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It would be hard to measure the impact that William "Hondo" Schneider has had on Midland ISD athletics for nearly three decades.

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MDC gets \$100K grant for MC trucking program

From staff reports

Truckers are in high demand in the booming Permian Basin, and training them just got a boost.

In May, the Midland Development Corp. board agreed to authorize Chairman Brent Hilliard to negotiate and execute an agreement between the economic development group and Midland College' Transportation Training Continuing Education Program.

On Monday, the MDC announced it received a \$100,000 grant from the Texas Workforce Commission that will go to-

ward growing the trucking school.

The MDC worked with the Permian Basin Workforce Development Board in pursuing the grant. At the May meeting, the MDC board agreed to spend up to \$481,000. The grant reduced that amount to \$381,000.

"Obtaining this grant by working with the PBWDB is another great example of how the MDC is focused on building strong partnerships. We couldn't have done this on our own," said Sara Harris, the MDC's interim administrator, in a press release. "The MDC is very thankful to the Texas Workforce Commission for provid-

ing us with this funding."

Current class enrollment is about eight students per four-week term, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report. The funds will expand the program by six students per class. The money will go toward:

- Hiring a part-time clerk who will work between 19 and 29 hours a week at \$10.25 per hour.

- Hiring two new full-time instructors, each with a salary of \$60,000 per year, plus \$20,000 in benefits.

- Adding two pre-owned 2014-16 tractor trucks at a total cost of \$130,000.

- Adding two pre-owned vacuum tank

trailers at a total cost of \$90,000.

- Adding wraps on the trucks and tankers for advertising purposes at a cost of \$40,000.

The college also wants to pursue developing its own student testing center for commercial driver's license certification. Students currently must wait several weeks to take their CDL test at a Department of Public Safety testing center. Becoming a third-party testing center would require hiring two student testers who would work between 19 and 29 hours per week at \$25 per hour and receive training in Austin, which would cost \$3,000.

Standoff with SWAT



Tim Flecken/Reporter-Telegram

Midland police and SWAT responded Tuesday afternoon to a residence at the corner of Hamby Avenue and Keith Street where a resident refused to come out. Police fired multiple rounds of tear gas into the home before the subject surrendered.

City releases details of complaint against former MPD chief

From staff reports

The city of Midland has released details into the harassment allegation that led to an investigation and the ultimate termination of former Midland Police Chief Steve Henry.

The released information details an account from a Midland Police Department employee that included at least 36 incidents over a two month-plus period. The allegations describe inappropriate actions and comments that took place in the office and out in the community. The person also details conversations that describe interactions Henry had with other employees, which again ranged from potentially sexual in nature to sexist.

The city of Midland terminated Henry

in April, less than four months after he was hired to replace retired Police Chief Price Robinson. The firing followed an investigation by the Midland law firm Cotton Bledsoe Tighe & Dawson. The investigation, according to city officials, determined that Henry violated personnel policies, specifically those dealing with harassment.

In late March, the city reported Henry allegedly violated two policies or standards of city of Midland Personnel Policies, according to a personnel complaint that the city provided the Reporter-Telegram.

The Reporter-Telegram asked the city for more specifics, and city officials asked the state Attorney General's Office what could be released without violating personnel or privacy laws. On

Tuesday, the city provided seven pages of that original, more detailed complaint. The complaint states that Henry violated policies or standards at "multiple" locations, at "multiple" times and on "multiple" dates from around early January through early March, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

The pages are filled with alleged conversations in which Henry said over the course of two months-plus that the employee was "fine," "attractive," "cleaned up really nice" and looked "like a girl." "look really good in uniform," "are so skinny" and he liked it when she "talked dirty."

The document alleges times when Henry made comments that appear to

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City Council presented with Citizen Police Review Board

■ Duties of seven-member panel would include gathering community concerns regarding Midland Police Department

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland City Council heard details Tuesday about a Citizen Police Review Board.

The proposed seven-person advisory board is in the discussion stage, but the City Attorney's Office provided some details before Tuesday's council meeting.

Specifically, it was mentioned that this board would be similar to other city boards and commissions in that is completely advisory in nature.

Nicholas Toulet-Crump, an assistant city attorney, told the council the board is not meant to be an "arm-chair quarterback" of the police department, but it is "policy-focused."

Specifically, the duties of the board, as presented, will be:

- to gather community concerns regarding the Midland Police Department, its officers or employees;

- to recommend policy changes or improvements;

- to act as an advisory board to the city council with regards to the current and perspective policies and operations of the department.

"The actions of the board shall be solely advisory and shall consist of making recommendations to the City Council," a draft of resolution reads.

"Purpose is not for shame or embarrassment of the police department or the decisions they have made, but keep it at a policy level," Toulet-Crump said.

According to the draft, the powers of the board are limited to accepting and hearing complaints, referring complaints to the department's investigative services

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Industry pros, first responders attend pipeline safety training

From staff reports

Texas811 held its annual Permian Basin Safety Day Tuesday at the Horseshoe to continue its emphasis on improving pipeline safety by calling 811 before digging.

Ketha Molina, damage prevention manager with Texas811, said there are millions of miles of pipeline located throughout the country that carry everything from crude oil to natural gas and refined products to water and even fiber optics — "all things that are needed for viable living."

She said the loss of fiber optics could result in the loss of access to the 911 emergency system.

Representatives from Atmos Energy, Centurion, Chevron USA, Plains All America, West Texas Gas, EnerTech, the Permian Basin Damage Prevention Council and first responders from the

Midland and Odessa fire departments and Midland Police and Midland County Sheriff's Office watched and participated in several demonstrations, includ-

More on event

See a photo from the pipeline safety training.

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ing an "arc and spark" demonstration regarding safety around high voltage electricity transmission wires.

Another demonstration — a mock natural gas line strike — illustrated what happens when a line is struck and how first responders and pipeline companies must react to the incident.

Marty Moya, training chief with Odessa Fire and Rescue, said the demonstrations offer first responders such as his department "all the information we need in case we need to respond to these strikes, what we're running on, what we need to do and what resources we need."

Molina said state law requires that homeowners (who may be putting in a fence or a garden), as well as professionals, must call 811 before digging 16 inches or more.



Office of George W. Bush via AP

Former U.S. president George H.W. Bush and his son pose for a photo in Kennebunkport, Maine on Tuesday. Bush enjoyed a relaxing birthday on Tuesday as he became the first former U.S. president to turn 94.

George H.W. Bush becomes 1st US president to turn 94

Associated Press

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine — George H.W. Bush enjoyed a relaxing birthday on Tuesday as he became the first former U.S. president to turn 94.

The nation's 41st president was receiving calls and taking it easy at his seaside home eight days after being released from a hospital where he was treated for low blood pressure, said Chief of Staff Jean Becker.

Bush's office shared a letter from the president in which he said, "My heart is full on the first day of my 95th year." "As many of you know, for years I have said the three most important things in life are faith, family and friends. My faith has never been stronger," the former president wrote in the letter.

Several of his children were in town, including former President George W. Bush, who posted a smiling photo of the two of them on Instagram.

"I'm a lucky man to be named for George Bush and to be with '41' on his 94th birthday," wrote Bush, the nation's 43rd president.

Another son, Neil Bush, called on people in a newspaper opinion piece to volunteer and "to become a point of light." As president, Bush encouraged others to be "points of light," reflecting his belief that people need to help out in their communities.

Bush became the oldest U.S. president months ago and is the first to celebrate a 94th birthday, said spokesman Jim McGrath.

Former Democratic President Jimmy Carter isn't far behind, at age 93, and he'll celebrate his 94th on Oct. 1. Two other former U.S. presidents made it to 93: deceased Republicans Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford.

The Central Intelligence Agency marked Bush's birthday by releasing declassified material related to his tenure as the agency's director from January 1976 to January 1977.

The items include a video about his path to becoming CIA director and another about his farewell visit to the agency employees in January 1993, the final month of his presidency.

Related to that visit is a copy of a schedule for a briefing over lunch to discuss Iraq, Bosnia, Somalia, counterintelligence, counter-narcotics and "CIS Ops," an apparent reference to former Soviet states.

After dessert, the brief included presentations on Russia, North Korea and "Crisis Operations," an agency acronym for clandestine signals intelligence.

Houston man facing 2nd murder charge for wreck while intoxicated

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A man accused of killing a 17-year-old girl while driving while intoxicated in Houston has been charged with a second murder after the teenager's father died of injuries suffered in the crash.

Authorities arrested 27-year-old Eddy Lopez-Hernandez after his vehicle skidded in a Houston family's car at an intersection.

Britany Baez was killed in the May 27 collision. Her father, Mario, died later of his injuries, prompting the new charge against Lopez-Hernandez. He's also charged with intoxicated assault with a vehicle. Mario Baez's wife and another daughter were not seriously hurt.

He's set for a court appearance today. Court records also show Lopez-Hernandez is being held on an immigration detainer.



Houston Chronicle file photo via AP

Law enforcement officers respond to Santa Fe High School on May 18 after an active shooter was reported on campus in Santa Fe. Nearly a month after the worst Texas public school shooting in history, state lawmakers meet Monday for the first time since the Santa Fe High School shooting that

Money to 'harden' schools draws backlash after shootings

By Paul J. Weber

Associated Press

AUSTIN — An alliance of U.S. education groups expressed shock Tuesday that the Trump administration would let schools purchase metal detectors and police patrols through a \$1.1 billion program that the White House and Congress have used to defend their response to an epidemic of school shootings.

The concern comes nearly a month after a gunman killed 10 people at a high school near Houston, which prompted Gov. Greg Abbott to urge schools to use federal education dollars to "harden" campuses through more armed guards or altering buildings.

On Tuesday, dozens of gun-control activists packed the end of a two-day hearing at the Texas Capitol on school shootings. The hearings opened this week with school police chiefs endorsing some physical safeguards but waving off metal detectors as ineffective.

But the prospect of the U.S. Department of Education letting schools purchase metal detectors or extra police is troubling an education coalition that pushed Congress to nearly triple the size of the program this spring. The coalition includes the National PTA, National School Boards Association, the American Counseling Association and the Girl Scouts.

Using the \$1.1 billion block grant to "harden" schools was never the purpose and will come at the expense of other needs, said Ally Bernstein, executive director of the Title IV-A Coalition, whose name refers to the federal law signed in 2015 that authorized the program.

"I am shocked that they would point to this," Bernstein said. "Right now, I can assuredly say that I don't think this was the intent of Congress for this program."

Both the Santa Fe High School shooting and the February massacre at a high school in Parkland, Florida, in which 17 people were killed, have put a spotlight on a wide-ranging Education Department program known as Student Support and

Academic Enrichment grants. Schools can use some of the funds to promote what the department calls "safe and healthy" students, such as mental health, but the money is also for bolstering academic programs or technology.

President Donald Trump had earlier called for defunding the program in his proposed budget. But the program has since taken on new life among Republicans and Democrats as a source of school safety dollars in the wake of the Texas and Florida shootings.

Less than two weeks after the shooting in Santa Fe, Texas, Abbott made the program the financial centerpiece of his \$120 million plan to protect Texas schools, saying funding could target "either physical safety improvements — like metal detectors — or additional law enforcement patrols."

The Republican's 40-page plan was released after a series of meetings with school officials and survivors of the Santa Fe shooting. It also proposes using grant dollars on mental health and, unsurprisingly, calls for no new major restrictions on guns.

"A safe learning environment for all students is crucial to advancing the purposes" of the federal program, Abbott wrote.

Elizabeth Hill, an Education Department spokeswoman, said metal detectors and extra police would be generally allowable costs under the program.

Bernstein disagreed, saying her group would likely now seek clarification from the Trump administration and Congress.

Less than 20 percent of school districts in Texas have their own police forces, but state officials said Tuesday that since the Santa Fe shooting, more than a dozen districts have raised the idea of starting new ones.

"If I can't guarantee that what's on the other side of the metal detector is secure, what's the point of spending the money on the metal detectors?" Mike Matranga, executive director for security and school safety at Texas City schools near Houston, said Monday.

#MeToo cases in the spotlight as Southern Baptists convene

By David Crary and

Ryan Tarnelli

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Southern Baptist Convention opened its annual national meeting Tuesday in an anxious mood as the denomination's all-male leadership grappled with the fallout of multiple sexual misconduct cases.

With virtually no opposition, delegates at the meeting adopted resolutions condemning any sexual misconduct by SBC ministers, urging more action to prevent "all forms of abuse," and encouraging abuse victims to contact civil authorities to seek protection and support.

In a late addition to the program, the SBC announced that Vice President Mike Pence would address the meeting Wednesday. In Tuesday's opening session, a delegate from Virginia, Garrett Kell, sought to cancel Pence's address and replace it with a time of prayer, but the motion was defeated.

"Many of our minority brothers and sisters will be especially hurt by this invitation," said Kell, who warned the SBC against associating with any particular administration holding power in Washington.

The agenda in Dallas did not include any reconsideration of the SBC's doctrine of "complementarianism," which espouses male leadership in the home and in the church and says a wife "is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband."

However, the pastor elected Tuesday as the SBC's new president — J.D. Greear — is among numerous SBC leaders saying the doctrine needs to be observed in a way that's respectful of women and encourages them to play an active role in church affairs.

In a recent video posted on Facebook, Greear said the church has hurt itself by excluding women from top leadership posts.

Complementarianism "is biblical and we need to honor that ... but at the same time recognize that God has gifted women with spiritual gifts," he said.

"We need to be as committed to raising them up in leadership and ministries as we are to our sons."

Greear, 45, a mega-church pastor from North Carolina who sometimes preaches in jeans and shirts with no sport coat, won about 69 percent of the votes in his election victory over former seminary president Ken Hemphill, 70.

Greear narrowly lost the election for president in 2016 and has been viewed by many Southern Baptists as the inevitable winner this time. Hemphill was nominated by some veteran SBC leaders who view him as less likely to propose potentially divisive changes.

As the two-day meeting began, about two dozen protesters gathered across the street from the convention center, drawing attention to abuse against women.

The protesters called for the creation of a database

identifying pastors accused of sexual abuse and misconduct. They also want pastors and seminarians to receive training on how to respond to sexual abuse and domestic violence.

"We are not against the Southern Baptist Convention, but we believe it can be better," said Ashley Easter, a writer and speaker from Raleigh, North Carolina, who is an advocate for victims of abuse and an organizer of the protest.

Paige Patterson, the central figure in the most prominent of the SBC's #MeToo cases, had been scheduled to deliver the featured sermon at the national meeting. However, he withdrew from that role Friday, heeding a request from other SBC leaders.

Patterson was recently dismissed as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas because of his response to two rape allegations made years apart by students. He also was accused of making improper remarks about a teenage girl's body and commenting that women who are in abusive relationships should almost always stay with their husbands.

SBC leaders say there are many more cases — adding up to a humiliating debacle for the 15.2 million-member denomination.

"The avalanche of sexual misconduct that has come to light in recent weeks is almost too much to bear," the Rev. Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, wrote in a recent blog post.

Man charged with indecency

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Friday after he allegedly touched a child inappropriately, according to court documents.

Harold Gene Steward, 59, was being held Tuesday

on a \$50,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of indecency with a child.

A Midland police detective was conducting a follow-up investigation and interviewed Steward on Friday.

Steward touched a girl inappropriately, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony charge, Steward could face up to 10 years imprisonment.

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department, requesting the appearance of those people needed for giving testimony, receiving testimony and making policy recommendations (by majority vote).

The meetings will be open to the public. The council also was told of the confidentially measures and conflicts of interest that would apply to the board and its members.

Should the council approve the creation of the review board, the members would be selected just like members of any board and approved by the council. Members of the board will be limited to one three-year term.

Among those in the conference room during the briefing session was former county commissioner Julius Brooks, who told the council an "advisory board could settle things. ... It would give the community a better hold on what is happening in their city."

Councilman John B. Love III helped wrap up the presentation about the Citizens Police Review Board, saying the board allows for transparency and provides an opportunity for people to speak.

Love said Midland residents want an opportunity to say what is happening in their respective communities and want the City Council to know what is going on.

Love said the council could decide on the review board as early as later this month.

DETAILS

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be degrading against women. After walking into the person's recently painted office in January, Henry is alleged to have said "I want to paint my office red, maybe have a dance area in the corner with a pole." In February, referring to a coffee mug being red and having leopard print on it, Henry allegedly said, "like red panties. I like it." In March, Henry allegedly approached the complainant and other employees and asked what they were looking at. When one responded "we were seeing if someone was doing anything bad," Henry made the comment, "like having sex."

Henry is also alleged to have said no one would listen to a female public information officer unless she was in a bikini.

The pages are filled with comments and actions that show Henry's behavior was repeated, unprovoked and persistent. Actions include the rubbing of arms, the violation of one's personal space, inviting himself to lunch with the complainant and comments about her family.

WORD OF THE DAY

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epithet

[EP-uh-thet]

noun

- 1: a characterizing word or phrase accompanying or occurring in place of the name of a person or thing.
- 2: a disparaging or abusive word or phrase.
- 3: the part of a taxonomic name identifying a subordinate unit within a genus.



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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Pipeline demonstration



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Larry Bass with Powerline Energy Services demonstrates hazards of working around power lines and gives safety advice Tuesday during a safety training at the Midland Horseshoe for area first responders, oil and gas company employees and utility employees. See Page 2A for a story about the event.

Things to do

STEAM Sprouts Lego Maker, 9:30-11 a.m., Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. pipetro.org.

Storytime at the Library, 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Wednesdays. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space. Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Wednesday Storytime with crafts for preschool children, 11 a.m., Barnes and Noble, 2517 West Loop 250 N. Barnesandnoble.com.

Sewing Machine Test Drive, The Library celebrates National Sewing Machine Day by inviting sewers of all levels to test different machines, 2-5 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

Ukulele Club teaches youth ages 10-15 basic chords and songs to prepare for a group performance at the library's end-of-summer pool party, 3-4 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N. A limited number of instruments will be provided but participants are welcome to bring their own.

Party on the Patio with live music and food trucks, 5 p.m. Wednesdays at Shack in the Back, 11610 W. Highway 80, Odessa.

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-6885.

This Game Night, 7 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway Free.

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 8 p.m., Torino's, 3303 N. Midland Road. challengeentertainment.com.

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

Pools today

The Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon to 7 p.m.

Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., noon to 7 p.m.

The entry fee for both pools is \$3 per person. Children under 2 are free.

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Today in history

On June 13, 1978, the movie musical 'Grease' starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, had its world premiere in New York.

By The Associated Press

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 0-9-1
Pick 3 day: 1-2-4
Pick 3 evening: 7-4-7

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Daily 4 day: 6-3-1-3
Daily 4 evening: 2-4-6-7

Daily 4 night: 3-3-7-5
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Triple Chance: 7-4-9-19-20
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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures

High: 101
Low: 78

Normal high: 93
Normal low: 67

June 12 records

High: 105, set in 2001 and equaled in 2011

Low: 55, set in 1979

Precipitation

Monday: 0.00 inches
Tuesday: 0.00 inches

Month total: 0.37 of an inch
Year total: 1.21 inches

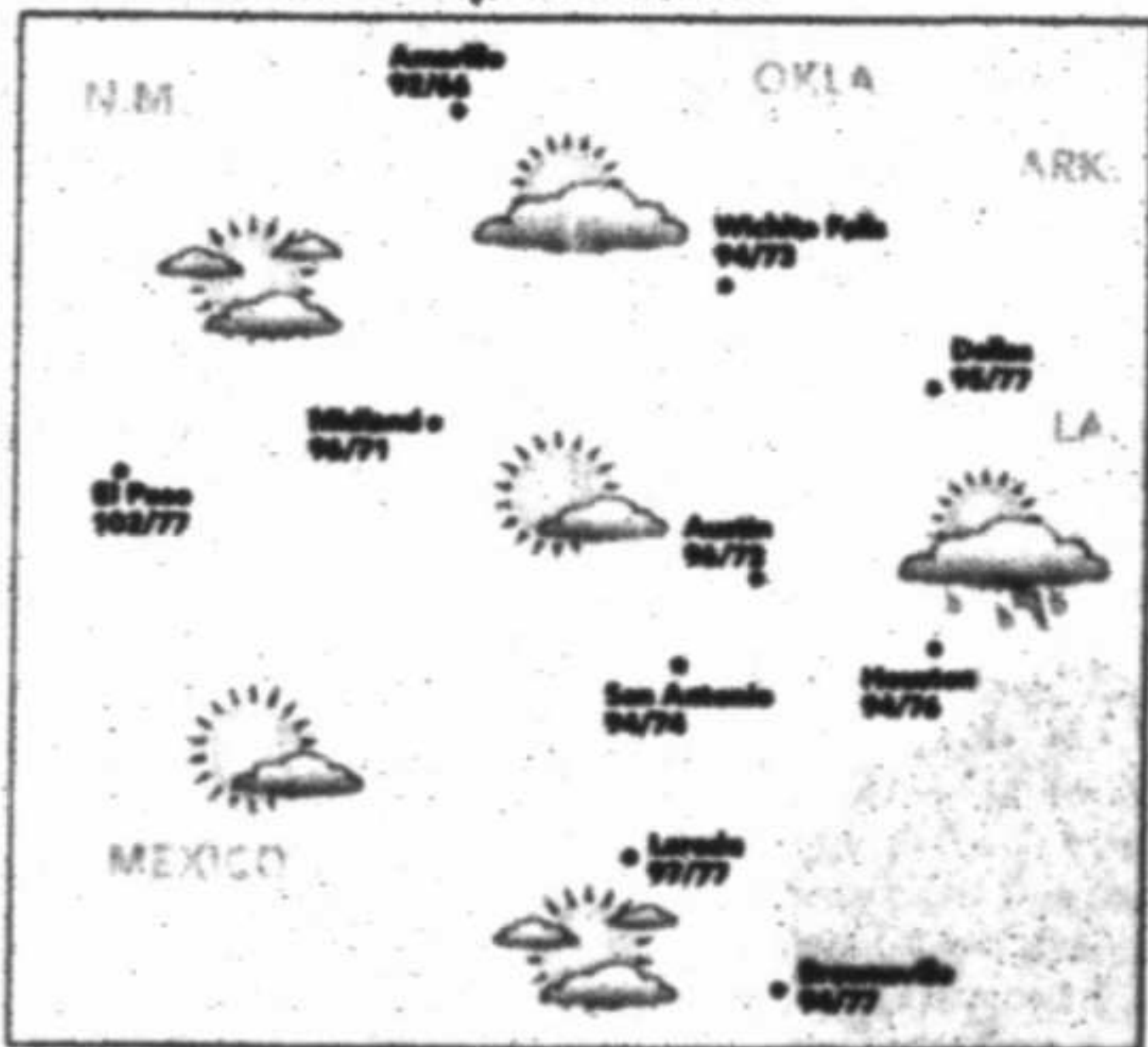
Normal total (year to date): 5.03 inches

Winds

Average: 16.7 mph
Highest sustained: 24 mph

Highest gust: 43 mph

Forecast for Wednesday, June 13, 2018



June 13 forecast

High: 96
Low: 72

Conditions: Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night

Winds: 10-15 mph during the day and night

Chance of rain: None

Sunrise: 6:42 a.m.
Sunset: 8:55 p.m.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun and Moon in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Wednesday, June 13, 2018: This year you could experience a new beginning in some aspect of your life. You have the ability to change your life and make it more to your liking. You could be inordinately me-oriented. If you are single, your charisma attracts many suitors. In a few months, a choice you make could lead to a long-term bond. If you are attached, you and your sweetie could become the center of attention. Remember, a relationship is a two-way street. A fellow GEMINI will be very different from you in many ways.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★

You have a lot of compassion, but your response to the unexpected could be shocking to many people around you. A new beginning is the result of your efficient communication and follow-through. Use today's New Moon to your advantage. Tonight: Out and about with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★

Be aware of the costs of continuing as you have been, and decide to head in a new direction. Your sense of vitality and well-being seems erratic and not as clear as you might think. A new beginning becomes possible with your finances. Tonight: Indulge a family member.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★

You have a way of communicating that makes you stand out. Refuse to be cornered by an unexpected development. You express your support in a way that means a lot to others. You seem more attentive than usual. You'll deal with irritation directly. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★

Understand what is happening around you. You will gain a lot of insight into how others think. The unexpected occurs around a long-term goal. Your sense of humor helps you look within yourself, though you might resist some of the truths you see. Tonight: Get some R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★

You could be dragging until you focus on a new goal. Extremes come forward that you might want to be aware of. You might be surprised by

what is happening around a work-related matter. Others find you unusually desirable at the moment. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★

Be aware that you suddenly could become more sensitive. You might be forced to revise your perspective of the outside world. Others might try to give you more responsibility, but make it OK to say "no" and walk away. Tonight: Take some time off from the recent hectic pace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★

Reassess your long-term desires. A friend or partner suddenly might set on a spontaneous desire or believe in an unexpected way. You have a lot of dynamic energy, which appeals to many of your associates and loved ones on many different levels. Tonight: Detach and relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-

Nov. 21) ★★★★★

Pressure builds to relate to others on a one-on-one level. You might not want to handle a personal matter just yet. The unexpected occurs with a partner or loved one. Start dealing with this person directly, and you will be happy with the outcome. Tonight: Paint the town red.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★

Defer to others and listen to what they have to share. You are likely to get an earful about what people want to change. One person seems to exude charisma, and you cannot say "no" to this person. A new beginning becomes possible in the area of relationships. Tonight: All smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★

Power and control issues could cause you to deal with certain people directly. A friend might delight you with an offer that is too

good to say "no" to. Your ability to demonstrate your compassion and support to a special person emerges. Tonight: Use your high energy well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★

If you have felt as if your creativity has been off, you'll have an opportunity to allow it to soar. Do not restrain yourself. You have a tendency to get stubborn and stuck. This trait could have a big effect on a domestic issue. Be as light and easy as possible. Tonight: Say "yes."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★

Stay close to home, but be willing to emerge when necessary. You could experience a new beginning around your home. For some, it might be a new addition. You are likely to enjoy your domestic life even more than in the recent past. Tonight: Make a special dinner for two.

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In this March 22 photo, AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson leaves the federal courthouse in Washington. The judge presiding over the government's legal effort to block AT&T's purchase of Time Warner will likely deliver his verdict on Tuesday.

Federal judge approves AT&T-Time Warner merger

By Marcy Gordon
and Mae Anderson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal judge approved the \$85 billion mega-merger of AT&T and Time Warner on Tuesday, potentially ushering in a wave of media consolidation while shaping how much consumers pay for streaming TV and movies.

U.S. District Judge Richard Leon greenlit the merger without imposing major conditions as some experts had expected. The Trump Justice Department had sued to block the \$85 billion merger, arguing that it would hurt competition in cable and satellite TV and jack up costs to consumers for streaming TV and movies.

Now, the phone and pay-TV giant AT&T will be allowed to absorb the owner of CNN, HBO, the Warner Bros. movie studio, "Game of Thrones," coveted sports programming and other "must-see" shows. The Justice Department could appeal the ruling, although it said only that it is considering its options.

The ruling could open the floodgates to deal making in the fast-changing worlds of entertainment production and distribution. Major cable, satellite and phone companies are bulking up with purchases of entertainment conglomerates to compete against rivals born on the internet such as Amazon and Google.

Waiting in the wings are potential billions of deals involving 21st Century Fox and Disney, Verizon and CBS, T-Mobile and Sprint. Comcast and Verizon are also jockeying for position in the new landscape.

A combined AT&T-Time Warner could also get a boost from Monday's official end of net neutrality — the Obama-era rules that barred broadband and wireless companies from favoring their own services to the detriment of rivals like Netflix. AT&T and Verizon now can give priority on their networks to their own movies and TV shows, while hurting rivals such as Amazon, YouTube and future startups.

"The impact from this decision will have wide-reaching ramifications across the telecommunications, media, and tech industry for decades to come," said GBH

Insights analyst Dan Ives.

The merger would combine a company that produces news and entertainment with one that funnels that programming to consumers. AT&T cast it as a necessary step at a time when people spend more time watching video on phones and tablets and less time on traditional live TV on a big screen.

Leon said the government failed to prove that the merger would lead to higher prices and other harm to consumers. Despite Justice Department lawyers taking their "best shot," he said, their evidence was "too thin a reed for this court to rely on."

Leon added that he wouldn't temporarily block the merger for a possible appeal by the government. The "drop dead" deadline for completing the merger is June 21. If it's not wrapped up by then, either company could walk away, and AT&T would have to pay a \$500 million breakup fee.

The ruling was a stinging defeat for the Justice Department. Opposing the merger forced federal antitrust lawyers to argue against standing legal doctrine that favors mergers among companies that don't compete directly with each other.

Another wild card: When first announced in October 2016, the deal drew fire from then-candidate Donald Trump, who promised to kill it "because it's too much concentration of power in the hands of too few." Trump has also publicly feuded with Time Warner's CNN, calling it "failing" and a purveyor of "fake news." The president's statements didn't come up during the trial.

John Bergmayer, senior counsel at the consumer group Public Knowledge, said the decision could have long-lasting negative effects thanks to "the many other mergers it will encourage." In a statement, Bergmayer called for "reinvigorated regulatory oversight of the video marketplace."

Dallas-based AT&T is a wireless, broadband and satellite behemoth that became the country's biggest pay-TV provider with its purchase of DirecTV. It claims about 25 million of the 90 million or so U.S. households that are pay-TV customers.

AT&T general counsel David McAtee said the company plans to close the deal on or before June 20.

SC incumbents challenged, Va. women rise as 5 states vote

By Thomas
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Associated Press

South Carolina Republicans expressed their discontent during primary voting Tuesday as President Donald Trump sought to influence the race. And Democrats in Virginia backed women in key races that could determine control of the House.

Unable to muster 50 percent of the Republican primary vote for governor, South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster, one of Trump's top allies in the state, was forced into a runoff for the GOP nomination. But partial returns showed Rep. Mark Sanford, a vocal Trump critic, in a battle with a devout Trump supporter for the nomination in a coastal congressional district.

In Virginia, two women will compete for a suburban Washington congressional district seen as key to Democrats' hopes of retaking the House majority in November. Democratic women came out on top in two other Virginia congressional races that the party is closely watching.

Polls have closed in both states and well as Maine, North Dakota and Nevada. Together, they raise to 21 the number of states having held their 2018 primary elections so far.

In South Carolina, incumbents face challenge

McMaster, an early supporter of the president's 2016 campaign, had Trump's full endorsement, marked by a weekend tweet.

But while Trump remains very popular in the state, McMaster has been shadowed by a corruption probe involving a longtime political consultant. McMaster received the most votes of the four Republicans running, but will face Greenville businessman John Warren in a second contest June 26.

McMaster, the former lieutenant governor, assumed the governorship last year after Nikki Haley resigned to become U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Sanford was struggling to pull ahead of state Rep. Katie Arrington, who had attacked the incumbent for his frequent criticisms of Trump. Sanford spoke out against Trump as a candidate for president in 2016, and has called him culturally intolerant and criticized him for not releasing his tax returns.

Trump went after Sanford on Twitter Tuesday afternoon, as voters continued to go to the polls, calling him "very unhelpful." "He is MIA and nothing but trouble," Trump tweeted. "He is better off in Argentina."

As governor in 2009, Sanford famously disclosed that he had been carrying on an extramarital affair with a woman in Argentina.

Sanford apologized, though the episode ended with his wife divorcing him. Meanwhile, Trump — who was captured on a

2005 tape bragging about groping women — has also been accused of sexually inappropriate advances by women, all of which he has denied.

A House battle brews in Virginia

Democratic State Sen. Jennifer Wexton was the clear winner in a six-way primary in Virginia's 10th District, and will challenge Republican Rep. Barbara Comstock.

Besides that district, considered key to the House battleground map this fall, Democrats in two other Virginia districts they hope to retake nominated women, including Abigail Spanberger in the 7th District and Elaine Luria in Virginia's 2nd District.

In Comstock's district, Wexton was the best-known in the field, and was viewed as the Democratic Party's establishment choice. She had the endorsement of Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam.

Comstock, a moderate Republican who easily beat back a challenge from conservative Shak Hill, is one of the Democrats' top targets in November. The second-term House member's district leans Republican, though Democrat Hillary Clinton received more votes there than Trump did in 2016.

Though Wexton favors a ban on the sale of assault weapons, she defies what has been the tendency in some swing districts to nominate Democrats with liberal profiles on other key issues. She has not called for a single-payer, government-run health insurance system, as some Democratic House primary winners in California, Nebraska and Pennsylvania have.

Democrats need to gain 23 seats to win the majority in the House.

In another big Virginia race, Republican Corey Stewart — once a state chairman to Trump's presidential campaign who was fired for protesting the Republican National Committee — won the Republican primary to face Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine.

Stewart surprised many by nearly winning last year's Republican nomination for governor. He was the top aide to Trump's presidential campaign in Virginia in 2016, but was fired for staging an unauthorized protest of the Republican National Committee. Stewart had accused the party of inadequately defending the candidate after the release of a tape where Trump bragged about groping women.

As a candidate for governor in 2017, Stewart spoke out against removing Confederate monuments, including the Robert E. Lee statue that prompted a deadly protest in Charlottesville last year. Stewart called efforts to remove the monuments "an attempt to destroy traditional America."

Turning the LePage

Maine voters are deciding how they'd prefer to vote in their search for the successor to term-limited,

conservative Republican Gov. Paul LePage.

In a state represented by moderate Republican Sen. Susan Collins and independent Sen. Angus King, voters will choose from GOP candidates who echo LePage's conservative policies but shy away from his controversial tone.

The field includes top Republicans in the state legislature, Senate Majority Leader Garrett Mason and House Minority Leader Kenneth Fiedler; LePage's former state health agency chief, Mary Mayhew; and businessman Shawn Moody, who's trying to claim the outsider mantle.

Democrats, with just 16 of the nation's governorships, view the seat as one of their top pick-up opportunities.

First they must settle a seven-way primary field led by Attorney General Janet Mills and former state House Speaker Mark Eves.

Nevada: See you in November

Nevada Republican Rep. Mark Amodei fended off a primary challenge from tea party favorite Sharron Angle on Tuesday, while former Rep. Steven Horsford and Las Vegas philanthropist Susie Lee won Democratic primaries for two Democrat-held congressional seats in southern Nevada that will be up for grabs in November.

Horsford, who became the first African-American to represent Nevada in Congress when he won the 4th District seat in 2012 but survived only one term, will face a rematch against former GOP Rep. Cresent Hardy in the November election.

Democratic Rep. Dina Titus also cruised to victory in her bid for a fifth term in the heavily Democratic 1st District in Las Vegas. Six Democrats were competing for the nomination to face Amodei in northern Nevada's 2nd District, where no Democrat has won since it was created in 1980.

Hardy, who beat lesser-known primary challengers Tuesday, defeated Horsford in 2014 then lost in 2016 to Democratic Rep. Ruben Kihuen, who announced earlier this year he wouldn't seek re-election amid allegations of sexual misconduct. The swing district stretches from north of Las Vegas through four rural counties.

Lee is expected to face off in November against Republican Danny Tarkanian in the 3rd District after the son of legendary UNLV basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian abandoned his primary bid to unseat Republican Sen. Dean Heller, bowing to pressure from President Trump and others.

The 3rd District incumbent, Jacky Rosen, won the Senate Democratic nomination Tuesday and will face Heller in November.

Tarkanian, who was facing six GOP primary opponents, and Lee each raised well over \$1 million in their primary campaigns for what's expected to be the most expensive congressional race in Nevada.

New wildfire erupts near Colorado ski resorts, houses

By Colleen Slevin
Associated Press

DENVER — A wildfire erupted Tuesday in an area of Colorado known for its ski resorts, forcing the evacuation of more than 1,300 homes and marking the latest in a series of blazes that have ignited in the drought-stricken U.S. West.

The fire in central Colorado had burned only about 100 acres but was dangerously close to two densely populated housing developments near the town of Silverthorne, about 60 miles west of Denver.

"This area, there is a lot of homes that are pretty tightly packed together," U.S. Forest Service spokesman Adam Blaisie said. "Being a resort town, there's a need for a lot of housing, and there's only so much available space for good land to build on."

Blaisie said the Buffalo Fire had come within about 200 yards of a subdivision that includes condos, apartments and privacy

homes. The closest ski resort to the fire, Keystone, is about 8 miles away and across a large reservoir.

About 50 firefighters were battling the blaze initially, but more were on the way, along with heavy air tankers and helicopters.

Colorado's largest blaze also kept burning in the San Juan National Forest, which has been closed to the public to try to prevent additional fires. The 416 Fire north of Durango in southwest Colorado has burned about 36 square miles and is partially contained. No homes have been lost.

It's burning in the Four Corners region where Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah meet that is at the center of a large patch of exceptional drought. Much of the U.S. West is experiencing some level of drought.

More than 900 firefighters were dealing with rough and inaccessible terrain, and estimates of more than 2,000 homes have been forced to evacuate.

Frustrated AMA adopts sweeping policies to cut gun violence

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — With frustration mounting over lawmakers' inaction on gun control, the American Medical Association on Tuesday pressed for a ban on assault weapons and came out against arming teachers as a way to fight what it calls a public health crisis.

At its annual policymaking meeting, the nation's largest physicians group bowed to unprecedented demands from doctor-members to take a stronger stand on gun violence — a problem the organizations says is as menacing as a lethal infectious disease.

The action comes against a backdrop of recurrent school shootings, everyday street violence in the nation's inner cities, and rising U.S. suicide rates.

"We as physicians are the witnesses to the human toll of this disease," Dr. Megan Ramsey, an emergency-medicine specialist at Brown University, said at the meeting.

AMA delegates voted to adopt several of nearly a dozen gun-related proposals presented by doctor groups that are part of the AMA's membership. They agreed to:

■ Support any ban on

the purchase or possession of guns and ammunition by people under 21.

■ Back laws that would require licensing and safety courses for gun owners and registration of all firearms.

■ Press for legislation that would allow relatives of suicidal people or those who have threatened imminent violence to seek court-ordered removal of guns from the home.

■ Encourage better training for physicians in how to recognize patients at risk for suicide.

■ Push to eliminate loopholes in laws preventing the purchase or possession of guns by people found guilty of domestic violence, including expanding such measures to cover convicted stalkers.

Many AMA members are gun owners or supporters, including a doctor from Montana who told delegates of learning to shoot at a firing range in the basement of her middle school as part of gun class. But support for banning assault weapons was overwhelming, with the measure adopted in a 446-99 vote.

"There's a place to start and this should be it," Dr. Jim Hinesdale, a San Jose, California, trauma surgeon, said before the vote.

Gun violence is not a new issue for the AMA; it has supported past efforts

to ban assault weapons; declared gun violence a public health crisis; backed background checks, waiting periods and better funding for mental health services; and pressed for more research on gun violence prevention.

But Dr. David Barbe, whose one-year term as AMA president ended Tuesday, called the number of related measures on this year's agenda extraordinary and said recent violence — including the Parkland, Florida, school shooting and the Las Vegas massacre — "spurred a new sense of urgency ... while Congress fails to act."

"It has been frustrating that we have seen so little action from either state or federal legislators," he said. "The most important audience for our message right now is our legislators, and second most important is the public, because sometimes it requires public pressure on the legislators."

While it is no longer viewed as the unified voice of American medicine, the AMA has more clout with politicians and the public than other doctor groups. It counted more than 243,000 members in 2017, up slightly for the seventh straight year. But it represents less than one-quarter of the nation's million-plus physicians.



Members of the public look on before the Seattle City Council voted May 18 to approve a tax on large businesses such as Amazon and Starbucks to fight homelessness in Seattle.

AP file photo

Seattle poised to repeal new tax opposed by Amazon

By Phuong Le
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Seattle leaders said Monday that they plan to repeal a tax on large companies like Amazon and Starbucks as they face mounting pressure from businesses, an about-face just a month after unanimously approving the measure to help pay for efforts to combat a growing homelessness crisis.

The quick surrender showed the power of Amazon to help rally opposition and aggressively push back on taxes at all levels of government, even in its affluent home city where the income gap is ever widening and lower-income workers are being priced out of housing. It has resulted in one of the highest homelessness rates in the U.S.

A coalition of businesses is working to get a referendum on the November ballot to overturn the tax.

Mayor Jenny Durkan and seven of nine City Council members said they worked with a range of groups to pass a measure last month that would strike a balance between protecting jobs and supporting affordable housing.

But "it is clear that the ordinance will lead to a prolonged, expensive political fight over the next five months that will do nothing to tackle our urgent housing and homelessness crisis," they said in a statement.

"We heard you," they added, noting that they would move forward to repeal the so-called head tax. A special council meeting is scheduled Tuesday, where a vote is expected. They didn't provide a backup funding plan.

Amazon and other businesses had sharply criticized the tax, and the online retailer even temporarily halted construction planning on a new high-rise building near its Seattle headquarters ahead of the vote.

It marks the latest Amazon move against city, state and national taxes.

The company recently said it would block Australians from purchases on its international websites after the nation planned to impose a 10 percent consumption tax on online retailers for goods shipped to Australia.

The tax debate comes as 20 cities vie to lure the company's second headquarters and as it expands its workforce in Boston and Vancouver, British Columbia.

Cities have offered lavish tax breaks and incentives to lure the company and its promise of adding tens of thousands of high-paying jobs. Critics have said it is wrong for profitable company to push for public money, especially considering the added costs to infrastructure and services the new headquarters would bring.

Seattle's tax would charge companies about \$275 per full-time worker each year and raise roughly \$48 million a year for affordable housing and homeless services. It would target businesses making at least \$20 million in gross revenue and take effect in January.

The liberal city spent \$68 million on homelessness in 2017 and plans to spend \$78 million this year.

Just days after Durkan signed the ordinance into law, the No Tax On Jobs campaign, a coalition of businesses, announced it would gather signatures to put a repeal referendum on the November ballot.

The campaign has raised about \$285,000 in cash contributions, with more employers, including Amazon and Starbucks, pledging nearly \$200,000 in additional support.

The coalition is glad the "Seattle City Council has heard the voices of the people loud and clear and are now reconsidering this ill-conceived tax," said John Murray, a spokesman with the No Tax on Jobs campaign.

Council member Teresa Mosqueda, one of four sponsors of the tax, said she could not support repealing the tax without "a replacement strategy to house and shelter our neighbors experiencing homelessness."

"We cannot wait months or until next year for another proposal or process while people are sleeping in our parks and on our streets," she said in a statement.

Council member Kshama Sawant said on Twitter that the repeal "is a capitulation to bullying by Amazon" and other big business and called it a "backroom betrayal" that didn't involve her office.

The clash over who should pay to solve a housing crisis exacerbated by Seattle's rapid economic growth was marked by weeks of raucous meetings and tense exchanges that didn't abate after the tax was approved.

Opponents called the Seattle measure a tax on jobs and questioned whether city officials are spending current resources effectively. Others praised the tax as a step toward building badly needed affordable housing.

The Seattle region had the third-highest number of homeless people in the U.S. and saw 169 homeless deaths in 2017.

Federal Reserve expected to raise key short-term interest rate today

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No one will likely be surprised by the announcement the Fed is set to make when its latest policy meeting ends today: That it's raising its key short-term interest rate for the second time this year.

Economists from the nation's largest securities firms were unanimous in an outlook released Monday that the Fed will raise its benchmark rate by a modest quarter-point to a range of 1.75 percent to 2 percent. The Fed's expected move reflects a U.S. economy that is still fundamentally healthy nine years into an expansion.

The rate increase will likely lead to somewhat higher rates on a variety of consumer and business loans over time. Savers, though, may eventually receive slightly higher yields.

Given the widespread expectation of a rate increase, analysts will be looking most keenly — in a Fed statement, in economic forecasts and in a news conference by Chairman Jerome Powell — for hints of how fast it may raise rates again in the coming months. They will also be assessing any observations from the Fed about the possible consequences of rising global trade tensions.

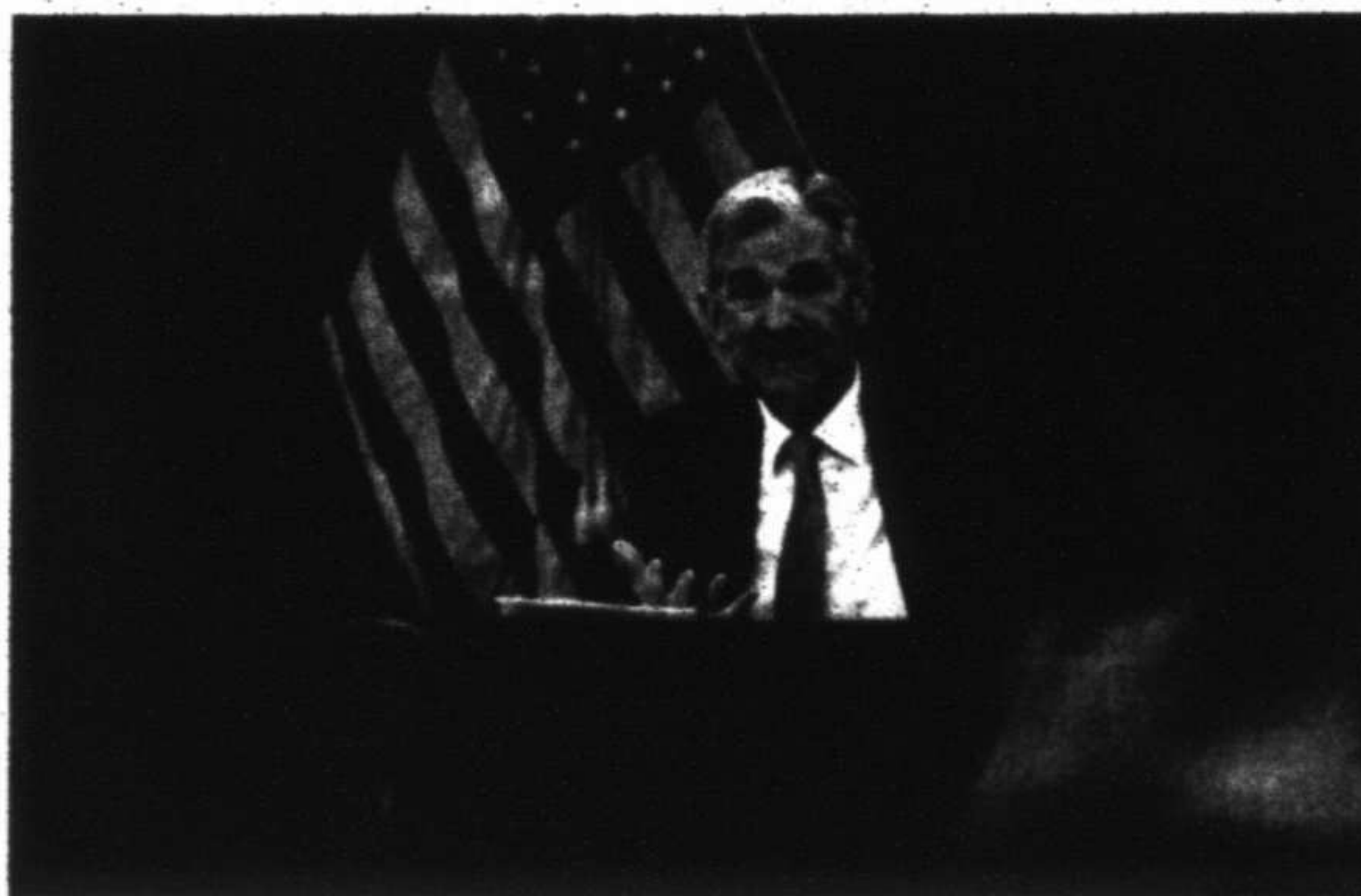
Here are three things to watch for after the Fed meeting ends today:

State of the economy

Since the Fed last met in early May, most economic indicators have signaled steady strength. The nation's unemployment rate is at an 18-year low of 3.8 percent. Consumer spending has rebounded from a winter lull. Some analysts expect the economy's growth, as gauged by the gross domestic product, to achieve a brisk annual rate of up to 4 percent in the April-June quarter.

The Fed's policymakers are expected to factor that rosy expectation into the updated economic forecasts they will issue today. In their previous forecasts in March, the officials had not envisioned a jobless rate as low as the current 3.8 percent until year's end. The central bank will probably adjust its forecast for unemployment to account for the lower-than-expected current rate.

Fed watchers will also want to see whether the central bank lowers its estimate of what's often called the "natural" unemployment rate. This is the rate below which, the Fed calculates, the economy would likely overheat. The Fed now pegs this rate at 4.5 percent. If it adjusts down its estimate of the natural unemployment rate, it would mean the central bank is easing its view of how low unemployment could run in the long run without igniting high



AP file photo

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell speaks March 21 following the Federal Open Market Committee meeting in Washington. Investors are eagerly awaiting the updated economic forecasts the Fed will issue when its meeting ends today.

Inflation

The policymakers will also update their forecasts for economic growth and inflation. After six years of undershooting its 2 percent target for annual inflation, the Fed's preferred inflation gauge attained that level during March and April, the government reported. Economists will want to see if the Fed's new forecasts show a willingness to let inflation run temporarily above 2 percent, a change that would signal less urgency to raise rates.

Pace of rate hikes

Besides updating its economic forecasts, the Fed will reveal the anonymous projections of its individual board members and its 12 regional bank presidents of the pace of future rate increases. In March, the officials collectively projected a total of three rate hikes in 2018, matching the number in 2017, after one rate increase in 2015 and one in 2016.

Economists are divided on whether the Fed will stick with its plan to raise rates three times in 2018 or revise that forecast to four. The case for a slight accel-

eration in rate hikes would be to take account of faster economic growth expected this year, partly a result of increased consumer and business spending from the tax cut Congress enacted late last year.

The Fed is expected to repeat language used in its recent statements noting that future rate increases will be "gradual." Some analysts, though, think it could drop or modify a phrase suggesting that the Fed's benchmark rate may stay below its long-run level "for some time."

Changing that phrase would be seen as indicating that the Fed is edging closer to its long-run target for its benchmark interest rate.

Impact of trade tensions

Last month, the Fed reported that businesses around the country had expressed concern about growing uncertainty over global trade. President Donald Trump has imposed tariffs on the imports of several countries in an effort to protect the U.S. steel and aluminum industries and he has threatened up to \$150 billion in tariffs

on Chinese goods.

China and the other nations have pledged to retaliate with their own tariffs on U.S. exports to their countries, thereby risking a tit-for-tat trade war that could dim prospects for the U.S. and global economies. In his news conference, Powell is sure to be asked about how the trade tensions could affect the U.S. economy and inflation.

Tariffs, which amount to a border tax that raises the price of imported goods, could elevate inflation. Some analysts say they think the Fed will decide to hold off on a fourth rate increase this year out of concern about a potential trade war involving the United States and its major trading partners.

Powell will also likely face questions about whether the Fed's policymakers might allow inflation to rise for a time above their 2 percent target and how comfortable they are to see the unemployment rate falling so far below the 4.5 percent level that the central bank has declared as its current estimate of the natural rate for long-term unemployment.

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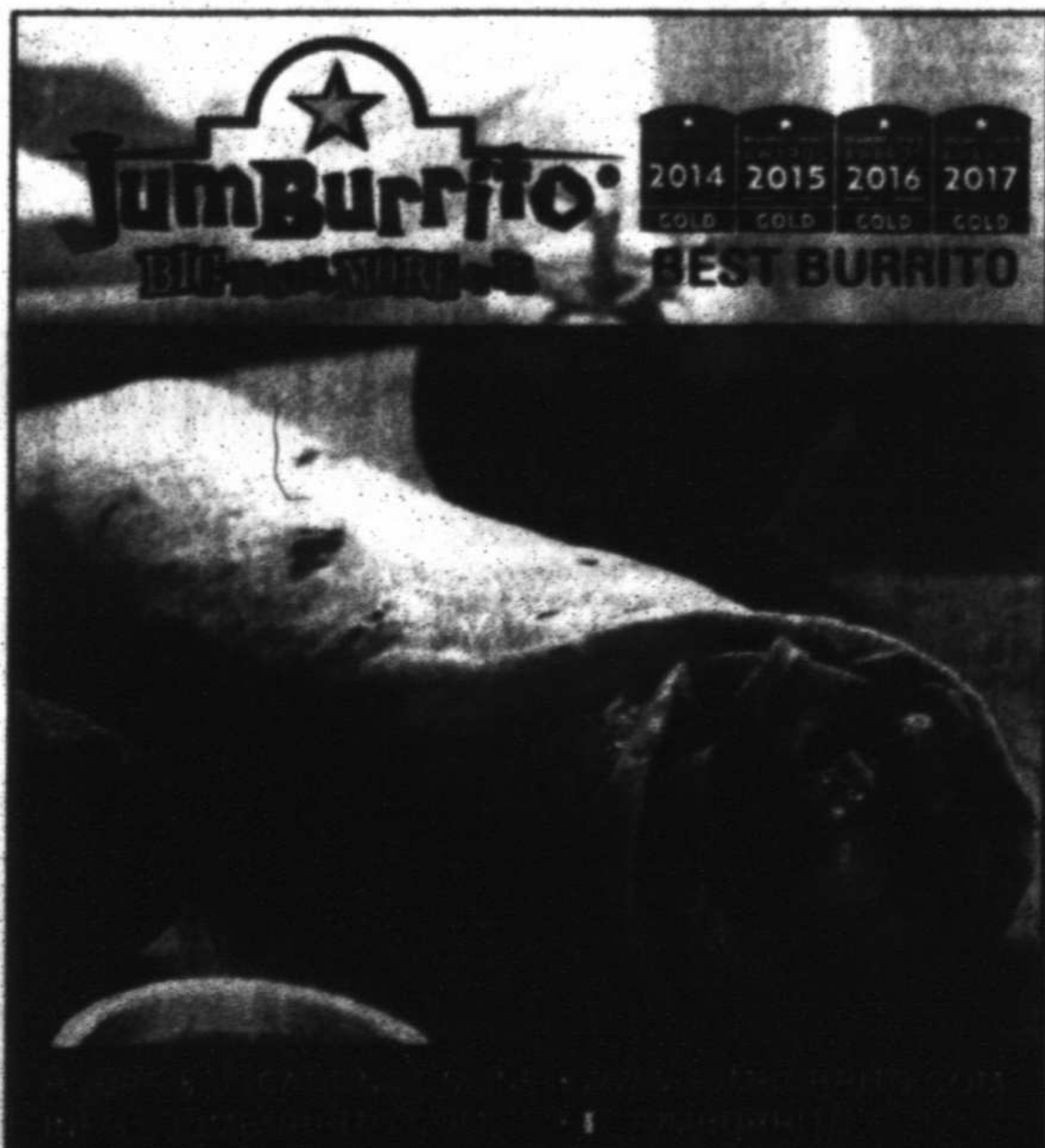
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Trudeau is annoying but isn't an adversary

■ U.S. is dissipating its energies with steel and aluminum tariffs against allies and potentially alienating friends in what should be a united front against China

Justin Trudeau may be the annoying, youthful avatar of chic progressivism — but he's not our adversary. After leaving the G-7 summit, President Donald Trump blasted the Canadian prime minister on Twitter as weak and dishonest, in the kind of invective once reserved for "Little Rocket Man."

The Trump presidency routinely produces unprecedented events, and here is another: Never before has a president of the United States spoken as scornfully in public about the head of state of a friendly, allied country. Particularly one who has appeared in Vogue.

Trudeau is not exactly a threatening figure, although his worshipful, celebrity-fueled press coverage qualifies as one of the more vexing political phenomena in all of North America (Rolling Stone celebrated the fact that he rides a unicycle; TMZ declared him on the "clear path to hottest leader in the world").

RICH LOWRY
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It's not clear what exactly led to the great U.S.-Canada tiff of 2018. White House aides fanned out over the weekend to try to lend meaning and justification to the flap.

They said Trudeau had stabbed the president in the back at the meeting. But Trudeau didn't say anything after Trump left the G-7 that he hadn't signaled before — namely that Canada finds Trump's steel and aluminum tariffs insulting and will retaliate.

They said that Trudeau risked undermining the president's position at his imminent summit in Singapore with Kim Jong Un. But the North Korea dictator is not recalibrating his diplomacy based on the statements of a leader of an inoffensive country half a world away.

The incident is a great misdirection. Canada's trade practices are hardly above

reproach. Its tariff on milk of 270 percent, highlighted by Trump officials the past few days, is stupid and indefensible. It is guilty of subsidizing and protecting favored companies and sectors, the way most countries are.

It is nothing compared with the world's great mercantilist power, though. China routinely steals U.S. intellectual property, seeks to distort the entire system of international commerce to its advantage, and is pouring resources into a massive military buildup, with which it eventually hopes to expel the United States from East Asia.

Trudeau is the facile, democratically elected leader of a Western society; President Xi Jinping is the remorseless president for life of a hostile dictatorship. It's not a remotely close call who we should be aiming our fire at.

That we are dissipating our energies with steel and aluminum tariffs against allies and potentially alienating friends in what should be a united front against China speaks to a key mistake. Trump views the U.S. trade deficit — with any country, friend or foe — as the problem rather than China as the unique commercial and geostrategic competitor. One of the advantages that the United

States has in the long-term conflict with China is that we border peaceable, friendly countries. This is a blessing that shouldn't be treated dismissively or recklessly.

The flare-up with Trudeau is not an encouraging sign for prospects of renegotiating NAFTA, which also should be viewed in strategic terms. As Derek Scissors of the American Enterprise Institute points out, the trade agreement could extend beyond North America to Britain, which is seeking a new trade arrangement as it exits the EU, and the Philippines and Taiwan, which are pressured by China.

"A completed NAFTA 2.0," Scissors writes, "would provide the concrete foundation for rapid conclusion of comprehensive or partial trade agreements with these and other countries, while reassuring partners that the Trump administration is willing and able to move forward on trade if they are willing to meet some American demands."

None of this will happen if Trump is determined to pursue a protectionist policy no matter what, or he lets his pique at friends get the best of him. The trade war — and the fight for our paramount interests — won't be won or lost against Justin Trudeau. Beijing, not Ottawa, is our enemy.

OPINION EXTRA

In Singapore, Trump tests the value of just showing up

Was President Donald Trump's summit in Singapore little more than the superficial equivalent of a ribbon-cutting? Was it just a cosmetic event, like turning over the first shovel of dirt at a decorated construction site? Maybe.

It is a little ironic that Tuesday was President George H.W. Bush's 94th birthday, as I am reminded of the criticism he received for saying at the outset of his trip to Eastern Europe in July 1989 that "90 percent of life is just showing up." Much uncertainty lay ahead for the former Soviet Union, and Bush received a lot of flak for lacking specifics as to how he would solidify the freedom of newly independent Eastern European states. Yet Bush was confident, and he understood the role he could play by making the trip and setting a new course.

While Trump is no George H.W. Bush, I think it is fair to say he has done some good by showing up in Singapore. Yes, of course, there is much to be done and nothing is certain. The unreliability of North Korea is legendary. It is easy to recite all the things that didn't happen in Singapore, and it is at the top of everyone's mind that North Korea is a murderous, savage regime that has never been truthful about anything. But diplomacy is engaged, tension is down and Americans are being greeted with the news that there is progress. If six months ago Trump was pushing us toward war with North Korea, he is, at least for the time being, leading us the other way even if all he really did was just show up.

But Trumpian diplomacy can cause whiplash. He gratuitously insulted Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau over the weekend, and rather than walk any of it back, the White House doubled down with fresh insults. Yet the president embraces the murderous, treacherous Kim. To say the least, the inconsistency of his approach is on full display. Is Trump holding his friends not so close and his enemies closer? I wish I could say that the wild swings were part of a plan.

Anyway, it is going to be much easier for Republican elected officials and candidates to defend Trump's push toward peace than it would be to defend more taunts, insults and the public reminders to Kim and the rest of the world that the United States' nuclear arsenal is at Trump's fingertips.

While just showing up might not be the 90 percent of what matters in life, it counts for a lot. Even though there's a lot of uncertainty and a lot left to be done, Trump deserves some credit for doing his part so far.

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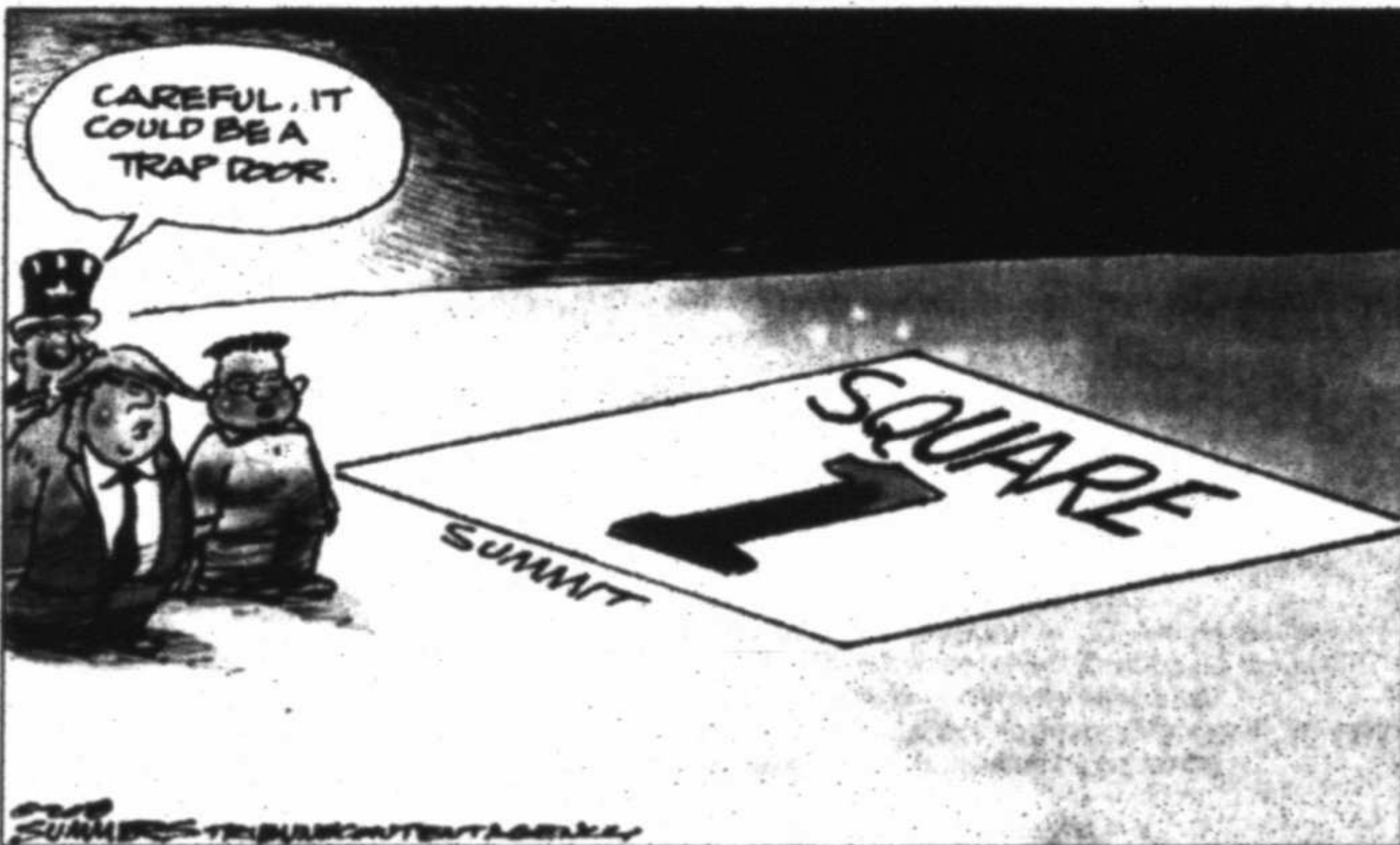
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A president finally stands up to Canada

■ Finally, the United States has a president with the brains and the guts to stand up to the menace of the north.

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Canada: You had it coming, eh. They inflicted Nickelback on us. We did nothing.

They sent us Justin Bieber. We turned the other cheek.

They were responsible for one abomination after the other: Poutine. Diphthong vowels. Hawaiian pizza. Instant mashed potatoes. Ted Cruz.

Still, we did not retaliate — until now. Finally, the United States has a president with the brains and the guts to stand up to the menace of the north. This weekend President Trump called Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau "weak," "very dishonest & weak" for protesting U.S. tariffs. Trump's trade adviser said "there's a special place in hell" for Trudeau, and Trump's economic adviser said Trudeau "stabbed us in the back" and is guilty of "betrayal" and "double-crossing."

How do you feel now, Canada? Or, to put it in a language you understand: How's she bootin' er?

Trudeau earned his place in the underworld for some truly appalling rhetoric, saying "we're polite, we're reasonable, but we also will not be pushed around." Offensive! He also found it "kind of insulting" that the Trump administration said it was imposing tariffs on Canadian goods "for a national security reason" given that Canadians "stood shoulder to shoulder with American soldiers in far off lands in conflicts from the First World War onward."

Canada is not a national security threat to the United States. Au contraire, as they say in (very foreign) Quebec.

Trudeau conveniently omits the invasion of Detroit from Canada in 1812. And there was that ugly dispute in 1844 when soon-to-be President James K. Polk wanted the U.S. border to extend all the way north to Alaska at 54 degrees, 40 minutes latitude (slogan: "Fifty-four forty or fight!") but was forced to accept the 49th parallel, a humiliation that denied us Vancouver and many great Chinese restaurants.

And let's not even get started about the soft-wood lumber dispute. Too painful.

Trump bravely punished Canada by withdrawing the United States from the communiqué of the weekend's Group of Seven meeting, which was hosted by Trudeau. The communiqué Trump rejected is loaded with objectionable provisions such as "a clean environment," "a healthy, prosperous, sustainable and fair future for all," "quality work environments," "a more peaceful and secure world" and "ending violence against girls and women." In other words, it was like all the other bad, terrible, crazy made, one-sided, miserable deals that make us the laughingstock of the world

— such as the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, NATO, the Paris climate accord and the Iran nuclear deal.

The communiqué was particularly hostile to Trump in its call for "Russia to cease its destabilizing behavior to undermine democratic systems," condemnation of Russia's "illegal annexation of Crimea" and commitment to "a strong stance against human rights abuse." Such language targets the very countries Trump has been courting. In a further insult, the other G-7 leaders had no enthusiasm for Trump's call for readmitting Russia, which was kicked out of the club for invading Ukraine. The G-7 leaders instead scowled at Trump, called his actions a "disappointment" and criticized his "fits of anger."

Inexplicably, these foreigners are not putting America First. That's why Trump needs to quit the group and make his own G-8 — the Great Eight — with more sympathetic world leaders:

■ Rodrigo Duterte of the Philippines, who enjoys "a great relationship" with Trump as he deploys extralegal killing squads.

■ North Korea's Kim Jong Un, who is "very open" and "very honorable" in running the most repressive regime on Earth.

■ Egyptian dictator Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, who established himself as a "fantastic guy" with his bloody crackdown on dissidents.

■ The Saudi regime, which has been "tremendous" as it purges business leaders and critics.

■ Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who is "getting very high marks" as he jails opponents.

■ China's premier, Xi Jinping, who did something "great" in making himself president for life.

■ And, of course, Russian President Vladimir Putin, "getting an A" for his leadership and receiving a congratulatory call from Trump after his "election."

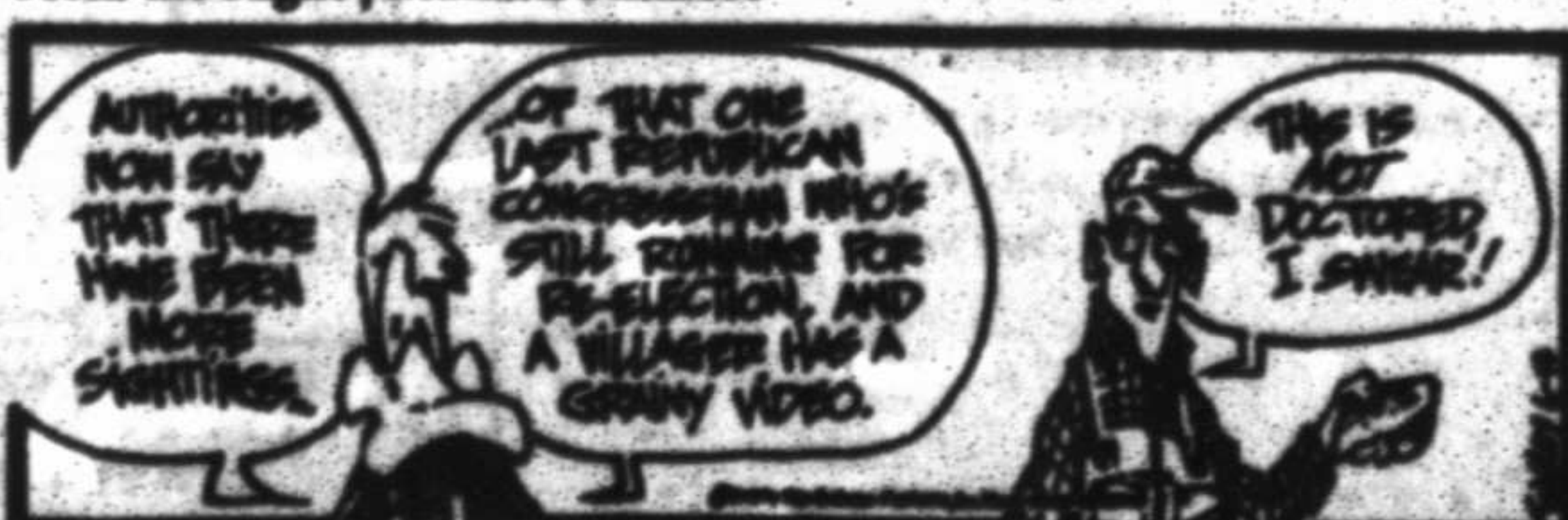
There is no room in this G-8 for Britain, France, Germany, Italy or Japan — and certainly not Canada. Canadians say "sorry" for everything. But Trudeau not only failed to apologize to Trump, he won praise from his political opponents for defying Trump. This is a clear and present danger to the United States. Given Canadians' well-known instability — their currency is called the "loonie" — there can be only one solution: We are going to build a wall from Maine to Alaska — and Ottawa is going to pay.

Fifty-four forty or fight! MAGA! Take off, losers.

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Kim Jong Un flies home with lots to brag about

By Eric Talmadge
Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — All North Korean leader Kim Jong Un really needed from his unprecedented summit with U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday was to keep his nuclear arsenal intact for the time being and get a decent handshake photo to show he has truly arrived on the world stage.

To probably even his own surprise, he got that and a whole lot more.

While offering no solid promises to abandon his hard-won nuclear arsenal any time soon, Kim got to stand as an equal with the leader of the world's most powerful nation, received indications that the future of joint U.S.-South Korea military maneuvers may be in doubt and was showered with effusive praise from a president who just last year derided him as "little rocket man."

If he was forced to negotiate by U.S. pressure, it certainly wasn't obvious. And if any skeptics of the diplomatic campaign he launched with his neighbors early this year remain inside his regime back home, the summit went a long way toward sidelining them even further.

All of this from a 34-year-old leader who was widely written off as too young and too inexperienced to last very long when he assumed power after his enigmatic father, Kim Jong Il, died in late 2011.

From the start of their meeting, Trump showered Kim with praise, calling him a "talented man" who "loves his country very much."

But more importantly, Trump suggested he would like to end annual military exercises with South Korea — a major, longstanding North Korean demand — and gave Kim lots of wiggle room on the future of his nuclear weapons, replacing calls for an immediate or even a speedy de-

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nuclearization process with a virtual shrug that "it does take a long time." The success of the summit wasn't a foregone conclusion.

Right up until Kim's arrival, North Korea, which may have wanted the meeting even more than Trump, had been palpably nervous.

After pushing back too strongly on Trump administration demands it denuclearize immediately, which prompted Trump to temporarily call the summit off, the North immediately softened its tone to get Trump back on board. To sweeten the deal for Washington, Kim also made a major show before foreign media of the closure of his country's nuclear test site, returned three American prisoners and announced a unilateral moratorium on further nuclear tests and long-range missile launches.

But North Korea's confidence began to show almost as soon as Kim arrived in Singapore on Sunday.

Though its state-run media had cautiously reported relatively little on the summit in the months-long run-up, it opened the flood gates after he touched down in a chartered Air China jet, evidence that he had the full backing of his country's powerful neighbor and economic lifeline. Photos of the arrival covered the pages of the ruling party's newspaper and dominated television news.

Kim's night tour of Singapore on the eve of the summit got an even brighter spotlight in the North Korean media, which aired video of him being received like a rock star by crowds of onlookers. News of the summit itself had not yet been reported in the North as of late Tuesday night. But if the lead up was any indication, that historic handshake with Trump, already seen around

the globe, was certain to be the front page of Wednesday's papers.

On denuclearization, the key issue of the summit, Kim appears to have held astonishingly firm. Or perhaps he just wasn't pushed very hard.

Though the leaders mentioned in a joint statement the need for the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, the wording is ominously vague and, it could be argued, doesn't go any further than the North's previous promises. Whether Trump's claim that Kim is devoted to the process remains to be seen.

And, it's safe to assume, that is just fine with Kim.

He got other gifts from Trump as well.

Along with establishing himself as an equal and reinventing his persona abroad as a "normal" leader of a "normal" nation — he even took a selfie with Singapore's foreign minister that was posted on Twitter, which like all other social media is banned in the North — Kim's primary objective at the summit was to undermine support for international trade sanctions that have long hindered his plans to develop North Korea's economy.

His success on that front seemed almost immediate.

Malaysia, which had cut ties after the assassination of Kim's half-brother at Kuala Lumpur's airport a year ago, is now talking of starting them up again.

And China, the key to any serious sanctions effort? It's also reportedly considering easing its trade restrictions.

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President Donald Trump answers questions about the summit with North Korea leader Kim Jong Un during a press conference Tuesday at the Capella resort on Sentosa Island in Singapore.

Trump being Trump: Greatest hits from his press conference

By Anne Flaherty
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Not surprisingly, President Donald Trump's first official solo press conference in 16 months strayed from convention. He talked up North Korea's beachfront property as ideal for condo developments and declared the estimated 100,000 political prisoners in North Korea's gulag as the real winners of the U.S.-North Korea summit.

Here are some of Trump's more noteworthy comments at the Capella Hotel in Singapore:

I'm right, for now

Trump previously criticized President Barack Obama for looking weak after declaring a "red line" in Syria only to not follow through with a U.S. military strike.

On Tuesday, Trump avoided his own "red line" gaffe by attaching a surprisingly honest caveat to his insistence that North Korea will keep its verbal promise to destroy an engine testing site.

"I may be wrong," he said. "I mean, I may stand before you in six months and say, 'Hey, I was wrong.' I don't know that I'll ever admit that, but I'll find some kind of an excuse."

I didn't say Kim was nice

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is suspected of ordering the public assassination of his half brother with a nerve agent, executing his uncle by firing squad and killing U.S. college student Otto Warmbier.

So why would Trump call him "very talented"? Because he is, Trump said.

"Well, he is very talented. Anybody that takes over a situation like he did, at 26 years of age, and is able to run it, and run it tough," is talented, Trump told reporters.

He added: "I don't say he was nice."

As for the estimated 80,000 to 120,000 people imprisoned in the North Korean gulag? Trump said the latest pomp and circumstance can only help them.

"I think, ultimately, they're going to be one of the great winners as a group," he said of the prisoners.

North Korea saved the Olympics

Some travel agents attributed lagging ticket sales for the 2018 Winter Olympics in Seoul to risks posed by North Korea.

To hear Trump tell it, Kim single handedly salvaged the Winter Olympics in South Korea when it agreed to send a delegation.

"As soon as North Korea agreed to send a delegation, tickets 'sold like wildfire,'" Trump said.

"It was a great success," he said. "He did a great thing."

Beach condos

Trump gave control of his global real estate empire to his two adult sons after taking office, but never divested his businesses, opting instead to put his financial assets in a trust.

So the real estate mogul sounded as though he was looking for the next great opportunity when he lauded North Korea's "great beaches."

"You see that whenever they're exploding their cannons into the ocean, right?" he asked. "I said, 'Boy, look at the view. Wouldn't that make a great condo behind it?'"

Trump says he told Kim: "You know, instead of doing that (develop nuclear weapons), you could have the best hotels in the world right there."

Time magazine cover

Trump is known to boast about his appearances on the cover of Time magazine, and fake ones have been hung up at his golf courses. In a recent cover, an artist's rendering depicts Trump looking at a painting of him dressed as a king.

So when a Time reporter identifies himself, Trump responds: "Am I on the cover again this week? Boy ... (I have) so many covers."

The reporter says that is possible, but his question is whether Trump sees Kim as an "equal" considering the human rights abuse allegations.

Trump responds: "If I can save millions of lives by coming here, sitting down, and establishing a relationship with someone who's a very powerful man, who's got firm control of a country, and that country has very powerful nuclear weapons, it's my honor to do it."

By Trump's own yardstick, NKorea pact falls flat

By Foster Klug and Josh Lederman
Associated Press

SINGAPORE — After all the hype, all the vows to tackle what's perhaps the world's most urgent crisis, President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un fell short of the kind of deal the U.S. president himself has long said is needed to settle the North's decadeslong pursuit of nuclear weapons.

For months, Trump has been railing against presidents past, accusing them of an inexcusable failure to solve the nuclear threat emanating from the North. On Tuesday, he patted himself on the back for signing a "comprehensive" pact with Kim paving a path toward denuclearization, but the contours appeared far weaker than even his predecessors' failed deals.

Rather than a detailed statement filled with concrete restraints on the North, the document seemed to amount mostly to a restatement of long-assumed principles and an agreement to keep talking. And Trump made dramatic on-the-spot concessions to Kim that his own advisers had urged him against, including a halt on "provocative" U.S.-South Korea military exercises and an admission he could be willing to withdraw U.S. troops from South Korea in the future.

"These are all things that Trump is putting on the table as concessions, all in exchange for some vague promises by the North Koreans," said Paul Hoenle, a former China director at the White House National Security Council in the Obama and George W. Bush administrations. He called the language in the joint statement "weak, vague and worrisome."

In the document, signed with great fanfare by Trump and Kim in Singapore, Kim committed to "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." Trump said that process would be starting very soon, adding that once it starts, "it's pretty much over."

Not so simple. Kim has made the denuclearization pledge before. In his April agreement with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, the language was similar, with the two vowing to achieve "a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula through complete denucleariza-

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tion." To be sure, the fact the U.S. and North Korea are now on speaking terms, with a prominent display of nascent rapport among their leaders, augurs a lowering of tensions that likely reduces the chances of a nuclear confrontation in the short term. There will be many in Seoul and Tokyo who are relieved that Washington and Pyongyang are talking up friendship, not potential war.

To that end, there could be something to the notion that if two warring enemies can truly start dealing with each other in fundamentally different ways, then there could be future movement on the nuke issue. North Korea is a top-down nation, and Kim's word is law. The North Koreans and Americans also decided to hold more talks and likely another leader-to-leader summit, Trump said, an acknowledgment that the issue won't be resolved in a single day.

Yet line up all the bold claims Trump and his lieutenants made ahead of Tuesday's summit, and it's clear that the end result, at least where nukes are concerned, don't hit the mark. That's especially striking after last year's exchange of threats and insults between Trump and Kim, just as North Korea's torrid weapons testing had many fearing a renewal of the Korean War.

There was irony in the fact that Trump and Kim made direct reference in their agreement to the so-called Panmunjom Declaration between Moon and Kim, with its weak, reheated commitment to denuclearization that lacked specifics at how the rivals would get there. Similarly, there was nothing specific on nukes in Tuesday's declaration — and no joint affirmation of the goal of "complete, verifiable and irreversible" dismantlement that Trump's aides

had previously made the litmus test for success.

Since taking office, Trump has repeatedly indicted his predecessors for their handling of North Korea, which launched its atomic program in the 1960s and began producing bomb fuel in the early 1990s. Past administrations have also used a combination of sanctions and diplomacy to seek denuclearization, and have yielded some results that failed to endure.

President Bill Clinton reached an aid-for-disarmament deal in 1994 that halted North Korea's plutonium production for eight years, halting growth in what was then a very small atomic arsenal. In his final months in office, he also contemplated a summit with then-North Korean leader Kim Jong Il — Kim Jong Un's father — as the two sides negotiated on also limiting the North's missile program but ran out of time in office.

George W. Bush took a tougher stance toward North Korea, and the 1994 nuclear deal collapsed amid suspicions that the North was running a secret uranium program. But Bush, too, ultimately pursued negotiations. That led to a temporary disabling of some nuclear facilities, but talks collapsed because of differences over verification.

President Barack Obama made tentative efforts to resume those talks but made little headway. Independent experts estimate North

Korea now has enough fissile material for 20 to 60 bombs, and it has tested missiles that could potentially deliver a nuclear weapon to the U.S. mainland.

Trump and Kim? Their document reads like this: "Reaffirming the April 27, 2018, Panmunjom Declaration, the DPRK (North Korea) commits to work toward complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."

Also missing from the document was something Trump signaled ahead of the summit that could be a major "get": language committing to end the Korean War, which was stopped by an armistice, not a peace treaty, leaving the Korean Peninsula still technically in a state of war. The closest Trump and Kim got was a vow to "join their efforts to build a lasting and stable peace regime on the Korean Peninsula."

All this leaves Trump open to criticism that he has given Kim what he has long wanted — recognition, respect and legitimacy on the world stage as an equal — without getting anything substantive on nukes in return.

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GOP seeks immigration accord under pressure from moderates

By Alan Fram
and Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans labored to strike an immigration accord Tuesday, the day restive moderates have said they'd move to force future votes on the divisive issue if no compromise is reached. Aides said any deal would likely include provisions changing how immigrant children are separated from their families at the border.

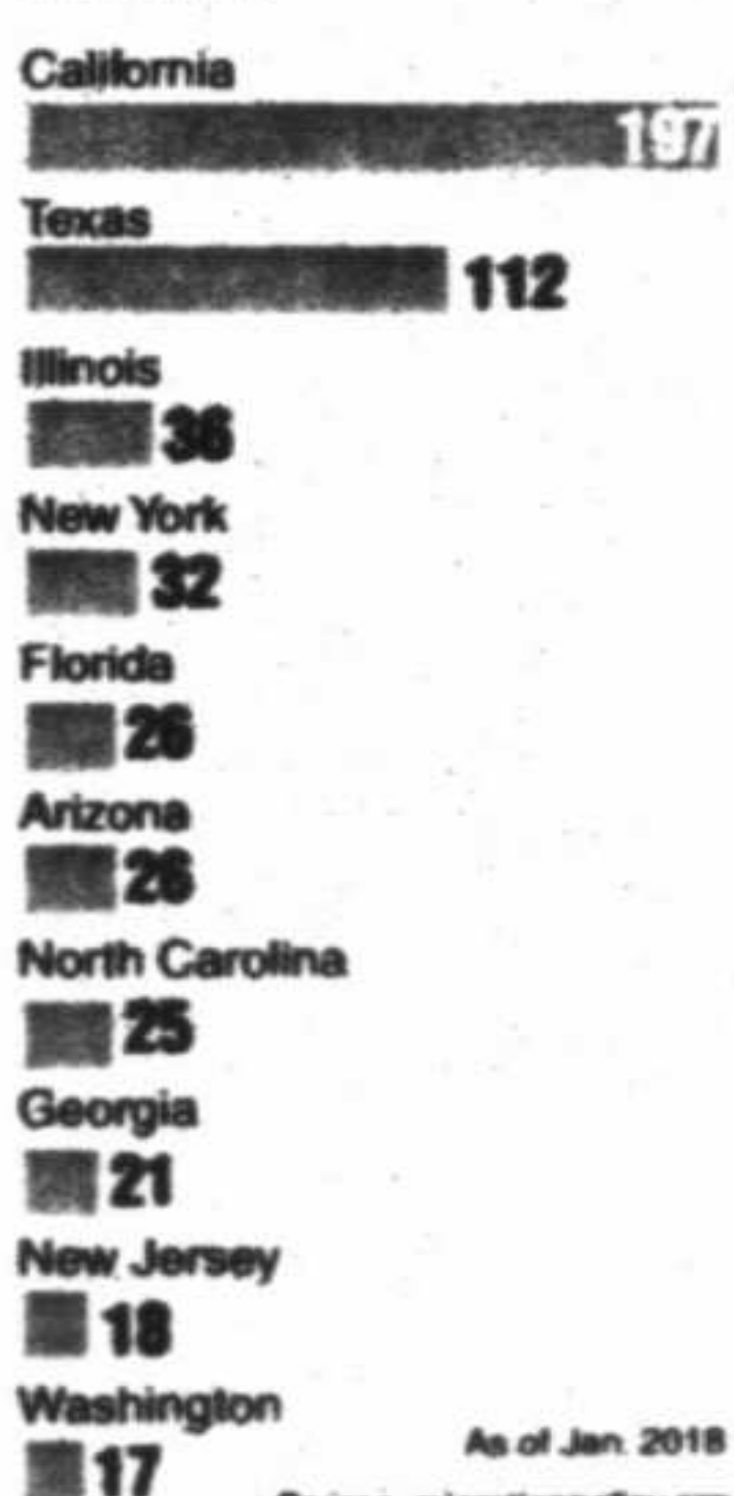
Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., planned to meet with centrist and conservative GOP leaders in hopes of defusing an election-year civil war that leaders worry will alienate right-leaning voters. For weeks, the two factions have hunted ways to provide a route to citizenship for immigrants brought illegally as children to the U.S. and bolster border security, but have failed to find middle ground.

Moderates led by Reps. Carlos Curbelo of Florida and California's Jeff Denham have said that without an agreement, they would on Tuesday get the 218 signatures — a House majority — needed on a petition that would trigger votes later this month on four immigration bills. They are three names short but have said they have enough supporters to succeed.

House GOP leaders have tried to derail that rarely used process, asserting those votes would probably produce a liberal-leaning bill backed by Democrats and just a smattering of Republicans. They've been trying to craft a right-leaning measure, but the party has long flailed to find compromise between centrists with Hispanic and moderate-minded constituents and conserva-

California leads in DACA recipients

Number of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program initial applications approved, in thousands:



tives whose voters back President Donald Trump's hard-line views.

Any deal is likely to include much, if not all, of the \$25 billion Trump wants to build his proposed wall with Mexico and other security steps. But there have been disagreements over details, such as conservative plans to make it easier to deport some immigrants here legally.

Trump's recent clampdown on people entering the U.S. illegally has resulted in hundreds of children being separated from their families and a public relations black eye for the administration.

No law requires those children to be taken from their parents. A two-decade old court settlement requires those who are separated to be released quickly to relatives or qualified programs. Republicans are seeking language to make it easier to keep the families together longer, said several Republicans.

Besides trying to cut a deal on a bill, Ryan and other GOP leaders have been trying to persuade moderate Republicans to not sign the petition. Two Republican aides said that as part of that, party leaders have promised votes later this year on a bill dealing with migrant agriculture workers and requirements that employers use a government online system to verify workers' citizenship.

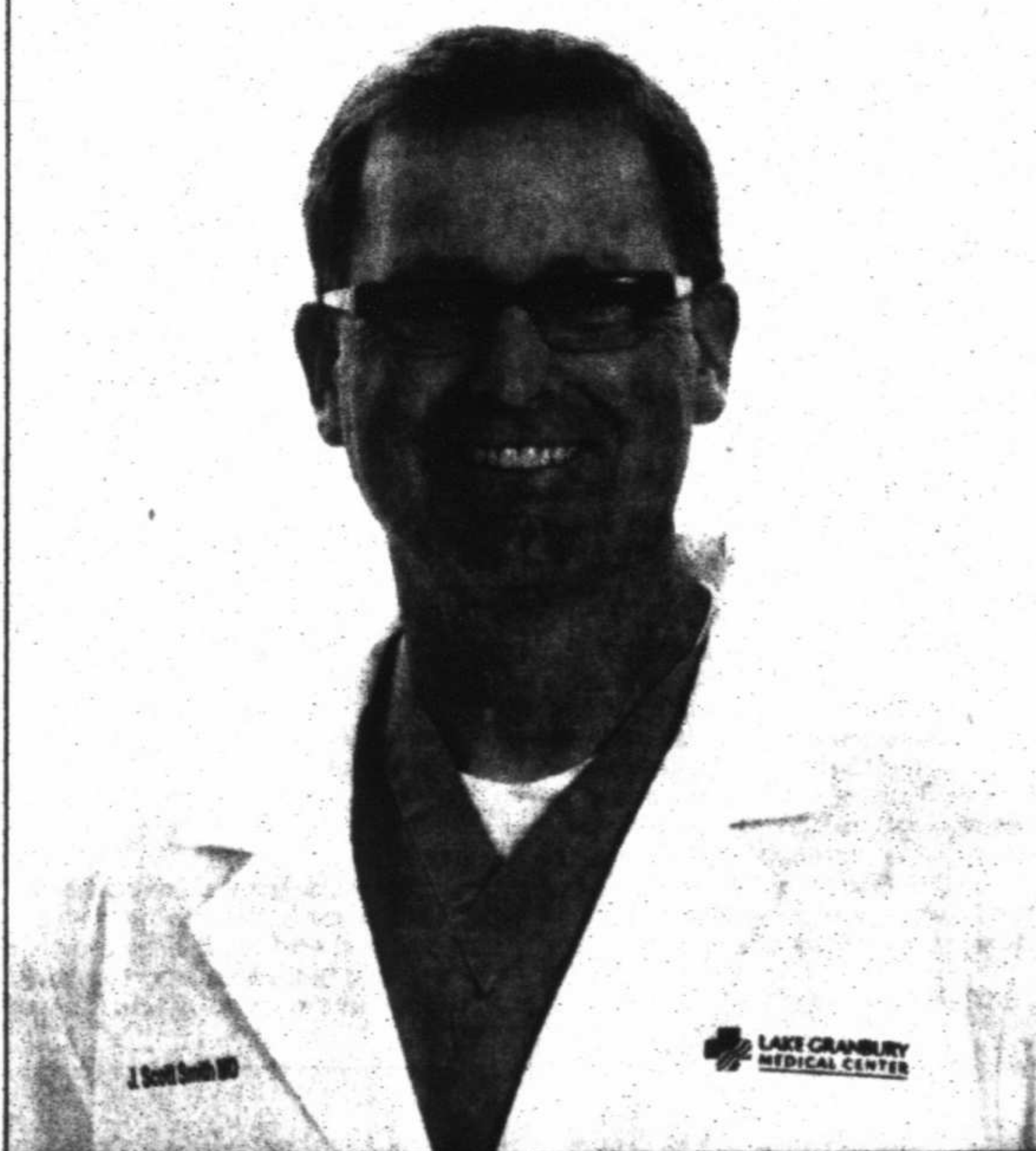
The Republicans spoke on condition of anonymity to describe private talks.

Under House procedures, if the moderates' petition reaches 218 signatures on Tuesday, the immigration votes could occur as soon as June 25. Otherwise, the votes would have to wait until July.

Trump last year terminated the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, though federal court orders have kept the program functioning for now. Hundreds of thousands of young immigrants have benefited from DACA or could qualify for it, and moderates want legislation that would give these so-called Dreamers a way to become legal residents and ultimately citizenship.

Conservatives have derided that step as amnesty for lawbreakers and have resisted providing a special pathway to protect them.

In recent days, talks have focused on proposals that give the Dreamers a way to gain legal status, perhaps making them eligible for visas now distributed under existing programs. Trump has proposed limiting the relatives that immigrants can bring to the U.S. and ending a lottery that provides visas to people from countries with low immigration rates, which could free up some visas.



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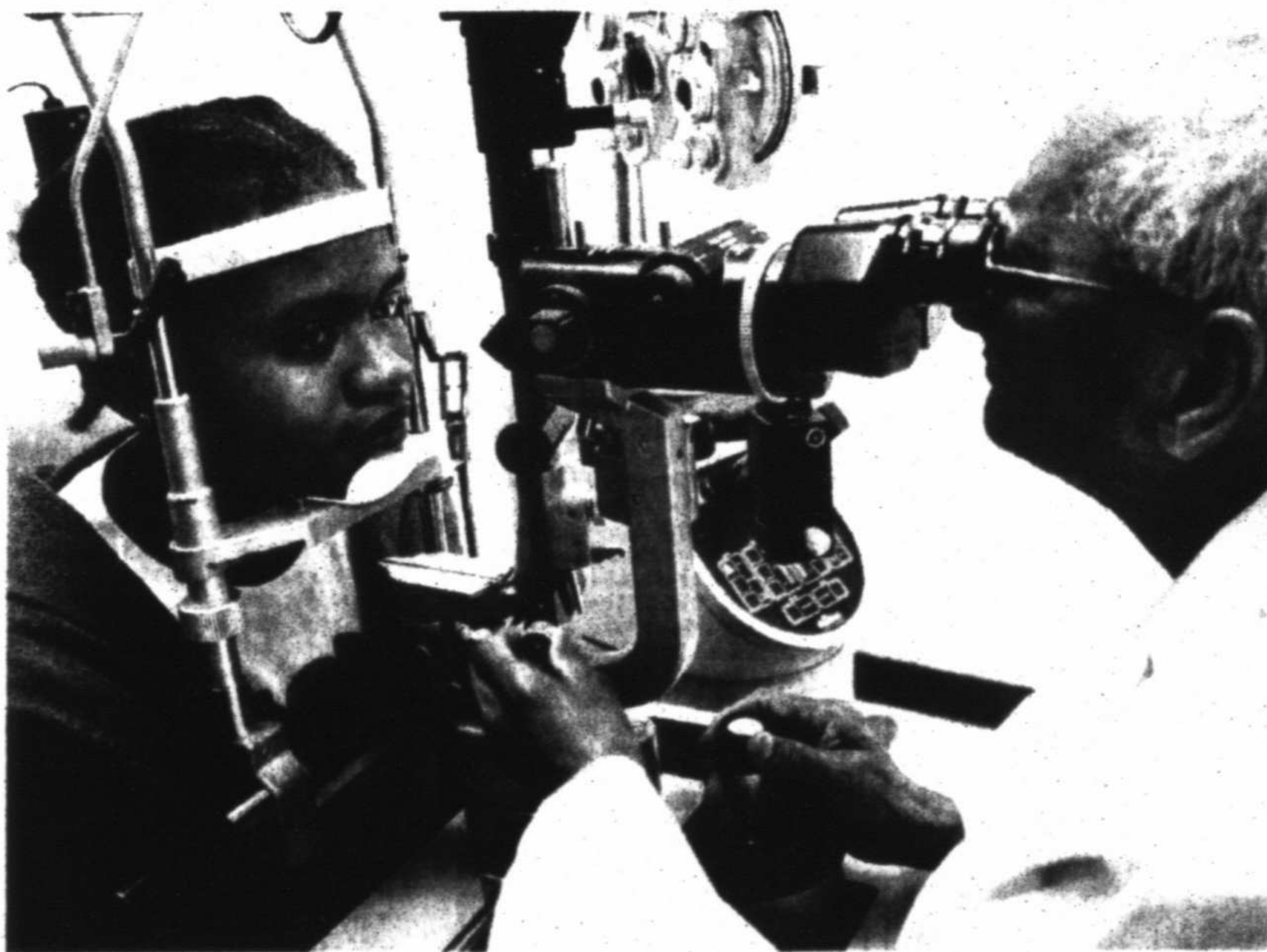
ing the terminology and treatment options and making sure that the best decisions are being made is so much more impactful when our health is involved. This is a very stressful time in a woman's life.

If other stressors — such as travel and staying in hotels and eating out — are added, the stress level is compounded. For all of us, there is something comforting about sleeping in your own bed, going to your own grocery store, eating food prepared in your own kitchen. But as much as we want these comforts, we want to be certain we are doing the right thing.

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Dr. Harshad Shah examines Michaelle Jean Marie's eyes Friday in his office at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus.

Haitian teen comes to Midland for surgeries

■ Doctors donate services to prevent girl's loss of vision

By Simone Jasper
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As Michaelle Jean Marie's eyesight deteriorated, her teachers noticed the impact on her performance in school. They brought the Haitian teenager to an eye clinic, which started a journey that would take her to Midland.

Amelia Belizaire worked with patients at the Haitian clinic and said a doctor there had determined the 14-year-old girl's vision would continue to decline unless something was done.

"Probably one of the biggest obstacles that we faced is: Where are we going to find a hospital that's going to accept her?" said Belizaire, who lives in Midland. "(We) might find personnel that would be. But for a hospital to say, 'Just bring this child here,' is pretty extraordinary."

Locally, Belizaire said Midland Health staff didn't hesitate when they were approached about offering care for Jean Marie. Among the area medical professionals who agreed to donate time and services for the teenager was Dr. Harshad Shah.

"I do a lot of charity missions all across the globe," the ophthalmologist said. "I go to different countries to train

the doctors as well as do the surgeries."

With support from West Texans, it took more than two years before Jean Marie could come to the United States for her medical procedures. Belizaire said people in the teenager's community helped her to gather paperwork before an interview at the U.S. Embassy in Haiti.

Eventually, the nonprofit World Pediatric Project paid Jean Marie's airfare and provided a travel escort. In Midland, Belizaire agreed to host the teenager as she underwent the life-changing surgeries.

"She doesn't know anybody else

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Midlanders are encouraged to donate blood during summer break

By Simone Jasper
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As community members fill their summer break schedules, a representative with United Blood Services

hopes some of them take time to participate in blood drives. Donations usually slow down in the summer, so events this year have used incentives to attract volunteers.

"Summer time is the hardest time to get people to have blood drives and to donate," said Dianne Scott, senior donor recruitment representative for United Blood Services. "There's so many people ... going on vacation."

The nonprofit provides blood to local medical facilities. At Midland Memorial Hospital, summer has historically been a time for lower supplies from the organization.

"When school's not in session, they're dependent on blood drives or walk-in donations from the community," said Anne Skipper, blood bank manager. "That puts the extra burden on the community to come and make up that deficit."

During the academic year, most local donations come from high school blood drives. Students who donate three times starting at age 16 can wear a red cord with their graduation regalia. Scott said that incentive motivates some teenagers, and she notices many express a desire to help out.

"The young people want to donate blood," Scott said. "If we do not have high school blood drives, we would be in a shortage because about (66) percent of our blood comes from high schools."

One participating campus was Richard Milburn Academy, which held three blood drives during the last school year. Before its most recent blood drive, students and staff since 2016 had donated 112 units of blood. That amount could potentially impact 400 lives, according to information provided to the Reporter-Telegram.

Outside of schools, blood drives at businesses help to increase blood supply levels in the Permian Basin. Scott has been considering other ways to get people involved. "I'm a recruiter, and I've been here 18 years and always have a plan A, B, C and D," Scott said in a May interview. "We're going to have summer promotions."

One of those events took place Saturday, when Schlitterbahn water park tickets were available for the first 100 donors at Market Street. Scott was grateful that West Texas Radio Group supported the

Blood drive info

Volunteers are required to:

- be in good health,
- weigh at least 110 pounds,
- be at least 16 years old (with a parent's signed permission if younger than 18),
- stay hydrated and
- bring identification.

Donors 22 and younger face additional height and weight requirements. To schedule a blood drive, call United Blood Services at 561-5539.

People with mental illness don't have to suffer in silence

As we grieve the recent loss of life of Kate Spade and Anthony Bourdain, as well as our own family, friends and colleagues to suicide,

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we naturally ask, "What can be done to prevent the loss of another life?" How do we as a community connect and help each other to realize the unique value we each hold?

There has been a 30 percent increase nationwide in deaths by suicide since 1999, according to a recent study released by the Centers for Disease Control and

More info

The CDC suicide report is available at www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2016/s0007-suicide-prevention.html

Prevention. However, only about half of the individuals who died by suicide had a documented mental illness. These two facts deliver a very important message: We as a community must work to destigmatize mental illness and encourage everyone to seek the help they need without fear of judgment.

One in 4 people have a diagnosable mental illness according to the

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While implementing new forms of groundbreaking communication, challenges will arise—much like sailing through a storm.

Just as a lighthouse serves as a beacon to navigate and chart the correct path through rough waters to reach a safe harbor, we will address challenges as they arise. The results are giving all Midland Health patients and employees the benefits of the latest technology and communication resources through BEACON. This is one more step toward making Midland the healthiest community in West Texas. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate towards better, clearer, more accessible care for all.

For more information, visit midlandhealth.org/beacon





Courtesy of Children's Hospital Los Angeles

A child uses virtual reality goggles while getting his blood drawn. Such devices allow patients to relax despite the stresses of treatment.

Virtual reality lets patients ease stress and pain

By Meeri Kim

Special to The Washington Post

Despite being in and out of hospitals since the age of 16, one of Harmon Clarke's biggest fears is having an intravenous line inserted into his arm. The 34-year-old resident of Los Angeles has had more than 30 surgeries related to his Crohn's disease, but getting stuck with an IV needle has never gotten less stressful.

"Because of my Crohn's, I get really dehydrated, which makes it really challenging to get an IV in," Clarke said. "One time, literally eight different IV nurses had come into my room trying to get a line in, and I'm in tears. I can't do my procedure or surgery until we get this done, and it was just like a nightmare."

That day, he tried an experiment. As part of a research project at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Clarke had been given a bedside virtual-reality headset to use when he felt pain. It was programmed with immersive, multisensory 3D content designed to distract patients from pain. Clarke popped the VR headset on, and his bustling hospital room was immediately replaced with the natural, calming beauty of Yellowstone National Park. He relaxed — and a nurse was able to get an IV started for him in no time.

Since then, he has used the VR headset for IV insertions, blood draws, breakthrough pain between scheduled doses of medication and even insomnia.

Erin Martucci, 42, tried virtual reality for the first time in a very different but also incredibly painful situation: During labor. For the birth of her second child, she told her obstetrician that she wanted a natural birth, without an epidural or any pain medication. But as her labor quickly progressed, fear and anxiety began to take over.

"I could tell the contractions were coming quicker, and ... I started panicking a little bit," said Martucci of New Hampton, New York. "I started teetering, like, 'Oh, my God, I'm not going to be able to do this.'"

Before going forward with an epidural, her doctor offered her a VR headset.

The doctor "put the apparatus on me, and I was immediately in a beach scene and being comforted by the audio of a woman's voice going through the breathing with me," she said. "Having the visual and narration

definitely calmed me down and took away that anxiety, and I knew that I could do it without the epidural."

After almost two hours of labor, the doctor removed the headset. It was time for Martucci to push and deliver her baby. Within a minute, she gave birth to a healthy girl.

"I was, like, 'What's going on? Why are you taking this away now?' Because we didn't talk ahead of time what was going to happen, I really thought that I was going to use these goggles as I'm pushing my baby out!" she said. The VR "helped me get through what I was so fearful of — like that I wasn't able to do it — and I delivered my baby without any assistance of drugs."

Clarke and Martucci represent a growing number of patients treated with virtual-reality distraction for pain in a hospital setting. Cedars-Sinai has used the technology on more than 2,500 patients since 2016, more than any other hospital in the world. Martucci's obstetrician-gynecologist, Ralph Anderson, who practices at Orange Regional Medical Center in Middletown, New York, has used VR to help more than 50 women ease pain during childbirth. And Los Angeles-based AppliedVR, a company that sells a VR kit and creates its own therapeutic content, has partnered with more than 100 hospitals, including Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital and Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

"Virtual reality is part of our culture now, so it's not as alien of a technology as it once was. I think people look at it as an opportunity to deliver better patient care," said Jeffrey Gold, director of the Pediatric Pain Management Clinic at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, which began using VR in 2004. "Maybe VR can complement a lower dose of pain medication or will eliminate the need for medicine altogether for some patients, which would be optimal."

Researchers began to explore virtual reality as a therapy for pain in the late 1990s, but the expensive and bulky equipment prevented it from gaining popularity. Today's VR systems are more affordable, lightweight, smaller and comfortable. Many use a smartphone for the display and hardware, which can cut costs. This wave of new and improved devices — along with a growing opioid epidemic that has left

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here," Belzair said. "That's a huge change for her, so ... of course she would stay with us."

Belzair's husband, Roger, is a native of Haiti, and their family usually travels there twice a year. They first met Jean Marie when she was about 7 years old and knew recently that she was close to losing her vision.

"If it weren't for Dr. Shah accepting the case and the people in Haiti getting her here, (loss of vision) would probably have come to pass," Amelia Belzair said. "There are not many resources where she lives that would have been able to help her."

A New York-based doctor at the eye clinic in Haiti had determined the lenses in Jean Marie's two eyes

were dislocated. By the time the teenager arrived in Midland, she read only at a close distance.

"She could not see the television," Shah said. "She could not see anything (clearly) beyond maybe 2 feet."

Last month, Shah in separate surgeries used instruments to remove Jean Marie's right and left lenses. He also added foldable lenses and put in sutures to hold them in place.

During a follow-up appointment Friday, Shah used a laser treatment on the teenager's left eye. Jean Marie had already undergone the procedure on her other eye to clear cloudiness. Shah said his patient — who didn't want to be interviewed — would later be fitted for glasses.

As she participates in the process, Belzair hopes

people consider supporting children's organizations and Midland Memorial Hospital, which she said provided Jean Marie quality care.

"There's a lot of really, really good people out there," she said. "If you want to do something, it doesn't have to be extraordinary. It doesn't have to be something this big."

After Jean Marie's time in Midland, her host thinks the girl's future will be bright. Belzair said the teenager's teachers realize she is smart and that she has retained knowledge through memorization.

"She honestly can do anything she wants to do at this time because she has the skills and a whole community behind her to move her forward," Belzair said.

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Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, and only 1 out of 5 of those people seek help and treatment. For Midland County, this means more than 41,000 people need to seek treatment, but only about 8,250 will. Therefore, approximately 33,000 people in our community who will continue to suffer in silence.

Please, don't let your family member, friend or colleague be one of those 33,000, but most importantly, don't be one of the 33,000 yourself. Midland is fortunate to have resources for mental health and substance-abuse issues. Please, be brave and seek help. Recovery is real. Recovery happens, and it can happen for you.

Elaine Bedell is executive director of the Midland Behavioral Health Leadership Team.

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■ Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas
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Obituaries



Doris Jean Miller

Doris Jean Miller, 81, of Lubbock, Texas went to be with the Lord on June 9, 2018. Doris was born in Otney, Texas on June 19, 1936 to Silas and Hazel Kee. She attended schools in Caddo, Oklahoma and after the family moved, she attended Plains High School in Plains, Texas. Doris was married to Don H. Miller on July 20, 1953. They were happily married 60 years before his passing in 2013. She worked as a bookkeeper for Albertson's Supermarket for more than 20 years. She enjoyed church, cooking, bible studies, crocheting, family reunions, and anything her grandchildren were involved in.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Donna J. Minnick of Midland and sisters Anita Diamond and Bobbie Jo Kee both of Midland.

She is survived by her sons, Jerry Miller and his wife Donna of Weatherford, Texas, and Steve Miller and his wife Sheila of Lubbock; grandchildren Nathan Maples and his wife Diane of San Antonio, Texas, Amanda Bruton of Sierra Vista, Arizona, Joshua Miller of Lubbock, Garrett Miller of Midland, Hayden Miller of The Colony, Texas and Collins Miller of Lubbock; sister Pat Brookshire and her husband Don of Midland; brother-in-law James Diamond also of Midland and by numerous and much-loved nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 13th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 14th at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel at Ellis Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Hanks officiating. A small graveside service will immediately follow at Resthaven Memorial Park North.

Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

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Harold C. Franklin

Harold C. Franklin, 88, of Midland, Texas passed away June 8, 2018 in Midland. He was born March 28, 1930 in Hereford, Texas to the late Earl and Lois Franklin.

He was preceded in death by daughter, Leah Beth Brothers in January 2011.

Harold was a member of Alamo Heights Baptist Church. He retired from El Paso Natural Gas after twenty-eight years of employment. During his retirement he was employed at the MISD Bus Barn and was a crossing guard for two years.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Franklin; children, Jon Harold Franklin and wife, Lorraine and Wana Lynn Short; step children, Robby Robison and wife, Ila, Curtis Alford and wife, Manda; grandchildren, Jason Brothers, Jarod Brothers, Eric Cooper, Blaze Alford, Cheyenne Alford, Carly Robison and Hunter Robison.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, June 14, 2018 at Alamo Heights Baptist Church in Midland.

In lieu of florals, donations may be made in Harold's name to Star Hospice.



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Vickie Friday Van Ness

On Friday June 1, 2018 Vickie Friday Van Ness, mother, daughter, sister, sister-in-law, aunt and friend passed away surrounded by

her family at the age of 62. She battled heart disease for over a year until her heart could take no more. She will always be remembered by her family and friends, too numerous to list. Vickie will be remembered for many things, especially her amazing ability to help and care for others.

She was born on September 12, 1955 in Midland Texas the second child of Corbie and Erma Friday. In the early 1990's she received her nursing license from Midland Community College and helped anyone that needed it.

She touched more lives than she knew, including many of her doctors, nurses, and employees at her pharmacy. She enjoyed music, cooking and making those around her feel loved. Vickie is survived by her daughter Jessica Mintz, son-in-law Ofer Mintz, and grandson Robert Mintz of Austin, Tx; her brother Thomas Friday, sister-in-law Lavonya Friday, nephews David and Corbie Friday, and great niece Danica Friday all of Austin, Tx; her great nephew Daniel Friday of Stanton, Tx, and many cousins. She is preceded in death by her parents, Corbie Dee Friday and Erma Lee (Myers) Friday and her first daughter Natalie Navarro. A celebration of Vickie's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday June 23, 2018 at the Rochelle Baptist Church, 6102 SE 5th St, Rochelle, Tx 76872, followed by a graveside service at the Rochelle cemetery. Special thanks to the Hospice group that made it possible for her to be at home with her family in the end.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that a donation be made in memory of Vickie to the Alzheimer's Association.

Death Notices

Don McPeak

Don McPeak, 94, of Midland, Texas passed away June 9, 2018. A graveside service is scheduled for Friday, June 15, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park. All floral offerings may be taken to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Survivors include two children, Jerry McPeak and Donna Harry.

Troy Amos Gifford Jr.

Troy Amos Gifford, Jr., 76 of Midland, Texas passed away Monday, June 11, 2018. The family will accept guests from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland with a Graveside Service to follow at 2:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park. Troy is survived by his son, Craig Gifford.

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and beyond what is expected in breast care to make sure that our patients can be comforted knowing there is no place like home.

Our experienced radiologists are on site, consulting with patients and making them aware immediately of any abnormal findings. Our breast-certified nurse navigators are there to help a patient get their biopsy scheduled promptly and if diagnosed, to walk with a patient throughout their entire course of care. Our pathologists are continually improving their processes to reduce the time a patient has to wait for results. Our fellowship-trained breast surgeon and plastic surgeon are especially trained to provide our patients with the best surgical options. Our oncology team provides specialized care to the patient throughout their treatment. We also have a certified lymphedema specialist and lifestyle medicine to assist the patient with the body, mind and soul aspect of care. Truly, all areas of treatment are available for our patients here in the Permian Basin.

But sometimes the questions linger: Should I go somewhere else? Are there better treatments or care elsewhere? Rest assured, the Breast Center at Midland Health has voluntarily committed to pro-

vide the highest quality of breast care by putting ourselves under a rigorous evaluation by the American College of Surgeons to assure that we are maintaining their recognized standards throughout the entire continuum of care. Receiving services at a facility certified by NAPBC (National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers) assures patients that this center's processes have been checked thoroughly from testing to diagnosis and throughout treatment and that standards of care are being met.

The Breast Center at Midland Health also holds the distinctions of an NQIMC (National Quality Measures for Breast Centers) Breast Center of Excellence and an ACR (American College of Radiology) Breast Center of Excellence. These are the highest honors awarded by the NQIMC and ACR. So, when it comes to your breast health, there truly is no place like home. While being diagnosed with breast cancer is very disruptive to life, it is good to be able to keep as many factors as normal as possible. Also, knowing you are being taken care of by hometown friends and family can add comfort to your care.

Jenifer Dumire is a nurse navigator at the Breast Center.

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event. "It makes me feel humble," Scott said. "I'm just so thankful that we do have groups here, and we need more community groups to come through and have blood drives."

Scott has noticed summer declines for years but said it has been especially difficult to find donors recently. With the improving economy, she thinks some people are focused on work and don't

stop to donate blood. Scott also said population growth and vehicle wrecks make the demand higher. The number of traffic fatalities in Midland County as of last week had surpassed the total at this point in 2017, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

At MMH, Skipper said blood donations are used for emergencies as well as elective surgeries. She said the need tends to increase close to Independence Day and other holidays.

"You see the same things over the holidays — Christmas and New Year's — when people aren't available, and demand goes up," Skipper said.

With summer break underway, Scott wants Midlanders to consider donating to make a difference in the lives of others. She doesn't expect the situation to improve until after Labor Day.

"In June, I barely have enough blood drives to supply the need," Scott said. "In July, I do not."

Motivation is the key to overcoming old habits

How many times have you decided you were going to eat healthier, exercise more, end a toxic relationship, stop smoking or be more positive? What were the outcomes? Were you successful, or did you fall back into old habits?

At some point, we all have made the decision to make changes in our lives. As a therapist, I work with individuals who have decided to make changes (voluntarily or involuntarily). Change of any kind often is stressful and uncomfortable. The difference between those who successfully make a change, and those who do not is motivation. Although this sounds fairly simple, it is actually very difficult.

Change is a process that evolves gradually over time. As this process evolves, a person's motivation changes. The most popular framework for discussing motivation to change is the Stages of Change Model developed by James Prochaska and Carlo DiClemente. There are five stages.

■ **Stage One:** pre-contemplation (not ready)

In this stage, individuals are not thinking seriously about change and are not interested in any kind of help. Most individuals in this stage do not realize there is a problem and there needs to be change. They are defensive when others attempt to help them.

■ **Stage Two:** contemplation (getting ready)

In this stage, individuals are aware of the problem and reflect on the personal consequences of problem. They weigh the pros and cons of making a change. Individuals are more open to receiving help from others. This stage can take as little as a couple of weeks or as long as a lifetime. Some individuals will live their entire lives reflecting on the problem but never making a change.

■ **Stage Three:** preparation (ready)

In this stage, individuals have made a

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commitment to make a change. They have identified their motivation and start making plans to change.

■ **Stage Four:** action

In this stage, individuals believe they have the ability to make a change and are actively involved in taking steps to make the change. This stage requires individuals to rely on their own will power and make extreme efforts to make the change. They review their commitment and motivation to themselves and may use short-term rewards to sustain their motivation. Individuals in this stage tend to be open to receiving assistance and support from others.

■ **Stage Five:** maintenance (sticking to it)

In this stage, individuals are able to successfully avoid any temptations to return to the previous behavior. Individuals anticipate situations in which a relapse could occur and prepare in advance. They remain aware of their motivation and that what they are striving for is personally worthwhile and meaningful.

It is important to understand that individuals navigate through these stages differently and relapse is extremely common in several stages. It is normal to regress, to reach one stage only to fall back to a previous stage. Many people seek therapy to assist them in making life changes. Therapy can be beneficial in assisting individuals identify their motivation, move through the stages and overcome regression or relapse.

FDA links baby teething products to breathing issues

By Nicole Villalpando

Austin
American-Statesman

Last month, the Food and Drug Administration told manufacturers to stop marketing over-the-counter teething products with the drug benzocaine. You know these products as Anbesol, Baby Orajel, Cepacol, Chloraseptic, Hurricane, Orabase, Orajel and Topex as well as the store-brand versions. "Because of the lack of efficacy for teething and the serious safety concerns we've seen with over-the-counter benzocaine oral health products, the FDA is taking steps to stop use of these products in young children and raise awareness of the risks associated with other uses of benzocaine oral health products," said FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb in the press release.

So, what's the problem with a little Baby Orajel on your baby's gums?

People noticed that babies sometimes struggled to breathe when these treatments were used. They had a condition called methemoglobinemia — an elevated amount of methemoglobin in the blood, which reduces the amount of oxygen in the blood.

cian at Baylor Scott & White Clinic — Austin, Northwest, says that babies were being sent to the emergency room to get an antidote for methemoglobinemia. Even with an antidote, it's still scary to see your baby struggling to breathe, she says.

"You don't want your baby to have that," she said. The first signs there were problems with benzocaine, occurred about a decade ago, Lal says, but the announcement last month is a much stronger statement from the FDA.

She said those over-the-counter treatments also didn't really work.

Lal says she reminds parents that teething is a normal physiological occurrence.

Most babies start teething around 5 or 6 months, but it can start as early as 4 months and as late as 10 months, Lal says. It usually goes until age 2 or 2 1/2. The first year is definitely the most painful because of the type of teeth as well as it being a new experience for babies.

To ease that pain, Lal recommends washing your hands and then gently rubbing your baby's gums with your finger.

You also can keep teething toys or wet washcloths in the refrigerator. The cold is soothing, but only

freezer. The freezer could damage gum tissue and cause it to die, she says.

Parents also can give babies ibuprofen or acetaminophen to help with the pain.

Your grandmother's trick of putting a little bourbon on baby's gums, also isn't a good idea and doesn't really work on the actual teething problem, she says.

Teething often comes with a lot of drool. Sometimes the gums will be very red, and they can even bleed. If that's happening a lot, you should see a pediatric dentist, Lal says.

Teething does not cause a fever. If your baby has that, something else is happening. Lal says she's known parents who thought it was just teething when it was meningitis. A fever should be checked out.

Teething also should not be causing babies to wake up at night, she says.

It also doesn't make babies hungrier. They might seem like they want to eat all the time, but that's just because they want to gnaw on something, Lal says. She likens it to the puppy who always wants to tear up something.

"They're just trying to feel better," Lal says.

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physicians scrambling for better options for patients experiencing pain — has sparked a renewed interest in VR distraction therapy.

"We're interested in understanding how we can use different technologies to improve the patient experience in ways that don't require more drugs, and VR is one of them," said Brennan Spiegel, director of health services research at Cedars-Sinai.

A number of recent studies have attempted to provide evidence that VR distraction therapy works. In 2017, Spiegel and colleagues published a controlled trial testing the effects on pain of a 3D VR experience vs. a 2D nature video on a TV screen in 100 hospitalized patients. Although both methods lowered perceived pain levels, patients in the VR group reported a greater reduction in pain, on average, than the TV group.

Also last year, a randomized controlled trial by Gold and colleagues found that, out of a group of 143 children, the half who wore a VR headset during blood draws reported experiencing less pain and anxiety than the half who didn't. Other studies, which have focused on patients with cancer, fibromyalgia, chronic pain and burn injuries, have found similar results.

"I have worked in burn care for 18 years and come to the conclusion that narcotics are not enough," said Theresa McSherry, a nurse practitioner at the Oregon Clinic in Portland. "One particular patient was a real challenge, a young man who had burned 100 percent of his body, and the drugs weren't working for him. There wasn't a whole lot I could do for him, and that unfortunate experience really challenged me to look outside the box for future patients."

McSherry connected with VR researcher Hunter Hoffman at the University of Washington, who began

testing VR for pain applications in 1996. He helped her acquire equipment to test with patients needing wound care. The pain level of these sometimes hours-long procedures — removing old dressing, cleaning the wound and applying new dressing — is extremely high.

As a form of distraction, her patients put on VR goggles and played "Snow World," a game that immerses patients in an icy polar world where they can throw virtual snowballs at penguins and snowmen. The environment is meant to be a cooling antithesis to the patients' burns, while the game aspect distracts them from the pain.

In a study involving 18 patients, McSherry and colleagues found that VR reduced the amount of opioid medication requested from patients by 39 percent during wound-care procedures compared with a control condition without VR. The clinic still uses VR regularly to manage pain in both inpatients and outpatients.

"VR is not going to resolve the opioid crisis, but it's useful to have in our toolbox to help people be less dependent on medication in the early stages," she said. "This is a tool with potential to teach pain desensitization and coping that may allow a burn survivor to return to a better functional status."

Despite the growing excitement, a number of challenges and barriers remain for virtual reality as a pain management tool. The cost of equipment, while steadily decreasing, remains high for a largely unproven technology.

More important, researchers say not enough large studies have been done to prove VR's effectiveness.

"If you have a serious medical problem, you want the evidence to know that this technology is going to work, especially for patients who just have to buy the equipment outright," said Anita Gupta, an anesthesiologist and pain specialist at Princeton University.

"I think there's more that has to be done regarding research, and we need to investigate whether or not this is truly a viable tool in the inpatient setting."

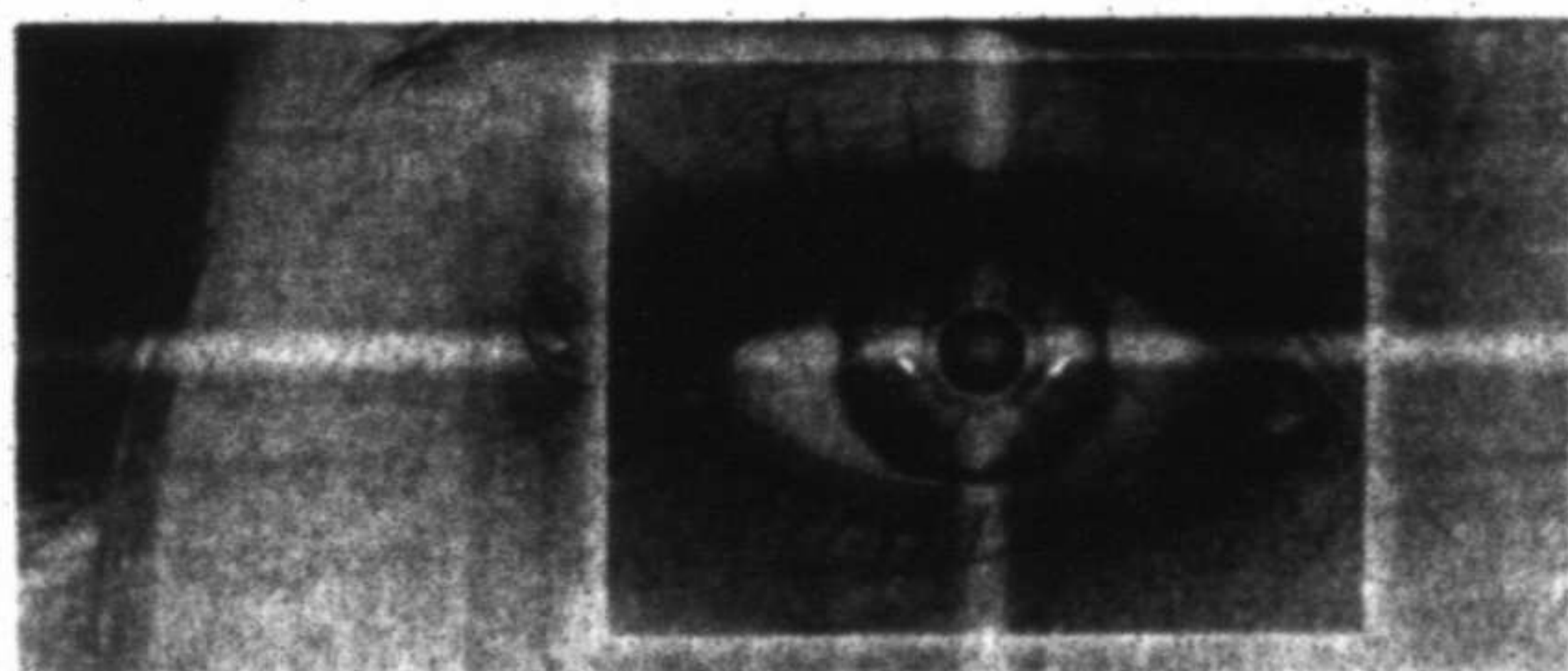
A few years ago, Gupta began to search for pain management solutions that didn't involve opioids. She initially was drawn to VR, given its noninvasive and non-pharmacologic approach, but she quickly ran up against practical issues such as the high cost of equipment and side effects. (Older patients, in particular, had difficulty handling the device and were more prone to headaches, nausea and dizziness.)

"Definitely the older people tend to be a little more suspicious and resistant. They'll say things like, 'I'm too busy' or 'I'm too tired.' Or they'll say, 'Hey, are you trying to experiment on me? Is this like a mind experiment?'" Spiegel said. "However, the paradox is that we've actually seen older patients have more profound pain reduction (using VR) than younger people."

VR distraction therapy may not be for everybody or work for every condition, but patients such as Clarke and Martucci swear that the technology has been a game-changer for their pain. Martucci recommends virtual reality to mothers-to-be in her community and would happily use it again if she were to have another baby. And Clarke loves what VR does for him, though he still experiences pain daily.

"Pain medicine is definitely a necessity. It's a part of my life right now, while we're getting this thing under control," Clarke said. "But I also do everything from acupuncture to massage therapy to aqua therapy. I'm on the constant lookout for something alternative with no side effects, and so this virtual reality was a true blessing for me because it really helps."

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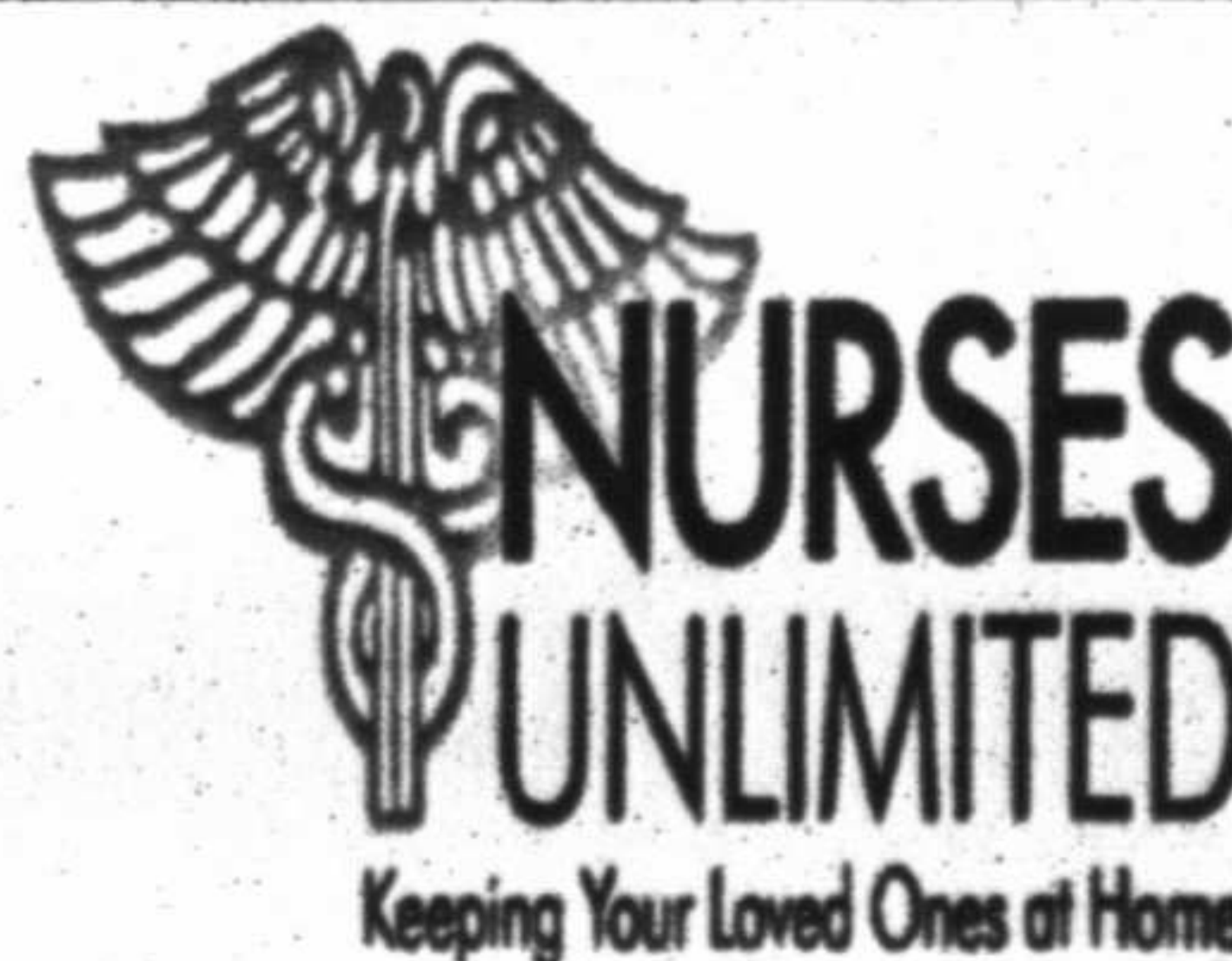
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Couple's plans hit a snag over detour to a strip club

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for a year and a half. We are planning on moving to California together in a few months.

I flew to Monterey to job hunt, and he is supposed to be flying in soon. However, last night I found out he and his buddy went to a strip club. My boyfriend knows I'm uncomfortable with him going to strip clubs, and he assured me that they would not be going when we spoke on the phone earlier in the evening.

He says I'm controlling and childish for being angry at him. I told him it's either me or the strip clubs — mostly just to see how he would react. His response was that freedom of choice is very important to him. I even went as far as to say if he feels the need to go to strip clubs, then I would start stripping on the side to spite him.

I'm tempted to cancel his ticket to California. I don't want him flying here if we are just going to fight. Is this situation worth the cost of a relationship? How do I deal with someone so stubborn to the point he can't see when he's in the wrong? **CHOICE IS CLEAR**

DEAR CHOICE: A wise woman chooses her battles carefully. If your boyfriend spent more time on an occasional evening hanging out in strip clubs, I can see why it would be a deal breaker. But unless you left something important out

of your letter — like the fact that he did more than look — it doesn't appear that he does.

You escalated the situation and you shouldn't have. However, if you feel so strongly about strip clubs, perhaps you should consider finding another man to spend your life with because it really isn't possible to control the actions of another adult.

DEAR ABBY: My 33-year-old daughter recently moved back home after failing to finish a graduate program. I discovered she was an alcoholic a few years ago and encouraged her to get treatment. She was in an outpatient recovery program and making progress, but recently relapsed.

Before her relapse, her dad and I helped her to buy a business, which is not doing well. Her employees quit, and she lost a lot of income. She started going to AA meetings, and hired some people she met who attend and live in a halfway house.

I regret helping her, and I now

realize I must stop all interactions with her. She has a huge sense of entitlement and does not appreciate my help. I feel I have failed as a parent and hope I can move past this and work through my depression. Any advice you can offer is welcome. — **BEST MOM I CAN BE**

DEAR BEST MOM: You have not "failed" as a parent. Your daughter has an addiction. Her addiction is not your fault. Substance abusers have been known to fall off the wagon on their road to sobriety, and this is what happened to your daughter.

It would be helpful for you to talk about your depression with a licensed mental health professional who is familiar with addictions, and to attend some AA-Anon meetings. Because you feel your relationship with your daughter has reached the point that she can no longer live with you, tell her the most make other living arrangements and set a date for her to move out. Do not do it in anger. In fact, it may be better for both of you.



DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Larry's thoughtful play

East-West vulnerable, East deals

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♣K973	♣A3
SOUTH	NORTH
♠AQJ54	♠KJ3
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♦A7653	♦KJ86
♣A3	♣A3

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH
1♠ 2♠ 3♠
Pass 3♠ 4♠
Pass Pass 5♠ All pass

Opening lead: King of ♣

The club's Saturday night duplicate had just started when Fred Luck Louis played this deal. He ruffed the heart continuation at trick two and decided that this contract would be an easy one. He had eight tricks on top and only needed two diamond ruffs in dummy to get to 10 tricks. He banged down the ace of diamonds at trick three and

was crestfallen when West ruffed and led a trump. When East won the next diamond and continued trumps, Louis drifted down two. "Darn the luck!" said Louis. "I was cold if everyone followed to the ace of diamonds."

Lucky Larry played the same contract after the same auction. After ruffing the second heart, he took a moment to decide why West had doubled with no ace. There was a good chance, thought Larry, of running into some unpleasant distribution. Larry led a low diamond from his hand at trick three. East won with the nine and continued with the king, but Larry played low and allowed the king to win. Larry could not be prevented from ruffing two diamonds in dummy and bringing home his doubled contract.

He didn't even have to do that, as he knew that West held all the missing hearts and East all the missing diamonds.

He could simply ruff one diamond and run all of his spades. There would be the simplest of double squeezes available and we leave it to interested readers to follow up on that possibility. Well done!

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

County donates \$100K to MC for medical partnership

Midland College recently received \$100,000 from Midland County for the college's Primary Care Pathways partnership, a collaboration among Midland College, the University of North Texas, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and Midland Health.

The innovative accelerated education program is designed to enable students to earn a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. The basic structure of the program is as follows:

- two years of full-time study at Midland College,
- one year of full-time study at the University of North Texas in Denton and
- four years of study at UNT Health Science Center — Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

In addition to the academic curriculum, students will complete two summer experiences — a clinically oriented program at MMH and a medical sciences-related program at UNT Health Science Center.

The funds received from Midland County will be used to provide resources for the co-curricular and academic needs of students, according to Margaret Wade, Midland College dean of mathematics & science.

"The program provides scholarships, tutoring and mentoring services for students in this accelerated program," she said.

Students who successfully complete the DO degree and residency training will become licensed physicians.

"In recruiting physicians to Midland, we have always had the greatest likelihood of success with young people who have connections to our community," said Russell Meyers, Midland Health CEO. "By creating a pathway for aspiring physicians who need to begin their education at Midland College, we increase our chances of bringing them home to practice in the future."

WT Food Bank to offer nutrition classes

The West Texas Food Bank is offering classes on nutrition that cover a range of topics — from vegetarian eating to growing your own food. Summer Nutrition Classes are open to the public, and are held at the food bank's Midland facility, 1601 Westcliff Drive.

The class schedule is:

■ Meatless Mondays, 1 p.m. Monday
A variety of non-meat protein sources will be introduced, and participants will prepare a vegetarian dish with fresh and healthy ingredients.

■ Tasty Tuesdays, 10 a.m. June 26

This show-and-tell session includes a discussion on seasonal fruits and vegeta-

bles that can be grown in the garden and how to clean and prepare them.

■ Ditch the Drive-Thru Wednesdays, 1 p.m. July 5

Participants can learn how to make budget-friendly healthy fast food, such as pizza and burgers.

■ Whole Food Wednesdays, 1 p.m. July 11

This session will include a comparison of processed and natural foods, and participants will assist in preparing stuffed bell peppers.

■ Eat Your Water Fridays, 10 a.m. July 20

This session includes a discussion on the amount of water in fruits and vegetables and a demonstration on how to make beverages and fruit bars.

■ Food Safety Awareness, 10 a.m. July 27

Food safety practices and techniques are discussed to keep families safe from foodborne illnesses.

Hospice of Midland to host American Red Cross speakers

Hospice of Midland on Thursday is inviting the public to hear from guest speakers as a part of its monthly event, called We Honor Veterans: Lunch and Learn. The event from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. is set to introduce attendees to resources and nonprofits; lunch will be provided.

A volunteer from the American Red Cross is scheduled to explain the Services to the Armed Forces program, and another will share his experiences as a volunteer and veteran. Also, a volunteer specialist will be available to answer questions.

To RSVP for Thursday's event, email rhaberman@hospiceofmidland.org. To inquire about being a guest speaker, call 682-2855.

Midland Health has new electronic record system

Midland Health is transitioning to Beacon, a new electronic health record provided through Cerner. This new form of communication is expected to improve patient access to health records and engagement in personal wellness.

The system provides a comprehensive view of the patient, allowing for better coordination of care through the sharing of information more efficiently across disciplines, specialties, hospitals and pharmacies. Health care providers are now able to exchange accurate, up-to-date patient data, which leads to efficient diagnosis and reduces medical errors.

Beacon provides patients better access to their own health information and records through the new HealthLife patient portal. Patients are able to communicate directly with their care team about past

and upcoming visits, medication refills and other health questions.

Source: Midland Health

Youth program orientation planned

Orientations for 2018 summer junior volunteer program are planned for 1:30-5 p.m. today and Monday Youth need attend only one of the sessions, which will be in the cafeteria area. The program is for 14- through 17-year-olds.

Training for placements will be assigned after orientation. Cost of the program is \$30 for a uniform.

Volunteer opportunities will include information desks, gift shop, popcorn, surgery waiting room and golf cart transport.

For more information, contact Kim Modisett at kim.modisett@midlandhealth.org.

YMCA accepting applications for garden

Midland YMCA is accepting applications for its new community garden. Thirty-two plots are available to rent.

Applications are available at the YMCA. For more information, call Liz Harris at 682-2551.

Midland Health events

■ Becoming a Mom, 6:30 p.m. today, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 221-1150.

■ Plant-based Grocery Store Tour, led by Lifestyle Medicine Center, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, H-E-B, Andrews Highway and Loop 250; fee is \$5; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Breastfeeding Support Group, 11 a.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org.

Weekly support groups & hotlines (subject to change)

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 3 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, St. Stephen's Catholic Church. 553-1031.

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570-5935.

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin

Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

■ PDAP meetings: 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church 11:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays: older group, 1208 W. Wall St., includes lunch.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. "A" St., Building C; 685-3100. 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

■ Alpha Omega, 8 p.m. Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 311 S. Pecos St.

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

■ Al-Anon (support group for family members of alcoholics), Serenity Group 3101 N. "A" St. Bldg. C. noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

■ Laundry Group, 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 104 N. Marshall St.

■ Xodus Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 634-7609.

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Fridays and Sundays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 599-4490.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

COM Aquatics

COM Aquatics, 3003 N. "A" St., offers weekly paddle board classes.

The schedule is: Hit the Wave, 7:15 p.m. Monday, 5:15 a.m. Tuesday and Saturday, 6:45 p.m. Thursday and 10:15 a.m. Saturday; and Cardio Wave is 11:05 a.m. Thursday.

Members of COM Water Aerobics Program can reserve a board at any time; non-members can reserve a board two hours before class. (For early-morning classes, call the night before.) To reserve a board, call 684-7755, extension 101.

Finding a doctor

Access to a primary care provider is one mission of Midland Health. Residents who need help finding a physician or setting up an appointment can call 221-3627 (221-DOCS).



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Former MHS assistant Mueller hired to lead Bulldogs

By Will Korn
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Jeremy Mueller always had his eye on someday becoming head coach of the Midland High baseball program.

As an assistant to former head coach Barry Russell on the Bulldogs' staff from 2002-06, Mueller experienced MHS' winning tradition first-hand and also honed his craft under Russell.

Following the team's run to the Class 5A state semifinal in 2006, Mueller knew that at some point, he wanted to add a second stint with the Bulldogs to his resume.

Now, 12 years later Mueller has reached a pinnacle, as he was hired by Tuesday to replace Russell after 22 seasons, Midland ISD announced.

He said he and his wife, Laura Kate as well as 12-year-old daughter Abby, are thrilled to return to a place and program



Mueller

he was so fond of early in his career.

"To come back to a program with so much tradition, that's what drew me back, along with the West Texas work ethic of the kids out here," Mueller said. "This is the job I always said for 12 years that if I get the chance to get it, I'm going to go after it."

Mueller credited Russell, who retired last month, for playing a major role in shaping him as a young coach.

"I feel like a lot of my philosophy and style came from being under Coach Russell," he said. "He's a great one to pattern yourself after."

Mueller, 41, most recently comes from Class 4A Taylor where he spent the last

five seasons. In that span he went 106-45 and led the Ducks to the playoffs each year, reaching the area round three times.

Prior to his arrival in Taylor, he spent four seasons at Class 1A Hamlin, directing the Pied Pipers to the regional final in 2011 and to the regional quarterfinal in 2012.

Mueller spent 2008-10 at then Class 3A Borger and compiled a record of 217-106. Wherever he has been, he has always had a knack for bringing out the best in his players, especially when he was tasked with turning around the struggling Sanford-Fritch program in 2007.

"(It was about) just getting the kids to believe in the expectation that we were

going to be successful," he said. "(It was about) just getting the kids to buy in."

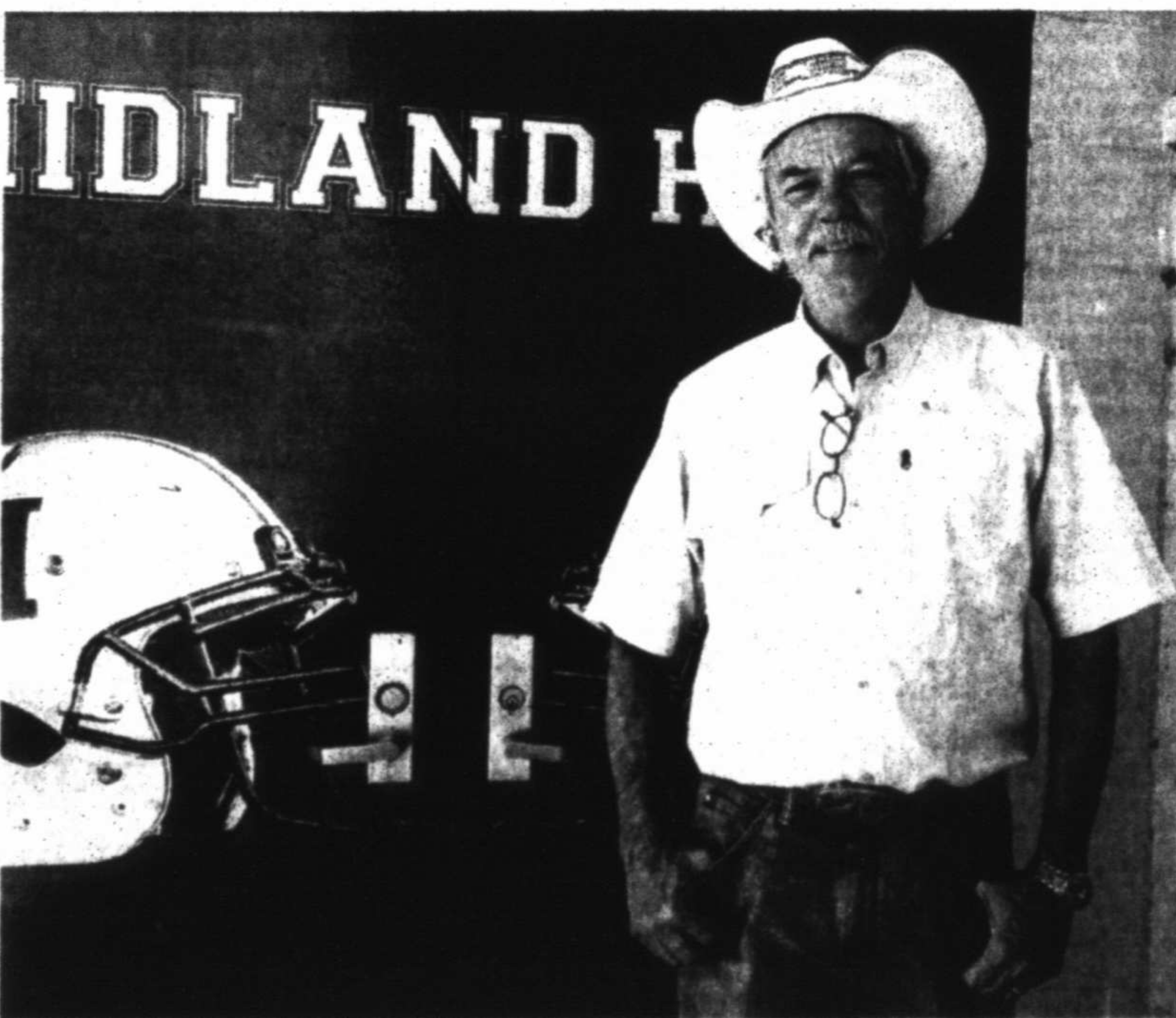
Mueller admitted that initially, he wasn't looking to leave Taylor. The Ducks were in the middle of a 24-8 season and were battling Madisonville in a contested area round playoff series. But he was soon informed by a friend in the Permian Basin oilfield that Russell was retiring, and a week later eagerly submitted his resume to MISD.

He said at the time of his interview, he and his family were well aware of the rising costs of living in Midland and that if he was offered the position, he was prepared to adjust financially. Mueller and his wife are now in the process of buying a new home in the Tall City.

"I was comfortable with it and I've got friends from this area that I keep in

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Riding into the sunset



The Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

William "Hondo" Schneider, long-time MISD athletic trainer, is retiring after 29 years taking care of Midland athletes.

Set to retire, 'Hondo' leaves MISD an unforgettable legacy as trainer

By Christopher Hadorn
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It would be hard to measure the impact that William "Hondo" Schneider has had on Midland ISD athletics for nearly three decades.

To this day, Schneider receives phone calls of appreciation and is thanked in person from former students about the influence he had on their lives when they were athletes at Midland High and Lee.

Schneider, who is unmistakable with his trademark cowboy hat, is retiring as Midland High's athletic trainer on June 29 after serving 28 years with Midland ISD. Schneider began his career

at MHS in 1990 where he worked six years before moving on to a 10-year stint at Lee. He has spent parts of the last 13 years with MHS where he returned in 2006.

Schneider, 58, will go into private practice as an athletic trainer with Urgent Orthopedics, following in the footsteps of long-time MHS trainer and mentor James "Doc" Dodson.

Known as simply "Hondo" to coaches, athletes, student trainers and faculty, Schneider received his nickname from former assistant baseball coach Jimmy Shankle when he was a student trainer at Texas Tech. Schneider hails from the South Texas town of Hondo, where he was once a young cowboy and rancher.

Schneider said he's going to miss the kids the most when he steps away from MHS.

"The kids that we deal with in athletics and extracurricular activities, they're enjoyable," Schneider said. "I've made some great kinships with all the kids."

Schneider is the one who communicates with and assists athletes when they suffer an injury and are dealing with the agony of the affliction.

"The first thing that happens is in the process before they get injured, you want to have established a relationship with all these kids, and you want to have their trust and their respect."

Please see HONDO/4C

It's time to get ready for the World Cup ride

■ COMMENTARY

By Mark Hinshaw
MRT Correspondent

Are you ready for some football?

Even though it's only June, I know you're jonesing for some hard-hitting, fast-paced action, so let's go. But first, I need to make some minor adjustments. We're going to bench Brady, Rogers, and Brees for Ronaldo, Messi, and Salah, replace the gridiron with the pitch, and sneak in a spherical orb in lieu of the pigskin. Before I become the brunt of Permian Basin opprobrium, bear with me: Yes, we're talking about soccer, which the other 7.3 billion goldfish in this bowl call football. This is an event, however, that promises to enthrall hearts, minds, and souls all over the entire planet for the next month. Welcome to the 2018 FIFA World Cup, all 32 teams, 64 matches, and 32 days live from Russia. Strap in for an amazing ride that will undoubtedly make numerous ESPN Top 10 lists, bring torrential tears of anguish for millions, and crown one special country with dreamlike ecstasy and global bragging rights for the next four years.

The FIFA World Cup is an athletic event sui generis, easily the most watched sporting spectacle on earth. Over half the world's population tuned in to watch the last time we had this hoodown. The Beautiful Game has been known to press the pause button on wars, and Pope Francis (a huge soccer fan) has made commentary on the significance of the sport in promoting peace. I've attended the World Cup, and one of my most poignant memories is the communion of rival nations' fans before and after the match in an atmosphere of brotherly love. No, we weren't in church, but yes, the cup was shared. It's a beautiful thing. Making it more special is the fact that the trophy has only ever been lifted by eight nations.

This quadrennium's version comes to us from that place Churchill called "A riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma," Russia. Before you jump up to rail against human rights violations, state-sanctioned assassinations, election meddling and shirtless Slavic dictators on horseback, consider that the 2014 Sochi Olympics are widely considered a success. Vlad Putin may or may not be evil, but he does know how to throw a party. Expect the 12 venues scattered over 11 locations throughout Russia to be bastions of politesse. Outside the stadiums, it's shaping up to be a great show. Inside, even better. Let's take a look at the elaborate matryoshka, or Russian nesting doll, that waits to be methodically opened on the field.

As you are probably aware, the U.S. is a wallflower at this dance. Without conducting a full postmortem of the vicissitudes of the United States Soccer Federation, let's just say it was a perfect storm of feckless executive leadership, staid personnel choices by the

Please see WORLD CUP/5C

Zack Martin set to be highest-paid guard



Dallas Cowboys offensive tackle La'el Collins (71) and offensive guard Zack Martin (70) look on during practice at the NFL team's training camp in Frisco, Texas on Tuesday.

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas — Zack Martin rejoined the Dallas Cowboys for mandatory minicamp Tuesday with the two-time All-Pro closing in on a contract that's expected to make him the highest-paid guard in the NFL.

Martin skipped all nine voluntary offseason practices while negotiations that started about a year ago kept dragging. But he was on the field after the club and his representatives got close on a deal over the weekend.

The 27-year-old Martin was set to make \$9.3 million

in the final year of his rookie deal. Martin's new contract is expected to surpass the \$13.3 million annual average in the \$66.5 million, five-year contract that Jacksonville's Andrew Norwell signed in March.

Martin, the 16th overall pick in 2014, was an All-Pro as a rookie when DeMarco Murray led the NFL in rushing for the NFC East champions. He repeated the feat two years later when rookie Ezekiel Elliott was the league rushing leader for another division champion.

A Pro Bowl player in each of his first four seasons,

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German soccer players Mesut Ozil, right, and Jerome Boateng, left, walk to a plane for the departure of Germany's national soccer team to Russia, for the World Cup 2018, in Frankfurt, Germany on Tuesday.

'HOUNDWATCH



TUESDAY'S SCORE
Midland 11,
Frisco 3

WEDNESDAY'S GAME
Midland vs. Corpus Christi
6:30 p.m.

INTERNET
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RECORDS
Midland 32-32
Frisco 21-43

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Midland 11 Frisco 3	Corpus Christi at Midland 6:30 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland 7 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland 7 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland 7 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Baseball
Texas League: San Antonio at Frisco, 7 p.m., FSSW
Merito Gesta vs. Roberto Manzanarez, 7:30 p.m., ESPN
Golf
US Open Championship, 1st Round, 8:30 a.m., FS1
PGA: Major Classic, 1st Round, 12:30 p.m., GOLF
US Open Championship, 1st Round, 3:30 p.m., FOX
Canadian Football League
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2
FIVB Volleyball
Argentina vs. USA, 6:30 p.m., CBSN
Major League Baseball
Cleveland at Philadelphia, Noon, Twitter
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 1 p.m., MLB
Houston at Oakland, 2:30 p.m., ATTSW
Tampa Bay at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., FS1
Boston at Seattle, 9 p.m., MLB
Men's Soccer
World Cup: Opening Ceremonies, 7 a.m., TELE
World Cup: Russia vs. Saudi Arabia, 10 a.m., FOX, TELE
RADIO
Major League Baseball
Houston at Oakland, 2:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Men's Soccer
World Cup: Russia vs. Saudi Arabia, 10 a.m., KOXI 810 AM
Texas League Baseball
Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

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Conference	W	L	Pct	GB
Eastern	7	1	.875	0
Western	6	2	.750	0
Phoenix	5	3	.625	0
San Antonio	4	4	.500	0
Seattle	3	5	.375	0
Utah	2	6	.250	0

CWS GLANCE

Game	Time	Location
Game 1 — Seattle (15-14) vs. North Carolina (15-14), 7 p.m.	7 p.m.	Seattle
Game 2 — Washington (15-14) vs. Maryland (15-14), 7 p.m.	7 p.m.	Washington
Game 3 — Arizona (14-15) vs. Texas (14-15), 7 p.m.	7 p.m.	Phoenix
Game 4 — Texas Tech (14-15) vs. Florida (14-15), 7 p.m.	7 p.m.	Fort Worth
Game 5 — Duke (14-15) vs. Georgia (14-15), 7 p.m.	7 p.m.	Durham
Game 6 — Iowa (14-15) vs. Stanford (14-15), 7 p.m.	7 p.m.	Irvine
Game 7 — Oregon (14-15) vs. Wake Forest (14-15), 7 p.m.	7 p.m.	Winston-Salem
Game 8 — Virginia (14-15) vs. Clemson (14-15), 7 p.m.	7 p.m.	Clemson
Game 9 — Miami (14-15) vs. LSU (14-15), 7 p.m.	7 p.m.	Baton Rouge
Game 10 — Nebraska (14-15) vs. Texas A&M (14-15), 7 p.m.	7 p.m.	Texas A&M

Woods looking for US open win

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Tiger Woods returned to the U.S. Open for the first time in three years and hardly anyone noticed.

Then again, it was late Sunday afternoon. Shinnecock Hills was practically empty.

"A bizarre experience," said Jordan Spieth, who played nine holes with him.

Such a quiet moment was rare for Woods in his celebrated return following four back surgeries. A year that began with intrigue soon gave way to hysteria over anticipation of his first victory in nearly five years.

That time has not arrived as Woods heads into the second major of the year.

"Golf is always frustrating," Woods said Tuesday after going nine holes with Dustin Johnson and Bryson DeChambeau, winners of the last two PGA Tour events. "There's always something that isn't quite right, and that's where we as players have to make adjustments. You've seen the tournaments I've played this year. There's always something. Hopefully, this is one of those weeks where I put it all together and even it out. And we'll see what happens."

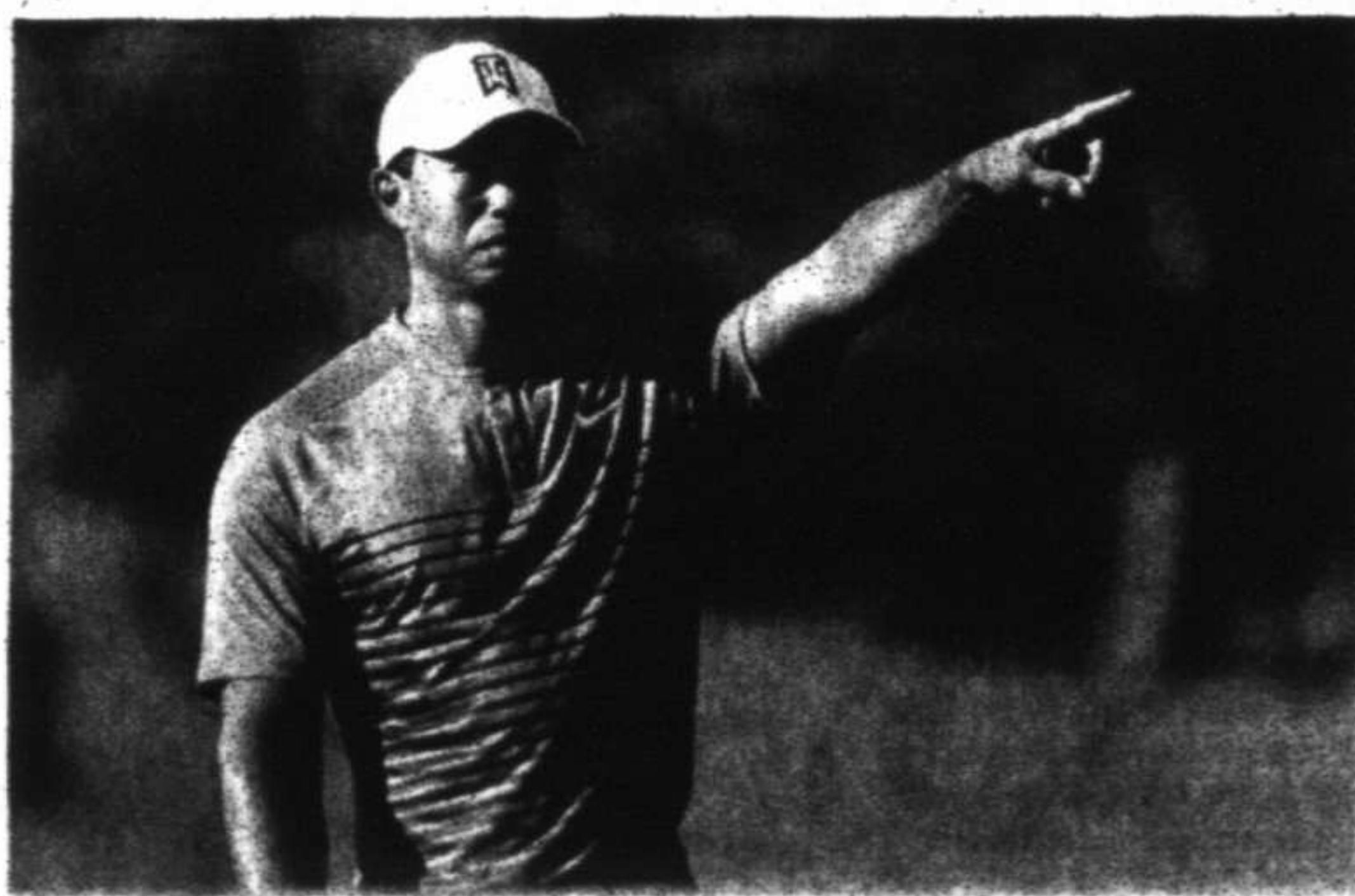
It has been 10 years since Woods won his last U.S. Open, his 14th and last major. All it takes for him to temper any frustrations is to look back at last year, when he didn't know if he would even play another U.S. Open.

He was at a low point in his career and his personal life. While recovering from fusion surgery — his fourth surgery on his back in three years — he was arrested on a DUI charge and found to have a mixture of two painkillers, the sleeping aid Ambien, the anti-anxiety drug Xanax and the active ingredient for marijuana in his system. He entered a clinic to get help and pleaded guilty to a reckless driving charge that kept him out of jail.

Asked about the video of his arrest and how his life has changed, Woods replied, "It's gotten better."

That seems like longer than a year ago because Woods has been such an active part of the PGA Tour again. In some instances, he looks like the same Woods.

He hit one drive past Johnson on the par-5 fifth hole Tuesday that left him a 2-iron to the front of the green.



Julie Jacobson/Associated Press

Tiger Woods motions while chipping onto the third green during a practice round for the U.S. Open Golf Championship on Tuesday in Southampton, N.Y.

He had two chances to win in March, missing a long birdie putt on the last hole in Innisbrook and hitting a drive out-of-bounds on the 16th hole at Bay Hill the following week.

But no trophies. No fist pumps. "There's two ways of looking at that," Woods said. "I've given myself chances to win, which I didn't know if I was ever going to do again. And then again, not happy with the fact that I didn't win because I loved how it felt being there. ... And so, yeah, I've had my opportunities. Also, I'm very thankful to have had those opportunities. I didn't know if I was going to have them again."

What kind of opportunities will Shinnecock Hills offer?

Tuesday was the busiest day of practice under a clear sky, warm weather and a course that just about everyone is raving about.

Woods played nine holes in the afternoon Sunday and Monday — a change from the days when he would sweep the dew off the grass first thing in the morning — and nine holes Tuesday morning.

And while the crowd was relatively sparse for his morning round, there is no mistaking when Woods is around. Jason Day was on the putting green when only a few people were around. And then suddenly, there was a gathering.

"He rolls up and there's 30 guys on the putting green, and it was hard to do your work," Day said. "But that's just the Tiger effect, and everyone wants to see him. Everyone wants to see what he looks like and how big

he is or just see, I guess, the myth behind Tiger Woods. ... It is definitely bigger, always bigger when he's in contention on Sundays. And if he's in contention this Sunday, then it's going to be huge."

Woods last played in the U.S. Open in 2015 at Chambers Bay. He was coming off the highest score of his career, an 85 in the third round at the Memorial, and never stood a chance on the course built over a former gravel pit. He shot rounds of 80-76 and was gone by the weekend, and before long, he was gone from golf with the first of his back surgeries.

Three years from his last U.S. Open, five years from his last victory, and so much has changed.

Johnson returned to No. 1 in the world with his six-shot victory last week at the St. Jude Classic, the 18th of his career, all since Woods won his last U.S. Open. He replaced Justin Thomas, the PGA champion who turned 25 in April.

Woods will play with both of them when the first round begins on Thursday.

"I can see that there may be a sense of ... this is the last kind of push that he needs for his career," Day said. "But at the same time, I know that he's still hungry. I think he's hungry for that next win and trying to get — not the monkey off his back, because he's done it so many times — but just coming back and competing and playing well against our generation now. And I think that's what he's looking forward to."

Spieth in mini-slump heading to Shinnecock Hills, US Open

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Lots of folks have become accustomed to seeing Jordan Spieth's name atop leaderboards, particularly at golf's majors. So has Spieth.

Yet since winning the British Open last July, Spieth barely has been a factor on the weekends.

He believed third-place finishes in Houston and at the Masters had indicated a turnaround heading into this week's U.S. Open.

But since Augusta, his best showing in five tournaments is a tie for 21st at the Byron Nelson, and he twice missed cuts, including most recently at the Memorial.

Not quite the stuff that rocketed Spieth to the top of golf, with Masters and U.S. Open wins in 2015, and his third major last summer at Royal Birkdale.

"Yeah, I think my patience has been tested, just not going into Saturday or Sunday with a legitimate chance to win but maybe once," Spieth said Tuesday at Shinnecock Hills.

"Technically the Masters, I didn't really have a chance. The back nine, I ended up giving myself a chance."

"Yeah, just the limited number compared to previous years of chances I've had on the weekends has been frustrating."

Spieth, 24, always has been mature as a competitor and person. When he went after the career Grand Slam for the first time last year at the PGA Championship, he wound up 10 shots back. No one contemplated he wouldn't have won another PGA Tour title since, missing two cuts before the Masters and two more after.

While exasperated, Spieth, as always, believes he is close to the way out of this mini-slump — for him, at least.

"Over the last, since probably in between Austin (a first-round elimination by Patrick Reed in match play) and Houston was a really big weekend for me of settling down and getting back on the right track with things," he said.

"And recognizing that it's a long career, and, you know, results aren't going to come by wanting them to come. They're going to come by being obsessed with the process, getting back to the basics, being an athlete, figuring out within the swing

the intricacies of the game. Kind of the stuff — the reason I love to practice — that's what's going to kind of bring it back, and results aren't everything."

Maybe not, except that when the results have been so spectacular so quickly, they become how you are measured by the public.

Spieth has won 11 times in his first five full seasons, including those three major championships. His putting skills are envied by many of his peers. So are his analytical breakdowns of shots, holes, his swing.

His optimism that all will be right again is praiseworthy — and probably accurate.

"I feel like my game is in the best shape it's been in a long time, including last year," he said. "And my results don't necessarily speak towards that, but I feel that way, and so I'll stick with the process, and they'll surely come at some point."

If that point is this week, Spieth must outshoot not only the sentimental fan choices (Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson) but all of those young guns who have begun to grab majors: Reed, Justin Thomas, Brooks Koepka.

Mickelson loves the US Open setup

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Phil Mickelson believes Shinnecock Hills is one of the best setups he's ever seen for a U.S. Open.

At least for 17 of the holes.

The course where Mickelson twice contended on Sunday has been lengthened by some 450 yards. That doesn't bother Lefty, especially the 14th hole, which has been stretched by an additional 76 yards from 2004. It now is 519 yards, the longest of the par 4s.

Mickelson, who also has a golf course design company, likes it when the hard holes are harder and the easy holes are easier.

"So when they take 14, which is a very hard par 4, and they make it harder and move the tee back, I actually like that a lot because it allows for the players that are playing well to make up strokes on the field by making pars," he said.

He also noted that the front of the green is open, allowing shots to bounce onto the green, which makes it fair for everyone.

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Minnesota Twins' Ryan LaMarre dives back to first as Detroit Tigers first baseman Niko Goodrum waits for the throw during the sixth inning Tuesday in Detroit. LaMarre was out on the play.

MLB ROUNDOUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

RAYS 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Wilson Ramos homered, six Tampa Bay relievers combined for a five-hitter and the Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-1 on Tuesday night.

With right-handers Chris Archer and Jake Faria on the disabled list, Tampa Bay is using relievers to start three times through the rotation.

Ryne Stanek opened the game, striking out three in two perfect innings, and was followed by Austin Pruitt (2 2/3 innings), Jonny Venters (one 1/3 inning), Jose Alvarado (1 1/3 innings) and Sergio Romo (one inning).

Pruitt (2-3) allowed four hits and a run but picked up the win. Romo allowed the other hit but locked down his second save.

RED SOX 6
ORIOLES 4
BALTIMORE — Home runs by Rafael Devers and Andrew Benintendi helped Eduardo Rodriguez win his fifth straight start, and the Boston Red Sox extended Baltimore's losing streak to six games with a 6-4 victory Tuesday night.

Rodriguez (5-3) gave up two runs and eight hits over 5 2/3 innings to increase a career-best run of success that began on May 20 against the Orioles. Rodriguez is 3-0 this season against Baltimore, the team that gave the left-hander his first professional contract in 2010 and traded him to Boston in 2014.

The Red Sox are 12-1 in Rodriguez's starts, including 5-0 on the road. Devers hit a two-run drive in the second inning and Benintendi connected in the third for a 3-1 lead. A bases-loaded walk and a run-scoring ball made it 5-2 in the fourth, and Boston coasted to its major league-leading 46th victory.

Jonny Rickard homered for the Orioles, who own the worst record in the big leagues (19-47) and have endured six losing streaks of at least five games.

TIGERS 6
DETROIT — Miguel Cabrera ruptured his left biceps tendon Tuesday night, an injury that will sideline the Detroit slugger for the rest of the season, and the Tigers lost 6-4 to the Minnesota Twins.

The two-time AL MVP will have surgery this week, the Tigers said. Cabrera, playing his 12th game since missing 26 with a hamstring strain, exited in the third inning and underwent an MRI during the game.

Cabrera missed three games earlier this season with spasms in his left biceps.

Enire Adrianza hit his first career grand slam to help Minnesota rally.

The Twins trailed 2-1 going into the seventh inning, but Tigers starter Blaine Hardy left after allowing a leadoff single to Eduardo Escobar.

Louis Coleman (3-1) only threw nine strikes in a 23-pitch outing, walking two batters to load the bases with two outs. Tigers manager Ron Gardenhire brought in Warwick Saupold, who went to a 3-1 count on Adrianza before throwing a fastball that ended up in the right-field stands.

Marlins 3

MIAMI — Three years after going undrafted out of Drury College, Trevor Richards has earned his first major league win.

Richards pitched six effective innings to lead the Miami Marlins to a 3-1 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Tuesday night.

"It's great, it's good to get that one out of the way," Richards said. "It's been too long so it's good to get it done."

Richards (1-3) allowed two hits in his seventh major league start. The 25-year-old right-hander struck out two and walked three.

"He's been a good story, he's thrown the ball well," Marlins manager Don Mattingly said. "Obviously Pitcher of the Year last year in the minor leagues, really good reports on his makeup and how he works, competes, and pays attention so it's good to see guys like that have success."

Richards walked the first two batters of the game before settling in.

"I got a little too excited for the game, a little amped up and lost mechanics," Richards said. "I was able to settle down and keep going."

Brandon Crawford's ground-out in the first inning drove in the only run for the Giants, who had just three hits.

ATLANTA — Ozzie Albies hit a grand slam and Freddie Freeman homered during a six-run sixth inning, and the Atlanta Braves beat the New York Mets 8-2 on Tuesday night.

Braves starter Mike Foltynewicz pitched five scoreless innings, allowing two hits and striking out six, but left the game after batting in the fifth. The team said he has triceps tightness.

Ender Inciarte added a pair of RBI singles to help Atlanta shake a rough West Coast trip, when he lost four of six. The Braves moved ahead of Washington for first in the NL East by beating a Mets team that has lost nine of 10 and 16 of 20.

The Braves led 1-0 in the fourth on Inciarte's RBI single. New York went up 2-1 in the sixth on Jay Bruce's two-run ground-rule double, but that was it for the Mets, who have scored 10 runs in their last 78 innings.

Freeman's 13th homer in the bottom half of the inning tied it, and Inciarte's single put the Braves ahead for good. A walk to pinch-hitter Preston Tucker loaded the bases and chased starter Zack Wheeler (2-5), and Albies cleared the bases with his 16th homer, coming off Paul Sewald, for a 7-2 lead.

INDIANS 5
CHICAGO — James Shields won for the first time since opening day, Yohan Moncada and Yolmer Sanchez homered to lead off a three-run first, and the Chicago White Sox beat the Cleveland Indians 5-1 on Tuesday night.

Shields (2-7) gave up one run and four hits in seven innings after going 12 starts and 13 appearances without a win. The veteran right-hander struck out two and did not walk a batter in his first victory since the opener at Kansas City.

Padres 4

ST. LOUIS — A bunch of castoffs put on a pitching clinic Tuesday night in the heartland.

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INTERLEAGUE
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WASHINGTON 6
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Florida, Texas, Red Raiders, Hogs make College World Series

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

Defending national champion Florida, Texas, Texas Tech and Arkansas won their winner-take-all games in the NCAA Tournament best-of-three super regionals on Monday and are headed to the College World Series.

The No. 1 national seed Gators beat Auburn 3-2 in 11 innings in Gainesville, Florida, when Austin Langworthy's deep drive to right field glanced off Steven Williams' glove and went over the fence for a walk-off home run.

Kody Clemens homered for a third straight game and fill-in starter Matteo Bocchi held Tennessee Tech to one run in a career-high five innings as the Longhorns locked up their NCAA record-extending 36th CWS appearance with a 5-2 win in Austin.

Texas Tech's Gabe Holt, Brian Klein and Michael Davis homered, and the Red Raiders beat Duke 6-2 in Lubbock, Texas, for their third trip in five years to the CWS in Omaha, Nebraska.

Arkansas' Carson Shaddy hit a three-run homer in a five-run first inning, and the Razorbacks reached the CWS for the first time since 2015 with a 14-4 win over South Carolina in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Florida, in the CWS for the fourth straight year, prevailed in what turned into a duel between relievers Michael Byrne and Auburn's Davis Daniel. Byrne pitched four innings, allowed one hit and struck out five. Daniel threw 5 1/3 innings of one-hit ball with six strikeouts.

Cody Greenhill entered with one out in the bottom of the 10th and faced Langworthy, who homered off him Sunday, to start the 11th. Langworthy connected on a 1-2 fastball, and it appeared Williams would make the catch, but the ball went off his glove and out.

"I just saw a pitch up and I happened to get good barrel to it and I saw it go out of the yard," Langworthy said, "and I was stoked to put my team back to Omaha for the second straight year for me."

Texas' Bocchi was called on to make his fourth start of the season because the team's No. 3

starter, Blair Henley, was unavailable after throwing three innings of relief Sunday.

David Pierce is taking the Longhorns to Omaha in his second year as coach after spending the previous five seasons at Tulane and Sam Houston State.

"It's never been about me and it never will be, but the thing that I loved is I told these guys back in the fall I want this for you guys," Pierce said. "But I also want it for those three coaches who have been with me for seven years. To watch all that happen today was really, really special, and I'm just so proud of our team."

"I've said before, we're not always pretty; a lot of times we're ugly. But we just figure out how to keep playing, and that's what's so special about this group."

Texas Tech's Josh Jung went 4 for 5 and Holt, the Big 12 freshman of the year, continued his postseason tear by going 2 for 4. Holt finished the super regional 7 for 12.

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Arkansas beat up on South Carolina pitching, converting 11 hits and six walks into its highest run total since hanging 17 on Florida on March 24. Eric Cole went 3 for 3 with a homer and double, Luke Bonfield was 3 for 4 with four RBIs, and five Arkansas pitchers limited the Gamecocks to six hits.

CWS OPENERS
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Texas (42-21) vs. Arkansas (44-19): Longhorns are 54-30 vs. their old Southwest Conference rival but lost two in Fayetteville in March.

Texas Tech (44-18) vs. Florida (47-19): Tech won 3-2 in the 2016 CWS in the teams' only meeting.

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Julio Jones misses Falcons' minicamp but has Quinn's support

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Julio Jones remains in coach Dan Quinn's good graces even after missing the opening day of the Atlanta Falcons' mandatory minicamp.

Quinn said Tuesday he thought Jones, who missed voluntary offseason workouts, would participate in the minicamp. The coach said he found out Monday that Jones would skip the minicamp.

Quinn wouldn't share details of his conversation with Jones but said "Sometimes football and business intersect and that's OK and that happens a lot."

Jones has three years remaining on his five-year, \$71.3 million deal with \$47 million in guaranteed money but could soon have the deal tweaked. Quinn said the team is "right in the middle" of talks with Jones, a five-time Pro Bowl selection.

Quinn has emphasized "brotherhood" and making sure players do everything as a team. Players stood together as a team on the sideline during the national anthem for all games after two players knelt in



Kevin Kuo/Associated Press

Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Julio Jones in action during the first half of an NFL football wild-card playoff game against the Los Angeles Rams on Jan. 6 in Los Angeles.

protest early in the 2017 season.

Could Jones' absence hurt the Falcons' unity?

"No," Quinn said. "I recognize the question, for sure. Do we want everybody here all the time? Hell yeah, like all the time."

... What I'd say is if you ask to a man, the guy is a hell of a teammate and the time he spends here, the way he mentors people, how hard he plays, there is plenty of brotherhood in Julio."

Receiver Mohamed Sanu said he and other players were not impacted by Jones' absence.

"Whether he's present or not, we were just focused on what we have to do today," said Sanu, the team's No. 2 receiver behind Jones.

Jones, 29, remains one of the league's top receivers. He earned his fourth straight Pro Bowl berth last season when he had 88 catches for 1,444 yards. It was his fourth straight season with at least 80 receptions and 1,400 receiving yards.

Jones' salary cap figure of \$12.9 million for 2018 ranks seventh among NFL receivers, well behind recent deals signed by Tampa Bay's Mike Evans (\$18.252 million in 2018) and Cleveland's Jarvis Landry (\$15.5 million).

Falcons general manager Thomas Dimitroff said Monday he has been in talks with Jones and Jones' agent, Jimmy Sexton.

Sexton did not return a message from The Associated Press.

Jones' holdout comes after the Falcons made quarterback Matt Ryan the league's top-paid player this offseason with a five-year extension that could be worth \$150 million.

Quinn said he was not disappointed in Jones' decision to miss minicamp because Jones remained in constant communication and explained why his plans changed.

"Sometimes circumstances change and as long as players communicate with me on why circumstances change, then I never am disappointed as long as communication with me is very clear," Quinn said. "... The things that jam me up are when people don't communicate."

Quinn wouldn't say if Jones will be fined for missing the first day of the three-day minicamp.

Without Jones on the field, Ryan's top targets included Sanu, rookie first-round pick Calvin Ridley and Justin Hardy. Like Jones, Ridley played at Alabama.

An undrafted rookie, Christian Blake, from Northern Illinois, reached up to make an impressive catch over the middle.

A WARRIORS WELCOME



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Leo Froma and Andrea Narvosa of San Jose cheer Klay Thompson during Golden State Warriors' NBA Championship parade in Oakland, CA on Tuesday.

Oakland celebrates NBA champion Golden State for second year in a row

By Lorin Eleni Gill
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — For the second straight year, throngs of Golden State Warriors fans turned out for a victory parade to celebrate a team some are calling an NBA dynasty and got a treat when several players got off their buses to mingle with the crowd.

Hundreds of thousands of fans in gold and blue and holding signs that read "Dynasty" and "Back to Back Champions" waved from behind barriers set up along the route in downtown Oakland, California, as the Warriors rode by in the open, double-decker buses Tuesday.

Stephen Curry, NBA Finals MVP Kevin Durant and the rest of the Warriors, who won their third title in four years last week, took turns raising the Larry O'Brien Trophy for the roaring crowd, which officials said could reach up to 1 million fans.

Officials had promised an "interactive" parade with some fans able to ask

the players questions and giant TV screens for the crowd to see them and hear their answers as they moved along the route. But there were no screens and when Klay Thompson used a megaphone to say hello, his greeting was drowned out by the cheering crowd.

Curry was able to connect in a different way when he opened a bottle of champagne, shook it and sprayed the crowd with it. He briefly got off the bus and walked up to fans, throwing T-shirts, bracelets and other souvenirs to them and then holding the trophy up as dozens of cameras surrounded him.

Curry wore a large sun hat and under it a "RUN TMC" baseball cap in honor of Tim Hardaway, Mitch Richmond and Chris Mullin, the namesakes for the Don Nelson-coached Warriors teams during the 1989-90 and 1990-91 seasons.

"We never really imagined that we would be having one parade, let alone two and now three," Curry said during a short live interview before the parade started. "But this is for you

guys! We are going to try and get greedy and go get some more."

JaVale McGee, Nick Young and Jordan Bell posed for photographs and also mingled with fans, even hugging some of them, energizing the pumped up crowd. Even coach Steve Kerr joined in on the fun and walked up to fans to sign autographs.

"I'm just excited to be here with these guys," McGee, who was wearing only shorts, told KGO-TV. "Our fans are amazing! All the love that they show is just beautiful."

Young, also just in shorts during a very warm afternoon, ran up and down the street, giving fans high-fives. He then took a broom from a fan and posed for photographs as dozens of people took pictures with their phones.

The repeat champions went back-to-back, beating LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers 108-85 on Friday night to finish off a four-game sweep of the NBA Finals in the fourth consecutive meeting between the clubs. Melissa Marzan, 25,

of Santa Cruz said she doesn't take the Warriors' winning streak for granted.

"We all know it's not going to happen forever, so for now we're just going to enjoy it," she said.

Oakland resident Jasmine Culp, 36, painted her lips blue and dressed in a sparkling golden sequined dress, sash, and blue-gold feather accessories to attend the parade with her three children, Jonavon, Jewel, and Cypher.

She acknowledged it could be the family's last parade in Oakland, since the Warriors plan to move to San Francisco next year.

"It's sad to see a big part of our city move away," she said. "Not going to want to travel over the bridge to see them, but we will."

Adriana Carnecer of San Francisco said she is a lifelong Warriors fan and is excited the team will be closer to home.

On the Warriors being dubbed a dynasty, the 15-year-old said "it's the start of something that's going to be greater than it already is."

HONDO

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Hondo said. "When they do get hurt and the first person they see is their athletic trainer, and they look you in the eye and they say, 'Hondo, am I going to be OK? What do I need to do?' I say, 'We're going to take care of you.'"

Schneider said the reward comes from helping an injured athlete through their rehabilitation process and putting them back on the field safe, healthy and with a clear mind that can play without worrying about furthering their injury.

"I have never put a child out on the field that I thought was going to exacerbate their injury," he said.

Schneider says some of his fondest memories occurred at Lee, where he was the athletic trainer for the Rebels' football teams that claimed three consecutive state titles from 1998-2000.

John Parchman, Lee's legendary head football coach from 1995-2003, brought over Schneider from MHS after receiving a recommendation from former MHS football coach Ronnie Reeger. Parchman called Schneider one of the missing pieces to the puzzle of putting together a championship-level team.

"First of all, he and I had a very open and honest relationship with each other," Parchman said. "From time to time, that meant that we didn't see eye to eye on something, but the worst thing you could do is to not be open and honest about what your feelings are. And I think Hondo, anybody will tell you, he's kind of blunt. He's kind of matter of fact about the way he feels about things. But he really, really cared about the kind of job he did and he really, really cared about kids and those were the important things."

Schneider said a lower back injury he suffered as a football player at Hondo is what led him to becoming a student trainer in high school and his calling in life.

After serving as a student trainer with Texas Tech's athletic programs, Schneider did entry-level training positions with the NFL's San Francisco 49ers and the now defunct USFL Houston Gamblers.

He once taped the ankles of Hall of Fame players Joe Montana, Ronnie Lott and Jim Kelly.

But he said the higher pay of high school trainer positions, compared to most college programs at the time, is what ultimately led him to the Tall City. With MISD, Hondo has risen to one of the prominent high school athletic trainers in the state, as he helped write the UIL's 2038 concussion management bill and helped in formulating Senate Bill 82, which required safety training for all coaches and sponsors of UIL athletic activities. Schneider said he couldn't have put in 28 years without his family behind him.

"My wife and my children have put up with my long hours for all these years," Hondo said. "And I could have never done it without their support. My wife Marla and my two children (Jessica and Brandt), Jessica, my oldest daughter, I missed so much of her life growing up because I was always at school. And then when I came back to Midland High, I wasn't directly involved with football and I got to enjoy more of my son's life and his athletic career that I never did with my daughter's. There's so many great memories that I can't recount them all."

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contact with," he said.

"When I came to interview, I brought my wife. We came into it on the interview side knowing what was going on with the housing market."

Mueller said building strong foundational relationships will be key in following in Russell's legendary footsteps. He plans to meet with MHS' returning players soon and also said he will retain the current coaching staff, which includes assistants Danny Neighbors, Hank Cunningham and Mason Munguia.

He acknowledged that he has big shoes to fill in taking over the program after Russell, who won 536 games in his 22 years at MHS. But Mueller is no stranger to such challenges.

When he was hired at Taylor in 2013 he replaced Doug Kohl, who coached the Ducks for 27 years (1986-2013) and racked up 496 victories in his tenure.

Mueller said the most important thing will be staying true to himself and how he wants to run the MHS program, rather than conforming to the past or

outside expectations. His previous experience with the Bulldogs figures to be a valuable tool.

"The key coming in is to be myself. I feel comfortable coming in behind Coach Russell," he said. "I also feel like I'm very in line with the way things have been done here (at MHS)."

Russell said having Mueller, a Stamford native, at the helm of the MHS program is critical to understanding the philosophy and mentality of West Texas baseball. The two had remained in contact over the years.

"I talked to him at the (UIL) state tournament about the program," Russell said. "He's been successful everywhere he has been and he's a West Texas guy. It's a good move. I think you've got to have a guy from West Texas."

Mueller graduated from Tuleton State University in 2001 with a Bachelor's of Science in Exercise and Sports Studies. In 2006, he graduated summa cum laude from UTSP with a master's degree in educational leadership.

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MARTIN

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Martin only did individual and conditioning work in his first practice of the offseason. While coach Jason Garrett said that was more because Martin has been out, the former Notre Dame standout noted the contract isn't finished.

Four years ago, Martin was a rookie who engaged Sean Lee in a noncontact drill when the star linebacker's left knee gave way, resulting in a torn ligament that kept Lee out all season. It was the first offseason practice.

"Right now, until the pen actually gets on paper, I'm going to be smart about it and just do individual work and some conditioning so I don't do something stupid," Martin said. "Two more days, so we'll see what they want to do, if we just want to play it smart."

Martin said he wasn't sure if he would have attended the first manda-

tory practice without the progress in negotiations. With the agreement close, he said it was an easy decision.

During the voluntary portion of the offseason, Martin said he worked out by himself while players were in meetings. Before practice started each day, he went home, where he "kind of got a little stir crazy."

"If you'd have asked me, I never would have thought in a million years I'd be the guy holding out and not coming to things," Martin said. "I had to make a decision, as hard as it was, but what was best for me. Hopefully it gets done, but I think I made the right decision."

Assuming the Martin deal gets done, the Cowboys will have their top three offensive linemen — all first-round picks with multiple Pro Bowls — locked up well past 2020. Left tackle Tyron Smith and center Travis Frederick are the others. Smith, who signed an extension

in 2014, and Frederick (2016) were the highest-paid at their positions at the time, and are still in the top five. Martin figures he'll be on a similar track once he goes to the top of the list.

"It's something obviously my agents and I, we were shooting for, so it's a huge honor," Martin said. "That'll probably get beat by someone whenever the next one signs, but that's how it works. Whenever we lock this thing up, very excited to get it over with and put it in the past."

For Garrett, it's the strongest sign of stability in the rebuilding of a line that started before his first full season as head coach, when the Cowboys drafted Smith sixth overall in 2011.

"It took us a while to rebuild it the way we wanted to rebuild it," Garrett said. "We reinforced that idea that you have to rebuild the offensive and defensive lines in order to allow your skill players to have some success."

World Cup

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skipper(s), and pusillanimous performances by the players on the field. Enough said. It may bring small comfort to know that World Cup powerhouses such as Italy (four-time champions), The Netherlands (runners-up thrice), and Chile (reigning champs of South America) missed out as well.

Schadenfreude aside, why then, should we watch? Well, to quote Ron Burgandy, "It IS kind of a big deal." Additionally, our locally beloved soccer frenemies to the south might just make some noise in this one as they popularly prove to be our surrogate in Russia.

The first four groups offer up an assemblage of teams most of whose success on the world stage is relatively young. Look for Group A to ungraciously spit out the hosts as the attack-minded

veterans from Uruguay (who hold a brace of World Cups) claim first over Mohammed Salah (the current best player in the world) and the pharaohs of Egypt. This is provided Salah is healthy after recently being injured in the Champions League final: if he's not fit, look for the Russians to sneak through.

Iberian peninsula neighbors Spain (2010 winners) and Portugal (the defending champions of Europe, led by one wildly ubiquitous Cristiano Ronaldo) will naturally summit B Group, while a ridiculously attack-loaded France (Les Bleus won it all in 1998) will grab Group C over the hard-working (and happy) Danish. Finally, the Albiceleste of Argentina, champs in 1978 and 1986 (and their talisman Leo Messi) will barely squeak by a deeply talented Croatia (among the coolest uniforms in all of sports) to wrap up D Group.

The bottom half of the pairings represents the old guard of World Cup glory. Group E will make a sinucure of five-time champion Brazil, who will cruise by Serbia for the top spot.

F offers up defending cup holder and four-time winner Germany, the juggernaut known as The Mannschaft, over the ever-popular Tricolore of Mexico.

In Group G, stacked Belgium (led by Eden Hazard and Kevin DeBruyne, two of the top 10 players in the world) will win out over the Three Lions of England (1966 champion), and the final cluster can foresee that Poland and the Terminator of clean sheets, Robert Lowendowski, will overcome slick-scoring southpaw James Rodriguez and Colombia.

While there's no true Group of Death this year, don't be surprised if either Group D or F proves to be an abattoir of

soccer elimination. The dark horses in Russia will be Croatia (a loaded team), Mexico (on a mission: look for them to stage a huge upset of Brazil in the round of 16) and England (young, well-coached, and playing with house money). Breakout players include Mexico's Hirving "Chucky" Lozano, Timo Werner and Leon Goretzka of Germany, England's Dele Alli, Gabriel Jesus of Brazil, and Kylian Mbappe of France.

For all you sporting fans, you can bet on seeing elite eight matchups of Portugal-France, Mexico-Belgium, Spain-Argentina, and England-Germany. We'll go into more detail after the group stage, but look for German sangfroid to reign over alles when the dust settles at the end.

In the all-time classic movie "Stripes," Bill Murray's sidekick Harold Ramis asks, "Didn't you ever cram for a test before? I

learned two semesters of geology in three hours." You, my friends, are now thoroughly prepped for the entire 2018 World Cup in a little more than one thousand words. No need to thank me now, you can wait until your educated guesses in Vegas (or Delaware) pay off and buy me a cold one the next time you bump into me. I'll check in with you after the group stage for an update and a preview of the knockout rounds. In the meantime, enjoy the show.

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Brazil's soccer players Neymar, left, and Gabriel Jesus, throw flour and eggs on the head of teammate Philippe Coutinho, to jokingly celebrate Coutinho's birthday, during a training session in Sochi, Russia on Tuesday. Brazil will face Switzerland on June 17 in the group E for the soccer World Cup.

Brazil right at home at World Cup base in sunny Sochi on the beach

By Tales Azzoni
Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — It didn't take long before Neymar and his Brazil teammates started heading to the beach after the team arrived at its World Cup base in Sochi.

The five-time world champions are feeling quite at home at the Black Sea resort city, enjoying warm temperatures and a private beach.

Players were so comfortable, in fact, that the team's first practice session ended Tuesday with Neymar and others throwing eggs and flour at playmaker Philippe Coutinho and defender Fagner, who were celebrating their birthdays. Just two (Neymar and Coutinho) of the world's three priciest players having a laugh ahead of a tournament where they'll be carrying heavy expectations.

Brazil has near-ideal conditions for its World Cup preparations in Sochi, with possibly the closest setting to what the team had back home before traveling to Russia.

"It was a positive first impression, the beauty of the city, its beaches," goalkeeper Alisson said. "We are having lunch and breakfast with a view of the sea. That's a plus for us."

The private beach at the team's luxury hotel was a hit with the players from the start. Neymar was one of the first to take a shirtless walk by the sand on the team's day off on

Monday. He and other players posted photos taking time off by the beach.

Brazil practiced for the first time in Sochi on Tuesday and allowed local fans to attend the training session. Nearly 4,000 people were handed tickets to watch the team's first activity on Russian soil.

"It's important to have contact with the local fans," Alisson said. "We are happy that it happened. We'll try to get to know more of their city in the coming days."

Fans loudly chanted Neymar's name during the session, and the squad was at ease throughout. One young fan invaded the pitch to try to get closer to the players, taking a selfie with midfielder Casemiro before being escorted out.

Sochi, which hosted the 2014 Winter Olympics, was always Brazil's first choice for its base. The country's soccer federation went out of its way to secure the coveted location even before it knew where the team would be playing its matches. The Austrian federation initially picked the five-star hotel where Brazil is staying, but luckily for the Brazilians the Europeans did not end up qualifying for the World Cup.

Brazil will not play any matches in Sochi and will travel more than 4,300 miles for its group-stage games in Rostov-on-Don, St. Petersburg and Moscow.

The federation said it wanted players at a place where they felt

comfortable between matches and Sochi was the perfect site with "great infrastructure and a pleasant environment."

Brazil has its own hotel wing and meetings rooms have been transformed into areas where players can meet with family members and friends on days off. In addition to the "Family Room" and the "Friends Room," which are visibly marked with signs on the wall, an area for the players' kids also was created.

"Family means everything to us," Alisson said. "They are the ones who are by our side in the good moments and in the bad moments. Having them near us makes our stay easier."

The hotel's presidential suite, on the terrace overlooking the Black Sea, won't have any guests as it was turned into a fitness area to aid with the players' rehabilitation after matches.

Brazil has been limiting fans' access to players since its chaotic World Cup preparations in 2006, when the usually calm lakeside resort city of Weggis in Switzerland turned into what looked like a state fair as thousands of people flocked to town to watch Brazil's open practice sessions under coach Carlos Alberto Parreira.

Brazil was heavily favored to win the title in Germany with a team that included Ronaldinho, Ronaldo, Kaká and Adriano, but it was eliminated by France in the quarterfinals.

Nigeria's bright, trippy uniforms a hit among World Cup unis

By Leanne Italle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Spain, your asymmetry is showing. Nigeria, you're so bright I need shades! Croatia, Russia's fresh out of Big Boy restaurants.

No worries, though, your party duds will be just the ticket once the World Cup gets underway June 14.

Those countries are among several of the more festive standouts in jerseys for the global soccer showcase, with loads of sentimental touches in the designs of the 32 teams.

With millions in exposure and retail sales at stake, the World Cup kits of 2018 can be categorized, generally speaking, like this: Team Plain, Team Retro and Team Cool Kid on the Pitch.

"We didn't used to care so much," said Roger Bennett, who is half the wacky British duo of the "Men in Blazers" soccer show on NBC Sports.

"What's changed is the fusion of the World Cup and the Premier League and the Champions League and television as a global platform, and advertising, which has essentially transformed them from being just functional garments, nothing to see here, just polyester, everybody move along, to the single-most lucrative billboard in the world," he said. "They may as well be spun from gold in terms of the impact that they have on the sports manufacturing brands that propel them."

Or, in the case of Australia, gold with a riot of jagged lines on shoulders and sleeves of home jerseys. The algae green lines celebrate waves and the country's proximity to various oceans and seas, said Nike football apparel senior design director Pete Hoppins. The away kit is all green with a diagonal slash of yellow and lighter green touches on the front, in tribute to Australia's 2006 jerseys.

Soccer fans have been buzzing for weeks about Nigeria's shirts, to the delight of supplier Nike but not so much among folks back home who consider the \$85 price tag out of reach. The away shirts are a screaming bright green, white and black with trippy jagged edging on a chevron pattern that may just be the World Cup's shining Rorschach moment, along with an ode to the country's style and pop culture energy.

The we-have-arrived look is a modern reinvention of Nigeria's 1994 kits, the first time the country qualified for the World Cup. The new shirts sold out in minutes on the first day of sales in some spots, including Nike's flagship store in London and online, Hoppins said, after stakeholders decided early on to go bold and market the stripes in a collection that also includes hats, T-shirts and jackets.

"We've never seen anything like this before in terms of excitement, in terms of people queuing around the block," Hoppins

By the numbers

Sports companies behind the parade of shirts

Adidas	12
Nike	10
Puma	3
New Balance	2
Erreà	1
Hummel	1
Umbro	1
Roma	1
Umbro	1

said, referring to the crowd that showed up June 1. "It's something that Nike has never really done before, which is going all out and having fun with it. We want Nigeria to be everyone's second team."

To Simon Doonan, soccer nut and creative ambassador at large for Barneys New York, when it comes to out-there World Cup shirts, you're either in or you're out.

"The ones you remember are the ones that are crazy, but some leagues are risk averse," said Doonan, author of the new book "Soccer Style: The Magic and Madness."

"The World Cup is a carnival. It's not supposed to be a beacon of restraint and good taste," he said.

Doonan's favorites on the flamboyant front: Croatia's red-and-white checkerboard, reminiscent of the country's flag and medieval coat of arms — and, some say, the Big Boy burger chain (Nike); Colombia's red-and-blue lightning bolts coming out of the armpits against a bright yellow background (Adidas); and Belgium's horizontal dash of red-and-yellow Argyle, like the socks (also Adidas).

Doonan is also a fan of vertical stripes (hello, Argentina in blue and white, just like your flag and your kits from your 1978 World Cup win).

There are some jerseys he's not hugely fond of as a matter of personal preference.

"I'm very obsessed with symmetry, in life and in my work, so the Spain shirt, even though I'm a big fan of the Spanish team, the asymmetry of those shirts and that sort of folkloric zigzag only on one side, completely freaks me out," Doonan said of the dash of yellow, blue and red against, well, red.

And then there's Nigeria, the social media and retail king heading into the World Cup.

"They're fabulous," Doonan said.

Bennett agreed: "You could wear it to a rave in Manchester in the 1990s and fit right in. It's a great way to live a life."

As for the upside down V's in the Nigerian design, Hoppins said it's a nod to eagles — as in the team's Super Eagles nickname.

Other nationalisms also have '90s throwback design. Germany's black-and-white shirts are an update of the jerseys won by Der Mannschaft's 1990 champions.

"That's a nice bit of nostalgia," Bennett said. Hoppins considers the '90s a heyday in jersey style.

World Cup has divisive legacy for Russia's environment

By Iulia Subbotovska and James Ellingworth
Associated Press

KALININGRAD, Russia — October Island was considered to some "a little corner of heaven" in the Russian city of Kaliningrad.

Then a World Cup stadium was built on the island.

Russia claims its World Cup stadiums meet the highest environmental standards, yet some have been built on top of ecologically sensitive areas. The site of the 35,000-seat Kaliningrad Stadium, where England and Spain will play, was one of Kaliningrad's last natural wetland sites, an island on the polluted Pregolya River. Its soft clay protected water-

bird colonies from the port city's industrial development under first German, then Soviet, then Russian rule.

That changed in 2014 when more than a million tons of sand was spread on the site to stabilize it for the stadium construction.

Depending on your view, it's either a triumph of engineering or an environmental disaster.

"It was a typical delta island, with peat and a wetland reed-bed. It was a little corner of heaven in the city, where birds lived," said local ecologist Alexandra Korolyova. "Really, if Russia paid more attention to protecting the environment, it could potentially have become a reservation or national park within the city."

Korolyova campaigned against the stadium as part

of local environmental organization Eco Defense because the island was "a filter" for the polluted river and "we've lost a lot and I don't see what we've gained."

The stadium, as with most of Russia's venues, is scheduled to become a hub for commercial and residential developments after the World Cup, and that could threaten the remaining wild parts of the island.

But there was another option.

At the design stage, then-Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko said the October Island wetland was too costly and challenging a site and pushed for a major rebuild of Kaliningrad's existing Baltika Stadium. Local officials successfully protested that the old stadium was a historic site,

although efforts failed for a similarly historic stadium that was eventually rebuilt in the host city of Yekaterinburg.

The chairman of Russia's state-run World Cup organizing committee last week defended the choice of October Island.

"Everything was done in accordance with best practice," Arkady Dvorkovich said. "This place, in my view, was more like wasteland than a place with very good nature. Theoretically, of course, you can call any swamp a very beautiful and environmentally clean place, but it's not really correct in relation to the city infrastructure and the cities."

The Kaliningrad region Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Robbinov dismissed environmental concerns.

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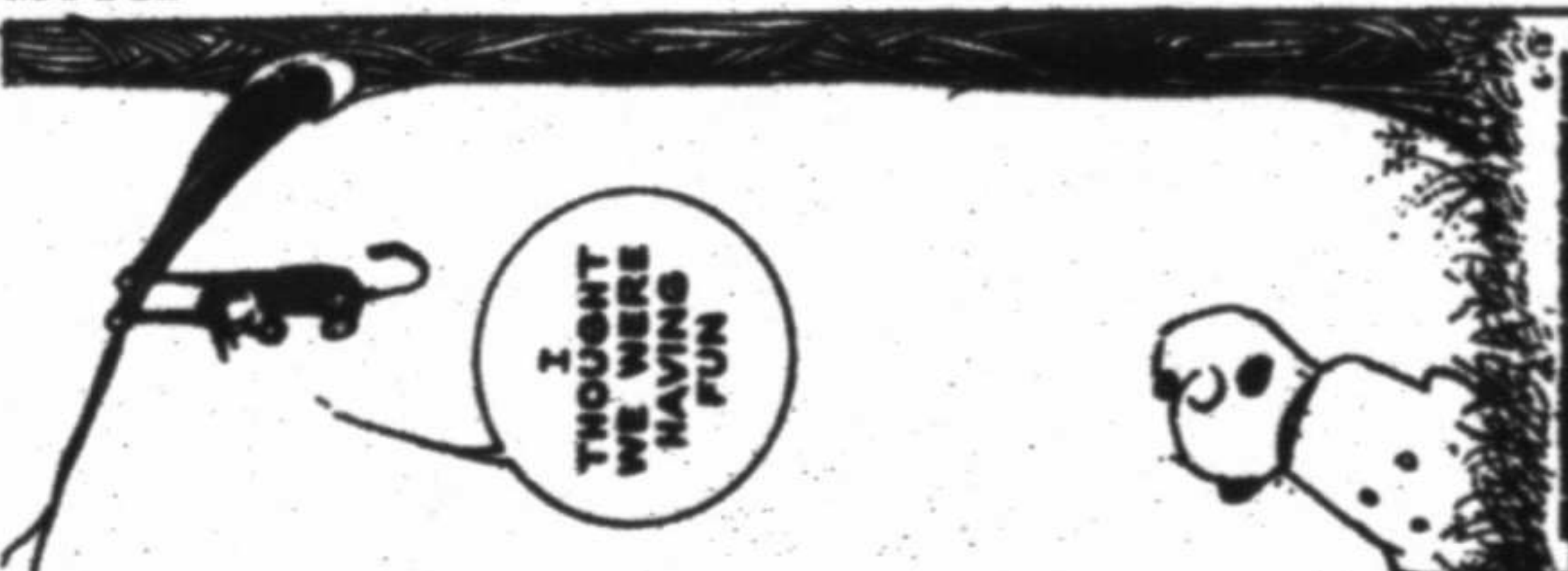
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Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$4,500.00 - \$7,000.00 monthly
Overtime Travel: Up to 10% of the time

General Description

Performs engineering work. Design activity is supervised by a licensed professional engineer who has authority for final approval of all projects. Work requires contact with local governmental representatives, engineering contractors and private entities. Employees at this level perform work independently on assignments, however, all unusual issues are referred to the supervisor.

Essential Duties Include:

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

Required Competencies Include:

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

Minimum Education Required:

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

Minimum Work Experience Required:

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

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

Valid Driver's License
Engineer-In-Training (EIT) Certified

Other Minimum Requirements:

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

Conditions of Employment:

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

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Overtime Travel: Up to 10% of the time

General Description

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

Essential Duties Include:

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

Required Competencies Include:

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

Minimum Education Required:

Bachelor's Degree in an Engineering related discipline

Minimum Work Experience Required:

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

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

Valid Driver License
Licensed Prof Engineer

Other Minimum Requirements:

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

Conditions of Employment:

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

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

Assistant Engineer

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

General Description:

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

Essential Duties Include:

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

Required Competencies Include:

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

Minimum Education Required:

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

Minimum Work Experience Required:

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

Conditions of Employment:

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

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

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Overtime Travel: Up to 10% of the time

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Overtime Travel: Rarely to 5% of the time

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

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

Required Competencies Include:
Communicate effectively.
Advanced drafting procedures.
Applicable engineering calculations and applications to support efficient planning and design activities.
Interactive graphics and design information systems, drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.
Writing, reviewing and revising documents to include engineering notes, specifications, standards and procedures.
Monitoring the status and progress of projects.
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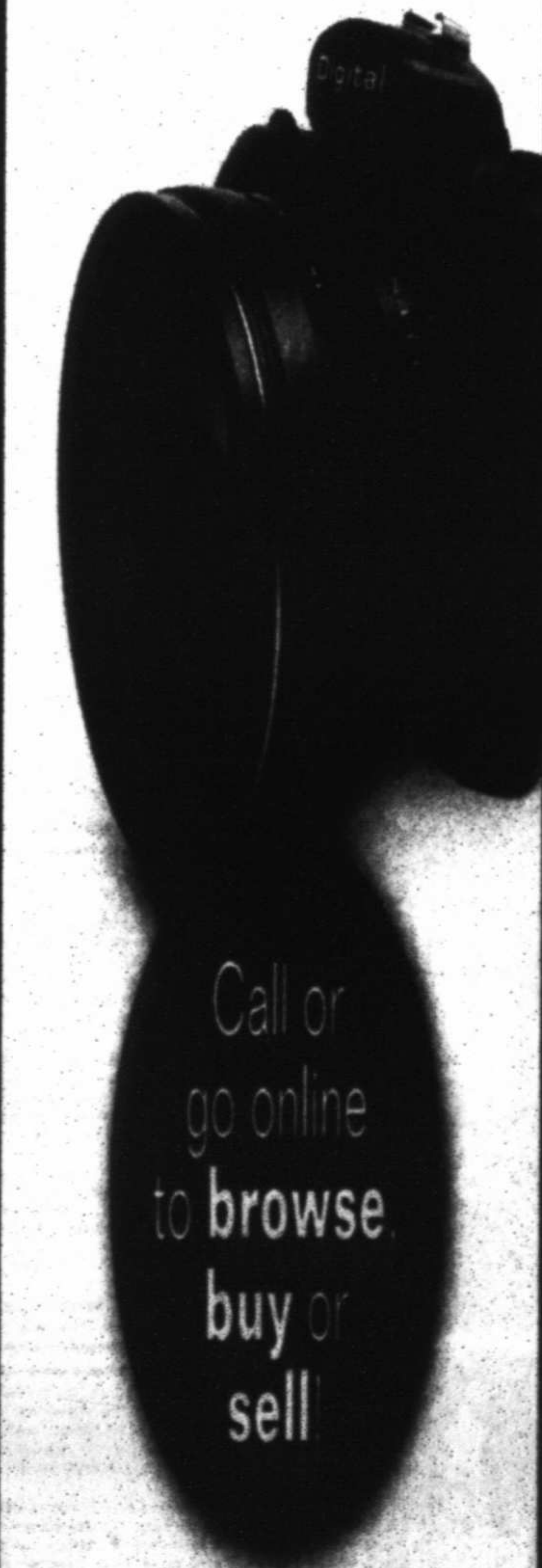


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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0311377
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 16, 2018 Status/Permit No. 638163
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 20, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PERMAN DEEP ROCK OIL CO., LLC, (RRC Operator No. 655805) has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit. Applicant also seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement because the location is less than the required Rule 37 distance to an external lease line for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 12, 8k, 39 T2S, GARDNER, J E Survey, A-662, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, MIDLAND County, being 2.4 miles SW direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jun 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	REBEL	
Lease/Unit Well No.	H115UX	
Lease/Unit Acres	205.03	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0	
Lease Lines	720.0 F NW L.	860.0 F SW L
Survey Lines	720.0 F NW L.	860.0 F SW L
Wellbore Profile(s)	Horizontal	
Latent: TH1		
Penetration Point Location		
Lease Lines	10.0 F SE L	
	430.0 F NE L	
Terminus Location		
BH County: MIDLAND	Block: 39 T1S	Abstract: 1
Section: 36		
Survey: T&P RR CO / MOODY, J M		
Lease Lines	100.0 F NW L	
	252.0 F NE L	
Survey Lines	100.0 F NW L	
	701.0 F SW L	

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10600 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Debbie Whiting, at (432) 682-6999, x357.

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37/38 Case No. 0311662
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 22, 2018 Status/Permit No. 639574
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 26, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, (RRC Operator No. 217012) has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit. Applicant also seeks exception to the density requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 8, 8k, 39 T1S, T&P RR COEDWARDS, W Survey, A-718, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 5.89 miles NW direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

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

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jun 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	BUTTE UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No.	604WB
Lease/Unit Acres	320.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	1.0
Lease Lines	2175.0 F WEST L. 306.0 F SOUTH L
Survey Lines	2175.0 F WEST L. 306.0 F SOUTH L
Wellbore Profile(s)	Horizontal
Latent: TH1	
Penetration Point Location	
Lease Lines	2175.0 F WEST L. 306.0 F SOUTH L
Terminus Location	
BH County: MIDLAND	Block: 17 Block: 37
Section: 17 Block: 37	
Survey: T&P RR CO	
Lease Lines	212.0 F WEST L. 30.0 F SOUTH L
Survey Lines	2274.0 F WEST L. 2962.0 F NORTH L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10740 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Paula Brunson, at (432) 221-7442.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Sharon Joy Young, Deceased, were issued on June 5, 2018, in Cause No. P-19439, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to John M. Brandos, Independent Executor, whose address is 6852 Burcett Drive, Huntington Beach, California 92646.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Melvin Clinton Wilson, Deceased, were issued on June 5, 2018, in Cause No. P-19456, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Brenda Wilson, Independent Executor, whose residential address is 4704 Teakwood Trace, Midland, Texas 79707.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY.
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2018-0012162-XXXXXX
IN RE: Matter of Termination of Parental Rights Joannita Slys Lozano
By her guardian, Cheryl Simpson

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: Thomas Lozano
Address Unknown
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a petition for Termination of Parental Rights has been filed against you and you are required to serve a Copy of your written defense if any to R. L. LAWRENCE A. CAPLAN, Attorney for Cheryl Simpson whose address is 1375 Gateway Blvd., Boynton Beach, FL 33426 and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled court on or before July 2nd 2018, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief prayed for in the complaint or petition.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court at West Palm Beach, Florida on this 7th day of May, 2018.
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LAWRENCE A. CAPLAN, P.A.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of HARLEY FRED BYNUM, deceased, Probate
Case Number P-19456:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of HARLEY FRED BYNUM, deceased, late of Midland County, Texas, by MARVIN L. MOORE, County Court-at-Law Judge for Midland County, on the 6th day of June, 2018, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those holding claims against said Estate to present them to JUDY BYNUM, P.O. Box 7648, Midland, Texas 79705, within the time prescribed by law.

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Notice of Application for Surface Coalmining

ORLY USA WTP LP is applying to the Railroad Commission to amend previously approved Commission Permit 82743. Leases included in the permit are Don Roberts Ranch Unit and Don Roberts Ranch Extension Unit. Production is from Don Roberts (Consolidated), Don Roberts (Shelburne), Don Roberts (Fountain), Don Roberts (Devoted), Vasey (Shelburne), Vasey (Fountain), War-San (Devoted), War-San (Shelburne) and War-San (Fountain) fields. Production will be commingled at the Don Roberts Ranch Unit Surface located in RRC District 08 in Midland County.

Pursuant to Statewide Rules 26 and 27, interested parties must file objections or requests for hearing in writing to the Railroad Commission office within 21 days after publication, or the Commission may approve the application.

For questions pertaining to this application, please contact Sandra Hunsaker at (713) 258-0105.

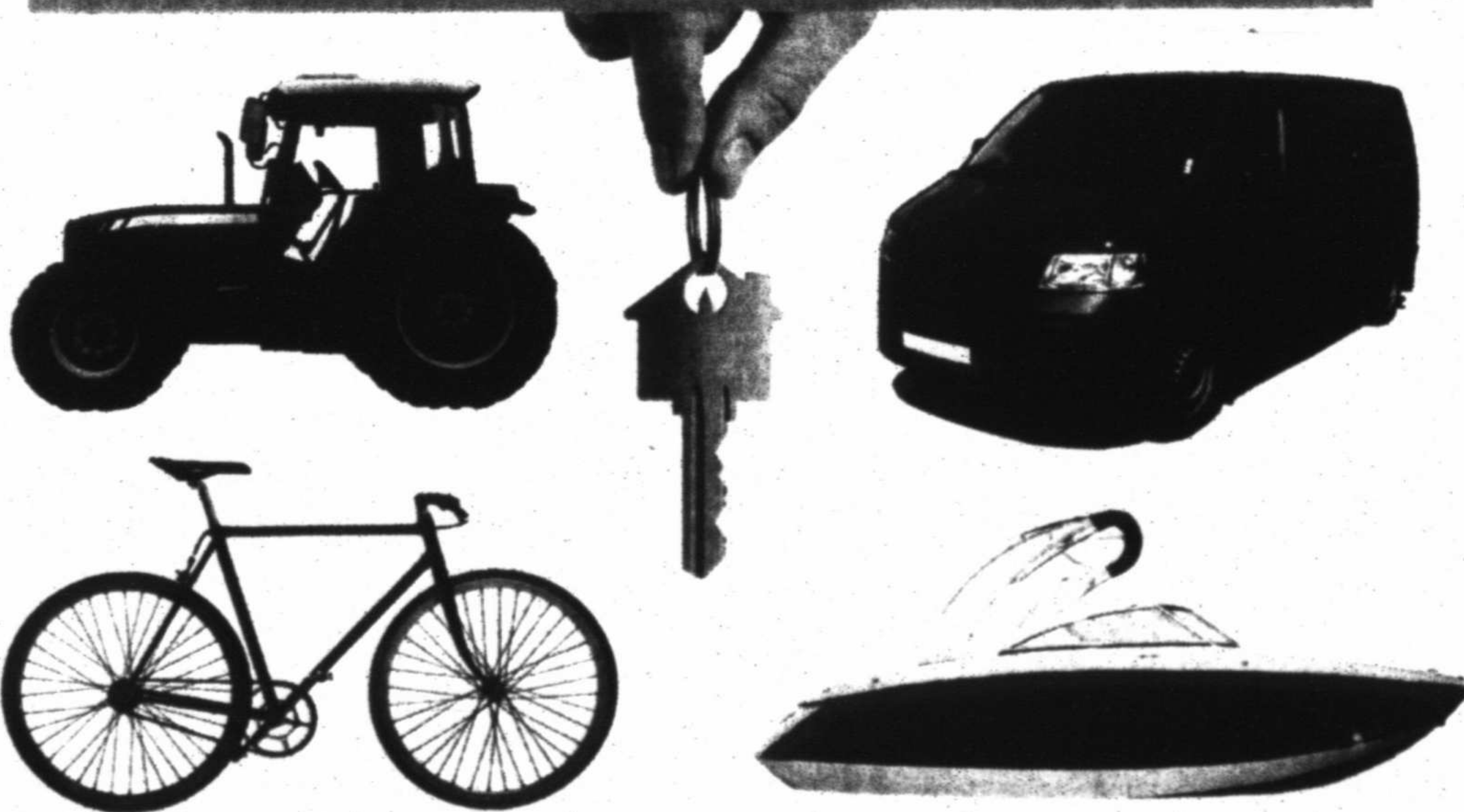
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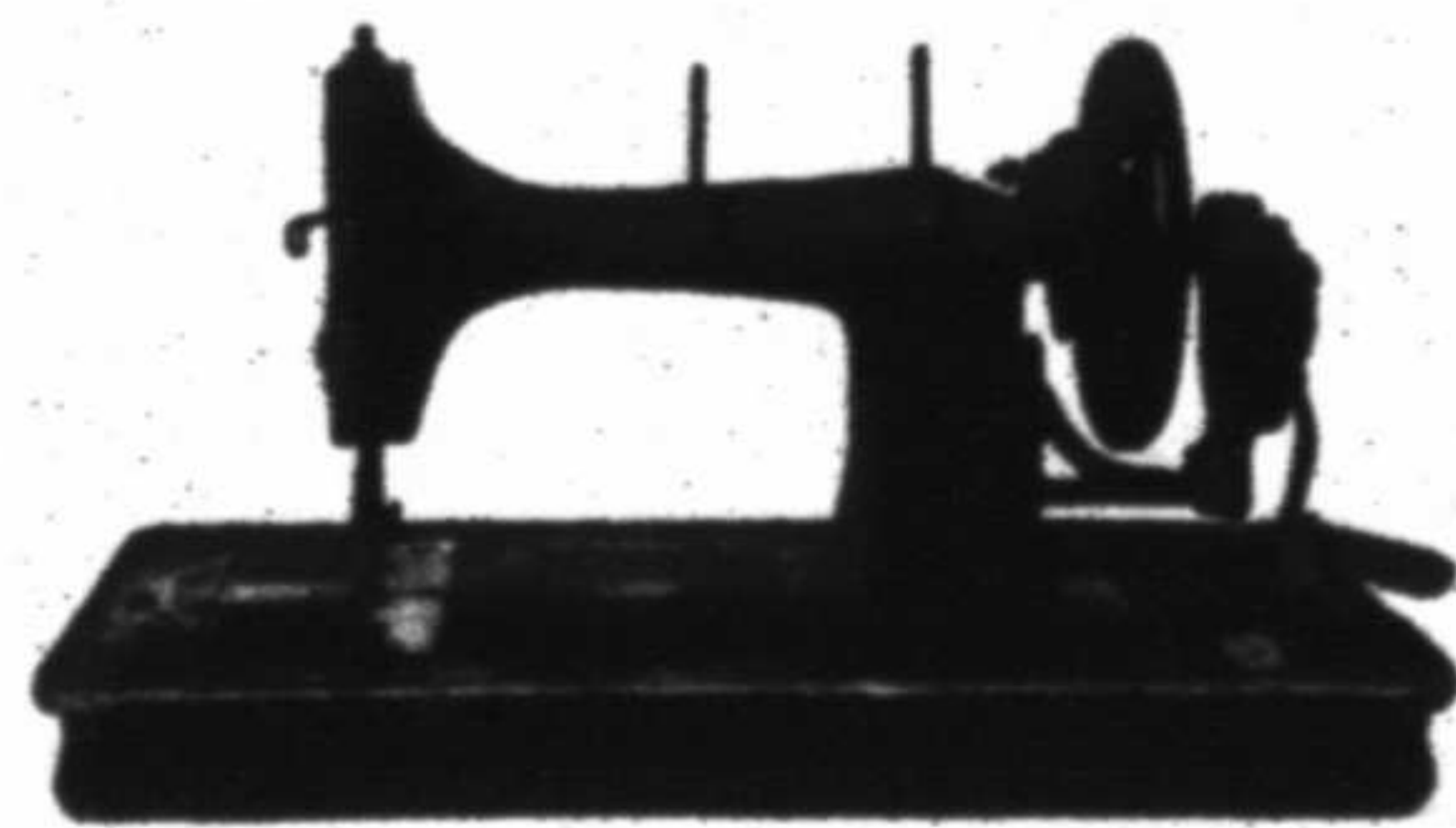
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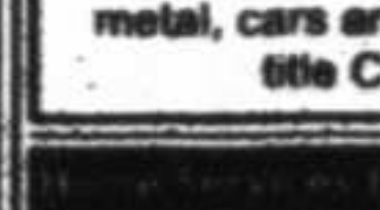
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