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With pump prices above 3-year highs, OPEC and Russia look to boost oil production.

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KORN ON 'HOUNDS

Sportswriter Will Korn: Entering Tuesday's home contest against the Frisco RoughRiders, the RockHounds were eager to reap the benefits of a clean slate that comes with the start of the second half.

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Tentative MC budget includes 3 percent raises

College: Property tax revenue increases help make 'hold-the-line budget' possible

By Simone Jasper
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The Midland College board of trustees on Tuesday gave tentative approval of a proposed 2018-19 budget that calls for salary increases for some employees.

The initial unrestricted, auxiliary and debt service budgets presented at the board's regular meeting propose a 3 percent salary increase for full-time employees.

Expenses and transfers for the three funds total \$56.7 million, a nearly \$1.1

million increase from 2017-18.

Rick Bender, vice president of administrative services, said some previous expenditures — such as those related to equipment and eliminated personnel positions — will not occur in next fiscal year's budget. Adding to expenses were staff positions and softball facility upgrades.

"It's very much a hold-the-line budget," Bender said. "We don't have a lot of big, new proposed projects out there."

In terms of revenue, the initial budget estimates state-appropriated funds will remain the same as 2017-18 and that

property tax revenue will increase.

The budget's tuition and fee projections are lower than the total for this fiscal year. The college last year expanded dual credit, and Bender said that could have impacted past estimates.

"It's partly that — it's just partly looking the overall and looking at our economy and seeing where we're at and wanting to make sure that we don't overestimate revenue and end up short," he said.

A final budget and tax rate will be presented to MC's board of trustees for approval in August.

Also during Tuesday's meeting,

the board voted to table approval of a proposal related to a non-surface oil and gas lease.

The decision came after the college put out requests for proposal to lease minerals underneath its properties in the area of the Cogdell campus. MC received one full response, offering a term of three years and a bonus of \$10,250 per acre.

"They liked the royalty rate of 25 percent, but they didn't feel like the bonus... was market rate," Bender said. "They wanted us to go and see if we can't negotiate a better proposal."

'ENDURING SIGNATURE'



Courtesy of Texas A&M University

Concho Resources Chairman and CEO Tim Leach speaks Friday at the opening of the Leach Teaching Gardens at Texas A&M University. Leach and his wife, Amy, right, were the project's lead donors.

Texas A&M opens first phase of garden complex

Midlanders Tim and Amy Leach are lead donors of university's Leach Teaching Gardens

By Caitlin Clark
The Eagle

The first phase of The Gardens at Texas A&M opened Friday with a ceremony for the seven-acre Leach Teaching Gardens.

In 1998, the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents designated the area along White Creek on West Campus as green space, and up until about two years ago, the land remained a largely untouched natural area. Patrick Stover, vice chancellor and dean for

agriculture and life sciences, said Friday that The Gardens will be the "enduring signature" of agriculture at Texas A&M.

Planning for The Gardens began in 2011 under Stover's predecessor, Mark Hussey, with what Stover described as two questions: "How can the best agriculture and life sciences college in the world not have a public or botanic garden, and how do we make that happen, how do we change that?" Stover said.

"Answering those two questions has blossomed into a full-scale demonstration of the best of Texas A&M's spirit, its core values and a showcase for the land grant mission."

About \$11.6 million have been invested in the first phase of 21 themed gardens, an outdoor classroom, an event

lawn demonstration area and pavilion. Construction began in 2015 with the stabilization of White Creek and the installation of two bridges that connect the White Creek Apartments, School of Public Health and College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences to the rest of the campus.

Midlanders Tim and Amy Leach are the lead donors and namesakes of the first seven acres of The Gardens, which includes rose, citrus and herb gardens, a vineyard, a food and fiber fields quadrant, fruit orchard and gardens with Mexican, German and Czech landscaping elements.

Leach, Concho Resources chairman

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Council OKs amendment to Pioneer water deal

Two entities to split project's \$8 million cost overrun

By Stewart Doreen
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As costs of a once-in-a-generation private-public partnership increased, so did the commitment of Pioneer Natural Resources and the city of Midland.

The Midland City Council on Tuesday approved an amendment to the historic 2016 contract with Pioneer that deals with a cost overrun of about \$8 million in the now \$133.5 million project. The parties are splitting the difference to enable the project to be on track to begin in July.

The city and Pioneer in December 2016 agreed to a then-\$125 million deal that would allow Pioneer to make improvements to the city's wastewater treatment plant in return for a supply of reclaimed water from the plant for use in oil and gas development.

Benefits of the project include:

■ city leaders won't have to raise taxes to pay for upgrades at the water treatment facility at Interstate 20 and Farm-to-Market Road 307.

■ reduction of truck traffic on city streets because the pipeline system will transport water to the Pioneer Water Management pipeline system that services its operations.

■ Pioneer will pay the city up to \$2.5 million annually for the sale of treated water, and

■ reduction of the amount of freshwater that otherwise would have to be used for operations.

Because of increases in the costs of the labor and construction and design improvements, additional resources were necessary to complete the project, according to information from the city. To meet the difference, the city will take \$4.25 million from the unappropriated Water and Wastewater Fund. Pioneer will increase its

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The big number

100

years on Dow Jones index for General Electric. Page 4A

Word of the Day

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Trump Jr. nixes Bush fundraiser over family tensions

By Philip Rucker
Washington Post

President Donald Trump's eldest son has abruptly canceled his scheduled appearance at a fundraiser next week for Texas Republican George P. Bush amid escalating tensions between the two political families, a source familiar with the discussions confirmed Tuesday.

Donald Trump Jr. was planning to headline a June 25 fundraiser in New York for Bush, the Texas land commissioner running for reelection this fall. But he pulled out after members of the Bush family publicly condemned the Trump administration's policy of separating migrant children from their parents and detaining them at the border.

George P. Bush's father, former Florida governor Jeb Bush, and his aunt, former first lady Laura Bush, sharply criticized the family-separation policy as cruel and inhumane.

Trump Jr.'s cancellation was first reported by Axios.

Trump Jr. had forged a political friendship with George P. Bush despite the open hostility between their fathers after the bruising 2016 Republican presidential primaries. In the general election, George P. Bush endorsed Trump, even as some in his family resisted the then-nominee, and earlier this year the president endorsed Bush's reelection as land commissioner.

But after Jeb Bush took what Trump family members interpreted as a swipe at Trump — saying in a March appearance at Yale University that he goes home to children “who still love me” — Trump Jr. warned George P. Bush that if Jeb Bush did not stop attacking his father there would be consequences, according to a person close to Trump Jr., who spoke on the condition of anonymity to relate private conversations.

This person described George P. Bush as apologetic and said he told Trump Jr. that he already had talked to Jeb Bush about the situation. For Trump Jr., Jeb Bush's tweet Monday about family separation was the last straw, according to this person.

“Don likes George P. personally but felt like Jeb's continued attacks put him in a position where he could not do the fundraiser, and so after the latest one he decided to pull the plug,” said the person close to Trump Jr. Jeb Bush tweeted Monday, in response to one of the president's tweets: “Children shouldn't be used as a negotiating tool. @realDonaldTrump should end this heartless policy and Congress should get an immigration deal done that provides for asylum reform, border security and a path to citizenship for Dreamers.”

“Dreamers” refers to immigrants brought to the United States illegally as children.

The comments came after Laura Bush wrote a scathing editorial about the policy in *The Washington Post*. She wrote: “I live in a border state. I appreciate the need to enforce and protect our international boundaries, but this zero-tolerance policy is cruel. It is immoral. And it breaks my heart.”

The former first lady went on to say that the images from the border “are eerily reminiscent of the internment camps for U.S. citizens and noncitizens of Japanese descent during World War II, now considered to have been one of the most shameful episodes in U.S. history.”



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Police and SWAT respond on June 12 at a residence where a man refused to come out. Police fired multiple rounds of tear gas into the home before the man, Jared Wilson, 27, surrendered.

Man allegedly uses sword during aggravated assault

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested June 12 after allegedly using a sword during the commission of an assault, according to court documents.



Wilson

27, barricaded himself in a residence, and SWAT was summoned to the scene,

according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

Wilson was being held Tuesday on a \$200,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Midland police were dispatched at about 2 p.m. June 12 in reference to a disturbance with weapons. Wilson allegedly punched a woman with a closed fist during an argument and threatened to kill her with a sword, according to his arrest affidavit.

The woman, fearing for her life, ran from Wilson.

Wilson, who was still carrying the sword, chased her and then tossed her into a window, according to the affidavit.

She managed to escape into the garage where she waited for help.

After Wilson barricaded himself inside the residence, police fired multiple rounds of tear gas into the home, and he ultimately surrendered, according to the previous article.

If convicted of a second-degree felony charge, Wilson could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man allegedly throws ax at woman

imprisonment.

A man was arrested Friday after he allegedly threw an ax at a woman, according to court documents.



Lawler

to an assault.

Lawler pushed a woman into a wall and threatened to decapitate her, according to his arrest affidavit. He allegedly picked up an ax and threw it at the woman, striking the wall next to her.

If convicted of the first-degree felony charge, Lawler could face up to life

Man charged with sexual assault of a child

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



Frausto

If convicted of the first-degree felony charge, Frausto could face up to life imprisonment.

Residents scrutinize Alamo redevelopment plan at hearing

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A \$450 million plan to redevelop the Alamo has drawn criticism from many Texas residents at a recent public hearing.

Several residents voiced opposition to relocating a 60-foot monument, demolishing buildings or closing streets at a public meeting Monday, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

“We’re already in the first minute on our conversation, and I’m already hearing booing,” said City Councilman Greg Brockhouse at the meeting held at Darner Parks and Recreation Operations Headquarters.

The city of San Antonio, the nonprofit Alamo Endowment and the General Land Office released details of the Alamo redevelopment plan earlier this month. It calls for tripling the size of the historic plaza in downtown San Antonio, razing several buildings, constructing a museum and moving the 1930s Cenotaph. The public-private project also proposes making structural repairs to the mission-era church and lowering the ground in some places to the level at the time of the 1836 battle with Mexican forces.

Officials have said they want to create a sense of “reverence and respect” at

the site. “People say they don’t understand the story,” said Alamo CEO Doug McDonald of the need for a museum. “We need a bigger space to tell the story.”

Officials received feedback Monday that the plan should include a better interpretation of Native Americans of the site’s 1700s mission era.

“I am, for the most part, opposed to this entire plan,” said resident John Hinnant. “It’s over-engineered, and it’s not necessary.”

More public hearings are scheduled for this week. The City Council could give preliminary approval in the fall.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WEST Remains of WWII soldier being returned to family

The remains of a Central Texas soldier killed in 1945 during a World War II battle in Germany have been identified and are being returned to his family.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency says 21-year-old Army Staff Sgt. Leo J. Husak of West was accounted for in February. Burial will be Saturday in his hometown.

Husak was with Company A, 1st Battalion, 309th Infantry Regiment, 78th Infantry Division, when he was killed in January 1945. Other soldiers were unable to recover Husak's remains due to continued fighting.

After the war, hundreds of remains from German battlefields were buried in the Netherlands.

In 2016, U.S. military researchers determined further details on where Husak died. Some remains were disinterred last year and sent to a military lab, where DNA identified Husak.



Husak

OKLAHOMA Authorities say Texas man killed in Oklahoma crop duster crash

ENID — The Oklahoma Highway Patrol says a Texas man was killed when the small airplane he was piloting crashed in northwestern Oklahoma.

The agency says in a news release that 52-year-old Rodney Sherry of Olton died in the crash just after 7 a.m. Tuesday.

It says Sherry was the only person on board the crop-dusting aircraft when it crashed into a wheat field just northwest of Enid, 75 miles northwest of Oklahoma City.

OHP Lt. Kera Philippi says the plane apparently crashed after striking a guideline wire that was attached to an approximately 400-foot-tall communications tower.

Enid Emergency Management Director Mike Honigsberg said the plane was a single-engine, fixed-wing aircraft.

COUNCIL

From 1A

contribution to be paid back in water credits up to \$9.25 million. Pioneer, according to the city, has a volume-based contract whose primary term is expected to last for the next 20 to 28 years, depending on flow rates. The city retains the right to sell unused or excess reclaimed water to other entities for water quantities not taken by Pioneer.

“This is a monumental day for the city of Midland,” Councilman Spencer Robnett said. “We are fortunate to have responsible and dedicated corporate partners in Midland; Pioneer is a shining example of that.”

The water deal is Pioneer's second with a Permian Basin city. In a \$117 million deal between Pioneer and the city of

Odessa, the company receives effluent water for its operations, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. Pioneer Natural Resources COO Tim Dove previously said the contract with Midland is twice the size of the Odessa contract.

A Pioneer official at the meeting Tuesday said the total cost of its West Texas water distribution investment will be close to \$1 billion.

“We recognize one of the best things we can do for Midland is limit the need for freshwater in our operations, and thanks to this innovative partnership, we have created an affordable, reliable, long-term source of water for Pioneer while at the same time providing the city with necessary infrastructure upgrades,” Dove said in a press release.

GARDENS

From 1A

and CEO and a member of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, announced Friday that he and his wife also have donated the design costs to begin future phases.

“Every university, every real leader in education has some kind of formal garden, and we are the greatest university in this country. It's about time that we had our own garden,” Leach said.

The Gardens is planned to be a 40-acre complex.

Future phases will include outdoor venues for performing arts, films and social events. A rose garden, a garden for children and a food-the-world-themed courtyard also are planned.

Provost and Executive

Vice President Carol A. Fierke said not only will The Gardens provide a place for “reflection and rejuvenation,” it's a new academic resource for teaching.

“Gardens provide places for people to think and give an opportunity for creativity to grow,” Fierke said. “No matter the field of study, creativity remains the seed of innovation and provides cultivation for our ideas.”

The Leach Teaching Gardens will provide hands-on learning and demonstrations on subjects including water conservation, food and healthy living. The Gardens also will provide an outdoor laboratory for applied research to be used across colleges, departments and majors.

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falter2: to recoil in dread
or terror: cowerMidland
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Things to do

- Wednesday Storytime with crafts for preschool children, 11 a.m., Barnes and Noble, 2817 West Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com
- Storytime at the Library, 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 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.
- Party on the Patio with live music and food trucks, 5 p.m. Wednesdays at Shack in the Back.

Lottery

- Pick 3 morning: 6-6-3
Pick 3 day: 5-4-4
Pick 3 evening: 9-1-2
Pick 3 night: 0-6-7
Daily 4 morning: 2-4-8-4
Daily 4 day: 6-5-2-2
Daily 4 evening: 2-8-0-1
Daily 4 night: 7-9-2-1
Cash Five: 3-9-18-29-34
Mega Millions: 11-13-28-65-70,
Mega Ball: 14, Megaplier: 3
- Triple Chance: 14-22-26-31-
33-36-39-43-49-50
All or Nothing morning: 4-5-
6-12-13-14-16-18-19-21-23-24
All or Nothing day: 6-7-11-13-
14-16-18-20-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-3-
4-7-11-13-14-15-17-21-23
All or Nothing night: 4-5-7-8-
10-11-16-17-18-20-22-24

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Leadership seminar



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Select high school juniors attended the Midland Young Leaders Challenge hosted June 13-14 by the Gen. Tommy Franks Leadership Institute & Museum at Midland College.

11610 W. Highway 80, Odessa.

3:11 Ministries Summer Splash Bash with Midland County Angels, 7-9 p.m., Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive. \$5. 31 ministries.org

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

Tennessee Jet, 7 p.m., Rolling 76 Ranch Event Center, 11700 W. County Road 122, Odessa. \$6 advance, \$10 door. 7rac.com

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

Karaoke Wednesdays with DJ Savage and host Ayva Naweth, 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.

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, June 20, the 171st day of 2018. There are 194 days left in the year.
Today's highlight:
On June 20, 1893, a jury in New Bedford, Massachusetts, found Lizzie Borden not guilty of the murders of her father and stepmother.

On this date:

In 1782, Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States, featuring the emblem of the bald eagle.
In 1867, boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted and was sentenced to five years in prison. (Ali's conviction was ultimately overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.)
In 1877, the first oil began flowing through the recently completed Trans-Alaska Pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez.
In 1908, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously upheld a New York City law making it illegal for private clubs with more than 400 members to exclude women and minorities.

By The Associated Press

Weather

Monday's temperatures
High:92
Low:72
Normal high:94
Normal low:68

June 19 records

High: 108, set in 2011
Low: 56, set in 1985

Precipitation

Monday:0.00 inches
Tuesday:0.00 inches
Month total:1.89 inches
Year total:2.73 inches
Normal total (year to date):5.44 inches

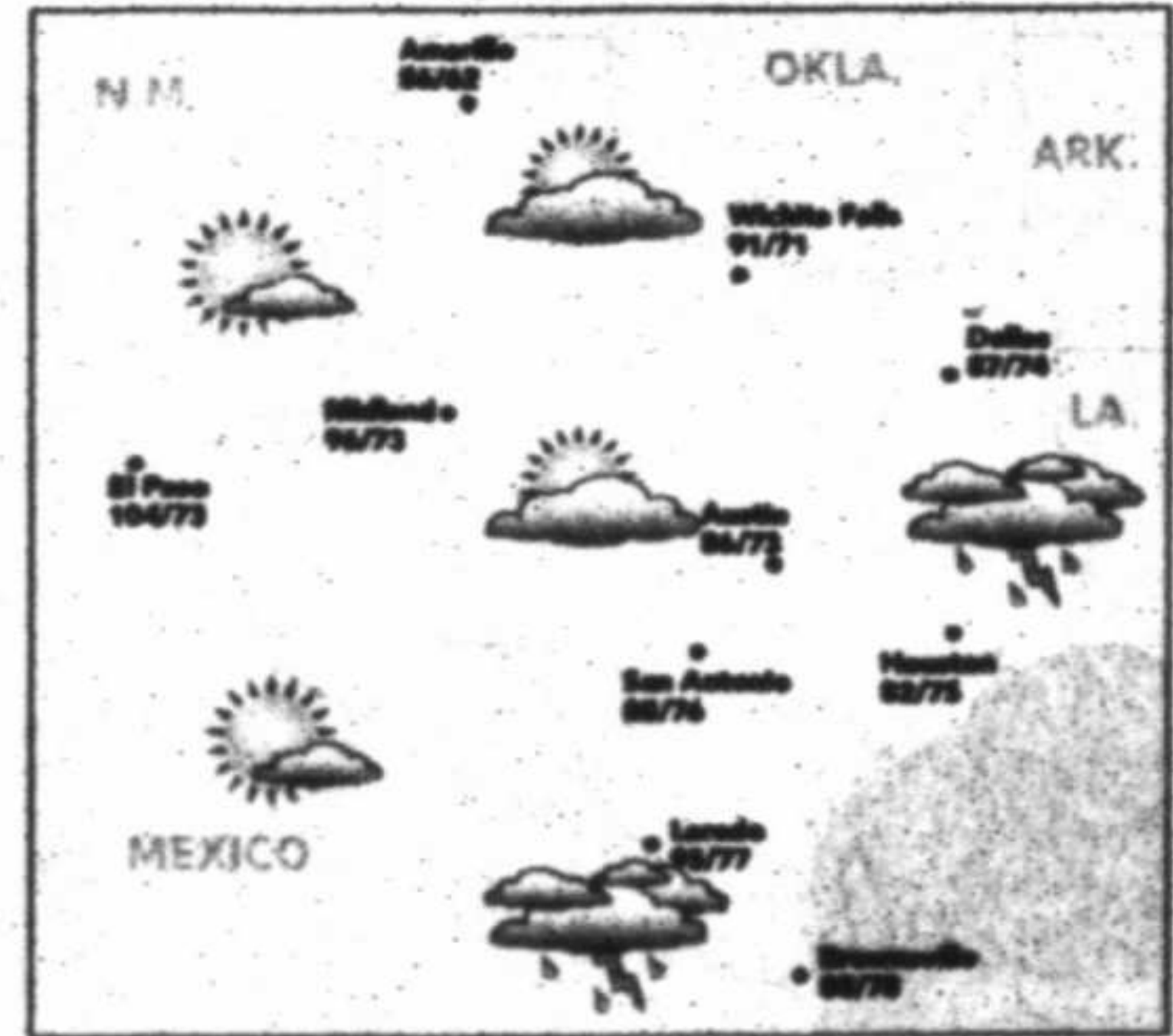
Winds

Average: 9.1 mph
Highest sustained: 13 mph
Highest gust: 22 mph

June 20 forecast

High:88

Forecast for Wednesday, June 20, 2018



Low:67
Conditions: Sunny during day/partly cloudy at night
Winds: 10 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain:none
Sunrise:6:43 a.m.
Sunset:8:58 p.m.
Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Gemini and a Moon in Virgo if born before 5:51 a.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
for Wednesday, June 20,
2018: This year you move
forward with vigor and
enthusiasm. You often feel
challenged by others. You
could be making too much
of the fact that people feel
free to express their values
and thoughts. Accept differ-
ent opinions as natural
and interesting. If you are
single, open up to a first
change and be willing to
meet new people. As the
year goes on, you'll become
more interested in someone
who could be a long-term
partner. If you are attached,
the two of you enjoy relat-
ing to each other. You will
see a surge of more flirtation
in your relationship. LIBRA
understands you well.

ARIES (March 21-April
19) ★★★★★ Your mood
might change quickly upon
waking up. A friend or
loved one could say one
little sentence that could
cause a mood swing. Stay
relaxed. You might run into
a boss who could be unusu-

ally testy. Being generous
could make all the differ-
ence. Tonight: Accept an
offer.

TAURUS (April 20-
May 20) ★★★★★ Your
creativity surges and allows
you to take a new look at
what previously seemed
boring and unimportant.
A friendship adds a lot of
diversity to your life; let this
person know how much you
appreciate him or her with
a gift or card. Tonight: Do
something just for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June
20) ★★★★★ You might
feel as if there is no alterna-
tive to what you are doing.
Stay upbeat and persuasive.
You might need to deal
with a partner directly. Your
instincts tell you how to
handle an emotional situa-
tion. Do not compromise
your thoughts. Tonight: Tap
into your imagination.

CANCER (June 21-July
22) ★★★★★ Take your
time and relax more. Living
life in such a frantic pace
might not suit you. You hear
conversations all around you,
perhaps filled with gossip.
Keep an open mind. Do not
trust any information as a
given until you are sure it's
true. Tonight: Catch up on
a friend's news.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You will state
your case in a meaning-
ful way. Recognize that
you will need to make a
major change. Do not move

until you are ready, and
be sure to dot your i's and
cross your t's. Your ability
to move past a problem
emerges today. Tonight:
Treat a friend to munchies
and fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22) ★★★★★ You will speak
your mind and express
your concerns. Your sense
of what is right and wrong
emerges. Your ability to
read situations well also
comes out. Others will
follow your lead sooner
rather than later. Goodwill
surrounds you. Tonight:
Where you can find your
friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.
22) ★★★★★ You could be
stretched to the max and
have difficulty explaining
what is going on. Your ability
to come forward with
good, workable ideas does
not go unnoticed. Do not
put off a long-distance call
any longer; otherwise, you
will create a rift. Tonight:
In the whirlwind of living.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-
Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Read between
the lines and come to a
conclusion. Recognize what
is happening around you,
and decide not to become
involved immediately. You
will need to gain a perspec-
tive that you find relevant
and that can be worked
with. Tonight: Dig into a
problem to find a resolution.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.
22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Pres-
sure builds early in the day.
Your natural inclination to
defer to others will pay off.
Your intense compassion
helps someone function at
a higher level. You see how
well the two of you can
communicate. This ability
enhances your friendship.
Tonight: Join the gang for
dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec.
22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ A new
approach could be very
rewarding. Consider your
options with a partner or
friend. You sometimes find
this person emotional and
challenging; do not push

him or her away. Remain
sensitive even if you are un-
easy. Tonight: Look at the
big picture before deciding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-
Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Know
that someone close to you
is trying to sort out some
issues. Try to honor where
this person is coming from.
Lighten up the moment
by sharing more of what
you desire. A challenging
question will find a suitable
point of reconciliation.
Tonight: Visualize a trip.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20) ★★★★★ Your strong
suit is your ability to relate
and also visualize. You eas-
ily can manifest your vision
of what is workable. You
will be able to elicit a caring
response. Listen to a loved
one with care; this person
needs your attention and
support. Tonight: Be with a
favorite person.

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OPEC and Russia look to boost oil production

By Steven Mufson
Washington Post

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and Russia will pivot this week and boost output enough to stabilize prices while increasing their own revenues.

The cartel's biggest producer and exporter, Saudi Arabia, is seeking to broker an agreement on production levels ahead of the June 22 OPEC meeting in Vienna.

The kingdom is hoping to reach a compromise between Russia, which wants to produce at maximum capacity, and Iran and Iraq, which strongly oppose any output increases.

Crude oil prices have rebounded since 2016, when OPEC and Russia cut production by 1.8 million barrels a day. Since then, prices have more than doubled from a low of \$27 a barrel for the benchmark West Texas Intermediate grade to \$65 on Monday.

Saudi oil minister Khaled al-Falih said in Moscow on June 14 that OPEC and Russian production increases were "inevitable."

"Saudi Arabia is once again back in the driver's seat," Helima Croft, global head of commodity strategy at RBC Capital Markets, wrote in a note to investors.

Saudi Arabia is also seeking to boost oil exports enough to cushion American consumers and mollify President Donald Trump.

Now that Trump has jettisoned the nuclear deal with Iran, the kingdom's long-time rival.

Saudi leaders plan to fulfill their pledge to increase production enough to offset the loss of Iranian oil sales resulting from the reimposition of U.S. sanctions.

Although U.S. sanctions won't bite fully until November, Trump is already impatient with the Saudi response. Last week, for the second time, the president called on OPEC to increase production. "Oil prices are too high, OPEC is at it again. Not good!" Trump said in a June 13 Tweet.

Analysts expect Russia and OPEC to boost output about 500,000 barrels a day now, and as much as 1.2 million barrels a day by the end of the year.

Saudi Arabia might also want to defuse threats from Congress, according to Robert McNally, president of the Rapidan Energy Group and former National Security Council energy director. Lawmakers are unhappy with Saudi Arabia's role in the bloody civil war in Yemen. In addition, McNally notes, members of the House Judiciary Committee have marked up a bill called NOPEC, which would allow Treasury to sue OPEC producers under the Sherman Antitrust Act. In his 2008 book, Trump had a chapter sub-heading that read: "Sue OPEC."

Indeed the coordinated actions of OPEC and Russia are the reason for the rebound in oil prices over the last 18 months — along with supply disruptions in Venezuela, Nigeria and Libya and rising demand globally.

OPEC producers with the flexibility to trim production — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates — combined with non-OPEC nations Russia and Oman to slash exports. That forced industrialized consumer countries to reduce inventories to just below the five-year average.

The political crisis in Venezuela has also been a major factor. Venezuela produces about 1 million barrels a day less than it did two years ago, and the Interna-

tional Energy Agency forecasts that the loss of an additional 1 million barrels a day might be unavoidable.

The state oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela, is unable to maintain its infrastructure. Croft says it has "turned into a mere cash register for the military, severely depleting its technocratic bench." Buying equipment from abroad is difficult. The United States imposed sanctions restricting trading in Venezuelan sovereign debt, including PDVSA.

In addition, the International Chamber of Commerce ruled in April that PDVSA owed ConocoPhillips \$2.04 billion in compensation for the nationalization of the Hamaca and Petrozuata oil projects. The U.S. oil giant has since seized cargoes of PDVSA crude and fuel from storage terminals in the Caribbean.

McNally said "Venezuela is imploding" and he and other analysts say that Venezuela's production could plunge another half million to 1 million barrels a day.

In Iran, U.S. sanctions could cut oil sales by 400,000 to 500,000 barrels a day. Many big European firms are already pulling out of Iran. Iran hopes that fast-growing countries including China and India might continue or increase purchases, but India's Reliance Industries and Nayara Energy already have indicated they will probably fall in line with U.S. measures.

The terms of U.S. sanctions allow the president to accept "significant" if not total cuts in international oil purchases from Iran. But Trump has latitude over how that translates into percentages. Under President Barack Obama, 20 percent was enough. It's not clear what Trump might demand.

In the past few years, any effort by OPEC to boost prices has been curtailed

by a rise in shale oil drilling and production in the United States. Shale oil production has increased to more than 10 million barrels a day for four of the five most recent months recorded so far, more than double the production of a decade ago.

But a lack of pipeline infrastructure in the Permian Basin in Texas is blocking exports of U.S. crude oil. And Canadian oil exports by pipeline and railroad are rising, contributing to the bottleneck.

"A tight global oil market requires more shale production, yet the Permian will soon be unable to provide it," Goldman Sachs analysts wrote in a note to investors.

BofA Merrill Lynch said that U.S. drilling activity "has more than doubled since bottoming in mid-2016," with much of that focused on the Permian basin. It said that Permian infrastructure additions "have been unable to keep pace with output growth." The investment firm said, "In short, US oil producers are starting to hit a wall."

"The U.S. ability to export has been pushed to the limit," David Emsberger, global head of energy pricing, director of global content on oil at S&P Global Platts, said in an interview. "Pipeline capacity has maxed out. There is a huge log jam in the Gulf" of Mexico.

Underpinning the OPEC negotiations is the slow but steady rise in global oil consumption. In recent years, many experts have forecast that the world is approaching "peak demand" when consumption would turn steadily downward. But the IEA is forecasting a 1.4 million barrel a day increase in consumption this year and the same amount next year. That amount would be twice Nigeria's current output and would exceed the exports of the United Arab Emirates.

Iran rebuffs Trump's call for OPEC to increase oil output

By Kiyoko Metzler
Associated Press

VIENNA — Iran lashed out Tuesday against U.S. President Donald Trump's call on OPEC to increase oil production and limit global energy prices, saying the cartel "is not an American organization."

The OPEC oil ministers began arriving in Vienna on Tuesday ahead of their official meeting Friday, when they will also confer with Russia, a non-OPEC country that since late 2016 has cooperated with the cartel to limit production.

Analysts expect the group to consider an increase in production of about 1 million barrels a day, ending the output cut agreed on in 2016.

The cut has since then pushed up the price of crude oil by about 50 percent. The U.S. benchmark in May hit its highest level in three and half years, at \$72.35 a barrel. That prompted Trump to call on OPEC to cut production, tweeting in April and again this month that "OPEC is at it again" by allowing oil prices to rise.

Iran's oil minister, Bijan Namdar Zanganeh,

said upon arriving in Vienna that "OPEC is not an organization to receive the instruction from President Trump and follow it."

Underscoring how difficult the discussion about a production increase will be, Zanganeh said that Trump's comments have cast doubt on the prospect of a deal.

"Every decision in OPEC needs the unanimity and I don't believe in this meeting we can reach agreement," he said, adding the issue "has been politicized by President Trump."

Experts like Michael Hewson, chief market analyst at CMC Markets U.K., note that the price of oil is high not only because of OPEC and Russia's agreement to limit output, but also because of Trump's policies, including a decision to reinstate sanctions on Iran. That cramped the country's ability to export crude, limiting supply and pushing up global prices.

The U.S. sanctions on Iran also mean that if OPEC agrees on an increase in output as a group, Iran will be one of the countries to lose out, as it will not be able to export as much as it would like.

By contrast, Saudi Arabia, the cartel's biggest producer and a fierce regional rival to Iran, could have the room to increase output more — and make more money — to make up for the shortfall in countries like Iran.

So an OPEC deal to increase output could also influence the balance of power in the Middle East.

Iraq's oil minister, Jabbar Ali Hussein Al-Luiebi, sounded more optimistic about a deal, saying "we are after the stabilization of the market."

Ultimately, Hewson says, the 14 countries in the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries are likely to agree on a production increase.

"There is an element of self-preservation in seeking to do this, as while most oil producers prefer higher prices they will also want to avoid a scenario where prices reach a level where demand drops off sharply, thus triggering a global slowdown, as well as accelerating the push for renewable (energy)," he said.



U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo speaks Tuesday at an Economic Club of Detroit luncheon in Detroit.

Upping ante, Trump threatens new tariffs on Chinese imports

By Zeke Miller and Jeff Karoub
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump directed the U.S. Trade Representative to prepare new tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese imports on Monday as the two nations moved closer to a potential trade war.

The tariffs, which Trump wants set at a 10 percent rate, would be the latest round of punitive measures in an escalating dispute over the large trade imbalance between the two countries. Trump recently ordered tariffs on \$50 billion in Chinese goods in retaliation for intellectual property theft. The tariffs were quickly matched by China on U.S. exports, a move that drew the president's ire.

"China apparently has no intention of changing its unfair practices related to the acquisition of American intellectual property and technology," Trump said in a statement Monday announcing the new action. "Rather than altering those practices, it is now threatening United States companies, workers, and farmers who have done nothing wrong."

Trump added: "These tariffs will go into effect if China refuses to change its practices, and also if it insists on going forward with the new tariffs that it has recently announced."

China's Commerce Ministry on Tuesday criticized the latest threat of tariffs, saying it was an "act of extreme pressure and blackmail that deviates from the consensus reached by both parties after many negotiations, and is a disappointment to the international community."

"If the U.S. becomes irrational and issues this list, China will have no choice but to adopt strong countermeasures of the same amount and quality," the ministry statement said.

Trump said that if China responds to this fresh round of tariffs, then he will move to counter "by pursuing additional tariffs on another \$200 billion of goods."

It wasn't immediately clear when the new tariffs could be put in place, as the trade office has yet to identify the Chinese goods to be penalized or conduct a legal review. The first round of penalties announced by both nations is set to take effect July 6.

The intellectual property sanctions were the latest in a spate of protectionist measures unveiled by Trump in recent months that included tariffs on steel and aluminum imports to the U.S. and a tough rhetoric on trade negotiations from North America to Asia.

The escalation in the dispute with China may also serve as a warning to other trading partners with whom Trump has been feuding, including Canada and the

European Union.

The move quickly drew praise from former Trump senior adviser Steve Bannon, who told The Associated Press: "President Trump told China and the world tonight that America will not back down when it comes to economic aggression."

But Wall Street has viewed the escalating trade tensions with wariness, fearful they could strangle the economic growth achieved during Trump's watch. Gary Cohn, Trump's former top economic adviser, said last week that a "tariff battle" could result in price inflation and consumer debt — "historic ingredients for an economic slowdown."

Trump's comments came hours after the top U.S. diplomat accused China of engaging in "predatory economics 101" and an "unprecedented level of larceny" of intellectual property.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo made the remarks at the Detroit Economic Club as global markets reacted to trade tensions between the U.S. and China.

He said China's recent claims of "openness and globalization" are "a joke." He added that China is a "predatory economic government" that is "long overdue in being tackled," matters that include IP theft and Chinese steel and aluminum flooding the U.S. market.

"Everyone knows ... China is the main perpetrator," he said. "It's an unprecedented level of larceny."

"Just ask yourself: Would China have allowed America to do to it what China has done to America?" he said later. "This is predatory economics 101."

The Chinese Embassy in Washington did not respond to a request for comment. Pompeo raised the trade issue directly with China last week, when he met in Beijing with President Xi Jinping and others.

"I reminded him that's not fair competition," Pompeo said.

Trump had announced a 25 percent tariff on up to \$50 billion in Chinese imports. China is retaliating by raising import duties on \$34 billion worth of American goods, including soybeans, electric cars and whiskey. Trump also has slapped tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from Canada, Mexico and European allies.

Pompeo on Monday described U.S. actions as "economic diplomacy," which, when done right, strengthens national security and international alliances, he added.

"We use American power, economic might and influence as a tool of economic policy," he said. "We do our best to call out unfair economic behaviors as well."

In a statement, Trump says he has an "excellent relationship" with Xi, "but the United States will no longer be taken advantage of on trade by China and other countries in the world."

GE to end more than 100-year run on Dow; Walgreens added

By Alex Velga
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — General Electric will be dropped from the Dow Jones industrial average next week, ending the conglomerate's more than 100-year run in the 30-company blue chip index.

S&P Dow Jones Indices said Tuesday that GE will be removed from the index before the open of trading next Tuesday. Its slot will go to drugstore chain Walgreens Boots Alliance.

Boston-based GE was an original member of the Dow Jones industrials dating back to 1896. It had been a continuous member of the Dow since 1907.

Its place among the most stable publicly traded U.S. companies has been shaky in recent years, however.

GE has shrunken dramatically since it became entangled in the financial crisis a decade ago. It shed most of its financial-service businesses to focus on its high-tech industrial operations.

In January, GE revealed that the Securities and Exchange Commission was investigating the company over a \$15 billion hit taken to cover misstatements made within an insurance unit.

The company's woes have hammered its stock in recent years.

GE shares closed at \$12.95 Tuesday, down 78 percent from their high of \$60 a share in August 2000. The decline has also been steep more recently. The

shares are down more than 60 percent from their most recent peak in July 2016. The stock is down 26 percent so far this year.

The stock-price slide is a key factor in GE's exit from the Dow, which is calculated using the prices of 30 large, or "blue chip" stocks from various U.S. industries.

The low price of GE shares means the company has a weight in the index of less than one-half of one percentage point, S&P Dow Jones Indices said.

Walgreens Boots Alliance's share price is higher, and it will contribute more meaningfully to the index.

The move to drop General Electric Co. from the Dow also reflects how industrial companies are playing a less prominent role in the U.S. economy than technology, finance, health care and consumer companies, such as Walgreens.

"Today's change to the DJIA will make the index a better measure of the economy and the stock market," said David Biltz, managing director and chairman of the index committee at S&P Dow Jones Indices.

Tuesday's announcement added to GE's stock woes. It came after the close of trading on Wall Street, but in after-market dealings, GE's shares fell 1.4 percent. Those of Deerfield, Illinois-based Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc., meanwhile, jumped 3.2 percent.

Trump defiant despite rising outrage over border separations

By Zeke Miller and Kevin McGill
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An unapologetic President Donald Trump defended his administration's border-protection policies in the face of rising national outrage over the forced separation of migrant children from their parents. Calling for tough action against illegal immigration, Trump declared the U.S. "will not be a migrant camp" on his watch.

Images of children held in fenced cages fueled a growing chorus of condemnation from both political parties, four former first ladies and national evangelical leaders. The children are being held separately from parents who are being prosecuted under the administration's "zero-tolerance" policy for illegal border crossings.

Trump on Monday falsely blamed Democrats — the minority party in Washington — for obstructing legislation to fix the situation. In fact, it was Trump's administration that broke with longstanding practice of processing migrant families in civil, rather than criminal, proceedings that allow families to be held together.

"I say it's very strongly the Democrats' fault," Trump said Monday as his administration rejected criticism that the policy has resulted in inhuman and immoral conditions.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said, "We will not apologize for the job we do or for the job law enforcement does, for doing the job that the American people expect us to do."

In an appearance before the National Sheriffs' Association in New Orleans, Nielsen said: "Illegal actions have and must have consequences. No more free passes, no more get out of jail free cards."

Nearly 2,000 children were separated from their families over a six-week period in April and May after Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the new "zero-tolerance" policy that refers all cases of illegal entry for criminal prosecution. Prior procedure had limited prosecution for many family entrants, in part because regulations prohibit detaining children with their parents since the children are not charged with a crime and the parents are.

The policy change was meant to deter unlawful crossings — and Sessions issued a warning last month to those entering the U.S. illegally that their children "inevitably for a period of time might be in different conditions."

The current holding areas have drawn widespread attention after journalists gained access to one site Sunday. At a McAllen, Texas, detention center hundreds of immigrant children wait in a series of cages created by metal fencing. One cage had 20 children inside. Scattered about are bottles of water, bags of chips and large foil sheets intended to serve as blankets.

Audio of sobbing children calling out for their parents dominated the discussion Monday. "Papa! Papa!" one child is heard weeping in an audio file that was first reported by the nonprofit ProPublica and later provided to The Associated Press.

Administration officials said they do not like the family separations either — calling it the result of legal loopholes — but insist migrants who arrive illegally simply won't be released or loosely kept track of.

"The United States will not be a migrant camp and it will not be a refugee holding facility," Trump declared. "Not on my watch."

Sessions, on Monday, echoed the administration's defense of the zero tolerance policy, and called on Congress to act.

"We do not want to separate parents from their children," he said. "If we build the wall, if we pass legislation to end the lawlessness, we won't face these terrible choices."

Mindful of the national outcry, lawmakers in both parties rushed Monday to devise a targeted legislative fix. But the White House signaled it would oppose any narrow fix aimed solely at addressing the plight of children separated from their parents under the immigration crackdown. Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump's priorities, like funding a border wall and tightening immigration



Susan Walsh/Associated Press
President Donald Trump speaks at the beginning of a National Space Council meeting in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Monday as Vice President Mike Pence looks on.

laws, must also be fulfilled as part of any legislation.

"We want to fix the whole thing," she said. "We don't want to tinker with just part of it."

The national debate over the family separation policy comes as Republican lawmakers are growing ever more concerned about negative effects on their re-election campaigns this fall. Trump is to travel to Capitol Hill Tuesday for a strategy session on upcoming immigration legislation.

Underscoring the sensitivity of the issue, language curbing the taking of immigrant children from parents held in custody will be added to the House's conservative immigration bill, a House GOP aide said Monday. A similar provision is already in a compromise GOP immigration measure between party conservatives and moderates, with the House expected to vote on both late this week.

The administration is hoping to force Democrats to vote for the bills or bear some of the political cost in November's midterm elections.

White House officials have privately embraced the border policy as a negotiating tactic to win votes for legislation to fulfill the president's pledge to build a border wall and to tighten the nation's immigration laws.

Trump's commitment to the current policy showed no sign of faltering as voices of outrage and condemnation grew louder and more diverse.

In Massachusetts, Republican Gov. Charlie Baker reversed a decision to send a state National Guard helicopter to the southern border, citing what he called the administration's "cruel and inhumane" policy of separating children from their parents.

The Rev. Franklin Graham, a longtime Trump ally, called the policy "disgraceful." Several religious groups, including some conservative ones, have pushed to stop the practice of separating immigrant children from their parents. The Mormon church said it was "deeply troubled" by the separation of families and urged national leaders to find compassionate solutions.

Former first lady Laura Bush called the policy "cruel" and "immoral," and said it was "eerily reminiscent" of the U.S. internment of Americans of Japanese descent during World War II.

On Capitol Hill, Republicans joined Democrats in calling for an end to the separations. Michigan Republican Rep. Fred Upton called for an immediate end to this "ugly and inhumane practice," adding, "It's never acceptable to use kids as bargaining chips in political process." Kansas GOP Sen. Pat Roberts said he is "against using parental separation as a deterrent to illegal immigration." And GOP Rep. Mike Coffman warned, "History won't remember well those who support the continuation of this policy."

Border separations ripple through midterm campaigns

By Bill Barrow
Associated Press

Wrenching scenes of migrant children being separated from their parents at the southern border are roiling campaigns ahead of midterm elections, emboldening Democrats on the often-frayed issue of immigration while forcing an increasing number of Republicans to break from President Donald Trump on an issue important to the GOP's most ardent supporters.

Kim Schrier, a Democrat running for a House seat outside of Seattle, said Trump is pushing an "absolutely unethical, inhumane" policy.

"We are talking about American values, not Democratic values or Republican values, and this is something that will flip people to a Democrat in this election," Schrier said.

That prospect was enough for House Republicans' national campaign chairman, Ohio Rep. Steve Stivers, to offer cover Monday to vulnerable GOP members. Stivers said in a statement that he's asking "the administration to stop needlessly separating children from their parents" and suggested he'd examine legislative options if Trump doesn't budge.

Republican Rep. Mike Coffman, whose suburban Denver district is often a battleground, took the cover Stivers provided. He didn't mention Trump, but said the border policy "is antithetical to the America I grew up in." He said he's willing to co-sponsor a House version of a Senate proposal from Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., that would halt the family separations, and he echoed claims Democrats had made for days: "History won't remember well those who support the continuation of this policy."

Democrat Jason Crow, a leading candidate to unseat Coffman, said the congressman can't run from his

previous support for "zero-tolerance" border security.

"This is what that looks like," Crow said, adding that as "an American and as a father" he finds the border situation "immoral."

With control of the House — and potentially the Senate — up for grabs, the searing images coming from the border have the potential to scramble midterm politics. Though controversy has dominated Trump's presidency, the growing furor over the separations struck a deeply emotional chord in both parties that may not calm anytime soon — even in districts that don't have large immigrant or Hispanic populations.

Pennsylvania's Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, another vulnerable Republican, said he plans to visit the border "to see what's going on down there with my own eyes." He called the detainees "our planet's children" and said they shouldn't be punished "for things that their parents do or don't do."

The political reverberations from the separations could last well beyond the midterms. Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., a potential 2020 presidential candidate, said Monday that Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen should resign.

Trump along with most Republicans have long believed that they have held the upper hand on immigration. While Democrats have argued that most Americans support granting a path to citizenship for children who were brought to the U.S. illegally, the Republican base is fervently opposed to such measures — and votes accordingly. That's why some political observers say this moment is so unique.

"It's been tough for Democrats to bring the issue of compassion out on a national scale" when talking about immigration, said James Akhete, a Democratic campaign consultant in Texas. But now, Akhete

said, "Trump has done it for us."

Democrats are hoping the issue will encourage more Latino voters to show up on Election Day, while also providing an opening for non-Hispanic independents in other swing districts.

At the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, spokesman Tyler Law said candidates can now frame "a potent issue" by "being authentic and talking about your own families, your own children."

Democrats also are buoyed by Trump drawing criticism from typically GOP friendly territory: the religious community. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which often wades into politics with its opposition to abortion rights and same-sex marriage, has decried the administration, as have mainline Protestant churches, the Mormon Church and evangelical leaders.

At least one Democrat running in a conservative-leaning House district in North Carolina combined Law's advice with the words of another Republican critic: former first lady Laura Bush. "As a young parent, I can't imagine the thought of my children being taken away from me, into the hands of strangers who aren't allowed to comfort my crying toddler," Dan McCready posted on his Facebook page alongside an op-ed that Mrs. Bush penned for the Washington Post.

In a Texas district that includes about a third of the southern border, Democratic candidate Gina Ortiz Jones hasn't had to be timid. She talked about immigration before family separation came to the forefront. But she said the matter allows her to highlight the priorities of the Republican administration and Congress, even as her opponent, Republican Rep. Will Hurd, also decries the Trump administration policy.

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Separating families is bad storyline for Trump

■ Zero tolerance is unfortunate byproduct of laws, court decisions

President Donald Trump and his top aides have given America two main stories about the separation of families at our southern border: It's an unfortunate byproduct of laws and court decisions that tie the administration's hand, and it's a necessary deterrent to illegal immigration. These are conflicting accounts. If the administration believes the first one, it should welcome legislation to keep families together. If the second reflects its thinking, it should reject such legislation for undermining a valuable tool against illegal immigration.

Officials have not gone out of their way to clarify the issues.

Take, for example, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen's recent comment: "We do not have a policy of separating families at the border. Period." Based on previous remarks she has made about the policy, what she appears to mean is that the administration is not separating families on purpose but doing it because it's what happens when you prosecute parents for crossing our borders illegally.

RAMESH PONNURU
Bloomberg



It's a defense of the administration that ignores three salient points. First, the policy of prosecuting all illegal border crossers as criminals — what the administration is calling "zero tolerance" — was a choice of this administration. Previous administrations considered it and rejected it. Second, it was chosen even though one of its predictable effects was to take many more children from their parents. That's a major reason it was previously rejected.

Third, at least some high-ranking officials favor the separation of families as a way to discourage illegal immigration. The White House chief of staff, John Kelly, told CNN in March 2017 that he was considering separating families as a deterrent. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has done his part to amplify the deterrent message: "If you don't want your child

separated, then don't bring them across the border illegally."

Deterrence is a valid purpose of the law, but it has moral limits. Sessions would not, I trust, endorse executing the children of illegal immigrants to deter others from crossing. He would see the perversity of a statement like "If you don't want your child executed, don't bring him across the border illegally." The deterrent he is defending, while less severe than that, also crosses the moral line. It places much of its burden on children. To the extent it works as a deterrent, it does so precisely by harming them. That's why even in the Trump administration, very few people are willing to defend it on these grounds.

Nielsen wants Congress to amend the law to allow illegal border crossing to be prosecuted as a crime while keeping families together — which, presumably, would mean letting families be detained together for as long as it takes to see their cases through, and providing funding both to build facilities in which they can be humanely detained and to speed up their cases. Her implicit view is that zero tolerance without family separation is better than zero tolerance with family separation,

but zero tolerance with family separation is better than what we had in place before this year.

Her view is defensible only if a small and uncertain reduction in illegal immigration is worth tearing apart families. But it too clashes with the sound moral instincts of most Americans. Maybe that's why she doesn't state it openly.

An alternative policy would have three parts. The administration would stop enforcing its zero tolerance policy on adults traveling with children until it got changes in the law that enabled the humane detention of families. It would advance those changes in the law as a stand-alone measure rather than using legislators' desire to keep children with their parents as leverage to win other immigration-related policy changes. And it would, separately, push for legislative changes that enabled other means of enforcing the immigration laws, such as punishing businesses whose new hires are illegal immigrants.

Really, though, these three steps boil down to one: Just don't split up families when it's not absolutely necessary. Among the advantages of this simple alternative is that the administration would find it easier to keep track of its storyline.

OUR VIEW

Pregnancy statistics show Planned Parenthood not needed in Midland

Midland ISD pregnancy statistics continue to show the value of The Life Center in this community and that you don't need Planned Parenthood to effectively educate students on sex education.

Around the turn of the decade, this newspaper endorsed an abstinence-plus sex education program as Midland ISD's pregnancy statistics climbed past 170 during the school year. We did so with one caveat — that a life-respecting organization such as The Life Center — and not Planned Parenthood — be involved with the program.

We knew that The Life Center represented the values of more people in our community. We were right then, and we are right now. And we are happy that the statistics silenced the critics who believed proper family planning education requires Planned Parenthood have a seat at the table. We hope that will never be the case in Midland.

The statistics show 45 confirmed pregnancies among students inside the district for the 2017-18 school year. That is nearly a quarter of the number as recently as the 2010-11 school year. While we hope the numbers continue to drop, we like the trend seen during the past seven years. Students, it appears, are making responsible decisions, and abstinence-plus education appears to be having an impact.

The timing of the latest Midland ISD student pregnancy news comes at an interesting time. We know there are Midlanders concerned about the possible return of a Planned Parenthood clinic to our city. We stand by those in the community who are calling for Planned Parenthood — if they have to open West Texas clinics — to do so somewhere else.

In our view, if Planned Parenthood's modus operandi includes providing abortions (read here: killing innocent life), then they aren't welcome in Midland. Some will say killing innocent lives is a small percentage of what Planned Parenthood does. We would then say, "No problem, Planned Parenthood can provide its brand of health care without endangering life or set up shop elsewhere."

We have said in this space before that it was up to Midlanders and the Midland health care community to make sure non-abortion-related services are available to Planned Parenthood patients. Since the closing of the clinic, we haven't heard any complaints that this wasn't happening.

Congratulations to all those responsible, including people at the school district, for their hard work in educating the community to help deal with the problem of students having babies. Strides, it appears, have been made here. And congratulations to Midland ISD leaders who made the right decision to select The Life Center to help in the education of our students. That decision has proven year after year to be the right one for Midland ISD and our community.

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Donald Machiavelli no habla espanol

■ What's obvious and belated is that most congressional Republicans were silent until their political futures seemed at risk

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Cracking down on illegal immigration was never going to be pleasant, but this? It's worse than you think. The travesty of separating children from their undocumented, migrant parents was less about cracking down on a policy than about Donald Trump's bet-winning. If Niccolò Machiavelli hadn't been born, Trump would have hired someone to write "The Prince" — or his more likely title, "The King" — explaining why his merciless means justify the end of his majestic self-ardor.

Reports from Hell, which we've finally located at the U.S.-Mexico border, have confirmed that this president will do anything to get his way. We've seen the image of the 2-year-old child crying while her mother is frisked by a Border Patrol agent. We've read of the father, who, separated from his wife and 3-year-old child last month, apparently committed suicide while in custody.

When Marco Antonio Munoz, 39, was taken into custody and away from his little boy, he basically went nuts. Wouldn't you? Or, as a Border Patrol agent told The Washington Post, "The guy lost his [expletive]. They had to use physical force to take the child out of his hands."

Well, just great. Physically forcing a toddler from his father's arms would make this parent go insane. Owing to his belligerence and combativeness, Munoz was taken to a more-secure county jail 40 miles away, where one officer described him as having "the look of a guy at a bar who wanted to fight someone." I'll bet.

Alas, Munoz was found dead the next morning, lying on the floor of his padded cell with a piece of clothing around his neck and blood puddled around his nose.

What, one wonders, would it take to convince Trump that he's wrong? That this policy of separation must stop yesterday? The trauma suffered by many of the 2,000 children being held in government detention centers — especially by the very young ones — is excruciating to consider. Indeed, two-thirds of Americans oppose Trump's tactic of trying to force Democrats to essentially "pay for the wall." Who knew there were so many Mexicans in the U.S. Congress?

Of course, you remember — Mexico was going to pay for it. In an essential use of profanity, former Mexico President Vicente Fox responded by confirming what many of us knew from the beginning: "We'll never pay for that [expletive] wall."

Now, just a few months away from the midterm elections, Trump wants that wall more than he once wanted Stormy Daniels' phone number. He wants it so much, babies can cry and little boys can curl into fetal balls, for all he cares. He wants it so bad that traumatizing children is acceptable to him. This isn't supposition. It's data. To the rich boy from Queens, you gotta be tough to make it in this world. To the King of the Swamp, you can't let those people run over you. Give them back their 3-year-old son, why next they'll want a Harvard education.

Trump's political calculation wasn't just way over-the-top; it was sick. And, yes, these tactics qualify as mental torture similar to forcing a POW to listen to the screams of a fellow comrade as a means of extracting information or inducing submission. Rather than serve as a disincentive to other would-be migrants, zero tolerance has led to sympathy for the defiant.

The irony is also sick, but in a good way, as karma goes. Republicans have been in such a dither over illegal immigrants lest they become Democrats, they've created a scenario in which virtually no one of Latino descent now would consider supporting a GOP candidate.

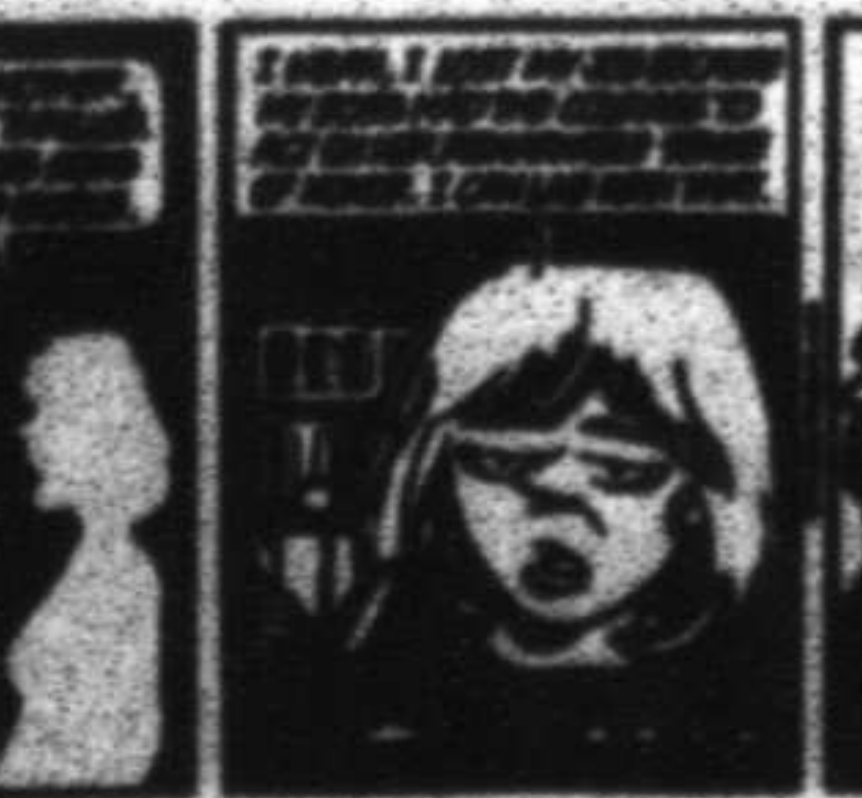
At whatever point Trump decides to join the human race and cancel his administration's optional interpretation of zero tolerance, it will be — and is — too late.

Good morning, Democrats. Good night, GOP of Trump.

Notwithstanding the objections of a few Republicans — and lately more, given the political onens — it's over. What's obvious and belated is that most congressional Republicans were silent until their political futures seemed at risk. You have to wonder, what's it like to look in the mirror and see the face of someone who was essentially willing to condone the psychic torture of little children for political gain? Nauseating, I should think.

But Republican dissenters have learned that to confront their dear leader is to face expungement by the one-third of Americans who support Trump and, coincidentally, who also support separating children from their parents. Election Day will tell, and the outcome will reveal who we really are.

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New GOP plan: Hold kids longer at border — but with parents

By Lisa Mascaro
and Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans on Capitol Hill anxiously searched on Tuesday for a way to end the Trump administration's policy of separating families after illegal border crossings, with the focus shifting to a new plan to keep children in detention longer than now permitted — but with their parents.

GOP House leaders, increasingly fearful of voter reaction in November, were to meet with President Donald Trump Tuesday evening at the Capitol to try to work out some resolution.

Leaders in both the House and Senate are struggling to shield the party's lawmakers from the public outcry over images of children taken from migrant parents and held in cages at the border. But they are running up against Trump's shifting views and his worries that, according to one adviser, the lack of progress toward his signature border wall makes him look "soft."

Many lawmakers say he could simply reverse the administration's "zero tolerance" policy and keep families together. But some worry he could also inject a new dynamic, rejecting emerging GOP proposals and potentially exacerbating an already tough situation as his party heads toward a difficult midterm election.

"What I'm asking Congress to do is to give us a third option, which we have been requesting since last year, the legal authority to detain and promptly remove families together as a unit," Trump said Tuesday. "We have to be able to do this. This is the only solution to the border crisis."

House GOP leaders are scrambling to revise their broader current immigration bill to include a provision to resolve the situation.

The major change being unveiled Tuesday would loosen rules that now limit the amount of time minors can be held to 20 days, according to a GOP source familiar with the measure. Instead, the children could be detained with their parents for extended periods.

The revised provision would also give Department of Homeland Security the authority to use \$7 billion in border technology funding to pay for family detention centers,



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Lucy Martin and her daughter Branwen Espinal, together with other mothers and their babies, attend a House Committee on the Judiciary and House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform hearing Tuesday to express their support and sympathy to immigrants and their families and objection to the forced separation of migrant children from their parents, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

said the person, who was not authorized to do so by name and commented only on condition of anonymity.

In the Senate, meanwhile, Republicans are rallying behind a different approach. Theirs is narrow legislation proposed by Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas that would allow detained families to stay together in custody while expediting their deportation proceedings.

Cruz's bill would double the number of federal immigration judges, authorize new temporary shelters to house migrant families and limit the processing of asylum cases to no more than 14 days — a goal immigrant advocates say would be difficult to meet.

"While cases are pending, families should stay together," tweeted Cruz, who is in an unexpectedly tough re-election battle.

The second-ranking Senate Republican, John Cornyn of Texas, said they're proposing a "humane, safe and secure family facility" where parents and minor children could be detained together. He said families would move to the head of the line for processing.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told reporters he's reaching out to Democrats for bipartisan backing, since the proposal would need to reach a 60-vote threshold to advance in that chamber.

But Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York signaled that no such support would be coming, saying it's already in Trump's power to keep the families together.

"There's no need for leg-

islation. There's no need for anything else. You can do it. Mr. President you started it, you can stop it."

However, Trump, who has been watching the coverage play out on television with increasing anger, has told confidants he believes the news media are deliberately highlighting the worst images — like the cages and screaming toddlers — to make him look bad.

To combat worries that he looks "soft" on immigration, Trump unleashed a series of tweets in which he played up the dangers posed by the high-profile MS-13 gangs, which make up a minuscule percentage of those who have crossed the border. He uses the word "infest" to describe migrants coming to the U.S. illegally.

Trump's meeting at the Capitol comes as lawmakers in both parties are up in arms after days of news reports with images of children confined in large wire cages and an audio recording of a young child pleading for his "Papa."

The issue boiled over Tuesday at a House hearing on an unrelated subject when protesters with babies briefly shut down proceedings.

Maryland Rep. Elijah Cummings, the top Democrat on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, pleaded with Republicans on the panel "to stand up to President Donald Trump."

Under the administration's current policy, all unlawful crossings are referred for prosecution — a process that moves adults to the custody of

the U.S. Marshals Service and sends many children to facilities run by the Department of Health and Human Services. Under the Obama administration, such families were usually referred for civil deportation proceedings, not requiring separation.

More than 2,300 minors were separated from their children at the border from May 5 through June 9, according to the Department of Homeland Security.

The national outcry has roiled midterm election campaigns, emboldening Democrats while putting Republicans on the defensive.

Top conservatives, including key Trump allies, have introduced bills to keep the migrant families together. Rep. Mark Meadows of North Carolina, a leader of the conservative Freedom Caucus, said his measure "becomes a backup proposal" if others fail.

The House is to vote later this week on two bills that address broader immigration issues to protect young immigrant "Dreamers" from deportation and fund Trump's border wall.

But outlook for passage is dim. One conservative measure is expected to fail. And conservatives say the compromise legislation that GOP leaders helped negotiate with moderate Republicans is given little chance, too.

The White House, after saying it would accept only a comprehensive fix, reversed course Tuesday and said it was reviewing the Cruz bill.

Cruz's flip-flop on family separation shows threat to GOP

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Ted Cruz has staged a dramatic about-face on the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" immigration policies, laying bare how politically damaging the issue of separating children from parents accused of crossing the border illegally is becoming for Republicans facing voters this fall.

The senator, who has become a frequent ally of President Donald Trump, initially blasted criticism of the White House crackdown.

"When you see Democrats saying, 'Don't separate kids from their parents,' what they're really saying is don't arrest illegal aliens," he said last week.

But he's softened substantially, telling reporters in Washington on Tuesday, "All of us are horrified at the images we're seeing." He said he's talked with the White House about legislation he plans to introduce to stop the separations, though its exact language hasn't yet been released.

It is striking that a leading conservative insurgent could flip-flop in a deep-red state where headline immigration policies are exceedingly popular. But the change underscores the chorus of politicians and civic and religious leaders from both parties across the country who say such measures are unacceptable — even as the Trump administration has vowed to stand by them.

Cruz's push for legislation comes as Beto O'Rourke, the Democratic congressman giving up his seat to challenge Cruz in November, has moved quickly to criticize the family separations and, in the process, raise his national profile. O'Rourke led a Father's Day march to a Texas desert tent city which federal authorities hastily erected to house immigrant children.

"There's an open question right now about who we are and what we stand for and what we're going to do in the face of this injustice and this inhumanity," O'Rourke said by phone.

A former punk rocker, O'Rourke has waged a high energy campaign and often outtraced Cruz. He remains a longshot since Texas hasn't elected a Democrat to statewide office since 1994, but family separation may be proving too thorny a topic even for a Republican facing a relatively easy path to midterm re-election.

"The needle that Cruz is trying to thread is he wants to end separation but also maintain rule of law," said Matt Mackowiak, a Texas GOP strategist who added, "He's recognizing that this separation issue is explosive."

Nearly 2,000 children were separated from their families in April and May after Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the new policy that refers all cases of illegal entry — even those when people crossing sought asylum to remain in the U.S. — for criminal prosecution. The government previously limited prosecution for many family entrants, partly because children aren't charged with a crime and can't be detained with their parents.

Texas is 39 percent Hispanic and has become the epicenter of the debate, with a former warehouse fitted with metal caging in the Rio Grande Valley housing more than 1,000 immigrant children. Roughly 750 miles to the west in the pecan-growing town of Tornillo, near El Paso, more youngsters are being held in the tent encampment where O'Rourke led Sunday's march.

O'Rourke is offering House anti-family separation legislation similar to Democratic-led efforts in the Senate. He's long courted Trump supporters, saying he can understand their frustration with Washington's status quo. But O'Rourke says there's no room for agreement with the White House on this issue.

"President Trump made the decision to take their young children from them, inflicting horrific trauma on those kids and on those parents alike and absolutely undermining our values and our idea of who we are as a country," he said. "But at this point, it is now the United States of America that is doing this. It is now on all of us to change it."

O'Rourke said the effort won't make him appear soft on crime since existing federal law already stipulates that anyone crossing the U.S. border and seeking asylum not be treated "like common criminals."

"It's not a question of if you're for law and order. We all are," O'Rourke said. "It's following our own laws and also making sure that we're not torturing these families."

Cruz is beginning to echo that sentiment, saying, "We can stop this. The legislation I'm filing this week would prohibit separating families, would mandate that kids should stay with their parents."

He said his bill would double the number of federal immigration judges to ensure that asylum cases are heard within two weeks.

"If the claim is not valid, and many of those coming here illegally don't have valid claims for asylum, then within 14 days that claim should be processed and they should be returned to their home country," Cruz said. "During that expedited process, we can and should keep families together, keep children with their moms and dads and we need to stand up temporary shelters."

Neither Cruz nor O'Rourke's legislation are likely to advance as congressional Republicans continue to grapple with larger immigration packages, which some fierce conservatives are rejecting as "amnesty."

Mackowiak said immigration and border crackdowns rarely are losing issues for Texas Republicans, but family separation "is very uncomfortable for a lot of us."

"Separating families is dicier," he said "even here."

Family separations alarm child-welfare experts

By David Crary
Associated Press

The sights and sounds are wrenching: A boy's cries of "Papa! Papa!" for the father he had been separated from. Youngsters placed in chain-link cages in an old Texas warehouse. Parents begging to know what will happen to their children.

Child welfare has always been a challenging profession; state and local agencies across America make difficult decisions every day to separate children from their parents. But those agencies have ways of minimizing the trauma that aren't being employed by the Trump administration in separating immigrant families at the Mexican border.

"There are no principles of good child welfare that are being used in this process," said Angelo McClain, CEO of the National Association of Social Workers.

Among other things, child welfare agencies often try to arrange visits between parents and children and keep communication open.

McClain and many of his professional colleagues nationwide are alarmed by what is happening at the border, citing research demonstrating that family separation can cause long-term trauma for children, including depression, anxi-

ety, feelings of insecurity and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Their worries center on the more 2,300 children who have been separated from their parents this spring as part of a Trump administration effort to deter illegal border crossings. Federal officials have not specified how long the youngsters will be held.

McClain knows child welfare intimately. He spent five years in a foster-care group home in Texas as a teen, then went on to become a child abuse investigator in that state.

"After we removed children from their homes, I would visit them every day in their foster home," he said. "I was the link back to their parents — I'd get messages back and forth. We had ways to mitigate the trauma."

As soon as possible,

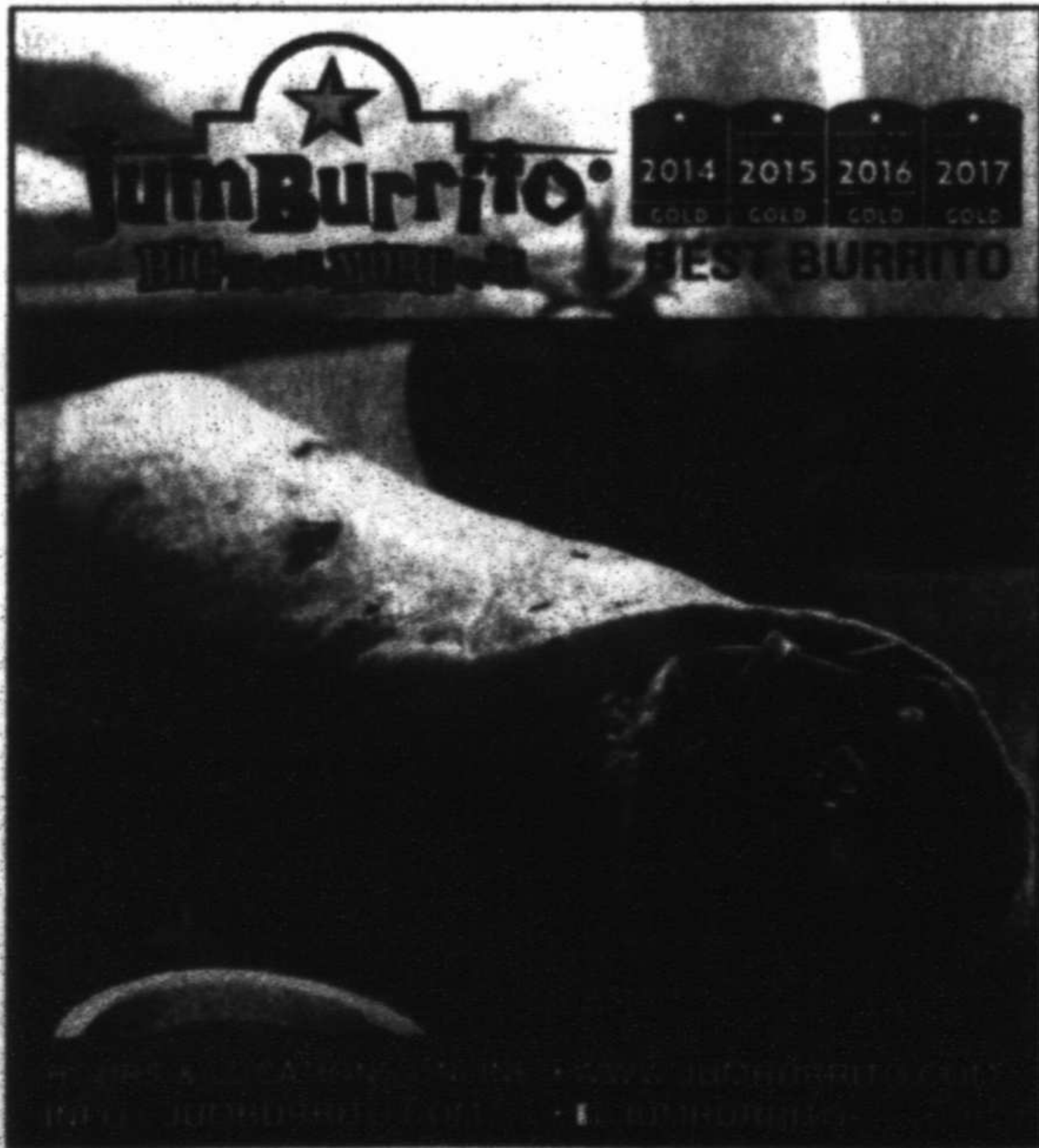
parent-child visits were arranged. And parents could offer advice to the children's caregiver — their food preferences and bedtime rituals, for example.

The wave of family separations at the border, undertaken as part of the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" policy toward those caught illegally trying to enter the country, is not facilitating any continued parent-child communication.

The best option is to keep a fragile family together in the first place, said Mike Arsham, a senior official at New York City's child-welfare agency.

If that's not possible — for example, when a single parent is jailed — the agency tries to find relatives who could care for the children until they are reunited with their parents.

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Family history increases risk for breast cancer

While millions of people are breast cancer survivors, it remains one of the most common cancers affecting women. Regardless of the high survival rate of breast cancer, I often hear misconceptions or myths about the disease. In this day and age of online information, it's easy to get bombarded by what I often refer to as "Dr. Google." It's important to have the facts and dispel common myths surrounding breast cancer.

■ **Myth No. 1:** You'll only get breast cancer if you have a family history.

Breast cancer cannot be inherited, but a higher risk of developing it can be inherited through gene mutations.

DR. PHILLIP CHAE

Texas Oncology — Midland



Only 5 percent to 10 percent of cancers are from inherited gene mutations, and about 85 percent of women who are diagnosed with breast cancer do not have a family history of this disease. If you have a strong family history of cancer, genetic

testing can identify your risk for certain types of cancer, including breast and ovarian. The testing provides information and the opportunity not only to reduce the risk of cancer, but also to save lives. Detecting cancer early is one of the most important things people can do to protect their health and significantly increase the chances of successful outcomes.

■ **Myth No. 2:** If you are diagnosed with breast cancer, you must have your breasts removed.

A breast cancer diagnosis does not automatically result in a mastectomy.

Most women diagnosed with breast cancer will need some form of surgery as part

of their treatment, but it will vary with each case. Some women need removal of a small piece of breast tissue (lumpectomy), while others will need one or both breasts removed, and possibly lymph nodes. The type and stage of the cancer will impact the need for a mastectomy. Your breast surgeon and you will determine what type of surgery is best for you.

■ **Myth No. 3:** Lumps in your breasts means you have breast cancer.

In truth, there are many conditions that may cause breast lumps, and for women under 30, lumps are typically benign

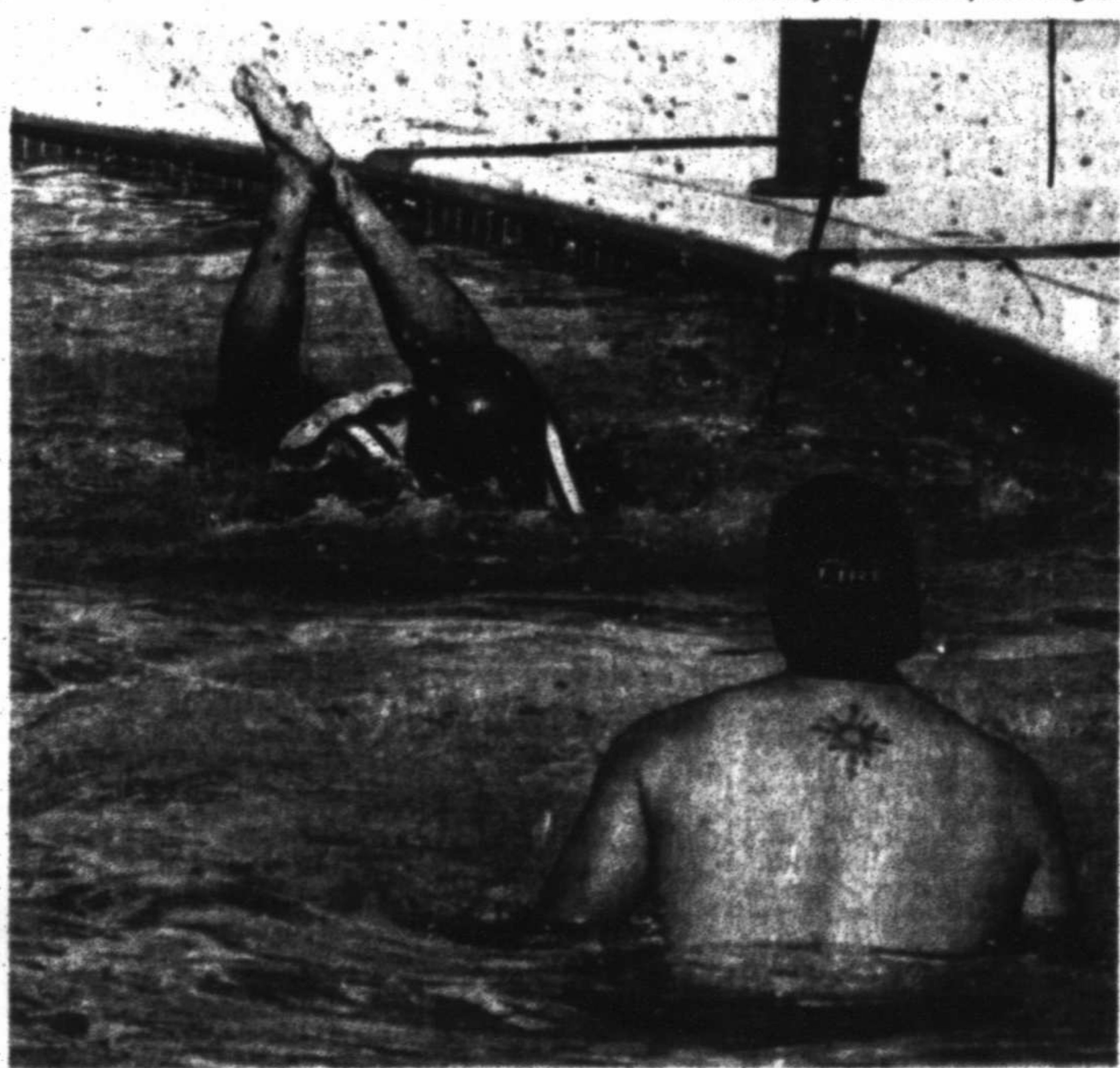
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SWIFTLY SAVING LIVES



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ABOVE: Midland fire fighters and EMT's practice throwing a line for swift water rescue June 12 during annual drowning training at Doug Russell Aquatic Center. **RIGHT:** Victor Macias, (back to camera,) works with fellow fire-fighter Victor Aguilar on crossing a barrier in water June 12 during annual drowning training at Doug Russell Aquatic Center.



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Caregivers often experience anger, guilt, resentment

Most Americans are living to be 75 years old and beyond. Most of us eventually will have to take care of an elderly parent. Caring for an elderly parent most often is done by just one of the adult children. This situation happens because of age differences, sex and other family dynamics.

Sometimes we feel a lot of guilt and failure for not being able to care for our aging parents. These feelings can be an enormous burden for the children at any age, but more so for children managing elderly care or supervision of an aging parent alone.

Approaching the decision that your parent may need long-term specialized care such as a nursing home is very difficult. It will put a strain on most of the relationships within the family. In some situations, the decisions are left to one person, and the caregiver may feel embarrassed about having to place their parent in a long-term facility.

Many may also feel some anger, resentment and guilt about the situation for having to save their parent from the pain or discomfort of old age without the family's input.

Guilt can also come from not meeting other's expectations and not meeting our own expectations for our parents. Things can be especially difficult if siblings aren't willing to recognize their responsibility. The lines of communication should always be open with the family because some support is better than none.

Adult children of aging parents will experience challenges while adapting to the many changes taking place in their own lives. Not having that parent for moral support can be a particularly confusing adjustment for the adult child. As a caregiver, changing your perspective can help you as gain compassion for yourself and your parent.

There will be times when you will have to decide whether to visit a parent or fix dinner for your family. At times you may also wonder if you're visiting your parent enough. These situations are painful because you are being forced to choose your family's needs over the parent's needs.

This is a painful struggle, but when you began to feel overwhelmed, stressed and inadequate about the job, remember all of the good things that you are doing for your parent.

Caregivers are also at a risk for illness, and older caregivers have a higher rate of becoming ill with possible hospitalization because of stress. Taking care of an

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Midland should strive to be state's safest city

As we strive to be the healthiest community in Texas, we need to work on becoming the safest community, too. A few days ago, we were saddened by the loss of esteemed pediatrician, Dr. Brandey Ackerman, a devoted wife and mother of three children. Her death brings to 17 the total number of deaths on roads in Midland County since January, which outpaces the number of deaths in 2016 and 2017. How many livestock would we have to lose before we do something about it?

We need to work on our city and state laws to ensure that people can enjoy the sport they love, without being afraid for their lives. I know the law has been passed banning the use of cellphones while driving. How often this law has been enforced? Driving around Midland, you can't help but notice people using their cellphone while driving. I will not be surprised if the major cause of car accidents is still distracted driving.

The other issue Midland police needs to clamp down on is driving under the influence. There needs to be strict rules for people who operate a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

We need to create separate lanes for bicycles on the streets, especially on streets most traveled by bicyclists to help provide a safe route for their favorite sport.

We also need to have laws about bicycle riding around the city. Bicyclists need to wear helmets, ride in the same direction as traffic, obey speed limits and stop signs and look into their blind spots.

I am suggesting creating a park where people can ride their bicycles safely, families can bring their kids for walking and playing and bring their pets and that provides a shady area for people to be able to enjoy the weather.

There is no time like today to start working on this project. With all the infrastructure being built around the city, we need to make sure that young families feel welcome and able to enjoy the amenities offered in our town.

Dr. Sari Nabulsi,
assistant chief medical officer
Midland Memorial Hospital

WHO classifies gaming disorder as mental health condition

By Jamey Keaten and
Maria Cheng
Associated Press

GENEVA — Obsessive video gamers know how to anticipate dangers in virtual worlds. The World Health Organization says they now should be on guard for a danger in the real world: spending too much time playing.

In its latest revision to a disease classification manual, the U.N. health agency said Monday that compulsively playing video games now qualifies as a mental health condition. The statement confirmed the fears of some parents but led critics to warn that it may risk stigmatizing too many young video players.

WHO said classifying "gaming disorder" as a separate addiction will help governments, families and health care workers be more vigilant and prepared to identify the risks. The agency and other experts were quick to note that cases of the condition are still very rare, with no more than up to 3 percent of all gamers believed to be affected.

Dr. Shekhar Saxena, director of WHO's department for mental health and substance abuse, said the agency accepted the proposal that gaming disorder should be listed as a new problem based on scientific evidence, in addition to "the need and the demand for treatment in many parts of the world."

Dr. Joan Harvey, a spokeswoman for the British Psychological Society, warned that the new designation might cause unnecessary concern among parents.

"People need to understand this doesn't mean every child who spends hours in their room playing games is an addict, otherwise medicals are going to be flooded with requests for help," she said.

Others welcomed WHO's new classification, saying it was critical to identify people hooked on video games quickly because they are usually teenagers or young adults who don't seek help themselves.

"We come across parents who are distraught, not only because they're seeing their child drop out of school, but because they're seeing an entire family structure fall apart," said Dr. Henrietta Bowden-Jones, a spokeswoman for behavioral addictions at Britain's Royal College of Psychiatrists. She was not connected to WHO's decision.

Bowden-Jones said gaming addictions were usually best treated with psychological therapies but that some medicines might also work.

The American Psychiatric Association has not yet

deemed gaming disorder to be a new mental health problem. In a 2013 statement, the association said it's "a condition warranting more clinical research and experience before it might be considered for inclusion" in its own diagnostic manual.

The group noted that much of the scientific literature about compulsive gamers is based on evidence from young men in Asia.

"The studies suggest that when these individuals are engrossed in Internet games, certain pathways in their brains are triggered in the same direct and intense way that a drug addict's brain is affected by a particular substance," the association said in that statement. "The gaming prompts a neurological response that influences feelings of pleasure and reward, and the result, in the extreme, is manifested as addictive behavior."

Dr. Mark Griffiths, who has been researching the concept of video gaming disorder for 30 years, said the new classification would help legitimize the problem and strengthen treatment strategies.

"Video gaming is like a non-financial kind of gambling from a psychological point of view," said Griffiths, a distinguished professor of behavioral addiction at Nottingham Trent University. "Gamblers use money as a way of keeping score whereas gamers use points."

He guessed that the percentage of video game players with a compulsive problem was likely to be extremely small — much less than 1 percent — and that many such people would likely have other underlying problems, like depression, bipolar disorder or autism.

WHO's Saxena, however, estimated that 2 to 3 percent of gamers might be affected.

Griffiths said playing video games, for the vast majority of people, is more about entertainment and novelty, citing the overwhelming popularity of games like "Pokemon Go."

"You have these short, obsessive bursts and yes, people are playing a lot, but it's not an addiction," he said.

Saxena said parents and friends of video game enthusiasts should still be mindful of a potentially harmful problem.

"Be on the lookout," he said, noting that concerns should be raised if the gaming habit appears to be taking over.

"If (video games) are interfering with the expected functions of the person — whether it is studies, whether it's socialization, whether it's work — then you need to be cautious and perhaps seek help," he said.

Obituaries



Christen Walker Dilworth

Christen Walker Dilworth, 64, of Midland, Texas passed away on Thursday, June 14, 2018 surrounded by her family and friends. There will be a Wake Service held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Graveside services will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Resthaven Cemetery in Midland.

Christen was born July 6, 1953 to Bernice and Roy Walker in Poteau, OK. She was 1 of 10 children.

Christen graduated from Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School in Lubbock in 1972. She was an active member of Future Teachers of America, Future Homemakers of America, Student Council and an honor roll student.

She graduated from Sul Ross State University in 1976 with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Elementary Education and minor in Special Education, and accomplished one year on her Master's Degree in Education. While attending Sul Ross State University she was on the Dean's list, President's Student Advisory Committee and President of (SABU) Student Association for Black Unity. She was the first Black "Brand Queen" (Miss Sul Ross State University). In 1998 she wrote the poem "I Love" which is currently published in the National Library of Poetry.

Christen started her teaching career in Lamesa as a Middle School Teacher in 1976, where she taught for two years. She was married in 1978 to Darrell Paul Dilworth (who preceded her in death). She moved to Midland in 1979 and taught at Emerson Elementary for 36 years. She had a passion for teaching and a love for her students because they were her number one priority, to make sure they succeeded.

She taught Reading Recovery, Special Education, System 44 and back to Special Education. Her last four years she taught at Henderson Elementary Dynamic Reading (special needs). She was responsible for Development and Reading Rodeo.

She initiated Accelerated Reading Program. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and Macedonia Baptist Church.

She is survived by brother, Earnest Walker and wife, Johnnie Robinson Walker of Lubbock; sister, Bernadine Walker Terrell and husband Thomas H. Terrell of Lubbock; sister, Jeanette Walker Porch of Dallas; sister, Johnnie Mae Walker of Antioch, TN; brother, Roy Walker Jr. and wife Paula Walker of Richardson; sister, Maxine Walker of Oklahoma City; sister, Linda Walker Evans of Midland; 6 nephews, 4 nieces, 3 great nephews, 3 great nieces, and 1 great great niece.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Bernice Walker; sister, Evelyn Davis; and brother, Barix Walker.

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Jimmy Ross Barker

Jimmy Ross Barker passed away on Saturday, June 16th at Ashton Lodge in Midland, Texas.

He was 84 years old and survived by daughters Lynda Sue (Susie) Barker and Janie Barker Capezuto.

He was born and raised in Seymour, Texas and after serving in the Army and receiving an honorable discharge, he and his family relocated to Midland, Texas.

He was a retired auto mechanic, having worked at the Chevrolet dealership and retired from TU Electric.

He enjoyed spending time at the lake and watching John Wayne movies.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Jessie Barker, his wife, Tsune, and brothers, Lon Barker and John Barker.

There will be a graveside service at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hospice Midland at 911 West Texas, 79701.

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Joreen L. Chambers

Joreen L. Chambers, 82, of Midland, Texas passed away Friday, June 1, 2018 at her home. There will be a private burial at the Chambers River Ranch in Georgetown, TX.

Joreen was born September 5, 1935 to Ruby and Ralph Baker in El Paso, TX.

She married Rex Chambers on July 19, 1952 in Carlsbad, NM. They have lived in Midland since 1983.

Survivors include son, Jackie Chambers and wife Prissy of Midland; son-in-law, Stacy Wright of Midland; grandchildren, Shane Wright and wife Brittany of Midland, Beau J. Chambers and wife Melissa of Flower Mound, Haylee Wright and fiancé Wesley Shumake of Galveston, and Alex Chambers of Flower Mound; and great grandchildren, Sophia and Hudson Wright and Jake Chambers. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rex Chambers and daughter, Teresa K. Wright.

Donations in Joreen's memory may be sent to Midland Soup Kitchen, 1401 Orchard

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Breast cancer can have a huge impact on the lives of those diagnosed and their families, but with regular screenings and advanced technology and treatments, more people than ever are surviving this disease. Early detection saves lives.

Dr. Phillip Choe is a board-certified oncologist with Texas Oncology—Midland Alliance Cancer Center.

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Sibyl Helmer

After a valiant battle against ovarian cancer, the disease claimed Sibyl's life on June 15, 2018. A memorial service will be held on June 23, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel of Midland. There will be a private interment service at Resthaven North Mausoleum.

Sibyl Ann Helmer was born on April 30, 1952 in Pasadena, Texas to O.Z. (Doc) and Juanita (Nita) Helmer.

Her early years were spent in Iran, Texas where her father worked as a geologist for Standard Oil of Texas. After a brief stint in Fort Stockton, Texas, the family moved to Midland in 1960. Sibyl graduated from Midland High School in 1970, where she was a varsity cheerleader for four years and was on both the Catoico Court and Student Council. She attended the University of Texas in Austin where she was elected cheerleader for two years and was also named Top Ten Most Beautiful on Campus as selected by Charlon Heston. She was a member of Delta Gamma Social Sorority. After two years at UT, she attended Amarillo College where she received her dental hygiene degree. Even after receiving her degree she continued to pursue her education through evening classes at Midland College where she took various courses in geology, Spanish, German, and business. Ultimately she graduated Magna Cum Laude in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting from

The University of Texas-Permian Basin. She passed the CPA exam, scoring over 90 on one part but she never applied for her license, preferring to remain in the dental field as a hygienist. Sibyl was kindhearted, witty, intelligent, educated and fearless. Up until the last, she met her health issues head on with a smile on her face and never complaining. She enjoyed adventure; travel, especially to Puerto Vallarta, Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe and Aspen; swimming; skiing; golf; and gymnastics. Fleet trips down the Guadalupe River were one of her favorite weekend pastimes.

Sibyl is survived by her husband of almost 34 years, Sammy L. Morrison; Niki, her four-legged companion; her mother, Juanita Helmer of Midland; her brother, Dr. O.Z. Helmer, Jr. and wife, Brenda and his son, Bret Helmer, all of Fort Worth; her sister, Deborah Knorr of Dallas and her children, Charlotte Price and husband, James and their children, Evey and Austin all of Woodbridge, Virginia; and Cristanne Knorr of Irving; her brother-in-law, Lawrence Jay Morrison and wife, Tina of Fort Worth and their children, Judy Barnett and husband, Ansel and their daughter, Willow all of Round Rock; and Matthew Morrison of Fort Worth.

Sibyl was preceded in death by her father, O.Z. Helmer, her nephew, Bradley Helmer, and several aunts and uncles.

The family would like to thank Dr. Manny Mangat and the staff of Texas Oncology, the nurses in the Infusion Center at Texas Oncology, the staff at Manor Park Rehab and Scharbauer Cottage, the nurses and aides of the Oncology Unit at Midland Memorial Hospital, and Hospice of Midland for all the love and care provided to Sibyl over the past two years.

A special debt of gratitude is owed to Sibyl's friends of more than 40 years, Cindy Mullins, Carolyn Hooper and Marilyn Hightower, who were there constantly through her battle. Thanks also go to her special friends, Kathy Dunnam, Sherry McCowan, Elizabeth Carroll, and Lynn Newton. Finally, a thank you to Randy Sanchez who worked to improve Sibyl's physical strength during her fight with the disease.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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Death Notices

Evanell

Truszowski

Evanell Truszowski, age 93, of Midland, Texas passed away on Monday, June 18, 2018. Services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 22, 2018 at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas, Texas. She is survived by her son Ralph Truszowski.

Rita Cain Curry

Rita Cain Curry, 73 of Midland, Texas joined her husband (the love of her life) in Heaven on Sunday, June 17, 2018. A visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will be a private burial at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Roselinda Martinez

Baeza

Roselinda Martinez Baeza, 63 of Midland, Texas passed away Monday, June 18, 2018.

Viewing will be Wednesday, June 20th from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. with a rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. both at Lewellen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral mass is set for Thursday, June 21st at 10:00 a.m. at San Miguel Arcangel Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by her husband, Juan Baeza Sr.; daughters, Erica Trillo and Brenda Baeza; a son, Juan Baeza Jr.; 5 brothers and 4 sisters.

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Groups in spat over use of word 'meat'

By Candice Choi
Associated Press

NEW YORK — If meat is grown in a lab without slaughtering animals, what should it be called?

That question has yet to be decided by regulators, but for the moment it's pitting animal rights advocates and others against cattle ranchers in a war of words.

Supporters of the science are embracing "clean meat" to describe meat grown by replicating animal cells. Many in the conventional meat industry are irritated by the term and want to stamp it out before it takes hold.

"It implies that traditional beef is dirty," says Danielle Beck, director of government affairs for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The spat shows the power of language as a new industry attempts to reshape eating habits. It's why the \$49.5 billion U.S. beef, poultry, pork and lamb industry is mobilizing to claim ownership of the term "meat."

Squabbles over language are erupting across the food business as established definitions for mayonnaise and milk are also challenged by the likes of vegan spreads and almond drinks.

What gets to be considered "meat" is a particularly touchy subject as new companies come up with substitutes they say are just like the real thing.

Impossible Burger's plant-based patty "bleeds" like beef.

Companies such as Memphis Meats are growing meat by culturing animal cells, though it could be years before products are on shelves. Big meat producers like Tyson Foods and Cargill Inc. are among Memphis Meats' investors.

There's some confusion over how meat grown by culturing animal cells will be regulated. The U.S. Department of Agriculture oversees meat inspections, while the Food and Drug Administration oversees other aspects of food safety, including the "standards of identity" that spell out what ingredients can go into products with specific names.

The FDA — which in the past has called out Kraft's use of the term "pasteurized process cheese food" — plans to hold a public meeting next month to discuss "cultured" meat.

In the meantime, all sides are scrambling to frame the issue in their own words.

The Good Food Institute, an advocacy and lobbying group for meat alternatives, is embracing "clean meat," which channels the positive connotations of "clean

energy." Other options it tested: "Meat 2.0," "Safe Meat" and "Pure Meat."

"Green Meat" was dismissed early on. "Nobody wants to eat green meat," said Bruce Friedrich, co-founder of the Good Food Institute.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association is fighting to defend what it sees as its linguistic turf.

"Our marching orders were to protect beef nomenclature," says Beck.

The cattlemen's group prefers less appetizing terms such as "in vitro meat," "synthetic meat" or even "meat byproduct" for meat grown through cultured cells.

For meat alternatives more broadly, it likes "fake meat."

The U.S. Cattlemen's Association, a smaller group, also petitioned the USDA in February to enforce that "beef" and "meat" only be used for animals "born, raised and harvested in the traditional manner."

And in October, the former head of the U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance considered a way to possibly halt the use of "clean meat" after hearing the term.

"You will see that we left the conference and immediately investigated the term 'Clean Meat' from a trademark perspective," wrote Randy Krotz, then-CEO of the group, according to an email obtained through a public records request by Property of the People, which advocates for government transparency.

Krotz noted that another party had already applied for the trademark, but said the alliance was able to claim the Twitter handle "@clean_meat." That account does not show any activity.

Anne Curzan, a professor of English at the University of Michigan, says the term "clean meat" highlights the positive and pushes into the background aspects that may make people uncomfortable.

"It is smart branding to try to keep the product from being associated with ' Frankenfood,'" Curzan says.

It's just the latest front in the war of words in food.

Last year, the dairy industry revived its quest to abolish terms like "soy milk" and "almond milk," saying that milk is defined as being obtained from a cow. That came after a vegan spread provoked the ire of the Association for Dressings and Sauces, of which Hellmann's is a member, by calling itself "Just Mayo."

Even grains aren't immune from controversy. With cauliflower "rice" becoming popular with low-carb eaters, the rice industry is punching back with its own term for chopped-up vegetable substitutes: "rice pretenders."

Survey: About 14 percent of US adults smoke

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Smoking in the U.S. has hit another all-time low.

About 14 percent of U.S. adults were smokers last year, down from about 16 percent the year before, government figures show.

There hadn't been much change the previous two years, but it's been clear there's been a general decline and the new figures show it's continuing, said K. Michael Cummings of the tobacco research program at Medical University of South Carolina.

"Everything is pointed in the right direction," including falling cigarette sales and other indicators, Cummings said.

The new figures released today mean there are still

more than 30 million adult smokers in the U.S., he added.

Teens are also shunning cigarettes. Survey results out last week showed smoking among high school students was down to 9 percent, also a new low.

In the early 1960s, roughly 42 percent of U.S. adults smoked. It was common nearly everywhere — in office buildings, restaurants, airplanes and even hospitals. The decline has coincided with a greater understanding that smoking is a cause of cancer, heart disease and other health problems.

Anti-smoking campaigns, cigarette taxes and smoking bans are combining to bring down adult smoking rates, experts say.

The launch of electronic cigarettes and their growing popularity has also likely played a role. E-cigarettes

heat liquid nicotine into a vapor without the harmful by-products generated from burning tobacco. That makes them a potentially useful tool to help smokers quit, but some public health experts worry it also creates a new way for people to get addicted to nicotine.

There was no new information for adult use of e-cigarettes and vaping products, but 2016 figures put that at 3 percent of adults.

Vaping is more common among teens than adults. About 13 percent of high school students use e-cigarettes or other vaping devices.

The findings on adult smokers come from a national health survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 27,000 adults were interviewed last year.

CDC survey: Fewer US teens smoking, doing drugs, drinking milk

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fewer U.S. teens are smoking, having sex and doing drugs these days. Oh, and they're drinking less milk, too.

Fewer than one-third of high school students drink a glass of milk a day, according to a large government survey released Thursday. About two decades ago, it was nearly half.

Last year's survey asked about 100 questions on a wide range of health topics, including smoking, drugs and diet. Researchers compared the results to similar questionnaires going back more than 25 years.

One trend that stood out was the drop in drinking milk, which started falling for all Americans after World War II. In recent decades, teens have shifted from milk to soda, then to Gatorade and other sports drinks and recently to energy drinks like Monster and Red Bull.

The survey showed slightly fewer kids are drinking soda and sports drinks now, compared to the last survey in 2015.

One caveat: Most students were not asked about energy drinks so how many kids drink them now isn't known. A study from a decade ago estimated that nearly a third of kids between the ages of 12 and 17 were regularly drinking energy drinks.

Kids have shifted from a dairy product rich in calcium and vitamin D to beverages laden with sugar and caffeine, which is likely contributing to the nation's obesity problem, said Barry Pop-

kin, a University of North Carolina researcher who studies how diets change.

"This is not a healthy trend for our long-term health," he said.

For teens, the government recommends 3 cups daily of dairy products — milk, yogurt or cheese.

The survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is conducted every two years. About 15,000 students at 144 high schools were surveyed last year. The surveys are anonymous and voluntary, and there's no check of medical records or other documents to verify answers.

Some of the findings:
■ Not as many teens are having sex, although there wasn't much change from the 2015 survey results. Last year, about 40 percent said they'd ever had sex, down from 48 percent a decade ago.

■ There was no substantial recent change for cigarette smoking, either. About 9 percent are current smokers, down from more than 27 percent when the survey started in 1991. Ditto alcohol, with 30 percent saying they currently use alcohol, down from 51 percent in 1991.

■ Marijuana use seems to be hovering, with about 30 percent of students saying they had ever tried it. But overall, illegal drug use seems to be falling, including for synthetic marijuana, ecstasy, heroin, inhalants, and LSD and other hallucinogenic drugs. For the first time, the survey asked if they had ever abused prescription opioid medications. About 14 percent did.

FDA plans public meeting on meat

Associated Press

A new term is causing heartburn for beef, chicken and pork producers: "Clean meat."

The term is being used by supporters of the emerging science of meat grown in labs without slaughtering cows and chickens. But many in the conventional meat industry don't want it to become the accepted moniker, saying it implies that the meat they produce isn't clean.

Meat products grown by replicating animal cells are not yet on supermarket shelves, but the topic is getting enough attention that the Food and Drug Administration is holding a public meeting next month on "cultured" meat. The agency notes the tech-

nological considerations for these products are "complex and evolving." One challenge is making sure the cells replicate the animal cells correctly, the agency says.

Here's an overview of how the science works: A sample of animal cells is taken and replicated using a culture that fosters their growth.

The FDA says animal cells can currently be produced from "starter cells" in machines where the cells are cultured to grow. Now companies are working to commercialize the process with techniques that allow complex tissues to form, the FDA says, similar to strategies being explored for human organ replacement.

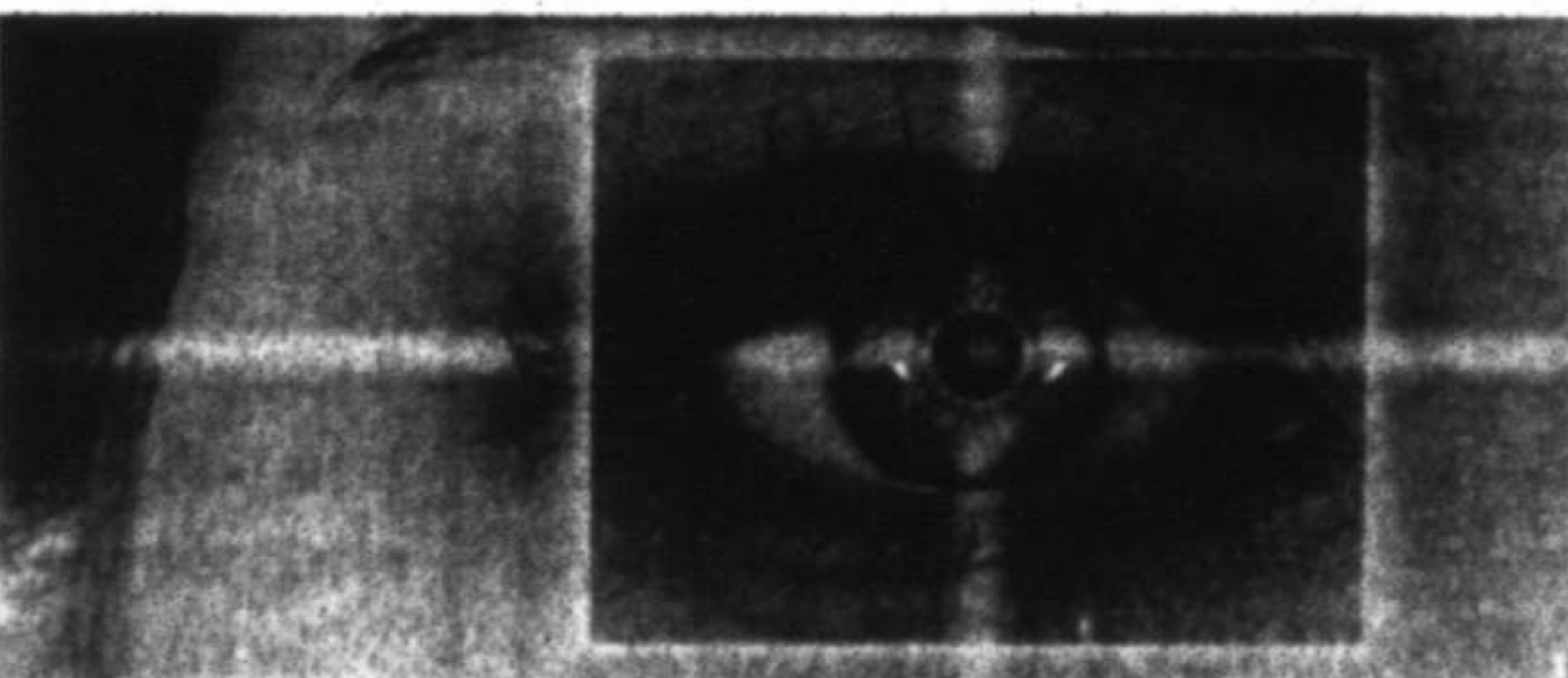
Cultures provide nutrients, vitamins and miner-

als to help cells grow, but the ones currently on the market are too costly for commercially viable products, according to the Good Food Institute, which advocates and lobbies for meat alternatives. Companies are working on lower-cost alternatives, says Matt Ball, a spokesman for the Good Food Institute. Certain types of meat are also more structurally complicated.

"None of these companies are at the point where they're producing marbled cuts of meat that have intricate three-dimensional structures," Ball says.

The advocacy group says establishing a supply chain will be critical for commercialization, particularly for the ingredients that go into the culture and other materials.

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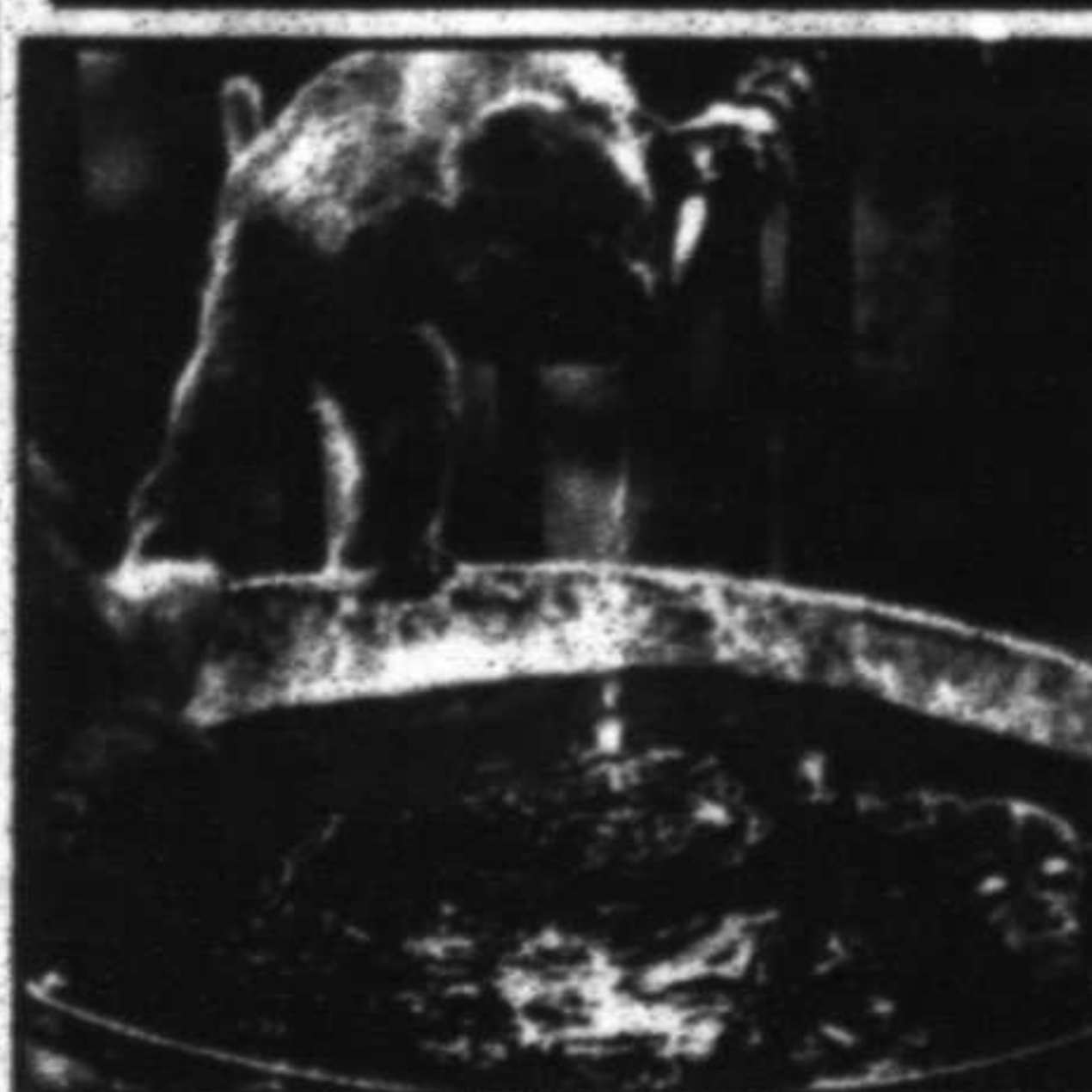
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Lifelong bachelor's interest in teen girl triggers alarm

DEAR ABBY: I have a 59-year-old brother-in-law who has always been a "proud bachelor." He isn't a rich, handsome, George Clooney-type bachelor, but a hard-to-mouth, burping, uncouth "Shallow Hal" kind of bachelor. He befriended a woman with four daughters, paying most of his attention to one of the daughters. He would take the woman and her girls to dinner, and take the daughters shopping without the mother.

Fast forward eight years. He wants to take the one daughter on a trip to Hawaii. And he has been telling everyone she is now 18 (the girl is still in high school). Should I say something to him, or mind my own business? He will likely hang up on me. I don't know the daughters or their mom well. Am I wrong to hear some alarm bells going off? — **WARY IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR WARY: No, you are not wrong. The statement that the girl is "now 18" is a red flag for me, too. Rather than talk to your brother-in-law, inform the mother that he may be "grooming" her daughter for something more than an innocent tour of the islands. She should have noticed something was amiss eight years ago, when one daughter was singled out for special treatment, and put a stop to it then.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with

my husband for five years. Early in our relationship, he became violent. Because of my economic status at the time, leaving was not an option.

I became pregnant with our child during our first year together. He ended up getting arrested for domestic violence against me (nothing toward our child) twice, and moved out for a year while court proceedings were taking place.

At first, he was incredibly cruel to me. I was so devastated by his actions that I was grieving as if he had died. He then went through a series of interventions, and sought medical care and psychological counseling. He used to drink, but no longer does.

After a year, I let him move back home. But I no longer feel the same toward him. I am terribly unhappy. Even though he hasn't touched me and has toned down his anger, I can't forget the things he said and did to me. I don't want a divorce, though, because I do still love him. I just don't know how to proceed. Please help me. — **VICTIM IN OREGON**

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.



DEAR VICTIM: Nowhere in your letter did you mention whether YOU sought counseling to help YOU recover from the verbal and physical abuse. If you didn't, do it now.

There is a saying, "You can't unring the bell." You may love your husband, but verbal abuse can leave as many, or more, scars than physical abuse does. Until and unless you can completely forgive him for what he did to you, you won't be able to move on.

And by the way, if it turns out that you cannot, don't blame or punish yourself for it. Sometimes it's better for two people who care about each other to go their separate ways because it is healthier for both of them.

READER ALERT! If you know a student who would like to enter the \$5,000 Dear Abby College Columnist Scholarship contest, see the information on DearAbby.com/scholarship and learn more. The deadline is fast approaching.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

What to do?

North-South vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ 10 6 5
♥ K 6 3
♦ A 7 3 2
♣ 9 6 3

WEST
♠ K 2
♥ A Q J 8 4
♦ 10 6 5
♣ 10 4 2

EAST
♠ 9 4
♥ 10 7 5 2
♦ K J 9 4
♣ K 5 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 8 7 3
♥ 9
♦ Q 8
♣ A Q J 7

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♠ 2♣ 2♦ 3♣
4♣ All pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

Match point bridge requires some decisions that are not needed in social bridge. Those who enjoy making these decisions play duplicate bridge and those that don't play social bridge or rubber bridge. Today's deal offers an example.

overtrick, but there was no indication pointing West to that lead. West continued with the queen of hearts at trick two, won by dummy's king as declarer shed a low diamond. The 10 of spades was led, South following with the seven as West won his king. The heart continuation was ruffed with the eight and the ace of spades was cashed. The 2-2 trump split meant that the carefully preserved three of spades could be used as an entry to dummy.

Declarer crossed to dummy with the ace of diamonds and led a club to his queen, winning the trick. What to do now? 10 tricks would be assured by cashing the ace of clubs and leading another club. The last club could be ruffed in dummy. This play would produce an overtrick if East started with a doubleton king of clubs and would be safe for 10 tricks in all other cases. Alternatively, South could cross back to dummy with the six of spades and take the club finesse again. There would be an overtrick if East started with three clubs to the king, but would lose the contract if West had the king of clubs and the suit split poorly. What's your choice? Duplicate or social?

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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

Midland Health events

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

■ Weigh to Success Informational Seminar, 4 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital; Sundae Adkins, 638-8081, sundae.adkins@midlandhealth.org; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

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.

WT Food Bank to offer nutrition classes

The West Texas Food Bank is continuing its summer nutrition classes, which are held at the food bank's Midland facility, 1601 Westcliff Drive.

The class schedule is:

■ Tasty Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Tuesday
This show-and-tell session includes a discussion on seasonal fruits and vegetables 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.

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, wiliam.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).

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is a program that provides support for women during their pregnancy and after their baby is born.

Hope Chest allows mothers and mothers-to-be to earn necessities such as diapers, wipes, clothing and car seats through a point system.

Points are earned by attending prenatal appointments and childbirth classes, and once the baby is born, moms continue to earn points at pediatrician visits until the child turns 2.

The program office is at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. For more information or to enroll in the program, call 221-1150. To make a monetary donation or donate brand new baby items to Hope Chest, call the March of Dimes office at 416-7310.

MMH payment options

Midland Memorial Hospital recognizes that our community is facing challenging

financial times. Resources are tight and families are having to make important decisions about what to spend money on now and what has to wait.

Realizing health care can be expensive and the increasing deductibles make it hard to manage, the hospital has adjusted its payment procedures. We want to make sure you receive the care you need, when you need it. To find out about the new options now offered to better accommodate your payment needs, call 221-4705.

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a nurse triage program "68-NURSE." The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room ... or just staying home.

Help line for long-term or disabled care

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services has a toll-free number residents can call to obtain information on services for the disabled or long-term care.

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

Contact your Hospital District representative

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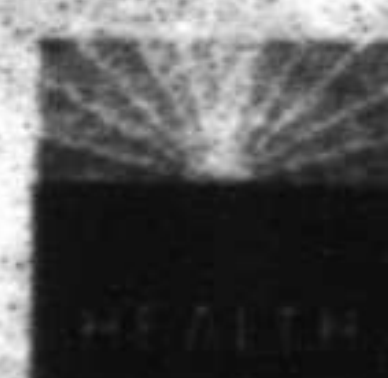
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That's Kowar with a K: 13 in Gators' 6-1 CWS win over Texas

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Jackson Kowar's first inning didn't portend the stellar afternoon he was about to have Tuesday. He didn't give up a run in the first, but he threw 25 pitches.

"Just reminded him he's going to have to be a little more economical," Gators coach Kevin O'Sullivan said.

No worries, coach. Kowar struck out a career-high 13 in 6 2/3 shutout innings, mixing his

TEXAS TECH-ARKANSAS POSTPONED

Tuesday night's College World Series game between Texas Tech and Arkansas was postponed because of inclement weather and was rescheduled for 11 a.m. today on ESPN2.

changeup with a fastball still touching the mid-90s deep into his season-high 121-pitch performance that flummoxed Texas in a 6-1 win eliminating the Long-

horns from the College World Series.

"It's probably the best I've seen him, to be honest with you, with the whole package, with everything concerned," O'Sullivan said. "I thought he was really good last week with Auburn, too. He was really good against A&M during SEC play. But on this stage, I think this is about as good as he's pitched all year."

The Kansas City Royals' first-round draft pick struck out the side in the third and sixth innings and

broke his previous high of 11 Ks he set against TCU in the CWS last year. He became the first pitcher in the CWS since UCLA teammates Gerrit Cole and Trevor Bauer in 2010 to record 13 strikeouts.

"Those guys are doing pretty well for themselves right now, so that's pretty cool company," Kowar said.

He's the first to strike out 13 at the CWS in fewer than seven innings in 40 years, according to ESPN.

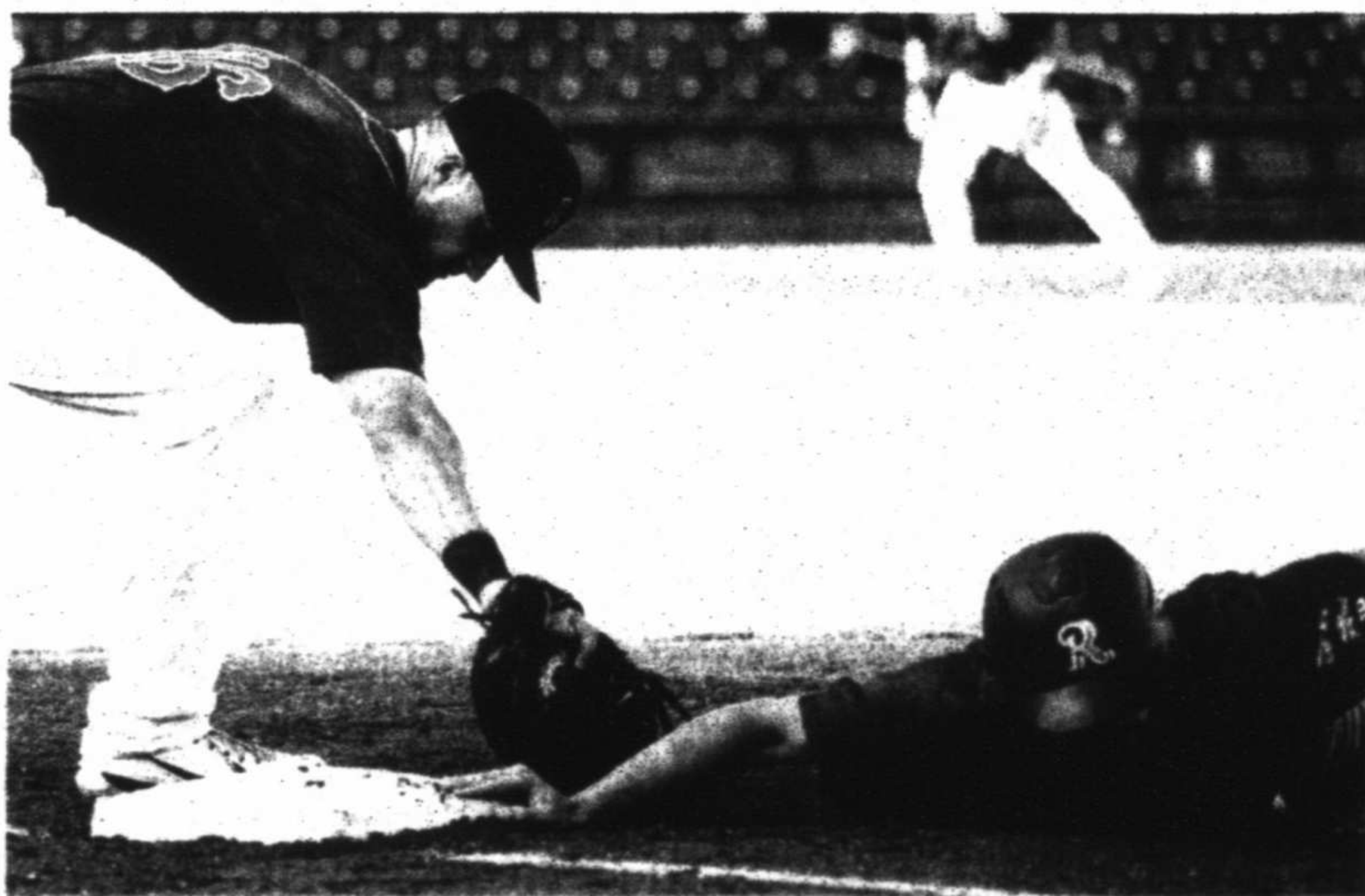
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Neil Harnik/Associated Press

Texas' Duke Ellis, right, beats the throw to Florida third baseman Jonathan India (6) in the first inning of a College World Series baseball elimination game Tuesday in Omaha, Neb.

Saving the best for last



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

RockHounds' first baseman Seth Brown tries to put the tag on Frisco's Michael O'Neill on a pickoff attempt Tuesday at Security Bank Ballpark.

Recent history gives 'Hounds optimism in 2nd half

Two hours prior to the start of the Texas League's second half, there was a different air of excitement in the Midland RockHounds' clubhouse.

The 12 returning Midland players who have contributed to TL championships the last two seasons know it all too well. The other 15 in their first seasons with the Double-A club have heard all the stories: This team has grown into proven second half dynamos over the last four seasons and four league championship runs.

Entering Tuesday's home contest against the Frisco RoughRiders, the RockHounds were eager to reap the benefits of a clean slate that comes with the start of the second half. They finished the first half 33-36, 10 games behind first-half champion Corpus Christi Hooks and nine games back of the second-place San Antonio Missions.

But none of that matters anymore.

WILL KORN

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Going forward, it's all about building on what the team believed was an encouraging and competitive first 69 games, as well as heating up at the right time.

Since the start of their run of four straight TL titles in 2014, the RockHounds have been masters of saving their best baseball for near the playoffs. The potential for another special second-half run began Tuesday with the first of a fresh slate of 70 games.

"It is nice. It's nice to have that reset in the minor leagues where you don't

have to keep grinding like the big leagues do and fight your way back from never land," said Midland manager Scott Steinmann. "I thought we had a good first half, but it's definitely great to have a new start so we can move forward."

Right-handed reliever Nolan Blackwood, who leads the club with eight saves in his first season with Midland, is certainly ready for his next outing amid all the anticipation.

"I've heard the stories and that's what everyone was saying walking (into the clubhouse Tuesday): 'The second half starts today, we've done this before, we've been here.' It's nice."

By the numbers, Midland's first-half performance was middle of the road. Offensively, the RockHounds ranked fifth league wide in hits (631), sixth in batting average (.267), fifth in home

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Arizona's Deandre Ayton top choice among bigs in NBA draft

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press

There's been little question that Arizona's Deandre Ayton is the best of a potential-filled group of bigs at the top of Thursday's NBA draft.

Ayton was a force in his lone college season and looks like the favorite to land with Phoenix as the No. 1 overall pick. Behind him are several talented big men including Michigan State's Jaren Jackson, Texas' Mo Bamba and Duke's Wendell Carter Jr., who like Ayton all played just one year in college and could all hear their name called in the first 10 selections.

Here's a look at the top prospects:

DEANDRE AYTON

The 7-foot, 250-pound big man can single-handedly dominate defenses, monopolize the boards and alter or swat shots.

STRENGTHS: Ayton offers an impressive mix of power and touch. He averaged 20.1 points and was a force around the rim with 75 dunks while shooting 61 percent from the field, yet he had enough range to hit 12 3-pointers to pull defenders away from the paint, too. At the other end, 8.2 of his 11.6 rebounds per game came on the defensive glass to secure a stop.

CONCERNS: He wasn't particularly effective (14 points on 6-for-13 shooting) in the first-round NCAA Tournament loss to underdog and undersized Buffalo. His lofty draft stock assumes he continues to develop physically and build on his game, including on the defensive end (averaged just 1.9 blocks despite his physical tools).

JAREN JACKSON JR.

The Michigan State one-and-done big man is a possible top-five pick with size, length and a reliable jumpshot.

STRENGTHS: The 6-11 Jackson, who averaged 10.9 points and 5.8 rebounds, offers two intriguing skillsets. First, he shot nearly 40 percent from 3-point range even as he attempted nearly three per game. He also averaged 3.0 blocks per game, aided by a wingspan measured at more than 7-5 at the combine.

CONCERNS: The 18-year-old (he turns 19 in September) had issues with foul trouble during the year, which helped limit him to

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Rangers extend winning streak to 4



John Shaver/Kansas City Star/THS

Kansas City Royals catcher Salvador Perez, left, tags out Texas Rangers' Elvis Andrus at the plate on a throw from left fielder Alex Gordon to end the top of the ninth inning at Kauffman Stadium on Tuesday in Kansas City, Mo.

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Cole Hamels allowed four hits over seven innings. Delino DeShields doubled home two runs and the Texas Rangers beat the Kansas City Royals 4-1 on Tuesday night to extend their winning streak to a season-high four games.

The Royals have lost eight straight, matching their season high, and 14 of 15. They own a major league-worst 10-28 home record and their 22-51 overall mark is the worst in franchise history after 73 games.

Hamels (4-6) picked up his first win since May 22. The run off him in the fifth was unearned and he has yet to allow an earned run in 20 innings over three starts at Kauffman Stadium.

Kenzie Kels pitched a spot-

less ninth for his 17th save in as many chances.

DeShields' second-inning double scored Isiah Kiner-Falefa and Robinson Chirinos.

Kiner-Falefa, who had three hits and walked, doubled home Adrian Beltre in the third. Jurickson Profar scored the second run of the inning after Mike Moustakas' fielding error to make it 4-0.

Royals starter Jason Hammel (2-5) was removed after 5 2/3 innings, allowing four runs on nine hits and four walks. Hammel is 6-6 in nine home starts since an Aug. 20 victory over Cleveland.

Roseli Herrera's two-out double in the fifth scored Alex Gordon with the Kansas City run.

Whit Merrifield led off the Royals' first with a walk, took

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In his Dec. 18, 2017 photo, Arizona forward Deandre Ayton dunks against North Dakota State in the second half during an NCAA basketball game, in Tucson, Ariz. Ayton was a force in his lone college season and looks like the favorite to land with Phoenix as the No. 1 overall pick in Thursday's NBA Draft.

Tyler is a 1 yo male orange & white tabby. He was brought to us by a concerned citizen who fully vetted & fostered him until a spot opened at our Center. Tyler is a very friendly cat & should do well with most families.

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runs (53), fourth in on-base percentage (.337) and posted the second-most strikeouts with 609.

But the hallmark offensive stat over the first 69 games was a league-high 138 doubles.

"Right now we're doing really well and I think we're swinging it really well," said Midland first baseman Seth Brown, who is third in the TL with 49 RBI and is hitting .291 in 64 games.

On the mound, RockHounds pitchers made a name for themselves with stellar command, as they walked a league-low 182 batters in the first half. Contrarily, they struck out the fewest batters (485), allowed the third-most hits (676), the third-most runs (338) and an earned run average of 4.56 that ranked fifth lowest.

Steinmann said all-around improvement will be required for the club to make a run. But he praised the competitiveness of his players day in and day out. In the team's 36 first-half losses, 22 came by three runs or less.

"Our pitchers have to do their jobs of getting their swings and misses and still not walking guys," he said. "Our defense has to do a good job of making the routine play. Offensively, we need to put the ball in play and have quality at-bats in situations. There are many facets of the game that overall, need to step up. We played some pretty competitive ball throughout. There were a lot of games that were decided by one pitch or one play and that's all it takes in this game."

Brown believes sharpening things



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Frisco's Michael De Leon gets the force out at second on RockHounds' Tyler Marinov on Tuesday and throws to first to complete the double play at Security Bank Ballpark.

up defensively will go a long way toward getting in position to compete for a fifth-straight league title. He's confident that he and his teammates are up to the task.

"I think the thing we need to work on the most is just our defense a little bit more," he said. "When that comes together — and it will, because every

one of these guys works their butts off — (we'll be fine). It's nice to be a part of a group of guys that work and it's nice to see the results. "I think we're only going to go up. It's exciting to be a part of."

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROUGHRIDERS 4, ROCK-HOUNDS 3

At Security Bank Ballpark
TOP HITTERS: Frisco right fielder Destin Hood was 3-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored, while teammate Michael De Leon was 3-for-5 with a double. ... For the RockHounds, Seth Brown was 2-for-4, while Eli White, Brett Siddall and Edwin Diaz each had a hit and an RBI.

TOP PITCHERS: Midland starter Norge Ruiz was brilliant over seven innings, as he limited Frisco to two runs on seven hits while striking out three. ... Frisco starter Justin Tapa allowed two runs on five hits while fanning seven over six frames.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland went ahead 2-0 in the third on an RBI triple to right center by Siddall and a single by Diaz. ... Frisco got on the board in the top of the fifth, when Luis Mendez scored on a throwing error by Brown. ... In the sixth, the RoughRiders tied the game on a single by Hood. ... White handed Midland the lead in the eighth with an RBI fielder's choice that plated Richie Martin. ... Frisco took a 4-3 lead in the ninth on a wild pitch and a fielder's choice groundout.

NOTES: Midland is now 33-37 on the season and 0-1 in the second half. ... Tuesday was the first time in the last 30 games that Midland lost after holding a lead entering the ninth inning. ... Combined the two teams turned six double plays in the game. Frisco leads the four-game series 2-1 and will look for the series win at 6:30 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES:

TL Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Team (Midland)	33	37	.471	—
Team (Frisco)	30	40	.431	3.0
Team (San Antonio)	28	42	.400	5.0
Team (Corpus Christi)	25	45	.357	8.0
Team (San Marcos)	22	48	.310	11.0

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Today's Games
Springfield at Tulsa, 11:05 a.m.
Arkansas at Northwest Arkansas, 12:05 p.m.
Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.

Frisco — RHP Ariel Jurado (2-3, 3.47); Midland — RHP Joel Seddon (4-4, 4.98)

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MLB ROUNDUP

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS

American League

YANKEES 7, MARINERS 2

NEW YORK — Domingo German followed up his first major-league win with the longest and best outing of his brief career on Tuesday night. The rookie right-hander allowed two runs (one earned) in seven innings and four Yankees homered in a 7-2 victory over the Mariners before 45,122 at Yankee Stadium.

German (2-4, 4.77 ERA) overcame a first-inning unearned run by retiring 19 Mariners in a row between the first and seventh innings. He gave up two hits, walked none and struck out nine in a 96-pitch gem that took just 2:28 to complete.

Giancarlo Stanton, Miguel Andujar, Aaron Hicks and Gleyber Torres homered for the Yankees. But the story was German, who continues to solidify a spot in the Yankees rotation even as general manager Brian Cashman searches for another starting pitcher before the trade deadline.

Dee Gordon opened the game with a double to right-center. The Mariners didn't earn another base until there was one out in the seventh.

After Gordon's double, Jean Segura hit a grounder to short. Did Gregorius would have had a play on the speedy Gordon heading to third if he had not bobbled the ball for an error.

INDIANS 6, WHITE SOX 3

CLEVELAND — There is a good chance that, some day in the not-so-distant future, the Chicago White Sox will sport a wealth of young talent at the major-league level, complement that young corps with some veteran experience and again stand as contenders in the American League Central.

But that day was not Tuesday, and the Indians cruised to another win over their rebuilding divisional foe, this time by a score of 6-3 at Progressive Field.

Like Trevor Bauer on Monday night, Indians starting pitcher Mike Clevinger had little trouble navigating the White Sox lineup. Clevinger (6-2) tossed 7 2/3 strong innings, allowing one run on five hits and striking out 10. He lowered his ERA to 3.00 and notched his third double-digit strikeout game of the season.

Clevinger has dominated the White Sox (24-48) all season. In three starts against them, he has posted a 3-0 record and a 1.27 ERA in 21 2/3 innings.

After a shaky first inning, Clevinger settled down. Yoan Moncada led off

the first with a double to left field and scored on Jose Abreu's one-out single to right field, putting the White Sox up 1-0. From that point, Clevinger allowed only three hits over his final 6 2/3 innings.

TWINS 6, RED SOX 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Eduardo Escobar had two go-ahead hits, including an RBI single that launched a four-run eighth inning for the Minnesota Twins in a 6-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Tuesday night.

Robby Scott (0-1), just recalled from Triple-A to make his season debut, relieved Chris Sale to start the eighth and walked the first two batters. Joe Kelly entered, and Escobar's one-out line drive bounced in front of Jackie Bradley Jr. and skipped past the center fielder for an error as two runs scored. Robbie Grossman broke the game open with a two-run triple.

The late surge masked a classic pitching duel between Sale and Jose Berrios, the six-time All-Star against the budding ace. Sale retired the first 14 batters he faced before Ehire Adrianza's soft roller to Rafael Devers at third base went for an infield single.

The Twins were mostly out of sorts against Sale, with bewildered players complaining to home plate umpire Jeff Nelson about the size of his strike zone. They fell behind on a two-out home run by Devers in the sixth off Berrios.

ASTROS 1, RAYS 2

HOUSTON — C.J. Cron homered early and Wilson Ramos hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth inning to lift the Tampa Bay Rays to a 2-1 win on Tuesday night to snap a 12-game winning streak by the Houston Astros.

Blake Snell (9-4) allowed just three hits and one run in seven innings, but had to pitch around a career-high seven walks for his 9th straight win. Sergio Romo pitched for the third straight game, taking over with one out in the ninth and allowing one hit for his third save a night after blowing the save in Houston's 5-4 win.

Matt Duffy doubled to start the eighth and advanced to third on a groundout by Jake Bauers. The Rays took a 2-1 lead when the single by Ramos called just over the head of a leaping Yuli Gurriel and into left field to allow Duffy to score.

Cron snapped a career-long 0 for 23 slump with a solo homer with one out in the second inning to give Tampa Bay a 1-0 lead. It was the first hit since June 12 for Cron, who struck out 18 times during his hitless streak. The Astros went 1 for 6 with



Brett Coomer/Houston Chronicle

Home plate umpire Pat Hoberg ejects Houston Astros left fielder Marwin Gonzalez (9) after he was called out on strikes during the fourth inning of a major league baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays at Minute Maid Park on Tuesday in Houston.

runners in scoring position to come up one victory shy of setting the franchise record for longest winning streak in franchise history.

National League

DODGERS 2, CUBS 1

CHICAGO — Albert Almora Jr. hit a game-ending RBI single in the 10th inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 2-1 on Tuesday night to salvage a split of their day-night doubleheader.

Kris Bryant sparked the winning rally with a leadoff triple against Brock Stewart (0-1). After Javier Baez was walked intentionally, Almora hit a liner into right field.

Rob Zastryzny (1-0), the fifth Cubs reliever, got Yasmani Grandal to fly out with the bases loaded in the top of the 10th to earn the win.

Los Angeles opened the doubleheader with a 4-3 victory on pinch-hitter Kyle Farmer's two-run double in the ninth.

BREWERS 3, PIRATES 2

PITTSBURGH — The nerves weren't quite so bad this time. The Pirates, a tough loss.

The stuff? Well, that didn't change a bit for Milwaukee rookie pitcher Freddy Peralta. The 22-year-old handicked the Pittsburgh Pirates over six shutout innings and the Brewers held on for a 3-2 victory on Tuesday night.

Peralta (2-0) struck out seven without issuing a walk in his third career start,

looking very much like the kid who led a franchise record by striking out 13 in his major league debut last month. The Brewers sent him down to the minors after his second start to work on his control and he appeared to be firmly in command against the Pirates.

CARDINALS 7, PHILLIES 6

PHILADELPHIA — Matt Carpenter had a hunch a fastball was coming. When the pitch arrived, he delivered. Carpenter hit a tiebreaking solo homer with two out in the ninth, helping the St. Louis Cardinals edge the Philadelphia Phillies 7-6 on Tuesday night.

Carpenter also had a tying two-run double in St. Louis' four-run seventh. Tommy Pham homered and singled for the Cardinals, and Kolan Wong also went deep.

Odubel Herrera and Carlos Santana connected for the Phillies. Senanthony Dominguez (1-1) struck out the first two batters in the ninth and had Carpenter in a 0-2 hole. But Carpenter lined the next pitch, a 98-mph fastball, over the wall in right to extend his homer streak to three games.

Carpenter noticed Dominguez shake off catcher Jorge Allen just before the 0-2 pitch and believed the right-hander wanted to throw a fastball.

"I wouldn't say I sold out for it, but I was ready for it," he said.

A hard-throwing rookie, Dominguez began his career by tossing 15 2/3 scoreless innings and entered with 27 strikeouts and a 1.27 ERA in 21 1/3

innings.

Interleague

NATIONALS 9, ORIOLES 7

WASHINGTON — Presented with identical opportunities to ring up a big inning, the Washington Nationals took full advantage and Baltimore Orioles squandered the chance.

That goes a long way toward explaining why the Nationals are a contender and the Orioles one of the worst records in the big leagues.

Trea Turner went 4 for 4 with a homer. Anthony Rendon drove in three runs and Washington extended its recent domination of the Orioles with a 9-7 victory Tuesday night.

The game was essentially decided in the fifth inning, which began with Baltimore leading 4-1.

In the top half, the Orioles loaded the bases with no outs and scored only one run — when Marvyn Machado hit into a 4-6-3 double play

REDS 9, TIGERS 5

CINCINNATI — Joey Votto hit a grand slam and celebrated with a flip, honoring the bird that prolonged his at-bat.

Votto ended a long homer drought with his third career grand slam Tuesday night, powering the Cincinnati Reds to a 9-5 victory that ended the Detroit Tigers' longest winning streak in two years.

Votto came to bat with the bases loaded in the third inning of a scoreless game. A black bird wandered between the plate and the pitcher's mound, prompting Votto to call time so he could try to shoot it away. The bird stayed in the middle of the infield.

"He was in the line of vision and I was going to try to shoot it away," Votto said. "I was thinking, 'Make sure to hit the ball in the air' and 'Don't hit it on the ground up the middle.' I was taking care of the bird."

BRAVES 11, BLUE JAYS 4

TORONTO — Johan Camargo came up big from the bottom of the Atlanta Braves' lineup.

The No. 9 batter hit his first career grand slam and went 4 for 5 with five RBIs, and the Braves beat the Blue Jays 11-4 on Tuesday night to snap Toronto's home winning streak at seven games.

The bottom four hitters in Atlanta's lineup, DH Kurt Suzuki, outfielders Charlie Culberson and Ender Inciarte, and third baseman Camargo, went 11 for 18 with five doubles and two home runs.

MLB GLANCE

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Guessing game: Cavs enter NBA draft unsure of LeBron's plans

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James won't be picking any players during Thursday's NBA draft.

At least not directly. With the trajectory of their franchise riding on where he decides to play next season and beyond, the Cleveland Cavaliers will enter this year's draft not knowing if they're choosing a player to help them — and James — contend for another championship, develop a prospect for the future or potentially take a player to trade.

It's a guessing game. James has until June 29 to exercise his \$35.6 million contract option for next season or decline it and become an unrestricted free agent, officially making him the planet's best and most coveted player.

The 33-year-old is not expected to reveal his intentions until after the draft. By that time, the Cavs, still stinging from a Finals sweep at the hands of the Golden State Warriors, hope to have chosen a player that makes them more appealing to the three-time champion, who is mulling whether to leave them — and his Northeast Ohio home — for the second time in his career.

Anything seems possible at this point. James and his representatives have kept an air-tight lid on their plans.

The Cavs, too, have been secretive while general manager Koby Altman

prepares for his first draft by consulting with his staff on what to do with the No. 8 overall pick, the one they received last summer in the seismic trade that sent All-Star point guard Kyrie Irving to the Boston Celtics.

It's quite a quandary for Cleveland, and James isn't helping the Cavs by keeping them in suspense.

It's also possible that James hasn't made up his mind. Following Game 4 in the Finals, James said he'll factor in his family's well-being along with his thirst to win more titles into a decision that once again has Cleveland edgy.

"I still want to be in championship mode," he said. "I think I've shown this year why I will still continue to be in championship mode."

And while there are numerous unknowns, there is one indisputable fact: the Cavs must upgrade their roster to have any chance of keeping James and continuing a relationship that was resurrected in 2014.

After yielding to Irving's request and trading him, the Cavs spent all last season trying to replace him. They never came close, and without a dependable second scoring option or a guard, James was forced to shoulder a heavier load than ever. He succeeded in getting to his eighth straight Finals, but was then overmatched by the deeper Warriors.

To remain viable contenders and keep James happy and healthy, the Cavs must address their backcourt issue this summer, either in the draft, through free

agency or a trade.

With this year's draft top loaded with quality big men, there's a strong possibility the Cavs will have their pick of one of the elite guards, perhaps Oklahoma's Trae Young or Alabama's Collin Sexton — two players James has praised in the past.

Young was college basketball's most electrifying player last season, averaging 27.4 points and 8.7 assists even while teams designed defenses specifically to stop him. James kept an eye on the 6-foot-2 scoring phenom from afar and is intrigued by not only his ability to break down teams but his unselfishness.

Young could be gone by the time the Cavs are on the clock, but Sexton would be a nice backup plan. The 6-foot-3 guard averaged 19.2 points and 3.6 assists as a freshman and showed he's got a big-game gene, carrying the Crimson Tide on a run in the SEC tournament that secured the school's first NCAA berth since 2012.

Sexton worked out for the Cavs at their training facility and owner Dan Gilbert referred to the 19-year-old as "a very interesting draft prospect" on Twitter.

There's also a chance that Cleveland could select a guard to use to entice a major trade. The Cavs have long been interested in Charlotte's Kemba Walker, who will be a free agent after next season, and landing a player of that caliber would send a resounding message to James that they intend to keep chasing championships.

Is David Irving's personal life affecting his professional life with the Cowboys?

By Mac Engel
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

COMMENTARY

Talented Dallas Cowboys defensive tackle David Irving, who has been mostly absent from the team this offseason (as well out as out of shape), is going to practice with the team at the mandatory minicamp, which starts Tuesday. Or so we think.

At least that's what his advisers believe and hope.

They are no different than a lot of the Cowboys coaches and staffers who cross their fingers that this will be the day Irving gets it.

Irving's offseason, while ultimately on him, can partly be explained by a chaotic personal life that features a nasty custody dispute with his ex-girlfriend, who is the mother of their 5-year-old daughter.

"David wants to be an actor and it's something he does very well," said his ex-girlfriend, Angela Sanchez, who has been on and off with Irving for approximately seven years. "He's very good with words. He's a master manipulator. I have dealt with him for seven years. I see things that are not very good."

"(The relationship) was very dysfunctional. There are people who know the relationship would say that. That's the reason I decided it was not going to work."

"If David was more focused on football and not everything else (he would be fine); but he's not mentally strong enough to put all of that to the side."

He has all of these distractions and now, since we're not together, I think that's a big deal for him. If he focused his energy on being a football player rather than making me regret certain things he would (do well)."

Irving did not comment for this column, and neither did his agent. Associates who have worked with

the Cowboys for years talked on background.

On April 23, the relationship between Irving and Sanchez reached a low point when she took over his Twitter account and tweeted a variety of accusations, including tales of assault and failed drug tests.

She later recanted her accusations, but the Frisco police department kept the case open.

When asked if Irving assaulted her, Sanchez said no.

She previously accused him of assault when they were together while he was at Iowa State. She later requested all charges be dropped.

On May 14, Irving went to Southern California, where he legally retrieved the couple's daughter and took her back to Texas.

"I am sick of people attacking me and I am not going to hold my tongue about it any longer," Sanchez, 23, said. "I'm tired of having my name dragged in the dirt. I don't talk to David at all; he's not mature enough to have the conversation. He said, 'If I am not with him, I'm against him.' He doesn't let me speak (to their daughter). He doesn't let me see her."

"I just want to have my daughter and to be out of his life. I don't care about child support. I am not worried about his money."

This is one side of the story, and clearly the issue is clouded by hurt feelings and resentment. There is also no immediate end in sight to this issue for a player who is entering a vulnerable point in his professional career.

Irving has never been able to shake these sort of "distraction tales" that NFL teams eventually grow sick of and dump the players associated with them.

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21.8 minutes per game on the season.

MO BAMBIA

The 7-foot freshman from Texas has the potential to be an elite defender and rebounder — and that's just a start.

STRENGTHS: Bambia averaged 12.9 points and 10.5 rebounds while shooting 54 percent from the floor. But it's the defensive potential that stands out here; he ranked second nationally with 3.7 blocks per game, aided by a wingspan measured at an incredible 7-10 at the combine — three inches more than any other player.

CONCERNS: While he's a good athlete, he'll need to add some strength to a 225-pound frame to hold up physically in the paint against stronger opponents.

WENDELL CARTER JR.

Duke's "other" one-and-done frontcourt presence had his own big season, even if overshadowed by teammate and possible top overall pick Marvin Bagley III.

STRENGTHS: The 6-10, 259-pound Carter is a bit of a throwback with his post play. He has back-to-the-basket skills yet can step behind the 3-point arc, too. Carter averaged 13.5 points and 9.1 rebounds, posting 16 double-doubles.

And he's got enough bulk to battle up front at the NBA level.

CONCERNS: He doesn't have a lot of foot speed, which can affect him in transition or at the defensive end. He also had bouts with foul trouble, ending when he fouled out in 22 minutes during an overtime loss to Kansas in the NCAA Elite Eight.

OTHERS TO WATCH

MITCHELL ROBINSON: The five-star recruit curiously opted to play for Western Kentucky, then never suited up at the college level. The 6-11 center is a first-round prospect with upside to develop thanks to his length and athleticism.

OMARI SPELLMAN: Spellman was the inside-out big man who shot 43 percent from 3-point range for national champion Villanova. He could be the defacto post presence capable of stretching the floor in a small lineup in the NBA, though he's a likely second-round pick.

ROBERT WILLIAMS: Texas A&M's 6-10 sophomore is a gifted athlete (check out the windmill dunk he threw down in the Aggies' NCAA Tournament win against Providence for proof). That and his defensive potential is a big reason why he's a possible lottery pick.

After electric year, Trae Young awaits the draft's call

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Trae Young went into college basketball feeling like he had something to prove to his doubters.

A year later, here he goes again. Young was the most electrifying player in the college game this past season, his stellar numbers in his only season at Oklahoma more than silencing anyone who felt like he wasn't elite. And now he expects that he'll need to prove himself once again, starting right when his name gets called in Thursday night's NBA draft.

"I'll always have a chip on my shoulder," Young said, "until I hang my shoes up."

That chip served him well at Oklahoma, when he led the nation with averages of 27.4 points and 8.7 assists per game. He'll be snaggled in the lottery on Thursday, by a team that apparently will be willing to turn its offense over to a 6-foot-2 guard who tries to emulate Steve Nash and counts Rod Strickland as one of his many mentors.

He thinks he's the best player in the draft, and very easily could be the first guard to get selected. Young was recruited for years by Oklahoma, his hometown school, and Sooners coach Lon Kruger spent hours and hours with him this past season breaking down film — probably all the while knowing that his star guard was going the one-and-done route.

"I knew how good he was, but I didn't even realize he was this good," said Kentucky coach John Calipari, who also recruited Young heavily. "The biggest thing in this, and it's a great lesson — Lon Kruger, who I have unbelievable respect for, basically said 'We're going to play through you, it's all going through you, you're going to shoot when you want.' And he did not lie."

Kruger's trust in Young was worthwhile. In college, there was something special from Young just about every night.

Young had four games where he scored at least 40 points; no one in Division I could say that. Young had nine other games where he finished with at least 20 points and 10 assists; again, no other Division I player came close to doing that, either.

Young tied the all-time Division I record with a 22-assist game in December. He was the first player to finish a season simultaneously leading Division I in scoring and assists per game. The accolades kept piling up — highest scoring average for a season by any player from any Big 12 school, consensus All-American, freshman of the year, Bob Cousy Award finalist, Naismith Trophy semifinalist.



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In this Nov. 23, 2017, photo, Oklahoma guard Trae Young, left, scores a basket as he is guarded by Arkansas guard Darryl Macon, right, during the first half in an NCAA basketball game at the Phil Knight Invitational Tournament in Portland, Ore. Young is a possible pick in Thursday's NBA Draft.

He had a sensational year by any measure.

"It was crazy," Young said. "But it was fun ... and it motivated me to get better." The realistic watching for Young should start with the No. 3 pick, owned by the Atlanta Hawks.

Atlanta worked Young out about a week ago, and the guard looked noticeably stronger than he was a couple months ago when his college career ended — he says he's packed on at least 10 pounds of new muscle since then.

The Hawks say their approach will be simple: They'll take the best player still on the board. Young knows it's out of his control.

"This is the first time in my life where I haven't gotten to pick where I'm going," Young said. "AAU, you get to pick what team you play for. College, same. Having to wait to see where you're going, it's definitely something different but I'm not nervous at all."

And when it's time to find his seat at Barclays Center for the draft, Young insists that he's going to savor the moment.

"If you looked back a year ago to now, nobody would think I'd be in this situation," Young said. "So just being here now, I'm just going to enjoy and relax and savor it all. That draft night is going to be a great feeling for me."

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Senior Assistant Engineer

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Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$4,500.00 - \$7,000.00 monthly
Overtime Travel: Up to 10% of the time

Physical work location: Midland Development Corporation
200 North Lomax Street, Suite 610
Midland, Texas

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 licensure/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.
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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 coordination.
Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

Civil / Transportation design engineering principles, practices and methods and the application of engineering theory.
Civil 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 of 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 mathematics, 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.
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 that make 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, employees must provide documentation 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/>.

Remarks:

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 in determining 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.

Applications:

Applicants are to send a Cover Letter and Resume to glw@midlandmdc.com

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Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$4,500.00 - \$7,000.00 monthly
Overtime Travel: Up to 10% of the time

Physical work location: Midland Development Corporation
200 North Lomax Street, Suite 610
Midland, Texas

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 licensure/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 coordination.
Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

Civil / Transportation design engineering principles, practices and methods and the application of engineering theory.
Civil 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 of 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 mathematics, 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.
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 that make 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, employees must provide documentation 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/>.

Remarks:

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 in determining 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.

Applications:

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Assistant Engineer

This is an entry level position for an Engineering Assistant / Engineer Intern at the Midland Development Corporation depending on business need and applicant's qualifications.

Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$3,500.00 - \$5,500.00 monthly
Overtime Travel: Up to 10% of the time

Physical work location: Midland Development Corporation
200 North Lomax Street, Suite 610
Midland, Texas

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 licensure/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 coordination.
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.
Extensive 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 mathematics, 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 that make 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, employees must provide documentation 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/>.

Remarks:

Applicants selected for an interview will be required provide an example of engineering 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 in determining 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.

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Design Technician / Engineering Specialist

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Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$3,500.00 - \$8,000.00 monthly
Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time

Physical work location: Midland Development Corporation
200 North Lonsie Street, Suite 610
Midland, Texas

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 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:

Performs advanced and specialized drafting and calculations in support of design activities; develops graphic presentations that include distinctive design features. Prepares quantity summaries, hydraulic and utility studies and construction estimates. Prepares roadway design, infrastructure design, small drainage structures details, traffic control plans, lighting details, signal details, signs, markings, detours, and building plans. Reviews entire sets of plans for format, drafting and calculation errors and correction of plans and specifications. Uses 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. Reviews and revises 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. Ensures compliance with specifications for devices, safety laws, rules, and regulations, the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and City Standards. Drives to conduct project site visits and attend coordination meetings. Performs 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. Ability to communicate effectively. 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-assisted 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
Some 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.
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/>.

Remarks:

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 in determining 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.

Applications:

Applicants are to send a Cover Letter and Resume to glaw@midlandmdc.com

Senior Design Engineer

This position is for a Senior Design Engineer at the Midland Development Corporation depending on business need and applicants' qualifications.

Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$8,500.00 - 10,500 monthly
Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time

Physical work location: Midland Development Corporation
200 North Lonsie Street, Suite 610
Midland, Texas

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. Ensures 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 project/program/plans. Develops and reviews engineering related documents, correspondence, reports and memorandum 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 memorandum 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 coordination. Performs other duties as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

Communicate effectively. Exercise logic and reasoning to define problems, establish facts and draw valid conclusions, makes decisions that support business objectives and goals. Prepare technical/scientific reports. Apply 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-assisted 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 Practice 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.
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/>.

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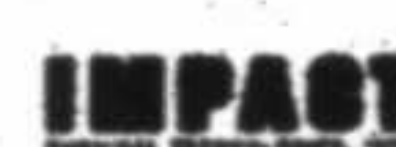
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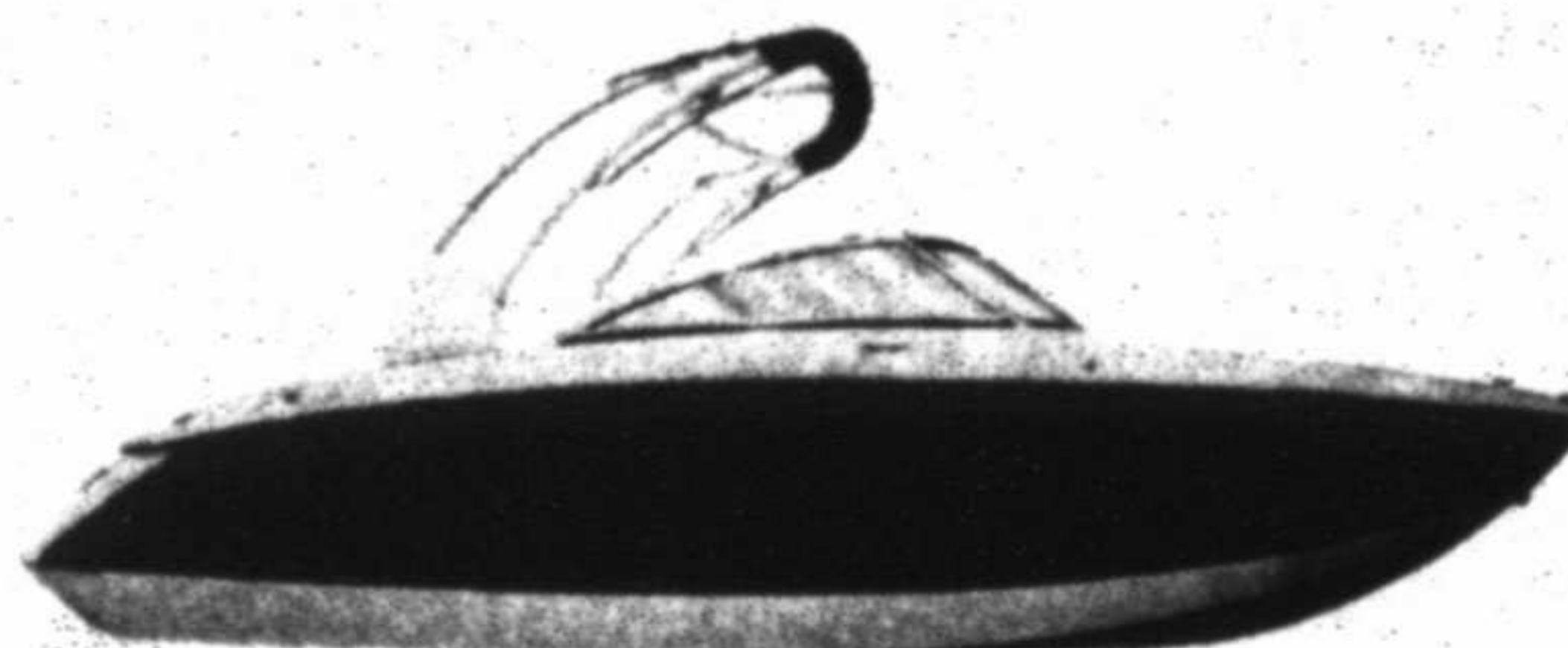
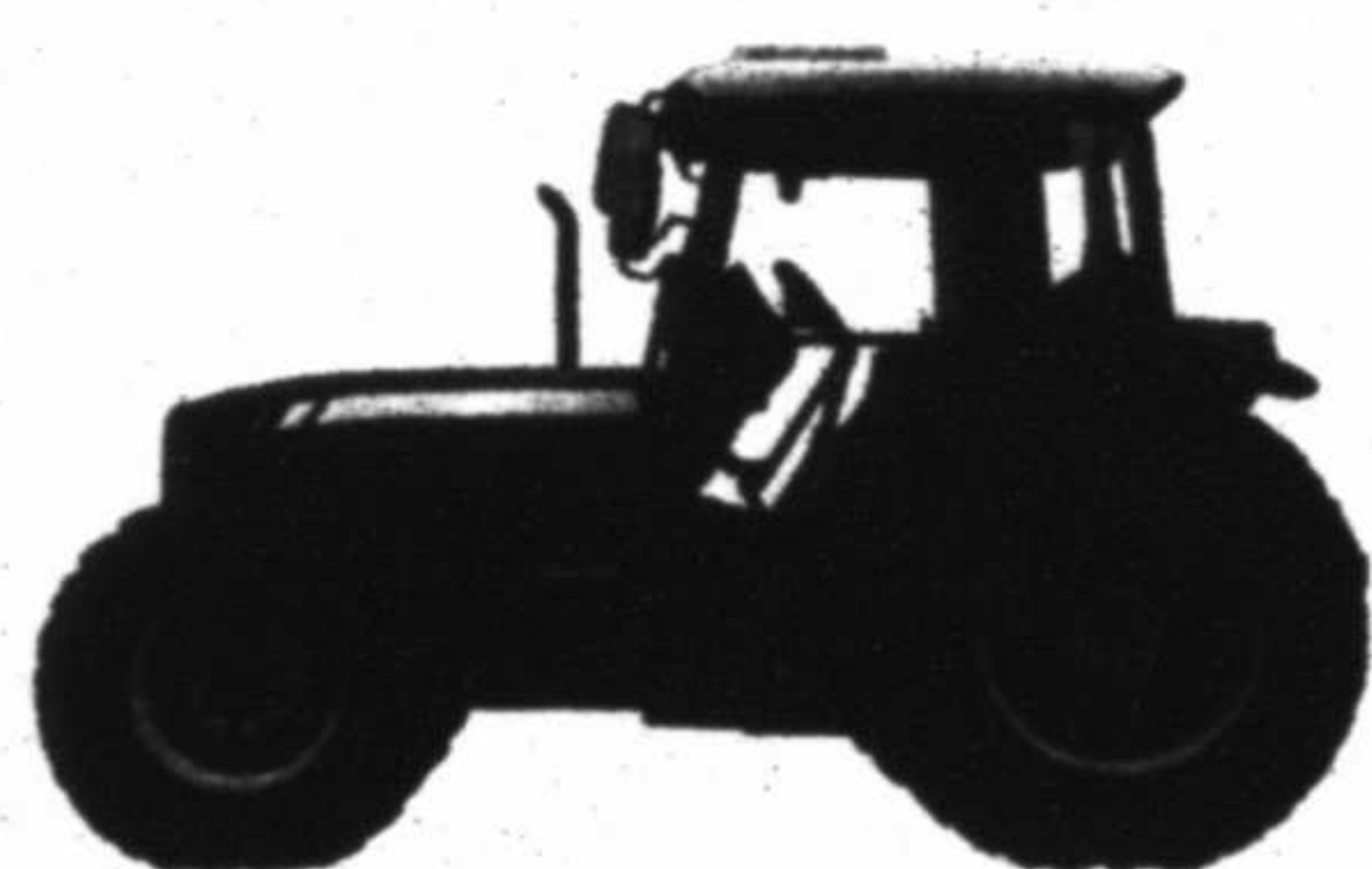
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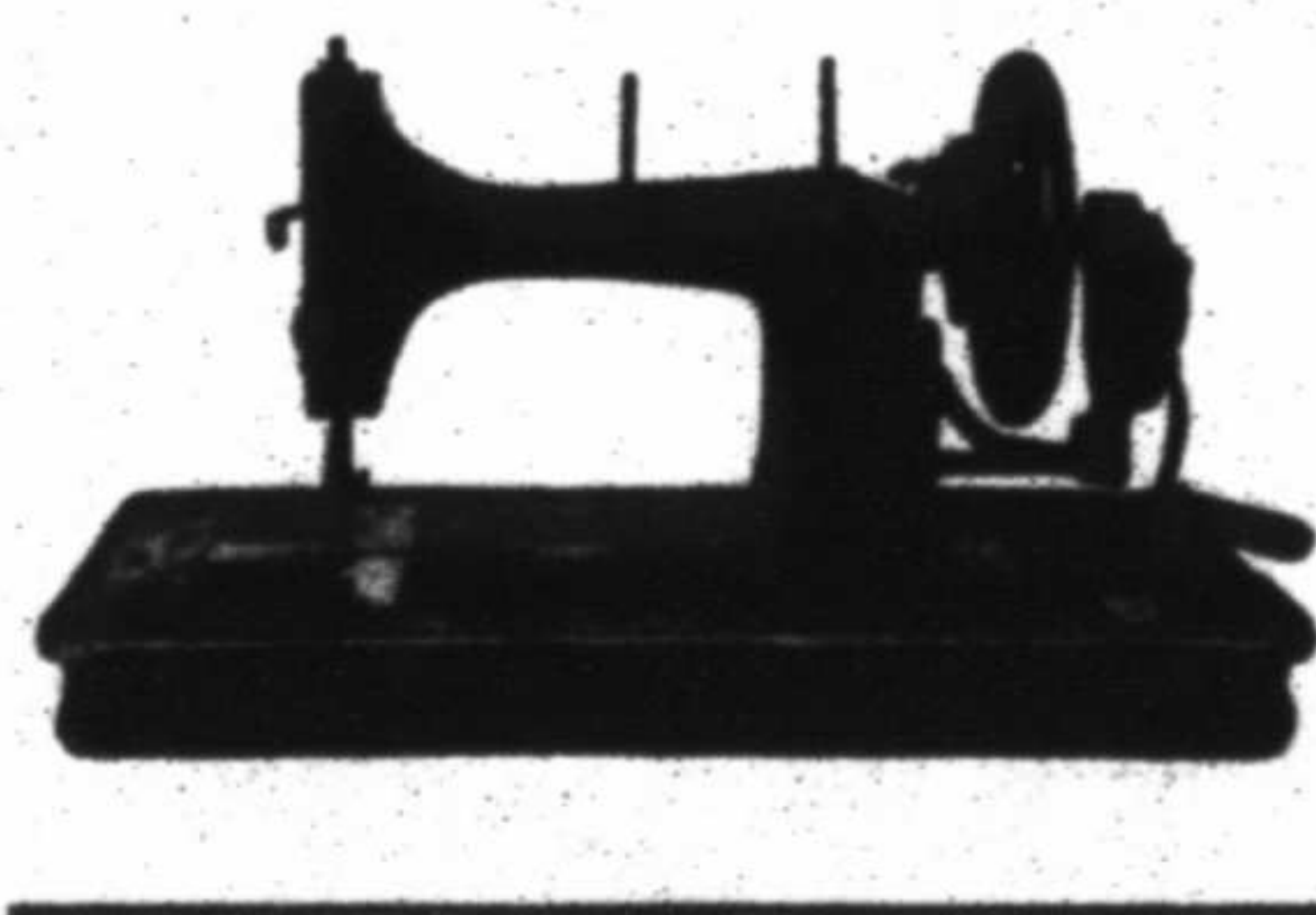
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