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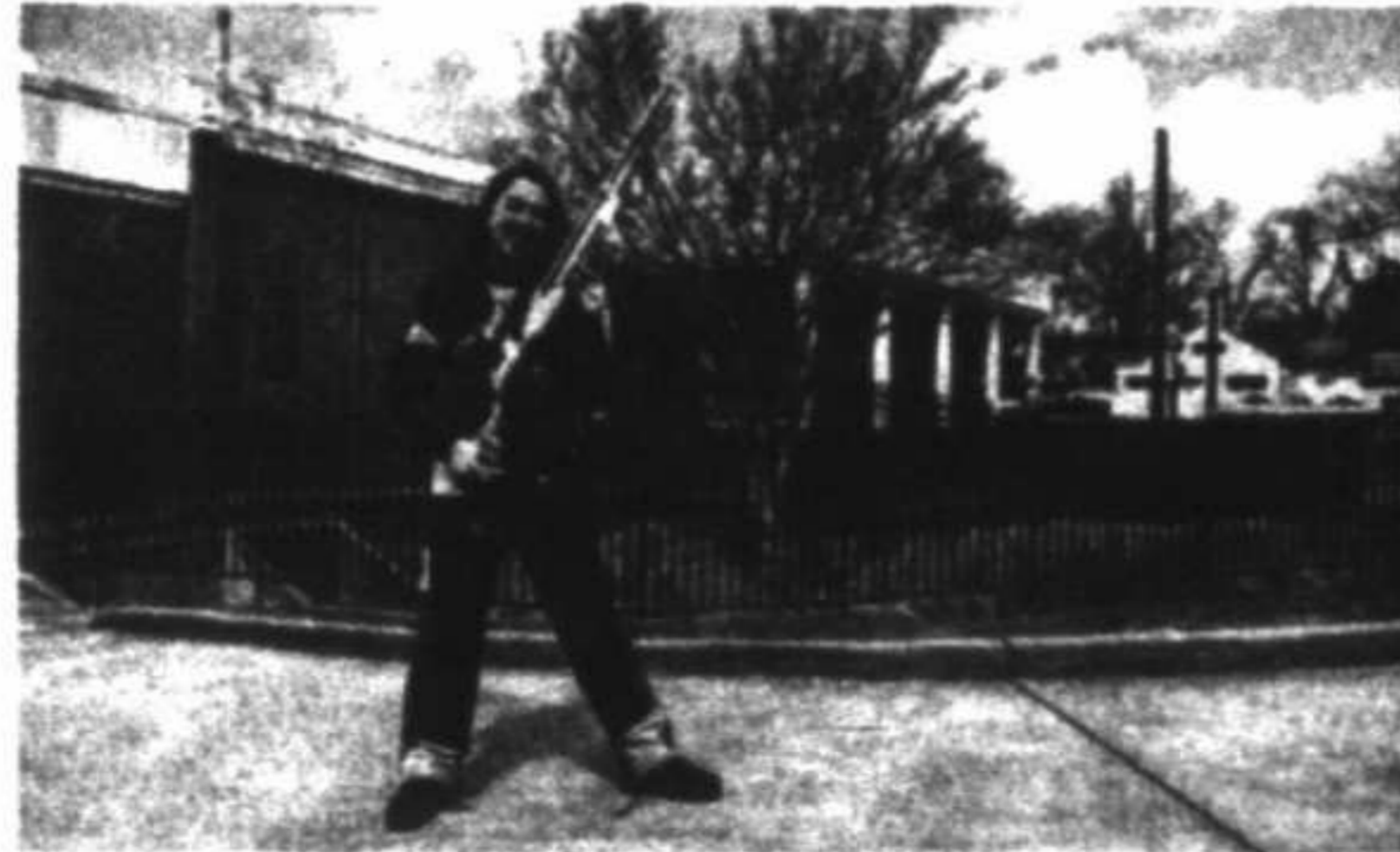
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## SCHOOL GUN CLUBS

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## Council set to vote on new stormwater fee

Homeowners would pay \$14 to \$40 a year if ordinance is approved

By Stewart Doreen  
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The Midland City Council on Tuesday is set to take a second vote on the creation of a "municipal drainage utility" and new fees that are expected to raise millions annually for stormwater drainage improvements across the city.

City leaders have discussed for months the implementation of a new stormwater drainage fee. They recently received details of a fee schedule for homeowners and businesses across the city.

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Those fees, which appear to be identical to those approved during the first reading, are expected to create an "annual revenue stream of approximately \$2.47 million," according to agenda packet documents.

Mayor Jerry Morales, after the March meeting, talked about the need for new fees to help offset costs that are expected because of growth in the community.

City staff and leaders have identified \$20

million in drainage projects that they would like to complete inside a 10-year window.

At the council's meeting in March, the city's governing body also approved a \$210,000 agreement with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper that will put the city in position to implement more fees, including those on developers for water impact, wastewater impact and roadway impact.

The fee structure for residential units, as previously reported, is based on a building footprint.

There are three rates. If a structure has less than 1,399 square feet, the rate will be \$1.20 a month. Tier 2 covers properties between 1,399 and 2,424 square feet; the rate is \$2. The highest tier is for coverage greater than 2,424 square feet; the rate is \$3.40 a month.

Commercial rates are based on the building footprint, plus driveways and parking lots. The six tiers and the rates are:

■ less than or equal to 8,339 square feet, \$5.80 a month;

■ greater than 8,339 and less than or equal to 18,702 square feet, \$13 a month;

■ greater than 18,702 and less than or equal to 47,853 square feet, \$30 a month;

■ greater than 47,853 and less than or equal to 92,740 square feet, \$68.40 a month;

■ greater than 92,740 and less than or equal to 261,475 square feet, \$154 a month;

and

■ greater than 261,475 square feet, \$220 a month.

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## BEAUTIFYING MIDLANDERS



Chrissy Hale, owner of Halo Hair and Beauty Bar, works with Kelle Jerath on Saturday.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

## Owner wants Halo to make a statement

Native Midlander opens hair salon at Wall Street Lofts

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Chrissy Hale is now the trendsetter. To know that Midlanders take pride in their appearance only takes a casual glance when strolling on a sunny afternoon or seeing the other guests at one of the city's off-frequented eating establishments.

To know that entrepreneurship is alive in well in the Tall City, however, doesn't require a count of the many oil and gas companies of all sizes popping up as favorable crude prices have accelerated the business pace. Rather, it can be experienced firsthand in Hale's new salon and spa — the only business of its kind downtown.

Halo Hair and Beauty Bar, 100 N. Main St., Suite 103, is a place that makes tresses complement dresses, makeup match the mood and nails neat for a night out. Hale and her staff of stylists bring aesthetic trends to life, particularly on heads.

"Hair is your No. 1 accessory," Hale said on recent afternoon sitting on a deep-blue, velvet chair pedastalled in the pedicure area. "It's something someone immediately notices about you."

For the Joe James Salon and Day Spa veterans, the love of hair styling goes



Halo Hair and Beauty Bar staff pose for a photo.

back to childhood. Hale would cut her own hair — and admittedly made some questionable choices along the way. But while she perfected her craft through the cosmetology program at Midland College and more than 10 years as a professional, she found that it's far more than a way to make money.

"It's being able to make people feel better about themselves and the interaction with people," Hale said. "I think doing hair is a natural ability that I've been given, but it's the people side that I really

love. I absolutely love all of my clients. I consider them all friends."

Hale knew since she was young that she wanted to style hair, but she also wanted to be her own boss. As her clientele has grown over the years, she found that many customers worked downtown, and a chance meeting with Mayor Jerry Morales helped her find a space in the heart of the city.

Hale and a friend helping her with

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## Odessa Permian is overcrowded amid oil boom

Record enrollment is putting a strain on the already low-performing Ector County Independent School District. In Odessa, school administrators, teachers and parents are asking: Where are we going to put all of these kids?

By Sally Beauvais  
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When the last oil boom in the Permian Basin screamed to a halt in 2014, something unexpected happened — families stuck around.

Now, with production ramping up again, all corners of the community are feeling the effects of population growth. Including area public schools, where record enrollment is putting a strain on an already low-performing district.

In Odessa, school administrators and teachers are parents are asking the question: where are we going to put all of these kids?

To folks outside the region, Permian High School is best known as home to the Panthers, the football team that inspired the book, movie, and TV show, "Friday Night Lights." But locally, Valerie Hammit's precalculus class may be setting a new record. She has 63 kids in her precalculus class.

"It's impossible to get 60 kids to be quiet at the same time," says Hammit. "Not only be quiet, but listen."

She used to have about 30 students in the class, until the school lost another math teacher to a higher paying job with an oil company.

She says it can be hard to retain math and science teachers in the booming Permian Basin, where they're recruited for oilfield jobs that pay six figures.

"Trust me, I'm on LinkedIn. Just because of my math degree and data analysis. People contact me and I'm like, ugh. It's tempting. It's really tempting," she says.

But Hammit's head of the department, and she's been teaching in the Ector County Independent School District for almost 30 years. She says she's not going anywhere, anytime soon.

Jose Carrasco, a senior in Hammit's precal class, moved to the Permian Basin from the Dallas area because of his dad's job in the oilfield. And he's not the only student with that story.

The entire school district is seeing record enrollment: over 32,000 students and

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Science cups sold out

quality at 500 stores in Texas and Louisiana. Page 5A

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50 million dollars: "A Quiet Place" made its debut. Page 5A

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## Advocates: School gun clubs teach discipline, not violence

By Lisa Marie Pane  
Associated Press

DAHLONEGA, Ga. — Their classmates took to the streets to protest gun violence and to implore adults to restrict guns, seeming to forecast a generational shift in attitudes toward the Second Amendment. But at high school and college gun ranges around the country, these teens and young adults gather to practice shooting and talk about the positive influence firearms have had on their lives.

What do they say they learn? Patience. Discipline. Responsibility.

"I've never gone out onto a range and not learned something new," said Lydia Odlin, a 21-year-old member of the Georgia Southern University rifle team.

There are an estimated 5,000 teams at high schools and universities around the country, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation, and their popularity hasn't waned despite criticism after it emerged that the gunman who killed 14 students and three staff members at a Florida high school had been a member of the JROTC rifle team. The youths who are involved, coaches and parents say there's an enormous difference between someone bent on violence and school gun clubs that focus on safety and teach skills that make navigating life's hardships easier.

The clubs use a variety of firearms — from air rifles that shoot pellets to 9 mm pistols that fire bullets. Its members invest hundreds of dollars in specialized stiff uniforms and shoes that provide stability and support for spending hours standing, kneeling or lying prone to fire at targets down range. Some have hopes of representing the U.S. in the Olympics. Some simply love the camaraderie and mental focus required.

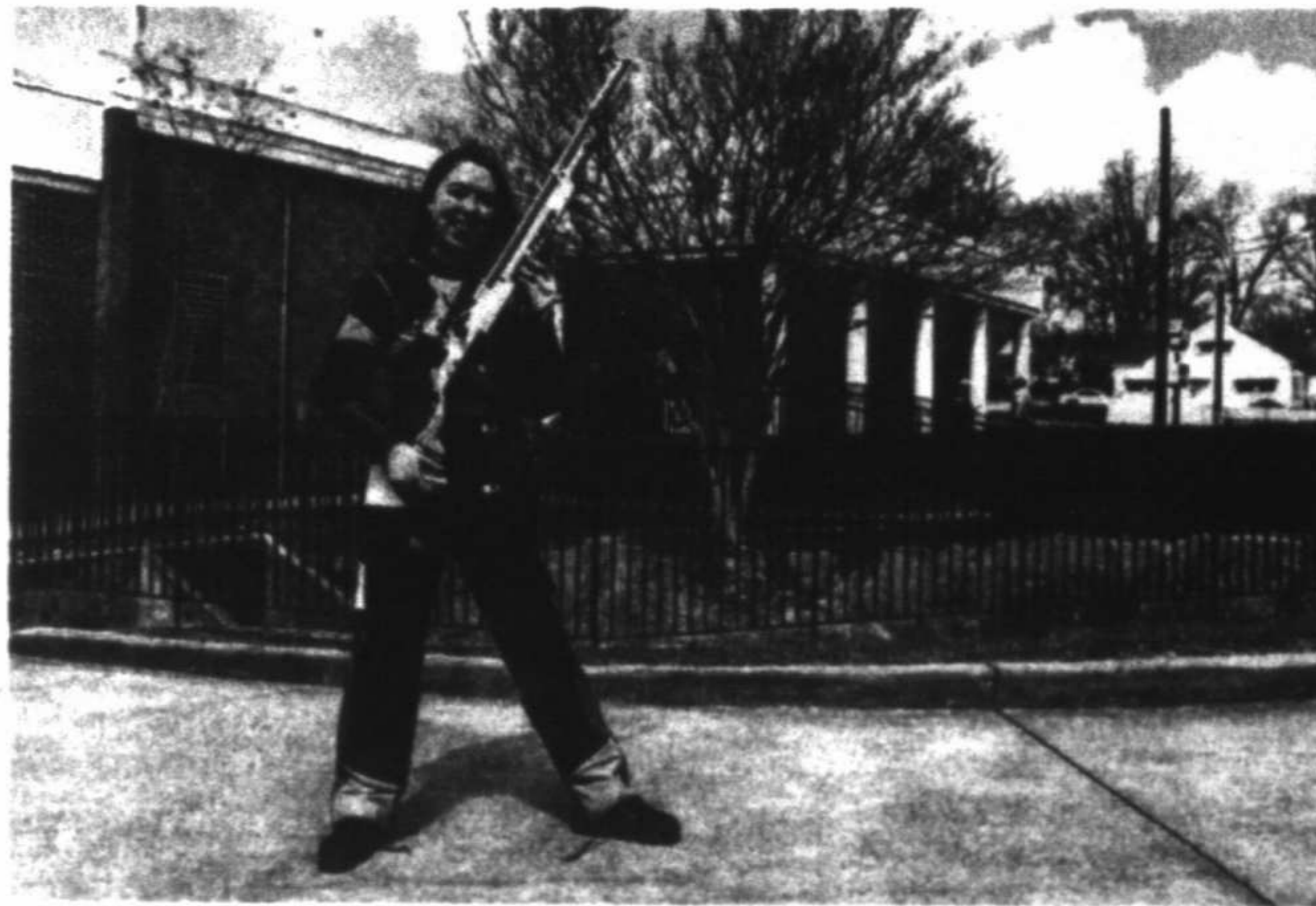
On a recent weekend, close to a dozen high school and college gun team members gathered at the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega to work with JP O'Connor, a coach affiliated with USA Shooting, the Olympic organization. For the first hour he only talks — not about techniques or scores, but about mental strategy.

"I want to encourage you to be self-aware and to be disciplined about what you're doing," he said. "If you are patient with yourself, life is a lot easier — or less difficult."

Many of the students came with their parents. All of them say they have no qualms about putting a firearm in the hands of kids, many of whom are too young to drive a car, vote or buy alcohol.

"So many people have assumed — and I picked that word on purpose — that guns are bad," O'Connor told The Associated Press. "Some people are, I can't believe you're teaching kids to shoot. Well, I'm not teaching kids to shoot. I'm teaching kids life skills. And I'm teaching them about a topic that is very contentious ... and when we educate people about something and they're not ignorant about it, then we're actually safer."

Emily Clegg from Monroe accompanied her 16-year-old daughter, Ashley, to O'Connor's



Lisa Marie Pane/Associated Press

Lydia Odlin, 21, from Scarborough, Maine, stands with her air rifle outside a gun range at the University of North Georgia on March 17 in Dahlonega, Georgia. Odlin, a student at Georgia Southern University, was attending a training session with several other high school and college students. In the wake of the shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida, some Americans are questioning whether school gun clubs are wise. But those who participate, say it teaches them discipline, patience and life skills.

session. Clegg said that in the two years Ashley has been involved in the JROTC program, she's seen "tremendous, positive things" happen to her, from motivation and leadership to learning to set goals.

Everyone is upset by gun violence, "but I don't think what students are doing here will lead to that," Clegg said.

Mike Lewis, who started the Carrollton High School team, recalled bringing his .22-caliber rifle to school in the 1980s. He might open up the trunk in the school parking lot to show it off to his classmates or one of the teachers. "Now there's a whole knee-jerk reaction based on ignorance and misunderstanding," he lamented.

It's a unique sport that doesn't attract typical jocks, he said. Rather than brown, it's a very brainy sport, and he's proud that most of his team is made up of straight-A students.

Kevin Neundorff, the director of marketing communications at USA Shooting, said views toward school gun clubs are part of the cultural divide in the country.

"There are a lot of misperceptions out there about the gun culture and all that, but for many it's just a way of life. Most people who are shooters, respect the sport and respect the game and have a respect for the firearm they shoot and for the people around them," he said. "I question anybody who can't go out to a gun range and have fun. That's the way our athletes see it and that's the way our sport is built."

"It's no different than playing basketball or soccer. ... For our athletes and for our club members and for our parents, that gun is no different than Serena's tennis racket ... and through that gun and through that firearm, what comes? Unbelievable discipline, opportunity, showing them success. Not every kid can be successful at basketball or football."

Odlin grew up in Maine, a microcosm of the country's divisions over guns. In the northern, more rural parts of the state, hunting is more prevalent. But in the southern, more-populated part, she said, she wasn't even allowed to wear her rifle team's T-shirt in high school.

"Overall, it was something you just didn't talk about. You just kind of avoided the topic of guns," she said.

As soon as she moved to Georgia, she was greeted with more acceptance.

"You say you're on a rifle team, there's no negativity surrounded by it. It's, 'Oh cool. What do you shoot? How far do you shoot?'"

Few go on to compete at the college level. After spending time working at a range and honing her skills, Odlin made the team in her second year. What she learns on the range, she said, has helped her in untold ways.

"You can't become a quality shooter without becoming a quality person off the range too. The amount of focus just blends right into schoolwork," she said.

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counting. You can see it in school parking lots — there are license plates from Oklahoma and Pennsylvania, other states with big oil economies.

"Going between classes gets really crowded," Carrasco says. "It's really hard just to walk, to get from class to class."

Permian High Principal Danny Gex says the school was built decades ago — for about 2,500 students.

Next school year, demographers are projecting it will have enrollment around 4,100.

The following year, 4,400. And the next, 4,700. He says portable classrooms might be the best immediate solution.

"We do have a football field, but I don't know," he says. "At Permian High School with 'Friday Night Lights' — I don't think it'd be a great idea to suggest taking up a football field with portables. And so where do you put them?"

The high school campuses are boxed into residential neighborhoods — there's virtually no room to expand without demolishing houses. This worries Roy Garcia, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools for Ector County ISD.

"Now that everything's on the uptick again, our projections are like, frightening again in terms of numbers," says Garcia. "And we already need more elementary schools, middle schools and high schools."

The community voted down a bond last year that would have funded the building of more schools and facilities.

"Our community takes a lot of pride in being considered a very conservative community. Which is why sometimes we won't pass bond issues and, you know, our tax rate is low — that's the way the community wants it," he says.

Garcia says longtime residents might hesitate to invest more money in schools because they remember the busts that have always followed the good times in the past.

But he says this enrollment increase held steady in the schools through the last bust in 2014. And it only seems to be getting bigger.

"At some point, you have to say, where's our priority for our kids?" offers Garcia.

Region 18, which includes school districts from the Permian Basin all the way down to the border, is one of the lowest-performing public school regions in Texas. And the Ector County ISD schools lag behind others in the district. Garcia says the strain of growth isn't helping that problem.

A new bond committee is forming this month, and putting a school-building proposal together, likely for sometime next year. Just like in the failed 2017 bond, they'll consider proposing the possibility of adding another comprehensive high school to the district. Mike Adkins, the communications director for Ector County ISD, says some people don't like that idea.

"The tradition and pride that goes into having the two high schools — Permian and Odessa High — who have battled for so long, and have that rivalry, and the great memories for everyone who went through here — they want that for their own kids," he says.

According to Adkins, there's also concern about diluting the talent pool on the football field, especially when it comes to the Permian Panthers.

But others acknowledge that adding another high school would create smaller learning environments, and provide some much-needed relief for Permian and Odessa High's crowded campuses.

Back in her pre-con class, Valerie Hammit says this semester is testing her limits. She regularly spends 12-hour days at work, and she doesn't get paid for the extra time.

"I just do today. I just think about today. I just think about tomorrow I get tired," she says.

## HALO

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business development were eating at the mayor's Mulberry Café, and Morales was working there that morning. "I told him what I wanted to do, and he's so enthusiastic about anything having to do with small business and downtown. He said to check out the Lofts, so I came here and looked at the space."

After evaluating the available commercial space at Wall Street Lofts — and with plenty of help from the Small Business Development Center at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin developing the business plan — she committed to opening her salon downtown. Much development and revitalization is happening right now, but there are few retailers, eateries and services — the kinds of businesses that make areas a destination into the evening.

"It's a huge risk, and I've calculated that, but I wanted to make a statement for Midland and for downtown," Hale said. "I want to make it work, and I'm dedicated to make it work. I'm ready to see downtown really thrive, which people have wanted it to for years."

"Being from here, I'm really connected with the city. I love all of Midland, but as a little girl I loved downtown — the big buildings and the different vibe down here. I connect with it."

As for the downtown experience so far, "I love it," she said. "I love the downtown people — they definitely have their own style. We're watching them through the window, and they're watching us. We're definitely getting people in already. The Lofts is a cool little community."

Hale said she notices a lot of beards on men and a lot of cute businessmen in dress shirts and jackets.

"Everyone always looks good around here, and I like that."

Looking good in dry West Texas isn't easy, however.

"Moisture products are a huge seller," Hale said. "I try to train the girls to be aware that most people's hair here, because of the climate and other reasons, is dry. They have to be committed to doing it at home. That's the only way it will work. You can't just do it once every couple of months."

Teaching people how to maintain their appearance is a core part of the service at Halo.

"Caring for yourself is a lifestyle. It's not that people don't care for themselves; it's that they don't know how to," Hale said. "What we want is to educate them on small changes they can make, and it doesn't have to cost a lot of money. You don't need 10 million products — just two or three at home that will help you in between hair services."

Hale says people should use a deep conditioner at home at least once a week, or two if their hair is colored. If adding heat to style hair, put some kind of protectant on it first.

Her top tip: Don't use store-bought hair-coloring kits. "It really dries hair out and makes it break off. Being in this business so long, I've had some bad experiences with (kits). It can cause a chemical reaction when mixed with bleach, which is what we use as a lightener. When bleach mixes with metallic salts in the box color, it causes a chemical reaction that can burn your hair. You come to a salon to get a good, healthy color."

Hale says Halo is a positive environment for both men and women. While being coiffed is important to men, having hair styled is especially important for women, particularly those who are undergoing medical treatments such as chemotherapy. "Hair is part of our identity, so when things outside our control start to impact our hair, it can be really devastating to our confidence. I've been doing this a long time, and I've seen it happen. Having people come in that have those issues and me being able to help them really uplifts them."

Trends in beauty change, but Hale hopes her business sets the example for other people to establish their own businesses downtown. "I want to be looked back at as someone who saw something that others didn't see."

As for Halo itself — with its contemporary décor, clean lines and metropolitan vibe — "I want it to be a common place for the community to gather, look good, feel good and hang out," she said.

## Communication system, police cars, dumpsters on next council agenda

By Stewart Doreen  
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Tuesday's City Council agenda is an example that government and the services it provides often come at a cost.

Three different items will come before the council for a total cost of more than \$4.3 million.

The projects include authorizing the appropriation of \$3.104 million for a "communication ring," which will upgrade, replace and expand the city's "antiquated" wireless radio system to serve traffic operations (traffic signals and school flashers), customer service (backhaul for wireless water meter collection points) and other city uses, according to council agenda documents.

The \$3.1 million will include \$370,000 allocated from the 2018 budget for the Traffic Division in the General Fund, \$682,000 from the General Fund unappropriated fund balance account, \$500,000 from the Water and Sewer Fund unappropriated fund balance account and \$1.552 million from the Midland Development Corp., which has agreed to match the city's investment in the project dollar for dollar, according to documents.

Also on Tuesday, the council will consider approval of the purchase of 20 "police package" vehicles for the Midland Police Department and two "police package"

vehicles for the Midland Fire Department. Four car dealerships submitted bids, and city staff recommends the low bid — from Prestige Ford in Garland — at \$29,553 each. The total fiscal impact, according to the city, is \$650,166. The money for this purchase is set to come from the Garage Fund.

Consideration of this item is to occur five days after two more police vehicles were involved in wrecks in Midland. Neither vehicle was reported as a total loss, according to the city's spokeswoman, but MPD has had had issues with its officers' driving and the impact on the department fleet. Earlier this year, the council approved funding for a driving simulator to help in the officers' training.

"All units purchased will be for the replacement of wrecked units or for units that have exhausted their useful life," Fred Reyes, director of General Services, wrote in a memo about the agenda item.

The other higher-dollar item is for the purchase of 1,000 3-cubic-yard side load refuse containers (which is similar to a dumpster) and 300 3.5-cubic-yard side load refuse containers (even larger dumpsters) for the solid waste division. While bid requests were sent out to 15 vendors, only two bids were received — the lowest for a total cost of \$627,100 from Rolls Off USA of Durant, Oklahoma, according to an agenda document. The money for this purchase is expected to come from the Sanitation Fund.

## USGS: Earthquake reported near Fort Davis

From staff reports

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded the first earthquake near Fort Davis this year.

An earthquake took place around 3:05 p.m. Saturday, 20.5 miles east-northeast of Fort Davis, according to the USGS.

The quake was the first in the region this year and

the 14th in the last 365 days, according to the website earthquake.usgs.gov.

The 14 quakes reported in the last year trail the 461 earthquakes reported near Perry, Oklahoma, in the last 365 days, according to earthquake.usgs.gov. The USGS reported six earthquakes near Perry on Saturday. Magnitudes recorded between 4:48

a.m. and 10:32 p.m. were 2.4, 2.5, 4.6, 2.5, 2.5 and 3.0. Perry is about 58 miles north-northeast of Oklahoma City.

A quake with a magnitude of 2.5 to 5.4 is "often felt, but only causes minor damage," according to Uppala, an educational site for seismologists. There are about 30,000 quakes each year, according to the site.

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If approved, the rates could go into effect as early as October, officials said during last month's council meeting.

The ordinance in front of the council also will address a three-step appeals process.

Should the Engineering Services director deny a request for an adjustment, the user can take the challenge to a panel that includes the city manager, finance director and the Development

Services director, according to the city. If the panel denies the challenge, the user may appeal to the City Council.

The ordinance calls for a maximum fine of \$500 for "each separate and distinct offense for each day during which a violation is committed, permitted and otherwise continued."

Some users will be exempt from the fee. They are: the state of Texas; the city of Midland; Midland ISD; state agencies; Midland College; Midland County; property

owned by a tax-exempt religious organization; property held and maintained in its natural state, until such time that the property is developed and all of the public infrastructure constructed has been accepted by the city for maintenance; and property with "proper construction and maintenance of a wholly sufficient and privately-owned drainage system, a subdivided lot — until a structure has been built on the lot and certificate of occupancy has been issued by the city."

TODAY IN MIDLAND

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Things to do

'Mis Quince Anos' celebrating the 15th anniversary of The University of Texas at the Permian Basin Ballet Folklorico, 6 p.m., Wagner Noel, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. The event will also include a pre-show art exhibit by the Odessa Hispanic Art Association and the Permian High School's Foreign Language Department. Guest performances by Mariachis' Maria Rey Y Celina Vasquez, Grupo Diversidad De Permian High School, Grupo De Danza La Flor De Los Freshermen and Ballet Folklorico Las Aguilas De Oro Infantil. Free. wagner-noel.com.

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

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

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.

Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for \$14.00 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Meetings today

Commissioners' Court 9 a.m. Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom, 500 N. Loraine Ave.

Midland Development Corp. 10 a.m. City Hall basement, 300 N. Loraine Ave.

Note: The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is set for April 16.

MSD forum There will be a parent forum concerning the district's before- and



Beto O'Rourke, US Representative from El Paso, stopped in Midland on his campaign for US Senate on Saturday at the MLK Center.

after-school programming from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Bowle Fine Arts Academy, 805 Elk Ave.

Join Right At School for the meeting that will provide an introduction into the program and answer questions in person. All Midlanders are encouraged to attend.

Republican Women

The Midland County Republican Women will hold their next meeting Wednesday at Midland Country Club. The speaker will be Nick Adams, Australian-born best-selling author, commentator and founding director of FLAD USA. The Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness is dedicated to promoting and providing high-quality civics education that

informs students and families about the greatness of America and the power of the American dream. More information on Adams' background and initiatives can be found at Repusa.org.

Also in attendance will be Justice Jimmy Blacklock, appointed to the Texas Supreme Court in January 2018 by Governor Greg Abbott.

The club meets at 11:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Midland Country Club. A buffet lunch is available for \$20 with advance reservation or \$25 at the door, beginning at 11:15. Meetings are open to both men and women. To RSVP, please register online at www.mcrwusa.org or e-mail your reservation to mcrwusa@mr.com. For media inquiries, please contact Emily Bue-

schler at mcrwusa@gmail.com.

This date in Texas

Five years ago: Fourteen people were injured by a knife-wielding attacker at Lone Star College in Cypress; a suspect was later sentenced to 48 years in prison.

Today in History

Today is Monday, April 9, the 99th day of 2018. There are 266 days left in the year.

On this date In 1885, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a nurse triage program '68-HURSE.' The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 688-6773. The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-HURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room ... or just staying home.

Weather

Sunday's temperatures

High.....97R Low.....39 Normal high.....77 Normal low.....47

April 9's records

Record high: 95, set in 1963 and equaled in 2018 Record low: 27, set in 2010

Precipitation

Saturday.....0.00 in. Sunday.....0.00 in. Month total.....0.00 in. Year total.....0.16 in. Normal total (year to date).....2.05 in.

Winds

Average wind speed: 12.4 mph

Highest sustained wind speed: 25 mph

Highest gust speed: 31 mph

Today's forecast

High: 77 Low: 48 Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/partly cloudy at night

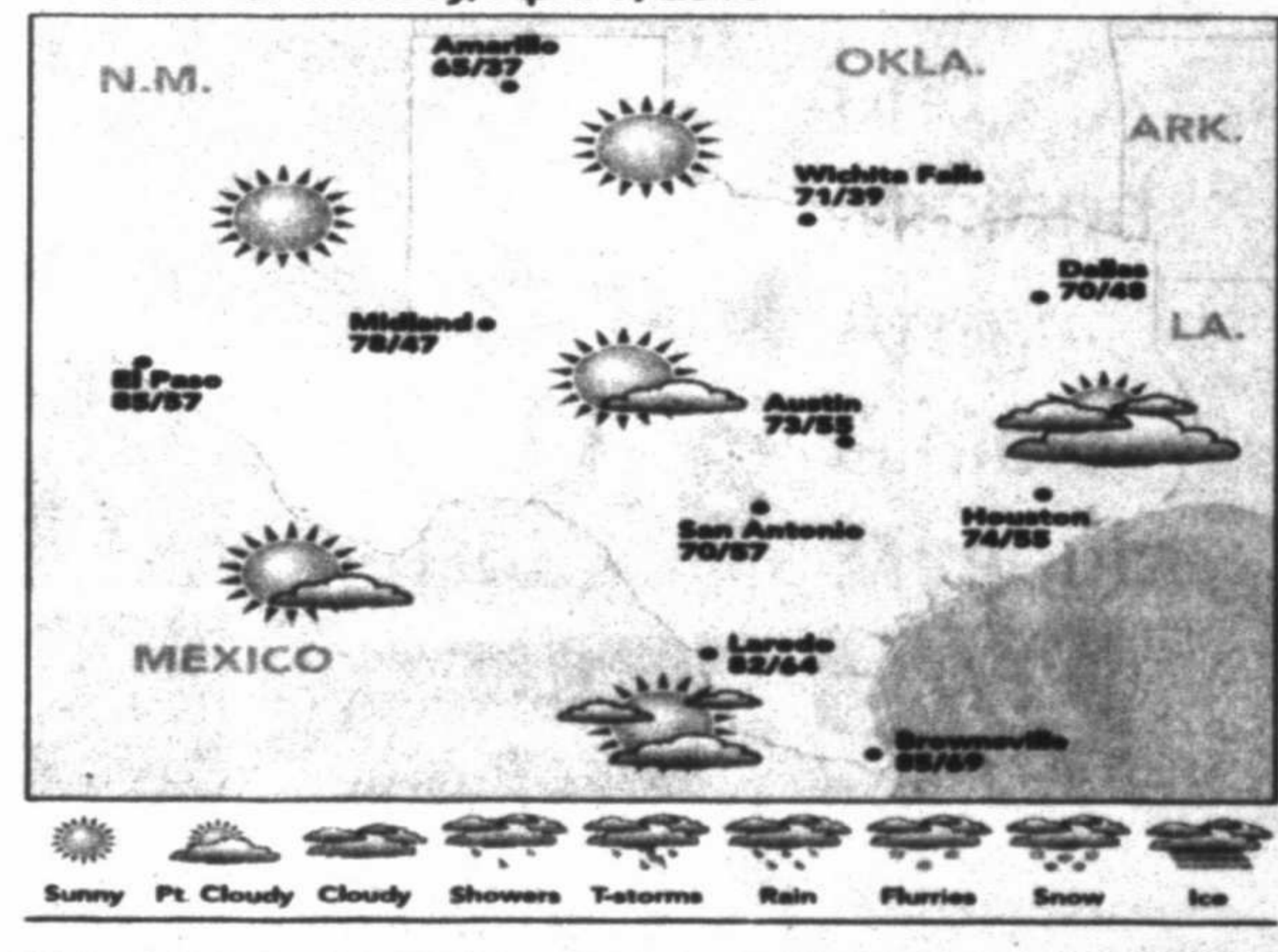
Winds: 5-15 mph during the day and night

Chance of rain: None

Sunrise.....7:27 a.m. Sunset.....8:14 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

Forecast for Monday, April 9, 2018



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Capricorn if born before 2:15 a.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, April 9, 2018:

This year could be a game changer if you play it right. Be open to intense conversations and debates. You will gain a clearer understanding of how others interact, as well as how to deal with their energy. Be more direct in asking for what you want, especially professionally. If you are single, take your time going to know a potential suitor before committing. Time is your ally. If you are attached, you have a tendency to go overboard and put your sweetie on a pedestal. Try to be more realistic, and you both will benefit. AQUARIUS usually has important news for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might feel as if you're in a race against time, but only after you schedule an important meeting. Move forward with the knowledge of others' expectations. Know that you can't postpone a discussion just because of a desire to carry out certain goals. Be patient. Tonight: Be where the action is.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Refuse to be taken for granted. You don't need to say much or take time away from your busy schedule. Decide what your limits are and simply let others know when they have crossed the line. Empowering yourself in this way will elicit respect. Tonight: Be more spontaneous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You unintentionally might put pressure on a roommate or family member. Remain sensitive to a financial

agreement. You might decide to spend more time at home or create a home office. In any case, focus on stability. Tonight: Decide to make your life easier.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You could be in a position where you might want to rethink what you said to someone who had a negative reaction to your words. You probably will need to have a discussion to clear the air. In fact, this talk needs to happen sooner rather than later. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could be in a situation where someone has a problem understanding your request. You are likely to enjoy yourself much more than you had thought possible, especially once some Monday stiffness wears off. Communicate what is on your mind. Tonight: Try to not overpend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) What you have been seeking becomes very possible. You are able to start up a conversation and understand why a certain situation isn't working. A friendship plays a major role in what goes on. Make sure you know what you want. Tonight: Happiest at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The less said, the better. Be direct with a loved one who often fails to make time for you. You can be vulnerable, but don't reveal everything that is in your mind. Open up a conversation between you and others. Know that you don't all have to agree. Tonight: With a favorite person.

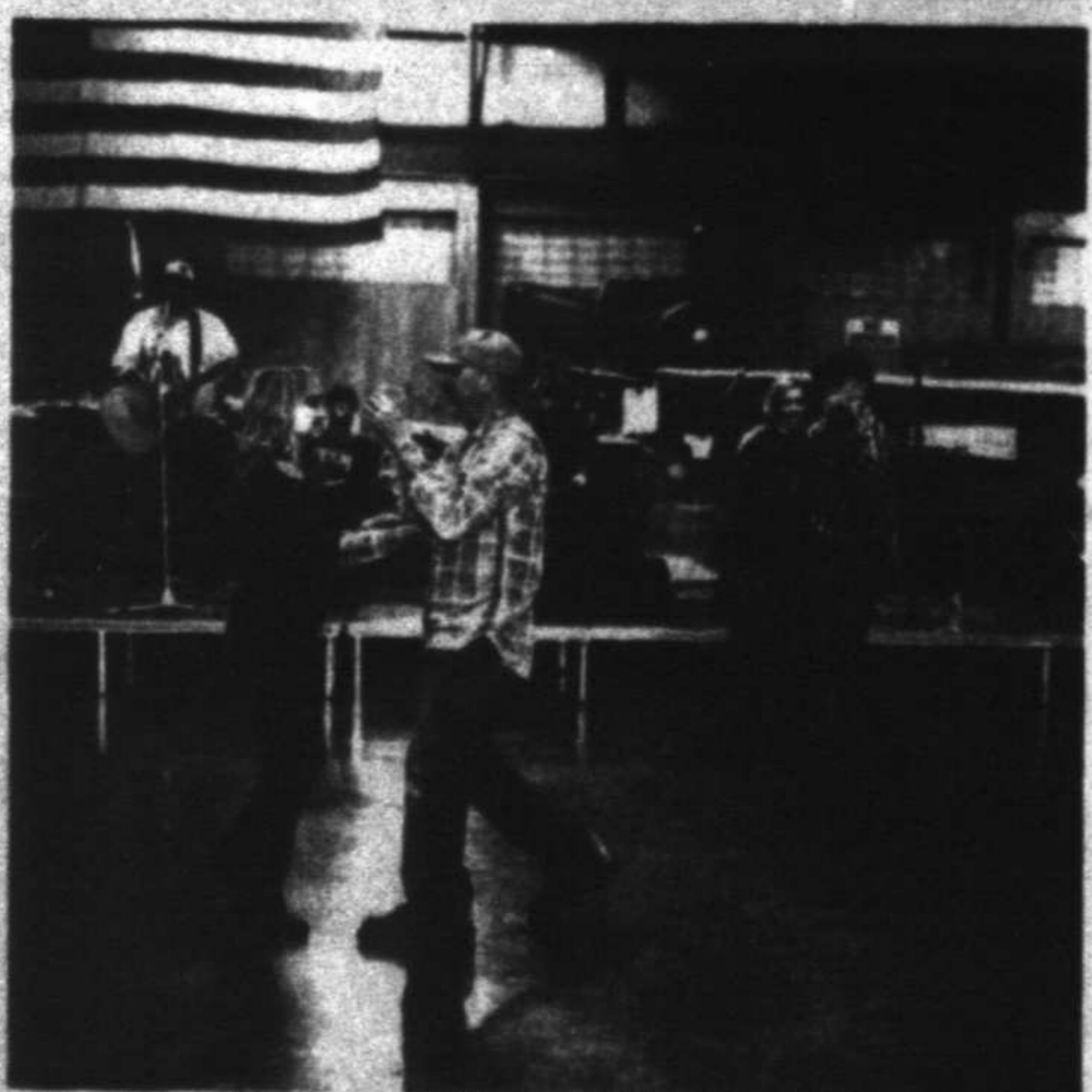
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## AP News Guide: The teacher protest in Oklahoma is ongoing

By Adam Kealoha Causey  
Associated Press

**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Oklahoma teachers plan to continue massive demonstrations at the state Capitol to keep the pressure on lawmakers to find more money for public education.

Classes were canceled at some of the state's largest school districts last week and will remain closed Monday as thousands of educators, students and their supporters keep up the protest.

Educators in Oklahoma — among the lowest-paid in the nation — have joined a rebellion in several Republican-led states. A strike by West Virginia teachers inspired the movement, which also spread to Kentucky and Arizona.

Here's a look at what's happened and what could lie ahead:

### WHAT DO TEACHERS WANT?

GOP Gov. Mary Fallin in late March signed off on the state's first teacher pay increase since 2007, giving them a boost of about \$6,100 a year.

But leaders of the state's largest teachers union say that's not enough.

Oklahoma Education Association President Alicia Priest on Friday demanded that lawmakers pass a repeal of a capital gains tax exemption and called on Fallin to veto a repeal of a proposed lodging tax.

The \$5-per-night lodging tax would generate about \$50 million annually but has faced fierce opposition from business interests and the hospitality industry. Axing the capital gains tax deduction would generate about \$120 million annually.

### WILL ELECTED LEADERS GIVE IN?

In some ways they



Mike Simons/Tulsa World via AP

Music teachers and students perform and sing, "We're Not Gonna Take It" by Twisted Sister in front of the Oklahoma State Capitol as part of their protest Friday in the Oklahoma teacher walkout.

already have.

Oklahoma Republicans have struggled to get the three-fourth's majority needed to pass tax increases, but they finally pushed through hikes on cigarettes, fuel and oil and gas production to fund the teacher pay increases.

Conservative lawmakers who went against the party orthodoxy in voting for higher taxes expected thanks, but instead teachers walked out anyway.

Fallin appeared to reflect their frustration during an interview that drew further

ire.

"Teachers want more, but it's kind of like having a teenage kid that wants a better car," Fallin said on CBS News.

Dozens of protesters responded Wednesday by jangling their keys in the Capitol rotunda and chanting, "Where's our car?"

### COULD TEACHER PROTESTS HELP DEMOCRATS?

Democrats have been losing legislative seats in many red states for years,

and the intensity of the education movement is an opportunity.

The Oklahoma Democratic Party set up a tent outside the Capitol during teacher protests and urged demonstrators to register to vote.

"I think we have a lot of momentum," Party Chairwoman Anna Langthorn said.

It happened in Kansas. Republicans there approved massive personal income tax cuts beginning in 2012, and budget shortfalls blocked educa-

tion funding increases. A backlash against the GOP in 2016 led to the defeat of more than two dozen conservative state lawmakers, although some of those members lost to more moderate Republicans in primaries. The Legislature in 2017 reversed many of the tax cuts.

Oklahoma Democrats would have to make massive gains to end their minority status. Republicans hold 40 state Senate seats to eight for Democrats. They hold 72 House seats to 28 for Democrats, with

one seat vacant. The open governor's seat will be a main target in November.

### WHEN WILL THE WALKOUTS END?

Fallin has asked teachers to return to their classrooms, but Priest says teachers are prepared to protest as long as it takes for the Legislature to meet their demands.

Monday is the earliest the bill to end the capital gains deduction for corporations and individuals could be considered.

## Facebook to send Cambridge Analytica data-use notices today

By Barbara Ortutay  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Get ready to find out if your Facebook data has been swept up in the Cambridge Analytica scandal.

Starting Monday, the 87 million users who might have had their data shared with Cambridge Analytica will get a detailed message on their news feeds. Facebook says most of the affected users (more than 70 million) are in the U.S., though there are over a million each in the Philippines, Indonesia and the U.K.

In addition, all 2.2 billion Facebook users will receive a notice titled "Protecting Your Information" with a link to see what apps they use and what information they have shared with those apps. If they want, they can shut off apps individually or turn off third-party access to their apps completely.

Reeling from its worst privacy crisis in history — allegations that this Trump-affiliated data mining firm may have used ill-gotten user data to try to influence elections — Facebook is in full damage-control mode. CEO Mark Zuckerberg acknowledged that he made a "huge mistake" in failing to take a broad enough view of what Facebook's responsibility is in the world. He's set to testify before

Congress next week.

Cambridge Analytica whistleblower Christopher Wylie previously estimated that more than 50 million people were compromised by a personality quiz that collected data from users and their friends. In an interview aired Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," Wylie said the true number could be even larger than 87 million.

That Facebook app, called "This is Your Digital Life," was a personality quiz created in 2014 by an academic researcher named Aleksander Kogan, who paid about 270,000 people to take it. The app vacuumed up not just the data of the people who took it, but also — thanks to Facebook's loose restrictions — data from their friends, too, including details that they hadn't intended to share publicly.

Facebook later limited the data apps can access, but it was too late in this case.

Zuckerberg said Facebook came up with the 87 million figure by calculating the maximum number of friends that users could have had while Kogan's app was collecting data. The company doesn't have logs going back that far, he said, so it can't know exactly how many people may have been affected.

Cambridge Analytica said in a statement Wednesday that it had data for only 30 million Facebook users.

## STATE BRIEFS

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS

### CORPUS CHRISTI Selena drink cups gobbled up by fans

The latest version of drink cups bearing the likeness of slain Tejano music queen Selena didn't last long this weekend at Stripes convenience stores in Texas and Louisiana.

Fans quickly exhausted supplies of the plastic cups within hours after they went on sale Saturday.

And just as quickly, some of the containers that sold for \$3 were offered on online sales sites for at least 10 times that amount.

A spokeswoman for the store chain, Piper Scott, tells the Corpus Christi Caller-Times it's the third time Stripes has

participated in the promotion. Some of the proceeds go to the Selena Foundation, which supports youth education.

A former friend and business associate of Selena Quintanilla-Perez was convicted of her 1995 fatal shooting in Corpus Christi and is serving life in prison.

### HEBBRONVILLE More than \$3 million in drugs seized in 2 South Texas busts

Border Patrol agents have seized more than \$3 million in illegal drugs in two separate incidents in and around Hebbroville in

South Texas.

Authorities say 21 bundles of marijuana and 27 packages of cocaine together weighing about 558 pounds and worth more than \$2.5 million were found inside a truck agents stopped in the town about 150 miles south of San Antonio.

The driver tried to flee and has been arrested.

San Antonio television station WOAI also reports agents responding to reports of suspicious activity at a ranch near Hebbroville stopped a truck Friday and found 34 bundles of marijuana weighing about 734 pounds and worth more than \$600,000.

A Mexican national driving the truck has been arrested.



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# OPINION

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## Trump era ushers in triumph of the bootlicker

Capacity to flatter the boss invariably tops ability

Last summer, when President Trump said there were "some very fine people" among the neo-Nazis in Charlottesville, he was standing in Trump Tower with two of his top economic advisers, Gary Cohn and Steven Mnuchin.

In the days that followed, those two men, both Jewish, made very different choices.

Cohn, after hesitating, spoke out about his "distress" and said "this administration can and must do better" in condemning white supremacists.

By contrast, Treasury Secretary Mnuchin, like Cohn a Goldman Sachs alum, rejected a plea from 300 Yale classmates to protest "Trump's support of Nazism," saying the "allegations" are inaccurate and blaming the press and Trump's opponents for an attempt to "distract."

Cohn's principled action likely cost him the chairmanship of the Federal Reserve. Last month, Cohn quit as the head of the National Economic Council after clashing with Trump over trade. Mnuchin remains in the president's good graces despite policy gaffes and embarrassing stories about personal extravagance.

It is the triumph of the bootlicker. Six months ago, Lawrence H. Summers, a former treasury secretary, said "Mnuchin may be the greatest sycophant in Cabinet history."

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There is no longer need for a qualifier. This is the key to survival in the administration — not policy chops, political finesse or ethical behavior. Capacity to flatter the boss invariably tops ability. With few exceptions, Trump has tolerated unseemly entitlement — governments jets, lavish office furnishings, help for family members, missing financial disclosures — from those who are obsequious.

David Shulkin, who contradicted Trump after Charlottesville by expressing his outrage at the Nazis, was sacked as veterans affairs secretary despite success at the agency, while the loyal Scott Pruitt at the Environmental Protection Agency, whose \$43,000 phone booth and \$50-per-night condo from a lobbyist are more dubious than anything Shulkin was accused of, so far retains Trump's confidence. Trump proposes to replace Shulkin with the White House doctor, who has few qualifications beyond rhapsodizing about the president's "incredible" health.

By this standard, Mnuchin has guaranteed employment.

A few weeks ago, on NBC's "Meet the Press," he gamely defended Trump calling an African-American congresswoman "a low-IQ individual." Mnuchin explained that "the president likes making funny names."

The treasury secretary weighed in on ABC News about Trump's attack on "son-of-a-bitch" NFL players who kneel during the national anthem, saying, "I think the president can use whatever language he wants to use."

Two weeks ago, on Fox News, Mnuchin defended Trump's call for Congress to give him a line-item veto, even when told the Supreme Court had ruled it unconstitutional. "Well," Mnuchin said, "Congress could pass a rule, OK, that allows them to do it."

Not OK. Such performances have allowed Mnuchin to weather all trials: failing to disclose \$100 million in real estate assets before his confirmation, as well as his directorship of a Cayman Islands holding corporation; his violation of ethics rules in telling people to "send your kids to Lego Batman," a movie he produced; Mnuchin inquiring about a government jet for his European honeymoon; his wife, Louise Linton, posting a photo tagging designers she was wearing as she disembarked from a government plane, on a trip during which they viewed the solar eclipse; Linton, dismissing a critic by saying, "Have you given more to the economy than me

and my husband?"

He has been variously imperious and bumbling at treasury, telling bankers "you should all thank me for your bank stocks doing better," directing lawmakers skeptical about a spending bill to "vote for it for me," and sending U.S. currency to a three-year low with an offhand comment that "a weaker dollar is good for us."

When he came into office, Mnuchin promised that "there will be no absolute tax cut for the upper class." Then the administration embraced a plan that gave most of a \$1.5 trillion absolute tax cut to the rich.

Yet at UCLA last month, Mnuchin, who is worth some \$300 million, claimed that "I'm not getting a tax cut." He said the cuts would not add anything to the debt, and neither would the \$1.3 trillion spending bill. He then falsely asserted the administration was fully enforcing Russia sanctions passed last year.

The performance didn't go well. Students hissed and heckled. Mnuchin told them they "obviously aren't getting paychecks yet," scolded the moderator for having a "bias" and tried to end his questions. After the debacle, Mnuchin moved to block UCLA from releasing video of the event.

Mnuchin then called off a Q&A he had discussed doing at Yale this weekend. And maybe silence is best. Bootlicking may secure his job with Trump, but a sycophant is without honor, even at his alma mater.

### OUR VIEW

## County shouldn't use general fund money to pay for concert

Midland County should stop using taxpayer money to help bring entertainment acts to the county, specifically at its facilities.

That is not what residents expect of county government. It portrays the county in a negative light and continues to reduce confidence in county government.

We are referring to the \$50,000 approved by county commissioners to go toward an entertainment deposit related to the The Doobie Brothers concert, which is scheduled for Sunday at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

County leaders created a "promotions account," which can be used to pay expenses for bringing acts to the facility. For each show that is booked using the promotions account, 50 percent of the net profit goes back into that account. The remaining net profit is put into the Midland County general fund, according to the Horseshoe promotions account policy.

The county used this account one other time — when it spent \$160,000 to bring in comedian Jeff Foxworthy for the Pavilion's opening night event in 2015. Initial reports after the event indicated the county lost more than \$80,000.

In defending using taxpayer funds for entertainment acts, County Judge Mike Bradford said, "The investment is you enrich their lives with entertainment that they haven't seen out here." In the case of Foxworthy, that might have been accurate. But the Doobie Brothers appeared in Midland in 2013 for a Midland ISD Education Foundation event.

Still, we expect government to cover the community's needs. The weekly entertainment calendar is not one of those needs. If Dooley Management Co. — which manages the Horseshoe — uses its own money to bring acts to Midland, that would seem more appropriate. If another promoter wants to bring an act to Midland — whether it's at the Horseshoe, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, the Scharbauer Sports Complex or Midland College, there are options.

Local government shouldn't be in competition with those promoters. Government shouldn't decide what might make more money and what wouldn't. Endorsing the county in this venture means we would have to say it's OK for the city, school district, hospital district or college to spend taxpayer funds for similar events, and in our view, Midlanders wouldn't be OK with it.

This community has been blessed with upgraded facilities for entertainment purposes. The Horseshoe complex is on the list that we expect will grow with the completion of the Midland Convention Center. We hope that each facility can stand on its own when it comes to tourism and entertainment opportunities. We can't support the use of general fund revenue to prop up an entertainment calendar.

We hope the commissioners change their mind and discontinue the promotions account as it exists now.

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## Smiley comes back after #metoo moment

When you're a person of color, nearly every opportunity comes with a rigid standard of how you're supposed to behave, think and speak

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Many Americans born after the 1960s and the dawn of affirmative action seem to think that if you're a person of color with even an ounce of smarts and a smidgen of talent, all doors will magically fling open.

But reality is more complicated. Consider the rise and fall — and recent resurrection — of Tavis Smiley.

This past week, the veteran African-American broadcaster hosted a special program on Martin Luther King Jr. to mark the 50th anniversary of his assassination. "MLK50: A Call to Conscience" aired on The Word Network, which claims to be "the largest African-American religious network in the world."

The 53-year-old has also signed on to host a new online series called "The Upside with Tavis Smiley" that will "celebrate the spirit of resilience" and be distributed over various platforms, including Apple TV, Amazon Fire and Roku.

This is not exactly the definition of keeping a low profile. That's what damage control specialists will often tell those embroiled in a scandal.

In December, amid allegations of inappropriate sexual relationships with subordinates, PBS unceremoniously dumped Smiley when it indefinitely suspended the distribution of his nightly talk show after 14 years. Smiley quickly hit the airwaves to defend himself. Smiley admitted to "consensual" relations with employees. But he accused PBS of making a "huge mistake."

PBS claimed that Smiley was inconsistent in his public statements and said he needed to get his "story straight."

Now Smiley has filed a lawsuit against the network claiming racial bias and breach of contract. He calls PBS a "hostile work environment" and accuses the network of using the sexual allegations as "a pretext" to cut ties with him because he wasn't the kind of African-American that PBS expected him to be. That includes being a grateful and obedient "team player."

I'll buy that. When you're a person of color, nearly every opportunity comes with a rigid standard of how you're supposed to behave, think and speak. Smiley could be part of the collateral damage of the #MeToo movement.

As I've written before, I've known Smiley for about 25 years, dating back to the time when the two of us — while still in our twenties —

co-hosted a nightly radio show in Los Angeles. In light of his new deal with The Word Network — along with a daily podcast, book deals, speeches, etc. — I'm tempted to say that Smiley has made a comeback. But the truth is, my old friend never left. Tavis Inc. has always been open for business — 24/7, 365 days a year. This is one media shop that never closes.

Yet his dismissal by PBS — which he still considers unjustified, as evidenced by the lawsuit — undoubtedly tarnished his brand and wounded him personally. He may even be wondering why it happened.

I have a theory: Some of this is about race. How could it not be? Until he was dismissed he was one of the only African-American hosts on television, and the only one to ever host a talk show on the network. That comes with a learning curve. It's possible that PBS didn't know how to navigate it. Besides, the media landscape can often be hostile to minorities.

Dating subordinates is not smart. It is also not new. Doctors date nurses. Pilots sleep with flight attendants. Senior partners at law firms date junior associates. Media is one of the worst offenders: I know one former newspaper editor who dated three reporters at the same time.

After our show ended in 1995, Smiley became a leading voice for African-Americans. He received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Ebony magazine named him the No. 2 African-American change agent in media on its Power 150 list; No. 1 was Oprah Winfrey. Smiley makes people think. And he has made millions of dollars doing it.

Growing up in a large working-class family in Indiana with nine siblings, my friend came up from nothing and got this far in life the old-fashioned way — with lots of talent, long hours and dedication to his craft.

Along the way, Smiley stumbled. But he picked himself up, and — through hustle and hard work — he is still standing.

You see, in America, it's true that the doors don't just swing open. But they also don't stay locked forever.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



# Trump warns Assad: 'Big price to pay' for fatal Syria attack

By Jonathan Lemire  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Sunday condemned a "mindless CHEMICAL attack" in Syria that killed women and children, called Syrian President Bashar Assad an "animal" and delivered a rare personal criticism of Russian President Vladimir Putin for supporting the Damascus government.

As Washington worked to verify the claim by Syrian opposition activists and rescuers that poison gas was used, Trump said there would be a "big price to pay" for resorting to outlawed weapons of mass destruction. A top White House aide, asked about the possibility of a U.S. missile strike in response, said, "I wouldn't take anything off the table."

Just over a year ago, Trump ordered dozens of cruise missiles to be fired at a Syrian air base after declaring there was no doubt Assad had "choked out the lives of helpless" civilians in an attack that used banned gases. White House advisers said at the time that images of hurt children helped spur the president to launch that air strike, and television new shows on Sunday aired similar depictions of suffering young Syrians.

"Many dead, including women and children, in mindless CHEMICAL attack in Syria," Trump tweeted. "Area of atrocity is in lockdown and encircled by Syrian Army, making it completely inaccessible to outside world. President Putin, Russia and Iran are responsible for backing Animal Assad. Big price to pay. Open area immediately for medical help and verification. Another humanitarian disaster for no reason whatsoever. SICK!"

Saturday's attack took place in a rebel-held town near Damascus amid a resumed offensive by Syrian government forces after the collapse of a truce. Syrian activists, rescuers and medics said a poison gas attack in Douma killed at least 40 people, with families found suffocated in their houses and shelters. The reports could not immediately be independently verified.

The developments come as



Syrian Civil Defense White Helmets via AP

This image released early Sunday by the Syrian Civil Defense White Helmets, shows a child receiving oxygen through respirators following an alleged poison gas attack in the rebel-held town of Douma, near Damascus, Syria. Syrian rescuers and medics said the attack on Douma killed at least 40 people. The Syrian government denied the allegations, which could not be independently verified. The alleged attack in Douma occurred Saturday night amid a resumed offensive by Syrian government forces after the collapse of a truce.

Trump has moved to dramatically scale back U.S. goals in Syria, pushing for a quick military withdrawal despite resistance from many of his national security advisers. Trump has given no formal order to pull out the 2,000 U.S. troops in Syria or offered a public timetable other than to say the U.S. will withdraw as soon as the remaining Islamic State fighters can be vanquished.

But Trump has signaled to his advisers that, ideally, he wants all troops out within six months.

Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona said Assad heard Trump's signal that he wanted to withdraw from Syria and, "emboldened by American inaction," launched the attack. In a statement, McCain said Trump "responded decisively" last year with the air strike and urged Trump to be forceful again to "demonstrate that Assad will pay a price for his war crimes."

Images released by the Syrian Civil Defense White Helmets, a volunteer organization, show

children lying on the ground motionless and foaming at the mouth. The Assad government, in a statement posted on the state-run news agency SANA, denied responsibility.

Trump was briefed about the attack by his chief of staff, John Kelly, officials said. Trump's homeland security adviser,

Thomas Bossert, noted the timing of the suspected chemical attack — almost a year to the day of the U.S. missile strikes.

"This isn't just the United States. This is one of those issues on which every nation, all peoples, have all agreed and have agreed since World War II, it's an unacceptable practice," Bossert said.

Asked about the potential for an American missile strike in response, Bossert said: "I wouldn't take anything off the table. These are horrible photos. We're looking into the attack at this point."

Trump was to meet with his senior military leadership on Monday, the same day his new

national security adviser, John Bolton, assumes his post. Bolton has previously advocated significant airstrikes against Syria.

Vice President Mike Pence on Sunday deemed it a "likely chemical attack" and reiterated Trump's threat that consequences would be coming for those responsible.

"We condemn in the strongest possible terms the assault on innocent lives, including children," Pence tweeted. "The Assad regime & its backers MUST END their barbaric behavior."

Trump's decision to single out Putin in a tweet appeared noteworthy because Trump long has been reluctant to personally criticize the Russian leader. Even as the White House, after some delay, imposed tough new sanctions on Russia in the wake of its U.S. election meddling and suspected poisoning of a former spy on British soil, Trump left it to others in his administration to deliver the rebukes to Moscow. Last month, Trump called

Putin and, against the counsel of his advisers, congratulated the Russian president on his re-election and invited him to the White House. On Sunday, Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, urged Trump to "ramp up the pressure and the sanctions on the Russian government, because, without the support of Russia, I do not believe that Assad would still be in office."

Trump also invoked Iran in his series of tweets, further challenging Tehran while signaling he may scuttle its nuclear deal with the West. The president has often laid some blame on his predecessor, Barack Obama, for Assad's continued grip on power after years of civil war.

Obama said in 2012 that Syria's use of chemical weapons would be a "red line" that would change his decision-making on intervening in the war and have "enormous consequences." After such an attack in 2013 killed hundreds outside Damascus, American ships in the Mediterranean were poised to launch missiles. But Obama pulled back after key U.S. ally Britain, as well as Congress, balked.

He opted for a Russian-backed proposal that was supposed to remove and eliminate Syria's chemical weapons stockpiles.

"If President Obama had crossed his stated Red Line In The Sand, the Syrian disaster would have ended long ago! Animal Assad would have been history!" Trump tweeted from the White House.

Questions about the administration's possible response reverberated throughout Washington in the hours after the attack.

"It's a defining moment in his presidency" that comes as Assad sees the U.S. "determination to stay in Syria waning," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

"If he doesn't follow through and live up to that tweet, he's going to look weak in the eyes of Russia and Iran," Graham said. "You need to follow through with that tweet. Show a resolve that Obama never did to get this right."

Graham and Bossert were on ABC's "This Week," and Collins appeared on CNN's "State of the Union."



ChinaPhoto via AP

Chinese workers stand in front of a loaded cargo ship docked Sunday, at a port in Qingdao in east China's Shandong province. Amid falling markets, President Donald Trump's new economic adviser, Larry Kudlow, says there is no trade war between the U.S. and China. Another administration official, Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, takes a different tack, saying he's "cautiously optimistic" that before any threatened tariffs go into place the two nations will reach an agreement. Global financial markets have fallen sharply as the world's two biggest economies square off.

## Amid trade fight, Trump says China will do the 'right thing'

By Jonathan Lemire  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Amid global fears of an escalating trade dispute between the U.S. and China, President Donald Trump suggested that Beijing will ease trade barriers "because it is the right thing to do" and that the economic superpowers can settle the conflict that has rattled financial markets, consumers and businesses.

But fostering more uncertainty, the president's top economic advisers offered mixed messages Sunday as to the best approach with China, which has threatened to retaliate if Washington follows through with its proposed tariffs, even as Trump emphasized his bond with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

"President Xi and I will always be friends, no matter what happens with our dispute on trade," Trump wrote. "China will take down its Trade Barriers because it is the right thing to do. Taxes will become Reciprocal & a deal will be made on Intellectual Property. Great future for both countries!"

But Trump did not explain why, amid a week of economic saber-rattling between the two countries that shook global markets, he felt confident a deal could be made.

The president made fixing the trade imbalance with China a centerpiece of his presidential campaign, where he frequently used incendiary language to describe how Beijing would "rape" the U.S. economically. But even as Trump cozied up to Xi

and pressed China for help with derailing North Korea's nuclear ambitions, he has ratcheted up the economic pressure and threatened tariffs, a move opposed by many fellow Republicans.

The Trump administration has said it is taking action as a crackdown on China's theft of U.S. intellectual property. The U.S. bought more than \$500 billion in goods from China last year and now is planning or considering penalties on some \$150 billion of those imports. The U.S. sold about \$130 billion in goods to China in 2017 and faces a potentially devastating hit to its market there if China responds in kind.

China has pledged to "counterattack with great strength" if Trump decides to follow through on his latest threat to impose tariffs on an additional \$100 billion in Chinese goods — after an earlier announcement that targeted \$50 billion. Beijing also declared that the current rhetoric made negotiations impossible, even as the White House suggested that the tariff talk was a way to spur China to the bargaining table.

The new White House economic adviser, Larry Kudlow, said Sunday that a "coalition of the willing" — including Canada, much of Europe and Australia — was being formed to pressure China and that the U.S. would demand that the World Trade Organization, an arbiter of trade disputes, be stricter on Beijing. And he said that although the U.S. hoped to avoid taking action, Trump "was not bluffing."

"This is a problem caused by China, not a problem caused by President Trump," Kudlow said on "Fox News Sunday."

## Trump once fought measure requiring sprinklers in buildings

By Karen Matthews  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The 50th-floor apartment in Trump Tower where a man was killed in a raging fire did not have sprinklers — a requirement Donald Trump once fought as a powerful real estate developer.

Todd Brassner, 67, died at a hospital on Saturday after a fire ripped through his apartment in the high-rise, which opened in 1983 at a time when building codes did not require the residential section to have sprinklers.

Subsequent updates to the codes required commercial skyscrapers to install sprinklers retroactively, but owners of older residential high-rises are not required to install them

unless the building undergoes major renovations.

Some fire safety advocates pushed for a requirement that older apartment buildings be retrofitted with sprinklers when the city passed a law requiring them in new residential high-rises in 1999, but officials in the administration of then-mayor Rudolph Giuliani said that would be too expensive.

Trump was among the developers who spoke out against the retrofitting as unnecessary and expensive.

He later changed his views, saying sprinklers made tenants feel safer. He ultimately decided to spend \$3 million to put sprinklers in all 350 units of Trump World Tower near the United Nations. The New York Times reported. "People feel safer with

sprinklers," Trump said in 1999, according to The Times. "But the problem with the bill is that it doesn't address the buildings that need sprinklers the most. If you look at the fire deaths in New York, almost all of them are in one- or two-family houses."

The city's Department of Buildings on Sunday said Trump Tower did have working hard-wired smoke detectors, and that the fire department was first notified of the blaze by the detectors in the building's heating and ventilation system. A cause had not yet been determined.

Brassner, who records show bought his unit in 1996, was an art collector who spent time with Andy Warhol.

He is mentioned several times in Warhol's posthumously published diaries, with references including lunch dates and shared taxis. The artist signed and dedicated at least one print to him.

But in recent years, Brassner had financial problems and went through bankruptcy proceedings.

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## ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

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### NEW YORK Jimmy Kimmel tries to tone down feud with Sean Hannity

ABC late-night comic Jimmy Kimmel is trying to de-escalate a feud with Fox News host Sean Hannity that began over a joke about first lady Melania Trump's accent.

Kimmel said in a Twitter post made Sunday that his exchanges with Hannity were fun but he didn't want to add to the "vitriol" of their spat, which included Hannity calling Kimmel a "sick, twisted, creepy, perverted weirdo" during his Fox show on Friday.

Kimmel said such animosity is "harmful to our country" and he wanted to apologize "to those who took offense."

He also said President Donald Trump's wife had enough to worry about "without being used as a prop to increase TV ratings."

On ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" on April 2, Kimmel prodded the first lady's reading of a children's book at the White House Easter egg hunt. He mocked the accent of the first lady, who was born in Slovenia.

"Dees and dat," Kimmel repeated, with a laugh.

Hannity, cable television's most fervent supporter of the Republican president, took exception, and he and Kimmel exchanged barbs through the week.

Hannity's initial attack on Kimmel, calling him an "ass clown," was enthusiastically countered by Kimmel, who said Hannity was the "whole ass circus."

"Game on," Hannity said on Friday.

He rolled a series of Kimmel clips, mostly from the comedian's days as a co-host of Comedy Central's "The Man Show," that featured segments showing Kimmel with an exaggerated fake erection, asking women to find something hidden in his pants and going up to random women in the street asking if they wanted to have sex with him.

Kimmel thanked Hannity for the trip down memory lane but said the idea that Hannity would call anyone a "slobbering over" Donald Trump is, "to quote a fella you love very much, 'sad.'" Trump boasted on a 2005 "Access Hollywood" tape about fame enabling him to grope and try to have sex with women, and he later apologized.

Kimmel, in his Twitter message, said he hopes Hannity will "continue his newly-found advocacy for women, immigrants and First Ladies."

Hannity said he'd address Kimmel's statement on his Monday show.

### LONDON 'Hamilton' takes 7 prizes at UK stage Olivier Awards

Historical hip-hop musical "Hamilton" took seven trophies including best new musical at British theater's Olivier Awards, where women's rights activists joined stage stars on the red carpet to support the Time's Up movement.

Lin-Manuel Miranda's musical about U.S. founding father Alexander Hamilton was nominated in a record 13 categories at Britain's equivalent of the Tony Awards. The show, which turns an early chapter of U.S. history into a compellingly modern story, opened in London in December after taking New York by storm.

Jamael Westman gained a best-actor nomination in the title role, but lost out to co-star Giles Terera, who plays Hamilton's nemesis, Aaron Burr. Terera said it had been "the joy of my life" to perform with the most diverse company he'd ever been part of.

"Diversity is not a policy. It is life," he said.

Backstage, the British actor said he knew the first time he saw "Hamilton" that the show was "the most extraordinary thing I'd ever heard and seen."

"Every now and again, you have a show which comes along and sort of shifts things and moves outside of the realm of musi-

cal theater," he said, likening the impact of "Hamilton" to earlier revolutionary musicals such as "West Side Story," "Les Miserables" or "Rent."

Michael Jibson took the supporting-actor trophy for playing colonies-losing British monarch King George III in "Hamilton."

The show — with a score that ranges from pop ballads and sexy R&B to rap battles — also won Oliviers for outstanding achievement in music, sound, lighting and choreography.

The seven wins didn't beat the awards' record haul of nine trophies, set last year by "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child."

Jez Butterworth's drama "The Ferryman," about the past coming back to haunt a Northern Ireland family, won three prizes including best play, best director for Sam Mendes and best actress for Laura Donnelly.

Bryan Cranston was named best actor in a play for his National Theatre performance as a news anchor who snaps in "Network." The former "Breaking Bad" star beat rivals who included Andrew Garfield, for playing a man with AIDS in the British revival of "Angels in America" and Andrew Scott for the title role of "Hamlet."

### WASHINGTON Stormy Daniels again seeks Trump's answers under oath

A porn actress who says she had an affair with Donald Trump renewed an effort Sunday to get the president to answer her attorney's questions under oath.

An attorney for Stormy Daniels filed the motion in federal court in Los Angeles. Michael Avenatti is seeking a jury trial and wants sworn testimony from Trump and his personal lawyer, Michael Cohen about a \$130,000 payment made to Daniels days before the 2016 presidential election as part of a nondisclosure agreement she is seeking to invalidate.

Trump answered questions about Daniels for the first time last week, saying he had no knowledge of the payment made by Cohen and adding that he didn't know where Cohen had gotten the money. The White House has consistently said Trump denies the affair and Cohen has held that he made the payment out of his own pocket, without involvement from the Trump Organization or the Trump campaign.

Cohen did not immediately respond to a request seeking comment Sunday.

Avenatti filed a similar motion over a week ago, which a judge deemed premature. He filed after Trump asked a federal judge to order private arbitration in the case. Trump and Cohen filed papers last week asking a judge to rule that the case must be heard by an arbitrator instead of a jury. Avenatti opposes private arbitration.

In the filing, Avenatti says he wants to question Trump and Cohen for "no more than two hours." He says the depositions are needed to establish if Trump knew about the settlement agreement and if he "truly did not know about the \$130,000 payment." He also asks if Trump was involved in any effort to "silence" Daniels.

Daniels, whose legal name is Stephanie Clifford, said in a recent interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" that she was threatened by an unidentified man to keep quiet about the affair. Avenatti tweeted a photo Sunday that he said showed Daniels sitting with a forensic sketch artist to develop an image of the person she says threatened her in a Las Vegas parking lot in 2011 when she was with her infant daughter.



Jonny Courmeyer/Paramount Pictures via AP

This image released by Paramount Pictures shows John Krasinski, left, and Noah Jupe in a scene from "A Quiet Place."

## 'A Quiet Place' roars at box office with \$50M debut

By Jake Coyle  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — John Krasinski's "A Quiet Place" made a thunderous debut at the box office, opening with \$50 million in ticket sales and rumbuling to the year's second-best weekend after "Black Panther," according to studio estimates Sunday.

The Paramount Pictures thriller far exceeded expectations to land one of the top opening weekends for a horror release. It marks an unlikely breakthrough for Krasinski, the former "Office" star many associate more with inter-office romance and deadpan expressions than silent cinematic frights. Krasinski's third directing effort, which stars himself and wife Emily Blunt is about a family in a future dystopia populated by violent creatures with extremely acute hearing.

But it was far from the only success story on the weekend, which also saw Universal's R-rated comedy "Blockers" open solidly with \$21.4 million, Steven Spielberg's virtual-reality adventure "Ready Player One" dip only 40 percent with \$25.1 million in its second weekend and the period docudrama "Chappaquiddick" beat expectations with a debut of \$6.2 million. In limited release, Wes Anderson's "Isle of Dogs," Lynne Ramsay's "You Were Never Really Here" and Andrew Haigh's "Lean on Pete" all did well, too.

For one weekend, at least, just about everything Hollywood could throw at moviegoers worked. The weekend was up 35.3 percent from last year.

But nothing approached the runaway success of "A Quiet Place." Hollywood had forecast closer to \$30 million for the film, which cost just \$17 million to make. Yet "A Quiet Place" rode strong buzz from its SXSW premiere in March, good reviews (97 percent fresh on Rotten Tomatoes) and moviegoers' continuing thirst for horror.

"We always knew we had something special from the first screenings. But you don't get to a number like this without breaking free of the genre. I think this is about great storytelling," said Kyle Davies, head of domestic distribution for Paramount, who heaped praise on Krasinski.

"We're looking forward to what else he has up his sleeve."

"A Quiet Place" is also a badly needed hit for Paramount, which has struggled mightily at the box office in recent years while its ownership has sometimes been in limbo. Earlier this week, CBS Corp. submitted a bid to acquire Viacom Inc., Paramount's parent company.

Though greenlit under the previous leadership, "A Quiet Place" is the first major success under Jim Gianopulos, who took over as studio head a year ago. The opening is Paramount's biggest since 2016's "Star Trek Beyond" and its best non-franchise opening since 2013's "World War Z."

"Blockers" also heralds a filmmaking breakthrough aided by an enthusiastic response from SXSW audiences. The film, which cost about \$21 million to make, is the directorial debut of Kay Cannon, a writer whose credits include "30 Rock" and "Pitch Perfect." "Blockers," starring Leslie Mann, John Cena and Ike Barinholtz as parents trying to prevent their daughters from losing their virginity, shrugged off a recent slump for comedies in theaters.

"Kay Cannon knocked it out of the park," said Jim Orr, distribution head for Universal, who credited Cannon with inverting the "double standards" of the teen sex comedy. "We could not be more pleased." Despite the competition, Warner Bros. "Ready Player One" held well, bringing its domestic total to \$96.9 million. But it's fared even better overseas, where Spielberg's latest has already grossed \$294.4 million. It's done especially well in China, where the film has made \$161.3 million in two weeks.

Continuing ticket sales also pushed Ryan Coogler's "Black Panther" further into the record books. The Marvel blockbuster now ranks third all-time domestically with \$665.4 million, trailing only "Avatar" and "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." Over the weekend, "Black Panther" passed 1997's "Titanic," which grossed \$659.4 million, though accounting for inflation would put it above \$1 billion.

John Curran's "Chappaquiddick," about the 1969 Ted Kennedy scandal,



Warner Bros. Pictures via AP

This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Tye Sheridan in a scene from "Ready Player One," a film by Steven Spielberg.

opened with \$6.2 million in 1,560 theaters. The film, starring Jason Clarke as Kennedy, was acquired by Byron Allen's Entertainment Studios at last fall's Toronto International Film Festival. Originally planned for an awards season release, the move to spring seemed to give "Chappaquiddick" a better chance to stand out.

In its third weekend, Fox Searchlight's "Isle of Dogs" grossed \$4.6 million in 554 theaters. LD Entertainment's "The Miracle Season," about an inspirational season for a girls' high-school volleyball team, opened with \$4.1 million.

With one of the best per-theater performances of the year, Amazon's "You Were Never Really Here," starring Joaquin Phoenix, opened with \$129,911 in three theaters. A24's "Lean on Pete," with Charlie Plummer, debuted with \$50,118 on four screens.

"Everyone kind of won this weekend," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore. "This is the kind of weekend that Hollywood should try to recreate over and over again. The diversity of the lineup and the originality of the films drove huge numbers of moviegoers to the multiplex."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers also are included. Final three-day domestic figures will be

released today.

1. "A Quiet Place," \$50 million (\$21 million international).
2. "Ready Player One," \$25.1 million (\$81.7 million international).
3. "Blockers," \$21.4 million (\$3.2 million international).
4. "Black Panther," \$8.4 million (\$4.5 million international).
5. "I Can Only Imagine," \$8.4 million.
6. "Tyler Perry's Acrimony," \$8.1 million.
7. "Chappaquiddick," \$6.2 million.
8. "Sherlock Gnomes," \$5.6 million (\$2.7 million international).
9. "Pacific Rim Uprising," \$4.9 million (\$12.4 million international).
10. "Isle of Dogs," \$4.6 million (\$1.1 million international).

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. "Ready Player One," \$81.7 million.
2. "A Quiet Place," \$21 million.
3. "Peter Rabbit," \$19.2 million.
4. "Pacific Rim Uprising," \$12.4 million.
5. "Hindi Medium," \$11.7 million.
6. "Tomb Raider," \$4.9 million.
7. "Gonjiam: Haunted Asylum," \$4.9 million.
8. "What a Man Wants," \$4.7 million.
9. "Baaghi 2," \$4.6 million.
10. "Black Panther," \$4.5 million.

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## It's not too late to protect your privacy on social media

By Dave Lieber  
Dallas Morning News

Whom do you love most? Google, Amazon, or Facebook?  
What do you need to know about protecting your privacy?  
Last week, The Watchdog boned up on the latest. Here's what I found about the Big Three. (Apple, I'm giving you a pass.)  
Did FB offer up my private information to that British company, Cambridge Analytica?  
If you're one of 71 million Americans that got harvested (awful word) then yes. Odds are good.  
What can we do about that?  
It's too late in the game. That online

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rant you posted last year? That helps determine your political leanings. Conservative, liberal or moderate. Unregulated data mining companies are working overtime to build profiles of every adult in the U.S. It's not hard, because we're spilling our guts online anyway. We need James Bond to come in and rescue us from these information barons.  
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I got nothing.  
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FB can try to match your consumer habits with your political leanings. Check

yours this way: Go to FB settings, then ads, then your information, your categories and then US Politics. (FB got mine wrong.) Poke around and see your other interests, according to FB.  
Wasn't FB supposed to protect our privacy settings under a federal order?  
Good memory. FB is already on a 20-year privacy probation with the Federal Trade Commission. The company could face fines in the millions.  
Is there a strong federal law regulating data mining?  
Nope. As Gary Coby, President Donald Trump's campaign digital ad director, tweeted after the election: "It's the Wild West. Max freedom."  
Can I download my data to see what FB

has on me?  
Yep. Go to settings on the top right, click "download a copy of your Facebook data." Click "start my archive."  
You can see friends, videos, photos, events, liked pages, private messages and your posts. My archive only went back a year, but FB claims it will keep adding features.  
Check what apps you've tied to FB and delete ones you no longer need. FB says that soon it will move privacy settings front and center for ease of use.  
What if I want to #DeleteFacebook or erase my Twitter account?  
Tech writer Brian X. Chen tried it. He

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## GADGETS ON THE GO



Photo courtesy Airselfie via TMS

The AirSelfie photo drone takes photos and videos from up to 65 feet in the air.

## Travel gadgets can be packed in carry-on

By Brady MacDonald  
Tribune Interactive

Traveling brings challenges both maddening and mundane: fees for overweight suitcases, tight fits in overhead bins, lost luggage and ever-shifting security policies. Fortunately, gadget makers have your back, inventing all kinds of new devices that may bail you out on a trip and still fit in a carry-on suitcase.

After reviewing the best of what's new, we've chosen seven time-saving and stress-reducing gadgets to help you check your travel troubles at the gate.

### Luggage scale

It's no fun having to unpack your overweight luggage at the check-in counter to transfer a few pounds of your unmentionables to another suitcase so you can avoid additional fees.

The Balanza Mini compact hand-held scale lets you weigh your luggage before you get to the airport and avoid hassle and embarrassment.

Attach the USB-powered scale to your suitcase and lift the ergonomic handle. After a few seconds, the back-lit screen displays the weight in pounds or kilograms. The handy scale is about the size of a harmonica, weighs only a few ounces, and stows easily.

Travel & Leisure named the Balanza Mini one of its Ultimate Travel Essentials picks, raving that the little luggage scale is "so functional you can use it on autopilot." Wirecutter calls the Balanza Mini the next best thing to smart luggage with a built-in scale.

Balanza Mini luggage scale on Amazon: \$24.95

### Compact compressor

Winter isn't quite over yet, which means trying to find space in your suitcase for bulky items such as jackets and sweaters.

It's easy to use a vacuum cleaner with compression bags when you're packing for a trip at home. But what do you do once you get to your destination and unpack?

The Vago vacuum compressor solves the problem with a spice jar-sized device that CNET says "makes it easy to vacuum pack your luggage." And who couldn't use a little more room for the souvenirs and gifts we all pick up during our travels? The process is simple. Put your bulky clothes inside the compression bag, attach the micro USB-charged compressor and press a button. In less than five minutes, your clothes will shrink to half their previous size. A pressure sensor automatically turns off the compressor once all the excess air is removed.

One con: The Vago comes with only one medium-sized bag, and additional bags aren't cheap at \$18.99 to \$20.99 (depending on the size).

Vago vacuum compressor on Amazon: \$69.99

### Smart writing set

Sometimes nothing beats the feeling of putting pen to paper — even if you want the results to end up in digital form eventually. The Moleskine smart-writing set lets you take notes and draw pictures in one of its distinctive journals as your work syncs in real time to a smartphone or tablet. The mobile app can transcribe handwritten words into digital text in 15 languages.

PC Magazine named the Moleskine smart notebook its Editors' Choice for digital note-taking devices, praising it as "an impressive note-taking solution, combining the familiar tactile feel of writing in a notebook with convenient modern technology."

At first glance, the notebook looks just like any other Moleskine with its elastic strap enclosure.

But flip it open, and a dotted grid on the technology-embedded pages pairs the notebook with an infrared camera-enabled

smart pen. The companion app lets you adjust stroke thickness or change the ink color on the fly. The micro USB-powered pen's onboard memory can store up to 1,000 pages if you happen to be away from your phone or tablet (like that would ever happen).

The one knock: It's expensive. Moleskine smart writing set on Amazon: \$199.99

### DSLR Lenses

Smartphones can take very fine pictures, but what if you want to elevate your photography to the amazing level without the hassle of lugging around a bulky digital SLR camera?

Lenses from a company called Moment let you take DSLR-quality photos with either an iPhone or Android. Mount one of its wide-angle or telephoto attachments over your phone's lens and you're ready to go. The wide lens expands your field of view beyond your phone's fixed lens to capture two times more picture while the telephoto lens offers four times the optical zoom with less image degradation.

Wirecutter says Moment has the best wide-angle and telephoto lenses, producing impressively clear images with little distortion. "For avid smartphone photographers concerned about high-quality, print-ready results, Moment lenses are worth the investment," says the Wirecutter's review.

Moment DSLR lenses: \$89.99 (telephoto) and \$99.99 (wide angle)

### Door alarm

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## Apple is said to be at work on touchless control, curved iPhone screen

By Mark Gurman  
Bloomberg

Apple is working on touchless gesture control and curved screens for future iPhones, projects that may help the company differentiate its most-important product in an increasingly crowded market, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

The control feature would let iPhone users perform some tasks by moving their finger close to the screen without actually tapping it. The technology likely won't be ready for consumers for at least two years, if Apple chooses to go forward with it, a person familiar with the work said.

Apple has long embraced new ways for humans to interact with computers. Co-Founder Steve Jobs popularized the mouse in the early 1980s. Apple's latest iPhones have a feature called 3D Touch that responds differently depending on different finger pressures. The new gesture technology would take into account the proximity of a finger to the screen, the person said.

Apple is also developing iPhone displays that curve inward gradually from top to bottom, one of the people familiar with the situation said. That's different than the latest Samsung smartphone screens, which curve down at the edges. So far, every iPhone model has used a flat display. The iPhone X's OLED screen curves slightly at the bottom, but the shape is mostly invisible to the human eye.

OLED, or organic light emitting diode, displays can be shaped into curves or even folded, unlike the less-flexible LCD screen technology used in prior iPhones. A curved iPhone may be as little as two to three years away, the person said.

Apple is also working on new screen technology, known as MicroLED, but that's at least three to five years away, Bloomberg News reported last month.

Both features are still in the early research and development stage and Apple could choose to not go forward with the enhancements. An Apple spokeswoman declined to comment.

The work comes as the Cupertino, California-based smartphone pioneer looks to make its gadgets stand out. Smartphones have become increasingly similar as Apple, Samsung, Google, and Huawei Technologies adopt features like full screens, advanced cameras, and facial recognition at roughly the same time.

In the fourth quarter, Apple was responsible for about 20 percent of smartphone shipments following the launch of the iPhone X and iPhone 8, besting out second place Samsung and Huawei, according to IDC. To stay ahead, Apple needs compelling new features and designs. Samsung is already working on a foldable smartphone, while Huawei is seeing increased success in Asia.

## New school lesson plan helps students Survive the Internet

By Drew Harwell  
Washington Post

NEWARK — The fifth-graders of Yolanda Bromfield's digital-privacy class had just finished their lesson on online-offline balance when she asked them a tough question: How would they act when they left school and reentered a world of prying websites, addictive phones and online scams?

Susan, a 10-year-old in pink sneakers who likes YouTube and the mobile game Piano Tiles 2, quietly raised her hand. "I will make sure that I don't tell nobody my personal stuff," she said, "and be offline for at least two hours every night."

Between their math and literacy classes,

these elementary-school kids were studying up on one of perhaps the most important and least understood school subjects in America — how to protect their privacy, save their brains and survive the big, bad Web.

Classes such as these, though surprisingly rare, are spreading across the country amid hopes of preparing kids and parents for some of the core tensions of modern childhood: what limits to set around technologies whose long-term effects are unknown — and for whom young users are a prime audience.

The course offered to Susan's 28-student class at First Avenue School, a public neighborhood school in Newark, is part of an experimental curriculum designed by Seton Hall University Law School professors and taught by legal fellows such as

Bromfield. It has been rolled out in recent months to hundreds of children in a dozen classrooms across New York and New Jersey.

The classes are free, folded into kids' daily schedules and taught in the classrooms where the fifth- and sixth-graders typically learn about the scientific method and the food chain. Gail Bernstein, director of Seton Hall Law's Institute for Privacy Protection, which designed the program, said each class includes about a half-dozen lessons taught to the kids over several weeks, as well as a separate set of lectures for parents concerned about how "their children are disappearing into their screens."

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Parker is an augmented reality-equipped teddy bear that kids can interact with on an iPad or in real life.

## Why the boom in augmented reality toys is here to stay

By Katharine Gammon  
Tribune Interactive

From the outside, Parker looks like a soft and huggable teddy bear, just the right size for dragging around the house. But Parker holds secrets in his small frame. When viewing the bear through a smartphone app, kids can treat his ailments, landscape his dreams — and even peer into his guts and bones.

Parker is one of dozens of new augmented reality toys hitting the market and blurring the lines between traditional and digital play. Augmented reality, or AR, typically uses the camera and an app on your phone or tablet to produce moving characters and objects on the screen that interact with what the camera is seeing, and that you can interact with too. The mobile creature-hunting game *Pokemon Go* pushed AR into the mainstream in the summer of 2016, and has gone on to gross roughly \$1.8 billion since.

Now dozens of toy companies are looking to AR to reviving slumping sales of old-school board games, action figures and coloring books. In a recent forecast, analytics firm Digi-Capital estimated that mobile augmented reality would become the primary driver of a \$105 billion combined virtual reality and augmented reality market by 2022. People may talk more about virtual reality, but AR will make up \$90 billion of that market, compared with \$15 billion for VR.

Disney has a Star Wars Jedi helmet that comes with a visor that holds a smartphone six inches from a child's face to watch how the phone's camera app transforms a living room floor into a miniature Clone battle. Hasbro's helmet is based on Iron Man. Lego has an app that turns your brick creation into a world populated by walking, talking Lego characters.

Smaller toymakers play up the cognitive joy kids (and adults) get from seeing old become new or different. Palo Alto-based Osmo sells a block game called *Tangram* where kids arrange tangible puzzle pieces into matching on-screen shapes. A Kickstarter-funded game maker named Koski combines an iPad app with magnetic wooden blocks to turn any structure into a maze populated by virtual characters.

Meredith Bak, a childhood studies researcher at Rutgers University, says augmented reality is booming because it is more accessible and requires less hardware than virtual reality. Its popularity, however, means that we're going to be pushing screens into the hands of ever-younger consumers. According to a 2017 study by Common Sense Media, kids 8 and under now spend an average of nearly 49 minutes a day in front of a smartphone or tablet, up from 5 minutes in 2011.

Seedling, a Los Angeles-based company that makes Parker the AR teddy bear, sells augmented reality toys for kids as young as 2, which used to be the lowest age that the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended introducing kids to screen time. Those standards are being rolled back, though. The AAP recently revised its screen time guidelines to allow kids under 18 months to participate in screens for video chat.

Scientists are just beginning to understand how play in augmented reality impacts children. In one of the only studies of kids play and augmented reality, Jackie Marsh, a children's digital literacy researcher at Sheffield University in the U.K., filmed children using AR apps and analyzed the data to identify how they promoted play and creativity.

Some of the apps allowed the children to do little more than animate characters in 3D by holding a tablet over a two-dimensional drawing.

While children were intrigued by the technology, it didn't do anything to enhance their play. But Marsh also found that other AR apps, like an app that paired with a Furby, promoted more creative play. Her advice: Choose augmented reality apps and toys carefully.

Bak has been surprised how fast augmented reality toys have become a routine part of play. It also helps that most families already have smartphones or tablets, so they don't need to purchase another device. "Five years ago these toys were regarded as novelties, and the longer they've been around the more their effects have become routine and normalized," she says. "The wow factor becomes routinized as kids expect toys to do magical things."

When Parker the teddy bear is sick, kids can help him get better through the accompanying tablet app. They can use a wooden thermometer to take his temperature and the screen shows how high his fever goes. The tablet can overlay Parker with various scenes, which kids can build or manipulate.

"Play itself is not substituted by the technology but it's enhanced by the technology," says Seedling CEO Phoebe Hayman. Having an app that goes along with a toy opens up a new business model for the company, selling a subscription service with new storylines added monthly.

As the industry shakes out, the more successful AR toys will likely be the ones that are less gimmicky about the marriage of technology and reality. Kids will always attach to physical objects, but they also attach to storylines they can play out, says Hayman. The best AR toys will be vehicles that carry out both sides of the equation.

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## Practice tech helps golfers — even Tiger Woods — find the range

By Robert Lusetch  
Tribune Interactive

It's not quite 40 degrees but days before golf's annual rite of spring, the Masters, there isn't an empty stall at an outdoor driving range in Detroit.

Are the golfers here, as they are no doubt at ranges across the U.S., emerging from winter hibernation in search of their inner Tiger? Or are they here for the \$12-per-102-balls special?

Yes, and no. This particular range has a feature that is changing the way golfers play. And most likely it will provide them with the best and fastest way to get better, no small feat given that handicaps are about what they were decades ago despite improvements in clubs, balls and courses.

A device called TrackMan — developed by three Danish golfers who in 2003 decided to use missile-tracking technology to track the launch and trajectory of a golf ball — has changed the way golfers swing.

Rather than relying on the eyes and know-how of a teacher, golfers now can easily access their TrackMan "numbers," which will tell them what they're doing wrong and the changes to make to fix their swings.

High-fidelity ball-tracking data isn't cheap: Top-end TrackMan models sell for \$25,000. A full-monty studio system like you'd find in a golf pro shop, with video-simulations of the world's most magnificent courses, starts at \$50,000. If spending your child's college tuition on a golf tracker isn't going to fly, there are less expensive devices that might do the trick.

"But you've got to be careful. Anything less than \$1,000 isn't quality enough," says Aaron Friedman, an avid golfer waiting to hit at the Detroit driving range during a trip home to catch the Tigers season opener.

He bought a diagnostic tool called SkyTrak for about \$2,000 that includes a net he can hit into and simulates his shot on iconic courses like Pebble Beach on his laptop. "Being able to play real courses is something I needed to justify the cost," he says.

But the critical measurements he seeks to hit the ball straighter are all there: swing speed, rate and direction of spin, and launch angles. "On a practical level, if you think you hit a nine iron 150 yards, but it goes more like 143 yards and then bounces and rolls out to 150, that's the difference between being pin high (on the green) or missing short in the bunker," he says.

"Who wouldn't want to know that?" TrackMan now offers dual readers in its new units and says its distances are accurate to within one foot per 100 yards up to 400 yards. One of its upgraded features allows golfers to measure their numbers against other players or an excellent shot hit with a range ball.

That kind of info comes in handy for PGA Tour players' coaches such as Tiger Woods' ex-coach Sean Foley, who will often diagnose problems instantly just by looking at TrackMan numbers sent to their phones. "(World no. 1) Dustin Johnson uses TrackMan to dial in the carry distances of his wedges, so science is taking the guesswork out of his decisions," says Travis Fulton, a Florida teaching professional who appears on the Golf Channel.

Scott Gardiner, an ex-Tour player who now teaches in Arkansas, says TrackMan allows players to understand what launch conditions they need to hit the ball as far as possible. "Golf's a distance game now, and the best way to find distance is optimizing launch angle and spin rate," he says.

Players can become a little too dependent on TrackMan data. Pursue the range at any Tour event, and there will be no

There's a launch monitor for every golfer

There are launch monitors for every golfer's budget. Ernest Sports, based in Georgia, offers units that range from \$199 for the small as 12 to about \$5,500 for the elite Tour model, which is a comprehensive diagnostic tool and allows users to play complete golf courses, including putting.

Voice Caddie is a gizmo that fits in your pocket and spits out TrackMan launch numbers for those in the know. It tops out at about \$350.

FlightScope, founded in South Africa in 1989 as a defense contractor, moved into golf in the early 2000s with 3-D Doppler technology. The company offers an array of tracker products from the small Mivo at around \$500 to the x3 at \$15,000.

SkyTrak is popular at around \$2,000, but independent tests show that its accuracy for drivers is not as good as TrackMan's. The two models are relatively close for iron.

GEARS manufactures a body-tracking system that sells into the baseball, soccer, football and golf markets. It's a full studio setup which measures what the ball and club are doing and includes 26 body sensors to measure positions in the swing and compare them to professionals. That system will run you about \$25,000. Even Al Covert would think twice about throwing down for that one.

shortage of players hitting shots and then looking straight down at their device to see if it was a good one or not. Whatever happened to trusting your eyes?

A big challenge for data-dependent hitters is adapting their natural swing to the ideal TrackMan numbers. The mathematically perfect swing may be alien to them.

"Sometimes people get into trouble trying to hit it too straight," says Gardiner.

Many were critical of the TrackMan-influenced swing Woods adopted while being coached by Foley because it was considered too "geometric," or lacking the smooth aesthetics of his previous swings. In moving to the new form — one that swings more to the left and more steeply than he had been in the past — Woods saw some success (five wins in 2013), but the swing did let him down at critical times, especially at the majors.

"I think once Tiger learned what TrackMan considers optimal, he's become obsessed with making it out," says longtime pro Steve Flesch, who also works as an analyst for Fox Sports. "He's trying to swing like Rory (McIlroy, one of the longest, straightest drivers in the game) but that's not his swing. Never has been and that's why the woods are killing him."

"He's an iron swing type of player. Downward approach angle, like Sergio (Garcia). Needs to embrace that and use a heavier driver shaft, more loft, and tee it lower. Rory, like (Jack) Nicklaus, is a sweeper. Shallow divots and a great driver. Entirely different swings."

Since coming back to golf late last year, Woods has for the first time eschewed a coach, but he still has TrackMan. He's just using it differently, adapting it to his more natural swing. "I think it's fair to say Tiger got caught up in (the science) at one point ... although he won five times (in 2013) it was clear he was not the genius he once was," says Fulton. "(Relying on TrackMan) can be a slippery slope. Players run the risk of losing their DNA and damaging the genius that lies within."

Golf technology follows the same rule as all tech: If you're good enough to be a pro without it, then changing your ways to adapt to the technology might not be so easy or wise.

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## Dropbox shows it's possible to defy tech giants

By Hamza Shaban  
Washington Post

In the age of the tech giants, start-ups face daunting odds. Through aggressive acquisitions, blatant mimicking of smaller rivals, and the built-in advantages of their user networks and Internet infrastructure, tech titans rule the scene. But at least in the case of Dropbox, an online file-sharing company, it's still possible to defy them.

During its market debut last month Dropbox's value leaped nearly 40 percent, a jolt of optimism that arrived in the middle of a tech industry backlash. The success of Dropbox's initial public offering came despite facing big-name, multibillion-dollar competitors, such as Google, Microsoft, Amazon.com and Apple. Dropbox's stock is up almost 50 percent from its IPO price.

But beyond the company's

public market splash, experts say Dropbox can effectively compete with much larger, dominant tech companies because of its focused strategy and distinct services, its ease of use and the customer loyalty it has built up.

Founded in 2007, the same year that Apple released the iPhone, Dropbox became a compelling alternative to do-it-yourself file storage. For many people at the dawn of the mobile era, that process was cumbersome and restrictive, as anyone who has tried to email themselves dozens of vacation pictures or frantically searched for a lost thumb drive can attest. In its filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Dropbox phased its foundational aspirations this way: "Life would be a lot better if everyone could access their most important information anytime from

any device."

Dropbox's business relies on selling file storage subscriptions to individuals and teams within companies. Users can save text documents, pictures, music and other types of files to Dropbox's system, which makes that material accessible across their devices. People can also share stored information with others. The basic version of Dropbox is free, but paid subscriptions, which start at \$9.99 a month, offer additional features and more space to save files. More than 500 million people have registered to use Dropbox. But only a fraction of them, 11 million, pay for it.

According to the SEC filings, Dropbox generated \$1.1 billion in revenue last year, up 31 percent from 2016. The company has not reached profitability, but it reported that its losses are shrinking, from \$210 million

in 2016 to \$111 million last year.

Of course, a triumphant tech IPO doesn't guarantee long-term success — just ask Snap. The parent company of Snapchat, the social media app that lets users share pictures and videos that disappear after a set time, went public last year. Its stock price climbed more than 40 percent before slumping to its offering price of \$17 a few months later. Snap is now trading below that. Twitter, too, dazzled investors during its IPO in 2013, but it has struggled to keep its footing.

But analysts said that online file storage is a strong business with future growth, and that Dropbox has set the standard in this space. Microsoft, Google, Apple and Amazon all have file sharing services — OneDrive, Google Drive, iCloud and Amazon Drive respectively.

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Girl is tempted to choose a college close to home

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is graduating from high school and will be starting college. It was always her plan to go to a school away from our small town, and I supported that decision. However, six months ago, she started dating her first real boyfriend. His parents have offered to pay all expenses if the two of them live in an apartment and go to school at a college nearby. Financially, this would be very helpful for my daughter, but I'm worried that moving in with a boy at such a young age would be a mistake, and she wouldn't get the full college experience. Her boyfriend is wonderful, and she is very happy in the relationship. She has a scholarship for free room and board at a college three hours away. I can tell she's very conflicted. What do you think I should encourage her to do? — STUDENT'S MOM IN MISSOURI

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room, board and your daughter's education at the same college? Your daughter has earned her scholarship. Three hours' distance isn't insurmountable. They can still see each other if they wish. But the separation will allow them more time to concentrate on their studies as well as enjoy the full college experience. DEAR ABBY: We seem to be living in a time of instant gratification. I'm talking about cellphones. People think they MUST answer their cellphone no matter what. It's ridiculous. When I call someone and they answer, I start talking only to be interrupted with something like, "I'm involved in something right now. Call you back!" Once, an employer told me she was in the bathroom. My question is, why are these people answering in the first place? If you can't talk, let it go to voicemail. Unless you think I'm calling to give you money — a LOT of money — the conversation can probably wait 10 minutes. What do you think?

— HOLDING THE PHONE IN CALIFORNIA DEAR HOLDING THE PHONE: I agree. You'll get no argument from me. DEAR ABBY: My parents smoke weed and do other drugs, and I have no idea what to do. They scream and yell at us daily. There are four of us. I don't know if we should turn them in so we can live in a better environment or just accept it. I need your opinion so I do what is right. — ANONYMOUS GIRL IN INDIANA DEAR ANONYMOUS GIRL: No child should be subjected to this. It's unhealthy for you and your siblings to be living with drug-addicted adults who are unable to control their emotions. If there are relatives who can take you in — grandparents, aunts, uncles — talk to them about it. However, if that's not possible, tell a teacher or school counselor what's happening at home or call child protective services yourself.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones Bidding Quiz Q1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠AK84♥AKJ♠AQJ86♦9 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH ♠AK76♥KQ9♦J96♦Q65 Right-hand opponent opens one spade. What call would you make? A — It's a bit dangerous, but you have to take responsibility for your values. Bid one no-trump. Q2 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠J♥832♦Q863♦K7654 Partner opens one spade and right-hand opponent doubles. What call would you make? A — You would have responded had right-hand opponent passed, but only as a courtesy. This hand is not worth a free bid. Pass. Q3 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:



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## Kyle Busch wins at Texas for Joe Gibbs' 1st victory of year

By Stephen Hawkins  
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Kyle Busch's return to Victory Lane only 10 races after his last win just seemed to take much longer. There were all those runner-up finishes in between, one in particular.

A runner-up finish in the 2017 season finale kept Busch from winning another NASCAR Cup Series championship, something he had to contemplate the entire offseason. Then he had three runner-up finishes in the first six races this year, including two that Kevin Harvick won.

On Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway, points leader

Busch finished ahead of Harvick and the rest of the field for Joe Gibbs Racing's first victory this season.

"Certainly being that close, it gets a little old a little faster," Busch said. "If you're finishing fifth or 10th or whatever, and you're just not capable of winning, it certainly will draw longer as well too. ... Being as close as you are, that kind hurts a little bit more, especially that final one, that Homestead one."

Busch stayed in front of Harvick the last 24 laps after the final restart, getting his third win at Texas and 44th of his career. The No. 18 Toyota led 116 of the 334 laps at the 1 1/2-mile track.

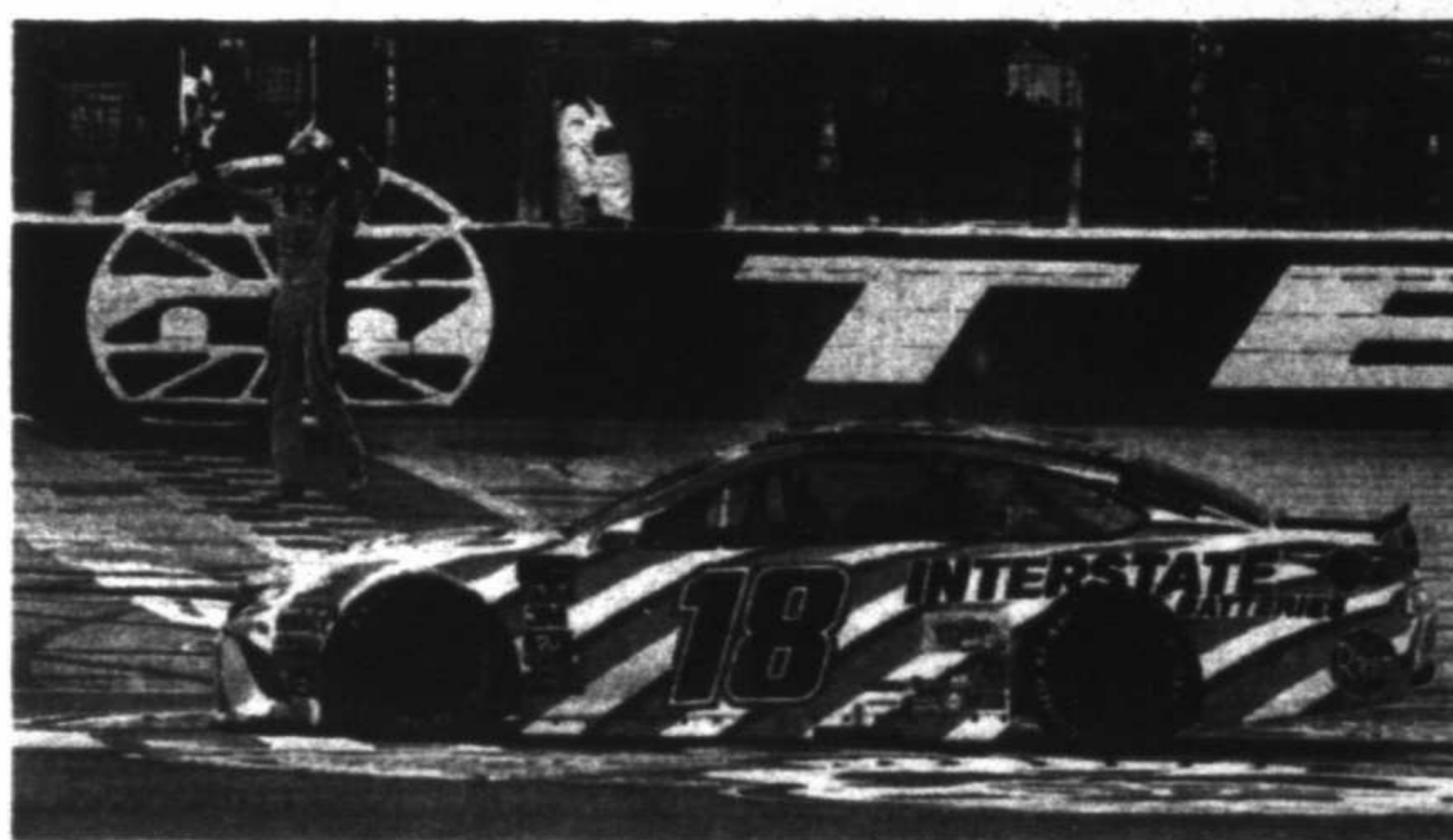
"They were probably just

a tick faster overall, but I just had to make sure to do everything I could to hit all my marks and everything to focus on making sure that I did the right things to block his air a little bit," Busch said.

Jamie McMurray finished third, ahead of Erik Jones. Ryan Blaney was fifth a day after winning the Xfinity Series race.

Since finishing 25th in the season opener at Daytona, Busch has been in the top seven the last six races.

"We've just been on a roll of finishing really good and getting really pumped and excited about that and the



Larry Pappo

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Fans look on as Kyle Busch (18) waves the checkered flag after taking the win in a NASCAR Cup Series auto race Sunday in Fort Worth.

## First-time champion



Chris Carlson/Associated Press

Patrick Reed is presented the championship trophy by Augusta National Golf Club member Fred Ridley after winning the Masters golf tournament Sunday in Augusta, Ga.

## Reed wins first major title, holding off Fowler at Masters

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Patrick Reed became famous playing for his country. He won for himself Sunday and became a Masters champion.

It was never easy, just the way Reed likes it.

Rory McIlroy came after him early. Jordan Spieth roared to life with a final-round charge and briefly caught Reed with a 35-foot birdie putt. The last challenge came from Rickie Fowler, who birdied the last hole to leave Reed no room for error.

Reed never flinched throughout a raucous afternoon at Augusta National.

Clinging to a one-shot lead, his 25-foot putt down the slippery slope on the 18th green ran 3 feet by the hole as Reed pressed down both hands, begging it to stop. From there, the 27-year-old Texan calmly rolled in the par putt for a 1-under 71 and a one-shot victory.

"To have to par the last hole to win my

first major, it definitely felt right," Reed said from Butler cabin, right before Sergio Garcia helped him into a green jacket.

The loudest cheers were for everyone else. Reed earned their respect with two big birdie putts on the back nine, one crucial par putt and plenty of grit. He also had a little luck when his 80-foot putt across the 17th green hit the hole, keeping it only 6 feet away. He made that for par to stay in control.

Reed won for the sixth time in his PGA Tour career, though he was best known for the trophies he shared at the Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup. He is ferocious in match play, especially the team variety, and his singles victory over McIlroy at Hazeltine in the 2016 Ryder Cup led to the nickname of Captain America.

Captain America is now the Masters champion.

"He's not scared. I think you guys have seen that previous from the Ryder Cup and the way he plays," said Fowler, who closed with a 67. "He won't back down. I don't necessarily see him as someone that backs

up and will let you come back into the tournament. You have to go catch him."

Fowler did his best with three birdies in a four-hole stretch, and an 8-foot birdie on the final hole. It still wasn't enough. Fowler was runner-up for the third time in a major. He left the scoring cabin when Reed tapped in for par.

"Glad I at least made the last one, make him earn it," Fowler said with a grin as he waited to greet the newest major champion. "You had to do it didn't you?" Reed told him as they exchanged a hug. "You had to birdie the last."

Spieth put up the most unlikely fight and was on the verge of the greatest comeback in Masters history. He started nine shots behind going into the final round, and was inches away on two shots from a chance at another green jacket.

His tee shot on the 18th clipped the last branch in his way, dropping his ball some 267 yards from the green. His 8-foot par putt for a record-tying 63 narrowly missed

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## Fowler, Spieth make Reed earn his 1st major championship

By Paul Newberry  
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — After the final putt disappeared into the cup, Rickie Fowler waited outside the scoring room at Augusta National.

Once again, he was congratulating someone else on winning their first major championship.

For Fowler, the wait goes on.

"I was ready to go win," he said. "Unfortunately, I was one shot short."

This has become a familiar lament for Fowler, who now hugs around the unwanted baggage as the best player without a title in one of golf's biggest events.

He had his best chance yet on a stirring Sunday at the Masters, making six birdies over the final 11 holes — including an 8-footer at the 72nd hole that finished off a 14-under 274.

It's a score that would've been good enough to win most years.

But Patrick Reed had one less stroke on his card, claiming the green jacket by sinking a short but testy par putt at No. 18.

"Glad I at least made the last one to make him earn it," Fowler said.

Jordan Spieth did his part, too, to make Reed earn it.

The 24-year-old Texan



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Rickie Fowler hits on the fourth hole during the fourth round at the Masters golf tournament Sunday in Augusta, Ga.

## Stassi, Morton lead Astros over Padres 4-1 for series win

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Max Stassi hit a three-run homer, Charlie Morton continued his hot start to the season and the defending champion Houston Astros beat the San Diego Padres 4-1 on Sunday to win the three-game series.

Stassi's first home run of the year bounced off the facade behind left field, scoring Josh Reddick and Marvin Gonzalez, who led off the fifth inning with singles.

Reddick later added a solo home run, also off of Padres starter Tyson Ross (1-1), to push Houston's lead back to three runs after San Diego scored in the sixth.

Austin Hedges grounded into a fielder's choice to score Chase Headley for San Diego. Headley advanced to second on an error by Houston third baseman Alex Bregman.

Morton (2-0) allowed four hits and three walks for one unearned run while striking out seven in six innings. It was a nearly identical performance to his season debut, when he allowed three hits, two walks and no runs while striking out six in a 6-1 win over Baltimore. The right-hander got the final 12 outs in Game 7 of the World Series against the Dodgers to help secure Houston's first championship.

Ross allowed four runs on six hits while striking out seven in six innings.

The Astros entered Sunday with just 10 hits in the first two games against San Diego, all singles.

Houston found a way to warm up the bats in what was the coldest first pitch in a regular-season game in Minute Maid Park history. The 52-degree temperature over the opened roof topped the previous coldest first pitch of 57 degrees, on April 8, 2007.

Brad Peacock pitched a scoreless ninth to pick up his first save of the season. Houston's bullpen allowed just one base runner after Morton left the game after the sixth. Will Harris allowed a walk in the seventh inning, and Joe Smith and Peacock retired all three batters they faced.

Trainer's room

Padres: Reliever Kirby Yates will likely avoid the disabled list despite leaving Saturday night's game with a right ankle injury after throwing just one pitch. As the Padres' primary setup man, he has yet to allow a run in four appearances over 3 2/3 innings, striking out five.

Astros: 1B Yuli Gurriel, on the disabled list after breaking his hand

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Houston Astros second baseman Jose Altuve, top, drops the ball while attempting a double play over San Diego Padres' Chase Headley during the second inning of a baseball game on Sunday in Houston.

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MS Golf: Andrews, Greenwood at District 4-4A Tournament 2nd round, Ranchland Hills Country Club

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES - Recalled LHP Turner Scott from Norfolk (IL). Boston Red Sox - Recalled RHP Marcus Watson to Pawtucket (IL).

Top 2 seeds set in East and West; everything else TBD

By Tim Reynolds Associated Press

A look at where things stand in the NBA playoff picture, with five days remaining in the regular season:

East update

The top two seeds are locked up: Toronto is No. 1 going into the Eastern Conference playoffs for the first time in franchise history, and Boston will open the playoffs as the No. 2 seed.

Everything else is unclear.

Philadelphia (49-30) now leads in the race for the No. 3 spot, passing Cleveland (49-31) by beating the Cavaliers 132-130 on Friday night.

The Cavaliers have two games left, both against New York. So if Philly slips even once, Cleveland could return to No. 3 by sweeping the Knicks.

Indiana (47-33) still has a chance at No. 3; to get there, the Pacers have to win out and have both the Cavaliers and 76ers lose out. That seems unlikely, and Indiana is probably heading for the No. 5 spot.

West update



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, right, dunks the ball against Philadelphia 76ers' Eran Ilyasova, left, of Turkey, during the second half of an NBA game on Friday in Philadelphia.

Five days left, five spots left to clinch, and six seeds left to decide.

A frantic finish is coming to the West.

Portland controls the race for the No. 3 seed, and Utah knows that if it wins out the worst it can finish is No. 4 — which is astounding, considering it got off to a 19-28 start and was 10% games out of the fourth spot.

New Orleans (45-34) beat Phoenix to jump two spots to No. 5, and Minnesota (45-35) topped the Los Angeles Lakers to remain a half-game ahead of Denver for No. 8. Those two results mean four teams have exactly 45 wins going into Saturday,

with Denver currently at 44 wins and the Los Angeles Clippers still able to get to 45 if they win out.

Saturday's games

Some clarity might finally ... come to the West.

Denver at L.A. Clippers: The Clippers have to win out, or the season ends. Denver must try to match that desperation.

Oklahoma City at Houston: Means nothing to Rockets. Means plenty to Thunder, who still could get home-court.

— New Orleans at Golden State: The Warriors embarrassed themselves at Indiana on Thursday. Will this be more of the same?

— Portland at San Antonio: The Spurs are trying for a 21st consecutive playoff spot, and the Blazers are trying to lock up the No. 3 seed.

— Brooklyn at Chicago: Has no playoff implication.

— Philadelphia has a chance to set an NBA record — the longest winning streak to end a regular season.

The 76ers have won 13 straight and have three games left. Win them all, and they would top the 15-game season-ending stretch by the Rochester Royals in 1949-50.

The last double-digit streak to end a season was posted by San Antonio in 2011-12, when the Spurs won their final 10 games.

Philly coach Brett Brown was an assistant under Gregg Popovich on that Spurs team.

Quote of the day: "You've got to go through whoever it is anyway." — Cleveland coach Tyronn Lue, asked about the Eastern Conference seeding jumble.

NBA ROUNDUP

Associated Press

76ERS 108, MAVERICKS 97

PHILADELPHIA — J.J. Redick scored 18 points, and the surging Philadelphia 76ers matched a franchise record with their 14th consecutive victory, 108-97 over the Dallas Mavericks on Sunday.

Ben Simmons added 16 points, nine assists and seven rebounds, and Robert Covington had 15 points and 10 rebounds. Two years after going 10-72, the Sixers (50-30) clinched home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs and secured their first 50-win season since Allen Iverson's 2000-01 team, which lost in the NBA Finals.

The only other time the Sixers won 14 straight in a single season, Dr. J and Moses Malone delivered Philadelphia its last NBA title in 1983.

Harrison Barnes scored 21 points on 9-of-25 shooting, and Dennis Smith Jr. added 20 points for the Mavericks, who have lost three straight and six of seven.

HAWKS 112, CELTICS 108

BOSTON — Jaylen Brown could see the fourth quarter well enough from the Boston bench to know he wasn't worried about the Celtics' recent slumps.

"If we would have played our normal rotation, we would have won that game," he said Sunday after coach Brad Stevens reined his starters and watched the subs blow a 13-point, fourth-quarter lead to the Atlanta Hawks. "No doubt about it."

Taurean Prince made seven of eight 3-pointers to score 33 points, getting help from Isaiah Taylor and Dewayne Dedmon

down the stretch to help the last-place Hawks beat the playoff-bound Celtics 112-106.

With the No. 2 spot in the Eastern Conference already locked up, Stevens left Brown, Al Horford, Jayson Tatum and Terry Rozier on the bench for the entire fourth quarter and Boston lost for the third time in four games.

"I think Brad made a good call," Brown said. "(The backups) got an opportunity and it was well-deserved."

Rozier had 10 points, nine assists and eight rebounds for Boston, which had beaten Atlanta in the other three meetings this season. Tatum scored 19, Horford had 16 and Greg Monroe scored 17 for the Celtics, who are without Kyrie Irving and Gordon Hayward for the rest of the season and Marcus Smart for the start of the playoffs.

"Let young guys play in the fourth," Stevens said. "Bench play is going to be huge for us going into the playoffs without a full roster."

Taylor and Dedmon scored nine straight points for the Hawks after they led 103-101 with 2 minutes remaining. Prince added eight rebounds and five assists, and Damian Lee scored 14 with eight boards. Taylor had 13 points and Dedmon scored 10 for Atlanta, which has beaten playoff teams in consecutive games but still has the worst record in the Eastern Conference.

"(It's) especially gratifying, knowing you have a couple impact players out and still be able to do what we do," Prince said, alluding to the injuries to Dennis Schroder and Kent Bazemore, two of the team's top three scorers. "It's good

to see what we're able to do, even without a full team."

JAZZ 112, LAKERS 97

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Donovan Mitchell scored 28 points and the Utah Jazz clinched a playoff berth with a 112-97 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday.

Utah is the fourth team in the crowded Western Conference to lock up a postseason spot, with the clubs still in the running for the other four positions before the regular season ends Wednesday.

Mitchell also had nine rebounds and eight assists, and Joe Ingles had 22 points on 9-of-12 shooting along with 10 assists. Jae Crowder added 18.

Josh Hart had 25 points for Los Angeles. The Clippers have lost six of eight.

RAPTORS 112, MAGIC 101

TORONTO — C.J. Miles scored 22 points, OG Anunoby had a career-high 21 for Toronto.

Serge Ibaka scored 13 points, and Jakob Poeltl and Delon Wright each had 12. The Raptors closed out their home schedule by extending their franchise records for wins (58) and home wins (34).

After clinching the top spot in the Eastern Conference on Friday night with a win over Indiana, the Raptors gave guard Oshane Davis and center Jonas Valanciunas the night off. Toronto will rest players again Monday night at Detroit, then return to full strength Wednesday night for the regular-season finale at Miami.

Aaron Gordon scored 16

points, and Mario Hezonja had 14 for Orlando. The Magic lost for the eighth time in 11 games.

PACERS 123, HORNETS 117

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Domantas Sabonis scored a career-high 30 points, Victor Oladipo had 27 points on 12-of-15 shooting and the Pacers beat the Hornets to keep alive their slim hopes of winning the Central Division title.

Lance Stephenson, a former Hornet, had 10 rebounds, 10 assists and eight points for the Pacers, who have won seven of their last nine games.

Rookie Malik Monk led the Hornets with 22 points in their final home game of the season.

For Indiana (48-33) to win the Central and earn home-court advantage for the first round of the NBA playoffs, it needs to beat Charlotte on Tuesday night and have the Cleveland Cavaliers (49-31) lose their final two games against the New York Knicks.

The Pacers have the tiebreaker advantage over the Cavaliers after taking three of four in the season series, including a 124-107 win in November.

GRIZZLIES 130, PISTONS 117

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — MarShon Brooks scored 25 points, Dillon Brooks added 22 and Memphis beat Detroit to snap a four-game losing streak.

Merc Gasol and Kobi Simmons added 20 points apiece for Memphis. Gasol also had nine rebounds and nine assists. Anthony Tolliver led the Pistons with 19 points, and Luke Kennard added 18.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

MSU 12, Kansas 11, Texas Tech 3, Iowa 4, Baylor 1

NBA GLANCE

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NHL GLANCE

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# Blue Jays homer twice off Hamels in 1st, beat Rangers 7-4

By Schuyler Dixon  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Steve Pearce homered on Cole Hamels' first pitch of the game. Kendrys Morales added a three-run shot in the first inning and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Texas Rangers 7-4 on Sunday.

Jaime Garcia (1-0) won while facing Texas for the first time in the 31-year-old's 176th career start. The left-hander allowed three runs in 5 1/3 innings, leaving after Joey Gallo's two-run homer. The 445-foot shot down the line in right was the Texas slugger's third of the season.

After becoming the first Texas pitcher to get the first eight outs on strikeouts in a win at Oakland in his previous start, Hamels (1-2) let four of the first five hitters reach in the left-hander's second straight home loss. The first was on opening day. Hamels, who started 9-1 each of the past two seasons, gave up seven runs — five earned — and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings with two walks and five strikeouts. He struck out 11 in five innings against the Athletics.

Pearce's first career leadoff homer soared well above the 14-foot wall in left field, just inside the foul pole. After Josh Donaldson struck out, Justin Smoak and Yangervis Solarte singled. Morales' liner to the opposite field went into the Texas bullpen in right-center for the switch-hitter's first of the season. With the bases loaded



Jim Cowser/Associated Press

Toronto Blue Jays' Kendrys Morales (8) is congratulated by Yangervis Solarte, left, after his three-run home run during the first inning of a game on Sunday in Arlington.

and the Blue Jays leading 7-3 in the seventh, Ryan Tepera struck out Adrian Beltre and got Gallo on an inning-ending popout. Robert Osuna retired four straight for his fourth save after hitting Rougned Odor with a pitch to load the bases in the eighth.

**BARTOLO IN THE BULLPEN**  
Texas' Bartolo Colon struck out four straight during two scoreless innings in his first relief appearance since 2016 with the New York Mets. The 44-year-old right-hander started the fifth game for the Rangers before Martin Perez came off the disabled list to join the rotation. It was the 10th relief appearance compared to 529

starts for Colon, who is in his 21st season. **SHORT HOPS**  
Beltre's double in the sixth inning was his 1,117th extra-base hit, tying him with Ted Williams and Jimmie Foxx for 18th on the career list. ... Odor was the designated hitter after his girlfriend gave birth to their daughter early Sunday morning. He was 1 for 3 with a double. ... Texas rookie Carlos Tocci singled in the seventh for his first major league hit.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**  
Rangers' RHP Tony Barnett (back) was not activated two days after throwing on consecutive nights on a minor league rehab assignment. Manager Jeff Banister said the club was still monitoring his recovery coming off those appearances. ... RHP Tim Lincecum skipped a bullpen session to avoid possible irritation of his blister on a chilly day.

**UP NEXT**  
Blue Jays: Opening-day starter J.A. Happ (1-1, 5.40 ERA) makes his third start Monday in the opener of a three-game series at Baltimore. **Rangers:** RHP Doug Fister (1-1, 3.12 ERA) makes his third start for Texas in the opener of a three-game series Monday against the visiting Los Angeles Angels. Fister is 3-4 with a 2.90 ERA in his career against the Angels.

## ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

DRILLERS 12, ROCKHOUNDS 7  
At Security Bank Ballpark

**TOP HITTERS:** Tyler Ramirez was 3-for-5 with two doubles, a triple, two RBI and two runs scored to lead the RockHounds. Eli White was 3-for-5 with a solo home run and two runs scored, while Sean Murphy and Mikay White also homered for Midland. ... Tulsa was led by Angelo Mora, who was 2-for-4 with a triple, home run, walk, four RBI and three runs scored. Drillers teammate Kyle Garick was 3-for-5 with a home run, two RBI and three runs scored.

**TOP PITCHER:** In a game that saw 26 hits, Tulsa's Corey Copping got the win in relief after he allowed one run on two hits, walked one and struck out five over two innings of work. **HIGHLIGHTS:** Tulsa jumped on Midland starter Norge Ruiz early as the Drillers scored three runs in the first and six more in the second for a 9-0 lead. ... After the RockHounds answered with two runs in both the second and third innings to cut the lead to 5-4, the game stabilized a bit thanks to the work of each team's bullpen.

**NOTES:** A combined six home runs were hit on Sunday. ... This was Midland's first loss of the season after sweeping Springfield. ... The teams play the second game of a three-game series at 6:30 p.m. today.

DRILLERS 12, ROCKHOUNDS 7  
Tulsa 4:10 P  
Peters of 5:22 P  
Eli White of 5:23 P

### FL Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa (Drillers)	3	1	.750	—
Midland (RockHounds)	2	2	.500	—
Northwest Arkansas (Flyers)	3	2	.600	—
Springfield (Cardinals)	0	4	.000	—

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland (RockHounds)	3	1	.750	—
Tulsa (Drillers)	2	2	.500	—
Rio Grande (Rangers)	2	2	.500	—
Corpus Christi (Astros)	2	2	.500	—

### MLB GLANCE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	4	1	.800	—
Atlanta	3	2	.600	—
Baltimore	5	3	.625	—
Boston	4	4	.500	—
Braves	4	4	.500	—
Brewers	4	4	.500	—
Cardinals	4	4	.500	—
Cincinnati	4	4	.500	—
Cleveland	4	4	.500	—
Colorado	4	4	.500	—
Dodgers	4	4	.500	—
Houston	4	4	.500	—
Los Angeles	4	4	.500	—
Mariners	4	4	.500	—
Miami	4	4	.500	—
Minnesota	4	4	.500	—
Milwaukee	4	4	.500	—
Montreal	4	4	.500	—
New York	4	4	.500	—
Oakland	4	4	.500	—
Philadelphia	4	4	.500	—
Pittsburgh	4	4	.500	—
San Diego	4	4	.500	—
San Francisco	4	4	.500	—
Seattle	4	4	.500	—
St. Louis	4	4	.500	—
Tampa Bay	4	4	.500	—
Texas	4	4	.500	—
Washington	4	4	.500	—
White Sox	4	4	.500	—
Yankees	4	4	.500	—

## MLB ROUNDUP

Associated Press

### American League

**ORIOLES 8, YANKEES 7 (12 INNINGS)**  
NEW YORK — Things were getting beyond dreary for Brad Brach and the Baltimore Orioles. Bases loaded, no outs. Clinging to a one-run lead in the 12th. Big boppers Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton coming up. But boosted by an alert play from catcher Caleb Joseph, Brach escaped his own jam. And after overcoming an early deficit that left their starting pitcher punching the dugout wall, the Orioles held off the New York Yankees 8-7 Sunday. "I just wanted to do my job after the guys before me got it to the 13th, 14th, whatever inning it was," Brach said. "Had it the whole time," he added, with a smile. The Orioles arrived at Yankee Stadium this week with a five-game losing streak. Craig Gentry's RBI single in the 12th helped them take three of four — the first time they've won three in any series in the Bronx since 1997, at the old park across the street.

**ANGELS 6, ATHLETICS 1**  
ANAHEIM, Calif. — Shohei Ohtani seemed to be the only person in Angel Stadium who wasn't incredibly impressed while he mowed down the Oakland Athletics' first 19 batters in order.

But when Ohtani finally yielded a hit and then struck out Matt Olson with two runners on to end the seventh inning, he gave a fist pump and a celebratory scream at the ground while the crowd rose for a standing ovation.

Even the two-way Japanese sensation realized his first home pitching start was a thrilling moment in his increasingly incredible rookie season.

Ohtani threw seven shutout innings of one-hit ball in his home debut on the mound, propelling the Los Angeles Angels to a 6-1 victory Sunday.

Marcus Semien's clean one-out single to left broke up Ohtani's bid for a perfect game, but he finished the inning with his 12th strikeout. Mixing 99 mph fastballs with precipitous breaking pitches and tremendous professional cool.

**TIGERS 1, WHITE SOX 0**  
CHICAGO — Mike Fiers thought quality pitching, not the weather, kept down the offense in the Detroit Tigers' 1-0 win over the Chicago White Sox.

"The ball wasn't carrying," he said, "because they weren't hitting weren't hitting many

### National League

**INDIANS 3, ROYALS 1**  
CLEVELAND — Cleveland catcher Yan Gomes beat everyone with one big swing. The wind, the record-cold temperatures and Kansas City. Gomes hit a tiebreaking two-run homer off Brandon Maurer in the ninth inning, lifting the Indians to a 3-1 win over the Royals in the coldest game in Progressive Field history.

Gomes drove a 3-2 pitch barely over the 19-foot wall in left field, ending another tough day for Cleveland's offense on a high note. Gomes was mobbed by his teammates at home plate after just the fourth hit of the afternoon for the Indians.

The game-time temperature was 32 degrees, the lowest in the 25-year history of the ballpark, and Gomes wasn't sure if his drive was going to clear the wall as left fielder Jon Jay drifted back.

**RED SOX 8, RAYS 7**  
BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox are off to the best nine-game start in franchise history.

All the close ones are going their way right now. Andrew Benintendi hit a tiebreaking RBI double in Boston's wild six-run eighth inning, and the Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays 8-7 on Sunday for their eighth straight win.

The Red Sox lost shortstop Xander Bogaerts to a left ankle injury in the seventh, but moved to 8-1 with the sweep of their three-game set against the struggling Rays. They also improved to 5-0 in one-run games.

"We stole that one again," first-year manager Alex Cora said. Bogaerts got hurt while sliding down into the Tampa Bay dugout. Cora said he expected to know more about the severity of the injury on Monday.

**BRaves 4, Rockies 0**  
DENVER — The surprising Atlanta Braves surged behind their bats through the first week of the season. Now, they're getting some nice starting pitching, too.

Sean Newcomb pitched into the seventh inning, Nick Markakis and Darin Sanchez hit back-to-back homers and the Braves beat the Colorado Rockies 4-0 on Sunday.

Newcomb (1-1) allowed three hits in the first inning before retiring the next 16 batters to help the Braves take two of three in Colorado's home-opening series. The left-hander followed strong starts from Brandon McCarthy and Anibal Sanchez, tying his career high with nine strikeouts while not leaving a walk.

### Diamondbacks 4, Cardinals 1

ST. LOUIS — Tony Lovullo claimed his Arizona Diamondbacks were being framed. The manager set off a benches-clearing incident in his team's 4-1 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday by maintaining eight-time All-Star catcher Yadier Molina was earning unwarranted strike calls.

"I don't want to say he is getting more than anyone else, because it's part of the game," Lovullo said. "I have the utmost respect for Yadier Molina. He's one of the best catchers the game has ever seen. It was more of me saying, I respect him on that level, that he's getting special things because he's that good. That's where I was coming from."

Lovullo was ejected by plate umpire Tim Timmons in the second inning. Lovullo was arguing a called third strike on A.J. Pollock and got into a shouting match with Molina. The catcher appeared to lunge at Lovullo and make contact as players ran onto the field.

**PIRATES 5, REDS 0**  
PITTSBURGH — Clint Hurdle approached Jameson Taillon in Pittsburgh's dugout after the top of the eighth inning and asked his team's emerging ace for a bit of healthy self-assessment.

"He asked me if I had pitched yet," Taillon said. "I don't know if I even said anything back. I just looked at him like, 'Yeah, I'm going back out.'"

At that point, words weren't required anyway. Nearly a full year removed from a cancer scare that threatened to derail his promising career, Taillon looks every bit the centerpiece of a young starting rotation the front office envisioned when it agreed to trade Gerrit Cole to Houston in January.

**CUBS 3, BREWERS 0**  
MILWAUKEE — The Chicago Cubs finally got to play at Wrigley Field again.

They are coming home on a high note thanks to another nice outing for Jose Quintana at Miller Park.

The left-hander tossed six innings of three-hit ball, Ben Zobrist homered and the Cubs finished their longest season-opening road trip in more than a century by beating the Milwaukee Brewers 3-0 on Sunday.

Chicago wrapped up a nine-game trip at 5-4. It was the franchise's longest road trip to open the season since a 12-game jaunt in 1899.

## ASTROS

From 1C

in February, had a double on Sunday in his rehabilitation assignment with Double-A Corpus Christi. After getting an off day on Saturday, Garriell will play

the next two games for Corpus Christi.

**Up next**  
Padres: Clayton Richard (0-1, 4.50 ERA) will seek redemption in the first half

of a two-game road trip Monday against Colorado. Richard was tagged for five runs on eight hits in five innings of a 5-2 loss to the Rockies last Wednesday.

Astros: Justin Verlander (1-0, 2.31) will start Monday for the opener of a three-game series in Minnesota. Verlander has allowed just three earned runs on 10 hits and three walks while striking out 14 in 11 2/3 innings across his first two starts this season.

### Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	4	1	.800	—
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Baltimore	5	3	.625	—
Boston	4	4	.500	—
Braves	4	4	.500	—
Brewers	4	4	.500	—
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Cincinnati	4	4	.500	—
Cleveland	4	4	.500	—
Colorado	4	4	.500	—
Dodgers	4	4	.500	—
Houston	4	4	.500	—
Los Angeles	4	4	.500	—
Mariners	4	4	.500	—
Miami	4	4	.500	—
Minnesota	4	4	.500	—
Milwaukee	4	4	.500	—
Montreal	4	4	.500	—
New York	4	4	.500	—
Oakland	4	4	.500	—
Philadelphia	4	4	.500	—
Pittsburgh	4	4	.500	—
San Diego	4	4	.500	—
San Francisco	4	4	.500	—
Seattle	4	4	.500	—
St. Louis	4	4	.500	—
Tampa Bay	4	4	.500	—
Texas	4	4	.500	—
Washington	4	4	.500	—
White Sox	4	4	.500	—
Yankees	4	4	.500	—

### Lineups

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**INDIANS & ROYALS 1**  
Royals: ... Indians: ...

**RED SOX & RAYS 7**  
Rays: ... Red Sox: ...

**ORIOLES & YANKEES 7 (12 INNINGS)**  
Orioles: ... Yankees: ...

**ANGELS & ATHLETICS 1**  
Athletics: ... Angels: ...

**PIRATES & REDS 5**  
Pirates: ... Reds: ...

**CUBS & BREWERS 3**  
Cubs: ... Brewers: ...

**BRaves & Rockies 4**  
Braves: ... Rockies: ...

**ASTROS & TIGERS 1**  
Astros: ... Tigers: ...

### Transactions

**DRILLERS 12, ROCKHOUNDS 7**  
Tulsa: ... RockHounds: ...

**INDIANS 3, ROYALS 1**  
Cleveland: ... Kansas City: ...

**RED SOX 8, RAYS 7**  
Boston: ... Tampa Bay: ...

**ORIOLES 8, YANKEES 7 (12 INNINGS)**  
Baltimore: ... New York: ...

**ANGELS 6, ATHLETICS 1**  
Anaheim: ... Oakland: ...

**PIRATES 5, REDS 0**  
Pittsburgh: ... Cincinnati: ...

**CUBS 3, BREWERS 0**  
Chicago: ... Milwaukee: ...

**BRaves 4, Rockies 0**  
Atlanta: ... Colorado: ...

**ASTROS 1, TIGERS 0**  
Houston: ... Detroit: ...

**INDIANS 3, ROYALS 1**  
Cleveland: ... Kansas City: ...

**RED SOX 8, RAYS 7**  
Boston: ... Tampa Bay: ...

**ORIOLES 8, YANKEES 7 (12 INNINGS)**  
Baltimore: ... New York: ...

# Woods improves in final round at Masters

By Mark Long  
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods nearly aced a hole and made his lone eagle of the week. The four-time Masters champion somewhat returned to form at Augusta National. It was just a few days too late to be more than an afterthought at golf's first major. Woods closed with a flurry, recording a 3-under 69 in the final round at the Masters. He finished 1 over for the tournament, 16 strokes behind winner Patrick Reed and in a four-way tie for 32nd. It was far from what the 42-year-old Woods wanted, but he left the hallowed grounds feeling better about his game than he did a few days before and more encouraged than his last few trips to Augusta National. Woods last played the event in 2015. He returned the last two years for the champions' dinner, but didn't get on the course. The hiatus left him feeling nostalgic during his walk to the 18th green. "This is one of the greatest walks in all of golf," Woods said afterward. "And I had missed it for the last couple of years. I hadn't been able to play in it, so now I'm glad I'm

competing in this tournament. And to face the challenges out there, I missed it. I really did. I missed playing out here. I missed competing against these guys. Such a great event. Best (event) in all of our sport." Woods started the weekend more than a dozen shots out of the lead and knew he would need something special to happen to get back in contention. It never happened. Never even came close, either. But there were some glimpses Sunday in his traditional red shirt. Woods had two birdies and an eagle on the back and looked like he would get to even par for the event. He lamented his iron play for the fourth straight day and loathed two three-putts, including one for bogey on No. 18. "Another loose day with the irons," he said. "And I putted awful. It was possibly the highest score I could have shot today. All in all, a bittersweet ending." He still drew one of the round's largest galleries, giving spectators a reason to get to the course long before the leaders arrived at the practice range. They simply wanted to catch a glimpse of one of golf's greatest players. Woods is assured of moving back into the top 100 in the world, notable

only because he was at No. 1,199 just over four months ago when he returned from yet another long layoff following a fourth back surgery. "I think things are progressing," he said. "It was a little bit disappointing I didn't hit my irons as well as I needed to for this particular week. You miss it just a touch here it gets magnified. And I just didn't do a good enough job this week in that regard. But overall I'm five or six tournaments into it, to be able to compete out here and to score like I did, it feels good." Woods plans to take some time off in April, maybe even putting the clubs in the closet for a few weeks to "kind of get away for a while." "The run up to this event is pretty hard and pretty grueling," said Woods, who finished 12th, tied for second and tied for fifth in three tournaments on the Florida Swing. "I pushed myself pretty hard to get ready. And I peaked at it four times over the course of my career, and it's tiring." He can take some solace in making six birdies or better in the final round — nearly as many as he made in the first three rounds combined. The best one came early Sunday. Woods nearly aced



Charlie Riedel/Associated Press

Tiger Woods walks up the fourth hole during the fourth round at the Masters golf tournament on Sunday in Augusta, Ga.

the 240-yard, par-3 fourth. His tee shot landed a few feet short of the flag, bounced a couple of times and then skirted by the left edge of the hole. He was left with a left-to-right-breaking 10-footer that he dropped in the left side of the cup. His eagle putt at the par-5 15th was even better. He drained a sweeping 30-footer after reaching the

green in two. Those shots provided a brief snippet of what might have been at Augusta National had Woods had better control with his irons. Woods missed greens right and left, never really getting approach shots in the precise spots on treacherous greens. His errant ways left him starting a lot sooner than expected Sunday and

finishing shortly after the leaders teed off. "My swing is slightly off," he said. "I was pleased with the way I was able to drive it, but I just could not convert with my irons. I struggled with obviously controlling the shape. Can't control the shape. Can't control the distance. And it was one of those weeks in that regard."

## Woods and Mickelson hope for a Masters for the aged

By Tim Dahlberg  
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — They're older now, no longer the 20-somethings who together helped usher golf into a new era. The evidence of that isn't in their golf swings, but in their appearance. When Tiger Woods takes off his hat after a round, there's a pronounced bald spot in the back and Phil Mickelson looks, well, like a guy should look as he approaches the half century mark in life. In most other sports they wouldn't contend. In most other sports they wouldn't even be playing. But here at the Masters, against a field loaded with young talent, they're among the favorites. Not just of the fans, who enjoyed the unlikely pairing of Mickelson and Woods in a rare practice round together on Tuesday. Oddsmakers in Vegas think both have a good shot at donning the traditional green jacket on Sunday, and if it's Mickelson he would be the oldest Masters champion ever. A Masters for the ages? How about one for the aged? "We're at the tail end of our careers, we both know that," Woods said. "He's 47, I believe, and I'm 42, and we have had a great 20-year battle, hopefully we'll have a few more. But we understand where we are in the game now versus where we were in our early 20s, battling for who is going to be No. 1. And that was then and certainly this is now." If there's any comfort for both players it lies in



Curtis Compton/Atlanta Journal-Constitution via AP  
Tiger Woods, left, and Phil Mickelson share a laugh on the 11th tee box while playing a practice round for the Masters golf tournament on Tuesday at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga.

the history of the Masters, where Jack Nicklaus not only won at the age of 46 in 1986 but was contending on the final day a dozen years later at the age of 58. Add in the fact they own seven green jackets between them and it's not so far-fetched they will at least be in contention on the weekend. "I would give Phil a much better chance to win than Tiger," said Butch Harmon, who taught Woods when he was young and was with him when he won the 1997 Masters in historic fashion. "Not that I'm saying Tiger can't win because I wouldn't say Tiger can't do anything because he will prove you wrong. But Tiger hasn't won in a long time." Harmon also worked with Mickelson for a period of time and believes he is riding a wave of confidence after winning the Mexico championship last month. "Phil is still competitive and I don't think Phil Mickelson gets the credit he should get," Harmon said. "He's won 43 tourna-

ments and five majors in the Tiger Woods era. No one else has come close to that, mainly because Tiger was winning all the others." Both players bring some baggage into this Masters, though it's not talked about in the interview room or among the fans who swarmed to watch them in the practice round. For Woods, it was the DUI last year where he was found disheveled and incoherent on a Florida highway. Toxicology reports revealed five different drugs in his system and he later pleaded guilty to reduced charges and received a year of probation and 50 hours of community service. Mickelson, meanwhile, was linked to an insider trading scheme that sent high stakes gambler Billy Walters to prison. Mickelson paid back nearly \$1 million in ill-gotten gains in the case and, according to published reports, had owed Walters nearly \$2 million in gambling debts. They've had fewer problems on the golf course

itself recently, with Woods contending in his latest comeback and Mickelson winning in Mexico. It was Woods, of course, who transformed golf 21 years ago by winning his first Masters at the age of 21. Beset alternately by back and personal problems in recent years, though, he's been stuck on 14 major championships for a decade now. Woods talked Tuesday about how his swing speeds are still what they were before he hurt his back and he showed he can not only keep up with the younger players off the tee but sometimes hit it past them. And, of course, he's got the experience that playing Augusta National in competition 78 times over 20 Masters can bring. "I've played well over the years, I've won here a few times, but all those years that I've won, one part of my game has certainly stood out," Woods said. "And whether it's driving the ball like I did in '97 and putting it a couple years where I really putted well or hitting my irons and hitting a lot of greens, but not only missing, missing in the correct spots every single time, there's got to be some sort of certain part of my game that's got to be on, and hopefully this will be one of those weeks." Harmon, for one, thinks nothing would be better for golf should that happen. "I think the jury's still out on him," Harmon said. "I would hope he could do it because it would be the best thing in the world for the game. The reincarnation of Tiger Woods at age 42 would be pretty cool."

## FOWLER

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turned in one of the greatest closing rounds in Masters history, shooting an 8-under 64 that pushed him into the mix after he started the day with a daunting nine-shot deficit. Spieth thought it would be a nice, stress-free day out on the course. Instead, he homed his way into one of the greatest duels this place has ever seen, actually grabbing a share of the lead by sinking a 35-foot birdie putt at the 16th hole. "Are you kidding me," Spieth mouthed to his caddy. Reed, playing in the final group, answered with a birdie at the 14th. Spieth's hopes ended at the 18th hole after his tee shot clipped a tree, falling to the ground just 177 yards away. He pulled off two dazzling shots to give himself a shot at saving par. But an 8-foot putt slid by the edge of hole — his only bogey of the day. "I was pretty gutted at the finish," Spieth said. "I hit a tee shot that wasn't that bad. It just caught the last little branch of that tree. Obviously, I want to go back to that tee shot right now. But it was a phenomenal day." Spieth sure knows his way around Augusta National, where he won in 2015, finished second two other times, and now has a third-place showing on his resume. His worst performance in five appearances was a tie for 11th last year. Fowler couldn't resist a little jab at his good friend. "Solo second feels and sounds better than tied for second, so it was nice to edge out Jordan," Fowler said with a smile. But Spieth, only 24, already has three major titles on his resume. The 29-year-old Fowler is still chasing the first. He's certainly had plenty of opportunities, most notably finishing in the top five

of all four majors in 2014. Fowler now has eight top-five finishes in 31 majors over his career. This one felt different than all the others. Fowler played like a champion on the final day. He went to the last hole with a real shot to win. "I am ready to go win a major, but this was kind of the first major week that I understood that and knew that and felt that," he said. "I'm ready to go. I'm really looking forward to this year and the three majors that are left." "It should be," he added confidently, "a very good major season." Fowler will need to get off to a better start than he did in Augusta, where he was just 2 under through the first two rounds. He really turned it on over the weekend, surging into contention with a 65 on Saturday before matching the best closing round of his Masters career. He showed his mettle by battling through a tough start Sunday — his first seven holes resulted in six pars and a bogey — but got things going with back-to-back birdies before making the turn. Fowler added four more birdies on the back side, the best he's ever played with a major title hanging in the balance. It wasn't quite good enough, but it left no doubt that he's got the game to break through some day. "I gave it my all. I left everything out there on the golf course," Fowler said. "Patrick went out there and outplayed all of us this week, and he earned it. So, you've got to give it to him. He's your Masters champion." Someone asked Fowler about his goals going forward. "My next goal?" he said. "Win a major. We're close. That's the No. 1 priority."

## MASTERS

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on the right. He had to settle for a 64. "I think I've proven to myself and to others that you never give up," Spieth said. "I started the round nine shots back and I came out with the idea of just playing the golf course and having a lot of fun doing it and try to shoot a low round and finish the tournament strong and see what happens, if something crazy happens." Mickelson, meanwhile, will have to wait another year for a shot at the career Grand Slam. Trailing by three shots to start the final round, he closed to within one shot

after two holes. That was as close as he came. Mickelson's putter betrayed him, and he was never a factor on the back nine. He closed with a 74 and tied for fifth. The gallery was clearly behind Mickelson, even though Reed led Augusta State to a pair of NCAA titles and briefly lived in Augusta. He was met with polite applause on the first tee. The throsty cheer was for Mickelson, and it looked as though the 28-year-old from Northern Ireland stole himself from shooting 60 in the final round and losing a four-shot lead. Reed scrambled for a bogey on the opening hole,

He failed to get up-and-down from a bunker on the par-5 second as Mickelson had a 4-foot eagle putt to tie for the lead. Mickelson missed badly, a sign of what would come. He missed four putts inside 10 feet on the front nine, and he missed a 3-foot par on the 14th. Different about the victory for Reed was the fuchsia shirt he wore as part of a Nike script. Reed always wears black pants and a red shirt because that's what Tiger Woods does, and Reed has long modeled his mental game after Woods. "Do anything," he once said about imitating by watching Woods. Reed went to the back nine with a four-shot lead

over four players, and they all had their chances. That included Jon Rahm, the 23-year-old from Spain, whose chances ended when he went after the flag on the par-5 15th and came up short in the water. He shot 69 and finished fourth. Reed's only bogey on the back nine was at No. 11 from a tee shot into the trees. He answered with a 25-foot birdie on the 12th, and a shot into 5 feet at No. 14 for a birdie that broke the tie with Spieth. He made all pars from there. That's all he needed. He became the fourth straight Masters champion to capture his first major. Reed once claimed

after winning a World Golf Championship at Doral that he was a top 5 player in the world, which subjected him to ridicule. This victory moves him to No. 11. It also comes with a green jacket, which earns far more respect and notoriety.

Player	Score	Par
Patrick Reed (USA)	64	-11
Justin Thomas (USA)	65	-10
Jon Rahm (ESP)	66	-9
Brooks Koepka (USA)	67	-8
Jordan Spieth (USA)	68	-7
Matt Kuchar (USA)	69	-6
Shane Bieber (USA)	70	-5
Corey Lee (USA)	71	-4
Lucy Li (CHN)	72	-3
Justin Rose (ENG)	73	-2
Tommy Fleetwood (ENG)	74	-1
Adam Scott (AUS)	75	0
Hideki Matsuyama (JPN)	76	+1
Francesco Molinari (ITA)	77	+2
Seamus Power (IRL)	78	+3
Samuel Legg (AUS)	79	+4
Robert Byrd (USA)	80	+5
Chandler Parslow (AUS)	81	+6
Michael Van Gerwen (ENG)	82	+7
Tommy Fleetwood (ENG)	83	+8
Adam Scott (AUS)	84	+9
Hideki Matsuyama (JPN)	85	+10
Justin Thomas (USA)	86	+11
Jon Rahm (ESP)	87	+12
Brooks Koepka (USA)	88	+13
Jordan Spieth (USA)	89	+14
Matt Kuchar (USA)	90	+15
Shane Bieber (USA)	91	+16
Corey Lee (USA)	92	+17
Lucy Li (CHN)	93	+18
Justin Rose (ENG)	94	+19
Tommy Fleetwood (ENG)	95	+20
Adam Scott (AUS)	96	+21
Hideki Matsuyama (JPN)	97	+22
Justin Thomas (USA)	98	+23
Jon Rahm (ESP)	99	+24
Brooks Koepka (USA)	100	+25
Jordan Spieth (USA)	101	+26
Matt Kuchar (USA)	102	+27
Shane Bieber (USA)	103	+28
Corey Lee (USA)	104	+29
Lucy Li (CHN)	105	+30
Justin Rose (ENG)	106	+31
Tommy Fleetwood (ENG)	107	+32
Adam Scott (AUS)	108	+33
Hideki Matsuyama (JPN)	109	+34
Justin Thomas (USA)	110	+35
Jon Rahm (ESP)	111	+36
Brooks Koepka (USA)	112	+37
Jordan Spieth (USA)	113	+38
Matt Kuchar (USA)	114	+39
Shane Bieber (USA)	115	+40
Corey Lee (USA)	116	+41
Lucy Li (CHN)	117	+42
Justin Rose (ENG)	118	+43
Tommy Fleetwood (ENG)	119	+44
Adam Scott (AUS)	120	+45

# Vettel wins Bahrain, Raikkonen's car breaks mechanic's leg

By Jerome Pugmire  
Associated Press

SAKHIR, Bahrain — Sebastian Vettel just held on to win a dramatic Bahrain Grand Prix from pole position on Sunday, while his Ferrari teammate Kimi Raikkonen accidentally broke a team mechanic's leg after a botched tire change cost him a podium spot.

Lewis Hamilton profited from Ferrari's mishap to finish third behind his Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas. Both Red Bulls failed, with Max Verstappen retiring moments after Daniel Ricciardo, facilitating Hamilton's transition from ninth on the grid to the podium.

It could have been even better for Mercedes.

Bottas almost overtook Vettel on the last lap, but Vettel made a crucial blocking move and won by only 0.6 seconds. It was the fourth time F1 champion's 49th career win on his 200th race start.

"The last five laps were really difficult," Vettel said. "I thought Valtteri would catch me. I nursed the tires and it worked, but only just."

Vettel followed up his win at the season-opening Australian GP two weeks ago by staging a nerve-racking rear-guard. Although the German driver looked steady behind the wheel, his mind was racing almost as fast as Bottas' Mercedes behind him.

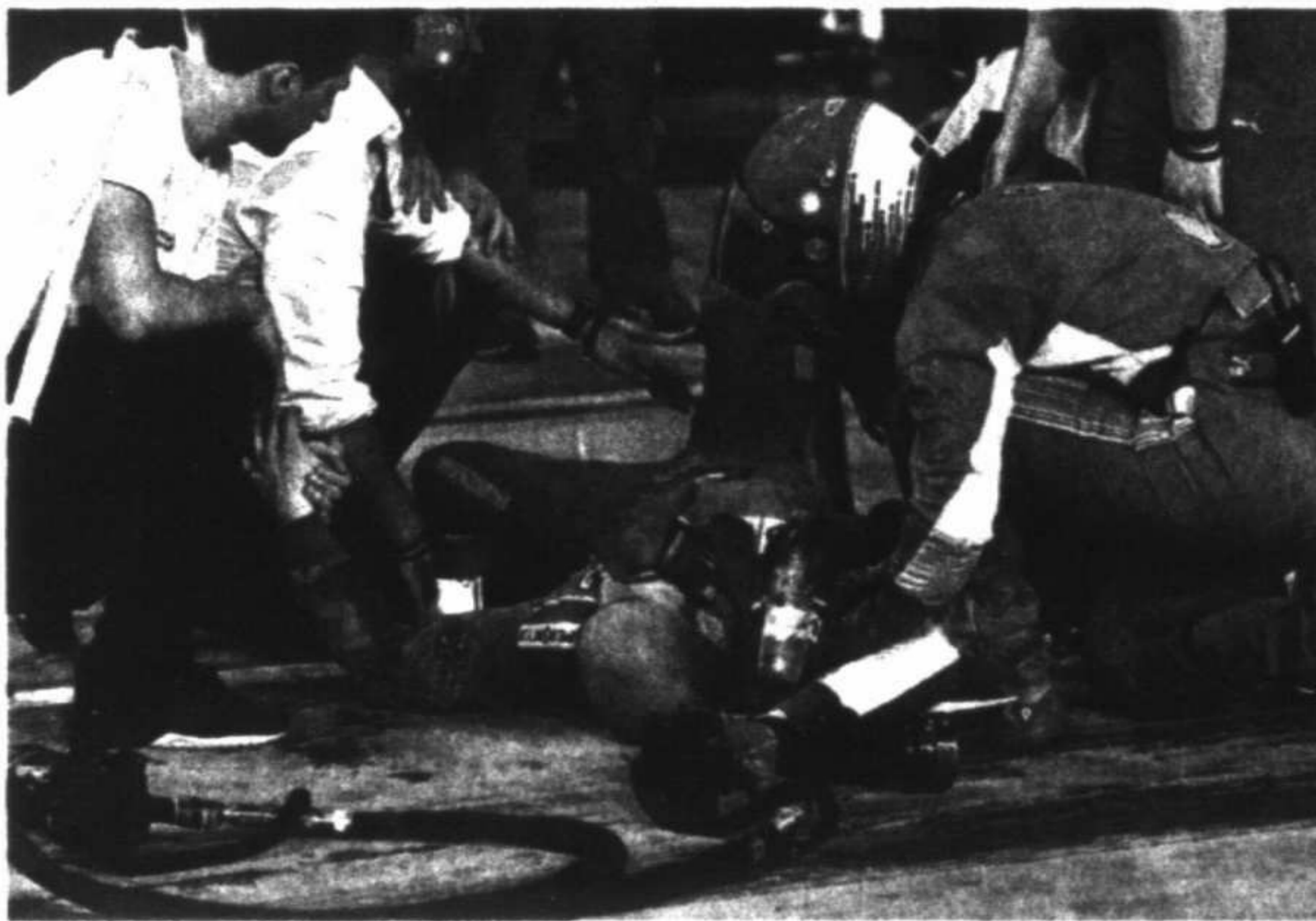
"I was doing the maths in the car: 10 laps to go, with that pace he's going to catch me," a relieved Vettel said. "I just really tried to keep it as clean as possible."

While it was a fine case of damage limitation for Hamilton, he now trails Vettel by 17 points after two races and has not won in his past five.

No driver has won the opening two races and then failed to win the title since Keke Rosberg in 1982.

Bottas, who is fighting to get a new contract for next year, proved a point after a disappointing eighth place in Melbourne.

"I knew there would be a chance at the end. But it wasn't quite enough," Bottas said. "Being second with such a close margin is



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Ferrari mechanic Francesco, lies on the ground after being hit by Ferrari driver Kimi Raikkonen during a pit stop at the Bahrain Formula One Grand Prix, at the Formula One Bahrain International Circuit on Sunday in Sakhir, Bahrain.

extremely disappointing."

Red Bull had an awful race, with Ricciardo and Verstappen retiring within six laps. In an ironic twist, Red Bull's feeder team Toro Rosso had arguably the result of the day — with French driver Pierre Gasly driving superbly to finish a career-best fourth.

Ferrari totally botched Raikkonen's second tire change. A rear wheel was not fitted properly and, in his haste to get back into the race, Raikkonen's car ran over and broke a mechanic's leg.

"A bit sad because one of our mechanics got injured," Vettel said. "A mixed day overall."

Raikkonen came in for his second change after 36 of 57 laps of the 5.4-kilometer (3.3-mile) desert circuit. He was given the green light to go despite work still continuing on the rear left tire. As the Ferrari driver pulled away, the tire hit the leg of one of the mechanics, knocking him to the ground. The team said the mechanic, named only as Francesco, had sustained a shinbone and fibula fracture.

Raikkonen's car came to a halt a few meters later and he took off the steering wheel and dejectedly threw it into the cockpit. As he walked back through the team garage, the Finnish driver swiped away a water bottle in frustration.

It was a poor error from Ferrari, which was fined 50,000 euros (\$61,500) for an unsafe pit release.

Ferrari was also fined 5,000 euros for the same error during practice on Friday.

As the sun set, drivers prepared on the grid for their showdown under floodlights.

Vettel started on the front row with Raikkonen, and Bottas started third. Hamilton was low down after incurring a five-place grid penalty for an unauthorized gearbox change.

Raikkonen got passed on the first corner by Bottas, but Vettel held his ground.

Verstappen had a more frustrating race. The Dutch driver had done brilliantly to jump from 15th on the grid, and fought with Hamilton on the inside heading into turn one. But he sustained too much damage after puncturing his left rear tire.

Moments later, there were heads on hands in the Red Bull garage as Ricciardo's race came to an end. He pulled over on the side of the track because of an electrical failure, prompting the safety car to come out. With the VSC on track, Verstappen managed to crawl back into the pits. He resumed the race but abandoned shortly after.

F1 Bahrain Grand Prix Results  
By The Associated Press  
Sunday  
At Bahrain International Circuit

- Bahrain, Bahrain**  
Lap length: 5.411 miles (8.708 km)
1. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 57 laps, 1:32:01.04
  2. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes, 57, +0:09.989 seconds behind
  3. Lewis Hamilton, Britain, Mercedes, 57, +0:52.02
  4. Pierre Gasly, France, Scuderia Toro Rosso, 57, +0:52.204
  5. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Renault, 57, +1:00.004
  6. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing, 57, +1:00.004
  7. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull Racing, 56, +1 lap
  8. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 56, +1 lap
  9. Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Sauber, Ferrari, 56, +1 lap
  10. Esteban Ocon, France, Force India, 56, +1 lap
  11. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 56, +1 lap
  12. Sergey Sirotkin, Russia, Williams, 56, +1 lap
  13. Alexander Albon, Thailand, Williams, 56, +1 lap
  14. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Sauber, Ferrari, 56, +1 lap
  15. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Toro Rosso, 56, +1 lap
  16. Lance Stroll, Canada, Williams, 56, +1 lap
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- Other Standings**
1. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 57 points
  2. Lewis Hamilton, Britain, Mercedes, 55
  3. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes, 52
  4. Pierre Gasly, France, Scuderia Toro Rosso, 48
  5. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Renault, 47
  6. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing, 47
  7. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull Racing, 46
  8. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 45
  9. Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Sauber, Ferrari, 44
  10. Esteban Ocon, France, Force India, 43
  11. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 42
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# NHL playoff format will knock out top teams early

By Stephen Whyno  
Associated Press

Two of the top four teams in the NHL are guaranteed to be out of the playoffs after the second round.

Goodbye Nashville or Winnipeg. Goodbye Boston or Tampa Bay. Thanks for playing.

That's the reality under the divisional playoff format that could pit the top two teams in the Eastern and Western Conferences against each other in round 2 after Pittsburgh and Washington were forced into that predicament in back-to-back playoffs.

"There's not a whole lot of logic there," Capitals defenseman Brooks Orpik said.

How's this for logic? If ranking teams 1 through 8 in each conference like the old format that was in place from 1993-94 through 2013, the No. 2 seed is facing the No. 4 seed, 3 versus 7, and 5 versus 6 in the first round in the East and the West this year.

A Penguins-Capitals style repeat could happen this year with the Central's Predators and Jets on a crash course for a second-round showdown and the Boston Bruins and Tampa Bay Lightning locked into a stacked Atlantic bracket with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

"You'd think that'd almost be a third-round series kind of thing, but so be it," Predators defenseman Ryan Ellis said. "It is what it is. You're going to have to see a team like that eventually. There's not much you can do to change it."

Maybe this spring will be enough to spark a change in the oft-criticized format in its fifth season that is agreed to between the league and NHL Players' Association through the 2019-20 season. The Capitals getting knocked out in the second round by the eventual Stanley Cup champion Penguins didn't lead to much debate.

"I would assume after his year there'd be a bigger appetite to do it," Washington general manager Brian MacLellan said. "In the past it hasn't affected as many teams as might be required to get that movement. It's basically been us that's been the team that's not benefited from the 1 through 8. But we'll see what happens this year with a couple more really good teams being best

out in the second round." Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly said the playoff format is not a burning issue for owners, wasn't discussed by GMs and should be looked at over a long period of time instead of focusing on "anomalies."

"It's worked I think for the most part as we anticipated it would work," Daly said. "I do believe in terms of the matchups in the first two rounds of the playoffs, they're better with this format. They're just more intense and more familiar with this format than they were in the old format."

Reigniting and creating new rivalries was the goal of this playoff format, which mimics the one in place for most of the '80s and early '90s. Inequities have happened, but so has plenty of drama on Cup runs by the Los Angeles Kings, Chicago Blackhawks and the Penguins twice.

"I think that as a fan, you want to see matchups against rivals," said New Jersey defenseman Ben Lovejoy, who won the Cup with Pittsburgh in 2016. "I think that pits archenemies against each other more often and it can backfire every once in a while. You can get two high seeds playing each other in the first round or the second round and perhaps that's not fair but I think ultimately it's good for the game to have heated playoff series against teams that don't like each other and see each other a lot."

Heated playoff series make this time of year fun, but Predators versus Jets and Bruins versus Lightning would be just as compelling, if not more so, in the conference finals.

Hockey people reluctant to fault the system typically take an approach like Winnipeg GM Kevin Cheveldayoff, who said, "Whether the format itself is right or wrong, if you want to win the Cup, you have to find a way to get through this format."

The difficult part is the format isn't created equally, making one road to the third round or the Cup Final potentially easier than another.

"I don't necessarily agree with how it is, but it's the way it is," said winger Wayne Simmonds, whose Flyers open against the Penguins. "You have to have a mindset that you're going to play teams in your division first and foremost and that's just the way it is."

# NASCAR

From 1C

momentum we were able to carry, but frustrated at the same time trying to get to Victory Lane," he said.

Harvick, who won at Texas in November, led 87 of the first 129 laps and won the first stage. But he had issues on pit road, including a strange incident during a caution when a lugnut popped loose and into the jack. He dropped from first to ninth on that stop, then had to come back in a few

laps later because of a loose wheel.

There was another stop when Harvick, who dropped back as far as 27th place and a lap behind the leader, got a penalty for an extra man over the wall when a tire got loose in the pit.

"We did overcome a lot. ... We had a pathetic day on pit road, two days on pit road, because of pit guns," Harvick said. "When you have a pit gun problem like we have multiple times and been able to overcome it

and then today we couldn't overcome it. Time after time you can't get the lug nuts tight because the pit guns don't work."

- NASCAR Monster Energy Cup 400 Results**  
At Texas Motor Speedway  
Fort Worth, Texas  
Lap length: 1.96 miles  
(Shorter than previous years)
1. Kyle Busch, Toyota, 201 laps, 0:48:00.000
  2. Kevin Harvick, Ford, 201, 0:48:00.000
  3. Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 201, 0:48:00.000
  4. Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 201, 0:48:00.000
  5. Ryan Blaney, Ford, 201, 0:48:00.000
  6. Joey Logano, Ford, 201, 0:48:00.000
  7. Matt Kenseth, Ford, 201, 0:48:00.000
  8. Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 201, 0:48:00.000
  9. Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 201, 0:48:00.000
  10. Erik Jones, Toyota, 201, 0:48:00.000
  11. Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 201, 0:48:00.000
  12. Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 201, 0:48:00.000
  13. AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 201, 0:48:00.000
  14. Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 201, 0:48:00.000
  15. Michael McDowell, Ford, 201, 0:48:00.000
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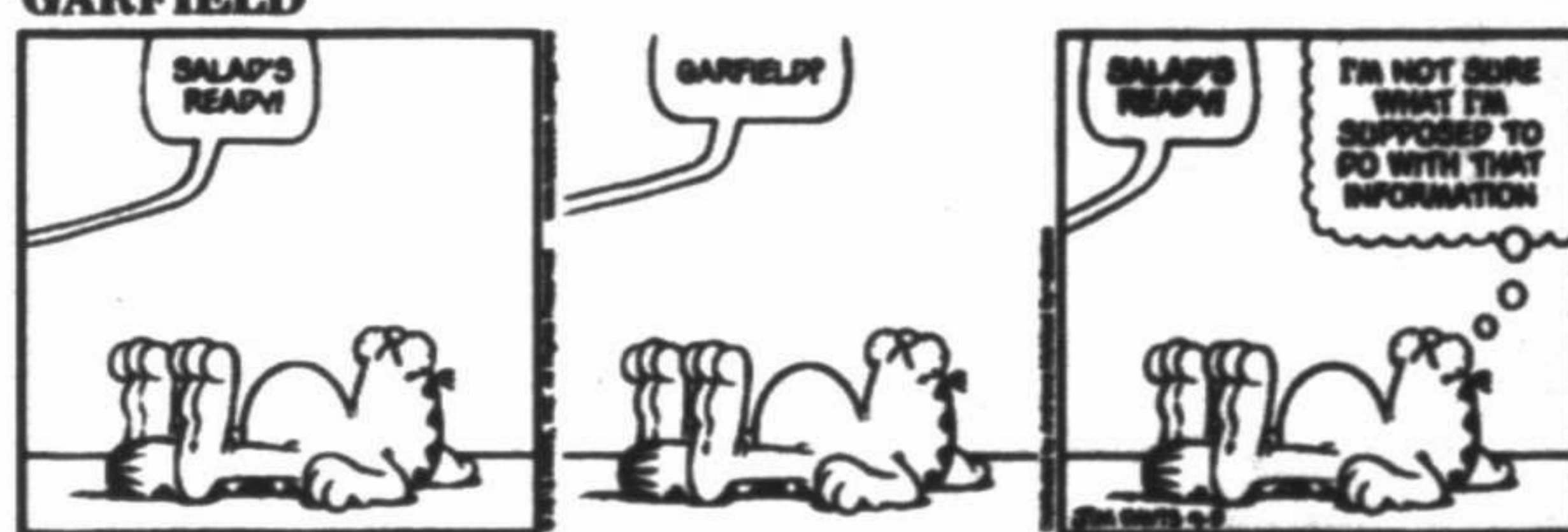
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**Job Duties:**

- Answers phone, takes messages, greets visitors and assists citizens with questions or concerns
- Maintain calendar for assigned personnel
- Develops, types and files correspondence
- Enters data into the computer regarding police actions or projects
- Processes and routes mail as needed
- Performs related duties as assigned

**Qualifications:**

Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and citizens when acting as a receptionist, answering inquiries, processing information or making referrals to the proper staff person.

Ability to read and understand manuals and reports in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as computers, copiers and printers. Skill in typing and word processing. Skill and experience in the operation of computerized systems in order to design or complete spreadsheets, forms or word processing assignments, brochures, certificates and programs. Experience in software with personal computers related to spreadsheets, databases and word processing.

High school diploma or equivalent required. Must be able to pass typing test with minimum score of 45 wpm.

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**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 warrant studies for traffic signals, stop signs, crosswalks, school zones, speed limits and others
- Review commercial and residential development requests
- Review all phases of the planning process for commercial and retail development
- Prepare analysis and recommendations in support of geometric, roadway, intersection, and other infrastructure improvements
- Prepare analysis and recommendations for the installation and maintenance of traffic control devices within the city

**Qualifications:**

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

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**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.
- Develops and reviews contracts provided by consultants for GIS services, e.g. - LIDAR, ortho-rectified 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, consultants, 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 ArcGIS software (ArcGIS Desktop, ArcGIS Online, ArcGIS Pro), field understanding of database design/management and programming in desktop.
- Knowledge of land surveying, municipal governmental operations, regulations and procedures in desktop.
- Bachelor's degree in GIS, Geography, Computer Science, Engineering, or a related technical or business field required. Minimum of five years' experience using full GIS software required. Master's degree in a related field preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

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**BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

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

**Job Duties:**

- Reviews staff work including reports, maps and special studies for presentation to Planning Commission and City Council.
- Coordinates, supervises and manages staff time.
- Prepares, administers and monitors annual budget.
- Presents information at public meetings. Participates with other staff members concerning 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.

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This position manages the acquisition, sale, and licensing of City rights-of-way and other real property, oversees the execution of transactions of real property, and administers the issuance of assessments 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 assessment 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 assessments for City projects.
- Coordinates departmental actions related to acquisition of real property to ensure compliance with City policies, and legal and regulatory guidelines.
- Coordinates preparation of offers to purchase, leases, deeds, exchange agreements, assessments, releases, and related property transaction documents.
- Coordinates with others and utilizes engineering plans and plats to determine accuracy of property legal descriptions and boundaries, site 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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After 1 year of service Paid vacation and 401K

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1401 S. Grandview  
Odessa, Texas 79761

**Endeavor Energy Resources**

**DOT Driver II**

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

**Essential Functions:**

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

**Minimum Requirements:**

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

**Supervisory Responsibilities:**

- No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

**Work Environment:**

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

**Physical Demands:**

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

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

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

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**Field Service Mechanics**

Come Join our family! Jones Bros. Dirt and Paving  
We want your work experience and your hard work!  
NOW HIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITION:

**Field Service Mechanics**

Requirements: 3 years mechanical experience.  
Must have own tools, Valid Texas Drivers License, Pay will depend on work experience, \$10 plus work week.

Benefits: Medical, dental, vision, life insurance. Paid vacation after 1 year of service, and 401K

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**Endeavor Energy Resources**

**Now hiring for a Field Technician.**

The Field Technician will provide advanced wellbore services to support the Frac operations on location. Endeavor Energy will provide all necessary training for new employees. This is a non-driving position.

**Job Duties:**

- Comply with all OSHA and company safety procedures, rules and regulations
- Proper pre and post trip of equipment
- Consistently demonstrate safe unloading of fuels while handling, hooking and unhooking hoses and operating pumps while following directions and standard operating procedures
- Safely using pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches and other hand tools
- Immediate reporting and clearing of any spills during shift
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, dispatchers, fellow co-workers and customers
- All other duties as assigned

**Minimum Qualifications:**

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

**Work Environment:**

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

**Physical Demands:**

- Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, bend, and occasionally lift/carry/push/pull/move/drag up to 60 lbs.

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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 uses, 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

**Benefits:**

- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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**NOW HIRING**

**Instrumentation & Electrical Technician**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

**Comprehensive Benefits package!**

- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Prescription Drug
- 401 K
- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
- Company Paid Life
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Onsite Fitness Center

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**Cashier & General Help**

RD's Bar-B-Q is looking for cashier & general help. Have a good attitude, love working with others and work hard? Then we want you! Full or part time. Closed Sunday & Monday. Fun & friendly place to work, family-owned, insurance provided. Must speak English, have great customer skills, be a quick learner, reliable & responsible. Apply in person: 3108 Garden City Hwy, or submit resume.

**Server / Host / Bartender**

Are you fun, attractive, charming & have a great personality? Do you love making great money while having fun at your job? If so, we were made for each other! Apply today in person or at [www.rdsbarbbq.com](http://www.rdsbarbbq.com). 1108 S. Garden City Blvd., Midland, TX 79705, (409) 699-6406

**MIDLAND**  
NOW HIRING

**Public Safety Dispatcher**

Directs calls for service for emergency purposes and directs non-emergency inquiries.

**Job Duties:**

- Answers the phone and assists citizens with requests for emergency and non-emergency services for police, fire, sheriff and emergency medical services.
- Directs citizen inquiries and non-emergency calls to the appropriate agency or organization.
- Dispatches law enforcement and fire and rescue personnel and notifies support and crisis personnel as needed through the use of multi-channel radio system and computer aided dispatch system.
- Requests and disseminates vehicle registration, driver's license, criminal history information through the use of the Texas/National Computer System (TCIC, NCIC)
- Obtains computer information and disseminates to law enforcement officials and investigators. Enters related information into the system.
- Go-to and receive teletype information to and from related agencies.
- Maintains records of work performed.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

- Ability to work with dispatch equipment and communicate with citizens and emergency personnel in highly stressful, possibly emergency situations. Employee communicates with other employees in the work group, citizens and other law enforcement agencies in order to discuss requests for service and possible criminal activities. Will also exchange information or request assistance from other agencies and make referrals when necessary.
- Ability to read and understand technical and professional manuals in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as specialized computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 38 WPM.
- Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests.

1. Keyboarding  
2. Data Entry MT  
3. Data Entry MT (Audio)  
4. Call Summarization  
5. Memory Recall-Mnemonic (Audio)  
6. Map Reading  
7. Reading Comprehension  
8. Sentence Clarity  
9. Reading Comprehension

Employees work rotating shifts and gather, organize, translate and process information from various emergency callers.

**DAYS & HOURS:**

- Rotating Shifts, Residing Days Off - Valid Texas Driver License.

**Benefits:**

- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Employee Wellness Program
- Tuition Reimbursement

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**Recycle Supervisor**

Supervises and monitors Citizens Collection Station and recycle drivers in day to day operations and projects. Works as a service attendant at the Citizens Collection Station as needed. Acts as a Solid Waste Supervisor as needed.

**BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Provides input as to needed equipment and employment positions. Monitors supplies and equipment at the Citizens Collection Station.

**Job Duties:**

- Schedules and monitors the work of subordinate employees.
- Directs employees in the use, care, and preventive maintenance of equipment and machinery.
- Reads schematics, manuals, and other specifications in order to determine and make necessary repairs and maintenance.
- Maintains equipment in good working order and keeps records of work performed.
- Ensures the cleanliness and maintenance of facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
- Acts as the customer service representative of the Recycle Division at the Citizens Collection Station and on recycle hours.
- Keeps records and reports readily available.
- Coordinates efforts with Solid Waste operations.
- Serves as a service attendant when necessary.
- Performs other related duties when necessary.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

- Ability to effectively communicate with employees and to receive work orders or instructions for any project. Interacts frequently with the public, vendors, and government agency representatives.
- Ability to read, interpret, and understand local, state, and federal regulations related to disposal of refuse. Knowledge of processes used in the disposal of solid waste.
- Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities. Ability to train others in safe operation of equipment. Ability to work with cash and adhere to cash-handling policies. Ability to properly evaluate activities and make recommendations for improvement. Good public relation skills as well as verbal and written communication skills.
- High school diploma or general education degree required and some college preferred. One to three years of experience in Solid Waste and/or supervising and evaluating the work of others preferred. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License and possess or acquire a valid Texas Class V Merchant Solid Waste Operator License within two years of hire date.

**Benefits:**

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- Paid Holidays
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**Full Time Receiving**

Health food store is taking applications for a receiving person. Five day work week. 30-40 hrs per week. Positive work environment, caring management and pleasant customers. Apply in person Monday through Friday only, 9a.m. to 5p.m. at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wesley, Midland, Texas 79707

**Retail Professional**

Julian Gold, Midland's premier women's fashion store, is seeking a full time retail professional to join our sales team. The ideal candidate will have fashion retail experience and be eager to grow in our fast paced environment.

Merchandising or management experience a plus!

We offer great benefits, including paid vacation, insurance and 401K. Applications accepted in store or online - no phone calls, please.

Email resumes to: [glgold@juliangold.com](mailto:glgold@juliangold.com)  
2101 W. Wesley, Ste. 16, Midland, TX 79705

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SALES JOBS

Digital Media Account Executive

"We must be alarmingly enterprising and startlingly original. We must be honest and fearless. And we must spark a revolution." William Randolph Hearst, 1887

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking a Digital Media Account Executive just like you to join our team!

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

- As a Digital Media Account Executive, you can expect the following:
- Drive digital product sales.
- Be the Digital Media Guru with a solid understanding of Digital Media, Marketing and Advertising.
- Ability to conduct sales calls with SMB owners.
- Be in the field and on sales calls, leading by example, to sell our various digital products using the current and evolving sales process.

- Requirements:
- Highly knowledgeable with digital media, SEO, SEM, Digital Advertising.
- Confidence in pitching and closing business.
- Strong focus on teamwork and ability to manage relationships across multiple departments.
- Ability to multi-task, meet deadlines, and thrive in a fast-paced, deadline-oriented environment.
- Bachelor's Degree preferred.
- Valid US driver's license and reliable transportation.

The perks:
- A great work environment it's never boring here!
- Paid in-depth sales and product training.
- Competitive base salary, uncapped commissions for unlimited earning potential, and significant opportunity for advancement within the company.
- Collaboration ideas and input are always welcome.
- Health, dental, 401k, paid time off we have you covered.

Send resume to David Robbins at david.robbins@hearstnp.com No Phone Calls Please.

SALES JOBS

Employment Account Executive

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, part of Hearst Communications, is excited to announce that due to our continued growth in the Midland, TX market, we are seeking an Employment Account Executive just like you to join our team! We are looking for an experienced Human Resources executive that wants to help hiring managers in Midland and West Texas utilize our advanced hiring platform - TexasBackToWork.com.

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

The ideal candidate will have experience in the Human Resources area and will maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships with hiring managers. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local and regional businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the hiring process for our customers. You will be selling a digital hiring solution to your customers with a regional, statewide and national footprint.

- Responsibilities include:
- Consistently meets/exceeds revenue goals.
- Develops relationships with HR departments throughout West Texas to sell and promote Texas Back to Work.
- Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-demos.
- Be the face of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and ensure a superior customer experience.

The Ideal Candidate:
- Experience within Human Resources or Employment Agency is preferred.
- You have an outgoing, resilient personality.
- You enjoy the thrill of the hunt by bringing in new business.
- You're confident and not willing to accept average.

- Required Skills & Experience:
- Passion to succeed and close deals.
- Exceptional communication and presentation skills.
- Strong computer skills, Digital Sales experience a plus.

- Bachelor's degree preferred.
- Paid training.
- Competitive Base Salary & Commissions.
- Medical, Dental and Vision Coverage.
- Flex spending accounts.
- Short & Long-Term Disability Insurance.
- 401K with company match.

- Paid time off & more!
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MIDLAND Reporter-Telegram NOW HIRING Systems Administrator
Performs network and system support functions on segments of the computer environment, including planning and emergency maintenance, performance and security analysis, and monitoring, testing, and implementing new products and procedures. Analyzes emerging technology and makes recommendations for constant improvements to network and infrastructure services and capabilities.

MIDLAND Reporter-Telegram NOW HIRING Fleet Technician
Diagnoses, repairs and maintains city trucks and heavy equipment.
Job Duties:
- Diagnose equipment and vehicle malfunctions such as ignition, steering, emission control, electrical, and heating and air conditioning. Estimates costs and rebills to specifications.
- Determine the appropriateness of off-site repairs such as oil and filter changes, tires and mufflers.
- Inspects vehicles for state stickers.
- Determines readiness and fitness of new vehicles. Installs special equipment.
- Employees must provide own hand tools. City supplies major equipment including power tools, computerized analyzer, and other diagnostic equipment.
- Reads blue prints, electrical diagrams, manuals and other specifications in order to make repairs.
- Performs emergency repairs for various departments.
- Maintains records of work performed such as work orders, logs, historical information, and special written requests.

MIDLAND Reporter-Telegram NOW HIRING Code Enforcement Officer
Performs inspections of private and public properties to ensure compliance with municipal ordinances, zoning and land use regulations which govern the maintenance of property, grounds and structures.
Job Duties:
- Visually inspects properties for code violations as initiated by a complaint or routine inspection.
- Enters data into the computer to generate notice of violations to property owners or to record inspections.
- Responds to citizen calls regarding code violations, mail information regarding zoning or city regulations.
- Researches planned districts, nonconforming uses, plats and legal uses of property for the department.
- Manages city contracts for the clearing of lots, to include bidding projects, preparing contracts, awarding contracts and preparing payments to contractors.
- Conducts inspections to ensure proper environmental compliance in response to complaints.
- Provides information to the public and contractors regarding the requirements of zoning and related code and city requirements.
- Conducts field inspections of junked and abandoned vehicles, abandoned structures and other properties for compliance with city codes.
- Performs related duties as required.

MIDLAND Reporter-Telegram NOW HIRING Customer Service (Field Work)
Performs field work regarding current or past water service.
Job Duties:
- Turns water on for new customers, disconnects water for customers leaving or re-connects service that had been disconnected. Obtains new or current readings due to new services or broken lines.
- Sets meters to establish or re-establish service.
- Pulls meters should instances occur when customer fails to set up service.
- Collects past due utility bills so that water can be connected.
- Changes our broken meter stop valves and meter box lids.
- Verifies or re-reads meter information when complaints are filed.
- Performs related duties as required.

MIDLAND Reporter-Telegram NOW HIRING Effluent Distribution Technician
Maintains plants in good working order and prevents holding ponds from overflowing.
Job Duties:
- Operates which pump units to operate and maintains center pivots in good working order. Repairs and replaces when necessary.
- Operates gates and bypass system in order to store water without allowing holding ponds to overflow. Determines when and when to store water.
- Monitors effluents in order to apply the proper amount of water.
- Repairs water line leaks and breaks.
- Uses equipment such as loaders and backhoes in order to fill gullies caused by operations.
- Maintains and repairs electrical systems on central pivot units.
- Performs related duties as required.

SKILLED LABOR

MIDLAND Reporter-Telegram NOW HIRING Electronics Tech - Airport

Performs routine and preventive maintenance of electrical equipment systems. Works under the direction of the Electrician/Electronics Specialist.

- Job Duties:
- Performs preventive maintenance on automatic gates, automatic doors, parking lot equipment, lighting, security systems, jewelry systems, etc.
- Assists the Electrician/Electronics Specialist in the day to day operations of the Airport facility as needed.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

- Qualifications:
- Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.
- Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Skill in the operation of hand tools and equipment such as electrical measuring meters and devices.
- High school diploma or equivalent plus two to three years of experience as an electrician required. Journeyman's License as an electrician required. Valid Texas Driver's License required.
Benefits:
- Health care Plans
- Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
- Paid Holidays
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MIDLAND Reporter-Telegram NOW HIRING Electrical/Electronics Tech - WPP

Troubleshoots and maintains electrical, SCADA and control equipment for the well field, Purification Plant, Water Pollution Control Plant, water storage towers, booster station.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:
Assists in the development of the budget and makes recommendations for purchases and capital items to the appropriate division during the annual budget process.

- Job Duties:
- Troubleshoots and repairs electrical service to any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Troubleshoots and repairs control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Troubleshoots and repairs SCADA equipment at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Programs SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Instructs users of SCADA and control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
- Calculates electrical loads for equipment and installs wiring.
- Estimates equipment and supplies required for job by reading code books and blue prints.
- Keeps abreast of changes in the Electrical Code and Regulations and makes recommendations on their impacts to the City.
- Maintains inventory of supplies used and replaces as needed.
- Performs Operations & Maintenance duties, as assigned.
- Performs related duties as required.

- Qualifications:
- Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.
- Ability to read operator's manuals, blue prints and schematics in order to maintain electrical, SCADA and control equipment throughout the Utilities Department in good working order. Skill in the operation of electrical and mechanical hand and power tools. Employee must perform mathematical calculations in order to determine electrical needs. Skill in writing to record results and track work. Will be in-charge.

- High school diploma or equivalent required plus two years of experience. A valid Apprentices Electrician license from the State of Texas or have successfully completed 12 college hours of electronics coursework would be preferred. Valid Texas Driver's License required. Must also obtain a valid state of Texas class 'C' or above driver's license license.
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MIDLAND Reporter-Telegram NOW HIRING Engineering Tech - Construction Inspector

Perform responsible work in support of city engineering staff. Work relates to engineering construction activities such as construction inspection of municipal projects involving construction of asphalt or concrete pavement, sidewalks, ramps, water lines and sewer lines.

- Job Duties:
- Inspect forms, materials and workmanship for compliance with plans and specifications. Tests materials and workmanship as required.
- Maintain daily diary and records on projects including emergency telephone numbers for key people.
- Maintain inspection project files for all phases of construction for each project. Provides information to update record drawings.
- Inspect traffic control devices for compliance with plans and the Texas Manual on Uniform Control Devices. Make safety inspections to note deficiencies for correction.
- Analyze field construction problems and assists engineers with recommending corrections.
- Performs survey work as requested by Engineering staff.
- Coordinate with traffic, utility companies, landowners, etc. before and during construction.
- Acts as project field coordinator for contractors, utility companies and city departments.
- Researches utility locations and right of way, assemble plot and deed information and produces plan views.
- As appropriate, trains and evaluates the progress of other employees.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

- Qualifications:
- Must be able to read and communicate by hand-held radio. Basic skill in the use of a variety of roadlines, including personal computers, printers, calculators, scanners and large document copier are preferred.
- Must have a valid Texas Driver's License and a good driving record. Employee must be able to effectively communicate with other employees in the work group. Must be able to correctly respond to questions from contractors, surveyors, inspectors, or city staff regarding work performed or applicable specifications related to a design or construction project.
- Must coordinate effectively with other city departments, contractors, and utility companies when designing or scheduling work. Must possess skill to observe, read, and interpret written technical materials and construction drawings. Ability to use leveling and measuring equipment.
- Must have obtained a High school diploma or equivalent GED plus 5 years of experience in civil construction trades. College degree or construction certification preferred. Extensive knowledge of state, federal, and local laws and requirements regarding construction, surveying and safety standards.

- Extensive skill in planning, reading and interpreting written technical materials and construction drawings. Extensive knowledge of city codes and ordinances and other state and federal requirements regarding utility construction and safety standards.
- Extensive knowledge of engineering standards and construction procedure for water, sewer, street and drainage design. Intermediate skill in drafting with computer aided design systems such as AutoCAD. Intermediate skill in developing field notes and survey plots for boundary surveys.

- Benefits:
- Health care Plans
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MIDLAND Reporter-Telegram NOW HIRING Transportation Truck Driver

Responsible for driving Water, Dump, and/or Body Dump Truck and hauling water/sewage to drill rigs, including cones, etc. Hauls water/sewage from well locations to proper disposal facilities.

- Qualifications:
- High school education or equivalent.
- Experience can range from commercial truck driving experience preferred to one year as a water truck driver required.
- Valid Class A CDL, with Tank endorsement.
- Clean driving record.
- Safety conscious and comfortable with qualifications and experience.

- Compensation/Benefits statement:
- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Prescription Drug
- 401 K
- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
- Company Paid Life
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Onsite Fitness Center
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PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES NOW HIRING Local Drivers

Local truck drivers needed. Home nightly, local routes, scheduled shifts from 8pm (147 rotations) never on call, optional overtime.

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

- Compensation/Benefits statement:
- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Prescription Drug
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Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

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1. The purchase price, (30 points)

2. The reputation of the vendor and the vendor's goods or services, (0 points)

3. The quality of the vendor's goods or services, (0 points)

4. The extent to which the goods or services meet the district's needs, (0 points)

5. The vendor's past relationship with the district, (15 points)

6. The impact on the ability of the district to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses, (0 points)

7. The total long-term cost to the district to acquire the vendor's goods or services, (0 points)

8. Any other relevant factor specifically listed as follows: (55 points)

a. Appearance (10 points)

b. Staff ease of use (25 points)

c. Supporting Documentation (20 points)

Bid documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at [www.midlandisd.net/donorsite](http://www.midlandisd.net/donorsite). For questions concerning the electronic bid system, contact MISD Purchasing department at (432) 240-1965. All other questions are to be addressed to Michelle Helms, Director of Child Nutrition Services at 432-240-1840 or michelle.helms@midlandisd.net.

Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

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The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed bid(s) for **BID #18-11 Child Nutrition Services Warehouse Grocery 2/18-2/19**

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4. The extent to which the goods or services meet the district's needs, (0 points)

5. The vendor's past relationship with the district, (15 points)

6. The impact on the ability of the district to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses, (0 points)

7. The total long-term cost to the district to acquire the vendor's goods or services, (0 points)

8. Any other relevant factor specifically listed as follows: (55 points)

a. Appearance (10 points)

b. Taste/Student Taste Preference (25 points)

c. Supporting Materials (20 points)

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3. The quality of the vendor's goods or services, (0 points)

4. The extent to which the goods or services meet the district's needs, (0 points)

5. The vendor's past relationship with the district, (15 points)

6. The impact on the ability of the district to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses, (0 points)

7. The total long-term cost to the district to acquire the vendor's goods or services, (0 points)

8. Any other relevant factor specifically listed as follows: (55 points)

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b. Taste/Student Taste Preference (25 points)

c. Supporting Materials (20 points)

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4. The extent to which the goods or services meet the district's needs, (0 points)

5. The vendor's past relationship with the district, (15 points)

6. The impact on the ability of the district to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses, (0 points)

7. The total long-term cost to the district to acquire the vendor's goods or services, (0 points)

8. Any other relevant factor specifically listed as follows: (55 points)

a. Appearance (10 points)

b. Taste/Student Taste Preference (25 points)

c. Supporting Materials (20 points)

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4. The extent to which the goods or services meet the district's needs, (0 points)

5. The vendor's past relationship with the district, (15 points)

6. The impact on the ability of the district to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses, (0 points)

7. The total long-term cost to the district to acquire the vendor's goods or services, (0 points)

8. Any other relevant factor specifically listed as follows: (55 points)

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c. Supporting Materials (20 points)

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4. The extent to which the goods or services meet the district's needs, (0 points)

5. The vendor's past relationship with the district, (15 points)

6. The impact on the ability of the district to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses, (0 points)

7. The total long-term cost to the district to acquire the vendor's goods or services, (0 points)

8. Any other relevant factor specifically listed as follows: (55 points)

a. Appearance (10 points)

b. Taste/Student Taste Preference (25 points)

c. Supporting Materials (20 points)

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3. The quality of the vendor's goods or services, (0 points)

4. The extent to which the goods or services meet the district's needs, (0 points)

5. The vendor's past relationship with the district, (15 points)

6. The impact on the ability of the district to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses, (0 points)

7. The total long-term cost to the district to acquire the vendor's goods or services, (0 points)

8. Any other relevant factor specifically listed as follows: (55 points)

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