at the beginning of the hearing that he plans to work on legislation but is pessimistic that Congress will pass anything.

"I've just seen it over and over again — that we have the hearings, and nothing happens," he said.

For Zuckerberg, who often found himself explaining what his company does in rudimentary terms to lawmakers twice his age, the hearings could be considered a win: Facebook shares rose more than 1 percent after climbing 4.5 percent on Monday. And his company regained more than \$25 billion in market value that it had lost since it was revealed in March that Cambridge Analytica, a data-mining firm affiliated with Donald Trump's presidential campaign, gathered personal information from 87 million users to try to

influence elections.

Still, Facebook's stock remains 10 percent below where it stood before the scandal, a decline that has wiped out about \$50 billion in shareholder wealth.

Zuckerberg agreed to the hearings as pressure mounted over the Cambridge Analytica scandal and the company's own admission last year that it had been compromised by Russians trying to influence the 2016 election. Earlier this year, special counsel Robert Mueller charged 13 Russian individuals and three Russian companies in a plot to interfere in the 2016 presidential election through a social media propaganda effort that included online ad purchases using U.S. aliases and politicking on U.S. soil. A number of the Russian ads were on Facebook.

Zuckerberg told the Senate on Tuesday that the company has been working with Mueller in his Russia probe and apologized over and over again for the company's handling of data privacy.

"I started Facebook, I run it, and I'm responsible for what happens here," he said.

House lawmakers were a bit tougher on Zuckerberg than their colleagues in the Senate, many of whom seemed confused by the company and what it does. Some of the House members curly cut him off in questioning, trying to make the most of their four minutes each.

Zuckerberg mostly held his composure, repeating many of the same well-rehearsed answers: He is sorry for the company's mistakes. He is working on artificial intelligence technology to weed out hate speech and at the same time ensure that they don't block people for the wrong reasons. People own their own data, as far as he sees it. And he's come a long way since he created the platform in his dorm room almost 15 years ago.

Some of the lawmakers

talked to Zuckerberg, 33, as they would their children or grandchildren, and were occasionally befuddled by the complexities of his company.

Wrapping up his four minutes, Rep. Gus Bilirakis, R-Fla., commended the platform, saying "it's wonderful for us seniors to connect with our relatives."

By the close of Wednesday's hearing, Zuckerberg had spent roughly 10 out of the previous 24 hours testifying before Congress.

On regulation, Zuckerberg said he was open to it.

"The internet is growing in importance around the world in people's lives and I think that it is inevitable that there will need to be some regulation," he said.

Still, he said, lawmakers need to be careful, noting that new rules or laws could hurt smaller businesses more than a behemoth like Facebook.

House Energy and Commerce Chairman Greg Walden said the committee will look at what could be done.

"While Facebook has certainly grown, I worry it has not matured," Walden, R-Ore., told Zuckerberg. "I think it is time to ask whether Facebook may have moved too fast and broken too many things."

Many questions focused on Cambridge Analytica, which gathered data several years ago through a personality quiz created by an academic researcher. The app vacuumed up not just the data of the people who took it, but also — thanks to Facebook's loose restrictions — data from their friends, too, including details that they hadn't intended to share publicly. Cambridge Analytica then obtained the data and was said to have used it to try to influence elections around the world.

Zuckerberg said at the House hearing that his own Facebook data was part of that sweep. He told the Senate that Facebook had been led to believe Cambridge

Analytica had deleted the user data it had harvested and that had been "clearly a mistake." He assured senators the company would have handled the situation differently today.

That may be enough to satisfy lawmakers for now. But that could change if Democrats take control of Congress in midterm elections this year.

Pallone said that if Democrats were in charge, "then we would push all the more."



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg smiles Wednesday while testifying before a House Energy and Commerce hearing on Capitol Hill.

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# WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

## BEST BETS



**TODAY**  
**COUNTRY NIGHT**  
Texas troubadour John Baumann of Amarillo returns to the Rockin' Rodeo stage 8 p.m.



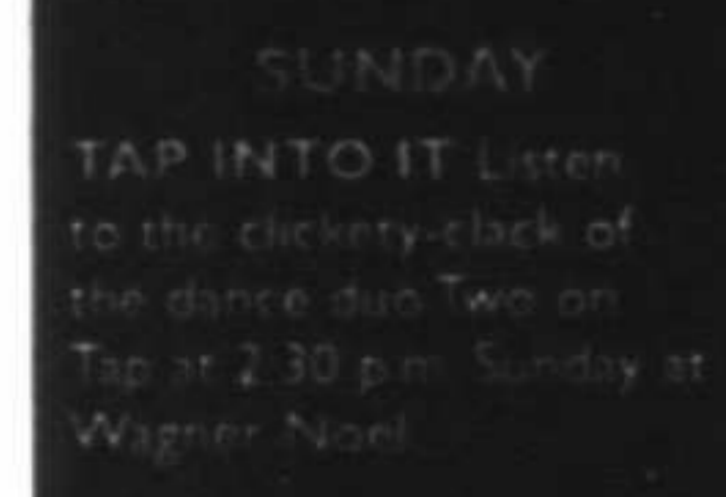
**FRIDAY**  
**MORE NORTENO**  
Billboard award winner and Grammy nominee Gerardo Ortiz will get the crowd dancing at La Hacienda with Grupo Liberinto. Revancha 7 p.m.



**SATURDAY**  
**VROOMVROOM**  
Don't let tax day get you down. Barnes and Noble hosts Cars and Coffee Tax Day Edition car show for a fun time before filing deadline. 9 a.m.



**SUNDAY**  
**TOY STORY**  
Dress up for a fancy night out at Big Boys. Toy at the Horseshoe Pavilion. The event is for MASC and will be headlined by country singer Josh Turner. 8 p.m. mrt.com



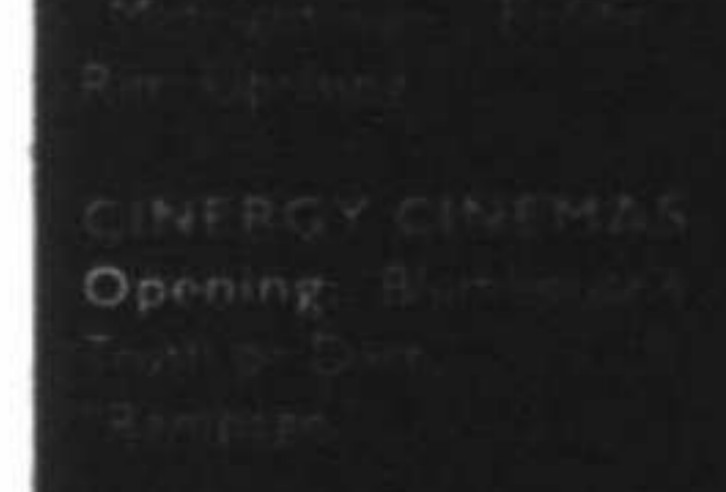
**TUESDAY**  
**TAP INTO IT**  
Listen to the classy-slick of the dance duo Tap on Tap at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel.



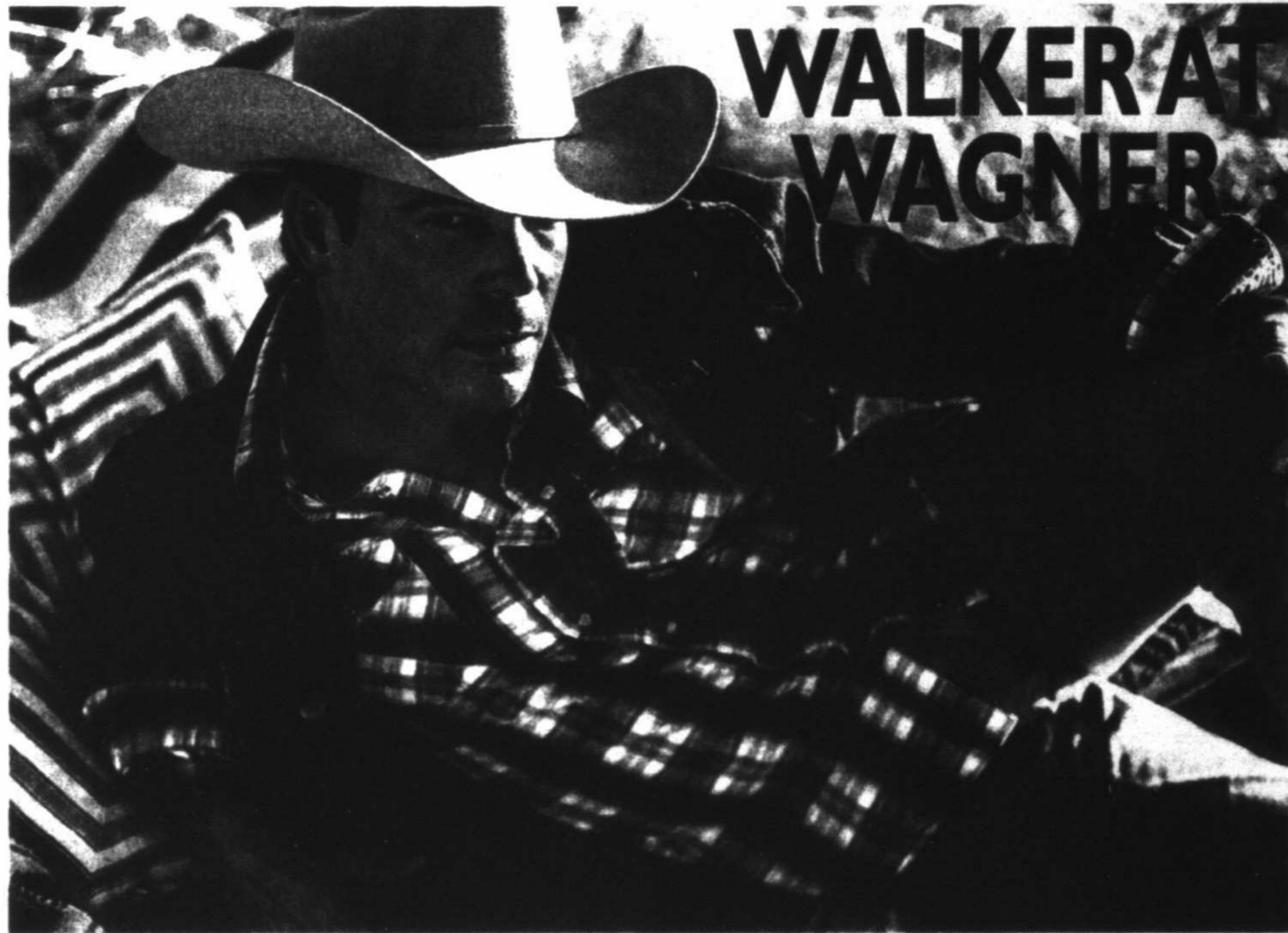
**MOVIES**  
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Experience the music group Drive-Through at the Wagner Noel with the show. Drive-Through 7 p.m.



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## HEAT INDEX: Doobie Brothers, Clay Walker shows headline the weekend

By Rich Lopez  
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### VISIONS 2018 OPENING RECEPTION AT ARTS COUNCIL OF MIDLAND

The Arts Council of Midland continues its Vision 2018 series. This new show "西方艺术的东方诠释 — An Eastern Interpretation of Western Art" will feature oil paintings by Lubbock artist Bo Tan with a reception at the ACM studio. The artist will speak about his works during the event. Visions 2018 is a new quarterly artist series hosted by the arts council. 6 p.m. Friday at 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

### CLAY WALKER AT THE WAGNER NOEL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Country singer Clay Walker

has been a bit quiet on the music front. His last album was released in 2010. He still performs live singing his big hits "What's It to You," "Dreaming with my Eyes Open" and "Rumor Has It." He'll likely perform those tonight at the Wagner Noel. But he may add something new to the set list. He tweeted just this week that he is releasing new music Friday. Looks like Walker isn't keeping quiet anymore. Matt Stell opens. 7 p.m. today at 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$34-\$59. wagnernoel.com.

### "LUSA MILLER" BY THE MET: LIVE IN HD

With Permian Basin Opera about to present "Tosca," folks can pre-game with this screening. Iconic tenor Placido Domingo stars in the rare production of the Verdi tragedy centered on a

father's love for his daughter. This is also the first staging of the show by The Metropolitan Opera in more than a decade.

11:55 a.m. Saturday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. \$23.77 adults, \$21.60 seniors, \$17.28 children. fathomevents.com.

### WEST TEXAS IRIS SOCIETY 40TH ANNUAL IRIS SHOW

Bluebonnets may be on people's minds but irises take center stage. And this isn't just a simple flower show. The event will start with entries and judging based on types, such as the unidentified flowering object or UFO category, and designs such as Celebrate First Responders. Entries will also include photography, and educational exhibits will be included in this anniversary show. Clearly, there is more than meets the eye

with the iris. 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday at Midland Park Mall (JCPenney's entrance), 4511 N. Midkiff Road.

### THE DOOBIE BROTHERS AT HORSESHOE AMPHITHEATER

Classic rock band The Doobie Brothers started its journey 47 years ago but the trio is still going strong. Original members Tom Johnston and Patrick Simmons and longtime member John McFee have stated that new music is on the way. In the meantime, they are in the middle of a spring tour that stops in Midland this weekend with Johnston taking the vocals on early hits such as "Listen to the Music," "China Grove" and "Long Train Runnin'." Pat Simmons Jr. opens. 7:30 p.m. Sunday at 2514 Arena Trail. \$39-\$129. midlandhorseshoe.com.

## REVIEW

### Madcap is tune for 'Tenors'

By Rich Lopez  
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Midland Community Theatre's "A Comedy of Tenors" is one hot mess — and that's exactly what it's supposed to be. The sequel to Ken Ludwig's "Lend Me a Tenor" is a mix of screwball humor, mistaken identities and an astoundingly intricate plot. The result is an unapologetic comedy that is delightfully brash and bold.

MCT's newest show, which opened Friday, is a collaboration with the Midland College Department of Music and Drama.

In a luxurious hotel suite in 1930s Paris, producer Henry Saunders (Mike Harrell) and Max (Ben Spencer) wait for the arrival of Tito Morelli (Matt Scott) and his wife, Maria (Samatha Spencer). Morelli is the centerpiece to the "concert of the century" alongside Max and another singer who backs out. In preparing for the concert, Tito mistakes Carlo Nucci (Timothy Leyba) as Maria's lover. But Nucci is the boyfriend of Tito's daughter, Mimi (Katie McQueen). As Tito departs in a huff, a bellhop, Beppo — who looks a lot like Tito (Scott) is discovered as a last-minute replacement. This



'A COMEDY OF TENORS'

bodes well for the concert, but not for the Morelli family or Tito's past lover, the Russian diva Tatiana Racon (Wendi Fuller) who pops in unexpectedly.

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### Opera workshops for public dive deep into theater skills

From staff reports

The Permian Basin Opera is at work on its first full production in 40 years. The organization will present the Puccini opera, "Tosca," April 20 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. In the meantime, they invite the public to learn more about what happens onstage.

PBO will host three workshops, including a vocal master class, beginning Friday. All are free and open to the community. For more information, visit mypbo.org.

The classes are:  
■ Vocal Master Class with soprano Mary Jane Johnson.

Johnson is the vocal coach for Angela Turner Wilson who stars as the title character. 1-3 p.m. Friday in the Res-Greathouse Recital Hall at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

■ Fight Choreography Workshop with Stephen Crandall.

Guests will learn to safely perform hand-to-hand combat for the stage. Closed-toe shoes required; comfortable dress suggested. 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Yucca

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# CALENDAR

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### CLASSES, LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

**Vocal Master Class with Mary Jane Johnson.** The class with the soprano is presented by Permian Basin Opera in conjunction with "Tosca." Open to the public. 1-3 p.m. Friday in the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Free. mypb.org.

**Dance Workshop.** This annual dance seminar by the Midland Odessa Dance Club will feature lessons in two-step and waltz with instructors from Love to Dance. Lunch provided. 9:20 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave. \$20. 638-3707.

**Fight Choreography Workshop with Stephen Crandall.** The class is presented by Permian Basin Opera in conjunction with "Tosca." Guests will learn to safely perform hand-to-hand combat for the stage. Closed-toe shoes required; comfortable dress suggested. Open to the public. 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. Free. mypb.org.

**"Y-DNA Testing for Genealogical Research" with Charles Acree.** The Midland Genealogical Society hosts this program on male testing for surname relationships. Open to the public. 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Free. Facebook: @MidlandTxGenealogicalSociety.

**Stage Make-up Workshop with Leigh Ann Crandall.** The class is presented by Permian Basin Opera in conjunction with "Tosca." Guests will learn to apply stage makeup for their facial structure and create bruises, scars and fictional characters for the stage. Additional applications include aging, creating dimension and building texture. Make-up and tools provided. Open to the public. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. Free. mypb.org.

**Open Shop Nights** are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. 6:30-9 p.m. Monday at 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.

**Palette Club Painting.** 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays at the Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

**Watercolor art classes** by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

### EVENTS

**Joint Networking Mixer** by the Midland Chamber of Commerce and the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in the Diamond Club. 5-7 p.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

**Holocaust Memorial Day** will feature readings of writings by Elie Wiesel and memorial candles for those who lost in the Holocaust. 7 p.m. today at Temple Beth El, 1501 N. Grandview Ave.

**Cars and Coffee** Tea Day Edition car show. 9 a.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble, 2617 W. Loop 250 N.

**West Texas Iris Society's 46th annual Iris Show** will feature design arrangements, photography, educational exhibits and a vast selection of flowers in a rainbow of colors. 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday at Midland Park Mall (JC Penney entrance), 4511 N. Midland Road.

**Big Boys' Toys benefiting MABC** will feature a concert by Josh Turner. The event includes a collector car show, raffle, live and silent auctions. 6 p.m. Saturday at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. \$250. mercosaa.org.

### FINEART & DANCE

**OPENING: Visions 2018: "An Eastern Interpretation of Western**

**Art."** The series by the Arts Council of Midland hosts works by Lubbock artist Bo Tan through June 10. Opening reception 6 p.m. Friday at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave.

**Country Dance with the Dusty Creek Band.** The event is hosted by the Midland-Odessa Dance Club. Open to all. 7-10 p.m. Saturday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave. \$10.

**Two on Tap.** 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Liveonstage-pb.com.

**"Somehow, I Don't Feel Comfortable"** is an installation by Momoyo Torimitsu of two giant, smiling pink bunnies facing off and pitching forward within a confined space. Through May 20. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays (open to 8 p.m. Thursdays), 2-5 p.m. Sundays. At the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

**"The Fragile Bee"** is an exhibition of artwork by Nancy Macko comprised of photographs, prints and mixed media installation. Through July 8. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. At the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

**Permian Basin Dance Club** with live country music. 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Crown Royal Club, 1110 E. Scharbauer Drive. \$6. For more information, call 638-3707 or 250-8215.

### FOOD & DRINK

**Pasta Night.** 6 p.m. Thursday at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

**Friday Night Fish Fry.** 6 p.m. Friday at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

**Night Market** features a specialized menu by Bus 22, local food and vendors, live DJ and more. 6:30 p.m. Friday at 312 N. Colorado St.

**IRS BBQ Cook Off** with entries open for chicken, spare ribs, beef brisket, open non-sweet and open sweet. 7 a.m. Saturday at the Field Office, 3205 W. Industrial Ave.

**Food is Medicine.** The event covers plant-based nutrition, stocking the kitchen and planning meals. 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$25. wagnernoel.com.

**Midland Downtown Farmers Market** celebrates its 11th season. The market will include live music by the Dirt Storm Drivers and food trucks onsite. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

**Steak Night.** 6 p.m. Saturday at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

**Hawley Wine Dinner** pairs five courses with a selection of Hawley labels. 7 p.m. Monday at the Garlic Press, 2200 W. Wadley Ave. \$90. Reservations made by calling 570-4020.

**Steak Night.** 6 p.m. Wednesday at Little Woodrow's, 3415 N. Loop 250.

### MUSIC

**AMERICANA SINGER-SONGWRITER** Sam Choate, 9 p.m. Today at Proof, 7270 E. State Highway 191, Odessa.

**Jazz and the Midnight Peddlers.** 7 p.m. Friday at Mac's Bar-B-Q and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave.

**Amy St. Pierre and Dennis Morris.** 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, 403 Andrews Highway.

**Gary Gonzalez.** 1 p.m. Sunday at Polo Park Estates, 2100 Casford Road.

**COUNTRY** Clay Walker, Matt Seal. 7 p.m. today at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$34-\$59. wagnernoel.com.

**John Baumann.** 8 p.m. today at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

**Randy Rogers Band.**

**Drew Fish Band, Johnny Chops.** 7 p.m. Friday at Dos Amigos, 4700 Golden Ave. dosamigos.com.

**Drake Hayes, Ross Cooper.** 9 p.m. Friday at the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

**Gary Kyle.** 8 p.m. Saturday at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80.

**The Judson Cole Band.** 9 p.m. Saturday at the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

**DJ/DANCE** DJ Joel. 9 p.m. Thursdays at Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive.

**DJ Wildman.** 9 p.m. Friday and Sunday at the Lit on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.

**DJ Paul.** 9 p.m. Friday at Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive. \$10.

**DJ Boris.** 9 p.m. Saturdays at Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive. \$10.

**#HangoverSundays.** 7 p.m. Sunday at Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

**DRAG** "RuPaul Drag Race" viewing party with host Ayyva Nevaeh. 7 p.m. Thursdays through April 20 at The Recovery Room, 2802 N. County Road West, Odessa. Facebook: @therecoveryroom432.

**KARAOKE** Karaoke. 9 p.m. Sunday at Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway. thedetourbar.com.

**Karaoke and pool tournament.** Tuesdays at the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

**Karaoke Wednesdays** with DJ Savage and host Ayyva Nevaeh. 9 p.m. Wednesdays at The Recovery Room, 2802 N. County Road West, Odessa. Facebook: @therecoveryroom432.

**LATIN** Gerardo Ortiz, Grupo Laborinto, Revancha. 7 p.m. Friday at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. \$60. haciendamidland.com.

**Tajano Vibes: Ben Ozama.** 8 p.m. Friday at The Velvet, 3100 W. Wall St.

**ROCK** The Doobie Brothers, Pat Simmons Jr. 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Horseshoe Amphitheater, 2514 Arena Trail. \$39-\$129. midlandhorseshoe.com.

**VOCAL/CHORAL** Carla Smith, Keisha Smith and Albert Hall. 6:30 p.m. Friday at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, 403 Andrews Highway.

**MOSC: "We Sing"** with Voices of the Permian Basin. 3 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

**WORLD** "Drum Heart" by Japanese percussion group Drum Tao. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$18-\$40. wagnernoel.com.

### OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

**Free skateboarding lessons.** noon-1:30 p.m. Thursdays at RTD Skatepark. rtdskatepark.com.

**Fishing in the Park** welcomes the community to this license-free event. 8 a.m.-noon Saturday at C.J. Kelly Park, 5500 League Drive. midlandtxaa.org.

**Blue Ribbon Run X:** The Race to End Child Abuse. 8:30 a.m. IK, 9 a.m. SK Saturday at Midland Memorial Stadium, 2001 W. Culbertson Ave. midlandchildwelfare.com.

**Meditation as Medication: Empty Bowl.** 2 p.m. Saturday at Pines Reflector and Namaste Yoga Studios, 3303 N. Midland Road.

**Dressage show.** 9:30 a.m. Sunday at Skyline Farm, 3012 Todd Drive.

**Family Nitro roller skating.** Sundays from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 Andrews Highway. Kcanuttyroller.com.

### ROADTRIP

**"Man of La Mancha"** by Sul Ross Theatre. Friday-April 29, 8:15 p.m.

**Fridays and Saturdays.** 2 p.m. Sundays in Marshall Auditorium at Sul Ross University, E. Highway 90, Alpine. \$12. Sulross.edu.

**The 95th annual meeting of the West Texas Historical Association.** Friday and Saturday at First United Methodist Church, 37 E. Beauregard Ave., San Angelo. wha.org.

**Old Sorehead Trade Days.** Saturday and Sunday in downtown Stanton. Facebook: @stantonoldsoreshheadtradedays.

**STAGE, COMEDY & FILM**

**"Two for the Road"** advance screening of the Big Bend episode. Pizza will be served. 12:30 p.m. today at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250. basinspbs.org.

**"The Amendment"** details the true story of Brooks Douglas, who became Oklahoma's youngest state senator. 7 p.m. today at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. \$13.50. fathomevents.com.

**"Two for the Road"** advance screening of the Big Bend episode. Meet the hosts of the show. 6:30 p.m. Friday at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. basinspbs.org.

**A Night of Music & Comedy with Mark Lowry.** 7:30 p.m. Friday at First Methodist Midland, 300 N. Main St. \$20-\$25. VIP packages available. trinitycommunications.org.

**"A Comedy of Terrors,"** produced in cooperation with Midland College. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Through April 21 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. \$28. mcmidland.org.

**"Lulus Miller"** by The Mec Live in HD. Placido Domingo stars in the Verdi opera, which is the first production by The Metropol-

itan Opera in more than a decade. 11:55 a.m. Saturday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. \$23.77 adults, \$21.60 seniors, \$17.28 children. fathomevents.com.

**Survival Sunday: "The Walking Dead/Fear the Walking Dead."** See the commercial-free season finale of "TWD" and the season premiere of "FTWD" as one character steps from one show into the other. 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. \$10.81. fathomevents.com.

**"Phoenix Wilder and the Great Elephant Adventure"** follows an orphan boy and his friendship with an African elephant in the face of a band of poachers. 6 p.m. Monday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. \$13.50, \$10.81 children. fathomevents.com.

**Brown Bag Lunch and Film Series: "Rock Stars: Women in the Petroleum Industry."** Tea and cookies provided. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20. Free. ppetro.org.

**"My Backyard"** dome show. Recommended for ages 3-5. 1 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays in April. Balesmore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

**"New Horizons"** dome show. Recommended for ages 3-5. 3 p.m. Sundays, 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays in April. Balesmore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

**Indie Lens Pop-Up:** "Look and See: Wendell Berry's Kentucky." 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. Free. basinspbs.com.

**"The Dating Project: Date Differently"** follows five single people in search of meaningful relationships. 7 p.m. Tuesday at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250. \$13.50. fathomevents.com.

## COMING SOON

### APRIL

**Laura Bush Literacy Program Reading Event** will feature the book "Mr. Cornell's Dream Boxes" with copies given to each child in attendance. Space is limited so reservations are encouraged. 4:30 p.m. April 19 at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. Free. bushchildhoodhome.org.

**Midland RockHounds** play the San Antonio Missions. 7 p.m. April 19-21 at Security Bank Ballpark. \$16-\$10. midlandrockhounds.org.

**George Navarro.** 8 p.m. April 19 at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

**The Holistic Approach by Earth, Body and Soul.** The monthly meeting covers the uses of essential oils, crystals, meditation and more. 7-8 p.m. April 19 at Brew St. Bakery, 4610 N. Garfield St.

**Bret Michaels and Jack Russell's Great White.** 6 p.m. April 20 at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. haciendamidland.com.

**Christy Lewis.** 6:30 p.m. April 20 at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, 403 Andrews Highway.

**"Tosca"** presented by the Permian Basin Opera. 7:30 p.m. April 20 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$27-\$42. mypb.org.

**Bobby Champion.** 9 p.m. April 20 at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

**The Coop,** hosted by Roosters Diner, will feature local vendors for shopping, brunch and more. 8 a.m.-noon April 21 at 615 N. Sam Houston Ave., Odessa.



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# EVENTS & MORE



## Johnson survives the rubble that is 'Rampage'

Usually paired with smaller companions like Kevin Hart or Mo'Nique, Dwayne Johnson is for once the diminutive one in "Rampage," a hopelessly bland and bizarrely self-serious monster movie.

Johnson plays primatologist Davis Okoye in Brad Peyton's adaption of a classic 1986 arcade game. Naturally, Okoye has some covert military history but — like so many highly trained international commandos — he's now working at the San Diego Zoo. His time is especially focused on a hulking albino gorilla named George. They are pals, Davis and George, who fist-bump and play pranks on one another.

The two are actually a winning pair, but "Rampage," unfortunately, isn't the Rock-and-monkey buddy comedy ("The Guerrilla and the Gorilla"?), we might crave. "Rampage" is professional-looking, thanks to the well-integrated effects artistry of Weta Digital. We have become spoiled, perhaps, by affecting computer-generated primates thanks to the "Planet of the Apes" franchise. But George played with motion capture by Jason

**JAKE COYLE**  
Associated Press



Liles) still holds his own in the monkey-movie kingdom.

And Johnson, so recently in the jungle for "Jumanji," remains a truly indefatigable movie star capable of carrying even the most half-baked of premises with colossal charisma. "Rampage" would surely sink a less sturdy action star, yet even here the wayward mishmash of monster-movie tropes only seem to ping off him like bullets deflected by Superman.

The objective of the original 8-bit video game was to, while controlling one of three giant monsters (a gorilla, dinosaur or werewolf), reduce a city to rubble. Naturally, a story of such pathos and originality brought Hollywood rushing with a check for millions.

What the film's writers — Ryan Engle, Carlton Cuse, Ryan J. Condal, Adam Szykiel — have come up with from this skeletal concept is something overly elaborate and curiously humorless. The film opens ominously in space, where a genetic experiment has created a giant mutated rat that chews up the space station's crew, but not before an escape pod with three samples shoots back to Earth.

The canisters of serum land alongside an alligator in the Florida Everglades, a wolf in Wyoming and at George's habitat in San Diego. Each quickly swells massively while simultaneously becoming increasingly aggressive. (With a slightly different trajectory, we might have gotten a more unpredictable mutant trio like maybe a cockatoo, a koala and Keith Olbermann. Now that would be interesting.)

The company behind the trials tries to quietly recapture the lab results. Malin Akerman, the fine actress of "Billions," plays its ruthless chief executive, alongside her more clueless brother, played by Jake Lacy. Meanwhile, a consortium of military and government agencies try and fail to capture or kill the beasts as

they converge on Chicago. Naomie Harris plays a genetic engineer.

But the only performance really of note in "Rampage" is by Jeffrey Dean Morgan, who plays an agent for an unnamed government agency with wild-eyed, cowboy abandon. The scenery might be digital, but that doesn't stop him from trying to chew it all.

As a product that reunites the director and star of "San Andreas" and "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island," "Rampage" is similarly forgettable popcorn fare that, in almost every scene feels like a knockoff of something else. And it should be funny. Movies about giant mutant animals that flock to the Windy City really ought to be funny. Morgan seems to be the only one to realize that in monster camp like this, go big or go home.

"Rampage," a Warner Bros. release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for "sequences of violence, action and destruction, brief language and crude gestures." Running time: 107 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

## LOPEZ

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While clearly an ensemble show, on Saturday evening the play belonged to Scott who handled his dual role with ease. His handling of both his characters and each's physicality was a feat to watch. Ludwig didn't give his characters much depth, but Scott gave both roles an equal amount of heartfelt weight whether as a dismayed prima donna or a happy-go-lucky bell-hop with big dreams.

As Tito's wife, Spencer matched Scott's bluster. She was comically sexy but her maternal vibes to the younger characters were actually quite sweet. Spencer's fluttering Max was an ideal balance to Harrell's bombast. Fuller's sultry and stinky execution gave the show some unexpected sex appeal.

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MC students McQueen and Leyba gave solid performances. McQueen, a former Pickwick, was perfectly plucky as the

Morelli daughter coming into her own as an actor. In his theatrical debut, Leyba stepped up with an impressively confident performance.

Of particular note were the costumes. Although the men's suits were cut a bit large, the women's gowns were quite stunning and appropriate for the decade.

The audience responded often with big laughs, but a surprise payoff at the end capped it off brilliantly. An operatic trio's performance was also a bonus.

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# ON SCREEN



'ISLE OF DOGS'

## Animated 'Isle of Dogs' is a delight with bite

With the dark and enchanting animated parable "Isle of Dogs," Wes Anderson raises his little personal world to new, finely detailed heights. Not just in terms of his idiosyncratic approach to soundtracks, or those gorgeous sets that resemble exquisite, meticulous dioramas. His latest film lifts his favorite tone of whimsical kids' adventure to levels of maturity and skepticism that enrich his unmistakable vision, taking us to a world both strange and strangely familiar.

This is a film about dogs. Except it's really about underdogs. It's about the kinds of kingdoms that are created in a child's imagination — apart from sections that seem to have fallen out of the headlines or books about unpleasant history. It is about commitment and friendship and courage, but with major moments of violence and fifth and puke and profanity.

Anderson hardly ever disappoints. Here he delights us, makes demands

of us like never before, and dares us to keep up with his marathon pace.

As usual in his visually ornate films, everything appears like a surprising new page in a pop-up picture book. The film is a stop-motion project like Anderson's "Fantastic Mr. Fox," full of marionette-like images and effects that are all the more impressive because of their high degree of difficulty. He transports us to a late 21st century Japan packed with narrative and visual flourishes that Anderson aficionados adore: odd codes of conduct, admirable or menacing adults, ornate steampunk machines and dry, self-deprecating, sarcastic wit. Plus the novel addition of dogs, many, many well-spoken dogs.

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of Tokyo's Mayor Kobayashi (voiced by Kunichi Nomura), countless dogs suffering a mysterious "snout fever" are banished to nearby Trash Island. Strays, former house pets, watchdogs, show dogs and guard dogs have been sent there ostensibly for concerns about public health. The truth of that order becomes a plot thread cleverly explored.

The various breeds coexist and, on rare occasions, band together into packs. Rather than the usual fastidious Anderson play sets, the dump is a messy junkyard assembled with a perverse aesthetic precision, the ideal backgrounds for the dogs' messed-up lives.

While most of the humans hold forth in subtitled Japanese, the mutts'

dialogue is voiced in English by the likes of Bill Murray, Jeff Goldblum, Scarlett Johansson, Harvey Keitel and Edward Norton. What most of the dogs want is a way out, back to the owners who used to be kind to them. But complete freedom to carelessly roam is pretty good, too. Each pooch has an independent personality and a one-of-a-kind way of expressing itself. They come off like close cousins of Anderson, a filmmaker who knows his own way, does exactly what he wants and follows nobody's commands.

Then 12-year-old Atari (Koyu Rankin), the mayor's adopted nephew, flies onto the island with a jalousie airplane to rescue his exiled pet. His arrival makes a band of hounds decide if they're willing to stop roaming unleashed, obey the boy, help him and even protect him.

Together they wander into epic fantasy adventure as they explore the ghostly island, where everything ugly from refuse to abandoned fairgrounds and factories was man-

made. Along the way, they encounter dangerous outbursts of dog-on-dog violence. It isn't brutal. The big brawls occur inside cartoon-style billows of smoke. But it still has bite. Like last year's "War for the Planet of the Apes," there's a tone of gravity among the adorable animals (though thankfully far less).

Sideline stories unwind back in Tokyo, where the bad guys are fur-stroking cat lovers inspired by James Bond villains. The medical-industrial-political complex is up to no good, drawing the attention of young exchange student Tracy Walker (Greta Gerwig), a smart girl with great spy instincts. Spoiler alert: Adult humans are the real beasts here. Soon Tracy and her poster-wielding classmates expose official corruption and call for political change.

Discussions on "Isle of Dogs" began four years ago, and its emotional subtext seems to reflect the confinement of Japanese Americans during World War II. As the narrator tells

us at the opening, "Fear has been mongered." Still, it's a remarkable coincidence that this film would come out at the moment that American student activism has reached levels not seen since the 1960s.

Like Anderson's "The Grand Budapest Hotel," this makes socially important points without a political polemical voice (OK, maybe "Budapest" was just a little firm about fascism). While the story notes that kids can be almost as reckless as officially responsible adults, it reaches an utterly charming and optimistic ending that couldn't have come about in any other way. While it's a bit too sharp-fanged to suit very young audiences, Anderson has crafted a truly universal film that appeals across generations. He's done it again.

Four out of four stars  
Rating: PG-13 for thematic elements and some violent images/spoil.

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'THE MIRACLE SEASON'

## 'Miracle Season' is flawed but inspirational

Inspirational sports movies tend to be testosterone-heavy, so the all-girl volleyball movie "The Miracle Season" is a welcome twist on the familiar genre. Based on the true story of Iowa City's West High School girls' volleyball team who battled back from tragedy in 2011, "The Miracle Season" is a formulaic but rousing tale of teamwork, girl power and community, and a tearjerker to boot.

Directed by journeyman director Sean McNamara, written by David Aaron Cohen and Eileen Mitsuoda, "The Miracle Season" introduces us to the state champion Lady Trojans of West, led by their fiercest, magnetic leader — the wild, charismatic and sometimes reckless Caroline Found (Danika Yarosh), known affectionately by her nickname, Line. She's the kind of friend who's full of life, up for anything and never, ever self-conscious. As portrayed by Yarosh, Line is an individual who toeters on the edge of manic, constantly pushing boundaries and searching for her next high, which we come to understand is her coping mechanism to

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deal with her dying mother's battle with cancer.

It's always a shock when someone so young and full of energy passes away, and Line's tragic death in a moped accident devastates her father, friends, team and school. Gruff coach Kathy Breuninger, "Bree" (Helen Hunt), implores Line's best friend, Kelley (Erin Moriarty), to rally the team. They want to win for Line, but volleyball proves to be an important outlet to channel their grief into action and pay tribute to their lost friend — they might even vie for the title of state champs again, even though it's the longest of shots.

"The Miracle Season" moves with a brisk energy and pace, pausing only to draw a few tears here and there. It's peppered with girl power slogans, training montages and inspirational speeches. But it relies on storytelling that tells rather than shows. We're told what a special person Line was, but we don't quite grasp it based on the short amount of time we have with her impulsive character. The character of Kelley can tell us over and over again that Line was "sent from above," and that the team is in emotional distress, but if we never see and process it, the operative displays of emotion aren't grounded in any reality. The ultimate emotional resolution, centered around the mantra to "live like Line," feels forced and unconvincing.

"The Miracle Season" is pleasantly swift, but in a quest for ruthless efficiency, a few character beats are skipped. It seems as though Hunt's Coach Bree is lacking a wide swath of expository characterization. We finally come to understand what a quirky, odd woman she is, but that's never

fully established, and we don't know why she became that way. It's also strange that she's able to overcome her fear of public speaking so easily.

Watching young women physically compete with power and grace, cheered on by adoring crowds is an important representational image for young audiences. The true story is indeed remarkable and ideal for this kind of inspirational sports movie treatment. Despite some storytelling mishaps, ultimately "The Miracle Season" finds emotional catharsis with the triumph of the human spirit on the volleyball court.

### 'THE MIRACLE SEASON'

2 stars

Cast: Erin Moriarty, Helen Hunt, William Hurt, Danika Yarosh, Tara Savelle, Barbaly Duffield

Directed by Sean McNamara

Running time: 1 hour, 39 minutes

Rated PG for some thematic elements

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## ON SCREEN



'FACES PLACES'

## French documentary features breathtaking photography

### PICK O' THE WEEK

**"Faces Places" (PG)**  
Terrific documentary about photographer J.R., who makes photo murals on houses, buildings and other large structures, and his trip across France with director Agnès Varda. Their friendship is genuine and warm but the artwork — the true star of the film — is breathtaking. **A**

### ICK! O' THE WEEK

**"Curse of the Playans" (unrated)**  
Wannabe horror fare that spends too much time poorly developing characters that never escape their two-dimensional stereotypes. By the time the film actually gets to the part that's supposed to evoke fear and chills, you may find yourself actually rooting for their demise. **F**

### MORE REVIEWS

**"The Ballerina" (unrated)**  
Odd horror film has a lot of people named Pullen in the cast and crew. In this case, that sadly seems to bode for a lack of objectivity that was needed to make this a better film. There also was kind of a creepy vibe given off by the young actress playing the title character, who also is a Pullen. She is remarkably believable in the role but spends much of her screen time crying or acting terrified. I hope her experience was not as awful as it looks. **C-**

**"Etree 1976" (unrated)**  
Charming documentary featuring the unknown actors and actresses who played extras or supporting roles in the early "Star Wars" trilogy. One of the best parts is learning there is a hierarchy among the actors with those whose faces were seen or voices heard demeaning those who didn't. They say those — such as Jeremy Bulloch (Boba Fett) or David Prowse (Darth Vader) — shouldn't be allowed on the "circuit" of alum who sign autographs at conventions. But most simply revel recalling their memories of being a part of the phenomenon. **B**

**"Father Figures"**

## Reeled & Stream

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**(R)** It's impossible to truly like this movie but it's also impossible to hate it. On the one hand, the talented cast lifts the sophomoric script. On the other hand, shame on such a talented cast for appearing in such a predictable, seldom funny movie. **C**

**"Félicité" (unrated)**  
Unforgettable portrait of a Congolese nightclub singer whose son is badly injured in a wreck and who doesn't have the money to pay for his surgery. Its 129-minute runtime makes things a little uneven, but getting a look at life in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is a worthwhile journey. **A-**

**"Insidious: The Last Key" (PG-13)**  
The series is remarkable for several reasons, among them is they've made a star out of 75-year-old Lin Shaye, who has appeared in all four of the "Insidious" films. She may not be the reason people see these films, but she makes them believable. The franchise has also managed to make PG-13 films truly scary. So much so that I would think twice about letting a younger teen watch them. Lastly, this film may not be the best of the bunch but it'll make you jump plenty often. **B-**

**"Knights of the Damned" (unrated)**  
Just because the cast includes an actor who appeared in "Game of Thrones" doesn't mean you're going to get the same results. The production design is laughable. Permission was granted to film outside an old castle but my bathroom is larger than the alleged interior where the prince and princess — wearing a very cheap tiara — play all their scenes. The fights are so poorly choreographed that kids in the park LARPing are more believable. **F**

**"Let There Be Light" (PG-13)**  
Faith-based drama starring Kevin Sorbo — who also directed — has its moments but the main character's conversion lacks credibility. **C**

**"Looking Glass" (R)**  
Nicolas Cage, who hasn't met a script he didn't like these past few years, stars in this loathsome thriller about a couple that buys a small roadside motel. Film's voyeur quality is as uncomfortable for the audience as it is for Cage's character, which is when the film goes to a dark place that weighed down the film and ultimately destroyed it. **D**

**"Manolo: The Boy Who Made Shoes For Lizards" (unrated)**  
In a bizarre fashion, the more this interesting documentary reveals about renowned shoe designer Manolo Blahnik, the less you feel you actually know anything about him. **B-**

**"Scorched Earth" (R)**  
This post-apocalyptic Western belongs in the so-bad-it's-good realm. The end of life as we know it not only killed off most of mankind but apparently destroyed all

the roads and bicycles, too. The sets are all wooden buildings — complete with the town saloon — and the characters ride horses. Well, most of them. Vehicles still exist but it is a crime to drive them. So little care was given to the story that it's infuriating, but it's kind of fun, too. **C-**

**"Surviving the Wild" (PG-13)**  
A 13-year-old boy who still sees and speaks to his dead grandfather sets out to spread the old man's ashes on a remote mountain accompanied only by a dog that is 91 in canine years. There's lots of misplaced heart in this film that is too predictable and sentimental. **D**

**"The Toy Gun" (unrated)**  
Clever British comedy about a man who robs his own bank but is not considered a suspect. Anthony LaPaglia steals the show as the ex-con neighbor wanted by the mob who makes a fabulous eggplant parmesan. **B+**

### FILM CAPS

**"Acrimony" (R)** Taraji P. Henson stars as a woman wronged by her husband. With Lyriq Bent, Crystle Stewart, Ajiona Alexus, Antonio Madison. Written and directed by Tyler Perry.

**"Black Panther" (PG-13)** Chadwick Boseman stars as the King of Wakanda faces external threats to his peaceful home. With Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o, Danai Gurira, Martin Freeman. Written by Ryan Coogler & Joe Robert Cole. Directed by Coogler.

**"Blockers" (R)** Three parents attempt to prevent their teenage daughters from losing their virginity at prom. With Leslie Mann, Ike Barinholtz, John Cena, Kathryn Newton, Geraldine Indira Viswanathan, Gideon Adlan. Written by Brian Kehoe & Jim Kehoe, Jon Hurwitz & Hayden Schlossberg, Eben Russell. Directed by Kay Cannon.

**"Blumhouse's Truth or Dare" (PG-13)** Repercussions befall friends when they don't play the notorious game correctly. With Lucy Hale, Tyler Posey, Violet Beane. Written by Michael Reisz and Jillian Jacobs & Chris Roach & Jeff Wadlow, story by Michael Reisz. Directed by Wadlow.

**"I Can Only Imagine" (PG)** Faith-based drama based on the life of MercyMe singer Bart Millard. With J. Michael Finley, Madeline Carroll, Trace Adkins, Priscilla Shirer, Cloris Leachman, Dennis Quaid. Written by Jon Erwin & Brent McCorkle, based on the song by MercyMe. Directed by the Erwin Brothers.

**"Isle of Dogs." (PG-13)** Stop-motion animation from Wes Anderson about a Japanese boy looking for his pet on an island full of trash and banished dogs. A bit of a shaggy dog tale, but the craftsmanship is first-rate. Featuring the voices of Bryan Cranston, Jeff Goldblum, Edward Norton, Tilda Swinton and Liev Schreiber.

**"Midnight Sun" (PG-13)** Teen love is threatened by a 17-year-old girl's life-threatening sensitivity to sunlight. With Bella Thorne, Patrick Schwarzenegger, Rob Riggle, Quinn Shephard. Written by Kenji Bando. Directed by Scott Speer.

**"The Miracle Season" (PG)** A high school girls' volleyball team strives for the state championship after losing its best player in an accident. With Helen Hunt, William Hurt, Danika Yarosh, Erin Moriarty. Written by David Aaron Cohen, Elissa Matsueda. Directed by Sean McNamara.

**"Pacific Rim Uprising" (PG-13)** A new generation of the gigantic, human-piloted fighting machines must vanquish monstrous beasts to save humanity. With John Boyega, Scott Eastwood, Jing Tian, Cailee Spaeny, Rinko Kikuchi, Burn Gorman, Adria Arjona, Charlie Day. Written by Emily Carmichael & Kira Snyder and Steven S. DeKnight and T.S. Nowlin; story by DeKnight and Nowlin; based on characters created by Travis Beacham. Directed by DeKnight.

**"Paul, Apostle of Christ" (PG-13)** Luke struggles to spread the Gospel as Paul is held captive during the reign of Roman emperor Nero. With Jim Caviezel, James Faulkner, Olivier Martinez, John Lynch, Joanne Whalley. Written and directed by Andrew Hyatt.

**"A Quiet Place" (PG-13)** A family faces terror in the woods. With Emily Blunt, John Krasinski, Noah Jupe, Millicent Simmonds. Written by Bryan Woods & Scott Beck and Krasinski. Directed by Krasinski.

**"Rampage" (PG-13)** A genetic experiment goes haywire turning a silverback gorilla and other beasts into giant, angry mutants. With Dwayne Johnson, Naomi Harris, Palm Akerman, Jake Lacy, Joe Manganiello, Jeffrey Dean Morgan. Written by Ryan Engle and Carlton Cuse & Ryan J. Condal and Adam Sztykiel, story by Engle, based on the video game. Directed by Brad Peyton.

**"Ready Player One" (PG-13)** An immense virtual reality universe of the future is the location of a treasure hunt after its creator dies and leaves his fortune to be found within. With Tye Sheridan, Lethia Wright, Olivia Cooke, Ben Mendelsohn, T.J. Miller, Simon Pegg, Mark Rylance. Written by Zak Penn and Ernest Cline, based on the novel by Cline. Directed by Steven Spielberg.

**"Sherlock Gnomes" (PG)** Garden gnomes Gnomeo and Juliet and their family and friends return, aided by the famous detective in this animated sequel. Voices by James McAvoy, Emily Blunt, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Maggie Smith, Michael Caine, Johnny Depp. Directed by John Stevenson.

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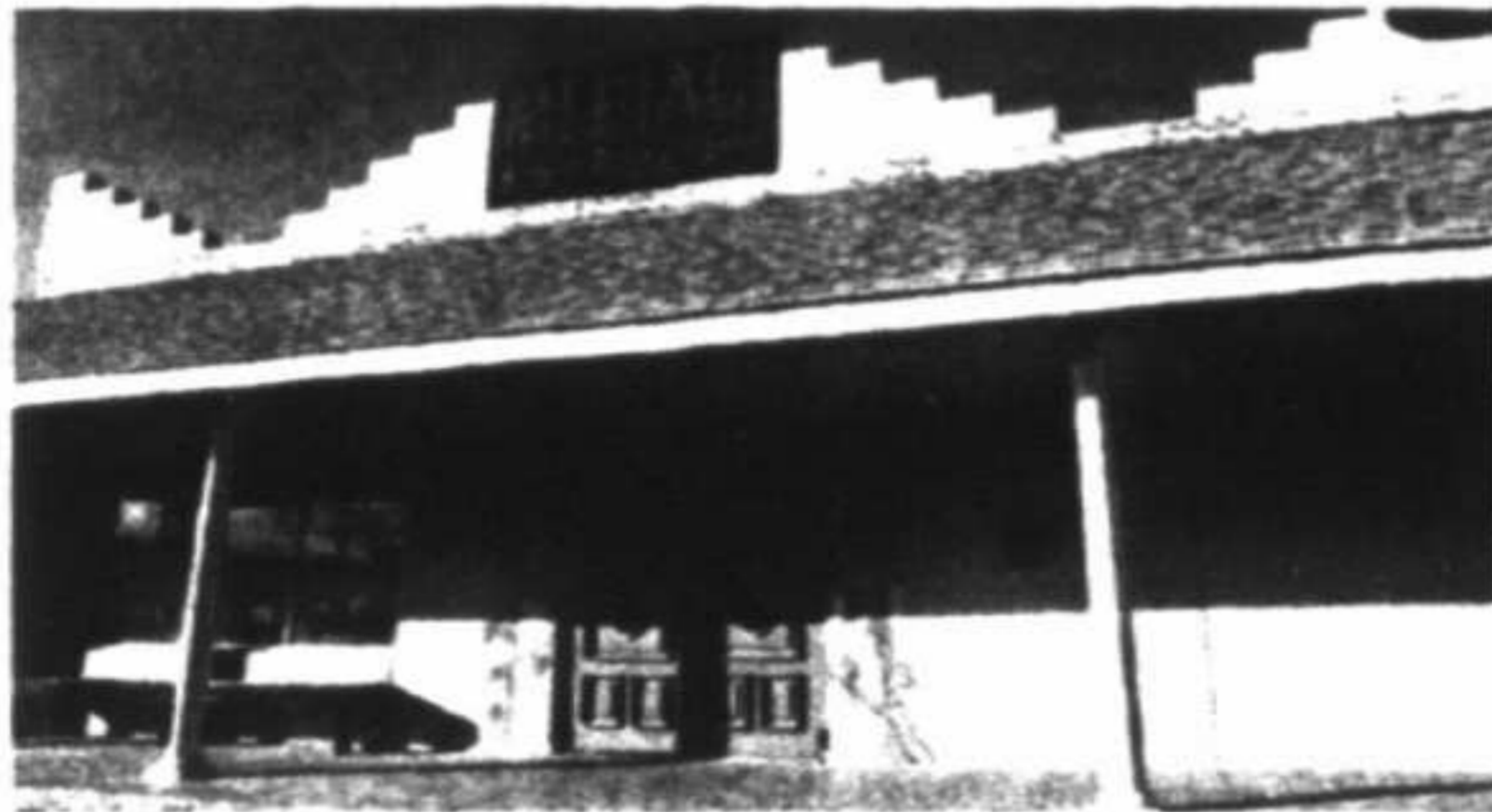




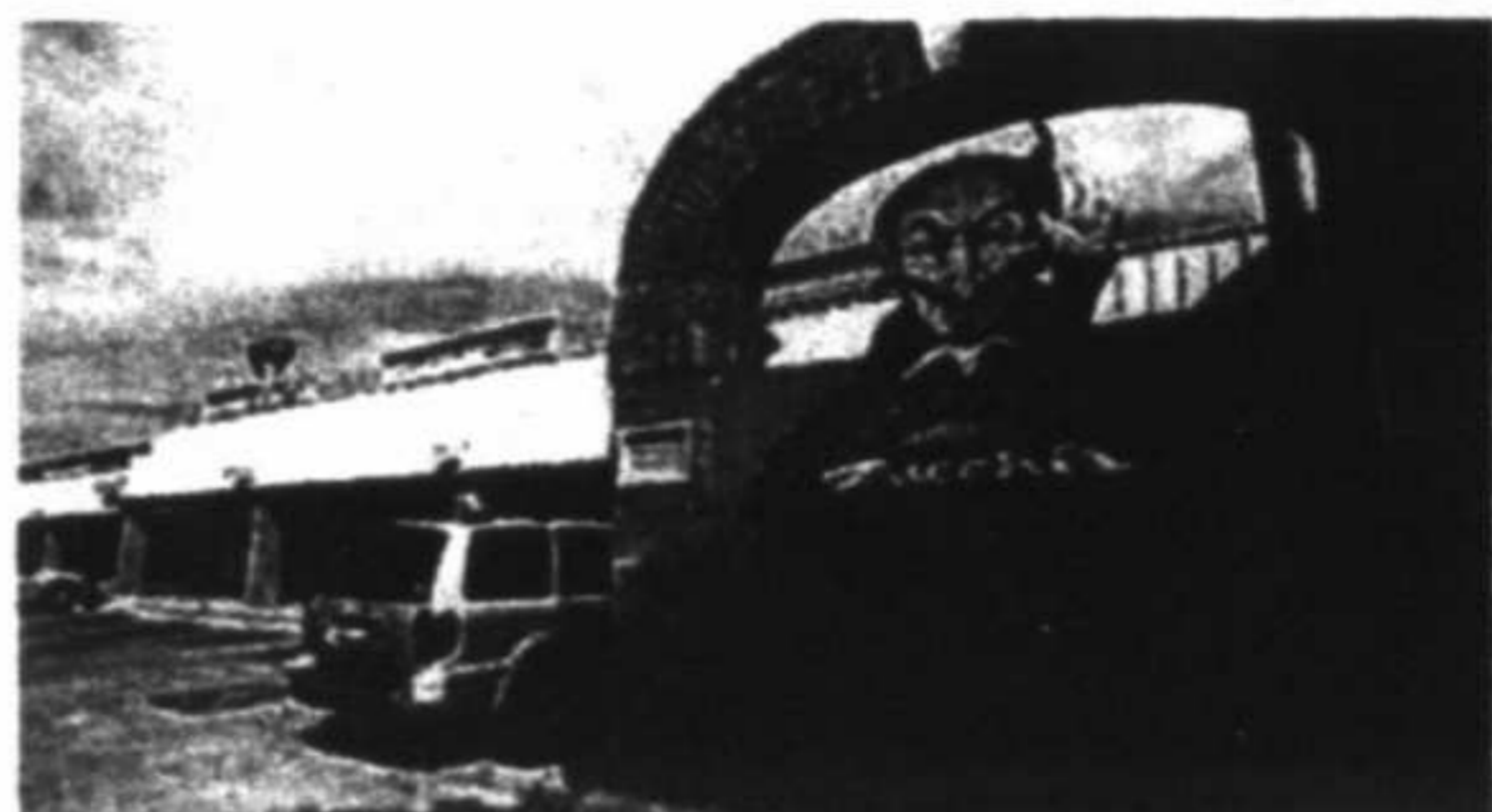


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**CICIS** Italian chain offering buffets with an array of specialty pizzas, plus simple pastas and salads. The chain places an emphasis on its affordability so you can eat a lot for not a lot of money. 2106 Rankin Hwy, 685-3020 | http://bit.ly/2tk5V5X | \$ | 2 spoons

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**LITTLE CAESAR'S** Carry-out chain featuring chicken wings, signature breadsticks and pizza tossed from homemade dough. There are three locations serve the Tall City. 5109 W Wadley Ave #107, 618-1719; Town & Country Barber Shop, 1000 N Midkiff Rd., 694-3676; 2106 Rankin Hwy #100, 618-8776 | littlecaesars.com | \$ | 2 spoons

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**OLIVE GARDEN ITALIAN RESTAURANT** Lively, family-friendly chain known for its

breadsticks features Italian standards such as pastas and salads, with a full bar. For a delicious change of pace, try the callmari for an appetizer and the Zuppa Toscana soup instead of the salad. 2705 Loop 250 Frontage Rd., 687-4400, olivegarden.com | \$\$ | 4 spoons

**PALIO'S PIZZA CAFE** Stop by during the lunch hour for a personal pizza, pasta or calzone plus a salad and drink for around \$10. You'll have money left over for a cannoli or cheesecake. 2900 W. Loop 250 N. 699-1388 | paliospizzacafe.com | \$ | 4 spoons

**PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA** Now with two locations in Midland, this popular chain offers several specialty pizzas, including Cheesy Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mediterranean Veggie and Hawaiian BBQ Chicken that you can order for carryout or delivery by phone or online. Make sure you add some extra yummy garlic butter dipping sauce. 4408 West Loop 250 N. 694-7272 and 1901 Rankin Highway, Suite 110, 684-4884 | papajohns.com | \$\$ | 3 spoons

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## UTPB football releases 2018 schedule

From staff reports

ODESSA — The UT Permian Basin football team released its schedule for the upcoming 2018 season Wednesday.

The schedule features five home games and six road contests, including an NCAA Division I-FCS season opener, the 2017 NCAA DII National Champion coming to Ratliff Stadium, and a return to Grande Stadium Communications Stadium.

The non-conference season opens with Texas Southern of the Southwestern Athletic Conference in Houston on Sept. 1 at BBVA Compass Stadium, home of the Houston Dynamo of Major League Soccer. The remainder of the season is all Division II opponents. UTPB travels north near the Canadian border on the

shores of Lake Superior to take on Northern Michigan of the Great Lakes Conference in Marquette, Michigan, on Sept. 8.

"Starting off going to Texas Southern is a great opportunity for us right out of the gate to see where we're at as a program," said UTPB head coach Justin Carrigan. "In year three as a program with a large junior class, it's a game we can use as a measuring stick. We follow that up with our longest trip of the year at Northern Michigan, and then we jump right into conference. We start the year with a couple of good road games to test us out and then we kick off conference play with Midwestern State."

UTPB opens its home and conference schedule at Ratliff Stadium with the Mustangs on Sept. 15. The next week takes the

Falcons to Stephenville to take on Tarleton State Sept. 22. They return home to face another conference opponent Western New Mexico on Sept. 29. This is followed up with a trip to Canyon to face West Texas A&M.

The Falcons return to non-conference action to welcome Humboldt State to Ratliff Stadium for homecoming on Oct. 13. Humboldt State is a regional opponent and member of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference from Arcata, California. UTPB makes its yearly return to Midland against Angelo State on Oct. 20.

"It's an exciting opportunity for us to bring our brand back to Midland. We expect a great crowd and can't wait to show the

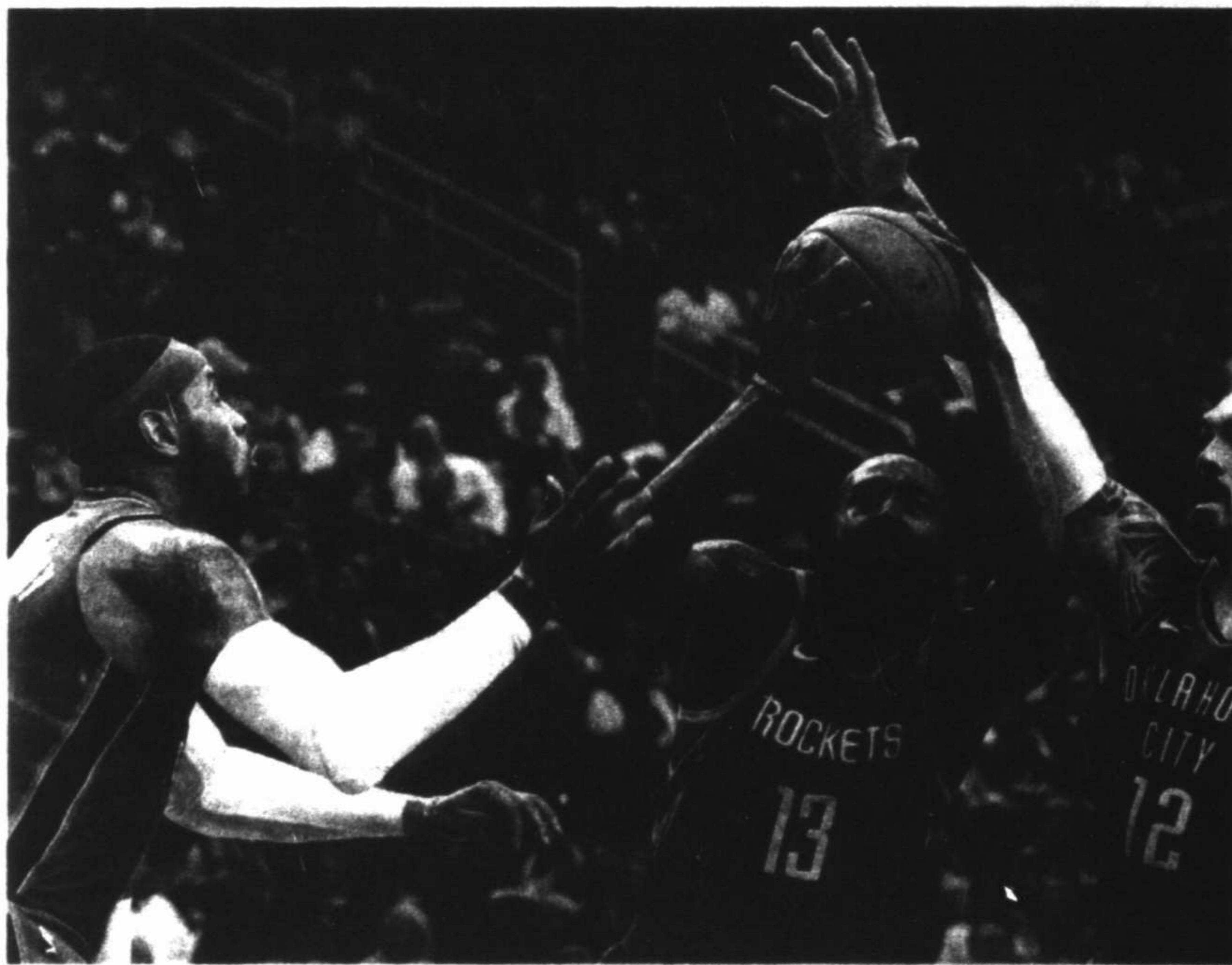
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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

UTPB's Brandon Infesto (28) goes down while carrying the ball as teammate Kristian Brown (5) collides with Midwestern State's Sir Vell Ford (2) on Oct. 28, 2017, at Grande Communications Stadium.

## Cast the ballots



Michael Wyke/Associated Press

Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) drives for a shot between Oklahoma City Thunder forward Carmelo Anthony, left, and center Steven Adams (12) during the second half of an NBA game Saturday in Houston.

### The MVP votes are due, and let the annual debate begin

By Brian Mahoney and Tim Reynolds  
Associated Press

The argument happens most every year. Who is the NBA MVP?

LeBron James has been the best player for most of his 15 years in the league, and he's won the award only four times. Russell Westbrook won it last year, buoyed by averaging a triple-double, yet seems to not even be in the conversation this season with very similar numbers. James Harden was a popular pick last season, saw his assist and rebound numbers dip this season, yet is generally considered the runaway favorite.

Part of the issue is this: There's no clarity on how the MVP is defined.

No one knows the criteria. The award ballot sent to MVP voters simply says "The winner of this award receives the

Maurice Podoloff Trophy, named after the first Commissioner of the NBA."

Is it the player most valuable to his team?

Is it the player most valuable to the game?

Is it the best player?

Those are only some of the many gray areas.

Los Angeles Clippers coach Doc Rivers has said many times over the years that James would win annually, if not for voters getting tired of selecting him (though Rivers is also on record this year saying Harden will be MVP). Michael Jordan might have dealt with the same voter-fatigue issue. And it's still baffling that Oscar Robertson, who had some of the most statistically ridiculous seasons in NBA history, won it only once.

Debate will probably always surround the MVP race, a notable exception being two years ago when Stephen Curry was

the first unanimous winner.

This year's answer will come June 25, when the NBA announces the winner. It'll likely be Harden. There will be reasonable points made in support of that. There will be reasonable points made for James as well.

Here now, the picks for certain awards by AP Basketball Writers Brian Mahoney and Tim Reynolds, as well as a look at what we think will happen in the playoffs:

MVP

Mahoney: James Harden, Houston. Masterfully shared it this one. His stats, team's record, make a worthy winner.

Reynolds: LeBron James, Cleveland. Made this same pick last year, making it again this year, because the Cavs would be horrid without him.

Please see MVP/5C

### Davis, Rondo power Pelicans past Spurs, 122-98

By Brett Martel  
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis had 22 points, 15 rebounds, four blocks and three steals, and the New Orleans Pelicans assured themselves no worse than the sixth seed in the Western Conference playoffs with a 122-98 victory over San Antonio on Wednesday night.

Rajon Rondo had 19 points and 14 assists, Nikola Mirotic had 21 points and 15 rebounds, and J'wan Howard added 19 points for the Pelicans, led by double-digits throughout the second half, with their largest lead topping out at 25.

LaMarcus Aldridge, Tony Parker and Dejounte Murray each scored 11 the Spurs, who were already playoff bound but went to the locker room after their loss in New Orleans knowing they'd be at best a seventh seed. With his team struggling to keep pace with the Pelicans, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich pulled his regulars early in the fourth quarter, limiting all of his key players to fewer than 30 minutes on the court.

Rondo orchestrated New Orleans' offense with a vintage performance, setting up Davis for several spectacular dunks and setting up a number of other teammates with close-range shots or open looks from the perimeter.

The Pelicans finished with 78 points in the paint and shot 59.1 percent (52 of 88). New Orleans also had 52 points on fast breaks, compared to 17 for the Spurs.

Both sides opened the game showcasing attractive offense and that continued until 4:32 remained in the second quarter, when Pau Gasol sank a short turnaround to cut New Orleans' lead to 42-39.

Soon after, however, New Orleans began clamping down on defense and mopping up its tempo in transition, closing the second quarter on a 19-4 run that cemented the Pelicans a standing ovation as they walked off the floor at halftime with a 61-43 lead.

Mirotic scored seven points during the spurt, all on layups set up by Rondo, including one as he was fouled by Gasol.

Tip-ins:

Spurs: Kyle Anderson and Bryn Forbes each scored 10 points. ... Remained without Kawhi Leonard, who wound up playing in only nine games during the regular season because of a lingering right quadriceps injury. His availability for the playoffs remains unclear. ... Finished 14-26 on the road, losing their last eight away from San Antonio.

Pelicans: Won the season series against San Antonio, 3-1. Mirotic hasn't scored fewer than 21 in any of New Orleans' past five games. ... New Orleans' 48 victories is the third most in franchise history, which officially dates back to the NBA's return to the city in 2002-03. When Chris Paul played in New Orleans, the club won 56 games in 2007-08 and 49 in 2008-09.

Up next:

Spurs: Prepare for a first-round playoff matchup against either top-seeded Houston or defending champion Golden State.



New Orleans Pelicans forward Anthony Davis (23) drives to the basket past San Antonio Spurs forward Rudy Gay (22) and forward LaMarcus Aldridge (12) in the first half of an NBA game Wednesday in New Orleans.

### Stollings aims to bring discipline to Tech program

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — Marlene Stollings did not hesitate when she said that she wants to bring back the strong, winning tradition to Texas Tech women's basketball, a program that has struggled for the past few seasons.

She invited the community and former players to return to help resurrect the program. She added that it's "a sleeping giant."

"We can win again," Stollings said as she also mentioned former Lady Raider coach Martha Sharp as being a big influence on her.

Stollings, the former University of Minnesota head coach, was introduced

Wednesday as the seventh head coach in Lady Raider basketball history during a press conference inside United Supermarkets Arena.

She replaces Candace Whitaker, who was fired mid-season. Shimmy Gray-Miller served as interim coach and Texas Tech finished with a record of 7-23 overall and 1-17 in the Big 12. The Lady Raiders haven't had a winning season since the 2012-13 season.

"Our program will be built upon discipline, accountability and togetherness. When you watch Lady Raider basketball



Glenn Plimpton/Associated Press

Marlene Stollings, right, Minnesota coach, talks to her team during the first half of a second-round game against Oregon in the NCAA women's basketball tournament in Eugene, Ore.

Please see STOLLINGS/2C

## 'HOUNDWATCH



**WEDNESDAY'S SCORE**  
No game was played

**TODAY'S GAME**  
Midland vs Springfield 7:10 p.m.

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Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Midland at Springfield 7:10 p.m.	Midland at Springfield 7:10 p.m.	Midland at Springfield 2:10 p.m.	Midland at Tulsa 4:05 p.m.	Midland at Tulsa 4:05 p.m.

FL Standings		South Division		North Division	
Team	W-L	Team	W-L	Team	W-L
Arkansas (Marion)	4-2	Midland (Abilene)	5-1	Arkansas (Marion)	4-2
Texas (Paducah)	3-3	San Antonio (Flores)	4-2	Texas (Paducah)	3-3
Northwest Arkansas (Fayette)	2-3	Flora (Hempstead)	2-3	Northwest Arkansas (Fayette)	2-3
Springfield (Cordoba)	1-4	Corpus Christi (Harris)	2-4	Springfield (Cordoba)	1-4

## DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

### ON THE AIR

**Australian Football League**  
Adelaide vs. Collingwood, 4:30 a.m., FSP

**Basketball**  
BK63 2018 Player Draft, 7 p.m., FS1

**Boxing**  
Rod Selka vs. Francisco Vargas, 9 p.m., ESPN2, ESPNDEP

**College Baseball**  
South Carolina at Arkansas, 6 p.m., SEC  
Alabama at Texas A&M, 8 p.m., ESPN2

**Golf**  
EPGA: Open de Espana, 1st Round, 9 a.m., GOLF  
PGA: RBC Heritage, 1st Round, 2 p.m., GOLF  
LPGA: LOTTE Championship, 2nd Round, 6 p.m., GOLF  
EPGA: Open de Espana, 2nd Round, 5 a.m., GOLF  
Major League Baseball  
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 1 p.m., MLB  
NY Yankees at Boston, 6 p.m., MLB

**Men's Soccer**  
UEFA Europa Quarterfinal, 2nd Leg: PFC CSKA Moscow vs. Arsenal FC, 2 p.m., FS1  
UEFA Europa Quarterfinal, 2nd Leg: Olympique de Marseille vs. RB Leipzig, 2 p.m., FS2  
Copa Sudamericana: CA

**Paranaense vs. CA Newell's Old Boys, 5 p.m., FXDEP**  
Copa Sudamericana: Club Sol de America vs. Independiente Medellin, 7:30 p.m., FXDEP

**National Hockey League**  
East 1st Round, Gm 1: Toronto at Boston, 6 p.m., NBCSN  
East 1st Round, Gm 1: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m., NHL  
East 1st Round, Gm 1: Columbus at Washington, 6:30 p.m., USA  
West 1st Round, Gm 1: Colorado at Nashville, 8:30 p.m., NBCSN  
West 1st Round, Gm 1: San Jose at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m., USA Tennis  
ATP: Fayez Serouf and Co. US Men's Clay Court Championship, Nyon, TENNIS  
ATP: Grand Prix Hassan II, 5 a.m., TENNIS  
Women's College Lacrosse  
Michigan at Rutgers, 6 p.m., BTN  
Women's National Basketball Association  
2018 WNBA Draft, 7 p.m., ESPN  
RADIO  
Texas League Baseball  
Springfield at Midland, 7 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

## JC MEN'S BASKETBALL

**BIG SPRING GRAD NAMED NJJC COACH**  
Big Spring grad and former Texas Tech men's basketball player Luke Adams has been hired as head men's basketball coach at New Mexico Junior College.

A press conference to introduce Adams will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Ben Alexander Student Center on the NJJC campus.

Adams had been with Seward County College in Liberal, Kansas, where he was assistant men's basketball coach. Before that he was also an assistant coach at South Plains College.

Adams, originally from Lubbock, lived in Big Spring when his dad, Mark, was the head coach of the Howard College men's basketball team. Mark is currently an assistant under Tech men's basketball coach Chris Beard.

Adams led Class 3A in scoring with 28.9 points per game as a senior with the Steers, earning first-team all-state honors.

## HS BASEBALL

**Midland Christian vs. Big Spring**  
Midland Christian 10, Big Spring 4

**Fort Clark vs. Big Spring**  
Fort Clark 9, Big Spring 4

**Big Spring vs. Big Spring**  
Big Spring 0, Big Spring 0

**Next:** Midland Christian at Big Spring, 7 p.m. Friday; Big Spring at Big Spring, 7 p.m. Friday

## TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**  
Baltimore Orioles — Options RHP Hunter Harvey to Seattle (S), recalled RHP Enry Velez from Norfolk (S), sent DH Mark Trumbo to Seattle for a rehab assignment.

Chicago White Sox — Options RHP Gregory Polanco to Charlotte (S).

San Francisco Giants — Options RHP Jeff Keppeler to Los Angeles (S), recalled RHP Jeff Keppeler to Los Angeles (S) for a rehab assignment.

St. Louis Cardinals — Options RHP Lance Lynn to St. Louis (S), recalled RHP Lance Lynn to St. Louis (S) for a rehab assignment.

San Diego Padres — Options RHP Ryan Lugo to San Diego (S), recalled RHP Ryan Lugo to San Diego (S) for a rehab assignment.

San Francisco Giants — Options RHP LHP Steven Cui to Sacramento (PCL), recalled RHP LHP Steven Cui to Sacramento (PCL).

Selected the contract of LHP Andrew Suarez from Sacramento, transferred LHP Madison Bumgarner to the 10-day DL.

Washington Nationals — Placed OF Adam Eaton on the 10-day DL, reactivated to starting designated hitter for the 10-day DL, selected the contract of OF Matt Stairs from Syracuse (S).

**BASKETBALL**  
Midland Rock Hounds

## NBA GLANCE

Eastern Conference		Western Conference	
Team	W-L	Team	W-L
Atlanta Hawks	20-25	Portland Trail Blazers	40-20
Boston Celtics	23-22	San Antonio Spurs	38-22
Brooklyn Nets	20-24	Utah Jazz	35-23
Charlotte Hornets	19-25	Los Angeles Lakers	35-23
Chicago Bulls	22-24	Memphis Grizzlies	35-23
Cleveland Cavaliers	24-22	Minnesota Timberwolves	34-24
Dallas Mavericks	22-24	New Orleans Pelicans	33-25
Denver Nuggets	23-23	Oklahoma City Thunder	33-25
Detroit Pistons	19-25	Phoenix Suns	32-26
Indiana Pacers	21-24	Sacramento Kings	31-27
Los Angeles Clippers	22-24	Texas Rangers	31-27
Memphis Grizzlies	22-24	Washington Wizards	29-29
Minnesota Timberwolves	22-24	Wizards	29-29
New Orleans Pelicans	22-24		
Oklahoma City Thunder	22-24		
Phoenix Suns	22-24		
Sacramento Kings	22-24		
Texas Rangers	22-24		
Washington Wizards	22-24		

# Lee's Kuhn heading to UTPB

**ELIZABETH KUHN**  
School: Lee  
Sport: Volleyball  
Signing school: UTPB,  
NCAA Division II, Odessa  
Position: Defensive specialist/libero

Kuhn on why she chose UTPB: "My support system here was just too much for me to give up. All of the people that I love live here. I have such a big support system here."

Lee head coach Robert Blackley on Kuhn: "I think she is going to excel defensively. Whoever (UTPB's) starting libero is better be on her game, because (Kuhn) is not a person who shies away from competition. I think that Kuhn is going to be able to become anybody that she wants to be."

Notes: Kuhn, a two-year varsity player for the Lady Rebels, was a second-team All-District 2-6A selection at outside hitter last season. ... She is a defensive specialist by nature, but transitioned to outside hitter in an effort to help Lee fill a team need before the start of the season. The move helped Lee qualify for the playoffs for the first time since 2011. ... After taking over the program last summer, Blackley believed Kuhn had the offensive capability to fill the role. "When we came in, we had a full puzzle put together and we were looking for that last piece. She was the one who came in and put that piece in place," Blackley said. "She rose to the challenge. She's not the tallest player in the world and that's why she's a defensive player. But her hitting was pretty consistent." ... Kuhn said UTPB first scouted her at one of Lee's practices late in the season, but she wasn't aware the program was there for her. "They contacted (Blackley) and he talked to me," she said. "They set up a tryout, I went up there and



Kuhn

visited around January and they said they would really like me to play with them." ... Kuhn is currently recovering from a broken second toe on her left foot, as well as a tear of the tendon that connects the left knee bones together at the base. She suffered the injury on Feb. 28 and will be out for another year. ... Kuhn, who also had an offer from Frank Phillips College and interest from a few other schools, said she plans to study either communication or psychology. ... The Lady Rebels went 4-25 overall last season and 1-19 in Lone Star Conference play.

—Compiled by Will Korn

## NBA ROUNDUP

Associated Press

**CELTICS 110, NETS 97**  
BOSTON — Aron Baynes led a short-handed Boston lineup with a career-best 26 points and 14 rebounds, carrying the Celtics to a 110-97 victory over the Brooklyn Nets on Wednesday night in the regular season finale.

Jonathan Gibson scored 18 points, Guerchon Yabusele had 16 and Shane Larkin added 12 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds for the Celtics (55-27).

Nik Stauskas scored 18 points for the Nets (28-54) who had their three-game winning streak snapped. Allen Crabbe had 16 points.

The Celtics rested Al Horford, Jaylen Brown, Jayson Tatum, Terry Rozier and Marcus Morris.

Baynes was the only regular in the starting lineup for the Celtics and he helped them take charge by scoring six points during a 9-0 run midway into the third quarter that pushed them ahead 66-47.

The 6-foot-10 Baynes had a double-double (18 points, 10 rebounds) at halftime.

Boston led 83-70 entering the final quarter.

**76ERS 136, BUCKS 98**  
PHILADELPHIA — Joel Embiid and JJ Redick watched from the bench. Ben Simmons had a scoreless first half and the Philadelphia 76ers still won their 16th consecutive game, thumping the Milwaukee Bucks 136-98 Wednesday night to clinch the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference.

Fultz had his first career triple-double with 13 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds. Justin Anderson led the Sixers with 25 points and Dario Saric had 24.

Embiid wore a black mask during warmups to protect his broken bone around his left eye, then changed into gold sneakers and a peach-colored jacket to watch the Sixers romp to a stunning 80-44 lead at the break.

Embiid said he will likely miss at least Game 1 of the playoffs this weekend because of the injury.

The 76ers have done just fine without him.

Redick was a late scratch with lower back tightness and Simmons, who finished with four points, missed both shots in the first half. No problem. The Sixers hit 11 3s in the first half and could have celebrated the No. 3 seed at halftime.

**HEAT 116, RAPTORS 109**  
MIAMI — Wayne Ellington scored a career-high 32 points and set Miami's single-season record for 3-pointers, helping the Heat wrap up the No. 6 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs by beating the Toronto Raptors 116-109 in overtime Wednesday night.

Ellington finished with eight 3-pointers, giving him 227 for the season. He topped the mark set by Damon Jones, who made 225 in 2004-05.

Kelly Olynyk, Dwyane Wade, Justise Winslow, James Johnson and Tyler Johnson each scored 11 points for the Heat, who open the playoffs at No. 3 Philadelphia this weekend.

Hasan Whiteside and Bam Adebayo each scored 10 for Miami, which rallied from an 11-point deficit in the second half.

Kyle Lowry scored 26 points for Toronto, which already had the top seed in the East wrapped up. The Raptors will meet No. 8 Washington in the first round.

DeMar DeRozan had 19 points, Jakob Poeltl had 16 and Jonas Valanciunas scored 12 for the Raptors, who were outscored 11-4 in overtime.

Ellington's 3-pointer with 18.8 seconds left in regulation put Miami up two, and Poeltl tied it with a tip-in. But Miami scored the first five points of the extra session and didn't look back.

**MAGIC 101, WIZARDS 92**  
ORLANDO, Fla. — The Washington Wizards went cold in the fourth quarter of their regular-season finale Wednesday night, losing 101-92 to the Orlando Magic and finishing eighth in the Eastern Conference playoff seeding.

The Wizards shot 5 for 25 in the fourth quarter, and 24 percent for the game.

Jodie Meeks came off the bench to score a game-high 18 points for Washington, which lost five of its final six regular-season games. A win would have pulled the Wizards up to seventh place and a first-round playoff series against Boston. Instead, they will play Toronto in the opening round.

Rodney Purdie scored 16 points to lead Orlando, while Mario Hezonja finished with 15 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

**PISTONS 119, BULLS 87**  
CHICAGO — Rookie Luke Kennard scored a career-high 23 points and Eric Moreland set career bests with 16 points and 17 rebounds as the Detroit Pistons closed the season with a 119-87 rout of the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday night.

Anthony Tolliver had 18 points and Henry Ellenson added 14 points and 10 rebounds as the Pistons snapped a two-game losing streak and won for the ninth time in their last 13 games.

Rookie Lauri Markkanen had 20 points, and Sean Kilpatrick added 14 in his only start of the season for Chicago.

The rebuilding Bulls maintained their seventh position heading into the draft lottery on May 15, losing their fourth straight. It was also Chicago's 11th loss in 14 games.

**KNICKS 116, CAVALIERS 98**  
CLEVELAND — LeBron James played 10 in his 82nd game, scored 10 points and then got some rest for the playoffs as the Cleveland Cavaliers were beaten 110-98 by New York in their regular-season

**THUNDER 137, ORZELLIES 123**  
OKLAHOMA CITY — Paul George scored 40 points, Russell Westbrook clinched a triple-double average for the second straight season and the Oklahoma City Thunder defeated the Memphis Grizzlies

**MEMPHIS 123, GRIZZLIES 137**  
MEMPHIS — The Memphis Grizzlies lost to the Oklahoma City Thunder 123-137 on Wednesday night.

## Stollings

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from this point forward, it will be different," she said. "I am not here to change the tradition, I am here to change a culture. Lady Raider nation, we are going to win again."

Stollings added that recruiting will be key to the program's resurrection.

"We intend to do our best to ensure the best players in the state of Texas want to be Lady Raiders again," she said.

Texas Tech Director of Athletics Kirby Hecutt said of Stollings in a press release: "As a head coach, she has experienced tremendous success and has a proven success to return our Lady Raider program back to great heights."

Stollings comes to Texas Tech after four seasons at Minnesota, where she guided the Gophers to an 82-47 record, three 20-win seasons and three post-season berths, including a second round NCAA appearance this season.

She said the process to become Texas Tech's new head coach happened in a matter of four to five days.

While she was proud of what she accomplished at Minnesota and helping that program turn around, she said Texas Tech offers an opportunity to reach new heights.

"My goal is to win a national championship," she said. "There are certain institutions that have the platform to get there. In speaking with Kirby, I felt there was commitment to do that. I want to have an opportunity to succeed at the highest level and I believe Texas Tech provides that opportunity."

She added that she wants to bring an up-tempo style of play to the program.

"We want to develop an offensive machine that's going to be a fun style but tough to guard," she said.

Prior to Minnesota,

Stollings was the head coach at Virginia Commonwealth University for two seasons where she led the Rams to a 33-29 record.

As a collegiate player, she began her career at Ohio State University before finishing at Ohio University where she earned first team All-Mid-American Conference honors.

She was an outstanding player in high school and was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015.

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# Kepler hits 2nd HR, connects in 9th, Twins beat Astros 9-8

By Brian Hall  
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Following Fernando Rodney's first blown save with Minnesota, Twins manager Paul Molitor took the long-game approach and began talking strategy in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Max Kepler stepped to the plate and negated any further planning.

Kepler hit his second home run of the game, connecting for a solo drive with two outs in the bottom of the ninth as the Twins bounced back from a late collapse to beat the Houston Astros 9-8 on Wednesday.

"We're talking strategy in the dugout and the next thing you know, the game's over," Molitor said.

After the Twins blew an 8-1 lead, Kepler homered

with two strikes off Brad Peacock (1-1).

"I wasn't really expecting anything," Kepler said of his second career walkoff homer. "I was just in battle mode, trying to put the ball in play. I struck out the at-bat before. I hate striking out, so I was just trying to put it in play."

Kepler also hit a two-run homer to cap an eight-run fourth, an inning that included Eddie Rosario's bases-loaded triple. Rodney (1-1) gave up two runs — one earned — on two hits and a walk in one inning.

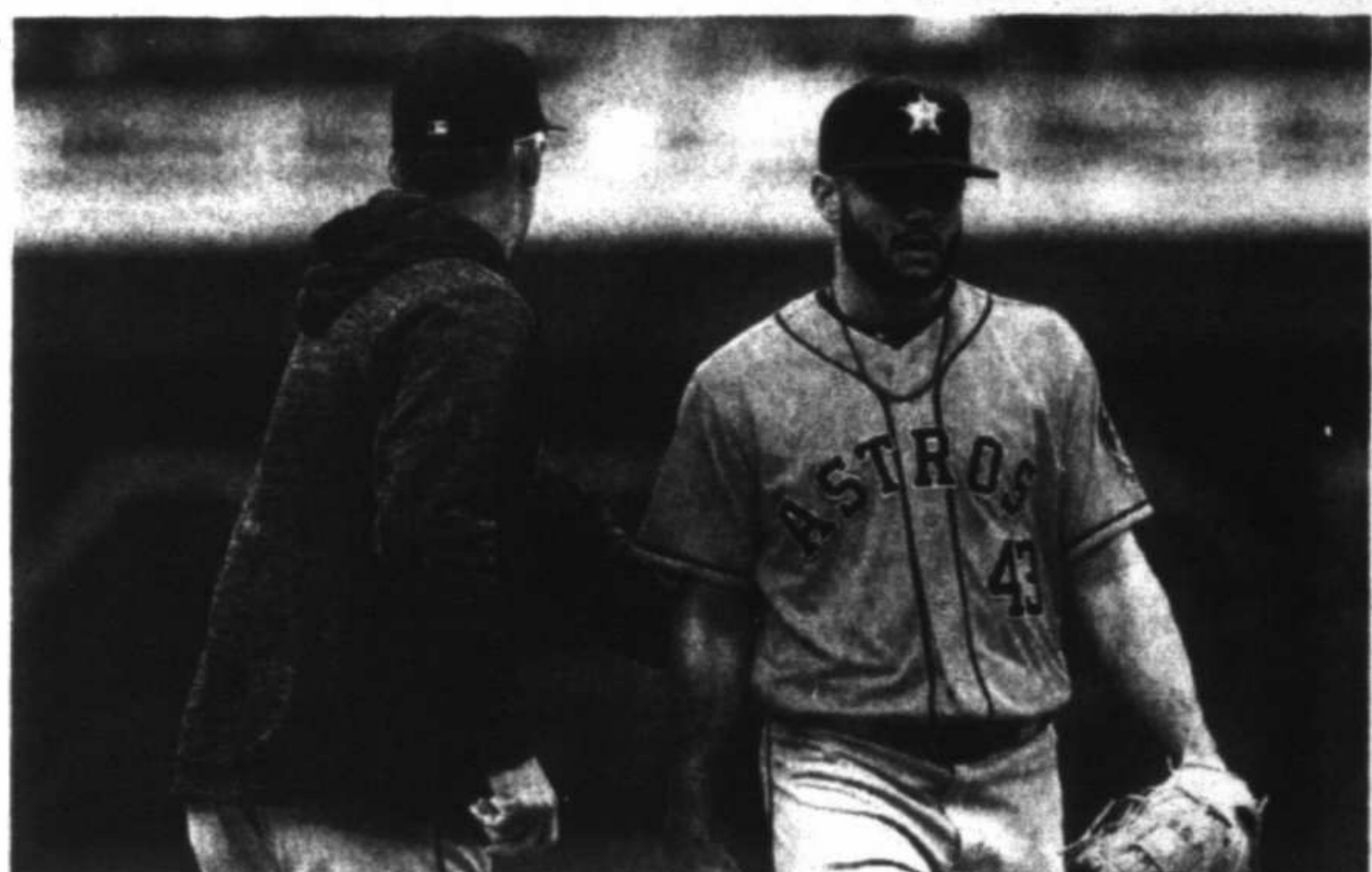
A throwing error by second baseman Brian Dozier helped Houston tie it in the ninth against Rodney. Down 8-6, the Astros loaded the bases with one out. George Springer grounded into an RBI forceout, and the tying run scored when Dozier

threw wide to first trying for a double play.

"There was a lot in that game that could've gone a little bit better for us, but obviously I'm proud of the way we fought back," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "They hung in there, too, and they came back from a tough blow losing an 8-1 lead. Weird game all the way around. For them to win on one swing is frustrating."

A series that had been marked by cold weather, walks and strikeouts finally saw a bit of offense after both starters faltered in the middle innings.

The first-pitch temperature was 44 degrees after starting in the 30s at night the previous two days. The teams combined for 32 walks and 61 strikeouts in the three-game series.



Jim Mone/Associated Press

Houston Astros pitcher Lance McCullers Jr., right, gets a pat on the back from manager Al Hinch as he is pulled in the fourth inning of a baseball game after giving up a two-run home run to Minnesota Twins' Max Kepler Wednesday in Minneapolis.

## Chaps beat NMJC in wild non-conference game

From staff reports

HOBBS, N.M. — After a wild eighth and ninth innings, the Midland College baseball team prevailed for a 17-13 non-conference victory against New Mexico Junior College, Wednesday at Ray Birmingham Field.

The two teams combined for 37 hits in the game, with 13 of them coming in the last two innings.

The Chaps led 12-6 before NMJC reeled off seven runs in the bottom of the eighth. Joab Gonzales started the rally with a two-run home run, followed by RBI doubles off the bats of Soterio Ramirez, Jake Dickerson and Ryan Rijo to tie the game.

Gonzales then singled to hand the Thunderbirds (27-10) a 13-12 lead heading to the ninth. But MC returned the favor.

Midland High grad Ethan Barker belted a leadoff solo home run to right field to tie the game, before Franyer Chavez put MC in front with a solo shot to left. Tommy Gillman followed with a two-run blast and then Blake Perdue homered for a 17-13 Chaps lead.

Cade Bullinger got the win on the mound for MC (25-13) after allowing one run on two hits

over 1 2/3 innings over the eighth and ninth. He struck out two and walked none.

Chavez was 4-for-5 with three RBI and two runs for the Chaps; Gillman was 4-for-6 with a four RBI and three runs scored; Barker finished 2-for-5 with a triple, three RBI and a pair of runs; Rogers was 2-for-6 with two home runs and three RBI and Lee grad Tristan Martinez was 3-for-5 with an RBI and a run.

MC resumes Western Junior College Athletic Conference play when it travels to Western Texas College for a doubleheader beginning at noon Friday.

Table with 3 columns: Player, At Bats, Runs, Hits, RBIs. Includes names like Midland 100, NMJC 100, Justin Lewis, Chandler Lator, Neil Soto, Brandon Papp, Carson Bailey, Brandon Hally, Fulton Papp, Chris Johnson, Ryan Robinson, David Ortega, Anthony Chavez, Mike Lator, and Cade Army.

Records: Midland 25-12; NMJC 27-11

## Dodger Stadium to host 2020 All-Star Game

By Beth Harris  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The wait is over. Baseball's All-Star Game is returning to Dodger Stadium in 2020 for the first time since 1980, thanks in large part to the upgrades made by the team's ownership in recent years.

Commissioner Rob Manfred made the announcement from a platform in center field Wednesday with Dodgers alumni Don Newcombe, Tom Lasorda, Manny Mota, Ron Cey, Bill Russell and Reggie Smith looking on. Dodgers manager Dave Roberts, injured third baseman Justin Turner and closer Kenley Jansen joined them under a hot sun.

Manfred cited three factors in awarding the 2020 edition to Los Angeles: the city offers a "great place" to showcase the game's younger talent, Dodger Stadium is iconic as baseball's third-oldest park, and "it's time for us to be back here."

The Dodgers played a video showing scenes of the

ballpark and city narrated by retired Hall of Fame announcer Vin Scully, who concluded with the line, "This is our home and we can't wait."

Stan Kasten, team president and CEO, donned a blue cap with the insignia "LA ASG 2020."

He touted the franchise's ability to top 3 million in attendance in recent years as another reason why the Dodgers deserved to host for the fourth time.

The franchise previously hosted in 1949 at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn; 1959, in the second All-Star Game that year at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum; and 1980.

"This is the most beautiful venue ever built to play and watch baseball," Kasten said.

The Dodgers have watched while the All-Star Game went elsewhere in Southern California over the years.

Jack Murphy Stadium in San Diego played host in 1992 and its replacement, Petco Park, was the site in 2016. Anaheim hosted in

1989 and 2010.

Kasten said one of the reasons it's taken Los Angeles so long to win another All-Star bid was because of scheduling conflicts for other venues that will be used for the fan fest and related activities during the four-day event.

The Dodgers will send representatives to Washington, D.C., for this summer's game, where Roberts will manage the NL team, and Cleveland next year to observe.

Kasten said playing host is a "good excuse" to launch the next stage of renovations at Dodger Stadium.

Since 2013, the 56-year-old stadium has undergone a series of structural and behind-the-scenes upgrades, including the creation of two new entrance plazas, tiered seating and bar areas overlooking both bullpens, new high-definition video screens and sound system and wider concourses.

Restrooms have been renovated and displays of the team's rich history have been enhanced.

## MLB ROUNDPUP

Associated Press

### American League

#### ANGELS 7, RANGERS 2

ARLINGTON — Shohei Ohtani had an RBI single that put the Los Angeles Angels ahead to stay and was later picked off first base by one of his former Japanese teammates in a 7-2 victory Wednesday night over the Texas Rangers.

Ohtani was in the lineup for the first time since homering in each of his three starts as designated hitter last week. The 23-year-old rookie two-way sensation put the Angels up 1-0 in the second with his opposite-field single and finished 1 for 3 with a walk.

The Rangers were swept in the three-game series, became the first team in the majors with 10 losses and now could be without their shortstop and No. 3 hitter. Elvis Andrus came out of the game after being hit by a pitch on his right arm in the ninth inning. Andrus was clearly in pain when he dropped to the ground.

#### WHITE SOX 2, REDS 1

CHICAGO — Matt Davidson hit a two-run homer off Austin Priddy (1-2) in the eighth inning and Chicago improved to 1-5 at home, matching its worst home start since 1975 at Comiskey Park.

Bruce Rondon (1-0) retired the side in the eighth, and Nate Jones finished for his first save.

#### MARINERS 4, ROYALS 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kyle Seager hit a go-ahead homer with two outs in the eighth off Justin Grimm (0-1).

James Paxton matched a career-best with 10 strikeouts over six sharp innings before turning it over to his bullpen. Nick Vincent (1-0) worked a perfect seventh, and Edwin Diaz got three outs for his fourth save.

#### INDIANS 5, TIGERS 3

CLEVELAND — Jordan Zimmermann was back in Detroit's clubhouse a few hours after being hit in the face by Jason Kipnis' line drive in the first inning of Wednesday night's 5-1 loss to the Cleveland Indians and felt fortunate to come away with only a bruised jaw.

Making his third start of the season, Zimmermann retired Francisco Lindor on a fly ball starting the game. The 31-year-old right-hander had little time to react to Kipnis' liner on a 2-2 pitch.

#### ORIOLES 5, BLUE JAYS 3

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Orioles finally put on an offensive show at Camden Yards, one that manager Buck Showalter hopes will be repeated many times this summer.

Jonathan Schoop drove in two runs, Kevin Gausman

### National League

pitched six effective innings and the Orioles beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-3 Wednesday night to avoid a three-game sweep. Limited to seven runs in their first five home games of the season, the Orioles got off to another slow start before finally getting their stumbling offense on track.

#### YANKEES 10, RED SOX 7

BOSTON — Tyler Austin rushed the mound after being hit by a pitch from Red Sox reliever Joe Kelly, triggering a bench-clearing brawl in a ramped-up rivalry as the New York Yankees ended Boston's nine-game winning streak with a 10-7 victory Wednesday night.

In a matchup between teams that have long tangled, Gary Sanchez hit two home runs in a game that twice saw the benches empty and a fight that resulted in a trio of ejections.

#### ROCKIES 6, PADRES 4

DENVER — Rockies star Nolan Arenado charged the mound after a fastball from Luis Pardo sailed behind him, setting off a brawl that resulted in five ejections during Colorado's 6-4 win over the San Diego Padres on Wednesday.

Pedroia lunged his glove at the rushing Arenado and missed. The big-hitting Arenado then threw a couple of punches at the backpedaling Pardo but didn't land anything squarely.

Arenado, Rockies starter German Marquez and Colorado outfielder Gerardo Parra were ejected along with Pardo and Padres catcher A.J. Ellis.

#### BRaves 5, NATIONALS 3

WASHINGTON — Peter Bourjos drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single in the 12th inning off Ryan Madson (0-1).

Braves starter Brandon McCarthy left after five innings with what Atlanta said was a subluxation of his non-throwing shoulder, which usually refers to a partial dislocation. He spent more than a month on the disabled list last season after dislocating his left shoulder with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Rockie Shane Bieber (2-1) gave up Howie Kendrick's tying double in the 11th.

#### BREWERS 3, CARDINALS 2

ST. LOUIS — Matt Albert got his first save for Milwaukee, retiring Koltan Wong and Dexter Fowler to stand a pair of runners.

Milwaukee built a 3-0 lead on home runs by Hernandez Perez in the second and Eric Thames in the third followed by Jonathan Villar's RBI groundout in the fifth. Junior Guerra (1-0) allowed one run and four hits in 5 1/3 innings in his first start this season. Adam Wainwright (0-2) gave up three runs and eight

### Diamondbacks 7, Giants 3

SAN FRANCISCO — Paul Goldschmidt and John Ryan Murphy hit home runs and Arizona won its fourth straight series to start a season for the first time since beginning play in 1998.

Fernando Salas (2-1) pitched a scoreless inning in relief of starter Robbie Ray. Andrew Suarez (0-1) lost in his big league debut, allowing four runs and seven hits in 5 1/3 innings.

#### METS 4, MARLINS 1

MIAMI — The New York Mets are winning even when they can't get a hit against the opposing starter.

Miami Marlins lefty Justin Garcia was pulled after pitching six hitless innings in his first major league start Wednesday, and the Mets rallied to take took advantage of a strong season debut by Zack Wheeler and win 4-1 for their eighth consecutive victory.

#### PHILLIES 4, REDS 3

PHILADELPHIA — Scott Kingery hit a game-ending sacrifice fly in the 12th, two innings after Oduel Herrera robbed the Reds of a home run, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat Cincinnati 4-3 on Wednesday night to complete a three-game sweep.

Herrera took away a two-run shot from Scooter Gennett in the 10th with a leaping catch in front of the center field fence. J.P. Crawford hit his first career homer, and Cesar Hernandez also connected for the Phillies.

Pedro Florimon reached second against Austin Brice (0-1) to start the bottom of the 12th on second baseman Gennett's throwing error. Florimon advanced to third on Crawford's sacrifice, and Hernandez was intentionally walked. With a five-man infield, Kingery hit a fly ball to right-center that scored Florimon.

#### CUBS 13, PIRATES 5

CHICAGO — Javier Baez homered twice for the second straight day and scored the go-ahead run on a daring dash around the bases, helping the Chicago Cubs pound the Pittsburgh Pirates 13-5 on Wednesday.

Kris Bryant added three hits and two RBIs as Chicago got its first home win in the first game at Wrigley Field this season. Albert Almora Jr. also had three hits and Ben Zobrist drove in two runs in the Cubs' highest scoring performance in their first 11 games.

## MLB GLANCE

Associated Press

### Standings

Table showing MLB team standings by league (American, National) and division (AL East, AL Central, AL West, NL East, NL Central, NL West). Columns include W, L, Pct, GB, and Wild Card.

### Scores

Table listing MLB game scores from Wednesday, including teams, scores, and winning/losing pitchers.

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### Probable Starters

Table listing probable starting pitchers for MLB games on Thursday, including pitcher, team, and expected start time.

# Crunching the numbers for the Stanley Cup playoffs

By Pat Graham  
Associated Press

DENVER — Pittsburgh Penguins right winger Josh Jooris wears No. 16. That happens to be the total wins necessary for the team to retain the Stanley Cup for a third straight season.

There are lots of relevant numbers to be crunched heading into the playoffs, which begin Wednesday night. For instance, zero comes to mind, which is the number of expansion teams that have hoisted the Cup after starting from scratch. That's a figure the upstart Vegas Golden Knights are aiming to update.

Or Sweet 16 — the amount of teams that still have a shot at that coveted trophy. Here is a by-the-numbers glance at a postseason that will last two action-packed months. Welcome to beard-growing season:

16 — Game-winning playoff goals for Toronto forward Patrick Marleau.

15 — Times Claude Giroux of Philadelphia had at least two assists in a game this season. He and Blake Wheeler of Winnipeg tied for the league lead with 68.

14 — Career playoff goals in 55 games for Winnipeg forward Paul Stastny, who was acquired from St. Louis in February.

13 — Age of New Jersey forward Nico Hischier the last time the Devils made the postseason in 2011-12.

12 — Spot where Anaheim defenseman Cam

Fowler was picked in the 2010 entry draft. He's played the third-most NHL regular season games of anyone in that draft class.

11 — 4:45 p.m. The time Game 2 of the 1951 semifinal series between Boston and Toronto — who meet in the first round this season — was halted at 1-1. Maple Leaf Gardens needed to clear patrons by midnight because of a Toronto ordinance in effect, according to the Bruins website.

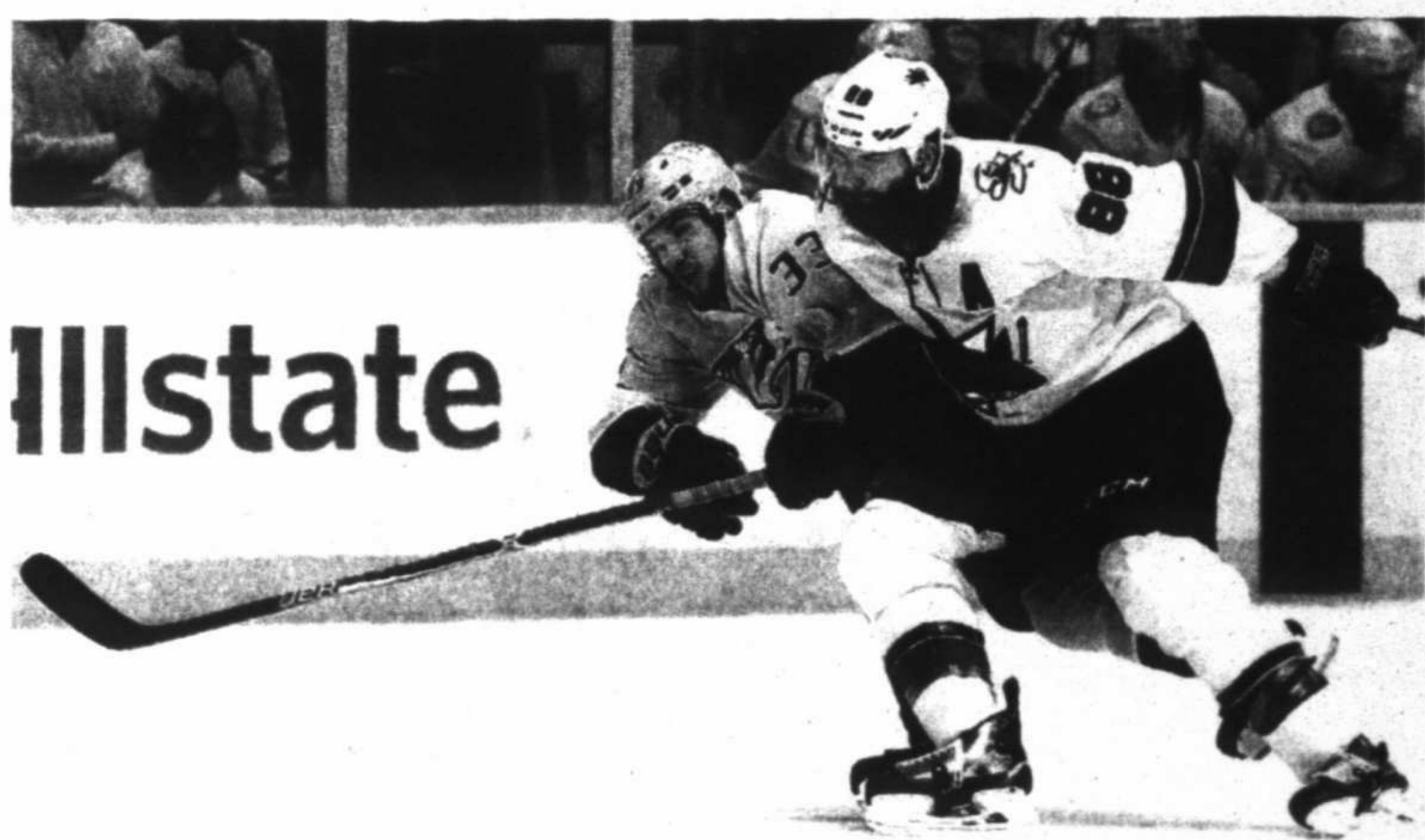
10 — Postseason shutouts by Vegas goalie Marc-Andre Fleury in his career.

9 — Uniform number of Artemi Panarin, who led Columbus with 82 points. No. 9 Filip Forsberg also led his Nashville team in scoring with 64, and No. 9 Taylor Hall led New Jersey with 93. Cloud Nine for sure.

8 — Overtime playoff goals scored by Avalanche Hall of Famer-turned-executive Joe Sakic, the most for a career. Maurice "Rocket" Richard is next with six.

7 — New teams that weren't in the playoffs a season ago, matching the biggest year-to-year change. It includes Colorado, Los Angeles, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Tampa Bay, Vegas and Winnipeg.

6 — Approximate length, in inches — or maybe in feet — of the impressive beard grown by Brent Burns of San Jose. The gold standard of whiskers.



Mark Humphrey/Associated Press

San Jose Sharks defenseman Brent Burns (88) takes down Nashville Predators left wing Viktor Arvidsson (33), of Sweden, in the second period of an NHL game Thursday, March 29 in Nashville, Tenn. Burns was called for interference on the play.

5.9 — Goals averaged per game this season, an increase of 7 percent from a year ago. There were 7,552 regular-season goals.

5 — Combined playoff hat tricks for Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby (2) and Evgeni Malkin (2), along with Washington's Alex Ovechkin (1). Wayne Gretzky had 10.

4a — Number of times a team has rallied from a 0-3 playoff deficit to win a series. The last occurrence was the Kings over

the Sharks during the first round in 2014.

4b — Times since the conference format was introduced in '74-'75 the last-place team from each side earned a playoff spot the next season. New Jersey and Colorado had the distinction in 2017-18, joining the Red Wings/Rockies (finished last in '76-'77), Bruins/Sharks (last in '96-'97) and Maple Leafs/Oilers (last in '15-'16).

3 — Draft picks Vegas

surrendered to Detroit at the trade deadline to acquire forward Tomas Tatar, who has three goals and four assists in 17 playoff games.

2 — Number of Canadian teams in the postseason, which is less than California (three).

1.95 — Career goals-against average for Pittsburgh's Matt Murray in the playoffs.

1a — Number of players born in France in these playoffs (Pierre-Edouard

Bellemare of Vegas).

1b — Number of players born in Nebraska in these playoffs (Jake Guentzel of Pittsburgh).

0 — Times Minnesota and Winnipeg have faced each other in the playoffs. The two first-round foes never met in the NHL playoffs when Minnesota had the North Stars (now in Dallas) or Winnipeg had the original Jets (now in Arizona).

# Fighting down, hatred still high in NHL playoff rivalries

By Stephen Whyno  
Associated Press

Sidney Crosby saw Jakub Voracek's glove on the ice and wasn't going to let his opponent pick it up easily.

Crosby pushed the glove away with his stick and reignited a melee in a good, old-fashioned Pittsburgh-Philadelphia playoff game that featured three fights, way more scurms and 158 penalty minutes. When Crosby was asked afterward why he did it, the Penguins captain responded: "I don't like them. I don't like any guy on their team."

Those were the days.

"It was awesome," then-Penguins general manager Ray Shero said. "If you look at it, it was wild. It really was. You had villains on both sides and people that hated each other."

That was six years ago. Is a rivalry still a rivalry in a league that has made a concerted effort against over-the-top hits and where fighting is truly a rare sight?

NHL executive Colin Campbell once famously said the league sells hate, and at no time is hate more widely bought, sold, distributed and celebrated than during the Stanley Cup playoffs. The NHL's divisional playoff format was brought back specifically to ignite old rivalries and create new ones, which has been a successful venture even if hate looks different than it did in the days of the "Broad Street Bullies." Playoff rivalries are no longer about dropping the gloves or laying out bone-crushing hits.

Teams now play fewer regular-season games against each other and are made up of more skilled players and fewer enforcers. Still, thanks to how tight the league is and the volcanic snowball effect of what a playoff series does to hockey players and coaches, rivalries might have a different look but they have plenty of smoldering intensity.

"Playing against teams with high stakes when there's a lot on the line — win or go home — that's how you have rivalries," veteran New Jersey Devils center Brian Boyle said. "When it's us or it's them, that's how you find those rivalries. The same guys for two weeks, I think that's how you build them."

The first round in the Eastern Conference this year already has two old-school rivalries with the Penguins and Flyers meeting in the playoffs for the first time since their epic 2012 showdown, and Bos-



Chris Carlson/Associated Press

Anaheim Ducks center Ryan Kesler misses a shot against Nashville Predators goalie Pekka Rinne during the first period of Game 5 on May 20, 2017 in the NHL Stanley Cup Western Conference finals in Anaheim, Calif. The Predators and the Ducks developed quite the nontraditional rivalry with intense series the past two playoffs, making that a potentially combustible Western Conference final.

ton facing Toronto for the first time since 2013. In the West, Minnesota faces Winnipeg in the first playoff series between the two division rivals, which could heat up fast.

"The best thing about most of them are is the proximity to where they live, the close ones, but I think it needs a good playoff (series) against that individual team to create the rivalry full hand," Wild coach Bruce Boudreau said. "Until you play seven games in 14 nights where you learn to hate the opposition."

Playoff series in back-to-back years made the Penguins and Washington dislike each other plenty, and they'd meet again in the second round if they advance this year. Nashville and Anaheim developed a nontraditional rivalry with intense series the past two playoffs, making that a potentially combustible Western Conference final.

When Predators players think about those Ducks series and other intense ones over the past several years, they know

there haven't been a lot of fights — and they're not alone. The past four playoffs have included a total of 39 fights. There were 46 fights in the 1978 postseason alone and an incredible 85 in the 1988 playoffs.

"You get the odd scrum that turns into a fight and stuff like that, but there's not too much fighting left," Nashville defenseman Ryan Ellis said. "You probably see the amount of blocked shots go up in the playoffs, the amount of hits — the little things that may not be on the stat sheet is kind of what I guess gets your team through the playoffs. It's just little things like that that really is the playoff intensity."

Boyle, who has blocked 113 shots in 106 career playoff games, has seen more fights in blowout games deep into a series than at other times because there's too much at stake to take a retaliatory penalty.

"A lot of times you see a lot of other guys turn the other cheek in a playoff series," Boyle said. "You don't want something like that to make a difference in

a series." Making a difference is more about scoring a big goal than leveling a big hit or punching someone in the face. Look at the Penguins' and Flyers' rosters now and the likes of Crosby, Evgeni Malkin, Phil Kessel, Voracek and Claude Giroux are far more likely to beat someone with a slick shot than their fists.

"I think the game has changed in how it's being played out there," Pittsburgh coach Mike Sullivan said. "I think personnel has changed. But I think rivalries are rivalries. There's always a heightened emotion associated with the games."

So much so that retired player and former Penguins coach Ed Olczyk said of Penguins-Flyers, "It only takes one player, one comment from somebody, where all bets are off and that gasoline tank will be ignited fairly quickly." Crosby recalls more fights between the teams in the past — he was involved in two six years ago in the game he swatted Voracek's glove away — but doesn't want to downplay the intensity of this rivalry.

"You never know what can happen," Crosby said. "I feel like both teams are always kind of at their best, and there's always a little bit extra in those games."

Capitals defenseman John Carlson said he thinks playoff rivalries have gotten worse more because of what players can get away with, the physical toll games take and the memories of the nasty things that happen.

"Those things last forever, really," Carlson said. "I can remember every single playoff series we've played in and this guy made a dirty hit in this game, this guy slashed me for no reason — two-handed me in the back of the legs — in this game, just stuff like that."

Peter Laviolette, who coached the Flyers in that 2012 series and has been with the Predators in emotional series against Anaheim and Chicago, knows that's just how the league wanted it. Where is the fun if everyone likes each other?

"I don't think there's ever been a love lost between Toronto and Boston or Montreal and Boston or Philadelphia and Pittsburgh," Laviolette said. "They wanted those rivalries. They wanted to make sure that those were the matchups in the playoffs. It's been great hockey."

## NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND	WESTERN CONFERENCE	EASTERN CONFERENCE
Thursday, April 12: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.	Thursday, April 12: Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.	Thursday, April 12: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
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Monday, April 16: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.	Monday, April 16: Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.	Monday, April 16: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.	Tuesday, April 17: Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.	Tuesday, April 17: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.	Wednesday, April 18: Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.	Wednesday, April 18: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 19: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.	Thursday, April 19: Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.	Thursday, April 19: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 20: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.	Friday, April 20: Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.	Friday, April 20: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
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Wednesday, April 25: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.	Wednesday, April 25: Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.	Wednesday, April 25: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 26: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.	Thursday, April 26: Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.	Thursday, April 26: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
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Monday, April 30: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.	Monday, April 30: Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.	Monday, April 30: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.

## Tony Stewart reaches settlement in wrongful death suit

Associated Press

UTICA, N.Y. — The family of a race car driver fatally injured when struck by Tony Stewart's sprint car has apparently reached a settlement in its wrongful death lawsuit against the former NASCAR star.

According to a notice posted in federal court records on Monday, Judge David Hurd set an April 12 settlement hearing in Utica, New York.

Kevin Ward Jr. was killed in August 2014 at Canandaigua Motorsports Park after he exited his car following a crash into the wall lining the dirt track in upstate New York following a bump from Stewart's vehicle.

Ward was walking in the direction of Stewart's car when he was struck and killed by the veteran driver.

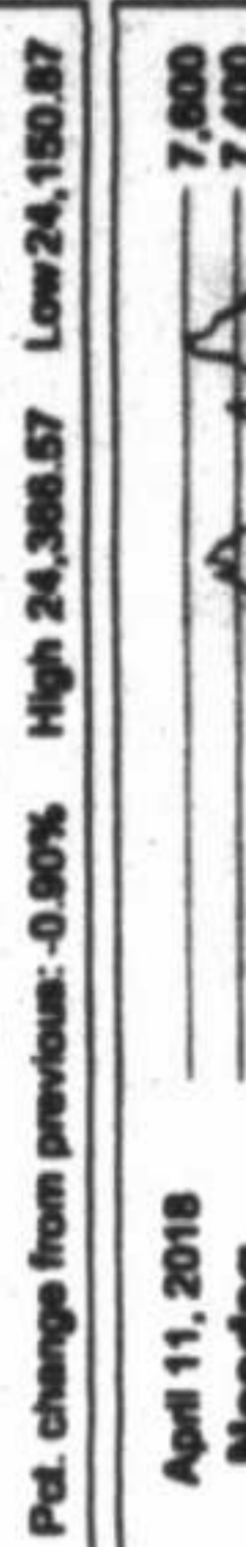
The family claimed Stewart caused the collision by improperly maneuvering toward the victim after the race was placed under caution.

A trial had been scheduled to begin May 7.



THE MARKET IN REVIEW

A DAY ON WALL STREET



Apr 11, 2018  
Dow Jones Industrials  
24,109.45  
Pt. change from previous: -0.80%

Apr 11, 2018  
Nasdaq composite  
7,089.03  
Pt. change from previous: -0.38%

Apr 11, 2018  
Standard & Poor's 500  
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Pt. change from previous: -0.85%

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Unusual defense. Both vulnerable, North deals. NORTH: ♠K9, ♥A972, ♦QJ894, ♣K3. WEST: ♠43, ♥885, ♦K632, ♣QJ665. EAST: ♠10762, ♥KQ64, ♦875, ♣92. SOUTH: ♠AQJ85, ♥J3, ♦A, ♣AJ743.

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**ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT**

**COPY EDITOR/DESIGNER**

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

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

If you're interested: Submit your cover letter, resumé and clips in PDF format to Editor Stewart Doreen at sdoreen@mrt.com.

**EDUCATION/TRAINING**

**Instructor-Transportation Trainer**

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

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

**Line Walker & Meter Technician**

**Line Walker** opening @ Natural Gas Processing Plant NE of Big Spring, TX. Must be physically able to walk long distances following natural gas lines. Must pass pre-employment drug test, criminal history check and motor vehicle records check and have a valid Texas Driver's License. Excellent Salary, Paid Vacation, Medical Insurance, and 401k. Must be 21 to apply.

**Meter Technician** opening @ Natural Gas Processing Plant NE of Big Spring, TX. Looking for a dependable individual with knowledge of computer basics. Experience in oil and gas industry a must. Must pass pre-employment drug test, criminal history check and motor vehicle records check and have a valid Texas Driver's License. Excellent Salary, Paid Vacation, Medical Insurance, and 401k. Must be 21 to apply.

Please Send Resume To:  
Plant Supervisor  
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Crosstons, TX 79611  
Or Fax (432)388-4290  
Or Email carcher@wtggs.com

**Full Time Maintenance**

Currently looking for Full-Time Maintenance. Experience needed. Apply in person at: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 3269 W Loop 280 N, Midland, TX 79707.

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**Grounds Crew Maintenance**  
Seasonal Hills Golf Club now hiring full-time Grounds Crew. Duties: • Operate equipment used for care and maintenance of golf course. • Work in outdoors in all types of weather. • Perform other duties as assigned. • Full training provided. Seasonal: High school diploma or GED, 6 months experience preferred. Length and hours provided. \$15.50 per hour. Call 432-682-2641, 1900 E. Wadley, Midland, TX.

**OTHER JOBS**

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

- Water truck drivers • Belly Dump drivers

Home every night and new equipment

Requirements: 1 year of driving experience. Valid Texas Class A CDL, w/licenses for water truck driver.

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

Apply in person at Jones Bros. Dirt & Paving Contractors, Inc. 1401 S. Grandview Odessa, Texas 79761

**Field Service Mechanics**  
Come Join our family! Jones Bros. Dirt and Paving We want your work experience and your hard work! NOW HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITION

Field Service Mechanics

Requirements: 3 years mechanic experience. Must have own tools. Valid Texas Drivers License. Pay will depend on work experience, 50 plus work week.

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

Apply in person at Jones Bros. Dirt & Paving Contractors, Inc. 1401 S. Grandview Odessa, Texas 79761

**Service Technician**  
Service Technician wanted. Servicing Safety Related equipment. Mechanical aptitude required with attention to detail. Requires licensing through TX State Fire Marshal for Portable Fire Extinguisher within 90 days of hire date. Paid Holidays, Accrued Paid Time Off, Medical Insurance, and 401K. Resumes may be submitted by email dextrn.cd@techsafety.com. Apply at 1000 S Ocoote St Midland.

**RESTAURANT/FOOD SERVICES**  
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Now Hiring Full Time Managers. Send Resumes via Fax to 800-763-8991 or Email at [jasonbrown@buffalowild.com](mailto:jasonbrown@buffalowild.com).

**Cashier & General Help**  
KD's Bar-B-Q is looking for cashier & general help. Have a good attitude, love working with others and work hard? Then we want you! Full or part time. Closed Sunday & Monday. Fun & friendly place to work, family-owned, insurance provided. Must speak English, have great customer skills, be a quick learner, reliable & responsible. Apply in person: 3108 Garden City Hwy. or submit resume.

**Server / Host / Bartender**  
Are you fun, attractive, charming & have a great personality? Do you love making great money while having fun at your job? If so, we want you! Apply today in person or at [www.kds.com/careers](http://www.kds.com/careers). 1100 Pub & Eatery, 1110 Tradeview Blvd., Midland, TX 79706, (432) 690-6489

**Full Time Cashier**  
Health Food Store is taking applications for energetic and friendly full-time cashiers. Pleasant work environment, friendly customers, caring management, generous employee discount and paid vacations. Apply in person Monday through Friday only 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley, Midland, TX

**Full Time Receiving**  
Health food store is taking applications for a receiving person. Five day work week, 30-40 hrs per week. Positive work environment, caring management and pleasant customers. Apply in person Monday through Friday only, 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79707

**Retail Professional**  
Julian Gold, Midland's premier women's fashion store, is seeking a full time retail professional to join our sales team. The ideal candidate will have fashion retail experience and be eager to grow in our fast paced environment.

Merchandising or management experience a plus!  
We offer great benefits, including paid vacation, insurance and 401K. Applications accepted by phone or online - no phone calls, please.  
Email resumes to: [ginger@juliangold.com](mailto:ginger@juliangold.com)  
2101 W. Wadley, Ste. 16, Midland, TX 79705

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**MIDLAND NOW HIRING**

**Planning Division Manager**

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

**BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

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

**Job Duties:**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

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

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

**Benefits:**

- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/Flex Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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

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

**\$13.00 PER HOUR**

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

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

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

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

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**MIDLAND NOW HIRING**

**Equipment Operator - Traffic Operations**

Perform manual and controlled labor on traffic signs and markings, which often involves the use of special skills. Operate several types of light and heavy vehicles, equipment, and tools. Do related work and testing as required.

**Job Duties:**

- Assist in loading and unloading transported equipment.
- Operate equipment used in the daily activities of the Traffic Operations division such as public machines, sign installation equipment, vehicles and other heavy equipment.
- Perform maintenance, service minor repairs on vehicles and equipment.
- Detail and maintain marking signs, markings and all other traffic devices.
- Assist in maintaining inventory of supplies and equipment.
- Maintain records of work performed, activities, status reports and work orders.
- Perform related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**

Employee must be able to communicate effectively with employees, management and others in order to effectively resolve and complete assigned work.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to traffic control devices and operations. Knowledge of the processes used in traffic control maintenance. Employee must be able to follow instructions for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and directed power tools is required. Employee must be able to use heavy equipment required in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch wipers, and cutting tools. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders is also required.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas Class "A" or "B" CDL required, or must obtain within 90 days of employment.

**Benefits:**

- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/Flex Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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OTHER JOBS

**Endeavor Energy Resources**

**DOT Driver II**

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

**Essential Functions:**

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

**Minimum Requirements:**

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

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

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

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

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

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**Endeavor Energy Resources**

**Now hiring for a Field Technician.**

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

**Job Duties:**

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

**Minimum Qualifications:**

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

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

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

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

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SALES JOBS

**Digital Media Account Executive**

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

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

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

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

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

**Requirements:**

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

**The perks:**

- A great work environment it's never boring here!
- Paid in-depth sales and product training.
- Competitive base salary, uncapped commissions for unlimited earning potential, and significant opportunity for advancement within the company
- Collaboration ideas and input are always welcome
- Health, dental, 401k, paid time off we have you covered

Send resume to David Robbins at david.robbins@hearstnp.com  
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**MIDLAND**

**NOW HIRING**

**Customer Service (Field Work)**

Perform field work regarding current or past water service.

**Job Duties:**

- Turn water on for new customers, disconnect water for customer leaving or re-connects service that had been disconnected. Obtain new or current readings due to new service or broken lines.
- Make meters to establish or re-establish service.
- Put meters should customer ever when customer fails to cut up service.
- Collect past due utility bills so that water can be connected.
- Change or our broken meter stop valves and meter box lids.
- File or re-write meter information when complaints are filed.
- File down related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**

- Ability to effectively communicate with citizens, other departments and employees in order to provide information on current status or the reading of meters.
- Ability to read work orders and maps to enter to field street locations. Skill in both is extremely crucial to water control. Skill in the use of variety of hand tools such as wrench, meter wrench and meter keys.
- Valid Texas Driver's License required. Employee must be bondable.

**Benefits:**

- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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**Employment Account Executive**

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

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

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

**Responsibilities include:**

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

**The Ideal Candidate:**

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

**Required Skills & Experience:**

- Passion to outpace and close deals
- Exceptional communication and presentation skills
- Strong computer skills, Digital Sales experience a plus
- Bachelor's degree preferred

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

- Paid training
- Competitive Base Salary & Commissions
- Medical, Dental and Vision Coverage
- Flex spending accounts
- Short & Long-Term Disability Insurance
- 401K with company match
- Paid time off & more!

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**Field Service Technicians, Shop Technicians & Mechanics**

Endeavor Energy Resources is seeking Field Service Technicians, Shop Technicians and Mechanics. Experience preferred. However, we are willing to train. Hourly pay and overtime with benefits of group health, dental, life insurance and vacation pay. There is an opportunity to earn commissions and be awarded bonuses. Participation in matching 401k plan after one year of employment. You can stop by 2610 E. Hwy 100 in Midland or go online to [www.endeavorenergy.com](http://www.endeavorenergy.com) for application and send to [jobs@endeavorenergy.com](mailto:jobs@endeavorenergy.com).

SKILLED LABOR

**MULTIPLE POSITIONS**

SFG Solutions is looking to hire Heavy Machinery Operators such as, Backhoes, Bulldozers, Blades, Excavator Water Trucks and Belly Dumps. Pay is based on experience and hourly. Full time hours plus OT. If interested please email Tolly at [Tolly@sfgsolutions.com](mailto:Tolly@sfgsolutions.com) or call (432)-382-0748.

**PIONEER**

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

**NOW HIRING**

**Instrumentation & Electrical Technician**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

**Comprehensive Benefits package!**

- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Prescription Drug
- 401 K
- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
- Company Paid Life
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Onsite Fitness Center

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**PIONEER**

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

**NOW HIRING**

**Local Drivers**

Local truck drivers needed. Home nightly, local routes, scheduled shifts 5am-5pm (14/7 rotational) never on call, optional overtime.

**Qualifications:**

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

**Comprehensive Benefits package!**

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- Prescription Drug
- 401 K
- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
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**NOW HIRING**

**Transportation Truck Driver**

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

**Qualifications:**

- High school education or equivalent.
- Experience can range from commercial truck driving experience preferred to one year as a water truck driver required.
- Valid Class A CDL with Tanker endorsement.
- Clean driving record.
- Salary competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**Comprehensive Benefits package!**

- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Prescription Drug
- 401 K
- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
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**Tapers & Painters**

Now hiring experienced Tapers and Painters asap. Must come to office to fill out application at 100 W. Ohio Street, Ste 201 A, Midland from 9am-5pm Monday - Friday. 432-653-7598

**CDL Drivers**

Pro Oil and Gas Services now hiring CDL drivers class A with hazmat, tanker endorsement. Start pay \$23 hour depending on experience. Insurance and benefits. Must have clean driving record and pass dot physical and drug test. Must also pass federal background check. 14/7 work schedule. Send resumes to: [ejurado@prooil.com](mailto:ejurado@prooil.com).

**CDL Hot Shot Drivers**

Oilfield Trucking Company now accepting applications for CDL Hot Shot Drivers. On call position - paid weekly per job commission. Job description: 1-2 ton W/P trucks - pulling flatbed trailers to and from oil field locations. Minor mechanic maintenance skills required. Must be 25 years of age with 1 year CDL driving experience and live in the Midland or Ector County areas. Benefits include: Health Insurance, uniforms and cell phone allowance. For applications call Lee R's Enterprises 432-570-6283 / [lee@leeenterprises.com](mailto:lee@leeenterprises.com)

**Frac Sand CDL Drivers & Owner Operators**

Local trucking company now hiring Frac Sand Class A CDL Drivers & Owner Operators, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Apply in person at 2915 FM 718, Midland, Texas 79708

Local company looking for a Local CDL Driver. Home at night! Clean driving record and pass drug/alcohol test. Paid holidays, vacation benefits available. Salary, DOE! M-F, occasional Saturday morning. Guaranteed 40hrs per week. Please contact Bill (432)-694-6339

**Mobile Crane Operators**

Warrior Crane seeking NCOCC certified hydraulic, oil terrain operators. Riggers. Pay based on experience. Email: [warriorcrane@yahoo.com](mailto:warriorcrane@yahoo.com)

**MIDLAND**

**NOW HIRING**

**Sanitation Driver**

Drives a single or tandem axle side loading refuse pumper truck and collects and disposes of solid waste. Service as sanitary driver call a regular route becomes available. Works at recycling center when required sorting recyclables. May be assigned to a hot-off truck or boom truck instead of side loader.

**Job Duties:**

- Drives a sanitation vehicle and collects and disposes of solid waste from containers. Collects and disposes of yard waste and large, bulky items when assigned to hot-off job.
- Routes to and from the landfill in order to dispose of bulky materials.
- Assists in Star pickup and unloads progress when required.
- Maintains and inspects vehicles and performs safety checks daily.
- Maintains records of work performed for supervisor such as vehicle check list, tip logs and repair reports.
- Very solid waste management ability required of the solid waste management division in order to adequately perform public service responsibilities.
- Must be a recycling specialist.
- Assists in solid waste disposal related activities when not driving a regular route.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

- Ability to effectively communicate with employees and citizens who will require explaining disposal procedures. Ability to work with citizens who may have complaints or concerns preferred.
- Knowledge of processes used in the collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to read and write and follow oral and written instructions from supervisor. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compressors, lifts, bins and various hydraulic systems as well as shovels, buckets and rakes.
- High school diploma or equivalent preferred with six months to one year of experience in a related position. Valid Texas Class B Commercial Driver's License required.

**Benefits:**

- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0310015  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 27, 2018 Status/Permit No. 037353  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 1, 2018  
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6780  
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

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**FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)**

Lease/Unit Name :	DONALD L HUTT FEE W200	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	15H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	4726.3	
Nearest Lease Line (R) :	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (R) :	415.0	

Lease Lines : 1480.0 F WEST L, 1430.0 F SOUTH L  
Survey Lines : 1480.0 F WEST L, 1430.0 F SOUTH L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal  
Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines : 1480.0 F WEST L, 1430.0 F SOUTH L

Terminus Location  
BH County: MIDLAND  
Section: 45 Block: 38 Abstract: 1049  
Survey: SHACKELFORD, MRS S E  
Lease Lines : 1798.0 F WEST L, 100.0 F NORTH L  
Survey Lines : 1798.0 F WEST L, 100.0 F NORTH L

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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10480 feet.

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**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0310012  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 27, 2018 Status/Permit No. 037344  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 1, 2018  
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
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Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6780  
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Lease/Unit Name :	DONALD L HUTT FEE W20U	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	21H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	4726.3	
Nearest Lease Line (R) :	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (R) :	415.0	

Lease Lines : 1455.0 F WEST L, 1280.0 F SOUTH L  
Survey Lines : 1455.0 F WEST L, 1280.0 F SOUTH L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal  
Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines : 1455.0 F WEST L, 1280.0 F SOUTH L

Terminus Location  
BH County: MIDLAND  
Section: 45 Block: 38 Abstract: 1049  
Survey: SHACKELFORD, MRS S E  
Lease Lines : 2213.0 F WEST L, 100.0 F NORTH L  
Survey Lines : 2213.0 F WEST L, 100.0 F NORTH L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:  
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0310010  
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Lease/Unit Name :	DONALD L HUTT FEE W20S	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	18H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	4726.3	
Nearest Lease Line (R) :	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (R) :	415.0	

Lease Lines : 1385.0 F WEST L, 1280.0 F SOUTH L  
Survey Lines : 1385.0 F WEST L, 1280.0 F SOUTH L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal  
Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines : 1385.0 F WEST L, 1280.0 F SOUTH L

Terminus Location  
BH County: MIDLAND  
Section: 45 Block: 38 Abstract: 1049  
Survey: SHACKELFORD, MRS S E  
Lease Lines : 953.0 F WEST L, 100.0 F NORTH L  
Survey Lines : 953.0 F WEST L, 100.0 F NORTH L

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**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0310016  
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Lease/Unit Name :	DONALD L HUTT FEE W20P	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	19H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	4726.3	
Nearest Lease Line (R) :	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (R) :	415.0	

Lease Lines : 1905.0 F WEST L, 1430.0 F SOUTH L  
Survey Lines : 1905.0 F WEST L, 1430.0 F SOUTH L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal  
Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines : 1905.0 F WEST L, 1430.0 F SOUTH L

Terminus Location  
BH County: MIDLAND  
Section: 45 Block: 38 Abstract: 1049  
Survey: SHACKELFORD, MRS S E  
Lease Lines : 2035.0 F WEST L, 100.0 F NORTH L  
Survey Lines : 2035.0 F WEST L, 100.0 F NORTH L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:  
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

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Rule 37 Case No. 0310011  
Status/Permit No. 837338

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Lease/Unit Well No.: 20H  
Lease/Unit Acres: 4726.3  
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 415.0

Lease Lines: 1410.0 F WEST L, 1280.0 F SOUTH L  
Survey Lines: 1410.0 F WEST L, 1280.0 F SOUTH L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 1410.0 F WEST L, 1280.0 F SOUTH L

Terminus Location  
BH County: MIDLAND  
Section: 45 Block: 38 Abstract: 1049  
Survey: SHACKELFORD, MRS S E  
Lease Lines: 1383.0 F WEST L, 100.0 F NORTH L  
Survey Lines: 1383.0 F WEST L, 100.0 F NORTH L

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Rule 37 Case No. 0310014  
Status/Permit No. 837349

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: DONALD L HUTT FEE W20H  
Lease/Unit Well No.: 14H  
Lease/Unit Acres: 4726.3  
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 415.0

Lease Lines: 1460.0 F WEST L, 1430.0 F SOUTH L  
Survey Lines: 1460.0 F WEST L, 1430.0 F SOUTH L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 1460.0 F WEST L, 1430.0 F SOUTH L

Terminus Location  
BH County: MIDLAND  
Section: 45 Block: 38 Abstract: 1049  
Survey: SHACKELFORD, MRS S E  
Lease Lines: 988.0 F WEST L, 100.0 F NORTH L  
Survey Lines: 988.0 F WEST L, 100.0 F NORTH L

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Rule 37 Case No. 0310475  
Status/Permit No. 838007

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name: HOUSTON-WELLS 47E  
Lease/Unit Well No.: 0H  
Lease/Unit Acres: 1098.1  
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0

Lease Lines: 800.0 F SOUTH L, 1688.0 F WEST L  
Survey Lines: 800.0 F SOUTH L, 1688.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 800.0 F SOUTH L, 1688.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location  
BH County: MARTIN  
Section: 35 Block: 36 T1S Abstract: 211  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 1000.0 F WEST L  
Survey Lines: 2575.0 F NORTH L, 1000.0 F WEST L

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: HOUSTON-WELLS 47E  
Lease/Unit Well No.: 0H  
Lease/Unit Acres: 1098.1  
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 880.0

Lease Lines: 800.0 F SOUTH L, 1688.0 F WEST L  
Survey Lines: 800.0 F SOUTH L, 1688.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 800.0 F SOUTH L, 1688.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location  
BH County: MARTIN  
Section: 35 Block: 36 T1S Abstract: 211  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 1000.0 F WEST L  
Survey Lines: 2575.0 F NORTH L, 1000.0 F WEST L

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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.  
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.  
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11544 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, LAURA WALLACE, at (972)989-1742.

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Rule 37 Case No. 0310473  
Status/Permit No. 838010

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: HOUSTON-WELLS 47F  
Lease/Unit Well No.: 0H  
Lease/Unit Acres: 1098.1  
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 880.0

Lease Lines: 843.0 F SOUTH L, 1678.0 F WEST L  
Survey Lines: 843.0 F SOUTH L, 1678.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 843.0 F SOUTH L, 1678.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location  
BH County: MARTIN  
Section: 35 Block: 36 T1S Abstract: 211  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 782.0 F EAST L  
Survey Lines: 2577.0 F SOUTH L, 1880.0 F WEST L

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name: HOUSTON-WELLS 47F  
Lease/Unit Well No.: 0H  
Lease/Unit Acres: 1098.1  
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 880.0

Lease Lines: 843.0 F SOUTH L, 1678.0 F WEST L  
Survey Lines: 843.0 F SOUTH L, 1678.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 843.0 F SOUTH L, 1678.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location  
BH County: MARTIN  
Section: 35 Block: 36 T1S Abstract: 211  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 782.0 F EAST L  
Survey Lines: 2577.0 F SOUTH L, 1880.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:  
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.  
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.  
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11544 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, LAURA WALLACE, at (972)989-1742.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Coronado Operating, LLC, P.O. Box 80922, Midland, TX 79708 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation, which is non-productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Queen/Grayburg/San Andres/Gloster formations.

Stagecoach SWD Well Number #1 the proposed disposal well is located 8.6 miles South West of Midkiff in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field, in Upton County.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3650 to 6000 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF STEPHEN EDWARD SPAIN, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that on April 9, 2018, Letters Testamentary were issued to Carolyn Jo Johns as Independent Executor in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Stephen Edward Spain, Deceased," being No. P19384 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending.

Carolyn Jo Johns, Independent Executor of the Estate of Stephen Edward Spain, Deceased



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Legal and Public Notices

Permian Basin MPO Policy Board Meeting

Date: April 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Place: Permian Basin MPO 9601 Wright Dr., Suite 1 Midland, TX 79706

The Policy Board of the Permian Basin MPO will hold a regularly scheduled meeting to hear updates on transportation planning topics. The Board may conduct an Executive Session as permitted under Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code.

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 9, 2018 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 14, 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.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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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.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name: BROOK D-ESA Lease/Unit Well No.: 101H Lease/Unit Acres: 959.1 Nearest Lease Line (R): 1.0 Lease Lines: 144.0 F NORTH L, 1290.0 F EAST L Survey Lines: 2485.0 F SOUTH L, 1290.0 F EAST L Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location Lease Lines: 144.0 F NORTH L, 1290.0 F EAST L Terminus Location BH County: UPTON Section: 8 Block: D Abstract: 853 Survey: D&W RR CO / MOSELEY, E A Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L, 2180.0 F EAST L Survey Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L, 2180.0 F EAST L Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10330 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Kim Beard, at (972)989-0000.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 8, 2018 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 11, 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.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the LARGO OIL & GAS COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 488710] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 29, Bl. 36 T15, T&P RR CO Survey, A-209, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC FIELD, MARTIN County, being 4.1 miles SW direction from STANTON, 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.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name: GREENE 4 Lease/Unit Well No.: 101 Lease/Unit Acres: 962.96 Nearest Lease Line (R): 1.0 Nearest Well on Lease (R): 482.0 Lease Lines: 528.0 F&L, 488.0 FEL Survey Lines: 528.0 F&L, 2211.0 FWL Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location Lease Lines: 50.0 F&L, 332.0 FEL Terminus Location BH County: MIDLAND Section: 32 Block: 36 T15 Abstract: 1083 Survey: T&P RR CO / KOENIG, F X Lease Lines: 50.0 F&L, 332.0 FEL Survey Lines: 1377.0 F&L, 2285.0 FWL Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 6000 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Ryan Burgeon, at (512)4783488.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 12, 2018 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 17, 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.STATE.TX.US

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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.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name: MIDKIFF 1H Lease/Unit Well No.: 14H Lease/Unit Acres: 408.5 Nearest Lease Line (R): 1.0 Nearest Well on Lease (R): 303.0 Lease Lines: 1188.0 F SOUTH L, 384.0 F EAST L Survey Lines: 92.0 F SOUTH L, 1348.0 F EAST L Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location Lease Lines: 1188.0 F SOUTH L, 384.0 F EAST L Terminus Location BH County: MIDLAND Section: 40 Block: 36 T45 Abstract: 884 Survey: T&P RR CO / MIDKIFF, J R Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 838.0 F EAST L Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 838.0 F EAST L Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

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**Legal and Public Notices**

**Notice of Application for Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit**

Wasser Operating, LLC / 6 Dista Drive Suite 5850, Midland, TX 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Ellenburger Formation, Mabee SWD Lease, Well Number 3. The proposed disposal well is located 23.6 miles Northwest of Stanton, TX, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Martin County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 13,402 to 15,000 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to Technical Permitting, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 PM, April 25, 2018, to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 18001870

For: Herbicide for Spraberry Farm

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

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**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0310561  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 10, 2018 Status/Permit No. 637693  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 15, 2018

Address: Railroad Commission of Texas  
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6790  
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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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 lessee 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 present 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. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6791.

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	MIDKIFF 1M
Lease/Unit Well No.	13H
Lease/Unit Acres	4808.3
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	298.0

Lease Lines: 11573.0 F SOUTH L, 3884.0 F EAST L  
908.0 F SOUTH L, 1345.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 11573.0 F SOUTH L, 3884.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location  
BH County: MIDLAND  
Section: 48 Block: 36 T4S Abstract: 964  
Survey: T&P RR CO / MIDKIFF, J R  
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 1473.0 F EAST L  
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 1473.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:  
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC. Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, KGO BRADFORD, at (972)4448001.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

BID #18002008

Advertisement for Bids  
City of Midland, Texas

Project Name: FY2018 CDBG Sidewalk Project

The City of Midland, Texas is soliciting bids for the furnishing of materials and labor for the FY2018 CDBG Sidewalk Project together with other miscellaneous and appurtenant work.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the basement conference room of City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas at 3:00 p.m. local time on April 16, 2018.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to condition of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract.

The contract may be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value to the municipality as referred to in Section 252.043(b) of the Texas Local Government Code.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file for viewing in the office of the Purchasing Manager, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas. The contract documents may be purchased at the office of the Purchasing Manager, second floor, 300 North Loraine Street, Midland, Texas for a non-refundable purchase price of \$50.00 per set.

Bids will be received at the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Midland, Texas, until 2:00 PM local time on the 2nd day of May, 2018. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0310013  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 27, 2018 Status/Permit No. 637347  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 1, 2018

Address: Railroad Commission of Texas  
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6790  
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	DONALD L HUITT FEE W20M
Lease/Unit Well No.	13H
Lease/Unit Acres	4726.3
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	415.0

Lease Lines: 1448.0 F WEST L, 1438.0 F SOUTH L  
1448.0 F WEST L, 1438.0 F SOUTH L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 1448.0 F WEST L, 1438.0 F SOUTH L

Terminus Location  
BH County: MIDLAND  
Section: 48 Block: 36 Abstract: 1048  
Survey: SHACKELFORD, WINS S E  
Lease Lines: 133.0 F WEST L, 100.0 F NORTH L  
Survey Lines: 133.0 F WEST L, 100.0 F NORTH L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:  
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10480 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Carol Adler at (512) 999-6790.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0310522  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 2, 2018 Status/Permit No. 637895  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 7, 2018

Address: Railroad Commission of Texas  
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6790  
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	MIDKIFF 10
Lease/Unit Well No.	19H
Lease/Unit Acres	4895.3
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	298.0

Lease Lines: 11913.0 F SOUTH L, 3884.0 F EAST L  
948.0 F SOUTH L, 1345.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 11913.0 F SOUTH L, 3884.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location  
BH County: MIDLAND  
Section: 19 Block: 36 T3S Abstract: 94  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 2313.0 F EAST L  
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 2313.0 F EAST L

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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC. Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, KGO BRADFORD, at (972)4448001.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

PERMIAN BASIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

The Permian Basin MPO, a federal, state and locally recognized organization that addresses the region's transportation planning priorities, will conduct two public hearings at the regularly scheduled Policy Board meeting on Monday, April 16, 2018 beginning at 5:00 p.m., at the MPO office located at 6901 Wright Dr. Suite 1, Midland, TX. The purpose of the hearings is to receive comments from the public concerning a proposed FY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and a draft Public Participation Plan (PPP). The TIP is a short-term list of construction projects within the four-year period. The PPP is the MPO's adopted document that outlines responsibilities and procedures to guarantee public participation.

Attendees will have the opportunity to provide comments and suggestions by participating in the public meeting or by written comments submitted during subsequent 30-day and 45-day comment periods. Comments will assist MPO staff and the Policy Board with the planning decisions associated with the TIP. The draft TIP will be available for public review beginning Tuesday, April 17th through Thursday, May 17th, 2018, and the draft PPP will be available from April 17th through June 2, 2018 at the following locations: Permian Basin MPO, 6901 Wright Drive, Midland, TX 79705 and:

City of Midland-City Secretary's Office 300 North Loraine Street Midland, TX 79701	Midland Central Library 2503 W. Loop 290 N. Midland, Texas 79701	Marble County Courthouse 201 North Saint Peter St. Stanton, Texas 79782
City of Odessa-City Secretary's Office 411 W. 6th Street Odessa, Texas 79761	Ector County Public Library 321 W. 6th Street Odessa, Texas 79761	TxDOT Odessa District 2001 E. Highway 80 Odessa, Texas 79761

All interested persons are invited to attend this public meeting. Written comments from the public may be submitted either in person at the Permian Basin MPO Office, 6901 Wright Drive, Midland, TX 79705, through the website [www.permianbasinmpo.com](http://www.permianbasinmpo.com) or by mail.

Permian Basin MPO  
P. O. Box 60916  
Midland, TX 79711

Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact MPO Office at 432-617-0125. Requests should be made at least 72 hours prior to the public meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate those needs. This public notice will satisfy the Program of Federal public participation requirement as part of the FTA's Section 5307 funding grant. Plans submitted on original per form have a 432-617-0125.

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## Weekly Writing Corner

### Breathe! Your life depends upon it!

Your body needs the oxygen in the air to live. You can live for days without food or water, but only a few minutes without air.

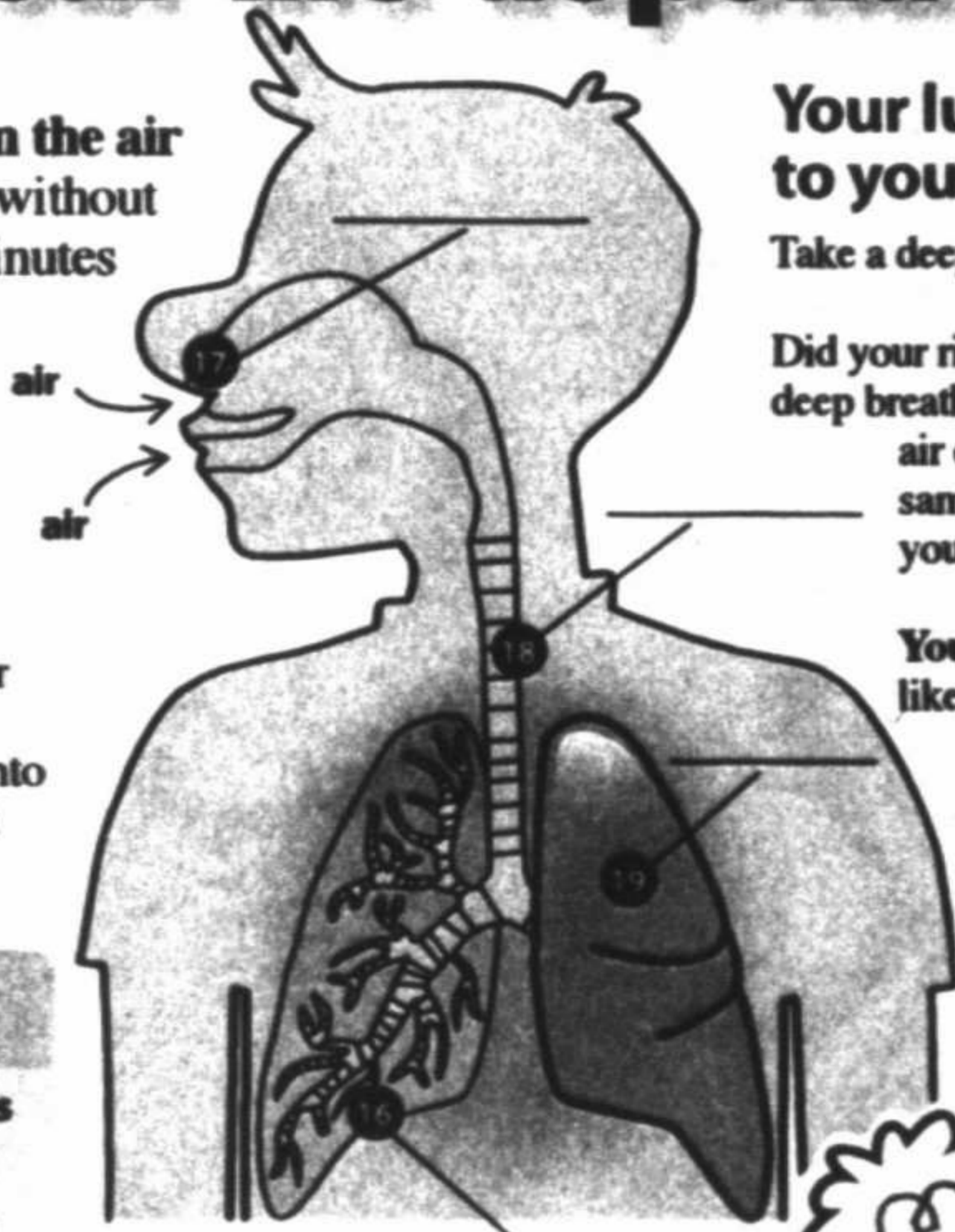
How does oxygen get from the air into your body? It enters through a special body system called your respiratory system.

The respiratory system includes your mouth and nose. That is the part of your body that you use to bring air into your body. Then the air goes down a tube called a trachea to your lungs.

Do the math to label the parts of the respiratory system.

- 21 - 5 = bronchioles
- 12 + 5 = nostrils
- 26 - 8 = trachea
- 27 - 8 = lungs

Standards Link: Physical Science: Students understand how the human body works.



Your lungs deliver oxygen to your whole body.

Take a deep breath and hold it.

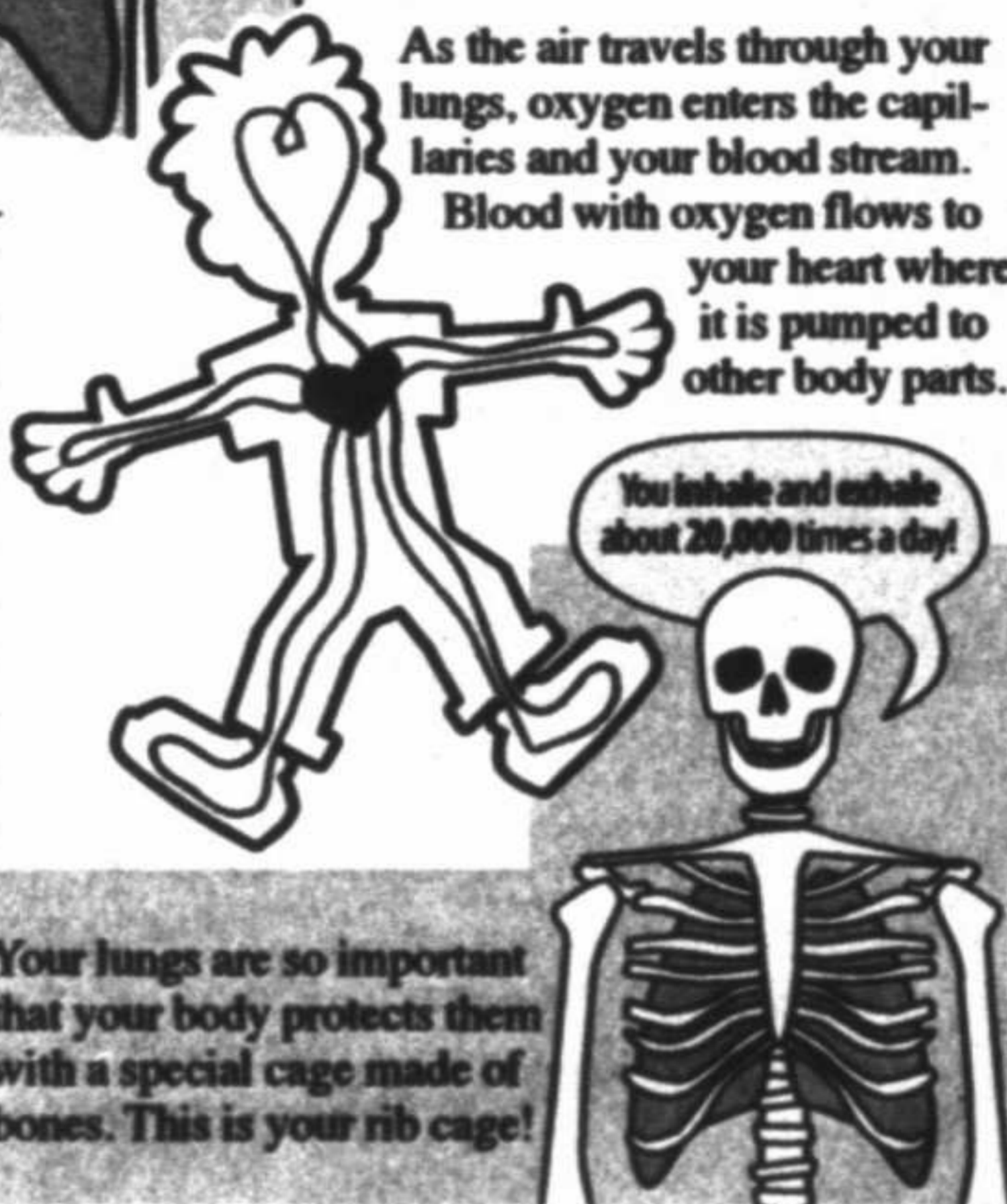
Did your rib cage get larger? When you take a deep breath, the air flows into your lungs. The air expands your lungs in much the same way as a balloon expands when you blow air into it.

You have two lungs. They each look like a squishy, pink sponge.

Inside your lungs are tiny tubes and sacs called bronchioles through which air travels when you inhale and exhale. These are lined with tiny blood vessels called capillaries.

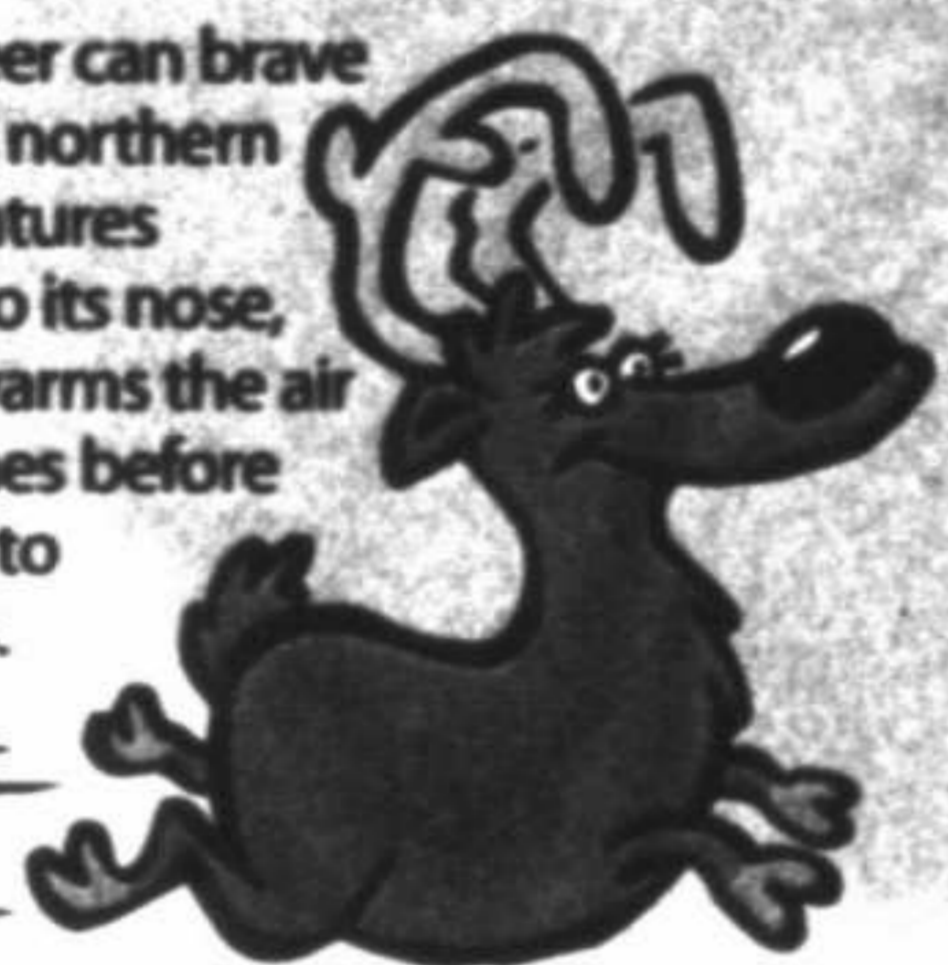
As the air travels through your lungs, oxygen enters the capillaries and your blood stream.

Blood with oxygen flows to your heart where it is pumped to other body parts.

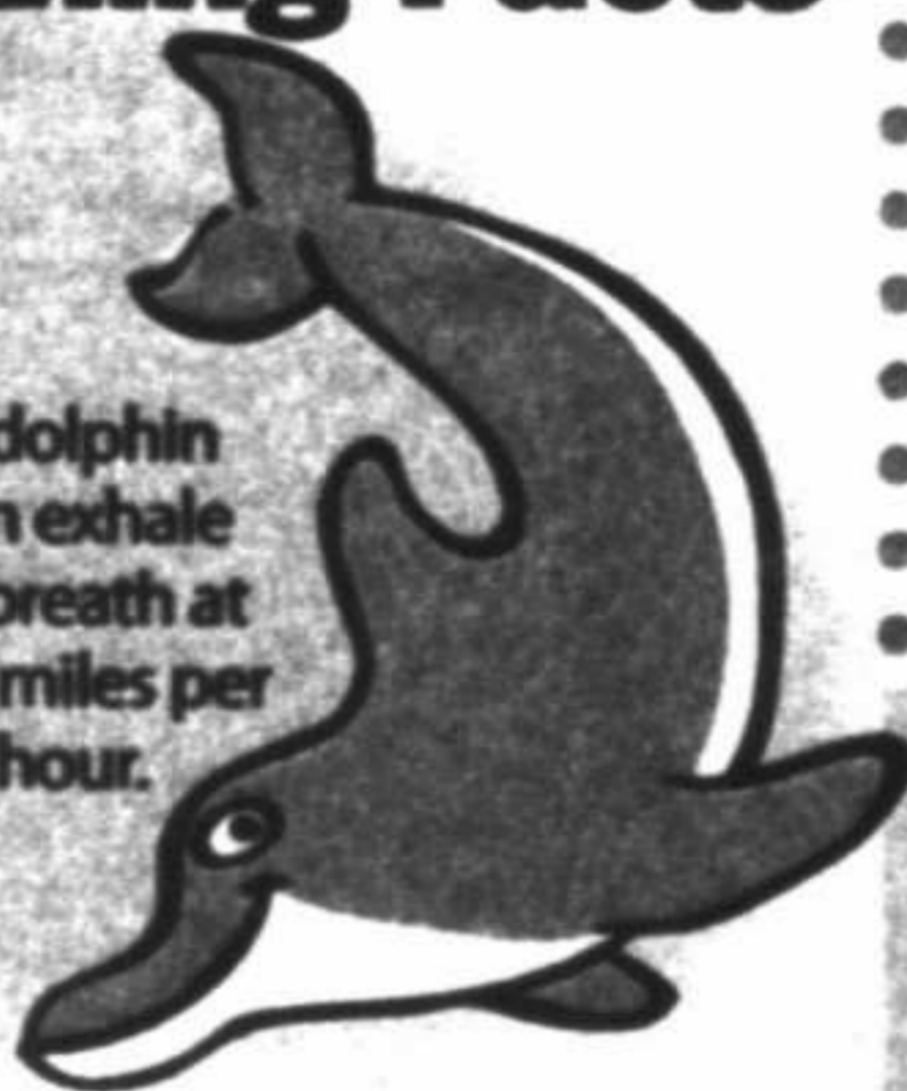


### Fun Animal Breathing Facts

A reindeer can brave the cold northern temperatures thanks to its nose, which warms the air it breathes before moving to its lungs.



A dolphin can exhale its breath at 100 miles per hour.



Your lungs are so important that your body protects them with a special cage made of bones. This is your rib cage!

### Laughing is Good for Your Lungs

The secret to breathing deeper is to exhale more fully. Laughter empties your lungs of more air than it takes in and the result is a cleansing effect. This is especially helpful for people who suffer from respiratory ailments, such as asthma.



Whoops! Katie dropped her note cards practicing for the school talent show. Can you match each joke to its punch line?



**Extra! Extra! Respiratory System Dot-to-Dot**  
 On one page of the newspaper, find and circle the letters that spell respiratory system. Connect the letters in the correct spelling order and create a lovely design!  
 Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### If I were allergic to ...

Students choose something silly to be allergic to.

What if I were allergic to toes? I would not be able to walk. I would have to cut them off.  
 Carson, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

I am allergic to a guy named Roland. Roland is my friend and I am allergic to him. Roland always has to be at least 10 feet away from me. This changed my life because if I am playing a game, Roland could not play with me. I am very sad that I am allergic to him. He is a really good friend and I am sad that I am allergic to Roland.  
 Dawson, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

What if I was allergic to hair? I would have to go bald like some robbers. I would not be able to go and get a haircut. But how would I stay bald? I would have to use special shampoo. Then I would have to wear a hat all the time because my head would be cold all the time.  
 Truman, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

I am allergic to a boy. When I am next to a boy, I get red spots. I go crazy. I pass out. When I pass out, the doctor puts me in the woods. Then the wolf eats me.  
 John, 1<sup>st</sup> grade

I am allergic to the pen. When I touch the pen, I get bumps. Sometimes I get rashes. When I see the pen, I get scared. When I touch the pen, my face gets red. I will never touch the pen ever.  
 Joshua, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

For me something silly to be allergic to is electronics and that is funny because I love my phone, tablet, TV and my iPod. My friends would think I am crazy. How it will change my life is no more TV and that's the best electronic I have. So, I will definitely not live without electronics.  
 Camille, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

If I were allergic to eye balls, I need to see so I do not run into anything.  
 Hayden, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

What if I were allergic to apples then I wouldn't be able to get vitamin C and fiber?  
 Luke, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

What if I were allergic to crayons? I would be unable to be near crayons anymore and never color a picture again.  
 Jesse, 1<sup>st</sup> grade

### Kid Scoop Puzler

#### The Code to Good Health

Use the code to discover the best ways to care for your lungs.

A = 26	N = 13						
B = 25	O = 12	22	3	22	9	24	18
C = 24	P = 11						
D = 23	Q = 10						
E = 22	R = 9						
F = 21	S = 8	8	14	12	16	22	
G = 20	T = 7						
H = 19	U = 6						
I = 18	V = 5						
J = 17	W = 4	24	19	22	14	18	24
K = 16	X = 3						
L = 15	Y = 2						
M = 14	Z = 1	21	6	14	22	8	

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow single written directions.

### Kid Scoop Word Search

- LAUGHTER
- BREATHE
- TRACHEA
- OXYGEN
- SPONGE
- STREAM
- EXHALE
- SECRET
- LUNGS
- MOUTH
- BLOOD
- SMOKE
- NOSE
- PINK
- AIR

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

R M E R E L A H X E  
 E A A G E K E S O N  
 T E I E N S M O K E  
 H R R I H O S P H G  
 G T P I R C P T M Y  
 U S G N U L A S O X  
 A A T O R E Y R U O  
 L S E C R E T S T Y  
 S T E B L O O D H M

Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognizing identical words, Scan and scan reading, Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

**Exercise Your Lungs**  
 With a friend, put a sheet of newspaper on the floor. Take turns giving directions such as, "Jump over the paper" and "Crawl around the entire page." Take a deep breath before following each direction.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow single written directions.



### Write On!

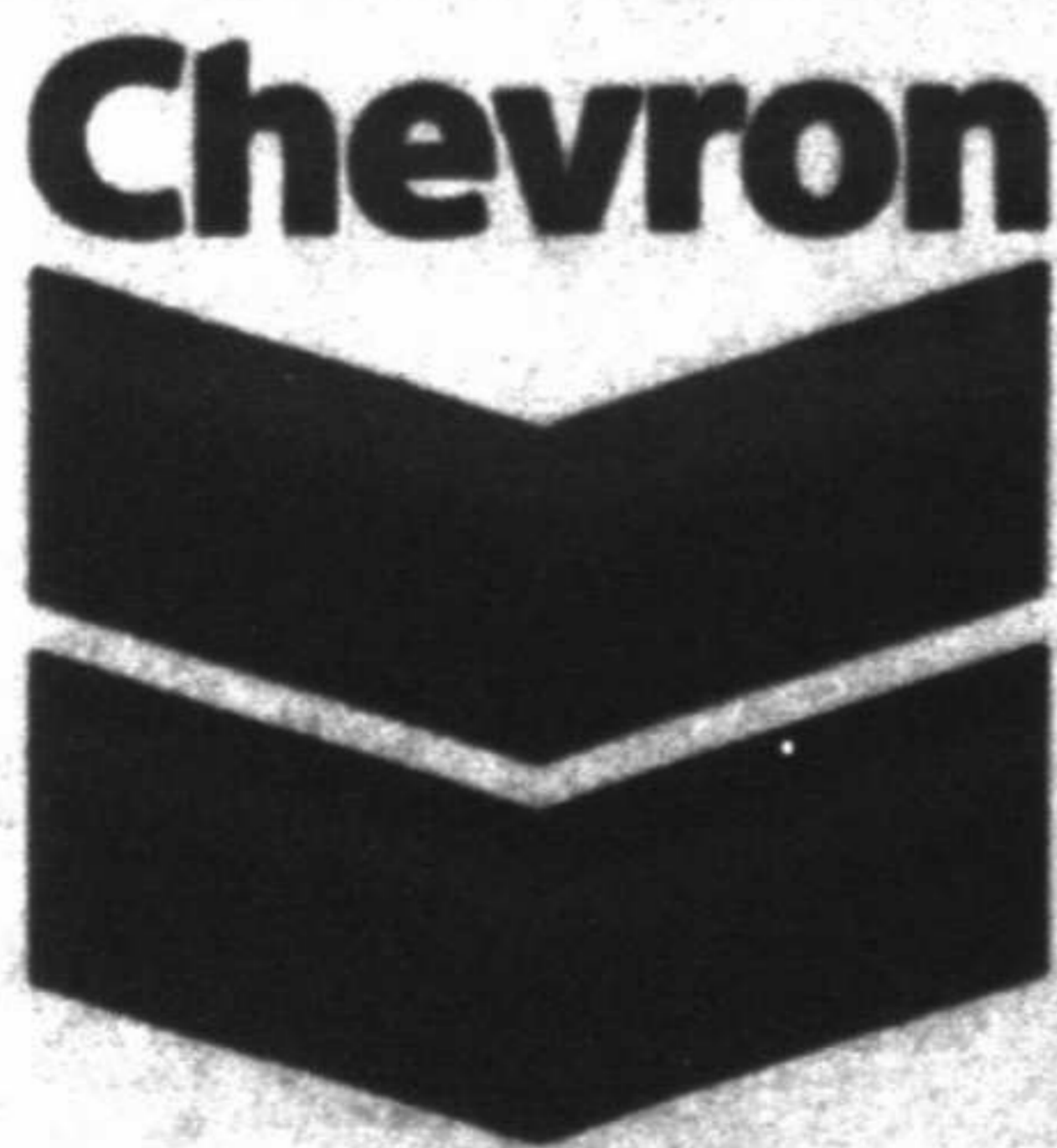
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