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# Hidden pitfalls could hamstring the Permian

## *As costs rise, pipeline capacity fails to keep pace, investors are faced with challenges*

**By Kevin Crowley and Ryan Collins**
*Bloomberg*

■ ANALYSIS

The world's hottest oil field, the Permian Basin of West Texas and New Mexico, isn't without its risks.

Drillers are pumping billions of dollars into the region, plumbing reserves that rival Saudi Arabia's biggest field. And with production expected to almost double by 2022, the rewards are expected to be vast. But as costs rise and pipeline capacity fails to keep pace with production, the Permian can still pose a challenge.

Here are five potential pitfalls concerning investors:

### Costs

With super majors like Exxon Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp. coming late to the shale boom and now planning an aggressive production boost, competition for everything from frack crews to sand has skyrocketed. Truck drivers in the Permian can earn as much as $120,000 a year, according to Joseph Triepke of Infill Thinking LLC, an oil and gas consultancy.

We've been here before. In the three years before the 2014 plunge in oil prices, service costs rose about 26 percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. While costs dropped as producers cut back after the crash, they're on the rise again. Pioneer Natural Resources Co. and Occidental Petroleum Corp. see industry costs climbing as much as 15 percent this year.

The competition for well completions and labor, along with an increase in truck traffic in the basin, means "all of a sudden, the time that it takes to get wells on

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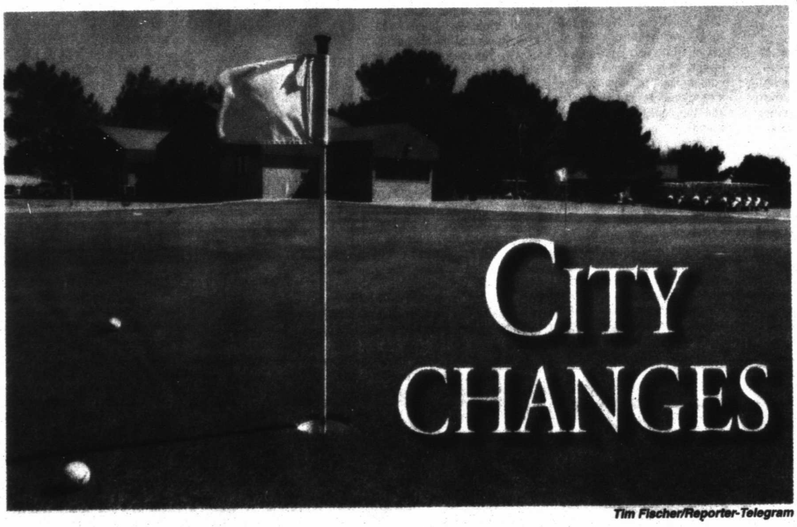


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The Midland City Council will vote today on fee schedule changes at Hogan Park Golf Course — shown Monday — the city Health Department and aquatic centers.

# Council to consider new user fees for golf course, health department, pools

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The Midland City Council will vote today on fee schedule changes at Hogan Park Golf Course, the Health Department and its aquatic centers. The recommendations made by the Finance and Audit Committee at a Jan. 24 meeting could raise more than $250,000, according to documents from the city.

The increased green fees and cart fees at Hogan Park could raise nearly $150,000.

The city is proposing an across-the-board green fee increase, including a raise in the regular weekday fee for the second time in four years. The Hogan Park Golf Course fee schedule shows a $2 increase to all green fees (weekday, weekend, senior and junior). The increase is expected to have a fiscal year impact of $102,500. Golf cart fees would increase $1 to $12.75 for half a cart. The cart fee increase is expected to raise around $45,864.

Regular weekday green fees would increase from $18.25 to $20.25, according to the fee schedule, while weekend fees would rise to $25.25. The city shows proposed weekday rates to be $4.75 less than current fees at Ratliff Ranch in Odessa and $2.75 more than regular weekday fees in Andrews. Weekend fees are $6.75 less than Odessa and 75 cents more than Andrews.

Seniors are still getting a break compared to Odessa and Andrews. The proposed fee for seniors is $17, $1.75 less than both out-of-town courses. The proposed junior fee — $9.50 — will be comparable to Odessa and $7.50 less than Andrews.

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The increase in cart fees is the second since 2014. The proposed fee would be $2.25 less than the current fee in Odessa and Andrews.

### Health and Senior Services

The council also will consider a Health and Senior Services fee schedule that is expected to raise $104,580 in inspection and permit fees. Whether it is "Environmental Section," "Food Services Establishments," "Child Care Programs" or the "Clinical Section," increased fees appear to be the rule, not the exception.

Mobile food vendors face a $75 fee increase to $175. Fees are less for seasonal vendors ($105) and temporary permits ($70).

Proposed fees for food service establishments with 11 or more employees will increase from $175 to $250 after an affirmative vote. Fees for establishments with fewer employees is less. The fee for deli/meat market/bakery/produce/kiosk will increase from $25 to $75, and the council will consider a first fee for a farmers' market ($50).

The council will look at child care program fees that include a $40 increase in day care fees to $100. After-school child care fee increases from $20 to $50.

Also, a swimming pool or spa permit will increase from $75 to $100.

A $75 fee for re-inspection after an establishment is shut down will be introduced to the schedule, and septic system increases are in the schedule. A residential septic system would rise to $150, and a commercial system would increase to $210.

Shots appear to be higher in the Health and Human Services fee schedule. There will be a $5 increase — to $30 — for a flu shot and a $25 increase — to $60 — for a "high dose flu" shot. Other increases are Pedi Hep A (to $40), Pedi Hep (to $35), Varicella (to $150), MCV4 (to $150), Adult Hep A (to $60) and Adult Hep B (to $65). Introduced are fees to Proquad ($240), PCV 13 ($200), PPSV23 ($120), MMR ($90), HPV 9 ($240), Trumenba ($140) and Adult Zoster ($230).

### Aquatic facility fees

The City Council also is considering implementing fees at its two aquatic centers.

There will be a $10 fee for personal coolers, a $2 fee for soda/drinks, a $1 rental for lifejackets and a $1 deposit for the life jacket.

There will be a $100 increase to rent the center for a private party — from $600 to $700 for a two-hour rental.

# Rowland resigns; court appoints new constable

■ Commissioners select longtime MPD officer, Larry Woodruff, to Precinct 3 post

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Larry Woodruff is in, and Jeffrey Rowland is out as Midland County constable for Precinct 3.

The Commissioners' Court on Monday acknowledged Rowland's resignation and then appointed Woodruff, a Midland Police Department veteran, as the temporary constable. Commissioners are expected to meet Thursday to make the selection more permanent.

The series of moves closes the book on Rowland, who was arrested twice in the last two months and submitted his resignation Friday.

More importantly for Precinct 3 and county officials, the hiring of Woodruff allows for the healing to begin. Woodruff is a native Midlander, Lee High School graduate and 21-year veteran of MPD. He most recently has worked with the Community Relations unit.

"He is the perfect candidate to heal wounds," Precinct 1 Commissioner Scott Ramsey said during the meeting before commissioners unanimously approved the selection.

"I'm here to stop the bleeding," said Woodruff, who will be leaving MPD.

Endorsing Woodruff's selection were Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Billy Johnson, Sheriff Gary Painter, District Attorney Laura Nodolf and Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator Dale Little.

Johnson spoke during the meeting about the rebuilding of the Constable's Office image that was needed inside his precinct — whether it is on the job, at church, at the store or any place residents interact with Precinct 3 officials. Johnson, also a life-long Midlander, said he grew up with Woodruff. After the meeting, he called the new constable a "people person" who has done a lot in the community.

"It is important that when we go out and serve the public that they trust us," Johnson said. "I believe some of that trust has been eroded. We will have to work our tails off to rebuild it. … (Woodruff) is the perfect person to rebuild that image."

Rowland was arrested in December on a felony charge of felony mischief and in January on a felony charge of tampering with a government record. He replaced Theodore Macklin, who resigned in September 2016 after pleading no contest to a misdemeanor offense of "official oppression."

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# 19-year-old dies in 2-vehicle wreck on Garden City Highway

*From staff reports*

A 19-year-old man died Sunday night in a two-vehicle wreck on Garden City Highway near the Interstate 20 overpass, according to a press release from the Midland Police Department.

A Peterbilt tractor-trailer was westbound on Garden City Highway in the inside lane. Braydon Terrazas, driving a Toyota Tundra, was behind the Peterbilt. As the truck approached the intersection where the light was red, it was hit from behind by the pickup, according to the release.

Terrazas — who has an Odessa address, according to the MPD spokeswoman — was not wearing a seat belt and died at the scene, according to the release. The tractor-trailer driver was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Speed appears to be a contributing factor in the crash, according to the release. The investigation continues into the wreck, which occurred at about 9 p.m. Sunday.

Terrazas is the second person to die on roads in Midland County this year and the second this month, according to Reporter-Telegram records. The driver of a passenger car died Feb. 5 in a two-vehicle wreck on East Cuthbert Avenue involving a city dump truck, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

# City: MPD needs more vehicles because of wrecks

■ Bids for 15 vehicles expected to be denied because of the need for five more

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The Midland City is likely to reject all bids received for the purchase of new police vehicles, because the Midland Police Department needs more vehicles because of recent wrecks.

The council agenda calls for the rejection of a bid for 15 white police package vehicles for MPD and two red police package vehicles for the first department. The cost of the four bids received range from $495,750 to $538,979.

Staff is hoping for bids to be reauthorized for two reasons. The first, according to a city memorandum, is because of recent wrecks and repairs that have occurred involving police units. The other is the police department is considering different color schemes and safer police units.

Midland Police Department Chief Steve Henry wrote in a letter to the director of General Services, Fred Reyes, that the police department supports the purchase of five additional units over the original 15 units approved. He also wrote that MPD wanted to order "solid black units with the intent of having the door and roof areas painted white in color. ... The classic two-tone black and white police color/marking scheme is part of an overall effort to make the patrol fleet very recognizable while operating on the public roadway and embracing community policing modalities."

Driving safety recently has been an issue for the police department. Earlier this month, the council approved the issuance of requests for proposals for a driving simulator for the police department, according to city documents. The equipment will be used to train personnel in emergency and patrol-driving techniques.

Midland police have been involved in at least three high-profile wrecks since November 2016, including a crash on Christmas Eve that killed a Midland man. A former MPD officer was indicted for his role in that wreck in central Midland.

Staff recommends rejecting all bids for the two red police package vehicles for the fire department to re-evaluate and revise the specifications.

## Obituaries

### Currie Lee Marion

Currie Lee Marion, 78, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, February 22, 2018.

A visitation will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will hold a memorial service at their home, 1814 E Magnolia in Midland, immediately following the visitation.

Currie Lee Marion was born June 7, 1939 in Rosebud, Texas to Ollis and Jessie Marion.

Currie is survived by his wife, Ella Walker Marion; his children, Currie Factor, Belinda Williams, Carey R. Williams (Deena), Timothy W. Marion (Linda), Ann Marie Clark, Etta J. Husley (Moss), Kenneth Wayne Marion, Tina Marie Walker, and Ryan Paul Walker; brothers, James Marion and Henry Earl Marion (Vickie); sister, Ollis Lorene Marion; 40 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; two very special grandchildren, MacKenzie Walker and Rose Lynn Walker; sister-in-law, Louise Williams; brother-in-law, Elmer Montgomery and his wife Rita; a host of nieces and nephews; and thousands of wonderful friends.

Currie is preceded in death by his parents, Ollis and Jessie Marion; sister, Rosie Saddler; and sons, Robert Gene Walker and Willie Gene Walker.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward Midland Ambulance Service and Midland Memorial Hospital Emergency Room staff.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

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### Marian Elizabeth Huggins

*"There on the mountains, as you get near the real high places, the air is fresh and invigorating. It strengthens the whole body and there are streams with wonderful healing properties, so that those who bathe in them find all their blemishes and disfigurements washed away".* - Hannah Hurnard "Hinds Feet on High Places"

*The Lord God maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon mine High Places.* - Psalm 18:33 and Habakkuk 3:19

Marian Elizabeth Huggins finds herself in the High Places with her Lord and Savior. Marian and her family walked the long journey of Alzheimer's together.

Marian Elizabeth Huggins passed away in Jacksonville, Texas on Sunday, February 25, 2018.

Marian was born on July 9, 1942 to Marion Ralph Haddox and Ruby Elizabeth Haddox in Garfield, New Mexico and was the second of five children. Her early years were spent in the Hatch Valley of New Mexico. She was a 1960 graduate of Yuma Union High School in Yuma, Arizona. Her mother and grandmother shared the gift of sewing and needlework with Marian as a child.

During high school, Marian worked for the Singer Sewing Machine Company, giving sewing lessons to students, and for her service, she was awarded her first sewing machine. That sewing machine changed her life. She was a brilliant seamstress, who throughout her life, had a great love of fabric, lace, needles, and thread. Her father relied upon her good sense and her mother considered her to be her assistant and thus the nickname "Gabby," because she always had the last word.

She met and fell in love with Jim Daugherty in Yuma, Arizona and they married on December 30, 1959. As a young Air Force wife, she made her home with two small children, James and Lisa, in several places including two foreign countries, but ultimately Midland, Texas became her home.

Providence brought Marian to Midland in 1972. She settled in with her two young children and began her life in Midland. On September 5, 1976, Marian married Bob Huggins, and they began a journey spanning almost four decades together. With love and patience, they blended a family that was formed out of their union of 40 years. Marian and Bob were members of Midland Christian Fellowship, Cornerstone Fellowship, and First Baptist Church of Midland.

During her years in Midland, Marian raised a family and worked as a Bookkeeper, but in her private time, she was a Bible teacher. She loved reaching out to women by hosting weekly Bible studies and prayer groups. Her love of the scriptures, combined with her love of fabric and needles, were displayed in the beautiful tapestry that she stitched into the lives of those she taught, counseled and prayed over.

Marian is rejoicing with those who have gone before her into Heaven!

Among many dear friends and loved ones, she has been reunited with her parents Ralph and Ruby, three sisters, Patty, Jane and Shirley, and her beloved husband, Bob Huggins.

Marian is survived by her children, James Daugherty and wife Karen of Midland; and Lisa Zachry and husband Jimmy of Midland; and Shawn Axworthy and husband Bob, of Bullard and Darren Huggins and wife Paula Vachon of Copper Canyon. Marian is also survived by her brother Wayne Haddox of Camarillo, California. She was blessed with six grandchildren, Zachary Huggins, Molly Axworthy, Libby Axworthy, Derek Daugherty, Casey Zachry, and Robyn Zachry Wendel, and by seven great-grandchildren. The birth of her eighth great grandchild is expected in May of this year.

A memorial service honoring Marian will be held at a later date.

*A gentle heart has stopped beating*
*Loving hands that now lay still*
*The Good Shepherd brought her home*
*According to his will*
*New heavenly eyes are open*
*And oh the glory she must see*
*Praise you Lord that in your presence*
*She soars like an Eagle now set free*
*Her long journey here on earth is through*
*Oh the joy that she is now with you*
*Her feet are set upon the high places*
*And she's welcomed by familiar faces*
*Reunited when we are all made new*
*That bright morning covered in Heaven's dew*
*Until that blessed reunion*
*We will continue to seek your will*
*And at the end to embrace Jesus*
*God's love and grace fulfilled*
- Lisa Zachry

### Martha Belle Holland Conine

Martha Belle Holland Conine died peacefully on February 20, 2018 in Austin, Texas. Marty was born July 17, 1932 to Lan Morgan Holland and Minnie O'Dell Holland and grew up in McAllen with her sister and brothers. After their mother died unexpectedly when Marty was just two years old, she spent many summers with her Aunt Willie and Uncle Dewey in Rotan, Texas and later with her sister Doris and brother-in-law Bill in Monahans. She graduated from Baylor in 1953 and taught school in Galveston before moving to Midland in 1955. Marty loved Midland and lived there until last November.

Known for her sweet and elegant demeanor, Marty was generous and kind to all. She also had a wonderful sense of humor. When her oldest niece would visit during the summer, Marty would buy an old-fashioned pinwheel, hold it out the window of the car and drive down the street singing Moon River at the top of her lungs, much to the delight of her niece. Marty took her nieces and their friends to see The Music Man many years ago and marched up and down the aisle of the movie theater during Seventy-Six Trombones, playing an imaginary trombone. She made every activity fun.

Marty was a fiercely loyal friend and defender of her family. She was overjoyed when she became a mother to Nancy Lynn and was heartbroken when Nancy passed away in 2001. Marty taught English and speech before Nancy was born and again from 1997 until 2003. Ever the teacher, she felt compelled to correct blatant errors in grammar right up until she died. Marty was a member of First United Methodist Church in Midland and was active in the Junior League and Midland Community Theatre. Marty excelled at play readings and acting. Among her roles were the ghost Elvira in Blithe Spirit, and in 1963 she starred in Midland's very own movie production of High Noon. Marty loved her monthly Chocoholics gatherings and frequent lunches with her treasured Midland friends. The highlight of every summer was the visit from her beloved granddaughters. She adored them and was so thankful to have living reminders of Nancy.

Marty was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Nancy Conine Hester, her sister Doris Holland Parker and her brothers O'Dell Holland, John A Holland, and Nick Holland. She is survived by her granddaughters Jordyn and Jodi Hester of Superior, Colorado; sisters-in-law Clo Holland of El Paso and Joy Holland of Houston; nieces Marty Parker of Austin, Mary Parker of Austin, Cathy Holland of Coppell, Jenny Holland Miller (Clay) of Mandeville, Louisiana; and nephews Johnny Holland (Kathryn) of El Paso and Keith Holland of Georgetown. She also loved and was loved by her nieces' and nephew's 12 children and grandchildren. A celebration of Marty's life will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Glass Chapel, First United Methodist Church in Midland. For those who wish, memorial donations to the charity of your choice will be greatly appreciated by Marty's family.

## Death Notices

### Jerry Hinojosa

Funeral mass for Jerry Hinojosa will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton. Interment will follow at the St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

He is survived by his daughters, Jasmine Hinojosa, Justina Hinojosa, and Miranda Davis; son, Joel Cantu; and by three sisters and five brothers.

### John S. Warden

John S. Warden, 65, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, February 24, 2018.

The family will receive guests from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland.

Survivors include wife, Vicki Warden and children, John Warden, Jeremie Warden, Laci Warden, Hayli Warden, and Melissa Warden.

### Nell Jo McKissack

Nell Jo McKissack, 94, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Monday, February 26, 2018.

Arrangements are pending with Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home in Odessa.

## Constable

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Woodruff said after the meeting that he wants to make sure the residents of Midland are being treated fairly.

"There are guys who have not been doing what they are supposed to have been doing, and that is serve the community," Woodruff said. "That is my intention — to do as I have been doing for 21 years and that is making sure the citizens are aware."

Both Precinct 3 Commissioner Luis Sanchez and Johnson complimented Precinct 1 Constable David Criner for his recent work helping to fill gaps during the past couple of months. They called him a "true example of a public servant."

## Pitfalls

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production is taking much longer than you thought," David Deckelbaum, an analyst at KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. in New York, said in phone interview. "Once you're losing time, you're losing return."

### Gas

Drilling for oil in the Permian also yields a flood of natural gas, which should mean extra revenue. But without enough pipelines to get supplies to major markets, gas is becoming more of a hindrance than a help. Unable to burn or release gas because of environmental regulations, producers must sell to a small number of hubs, irrespective of the price. That can add to costs.

"There's a real risk of hub pricing being at a loss," Guggenheim Securities LLC analyst Subash Chandra said by phone. "You might very well end up losing money on your gas assets."

Mark Papa, one of shale's pioneers and founder of EOG Resources Inc., said it's a problem that keeps him awake at night.

One feature of shale is that, at a certain point in a well's lifespan, gas production increases rapidly to the exclusion of oil. This is known as the "bubble point." Pioneer's stock plunged 16 percent in a single day in August after revealing a higher-than-expected gas content, dragging the rest of the industry's shares down with it.

The stock has since rebounded and Chief Executive Officer Tim Dove said the gas output hasn't come at the expense of crude supply. Occidental Petroleum has said this issue is already baked into its growth projections.

### Drilling intensity

With new wells being drilled at a ferocious rate all over the basin, there's a risk that the fractures created in the rock may start to interfere with one another, reducing pressure and ultimately investor returns. That's especially true with lateral wells reaching farther than ever into the Permian's horizontal layers.

"The downside risks related to tighter well spacing and well-on-well interference could bring peak Permian production forward by four years compared with the upside case," Wood Mackenzie Ltd. said in a September report. That puts "more than 1.5 million barrels per day of future production in question."

On the flipside, improvements in technology may cause production to be higher than current forecasts, Dallas-based Wood Mackenzie analyst Robert Clarke said.

### Returns

Soaring production from U.S. shale has so far failed to translate into soaring returns for shareholders. In the last year, the S&P 500 Energy Index has dropped 1.7 percent amid an 18 percent gain in West Texas Intermediate crude. The overall S&P 500 has gained 17 percent.

And the supply gains may not last. A key feature of shale is that output comes online in a short space of time — months, as opposed to the years it takes to get a major offshore well flowing. While this means quicker cash returns, it also means producers have to keep investing capital in drilling new wells.

"Naturally, everyone is going to end up with shorter and shorter inventory over time if you're not out there looking for new plays," Deckelbaum said.

### Land

The attractiveness of the Permian's reserves, multiple layers of oil-bearing rock, and relative ease of doing business has pushed the cost of land there to twice that of other U.S. basins. The feeding frenzy makes it more difficult for new entrants, who may be able to further technological progress, and for existing producers wanting to either increase their footprint or fill gaps in their acreage to boost efficiency.

With acreage assembled over time in different packages, many companies have Permian assets that aren't contiguous, a problem when drilling laterally as far as three miles. Given high land prices, companies such as Chevron are negotiating deals to swap or share rights, which can be a slow process.

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[in-dom-i-ta-ble]
adjective
incapable of being subdued: unconquerable
indomitable courage

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## Things to do

■ Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon, Palette Club. 907 W. Wadley Ave. palettclubmidland.com.

■ Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

■ Bridge game play, 1 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers, 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m., Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St.

■ "Primal Rage: Bigfoot Reborn," 7 p.m., Regal Tall City Stadium 14, 915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.50. fathomevents.com.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m., Crown Royal Club, 1110 E. Scharbauer Drive. $6. For more information, call 432-638-3707 or 432-250-8215.

■ Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

■ Karaoke and pool tournament at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

## Meetings

■ **City Council**
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Council Chambers City H all
300 N. Loraine Ave.

■ **Midland ISD**
5:30 p.m.
San Jacinto Junior High
1400 N. "N" St.
**Note:** A second community presentation is planned for Wednesday at Alamo Junior High

## Primary elections

**Early voting centers**
■ Midland County Elections Office — county annex building, 2110 N. "A" St.

■ Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N

■ Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave.

■ Fellowship Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Drive

■ Manor Park (Cowden Clubhouse), 5212 Sinclair Ave.

**Times**
■ Elections Office
Through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■ Other four locations
Through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Election Turnout**
■ Tuesday: 534 (Republicans 480; Democrats 54)

■ Wednesday: 358 (Republicans 324, Democrats 34)

■ Thursday: 443 (Republicans 401, Democrats 42)

■ Friday: 702 (Republicans 624, Democrats 68)

■ Saturday: 400 (Republicans 347, Democrats 53)

■ Sunday: 175 (Republicans 156, Democrats 19)

■ Monday 694 (Republicans 637, Democrats 57)

**Total in person:** 3,306 (Republicans 2,979, Democrats 57)
**By mail:** 552
**Total:** 3,858

**Candidate on the radio**
Jeff Robnett, candidate for district judge, will be on KWEL (AM 1070 and FM 107.1) at 9 a.m. today.opened.

*James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*

Robert Bone tries to hold a dog as Nicole Adkins gives it a vaccine shot Dec.10, 2013, during Midland Animal Control's shot clinic. The Midland City Council will decide today on calling for the issuance of a request for qualifications for architectural services for the construction of a new animal shelter. The request for qualifications is to engage an architectural/engineering firm to provide the design, plans, specifications and architectural services for the construction of a new animal shelter and the demolition of the existing facility. Details are not yet available on the total cost of the project. The city, in the request for qualifications, envisions a new animal shelter to accommodate increasing service demands. The Animal Services division currently has 13 staff members.

## Lottery

**Pick 3 morning:** 1-2-7
**Pick 3 day:** 4-8-2
**Pick 3 evening:** 0-0-3
**Pick 3 night:** 2-6-5
**Daily 4 morning:** 8-2-0-6
**Daily 4 day:** 7-0-8-0
**Daily 4 evening:** 9-7-7-9
**Daily 4 night:** 1-8-7-7
**Cash Five:** 9-23-26-27-34
**Triple Chance:** 2-3-6-12-33-38-40-48-49-52

**Texas Two Step:** 13-18-31-32 BB: 21
**All or Nothing morning:** 3-4-6-7-10-12-13-15-16-17-20-21
**All or Nothing day:** 1-2-3-6-9-13-15-16-17-19-20-23
**All or Nothing evening:** 2-3-6-7-10-13-15-16-19-20-21-23
**All or Nothing night:** 1-4-5-6-7-9-10-12-13-14-16-23

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## Weather

**Monday's temperatures**
High ..... 75
Low ..... 50
Normal high ..... 65
Normal low ..... 37

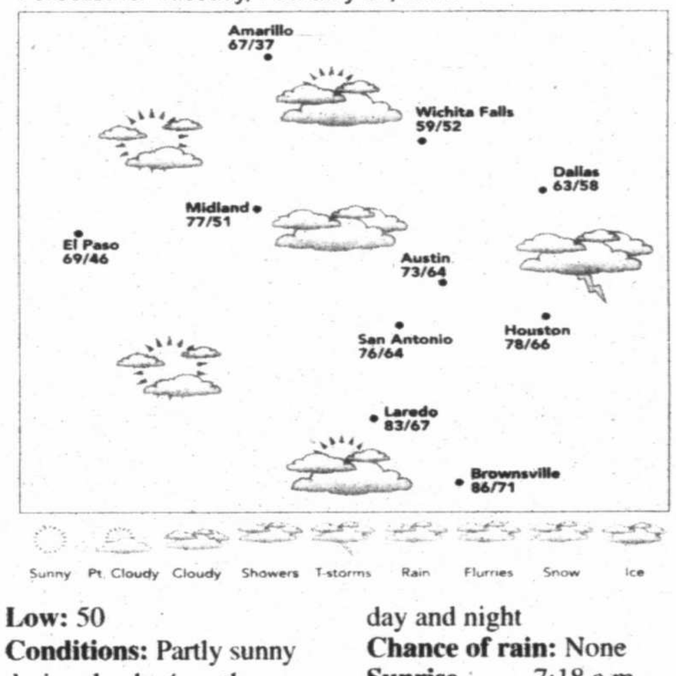
**Feb. 26's records**
**Record high:** 90 set in 2009
**Record low:** 14 set in 1934

**Precipitation**
Sunday ..... 0.00 in.
Monday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 0.904 in.
Year total ..... 0.05 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 1.22 in.

**Winds**
**Average speed:** 8.6 mph
**Highest speed:** 17 mph
**Highest gust speed:** 23 mph

**Today's forecast**
**High:** 75

Forecast for Tuesday, February 27, 2018




**Low:** 50
**Conditions:** Partly sunny during the day/mostly cloudy at night
**Winds:** 15-15 during the day and night
**Chance of rain:** None
**Sunrise** ..... 7:18 a.m.
**Sunset** ..... 6:45 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 Pisces and a Moon in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018:**
This year you win people over by expressing your sunny personality and appreciation of their friendship. This combo makes you a highly desired person to know. If you are single, your romantic tendency comes out and could be overwhelming. Know that you will enjoy each person you date along the way to meeting The One. If you are attached, the two of you often have a hoot together. Your sweetie wants to take the lead more often than not, so let him or her do just that. LEO has a way of bringing out the best in you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★★★ You seem to sparkle, at least to others. Your responses and ideas seem more vibrant than usual. Note the responses you get as your enthusiasm soars. You have a way about you that draws in others. You demonstrate an unusual willingness to go with the flow. **Tonight:** All smiles.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★★ You might not want to share your good news just yet. You enjoy just thinking about it and not hearing any comments. Your perspective on other matters could change because of your present mood. Let go of more conventional thinking. **Tonight:** Share news with a friend or loved one.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★★★ Keep pushing yourself to say what you think. Others will listen and respond accordingly. As a result, you and a partner are likely to come to a new understanding. Refuse to stand on ceremony right now, and you'll be happy with the outcome. **Tonight:** Don't hold back.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★★ Your emotions flow, as they often do, but your audience seems a bit more receptive than usual. Your feelings seem to help people get in touch with their emotions. You might experience some very powerful exchanges as a result. **Tonight:** Indulge in a favorite pastime.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★ You might feel as if there needs to be a major change in how you approach certain situations. You could surprise yourself with how easily you can accomplish this attitude revision. Do nothing halfway, and you will be pleased with the results. **Tonight:** Try out a new spot.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★ You might maintain an unusually low profile, even for you. You will want to consider stepping back from all of the emotionally laden conversations taking place around you. As a result, you will gain a unique perspective. **Tonight:** Choose a favorite stress-buster.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★★ You could be at a point where you would prefer less discussion and more action. You might be more aware of others' needs. A discussion could be unusually fulfilling. You have pushed yourself very hard in order to please a higher-up. **Tonight:** In the whirlwind of living.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★ Worry less, and trust yourself to be more in sync with those around you than you had thought possible. Reach out to a friend or neighbor who often likes to chat with you. A boss will observe your performance and like what he or she sees. **Tonight:** A force to be dealt with.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★ Use your imagination, no matter what you are involved with. That extra amount of creativity adds to your happiness in the moment. A big expense might be out of the question for now, but later it could be a necessity. Ask a friend for feedback. **Tonight:** Accept an offer.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★ You might be ready for a profound change, but check in with a loved one first. This person could have strong feelings about the matter. Listen to him or her, and decide how much to honor the feedback. After all, this person knows you well. **Tonight:** Follow someone else's lead.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★★ Conversations seem to flourish, especially if you value others' feedback. How you feel in a difficult or awkward situation could change suddenly. Before you know it, you might feel as if you are caught in a whirlwind. Know when to say "enough is enough." **Tonight:** Share news.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★★ You have the ability to make a difference, if you so choose. Try to view a situation from someone else's perspective, and you are likely to gain some insight. A friend could become difficult and full of negativity. Know that this, too, will pass. **Tonight:** Get some exercise.

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Actress Elizabeth Taylor (1932), actress Kate Mara (1983), singer Marian Anderson (1897)

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# Catholic bishops cut ties with Texas anti-abortion group

*Associated Press*

AUSTIN — Catholic bishops are directing churches across Texas to refrain from working with Texas Right to Life, exposing a widening rift in the state's anti-abortion movement.

The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops released the written directive Thursday, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The group sets policy for the parishes serving 8.3 million Catholics in Texas.

Texas Right to Life, the oldest and largest anti-abortion group in the state, is well-funded by GOP donors, organizes conferences that attract top Republicans and its endorsements of GOP candidates for state and local office can affect primary elections.

The bishops' directive stated that Texas Right to Life has engaged in misleading attacks against political candidates, lied about the Catholic church's position on state legislation and argued that church-supported bills don't do enough to limit abortions.

"We've asked our pastors, parishes and Catholic schools to refrain from asking (Texas Right to Life representatives) to come onto our premises because their teachings don't always align with what the Catholic Church teaches regarding certain life issues," said Bishop Joe Vasquez, head of the 25-county Austin Diocese.

Texas Right to Life leaders have not returned calls from the newspaper seeking comment. But Republican Rep. Briscoe Cain, who supports the anti-abortion group, said the bishops were "literally going after a group for being too pro-life."

The directive shows a long-simmering rift over tactics and priorities that are dividing groups with a similar goal to end legal abortion.

"It's very, very unfortunate that it came to this," said Kyleen Wright, president of the Texans for Life Coalition, which bills itself as an anti-abortion group with realistic legislative goals. "But for our organization ... to be maligned and slandered for several years, and for our candidates and people who work in good faith to advance good policy down in Austin to be unfairly and maliciously attacked, that hasn't been good for our movement either."

# REGIONBRIEFS

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AUSTIN

## University president to payback travel costs found in audit

The president of the University of Texas in Austin will reimburse the university $27,000 after an audit found he and his wife violated the school's travel policy by flying premium class rather than economy on about 50 flights.

The Austin American-Statesman reports an internal audit found President Greg Fenves and his wife flew premium class without the proper approvals on trips for university business.

The university's travel policy allows exceptions for health issues, lack of seating or a handful of other reasons, but auditors say Fenves' travel from June 2015 to June 2017 didn't meet those criteria.

A university spokesman says no tuition or tax dollars were used to pay for the travel and Fenves will reimburse the price difference between economy and business class.

HOUSTON

## Driver in wreck checks on other victims, then kills himself

Harris County sheriff's deputies say a man responsible for a traffic wreck that involved multiple vehicles checked on people in damaged cars to make sure they were OK and then returned to his own vehicle where he shot and killed himself.

Sheriff Senior Deputy Thomas Gilliland says authorities are trying to determine why the man would "take his life on the scene for something as mundane as this four-car accident."

His name hasn't been immediately released.

The wreck occurred Sunday as the man was driving on the wrong side of a road in north Harris County.

One man involved in the wreck was treated at a hospital for minor injuries and released. Three other people weren't hurt.

PEARLAND

## Fifty arrested in cock fighting operation

Authorities in a suburban Houston county say they've arrested 50 people and have seized 165 birds in the bust of an elaborate, large-scale rooster fighting operation.

Brazoria County sheriff's officers say they also found as many as 50 dead birds believed to have been killed in the fights.

Sheriff's Lt. Varon Snelgrove says deputies responded Sunday to a call about a possible cock fighting operation in an unincorporated area of Pearland, immediately south of Houston, and found a large number of vehicles and people at the scene.

Snelgrove says 47 people have been jailed on pending misdemeanor charges of cock fighting while felony cock fighting charges are pending against three others.

Officers from the county's animal control division are caring for the birds that were seized.

NEW MEXICO

## Texas man pleads guilty to drug trafficking

LAS CRUCES — A Texas man has pleaded has pleaded guilty to heroin and methamphetamine trafficking charges in New Mexico.

Prosecutors say 38-year-old Jesus Gerardo Prieto Jr. of El Paso appeared Monday in federal court in Las Cruces.

Prieto was arrested in October 2017 at the checkpoint in Las Cruces by U.S. Border Patrol agents who seized more than 430 grams of methamphetamine and nearly 120 grams of heroin that were concealed inside Prieto's vehicle.

He was subsequently charged in a five-count indictment last month.

Prosecutors say Prieto pleaded guilty to the indictment without the benefit of a plea agreement.

They say Prieto faces a sentence of at least 10 years in prison and could get a life term.

Prieto remains in custody pending a sentencing hearing, which has yet to be scheduled.

MEXICO

## Two Texans kidnapped, rescued near Monterrey

MEXICO CITY — Two kidnapped Americans from Texas were rescued near the northern city of Monterrey and their two alleged abductors arrested, Mexican authorities reported.

The Nuevo Leon prosecutors' office said Sunday in a statement that the victims traveled to the state on Feb. 17, and lost contact with their families in the United States the following day. On Feb. 19, the relatives began to receive ransom demands.

The unidentified Texans were rescued by members of a special anti-kidnapping unit Saturday in the Monterrey suburb of Juarez, thanks to a tip that led them to locate the alleged kidnappers on a highway.

# Attorney: Deputy thought gunfire was from outside school

**By Kelli Kennedy, Brendan Farrington and Curt Anderson**
*Associated Press*

PARKLAND, Fla. — The sheriff's deputy assigned to guard the Florida high school that was the scene of a mass shooting never entered the building to confront the suspect because he believed the gunfire was coming from outside, his attorney said Monday.

Scot Peterson has been called a coward and worse for failing to act during the massacre that killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The criticism intensified Monday as President Donald Trump blasted the deputy and other officers who were there, saying they "weren't exactly Medal of Honor winners."

If he had been present, Trump said, he would have raced into the school during the attack even if he were unarmed.

Peterson's attorney, issuing his first public statement about the attack, said it was "patently untrue" that the deputy failed to meet sheriff's department standards or acted with cowardice at the scene of the Feb. 14 assault. He resigned after Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said he felt sick to his stomach over his deputy's failure to intervene.

"Let there be no mistake, Mr. Peterson wishes that he could have prevented the untimely passing of the 17 victims on that day, and his heart goes out to the families of the victims in their time of need," attorney Joseph DiRuzzo said in the statement.

The sheriff's account of Peterson's actions that day was a "gross oversimplification," the attorney said.

The sheriff's office declined comment, explaining that Peterson's conduct is being investigated by its internal affairs division.

Speaking to a group of governors at the White House, Trump said: "You don't know until you're tested, but I think I really believe I'd run in there even if I didn't have a weapon. And I think most of the people in this room would have done that, too."

Peterson's statement said he and a security specialist ran to the scene at first word of the shooting, a report that mistakenly said firecrackers were being set off near one building. He then heard gunshots "but believed that those gunshots were originating from outside of the buildings."

Following his training to seek cover and assess the situation in the event of outdoor gunfire, he "took up a tactical position" between two nearby buildings while alerting dispatchers and initiating a "code red" lockdown of the campus, the statement said.

"Radio transmissions indicated that there was a gunshot victim in the area of the football field," adding to his belief that the shooting was outside.

Gov. Rick Scott's office has asked the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to investigate the police response, and the agency confirmed it would begin the probe immediately.

Meanwhile, a state Senate committee approved a bill Monday to raise the age for buying a gun from 18 to 21 and imposing a three-day waiting period for all gun purchases. The bill also would allow teachers to carry guns in schools if their school district approves and the teachers undergo law enforcement training and are deputized by the local sheriff's office. About 300 gun safety advocates packed the room and dozens pleaded with senators to include an assault weapons ban in the bill. That idea was rejected on a 6-7 vote.

Parkland Mayor Christine Hunschofsky told the Senate Rules Committee that many in her community wanted more than the bill now being considered, but it least it is more than what the state currently has.

"I can tell you from my friends who've just buried their children, they want action. If it's not perfect, it's not perfect, but make it a first step in a longer discussion. Something has to change," she said. "We all want to make sure this never happens again."

Earlier, gun control supporters on the steps of the state Capitol kept up their protests. Former Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine, now a Democratic candidate for governor, led more than 1,000 people rallying for a ban on assault rifles and criticizing the National Rifle Association for its proposal to arm teachers.

"We know that is dumb, dumb, dumb!" Levin said to cheers and applause despite the heavy rain.

Bused in from around the state, protesters wore orange T-shirts saying #GunReformNow.

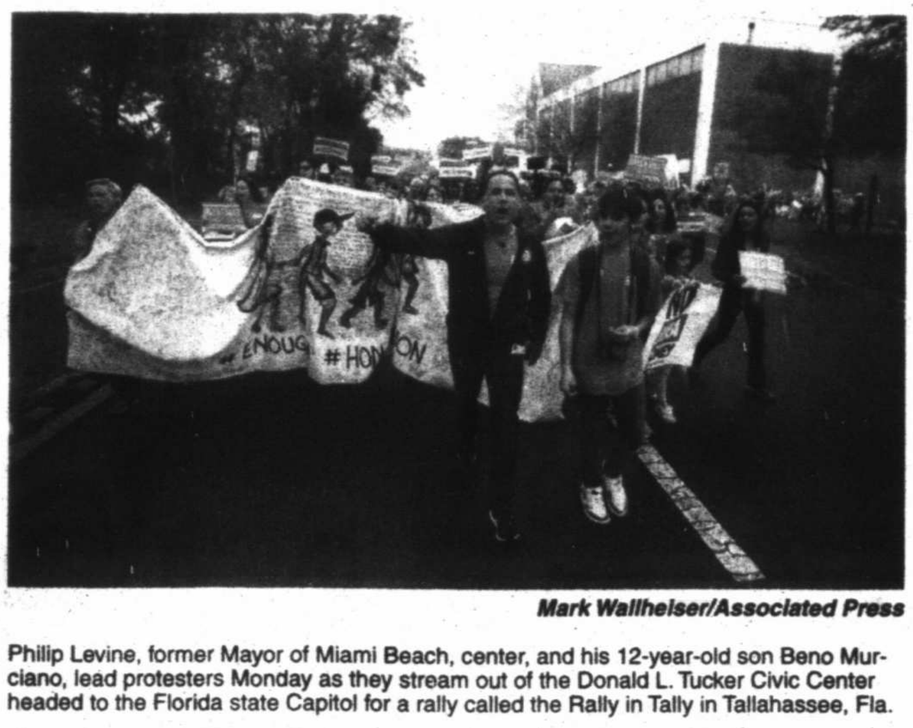
Elsewhere, a wounded student who has undergone three surgeries and still has bullet fragments in her body thanked the doctors and first responders for helping her make what she says will be a full recovery.

Maddy Wilford, 17, said at a hospital news conference that it's times "like these when I know that we need to stick together."

Rescuers thought Wilford was dead when they found her inside the school. Pale and unresponsive, she was bleeding heavily from bullet wounds to her chest, abdomen and arm. A fire-rescue lieutenant was under orders to take her to a hospital 30 miles away but made what doctors called a life-saving decision to bring her instead to a closer hospital that had practiced an active shooter drill months earlier.

"She's very lucky," said Dr. Igor Nichiporenko, medical director of trauma services at Broward Health North.

On Sunday, thousands of students, many with their parents, entered the campus for the first time since the shooting, gathering backpacks and other belongings they abandoned as they escaped. The three-story building in which Nikolas Cruz allegedly fired his AR-15 assault weapon is now cordoned off by a fence.



Mark Wallheiser/Associated Press

Philip Levine, former Mayor of Miami Beach, center, and his 12-year-old son Beno Murciano, lead protesters Monday as they stream out of the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center headed to the Florida state Capitol for a rally called the Rally in Tally in Tallahassee, Fla.

# Transport safety rules sidelined under Trump

**By Joan Lowy And Tom Krisher**
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is putting the brakes on attempts to address dangerous safety problems from speeding tractor-trailers to sleepy railroad engineers as part of his quest to roll back regulations across the government, according to a review by The Associated Press of Transportation Department rule-making activities.

A dozen transportation safety rules under development or already adopted have been repealed, withdrawn, delayed, or put on the back burner since Trump took office last year. There have been no significant new safety rules approved during that time.

The sidelined rules would have, among other things, required states to conduct annual inspections of commercial bus operators, railroads to operate trains with at least two crew members and automakers to equip future cars and light trucks with vehicle-to-vehicle communications to prevent collisions.

In most cases, the rules are opposed by powerful industries. The political appointees running the agencies that write the rules often come from the industries they regulate.

Many of the rules were prompted by tragic events.

"These rules have been written in blood," said John Risch, the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers' legislative director. "But we're in a new era now of little-to-no new regulations no matter how beneficial they might be."

Trump has sought to eliminate regulations throughout the government, viewing them as unnecessary restraints on economic growth. He has ordered that two regulations be identified for elimination for every significant new one issued.

DOT says it can reduce regulations without undermining safety and questions the effectiveness of some proposed regulations. It declined repeated AP requests since November for an on-the-record interview with a top official to discuss safety regulations. Instead, the department provided a brief statement from James Owens, DOT's deputy general counsel, saying that new administrations typically take a "fresh look" at regulations, including those that are the most costly.

"We will not finalize a rule simply because it has advanced through preliminary steps," Owens said. "Even if a rule is 'one step away,' if that rule is not justifiable because it harms safety and imposes unnecessarily high economic costs, for example, that rule will not advance."

One rule, proposed by DOT in 2016, would require new heavy trucks to have software that electronically limits their speeds. The government didn't designate a top speed but said it had studied 60, 65 and 68 mph.

The White House moved the proposal from its list of active rulemakings to its long-term agenda after Trump took office. DOT says the rule isn't dead, but the department has limited resources and higher priorities.

The rule would save as many as 498 lives per year and produce a net cost savings to society of $475 million to nearly $5 billion annually depending on the top speed the government picked, DOT estimated two years ago.

Rick Watts of Morristown, Tennessee, lost his wife, two young step-daughters and mother-in-law when the driver of an 18-ton tractor-trailer traveling about 80 mph failed to brake for cars in a slow-rolling construction zone backup near Chattanooga in 2015. The truck bashed into eight vehicles, killing six and injuring four others.

"If you're going 80 and you're knocked down to 60, that's going to lower the impact," Watts said. "It just baffles me that they're killing so many people every year."

The American Trucking Associations, an industry trade group, initially supported the rule, but now claims credit for stalling it. The group says it would create dangerous speed differentials between cars and trucks.

Trucking officials met with Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao within hours after she took office, according to Chris Spear, the trade group's president. Trump welcomed trucking executives to the White House by climbing behind the wheel of a Mack semi parked on the South Lawn in March.

"Your story is now being told to the highest levels of government," Spear told his organization's members in October.

Last summer, DOT withdrew a rule the government was in the early stages of writing to require train engineers and truck and bus drivers to be screened for sleep apnea, a condition that pauses breathing and prevents restful sleep.

The National Transportation Safety Board has cited sleep apnea as a cause of 13 rail and highway accidents it has investigated, including three commuter train crashes in New York and New Jersey since 2013. Investigators say federal regulators share the blame because they haven't required medical screening for sleep disorders.

The Transportation Department said current safety programs either address the problem or it will be addressed in another rule to reduce fatigue in the railroad industry. But the fatigue rule is years overdue with no timetable for completion.

The agency has a number of political appointees with strong ties to the industries they regulate. Deputy Transportation Secretary Jeff Rosen, who heads DOT's task force that evaluates regulations for repeal or modification, is an attorney who previously represented General Motors and an airline industry trade group. Daniel Elwell, the acting administrator at the Federal Aviation Administration, is a former airline lobbyist. Cathy Gautreaux, deputy administrator at the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, which regulates the trucking industry, was executive director of a Louisiana trucking advocacy group for 29 years. Ron Batory, head the Federal Railroad Administration, was president of Conrail, a service provider for the CSX and Norfolk Southern freight railroads. Howard Elliott, head of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, is a former CSX executive. His agency sets safety rules for rail transport of hazardous goods.

Neil Eisner, who was the DOT assistant general counsel in charge of overseeing the issuing of regulations for more than three decades, said industry's influence on government regulations in general "is probably more powerful than it has ever been."

The department says having industry insiders in leadership positions provides deep practical experience in how the transportation industry works.

# After Florida rampage, some owners are destroying their guns

By Lisa Marie Pane
*Associated Press*

ATLANTA — One man in upstate New York sawed his AR-15 rifle into pieces and posted a video of it on Facebook. A woman in Connecticut did the same with her handgun. Not far from scene of the Florida high school shooting, another man brought his assault weapon to police and asked them to destroy it.

In response to the killings of 17 people by a 19-year-old with an AR-15, some gun owners are waging personal protests against mass shootings.

The AR-15 is the gun drawing the most scorn during these public displays of destruction playing out on social media. Their owners say they love to shoot it, but enough is enough.

Scott Pappalardo is one such gun owner. Sitting in the backyard of his home in Scotchtown, New York, cradling the Eagle AR-15 rifle he'd owned for 30 years, Pappalardo called himself a firm believer in the Second Amendment who considers the rifle his favorite, but said he's pained by the steady drumbeat of mass shootings.

"Here we are, 17 more lives lost. So when do we change? When do we make laws that say maybe a weapon like this isn't acceptable in today's society?" he said in a video on his Facebook page. People blame mental illness, video games, bad parenting and other reasons, but he said "ultimately, it's a gun like this one that takes away the lives."

With that, he turned around and put a saw to his rifle, and posted the video with the hashtag #oneless, calling it "My drop in a very large bucket." That was Feb. 17, and 5 days later, it had received more than 375,000 likes and been shared more than 425,000 times.

Pappalardo, a 50-year-old supplier of building materials, said it was a tough and personal decision to destroy the gun. He loved target shooting with it. He's been a gun owner for decades and even sports a fading tattoo on his arm showing a firearm with the words "the right to keep and bear arms."

"I literally love that gun. It was almost like taking my sick dog out in the backyard and putting it out of its misery. It was very personal for me," Pappalardo told The Associated Press. "And I said to my wife before I did it, I can't believe I'm about to go outside and cut up my gun. It wasn't an easy thing to do."

But he believes the AR-15 has become a weapon of choice for too many mass shooters — used in Parkland, Las Vegas, the Orlando nightclub shooting, last year's Texas church massacre and other recent high-profile attacks — and he no longer wanted to be associated with it.

Despite the recent outrage, the AR-15 remains an incredibly popular weapon across America, and the people destroying them represent a small fraction of the gun's owners.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, which represents gunmakers, says there are about 12 million AR-style firearms in circulation.

Chris Waltz, president and chief executive of AR15 Gun Owners of America, called the destruction of guns kneejerk reactions that wrongly blame the rifle. He laments that so many mass shooters have been using the AR-15 to carry out their carnage, even as handguns remain the weapon most used in mass shootings. His group has more than 550,000 Facebook followers, adding 10,000 more in recent days.

"It's not a rifle problem. It's a societal problem," Waltz said. "We need to get a handle on what's going on that's causing these kids to do these things."

Destroying the weapon "makes no sense at all," he says.

"If you're a responsible gun owner and you purchased that weapon and you know you're not psychotic, then why would you ever do that?" he said. "It almost seems like it's political theater."

Ben Dickmann, who lives near Parkland, brought his AR-57, a variation of the AR-15, to Broward County sheriff with instructions to have it destroyed.

"I enjoyed shooting this rifle immensely but I don't need it, I have other types I can shoot for the same enjoyment," he wrote in a Facebook post showing images of the firearm and an officer processing the paperwork to destroy it.

His post, like others using Facebook to publicly declare what gun owners have done, attracted thousands of comments that offer a glimpse into the nation's gun debate. Some accuse him of being a wimp or somehow deranged. Others praise him.

Amanda Meyer, who lives in New Haven, Connecticut, had a similar experience.

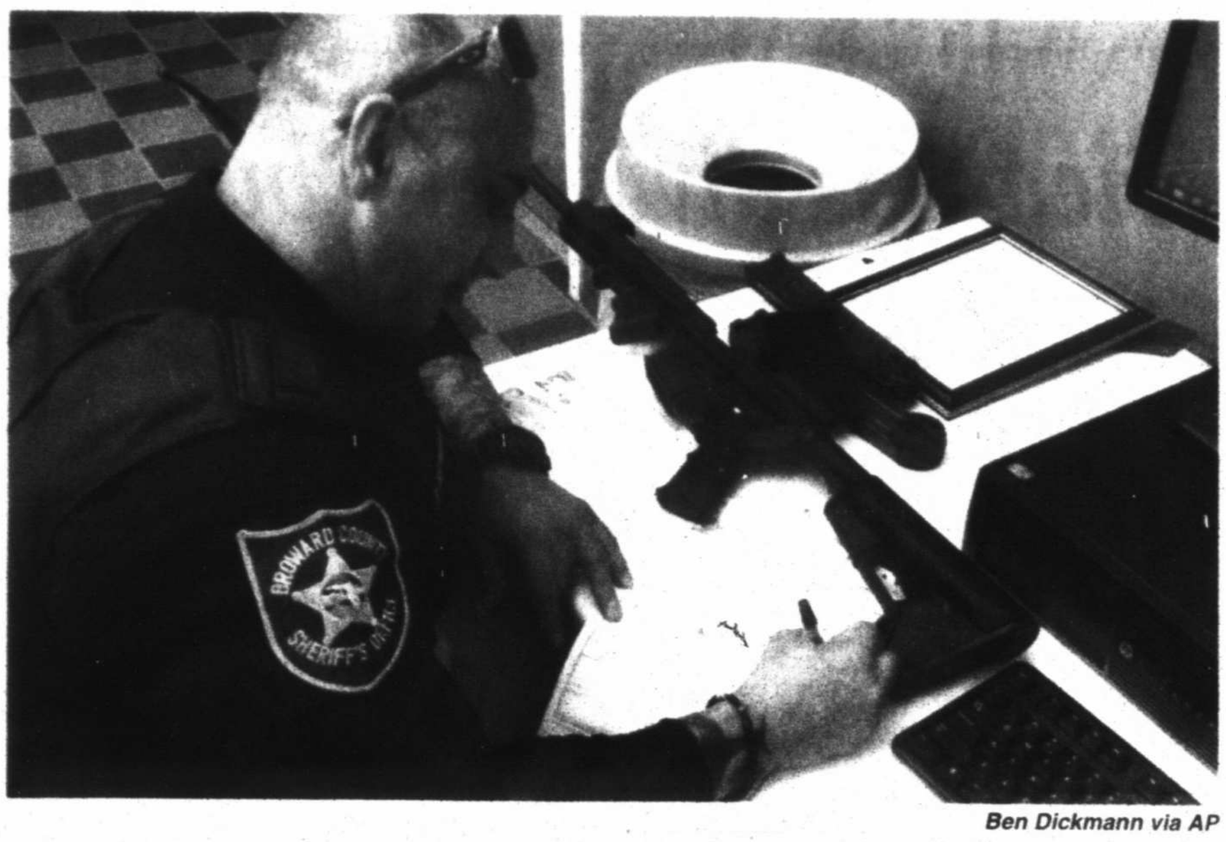
She grew up in Iowa and first learned to hunt at 14. Five years ago, she bought a Sig Sauer P229 handgun to target shoot and for self-defense. She had been thinking about getting rid of it for months, but was worried it could wind up in the wrong hands.

"After what happened in Florida, I just thought, 'This is ridiculous, I'm attaching myself to this inanimate object that its sole purpose is to kill humans,'" Meyer told the AP.

Her Facebook video — showing her slicing holes into the barrel, the rails and other parts with a saw in her garage — attracted tens of thousands of shares and comments. Some call her a stooge of gun-control advocates who will regret this if she needs it to defend herself.

Meyer has a tortured history with firearms: Her brother killed himself with one, she lives just a few miles from the Newtown elementary school massacre, and a cousin and his wife were at the Las Vegas concert where a man with an arsenal of automatic weapons killed 58 people and injured hundreds in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

"The solution, at least according to most of the cold-dead-hands crowd, is that we all just need to be kinder and more respectful and raise better children, those sorts of things," Meyer said. "Then the same people will come and say they wish someone would just break into my house and kill me so everybody would know I really did need that gun."



A deputy at the Broward County sheriff's office in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., processes paperwork Feb. 16 to take possession of and destroy Ben Dickmann's AR-style firearm. Dickmann decided to turn in his weapon after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in nearby Parkland, Fla.

Ben Dickmann via AP

# Kobach invites NRA to hold convention in Kansas

*Associated Press*

TOPEKA, Kan. — Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach is urging the National Rifle Association to bring its annual convention to Kansas.

The Kansas City Star reports that the Republican gubernatorial candidate tweeted over the weekend that he's reached out to the NRA to urge the group to bring the gathering to Kansas.

Kobach earlier tweeted that "Kansas is the most pro-gun state in America."

This year's NRA Annual Meeting of Members is being held May 5 in Dallas. But the city's mayor pro tem said last week that the organization should reconsider coming to Dallas after the Feb. 14 deadly mass shooting at a Florida high school.

Kobach wrote in a column last week advocating for arming teachers "provided they obtain a concealed carry permit and take appropriate training."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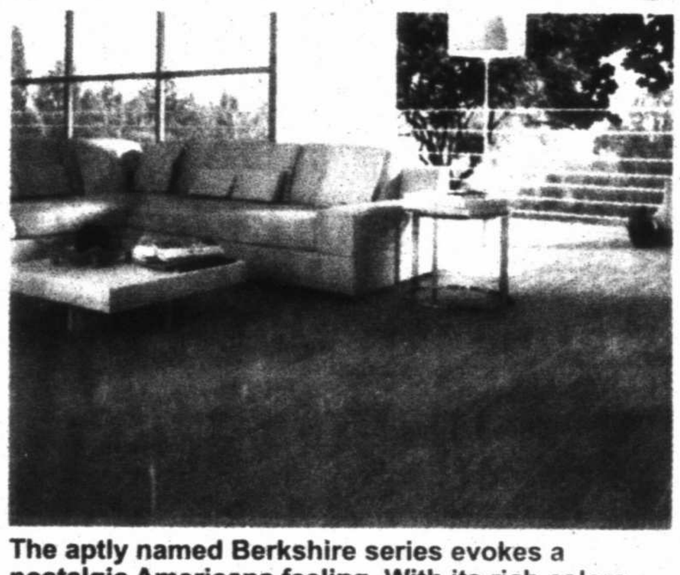

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# OPINION



# America was divided — but not by the Russians

■ Hopelessly in love with themselves, but without the slightest bit of shame, Trump and Hilliary Clinton left the country in shambles

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In light of indictments handed down against 13 Russian nationals by special counsel Robert Mueller for attempting to interfere in the 2016 election, both liberals and conservatives have gravitated to the narrative that the Russians succeeded in dividing Americans, fostering tribalism and creating discord in our politics. I get why that chorus has become so loud. This line of argument is convenient for the political parties.

Republicans want to deflect attention away from Mueller's ongoing investigation into possible collusion between the Russians and the Trump campaign and avoid questions about why — in Trumpland — so many roads lead to Moscow. They think the way to do that is to blame the Obama administration for not doing a better job of stopping Russian interference.

Democrats want to continue to hammer away at their claim that the Russians cost them the election by, for instance, using social media ads to convince voters not to support their party's nominee. After all, this is cheaper and easier than leaving Washington and traveling to the Rust Belt with an economic plan that lures back working-class voters.

Even so, I don't buy the idea that the Russians divided America. And neither should you. This line of thinking gives too much power to foreign actors. Worse, it doesn't assign enough responsibility to the people who really created chaos, generated animosity and polarized the electorate in the last election.

The evidence is depressingly clear that it was Americans who divided America. And much of the blame falls squarely on the shoulders of two Americans in particular: Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

It's not just that these two individuals were the most deeply flawed presidential candidates offered up by the major parties in modern U.S. history. And it's more than the fact that they spent months engaged in a race to the bottom and ultimately represented a disheartening "lose-lose" choice for voters.

It's also that the types of slash-and-burn campaigns they chose to run — during both the primary and general elections — tore apart the nation and brought out the worst in Americans.

In the Democratic primary, Clinton tore into rival Bernie Sanders, telling CNN in January 2016 that the Vermont senator was offering unrealistic "big ideas" that were light on specifics, overplaying his anti-establishment credentials, focusing too much on income inequality and being soft on gun control. She also seemed to paint Sanders' supporters as suckers who were so delighted by proposals like single-payer health care and free public college tuition that they didn't seem to care that Sanders never explained how he would pay for the giveaways. Later, in a book she wrote after losing the election, Clinton blamed Sanders — and his attacks on her character — for the fact that polls showed a majority of Americans thought she was untrustworthy.

And, of course, during the general election, the Democratic nominee famously disparaged Trump supporters as a "basket of deplorables."

For his part, during the GOP primary, Trump attacked, well, anyone and everyone. He viciously clawed at just about every other Republican on the ballot, various members of the party's establishment and anyone else who got in his way or had anything negative to say about him. In debates, he lobbed personal insults at opponents like Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Lindsey Graham, Marco Rubio, Rand Paul, Carly Fiorina and Ted Cruz.

Trump started his campaign by impugning the character of Mexican immigrants, describing them as criminals, rapists and drug traffickers. In time, he would also crudely attack women — particularly female journalists or politicians who dared to challenge him. From there, he moved on to attacking Muslim Americans, Hollywood actors, union bosses, corporate CEOs, former presidents, members of Congress, foreign heads of state and a certain "Mexican" judge who was born in Indiana. In fact, the only people whom Trump didn't criticize were Third World strongman dictators, white supremacists and Russian President Vladimir Putin. Everyone else was fair game.

And, for each of these candidates, those antics were just the warmup acts. They really let the fur fly when they attacked each other — with Clinton basically calling Trump a misogynist, and Trump responding that Clinton was a "nasty woman."

What a mess these two made of the American political landscape. Hopelessly in love with themselves, but without the slightest bit of shame, they left the country in shambles.

But do tell me again how it was the Russians who divided America. I just love a good fairy tale.

## GUEST VIEW

# Schools need trained security, open policies to protect students

The school shooting in Florida has brought new focus to an old dilemma: How to make our campuses safe so that learning can take place. Two basic approaches can reduce the possibility of a tragedy as much as anything.

First, there is no substitute for armed, trained security — not teachers or unreliable temporary hires. Ideally, that means a police officer or sheriff's deputy, someone who knows how to use a gun — and when not to use it.

Larger districts in the region have their own police departments, which can clearly help. But these officers must be held to the same high standards as the men and women who patrol our city streets and country roads.

President Trump has suggested arming teachers, but most teachers don't want that role. Texas does permit teachers and administrators in isolated districts to be armed and trained because the nearest law enforcement officer is far away. That's a reasonable exception.

It's important to remember that many places — airports, stadiums, malls, etc. — that weren't protected in the past are now protected by armed guards. That trend is happening for a reason, and large schools should not be an exception.

The Fort Worth suburb of West Lake announced last week that it would build a police substation in its charter school. Many area schools have police officers or deputies dropping by at various times or even being assigned there.

In addition to these measures, administrators can make sure they are doing everything possible to identify potential threats ahead of time instead of trying to react to them afterward.

A big part of that should be listening to their students and encouraging them to speak out when they hear a threat. These students will often learn about a danger before anyone else. Don't punish them for speaking out — encourage it.

When problems do occur, school officials should explain them promptly and completely. Parents get frustrated when administrators circle the wagons and force them to rely on rumors instead.

As with so many issues like this, there is no substitute for transparency. It can both deter threats and reassure a community if something does occur.

A school shooting can happen anywhere these days. When students and parents know more about keeping their schools safe, and administrators promote a heightened sense of awareness and openness, the less likely it will be to happen in your home town.

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# Why won't pro-lifers act against gun culture?

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Let us hear no more lectures from Clarence Thomas on the sanctity of human life. The Supreme Court justice, with timing that could be charitably described as clumsy, issued his latest paean to gun rights Tuesday, as the child victims of last week's school shooting were still being buried.

Reacting to his colleagues' refusal to hear a case challenging California's waiting period for gun purchases, he complained that justices would hear similar challenges to abortion, speech or privacy. "The Court would take these cases because abortion, speech, and the Fourth Amendment are three of its favored rights," Thomas wrote. "The right to keep and bear arms is apparently this Court's constitutional orphan."

Not for the first time, Thomas has it backward. Abortions are restricted far more than guns (and abortions are declining, while gun deaths are rising). Even speech is limited if it endangers life. Why shouldn't there be reasonable restrictions on guns, too?

But Thomas has a bigger problem: claiming to be "pro-life" while his advocacy of unlimited gun rights expands a culture of death. The gun-control movement has been reluctant to use such words, lest it be seen as aping the anti-abortion movement. But the theme is apt, and it points to the hypocrisy of those who profess to be pro-life but are also pro-gun without exception, those who denounce the termination of a pregnancy but not the termination of innocent life outside the womb.

Even though 92 percent of abortions take place in the first trimester, the pro-life movement takes particular aim at late-term abortion. So let's think of the Parkland victims in those terms:

Nicholas Dworet, who aspired to swim in the 2020 Olympics, was killed in the 72nd trimester of his life, a month shy of his 18th birthday.

Carmen Schentrup, a 2018 National Merit Scholarship finalist, was killed at the end of her 68th trimester of her life and buried the day before her 17th birthday.

Peter Wang, who had not yet reached his 64th trimester, was buried in his Junior ROTC uniform and was accepted posthumously at West Point.

They had a right to life. So did the 12 other kids and two faculty members who died.

Pro-life groups are largely silent about this, while others on the right have slandered the Parkland survivors, who in their grief have cried out for gun control, by claiming they are itinerant actors. Some explicitly tie the shooting to abortion. On the conservative website Newsmax, Dan Perkins wrote: "How is it that we have a society that on the one hand can become enraged at a school shooting, but have no compassion for the 27 babies killed by abortion each day [in Florida]?"

The theme has been prominent this week in conservative social media, prompting a writer for the religion website Patheos, G. Shane Morris, to argue, thoughtfully: "It is not legitimate, in the aftermath of the carnage at Stoneman Douglas High School, to yell, 'Yeah, but what about abortion?!'" Morris argued: "If we truly are pro-life, we should be willing to ... talk about what needs to be done to stop a uniquely horrifying form of bloodshed that's wracked this nation again and again in recent months and years."

For many pro-lifers, opposition to abortion is deeply held morality. But it is no stretch to say that those who accept the routine mass murder of innocents are not truly pro-life.

Many on the right bristle at the idea that gun control will limit gun deaths, so let's set that aside. What else would stop horrors of the sort that occurred at Parkland? More school security? Better mental-health intervention? As Politico reported, President Trump's budget, released two days before the shooting, proposed a $25 million cut in funds for school safety activities, and elimination of a $400 million grant program for bullying prevention, mental-health assistance and the like. The budget also proposed deep cuts to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the National Institute of Mental Health.

Trump has made some noises about gun control in recent days, though it remains to be seen whether that is the usual pro-gun rope-a-dope after such tragedies. He has also responded to Parkland with the language of the pro-life movement, urging a culture "that embraces the dignity of life."

"Dignity of Life." "Culture of life." "Sanctity of life." "Protecting life." Those fighting against gun violence should own such language, seizing it from those who call themselves pro-life but refuse to act against America's culture of death by firearms.

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# Why Trump's effort to curb immigration could hurt economy

By Paul Wiseman
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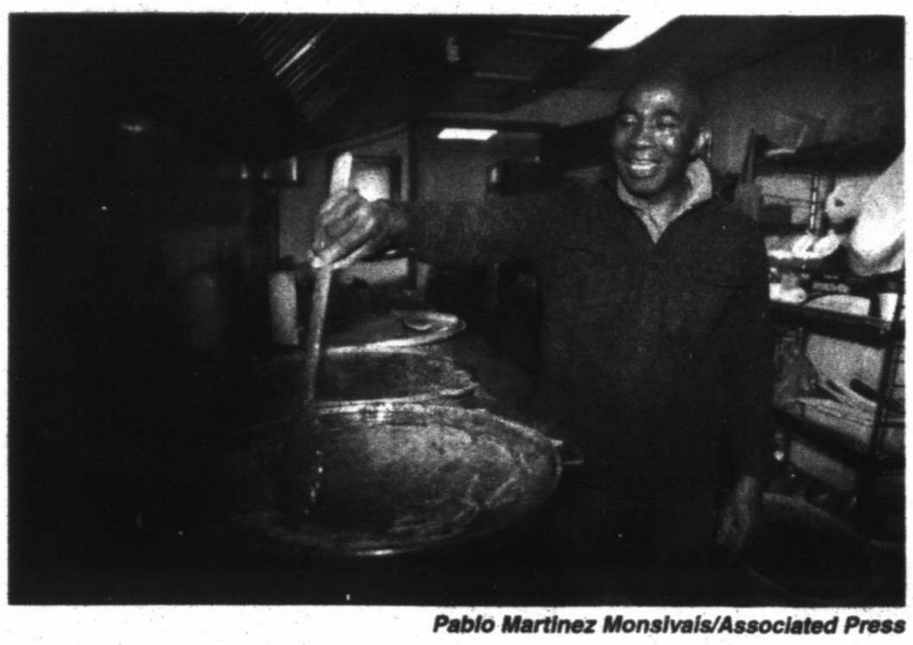

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Amara Sumah, owner of Sumah's West African Restaurant, stirs a pot Jan. 24 at the restaurant in the Shaw neighborhood of Washington. Twenty-five years ago, Sumah and his wife, Isata, immigrated from Sierra Leone. They have a successful family-owned business in Washington.

WASHINGTON — America's 21st century job market increasingly demands high-tech skills and knowledge. Yet consider this: Nearly half the new jobs the government foresees emerging by 2026 will require only a high school diploma — or none at all.

Those jobs share something else in common, too: Hundreds of thousands of them will likely be taken by low-skilled immigrants who are willing to do work that many Americans won't.

Lost in the immigration debate raging in Washington is the vital economic role played by immigrants who don't have the education, training or skills that the Trump administration and many Republicans in Congress say should be a pre-requisite. Economists say that especially with unemployment at a 17-year low and the growth of the workforce slowing, immigrants — skilled as well as unskilled — are vital to the economy.

"The idea that we only need people with certain degrees — it's never been true in America, and it's less true now than it was in the past," said Michael Clemens, an economist and senior fellow at the Center for Global Development, a Washington think tank.

Sixty-three percent of current American jobs — and 46 percent of jobs expected to be created between 2016 and 2026 — require no more than a high school degree, according to the Labor Department. The new positions include low-paying jobs that most native-born Americans are loath to pursue — an estimated 778,000 personal-care aides (median pay in 2016: $21,920), 580,000 food-service workers ($19,400), 431,000 home-health aides ($22,600).

Many of those jobs, Clemens says, "will either be done by immigrants, or they will not be done at all."

Already, foreign-born workers — about 17 percent of the overall workforce — account for 52 percent of America's maids, 47 percent of roofers and 40 percent of construction laborers and laundry and dry-cleaning workers.

Low-skilled immigrants harvest sweet potatoes and cucumbers in fields in North Carolina. They serve dementia patients in nursing homes. They vacuum offices. They are waiters, cooks and maids at President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida.

The Trump administration and many Republicans in Congress want to reduce the number of foreigners who can enter the United States and establish a merit system for those who do. They argue that restrictions on both legal and illegal immigration would protect Americans from potential criminals and from low-skilled immigrants who they say drive down wages for everyone.

Trump "understands what's broken in our immigration system and what's holding down wages for American workers," Sen. Tom Cotton, an Arkansas Republican, has said. "I stand ready to work with him and my colleagues to build an immigration system that supports the American worker and boosts our economy."

The president's immigration plan, rejected along with similar measures by the Senate this month, would bar immigrants from sponsoring siblings, parents and adult children and end a visa lottery meant to increase diversity. It would also earmark $25 billion for the construction of a border wall to keep Mexicans and Central Americans from crossing illegally.

The administration has also endorsed legislation from Sens. Cotton and David Perdue of Georgia that would favor visa applicants who are well-educated, speak English well and meet other criteria designed to attract immigrants who possess high skills and weed out those who don't.

Yet the University of Pennsylvania's Penn Wharton Budget Model, which analyzes public policy proposals, has concluded that the Cotton-Perdue bill would reduce economic growth and eliminate 1.3 million jobs by 2027 and 4.6 million by 2040.

Many immigrants say they are confident — or at least hopeful — it won't come to that.

"I'm optimistic," says Amara Sumah, an immigrant from Sierra Leone who owns a West African restaurant in Washington D.C. "The American people are generous. The president cannot change the country by himself."

The fear that immigrants will take the jobs of native-born workers is rooted in a time when most Americans were far less educated. Native- and foreign-born workers used to vie for low-skill jobs. Today's better-educated American-born workers are much less likely to compete with new arrivals with low skills. Twenty-five years ago, 46 percent of U.S. workers had no more than a high school degree. Only 28 percent had four-year college degrees; now, 40 percent do. Just 33 percent have only a high school diploma or less.

Many native-born Americans tend to shun low-paying, physically demanding work, even when good jobs are scarce. Consider what happened in North Carolina in 2011, when the state still bore scars from the Great Recession. Nearly 500,000 North Carolinians were jobless. The state's farms needed 6,500 workers to plant and harvest cucumbers, sweet potatoes and tobacco.

Yet only 268 native-born unemployed North Carolinians sought the farm jobs, which paid $9.70 an hour. Of those, 245 were hired. Only 163 showed up on Day One. And just seven kept at the job until the growing season had ended.

Mexicans laborers, by contrast, took 6,474 of the jobs under temporary farm-worker visas, according to a study by Clemens, who concluded: "It appears that nearly all domestic workers prefer almost any labor-market outcome — including long periods of unemployment — to carrying out manual harvest and planting labor."

Instead of competing with native-born workers, immigrants increasingly appear to complement them — and make them more productive. Patricia Cortes of Boston University and Jose Tessada of Chile's Pontifical Catholic University have found that an increase in immigrant nannies and housekeepers from 1980 to 2000 drove down the price of household services and allowed American-born women to work longer hours on the job because they had less work to do at home.

The Pew Research Center last year reported that the U.S. workforce will grow only if new immigrants replace retiring baby boomers. Pew projects that the U.S. working-age (25-64) population would rise from 173 million in 2015 to 183 million in 2035 with immigrants — or shrink to 166 million without them.

Still, some analysts reject the notion that few low-skilled immigrants take jobs from American-born workers. Daniel Stein, an immigration lawyer who leads the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which lobbies for limits on immigration, argues that low-skilled immigrant labor "degrades the bargaining position of native-born" workers and depresses wages.

Stein further contends that immigration helps explain why American workers seem reluctant to move from slow-growth parts of the country to faster-growing areas: They know they would have to compete there with foreign-born labor.

Clemens of the Center for Global Development counters that it's unrealistic to assume that many employers would respond to reduced immigration by raising pay to attract native-born workers. They have other options: Some can replace workers with machines. Other employers would likely scale back or cancel plans to expand.

Clemens points to a paper he co-wrote last year that analyzed what happened in 1964 when the government reduced the number of seasonal Mexican farm workers entering the United States. Restricting the influx of Mexicans was supposed to create jobs for American farm workers and raise their wages. But the report found that farms instead either cut production or automated the work.

# Supreme Court declines to decide fate of 'Dreamers' just yet

By Jessica Gresko
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday rejected the Trump administration's highly unusual bid to bypass a federal appeals court and get the justices to intervene in the fate of a program that protects hundreds of thousands of young immigrants from deportation.

The announcement means the case affecting "Dreamers" will have to work its way through the lower courts before any Supreme Court ruling is possible. The case could also become moot if Congress takes action in the meantime. Right now, however, efforts to address the issue in Congress have hit a stalemate.

The Supreme Court's decision for now to stay out of the case on the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, wasn't surprising. It's highly unusual for the Supreme Court to hear a case before a lower appeals court has considered it.

But DACA supporters hailed the decision as a significant — if only temporary — win. Trump said the case would now be heard by an appeals court and "we'll see what happens from there."

"You know, we tried to get it moved quickly because we'd like to help DACA. I think everybody in this room wants to help with DACA," he said to visiting governors. "But the Supreme Court just ruled that it has to go through the normal channels."

DACA has provided protection from deportation and work permits for about 800,000 young people who came to the U.S. as children and stayed illegally.

In September, Trump argued that President Barack Obama had exceeded his executive powers when he created the program. Trump announced he was ending the program effective March 5 and gave lawmakers until then to come up with a legislative fix.

But in recent weeks, federal judges in San Francisco and New York have made Trump's deadline temporarily moot for people who have sought and been granted renewals; the rulings do not extend to people who are applying for the first time.

Judges issued injunctions ordering the administration to keep DACA in place while courts consider legal challenges to Trump's termination. As a result, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services resumed accepting and processing DACA renewals in January, just as it had before Trump's September announcement.

The Trump administration has not tried to block the injunctions that force it to continue operating the program. Though the March 5 date is now moot, Greisa Martinez, policy and advocacy director for United We Dream, said DACA supporters planned to demonstrate in Washington on that day in part to continue to pressure Congress to act.

The Senate two weeks ago blocked a bipartisan bill offering Dreamers potential citizenship and providing $25 billion for President Donald Trump to build his proposed border wall with Mexico. A more conservative House proposal that sharply reduces legal immigration and imposes other restrictions has languished short of the GOP votes it would need to pass, leaving its fate in question.

The Supreme Court's announcement Monday that it wouldn't step in to the case now means the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will likely be the first appeals court to weigh in on the topic, the step before the case would return to the Supreme Court.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, who joined other states in lawsuits to keep DACA in place, cheered the Supreme Court announcement Monday.

"It's a victory for all Dreamers, certainly a great victory for California," Becerra said during a phone call with reporters. "It's a victory for the rule of law and it's a victory for our economy."

The Ninth Circuit has set no date to hear arguments but has given lawyers dates by which they must file briefs that run through April. Andrew Pincus, an attorney who represents more than 100 businesses that intervened in support of DACA, said June is probably the earliest that the court would rule.

Trump on Monday didn't seem to hold out much hope of winning at the Ninth Circuit, criticizing the liberal-leaning court by saying "nothing's as bad as the Ninth Circuit."

"I mean, it's really sad when every single case filed against us is in the 9th Circuit we lose, we lose, we lose and then we do fine in the Supreme Court," he said.

# Buffett says tax cuts provide huge boost to US businesses

By Josh Funk
*Associated Press*

OMAHA, Neb. — Billionaire Warren Buffett says American businesses are getting a significant boost from the tax overhaul, but health care costs remain a drag so he hopes a new initiative his company started with Amazon and JP Morgan Chase will deliver significant savings.

Buffett appeared on CNBC Monday after releasing his annual letter to Berkshire Hathaway shareholders over the weekend. Buffett's Omaha, Nebraska, conglomerate reported a $29 billion paper gain on far-reaching changes to the U.S. tax code, and the conglomerate will benefit from a lower tax rate going forward.

"It's a huge tail wind," Buffett said.

The tax gain Berkshire reported was mostly related to adjustments in the paper value of its deferred taxes and unrealized capital gains on stocks. It drove most of the increase in Berkshire's $44.9 billion profit last year, up from $24.1 billion in 2016.

But Buffett says he's had a hard time finding acquisitions at reasonable prices, so he's sitting on $116 billion cash and short-term bonds.

Buffett said he expects he'll eventually find a good use for a big chunk of that cash, but he may have to wait for a downturn in the economy. If he can't find enough sizeable deals, he said Berkshire may repurchase more stock instead of initiating a dividend.

Last month, Berkshire announced its new health care initiative with Amazon and JP Morgan. Buffett didn't discuss many details of the plan Monday.

But Buffett said the goal is much bigger than simply shaving 3 percent off health costs through negotiating power.

"We're looking for something much bigger than that," Buffett said. "Hopefully we can find a way where perhaps better care could be delivered even at a somewhat lesser cost."

Buffett said Berkshire and its partners have been inundated with offers from companies and individuals who want to help with the health cost project, but it's too early to consider those because the group is still looking to hire an executive to lead the effort.

Buffett said he remains confident in Wells Fargo and Berkshire is the bank's largest stakeholder with about 10 percent of the bank's shares.

Buffett said he believes Wells Fargo CEO Tim Sloan has worked to clean up the misconduct that was reported at the bank in recent years. Regulators determined that bank employees opened millions of unauthorized accounts to meet sales quotas.

"My guess is they have scrubbed and scrubbed and found all the things that were done wrong," Buffett said.

Buffett said it could take the bank a long time to work its way back into regulators' good graces again.

The success Buffett has had over the years means a lot of investors watch his moves closely. He said Monday that Berkshire is unsurprisingly his favorite stock, but he pointed out that Apple is the stock Berkshire bought most last year.

Buffett said investors can get clues about what he likes best by looking at Berkshire's portfolio. Wells Fargo is the biggest holding worth about $29 billion, but Berkshire's Apple stake isn't far behind at $28 billion.

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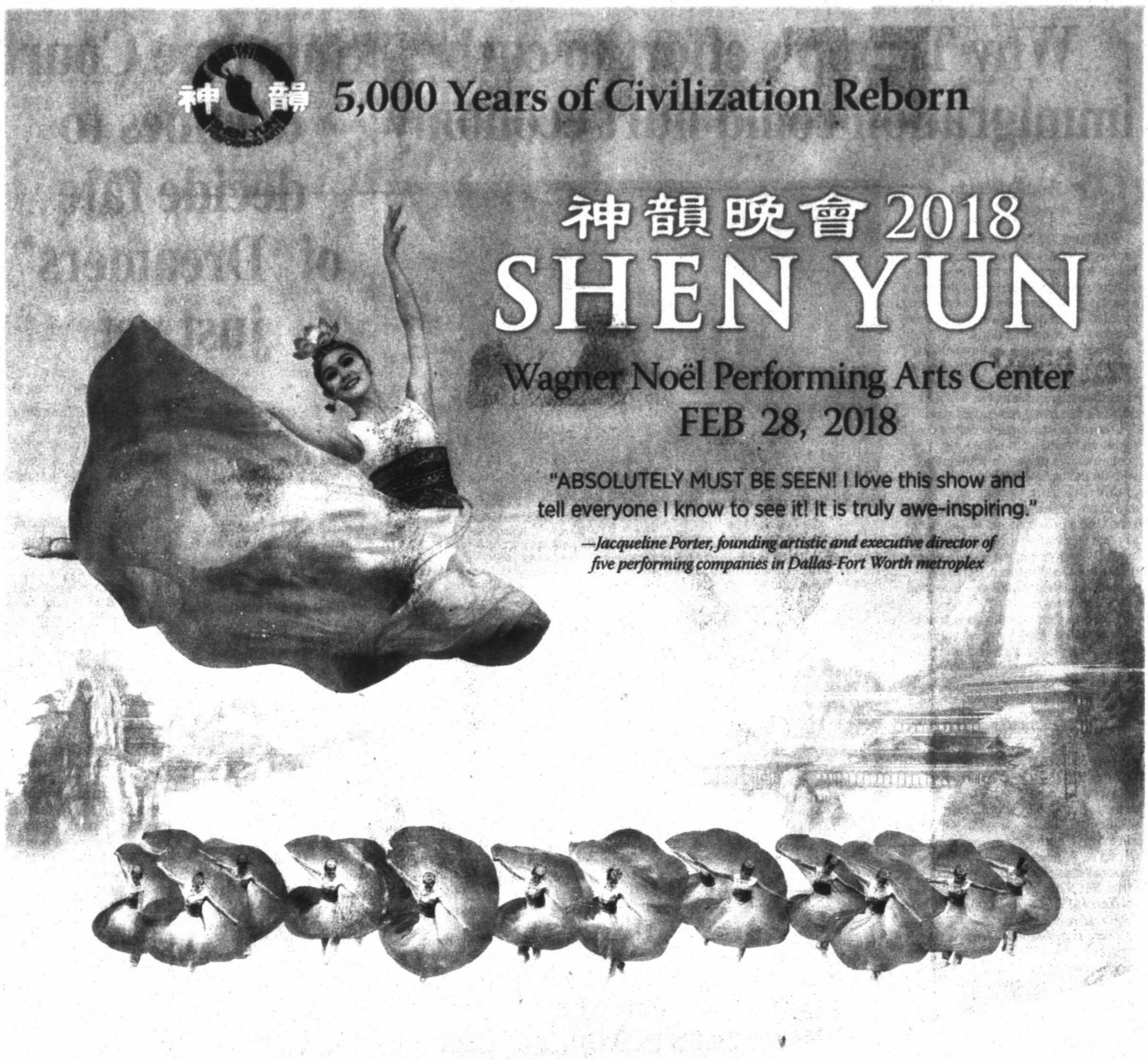


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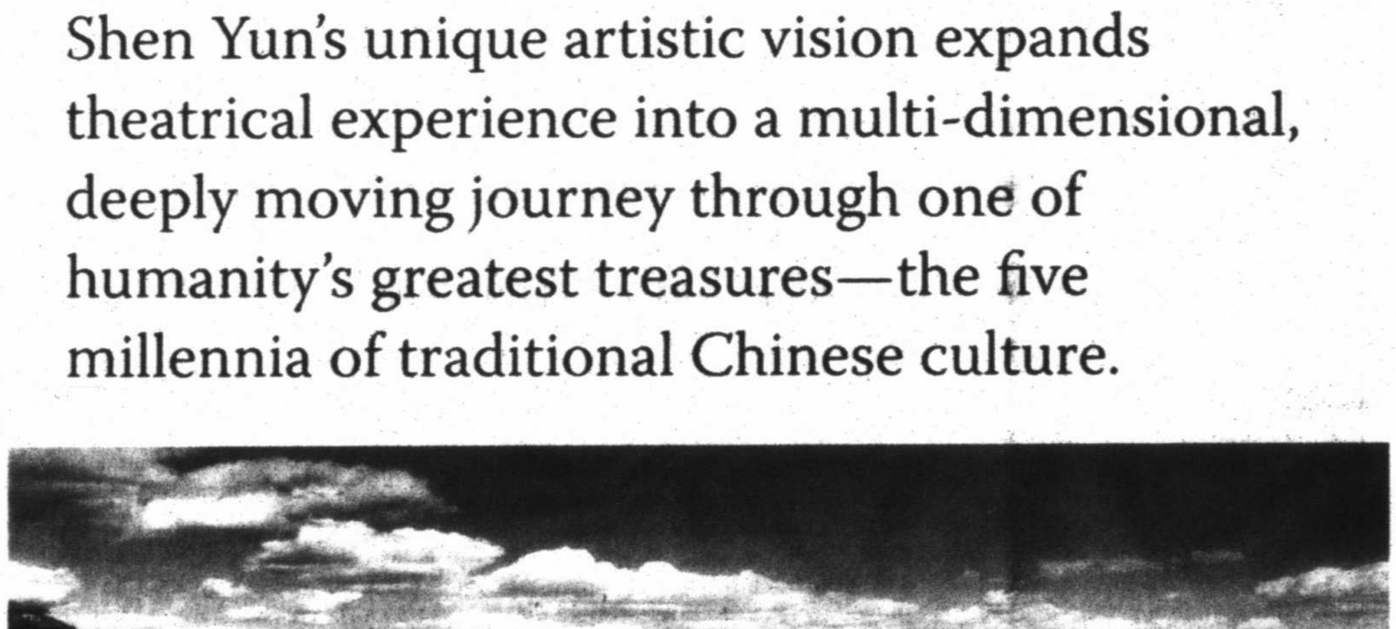

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## GRASSROOTS EFFORT TO IMPROVE EDUCATION OUTCOMES IN MIDLAND GAINS TRACTION

Never before have educators, parents, local businesses and community leaders come together for one common cause—until recently. Educate Midland is at the center of a cooperative strategy to empower and align the entire community toward one goal – a better education for all students and in turn, a better community.

"Everything that a student needs to achieve — we have it in our community," noted Educate Midland Executive Director Pervis Evans. "It's just a matter of our doing a better job of communicating, aligning our resources and having a shared agenda on what's important."

In January 2016, Educate Midland officially convened as a grass roots movement and began an open and honest discussion about the state of education in Midland, Texas. The data showed room for improvement in several student achievement metrics.

"It was an opportunity for us to call to the attention of the community a sense of urgency and collective ownership for the state of education. It wasn't where we wanted to be," Evans informed. "It doesn't take away from the good things that were happening in education here, but we wanted to find out where can we go from here?"

The answers to that question would come from partners from diverse sectors of the community. Leaders united to form Educate Midland's Leadership Team and to brainstorm and set educational goals for Midland.

"We really wanted to make sure we came up with a common agenda for the community to focus on the greatest areas of need, areas where we had the greatest momentum being built, and potential for success in education." Evans added. "We established a mission and built a nonprofit 'backbone' organization to help sustain the work."

That mission has already led to partnerships that can support students — like Educate Midland's Action Networks. These groups include stakeholders from campuses, businesses and organizations to identify specific needs and solutions such as expanding after-school tutoring programs where everyday Midlanders can volunteer their time to help.

Local business owner and EM Leadership Team Member, Abraham Gutierrez jumped at the opportunity to volunteer his time with Educate Midland and has sat in on sessions which help decide on what areas to focus time, attention and resources.

"I wanted to be part of a driven team that would provide solutions on improving the quality of education for all students in Midland," Gutierrez implored. "Also, I plan to live here for the rest of my life and in order for the business community to survive, we need to have a diverse educated workforce."

Gutierrez has a strong message for people in Midland — not just those who have kids in public schools.

"Whether you have kids or not in the educational system, you cannot afford to sit on the bench. You truly have the ability to change a student's life path by being there for them. Our kids need your assistance from guidance, emotional support, role models and many other impactful ways. Find your passion and fill the need!"

The efforts of Educate Midland are not in isolation from Midland ISD's own efforts for positive change — the two work hand-in-hand.

"The community has made it a priority to support the school district in its efforts, and the school district is invested as well. It is an exciting time," Evans observed.

This sense of optimism is mirrored by district leaders.

"We appreciate the support and dedication that can make a real difference in our city," Midland ISD Trustee Bryan Murry said of Educate Midland's efforts. "I am excited for the Educate Midland goals to gain traction and be put into service. Education is the future of our children. We are all vested in that future and are excited to not only be from Midland but be able to attract the top talent in the nation for our work force if we can show results that we value education."

Educate Midland plans to release a baseline report of community goals and plan of action later this spring.

For more information on Educate Midland and its work, go to educatemidland.edu and follow EM on Facebook.

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# PASSION FOR SPEECH

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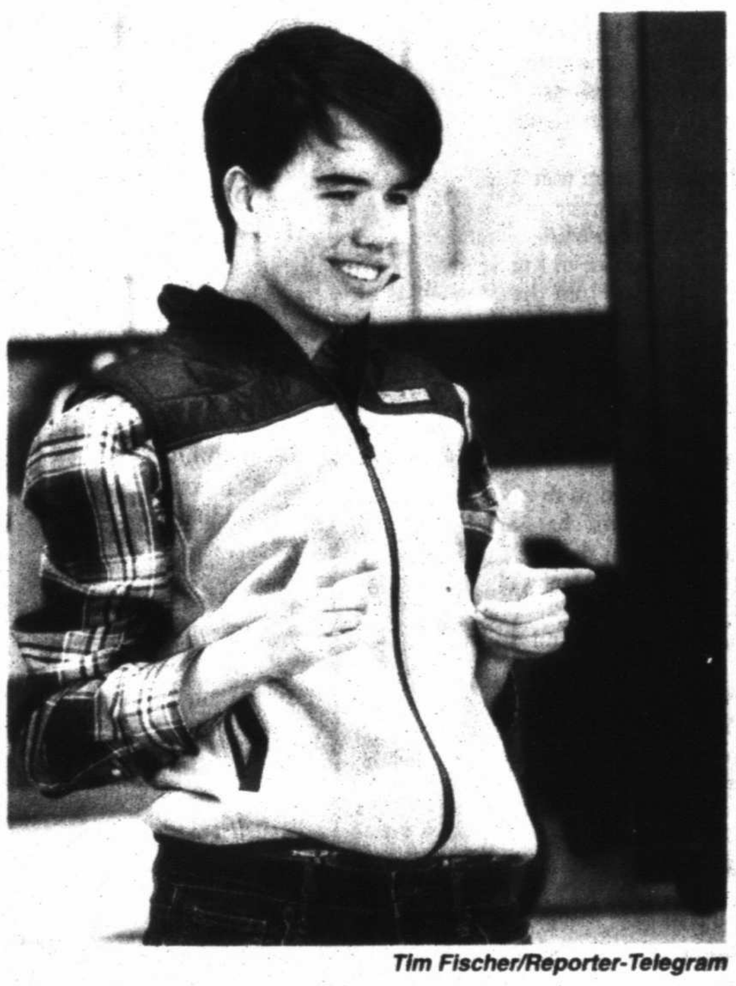
John Klassen, a local attorney, leads the speech and debate class Feb. 12 at Trinity School.



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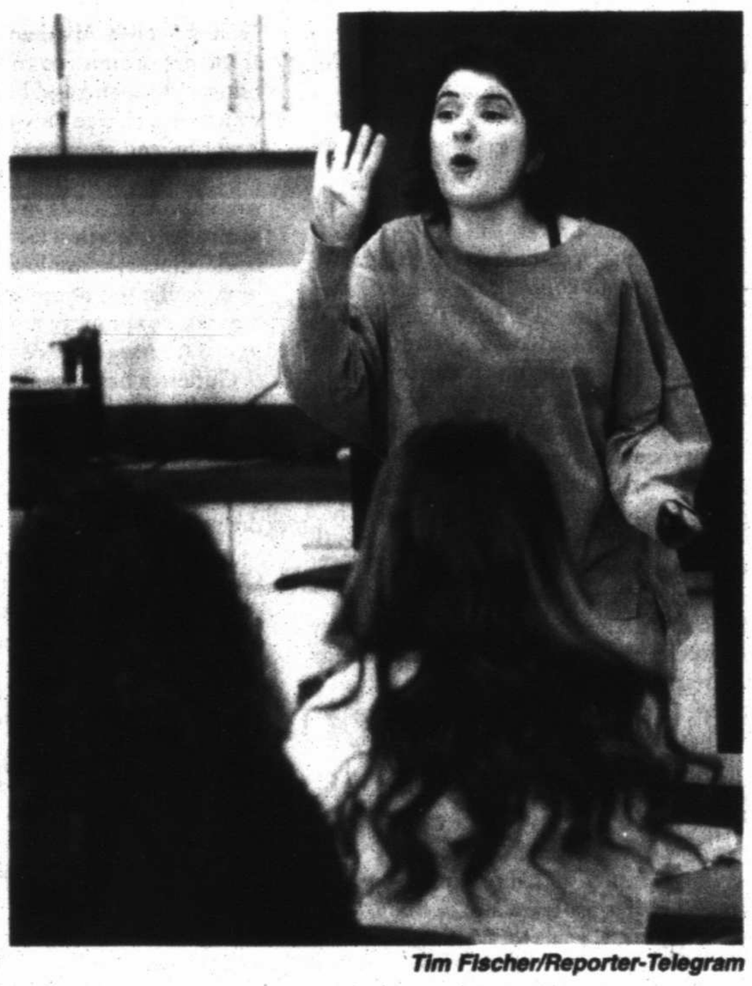
Jordan Sanz recites part of his Humorous Speech Feb. 12 during speech and debate class at Trinity School.



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Bella Spangher recites part of her Original Oratory Speech Feb. 12 during speech and debate class at Trinity School.

## Trinity students find success in speech, debate tournaments

■ Attorney creates school's program

**By Simone Jasper**
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Speech and debate events were a highlight of John Klassen's high school experience. Years later, he is sharing that passion with students at Trinity School.

As creator of the school's inaugural speech and debate program, Klassen provides instruction in the classroom and takes students to co-curricular regional tournaments. Months into the Trinity School program, students have qualified for state and national competitions.

"We have done tremendously well, especially for a first-year program," Klassen said. "I've just been blown away by how talented these kids are and how willing they are to try stuff."

Leading the classroom is a new experience for Klassen, who had practiced law for 26 years. He worked as an assistant U.S. attorney and in his own firm before starting a certification program at the Region 18 Education Service Center.

"I had always felt that I was pretty good at explaining things and making the jury interested in it," Klassen said. "So, my thought was: Maybe some of those skills could transfer over to explaining things in a school context and teaching actual young people."

Klassen considered teaching economics, government or another subject related to law.

He later realized the need for speech and debate teachers and ended up at Trinity School.

Before Klassen's arrival, senior Jordan Sanz had been asking school administrators to offer a public speaking class. He thought the course would teach students skills they could use beyond graduation.

"Once we got it, I was ecstatic," he said. "So I knew I had to sign up for it."

Sanz, now one of 23 students in Klassen's class, opted to participate in speech competitions.

This month, Sanz learned he will compete in the National Speech and Debate Tournament in June. He was also one of four Trinity School students who qualified for this weekend's Texas Forensic Association state tournament.

Instead of focusing on taking home trophies, Sanz said his teacher wants to help each student find a voice. He thinks that factor is part of the reason Trinity School students have done well in the competitions.

"This was my first year doing speech and debate," Sanz said. "But I think that Trinity has a certain energy about it to where even though it's our rookie year, we can still shine through."

Outside of the classroom, the high school senior said Klassen has made himself available to watch speeches and offer feedback. His classmate, freshman Debbie Bajomo, said their teacher is also willing to bring students to competitions, even if only a few students want to participate.

Klassen's experience as an attorney is reflected in his teaching, according to Bajomo. For debaters, she said he provides instruction about speaking, hand movements and cross-examination.

Bajomo has dabbled in debating but is mainly interested in speech. She recently gained enough competition points to advance to the state tournament.

"I wasn't sure what to expect," Bajomo said. "I knew it would be difficult and different, but seeing that I made it my first year and my freshman year was really exciting."

As the state tournament nears, Klassen said reaching that level is an accomplishment for any student, especially one who has recently started in speech and debate. He said watching his class improve over time has been rewarding.

"It has felt right all year, and the kids seem to be engaged," he said.

## MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES

*By Rebecca Bell*

## *Student leaders pursue community service*

Their goal: To give back to the community and make Midland the best city in America. Rebecca McAdoo and Jacob Baley are looking forward to careers in which they will have an opportunity to achieve this goal. Both of these 20-year-olds will graduate from Midland College in May with associate degrees, and both will transfer to four-year universities, where they will begin classes in August.

McAdoo

McAdoo plans to major in mass communications at Texas State University, the University of North Texas or the University of Texas at El Paso. Her dream is to handle public relations for a nonprofit organization. She discovered her passion for nonprofit work when she was a sophomore at Lee High School and became involved in Students in Philanthropy. She is president of SIP at Midland College.

Baley

McAdoo, the daughter of Yolanda and Bruce McAdoo, moved to Midland from West Palm Beach, Florida, when she was 6. She graduated from Lee in 2016.

Baley attended Midland Classical Academy and received his high school diploma from Orion Online High School. The only son of Rebekkah and Will Baley is the middle child of six children.

Like McAdoo, Baley is also a member of the college's SIP organization. This is his first year in the organization; however, his leadership skills were quickly recognized by his fellow SIP members, and he was elected as SIP Service Leader. He also serves as vice president of Service for the MC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. He plans to major in business management with a

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## DJ RAMBO

*Peace CTA*

## *Surprising number of young children use apps*

Take my word for it: The internet is not going anywhere. There were an estimated 4 billion active internet users worldwide in January, according to Statista.com.

That's more than half of the entire world's population.

Facebook is quickly closing in more than 2 billion users, according to CNN. Snapchat is used by 158 million people daily, and users open the app 18 times a day on average, according to Business Insider. (Granted, these are statistics before Snapchat released a very complicated update two weeks ago that users are complaining about, but this is a discussion for someone else's article).

Instagram had 800 million monthly active users on the popular picture-sharing app as of September, according to Statista.com.

February is Internet Safety month, and it's truly mind-numbing how many people are using the internet each day. As a teacher, I am surprised by how many Midland students use these apps, and I am alarmed at the age of the users.

I recently spoke with a mom who allowed her second-grader use Snapchat so the child could play with the camera filters.

I convinced her to delete the app from her child's phone.

Although this parent's intent for her child being on Snapchat was innocent, I must question how many second-grade children (or younger) use the app without their parents realizing what Snapchat is capable of, or use Snapchat without any supervision.

It is surprising how many children know about Snapchat and will use their

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| KMID ABC | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | Jeopardy! (N) | Wheel of Fortune (N) | Middle (N) | Fresh Off-Boat (N) | Black-ish (N) | Modern Family | Saves-World "World's Worst Domino" (N) | | News (N) | (:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live | | (:35) News Nightline |
| KOSA CBS | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | CBS 7 News (N) | Ent. Tonight | NCIS "Keep Your Enemies Closer" (N) | | Bull "Witness for the Prosecution" (N) | | NCIS: New Orleans "The Last Mile" (N) | | CBS 7 News (N) | (:35) The Late Show | | (:35) J.Corden |
| KWWT CW | 5 | 14 | | 5 | 14 | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | A. Griffith | A. Griffith | Gomer Pyle | Mama's Family | Hogan's Heroes | Hogan's Heroes | Carol Burnett | P. Mason "The Case of the Lonely Eloper" | | Twilight Zone |
| KPEJ FOX | 8 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 3 | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Lethal Weapon "Ruthless" (N) | | LA to Vegas (N) | The Mick (N) | Fox 24 News (N) | TMZ | Mom | Modern Family | Modern Family | Met Your Mother |
| KMLM IND | 11 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 | Our Messiah | Housecall | Update News | Walls of Jerusalem | Light of the Southwest | | Light of the Southwest | | Creation Magazine | Mission: M25 | Restore Zion | HaYesod |
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| KPBT PBS | 13 | 13 | | 13 | 8 | PBS NewsHour (N) | | We'll Meet Again "Coming Out" (N) | | American Creed (N) | | Frontline (N) | | Amanpour (N) | News (N) | News (N) | Stories |
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| KOSA MNT | 16 | 16 | | 16 | | Last Man | Last Man | The X-Files | | X-Files "Zero-Sum" | | Mike&M. | Mike&M. | Anger M. | Anger M. | Game | Game |
| FLIX | 340 | 575 | | 165 | | (5:30) Music Within | | (:05) ★★ My Best Friend's Girl | | | | ★★★ High Fidelity John Cusack. | | | | ★ An American Rh... | |
| HBO | 300 | 550 | 14 | 14 | | Movie | News (N) | ★★★ Gran Torino Clint Eastwood. | | | | Real Sports (N) | | Boxing HBO After Dark | | | |
| HBO2 | 302 | 551 | 15 | 101 | 23 | (4:35) ★ Wonder W... | | 2 Dope Queens | | LastWeek | HighMain | ★★★ Domestic Disturbance | | Crashing | ★ The Fate of the... | | |
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| MAX | 380 | 557 | 17 | 120 | 24 | (5:10) ★ Get Smart | | ★★ Mickey Blue Eyes | | (:45) ★★★ Heaven Can Wait | | | | StrikeBk | TourBus | | Movie |
| MAX2 | 382 | 558 | 18 | 122 | | (:05) ★★ The Women ('08, Com) Meg Ryan. | | | | ★ Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Ch... | | | | (:10) ★★ All About Steve | | | Movie |
| PLEX | | | 96 | | | (5:20) ★ Winchester... | | ★ Desolation Cany... | | (:25) ★★ All the Pretty Horses | | | | (:25) ★ Wyatt Earp's Revenge Val Kilmer. | | | |
| SHOW | 320 | 565 | 19 | 140 | 25 | (:15) ★ Office Christmas Party Jason Bateman. | | | | Homeland "Standoff" | | The Chi "The Whistle" | | Cartoon | Homeland "Standoff" | | Movie |
| TMC | 336 | 573 | 22 | 155 | 26 | Movie | (:35) ★★ Free State of Jones Matthew McConaughey. | | | | | ★★★ We Were Soldiers ('02, War) Mel Gibson. | | | | | Movie |
| A&E | 27 | 58 | 28 | 35 | 47 | Interve. "The Heroin Triangle: Chapter #7" | | Interve. "The Heroin Triangle: Chapter #8" | | Intervention (N) | | Undercover "Undercover in Trouble" (N) | | (:05) Intervention | | (:05) Intervention | |
| AMC | 40 | 74 | 23 | 42 | 51 | (4:30) ★ Under Siege | | ★★ Armageddon (1998, Adventure) Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis. | | | | | | | ★★ Under Siege | | |
| BET | 58 | - | | 40 | | ★★★ This Christmas ('07, Com) Idris Elba, Delroy Lindo. | | | | | | The Quad (N) | | The Quad | | Martin | Martin |
| BRAVO | 65 | 76 | | 41 | | Beverly Hills | | Beverly Hills | | Beverly Hills (N) | | BethFred | BethFred | Watch (N) | Beverly Hills | | BethFred |
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| ESPN2 | 34 | 36 | 49 | 32 | 31 | NCAA Basketball (L) | | | | NCAA Basketball Oklahoma at Baylor (L) | | | | Basketb. | NFL Live | | |
| FNC | 45 | 48 | 53 | 23 | 55 | The Story | | Tucker Carlson | | Hannity | | The Ingraham Angle | | Fox News @ Night | | Tucker Carlson | |
| FOOD | 64 | 70 | 27 | 68 | 54 | Chopped "Hot Stuff" | | Chopped | | Chopped | | Chopped (N) | | Chopped | | Chopped | |
| FREEFORM | 53 | 63 | 34 | 42 | 33 | (4:30) ★ The Goonies | | The Fosters (N) | | ★★★ Despicable Me Steve Carell. | | | | The 700 Club | | ★★ Big Daddy | |
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| FX | 31 | 56 | 59 | 64 | 69 | Movie | ★★★ Thor: The Dark World Natalie Portman. | | | | | Baskets | Baskets | Baskets | ★★ Hancock Will Smith. | | |
| HALLMARK | 54 | 71 | 58 | | 34 | F.House | Full House | F.House | F.House | Middle | Middle | Middle | Middle | G. Girls | G. Girls | G. Girls | G. Girls |
| HGTV | 63 | 69 | 26 | 48 | 44 | Fixer Upper | | Fixer Upper | | Fixer Upper (N) | | H.Hunt | House (N) | H.Hunt | House | Fixer Upper | |
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| LIFETIME | 28 | 30 | 25 | 28 | 48 | Married at First Sight "Move-Ins" | | Marrie-d1stSight | Married at (N) | Married/ First Sight "Love Languages" (N) | | To Be Announced | | Married/ First Sight "Love Languages" | | Marrie-d1stSight | Married at First |
| MSNBC | 47 | 53 | | 49 | 73 | Hardball (N) | | All in (N) | | Rachel Maddow (N) | | The Last Word (N) | | The 11th Hour (N) | | Rachel Maddow | |
| NBCSN | 38 | 43 | | | | NHL Live! (L) | | | | NHL Hockey St. Louis Blues at Minnesota Wild (L) | | | | NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings at Vegas Golden Knights (L) | | | |
| NICK | 55 | - | 39 | 34 | 37 | Thunder | Lip Sync | ★★★ Rango ('11, Ani) Isla Fisher, Johnny Depp. | | | | | | F.House | Friends | Friends | Friends |
| SPIKE | 30 | - | 55 | 53 | 58 | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Ink Master (N) | | | ★ Forrest Gump | | |
| SYFY | 66 | 82 | 41 | 57 | 67 | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama | Futurama |
| TBS | 25 | 33 | 44 | 66 | 41 | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Detour (N) | Conan (N) | | The Detour | Conan |
| TCM | 41 | 75 | 24 | 63 | 66 | (6:45) ★ Kings Row | | ★★★★ On the Waterfront | | | | ★★★★ All the King's Men | | | | ★★★★ Hamlet | |
| TELE | 20 | - | 10 | 20 | | Caso cerrado (N) | | José José, el pr (N) | | Al Otro Lado del (N) | | Enemigo Intimo (N) | | Al rojo | Titulares | Al Otro Lado del | |
| TLC | 51 | 61 | 32 | 38 | 52 | My Big Life "Aloha Buddy" (N) | | My Big Fat Fabulous Life "One K at a Time" | | Counting On "In Love in Switzerland" | | Seeking Sister Wife | | My Big Fat Fabulous Life "One K at a Time" | | Counting On "In Love in Switzerland" | |
| TNT | 24 | 34 | 40 | 26 | 50 | (5:00) ★★ Step Brothers Will Ferrell. | | NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Milwaukee Bucks Site: Bradley Center -- Milwaukee, Wis. (L) | | | | NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Denver Nuggets Site: Pepsi Center -- Denver, Colo. (L) | | | | | |
| TVLAND | 49 | - | 35 | 54 | 35 | MASH | M*A*S*H | Loves Ray | Loves Ray | Loves Ray | Loves Ray | Mom | Mom | Queens | Queens | Queens | Queens |
| USA | 26 | 55 | 42 | 27 | 49 | Law & Order: S.V.U. "Father Dearest" | | WWE Super Smackdown | | | | Unsolved "Wherever It Leads" (P) (N) | | Law & Order: S.V.U. "Beast's Obsession" | | Law & Order: S.V.U. "Post-Mortem Blues" | |
| WGN | 19 | 85 | | | | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Bellevue (N) | | Messenger "Beginner's Luck" | | Bellevue | |

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# Wife's desire for motherhood grows stronger as years pass

## Dear Abby

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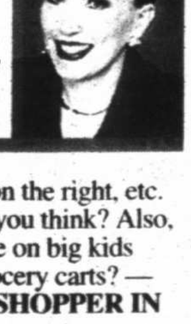

**DEAR ABBY**: My husband and I are 15 years apart in age. We have been together for six years, married a year and a half. He is my entire world, my best friend and soul mate.

When we first met, he told me he didn't think he wanted another child (he has a daughter). I learned to accept it if I wanted to be with him. I had to be OK with being a stepmom and not having a child of my own.

Fast-forward: It's six years later. His daughter (now 14) no longer comes around. (The ex-wife discouraged any relationship between my stepdaughter and me.) I'm finding it harder and harder to cope with the fact that I don't have a child of my own. When I bring this up to my husband, he tells me, "I told you in the beginning I didn't think I wanted another child."

How do I deal with this? It's breaking my heart because she is not around anymore and I don't feel like a mom of any sort. — **LONGING TO BE A MOM**

**DEAR LONGING**: Tell your husband that in the beginning when he told you he didn't think he wanted another child, you agreed because you thought you could accept it, but that as time has gone by, you no longer can. Then tell him you feel an important part of being a woman is being a mother. If he refuses to relent, then as much as you may love him, you may be married to the wrong man, and you will have to move on if you need to follow your biological imperative.

**DEAR ABBY**: Can you please educate your readers about supermarket etiquette? Every time I buy groceries, I encounter people who push or park their carts in the middle of the aisle with no consideration for other shoppers. I also see them blindly blast through intersections in the aisles and barely avoid colliding with each other.

A few weeks ago, I said to a gentleman, "Pardon me, may I go around you? Thank you." He responded that I was the first person who had ever said that to him! I'm surprised there aren't more cases of road rage in supermarkets.

My suggestion: Why don't we follow basic traffic rules in the supermarket? For example, stay to the right unless you are passing. Yield at intersections to the shopper on the right, etc. Abby, what do you think? Also, what's your take on big kids riding in the grocery carts? — **DISGUSTED SHOPPER IN ILLINOIS**

**DEAR DISGUSTED**: What you describe happens when folks fail to consider how their behavior affects others. When someone blocks the aisle with a grocery cart, the logical way to deal with it is to say, "Excuse me, please," which alerts the "offender" that there are others in the store besides him or her.

Your suggestion that shoppers observe basic traffic rules is a good one— particularly when it involves observing the speed limit. Charging through the intersections of the aisles could cause an accident in which another shopper is harmed.

As to "big kids" riding in shopping carts, as long as they aren't bothering other shoppers and the store doesn't care, I mind my own business and don't judge.

# Goren Bridge

**With Bob Jones**

## The lead-directing double

North-South vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
♠Q83
♡J98654
◇10762
♣Void

WEST
♠1096
♡K72
◇985
♣QJ64

EAST
♠52
♡Q103
◇QJ4
♣A8752

SOUTH
♠AKJ74
♡A
◇AK3
♣K1093

| The bidding: | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | WEST |
| 2♡ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4♣ | Dbl | 4♡ | Pass |
| 4♡ | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| 5♠ | Pass | 6♠ | All pass |

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

One of the most abused conventions in bridge is the "lead-directing double." This is the double of an artificial bid to request a lead in that suit should partner be on lead.

Also, you must be good enough to defeat that contract should the opponents elect to play there. You must be certain that you want that lead. The literature is full of examples of such doubles that have back-fired.

North in today's deal perpetrated one of the most aggressive auctions we have ever seen. North felt that he was too good to simply bid four spades, so he kept bidding side suits, fetching a lead-directing double from East along the way. Who can blame South for bidding a slam?

West was Subhash Gupta, long considered the guru of Indian bridge. The slam has no play, but chances came alive when Gupta led the queen of clubs. A diamond was discarded from dummy as East won with his ace. South won the trump shift and led the nine of clubs, discarding a diamond from dummy when Gupta played low. Another diamond was shed on the king of clubs, followed by the ace of diamonds and a diamond ruff. Declarer came to hand with the ace of hearts and ruffed his last club with the queen of spades. A heart ruff brought him back to his hand to draw trumps and claim his slam, leaving East with egg on his face. Gupta, a class act, eased his partner's pain by assuring East that Gupta would have led a club anyway.

# Spelling showdown

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The 31st annual Midland Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee was Saturday at Midland College. **CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** Jaiden Catalasan of Midland Christian School, left, talks with Nithin Reddy of Trinity School between rounds. Reddy was the runner-up; Catalasan came in fifth. Abell Junior High's Srikar Chamarthi thinks about how to spell a word. Chamarthi won the bee for the third straight year. Sanjana Vadlapatla of Carver Center, the third-place finisher, listens to the pronouncer. Prayer Lorskulsint of Andrews Middle School spells a word.

## LEADERS

From 2B

minor in political science at Texas State University in San Marcos. Baley plans to return to Midland and work in business; he hopes to become involved in local government.

"My government classes at Midland College made me realize how important local government is," said Baley. "Midland is a great place to live, and I want to help build Midland to be even better. Midland is already an important energy center for the United States. We need to keep that focus; however, I believe we can diversify and also become a technology center."

"The first thing I learned about Jacob was that he loves Midland," said Luz Lopez, Midland College SIP advisor and coordinator. "His energetic work and conviction with nonprofits is admirable. He always brings new volunteer activities to the table and is constantly volunteering where help is needed. I am sure he will make a great impact in the Midland community; he is loved by his peers and is a joy to be around."

McAdoo also knows the importance of governance at the grassroots level. She is president of Midland College's Student Government Association and was instrumental in helping to implement a Weapon Control initiative for the campus. She will be leading seminars in late April to inform students about the initiative.

McAdoo's leadership extends to the regional and state levels. She is vice president of the Texas Region 1 Student Government Association and recently was one of six students to be nominated for the Texas Junior College Student Government Association "Student of the Year" award. The winner will be announced in early April.

McAdoo routinely writes news articles and editorials for the Midland College student publication, the MC Press. She also is an important part of MC's recruiting efforts and assists with college tours and promoting Midland College to high school seniors in her capacity as a member of the MC Regents. She is also an active member in Sigma Kappa Delta English Honor Society.

"I'm a huge fan of Midland College," said McAdoo. "In fact, my entire family loves MC. My older brothers, William and David attended Midland College, and both were in the Student Government Association and Students in Philanthropy. I always tell high school students that it's important to get involved. Some of the organizations like SIP and the regents offer scholarships. It's a 'win-win'— I get to have fun participating in student life and also get scholarships!"

"Rebecca is an outspoken leader, who is not afraid of taking charge," Lopez said. "She is determined to make an impact at MC, leading multiple clubs and being involved in most of the student activities. Her enthusiasm for the work she does is extremely contagious; I have no doubt she will continue to thrive in her future endeavors."

McAdoo's nonprofit work is not limited to her participation in various clubs and activities at MC. She works part-time as the chapter administrator for the Permian Basin Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. As such, she assists the volunteer board with duties and programs to enhance nonprofit agencies, designs chapter advertising and coordinates planning for the National Philanthropy Day celebration.

"By having this job, I have been able to learn about our community organizations and learn in-depth about the nonprofit sector," she said.

Baley also finds time in his busy schedule for a part-time job. The self-confessed "tea addict" said he has the perfect part-time job as a barista at Cabin Creek Coffee and Tea.

"They pay me a salary, but I also get to drink all the tea I want!" he said.

Baley is in the MC Honors program and is required to complete special enhanced projects that are above and beyond regular assignments. His projects include a 17-page short-story with a Viking theme that he wrote under the mentorship of MC English professor Leslie Williams for a Humanities class. He also analyzed the Happy Planet Index (HPI) published by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network and was mentored by MC Social and Behavioral Sciences Department Chair Michael Makowsky.

"The HPI is a report in which experts in the fields of economics, psychology, survey analysis and national statistics describe how measurements of well-being can be used effectively to assess the progress of nations," Baley said. "My analysis of the report included changing variables to make the report more realistic."

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

Lee High School senior **Nicolas Shores** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Bryan and Nicole Shores.

Shores

He is a member of the football team, academic decathlon team and National Honor Society and is an academic letterman. He is a member of the All District and All State teams.

## MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

He attends Stonegate Fellowship.

Shores plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in business.

Midland High School senior **Tassie Leeann Henderson** has been honored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club of Midland. She is the daughter of Tiffany McMillan.

Henderson

She attends Second Baptist Church.

Henderson plans to attend Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi and major in psychology or business.

ATLANTA – Three Midlanders have earned academic honors for the fall semester at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Nicholas Friesenhahn was named to the Faculty Honors list. Margaret Newton and Ashley Stroup were named to the Dean's List.

To attain Faculty Honors, students must maintain a 4.0 GPA. For the Dean's List, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0.

CLEMSON, S.C. – Midlanders Matthew Calloway and Elizabeth Holmes have been named to the President's List for the fall semester at Clemson University.

To be eligible, students must maintain a 4.0 GPA.

## RAMBO

From 2B

siblings' (or unknowing parents') account to access it.

I want to bring awareness to what some of these apps are capable of and how they are able to hide information from us and awareness for the need to be more involved in the internet usage of our children and students.

Some parents may feel convicted to give their children privacy and space, but several children have been spared scary situations because of an over-involved parent.

### Apps to hide information

Children have become very creative in hiding their internet activity from their parents and teachers, and there are several apps that enable children to do just that.

Snapchat is the most well-known app used for this purpose.

If you ever have used Snapchat, you know it allows you to post videos that expire after 24 hours, as well as send messages to users that disappear after they have received it.

A principal has asked me whether we can trace what a student has done on Snapchat, and the sad answer is that it takes a whole lot of work to do so.

It is possible because everything on the internet can be traced, but most cases require the involvement of law enforcement and a cooperative Snapchat company.

Another type of app that I have seen high school students use to hide information is VPN — virtual private network — otherwise known as a proxy. The purpose of VPN is to channel all internet usage through a different online server, which can be located in the same city but many times is found in another state or another country.

The alarming aspect is that this app allows students to bypass the network to access websites that are typically blocked by the school district.

If parents have an internet program to monitor their children's internet usage, many times children can use the VPN app to bypass the program as well.

This makes it extremely difficult for network administrators to trace the internet usage of devices that are on a VPN.

It is possible to trace the browsing history, but requires some work to acquire the information needed.

Although most VPN apps require paying a monthly subscription, there are some free apps.

Protecting our children always starts at home. Parents, be that "over-involved" parent who is always monitoring what their children are doing.

If you want to see whether your children have been using any of these apps, search their devices.

You can do a search to see whether Snapchat comes up.

If you want to see if they have been accessing a VPN on an Apple device, go to settings, then go to VPN.

If VPN is not an option, then that device has not accessed a VPN.

If you see VPN and it has any configurations listed, then they have accessed a VPN in the past or are currently using one.

On an Android device, go to settings, wireless and networks, then select the "more" option.

If your child tells you that their school requires them to have a VPN, it is a lie.

Every website they need to access can be done so freely on the web and does not require any VPN.

Teachers, if you look on the student's device and see the letters "VPN" on the top, then they are using a VPN at that current moment.

Remind them that they are in violation of the district's network acceptable use policy, and that the technology department can block that device from being on any of the networks within the district.

It is a privilege to be allowed on the district's network, and the technology department reserves the right to determine which devices can access the network.

### Location-based apps

There are several social networking apps and sites that give away a device's location, many times without the user knowing about it.

Snapchat is yet another example that gives away the specific location to all their friends.

It is called the "Snap Map" and gives the exact location of where the user is, as well as where the other users are.

Users can access the Snap Map by pinching the default screen when you open the app.

Someone can also give away their location based on how they post on Facebook or Instagram.

There is a feature called "geo-tagging," which allows a user to post a picture with the exact location of where that picture was taken.

Facebook calls it "check in" when you do a post. Although it may seem harmless for children to post their location, it is important for teachers and parents to explain how strangers can use a simple post to predict locations where the child typically can be found.

During one of my internet safety lessons, I talked about certain places students should not reveal — such as their school and sports teams.

Several students have asked why they aren't supposed to reveal their sports team online.

When I asked them whether their sports team's schedule was online, it made them realize that anyone can google their schedule and show up at a game.

It is critical that students (as well as adults) are aware of what they post and how strangers can connect the dots to find typical locations that students visit.

It's time to take action. The best way for parents and teachers to protect children on the internet is to be educated.

Teach the children you know about the dangers, especially in commonly used apps such as Snapchat.

Adults need to show children the right way to be good online digital citizens while using social media.

Don't be scared to discuss issues that many people are scared to bring up, and the right way of handling them.

Remember: If they don't hear the right words from you, they will hear the wrong words from their friends.

*D.J. Rambo teaches technology at Pease Communications and Technology Academy*

# MC women blow out rival Howard

*From staff reports*

BIG SPRING – The Midland College women's basketball team shot the ball well and played solid defense in an impressive 74-52 victory over Howard College at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Monday night.

The win for the Lady Chaparrals (16-10, 9-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) was the fifth straight, and they remained tied for second place with Frank Phillips College, which defeated Western Texas College 79-63 on Monday.

If Midland College and Frank Phillips College remain tied after Thursday's regular season finales, MC would get the No. 2 seed by virtue of power points in conference play.

Thacker

Midland College travels to No. 3-ranked New Mexico Junior College, while Frank Phillips travels to rival Clarendon College on Thursday.

Bianca Thacker was the only player

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# Howard College blows out lackluster Chaps

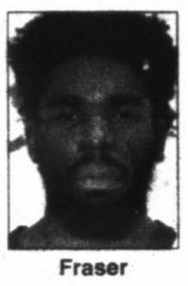
*From staff reports*

BIG SPRING — Despite a losing record, the Midland College men's basketball team had been very competitive in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play this season.

But the Chaparrals have also shown to be inconsistent with not only with their play but in their overall effort.

MC coach Pat Rafferty said Monday was one of those nights when the Chaps looked lackluster throughout their game with rival Howard College at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks led from the start and rolled to an 84-60 victory over the Chaps as Howard (22-8, 10-6) secured the No. 3 seed in next week's Region V Tournament at Wolfforth Frenship.



Fraser

This was only time during WJCAC play that the Chaps (9-20, 5-10 in conference) that they have been blown out, which left Rafferty

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# New office culture

*Ron Jenkins/Associated Press*

Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, left, looks on as Cynthia Marshall, new interim CEO of the Mavericks, addresses the media Monday in Dallas.

## Mavericks hire CEO amid workplace issues

**By Schuyler Dixon**
*Associated Press*

DALLAS — Mark Cuban let his new CEO do most of the talking Monday when former AT&T executive Cynthia Marshall was introduced to the public a week after a report that painted a picture of a hostile workplace for women in the Dallas Mavericks owner's franchise.

In his first meeting with reporters almost a week after the Sports Illustrated story that also included allegations of sexual misconduct against former team president Terdema Ussery, Cuban wouldn't address how much he knew about those complaints.

Ussery worked for Cuban for 15 years and was investigated by the Mavericks over similar allegations in 1998, two years before Cuban bought the team. Cuban has hired two former prosecutors to investigate the complaints and the franchise's workplace practices.

"All of that will come out from the investigators' report, so I'll defer to that," Cuban said in one of several brief responses as he sat next to Marshall, who has been given authority by her owner to decide how the club will respond to the independent report.

Marshall was senior vice president of human resources at AT&T when she took on the additional role of chief diversity officer in 2015.

Sports Illustrated reported Ussery made sexually suggestive remarks to several women. He spent 18 years with the team before going to the sports apparel company Under Armour in 2015, a job he left after less than six months.

The SI report said team website reporter Earl Sneed was twice involved in domestic assault cases while working for the Mavericks, including a guilty plea in a case that was dismissed when he met the conditions of the agreement.

Sneed and former human resources director Buddy Pittman were fired in the wake of the report, which included allegations that executives weren't responsive when women complained of workplace violations.

Marshall said all current employees would be interviewed, and that she intended to meet with former employees as well.

"The process failed somewhere," said Marshall, who retired from AT&T last May with more than 30 years of telecommunications experience going back to 1981 with Pacific Bell. "I don't know why it failed. And so that's what we have to dig out. So I will be meeting one-on-one every single employee of the organization. I'm calling it my own 'March Madness.'"

Marshall's one-liner drew laughs during what was a mostly upbeat news conference for what seems to be a welcomed addition. Her arrival was praised by Rick Carlisle as "dynamic" and "charismatic" after Marshall met with him and was introduced to the players by their coach.

The smiles stopped — and the uncertainly ahead surfaced — each time the questions switched to Cuban.

The normally outspoken star of the TV show "Shark Tank" softly said "not at this point" when asked if he could explain to Dallas fans how such a hands-on billionaire could be unaware of such explosive allegations on the business side of his operation.

The SI report came a day before the NBA fined Cuban $600,000 for acknowledging that losing games intentionally was the best approach for a team that will miss the playoffs with a losing record for the second straight year.

"Today's not the time for me to talk about anything," Cuban said near the end of the news conference.

Cuban reached out to Marshall, who founded her own consulting firm, after the SI report last week. They met the same day he called, and she was in place by Friday.

"Leadership at AT&T suggested her name to us and basically conveyed to us that their most devastating day at AT&T was when Cynt left," Cuban said, using Marshall's preferred version of her first name. "That and confirmation from untold number of people was all the

Please see **MAVERICKS**/2C

## Report: Roger Goodell plans to fine Jerry Jones millions of dollars

**By Clarence Hill**
*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*

So the year-long battle between Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has not gone quietly into the night.

According to The New York Times, Goodell plans to fine Jones millions of dollars for coaduct detrimental to the NFL.

The root of the discipline was Jones' challenging of Goodell's contract extension and public opposition to the six-game suspension for Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott for violating the league's personal conduct policy.

The NFL declined comment.

The Cowboys also declined comment through public relations director Rich Dalrymple.

Goodell will announce the punishment for Jones in the coming weeks, according to the report.

The question is how will Jones' respond?

He threatened to sue the NFL's compensation committee last fall over Goodell's contract before backing down.

Jones will be ordered to pay the legal fees that the committee incurred defending itself, as well as the legal expenses the NFL spent defending its decision to suspend Elliott, according to the NYT.

The history of this battle dates back to the league's year-long investigation of Elliott for allegedly committing domestic violence against a former girlfriend.

Elliott was never arrested or charged in the case.

And per sources, Jones was told by Goodell that there would be no discipline for Elliott.

When Goodell announced a six-game suspension for Elliott on Aug. 11, Jones considered it an unforgivable breach of trust, per sources.

He supported Elliott as the running back fought the suspension in federal court through the first eight games of the season before eventually losing and having to sit out six games.

Jones also began a public battle against Goodell's contract extension, initially as a non-voting member of the compensation committee.

Jones felt Goodell had too much power. He wanted the league to get out of

Please see **FINE**/4C

# No. 20 WVU beats No. 12 Texas Tech 84-74

**By John Raby**
*Associated Press*

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Jevon Carter scored 21 points and Daxter Miles Jr. added 18 in their final home game, and No. 20 West Virginia rode a hot start to an 84-74 victory over No. 12 Texas Tech on Monday night.

West Virginia (22-8, 11-6 Big 12) broke a second-place tie with the Red Raiders (22-8, 10-7) and moved closer to earning the No. 2 seed in the Big 12 tournament with one game left.

Sagaba Konate added 16 points, Esa Ahmad had 11 points and 11 rebounds, and James "Beetle" Bolden scored 10 for the Mountaineers, who have won three straight.

Freshman guard Jarrett Culver scored 26 points, Niem Stevenson added 24 and Zhaire Smith scored 12 for Texas Tech, which lost its fourth straight. The Red Raiders were without injured starters Justin Gray, Keenan Evans and Zach Smith.

West Virginia busted out to a 16-0 lead with Carter scoring seven points and Miles hitting a 3-pointer and feeding Ahmad for a pair of dunks.

The Mountaineers have blown several double-digit leads in losses this season, including in a 72-71 setback at Texas Tech, and a hush came over the crowd when Brandone Francis' 3-pointer brought the Red Raiders within seven early in the second half.

Despite the solid play of Stevenson, Smith and Culver, the short-handed Red Raiders couldn't keep up with West Virginia's 10-player rotation.

Lamont West and Bolden made 3-pointers and Bolden followed with two free throws to push the lead to 52-38, and it stayed in double digits the rest of the game.

**Big picture**

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders shot 1 for 11 from the floor over the first seven minutes and were desperate to catch up after that. They went 23 of 44 (52 percent) the rest of the game.

West Virginia: The Mountaineers made just 16 of 27 free throws (59 percent), a stat they'll need to improve on if they hope to make a deep run in the NCAA Tournament.

*Raymond Thompson/Associated Press*

West Virginia forward Esa Ahmad (23) dunks while being defended by Texas Tech forward Tommy Hamilton IV (0) during the first half of an NCAA basketball game Monday in Morgantown, W.Va.

# DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

## ON THE AIR

**Australian Football League**
Carlton vs. St. Kilda, 2 a.m., FSP
**College Baseball**
UTSA at Texas, 6:30 p.m., LHN
Oklahoma at Dallas Baptist, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC
**Major League Baseball**
Spring Training: Detroit at Philadelphia, Noon, MLB
**Men's College Basketball**
Florida at Alabama, 6 p.m., ESPN
Missouri at Vanderbilt, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Oklahoma State at Iowa State, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Tennessee at Mississippi State, 6 p.m., SEC
St. Joseph's at Rhode Island, 6 p.m., CBSSN
Miami-FL at North Carolina, 8 p.m., ESPN
Oklahoma at Baylor, 8 p.m., ESPN2
Kansas State at TCU, 8 p.m., ESPNU
DePaul at Creighton, 8 p.m., FS1
Auburn at Arkansas, 8 p.m., SEC
Davidson at St. Bonaventure, 8 p.m., CBSSN
Boise State at San Diego State, 10 p.m., CBSSN
**Men's Soccer**
FA Cup: Swansea City AFC vs. Sheffield Wednesday FC, 2 p.m., FS2
Copa Libertadores: CS y D Colo-Colo vs. Atletico Nacional, 6:30 p.m., FXDEP
**National Basketball Association**
Washington at Milwaukee, 7 p.m., TNT
LA Clippers at Denver, 9:30 p.m., TNT
**NBA G League**
Santa Cruz at Agua Caliente, 9 p.m., ELVN
**National Hockey League**
St. Louis at Minnesota, 7 p.m., NBCSN
Calgary at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
Los Angeles at Vegas, 9:30 p.m., NBCSN
**Tennis**
ATP: Acapulco, 4 p.m., TENNIS
ATP: Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships, 4 a.m., TENNI
**Women's College Basketball**
Oklahoma at Texas, 7 p.m., FS1

## WHAT'S ON DECK

**HS Baseball**
Big Spring at Lee, 4:05 p.m.
Midland High at Lubbock Cooper, 5 p.m.
Greenwood at Sweetwater, 6 p.m.
Trinity at Monahans, 6 p.m.
MCA at Crane, 6 p.m.
**HS Boys Basketball**
Class 2A regional quarterfinal, Forsan vs. Morton, 6 p.m., Lamesa
Class 1A regional quarterfinal, Grady vs. Buena Vista, 7 p.m., Kermit
**HS Softball**
Midland High at Lubbock Monterey, 6:15 p.m.
Lee at Snyder, 6:30 p.m.
Greenwood at Colorado City, 5 p.m.
Pecos at Midland Christian, 5 p.m.

## TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**
**American League**
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with DH Pedro Alvarez on a minor league contract.
BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with OF-DH J.D. Martinez on a five-year contract.
National League
NEW YORK METS — Signed RHP A.J. Griffin to a minor league contract.
**American Association**
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Traded OF Joey Havrilak to Washington in exchange for a player to be named.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed RHP Austin Robichaux.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed OF Christopher Grayson and OF Burt Reynolds.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed OF Jordan Smith.
**Can-Am League**
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Traded INF Dylan Tice to Sugar Land for RHP Ryan Deemes.
**BASKETBALL**
**National Basketball Association**
ATLANTA HAWKS — Called up G Josh Magette and F Andrew White III from Erie (NBAGL).
**NBA Development League**
AGUA CALIENTE CLIPPERS — Acquired F Skylar Spencer from the G League available player pool.
**HOCKEY**
**National Hockey League**
CALGARY FLAMES — Claimed F Chris Stewart off waivers from Minnesota.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Assigned F Lance Bouma to Rockford (AHL). Acquired 2018 first- and fourth-round draft picks and F Victor Ejdsell frome Nashville for F Ryan Hartman and a 2018 fifth-round draft pick.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Acquired D Ian Cole from Ottawa for C Nick Moutrey and a 2020 third round draft pick.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed C Mike Fisher to a one-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Claimed D Johnny Oduya off waivers from Ottawa.
WINNIPEG JETS — Acquired F Paul Stastny from St. Louis Blues for F Erik Foley, a 2018 first-round drat pick and conditional fourth-round 2020 draft pick.
**ECHL**
WORCESTER RAILERS — Signed D Ryan MacKinnon.
**LACROSSE**
**National Lacrosse League**
VANCOUVER STEALTH — Signed T Andrew Suitor to a two-year contract extension through 2020.
**COLLEGE**
EASTERN KENTUCKY — Fired men's basketball coach Dan McHale. Named Reece Gaines men's basketball coach.

## 2018 UIL GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT

**March 1-3**
**Alamodome , San Antonio, Texas**
**Thursday, March 1**
**Class 1A Semifinals**
8:30 a.m. - Dodd City (36-1) vs. Slocum (27-10)
10 a.m. - Nazareth (34-3) vs. Hermleigh (27-7)
**Class 3A Semifinals**
1:30 p.m. - Vanderbilt Industrial (34-5) vs. Marlin (31-8)
3 p.m. - Brock (32-6) vs. Mount Vernon (26-9)
**Class 5A Semifinals**
7 p.m. - Mansfield Timberview (39-2) vs. Kerrville Tivy (33-6)
8:30 p.m. - Amarillo (38-2) vs. Temple (31-5)
**Friday, March 2**
**Class 2A Semifinals**
8:30 a.m. - Martin's Mill (38-1) vs. Mason (33-8)
10 a.m. - LaRue LaPoynor (33-2) vs. Claude (26-9)
**Class 4A Semifinals**
1:30 p.m. - Wheatley (31-3) vs. Argyle (32-7)
2:30 p.m. - Denver City (30-6) vs. San Antonio Veteran's Memorial (32-9)
**Class 6A Semifinals**
7 p.m. - Cypress Creek (34-4) vs. Plano (33-6)
8:30 p.m, - Converse Judson (33-4) vs. Garland Sachse (30-7)
**Saturday, March 3**
8:30 a.m. - Class 1A Final
10 a.m. - Class 3A Final
1:30 p.m. - Class 2A Final
3 p.m. - Class 5A Final
7 p.m. - Class 4A Final
8:30 p.m. - Class 6A Final

## NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tampa Bay | 63 | 43 | 17 | 3 | 89 | 227 | 170 |
| Toronto | 65 | 39 | 20 | 6 | 84 | 216 | 182 |
| Boston | 60 | 37 | 15 | 8 | 82 | 195 | 150 |
| Florida | 59 | 28 | 25 | 6 | 62 | 175 | 193 |
| Detroit | 62 | 26 | 26 | 10 | 62 | 165 | 183 |
| Montreal | 62 | 23 | 29 | 10 | 56 | 157 | 194 |
| Ottawa | 61 | 21 | 30 | 10 | 52 | 166 | 216 |
| Buffalo | 63 | 19 | 33 | 11 | 49 | 151 | 208 |

Metropolitan Division

| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 63 | 34 | 19 | 10 | 78 | 189 | 178 |
| Washington | 63 | 35 | 21 | 7 | 77 | 195 | 189 |
| Pittsburgh | 63 | 36 | 23 | 4 | 76 | 208 | 187 |
| New Jersey | 62 | 32 | 22 | 8 | 72 | 185 | 188 |
| Columbus | 63 | 32 | 26 | 5 | 69 | 168 | 175 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 63 | 29 | 27 | 7 | 65 | 207 | 225 |
| Carolina | 62 | 27 | 25 | 10 | 64 | 164 | 189 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 63 | 27 | 30 | 6 | 60 | 177 | 201 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nashville | 61 | 38 | 14 | 9 | 85 | 196 | 155 |
| Winnipeg | 62 | 37 | 16 | 9 | 83 | 208 | 164 |
| Minnesota | 62 | 35 | 20 | 7 | 77 | 188 | 174 |
| Dallas | 62 | 35 | 23 | 4 | 74 | 184 | 164 |
| St. Louis | 63 | 34 | 25 | 4 | 72 | 173 | 164 |
| Colorado | 61 | 32 | 24 | 5 | 69 | 187 | 185 |
| Chicago | 63 | 27 | 28 | 8 | 62 | 178 | 179 |

Pacific Division

| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vegas | 61 | 41 | 16 | 4 | 86 | 215 | 166 |
| San Jose | 63 | 33 | 21 | 9 | 75 | 182 | 176 |
| Anaheim | 64 | 31 | 21 | 12 | 74 | 176 | 178 |
| Calgary | 63 | 32 | 22 | 9 | 73 | 182 | 185 |
| Los Angeles | 62 | 33 | 24 | 5 | 71 | 177 | 155 |
| Edmonton | 62 | 27 | 31 | 4 | 58 | 177 | 204 |
| Vancouver | 62 | 24 | 31 | 7 | 55 | 167 | 201 |
| Arizona | 62 | 18 | 34 | 10 | 46 | 148 | 205 |

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

**Moday's Scores**
Columbus 5, Washington 1
Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 3, SO
Philadelphia 2, Montreal 0, SO
Vancouver at Colorado, late
Vegas at Los Angeles, late
**Today's Games**
Brooklyn at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 9:30 p.m.

## COLLEGE BASEBALL

**Collegiate Baseball Poll**
TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll, with records through Feb. 25, total points and previous ranking. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors:

| | Record | Pts | Prv |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Oregon St. | 8-0 | 496 | 2 |
| 2. Florida | 7-1 | 495 | 1 |
| 3. Florida St. | 7-0 | 493 | 4 |
| 4. Texas Tech. | 7-0 | 491 | 5 |
| 5. Vanderbilt | 7-1 | 488 | 6 |
| 6. Kentucky | 7-1 | 484 | 8 |
| 7. Clemson | 7-0 | 480 | 12 |
| 8. Stanford | 8-0 | 477 | 14 |
| 9. UCLA | 6-1 | 475 | 11 |
| 10. Louisville | 7-0 | 472 | 18 |
| 11. South Alabama | 7-1 | 470 | 17 |
| 12. Texas Christian | 4-2 | 467 | 9 |
| 13. San Diego | 7-2 | 465 | NR |
| 14. Louisiana St. | 4-3 | 463 | 15 |
| 15. Arkansas | 5-2 | 461 | 3 |
| 16. N.C. State | 7-1 | 459 | 24 |
| 17. Texas A&M | 7-0 | 456 | 25 |
| 18. Auburn | 8-0 | 454 | 26 |
| 19. Stetson | 6-1 | 452 | 28 |
| 20. Mississippi | 7-0 | 449 | 29 |
| 21. St. John's | 7-0 | 446 | NR |
| 22. Indiana | 6-1 | 444 | NR |
| 23. South Carolina | 6-2 | 440 | 21 |
| 24. Dallas Baptist | 3-3 | 438 | 10 |
| 25. Southern Mississippi | 5-2 | 436 | 13 |
| 26. Virginia | 4-3 | 432 | 16 |
| 27. Texas | 4-3 | 429 | 19 |
| 28. Missouri St. | 4-2 | 426 | 23 |
| 29. East Carolina | 6-1 | 424 | NR |
| 30. Alabama | 7-0 | 421 | NR |

# Kistner keys Lady Chaps' sweep of Ranger College

*From staff reports*

Midland College sophomore pitcher Crystine Kistner keyed a non-conference doubleheader sweep of Ranger College on Monday as she pitched a no-hitter in the first game and then came on relief in the second game to get the win.

The Lady Chaparrals defeated Ranger College 8-0 in the first game and then 5-3 in the second game at the Midland College softball field.

Kistner had nine strikeouts and did not walk a batter in her no-hitter in the first game.

Kistner

Kistner was backed up by an offense, which gave her a 5-0 cushion in the first inning.

Yvonne Hernandez went 3-for-3 with a grand slam and four RBI; Bianca Cerda was 2-for-2 with a home run, two RBI and two runs scored; and Shaycelynn Ho'ohuli was 3-for-3 for the Lady Chaps (16-8).

In the second game, Kistner came in relief of Taylor Laing in the first inning and pitched 6 1/3 innings of shutout ball. She allowed just one hit, did not walk a batter and struck out another nine batters.

At the plate, Rayla Jacobs-Kea was 2-for-4 with two doubles, an RBI and a run scored; Cerda was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored; and Elizabeth Chastain was 2-for-3 with a run scored for MC.

The Lady Chaps return to action March 11 when they head to Arizona to take on Phoenix College.

**GAME 1**
**MIDLAND COLLEGE 8, RANGER COLLEGE 0**
**Ranger College**..........000 000 –0 0 0
**Midland College**..........500 21x –8 10 1
Jordan Royse, Emily Levario (2) and Whitnee Alexander. Crystine Kistner and Mackenzie Hoots. W – Kistner. L – Royse. HR – MC: Yvonne Hernandez, Bianca Cerda.

**GAME 2**
**MIDLAND COLLEGE 5, RANGER COLLEGE 3**
**Ranger College**..........300 000 0 –3 5 0
**Midland College**..........020 021 x –510 2
Sierra Whipple and Whitnee Alexander. Taylor Laing, Kistner (2) and Hoots. W – Kistner (8-3). L – Whipple. 2B – RC: Riley Saegert; MC: Rayla Jacobs-Kea 2.
**Records:** Midland College 16-8, Ranger College 4-13.
**Next:** Midland College at Phoenix College (DH), noon March 11

# Monahans hires Maxfield as its AD/football coach

*From staff reports*

The Monahans-Wickett-Pyote ISD school board unanimously approved the hiring of former Amarillo High football coach Mel Maxfield as its athletic director and head football coach on Monday night.

Maxfield

Maxfield will replace Mickey Owens, who announced his retirement from the school district last month. Owens spent 13 seasons in Monahans, leading the Loboes to a 121-41 record, including a 9-3 mark this past season.

Maxfield, who has run the Wing-T offense, which the Loboes have run for years under Owens, has a career record of 239-114-1 with stops at Amarillo High, Forney and Burleson.

Maxfield spent eight years coaching the Sandies before resigning in November with a 65-29 record there.

## NBA ROUNDUP

Associated Press

**DALLAS 109, PACERS 103**
DALLAS — Harrison Barnes scored 21 points, J.J. Barea added 19 and the Dallas Mavericks beat the Indiana Pacers 109-103 Monday night.
The Mavericks ended a four-game losing streak and stopped Indiana's four-game winning streak. They also swept the two-game season series.

**CELTICS 109, GRIZZLIES 98**
BOSTON — Kyrie Irving scored 25 points in three quarters of work and the Boston Celtics held off the Memphis Grizzlies 109-98 on Monday night.
Boston has won all three of its games coming out of the All-Star break. Terry Rozier finished with 15 points. Jaylen Brown added 13.

**NETS 104, BULLS 87**
NEW YORK — Alan Crabbe scored 21 points and the Brooklyn Nets snapped an eight-game losing streak with a 104-87 win over the Chicago Bulls on Monday night.

**WARRIORS 125, KNICKS 111**
NEW YORK — Klay Thompson scored 26 points and Stephen Curry had 14 of his 21 in the third quarter, when the Golden State Warriors ran another opponent off the floor on their way to a 125-111 victory over the New York Knicks on Monday night.
Kevin Durant added 22 points and nine rebounds for Golden State, which trailed by one at halftime before outscoring New York 39-18 in the third to end things early.

**LAKERS 123, HAWKS 104**
ATLANTA — Brandon Ingram had 21 points and 10 rebounds, leading nine Los Angeles scorers in double figures, and the Lakers beat the Atlanta Hawks 123-104 on Monday night for their third straight win.
Julius Randle added 19 points and 10 rebounds as the Lakers overcame 23 turnovers to keep their lead in double figures through the second half.

**RAPTORS 123, PISTONS 94**
TORONTO — DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry each scored 20 points, Serge Ibaka had 19 and the Toronto Raptors routed the Detroit Pistons 123-94 on Monday night for their seventh win in eight games.
Pascal Siakam added 11 points as the Raptors improved to 25-5 at home, the best record in the NBA.

**PELICANS 125, SUNS 116**
NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis scored a season-high 53 points, grabbed 18 rebounds and blocked five shots, and the New Orleans Pelicans extended their winning streak to six with a 125-116 victory over the hapless Phoenix Suns on Monday night.
Jrue Holiday scored 20 points for the Pelicans, whose season-best unbeaten run has pulled them into a tie with Portland for fifth place in the Western Conference despite being without All-Star DeMarcus Cousins, who was lost for the season Jan. 26 with a torn Achilles.

**THUNDER 112, MAGIC 105**
OKLAHOMA CITY — Paul George scored 26 points to help the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Orlando Magic 112-105 on Monday night.
George, who scored just five points on 1-for-14 shooting in a blowout loss to Golden State on Saturday, made 9 of 20 shots against the Magic and Frank Vogel, who was his coach when he played for the Indiana Pacers.

## NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Toronto | 42 | 17 | .712 | — |
| Boston | 43 | 19 | .694 | ½ |
| Philadelphia | 32 | 26 | .552 | 9½ |
| New York | 24 | 38 | .387 | 19½ |
| Brooklyn | 20 | 41 | .328 | 23 |

Southeast Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 35 | 25 | .583 | — |
| Miami | 31 | 29 | .517 | 4 |
| Charlotte | 27 | 33 | .450 | 8 |
| Orlando | 18 | 42 | .300 | 17 |
| Atlanta | 18 | 43 | .295 | 17½ |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cleveland | 35 | 24 | .593 | — |
| Indiana | 34 | 26 | .567 | 1½ |
| Milwaukee | 33 | 26 | .559 | 2 |
| Detroit | 28 | 32 | .467 | 7½ |
| Chicago | 20 | 40 | .333 | 15½ |

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 47 | 13 | .783 | — |
| San Antonio | 36 | 25 | .590 | 11½ |
| New Orleans | 34 | 26 | .567 | 13 |
| Dallas | 19 | 42 | .311 | 28½ |
| Memphis | 18 | 41 | .305 | 28½ |

Northwest Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | 37 | 26 | .587 | — |
| Portland | 34 | 26 | .567 | 1½ |
| Oklahoma City | 35 | 27 | .565 | 1½ |
| Denver | 33 | 27 | .550 | 2½ |
| Utah | 31 | 30 | .508 | 5 |

Pacific Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Golden State | 47 | 14 | .770 | — |
| L.A. Clippers | 31 | 27 | .534 | 14½ |
| L.A. Lakers | 26 | 34 | .433 | 20½ |
| Sacramento | 18 | 41 | .305 | 28 |
| Phoenix | 18 | 44 | .290 | 29½ |

**Monday's Scores**
Boston 109, Memphis 98
Brooklyn 104, Chicago 87
Golden State 125, New York 111
L.A. Lakers 123, Atlanta 104
Toronto 123, Detroit 94
New Orleans 125, Phoenix 116
Oklahoma City 112, Orlando 105
Dallas 109, Indiana 103
Houston 96, Utah 85
Minnesota at Sacramento, late
**Today's Games**
Brooklyn at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 9:30 p.m.

## MAVERICKS

From 1C

confirmation I needed to hear."

Marshall said she found Cuban to be transparent and honest in their first meeting, which lasted nearly an hour. But she still told him she would have to think about it, based on what she had read in the SI report.

"I'm a brand," she said. "I work very hard for the brand that I have. And I can't attach my brand to something I can't trust. By the time I left his office, spent a day with the folks, I said I absolutely will attach my brand to this organization."

The team plans to establish a hotline for counseling and support services for past and current employees, and Cuban has said he is mandating sensitivity training for all employees, himself included. The NBA announced plans for a similar hotline a few days after the SI report.

## MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

| | W | L | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 4 | 0 | 1.000 |
| New York | 3 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Houston | 4 | 1 | 0.800 |
| Kansas City | 2 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Chicago | 3 | 1 | 0.750 |
| Detroit | 3 | 1 | 0.750 |
| Minnesota | 2 | 1 | 0.667 |
| Seattle | 2 | 1 | 0.667 |
| Oakland | 2 | 1 | 0.667 |
| Tampa Bay | 3 | 2 | 0.600 |
| Los Angeles | 2 | 2 | 0.500 |
| Cleveland | 1 | 2 | 0.333 |
| Texas | 1 | 2 | 0.333 |
| Toronto | 1 | 3 | 0.250 |
| Baltimore | 0 | 4 | 0.000 |

NATIONAL LEAGUE

| | W | L | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Milwaukee | 4 | 1 | 0.800 |
| Miami | 3 | 1 | 0.750 |
| Chicago | 2 | 1 | 0.667 |
| Arizona | 3 | 2 | 0.600 |
| New York | 2 | 2 | 0.500 |
| Los Angeles | 2 | 3 | 0.400 |
| Philadelphia | 1 | 2 | 0.333 |
| St. Louis | 1 | 3 | 0.250 |
| San Francisco | 1 | 3 | 0.250 |
| San Diego | 1 | 3 | 0.250 |
| Colorado | 1 | 3 | 0.250 |
| Atlanta | 1 | 3 | 0.250 |
| Cincinnati | 1 | 3 | 0.250 |
| Washington | 1 | 3 | 0.250 |
| Pittsburgh | 0 | 3 | 0.000 |

**Monday's Scores**
Boston 13, Pittsburgh 2
Detroit 8, Baltimore 6
Miami 11, Houston (ss) 0
Minnesota 5, St. Louis 4
Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 4
Atlanta 2, Washington 1
Houston (ss) 8, N.Y. Mets 7
Arizona (ss) 5, Cincinnati 2
Milwaukee 7, Cleveland 6
Kansas City 10, San Francisco 6
L.A. Dodgers 9, Texas 6
Chicago White Sox 7, Oakland 6
Seattle 9, Chicago Cubs 9
San Diego 10, L.A. Angels 4
Arizona (ss) 7, Colorado 4
Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 6:35 p.m.
**Today's Games**
Baltimore vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Miami vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Boston (ss) at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
Houston vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
Arizona vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Seattle (ss) vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Texas vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
San Diego vs. Seattle (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Boston (ss) vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
**Wednesday's Games**
Detroit vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Minnesota (ss) at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Washington vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (ss) vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Cleveland (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Cleveland (ss) vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

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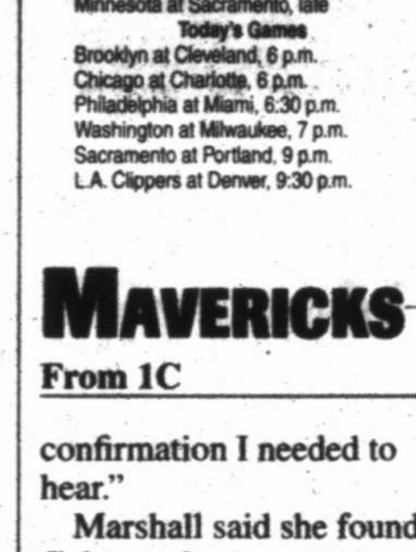
Mooch is a large 1.5 yo male orange tabby that was found as a stray by Midland Animal Services. Mooch is friendly & loves to munch on his food the moment you begin petting on him. Mooch is just a big ole "mooch"!!

# Baylor women beat WVU

*Assocated Press*

WACO — Juicy Landrum matched her career high with scored 20 points, Dekeiya Cohen had 18 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks, and No. 3 Baylor completed a perfect Big 12 regular season with an 80-54 win over West Virginia on Monday night.

The win came at a cost as point guard Kristy Wallace went down with a right knee injury early in the second quarter and didn't return. She participated in Senior Night festivities walking with a noticeable limp and returned to the bench on crutches in the third quarter.

The Lady Bears (28-1, 18-0) led 21-19 in the second quarter before a five-point possession sparked a 19-3 run that made it an 18-point game early in the third, and West Virginia didn't challenge again.

Lauren Cox had 17 points and 16 rebounds for the Lady Bears. Cox hit four 3-pointers after making only six this season before Monday.

# HS BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF CAPSULES

**CLASS 2A REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL NO. 18 FORSAN VS. MORTON**

**When/where:** 6 p.m. today, Lamesa

**Records/seeds:** Forsan 28-4, No. 1 seed out of District 7-2A; Morton 17-7, No. 2 seed out of District 5-2A

**Last game:** Forsan 59, Anthony 49 in area; Morton 93, Stamford 69 in area

**Notes:** The Buffaloes, winners of 14 of their last 15 games, are looking to advance to the regional tournament for the first time since 2009. That season, they fell to Gruver, 40-28 in the Class 1A Division I region semifinal. … Forsan head coach Cory Richardson said his team is coming off a tough win against Anthony last Friday in the area round. Forsan led just 40-37 after three quarters, but locked things down defensively late and was able to pull away. "We were able to shut down their guards, finally slowed down their big guy who was killing us and in the fourth quarter, we limited their possessions." … Richardson said that Morton – on an eight-game winning streak -- appears to be a classic run-and-gun team with plenty of shooting to go around. "They're a quick team and they like to push it," Richardson said. "They like to shoot and they have several kids that can shoot it." … Richardson added that defending the perimeter will be key against the Indians, but the Buffaloes' balance in their own offensive game will be just as important. "It's huge. People focus on one or two (of our) players and we have more that can step up," Richardson said. "Every night, having three possibilities of someone scoring 20 to 25 points (is important) and it's good that all of them are unselfish." … Junior guard Kobe Richardson leads the Buffaloes in scoring at 21.5 points per game, while senior forward Bryce Hergert is averaging 15.5 points per contest.

**Next:** Winner plays winner of Stratford-Sanford-Fritch, TBA in Class 2A region semifinal

**CLASS 1A REGION II QUARTERFINAL GRADY VS. IMPERIAL BUENA VISTA**

**When/where:** 7 p.m. today, Kermit

**Records/seeds:** Grady 22-7, No. 3 seed out of District 11-1A; Buena Vista 20-7, No. 2 seed out of District 10-1A

**Last game:** Grady 70, Sierra Blanca 56 in area; Buena Vista 65, Ackerly Sands 48 in area

**Notes:** Buena Vista is coming off a 65-48 victory over District 11-1A champion Ackerly Sands four days ago and so Grady head coach Chris Short knows the Longhorns will be a challenge today. Short said Buena Vista features a fierce full court press, a stout 1-2-2 zone in the half court and star senior guard D.J. Whaley, who is averaging 25.7 points per game this season. Whaley is the son of Buena Vista coach David Whaley Sr. "He is a great athlete, an excellent basketball player and we're going to have to slow him down," Short said. … Short said depth scoring and 22 bench points were critical in Grady's 70-56 area win over Sierra Blanca last Friday. He added that will have to continue and his players will need to play with patience on offense against Buena Vista's zone. … Grady beat Buena Vista 66-58 on Dec. 9 in the Garden City Tournament. Short said that contest was intense and he expects today's to be a repeat affair. "It was four quarters of up and down basketball," Short said. "It's going to be a battle." … Marshall Cox scored a game-high 22 points for the Wildcats in the win against Sierra Blanca.

**Next:** Winner plays winner of No. 11 Eula-Eden, TBA in the Class 1A Region II semifinal

-Compiled by Will Korn

# MHS' Rushton, Lee's Strambler lead list of 2-6A honorees

*From staff reports*

Midland High sophomore Taysha Rushton was named Offensive Player of the Year and Lee senior Quinci Strambler was named co-Defensive Player of the Year on the All-District 2-6A Girls Basketball list just released.

Also honored on the first team from Lee were junior Braydyn Hill and sophomore Paige Low. Midland High senior Jurnee Williams was also named to the first team.

Ka'Lia Smith of Amarillo Tascosa was named MVP, while Wolfforth Frenship junior Cassandra Awatt was named Newcomer of the Year.

Rushton

Strambler

**2017-18 District 2-6A All-District Girls Basketball**

MVP – Ka'Lia Smith, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa

Offensive Player of the Year – Taysha Rushton, So., Midland High

Co-Defensive Player of the Year – Cassandra Awatt, Jr., Wolfforth Frenship; Quinci Strambler, Sr., Lee

Newcomer of the Year – Tayjanna McGhee, Jr., Amarillo Tascosa

Sixth Man – Ashton Beeles, Jr., Frenship

**First Team**

Abre Godfrey, Jr., Frenship; Skylar Herrera, Jr., Odessa High; Braydyn Hill, Jr., Lee; Paige Low, So., Lee; Maci Maddox, So., Frenship; Jada Miller, So., Tascosa; Alexis Romero, Jr., Tascosa; Jurnee Williams, Sr., Midland High; Addison Wilson, Jr., Frenship; Rylee Zimmer, Jr., Tascosa

**Second team**

Klarrissa Cruz, Sr., Odessa Permian; Maya Duarte, Sr., Midland High; Haleigh Elliott, Sr., Frenship; Jessalyn Gonzalez, Fr., Tascosa; Alaysha Green, Sr., Lee; Katelin Heise, So., Frenship; Aneth Jimenez, Sr., Odessa High; Alana Modero, Jr., Permian; Cenedee Valdez, So., Tascosa; Quay Webster, Sr., Midland High

**Honorable Mention**

Lee – Karigan Edwards, Sr.; Mackenzie Ross, Sr.

Midland High – Racey Haile, Sr.; Savanna Carter, Sr.

# Greenwood's Karcher named District 4-4A MVP

*From staff reports*

Senior Natalee Karcher was named Most Valuable Player and led the list of Greenwood honorees on the All-District 4-4A Girls Basketball Team list just released.

Greenwood sophomore Bradi Good was named co-Defensive MVP and fellow sophomore teammate Kensleigh Ellis was named co-Newcomer of the Year.

Pecos senior Jaylin Burleson was named Offensive MVP, Fort Stockton sophomore Kathlynn Salmon shared Defensive MVP honors, while Fort Stockton sophomore Rebecca Rodriguez was the co-Newcomer.

Also from the district champion Rangerettes, senior Cassi Mebane, senior Ariana Leyva and junior Kaitlan Keel were named to the first team.

Andrews had senior Rae Johnson and sophomore Savannah Infante make the first team.

**2017-18 District 4-4A Girls Basketball All-District**

**District MVP** – Natalee Karcher, Sr., Greenwood

**Offensive MVP** – Jaylin Burleson, Sr., Pecos

**Co-Defensive MVP** – Bradi Good, So., Greenwood; Kathlynn Salmon, So., Fort Stockton

**Co-Newcomer** – Kensleigh Ellis, So., Greenwood; Rebecca Rodriguez, So., Fort Stockton

**First Team**

Cassi Mebane, Sr., Greenwood; Ariana Leyva, Sr., Greenwood; Kaitlan Keel, Jr., Greenwood; Chloe Crenshaw, Jr., Fort Stockton; Shayli Holly, Sr., Monahans; Estrella Porras, Jr., Monahans; Aubre Terry, So., Pecos; Julissa Patino, Sr., Pecos; Rae Johnson, Sr., Andrews; Savannah Infante, So., Andrews

**Second Team**

Taylor Payton, Jr., Greenwood; Teagan Noyola, So., Monahans; TJ Griner, Jr., Monahans; Arianna Rayos, Jr., Pecos; America Jasso, Jr., Pecos; Kassidy Epperson, Fr., Andrews; Jaslyn Johnson, So., Andrews; Elizabeth Mata, Sr., Fort Stockton; Enissa Sanchez, Sr., Fort Stockton

**Honorable Mention**

Greenwood – Teresa Rodriguez, Jr.

Andrews – Alivia Mayfield, So.; Kamryn Falcon, Jr.

Monahans – Taryn Griner, Fr.; Heather Brandenburg, Sr.

Pecos – Azlaiah Rayos, Sr.; Angela Meierhoff, Jr.

Fort Stockton – Cassandra Velasquez, Sr.

# Kansas rocks Texas on Senior Night, 80-70

**By Gary Bedore**
*The Kansas City Star*

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kansas won't be sharing its historic 14th straight Big 12 championship with any of its fellow conference members in 2017-18.

The sixth-ranked Jayhawks (24-6, 13-4), who clinched at least a tie for the title by beating Texas Tech on Saturday in Lubbock, Texas, wrapped up the undisputed crown by topping Texas 80-70 on Monday night — Senior Night for Devonte Graham, Svi Mykhailiuk and Clay Young — at Allen Fieldhouse.

Graham scored 10 points, dished out 11 assists and grabbed four rebounds.

Mykhailiuk went for 17 points and three rebounds, and walk-on Young had one assist in 4 minutes while making his first career start, all helping the Jayhawks to their 35th straight victory in a season home finale, which includes 34 Senior Nights.

KU did not have a senior on the roster in 2007.

Udoka Azubuike, who is just a sophomore, exploded for 20 points with eight rebounds and five blocks — he went 10 of 11 from the field and 0-4 from the free-throw line — while freshman Marcus Garrett added 11 points and four rebounds with three assists and three steals for the Jayhawks.

*Orlin Wagner/Associated Press*

Kansas guard Marcus Garrett (0) dives for the ball ahead of Texas guard Jase Febres, right, during the first half of an NCAA basketball game against Texas on Monday in Lawrence, Kan.

Malik Newman contributed nine points for KU, which won its ninth straight game and 14th in the last 15 tries versus the Longhorns (17-13, 7-10), who were playing without Mo Bamba (toe injury), Eric Davis (being held out of action in wake of a Yahoo sports story regarding possible NCAA violations) and Andrew Jones, who is fighting leukemia.

The Jayhawks — whose 14th straight conference title surpasses UCLA (which won 13 from 1967 to 1979) on the all-time list for consecutive conference crowns — wore T-shirts honoring Jones during warmups.

Texas was led by Kerwin Roach, who scored 18 points.

Dylan Osetkowski, who fouled out by bowling Mykhailiuk with 7:28 left, had 13 points and five boards. Jacob Young contributed 14 points.

KU led by 13 points at halftime, then saw the lead shrink to six at 51-45 at 15:11, but the Longhorns crept no closer.

Kansas scored five straight points on a bucket by Garrett and a 3 from Newman to make it 56-45 at 13:55. KU led by as many as 15 (69-54) at 7:47.

KU's seniors and their parents were introduced to the crowd before the game. It was noted by the public address announcer that Inna and Iurri Mykhailiuk made the 5,500-mile trip from Ukraine to attend the contest.

"I have a lot of memories here. It's one of the best programs in the nation. I'm blessed to go to school here," Svi Mykhailiuk said in a pregame video played for the fans.

He and Graham came out strong after the emotional ceremony, helping KU storm to a 45-32 lead at the break. Shooting guard Mykhailiuk scored 14 points in the half on 6-of-9 shooting.

He went 2 of 4 from 3 while playing 18 minutes. Point guard Graham had seven assists and three rebounds to go with his eight points, while center Azubuike had eight points and three rebounds with two blocks.

"It has taken me all over the world," Graham said of KU basketball in the pregame video. "It's changed my life for the better. It means so much to me, being able to play at a place like this."

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## WOMEN

**From 1C**

to score in double figures for the Lady Chaps as she finished with a game-high 22 points to go with nine rebounds. Bethany Theodore and Alexandrea Washington each added nine points in the win. MC out-rebounded Howard 47-30.

As a team, MC shot 50.8 percent from the floor and hit 10 of 16 3-point attempts with Thacker going 6 of 8 from beyond the arc.

Meanwhile, Howard (15-15, 5-9) was held to 30.2 percent shooting and was just 1 of 19 from 3-point range.

"We shot it well, and they didn't shoot it real well from the outside, which allowed us to separate," said MC coach Ron Jones. "It's amazing how simple this game is when you do things well."

MC had an 18-13 lead after the first quarter but then out-scored the Hawks 23-9 in the second quarter to gain that separation.

"I don't remember the exact number, but we scored on several possessions in a row," said Jones about the second quarter. "They switched defenses, and we did a good job of moving the ball around, got quality shots and we happened to hit them."

As for the job MC did on the defensive end, Jones said: "I think we did a job the first three quarters paying attention to our scouting report. (The Hawks) got more 3-point attempts than we wanted but they had to rush them."

Addyson Mosely and Corbyn Cunningham each had 12 points, while Kendall Alsup added 10 for the Hawks, who concluded their season.

**MIDLAND COLLEGE 74, HOWARD COLLEGE 52**

Midland College (16-10, 9-4) – Ella Tofaeono 4-10 0-2 8, Bethany Theodore 4-6 0-0 9, Bianca Thacker 7-12 2-2 22, Alexandrea Washington 3-4 0-0 9, Abbi Hatton 2-2 0-0 4, Paige Robinson 2-4 0-0 4, Ogechi Nwodo 4-9 0-0 8, Matangiroa Flavell 2-8 2-2 6, Alyssa Hayes 0-2 0-2 0, Wiebke Schwartau 0-0 0-0 0, Lowendie Laporal 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 30-59 4-8 74

Howard College (15-15, 5-9) – Addyson Moseley 3-6 5-6 12, Cierra Morris 2-9 0-0 4, Kendall Alsup 4-17 2-2 10, Kaki Simpson 2-11 2-2 6, Rebecca Laberge 3-6 2-4 8, Ruthie Fox 0-1 0-0 0, Corbyn Cunningham 5-13 2-3 12. Totals 19-63 13-17 52

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Midland College | 18 | 23 | 17 | 16 | –74 |
| Howard College | 13 | 4 | 11 | 24 | –52 |

3-point goals – MC 10-16 (Thacker 6-8, Washington 3-3, Theodore 1-2, Flavell 0-2, Hayes 0-1). HC 1-19 (Moseley 1-2, Alsup 0-10, Simpson 0-6, Laberge 0-1). Total fouls – MC 7, HC 10. Rebounds – MC 47 (Thacker 9), HC 30 (Alsup). Turnovers – MC 11, HC 7

**Next:** Midland College at New Mexico JC, 6:45 pm. (CDT) Thursday

**2017-18 WJCAC women's basketball standings**

| Team | Conference W | Conference L | Overall W | Overall L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-New Mexico JC | 12 | 1 | 28 | 1 |
| x-Frank Phillips | 9 | 4 | 20 | 5 |
| x-Midland College | 9 | 4 | 16 | 10 |
| Odessa College | 7 | 6 | 19 | 9 |
| Howard College | 5 | 9 | 15 | 15 |
| Clarendon College | 4 | 9 | 20 | 9 |
| Western Texas | 4 | 10 | 12 | 15 |
| South Plains | 2 | 11 | 15 | 14 |

x-clinched Region V Tournament spot

**Monday's Games**

Midland College 74, Howard College 52; New Mexico JC 71, Odessa College 69; South Plains College 58, Clarendon College 57; Frank Phillips College 79, Western Texas College 63

**Thursday's Games**

Midland College at New Mexico JC; Odessa College at South Plains College; Frank Phillips College at Clarendon College; Howard College and Western Texas College are open

## MEN

**From 1C**

dumbfounded.

"Very disappointing with our effort," Rafferty said. "We seemed to lack interest in playing. We can make a million excuses about being eliminated (from postseason play) but we were eliminated on Thursday (a 69-60 win over Western Texas College) as well, and we were just fine. I'm embarrassed that we didn't take a more serious approach in trying to play hard and do our best.

"Look at our conference games. We've had nine losses coming in and in most of them we led or were tied with four minutes to go, except in this one. We were never in it."

Rafferty said the closest his team got was when it trailed the Hawks 9-2 early. Howard led 48-23 at the half.

Marquell Fraser led MC with a game-high 26 points and seven rebounds, while Kevin Kangu added 11.

Against an MC team that prides itself in its defensive play, the Hawks shot 56.7 percent and were led by Jeremy Hayes with 22 points, while Amari McCray and Jake Hutchings each had 17.

MC will close out the season at New Mexico Junior College at 8:45 CDT Thursday.

**HOWARD COLLEGE 84, MIDLAND COLLEGE 60**

Midland College (9-20, 5-10) – Amari Hale 1-5 0-0 2, Kevin Kangu 4-7 0-0 11, Marquell Fraser 10-21 2-3 26, Jardin van der Korput 1-6 1-2 3, Kayo Goncalves 4-8 0-0 9, Iseri Palacio 2-3 0-0 5, Erkam Kiris 0-3 0-0 0, Michael Hillebrand 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 24-57 3-5 60

Howard College (22-8, 10-6) – Amari McCray 8-13 0-0 17, Jeremy Hayes 9-13 0-0 22, Derrick Greens 3-7 1-1 8, Jack Pagenkopf 4-6 0-0 9, Jake Hutchings 6-13 1-2 17, Diamond Onwuka 3-5 0-0 7, Cameron Fields 1-2 0-0 3, Kaan Tari 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-60 2-3 83

Halftime – HC 48, MC 23. 3-point goals – MC 9-21 (Fraser 4-6, Kangu 3-5, Palacio 1-2, Goncalves 1-3, Hale 0-2, van der Korput 0-2, Hillebrand 0-1), HC 13-27 (Hayes 4-7, Hutchings 4-8, McCray 1-2, Greens 1-4, Pagenkopf 1-1, Onwuka 1-2, Fields 1-2). Total fouls – MC 8, HC 10. Fouled out – None. Rebounds – MC 31 (Fraser 7), HC 30 (Hayes 6). Turnovers – MC 9, HC 3.

**Next:** Midland College at New Mexico JC, 8:45 p.m. CDT Thursday; Howard College vs. TBA, Region V Tournament, March 8

**2017-18 WJCAC men's basketball standings**

| Team | Overall W | Overall L | District W | District L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Odessa College | 14 | 1 | 25 | 3 |
| x-South Plains | 12 | 3 | 20 | 7 |
| x-Howard College | 10 | 6 | 22 | 8 |
| Clarendon College | 8 | 7 | 18 | 11 |
| New Mexico Military | 8 | 7 | 18 | 11 |
| Midland College | 5 | 10 | 9 | 20 |
| New Mexico JC | 4 | 11 | 15 | 14 |
| Frank Phillips | 4 | 11 | 12 | 17 |
| Western Texas | 3 | 12 | 14 | 14 |

x-clinched Region V Tournament spot

**Monday's Games**

Howard College 83, Midland College 60; Odessa College 92, New Mexico JC 70; South Plains College 95, Clarendon College 86; Western Texas College 74, Frank Phillips College 65; New Mexico Military Institute was open

**Thursday's Games**

Midland College at New Mexico JC; Odessa College at South Plains College; Frank Phillips College at Clarendon College; New Mexico Military Institute at Western Texas College; Howard College is open

# HS BOYS BASKETBALL PAIRINGS

**HS BOYS BASKETBALL**
**UIL Region I**
**Class 6A**
**Regional quarterfinal**

North Crowley (29-5, W4) vs. Arlington Martin (16-18, F4), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Worth

Killeen Ellison (32-4, W8) vs. Allen (30-5, R6), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Italy HS

Odessa Permian (30-3, W2) vs. Arlington Bowie (23-12, R4), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Abilene High School

Denton Guyer (36-1, W6) vs. South Grand Prairie (26-9, R7), 7 p.m., Coppell

**Class 4A**
**Regional quarterfinal**

Levelland (23-10, T2) vs. Seminole (24-8, R2), Tuesday, Lubbock Christian University

Midlothian Heritage (30-6, W8) vs. Burkburnett (21-13, R6), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

Lubbock Estacado (25-5, W2) 91, Monahans (19-12, R4) 46

Wichita Falls Hirschi (23-8, W6) vs. Abilene Wylie (31-3, W5), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Mineral Wells

**Class 3A**
**Regional quarterfinal**

Crane (25-6, W3) 54, Wall (30-4, W4) 44

Bowie (26-9-1, W8) vs. Peaster (21-11, W7), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Chisolm Trail HS

Shallowater (33-2, W2) vs. Canadian (18-4, W1), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo HS

Brock (33-3, R7) vs. Jim Ned (23-12, W5), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Cisco

**Class 2A**
**Regional quarterfinal**

Stratford (R1) vs. Sanford-Fritch (21-7, T1), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo Tascosa HS

**Morton (16-7, R5) vs. Forsan (27-4, W7), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Lamesa**

Memphis (W2) vs. Stinnett West Texas (W1), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Canyon

McCamey (18-11, W6) vs. Albany (17-3, R8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sterling City

**Regional**

Borden County (W12) vs. Rankin (W10), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Andrews

Menard (15-9, W16) vs. Bronte (15-2, W14), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Coleman

**Buena Vista (18-7, R10) vs. Grady (22-7, T11), 7 p.m. Tuesday**

Eula (28-6) vs. Eden (26-5, R16), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Coleman

**TAPPS 5A**
**State semifinal**

Cedar Hill Trinity Christian (32-6) vs. Fort Worth All Saints (18-16), Thursday, Robinson

San Antonio St. Mary's Hall (28-7) vs. Houston Second Baptist (28-7), Thursday, Robinson

**TAPPS 3A**
**Regional**

El Paso Faith Christian (13-3) vs. Fort Worth Calvary Christian (22-10), Saturday

Willow Park Trinity Christian (21-8) vs. Dallas Yavneh (30-0), Saturday

Austin Veritas (10-8) vs. Spring Frassati Catholic (20-9), Saturday

Kerrville Our Lady Hills (27-6) 66, Brownsville First Baptist (11-6) 49

# COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Men

**SOUTHWEST**

Prairie View 71, Alabama A&M 58

**SOUTH**

Florida Gulf Coast 96, SC-Upstate 76
Jackson St. 51, Ark.-Pine Bluff 48
Jacksonville 87, Kennesaw St. 68
James Madison 90, Elon 84
Lipscomb 89, Stetson 73
MVSU 79, Grambling St. 74
Morgan St. 69, Coppin St. 56
NC A&T 86, Bethune-Cookman 80
Norfolk St. 79, Howard 74
Savannah St. 85, NC Central 75
Virginia Tech 64, Duke 63

**EAST**

Marquette 90, Georgetown 86, OT
Md.-Eastern Shore 59, Delaware St. 47
North Florida 80, NJIT 76

## Top 25 poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 25, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

| | Record | Pts | Prv |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Virginia (48) | 26-2 | 1608 | 1 |
| 2. Michigan St. (17) | 28-3 | 1571 | 2 |
| 3. Xavier | 25-4 | 1422 | 4 |
| 4. Villanova | 25-4 | 1416 | 3 |
| 5. Duke | 24-5 | 1362 | 5 |
| 6. Kansas | 23-6 | 1272 | 8 |
| 7. Gonzaga | 27-4 | 1231 | 6 |
| 8. Purdue | 26-5 | 1178 | 9 |
| 9. North Carolina | 22-7 | 1140 | 10 |
| 10. Cincinnati | 25-4 | 1013 | 11 |
| 11. Wichita St. | 23-5 | 945 | 13 |
| 12. Texas Tech | 22-7 | 887 | 6 |
| 13. Ohio St. | 24-7 | 791 | 16 |
| 14. Auburn | 24-5 | 781 | 12 |
| 15. Michigan | 24-7 | 753 | 17 |
| 16. Tennessee | 21-7 | 564 | 19 |
| 17. Rhode Island | 23-4 | 558 | 18 |
| 18. Clemson | 21-7 | 499 | 15 |
| 19. Arizona | 22-7 | 450 | 14 |
| 20. West Virginia | 21-8 | 429 | 21 |
| 21. Nevada | 25-5 | 386 | 20 |
| 22. Saint Mary's (Cal) | 27-4 | 318 | 22 |
| 23. Kentucky | 20-9 | 174 | — |
| 24. Middle Tennessee | 23-5 | 144 | 24 |
| 25. Houston | 22-6 | 45 | 23 |

Others receiving votes: TCU 41, Butler 34, St. Bonaventure 29, NC State 28, Creighton 26, Loyola of Chicago 8, Southern Cal 7, Florida St. 4, Arkansas 3, Seton Hall 3, Virginia Tech 2, Boise St. 1, Oklahoma 1, Florida 1.

## Women

**SOUTHWEST**

Baylor 80, West Virginia 54
Kansas St. 86, Texas Tech 63
Oklahoma St. 85, TCU 72
Prairie View 84, Alabama A&M 73
Texas Southern 76, Alabama St. 48
Wichita St. 70, Tulsa 59

**SOUTH**

Ark.-Pine Bluff 66, Jackson St. 60
Grambling St. 64, MVSU 55
Morgan St. 73, Coppin St. 59
NC A&T 62, Bethune-Cookman 55
NC Central 74, Savannah St. 61
Norfolk St. 59, Howard 53
SC State 82, Florida A&M 49
Tulane 52, SMU 46
UCF 75, East Carolina 54

**MIDWEST**

Cincinnati 61, Houston 57

**EAST**

Md.-Eastern Shore 76, Delaware St. 56
Memphis 83, Temple 78
Robert Morris 67, CCSU 51
Sacred Heart 63, LIU Brooklyn 43
St. Francis (Pa.) 94, Bryant 78
St. Francis Brooklyn 58, Fairleigh Dickinson 45
UConn 82, South Florida 53

## Top 25 poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 25, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

| | Record | Pts | Prv |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. UConn (32) | 28-0 | 800 | 1 |
| 2. Mississippi St. | 30-0 | 765 | 2 |
| 3. Baylor | 27-1 | 733 | 3 |
| 4. Louisville | 29-2 | 697 | 4 |
| 5. Notre Dame | 27-2 | 685 | 5 |
| 6. Oregon | 27-4 | 627 | 8 |
| 7. Texas | 23-5 | 611 | 6 |
| 8. South Carolina | 23-6 | 542 | 7 |
| 9. UCLA | 23-6 | 511 | 10 |
| 10. Oregon St. | 23-6 | 496 | 12 |
| 11. Florida St. | 24-5 | 457 | 9 |
| 12. Tennessee | 23-6 | 452 | 15 |
| 13. Ohio St. | 24-6 | 398 | 14 |
| 14. Missouri | 23-6 | 381 | 11 |
| 15. Texas A&M | 22-8 | 338 | 17 |
| 16. Stanford | 20-9 | 333 | 16 |
| 17. Maryland | 23-6 | 280 | 13 |
| 18. Duke | 22-7 | 247 | 20 |
| 19. Georgia | 24-5 | 246 | 19 |
| 20. South Florida | 24-5 | 243 | 18 |
| 21. Green Bay | 26-3 | 119 | 22 |
| 22. Belmont | 28-3 | 110 | 23 |
| 23. NC State | 22-7 | 101 | 21 |
| 24. LSU | 19-8 | 85 | 24 |
| 25. Mercer | 27-2 | 25 | |

Others receiving votes: Iowa 18, Michigan 15, Oklahoma St. 15, Gonzaga 11, Dayton 9, Syracuse 8, Arizona St. 7, California 6, DePaul 6, Minnesota 5, Quinnipiac 5, Cent. Michigan 4, Oklahoma 3, Buffalo 2, Florida Gulf Coast 2, Miami 1, UC Davis 1.

# COM SWIMMING RESULTS

**West Texas Short Course Championship**
**at COM Aquatics**
**Friday-Sunday**
**Only COM winners listed**
***denotes meet record**

Combined Team Scores – 1. COM Aquatics 4,215.5; 2. Lubbock Swim Club 2,774.5; 3. Amarillo Swim Team 284; 4. Lhcaa 269.5; Pecos Aquatic Club 164; 6. Southwest Aqua Swim 107.7; Unattached – COM Aquatics 90; 8. Unattached – Abilene Tidal Wave 64; 9. Unattached – Hereford 28

**Boys**
**15 & Over**

800 Free Relay – 1. COM (Braden Vines, Brady Cawthon, Martin Knox, Nathan Keller), 7:03.65
13-14
800 Free Relay – 1. COM (Garrett Hoppman, Michael Mangan, Ali Hassan, Nathan Bell), 7:51.55
400 IM – 1. Braden Vines, 4:01.77
200 Free – 1. Braden Vines, 1:41.47
200 Free Relay – 1. COM (Keller, Cawthon, Marcos Dominguez, Vines), 1:27.54*
200 Breast – 1. Dominguez, 2:14.52
100 Fly – 1. Vines, 49.05*
500 Free – 1. Vines, 4:46.21
400 Medley Relay – 1. COM (Cawthon, Vines, Dominguevz, Keller), 3:31.16*
400 Free Relay – 1. COM (Keller, Cawthon, Dominguez, Vines), 3:11.60*
200 IM – 1. Vines, 1:53.88
100 Breast – 1. Dominguez, 59.87
100 Free – 1. Vines, 46.22
100 Back – 1. Vines, 50.64
1,650 Free – 1. Keller, 16:58.29
200 Medley Relay – 1. COM (Cawthon, Vines, Dominguez, Keller), 1:34.90*
**13-14**
200 Free – 1. Ali Hassan, 1:52.92
200 Free Relay – 1. COM (Hassan, Bandy McKinzie, Nathan Bell, Michael Mangan), 1:40.09
400 Free Relay – 1. COM (Bell, Mangan, Garrett Hoppman, Hassan), 3:38.27
200 IM – 1. Hassan, 2:10.79
200 Fly – 1. Mangan, 2:10.13
200 Medley Relay – 1. COM (Mangan, Brady Wilson, Hassan, Bell), 1:54.27
**11-12**
200 IM – 1. Raymond Martinez, 2:23.56
200 Fly – 1. Janak Bhakta, 2:54.03
200 Medley Relay – 1. COM (Bhakta, Martinez, Jonas Dark, Lane Jordon), 2:05.22
**10 & U**
200 Free – 1. Ethan Partin, 2:20.47
200 Free Relay – 1. COM (Carter Kalen, Logan Dark, Andrew Chen, Ethan Partin), 2:15.46
50 Free – 1. Partin, 30.07
100 Breast – 1. Partin, 1:22.66
50 Fly – 1. Partin, 33.96
200 Medley Relay – 1. COM (Blake Wilson, Partin, Dark, Kalen), 2:35.02
400 Free Relay – 1. COM (Kalen, Chen, John Garza, Partin), 5:11.38
100 IM – 1. Partin, 1:17.47
100 Fly – 1. Partin, 1:19.33
100 Free – 1. Partin, 1:06.85
**Girls**
**15 & Over**
800 Free Relay – 1. COM (Dailey Parker, Celeste Garza, Maya Anderson, Mollie Wright), 7:48.54*
400 IM – 1. Mollie Wright, 4:25.41
200 Free Relay – 1. COM (Parker, Anderson, Garza, Wright), 1:40.66
100 Fly – 1. Wright, 56.49
200 Back – 1. Wright, 2:01.50
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# US Open abandons 18 playoff, last of golf's majors to do so

**By Doug Ferguson**
*Associated Press*

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — The U.S. Open is changing to a two-hole aggregate playoff, the last of the four majors to do away with an 18-hole playoff.

The change is takes effect immediately and would be used at Shinnecock Hills on Long Island in June if there is a tie after 72 holes. The U.S. Golf Association also decided to make its other three open championships two-hole playoffs — the U.S. Women's Open, U.S. Senior Open and U.S. Senior Women's Open.

The U.S Open has had 33 playoffs in its 117 years, all decided by 18 holes or more.

"There was a time when they did make sense before television, before the modern era of wanting everything decided immediately," said Mike Davis, chief executive of the USGA. "There is no correct way to determine a tie in stroke play."

The last U.S. Open playoff was 10 years ago at Torrey Pines, where Tiger Woods beat Rocco Mediate in 19 holes for his 14th major.

The Masters was the first major to abandon the 18-hole playoff in 1976 when it changed to sudden death. The PGA Championship did the same a year later, and Lanny Wadkins won the first sudden-death playoff in major championship history in 1977 at Pebble Beach. The PGA later changed to a three-hole aggregate.

The British Open changed to a four-hole aggregate in 1986.

The U.S. Open used to have a 36-hole playoff, last used in 1931 when Billy Burke and George Von Elm tied after 72 holes, tied after the 36-hole playoff and then played another 36 holes. Burke won by one shot. Then, if 18-hole playoffs were tied, another 18 holes were played. Starting with the 1990 U.S. Open, an 18-hole playoff that ended with a tie was decided by sudden death. Hale Irwin won that year.

Davis said the USGA chose a two-hole playoff to allow a player to recover from one bad shot and still keep the intensity of the playoff being decided quickly.

The 10-year stretch between playoffs is the longest in U.S. Open history.

"This came up about two months ago," Davis said. "We've had 33 playoffs since 1895. Do your math and that's one every 3 ½ years. For the last 23 years, we've had two playoffs. So it was proactive."

He said the USGA asked players, broadcaster partners, vendors and fans about ending the 18-hole playoff.

"I won't say it was everybody, but seemingly it was, 'Why do we have to come back tomorrow?'" Davis said.

AP file photo

Rocco Mediate, left, jokes with Tiger Woods following Woods' U.S. Open championship victory after playing a sudden death hole following an 18-hole playoff round for the US Open championship at Torrey Pines Golf Course on June 16, 2008 in San Diego. The U.S. Open is switching this year to a two-hole aggregate playoff.

No one seemed to mind the last playoff, mainly because it involved Woods, who was playing for the first time since the Masters because of a shattered left leg that required surgery two weeks after he won. There was pandemonium at the gates with people trying to get in, and concession stands had long lines with few vendors. Davis said it was one of the largest digital audiences for a sports event because so many people were at work.

Stewart Cink, who won the British Open at Turnberry in 2009 over Tom Watson, liked the idea of scrapping the 18-hole playoff.

"I think 18 holes is a bit much for a playoff, and it's more often than not going to be a bit anticlimactic," he said. "They've got the captive audiences, the players are at the peak of their games, why not let them duke it out? They've got plenty of daylight. Whether it's two, three or four holes doesn't matter. I do not like the sudden-death aspect of the major. I think one hole is a little quick to decide a major."

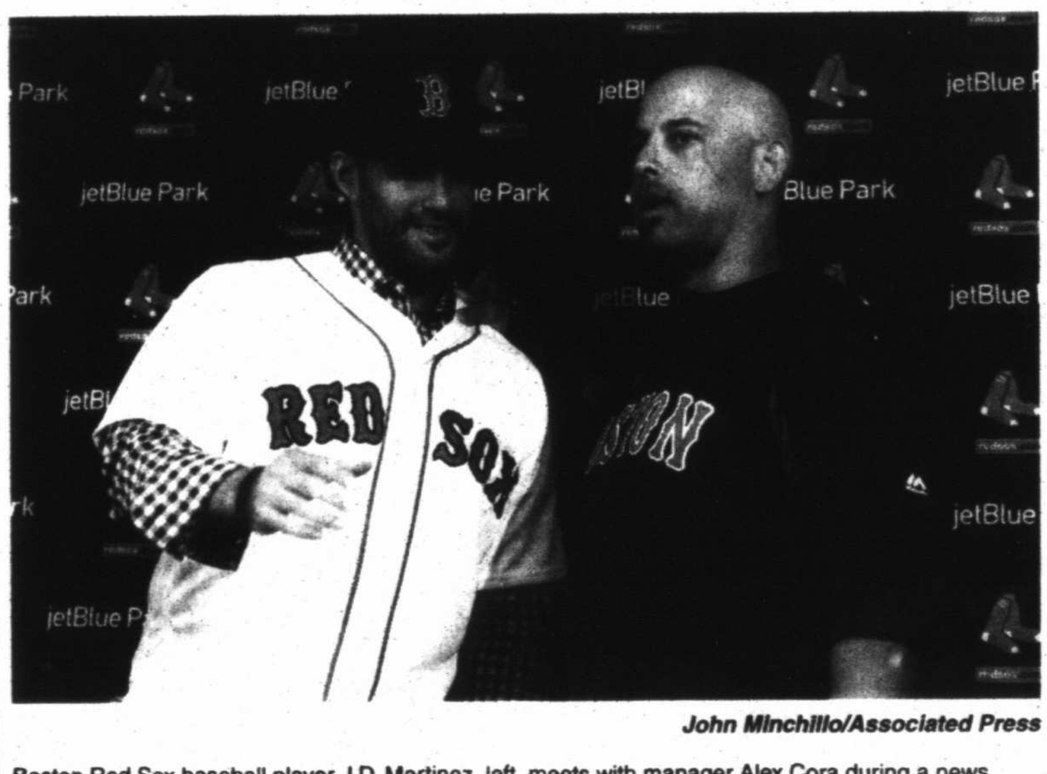
The USGA also felt the three-hole aggregate playoffs for the U.S. Women's Open — instituted after Annika Sorenstam beat Pat Hurst in 18 holes at Newport Country Club in 2006 — and the U.S. Senior Open worked well.

Davis also said he was having a hard time explaining why the men had to go 18 holes for a playoff and the women played only three holes.

"That got us to say, 'Let's look at every aspect.' We just concluded now is the right time," Davis said.

Davis said the two-hole aggregate would be different holes, but not limited to the 17th and 18th holes depending on the course.

In the case of Shinnecock Hills, playing the 17th and 18th would mean a par 3 and a par 4. The 17th and 18th holes at Pebble Beach in 2019 would be a par 3 and a par 5, two of the most scenic holes in American golf.



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Boston Red Sox baseball player J.D. Martinez, left, meets with manager Alex Cora during a news conference announcing his signing with the team Monday in Fort Myers, Fla.

# Red Sox, J.D. Martinez finalize $110M contract

*Associated Press*

FORT MYERS, Fla. — It took an extra week but the Red Sox finally got the big bat for the middle of their lineup they lacked last season.

Slugger J.D. Martinez and the Red Sox finalized a $110 million, five-year contract on Monday, a week after the sides agreed to the deal pending a physical.

"It's been a long process. I'm happy to just put everything behind me and be here today," said Martinez, flanked by his agent Scott Boras and Red Sox president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski, at a Monday morning news conference at Boston's spring training complex.

"I'm excited for the task at hand. I know this historic franchise and this organization, winning is No. 1 and bringing a championship back to Boston is the ultimate goal. I'm happy to now be a part of it."

Martinez gets $27.5 million in each of the next three seasons and $19,375,000 in each of the final two. He can opt out after the second, third or fourth seasons, and there is a $2.5 million buyout if he opts out after 2019.

In 2017, the first season after former designated hitter David Ortiz's retirement, the Red Sox hit just 168 home runs, fewest in the American League and better than only the Atlanta Braves, Pittsburgh Pirates and San Francisco Giants. Boston's .407 slugging percentage was 26th in baseball, better than only the Los Angeles Angels in the AL.

The Red Sox hope Martinez can help the team improve those stats, returning them to where they were during Ortiz's tenure.

Martinez has primarily been a right fielder in his career, but with Boston he will serve as the primary DH, with Hanley Ramirez splitting time with Mitch Moreland at first base.

Martinez, a right-handed batter and veteran of seven major league seasons with Houston, Detroit and Arizona, split 2017 with the Tigers and Diamondbacks.

In 119 games last season, he hit .303 with 104 RBIs. His 45 home runs were third in the majors, while he posted a .690 slugging percentage. He will hit third or fourth in manager Alex Cora's lineup.

"He's not only a home run hitter," Cora said. "He's a complete hitter.

"We not only got better lineup-wise and on the field, what he brings in that clubhouse, the way he prepares, I'm looking forward for him to connect with young players, help the young players. He did an outstanding job last year with the D-backs and that's also something he's going to bring. ... That's going to be an asset for us."

Martinez was on the disabled list from the start of the season until May 12 last year with a sprained ligament in his right foot.

Complications when he took his physical with Boston and language in the contract held up the announcement until Monday.

"At this time of year, you're in a spot where everybody's not in one place for your physical," Dombrowski said.

"So, J.D. actually did fly to Boston at one time to be checked out there because we just didn't have all the doctors here that we needed to. And then it was a matter of being in a position for us to complete the language of the contract."

# Justin Thomas delivers Tiger-like shots to win Honda Classic

**By Doug Ferguson**
*Associated Press*

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Justin Thomas is another young player that Tiger Woods has brought into his golfing circle, not only spending time with him but sharing some of his experience that led to 79 victories on the PGA Tour.

As recently as last week at Riviera, when Thomas was within range of the lead going into the final round, he said Woods sent him a text to dispense some advice and wish him well. That changed on the eve of the final round of the Honda Classic.

"Got crickets last night," Thomas said with a laugh.

That's because Woods was playing, and he was playing well.

Just not as good as Thomas.

Thomas delivered a moment that so many times belonged to Woods on Sunday. He was tied for the lead with Luke List on the par-5 18th at PGA National, with List already on the green and some 35 feet away for eagle while Thomas had to lay up from the rough.

He needed a birdie to have any chance of a playoff, and his gap wedge from 117 yards was so pure that it rolled 6 inches by the cup and settled 2 feet away.

"I have a lot of confidence in my wedge game," Thomas said. "I knew if I got a decent number that I was going to be able to get inside 10 feet. That's all I wanted was a chance to try to get into a playoff. And then ended up hitting a great wedge."

Given a second chance in a sudden-death playoff with his 2-under 68, the 24-year-old Thomas came through with another clutch shot. This one was a 5-wood over the water on the 18th, toward a bunker. Thomas barked at the ball to go a little further, just to be safe.

"It was getting pretty dark to where I couldn't see it, and as sad as it is, all I was looking at was the water to see if it splashed," Thomas said. "And it didn't. So I figured I was in the bunker, and then people started clapping and I could kind of see some little white dot on the green."

That effectively was the winning shot.

List, who shot a bogey-free 32 on the back nine for a 69, went wide right in a rare miss off the tee Sunday. He had few options except to go left near the grandstands, and from there he hit a superb shot to 25 feet to at least have a chance at birdie. He ran it by 6 feet, made par, and then watched Thomas two-putt for birdie and the win.

"Hell of a battle out there," Thomas said.

He now has won for the second time this season on the PGA Tour, both times in a playoff. The other was the CJ Cup in South Korea. Thomas now has eight career victories, seven of them in his last 31 starts on tour. He moves to No. 3 in the world, significant only because he now is one spot ahead of longtime friend Jordan Spieth for the first time in their careers.

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investigating players. He also criticized the commissioner's handling of the anthem protests.

Jones was removed from the competition committee after hiring a lawyer and telling the six owners on the committee that he was prepared to take them to court to stop them from finalizing Goodell's deal.

Jones eventually backed down with the belief that his issues were being heard.

And when Goodell's five-year extension, which could be worth up to $200 million, was finalized during an owner's meetings in December in Irving, the two men engaged in an obligatory hug following the closing press conference.

"Do I look like I take it personally? Jerry, do I look like I take it personally?" Goodell said the time, pointing to Jones who was in the room. "No is the answer to that question. As I have said before, I think people disagree. People who have the ability to do that within the context of our structure is something that makes us stronger.

"My relationship with Jerry has been great. We don't always agree. I'm not paid to agree and he's not paid to agree with me."

Said Jones: "I hope Roger earns every dime. That means he's doing a great job, and we're doing good."

Things are good no more.

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# JUMBLE

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

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**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**
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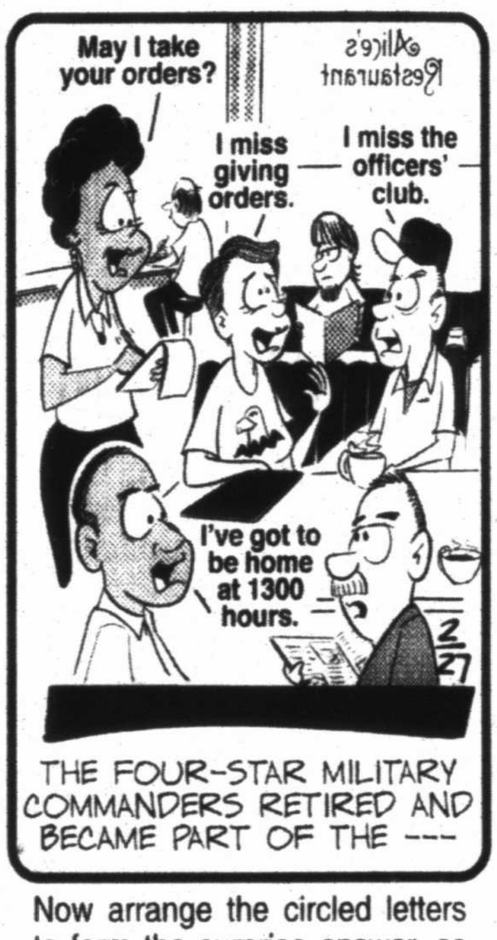


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DATED BLIMP LUXURY BLURRY
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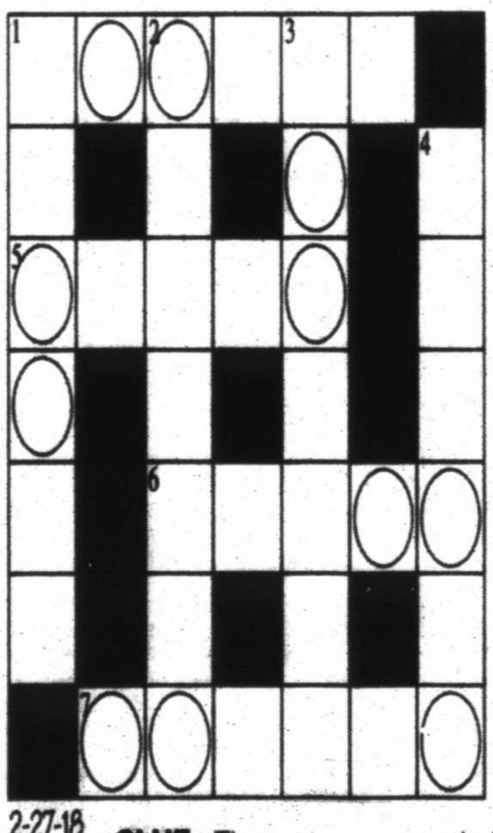

**ACROSS**

| CLUE | ANSWER |
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| 1. Chocolate ___ | CERIAL |
| 5. Location | ELPAC |
| 6. ___ out | CADTE |
| 7. Calm, collected | EETDAS |

**DOWN**

| CLUE | ANSWER |
|---|---|
| 1. Spread out | XPNEDA |
| 2. Pump problem | GLAEKEA |
| 3. Inactivity | TNEAIRI |
| 4. Baby bed | RAEDCL |

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

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**CLUE:** The ___ ___ was built to withstand winds of up to 200 miles per hour.

**BONUS**

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ANSWERS: 1A-Eclair 5A-Flier 6A-Acted 7A-Soaker 1D-Expand 2D-Leakage 3D-Inertia 4D-Cradle B-Space Needle

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# DAILY CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

1 Actress Swenson
5 Pops out, as a DVD
11 White lie
14 "Little" Dickens girl
15 Golf goof
16 Mined metal
17 Regularly go out (with)
19 Old horse
20 Rip off
21 URL suffix for charities
22 __ time: never
23 Getup for Woody of "Toy Story"
27 Like some consonants, as the nasal "n"
30 Actress de Matteo
31 Press into service
32 Invalidate
35 "The Lion King" lion
38 What "2 + 2 = 4" is an example of
42 "Say cheese!"
43 Spreadsheet info
44 Baton Rouge sch.
45 Unlikely to throw dirty clothes on the floor
47 Word after systems or psycho
50 Preferred way of doing things
54 "__ girl!"
55 __Kosh B'gosh
56 Listless feeling
60 Old electrical unit
61 Front part of a hand tool, say ... and the last word of 17-, 23-, 38- and 50-Across?
64 Emeril exclamation
65 Tarzan and others
66 Like villains
67 Having five sharps, musically
68 Creates anew, as a password
69 Alluring

**DOWN**

1 Color printer refills
2 Old hair-removal brand
3 TV show about a high school choir
4 Llama-like mammal
5 Expressive punk genre
6 Good name for a phys ed teacher?
7 Finland's second-largest city
8 Careful
9 Overbearing leader
10 Messy room
11 Group of related typefaces
12 Tehran native
13 Fathered, in the Bible
18 Congeal
22 Accepted the loss, financially
24 Like permed hair
25 "True __": HBO vampire series
26 Constellation bear
27 Watering holes
28 "Sure __ standing here ..."
29 Shrine in Moscow's Red Square
33 Hoppy beer, for short
34 Coup __
36 Big cheese
37 "Sometimes you feel like __ ...": classic candy jingle
39 "Prince Valiant" queen
40 Bring in
41 Hindu princess
46 Traveling acting band
48 Half of all blackjacks
49 Contact __
50 Disney deer
51 Filmmaker Coen
52 Pack animals
53 Bell tower sound
57 Campbell of "Scream"
58 Windows alternative
59 In a lazy way
61 Watering hole
62 Earn after taxes
63 Naval rank: Abbr.

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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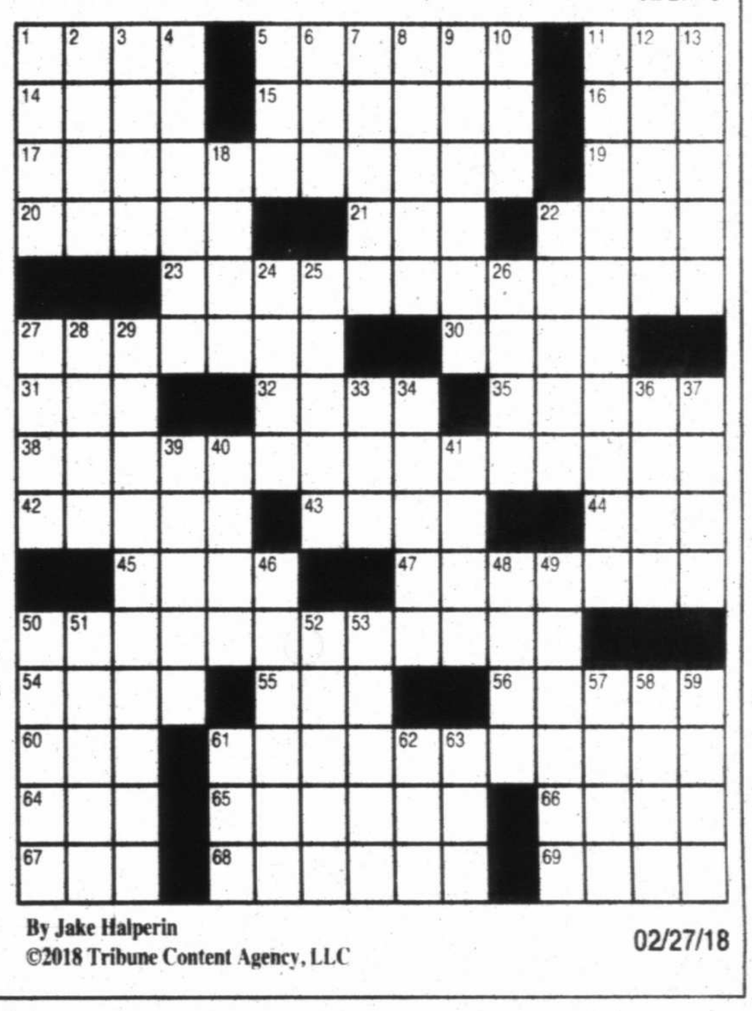

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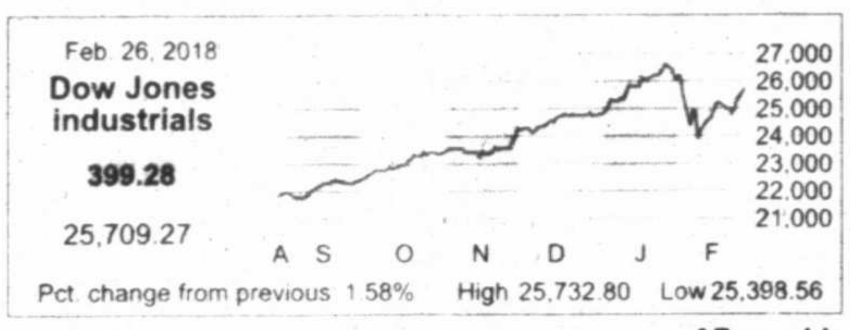

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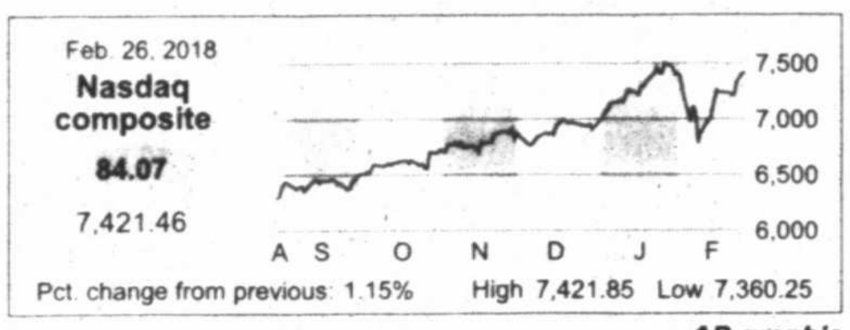

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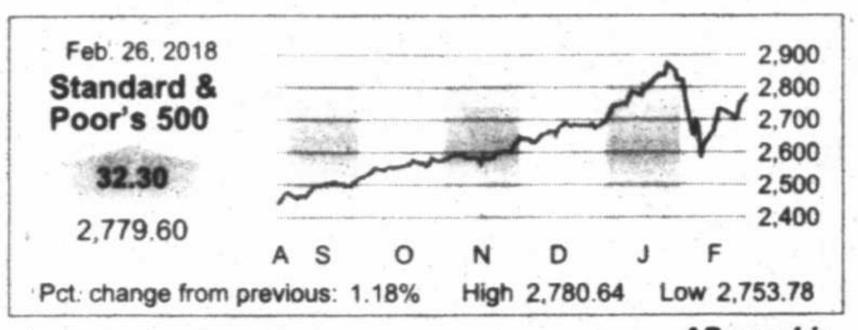

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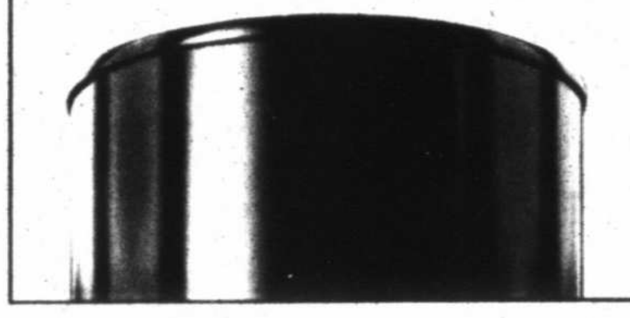

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| RxVlmxInF | 3.26 | +.22 | +7.2 |
| SanchzM rs | 11.50 | +.70 | +6.5 |

**LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| TellnstEl | 2.15 | -.25 | -10.4 |
| Friedmind | 5.61 | -.41 | -6.8 |
| Sifco | 5.40 | -.35 | -6.1 |
| AvalonHld | 2.07 | -.11 | -5.0 |
| RxVlmxWk | 20.95 | -.97 | -4.4 |

**DIARY**

| | |
|---|---|
| Advanced | 165 |
| Declined | 131 |
| Unchanged | 37 |
| Total issues | 333 |
| New Highs | 2 |
| New Lows | 7 |
| Volume | 94,440,773 |

## NASDAQ

**MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)**

| Name | Vol (00) | Last | Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| MicronT | 418959 | 47.98 | +1.45 |
| PwShs QQQ | 386123 | 170.40 | +2.23 |
| Apple Inc | 372227 | 178.97 | +3.42 |
| Microsoft | 299563 | 95.42 | +1.36 |
| Cisco | 276357 | 45.36 | +1.36 |

**GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| LeisAcq n | 9.65 | +8.93 | +1240.3 |
| ZosanoP rs | 7.68 | +3.22 | +72.2 |
| Tetraphase | 2.87 | +.67 | +30.5 |
| Nxt-ID rs | 2.72 | +.54 | +24.8 |

**LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| Iridex | 6.16 | -1.25 | -16.9 |
| Qualstar rs | 11.12 | -1.88 | -14.5 |
| InflaRx n | 28.31 | -3.69 | -11.5 |
| BenitecB n | 2.99 | -.32 | -9.7 |
| Beyondsp n | 22.58 | -2.42 | -9.7 |

**DIARY**

| | |
|---|---|
| Advanced | 1,867 |
| Declined | 971 |
| Unchanged | 197 |
| Total issues | 3,035 |
| New Highs | 114 |
| New Lows | 36 |
| Volume | 1,842,495,354 |

# Interior Dept. weighs lower royalty payments for offshore oil, gas drilling

**By Juliet Eilperin**
*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — An Interior Department advisory panel is considering whether the federal government should sharply cut the royalty rate that oil and gas firms pay for deepwater drilling while expediting energy development on federal land in Alaska and elsewhere.

The recommendations by members of the Royalty Policy Committee, who hail from the energy industry or from states with significant drilling or mining activity, will be taken up Wednesday when the panel formally meets in Houston. The group had lapsed during President Barack Obama's second term, but Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke revived it in October as a way to promote energy exploration in the United States.

Earlier iterations of the committee, which was established during the Clinton administration, focused largely on technical questions, such as how to maximize the federal government's royalty collection process. By contrast, the current panel's subcommittees and working groups have drafted more sweeping policy proposals, posted online, that aim to make leasing federal resources more attractive.

James Schindler, the committee's executive director, said in an email that members began working in October "largely on highest-priority, highest-level policy goals. As time goes on, the public can expect more and more technical recommendations."

The Planning, Analysis and Competitiveness Subcommittee, for example, suggests cutting the federal royalty rate for deepwater drilling operations from 18.75 percent to 12.5 percent, the lowest possible rate the government can charge for such leases. Interior officials lowered the rate for shallow-water drilling to 12.5 percent during a Gulf of Mexico lease sale last summer.

The panel also calls for conducting a lease sale for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's coastal plain within two to three years, rather than the four years dictated by the budget resolution Congress adopted last year.

The Fair Return and Value Subcommittee, meanwhile, has proposed changing the calculation of how much firms owe when they sell coal extracted from federal land to subsidiaries — a practice that federal officials estimated cost taxpayers $75 million a year. The Obama administration enacted a new system pegging the value to the price of the first arm's-length sale. But Zinke suspended the rule, which coal firms described as burdensome, and reverted to the old accounting system.

The subcommittee is now proposing that a coal company leasing from the government use "its own arm's-length sales" as the base price, without specifying whether the coal sold must come from the same lease.

S. Elizabeth Birnbaum, who headed the Minerals Management Service from July 2009 to May 2010, said that because companies produce varying qualities of coal on federal land, "it would be pretty simple to game the system by engaging in a couple arm's-length deals on your worst-quality production and then use that price for all your coal royalties."

Schindler said that both the full advisory panel and Zinke would have to approve any rate changes and would do so on the basis of a fair-market rate analysis.

"Once a recommendation is voted out of the committee, it will be formally submitted to the secretary, and he may implement at his discretion," Schindler said. "However, any changes must still go through the normal legal and public process."

Western Energy Alliance President Kathleen Sgamma, a member of the Planning, Analysis and Competitiveness Subcommittee, said in an interview Friday that because the group had not met in years, members decided to be proactive. "We've got some things we think need to be done, and let's go ahead and issue some recommendations," she said.

Sgamma, who represents onshore exploration and production companies, said that her working group came to the same conclusion as those focused on offshore drilling.

"This is not the time to raise royalty rates," she said. "This is the time to get federal lands back competitive with nonfederal lands."

Although the group is not proposing changing the royalty rate for onshore leasing — it stands at the statutory minimum of 12.75 percent — some experts question why the federal government would cut the rate for deepwater drilling leases in the Gulf of Mexico.

Amy Myers Jaffe, who directs the Energy Security and Climate Change Program at the Council on Foreign Relations, said it made sense to reduce royalty levels when the price of oil was lower or falling, to spur bidding interest. But she said that "there's high interest" in the gulf right now.

"In the last few years, companies have had fantastic finds in deep water," Jaffe said. She added that when it comes to cutting the royalty rate, "you want to have the flexibility to do it later."

Democrats and conservation groups question the process the Interior Department has established to solicit input on its royalties system and the changes the administration is weighing.

"This isn't about increasing taxpayer returns, it's about looting public resources, opening up more of everything for drilling, charging the industry less, and pretending it's all coming from outside experts," Rep. Raul Grijalva of Arizona, the ranking Democrat on the House Natural Resources Committee, said in a statement.

The advisory panel's charter states that it "will provide advice" on "the fair market value" of energy and mineral development on public land. The overall group has an equal number of representatives from industry and states, with a smaller number of tribal, academic and public interest members.

## Stocks power higher again as Treasury yields ease

NEW YORK — Stocks jumped on Monday, with gains again accelerating in the last hour of trading, as markets around the world continue to claw back from a sharp tumble earlier this month.

The Standard & Poor's 500 powered to a third straight gain, and the index has erased about two-thirds of its 10 percent loss since setting a record a month ago.

Analysts said the key reason for Monday's gain was a drop in Treasury yields, which have been at the center of worries for stock investors in recent weeks, but some were still surprised by how much the stock market climbed.

The S&P 500 gained 32.30 points, or 1.2 percent, to 2,779.60, with telecoms and technology stocks leading the way. For the second straight day, the market turned higher as the day wore on. That's an encouraging sign to investors who see the last hour of trading as being dominated by the "smart money."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 399.28, or 1.6 percent, to 25,709.27, and the Nasdaq composite gained 84.07, or 1.1 percent, to 7,421.46. All three indexes are back within 3.4 percent of their record highs.

"I think you can very confidently say the worst is over for now," said Randy Frederick, vice president of trading and derivatives at the Schwab Center for Financial Research. "The concern I have is that it's recovering too quickly. Today's rally has been very surprising."

Frederick said he saw few reasons for a big move higher in stocks on Monday, with no big-ticket earnings or economic reports on the calendar.

## MIDLAND STOCKS

**Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies**

**Concho Resources (CXO)**
Closing Price $154.95 Up 2.14

**Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)**
Closing Price $5.88 Up 0.29

**Diamondback Energy (FANG)**
Closing Price $127.72 Down 0.21

**Legacy Reserves (LGCY)**
Closing Price $3.57 Up 0.27

**Mexco Energy (MXC)**
Closing Price $3.59 Up 0.03

**Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)**
Closing Price $27.35 Up 0.65

**ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)**
Closing Price $16.51 Down 0.26

**RSP Permian (RSPP)**
Closing Price $36.70 Down 0.53

**Ring Energy (REI)**
Closing Price $14.67 Up 0.02

**Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)**
Closing Price $23.64 Up 0.18

## HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

| Name | Div | PE | Last | Chg | YTD %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AES Corp | .52f | 10 | 10.45 | -.04 | -3.5 |
| AK Steel | ... | 16 | 5.65 | +.15 | -.2 |
| AT&T Inc | 2.00f | 14 | 37.46 | +.74 | -3.7 |
| Abraxas | ... | 58 | 2.31 | +.06 | -6.1 |
| AdaDvsEq | 1.32e | ... | 15.60 | +.15 | +3.8 |
| AMD | ... | ... | 12.42 | +.35 | +20.8 |
| AkersBios | ... | ... | .57 | +.07 | +325.4 |
| Alibaba | ... | 55 | 194.19 | +.90 | +12.6 |
| Altaba | ... | ... | 78.08 | +.32 | +11.8 |
| Ambev | .05e | 7 | 6.82 | +.10 | +5.6 |
| AmIntlGrp | 1.28 | ... | 59.01 | -1.06 | -1.0 |
| Amgen | 5.28e | 17 | 188.50 | +1.83 | +8.4 |
| Anadarko | 1.00f | 70 | 60.40 | -.42 | +12.6 |
| Apache | 1.00 | ... | 35.98 | -.15 | -14.8 |
| Apple Inc | 2.52 | 21 | 178.97 | +3.42 | +5.8 |
| ApldMatl | .80f | 19 | 58.81 | +1.80 | +15.0 |
| Archrock | .48 | 25 | 10.05 | -.10 | -4.3 |
| ATMOS | 1.88f | 15 | 82.19 | -.40 | -4.3 |
| AutoData | 2.52 | 31 | 117.90 | +.25 | +.6 |
| BP PLC | 2.38 | 21 | 40.29 | +.19 | -4.1 |
| BcBilVArg | .27e | ... | 8.60 | +.12 | +1.2 |
| BcoSantSA | .21e | ... | 7.08 | +.05 | +8.3 |
| BkofAm | .48 | 21 | 32.42 | +.39 | +9.8 |
| B iPVxST rs | ... | ... | 38.75 | -1.69 | +38.8 |
| BaringsCp s | 1.20 | ... | 14.89 | -.08 | -2.4 |
| BarrickG | .12 | 26 | 12.22 | +.04 | -15.5 |
| BasicEnS | ... | ... | .45 | ... | ... |
| BerkHa A | ... | 263161 | 26.03 | +12106.02 | +6.2 |
| BioPhrmX | ... | ... | .18 | +.02 | +62.7 |
| BlkHillsCp | 1.78 | 15 | 51.98 | +.04 | -13.5 |
| BrMySq | 1.60f | 68 | 68.63 | +.68 | +12.0 |
| BrownFA s | .79 | 40 | 67.49 | +.08 | +.4 |
| BrownFB s | .79 | ... | 69.06 | -.49 | +.6 |
| CVS Health | 2.00 | 12 | 68.23 | +.07 | -5.9 |
| CallonPet | ... | 35 | 11.12 | +.06 | -8.5 |
| Caterpillar | 3.12 | 29 | 163.69 | +1.28 | +3.9 |
| Celestic g | ... | 9 | 10.89 | +.26 | +3.9 |
| Cemex | .29t | ... | 6.96 | -.13 | -7.2 |
| CntryLink | 2.16 | 8 | 18.41 | +.20 | +10.4 |
| ChesEng | ... | 5 | 3.21 | +.01 | -18.9 |
| Chevron | 4.48f | 51 | 114.60 | +2.01 | -8.5 |
| Chicos | .33 | 13 | 9.09 | +.42 | +3.1 |
| Cimarex | .64f | 21 | 98.34 | -.36 | -19.4 |
| Cisco | 1.32f | 24 | 45.36 | +1.36 | +18.4 |
| Citigroup | 1.28 | 15 | 77.65 | +.57 | +4.4 |
| CitizFincl | .52 | 19 | 44.54 | -1.89 | +6.1 |
| CocaCola | 1.56f | 82 | 44.03 | -.01 | -4.0 |
| ColgPalm | 1.60 | 25 | 71.07 | +.77 | -5.8 |
| Comcast s | .76f | 19 | 39.58 | +.08 | -.8 |
| ConAgra | .85 | 20 | 36.53 | +.25 | -3.0 |
| ConchoRes | ... | 23 | 154.95 | +2.14 | +3.1 |
| ConocoPhil | 1.14f | 45 | 56.59 | -.46 | +3.1 |
| CrackerB | 4.80 | 19 | 161.37 | +.02 | +1.6 |
| CSVixSh rs | ... | ... | 6.82 | -.54 | +23.1 |
| CrosTim | .97e | 15 | 15.49 | +.11 | +5.5 |
| DCP Mid | 3.12 | 51 | 36.32 | +.93 | ... |
| DTE | 3.53f | 19 | 103.76 | -.94 | -5.2 |
| DeanFoods | .36 | 10 | 8.81 | -1.32 | -23.8 |
| DevonE | .24 | 20 | 31.61 | +.18 | -23.6 |
| Disney | 1.68f | 16 | 109.81 | +2.56 | +2.1 |
| EOG Rescs | .67 | ... | 109.49 | +.66 | +1.5 |
| Energen | .08 | 20 | 57.54 | +.72 | -.1 |
| EnPro | .88 | 43 | 76.40 | +.40 | -18.3 |
| ENSCO | .04 | ... | 5.20 | -.04 | -12.0 |
| EntProdPt | 1.70f | 20 | 25.81 | +.08 | -2.6 |
| Ericsson | .13e | ... | 6.99 | +.09 | +4.6 |
| ExxonMbl | 3.08 | 17 | 78.84 | +1.31 | -5.7 |
| Facebook | ... | 35 | 184.93 | +1.64 | +4.8 |
| Fitbit n | ... | ... | 5.54 | +.26 | -3.0 |
| FordM | .60a | 6 | 10.89 | +.19 | -12.8 |
| FrptMcM | ... | 16 | 19.53 | -.02 | +3.0 |
| GATX | 1.76f | 15 | 72.17 | -.20 | +16.1 |
| GabMultT | .94e | ... | 9.50 | ... | +3.3 |
| GAInv | 1.15e | ... | 34.76 | +.42 | +1.0 |
| GenElec | .48 | ... | 14.65 | +.16 | -16.2 |
| GtPlainEn | 1.10 | 15 | 30.05 | -.18 | -6.8 |
| GpTelevisa | ... | ... | 18.22 | +.15 | -2.4 |
| HP Inc | .53 | 14 | 23.46 | +1.33 | +11.7 |
| Hallibrtn | .72 | ... | 48.23 | -.22 | -1.3 |
| HP Ent n | .56f | 46 | 18.55 | +.41 | +29.2 |
| iShBrazil | .67e | ... | 47.13 | +.39 | +16.5 |
| iShChinaLC | .87e | ... | 50.34 | +.66 | +9.0 |
| iShEMkts | .59e | ... | 50.18 | +.46 | +6.5 |
| iS Eafe | 1.66e | ... | 72.01 | +.67 | +2.4 |
| iShiBxHYB | 5.09 | ... | 86.53 | +.14 | -.8 |
| iShR2K | 1.77e | ... | 154.97 | +1.00 | +1.6 |
| Intel | 1.20f | 18 | 49.11 | +1.38 | +6.4 |
| InterDig | 1.40 | 10 | 75.45 | -.25 | -.9 |
| iShCorEM | .95e | ... | 60.43 | +.52 | +6.2 |
| JPMorgCh | 2.24f | 19 | 118.77 | +1.46 | +11.1 |
| JohnJn | 3.36 | 19 | 132.07 | +.89 | -5.5 |
| KimbClk | 4.00f | 18 | 114.46 | +.81 | -5.1 |
| KindMorg | .50 | 25 | 16.92 | -.09 | -6.4 |
| LegacyRes | ... | ... | 3.57 | +.27 | +121.7 |
| Lubys | ... | ... | 2.91 | -.04 | +10.2 |
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| MiMedx | ... | 32 | 7.35 | -.48 | -41.7 |
| Mondelez | .88 | 23 | 44.77 | +1.02 | +4.6 |
| Nabors | .24 | ... | 6.92 | +.03 | +1.3 |
| NOilVarco | .20 | ... | 36.18 | +.11 | +.4 |
| NokiaCp | .17e | ... | 5.93 | +.13 | +27.3 |
| NSTFI3 | .55e | ... | 14.19 | +.05 | -6.6 |
| NTXQI | .65 | ... | 13.46 | +.02 | -6.1 |
| Nvidia | .60 | 60 | 246.58 | +.65 | +27.4 |
| Nxt-ID rs | ... | ... | 2.72 | +.54 | -22.3 |
| OcciPet | 3.08 | ... | 67.27 | -1.05 | -8.7 |
| Oracle | .76 | 22 | 51.17 | +.67 | +8.2 |
| PDC Engy | ... | ... | 54.70 | -.13 | +6.1 |
| Pandora | ... | ... | 4.50 | +.19 | -6.6 |
| ParTech | ... | 27 | 11.12 | -.44 | +18.9 |
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| Petrobras | ... | ... | 14.39 | +.45 | +39.8 |
| Pfizer | 1.28 | 15 | 37.09 | +.83 | +2.4 |
| PioNtrl | .32f | ... | 179.69 | -.31 | +4.0 |
| PlainsAAP | 2.20 | 28 | 21.65 | +.39 | +4.9 |
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| PUVixST rs | ... | ... | 13.59 | -1.23 | +33.1 |
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| Qualcom | 2.28 | ... | 66.98 | +3.66 | +4.6 |
| RangeRs | .08 | 15 | 13.55 | +.10 | -20.6 |
| RegionsFn | .36 | 20 | 19.80 | +.15 | +14.6 |
| RiteAid | ... | ... | 2.08 | -.01 | +5.6 |
| Rowan | .40 | 8 | 13.60 | +.01 | -13.2 |
| RoyDShllA | 3.76 | 97 | 64.29 | +.36 | -3.6 |
| SpdrDJIA | 3.98e | ... | 256.92 | +4.01 | +3.9 |
| S&P500ETF | 4.13e | ... | 277.91 | +3.26 | +4.1 |
| SpdrLehHY | 2.30 | ... | 36.34 | +.08 | -1.0 |
| SabnR | 2.29m | 21 | 45.00 | +.30 | +.9 |
| SanderFm | 1.28 | 9 | 123.24 | +3.32 | -11.2 |
| Schlmbrg | 2.00 | 46 | 66.73 | +.23 | -1.0 |
| SiriusXM | .04 | 35 | 6.33 | +.06 | +18.1 |
| Smucker | 3.12 | 17 | 127.02 | +2.47 | +2.2 |
| SnapInc A n | 3.28 | ... | 17.09 | -.36 | +17.0 |
| SwstnEngy | ... | 27 | 3.72 | -.02 | -33.3 |
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| TelefEsp | 1.20e | ... | 9.94 | +.04 | +2.7 |
| TevaPhrm | .73e | 7 | 20.00 | -.04 | +5.5 |
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| TylerTech | ... | 48 | 205.66 | -.81 | +16.2 |
| UBSI | 1.36f | 24 | 37.60 | +.05 | +8.2 |
| US OilFd | ... | ... | 12.86 | +.09 | +7.1 |
| USSteel | .20 | 26 | 44.37 | +.85 | +26.1 |
| VEON | .28e | ... | 3.08 | -.01 | -19.8 |
| Vale SA | .29e | ... | 14.65 | +.45 | +19.8 |
| ValeroE | 3.20f | 25 | 93.31 | +.85 | +1.5 |
| VanEGold | .06e | ... | 22.18 | +.21 | -4.6 |
| VerizonCm | 2.36 | 7 | 49.09 | +.80 | -7.3 |
| VulcanM | 1.12f | 26 | 121.75 | +.06 | -5.2 |
| WEC Engy | 2.21f | 20 | 61.62 | -.23 | -7.2 |
| WalMart | 2.08f | 21 | 93.12 | +.23 | -5.7 |
| WalgBoots | 1.60 | 14 | 70.60 | +.24 | -2.8 |
| Weathfintl | ... | ... | 2.97 | -.03 | -28.8 |
| WellsFargo | 1.56 | 14 | 59.97 | +.80 | -1.2 |
| WmsCos | 1.36f | 11 | 28.41 | -.33 | -6.8 |
| XcelEngy | 1.44 | 19 | 44.54 | -.23 | -7.4 |
| Xerox rs | 1.00 | 39 | 31.12 | +.25 | +6.8 |
| Yamana g | .02 | ... | 2.91 | -.04 | -6.7 |

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| 52-Week High | 52-Week Low | Name | Last | Chg | Net %Chg | YTD % Chg | 52-wk % Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26,616.71 | 20,379.55 | Dow Jones Industrials | 25,709.27 | +399.28 | +1.58 | +4.01 | +23.38 |
| 11,423.92 | 8,744.36 | Dow Jones Transportation | 10,769.84 | +190.94 | +1.80 | +1.48 | +13.67 |
| 778.80 | 647.81 | Dow Jones Utilities | 683.73 | -2.03 | -.30 | -5.48 | -1.76 |
| 13,637.02 | 11,324.50 | NYSE Composite | 12,999.62 | +115.51 | +.90 | +1.49 | +12.47 |
| 7,505.77 | 5,769.39 | Nasdaq Composite | 7,421.46 | +84.07 | +1.15 | +7.50 | +26.61 |
| 2,872.87 | 2,322.51 | S&P 500 | 2,779.60 | +32.30 | +1.18 | +3.96 | +17.30 |
| 2,001.48 | 1,673.30 | S&P Midcap | 1,914.93 | +10.70 | +.56 | +.76 | +9.54 |
| 29,760.60 | 24,131.40 | Wilshire 5000 | 28,709.44 | +299.34 | +1.05 | +3.29 | +16.07 |
| 1,615.52 | 1,335.03 | Russell 2000 | 1,559.33 | +10.14 | +.65 | +1.55 | +10.75 |

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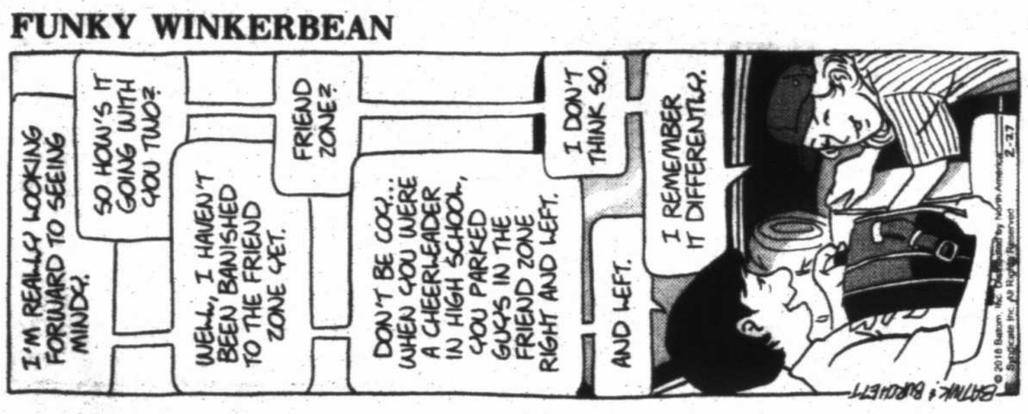


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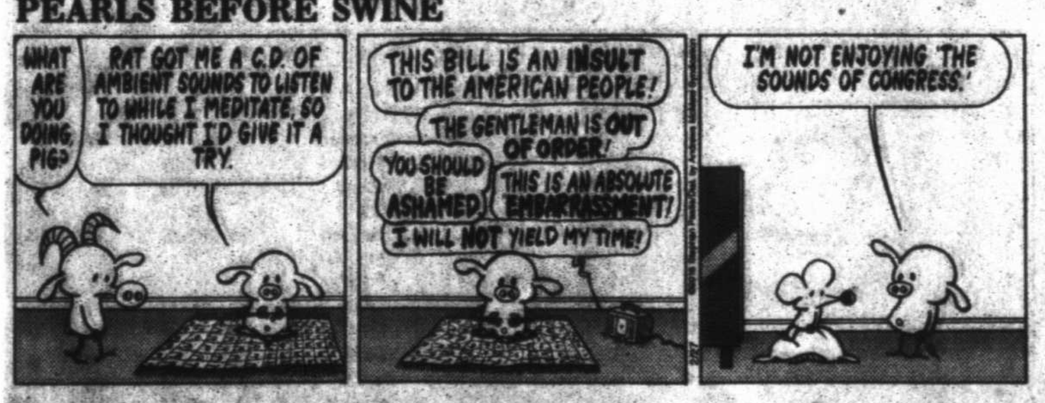


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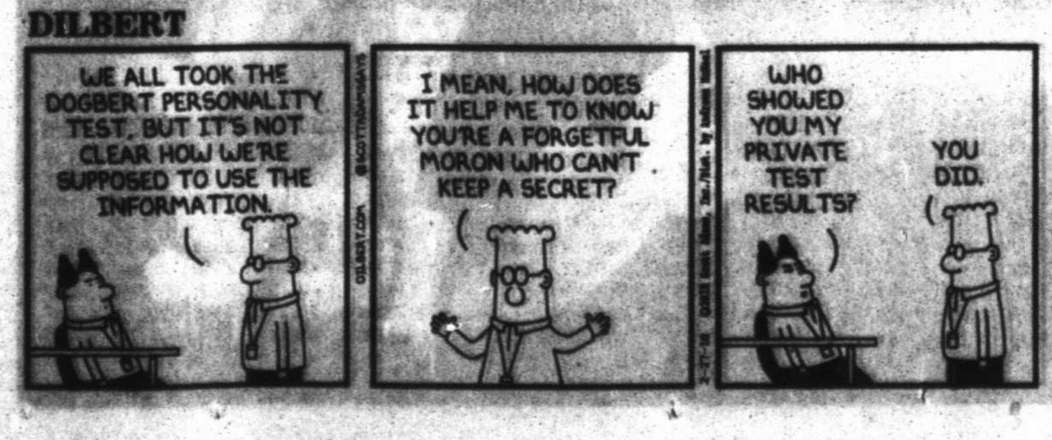


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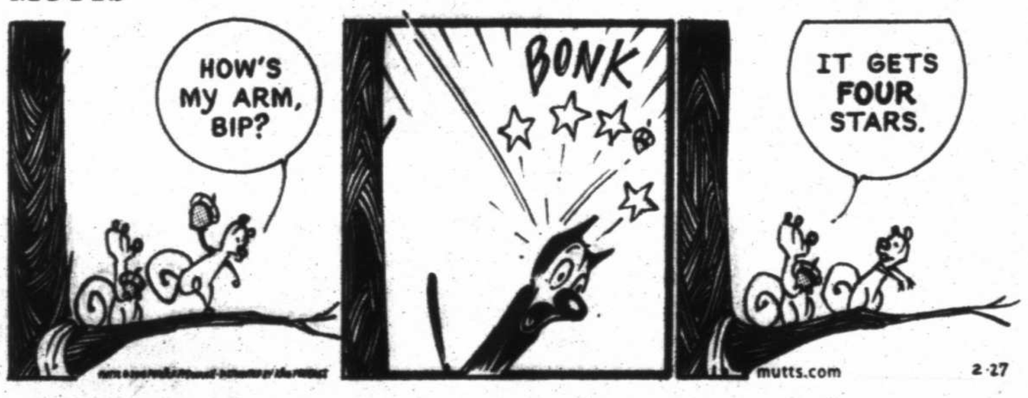


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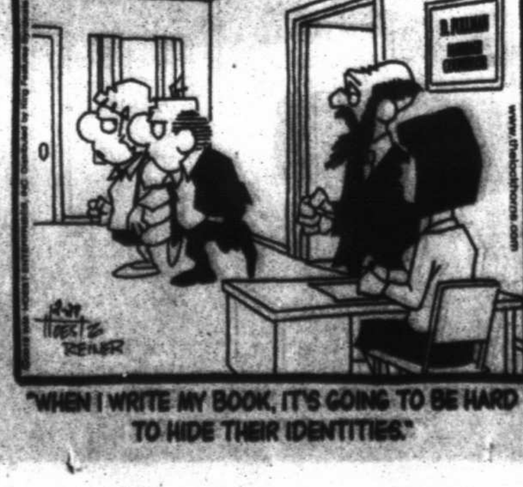


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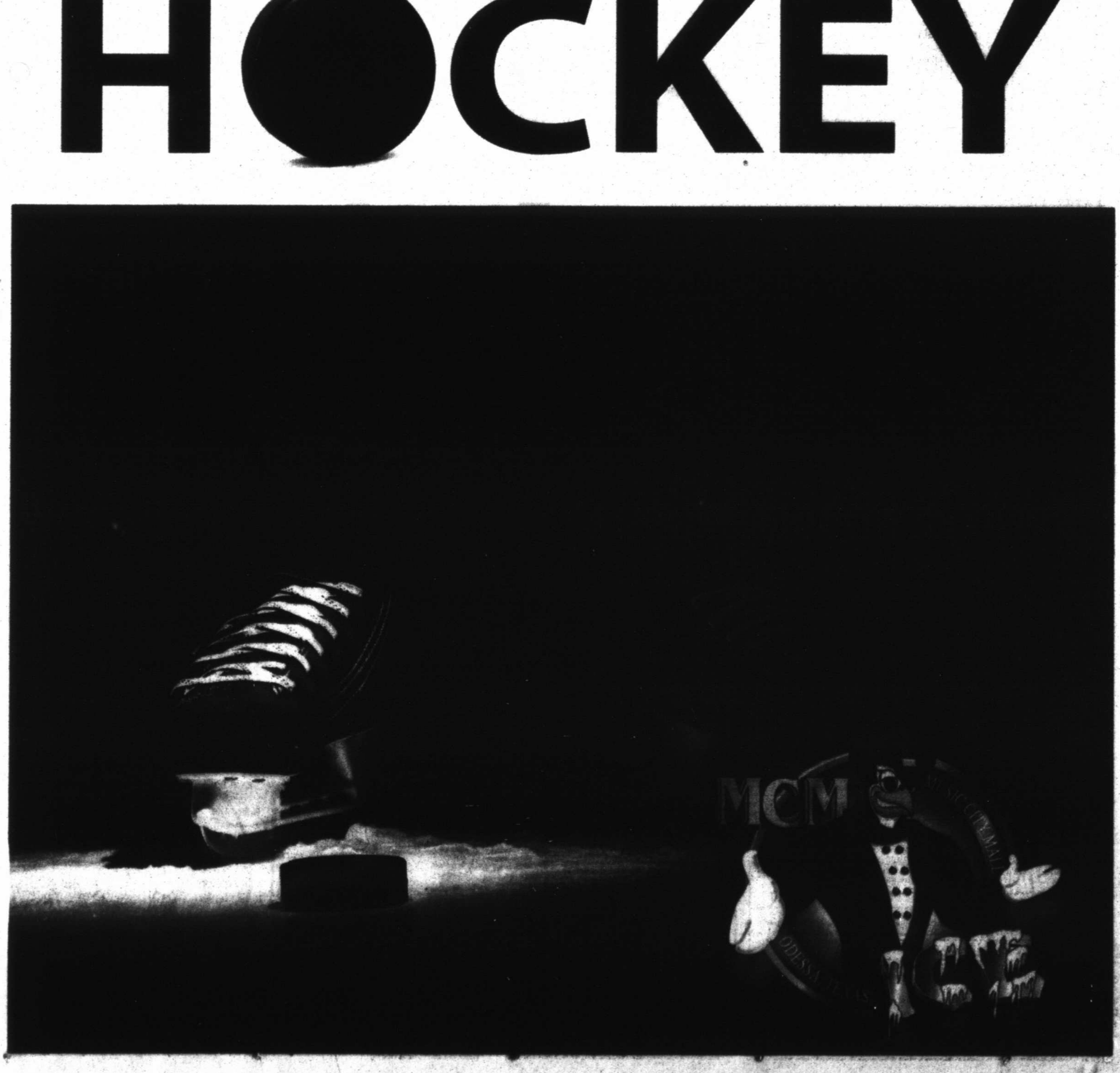

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OTHER JOBS

Endeavor Energy Resources LP

## 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 LP

## Now hiring for a Field Technician.

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

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

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

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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 occassionally. We will train the right person.
$11.00 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.

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We want your work experience and your hard work!
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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.
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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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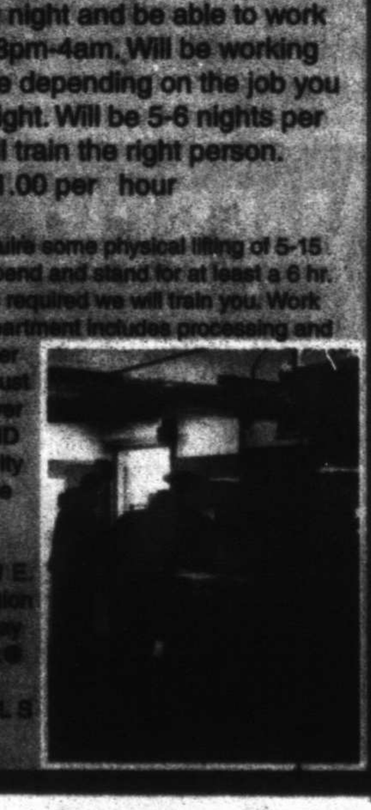

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### Multi-Media Sales Executive

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

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

Multi-Media Sales Executives maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships and promotion of new/existing advertising products. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the marketing process for our customers, while helping advertisers track the impact of their campaigns and understand their advertising options. In short, we help our customers grow their business.

**Responsibilities include:**

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

**The Ideal Candidate:**

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

**Required Skills & Experience:**

- 2+ years of sales experience with a proven record of successfully exceeding goals.
- Passion to educate clients in their marketing options and close deals.
- Exceptional communication and presentation skills.
- Strong computer skills, Digital Sales experience a plus.
- Bachelor's degree preferred.

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- Clean driving record.
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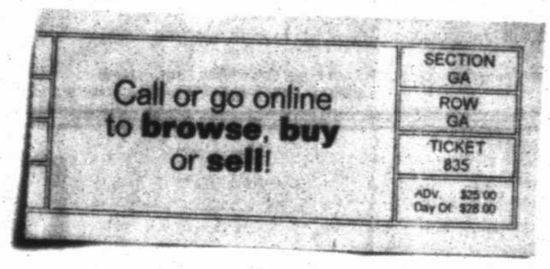


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For questions pertaining to the application, please contact Sandra Musallam at (713) 366-5106.

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To request an RFP package, please contact Louie Caraveo with Master Builders Construction at 432-683-0936 or at mbc0936@aol.com. Deadline for both sealed responses to be submitted is March 20, 2018 at 2:00 pm and 2:30 pm CST and will be opened at TLCA's Administrative offices Rm 204 located at 5687 Melrose Ave, San Angelo, TX 76901.

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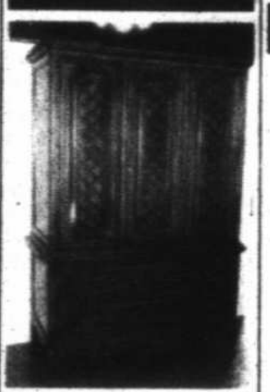

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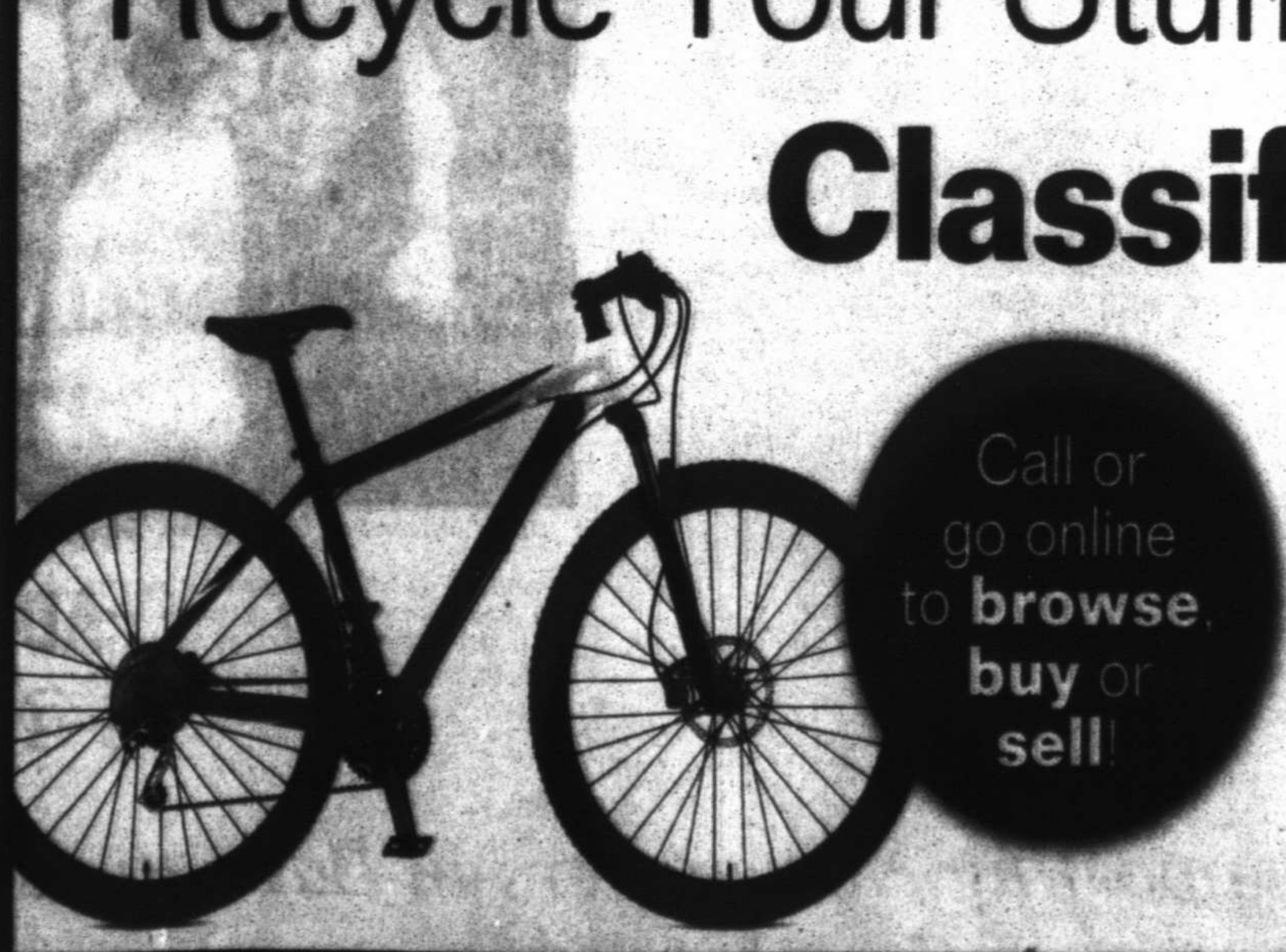

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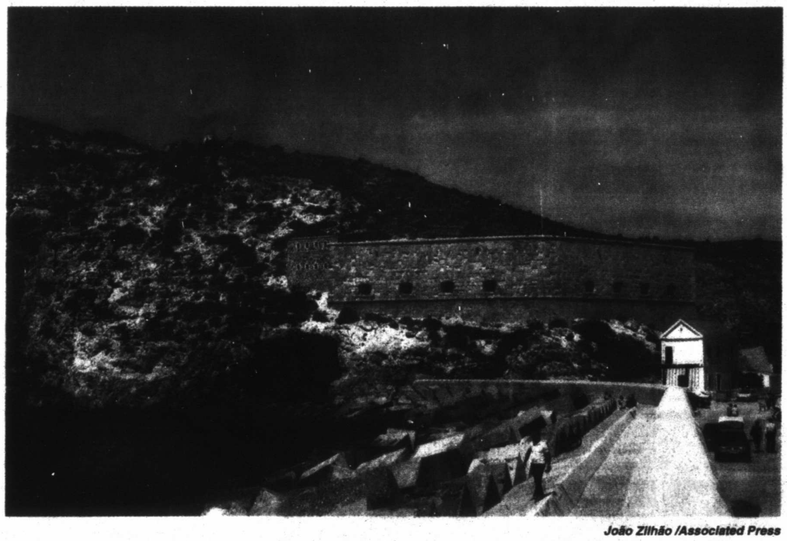

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This undated image provided by João Zilhão in February 2018 shows the Cueva de los Aviones near Cartagena, Spain. New discoveries in this and other Spanish caves give the strongest evidence yet that Neanderthals created art.

## Science Says: European art scene began with Neanderthals

**By Malcom Ritter**
*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — From the murky depths of Spanish caves comes a surprising insight: Neanderthals created art.

That's been proposed before, but experts say two new studies finally give convincing evidence that our evolutionary cousins had the brainpower to make artistic works and use symbols.

The key finding: New age estimates that show paintings on cave walls and decorated seashells in Spain were created long before our species entered Europe. So there's no way Homo sapiens could have made them or influenced Neanderthals to merely copy their artwork.

Until now, most scientists thought all cave paintings were the work of our species. But the new work concludes that some previously known paintings — an array of lines, some disks and the outline of a hand — were rendered about 20,000 years before H. sapiens moved into Europe.

That's a surprise that "constitutes a major breakthrough in the field of human evolution studies," said Wil Roebroeks of Leiden University in the Netherlands, an expert on Neanderthals who didn't participate in the new work.

Now, he said in an email, Neanderthal "ownership of some cave art is a fact."

The second study provided evidence that Neanderthals used pigments and piercings to modify shells some 115,000 years ago, which is far earlier than similar artifacts are associated with H. sapiens anywhere. That shows Neanderthals "were quite capable of inventing the ornaments themselves," said Paola Villa of the University of Colorado Museum in Boulder, who also didn't participate in the new work.

Neanderthals lived in Europe and Asia before disappearing about 40,000 years ago, around the time H. sapiens moved into Europe from Africa.

The research, released Thursday by the journals Science and Science Advances , focused on determining the ages of previously known artifacts.

One team of European researchers concentrated on painted artwork in three caves in northern, southern and west-central Spain. They carefully removed tiny bits of rocky crust that had formed on the artwork surfaces and analyzed them in a lab. Results indicated artwork from all three were around 65,000 years old, much older than the arrival of H. sapiens in Europe, which occurred some 45,000 to 40,000 years ago.

The artwork is rudimentary, but a study author, Dirk Hoffmann of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany, said it's symbolic. One work is a collection of lines that look like a ladder, and others include red dots and disks on curtainlike rock formations. Another is a stenciled outline of a hand, made by spewing pigment over a hand held against the wall, Hoffmann said.

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In this undated image provided by João Zilhão in February 2018, Dirk Hoffmann and Alistair Pike take a sample from a calcite crust on top of a red ladder-shaped cave painting in La Pasiega in Puente Viesgo, Spain. New discoveries in some Spanish caves give the strongest evidence yet that Neanderthals created art.

Making the hand stencil involves so many steps, including preparation of the pigment, that it's clearly a deliberate creation, he and other authors wrote in the paper. What's more, a number of hand stencils seem to have been placed with care rather than randomly, so they are certainly "meaningful symbols," the authors wrote.

The other study sought to find the age of shells that had been colored and punctured in another cave, in southeast Spain. Previous studies had estimated an age of 45,000 to 50,000 years old, too young to rule out a link to H. sapiens.

For the new work, researchers analyzed rock that had formed above where the shells had been found.

Results indicated the shells were around 115,000 years old. That is some 20,000 to 40,000 years older than comparable artifacts in Africa or western Asia that are attributed to H. sapiens. The finding shows Neanderthals shared symbolic thinking with H. sapiens, and suggests the two species were "indistinguishable" in terms of overall mental ability, the researchers wrote.

Nobody knows what the shells symbolized. Maybe they indicated membership in a group like a clan, said Joao Zilhao of the Catalan Institution for Research and Advanced Studies in Barcelona, Spain, who did the study with Hoffmann and others.

Not all experts were convinced by the studies. Harold Dibble, an archaeologist at the University of Pennsylvania who studies Neanderthal behavior, wondered if the shell color and holes could have occurred naturally. And he said he'd like to see the dating in the cave art paper confirmed by another lab.

Warren Sharp of the Berkeley Geochronology Center in California, an expert on the dating technique used in both papers, said he found the results of both studies to be "very solid."

They show "we are not the only ones capable of 'modern' behavior," he wrote in an email.

# Antarctica's king penguins could disappear by end of century

**By Subel Bhandari**
*dpa*

SYDNEY — Rising temperatures due to climate change could push Antarctica's king penguin populations to the brink of extinction, according to a new study published on Tuesday.

The study, published in the journal Nature Climate Change, predicted that under a "business-as-usual" scenario, 70 percent of today's 1.1 million king penguin breeding pairs would abruptly relocate or disappear before the end of the century.

Flightless king penguins are the second largest species of penguin, after the emperor.

They breed only on specific isolated islands — with no ice cover and easy access to the sea — in the Southern Ocean and can make round trips of more than 370 miles hunting for fish and krill in the Antarctic waters, while their chicks fast for up to a week at a time.

With warming oceans, the Antarctic polar front — a nutrient-rich upwelling that occurs where cold, deep seas mix with temperate seas and supports a huge amount of marine life — is being pushed further south.

That means the adults have to travel farther away from their nests to look for food, leaving their offspring hungry for longer.

"They will need to either move somewhere else or they will just disappear," said Emiliano Trucchi, one of the paper's authors and an evolutionary biologist at the University of Ferrara in Italy.

"The largest colonies are on islands that will be too far from the source of food," said Trucchi.

Unlike emperor penguins, the kings cannot nest on ice.

"There are still some islands further south where king penguins may retreat but the competition for breeding sites and food will be harsh, especially with other species like the chinstrap, gentoo or Adelie penguins, even without the fisheries," Celine Le Bohec, a co-author of the study, said.

"It is difficult to predict the outcome, but there will surely be losses on the way — if we are to save anything, proactive and efficient conservation efforts but above all coordinated global action against global warming should start now."

She said the plight of the king penguin should be a warning about the future of the Antarctic's entire marine environment.

"Penguins, like other seabirds and marine mammals, occupy higher trophic levels in the ecosystems: they are what we call bio-indicators of their ecosystems," said Le Bohec, a population ecologist at the University of Strasbourg.

"Thus, penguins, as sensitive indicators of changes in marine ecosystems, are key species for understanding and predicting impacts of global change on the marine biome, and on polar regions for species living in sub-Antarctic and Antarctic areas."

Earlier this month, another study found that industrial-scale fishing and climate change combined is threatening the krill population in Antarctic waters, which will have a potentially disastrous impact on many marine animals, including penguins.

Scientists and environmental activists have been pushing for the creation of a large marine protection area in the Antarctic, originally proposed by Germany and now backed by the European Union.

If successful, the 1.1 million-square-mile fishing-free zone, the world's largest sanctuary areawise, would ban all fishing and protect species, such as penguins, leopard seals and whales.

It goes before the Antarctic decision-making body Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources in October.

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Volunteer Point in the Falkland Islands hosts the largest colony of king penguins outside of Antarctica. A new study suggests king penguins could be extinct by the end of the century.

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