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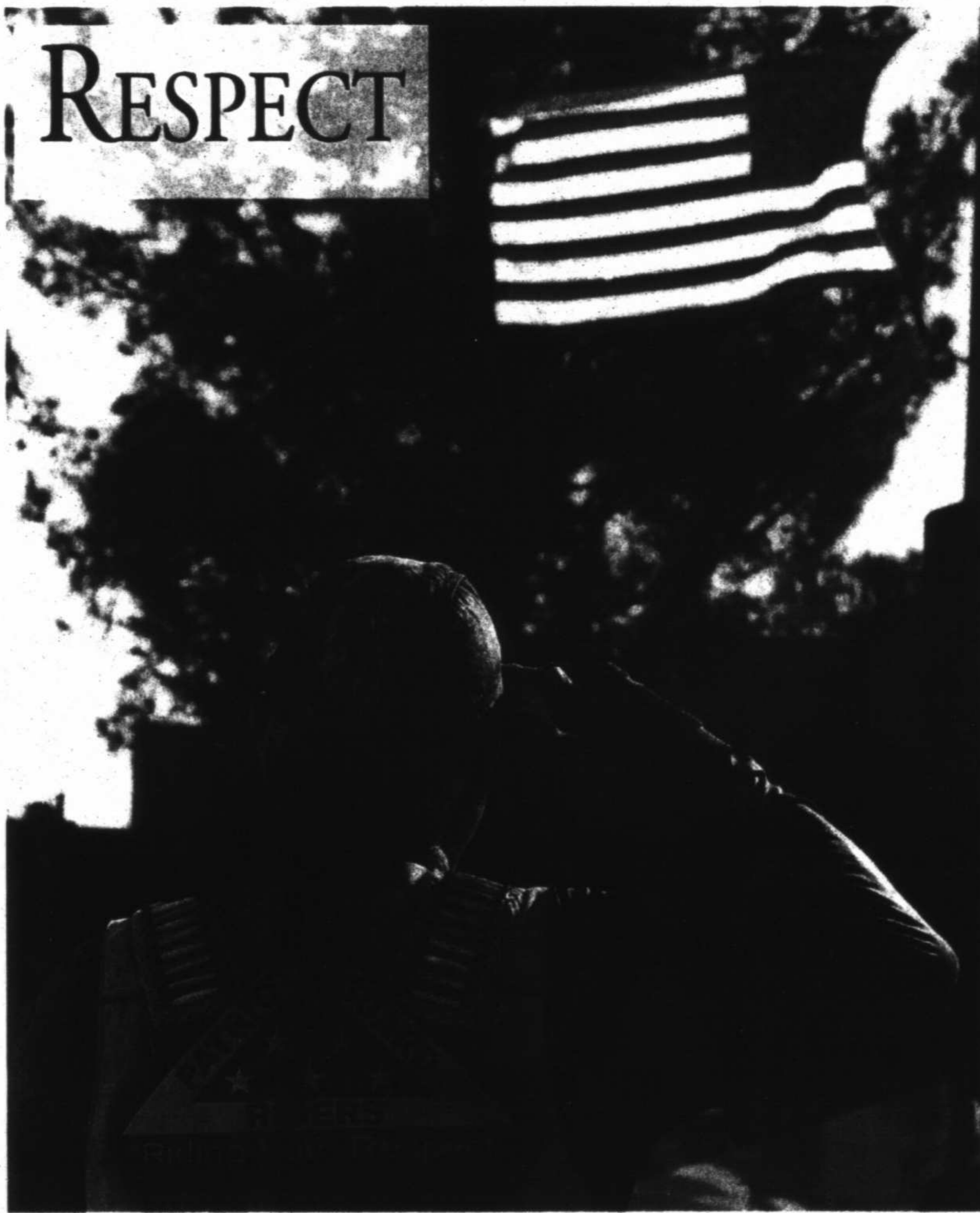
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## WARRIORS ADVANCE

The Golden State Warriors defeated the Houston Rockets for a spot in the NBA Finals, where Cleveland and LeBron await.

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Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Bill McNeill and others salute the flag as the national anthem is sung Monday morning at the Vietnam Memorial near the Midland International Airport for the annual Ride to Remember.



Sandy Dunlap places wreaths during the Memorial Day Services on Monday afternoon at the Veterans Memorial in Resthaven Cemetery.

*"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God such men lived."*

George S. Patton, U.S. Army general

*"America without her soldiers would be like God without his angels."*

Claudia Pemberton, author



Ramon Armas, retired USMC major, salutes riders Monday morning as they leave at the Vietnam Memorial in Midland to ride to Andrews to participate in another Memorial Day ceremony as part of the annual Ride to Remember.

## County leaders to receive final numbers from concert

From staff reports

A presentation to Midland County commissioners is set to address final numbers from a recent concert at the Horseshoe complex. The report during Tuesday's Commissioners' Court meeting comes after the approval of a \$50,000 entertainment deposit in relation to a performance of The Doobie Brothers.

County commissioners in March approved making the deposit, which was 50 percent of the guarantee. The remaining \$50,000 was to come from ticket sales revenue, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

Since the concert, the Reporter-Telegram has repeatedly requested information about the revenues from Midland County and Dooly Management Co., the company it has hired to run the Horseshoe and that was tasked with promoting the event. Revenue amounts weren't shared with the Reporter-Telegram as of Friday afternoon. Horseshoe officials told the Reporter-Telegram on Friday that county leaders preferred to wait until Tuesday's meeting to present figures.

The Doobie Brothers concert was the second use of the county's Horseshoe promotions account, which intends to pay expenses for bringing acts to the facility.

The last time the county turned to the promotions account, \$160,000 was used to bring comedian Jeff Foxworthy to the Horseshoe Pavilion. The county spent more than it received in ticket revenue for the 2015 event.

When the promotions account is used to book entertainment, half of net profits return to the account, according to the Horseshoe promotions account policy. The remaining amount goes into the county's general fund and is later transferred to an account for the Pick-Up Midland County trash collection challenge.

The Horseshoe promotions account was created with an initial balance of \$150,000 that had been transferred from the county's general fund. The money came from sales tax. County Judge Mike Bradford previously told the Reporter-Telegram.

## Santa Fe offers different solutions to shootings

■ The fervent gun control activism that emerged after a similar mass shooting at a school in Parkland, Florida, has largely bypassed Santa Fe.

By Nick Powell and Lindsay Ellis  
*Houston Chronicle*

Cheryl Darling sat behind the counter of Easy Cash Pawn & Jewelry off of Texas 6 about 3 miles south of Santa Fe High School, a rack of rifles and handguns on display for sale to her right.

She reminisced about a time when no one thought twice about showing off Winchester rifles on gun racks in the back window of their pickup trucks.

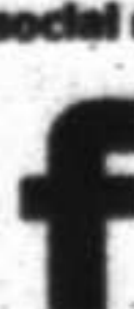
"Everybody had gun racks. Everybody had a rifle," Darling said. "We'd come back from Christmas holidays, and we'd say, 'Oh, look at my new .270 (Winchester rifle).' Nobody ever thought about shooting anybody. We got into fights all the time, but it's just a different mindset today I think, you know? Because we were all armed and nobody thought once about shooting their classmate."

The closest thing to gun control back then was when a teenage Darling and her boyfriend were denied entry to a nearby drive-in theater on Interstate 45 because he had a gun on the rack in his truck.

"I remember him being so furious about it. 'No way, I'm not going to leave my gun

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### The big number

1 man missing after flash flood in Maryland downtown. Page 8A

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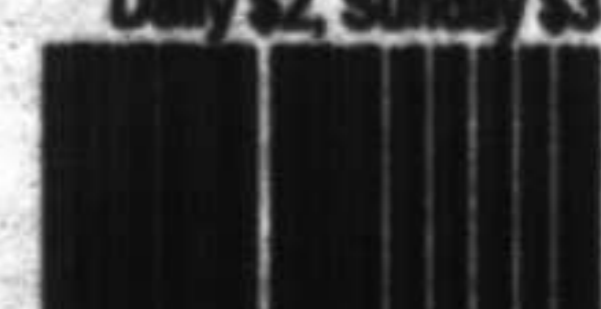
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here," Darling recalled with a chuckle. "At the time it was kind of shocking ... Now it just seems normal. It was just a different time."

In the wake of the May 18 mass shooting at Santa Fe High School, in which 17-year-old Dimitrios Pagourtzis is accused of killing 10 people and injuring 13, American gun culture is once again under the microscope. But the fervent gun control activism that emerged after a similar mass shooting in February at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida has largely bypassed Santa Fe, a community of about 13,000 in Galveston County.

While the surviving Parkland students have become national icons of the gun control movement, pleading publicly with state and federal elected officials to enact an assault weapons ban and other legislation, many in the Santa Fe community are dismissive of gun control efforts in the aftermath of the shooting.

The solutions they offered are in keeping with a community that values its Second Amendment rights and proud tradition of gun ownership.

"Personally, I think taking rights away from people isn't helping the good guy, it's helping the bad guy," said Kyle Smith, a mechanic who joined his wife, Stephanie Guss, and his 7-year old daughter at a local playground recently off of Texas 6 in Santa Fe. "I personally believe if a teacher wants to conceal-carry or (we) put more school cops out there, then I believe that would probably help more than to try and take guns from people."

Though Smith and Guss said they are sympathetic to Parkland students' desire for change, they said shooters like Pagourtzis and Nikolas Cruz in Parkland would have benefited from a stronger focus by their parents on mental health — a sentiment echoed by many Texas politicians.

"If you think something is wrong with your child, he might be bullied or kind of segregated, talk to your child," Guss said. "Ask them what's going on. 'Do you want me to get you help?' 'Do you want to go talk to somebody?'"

'Not about what laws are in

place'

Lauren Severin a junior at Santa Fe High School doesn't have a strong position on gun control. But she doesn't want the death of eight classmates and two teachers to be politicized, as she saw after the Florida shooting.

"My biggest fear is that our school is going to become what happened with the Parkland shooting," she said. "The best thing that we can do is just be there for each other. It really is about humanity, at this point. It's not about what laws are in place or anything like that."

Some in Santa Fe turned to activism in the wake of the shooting, however, with social media posts about gun control. The 16-year-old said the posts have unnecessarily divided a reeling community where students recognize each other in the hallways. She wants the conversation to focus on mental health.

"Gun laws or no gun laws," she said, "those thoughts aren't going to be taken out of people's minds, the people who do that."

Other differences set the Parkland and Santa Fe incidents apart as well. Galveston County is a heavily Republican area in deep red Texas, while Broward County in Florida is not. And the type of weapon that authorities say was used — not an AR-15 rifle as in Florida but the more common shotgun and pistol — mean policy solutions can be more divisive.

"A large number of Santa Fe area residents look at the tragedy, and they don't immediately associate it with insufficient gun control," said Mark Jones, Rice University political scientist. "And what kind of gun control would have stopped it? ... Realistically in the U.S., we're not going to ban shotguns and pistols, let alone in the Lone Star State."

Jay Kumar Aiyer, a Texas Southern University political science professor, said the level of activism from Santa Fe students has been markedly quieter than from Parkland.

"We just can't — we cannot — minimize the impact of the activism from the Parkland students themselves," he said. "You just don't have that here."

**TAKING GUNS FROM CITIZENS**

Greg Bell, who owns the R&G Guns in Alvin about nine miles northwest of Santa Fe, said that beefing up gun laws in Texas will only punish law-abiding citizens.

The sign on the wall of his store, "Gun control is not about guns, it's about control," makes clear his views on the Second Amendment, which guarantees the right of Americans to keep and bear arms.

"There's only one reason to take guns away from citizens — that's to rule them," Bell said. "It's about the government having power."

Bell said that he believes metal detectors and reinforced fencing around public schools would be more than enough to deter a future mass shooting incident.

"I understand [the students'] fear. But laws aren't going to change a criminal's behavior," he said.

Others believe the root cause of mass shooting incidents is more philosophical than practical. Ernest Roberts owns a T-shirt print shop called "Patriot T's," right on the border of Santa Fe and La Marque. His shop, off FM 1764, is hard to miss, with big American, Texas, Confederate and Thin Blue Line flags planted at the entrance of the shop's driveway.

Roberts, a former Army sergeant, believes that "millennials" suffer from lack of a moral compass.

"Honestly, from my point of view, we're turning Godless," Roberts said. "They do what feels good instead of what's right."

Roberts said that public education is partly to blame for teaching a largely secular curriculum and that more private or home schooling would be a welcome remedy. He also believes that public schools should have metal detectors and more armed guards.

"A public school system should have at least the same type of entry points that our airports do, that our banks do," he said. "Our natural resource, and the only one we have, is our children."

**UNITED IN GRIEF**

Some children in Santa Fe are determined to not sit back and watch another American city share in Santa Fe's and Parkland's tragic experiences.

Brianna Huston is a sophomore at Santa Fe High School. Her fam-

ily's home is less than half a mile away from the school, and her best friend, Sarah Salazar, was among those injured during the shooting.

Huston's family owns guns, and she has been out hunting before and enjoyed it. Huston also doesn't understand why any American would want to own a gun used primarily by the military, nor can she comprehend why background checks for gun purchases aren't more stringent.

Huston said she and some of her classmates were involved in a local March for Our Lives event after the shooting in Parkland and are committed to making their voices heard in the aftermath of the shooting in Santa Fe.

"Change needs to happen now because it's going to take years down the road," Huston said. "I may be dead by the time action is taken, but I'd rather take action now just to save generations down the road from the same thing happening."

Four other Santa Fe students joined Friday with students from March for Our Lives Houston — which was formed in response to the Parkland shooting — to push for a bipartisan response for mental health services, better campus security and gun safety laws. The students stressed they were not trying to take away anyone's guns.

"Inaction is not an option," student Megan McGuire, a 17-year-old junior at Santa Fe High School, said Friday. "We must do something, and we must get it right. School safety is a complex issue."

But plenty of Santa Fe residents are satisfied with the status quo. Darling, the pawn broker from Santa Fe, says that "tools and guns are our big business" and insists that the background check procedure for purchasing guns at her shop are more than strong enough and done in compliance with federal regulations.

Yet Darling is still stunned that her hometown, with its proud tradition of responsible gun ownership, has joined the communities united by the grief of a mass shooting.

"We're just so familiar with guns, I can't even imagine it happening here, I guess. I'm really not sure why," Darling said. "Now, we're part of that group, which is unfortunate."

## Obituaries

### Gordon Ray Jeter

Gordon Jeter, 57, of Coleman, died Friday, May 25, 2018.

A memorial service will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, 400 West Pecan Street, Coleman.

Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Services are under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Memories and remembrances of Gordon may be left on our website, [www.livingmemorials.com](http://www.livingmemorials.com).

## Alberto strikes Gulf Coast with dangerous surf, heavy rains

By Jennifer Kay  
Associated Press

Subtropical Storm Alberto lumbered ashore Monday on the U.S. Gulf Coast, pelting white sand beaches with blustery winds and stinging rain that kept the usual Memorial Day crowds away.

Forecasters warned heavy rain, flash flooding and dangerous surf posed the biggest threats as Alberto's ragged core made landfall near Laguna Beach in the Florida Panhandle. A few brief tornadoes also were possible in much of Florida and parts of Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said at 6 p.m. Monday that Alberto was centered about 15 miles west-northwest of Panama City, Florida. With maximum sustained winds of 45 mph, Alberto was moving north at 9 mph.

Rough conditions were whipping up big waves off the eastern and northern Gulf Coast, and authorities warned swimmers to stay out of the surf because of life-threatening swells and rip currents.

Between four and eight inches of rain could pummel Florida Panhandle, eastern and central Alabama, and western Georgia before the storm moves on. Isolated deluges of 12 inches also were possible as the storm heads inland, threatening heavy rains around the Southeast in the coming hours and days.

As Alberto's center heads inland — deprived of the warm waters that fuel tropical weather systems — the storm was expected to steadily weaken. A subtropical storm like Alberto has a less defined and cooler center than a tropical storm, and its strongest winds are found farther from its center. A tropical storm warning is in effect for a stretch of coastline between Aucilla River in Florida's Big Bend and the Alabama-Florida border.

Lifeguards posted red flags along the white sands of Pensacola Beach, where swimming and wading were banned.

Meanwhile, the storm forced some Memorial Day tributes to be cancelled across Florida's Panhandle. Safety was the priority, but the decision was still a "heartbreaker," said Tom Rice, a 29-year-old Army veteran who leads the organizations that planned a ceremony Monday at Beal Memorial Cemetery in Fort Walton Beach.

Some stragglers still made their way through the rain to pay tribute at the cemetery's Veterans Tribute Tower, however. Rice said American flags had been placed Saturday on the graves of all 1,700 veterans buried in the cemetery.

"We got the flags out," Rice told the Northwest Florida Daily News as wind whipped a massive U.S. flag flying at half-staff. "That's what's important."

Along the Florida Panhandle coast known for its pristine beaches, tourists vowed Alberto wouldn't dampen their vacations.

Jason Powell said he was seeking to keep his children entertained until Alberto blows past his Panhandle vacation spot.

"So far we've seen a lot of wind and the ocean is really high, covering up the entire beach," Powell said. "We're not letting it ruin our vacation ... we're going to watch some movies inside and a little TV, and hopefully maybe even get into the pool" despite the rain.

## REGION&STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

### MAINE Former President George HW Bush hospitalized, misses parade

KENNEBUNKPORT

The hospitalization of former President George H.W. Bush caused him to miss out on the local Memorial Day parade that he traditionally attends.

The 93-year-old was taken to a hospital Sunday after he experienced low blood pressure and fatigue. A spokesman said he'd likely be in the hospital for a couple of days for observation. There was no immediate update on his condition on Monday.

Residents attending Monday's Memorial Day parade in Kennebunkport, down the road from Bush's summer home, expressed concern for the nation's 41st president. The event's grand marshal, Tom Willey, mentioned the president in his remarks, wishing him a speedy recovery.

"He's such a figure at our parades. He was definitely missed," said Shawn Hayes, vice commander of American Legion Post 159.

Bush arrived for the summer in Maine on May 20 without his wife of 73 years, Barbara Bush, who died in April in Houston. The day before his hospitalization, Bush attended a pancake breakfast at the local American Legion hall. His former national security adviser, retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, joined them. Bush was a Navy pilot in World War II and survived being shot down over the Pacific Ocean. His two crew members perished.

### NEW MEXICO Albuquerque City Council opposes waste storage project

ALBUQUERQUE — The Albuquerque City Council is opposing the transportation of radioactive waste by railway through the city for temporary storage in southeastern New Mexico.

The Albuquerque Journal reports that city councilors

voted 4-3 to voice their opposition to storing spent fuel in a facility in Lea County, halfway between Carlsbad and Hobbs.

The vote was a reaction to a company's application for a license to store up to 100,000 tons of spent nuclear reactor fuel in a temporary in-ground storage facility.

Holtec International has applied for a 40-year license with Nuclear Regulatory Commission to store thousands of metric tons of nuclear waste at the site.

### NEW MEXICO Food-seeking bear bites man in Gila National Forest

SILVER CITY — Authorities say a man camping in the Gila National Forest in New Mexico was bitten by bear that was drawn to the area by food that was kept in his tent.

The bear ripped open the tent early Sunday morning in the southern portion of the forest.

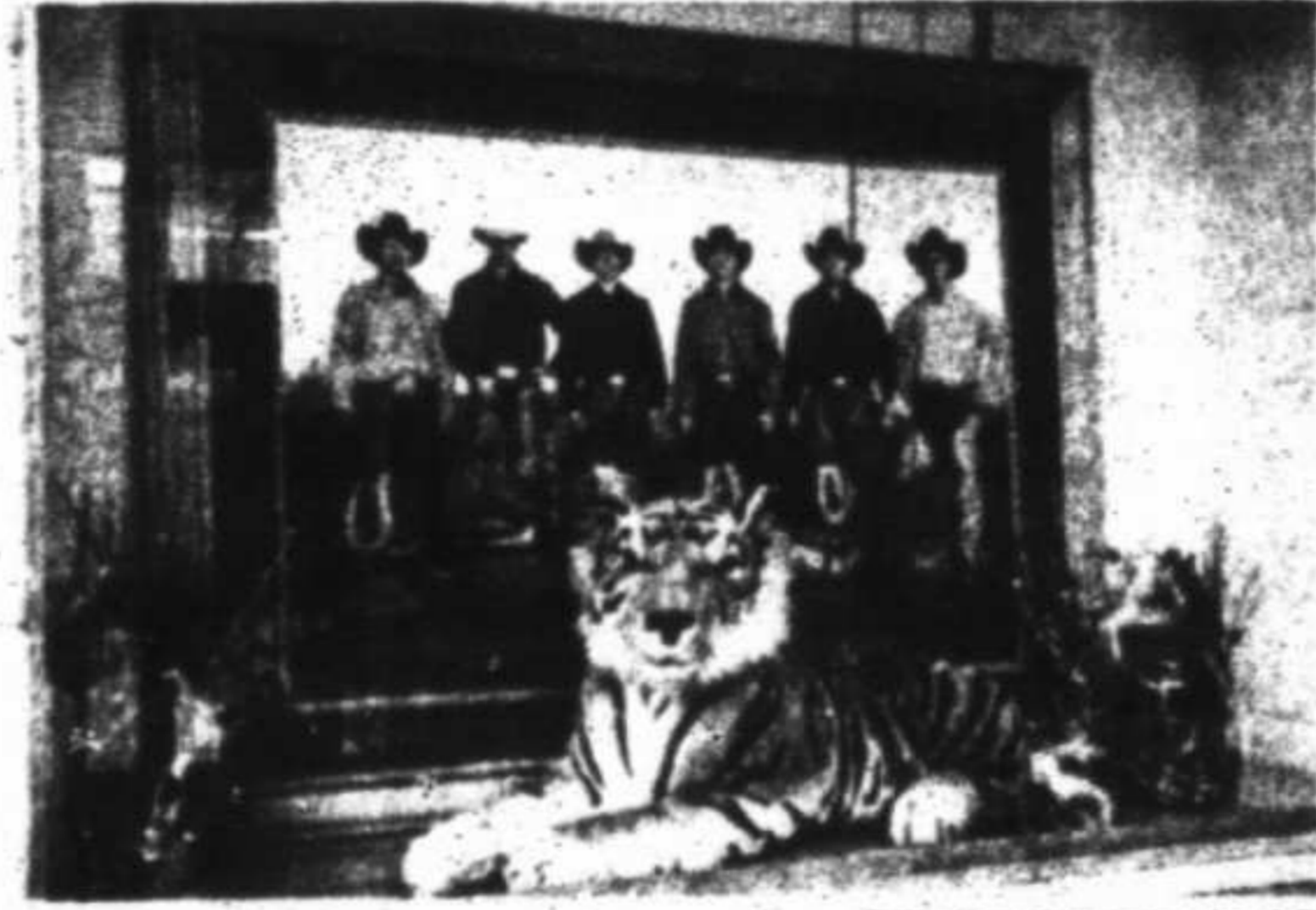
The man was able to get to a vehicle and drive himself to an emergency room. The extent of his injuries is unknown.

Officials say the bear hasn't yet been trapped. Authorities have asked all campers in the area to leave. Barriers have been put up on forest roads to prevent campers from driving into the area.

### UTAH 'Last Cowboys' book chronicles legendary Utah rodeo family

ST. GEORGE — A Utah family that has produced several generations of rodeo champions is chronicled in a new book called "The Last Cowboys." The Wrights family book written by New York Times Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter John Branch was released May 15. Branch spent more than three years with the Wrights to put it together. The Spectrum reported.

"They're like the Mannings of rodeo," Branch said. "As long as the Mannings had five or six more



In this Dec. 8, 2016, photo, a photo of the Wright family sits inside a trophy case at Millard High School. A southern Utah family that has produced several generations of rodeo champions is chronicled in a new book called "The Last Cowboys."

quarterbacks in the NFL. The Mannings wish they were the Wrights of the NFL, probably."

The Wrights, from the southern Utah town of Millford, have produced generation after generation of rodeo champions. But the book isn't just about winning saddle bronc titles. It's about a family's challenge adapting to a changing American West as the world grows smaller.

It's about a parcel of land on Smith Mesa and whether the Wrights can, or even should, remain there. It's about the Old West becoming new.

"I wanted to be able to highlight the broader picture," Branch said. "The drought, the federal land use, the organization of the West. Cities and small towns are dying, but some are booming, and that brings its own kind of problems."

Branch said he rarely begins to write a story without knowing the end, but he knew "The Last Cowboys" would be an exception.

"Life kind of unspools, and this family has been unspooling for 150 years around here and continues to unspool, to use that metaphor," Branch said. "I think it's OK that the book sort of leaves you a little bit with an 'I wonder what happens next.'"

### OKLAHOMA CITY Guardsmen who intervened in shooting says he's 'average guy'

One of two armed bystanders credited with

the car. The gunman turned around and looked at him.

"I see the gun again in his hand. And then I, you know, finished trying to stop the threat. Until he fell on the ground," Whittle said.

He wasn't aware that another armed civilian had come to help until he heard that man say, "Clear him. I got you. Clear him."

The other armed bystander, Juan Carlos Nazario, is a trained security guard. He hasn't talked at length with the media about the confrontation, but he told local television station KWTV that he "just did what I was trained to do to neutralize the situation."

Whittle, who said he had been deployed eight times in his 18 years of military service, agreed to publicly detail the shooting at the urging of his great-uncle, state Rep. Bobby Cleveland.

"Bryan is a very rare individual," Cleveland said. "He just feels ... he just happened to be there in the right time at the right place."

Police said the gunman wounded three people at the restaurant: a 39-year-old woman who was grazed by bullets; her 12-year-old daughter, who was shot in the stomach and remains hospitalized; and a 14-year-old family friend who was shot in her arm or wrist. The trio was shot as they entered the restaurant for a birthday dinner and didn't know the gunman, according to relatives.

Police have said shooting appeared to be random and confirmed they were looking into the mental health of the suspected gunman, 28-year-old Alexander Tilghman.

On a Facebook page that police said belonged to Tilghman, the man posts a video in which he claims his television is possessed by the devil. The Facebook page uses the same profile photo as a YouTube channel where a man that appears to be Tilghman also describes himself as possessing his TV and being surrounded by computers. He calmly begs for help from "a real human" in one video, saying he's suicidal, lonely and "really losing it."

Whittle said he heard gunshots. He dove. He said he jumped back up and ran around to the other side of

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Redoubt

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noun

1 a : a small usually temporary enclosed defensive work

b : a defended position : protective barrier

2 : a secure retreat : stronghold



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Things to do

- Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon, the Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.
Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.
Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 5 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.
West Texas Line Dancing Classes, 7 p.m., Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. meetup.com/crossingthelinewestexas.
Premier Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m., Crown Royal Club, 1110 E. Scharbauer Drive. \$6. For more information, call 638-3707 or 250-8215.
Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St.
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

- Commissioners' Court 9 a.m. Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom, 500 N. Lorraine Ave.
Travis Elementary meeting Midland ISD is holding a community meeting to discuss opportunities and ideas to improve the quality of education at Travis Elementary. The meeting is set for 9-7 p.m. today at the Travis Elementary cafeteria. The district is seeking feedback and collecting information from Travis Elementary parents and community members. Source: Midland ISD

MISD Special Services fair

Midland ISD Special Services is hosting its "Footsteps to Transition" Fair - an event designed to assist junior high and high school students with special needs and their families in making a successful transition to adult life and independence. The fair is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Lee High School Cafeteria, 3500 Neely Ave. To attend, RSVP to Laura Arthur at 240-1434.

TODAYINMIDLAND Graduation season



Trinity valedictorian Jordan Sanz addressed his classmates, teachers and parents Friday at the 28th commencement ceremony at Trinity School. More graduation coverage, including Early College High School, Lee High School and Midland High School, will appear in a future edition.

Project Graduation Midland Project Graduation is set for 10 p.m. Saturday to 3 a.m. Sunday at the Horseshoe complex. The event is free for graduating seniors of Midland High, Lee High, Trinity, Midland Christian, Midland Classical Academy, Coleman, Richard Milburn, Early College High School, Hillcrest and the local home school association. The primary objective of Midland Project Graduation is to reduce the number of young people involved in drug and/or alcohol related accidents on graduation night in the Midland community. It is an all-night party held on graduation in a drug/alcohol-free environment. All prizes are awarded only to those seniors who are present at the end of the party. Source: Midland ISD

Today in history Today is Tuesday, May 29, the 149th day of 2018. There are 216 days left in the year. Today's highlight: On May 28, 1953, Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit. On this date: In 1932, World War I veterans began arriving in Washington to demand cash bonuses they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945. In 1961, a couple in Paynesville, West Virginia, became the first recipients of food stamps under a pilot program created by President John F. Kennedy. In 1986, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev opened their historic summit in Moscow. By The Associated Press

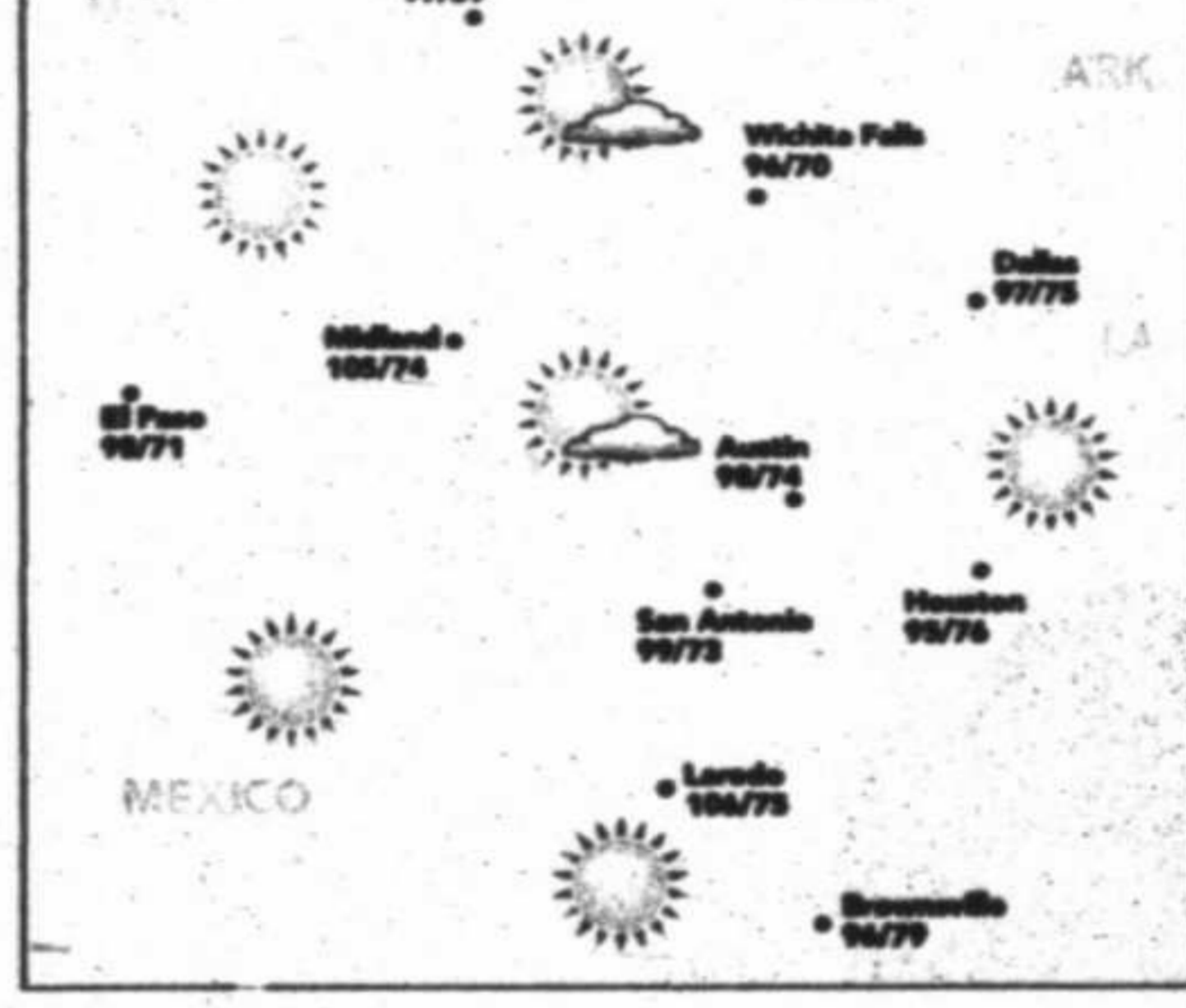
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Pick 3 night: 4-2-5
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Daily 4 evening: 6-1-2-7
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Two Step: 7-8-9-15
Triple Chance: 01-12-17-30-31-36-42-43-44-45
All or Nothing morning: 03-05-06-09-11-13-14-15-16-20-21-22
All or Nothing day: 01-02-06-07-09-10-12-15-16-19-20-21
All or Nothing evening: 01-02-03-05-09-14-16-17-18-20-21-23
All or Nothing night: 01-07-08-09-11-13-17-18-20-22-23-24

Weather

- Monday's temperatures High: 101 Low: 75 Normal high: 91 Normal low: 63
May 29's records High: 107, set in 2011 Low: 47, set in 1947
Precipitation Sunday: 0.00 inches Monday: 0.00 inches Month total: 0.68 of an inch Year total: 0.84 of an inch Normal total (year to date): 4.03 inches
Winds Average wind speed: 19.5 mph Highest sustained wind speed: 24 mph Highest gust speed: 35 mph

Forecast for Tuesday, May 29, 2018



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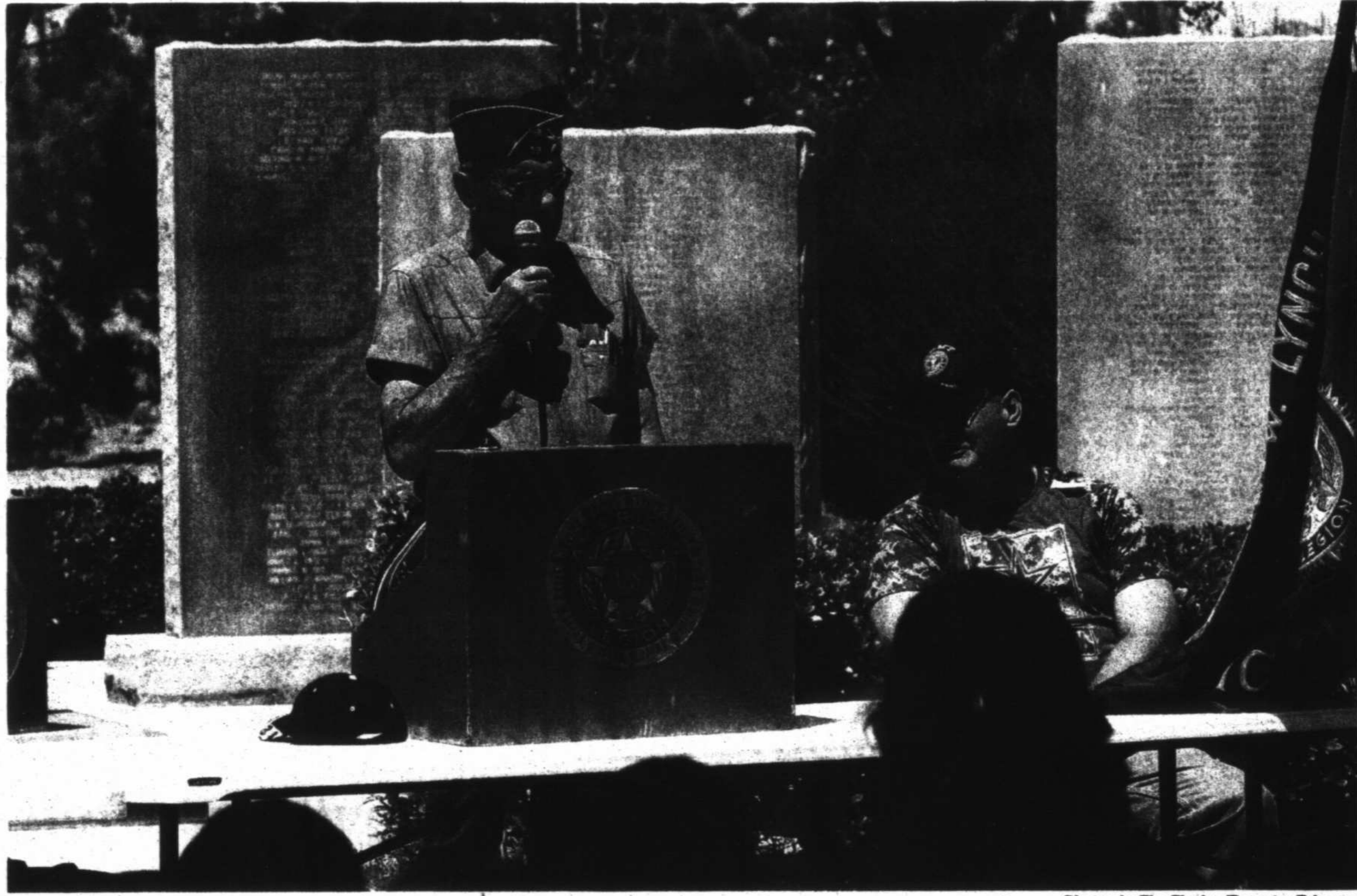
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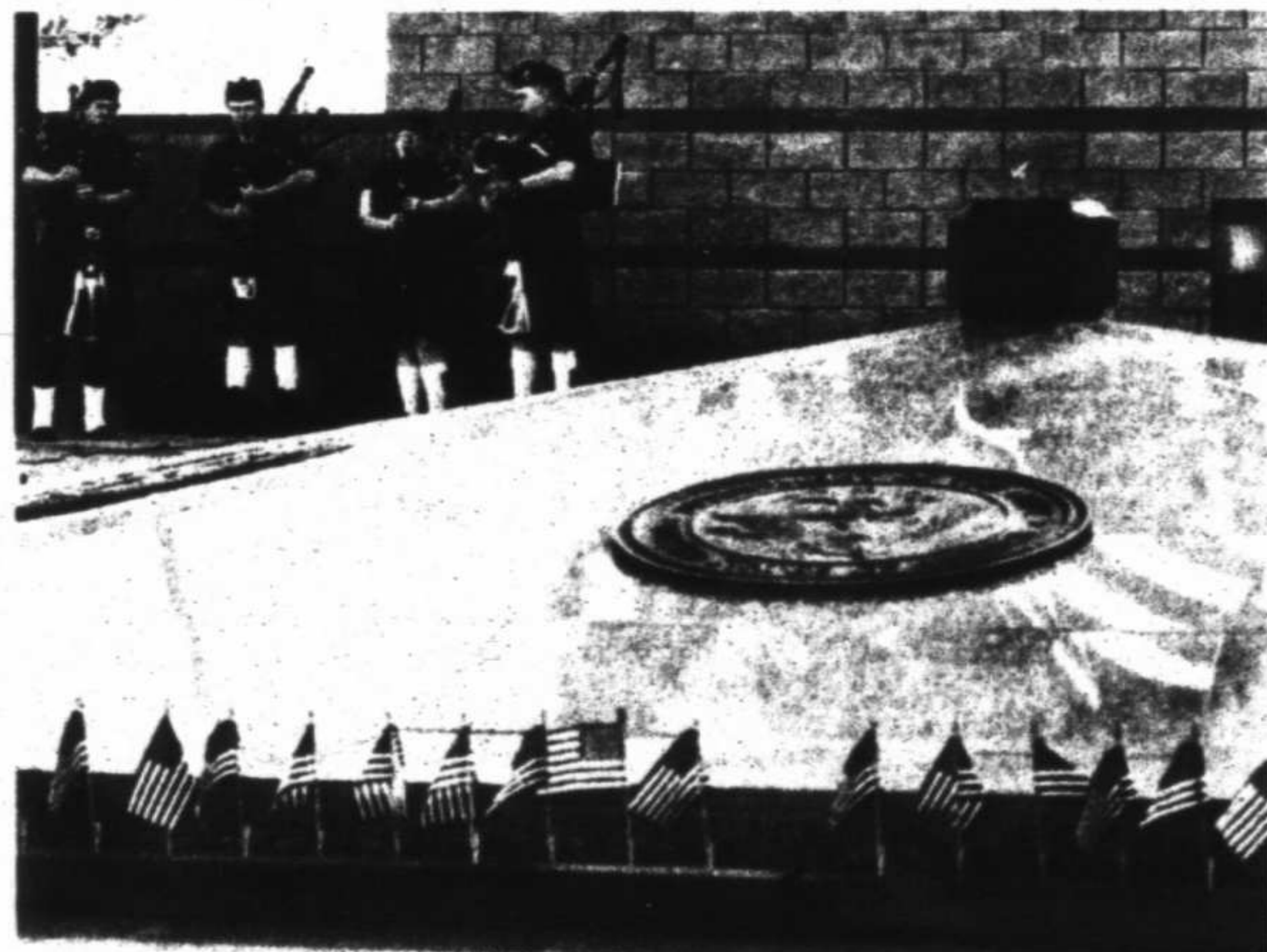
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Jim Gregory, commander of Woods W. Lynch Post 19, talks about the history of Memorial Day on Monday afternoon at the Veterans Memorial in Resthaven Cemetery.

# MIDLAND'S MEMORIALS



Members of Thorn and Thistle play the bagpipes Monday morning at the Vietnam Memorial near the Midland Air & Space Port for the annual Ride to Remember on Memorial Day.



Members of the Midland High School JROTC present the colors during the Memorial Day Services on Monday afternoon at the Veterans Memorial in Resthaven Cemetery.



Hundreds of riders leave Monday morning at the Vietnam Memorial in Midland to ride to Andrews to participate in another Memorial Day ceremony as part of the annual Ride to Remember.



Mike Tarpley plays Taps on Monday morning at the Vietnam Memorial to end the ceremony of the annual Ride to Remember.



LeAnne Thornton speaks Monday morning at the Vietnam Memorial about the meaning of Memorial Day during the annual Ride to Remember.



Photos by Tom Brenner/The N.Y. Times

President Donald Trump takes part in a Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony Monday at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

## On 'sacred soil,' Trump lauds those who've fallen in service

By Catherine Lucey  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — President Donald Trump paid a Memorial Day tribute at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday, saying he came to "sacred soil" to "honor the lives and deeds of America's greatest heroes."

The commander in chief, speaking before an audience of Cabinet members, military leaders, veterans and families assembled in the marble amphitheater near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, said, "We mourn alongside their families and we strive to be worthy of their sacrifice."

Trump's somber tone contrasted with a self-promotional tweet earlier Monday in which he said fallen soldiers would be "very proud and happy at how well our country is doing today," citing the economy and low unemployment.

During his second Memorial Day trip to Arlington as president, Trump laid a wreath at the tomb before making his remarks. He recognized military figures, including Bob Dole, the former senator and 1996 Republican presidential nominee, who served

in World War II. And he spoke warmly about a number of military families in attendance, including a young boy named Christian Jacobs, whose father is buried at Arlington.

Trump said the boy showed him his father's grave last year, calling it "a moment I will always remember." Before heading to the hallowed grounds across the Potomac River from the nation's capital, Trump tweeted that "those who died for our great country would be very happy and proud at how well our country is doing today."

But the president then veered from the somber to the self-congratulatory in the tweet, citing what he said was the "Best economy in decades, lowest unemployment numbers for Blacks and Hispanics EVER (& women in 18 years), rebuilding our Military and so much more. Nice!" The president also posted quotes in line with his criticism of the Justice Department and investigations into ties between his winning campaign and Russia.

He was criticized for his tone by a number of people, including a former chairman of the Joint

Chiefs of Staff during the Obama administration, retired Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, who wrote, "This day, of all days of the year, should not be about any one of us."

Memorial Day messages from first lady Melania Trump and Ivanka Trump, the president's daughter, struck to a theme of remembrance and thanks. "As we remember our fallen servicemen and women, our hearts are filled with gratitude for their sacrifice and awe of their courage," Ivanka Trump tweeted.

And Melania Trump thanked service members and their families for helping safeguard the country. "We honor the many Americans who laid down their lives for our great country. As one nation under God, we come together to remember that freedom isn't free," she tweeted.

At Arlington, Trump said the heroes who died for America "rest in these hallowed fields, in cemeteries, battlefields and burial grounds near and far, and are drawn from the full tapestry of American life."

He also honored the families "they left behind and for whom every day is Memorial Day." Those who fought and died for America, he said, "shared a commitment to something greater than themselves and they were people who understand what we have in this country is worth fighting for."

Those who attended the Memorial Day tribute included Trump's chief of staff, John Kelly, whose son, Marine 2nd Lt. Robert M. Kelly, was killed in November 2010 after he stepped on a land mine while on patrol in southern Afghanistan. He is buried at Arlington.



A member of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard," stands at attention as President Donald Trump departs after a Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony Monday at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.



President Donald Trump is shown during a Memorial Day ceremony Monday at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

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## Prenups under attack as tax law boosts cost of alimony payments as laws change

By Ben Steverman  
Bloomberg

President Donald Trump's tax overhaul could wreak havoc on prenuptial agreements across the country — and maybe even his own.

Prenups often contain provisions about how much a partner would pay in alimony, also known as spousal support. The agreements can be thrown out if judges deem them unfair, signed too quickly or under duress. Now the tax revamp offers another avenue for challenges because courts will likely have to consider how the law has changed since the contracts were created. Starting in 2019, taxpayers will be no longer be able to deduct their alimony payments.

For divorcees in the top tax bracket, the change could mean they effectively pay double in post-tax costs compared to what they had previously agreed to in their prenups.

"We made a deal, and now Congress messed it up," said Linda Ravdin, a partner at law firm Pasternak & Fidis, who's written reference books about premarital agreements.

Divorce lawyers are in an awkward position and weighing whether to alert happily married clients with decades-old prenups of the change. Ravdin said she was concerned that an unexpected letter or call from a divorce attorney could be unwelcome. Instead, she put the information in an emailed client newsletter.

The obvious fix for married couples is to amend their agreements, but that's almost always a bad idea, said Christopher Melcher of Walzer Melcher who specializes in the divorces of ultra-wealthy Californians.

"It's doubtful that anyone would want to mess with that thing" if they're happily married, Melcher said. "It would open up a huge can of worms."

While Trump told New York Mag-

azine in 2006 that his prenup with Melania Trump made his marriage stronger despite being a "hard, painful, ugly tool," he didn't disclose any details of the agreement. A White House spokeswoman didn't respond to a request for comment.

There aren't hard numbers, but it's fair to say that prenups have become more popular in recent years as younger Americans delay marriage, and the divorce rate has skyrocketed for people over 50 who often use prenups if they remarry. More than 60 percent of divorce attorneys said they had seen a rise in the number of clients seeking prenups in the previous three years, while just 1 percent reported a drop, according to a 2016 survey by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Some prenups may specify that in the event of divorce, one spouse is owed, say, \$10,000 a month for half the length of time the couple was married. Other agreements set alimony based on a formula, such as a percentage of the payer's income. Child support is often calculated in tandem with alimony. If agreements aren't amended to factor in the tax changes, it will be up to divorce attorneys to settle — or judges to decide — whether the amounts or formulas still stand for couples who divorce starting next year.

Even if both parties agree to an adjustment in alimony, they'll need to agree on exactly how much to cut the payers' obligations. Divorcing couples could end up hiring rival accountants as expert witnesses to sway judges.

"No one knows the outcome of that kind of dispute," Ravdin said. "When you go to court, it's like rolling the dice."

For those in the top income-tax bracket — the likeliest to have a prenup — being able to deduct the payout from taxable income had been a big saving because every dollar in

alimony reduces the payer's taxable income by the same amount. Top earners in high-tax areas like California and New York City can face marginal tax rates close to 50 percent. Without the deduction, a spouse who agreed to write a \$10,000 check each month could be on the hook for what is effectively almost \$20,000 in pre-tax income.

"Folks already don't like paying alimony, so doubling the effective cost would be painful," said Chris Chen, a financial planner who specializes in divorce-related matters at Insight Financial Strategists.

Republican lawmakers said they eliminated the alimony deduction to end what they called a "divorce subsidy" under the old law. The change, which raises an estimated \$6.9 billion over the next decade, doesn't affect divorces and separation agreements finalized before the end of 2018. Starting next year, the newly divorced won't be able to deduct alimony payments, but recipients will get the money tax-free (previously, the payments had to be reported as part of their taxable income).

Ultimately, the change could hurt alimony recipients. Payers could plead with judges to revise their obligations given the new law — a valid legal argument given that many prenups specifically mention that the payments are intended to be deductible. Those potentially reduced payments are likely to overpower the benefit recipients get from being able to receive the payments tax-free because they tend to be in lower tax brackets than the payers.

Divorce attorneys have already been warning that killing the alimony deduction could make splitting up more acrimonious.

Alimony deductibility "eases the pain of making the support payment," Melcher said. "When that goes away, it makes it harder. There is less money to spread around."

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# OPINION

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## Hateful incidents leave Latinos feeling unwelcome

■ We might even conclude that — even with all the “Help Wanted” signs — you don’t want us around

For Latinos trying to survive the Age of Trump with their dignity intact, the hate just keeps on coming.

Americans can’t make up their minds whether they want to appropriate Latino culture or stamp it out altogether. One minute, everyone in the country is going loco for Latinos; the next, they’ve just gone plum loco.

It’s time to take inventory. I don’t want to keep you here you all week, so let’s only focus on 10 incidents from the last several months.

■ Columnist Ann Coulter told radio host Lars Larson that putting the National Guard on the U.S.-Mexico border won’t be enough to stop immigrants from crossing it unless “they’re going to shoot one and send a message to the rest.” Message received: Coulter is a ghoul.

■ Bragging about his deportation record, President Trump told a delegation of California officials: “We’re taking people out of the country. You wouldn’t believe how bad these people are. These aren’t people. These are animals.” The next day, Trump claimed he was referring only to MS-13 gang members.

■ White House chief of staff John Kelly

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said that undocumented immigrants from Latin America do not assimilate very well because they are often poorly educated and “overwhelmingly rural people” who “don’t have skills.” Of course, much the same thing was said about Kelly’s Irish ancestors.

■ Fox News contributor Tomi Lahren came to Kelly’s defense and insisted that welcoming immigrants with “low skills” and “low education” who speak foreign languages is “not what this country is based on.” Quite right. It’s more accurate to say that low-skilled immigration is what this country was built on.

■ In Havre, Montana, at a gas station near the U.S.-Canada border, two women were singled out and questioned by a Border Patrol officer who suspected they were undocumented immigrants. The probable cause? The women were speaking Spanish. Both are U.S. citizens. So linguistic profiling is a thing now?

■ At a Starbucks in Southern California, a young man ordered a white mocha and an iced caramel macchiato. The word “Beaner,” a racial slur for Latinos, was on the labels attached to his drinks. Starbucks apologized and said it is investigating the incident. The company has a Venti-sized image problem.

■ An angry white lawyer named Aaron Schlossberg was caught on video berating two women for the sin of speaking Spanish at a New York deli. He threatened to call Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He later apologized and claimed that he is not racist. Sure. He just plays one in videos.

■ An Albertsons grocery store in San Diego ran afoul of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission after allegedly subjecting Latino employees to “a hostile work environment.” What caused the hostility? The employees were speaking Spanish. The company said in a statement that it has no set language policy. Remember when being bilingual was an asset?

■ Fox News host Tucker Carlson invited Cesar Vargas — an undocumented immigrant and lawyer — onto his show and bullied him. Carlson told Vargas — who wants to become a U.S. citizen — “I’m an American and you’re not. I don’t think you should become a citizen.”

Could we take a vote on whether ugly Americans should be able to keep their U.S. citizenship?

■ In Georgia, Republican gubernatorial candidates targeted Mexican immigrants. State Sen. Michael Williams campaigned in a “deportation bus” adorned with a message: “Danger! Murderers, rapists, kidnapers, child molesters, and other criminals on board.” Another candidate, Secretary of State Brian Kemp, has bragged he owns “a big truck just in case I need to round up criminal illegals and take ‘em home myself.” Georgia is famous for its peaches, but these jokers seem like lemons.

What in the world is going on? If this keeps up, Latinos in the United States are going to get our feelings hurt. We might even conclude that — even with all the “Help Wanted” signs — you don’t want us around. Someone may have to leave.

But hey, we were here first. Look it up. English settlers in Virginia founded Jamestown in 1607, but the Spanish had established Santa Fe de Nuevo Mexico nine years earlier. The Spanish could’ve sent them a gift basket to welcome them to the neighborhood.

We’re not leaving. No way, Jose. The people who should skedaddle are the ones with the problem. You have the problem. So what else can we say — except *adios*.

### OPINION EXTRA

## Benson’s return to Midland was overdue

I was happy to see Cedric Benson return to Midland, working with local youth and reconnecting with a community that he put on the state championship map.

Cedric Benson, for those new to Midland, was the driving force who led the Lee High School football team to not only its first state championship in the school’s history but three-straight 5A crowns. His high school resume isn’t just great for Midland or West Texas; it was arguably the greatest of any high school running back in our state’s history. That’s not hyperbole. His resume includes:

- 8,432 yards,
- 127 touchdowns,
- 15 touchdowns in state title games and
- three state championships.

Benson went to the University of Texas, where his 5,540 yards for the Longhorns remains the 10th most of any Division I-equivalent player. In eight years in the NFL, Benson rushed for 6,017 yards and 32 touchdowns and gained more than 1,000 yards in three straight years with the Cincinnati Bengals (2009-11).

Yes, by every account, he was successful on the field. Off the field, Benson has had his issues. They are well-documented. I have hoped Benson would be the person off the field who was comparable to the player we once watched on the field. I expect I’m not the only one. Who knows if that will ever be the case, but from what I read, the smiling Lee High School graduate seemed at peace, and that works for me.

Something I appreciate about the football camp Benson conducted was it brought him back to Midland. I would say he returned home, but that isn’t the case. But I expect there are long-time fans who will take what they can get after nearly two decades. It is important that Benson reconnects with this community — just like it is important this community reaches out as often as needed to the former Midlander.

The story of Midland and its most legendary achievements include the former No. 32, and when you are talking about the city’s football history, the story starts with his name. With all due respect to Wahoo McDaniel, Spike Dykes, John Parchman, a legion of great offensive linemen, and former Bulldogs and Rebels who played in the NFL — even in the Super Bowl — Benson will always be the standard that others are measured by on the field. Whether the votes show it or not, he is a first-ballot member of the school district’s athletic hall of fame.

Saturday was a nice first step in getting a relationship back to where it needs to be. When asked what prompted him to return, Benson said, “(It was) just realizing that things hadn’t been the same since I left. I took it a little personal, and I just wanted to come back and see if I could support and turn that around. A lot of me is here, I grew up here and we want to see the town be successful.”

Benson was once the incomparable high school running back who raised the profile of Lee High School and the Midland community across the state. We later knew him as a man whose poor decisions were out there for all to see. He is a person — who until this past weekend — kept his distance from this community. That stiff-arm came down, and there are about 100 kids who are better for it.

Cedric, it was good to see you this weekend. We hope the man we saw come back soon. Don’t be a stranger.

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## MS-13 members are a real threat

■ Along with sexual trafficking and other malign hobbies, it has in fact murdered at least 207 people since 2012, probably many more

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President Donald Trump recently referred to MS-13 members as “animals,” but animals do not beat people to death with baseball bats. They do not cut off their heads with machetes. They do not rip out hearts. They do not torture a 15-year-old girl by slicing off her tattoo before stabbing her to death. So maybe Trump was wrong to refer to these people as animals. Let’s just call them inhuman humans.

The president has also tweeted that this nationwide immigrant gang with ties to El Salvador is a major issue. Along with sexual trafficking and other malign hobbies, it has in fact murdered at least 207 people since 2012, probably many more. Some act as if that’s a no big deal, maybe because they come from a better off, better protected socio-economic group than the victims who are mostly poor, often struggling immigrants in Central American neighborhoods.

Still, it is said, that number is not so big relative to all the other killings going on in the country. Does that mean school shootings are also insignificant? The number murdered on school property since 2012 is reported to be less, 138, and, right now, we have this horror in Texas that we know is significant. We know it says something dreadful about what’s going on in America. We know each and every one of those lost lives is a treasure never to be seen again. We also know each death is a powerful pain that will be felt for decades in the hearts of family and friends.

More gun laws are thought to be a crucial answer for the school shootings, but even if that is dubiously the case, such new laws certainly won’t do much good in taming the 10,000 members of MS-13. They are not without some guns but seem to derive particular pleasure from hacking people to death with machetes.

Dealing with MS-13 is a complicated matter made more complicated by sanctuary cities. As the Center for Immigration Studies reports, we have government statistics showing that, during a nine-month period last year, local cops released 142 gang members that federal agents wanted to

deport, some of them from MS-13. Abetting crime is not what our public servants ought to do.

On top of that, there are also confused laws letting potentially dangerous asylum seekers hang around even when they came in the country illegally. Careful, humane reform is needed, and, while a big step in the right direction, it is not enough that federal agents under the Trump administration have rounded up a thousand or more suspected MS-13 ruffians. Those who are citizens can face criminal charges, but moving on deportation can be a years-long trudge through an unbelievably undermanned judicial setup often enabling disappearance.

Trump has been out lately meeting with community leaders and brought up this subject to get a better idea of where to go, but it’s not easy when you read how these gangsters intimidate possible informants, too easily recruit boys just 13 or 14 years old and keep smuggling in more illegal immigrants. Because some immigrants think Trump is merely trying to blacken the names of all of them with his talk of “animals,” their aspirations fall short of cooperation. Given the threats, it isn’t easy, but they do need to do their communal best on the side of justice for their own sake and for others.

Something that has worked terrifically, it’s reported, is when local and federal law enforcement agents form tight teams. Better means of keeping illegal immigrants at bay would do some good, as would switching our legal immigration system from one based on nepotism to one based on merit. Ultimately, we will defeat this enemy within this tattoo-laden gang that was formed in the 1980s in Los Angeles, has gone international and communicates with its own secret code of hand signals. Let’s make it fall, all hands shuddering.

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# Conservative Christian attorneys gain influence under Trump

By Paul J. Weber  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Lawyers who espouse a conservative Christian agenda have found plenty of opportunities in Texas, suing on behalf of Bible-quoting cheerleaders and defending a third-grader who wanted to hand out Christmas cards that read in part "Jesus is the Christ!"

But for the First Liberty law firm, the last few years have been especially rewarding: Their attorneys have moved into powerful taxpayer-funded jobs at the Texas attorney general's office and advised President Donald Trump, who nominated a current and a former First Liberty lawyer to lifetime appointments on federal courts. Another attorney went to the Department of Health and Human Services as a senior adviser on religious freedom.

It's a remarkable rise for a modest-sized law firm near Dallas with 46 employees, and it mirrors the climb of similar firms that have quietly shifted from trying to influence government to becoming part of it. The ascent of the firms has helped propel a wave of anti-LGBT legislation and so-called religious-freedom laws in statehouses nationwide.

"First Liberty just struck gold with a Republican president and the Texas attorney general. It's pretty incredible and definitely unusual," said Daniel Bennett, a professor at John Brown University in Arkansas and author of a book on the conservative Christian legal movement.

Since 2015, First Liberty and a conservative Christian law firm, the Alliance Defending Freedom, have moved prominent lawyers to top jobs in attorney general's offices in Texas and elsewhere. In the process, they have shifted from outsiders suing government to insiders pushing religious-freedom issues. Their influence is widening under the Trump administration as it attempts to deliver on his pledges to evangelicals and other religious supporters.

Their work includes a pending U.S. Supreme Court case involving Colorado baker who refused to make a cake for a same-sex couple and another case involving a rural Texas high school whose cheerleaders were prohibited from writing inspirational Bible verses on banners during games.

The organizations have also drafted bills introduced by Republicans in state legislatures. The proposals include a bill to allow government clerks who object to same-sex marriage on religious grounds to deny



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In this Feb. 26 photo, David J. Hacker, special counsel for litigation for the Texas attorney general's office, right, and Brantley Starr, deputy first attorney general, left, take part in a committee meeting on religious freedom laws at the Texas Capitol, in Austin. Lawyers who espouse a conservative Christian agenda have been growing in influence since the Trump administration took office.

marriage licenses. It's not unusual for legal nonprofits to lose key staff to attorney general's offices. California's Democratic attorney general, Xavier Becerra, has former ACLU attorneys among his top leadership. And outside groups often work with lawmakers to shape agendas or draft bills. But few have expanded their footprint in recent years like First Liberty.

For Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton, who has hired from First Liberty, two of his largest political donors are board members of the group: oilmen Tim Dunn and Kyle Stallings, who combined have given Paxton more than \$767,000 in his political career through personal campaign donations and Dunn's archconservative group called Empower Texans.

One example of the back-and-forth between First Liberty and Paxton came in 2015, when he worked with the firm on legislation to curtail courtroom payouts to losing lawyers in certain cases.

"Thank you for this," First Liberty attorney Hiram Sasser wrote to Paxton's office, according to emails obtained under Texas open-records laws. "I know you guys worked hard before on this bill and are working hard on this amendment. We appreciate it."

Asked about the email exchange, Paxton spokesman Marc Rylander said in an email, "When constituents inform us about upcoming legislation, we help put them in touch with key experts in the field."

But First Liberty's attorneys are no

everyday citizens to Paxton. First Liberty founder Kelly Shackelford has known Paxton for more than 30 years, endorsed his wife for a seat in the Texas Senate and donated \$1,000 to a legal-defense fund for Paxton, who is awaiting trial on felony charges of misleading investors in a tech startup before becoming attorney general. He has pleaded not guilty.

Sasser rejected the idea that his firm's lawyers had become insiders, but he declined to discuss whether they were in contact with the Trump administration, which issued guidelines last fall through the Justice Department for its philosophy on religious-freedom cases. The guidelines envisioned sweeping protections for faith-based practices in private workplaces, in government jobs and grants, and in running prisons.

Sasser and Shackelford also declined to comment on their work with Trump's transition team after the 2016 election, citing confidentiality.

About a dozen prominent Christian legal groups are scattered across the country, none bigger than the Arizona-based Alliance Defending Freedom, or ADF, which raised more than \$50 million in 2016. Others include Florida-based Liberty Counsel, Washington-based Becket and the American Center for Law and Justice, which was founded by Jay Sekulow, one of Trump's personal lawyers.

First Liberty has grown faster than any other group in recent years, having doubled its revenue since 2013 while reporting

taking in \$11 million last year. Its recent cases include defending a Texas judge who was sued over inviting pastors to give invocations in his court. Sasser said First Liberty is different than similar firms, such as ADF, in that they represent people of all faiths.

"We love having people who care about religious freedom and the Constitution and the First Amendment in the highest positions in government they can get in. We're all in favor of that. It doesn't put us as sort of insiders," Shackelford said.

There is no denying their expanded reach. First Liberty attorney Kacsmaryk criticized a 2014 ban on LGBT discrimination by federal contractors as caving to "sexual revolution fundamentalism." The Trump administration later nominated him to the federal bench. If confirmed, legal experts say, he would be the first federal judge appointed to the bench straight from a religious legal organization.

In Texas, Paxton has hired at least six state attorneys from First Liberty or ADF. One is Austin Nimocks, who court records show emailed Republican Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant with a "model executive order" in 2015 that laid the foundation for a bill that would have let public officials deny some services to gays and lesbians.

In Montana, First Assistant Attorney General Dale Schowengerdt arrived after years of fighting against gay marriage at the ADF.

Asked whether the Texas hires helped advance the agendas of First Liberty or other Christian legal groups, Paxton's spokesman wrote that the agency "holds a high standard of legal excellence in the hiring of our attorneys, and each of these lawyers came to the agency with commendable recommendations."

Paxton, an evangelical conservative, was elected attorney general in 2014. For his first assistant attorney general he chose fellow evangelical Jeff Mateer, who Trump also picked to fill a federal court vacancy in Texas. That nomination unraveled after videos emerged of Mateer calling transgender children evidence of "Satan's plan" in speeches he made while still at First Liberty.

Sasser, First Liberty's general counsel who also did a brief stint in Paxton's office before later returning to the firm, suggested that the attorneys' relationship with Paxton was nothing out of the ordinary.

"He's the attorney general for everybody in Texas. I guess we're like anybody else," Sasser said. "If we have any cause to have any interaction with him, we just contact him like any member of the public would."

## US team in NKorea raises expectations of a Trump-Kim summit

By Catherine Lucey, Matthew Lee, Hyung-Jin Kim and Foster Klug  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials worked with North Korea over the weekend on plans for the on-off-on meeting between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, as Trump continued to signal optimism for the sit-down.

Trump tweeted Sunday that a U.S. team was in North Korea to work on the possible summit. Another delegation was in Singapore to discuss logistics. On Monday, the White House said Trump had spoken with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe about the North Korea efforts, adding that the two planned to meet before the "expected meeting" with Kim to coordinate strategy.

Trump withdrew from the planned June 12 summit in Singapore last Thursday, but quickly announced it could still happen. The president's Sunday tweet offered praise for the longtime U.S. adversary, another signal that his concerns about the North's stance toward the summit had been allayed.

"Our United States team has arrived in North Korea to make arrangements for the Summit between Kim Jong Un and myself," he tweeted Sunday. "I truly believe North Korea has brilliant potential and will be a great economic and financial Nation one day. Kim Jong Un agrees with me on this. It will happen!"

Both the State Department and South Korea's Foreign Ministry said the American and North Korean officials have been engaged in talks at the Korean village of Panmunjom, which straddles the border inside the Demilitarized Zone, or DMZ. The border can be crossed simply by stepping across a painted line, but moving beyond several footpaths into the North at Panmunjom would be rare for U.S. officials.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in gave details about his surprise meeting Saturday with Kim in

Panmunjom, saying Kim had committed to sitting down with Trump and to a "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo tapped veteran American diplomat Sung Kim, the U.S. ambassador to the Philippines, to handle pre-summit negotiations.

On a separate but complementary track was the CIA team Pompeo set up last year when he headed the spy agency. And on a third track was a White House logistical group sent to Singapore on Sunday to prepare in case the summit takes place. It was led by Joe Hagin, White House deputy chief of staff for operations.

The Korean leaders' second summit in a month saw bear hugs and broad smiles. But their quickly arranged meeting appeared to highlight a sense of urgency on both sides of the world's most heavily armed border.

The talks, which Moon said Kim requested, capped a whirlwind 24 hours of diplomatic back and forth. They allowed Moon to push for a U.S.-North Korean summit, which he sees as the best way to ease the animosity that had some fearing a war last year.

Kim may see a meeting with Trump as necessary to easing pressure from crushing sanctions and to winning security assurances in a region surrounded by enemies.

Moon told reporters that Kim said he's willing to cooperate to end confrontation and work toward peace for the sake of the successful summit with Trump.

Moon said he told Kim that Trump has a "firm resolve" to end hostile relations with North Korea and initiate economic cooperation if Kim implements "complete denuclearization."

## Trump's trade agenda runs into reality of global geopolitics

By Ben Thomas  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's hard-line views on trade, a staple of his message long before he entered politics, are beginning to collide with the cold realities of global geopolitics.

Trade talks on China and the North American Free Trade Agreement have hit stumbling blocks, posing a challenge for a president who vowed to make trade deals more equitable for the United States during his 2016 campaign and who famously tweeted that trade wars are "easy to win."

Trump's trade agenda — at least lately — has not been so easy.

After threatening China with \$150 billion in tariffs, Trump's administration has suspended plans to impose the tariffs for now and the president tweeted Wednesday that a "different structure" would be needed in the trade talks involving the world's two largest economies.

The president has be-moaned the massive U.S. trade deficit with China — \$337 billion last year — as evidence that Beijing has been complicit in abusive trading practices and outsmarted his predecessors.

Pointing to a pause in the trade dispute, the administration pointed to China's plans to "significantly increase" its purchases of U.S. goods and services and make "meaningful increases" in U.S. exports of agriculture and energy products. Financial markets, wary of a calamitous trade war, were relieved.

But Beijing did not agree to any specific dollar amounts, despite the Trump administration's push to lower the U.S. trade deficit by at least \$200 billion. And doubts remain about whether China will address

allegations the Chinese engage in cybertheft of trade secrets, force U.S. companies to transfer some of their technology in exchange for market access or back away from its China 2025 plan to dominate emerging technologies.

"Chinese is laughing at us again. They have never delivered on 1 promise in the past. Appeasement is the devil's friend," tweeted Dan DiMico, a former Nucor steel chairman and trade adviser to Trump's campaign and transition team, last Monday.

Separately, on Friday, the U.S. reached a deal on ZTE Corp. that will allow the Chinese telecommunications giant to remain in business. Under the deal, ZTE will oust its management team, hire American compliance officers and pay a fine — on top of the \$1 billion it's already paid for selling equipment to North Korea and Iran in violation of U.S. sanctions. In return, the U.S. Commerce Department will lift a seven-year ban on ZTE buying components from U.S. companies. The ban, imposed this month, threatened to put ZTE out of business.

Trump said earlier that a resolution would help U.S. firms that supply ZTE with components, but members of Congress, including several Republicans, warned that the U.S. is being too lenient on a company that has violated U.S. sanctions.

"ZTE presents a national security threat to the United States — and nothing in this reported deal addresses that fundamental fact," said Sen. Chris Van Hollen, a Maryland Democrat. "If President Trump won't put our security before Chinese jobs, Congress will act on a bipartisan basis to stop him."

Trump's team, meanwhile, has hit an impasse with Canada and Mexico on negotiations over

NAFTA. The president has sought to overhaul NAFTA as a way of returning automobile production to the U.S. and reduce America's trade deficit with Mexico.

But the talks are running into the complications of Mexican elections in July and the U.S. midterm elections in November along with a dispute over rules for car production.

Seeking leverage, Trump's administration launched an investigation into whether tariffs might be necessary on car imports, based on national security concerns. The potential penalties could affect Mexico, Canada, Japan and the European Union.

The administration used a similar Commerce Department probe to impose tariffs in March on imported steel and aluminum.

But auto manufacturers said they didn't push for the auto investigation, and members of Congress questioned the validity of the probe.

"The Honda Accord is not a threat to our national security," said Rep. Jeb Hensarling hours after joining Trump for a bill signing at the White House. But he added that "taxing it with trade tariffs is a threat to the economic security of millions of

hard-working American families."

Stephen Moore, a former Trump campaign adviser and visiting fellow at The Heritage Foundation, said Trump remains focused on how the trade policies affect the financial markets and economic growth. But he expects the president to continue to press for a better deal with China.

"As a long-term strategy, I don't see him backing down in his demands on China," Moore said.

The trade talks with China have come against the backdrop of Trump's efforts to hold a June summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, which the president said Friday could get back on track after he nixed it a day earlier.

His attempts to push Kim toward denuclearization have required the cooperation of China, something the president acknowledged to reporters earlier in the week.

The president said alongside South Korean President Moon Jae-in, prior to this week's uncertainty over the Singapore summit, that he has a "much bigger picture" in mind as he considers China trade, a reminder that his trade policies are no longer a matter of campaign rhetoric.

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# Starbucks training a first step, experts say, in facing bias

By Terry Tang  
Associated Press

Starbucks, trying to put to rest an outcry over the arrest of two black men at one of its stores, is closing more than 8,000 stores for an afternoon of anti-bias training, a strategy some believe can keep racism at bay.

After the arrests in Philadelphia last month, the coffee chain's leaders apologized and met with the two men, but also reached out to activists and experts in bias training to put together a curriculum for its 175,000 workers.

That has put a spotlight on the little-known world of "unconscious bias training," which is used by many corporations, police departments and other organizations to help address racism in the workplace. The training is typically designed to get people to open up about implicit biases and stereotypes in encountering people of color, gender or other identities.

The Perception Institute, a consortium of researchers consulting with Starbucks, defines implicit bias as attitudes — positive or negative — or stereotypes someone has toward a person or group without being conscious of it. A common example, according to some of its studies, is a tendency for white people to unknowingly associate black people with criminal behavior.

Many retailers including Walmart and Target said they already offer some racial bias training. Target says it plans to expand that training. Nordstrom has said it plans to enhance its training after issuing an apology to three black teenagers in Missouri who employees falsely accused of shoplifting.

Anti-bias sessions can incorporate personal reflections, explorations of feelings and mental exercises. But one expert says training of this kind can have the opposite effect if people feel judged.

According to a video previewing the Starbucks training, there will be recorded remarks from Starbucks executives and rapper/activist Common. From there, employees will "move into a real and honest exploration of bias" where, in small groups, they can share how the issue



Ron Todd/Associated Press

In this April 15 photo, demonstrators protest outside the Starbucks cafe in Philadelphia where two black men were arrested three days earlier for waiting inside without ordering anything. The company plans to close more than 8,000 stores nationwide today to conduct anti-bias training, a move intended to show how serious the company is about living up to its now tarnished image as a neighborhood hangout where all are welcome.

comes up in their daily work life. Starbucks has described it as a "collaborative and engaging experience for store partners to learn together."

Developed with feedback from the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Perception Institute and other social advocacy groups, the four-hour session will give workers a primer on the history of civil rights from the 1960s to present day. Workers will also view a short documentary film.

Alexis McGill Johnson, Perception's co-founder and executive director, says anti-bias training is about awareness.

"The work that we want to do is not say you're a bad person because you have a stereotype about a group, but say this is why your brain may have these stereotypes," she said.

Johnson declined to elaborate on the details of the Starbucks training. But she said Perception's workshops typically include mental exercises to show participants how bias creeps into situations. A

session can include personal reflections, she said, such as, "I was socialized to think about a group this way."

Johnson said the real work is for employees to apply what they learn in their everyday lives. She likened it to exercising a muscle. Some ways to practice counter-stereotyping, she said, are to look for something unique about a person that is beyond their social identity.

"It could be having a question that elicits something more interesting than, say, the weather or the traffic," Johnson said, stressing the need to "go well beyond the superficial."

In the Philadelphia incident, Rashon Nelson and Donte Robinson were asked to leave after one was denied access to the bathroom. They were arrested by police minutes after they sat down to await a business meeting. The incident was recorded by cellphones and went viral.

Nelson and Robinson settled with Starbucks this month for an undisclosed sum and an offer of a free education. They also

reached a deal with the city of Philadelphia for a symbolic \$1 each and a promise from officials to establish a \$200,000 program for young entrepreneurs.

Starbucks has since announced anyone can use its restrooms even if they are not buying anything. According to documents Starbucks sent to store workers, employees should also think carefully when dealing with disruptive customers. A guide advises staff to consider whether the actions they take would apply to any customer in the same situation. They should dial 911 only if the situation seems unsafe.

Starbucks said the arrests never should have occurred and announced the mass closures of its stores for the afternoon of training.

Calvin Lai, an assistant professor of psychological and brain sciences at Washington University in St. Louis, said people should not place high expectations on this one day.

"We find that oftentimes diversity training has mixed effects, and in some cases it can even backfire and lead people who are kind of already reactive to these issues to become even more polarized," Lai said.

One afternoon wouldn't really be "moving the needle on the biases," especially when it's a company with as many employees as Starbucks, he said. "A lot of those employees won't be here next year or two years or three years down the line."

Starbucks has said Tuesday's sessions serve as "a step in a long-term journey to make Starbucks even more welcoming and safe for all." It is working with volunteer advisers including Heather McGhee, president of social advocacy organization Demos, and Sherrilyn Ifill, president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

"One of the things Starbucks has to wrestle with is how to incorporate this kind of training into the onboarding of every employee," Ifill said.

That takes a sustained effort, McGhee added.

"We have really made it clear that one training is not enough, and this needs to be part of an ongoing review of their policies," McGhee said. "They really need to commit."

# McDonald's will keep using plastic straws, but is studying alternatives

By Greg Trotter  
Chicago Tribune

For now anyway, McDonald's is not phasing out plastic straws in its U.S. restaurants.

A shareholder proposal directing McDonald's to re-evaluate its use of straws was overwhelmingly voted down at the global fast food chain's annual meeting Thursday in suburban Oak Brook. Despite grabbing headlines this week, the proposal only garnered about 8 percent of shareholder votes, according to preliminary results. McDonald's says it's already been working to find alternatives to plastic straws.

Plastic straws are difficult to recycle and often end up in the ocean, according to groups fighting to eliminate their usage. One YouTube video of a straw being extracted from a sea turtle's nose had more than 24 million views as of Thursday afternoon.

Eliminating plastic straws was but one of many pleas this week from activists targeting McDonald's annual meeting, which has almost become an annual rite of spring for advocates of various causes hoping to influence the global fast-food company. On Monday morning during a downpour, Fight for \$15 protesters gathered outside of McDonald's new Chicago headquarters

to demand better wages. Other groups this week called on McDonald's to phase out the routine use of medically important antibiotics from its beef and pork supply, and end the controversial school fundraising events known as McTeacher's Nights.

At the shareholder meeting, McDonald's executives touted the company's sales growth and corporate social responsibility.

"We're committed to using our scale for good in a way that makes sense for our long-term growth strategy," said McDonald's Chairman Rick Hernandez.

Earlier this year, McDonald's announced plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions. And by 2025, McDonald's will use packaging from only renewable, recycled or certified sources where no deforestation occurs, the company announced in March. The company also has made major supply chain commitments, such as using only eggs from cage-free hens.

Because of McDonald's sheer size — about 37,000 restaurants globally — such decisions effect significant change throughout the food industry.

But many activist groups would like to see the company do more. Speaking on behalf of a shareholder proposal Thursday to further empower shareholders' ability to

call special meetings, Alexa Kaczmarzki, of the nonprofit group Corporate Accountability, noted the Los Angeles Unified School District and the California Federation of Teachers have called on the company to end McTeacher's Nights, in which teachers serve McDonald's food to raise money for their schools.

That proposal also failed, though it received more than 41 percent of shareholder votes.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson made an appearance at the annual meeting, urging McDonald's to do more to improve wages and address sexual harassment claims. Earlier this week, 10 women who have worked at McDonald's in nine cities filed sexual harassment complaints against franchise owners and McDonald's.

Echoing the company's previous statement on the matter, CEO Steve Easterbrook said the company takes such allegations very seriously and that he's confident franchisees do too.

On the business side, Easterbrook highlighted at the meeting how the company's recent initiatives — such as launching a new value menu, offering delivery and modernizing restaurants — are improving sales, restaurant traffic and the overall customer experience.

"We are becoming a

better McDonald's, but we are not content," Easterbrook said. "We have great ambition and continue striving for more."

The plastic straw issue could continue to gain momentum in years to

come as more cities look to reduce plastic pollution. On Wednesday, a New York City councilman introduced a bill to ban plastic straws. Seattle, Miami Beach, Fla., and Malibu, Calif., already

have bans in place. Last month, the Chicago White Sox became the first major league baseball team to ban plastic straws.

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# Rescuers seek 1 man still missing after Maryland flash flood in picturesque town

By David McFadden  
Associated Press

ELLCOTT CITY, Md. — A man remained missing Monday after flash flooding tore down a historic main street in a picturesque Maryland town and left a community heartbroken at seeing more devastation less than two years after rebuilding from another massive flood.

The missing man — 39-year-old Eddison Hammond of Severn, Maryland — was last seen trying to help a woman rescue her cat behind a restaurant while churning, brown waters ripped through Ellicott City's flood-prone downtown.

Howard County Police Chief Gary Gardner said the missing National Guard member and U.S. Air Force veteran had been with a group at the La Palapa Grill & Cantina. He said Hammond

was trying to help others by holding a door open as brown floodwaters coursed through the restaurant when a woman approached, desperately trying to rescue her pet just outside.

"He, along with some other folks, went back to assist her and unfortunately during that effort they saw him go under and water and not surface," Gardner told reporters, adding that the others made it out of the area safely.

Simon Cortez, who owns the restaurant, described Hammond as "a super nice guy," who was frequently out in the community showing support when it worked to rebuild from the devastating flooding that ravaged the former mill town in July 2016.

Howard County Executive Allen Kittleman said that his immediate priorities are finding the missing man

and assessing the condition of damaged buildings that housed shops, restaurants and families.

For now, the Main Street area remained blocked off Monday, even to residents and business owners, as teams of authorities and engineers surveyed the heart-breaking scene.

"If you look at the devastation and the damage, I would certainly say it's worse than 2016," Kittleman said. "We've had areas that were not even damaged at all two years ago terribly damaged this time."

Ellicott City certainly got the worst of it. But torrential rains led to such bad flooding in Baltimore County, Baltimore City and the capital of Annapolis that Gov. Larry Hogan on Sunday declared a state of emergency statewide in order to better coordinate support and assistance.

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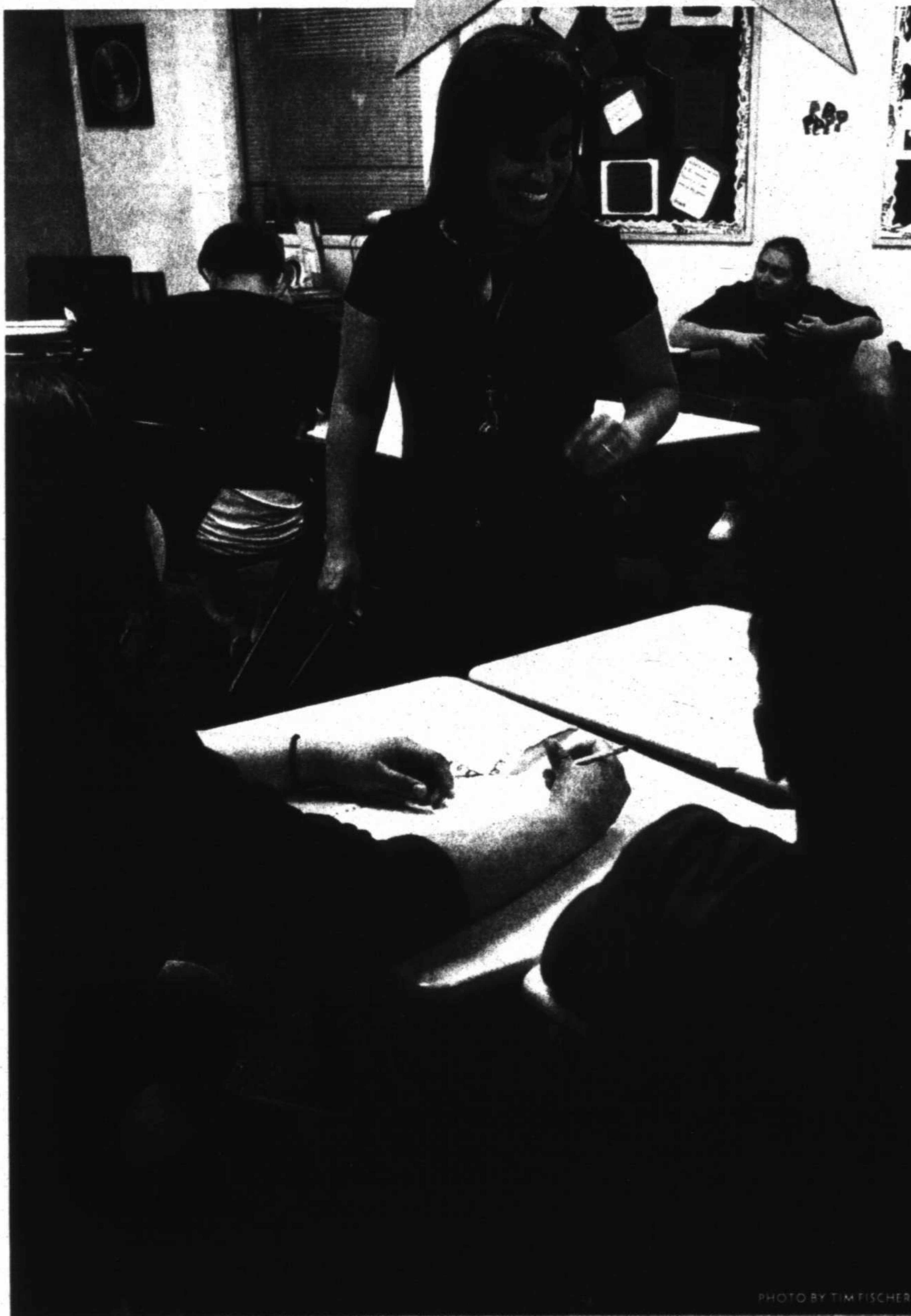


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## TO THE READER

The Midland Development Corp. has partnered with the Reporter-Telegram to honor teachers and other district officials who make a difference in students' lives. The MDC, as part of its commitment to education, will sponsor this series that starts today and will appear every Tuesday on the front of the Education section. Midland ISD district and campus leaders will help with the selection of those honored. The MDC and Reporter-Telegram thank Midland ISD for its help with Educator Honor Roll.

## SANDY VASQUEZ

MIDLAND ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

**Subject:** Seventh- and eighth-grade science and history

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

**Favorite moment in the classroom:** The "aha" moments that students get once they've understood the concept of what's being taught.

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

I always knew that I wanted to work with children and was also inspired by my third-grade teacher Mrs. Baeza.

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

I've found that technology is key in the learning process of our students since they are (tech) savvy. The use of the smartboard & computers are used on a daily basis.

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

I want my students to know that anything is possible. Every day is a new day, and keep moving forward despite the difficult challenges they may face throughout their lives.

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

I believe that I inspire my peers, colleagues and others by being a positive person and being a team player. I also love to participate in any additional training to help me become a better leader.

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

To further my education and obtain a master's degree.

**What is the greatest challenge to being an educator in Midland today?**

The overcrowding in our schools due to the increase of the population in our city.

**What support can Midlanders provide you and other educators?**

I would love to see more involvement by our parent and our community leaders whether it be financially or by visiting our campus and providing any type of support.

**About Sandy Vasquez**

Sandy Vasquez is a teacher at Midland Alternative Program school. She is a natural leader and daily reaches the hearts of our students. She always looks for the positive in every situation and brings solutions to the table. She will go out of her way to help others even when it inconveniences her. She is an awesome educator and a crucial team member of our campus crew.

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## Quest for higher GPAs has schools proposing changes

By Valerie Wigglesworth  
Dallas Morning News

High school class rankings can sometimes do more harm than good, especially in highly competitive districts such as Frisco and Plano.

That's why the school boards for both districts will vote separately next month on changes meant to help students focus on their own goals rather than trying to beat out their peers.

The problem stems from the GPA for rank, a weighted grade point average calculated to identify how kids compare with their classmates. Under state law, the top 10 percent of seniors at each high school are granted automatic admission to Texas public universities.

But schools have found that too many students are choosing more difficult courses just to boost their GPA. (Advanced Placement courses in Plano ISD, for example, are weighted on a 5.0 GPA

scale vs. a 4.0 scale for regular courses.) Meanwhile, students have abandoned band, theater and other similarly weighted electives because of the potential detriment to their rank.

While healthy competition is a good thing, a culture of over-competitiveness has created more stress and anxiety. Some students have sacrificed extracurricular activities and social events because of homework pressures. Getting a good night's sleep has taken a back seat to long hours spent studying. Some have even resorted to cheating to try to keep up.

"So many kids sacrifice their own interests for the sake of a number," Heritage High School senior Rica Llagas told the Frisco school board at a recent meeting.

High school shouldn't be about just grades, she said. "It's supposed to be about the connections that we make with other people and genuinely learning what our interests are and what careers we would like to go into."

But some students obsessed over the

rankings, needing to know who was ahead of them so they could try to beat them.

"You know as soon as rank comes out, you're going to have five students looking over your shoulder trying to find out what number you are," Liberty High School junior Stafford Johnson told Frisco board members. "And then later you'll have 200 ask you, 'What rank are you?'"

Frisco ISD's recommendations call for calculating the GPA for rank only for students in the top 10 percent of their class. Other students would be grouped by quartile — top 25 percent, top 50 percent or top 75 percent — rather than a specific number. Students also would have the option of dropping either an athletics or fine arts class from their GPA for rank calculation. Beginning with the Class of 2023, some course weights would be adjusted.

Plano ISD, meanwhile, proposes no longer ranking its ninth- and 10th-graders at all. And 11th- and 12th-graders would learn only that they placed in the top 10

percent. Those students would have to file a request to learn their specific rank. The remaining 90 percent of students would no longer be ranked.

In addition, rankings would be based on GPA earned only in core subjects of math, science, English and social studies, according to Plano ISD's proposal.

The district also proposes creating a Latin system to recognize excellence. Students could graduate cum laude (with honor), magna cum laude (with great honor) or summa cum laude (with highest honor). This type of system does not restrict the number of students honored at each level.

Both school districts are expected to phase in their recommendations so that no existing high school students are adversely affected by the changes. They also want to make sure parents and students understand the changes.

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## ROBOTICS STATE CHAMPS



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One of the Lee Robotic teams, Roboto Muchachos, joined alliances with Cedar Park and McAllen to win the 5A-6A State Robotics FIRST Division Championship at the UIL State Robotics Championship on May 18. UIL selected 32 teams from different regions across Texas to compete for the championship. During this school year, the Roboto Muchachos won the FTC South League Panhandle Plains championship and Regional Panhandle Plains championship. Now the team members have won the Texas state championship. This is the first year for this team to compete in robotics and they are excited for next year. The team members are Christopher Pina, Adrian Ramon, Anthony Soria and John Tarango, Joseph Granado, Gabriel Herrera, Jaziel Madrid, and Tim Thames

## As Abbott weighs gun violence proposals, cost will be an issue

By Chuck Lindell  
Austin American-Statesman

By the time Gov. Greg Abbott concluded his three-day session on school gun violence last week, two things had become apparent — proposed solutions won't come cheap, and those hoping for tougher limits on guns are going to be disappointed.

Abbott said the meetings provided more than 100 suggestions that will be winnowed down into a prioritized action plan that will be made public at an unspecified date.

But the governor also listed several suggestions that caught his eye during the mostly private meetings at the Capitol, shifting attention to the next big question — how to pay for many of the pricey solutions in a tough economic climate amid sharp disagreements over education priorities at the Legislature.

Asked about the potential costs, Abbott said his first focus was on identifying problems and weighing solutions, with important details to follow, including finding the money and deciding whether a special session is needed before the Legislature's regular session begins in January.

"We do recognize some of these proposals will require more funding.

We have not talked about specific funding yet," Abbott said after Wednesday's session. "I believe there will be a commitment in the Capitol to make sure that we are smart and strategic in providing the resources that are necessary to keep our fellow citizens and our students safe."

School districts, many already strapped for cash, are closely watching in fear of unfunded mandates from the Legislature.

"We've seen in the past month and a half districts announcing layoffs and budget shortfalls. They already don't have a lot of money to do a lot of this stuff," said Dax Gonzalez with the Texas Association of School Boards.

"This has been a storm that has been brewing for years now, ever since the 2011 session," when lawmakers cut more than \$3 billion from the state education budget, Gonzalez said.

Priorities Abbott identified during last week's meetings — attended by security experts, education experts, advocates, politicians and students from schools targeted in shootings — included:

■ Creating mental health screening programs in schools, including training teachers to identify students who might pose a threat to themselves or others,

and creating on-campus threat-assessment teams.

■ Hiring more school counselors to focus on behavioral issues and crisis intervention in all grade levels.

■ Improving access to mental health care for students inside and outside of school.

■ Upgrading school entrances and exits to improve security, including providing metal detectors where appropriate.

■ Training students, teachers and staff about how best to relay information about suspicious student activity.

### The counselor crunch

New hires can substantially increase costs for wages, benefits and training. Even metal detectors can have hidden costs, requiring personnel — perhaps carrying weapons — to operate the machines and check students who set them off.

But the need for more school counselors was a recurring theme during all three meetings, particularly from student survivors of the May 18 attack that left 10 dead at Santa Fe High School — including several who said waiting times to see a counselor are typically counted in weeks.

### GUEST VIEW

Dallas Morning News

*Texas needs to spot troubled kids and get them help before they turn violent*

Here's a potential game-changer that all Texans can rally around: Austin needs to invest more time and money on services that can keep vulnerable kids from falling through the cracks and being found only after they shoot up a school.

For example, after the deadly rampage at Santa Fe High School earlier this month, Gov. Greg Abbott pointed to a Lubbock-based program that has shown promise in identifying middle-and-high school students at risk of committing violence and providing intervention services to prevent such tragedies.

We're intrigued by what we've been able to learn so far about this Texas Tech effort and hope Abbott explores the possibility of scaling the program across the state.

As the Texas Tribune reports, the Telemedicine Wellness, Intervention, Triage, and Referral Project at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center began in 2014 with a \$565,000 grant from the governor's office in response to two mass shootings in 2012. That year, 12 people were killed and 70 injured in a movie theater in Aurora, Colo., and 20 children and six adults were killed in a Newtown, Conn., elementary school.

The Texas Tech program is now offered in 10 West Texas school districts as a tool to spot aggressive and harmful behavior in at-risk students who exhibit evidence of potential violence. Once a student is identified, the individual is screened, with parental permission, for potential psychiatric services. The student can get the ensuing counseling help at school through videoconference or through the Texas Tech clinic.

The program has been successful in getting dozens of students treatment for anxiety and depression, as well as providing help to kids potentially prone to violence. Some have been removed from school, placed in alternative schools or hospitalized, the Texas Tribune reports.

No program will prevent every deadly shooting. But if even one tragedy is averted and one victim is spared, the effort would be invaluable.

We also are eager to learn what Abbott will do with the information gleaned in his three days of roundtable discussions last week with stakeholders — parents, educators, victims and advocates of both gun control and gun rights.

Here in North Texas, Dallas ISD seems to be on to something good with its "See, Say, Do Something" campaign, which urges students to become more vigilant in observing and reporting classmates' behavior. The safety forum held last week for DISD middle- and high-schoolers was a response not to the Santa Fe tragedy, in which 10 died, but to the one before it — the deadly shooting in Parkland, Fla., that killed 17 people.

We don't need to waste any more time with finger-pointing and criticism. Too many children and school workers already have died. Now Texas kids are depending on adults to take action.

### What he said

"Whether you are a Republican or a Democrat, whether you are pro-gun or believe in more gun regulations, the reality is we both want guns out of the hands of those who would try to murder our children. The question is what are we, the leaders of Texas, going to do to prevent this from happening again?"

— Gov. Greg Abbott, as he opened the first of three roundtables on school shootings May 21.

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### Lee High School

**Courtney Catherine Calloway**, valedictorian, daughter of Tina and Brian Calloway, plans to attend University of Alabama majoring in chemical engineering. Honoring teacher **Tina Ortez**, Calloway said Ortez was "the most passionate and knowledgeable teacher I have ever had. And she inspired me to learn more about other languages and cultures."

**Regan Dale Lawrence**, salutatorian, daughter of Carey and Reggie Lawrence, plans to attend Tarleton State University and will be studying nursing. Honoring teacher **Lara Payne**, Lawrence said Payne "changed my perspective on writing and encouraged me to write and do everything else to the best of my abilities."

**Vijay Kumar Dimri**, ranked third, son of Vandana Naithani and Manish Dimri, plans to attend the University of Missouri - Kansas City, School of Medicine BA/MD. Honoring teacher/coach **Jason Smith**, Dimri said Smith "is one of the best teachers at MISD. He motivates you to learn and makes what he teaches interesting. He is the reason that I started liking Biology and why I am pursuing a career in medicine."

**Neil Kirit Patel**, ranked fourth, son of Kirit and Archana Patel, plans to attend the University of Texas to become a doctor. Honoring teacher **Jody Jones**, Patel said "I love the way you teach and relay the information to us. I also admire how you insist on us keeping our notebook neat and orderly so we can study easily and for future reference."

**Alexander Quinn Telesca**, ranked fifth, son of Tiffany and Ben Telesca, plans to attend the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. Honoring teacher **Yessica Balza**, Telesca said Balza "is my calculus teacher and has allowed me to experience high level education and develop a strong work ethic."

**Maren Joann Smith**, ranked sixth, daughter of Erin and Mark Smith, plans to attend Texas Tech University majoring in English, and pursue a career as an oil and gas attorney. Honoring teacher **Lara Payne**, Smith said Payne "has been one of my greatest role models throughout high school. She is the reason I am majoring in English as well as attending law school."

**Dilan Patel**, ranked seventh, son of Trupti and Vikram Patel, plans to attend University of Texas, McCombs Business. Honoring teacher **Shastyn Wright**, Patel said Wright "has been the most supportive and helpful teacher to me at Lee. She has aided me countless times whether it be with school work or other advice. She has also helped me to get over some fears such as public speaking."

**Megan Renee Moore**, ranked eighth, daughter of Kasey and Mike Moore, plans to attend UTPB to study Kinesiology. Honoring teacher **Coach Christopher Enriquez**, Moore said Enriquez "made learning fun and taught me what it means to be a compassionate person. He will always be one of my favorite teachers and left a profound impact on me."

**Blake Nicole Gibson**, ranked ninth, daughter of Wendy Clodfelter and Justin Gibson, plans to attend Texas Tech University majoring in Biology and then on to dental school. Honoring teacher/coach **Jason Smith**, Gibson said Smith "impacted me in many ways. He made learning enjoyable and helped me realize that biology is what I want to study after high school."

**Dylan Crash Edward Blase**, ranked 10th, son of Ashley and Tom Blase, plans to attend Texas Tech University majoring in mechanical engineering. Honoring teacher **Jason Brents**, Blase said Brents "has taught me what it means to be responsible and hard-working. Thank you, Mr. Brents."

**Mackenzi Lynn Abbott**, ranked 10th, daughter of Kristi and Marc Abbott, plans to attend Texas Christian University majoring in fashion merchandising strategic communications. Honoring teacher **Terri Beal**, Abbott said Beal "always helped me and encouraged me in everything. Not just school — long after her class."

### Midland High School



**Makaylee Carter**, valedictorian, daughter of Theresa and Glenn Carter, plans on attending the University of Texas at Austin and continue on to dental school. Honoring teacher **Sheryl Nava-Williamson**, Carter said Nava is "helpful and full of passion! She provided many opportunities to go on field trips and see what it is actually like to be in the health field! On top of that, Mrs. Nava supports her dawgs at many, many extracurricular activities."

**Caitlin Lauritzen**, salutatorian, daughter of Sarah and David Lauritzen, plans on attending the Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA) majoring in chemistry to become a medical examiner. Honoring teacher **Mark LaCretz**, Lauritzen said LaCretz "genuinely cares about every kid he teaches, regardless of who they are or what they believe in, and his love for students doesn't stop after you leave his class. I have never met a kinder soul."

**Logan Elizabeth Holmes**, ranked third, daughter of Elizabeth and Robert Holmes, plans on attending Southwestern University to major in biology and minor in theater. Will be pursuing a career in the medical field. Honoring teacher **Tiffany Gardner-Moore**, Holmes said "over the past four years, 'Gigi' has completely changed my life by constantly pushing me out of my comfort zone and giving me countless opportunities to learn and grow as both an actress and a student."

**Mark Lee Hendrix**, ranked fourth, son of Margaret and Dennis Hendrix, plans on attending the University of Texas in Austin to major in radio-television-film. Honoring teacher **David Baker**, Hendrix said Baker's "personality, intelligence and selflessness has made a tremendous impact on my devotion

to education."

**Reagan Brooke Ream**, ranked fifth, daughter of Stacey and Melodi Ream and the late Tammy Ream, plans on attending Texas A&M University majoring in biomedical engineering with a minor in business. Honoring teacher **Mark Teel**, Ream said Teel "is challenging, but his assignments greatly improved my writing skills and my preparedness for college. He is someone whose door is always open."

**Camryn Jordan**, ranked sixth, daughter of Tracy and Danny Jordan, plans to attend Tarleton State University majoring in elementary education. Honoring teacher **Nancy Wilson**, Jordan recognized Wilson "for walking with me individually as I faced hardships and for celebrating the successes of any and all parts of my life, thank you to the teacher who showed me what it truly means to be a godly woman."

**Allison Elizabeth Stewart**, ranked seventh, daughter of Carmen and Scott Stewart, plans to attend Abilene Christian University majoring in speech pathology. Honoring teacher **Beth Smith**, Stewart said "I will always be grateful for the impact Mrs. Smith had on my life. She made her class tough, but to where I became a better student and person because of it. I feel confident going to college after having Mrs. Smith."

**Caston Sherman**, ranked eighth, son of Kelli and Albert Sherman, plans to attend University of Texas majoring in finance and pursue a career in energy. Honoring teacher **Willy Logsdon**, Sherman said Logsdon "has had a massive impact on my life as both a teacher and as my lacrosse coach. He has taught me a massive amount about life and

what I want to pursue as I go on to college and into the real world."

**Raymond Mee**, ranked ninth, son of Chrissie Mee and the late Doug Mee, plans to attend Texas A&M University majoring in chemical engineering. Honoring teacher **Karen Dirks**, Mee said Dirks "other than being extremely supportive of me and a fantastic chemistry teacher, helped me fully realize my interest in chemistry and chemical engineering."

**Gentry Foreman**, ranked 10th, daughter of Christine and Kevin Foreman, plans to attend Dallas Baptist University majoring in kinesiology and pursue a career in pediatric physical therapy or worship arts. Honoring teacher **Matthew Johns**, Foreman said Johns was my world geography teacher my freshman year, and I believe that it takes a special kind of person to invest in the lives of freshmen students. Above all else, what makes him a special teacher is that he invested in us then and continued to invest in us even after we moved on from Midland Freshman."

**Collin McCullough**, ranked 10th, son of Kelley and William McCullough, plans to attend University of Texas in Austin majoring in mechanical engineering. Honoring teacher/coach **Jeff Streun**, McCullough said Streun "has been my football coach for the entirety of my high school career. He has instilled a strong work ethic into my character which drives me to pursue success. I cannot thank Coach Jeff Streun enough for the impact he has made not only into my academic success, but for the impact he has made into who I am as a young man."

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## Gators top seed in NCAA baseball tournament

By Eric Olson  
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Losses in six of its last seven games didn't diminish defending national champion Florida's overall body of work when it came to seeding the NCAA baseball tournament.

The Gators (42-17) are No. 1, and there never was much doubt, NCAA Division I Baseball Committee chairman Ray Tanner said Monday after the 64-team field was unveiled.

Kevin O'Sullivan's program is the first to earn the No. 1 overall seed three times since the tournament went to its current structure in 1999. The Gators also were top seeds in 2012 and 2016.

"They were incredible the

majority of the season and didn't finish strong," said Tanner, athletic director at South Carolina. "As we were finishing up our data last week before coming to Indianapolis, I was curious to see if they were going to be a clear-cut (choice) once we got into the committee room, and they continued to be, despite not finishing the way coach O'Sullivan would have wanted them to finish. They clearly were the No. 1 seed with all the metrics considered."

Play begins Friday in 16 regionals. Winners advance to eight best-of-three super regionals. Those winners move on to the College World Series in Omaha.

The NCAA seeded 16 teams for the first time. There had been eight seeds previously.

Stanford (44-10) is the No. 2 seed, followed by Oregon State (44-10-1), Mississippi (46-15), Arkansas (39-18), North Carolina (38-18), Florida State (43-17) and Georgia (37-19).

Seeds nine through 16 are Texas Tech (39-17), Clemson (45-14), Stetson (45-11), East Carolina (43-16), Texas (37-20), Minnesota (41-13), Coastal Carolina (42-17) and North Carolina State (40-16). Florida, the regular-season champion in the Southeastern Conference, is the only team to earn a national seed in each of the last five seasons.

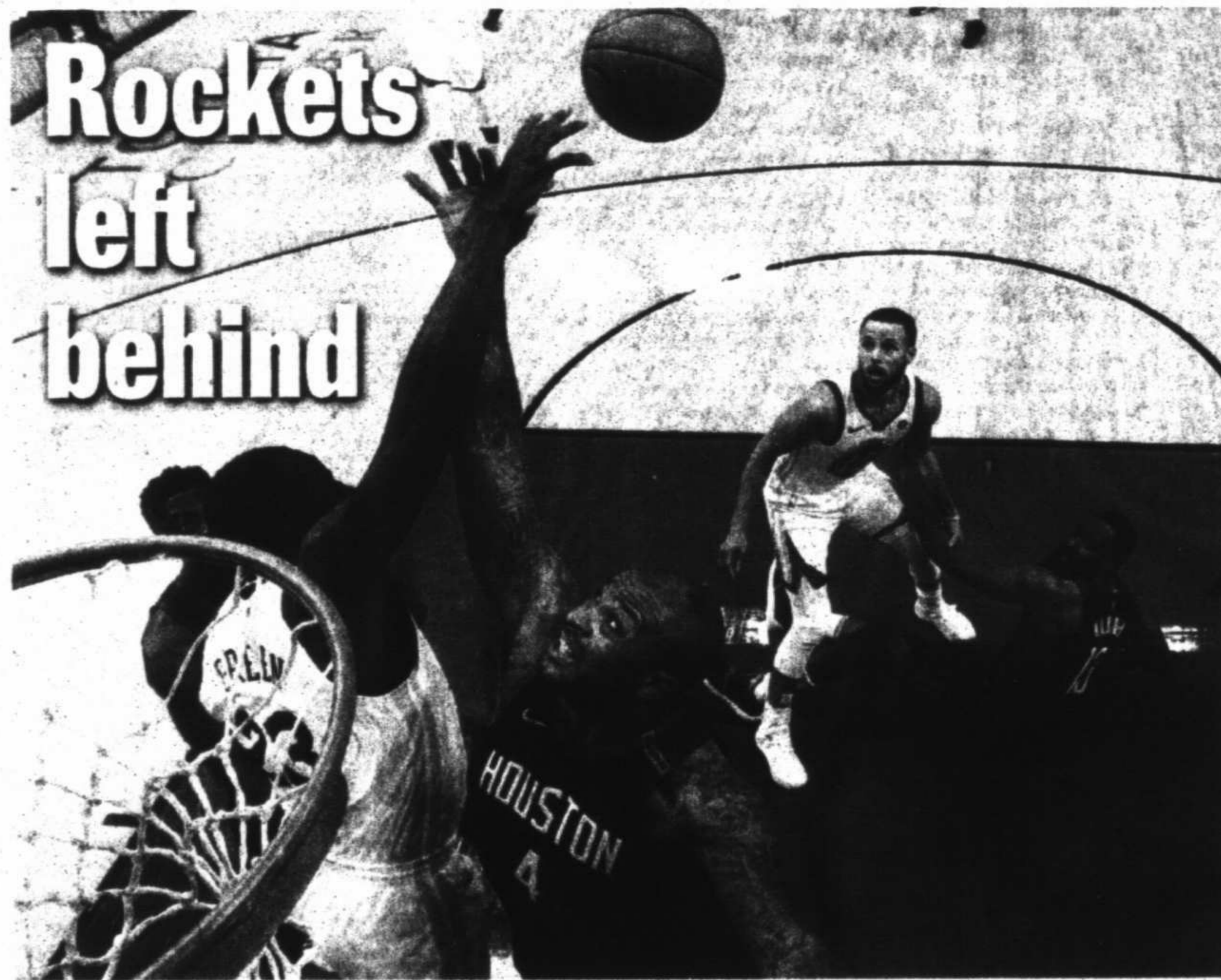
"Obviously, we haven't played well lately, but coming home and having a full week of practice

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Sue Ogrocki/Associated Press

Baylor celebrates after defeating TCU in the championship game of the Big 12 baseball tournament game Sunday in Oklahoma City. Baylor won 6-5 in eleven innings.



David J. Phillip/Associated Press

Houston Rockets forward P.J. Tucker (4) is blocked by Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green (23) as he tries to score in the first half during Game 7 of the NBA Western Conference Finals on Monday in Houston.

## Warriors reach 4th straight NBA Finals

By Kristie Rieken  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Stephen Curry and Golden State turned all those Houston bricks into a road back to the NBA Finals.

Kevin Durant scored 34 points, Curry sparked another third-quarter turnaround, and the Warriors earned a fourth straight trip to the NBA Finals by beating the Houston Rockets 101-92 in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals on Monday night.

The defending champions trailed by as many as 15 in the first half after falling behind 17 in Game 6.

Curry, who finished with 27 points, scored 14 of Golden State's 33 points in the third quarter as Houston's shooting didn't just go cold, it froze. The Rockets missed all 14 3-point attempts in that quarter as part of 27 misses from long range.

The Warriors will host LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 1 on Thursday night in the fourth straight matchup between the teams.

James Harden had 32 points as the top-seeded Rockets' bid to return to the

finals for the first time since 1995 fell short without Chris Paul, who was nursing a hamstring injury.

The Rockets fell apart in the second half again after doing so in Game 6. The Warriors outscored Houston 122-63 in the second half of the final two games.

Golden State led by seven entering the fourth and pushed the lead to 10 on a 3-pointer by Klay Thompson with about 9 1/2 minutes left. Clint Capela made a hook shot for Houston but Durant hit a long 3 seconds later to make it 86-75.

The Rockets were behind by 13 after a 3 by Curry and had missed 27 straight 3-pointers when P.J. Tucker hit one from the corner to cut the lead to 89-79 midway through the quarter.

It was their first 3-pointer since one by Eric Gordon with about 6 1/2 minutes left in the second quarter that put the Rockets up 42-28.

Tucker's 3 was the first of seven straight points for Houston which cut the lead to 89-83.

But Durant scored six points in a 9-2 spurt after that which left the Warriors 97-85 with about three minutes to go.

Houston finally found a little offense after that, using a 7-2 run to cut it to 99-

92, but their rally bid came up short.

Thompson added 19 for Golden State after scoring 35 in the Game 6 win and the Warriors got a fourth straight start from Kevon Looney with Andre Iguodala sitting out again with a bone bruise on his left leg.

After being down by 10 at halftime of Game 6, the Warriors trailed by 11 entering the third quarter on Monday night. Golden State opened the third quarter with a 10-4 run to cut the lead to 58-53 after a 3-pointer by Nick Young with about eight minutes left in the quarter.

Tucker made one of two free throws and the teams exchanged layups before Golden State scored nine straight points, with two 3s from Curry, to take a 64-61 lead.

Harden made two free throws before Curry scored eight points in a row, highlighted by a 3-pointer which bounced high off the rim before falling back in, to make it 72-63 with just over two minutes left in the quarter.

Golden State scored 33 points in the third quarter for the second straight game while Houston managed just 15 points on Monday night after it scored 16 in the third in Game 6.

## Verlander stops Yanks, pitches Astros to 5-1 win

By Ben Walker  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Justin Verlander tamed the New York Yankees, then toyed with their fans.

Verlander slowed down the highest-scoring team in the majors, picking off a familiar opponent by pitching the Houston Astros past New York 5-1 Monday.

"I've had some success against them in the past," he said. "Every day is a new day, especially going up against a lineup like that."

Facing the only club in baseball that hasn't been shut out this season, Verlander (7-2) blanked the Yankees until Greg Bird hit a leadoff home run in the seventh.

When he left later in the inning with a major league-best 1.11 ERA, Verlander got a cheer from a solid contingent of Astros fans wearing bright orange behind the dugout — but even louder jeers from the local fans.

Verlander enjoyed the moment, taking off his cap and waving it toward the Bronx boobies.

"Just having fun," he said. "Yankees fans having fun with me, so I decided to have some fun back."

Verlander said he was surprised — he seemed disappointed, in fact — that he didn't draw more catcalls when his name was announced in pregame introductions.

"I've come to find here at Yankee Stadium it's a term of endearment," Verlander said. "So, thank you."

J.D. Davis hit an early three-run homer and Jose Altuve had a solo drive, helping Houston win for the sixth time in eight games.

Closer Ken Giles, tagged Sunday as the Astros blew a five-run lead in the ninth at Cleveland, pitched the final inning and worked around a leadoff single.

Verlander has dominated the Yankees in his most recent outings. He was the MVP of the AL Championship Series last October, going 2-0 and limiting New York to one run in 16 innings while striking out 21.

Earlier this month, Verlander pitched eight shutout innings against the Yankees and fanned 14. This time, Verlander allowed five hits in 6 2/3 innings, fanning five without a walk.

In 12 starts this year, the big righty has

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## Past French Open champ Wawrinka loses early

By Howard Fendrich  
Associated Press

PARIS — Like Novak Djokovic, Stan Wawrinka is a past French Open champion still working his way back into form after surgery.

Like Djokovic, Wawrinka is ranked lower than he has been in more than a decade. And like Djokovic, Wawrinka recently reunited with a coach who helped guide him to success earlier in his career.

Both men were in first-round action at Roland Garros on Monday, but unlike Djokovic, who won in straight sets, Wawrinka could not summon and sustain the sort of high-level play that has carried him to major titles in Paris and elsewhere. Returning to a place where he won the title

in 2015 and made it back to the final a year ago, Wawrinka bowed out with a 6-2, 3-6, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 loss to 67th-ranked Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain.

"I won three Grand Slams in my career, and I know what it takes to do it," said Wawrinka, who was seeded 23rd and is ranked only 30th, territory unfamiliar to him since April 2008. "And my goal is to get to my top. Sooner or later, I will."

Wawrinka only recently returned to the tour after missing three months to rest his left knee, which was operated on twice last August. He's played 11 matches in 2018, going 4-7.

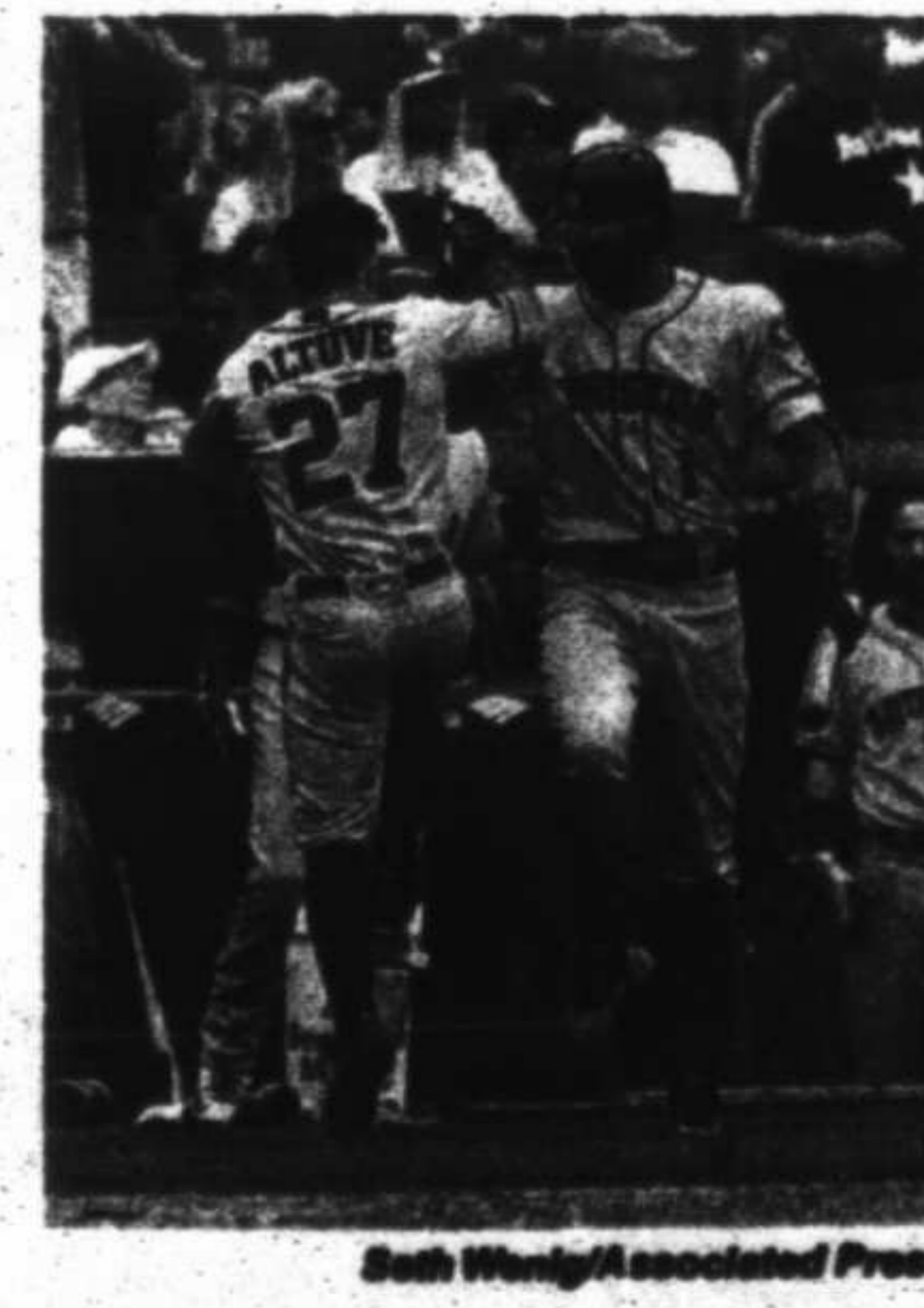
As Monday's match stretched to 3 1/2 hours, Wawrinka was hindered by the physical strain of

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Michel Euler/Associated Press

Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka wipes his head as he plays Spain's Guillermo Garcia-Lopez during their first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium Monday in Paris.



Scott Wingo/Associated Press

Houston Astros' Jose Altuve, left, celebrates his solo home run with Carlos Correa during the eighth inning of a game against the New York Yankees on Monday at Yankee Stadium.

# 'HOUNDWATCH



SUNDAY'S SCORE  
Midland 6  
NW Arkansas 5

TODAY'S GAME  
Midland vs. Arkansas  
6:30 p.m.

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Midland 25-25  
Arkansas 24-25

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Midland vs. Arkansas 6:30 p.m.	Midland vs. Arkansas 6:30 p.m.	Midland vs. Arkansas 7 p.m.	Midland vs. NW Arkansas 7 p.m.	Midland vs. NW Arkansas 7 p.m.

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## ON THE AIR

**Golf**  
NCAA Men's Team Match Play, Quarterfinals, 10 a.m.  
**GOLF**  
NCAA Men's Team Match Play, Semifinals, 3 p.m., GOLF  
High School Lacrosse National Championship, 6 p.m., ESPN  
**Major League Baseball**  
Houston at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., ATTSW  
Washington at Baltimore, 6 p.m., MLB  
Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m., FSSW  
**Men's Soccer**  
Toulon U-21: Mexico vs. England, 12:25 p.m., beIN, beIN E  
Toulon U-21: China vs. Qatar, 2:15 p.m., beIN  
Friendly: Argentina vs. Haiti, 5:50 p.m., beIN, beIN E

**Tennis**  
French Open, 4 a.m., TENNIS

**Women's National Basketball Association**  
Minnesota at Atlanta, 6 p.m., Twitter  
Washington at Seattle, 9 p.m., Twitter

**RADIO**  
**Major League Baseball**  
Houston at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)  
Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)  
**Texas League Baseball**  
Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

## TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Designated RHP Ricardo Pinto for assignment. Placed RHP Matt Davidson on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Friday. Selected the contract of RF Matt Shoemaker from Charlotte (IL).  
LOS ANGELES ANGELES — Designated LHP Ian Kinsler for assignment. Recalled RHP Amed Rosario from Salt Lake (PCL).  
MINNESOTA TWINS — Claimed RF Taylor Motter off waivers from Seattle.  
SEATTLE MARINERS — Options of John Anderson to Tacoma (PCL). Activated OF David Spivey.  
TEXAS RANGERS — Released RHP Kevin Jensen.  
**National League**  
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — RHP Kris Medlen announced his retirement.  
ATLANTA BRUINS — Placed OF Ronald Acuna Jr. on the 10-day DL. Recalled LHP Max Fried from Gwinnett (IL).  
CHICAGO CUBS — Options of RHP Javier Baez to Iowa (PCL). Recalled RHP Luke Farrell from Iowa.  
NEW YORK METS — Placed RHP AJ Flinn and RF Wince Platter on the 10-day DL. Platter retroactive to Sunday. Options of C Tomas Nido to

Birmingham (IL). Recalled 3B Phillip Evans and RHP Hernan Perez and Center Fielder from Las Vegas (PCL). Reinstated C Kevin Plawecki from the 10-day DL. Sent 2B Todd Frazier to Las Vegas for rehab assignment.  
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed RHP Sean New on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Friday. Recalled RHP Mike Foltynewicz from Indianapolis (IL).  
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Designated LHP Mike Cuddihy for assignment. Placed OF Franchy Cordero on the 10-day DL. Reinstated OF Hunter Renfroe from the 10-day DL.  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Signed RHP Taylor Hill and C Ryan Hanigan to minor league contracts.  
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Sent LHP Matt Grace to Harrisburg (IL) for a rehab assignment.  
**CHICAGO DOGS** — Released OF Tony Flanagan.  
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released C Jeffrey Street.  
**Can-Am League**  
QUEBEC CAPRIULES — Released LHP Mark Buechele.  
**FOOTBALL**  
Cleveland Blue Bombers — Released QB Jurrell Peadar

## NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

**CONFERENCE FINALS**  
(Best-of-7, 4-1 necessary)  
Sunday, May 13  
Boston 108, Cleveland 83  
Monday, May 14  
Golden State 118, Houston 108  
Tuesday, May 15  
Boston 107, Cleveland 84  
Wednesday, May 16  
Houston 127, Golden State 105, series tied 1-1  
Saturday, May 19  
Cleveland 116, Boston 88, Boston leads series 2-1  
Sunday, May 20  
Golden State 126, Houston 85  
Tuesday  
Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 22  
Houston at Golden State, 8 p.m.  
Thursday, May 23  
Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, May 24  
Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m.  
Saturday, May 25

• Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 26  
• Houston at Golden State, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 27  
Cleveland 87, Boston 79  
Monday, May 28  
Golden State 101, Houston 92  
**NBA FINALS**  
(Best-of-7, 4-1 necessary)  
Thursday  
Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m. June 3  
Cleveland at Golden State, 7 p.m. June 6  
Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m. June 8  
Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m. June 11  
Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m. June 14  
Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m. June 17  
Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m. June 20

## NHL STANLEY CUP GLANCE

**STANLEY CUP**  
(Best-of-7, 4-1 necessary)  
Monday, Vegas vs. Washington 4  
Wednesday, Washington at Vegas, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Vegas at Washington, 7 p.m.  
June 7: Washington at Vegas, 7 p.m.  
June 10: Vegas at Washington, 7 p.m.  
June 12: Washington at Vegas, 7 p.m.

## COLLEGIATE BASEBALL POLL

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll, with records through May 27, lists points and positions ranking. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors.

Rank	Team	Points	Record	W	L
1	Oregon St.	45-11	49-3	3	3
2	Clemson	45-14	49-3	3	3
3	Florida	44-10	49-1	1	1
4	Duke	42-17	49-2	2	2
5	North Carolina	39-18	48-5	5	5
6	Mississippi St.	45-15	48-7	7	7
7	Ga. Tech.	39-19	48-9	9	9
8	South Carolina	45-18	47-11	11	11
9	N.C. State	40-18	47-8	8	8
10	Arkansas	38-19	47-9	9	9
11	Ohio	40-15	47-1	1	1
12	Texas	37-20	46-12	12	12
13	Texas Tech.	39-17	46-13	13	13
14	Minnesota	41-19	46-10	10	10
15	Florida St.	42-17	46-10	10	10
16	Stanford	42-11	46-17	17	17
17	Cornell	42-17	46-24	24	24
18	East Carolina	42-16	46-28	28	28
19	South Carolina	39-24	46-14	14	14
20	St. John's	39-15	46-10	10	10
21	Louisville	42-17	46-28	28	28
22	Tennessee Tech.	42-19	46-10	10	10
23	UCR	42-19	46-21	21	21
24	Houston	38-28	46-28	28	28
25	BYU	39-19	46-28	28	28
26	Connecticut	42-19	46-28	28	28
27	Purdue	37-19	46-27	27	27
28	Cal St. Fullerton	39-23	46-28	28	28
29	San Diego St.	39-15	46-28	28	28
30	Washington	38-20	46-21	21	21

## NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP

**NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Points Leaders Through May 27**

1. Kyle Busch, 573	10. Aric Almirola, 255
2. Joey Logano, 565	11. Ryan Blaney, 253
3. Chase Elliott, 559	12. Daniel Suarez, 252
4. Brad Keselowski, 487	13. Austin Jones, 249
5. Trevor Bayne, 480	14. Alex Bowman, 248
6. Clint Bowyer, 477	15. Chase Daniel, 248
7. Denny Hamlin, 469	16. Ryan Newman, 248
8. Chris Buescher, 421	17. Paul Menard, 248
9. Ryan Larson, 382	18. David Ragan, 248
	19. Austin Dillon, 248
	20. Justin Haley, 247

## FIGHT SCHEDULE

**June 5**  
At Waco, Texas, Ernest Hernandez vs. Jose Benavente, 12, for the vacant WBA junior welterweight title. Daniel Williams vs. Adrian Cuevas, 12, for WBO.

**June 6**  
At Banning, Calif., Robert Garcia vs. Ryan Garcia, 12, for the vacant WBO super welterweight title.

**June 8**  
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# Golden Knights outlast Caps 6-4 in Final opener

By Greg Beacham  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The Vegas Golden Knights' incredible inaugural season isn't slowing down in the Stanley Cup Final.

Tomas Nosek scored the tiebreaking goal midway through the third period, and the expansion Golden Knights opened an improbable Final with a thrilling 6-4 victory over the Washington Capitals on Monday night.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 24 saves in an occasionally shaky performance, but the three-time Stanley Cup winner's new teammates carried the goalie who has so often carried them with a relentless outburst of offense.

The Eastern Conference champion Capitals hadn't given up this many goals in 29 games since March 18, but they hadn't seen anything like this charmed run by the upstart Knights.

"We put fun ahead of everything, and you can tell," said Ryan Reaves, who scored the Knights' tying goal in the third period. "Guys have been having fun and they're smiling."

With its sellout crowd of hometown fans at deafening volume all night, Vegas put its usual speed and relentlessness on full display while overcoming a third-period deficit to win the opener of a matchup between two franchises seeking their first Stanley Cup titles.

The Game 1 winner has won the last six Cups and 61 of 78 overall.

Braden Holtby stopped 28 shots for the Capitals, whose first Stanley Cup Final game in 20 years was a defensive nightmare. Washington still had chances to win, but never slowed the Knights.

Tom Wilson got credit for the goal that put the Caps up 4-3 early in the third period when Fleury back-heeled a loose puck into his own net, but Reaves evened it 91 seconds later for Vegas.



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Vegas Golden Knights left wing Pierre-Edouard Bellemare, left, of France, takes Washington Capitals center Jay Beagle down during the second period in Game 1 of the NHL Stanley Cup Finals on Monday in Las Vegas.

Nosek then put the Knights ahead after Shea Theodore kept the puck in Washington's zone, sidestepped a defender and fired a beautiful cross-ice pass to the Czech forward, who buried a one-timer for his second goal of the playoffs.

Colin Miller, William Karlsson and Reilly Smith scored early goals before Nosek added an empty-netter for the Knights, who are three wins away from one of the most improbable championships in recent North American team sports history. Just 342 days after the Knights selected the backbone of their first roster in the expansion draft, Vegas had another party on the Strip with its remarkable collection of castoffs.

Brett Connolly, Nicklas Backstrom and John Carlson scored for Washington, but its biggest stars didn't match the Knights' outburst.

Captain Alex Ovechkin, who collected a career-high 22 points in the first three rounds, had one assist in his first Stanley Cup Final game. Evgeny Kuznetsov, who scored a whopping

24 points in the first three rounds, also had just one assist.

The Golden Knights' playoff pregame shows have been a celebration of Vegas showmanship, and their first Final game started with an extravaganza including archers, a trebuchet and a spectacular light show.

And then the Knights and Caps put on a high-energy production of their own with plenty of fireworks and drama. With none of the customary caution or high-pressure effects often shown by teams and players in their first game on the NHL's biggest stage, Vegas and Washington jumped right into an up-tempo thriller. Vegas had outscored its opponents 10-0 in the first period at home during the playoffs, but the Caps got two goals.

Miller scored the Knights' first goal with a big shot on a power play, ending Holtby's scoreless streak from his back-to-back shutouts to end the conference finals at nearly 167 minutes. But Washington calmly surged ahead later in the first period

with goals 42 seconds apart from Connolly and Backstrom.

Smith put the Knights back ahead early in the second period after a stellar sequence of speed and puck movement, but Carlson tied it a few minutes later after being left alone in front of Vegas' unmanned net.

The wild scoring continued in the third with an own-goal by Fleury, who lost track of a rebound and kicked it backward into his net.

T-Mobile Arena was only quiet for a few seconds before the tying goal from Reaves, who cross-checked Carlson to the ice an instant before the puck unexpectedly bounced to him for an uncontested shot.

Reaves didn't score at all in his first 26 games after joining the Knights in a trade, but the rough-and-tumble forward broke through with the game-winning goal in the Western Conference finals clincher against Winnipeg.

Wilson delivered a crushing open-ice hit in the third period to Vegas' Jonathan Marchessault, who was shaken up on the play.

# Another NBA Finals brings another huge challenge for LeBron

By Brian Mahoney  
Associated Press

BOSTON — LeBron James will get a couple days to catch his breath, then make his annual June journey to Golden State or down to Houston to face a team far better than his.

His eighth straight NBA Finals sets up as one of his most difficult, flanked by a largely unheralded set of teammates who force him to do much more at 33 than most other players are ever asked.

But James keeps showing he can do it, and he can't wait for his chance to win another ring.

Dare count him out? "At the end of the day, the game is won in between the lines, and we have an opportunity to play for a championship," he said after Sunday's 87-79 victory over Boston. "That's all that matters."

James dragged an injured and inconsistent Cavaliers team out of the Eastern Conference and back to the NBA Finals, where they will be an underdog against whichever team wins Game 7 in the West on Monday.

But after playing all 48 minutes in his 100th game of the season, punctuating one of the greatest series a player has ever had with 35 points, 15 rebounds and nine assists, he sure looks capable of more.

And the Cavaliers will need every bit of it. They had to play seven games just to get out of the first round, and seven more to finish a climb out of 2-0 deficit against a younger, more athletic Celtics team. They have to be tired, and that's no

way to go into a series against Kevin Durant, Stephen Curry and the Warriors, who blew Cleveland away in five games last year, or James Harden and a Rockets team that can be every bit as potent on one end and lock teams down on the other.

The only way it would appear Cleveland would have a chance would be if James can summon his highest level, the kind that perhaps no other player can reach — and then do it three more times.

The Celtics have seen him do it, after he averaged 33.6 points, 9.0 rebounds and 8.4 assists to eliminate them in the East finals for the second straight year.

"I think we've played now until May 25th and May 27th the last two years, and we started on Sept. 25th," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "That's every day. Every day that you're totally focused on this, and he's gone past that eight straight times. It's ridiculous, and he does it at this level and with the pressure, with the scrutiny. Doesn't matter. It's just unbelievable."

This was the year James' finals streak looked over. Kyrie Irving had been traded to Boston in the offseason, Isaiah Thomas, Dwyane Wade and Derrick Rose weren't the answers as his replacement, and Kevin Love missed significant time with injuries.

And even after the Cavaliers remade their team at the February trade deadline, it didn't look good enough. Cleveland had finished just fourth in the East, never developing the necessary cohesiveness required to be even a mediocre defensive team,

let alone a championship-caliber one. They still can surrender open shots everywhere, a flaw that seems fatal against the 3-point happy Rockets or Warriors.

The only obvious advantage the Cavaliers have is James, the kind of player who can win a Game 7 in Boston with a team that was without its other All-Star because of a concussion and couldn't shoot straight deep into the first half, with Cavaliers other than James missing their first 10 3s until J.R. Smith hit one with 2:54 remaining until halftime.

"I mean, the bigger the stage, the bigger the player, and he's been doing it for us since we've been here," Cavs coach Tyrone Lue said.

"The great quote from the great Doc Rivers is you always want to go into the Game 7 with the best player, and we have the best player on our team going into a Game 7. I like our chances."

And he'll like them again starting Thursday even if the oddsmakers don't. The Cavaliers were probably far better last year and could only get a game from the Warriors.

But two years ago, they also weren't given much of a shot against the Warriors, especially after falling behind 3-1 in the finals. Nobody had ever overcome that deficit in the championship round, and Cleveland had to do it against a team that had won an NBA-record 73 games.

James led that comeback to Cleveland's first title, and now he's got a shot for another unlikely one.

"It'll be available for at least four more games," James said, "and we'll see what happens."

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# Mariners beat Rangers 2-1

By Tim Booth  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Marco Gonzales pitched into the seventh inning and did not allow an earned run for a third consecutive start, helping the Seattle Mariners top the Texas Rangers 2-1 on Monday.

Seattle won for the ninth time in 10 games and reached 13 games above .500 for the first time since late in the 2014 season. And it was once again a one-run win. The Mariners have been held to three runs or less in seven of the past eight games, but are 7-1 in those games thanks largely to their pitching.

Seattle has 16 one-run wins, best in the majors.

Gonzales (5-3) lasted 6 2/3 innings and has not allowed an earned run since May 12 when he gave up four runs in a loss to Detroit. His only issue against Texas was walks. Gonzales walked four, including Ryan Rua with two outs in the seventh inning to conclude his day.

James Pazos got the final out of the seventh, before letting the duo of Alex Colome and Edwin Diaz work together for the first time. Colome, an All-Star closer acquired from Tampa Bay late last week, struck out a pair sandwiched around a two-out



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Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Marco Gonzales, right, tumbles forward after snagging a loss to him as Texas Rangers' Rougned Odor (12) scores behind in the third inning of a baseball game Monday in Seattle. Odor scored on a passed ball by Mariners catcher Mike Zunino.

hit to finish the eighth inning, and Diaz pitched the ninth for his 19th save.

The only run for Texas came in the third inning when Rougned Odor reached on a bunt single and eventually scored on a passed ball.

Texas starter Doug Fister (1-5) cruised through the first five innings, the only hit allowed a single by Andrew Romine in the third. It was a defensive miscue that created the op-

portunity for Seattle to take the lead.

With one out in the sixth, Denard Span hit a grounder to second base that should have ended the inning. Odor briefly bobbled the grounder and the Rangers were unable to turn the double play. Mitch Haniger's base hit barely eluded the diving attempt of shortstop Jurickson Profar, and Nelson Cruz and Kyle Seager followed with line-drive RBI singles.

## MLB GLANCE

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## NCAA

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before the regional will certainly help," O'Sullivan said. "We'll try to get healthy ahead of the weekend and get some guys back on track before we play Columbia on Friday. At the end of the day, everybody has a clean slate now, and our guys will be as motivated as anyone to show everyone how good they are."

Florida State, at 41 appearances in a row, has the longest active streak, but no national championships to show for them. "For me to say a national championship isn't important is as dumb a thing as anybody can say. Damn right it's important," said Seminole coach Mike Martin, whose 1,987 career wins are an NCAA record. "Every coach that works is striving to be known as the top dog when it's all said and done. That is something our program is lacking and we're working very hard to achieve that."

The last four teams to make the field were Dallas Baptist (40-19), Northeastern (36-19), Oklahoma State (29-24-1) and Troy (41-19). The first four out were Arizona (34-22), Illinois (33-20), Kentucky (34-22) and Central Florida (35-21).

Perhaps the biggest surprise was Kentucky's exclusion and Northeastern's inclusion. At No. 30, Kentucky had the highest RPI of any team not selected. The Wildcats went 3-0 in a March tournament in Houston, including a win over the host and American Athletic Conference regular-season champion Cougars. They won two of three each against national seeds Texas Tech and Georgia.

NCAA Division I Baseball Regionals Game Schedule table listing dates, times, and locations for various regional games.

## MLB ROUNDUP

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**American League**

**RED SOX 8, BLUE JAYS 3**  
BOSTON — Andrew Benintendi hit a three-run homer to cap a five-run fourth inning. J.D. Martinez added a solo homer and the Boston Red Sox coasted to an 8-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday.

Benintendi also had a triple and single, and Jackie Bradley Jr. added an RBI double, scored twice and made a spectacular catch in center field. Boston won for the seventh time in nine games.

**INDIANS 9, WHITE SOX 6**  
CLEVELAND — Edwin Encarnacion homered and had four RBIs, and the Cleveland Indians took advantage of Chicago's lousy defense to score five times in the fifth inning, beating the White Sox 9-6 on Monday.

Encarnacion tied the game in the fifth with a three-run bloop double. Yonder Alonso's double drove in the go-ahead run in the inning and Encarnacion hit a leadoff homer in the seventh.

**TIGERS 9, ANGELS 3**  
DETROIT — James McCann hit a grand slam in the third inning, and the Detroit Tigers routed the Los Angeles Angels 9-3 on Monday.

Matthew Boyd (3-4) allowed two hits in five-plus innings for the Tigers. His first scoreless outing of the season came on a hot day in which Detroit outfielder Nito Goodrum had to leave the game because of heat exhaustion. The temperature was around 90 degrees when Goodrum was removed for a defensive replacement in the fourth.

**THURS. 8, ROYALS 5**  
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Miguel Sano belted a two-run homer, Edmundo Rosario hit a three-run double and the Minnesota Twins snapped a four-game skid with an 8-5 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Monday night.

Lance Lynn (3-4) pitched six effective innings to win his second consecutive start after a dreadful stretch in his first season with the Twins.

**RAVS 1, ATHLETICS 0**

**OAKLAND, Calif.** — Melvin Smith hit an RBI single with two outs in the 13th inning. Jonny Venters got his first save in seven years to cap a seven-hit shutout and the Tampa Bay Rays outlasted the Oakland Athletics 1-0 on Monday.

**National League**

**BRaves 4, Mets 3**  
ATLANTA — Charlie Culberson's pinch-hit, two-run homer off Seth Lugo in the bottom of the ninth inning gave the Atlanta Braves a 4-3 victory over the New York Mets in the first game of a doubleheader on Monday.

Lugo (1-1) gave up Nick Markakis' sacrifice fly in the eighth and walked Johan Camargo to begin the ninth before Camargo took him deep.

**DODGERS 5, Phillies 4**  
LOS ANGELES — Vladimir Grandal singled home the go-ahead run and the Dodgers scored three times in the eighth inning to rally past Philadelphia 5-4 on Monday night, spoiling Phillies manager Gabe Kapler's return to Los Angeles.

The Dodgers handed the Phillies their fourth straight loss at Chavez Ravine, dating to last season, when Kapler served as director of player development before being lured East for his first big league managerial job. He had been a candidate for the Dodgers' opening before Dave Roberts was hired.

**Rockies 6, Giants 5**  
DENVER — Chris Iannetta drove in the winning run with a single up the middle in the 10th inning and the Colorado Rockies beat the San Francisco Giants 6-5 on Monday night in a game delayed 55 minutes by rain.

It was Iannetta's eighth career walk-off RBI and first since May 11, 2016, when he was with Seattle.

**Brewers 3, Cardinals 3**  
MILWAUKEE — Jonathan Villar and Christian Yelich homered, while Ryan Braun had three hits to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to an 8-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Monday.

Milwaukee starter Brent Suter (5-3) allowed three runs in five innings, but hit a two-run double in the fourth that gave Milwaukee a 4-0 lead. Milwaukee won for

the 10th time in 12 games.

**MARLINS 7, Padres 2**  
SAN DIEGO — Caleb Smith was brilliant in dominating a matchup of rookie left-handers, Yadier Rivera's two-run single capped Miami's four-run first inning, and Cameron Maybin had three hits and two RBIs against his old team to lead the Marlins to a 7-2 victory against the San Diego Padres on Monday.

**Diamondbacks 12, Reds 5**  
PHOENIX — Nick Ahmed, Chris Owings and John Ryan Murphy each homered as Arizona's offense — stumbling for nearly all of May — came alive for a 12-5 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday, just the Diamondbacks' third win in their last 18 games.

Ahmed and Owings each had a three-run home run in the opener of a six-game homestand after Arizona staggered back from a 1-8 road trip. Murphy added a solo shot.

**Cubs 7, Pirates 5**  
PITTSBURGH — Mike Montgomery pitched two-hit ball into the sixth inning. Anthony Rizzo went 3 for 4 with a home run and three RBIs, and the sleep-deprived Chicago Cubs beat the slumping Pittsburgh Pirates 7-0 on Monday.

Montgomery (1-1), starting for the first time this season in place of injured Yu Darvish, retired the first 12 batters before giving up a sharp single to Corey Dickerson with one out in the fifth. He struck out five and recorded just 78 pitches to get through 5 2/3 innings. Montgomery struck out five without allowing a walk.

**NATIONALS 6, Orioles 0**  
BALTIMORE — A three-run lead in the third inning quickly isn't enough to ensure a victory, except perhaps when Gio Gonzalez is doing nothing and the team facing the deficit in the 2018 Baltimore Orioles.

And so, when Anthony Hendrix's drive to left field with two runners aboard cleared the way, the Washington Nationals had all the offense they needed Monday in what turned out to be a 6-0 victory.

## ASTROS

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and second with two outs in the second.

With Miguel Andujar at the plate, Verlander pitched and picked rookie Gleyber Torres off second base to escape.

"To be able to steal out," Verlander said, "those are game-changers." Davis hit his first homer of the season, connecting in the second off Domingo Germán (6-3). Above, whose career record now stands at 10 straight hits ended Sunday, ended his fourth in the eighth.

"You know you're up against one of the game's best," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "That isn't even felt that way today."

For all the heat Verlander brought to the plate, the best loss he made the opposite direction. The Astros led 3-0 when the Yankees put runners at first

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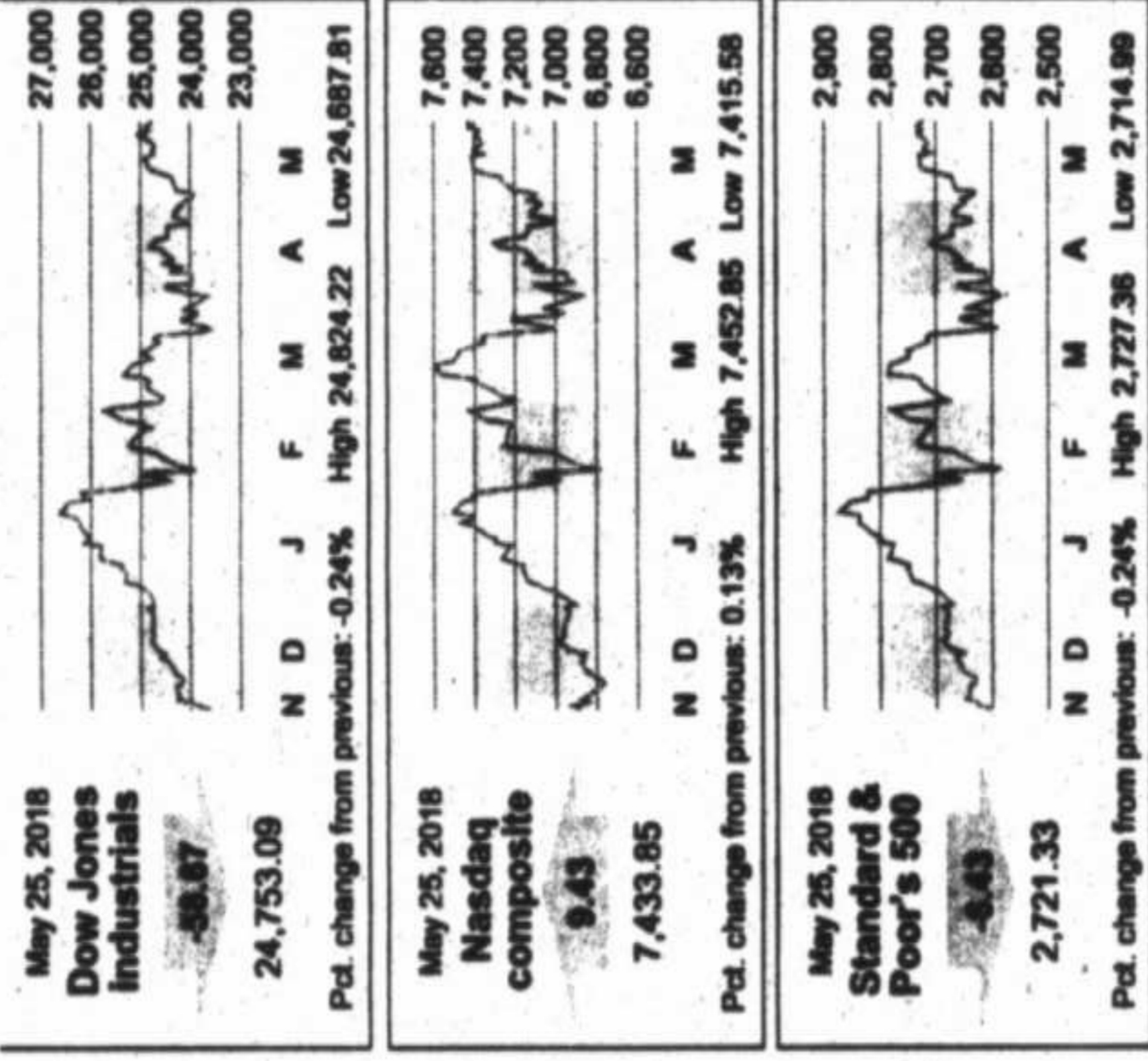
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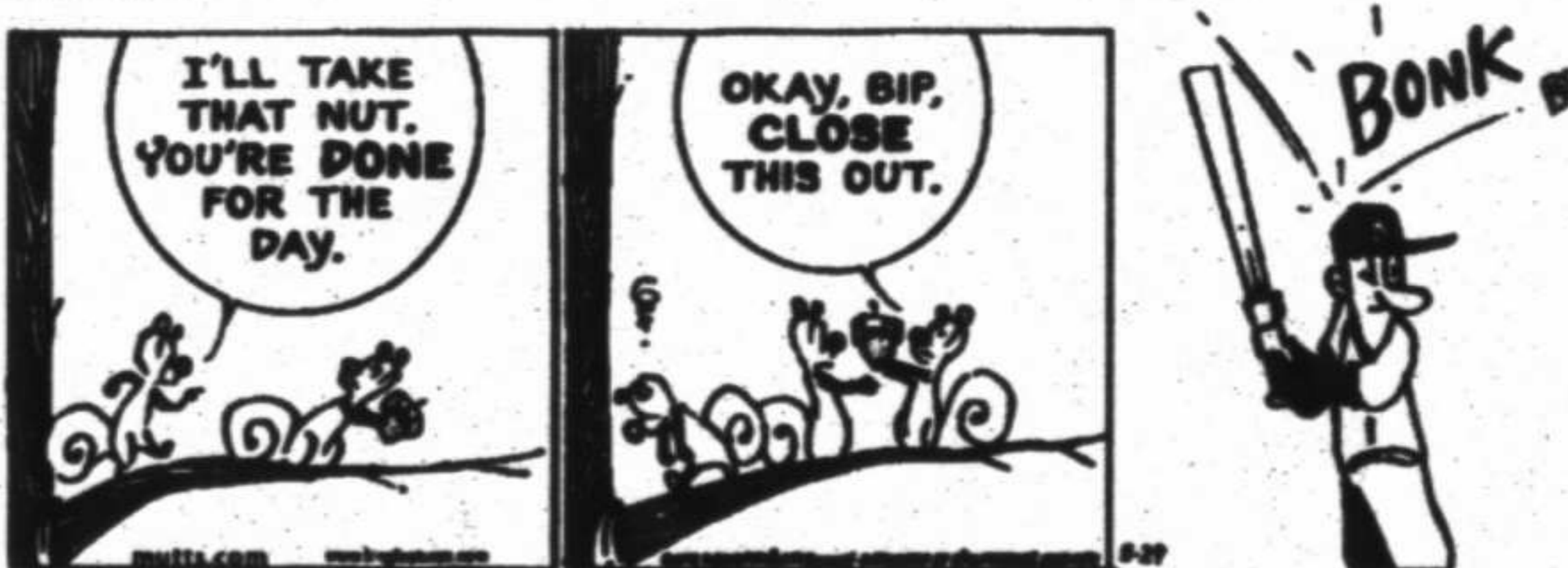
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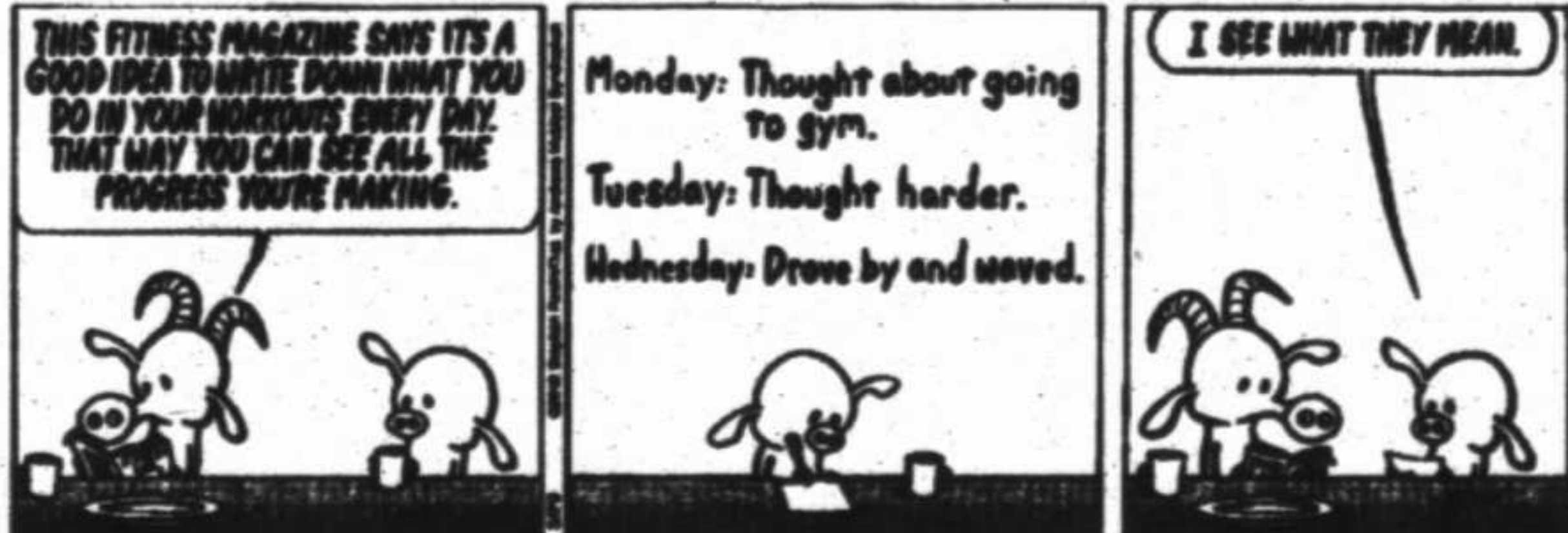
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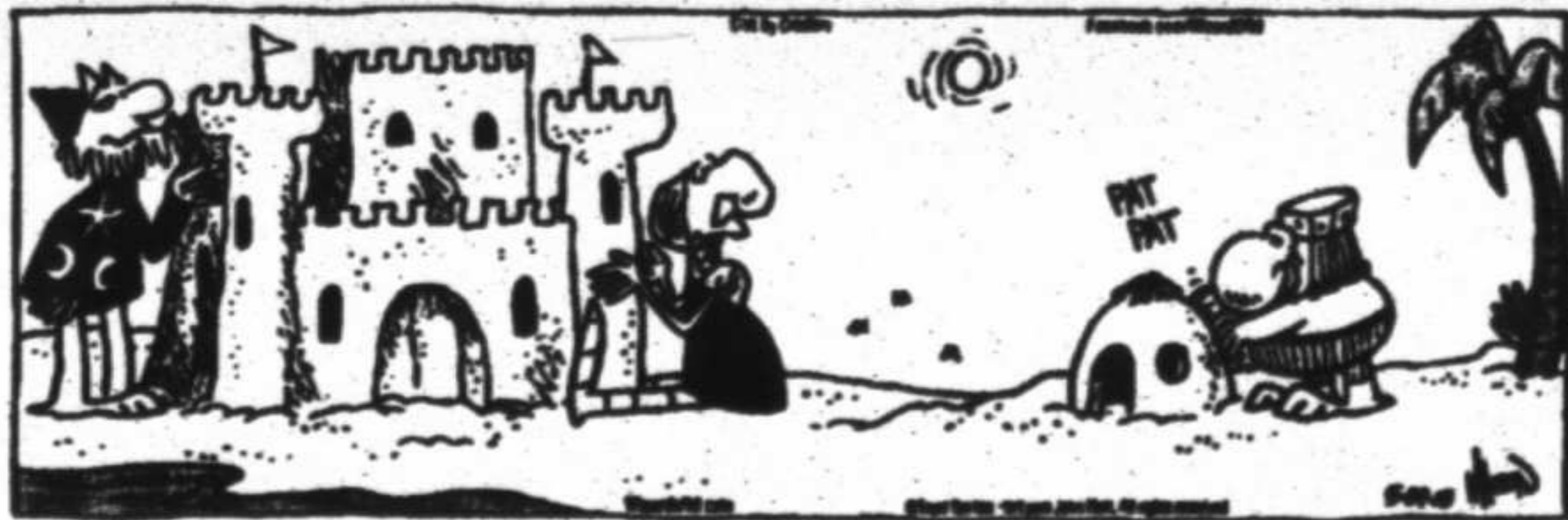
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**MIDLAND**  
NOW HIRING  
Associate Traffic Engineer

**Job Duties:**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

**Benefits:**

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**MANAGEMENT/EXECUTIVE**

**MIDLAND**  
NOW HIRING  
GIS Manager

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

**BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

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

**Job Duties:**

- Supervises all phases and implementation of the City Enterprise GIS.
- Supervises GIS Division staff.
- Provides planning and direction for GIS growth to serve the City and Public.
- Provides general customer service; responds to concerns and inquiries related to - Division services.
- Negotiates and reviews contracts provided by consultants for GIS services, e.g. LIDAR, ortho-mosaic imagery, Cityworks, etc.
- Develops policies and standards for the GIS Division.
- Manages the setting of priorities for projects, software, database, and application development.
- Oversees development of GIS applications, web services, and tools to ensure they are current and within industry standards and practices.
- Oversees the GIS Division in managing ArcGIS Server installation, maintenance, upgrades and use.
- Provides recommendations to the Director of Engineering Services regarding annual GIS Division budget, priorities for projects, and resources required to complete them.
- Provides user-training services, as requested.
- Independently prepares and delivers reports and presentations to City Councilmembers, City Management, and outside agency officials. Serves as representative of GIS for the City to other departments and outside agencies.
- Other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

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

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

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of Esri ArcGIS software (ArcGIS Desktop, ArcGIS Online, ArcGIS Pro), Solid understanding of database design/management and programming in database.

Knowledge of land surveying, municipal governmental operations, acquisitions and procedures is desirable.

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

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NOW HIRING  
Planning Division Manager

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

**BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

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

**Job Duties:**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

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

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

**Benefits:**

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**MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE**

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Right-Of-Way Manager

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**MIDLAND**  
NOW HIRING

Planner

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

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

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

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

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in architecture, planning, engineering or economics plus one to three years of experience. Valid Texas Driver's License.

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Minimum qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in a social/human service or related field and minimum of two years' experience with the non-profit community or social health services agencies in the Permian Basin. Bilingual (English and Spanish) preferred. Certified Information and Referral Specialist (CIRIS) OR must obtain Alliance of Information and Referral Systems CIRIS within 18 months of employment. Position requires ability to work in a team-oriented environment, strong customer service orientation and skills, and ability to build and maintain strong community relationships.

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**Equipment Operator - Traffic Operations**

Perform manual and unskilled labor on traffic signs and markings, which often involves the use of acquired skills. Operate several types of light and heavy vehicles, equipment, and tools. Do related work and training as required.

**Job Duties:**  
-Assist in loading and unloading transported equipment.  
-Operate equipment used in the daily activities of the Traffic Operations division such as paint machines, sign installation equipment, welders and other heavy equipment.  
-Perform maintenance, service minor repairs on vehicles and equipment.  
-Install and maintain roadway signs, markings and all other traffic devices.  
-Assist in maintaining inventory of supplies and equipment.  
-Maintain records of work performed, schedules, status reports and work orders.  
-Perform related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**  
Employee must be able to communicate effectively with employees, management and citizens in order to effectively receive and complete assigned work.

Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to traffic control devices and operations. Knowledge of the processes used in traffic control maintenance. Employee must be able to follow instructions for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools is required. Employee must be able to use heavy equipment required in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and stringing truck. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders is also required.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas Class A or B CDL required, or must be obtained within 6 months of employment.

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**Equipment Operator - Transportation**

Under Supervision, performs unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled duties in the maintenance and repair of the City's street infrastructure. Performs a variety of tasks including general labor and the operation of light and heavy equipment used in the repair of streets, alleys, and drainage ways.

**Job Duties:**  
-Performs routine maintenance and repair of City streets and alleys through the operation of light and heavy equipment including walk-behind saws and compactors, dump trucks and water trucks, and other equipment related to the maintenance of streets and alleys.  
-Performs daily preventative maintenance of equipment.  
-Performs manual work and general labor such as making street and curb cuts.  
-Maintains tools and equipment.  
-Assists with the proper set up of work zone traffic control.  
-Assists in loading and unloading of transported material and equipment.  
-Fulfills on-call duties as required and outlined on Transportation's on-call roster.  
-Assists with the maintenance of Transportation's buildings and grounds.  
-Assists other City divisions and departments, as needed.  
-Performs related duties as required.

**Qualifications:**  
Employee must effectively communicate with all co-workers, managers, and citizens. Must effectively communicate with managers regarding work orders.

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to read materials including equipment manuals and daily work logs. Ability to read fluid levels and fuel gauges. Ability to receive and understand training materials and demonstrations regarding the proper operation of light and heavy equipment for which employee has no prior knowledge or experience.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Valid Texas Class A or B Commercial Drivers License required.

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**Job Duties:**  
• Performs routine maintenance and/or construction on streets, alleys, right of way, drainage channels, etc.  
• Performs daily preventative maintenance of motorized equipment or hand tools.  
• Performs manual work and general labor such as wood cutting, patching repair, shoveling, etc.  
• Maintains tools and equipment in good and safe operating condition.  
• Performs any related duties needed to complete projects.  
• Installs and maintains signage throughout the city.  
• Patrols lane lines on the streets and thoroughfares. Paints designated curbs.  
• Installs lane marking devices.  
• Trains crews in order to clear sign obstructions.  
• Fabricates signs.  
• Maintains records of work performed such as work schedules, status reports and records of work orders.  
• Performs other related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**  
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group.

Knowledge of power and hand tools. Ability to train on some motorized equipment or tools. Ability to read materials such as equipment manuals and work orders. Ability to write and record information such as feedback on work request/work orders.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37/38 Case No. 0311497  
 DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 21, 2018 Status/Permit No. 839875  
 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 25, 2018  
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 Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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

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

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

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

Lease Lines :	2145.0 F WEST L	306.0 F SOUTH L
Survey Lines :	2145.0 F WEST L	306.0 F SOUTH L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

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

Terminus Location  
 BH County: MIDLAND  
 Section: 17 Block: 39 T1S Abstract: 37  
 Survey: T&P RR CO  
 Lease Lines: 198.0 F EAST L  
 50.0 F SOUTH L  
 Survey Lines: 1864.0 F WEST L  
 2593.0 F NORTH L

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This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10450 feet.

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37/38 Case No. 0311499  
 DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 21, 2018 Status/Permit No. 839875  
 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 25, 2018  
 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas  
 ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
 P. O. Box 12967  
 Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
 Fax: (512) 463-6780  
 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	88.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1.0

Lease Lines :	2055.0 F WEST L	306.0 F SOUTH L
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## WEIGHT OF LIFE



AP file photo

Two boys push their scooters through a park April 11 with green blossoming trees in Frankfurt, Germany. When you weigh all life on Earth, billions of humans don't amount to much compared to trees, earthworms or even viruses, according to a study in the May 21 Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

## Humans account for little next to plants, worms and bugs

By Seth Borenstein  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When you weigh all life on Earth, billions of humans don't amount to much compared to trees, earthworms or even viruses. But we really know how to throw what little weight we have around, according to a first-of-its-kind global census of the footprint of life on the planet.

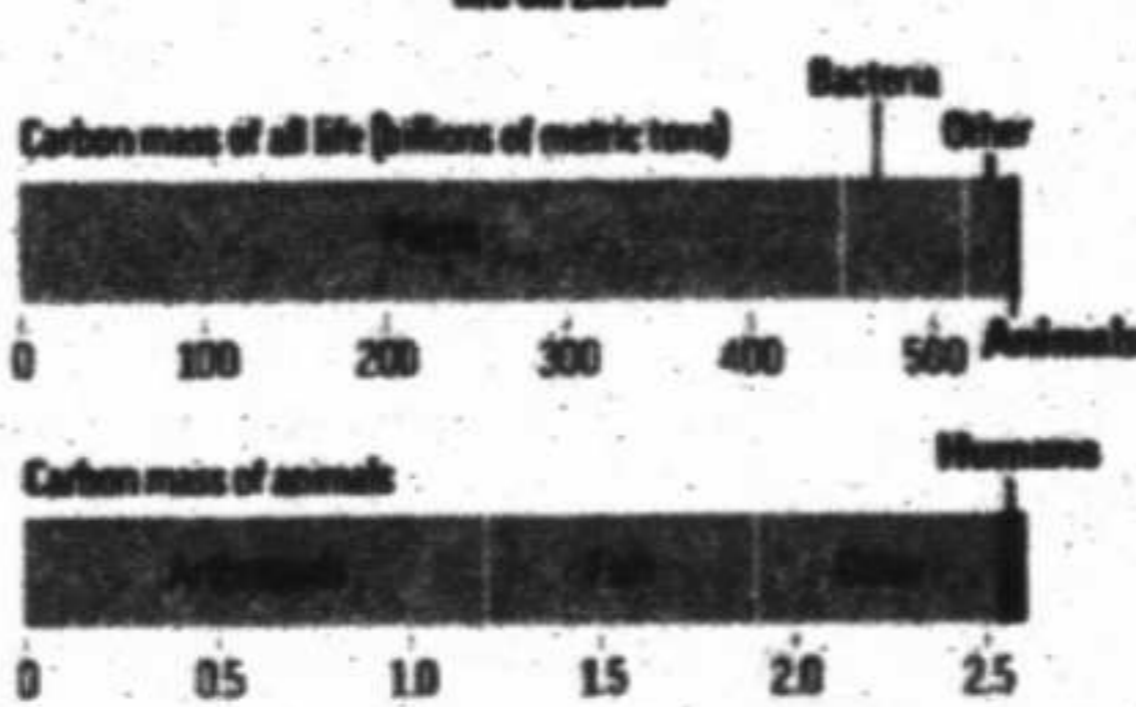
Humans only add up to about one ten-thousandth of the life on Earth, measured by the dry weight of the carbon that makes up the structure of all living things, also known as biomass.

The planet's real heavyweights are plants. They outweigh people by about 7,500 to 1, and make up more than 80 percent of the world's biomass, a study in Monday's Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences said.

Bacteria are nearly 13 percent of the world's biomass. Fungi — yeast, mold and mushrooms — make up about 2 percent. These estimates aren't very exact, the real numbers could be more or less, but they give a sense of proportion, said

### Humans are a small part of life

Humans make up only one ten-thousandth of the total mass of life on Earth.



SOURCE: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

study lead author Ron Milo, a biologist at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

"The fact that the biomass of fungi exceeds that of all animals sort of puts us in our place," said Harvard evolutionary biology professor James Hanken, who wasn't part of the study.

Still, humans have an outsized influence on its more massive fellow creatures. Since civilization started, humans

helped cut the total weight of plants by half and wild mammals by 85 percent, the study said.

Now domesticated cattle and pigs outweigh all wild mammals by 14 to 1, while the world's chickens are triple the weight of all the wild birds. Instead of children's books about elephants and lions, a more honest representation of Earth's animals would be "a cow next to another cow, next to another cow next to a chicken," Milo said.

Milo and colleagues look earlier research that looked at biomass for different types of life, combined them, factored in climate, geography and other environmental issues, to come up with a planetwide look at the scale of life on the planet. Taking water out of the equation and measuring only dry carbon makes it easier for scientists to compare species. About one-sixth the weight of a human is dry carbon. Humans are about two-thirds water.

"Even though short in numbers, we have managed to throw a lot of sand in the air and mess up a lot of things," said noted Harvard biologist E.O. Wilson, who wasn't involved in the study.

## Clocks may go a little cuckoo with power grid change

By Seth Borenstein  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Running late for work or just miss that bus? You could have a good excuse: Your electric clock might be running a bit cuckoo.

Because of a change in federal energy regulations, some scientists say your trusty, older plug-in clock may be losing or gaining a few ticks over time.

Electric clocks keep time based on the usually stable and precise pulses of the electric current that powers them. In the U.S., that's 60 hertz (cycles per second). In the past, regulators required power companies to immediately correct the rate if it slipped off the mark. But that precision is expensive to maintain, so last year, the correction part was quietly eliminated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Energy officials insist other standards will keep the time in check, and so far the problem has not amounted to more than a few seconds here and there. But some scientists looked at what could happen without the time correction rule and concluded clocks could gradually go off-kilter if the grid's power was delivered consistently at higher or lower rates than 60 hertz. That can happen when power demand surges or slows because of weather and the grid can't adjust right away.

This would affect clocks that get their power from a wall socket, such as alarm clocks and those on microwaves and coffeemakers. Cellphones, newer clocks with GPS, those connected to cable TV and modern ones that don't rely on the grid to keep time aren't affected, experts said.

The changes could be just matters of seconds and all but unnoticeable, but the time could drift by as much as seven and a half minutes between time changes in March and November, when people reset their clocks, according to a study conducted by researchers at the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the U.S. Naval Observatory.

In some extreme cases, Americans might miss their bus, parts of television shows and even be slightly late or, shudder, early for work, said Demetrios Matsakis, co-author of the study and chief time scientist at the Naval Observatory.

"They'll think something is wrong with their clock but they won't know what," said Matsakis, co-author of the study.

The request to retire the long-standing time correction rule came from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), which coordinates the grid. NERC standards director Howard Gogel says newer standards prevent veering from 60 hertz so the rule isn't needed. NERC has guidelines for what to do if time corrections are necessary, he said in an email.

Without the rule, the fixes will still be made but maybe not right away, said Terry Bilke, who works on time coordination for the Indiana-based Midcontinent Independent System Operator.

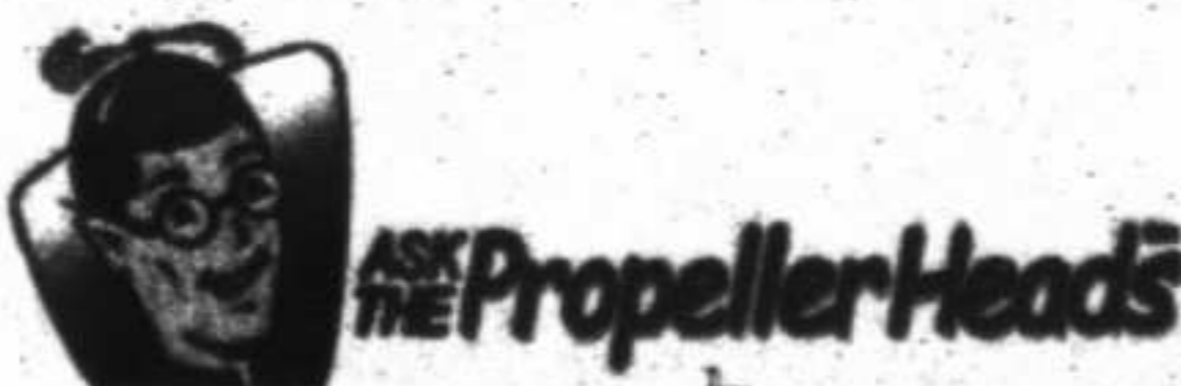
## From lenses to headphones, there's cool swag for cellphones

Dear PropellerHeads: My cellphone needs some new swag. Whicha got for me?

A: By swag, I assume you mean dorky tech toys? If that's the case, you came to the right place. I'm not going to spend time talking about cellphone bling, because no discerning reader like yourself recognizes value when they see it (ebay.to/2KM6QWw). I'll let you decide how to dress your fun, and focus on trying to make it a little more fun to use. Some are already available for purchase; some will be the hottest new things.

If you have ever encountered anyone below the age of 30 with a cellphone, then you know their primary goal is: SELFIES!!! Me being less than photogenic, I'm not a huge selfie-taker, but I do know some pretty sweet gear to make selfies a lot more fun to take. Most people are aware of selfie sticks, and there are some good ones out there like this one from Mpow (amazon.to/2ImaoAq), but why not take it to the next level? With the Selfly selfie drone (www.selfly.camera) you can finally get a hands-free shot of you and your fabulous friends.

A more common and compact selfie accessory is the ever popular Popocket (popockets.com). They're compact,



cheap, and easy-to-use. They do present a problem for people who mount their phones while driving for GPS use, etc. To solve that problem, they've come out with a nice car mount to go along with it, which is equally simple, cheap and easy-to-use (bit.ly/2jllQ6s).

If you're a bit more ambitious with your phone photography/videography, there are some nice options out there for you, as well. Every generation of cellphone has better and better cameras, but if you want the best quality and versatility in your shots, consider getting some add-on lenses like the ones offered by Amir (bit.ly/2K9BPF8). If you're the next Scorsese, but don't have a multimillion dollar budget for your next film, consider an affordable, but high-end global device like this one from DJI (bit.ly/2jFMC4g).

For any communication device, a close second to taking pictures of yourself is, of course, listening to music. With summer upon us, taking your music outdoors is

more likely, so you'll want something with plenty of range and durability to go along with good sound quality. Check out the JBL Waterproof Bluetooth speaker (amazon.to/2H1K5m) — it's portable, affordable, and will keep the party going with a nice battery life. (You can even use it to charge your phone if your outdoor adventures make outlets scarce).

There are a ton of Bluetooth headphones out there, and while I typically try to recommend things that are made for both Android and Apple devices, the Apple AirPods (apple.com/airpods) are worth the investment if you're an Apple fan. Their integration with the iPhone, iPad, and Apple Watch, combined with a small, sleek design, are really great. If you're looking for a nice accessory to help you keep track of them while not in use, Catalist offers a simple yet attractive waterproof case worth a look (bit.ly/2wqZF31).

Now if you're not all about fun and games and need something geared more towards productivity, I have something for you as well. Mobile phones are powerful enough these days that with the right app suites, they can largely replace computers for your everyday needs. It can be tough to make that transition without the proper

gear though.

Most smart TVs will allow you to mirror your phone screen on them. If yours doesn't, Roku (roku.com), Amazon's Fire stick (amazon.to/2jll5Nk), and Chromecast (goo.gl/gjRcUG) are some inexpensive options that will allow you to do so. That doesn't cover everything though, so you'll want to consider adding a nice stand to maintain touchscreen access (amazon.to/2I97auO), and a portable keyboard (amazon.to/2jllYmrv) to make inputting info easier.

All of this gear should be more than enough swag for your phone, and run you a lot less than the Louis Vuitton case you were eyeing. You might even have enough cash left over to get a nice thank-you gift for a helpful PropellerHead, eh?

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