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An early wave of offense pushed the Lady Rebels past the Lady Bulldogs, keeping Lee in contention for the postseason. Read about this and other high school action in Sports.

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MATRIARCH PASSES

Former first lady Barbara Bush dies at 92

By Michael Graczyk

MC board OKs request related to new dining hall

By Simone Jasper
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A decision Tuesday moved Midland College closer to its goal of breaking ground this year on a new dining hall. The college's Board of Trustees approved a request to authorize the administration to allocate up to \$1.5 million from unrestricted net assets for the project.

The college received more than \$6.6 million in donations for the dining hall project as of April 3, according to meeting agenda documents. Other donors have pledged \$1.35 million upon groundbreaking.

President Steve Thomas in an agenda document wrote he is "confident that we can complete funding for the dining hall project" for about \$1 million but requested the allocation of up to \$1.5 million in case of contingencies. Donations for the dining hall continue to come in.

Project costs are estimated at nearly \$8.9 million. A bid alternative that in-

Our View

The engineering program partnership between Midland College and UTPB is great for Midland.

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EIA: Permian is expected to set new production records

Bloomberg

Production from the world's most prolific oil play is expected to set new records as drillers keep on adding more wells.

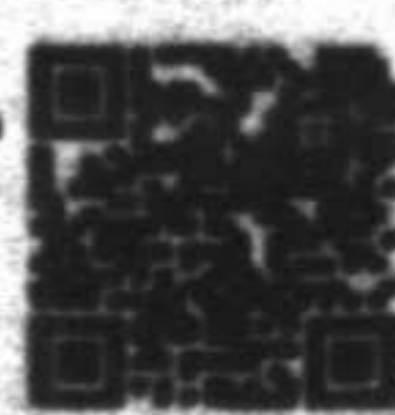
The Permian Basin of Texas and New Mexico added 122 drilled-but-uncompleted wells in March, compared with 130 the previous month, according to a report released Monday by the Energy Information Administration. Output is forecast to reach 3.11 million barrels a day in April and 3.18 million in May — the highest since the EIA began compiling records in 2007.

"The slowdown in legacy production is being offset by new-well drilling," Andy Lipow, president of Lipow Oil Associates LLC in Houston, said in relation to wells that have already been drilled and are in production.

Drillers are still preoccupied with how they're going to be able to bring new production to market because of pipeline constraints.

Existing pipeline bottlenecks will widen the discount of West Texas crude to the same grade at Cushing, Oklahoma, the delivery point of the NYMEX crude futures contract. The discount is expected to sink toward \$6 a barrel later this year from \$3.50 at present, he said.

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The big number

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person died after an engine failure on a Southwest flight. Read more on Page 2A.

Word of the Day

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Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 2A.

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Girls just want to have fun.

Forecasters warn of rare, life-threatening wildfire weather

By Ken Miller
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Forecasters warned of dangerous, life-threatening wildfire conditions in parts of the Southwest and Southern Plains on Tuesday, as a forestry official warned firefighters battling a terrifying deadly blaze in Oklahoma that it would be a "historically critical day."

Gusty winds and low humidity in drought-stricken areas will create dangerous fire conditions in parts of Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, according to the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma. National Weather Service meteorologist Doug Spehner said such conditions haven't been

seen in at least a decade.

By early afternoon Tuesday, temperatures that were projected to reach the mid-90s had reached 88 degrees with humidity at 6 percent. Wind gusts forecast to hit 40 mph were at 24 mph. The forecast includes northwestern Texas and the Texas Panhandle where firefighting aircraft are stationed in Amarillo, Abilene and surrounding areas.

"With these conditions, wildfires can spread rapidly, present control issues for firefighters and pose a real threat to public safety," said Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief Mark Stanford.

Deb Beard, a commander of the Southern Area Incident Management team sent by the U.S. Forest Service, described the conditions as terrifying.

"If you looked at that fire weather forecast ... it should scare the hell out of you," Deb Beard said during a briefing Tuesday posted on the Oklahoma Forestry Service's Facebook page.

"I hope that you realize that today is a historically critical day here," Beard said of the fire near Woodward that has burned about 105 square miles. "So do not let your guard down."

In Oklahoma, two people have died in the fires and nine others have been taken to hospitals for smoke inhalation or heat-related injuries, emergency management officials reported.

Oklahoma Forestry Services reported Tuesday that the largest of the Oklahoma fires has burned more than 388 square miles near Leedey, about 110 miles north-

west of Oklahoma City, and was about 3 percent contained.

The fire near Woodward, about 20 miles north of Leedey, is about 45 percent contained, according to the forestry service.

At the fire near Woodward, spokesman John Nichols said firefighters worked Monday to strengthen fire lines in preparation for the gusty weather Tuesday.

"The winds are coming, but wet weather is supposed to be coming too, and we're hoping the wet weather will arrive," Nichols said.

The weather service said rain and thunderstorm chances will increase Thursday night and Friday with strong to severe storms possible in southwestern Oklahoma and western north Texas on Friday.

Toll roads face tax, increased traffic challenges in Texas

By Dug Begley
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The political tide has turned against toll roads in Texas, imperiling a Tomball interchange project and hamstringing frustrated local officials, while setting an ominous tone for projects to come.

The Houston Chronicle reports for years, state officials relied on tolls to tackle some of Texas' biggest traffic messes as a way to build without adding taxes. Since 2016, however, Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick have taken hard-line stances against the mixing of Texas Department of Transportation money and toll revenues.

That's caught up with the plan for direct ramps from Texas 249 to the Grand Parkway, and it has drawn ire from Houston-area officials who think Austin politicians are taking their toll takedown too far.

"We are bending to blackmail," Fort Bend County Commissioner James Patterson charged last month.

The continued sidelining of toll projects could drastically alter how many local projects are built, and how quickly relief from heavy congestion comes for drivers. With tolls, supporters say, many projects can be built years in advance. Without them, even with new state funding, work could wait years.

Much of the current divide stems from 2014 and 2015, when voters approved Propositions 7 and 1, respectively. The referendums combined add up to \$4 billion annually to highway spending by the TxDOT.

Lawmakers also ended diversions of about \$600 million annually in state fuel tax funds to other uses, such as law enforcement.

The money, funneled through the state's transportation plans, can be used only to relieve congestion, perform maintenance or in specific cases lower the state's debt related to highways. None of the money, about half the \$70 billion Texas plans for roads over the next decade, can be used for transit or toll projects.

Abbott and others touted the increased spending as relief from pay lanes. They're now taking a strict view of the no-toll pledge, spiking projects that use tolls, including managed lanes in Austin and Dallas designed to encourage carpool use but available to solo drivers for a price.

"Texas is spending record amounts on transportation," Patrick wrote to Texas Transportation Commission chairman Bruce Bugg in November. "TxDOT's proposal to add managed toll lanes is simply not consistent with the policies set forth by the legislature."

Use of tolls is nothing new for Texas' major urban areas, but their proliferation irritated some who felt TxDOT's plans simply made taxpayers give up their money in a different way.

That's led to widespread aversion to toll projects, said state Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston.

"There is a reason for it and we have to recognize the obvious," Bettencourt said. "People feel they are paying for something, then asked to pay again."

So far, the hard line on tolls has affected only the Tomball-area project, which is not set for construction until fiscal 2019. Its inclusion in a list of local projects, however, held up local approvals for months.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council's Transportation Policy Council the regional group responsible for local transportation planning relented only last month and removed the project from its list.

"We have essentially put it to the side for a moment," said Alan Clark, manager of transportation and air quality programs for the regional council.

Clark said not doing so would have put other projects, some of which are expected to start before the Grand Parkway and Texas 249 work, at risk.

As officials approved shelving the interchange ramps, Patterson lashed out at Patrick and others, arguing they were taking too strict an approach and interfering in projects that don't directly involve state funds. The Texas 249 work is being paid for by the Harris County Toll Road Authority and TxDOT, though the state's share isn't from state funds. It comes from the Grand Parkway Transportation Corp., the entity building Houston's outer ring road.

"We are calling it a TxDOT project when I do not believe it is a TxDOT project," Patterson said.

TxDOT officials in Houston, meanwhile, have carefully avoided some of the discussion in recent months, notably regarding the planned overhaul and redesign of Interstate 45 through downtown. The \$7 billion freeway redo from Interstate 69 to the Sam Houston Tollway along I-45 includes so-called Max Lanes that officials said allow for greater use of carpools and transit.

Plans for the freeway project initially labeled them as managed lanes, and left open the potential for a tolling component for solo drivers. Since mid-2017, officials have said no decision on tolling, or not tolling, has been made, citing the possibility of additional state funding from Propositions 1 or 7.

In Dallas and Austin, officials continue fighting for their projects, removed at Patrick's urging from state plans. Leaders in Lake Highlands, a neighborhood in northeast Dallas, joined city officials in a plea to transportation commissioners to revive plans for managed lanes along Interstate 635.

The lanes would operate similarly to the Katy Managed Lanes along Interstate 10, which offer free use for carpools and charge solo drivers for a quicker trip.

"There is a big difference between a toll road and an optional managed lane for congestion relief," Dallas resident Susan Morgan told commissioners last month.

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The Philadelphia Inquirer via AP

A Southwest Airlines plane sits on the runway at the Philadelphia International Airport after it made an emergency landing in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

1 dead after jetliner apparently blows an engine during flight bound for Dallas

By Alexandra Villarreal and David Koenig
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A Southwest Airlines jet apparently blew an engine at about 30,000 feet and got hit by shrapnel that smashed a window and damaged the fuselage Tuesday, killing a passenger and injuring seven others, authorities said.

The plane, a twin-engine Boeing 737 bound from New York to Dallas with 149 people aboard, made an emergency landing in Philadelphia just before noon as passengers breathing through oxygen masks that dropped from the ceiling said their prayers and braced for impact.

"I just remember holding my husband's hand, and we just prayed and prayed and prayed," said passenger Amanda Bourman, of New York. "And the thoughts that were going through my head, of course, were about my daughters, just wanting to see them again and give them a big hug so they wouldn't grow up without parents."

National Transportation Safety Board chairman Robert Sumwalt said one person died, but he gave no details. It was the first passenger fatality in an accident involving a U.S. airline since 2009.

The NTSB sent a team of investigators to Philadelphia. Sumwalt said the engine will be taken apart

and examined to understand what caused the failure.

Photos of the plane on the tarmac showed damage to at least one window and a chunk missing from the left engine, including part of the engine cover.

Philadelphia Fire Commissioner Adam Thiel said there was a fuel leak in the engine when firefighters arrived and a small fire was quickly brought under control.

Bourman said she was seated near the back and was asleep when she heard a loud noise and oxygen masks dropped. She said the plane was fairly quiet because everyone was wearing a mask.

"Everybody was crying and upset," she said. "You had a few passengers that were very strong, and they kept yelling to people, you know, 'It's OK! We're going to do this!'"

In a recording of conversations between the cockpit and air traffic controllers, an unidentified crew member reported: "We have a part of the aircraft missing, so we're going to need to slow down a bit." She also said that there was a hole in the plane and that she was told "someone went out."

The NTSB's Sumwalt made no mention of anyone going out the window. After the plane landed, a woman was hospitalized in critical condition, and seven others were treated for minor injuries, authorities said.

Passenger Marty Mart-

nez went on Facebook Live while wearing an oxygen mask. He posted, "Something is wrong with our plane! It appears we are going down! Emergency landing!! Southwest flight from NYC to Dallas!!" After the plane landed, he posted photos of a broken window near the left engine.

Everyone started yelling to brace for impact as the plane came in for a landing, Bourman said. She said passengers clapped and praised the pilot after the aircraft touched down.

Bourman said she saw emergency workers using a defibrillator to help a woman who was then taken off the plane. Bourman said that she also saw a man in a cowboy hat rush to cover the broken window and that the man had a bandage around his arm after the plane landed.

Passengers did "some pretty amazing things under some pretty difficult circumstances," Thiel said. Tracking data from FlightAware.com showed Flight 1380 was heading west over Pennsylvania at about 32,200 feet and traveling 500 mph when it abruptly turned toward Philadelphia.

The last time a passenger died in an accident on a U.S. airliner was 2009, when 49 people

on board and one on the ground were killed when a Continental Express plane crashed on a house near Buffalo, New York.

Southwest has about 700 planes, all of them 737s, including more than 500 737-700s like the one in Tuesday's accident. It is the world's largest operator of the 737. The 737 is the best-selling jetliner in the world and has a good safety record.

The jet's CFM56-7B engines were made by CFM International, jointly owned by General Electric and Safran Aircraft Engines of France.

CFM said it sent experts to help NTSB investigators. In a statement, it said the CFM56-7B has had "an outstanding safety and reliability record" since its debut in 1997, powering more than 6,700 aircraft worldwide.

Last year, the engine maker and the Federal Aviation Administration instructed airlines to make ultrasonic inspections of the fan blades of engines like those on the Southwest jet. The FAA said the move was prompted by a report of a fan blade failing and hurling debris. But it was unclear whether the particular engine that failed on Tuesday was covered by the directives.

HENRY

Psalm 75:6-7

For not from the east, nor from the west,
Nor from the desert comes salvation;
But God is the Judge;
He puts down one and exalts another.

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far-flung
[adjective]
1: widely spread or distributed a far-flung empire
2: remote

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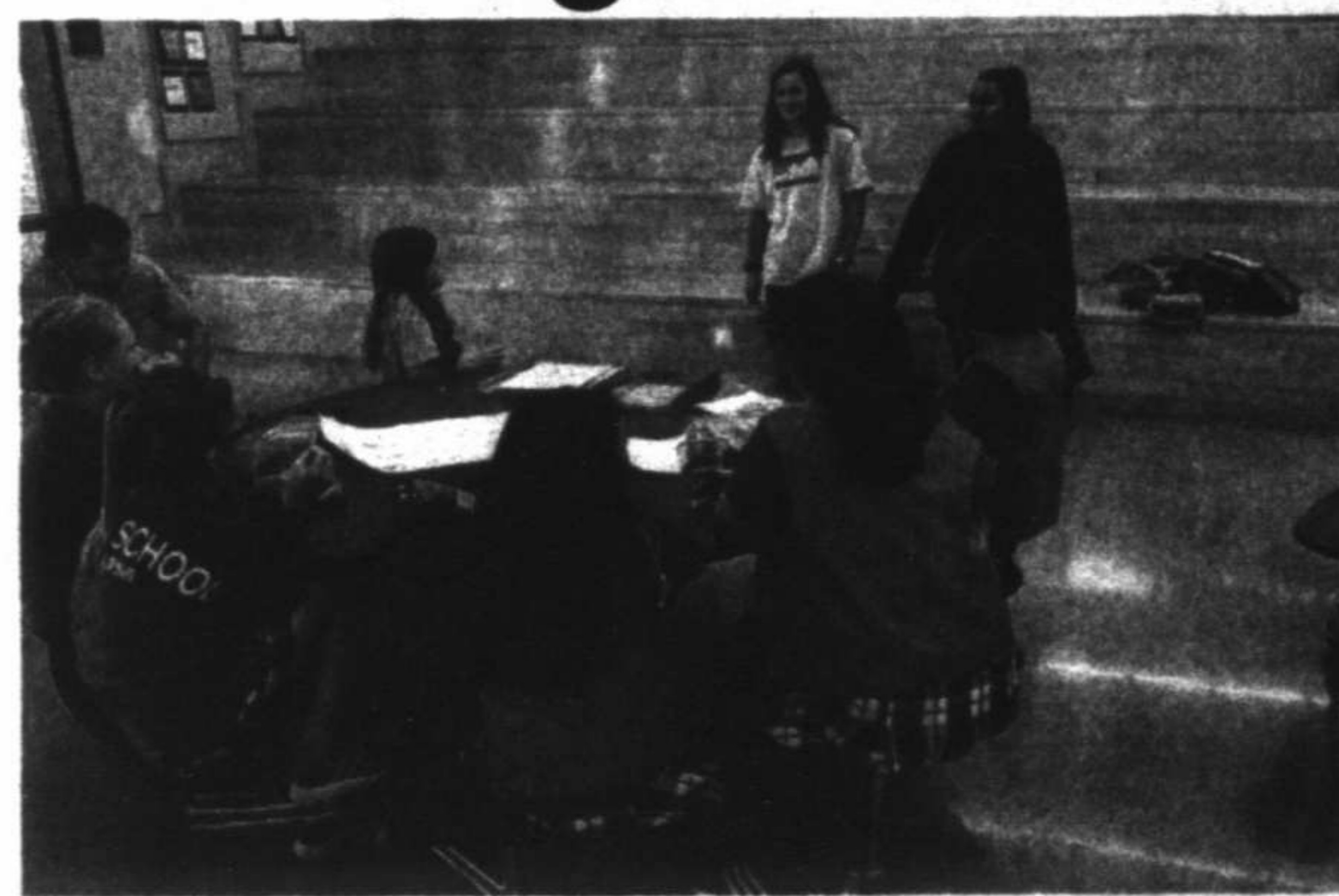
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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Scouting donations



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Girl Scouts Alexandra Escamilla, standing left, and Hana Tejani meet with fourth- and fifth-grade scouts at Trinity School to request a grant for their Silver Award project: collecting books for the media center at the new Bynum School. The eighth-graders received a \$168 grant from the younger girls and also raised \$832 at a bake sale. New and gently used books can be dropped off through the end of April at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch children's department. Monetary donations also are being accepted. To donate funds, email Escamilla at aleescamilla22@trinitymidland.org or Tejani at HanaTejani22@trinitymidland.org.

Camp Fire camp registration to start
Registration starts Monday for Camp Fire West Texas Summer Day Camp. Camp is 7-8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. June 4 through Aug. 10 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. It's for 5-through 12-year-olds. Cost is \$75 a week, and lunch and snacks are provided. To register, go to campfirewtx.com. Lunch is provided for all volunteers, and there will be a raffle for door prizes. Volunteers must register at www.surveymonkey.com/s/Dt-2E2918. A full-scale drill is staged at the airport every three years to practice and passengers for a live-action security drill scheduled for May 5. Lunch is provided for all volunteers, and there will be a raffle for door prizes. Volunteers must register at www.surveymonkey.com/s/Dt-2E2918.

Master drill volunteers sought
Midland International seeks adult and child volunteers to act as pilots and passengers for a live-action security drill scheduled for May 5. Lunch is provided for all volunteers, and there will be a raffle for door prizes. Volunteers must register at www.surveymonkey.com/s/Dt-2E2918. A full-scale drill is staged at the airport every three years to practice and passengers for a live-action security drill scheduled for May 5. Lunch is provided for all volunteers, and there will be a raffle for door prizes. Volunteers must register at www.surveymonkey.com/s/Dt-2E2918.

Things to do
Storyline at the Library: 10:30 a.m. (Ages 2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-4 years), Midland County Public Library
Conteml branch, 2500 W. Loop 250 N. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space.
Steak Night, 6 p.m., Little Woodrow's, 3415 N. Loop 250.
This Game Night, 7 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway, Free.
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All or Nothing day: 03-04-08-10-12-16-17-18-19-20-21-24
All or Nothing evening: 04-07-08-09-10-12-14-16-19-20-21-22-24
All or Nothing night: 01-02-05-07-08-14-16-18-19-20-22-23

Weather
Tuesday's temperatures
High: 95
Low: 60
Normal high: 80
Normal low: 50
April 17's records
High: 97, set in 1975
Low: 24, set in 1947
Precipitation
Monday: 0.00 inches
Tuesday: 0.00 inches
Month total: 0.00 inches
Year total: 0.16 of an inch
Normal total (year to date): 2.23 inches
Winds
Average wind speed: 14.4 mph
Highest sustained wind speed: 24 mph
Highest gust speed: 36 mph

Forecast for Wednesday, April 18, 2018

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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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You will want to steer clear of upset, especially when it involves your finances. Your witty personality emerges when discussing a problem. Know that you are capable of communicating your bottom line. **Tounght:** Be responsive when dealing with loved ones.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might be handling a personal problem well, but you also must deal with a money issue. Your hands are full, but you will step up to the plate. Others will get your message, though you probably will need to try a few different approaches. **Tounght:** Do some spring shopping.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Do not lose sight of your priorities. You might be mulling over a situation in your mind, as you aren't quite ready to discuss it yet. You still might hold back until later in the afternoon, when your research on this matter gives you confidence. **Tounght:** Make change happen!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might wish up thinking about a friend or a specific errand that pleases you. You could be surprised by a loved one's response to an idea you have. Keep your opinions to yourself for now. You know how to use timing well, so do just that. **Tounght:** Make it an early night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ The unexpected occurs. Try to gain a clearer understanding of what is happening. You are likely to open up more in order to see a specific situation differently. You will be able to empathize with those involved. **Tounght:** Let go of the day, and welcome the night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Pressure builds, and you aren't quite sure why. The feeling that you need to perform to your highest level emerges. That knowledge could be difficult to handle, especially if you know that a boss is likely to be observing your behavior. **Tounght:** See what happens when you relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You've come to understand what is motivating a partner. Detach from this person, and understand why he or she makes certain demands.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You cannot minimize what is happening around you. Allow yourself to pull back some and observe, and it is likely to make a difference in how you proceed. You also will gain a new insight. A conversation about spending could be significant. **Tounght:** Be with your best friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might recognize that you need to be free to decide what works best for you. Play the next few days with a type of quiet observation. You suddenly could decide to jump ship, which might trigger a feeling of upset. **Tounght:** Share your deeper thoughts with a dear friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Some self-discipline goes far for you, and allows you to approach a situation in a more dynamic way. Flow with the moment, and work on making a difference in a day-to-day matter. You could be much more in tune with a project than you realize. **Tounght:** In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Laugh and be more playful with others; encourage them to see the full dimension of their personalities. Opportunities stem from brainstorming with associates. Be careful with your word choice when explaining where you are coming from. **Tounght:** Have fun wherever you go.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be out of sync as you try to resolve a problem with someone else. This person might not be up for a discussion, and will want to think through the issue on his or her own. Consider your options carefully before deciding how to proceed. **Tounght:** Stay close to home.

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IRS payment site fails on tax day; extensions to be granted

By Sarah Skidmore Sell
Associated Press

Americans who waited until the last day to pay their taxes online got an unwelcome surprise: The IRS website to make payments and access other key services is down.

The IRS still expects Americans to pay their taxes but U.S. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin says extensions will be granted to those impacted when the site is up again.

The IRS said in a statement that "certain IRS systems are experiencing technical

difficulties." It also said that at this point, the problem appears to be a hardware issue.

The agency advised taxpayers to "continue filing their tax returns as they normally would."

The problem: Electronic filing is the most popular way to file. And the IRS offered no immediate solution but said the returns would be processed when feasible.

However, Mnuchin, who oversees the IRS, said that they expected the direct pay system to go up shortly.

"We'll make sure taxpayers have extensions once the system comes up to

make sure they can use it and it in no way impacts people paying their taxes," he told reporters in New Hampshire. "It was just a technical issue we're working through. A high volume technical issue that impacted the system."

Pages on the IRS website (www.irs.gov) used to view account information, make a direct payment or set up a payment plan were all not functioning most of the day Tuesday.

It's unclear when and why the failure occurred. But it appeared, based on a message on the site, that the online payment system became unavailable at 2:50 A.M.

ET that morning.

It's unclear how many people were impacted Tuesday but, by comparison, about 5 million tax returns were filed on the final day of last year's tax season.

The IRS issue also caused problems for popular third-party tax preparers such as Turbo Tax and H&R Block. Both said that they will hold onto customer tax returns and file them as soon as the IRS system reopens.

Tax day fell on April 15 this year because April 15 was a Sunday and April 16 was Emancipation Day, a holiday in Washington, D.C.



Former President George H.W. Bush and his wife, Barbara Bush, during inauguration ceremonies on the west front of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 20, 2005, in Washington, D.C. Barbara Bush died Tuesday at 92.

Bush

From 1A

wonder why he didn't leave me."

She said she snapped out of it in a few months.

Mrs. Bush raised five children: George W., Jeb, Neil, Marvin and Dorothy. A sixth child, 3-year-old daughter Robin, died of leukemia in 1953.

In a speech in 1985, she recalled the stress of raising a family while married to a man whose ambitions carried him from the Texas oil fields to Congress and into influential political positions that included ambassador to the United Nations, GOP chairman and CIA director.

"This was a period, for me, of long days and short years," she said, "of diapers, rummy noses, caraches, more Little League games than you could believe possible, tonsils and those unscheduled races to the hospital emergency room, Sunday school and church, of hours of urging homework or short, chubby arms around your neck and sticky kisses."

Along the way, she said, there were also "bumpy moments — not many, but a few — of feeling that I'd never, ever be able to have fun again and coping with the feeling that George Bush, in his excitement of starting a small company

and traveling around the world, was having a lot of fun."

In 2003, she wrote a follow-up memoir, "Reflections: Life After the White House."

"I made no apologies for the fact that I still live a life of ease," she wrote. "There is a difference between ease and leisure. I live the former and not the latter."

Along with her memoirs, she wrote "C. Fred's Story" and "Millie's Book," based on the lives of her dogs. Proceeds from the books benefited adult and family literacy programs. Laura Bush, a former teacher with a master's degree in library science, continued her mother-in-law's literacy campaign in the White House.

The 43rd president was not the only Bush son to seek office in the 1990s. In 1994, when George W. was elected governor of Texas, son Jeb narrowly lost to incumbent Lawton Chiles in Florida. Four years later, Jeb was victorious in his second try in Florida.

Sons Marvin and Neil both became businessmen. Daughter Dorothy, or Doro, has preferred to stay out of the spotlight. She married lobbyist Robert Koch, a Democrat, in 1992.

In a collection of letters published in 1999, George H.W. Bush included a note

he gave to his wife in early 1994.

"You have given me joy that few men know," he wrote. "You have made our boys into men by bowling them out and then, right away, by loving them. You have helped Doro to be the sweetest, greatest daughter in the whole wide world. I have climbed perhaps the highest mountain in the world, but even that cannot hold a candle to being Barbara's husband."

Mrs. Bush was born Barbara Pierce in Rye, New York. Her father was the publisher of McCall's and Redbook magazines. After attending Smith College for two years, she married young naval aviator George Herbert Walker Bush. She was 19.

After World War II, the Bushes moved to the Texas oil patch to seek their fortune and raise a family. It was there that Bush began his political career, representing Houston for two terms in Congress in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

In 1990, Barbara Bush gave the commencement address at all-women Wellesley College. Some had protested her selection because she was prominent only through the achievements of her husband.

Her speech that day was rated by a survey of scholars in 1999 as one of

the top 100 speeches of the century.

"Cherish your human connections," Mrs. Bush told graduates. "At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a child, a friend or a parent."

MISD expectations, outcomes to be addressed during State of Education

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland ISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick will address school district expectations and potential outcomes at today's State of Education luncheon.

The event is planned for 11 a.m. at the Horseshoe Pavilion, and Riddick will be the keynote speaker. He told the Reporter-Telegram on Tuesday afternoon that business leaders in attendance will learn about where the district currently is and what outcomes to expect in the next three to five years.

He said he hopes to address the district's plan for academic performance, the opportunity for partnerships and the need for community engagement. He said the 30- to 40-minute presentation will include a power point presentation and that the overarching pieces of the keynote will address district programs, human capital and facilities.

The Midland Chamber of Commerce described in a press release that its event is designed to "facilitate meaningful discourse on the topic and inform the business community about pressing issues faced by

today's educators. With more than 25,000 students in the district, MISD has a tremendous impact on workforce development for Midland."

For Riddick, the event is another step in the process that started at the beginning of the school year with a "Listen and Learn Tour," which allowed for community input. Since then, district leaders have stayed true to MISD's Lone Star Governance Report and specifically worked toward achieving a goal of becoming a "system of great schools," which creates more autonomy for individual campuses.

Even during Tuesday's meeting of the MISD board, district officials updated trustees on potential programs and partners that could help as the district creates more higher-quality seats for its students. Along the way, district officials' expectation is that more campuses of choice will be available, such as the Houston College Preparatory Elementary, which is set to open in the fall. Other possibilities (individual and whole school programs) were identified in a transformation overview shared with the board on Tuesday.

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cludes a new parking lot would bring the cost to \$9 million.

Rebecca Bell, executive director of institutional advancement and the Midland College Foundation, college said the project will take 12 to 18 months to finish. The college expects the project will be complete in spring 2020.

The June and Frank Cowden Dining Hall will be constructed east of the Schaefer Student Center and will connect to that building, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram story.

The existing facility — the Jack E. Brown Dining Hall — is expected to undergo renovation to become a conference hall. Bell hopes the new location will be accessible for students, employees and community members.

"Right now, our current dining hall is extremely convenient for our residence

hall students," she said. "But for the majority of our students who commute, it's not centrally located within campus."

Also at Tuesday's meeting, the board approved accepting a \$48,750 proposal from Abacus Computers Inc. for a video surveillance system. The purchase is an expansion of the college's existing system, which was installed by the same company.

Richard McKee, chief of the MC Police Department, said after the meeting that the money will be used to upgrade existing cameras and add coverage in areas that currently don't have video surveillance. He said monitoring academic buildings and parking lots can help his department know who was present in case incidents occur.

"It should give people just a better sense of security, knowing that if something happens that we do have the ability to go back and look at it," McKee said. "Also, especially with our younger kids, it works as a deterrent."

USGS: 2.8-magnitude quake hits near Marfa

From staff reports

The U.S. Geological Survey this week recorded an earthquake near Marfa.

The 2.8 magnitude earthquake took place at about 2:54 a.m. Monday, about

29 miles west-northwest of Marfa, according to the USGS.

There have been seven earthquakes reported near Marfa in the past year, according to earthshakerock.com. A quake with a

magnitude of 2.5 to 5.4 to "often felt, but only causes minor damage," according to Upstate, an observational site for seismologists. There are about 30,000 quakes each year, according to the site.



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Even Beto faces tough call in governor's race

■ Senate candidate knows Texans need to be informed and is calling for debate between Valdez, White

Imagine you are the Democrat from El Paso who recently won your party's nomination for a U.S. Senate seat. You might be trying to decide whether to vote for Lupe Valdez or Andrew White, the two candidates vying in a May 22 runoff to be your party's candidate for governor.

According to Beto O'Rourke, the El Paso congressman and Senate nominee, White and Valdez should hold a debate. "I want to make an informed decision," O'Rourke explained last week, when Lubbock-based journalist Jay Leeson asked for his take on the candidates. "I just don't have a good enough idea about what they stand for and their differences."

O'Rourke has a good excuse. Valdez is from Dallas. White is from Houston. Both of them launched their campaigns relatively late, and neither would necessarily have crossed paths with O'Rourke before that. None of the three have served in state government, and O'Rourke is from the westernmost corner of a notoriously large state.

So O'Rourke's call for a debate really shouldn't be interpreted as a sign that he's secretly rooting for White, who came

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in second in the Democratic gubernatorial primary last month. It's an eminently reasonable request that Valdez should take seriously, because although O'Rourke's excuse is unique, his predicament is not.

Very few Texans could make a fully informed decision in this runoff. The reasons for that should be clear enough to the candidates, at least.

White has spent his career in the private sector. Valdez has held elected office for 12 years, but the only position she has ever been elected to is Dallas County sheriff, and a sheriff is supposed to enforce the law, regardless of his or her political views.

In other words, neither Valdez nor White has the kind of public record that would allow voters to judge where they stand on various issues.

There's nothing wrong with that. But it does mean that voters like O'Rourke, who would like to inform themselves, are bound to find it difficult.

And they could easily be misled by the "optics." Valdez is seen as the progressive alternative to the centrist White, I think, but it's not clear to me that she is. And I would be wary of making that assumption.

White is a straight white man whose father, Mark, served as governor of Texas in the 1980s. Valdez is a Latina, and a lesbian, and her parents were migrant workers.

Valdez also served in the Army before becoming a sheriff. To me, that suggests she might have conservative tendencies, too, even if immutable aspects of her identity leave her predisposed to side with the radical left on certain things.

Meanwhile, White is a Presbyterian. I'm a Methodist, and think it's possible someone like White might seem more right-wing than he is when it comes to social issues, because our debates over such things are so polarized, and the loudest voices, on both sides, tend to be the most strident.

I'm writing this column in Nacogdoches where conservatives from across the state gathered last week for the annual Lone Star Legislative Summit. And abortion is among the issues that came up during my conversations with Republican lawmakers and lobbyists, most of whom are pro-life, but inclined to a more nuanced perspective.

"That should be between a woman and God," one of them said.

That, to me, sounds like something a Methodist might say. We do believe in God, but we don't believe that we are God or that elected officials were appointed to act on his behalf. Presbyterians, in my experience, have essentially the same perspective. They just tend to be more formal. So, I understood what White meant when he described himself as being "personally pro-life," but I can also understand why that left many pro-choice voters suspicious.

I know the issue is one that many Democratic voters care about, and I can sympathize with their desire to know more about what White or Valdez might actually seek to do, if elected.

So can O'Rourke, apparently. That's why he'd like a debate. Valdez, though, isn't convinced.

"If that's what the people want, I'll do it," she told the Dallas Morning News after explaining that she personally would rather not have a debate.

O'Rourke is a person, is he not? The same could be said of the Democratic voters in Harris County, a majority of whom voted for White in the primary and may be tempted to turn out for the runoff. Valdez has a chance to earn their votes, but she isn't sure it's worth the effort; that's a difference between her and White, and one that some Texans might notice.

OUR VIEW

MC-UTPB agreement is good for Midland

We want to salute leaders at Midland College and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin for their decision to create an engineering pathway that will allow for a seamless transition for students wanting to get their engineering degrees in our community.

This is a win-win for everyone — the schools, the students, potential employers and the community.

First, engineering students at Midland will benefit because there will be a clearer understanding of UTPB's coursework requirements. That is a good thing. We still want Midland students to be able to take advantage of Midland College, when possible, because it is a tremendous resource and exists primarily for the education of Midlanders.

Second, this agreement benefits both schools, and we celebrate that. Midlanders realize the caliber of education available without leaving this county, and we believe that results in more students taking advantage of the institutions of higher learning.

"I think this gives us the opportunity to grow our own — our own programs that allow the talent in the Permian Basin, who already love the Permian Basin, to choose engineering and stay," UTPB President Sandra Woodley said Monday.

We celebrate the decision to partner because we remember the days when it appeared that the two institutions acted as competitors. Our region is better when UTPB and Midland College are working together.

Potential employers will benefit because they will have access to more options when it comes to hiring engineers. They won't have to look just to College Station, Austin or Lubbock when trying to lure a potential employee to Midland. They can look down the road to a Midland campus where the investment in engineering is topped only by the demand for more options on campus. Employers, including oil industry companies, will be able to partner with MC and UTPB on possible internships and program development.

"This is really being industry-driven," Midland College President Steve Thomas said. "We're in the Permian Basin. It's a natural fit for petroleum engineers and other types of engineers."

Lastly, this community benefits. We need stronger institutions of higher learning, and make no mistake about it, this agreement strengthens Midland College and UTPB. The stronger the schools, the more students will see the opportunities on those campuses, and the more students receiving an education the more educated our workforce will be.

So, kudos to presidents Woodley and Thomas on an agreement that makes sense for students, your institutions and our community. We celebrate the collaboration and what it will mean for Midland.

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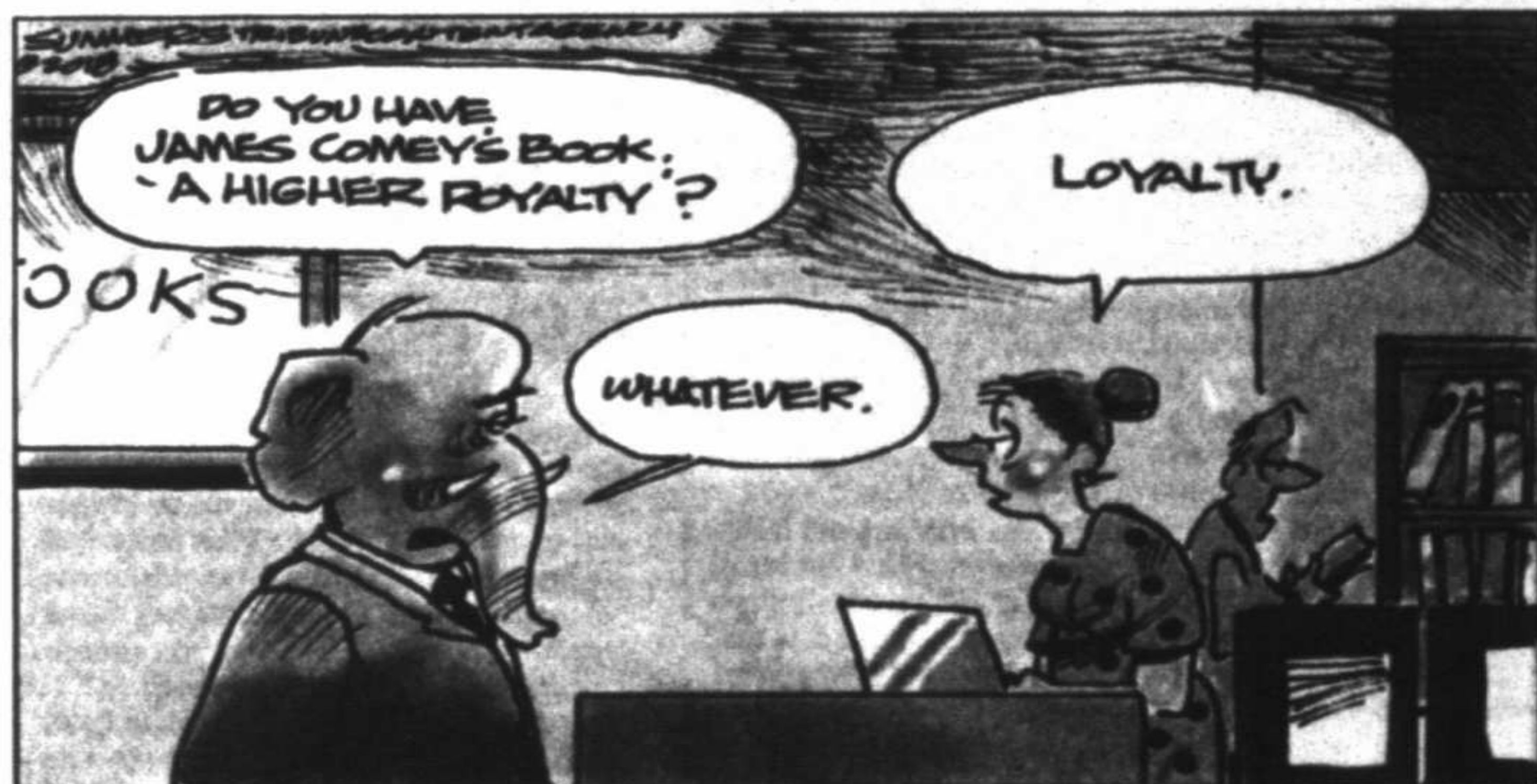
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Trump's 'fake news' mantra catches on

After the United States last week accused the Russian-backed Assad regime in Syria of a chemical-weapon attack, Russia had a ready rejoinder: fake news.

A Kremlin statement dismissed "the latest fake news about a chemical attack on Douma," calling the charges "absolutely unsubstantiated lies."

After the Trump administration had accused China of stealing technology, Beijing responded this month by calling the charge that it forces foreign firms to share technology "fake news."

In Missouri last week, Republican Gov. Eric Greitens, facing trial next month on charges related to sexual impropriety, said he was the victim of "fake charges" resulting from a "witch hunt."

Also last week, the U.S. Marine Corps suspended Brig. Gen. Kurt Stein, who this month disparaged as "fake news" allegations of sexual harassment at his command, USA Today reported.

President Trump pioneered the use of the term "fake news" to discredit any report he didn't like. Now the same allegation is being used against the United States abroad by adversaries, and against legitimate authorities at home by those credibly accused of misdeeds.

If Trump's goal was to debase the notion of truth, then he can truly say "Mission Accomplished."

Trump's constant branding of real events as fake has squandered U.S. credibility. When the United States correctly tries to discredit others' disinformation and propaganda, it is now the country that cried wolf. A search of the website Factbase, which aggregates all the president's words, shows that Trump has used the "fake news" label more than 350 times since December 2016. This month alone, he has used it to cast doubt on topics including Syria, special counsel Robert S. Mueller III, China, North Korea, the North American Free Trade Agreement, Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Sinclair Broadcasting.

Trump's method is acquiring many uneasy imitators here at home. Roy Moore's Senate campaign in Alabama freighted allegations about inappropriate relationships with teenage girls by branding them "fake news." White supremacist David Duke thanked Trump after he retweeted a British anti-Muslim video for "showing us what the fake news media WONT."

More problematic is what is happening overseas: Scandal-plagued Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last month labeled major Israeli news outlets "fake news" and said they "lie to you night in and night out."

India's Ministry of Information and Broadcasting this month briefly attempted to crack down on journalists for spreading "fake news."

In December, a state security ministry official in Burma said its genocidal campaign against Rohingya Muslims is "fake news" because "there is no such thing as Rohingya." The New York Times

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reported.

Syria's Bashar Assad dismissed a report about deaths in military prisons by saying "we are living in a fake-news era."

Venezuela's Nicolas Maduro says reports in the world media about his repressive regime are "what we call 'fake news' today."

President Rodrigo Duterte of the Philippines, known for his extrajudicial killings, justified a media crackdown by accusing news outlets of "fake news."

Libya used Trump's claim about "fake news" CNN to knock down a report by the network about slavery in Libya.

Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia applauded Trump's fake-news attack on CNN.

Uganda justified detaining newspaper editors by claiming they published "fake news" about the government.

Spain's foreign minister, Alfonso Dastis, said reports about police violence to stop Catalonia's independence referendum were "fake news."

Suppose, in this America First era, that you don't care about what's happening in Cambodia or Uganda or Venezuela. You might care that when the United States needs to counter actual fake news, Trump's fake-news charge is booming.

Turkey's strongman, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, accused the United States in February of "spreading fake news" and of operating a "lie machine" about civilian casualties during Turkey's military operations in Syria.

China has applied the fake-news label to reports that it tortured a human rights lawyer, that it reduced its buying of U.S. debt and that it was increasing support to North Korea.

The Communist Party's People's Daily argued that Trump's "fake news" claims should cast doubt on media reports about China, and the Chinese military launched a website for people to report fake news.

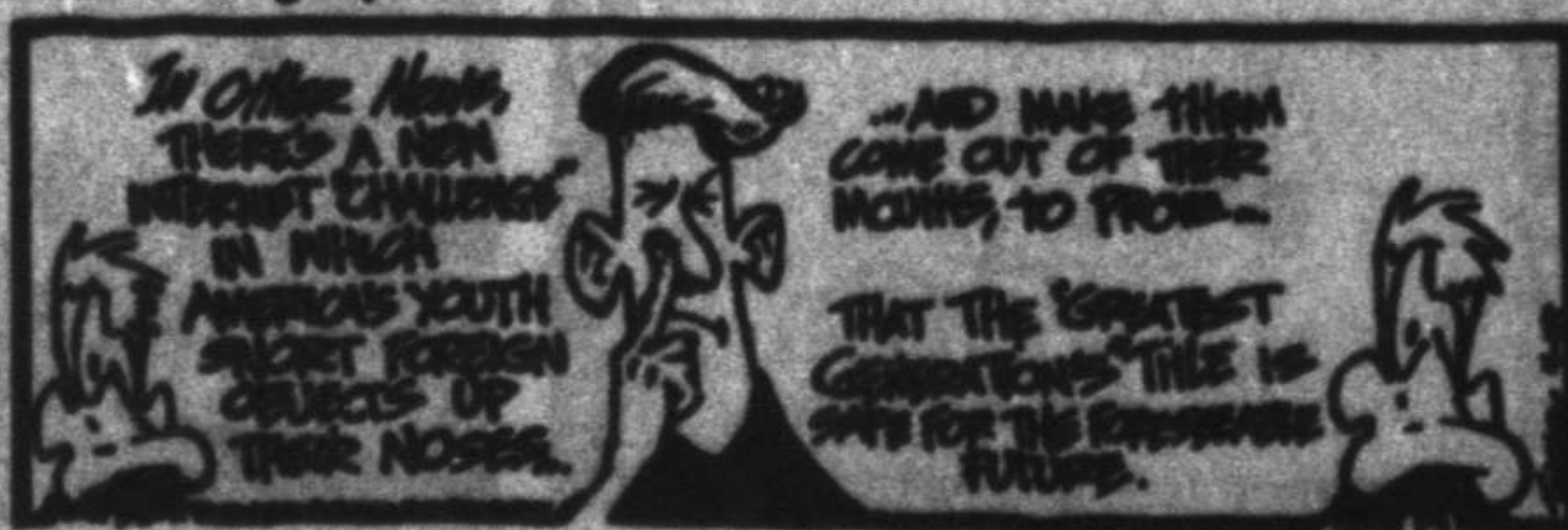
Russia's foreign ministry, similarly, has been using a "fake" logo in red to discredit unhelpful news. Its own disinformation campaigns, meanwhile, are destabilizing the globe. Taking a brief break from election tampering last year, Russia used bogus photos to accuse the United States of supporting the Islamic State.

That was fake news — really. But why should anybody believe us?

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AP: Don't make polls only subject of campaign stories

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Associated Press has updated its guidelines in the wake of the 2016 election to tell its journalists not to use public opinion polls as the sole subject in a political campaign story.

The news organization said Tuesday that it is including a chapter on polls in its influential Stylebook for the first time. The AP's Stylebook, published since 1953 and periodically updated, is a road map of rules on spelling, language and journalistic style for the company's journalists. It is also widely used as a blueprint throughout the news industry.

The vast majority of polls in 2016 showed Hillary Clinton beating Donald Trump for president, and she did in the popular vote. But Trump won the electoral college and thus the presidency, and many news organizations were faulted for not seeing that coming.

"The biggest lesson of 2016 is that it reminded us all in a very strong way something we already knew, that a poll is a snapshot of a moment and voters can change their minds," said David Scott, the AP's deputy managing editor for operations and former political editor.

_polls are still an important part of news coverage, Scott said. But he said reporting on polls should be accompanied by interviews with voters, discussion of issues and examination of records to give a broader picture of what's going on. Scott said the AP has relied on this guidance informally but wanted to make it clear to everyone.

"It's like any type of reporting," he said. "Talking to only one person or using only one document is a recipe to get yourself into trouble."

The AP's new Stylebook entry said that the mere existence of a poll is not enough to make it news.

Noting a "poll frenzy" in political coverage, the AP's guidelines are a welcome step, said Thomas Patterson, a professor at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Thanks to sheer abundance, polls seem to take over coverage at times, he said. Campaign reporting gets filtered through the polls and candidates not doing well in the numbers can be reflected as failures and have trouble getting their messages across. The overreliance on polls focuses voters' attention on the margins of a campaign, he said.

"It's so darn easy," he said. "The easiest kind of reporting in the world is the 'who's up' and 'who's down' reporting. You don't even have to be a journalist to do that."

Voter surveys have their place, particularly if journalists use the details of what they find to discover the mood of the country, he said. Arguably, journalists got lost in the horse race game in 2016 and failed to see the bigger picture of what it was about Trump's message that was connecting.

The AP had last updated its Stylebook guidance on polling in 2013. Much of the instructions were technical: the type of benchmarks a poll needed to meet before it was considered reliable and how mobile phone or online questioning should be taken into account.

Polls produced by specific candidates or interest groups "should be carefully evaluated and usually avoided," the AP advised.

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Fox News: Sean Hannity has our full support

By David Bauder
Associated Press



Hannity

NEW YORK — Fox News Channel said Tuesday that it was as surprised as anyone to learn that Sean Hannity shared a lawyer with President Donald Trump but that its popular prime-time host "continues to have our full support."

Hannity is a hot topic for journalism ethics experts and comedians alike after his relation-

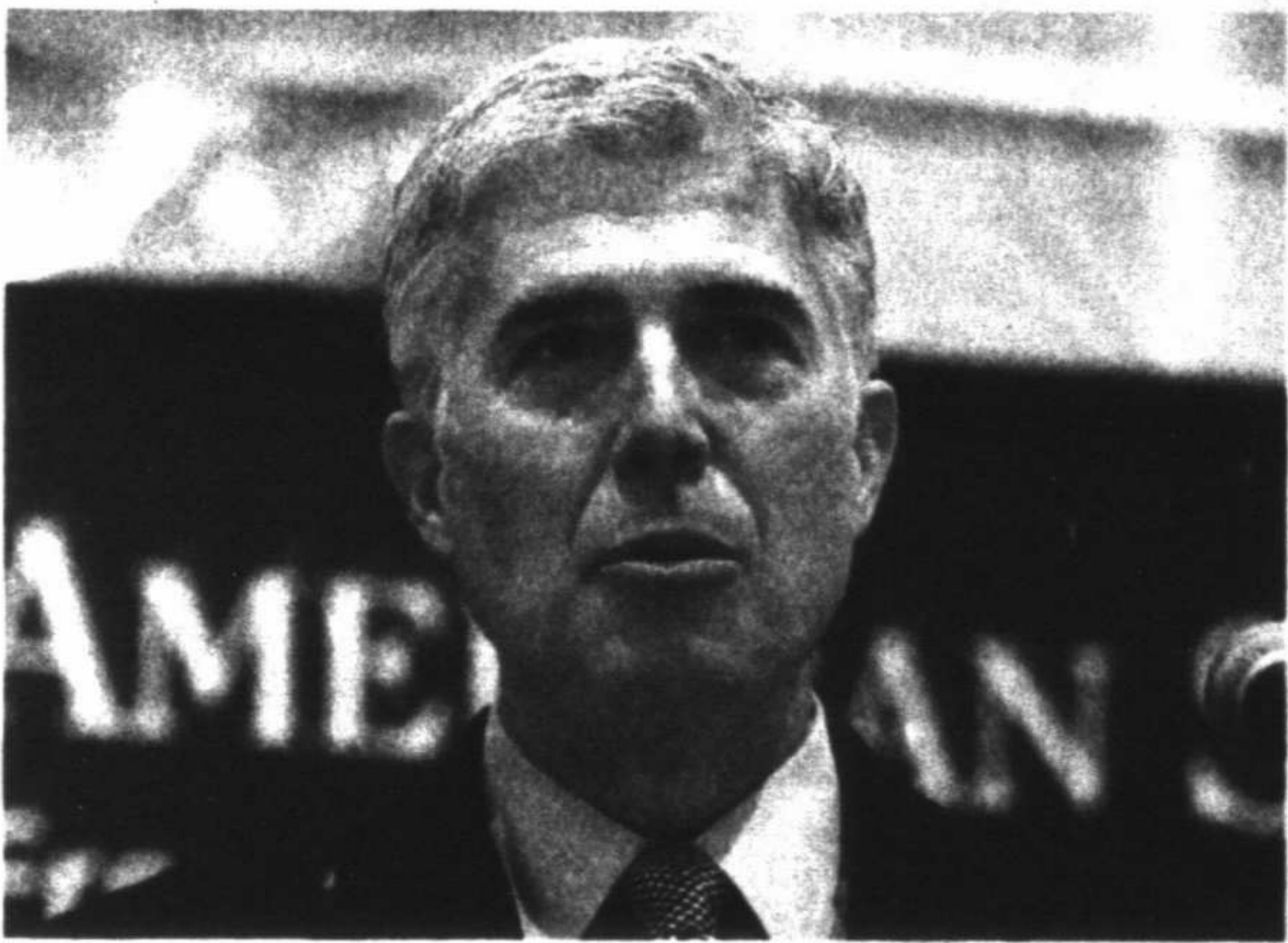
ship with attorney Michael Cohen was reluctantly revealed in a court hearing Monday on material seized from Cohen as part of the probe on Trump's Russian contacts. Fox said Tuesday that it had reviewed Hannity's "informal relationship" with Cohen and

talked with Hannity about it. Hannity has described his personal dealings with Cohen as centered on real estate advice, and said that it "never rose to any level that I needed to tell anyone that I was asking him questions."

The prime-time host is both Trump's biggest defender in the media and Fox's most popular personality. Usually, either Hannity or MSNBC's Rachel Maddow has the biggest audience in cable news.

For a traditional journalist, having a professional relationship with a figure he or she frequently reports on is considered unethical, even more so when that relationship is not disclosed to viewers or readers. For that figure not to inform bosses about it is often considered a firing offense.

Fox frequently makes a distinction between news programming during its daytime hours and opinion shows at night.



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Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch speaks in Washington on Sept. 28, 2017. The Supreme Court said Tuesday that part of a federal law that makes it easier to deport immigrants who have been convicted of crimes is too vague to be enforced. The court's 5-4 decision — an unusual alignment in which Gorsuch joined the four liberal justices — concerns a catchall provision of immigration law that defines what makes a crime violent.

Supreme Court strikes down as vague part of immigration law

By Jessica Gresko
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Tuesday that part of a federal law that makes it easier to deport immigrants who have been convicted of crimes is too vague to be enforced.

The court's 5-4 decision — in an unusual alignment in which new Justice Neil Gorsuch joined the four liberal justices — concerns a catchall provision of immigration law that defines what makes a crime violent. Conviction for a crime of violence makes deportation "a virtual certainty" for an immigrant, no matter how long he has lived in the United States, Justice Elena Kagan wrote in her opinion for the court.

The decision is a loss for President Donald Trump's administration, which has emphasized stricter enforcement of immigration law. In this case, President Barack Obama's administration took the same position in the Supreme Court in defense of the challenged provision. President Donald Trump tweeted Tuesday evening that the court's decision "means that Congress must close loopholes that block the removal of dangerous criminal aliens, including aggravated felons." He ended by saying "Keep America Safe!"

With the four other conservative justices in dissent, it was the vote of Trump-appointed Gorsuch that was decisive in striking down the provision at issue. Gorsuch did not join all of Kagan's opinion, but he

agreed with her that the law could not be left in place. Gorsuch wrote that "no one should be surprised that the Constitution looks unkindly on any law so vague that reasonable people cannot understand its terms and judges do not know where to begin in applying it."

The case turned on a decision from 2015 that struck down a similarly worded part of another federal law that imposes longer prison sentences on repeat criminals. The majority opinion in that case was one of the last written by Justice Antonin Scalia, who died in 2016 and whose seat Gorsuch filled.

The 2015 decision "tells us how to resolve this case," Kagan wrote.

Tuesday's decision involves James Dimaya, a native of the Philippines who came to the United States legally as a 13-year-old in 1992. After he pleaded no contest to two charges of burglary in California, the government began deportation proceedings against him. The government argued among other things that he could be removed from the country because his convictions qualified as crimes of violence that allowed his removal under immigration law.

Immigration officials relied on a section of immigration law that lists crimes that make people eligible for deportation. The category in which Dimaya's convictions fell is a crime "that, by its very nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force... may be used in the course of committing the offense."

High court worries about abandoning online sales tax rule

By Jessica Gresko
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court sounded concerned Tuesday about doing away with a rule that has meant shoppers don't always get charged sales tax when they hit "checkout" online.

The justices were hearing arguments in a case that deals with how businesses collect sales tax on online purchases at sites from Amazon.com to Zappos. Right now, under a decades-old Supreme Court rule, if a business is shipping a product to a state where it doesn't have an office, warehouse or other physical presence, it doesn't have to collect the state's sales tax. Customers are generally supposed to pay the tax to the state themselves if they don't get charged it, but the vast majority don't.

More than 40 states have asked the Supreme Court to abandon its current sales tax collection rule, saying that as a result of it and the growth of internet shopping, they're losing billions of dollars in tax revenue every year.

But several Supreme Court justices suggested during arguments Tuesday

that they had concerns about reversing course.

"I'm concerned about the many unanswered questions that overturning precedents will create a massive amount of lawsuits about," Justice Sonia Sotomayor told South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley, who was arguing for the court to do away with its current rule.

Chief Justice John Roberts pointed to briefs suggesting the problem of sales tax collection "has peaked" and may be "diminishing rather than expanding." "Why doesn't that suggest that there are greater significance to the arguments" that the court should leave its current rule in place, he asked.

The fact that Congress could have addressed the issue and so far hasn't, Justice Elena Kagan said, "gives us reason to pause." Congress can deal with the issue in a more nuanced way than the court, she said, saying Congress is "capable of crafting compromises and trying to figure out how to balance the wide range of interests involved here."

A decision in the case, 17-494, *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, is expected by the end of June.

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Directive can reduce confusion during crisis

By Shari Evans
Midland Health

Midland Health — along with other national, state and community organizations — is making an effort to highlight the importance of advance health care decision-making. The effort culminated in the formal designation of April 16 as National Healthcare Decisions Day.

WHO SHOULD BE INVOLVED?

Everyone 18 years and older, regardless of current health status.

WHAT DO I DO?

Think about your goals and values, start the conversation with your family and friends and then create an advance directive, which can reduce the use of costly

Want to know more?

Advance Care Directive Seminar is planned for 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at Hospice Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave. The event is co-sponsored by Midland Health. Topics include hospice and hospital care, funeral and legal considerations and home health. To RSVP or for more information, call 682-2855. It is recommended that those attending bring a laptop.

and unnecessary medical services that may be inconsistent with your goals for care and unlikely will improve quality of life.

WHEN DO I DO IT?

The time is now. "It's never too early until it's too late..." Research shows people often have strong feelings about end-of-life care and

think it is important to put wishes in writing, yet only about 23 percent have done so.

WHY SHOULD I DO IT?

- Accidents are unpredictable and sudden illness can leave you unable to communicate.
- Advance directives allow you to communicate to family and health care professionals your wishes regarding medical decisions.
- Advance directives help to prevent discrepancies between the care you want and the care you receive.
- Advance directives are a gift to your family and can help prevent confusion and conflict during a crisis.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

You can complete an advance directive

online at MyDirectives.com, or download and print a paper directive at midland-health.org/ACP.

Some questions to think about when completing your advance directive:

- What does quality of life mean to me?
- What do I value?
- What do I find acceptable and unacceptable?
- Under what circumstances would living be worse than dying?
- What interventions do I want and how long would I want them? Examples include but are not limited to: ventilators (life support), feeding tubes, CPR, artificial nutrition or hydration and dialysis.
- What interventions do I absolutely not want?

Shari Evans is advance care planning coordinator for Midland Health.

PALPABLE INFLUENCE



During a February 2007 news conference in Austin, Dr. Kenneth Cooper holds up a manual developed to track the physical fitness of children. Sen. Jane Nelson of Lewisville, center back, then-Rap. Rob Elaster of The Woodlands, right, and then-Sen. Bob Duval of Greenville were announcing an initiative to fight childhood obesity. Cooper, known as the Father of Aerobics, is currently focusing on reducing obesity among children in China.

87-year-old 'Father of Aerobics' isn't slowing down

■ Dr. Kenneth Cooper daily routine includes stationary bike, weight machines

By Leslie Barker
Dallas Morning News

When you're the Father of Aerobics, when you coined the phrase and spread the word and stuck to your guns despite critics who didn't put much stock in preventive medicine, you don't miss your workout. Even if you're 87, even if you recently

underwent emergency gall-bladder surgery, even if your calendar is as full as a gym on Jan. 1.

Which is why, on a Friday afternoon after seeing his last patient of the day, Dr. Kenneth Cooper emerges from the dressing room at the fitness center of the 30-acre Preston Road facility that bears his name.

He's wearing a royal blue T-shirt with that globally recognized name printed in big letters and tucked into a pair of black shorts. His legs are strong and muscular, a testament to the 45,000 miles they've carried him — 37,000 during 40 years of

running; the rest walked since 2004, the year he broke the tibial plateau in his right knee while skiing. ("I always liked downhill skiing and was quite good," he said.)

As he does most every weekday, he rides a stationary bike for 30 to 32 minutes, sometimes capping that off with a treadmill walk before heading to the weight machines. He does his usual circuit of 10 machines, counting aloud through 20 to 30 repetitions.

When he gets home, he'll walk Scarlet, his 14-month-old Maltese, whom he

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Many earlier generations of kids were free to roam the neighborhood

Editor's note: This is part one of a two-part series on the differences between parenting in the 1950s and parenting now.

My parents grew up in the Great Depression era, my dad fought in World War II, and they got married in 1947. My brother and I are baby boomers. Mom and Dad did not have all the resources available to parents today: television, home computers with internet and cellphones. There seems to be a great divide in parenting skills from the 1950s to today's generation. Here are some examples:

PLAYING OUTSIDE WAS ENCOURAGED

Mom did not think we had a reason to be inside during daylight hours (except to complete chores and/or homework). Before we went outside, Mom would say, "Be home in time for dinner." If someone saw us playing alone outside, no one even thought of calling the police. If someone sees a child alone in a park today, they might wonder where the parents are or think something might be wrong.

WE HAD TO MAKE OUR OWN ENTERTAINMENT

Our lives were free of electronics, and everyone had to memorize their home phone number and address. We entertained ourselves by making up games

Please see NORTON/2B

Bush helps raise funds for Amarillo health care facility

■ Power of the Pulse luncheon benefits Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health

By Jeff Farris
Amarillo Globe-News

Texas Panhandle residents suffering from depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder or addiction have a champion in former first lady Laura Bush.

Bush was in Amarillo last week on behalf of her namesake, the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health, for the 10th anniversary of the Power of the Pulse luncheon.

More than 1,050 lunches were served, and the money raised will allow the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center to purchase a \$125,000 transcranial magnetic stimulation machine.

Dr. Tim Bowles, the senior administrator for psychiatry for TTUHSC, said the new machine is the "first of its kind in the Texas Panhandle."

"It will help people get on the road to remission of their symptoms," Bowles said. "Thank you, Mrs. Bush, for raising awareness for mental health."

Angela Knapp Eggers, the senior director of community outreach for the institute, said before the luncheon that the former first lady

"is very supportive of the institute. We are very proud of the work we do here."

After the meal, Bush and Dr. Marjorie Jenkins held a "fireside" chat. Jenkins is on sabbatical from TTUHSC where she was a tenured professor of medicine and has joined the Food and Drug Administration Office of Women's Health.

Jenkins said that when she worked as the chief scientific officer at the women's health institute, she often sent emails or left phone messages that weren't returned. But when she sent correspondence saying she was from the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health,

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"I wouldn't consider going out of town because we have the Total Joint Center in Midland. It's just the greatest there is, in my opinion." *Nancy Jerry*

Thanks to the Total Joint Center, Nancy got her quality of life back and for the first time, she was able to climb the bleachers to see her great-grandchildren receive their basketball trophies. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 855-26JOINT | midlandhealth.org/joint

total joint center



COOPER

From 1B

probably walked this morning, too. He weighs 168 pounds, the same number he's seen when he's stepped on the scale every day for the last almost 60 years.

Fifty years ago this month, Cooper published the groundbreaking book, 'Aerobics.' He's written 18 more books since, but this was the one that set the course, the plan and the theory that led to the popularity of running as well as arguably to every spin class, step class, Latin dance class, aqua exercise class, obstacle-course run, boot camp workout and high-intensity interval training.

Think of him and his book as the ancestor whose name might not be familiar to younger generations, but whose influence is as palpable as the DNA that gives us blue eyes or dark hair or the ability to carry a tune.

'Dr. Cooper's work provided me the pathway to establish my fitness industry career,' said Terri Arand, group fitness director at the Aaron Family Jewish Community Center, which is known for its innovative and large array of classes. 'I am so blessed I can get up daily and truly love my work.'

Cooper wrote the book when he was a physician in the U.S. Air Force. His wife, Millie, typed the manuscript. It has sold 30 million copies and been translated into 41 languages.

'I wanted to motivate people to take care of themselves,' Cooper said of a time when close to 45 percent of Americans smoked (compared with 15 percent today) and only 100,000 jogged (a number now well in the two-digit millions).

'I said, 'We need to get this out, it will save lives.' 'I read both books, 'Aerobics' and 'New Aerobics,' in college during the '70s,' said Tony Reed, a Dallas author, technology consultant and co-founder of the National Black Marathoners Association. 'He wrote that some insulin-dependent diabetics might if they maintained a fitness program. As a pre-diabetic, this caught my attention. So I set a lifetime goal of averaging three miles per day of running. As of Dec. 31, 2017, I had run 43,500 miles, averaged 3.08 miles per day and am still not on insulin.'

'I pretty much credit 100 percent to Dr. Cooper,' said Reed, whose book, 'Running Shoes Are Cheaper Than Hellfire' chronicles the 130-plus marathons he's run on all seven continents. 'I never would have connected the dots to fitness and diabetes. That's one of the reasons I co-founded the National Black Marathoners Association, because diabetes is the deadliest killer in the African-American community.'

Cooper added an "y" to the adjective aerobic, which means relating to oxygen, to name his regimen, which began as a training program to help astronauts prepare for returning to earth from a weightless environment in space.

'It was the adjective of astronauts that attracted people,' he said. But Aerobics offered a plan for anyone. It's essentially a point system: Participants strive to reach 30 to 35 points per week through exercise. The higher the exertion level, the more quickly points add up. When a summary of the workout appeared in Reader's Digest in March 1968, Cooper said, it went 'viral, which wasn't a word then. (No, officially, it was "viral," which first appeared in the Oxford English Dictionary in 1986.)

'I was a pilot for Eastern Airlines,' writes Sissy Scott on the Cooper Aerobics Facebook page, 'and they had the foresight to place a free copy in the mailbox of each of her almost 4,000 pilots on staff. I began following the program religiously and wound up getting back to running in my mid-30s, eventually winning national running titles in six different events.'

The book spawned a phenomenon that wasn't widely contemporary in what it did because I was taking care of healthy people,' he said. When he was interviewed by Barbara Walters, 'she said, 'You called me a fraud.' (She, by the way, when he told her he had an ongoing correspondence with the U.S. Air

Obituaries

Carlton Douglas "Dag" Hopkins
Carlton Douglas "Dag" Hopkins, 81, of Midland, Texas passed away on Monday, April 16, 2018 surrounded by his family. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Burial will take place on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland with Pastor Bobb Brennan of HomeLife Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Dagon was born on May 26, 1936, to Elvema and Sam Hopkins in Jean, Louisiana. He left his home in Jean and moved to Midland, Texas, to work in the oilfield at 18. He returned in a couple of years to marry Miss Linda Nelson on December 20, 1957, sharing a life together for 61 years. They started their family in Jean and moved to Pateros, Louisiana in 1970. They moved the family to China, Texas, when he began working for Trestle. He was a devoted and loving husband, and the best daddy in the world to Lisa, Jane, and Hopper.

Dagon seldom met a stranger and was truly a servant of the Lord. He served as an opportunity to help those in need. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He loved to read and was a avid Bible scholar who kept a minimum of 10 Bibles within arm's reach of his favorite chair at all times. If you did not have a Bible, it would not take long before he handed one to you. At 80 years old once again in retirement to all, he was inspired and rehabilitated his righteous heart to his Savior, giving his testimony in his own way.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Nelson Hopkins of Midland, three daughters, Lisa Hallfield, Jane and Hopper Hopkins, and Carrie Donald Hopkins of Jeon, LA and his sisters Naida and Warren Moore, of Houston, LA, and Summie Arnette of Jeon, LA, a brother-in-law James Davis Nelson and sister-in-law JayAnn and Bob Klingensmith, of Jeon, LA, and ten grandchildren, LA, and ten granddaughters.

Very special honorary daughter, Lynda Estan. He is preceded in death by his son, Douglas "Hopper" Hopkins, his son-in-law Steve Hallfield, his granddaughter Heather Alan Smith, his parents Sam and Elvema Hopkins, a brother James "Sonny" Hopkins, a sister Thelma Rae Collins

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland with Pastor Bobb Brennan of HomeLife Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

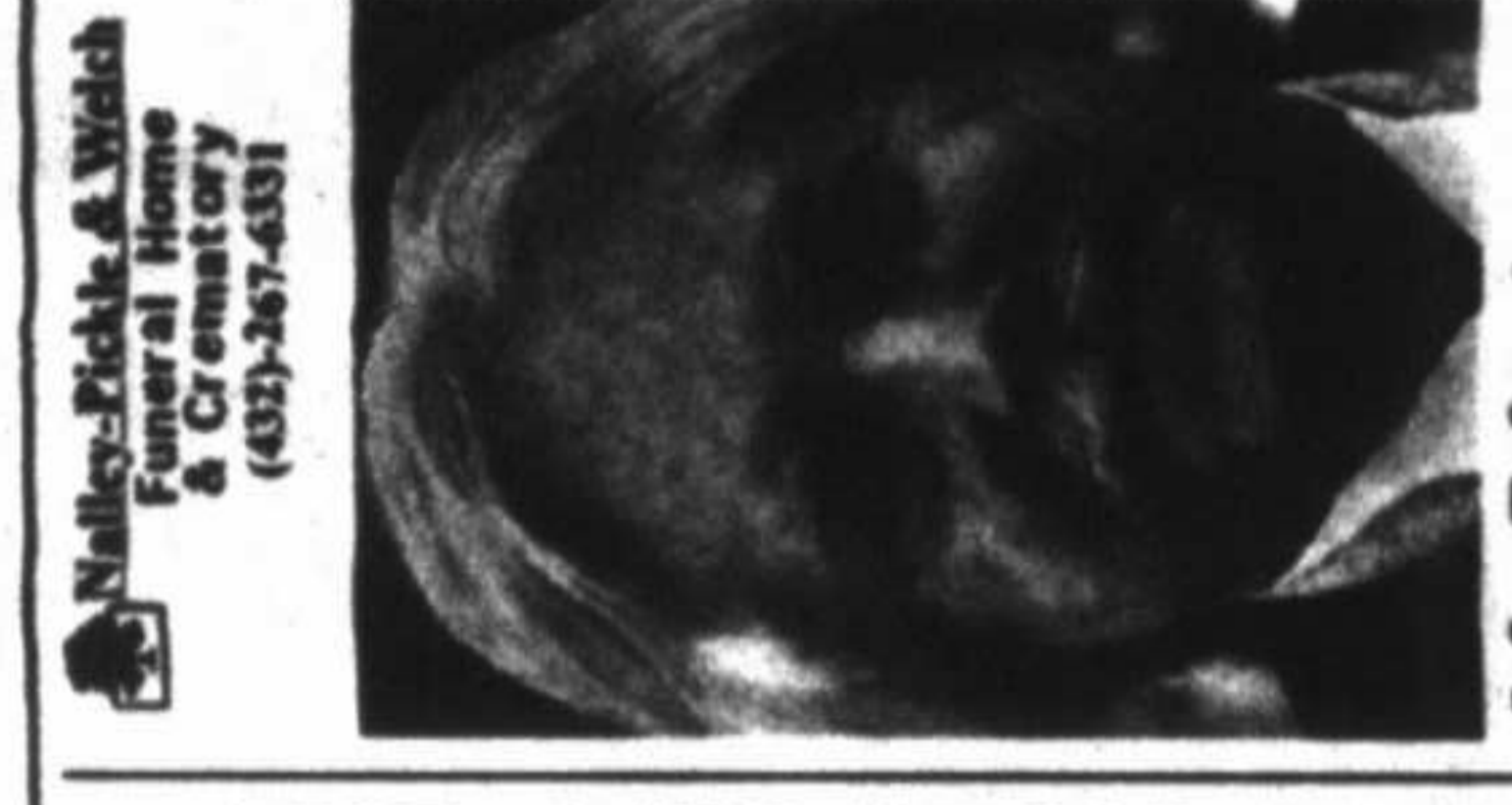
and sisters-in-law Betty Nelson and Sandra Hopkins. Pallbearers are his grandsons: Brandon Smith, Cole Smith, Cade Smith, Shane Smith, Sam Hopkins, and Jake Holtfield. In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials be donated to the building fund of HomeLife Baptist Church in Midland, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at www.rpwelch.com.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory
(432) 559-5800



John Robert Pierce
John Robert Pierce passed away at his home in Midland, Texas, on April 12, 2018. He was born in Kootenai City, Texas, to Margaret Jean and Joe Bill Pierce on December 11, 1949. He graduated from Pensacola Military School in 1968 and from The University of Texas at El Paso in 1970. While attending UTPEP, his first child Morgan Leigh was born, followed by her brother James Ryan and Kyle Evan in Midland with former wife Deborah. He is a member of the CCIM and ULI. John sold commercial real estate and ranches in both Midland and in the Hill Country area, where he lived for 15 years. He is survived by Morgan and her husband Joey Davidson of Ft. Worth, and their children Pierce and Peterson; James Ryan and his wife Jessica of Houston, and their children William and Evan. He is also survived by his sister Chady and her husband Mark Chady and their family of Pahrump, NV, CA, his wife Charlotte Wilton of Dallas, and numerous cousins. John will be remembered for his deep wit, and an independent streak that was a male wife. He loved rock 'n' roll, the Texas Hill Country, Dohertyman, Harley Davidson, and a good John Deere. Above all else, John loved his family—especially spending time with his grandchildren. He will be missed. He will be remembered. Services are pending for a family memorial service. Online condolences can be offered at www.elfunerals.com

Verde Moe Jackson
Verde Moe Jackson was born August 3rd 1931 in Bremond, Texas to the late Lucian and Leola Murrell. Our angel departed her life on this earth on April 15th 2018. She was the 5th child of eight siblings including an adopted sister. Lucinda Leatrice Jackson. She graduated from Bremond High School and later moved to Midland, TX. She was a member of New Hope Baptist Church of Midland, TX. Before moving to Midland she met Earl Jackson and they joined in Holy matrimony in Midland, TX in 1950. Within this union three daughters were born Linda Smith, Dorothy Jackson, and Robi Colburn. She was preceded in her passing by all of her siblings plus her husband Earl Jackson, and her daughter Dorothy Jackson. She leaves to survivors her precious daughters, Linda Smith, Robi Colburn, her adopted sister, Lucinda Leatrice Jackson, eight grandchildren, Aaron Jackson, Michael Jackson, Marick Smith, Dynastria Pierce, Dorothy Jackson, Kenneth Jones, Tonah Ramon, Tamasha Smith, Betsy, and great-grandchildren and great-grandchildren, also eight relatives and friends. Wake service will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Avador-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel, 1502 N. Lamar Road, Granddams Funeral Home will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at Security Memorial Gardens Security Memorial Gardens with Pastor Dennis Hodges officiating. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Avador-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.



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Study: Alcohol drinks should be limited to 1 a day

Consuming more than that amount decreases longevity, researchers say

By Mike Stobbe

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Here's some sobering news: A large international study says adults should consume no more than one alcoholic drink per day, and that men drinking guideline amounts in many countries may be far too loose.

The study found that people who down more than seven drinks a week can expect to die sooner than those who drink less.

"What this is saying is, if you're really concerned about your longevity, don't have more than a drink a day," said David Jenkins, a Johns Hopkins University alcohol researcher who was not involved in the study.

While the U.S. government currently recommends no more than seven drinks a week for women, the guideline for men is 14 drinks. That's because earlier studies found women are hit by the effects of alcohol at lower amounts than men for several reasons, including women weigh less than men on average and blood alcohol concentrations rise faster.

The new study estimates that 40-year-old men who drink as much as the current U.S. guidelines allow

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Infusers.

Mean never asked us what we wanted for dinner, we ate what she had or we had the option to eat and her father substituted. We did not worry about preservatives, GMOs, food dyes or sugar-free anything. There is no return to focusing on organic products and avoiding preservatives, but children consume too many processed foods. Have you looked at the ingredient list of many snack chips? Many have more than 20 ingredients (compared with one natural potato chips that I have only three).

I have very fond memories of growing up in the 1960s and '70s. We all spent our summers in every generation there is a cycle of change. Most of us do not like change, but we do not have to fear it. Parents, try to let your children have some of the simple freedoms that we had in the mid-20s. We may be able to do that to prevent healthy longevity.

NORTON From 1B

with our friends and running around outside. We used our imaginations to turn refrigerator boxes into playhouses, forts or stores. A stick could be a penny, a sword or a baseball bat. We made things out of sticks, rocks, yarn and macaroni. We rode our bikes around the neighborhood (without helmets) and knew all our friends' names. The lack of physical activity of children today has led to a dramatic increase in childhood obesity and decreased social interaction. Children also have decreased imagination and creativity.

WE ARE WHAT WAS OBTAINED TO US When we were playing outside and got hungry, we could go to the great friend's house and get something to eat. Our next-door neighbor always had candy (even bubble gum) and when he had a bag of candy, he would walk the fridge and eat it. Other means would be...

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Baby doll drive accepting contributions

Two women are collecting baby dolls to comfort local Alzheimer's patients. Julie Gray and Mary Wright-McCourt started the initiative — called Angie's Babies — in memory of loved ones who had the disease. The dolls will be distributed at nursing homes on Mother's Day.

Dolls can be taken to Lisa Copeland Nationwide Insurance offices in Midland and Odessa until May 11. Monetary donations of \$10 are accepted through the PayPal account of cktelcommm@sbcglobal.net. More information about the initiative will be in a future Reporter-Telegram story.

Alzheimer's program is planned

An educational program on the 10 early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's is planned for 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at Legacy Ranch Memory Care, 4800 Briarwood Ave. Presenting the program will be Janet Cross with the Midland chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

A light supper will be served. To RSVP, call 242-6060 by Wednesday.

Ornish program orientation set

Ornish Lifestyle Medicine Program orientation is planned for 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Lifestyle Medicine Center at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus.

The program has been shown to reverse heart disease. Candidates are those people who have had a stent put in, had bypass surgery, have suffered a heart attack in the last year or are having chest pains during exertion.

For more information, call 221-5433.

Midland Health events

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

■ Lifestyle Medicine Center education series: "Plant-based Nutrition and Diabetes," 6 p.m. Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, 221-5433; \$5 fee; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Babycare/Infant CPR, 6 p.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Birthplace Tour, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. tour, Midland Memorial Hospital; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ 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.

Bush

The messages always were answered. "That name has such power across the globe," Jenkins said. Jenkins asked Bush why she decided to put her name on the women's health institute when she had been approached by hundreds, maybe even thousands, of similar worthwhile projects. Bush said that after seeing the plight of women in Afghanistan and in other parts of the world, she wanted to help women "in my own home, West Texas."

"This women's health institute really has meant a lot to me," she said. Bush said she also wanted to help women get involved in the field of medical research.

553-1031.

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

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtc-mhmr.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.

■ AI-Aon (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

Midland Memorial Hospital 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas, 79701 Phone: 221-1111 Website: www.midlandhealth.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MidlandMemorialHospital Twitter: twitter.com/MidlandMemorialHospital MidlandMemorial Hospital President Russell Meyers 221-1584

Directors — District 1: Tracie Grossen, District 2: Dawin Tomlin, District 3: Lorry Merco, District 4: Cristina Hysatt, District 5: Carl Chaplin, District 6: Joe Kiowski, District 7: Jeffrey Beard

talked about was the gender difference when it comes to prescription medicine dosage and diagnosing medical ailments.

"What might be great for men might not be great for women," Bush said.

Specific health treatments are also different for men and women, she said. One example she mentioned was heart disease, which Bush said is usually thought of as a man's disease, but more women die of heart disease than men.

Sometimes women misdiagnose their symptoms; they might be extremely fatigued but don't realize the severity of the problem. Women need to know that with any of these symptoms "they need to get to the hospital, don't go lie down," she said.

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ALCOHOL

From 2B

can expect to live one to two years less than men who have no more than seven drinks per week.

Canada and Sweden have guidelines similar to those in the U.S. set by the Department of Agriculture. Some countries have much higher ceilings. Spain and Romania set the upper limit for men at the equivalent of 20 drinks each week, for example.

British guidelines were like the U.S. standards until two years ago, when U.K. health officials brought the recommendation for men down to the level for women.

The study "is a serious wake-up call for many countries," Jeremy Pearson of the British Heart Foundation said in a statement. The group partly funded the study, which was published Thursday by the Lancet journal.

The research combined results from 83 studies conducted in 19 countries, tracking nearly 600,000 people who drank alcohol. The researchers focused on who developed — and died from — stroke and different forms of heart disease. They made a point of excluding people who had a known history of heart problems at the time they had entered a study.

About half the participants said they had more than 100 grams of alcohol a week. There's variation from country to country as to how many grams of alcohol are generally found in a standard drink. In Britain, that's about six pints of beer a week. But in the U.S., 100 grams is equivalent to what's in seven 12-ounce cans of beer, 5-ounce glasses of wine, or 1.5-ounce shots of rum, gin or other distilled spirits.

The researchers found a higher risk of stroke, heart failure and other problems in that group of heavier drinkers. That may partly reflect that alcohol can elevate blood pressure and alter cholesterol levels, the researchers said.

Notably, the heavier drinkers were less likely to have a heart attack. But balanced against the increased risk of a stroke and other heart problems, the impact of drinking more than seven drinks a week is more bad than good, said the study's lead author, Dr. Angela Wood of the University of Cambridge in England.

Healthy Living

Moderate drinking

U.S. dietary guidelines define moderate drinking as one drink a day for women and two drinks a day for men. Binge drinking is defined as four or more drinks in one sitting for women or five for men.

What counts as one drink?

- Beer
12 ounces of 5% ABV (alcohol by volume) beer
- Wine
5 ounces of 12% ABV wine
- Liquor
1.5 ounces of 40% ABV (80-proof) spirits or liquor

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Like most studies, this one has flaws. It's not built to make firm conclusions about cause and effect. Research that rolls together previous studies can be problematic if they aren't similar enough, though this one appears to have done a good job at overcoming that obstacle and combining comparable data, Jernigan said.

Researchers relied on what participants reported drinking at the start, recognizing that many people may be lowballing how much they actually drink. And the study didn't account for any changes in their drinking habits.

At O'Hara's Restaurant and Pub, a watering hole in lower Manhattan, one patron shrugged off the study and its recommendation. Shawn Froeman, visiting from St. Louis, said other things influence how much he drinks, like his mood and whether he'll be driving.

Another patron, Jaussi Ruotsalainen, a tourist from Finland, said he rarely drinks because he has two young kids at home. "That takes care of it," he said.

Get ready for the weekend by reading

WEEKENDER

Thursdays in the Reporter-Telegram

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

Property owners have the right to protest actions concerning their property tax assessments. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the assessed (market) value of your property
- the unequal value of your property compared with other properties
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualifications for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxing units taxing your property
- the property ownership
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- failure of the chief appraiser or appraisal review board (ARB) to send a required notice
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, county appraisal district (CAD) or ARB that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

If you have a question concerning your property value, you are welcome to visit informally at 4001 Andrews Hwy., Midland, Texas. Telephone is (432) 699-4001. One of our staff appraisers will assist you.

Review by the ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the CAD, you file a notice of protest requesting to have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that hears and determines questions regarding property appraisals or other concerns filed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes based on evidence heard during the ARB hearing.

If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing and mail you written notice of the date, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. You may use Comptroller Form 59-132, Property Appraisal - Notice of Protest, to file your written request for an ARB hearing.

Prior to your hearing, you may wish to review the evidence the CAD places to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. Before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD are required to provide each other with a copy of any materials (printed) intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. Evidence may be submitted for any hearing type other than in person or on a small portable electronic device such as a CD, USB flash drive or thumb drive) which will be kept by the ARB. Do NOT bring evidence on a smart phone. The ARB's hearing procedures regarding all the requirements to properly submit evidence on a small portable electronic device are on file.

The greatest success probability, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person or you may by telephone conference call or submitting a written affidavit to present your evidence, facts and argument. If you decide to participate by telephone conference call, you must provide your evidence to the ARB with a written affidavit before the ARB hearing begins. You may use Comptroller Form 59-283, Property Owner's Affidavit of Evidence to the Appraisal Review Board, to submit evidence for your telephone conference call hearing or for hearing by affidavit.

You and the CAD representative have the opportunity to present evidence about your case. The case may consist of the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented by both parties. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. ARB members are required to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAR

After it decides your case, the ARB may send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the ARB's decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. As an alternative to district court, you may appeal through binding arbitration or the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) if you meet the qualifying criteria.

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Regulators propose steps to improve medical device oversight

By Matthew Perrone
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. health officials on Tuesday proposed steps to improve the government's system for overseeing medical devices, which has been criticized for years for failing to catch problems with risky implants and medical instruments.

The plan from the Food and Drug Administration includes few immediate changes, but lists a number of ideas and proposals with the goal of improving safeguards on pacemakers, artificial joints, medical scanners and other devices.

Among other measures, the FDA will consider requiring more training for doctors who implant certain high-risk devices. But that step, like others floated by the agency, might require new guidelines or regulations. Other proposals may require additional money from Congress.

The FDA has repeatedly been forced to issue safety alerts about unexpected problems with devices that only appeared years after they were approved for use in patients. In the last decade, those have included hip replacements that failed prematurely, faulty wiring in implanted defibrillators, surgical mesh linked to pain and bleeding and a surgical instrument that inadvertently spread uterine cancer.

"We want to have better tools for detecting issues that occur post-approval," FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said Tuesday. "But we also want to have better policies to quickly intervene and better inform

patients and providers if we see adverse events happening."

An agency critic said the report contains few concrete changes and "many sections that will please the device industry."

"FDA's safety strategies for medical devices are still years away from effective implementation," said Diana Zuckerman, president of the National Center for Health Research, a consumer advocacy group. "Overall, the report indicates that the FDA's approval standards for medical devices remain completely inadequate."

The FDA's framework for regulating devices dates to the mid-1970s and has been criticized in reports from government watchdogs and independent medical experts. Only brand new devices undergo testing in patients while the overwhelming majority of devices are OK'd based on similarities to products already on the market.

In 2011, a report from the influential Institute of Medicine said the FDA should abandon its system because it provides little assurance that most devices are actually safe. The group — now known as the National Academy of Medicine — is composed of medical experts who advise the federal government.

FDA officials rejected the report's conclusions, saying the system works well for the vast majority of devices.

Tuesday's report acknowledges the shortcomings of FDA's current system for detecting problems, which agency officials describe as "pas-

sive." The agency relies on reports about device problems from doctors, patients and manufacturers, but the electronic filings often contain incomplete or inaccurate information. And most device issues are not reported, according to government assessments.

That means it can take a long time to determine if the issue "represents a true safety concern," the FDA paper states.

Among other proposals laid out in the FDA's "Medical Device Safety Action Plan," the FDA will consider:

- How to quickly require additional safety requirements for certain devices, including training for doctors who work with the complex devices.

- Extra scrutiny of devices for women, following recent problems with vaginal mesh, the birth control implant Essure and surgical tools.

- New ways to encourage manufacturers to improve safety, including quicker approval for devices that appear safer than what's available.

- Requiring cybersecurity features for electronic devices like implantable heart pacemakers and defibrillators.

The agency will also ask Congress for more money for a public-private system intended to monitor insurance claims, electronic health records and other data sources for early signs of device problems. The project is estimated to cost \$250 million over five years to become operational; it is now slated to receive \$30 million from device manufacturers.

Marijuana-based drug gets positive review from FDA

By Matthew Perrone
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A closely watched medicine made from the marijuana plant reduces seizures in children with severe forms of epilepsy and warrants approval in the United States, health officials said Tuesday.

British drugmaker GW Pharmaceuticals is seeking permission to sell its purified form of an ingredient found in cannabis — one that doesn't get users high — as a medication for rare, hard-to-treat seizures in children. If successful, the company's liquid formula would be the first government-approved drug derived from the cannabis plant in the U.S.

The Food and Drug Administration's approval would technically limit the treatment to a small group of epilepsy patients. But doctors would have the option to prescribe it for other uses and it could spur new pharmaceutical research and interest into other cannabis-based products.

Man-made versions of a different marijuana ingredient have previously been approved for other purposes.

The FDA posted its review of the experimental medication Epidiolex ahead of a public meeting Thursday when a panel of outside experts will vote on the medicine's safety and effectiveness. It's a non-binding recommendation that the FDA will consider in its final decision by late June.

Patients taking the treatment had fewer seizures, according to the FDA's internal review posted online. Scientists concluded that GW

Pharmaceutical's submission "appears to support approval" despite some potential side effects including risks of liver injury.

More than two dozen states allow marijuana use for a variety of ailments, but the FDA has not approved it for any medical use. In 2016, the agency recommended against easing federal restrictions on marijuana. The U.S. continues to classify marijuana as a high-risk substance with no medical use, alongside other illicit drugs like heroin and LSD.

For years, desperate patients and parents have pushed for wider access to medical marijuana products for a host of conditions including pain, post-traumatic stress disorder and epilepsy, with only anecdotal stories and limited studies on their side.

But studies conducted by GW Pharmaceuticals have begun to change that picture.

Across three studies involving more than 500 patients, Epidiolex generally cut the number of monthly seizures by about 40 percent, compared with reductions between 15 and 20 percent for patients taking a dummy medicine.

Most patients in the study were already taking at least three other medications to try and control their seizures.

Epidiolex is essentially a pharmaceutical-grade version of cannabidiol, or CBD oil, which some parents have used for years to treat children with epilepsy. CBD is one of more than 100 chemicals found in the cannabis plant and it doesn't contain THC, the ingredient that gives marijuana its mind-altering effect.

CBD oil is currently sold online and in specialty shops across the U.S., though its legal status remains murky. Most producers say their oil is made from hemp, a plant in the cannabis family that contains little THC and can be legally farmed in a number of states for clothing, food and other uses.

GW Pharmaceuticals declined to comment on the price of the drug ahead of an approval decision. Wall Street analysts estimate it could cost more than \$25,000 per year, with annual sales eventually reaching \$1 billion.

A doctor who treats children with epilepsy says it's important to have an FDA-approved version of CBD.

"I think it needs to be approved because everyone is using it across the internet without knowing the safety ... and no one is watching the interactions with other drugs," said Dr. Joan Conry of Children's National Health System in Washington, who was not involved in the studies.

Conry and other researchers say it's not yet clear why CBD reduces seizures in some patients.

GW Pharmaceuticals makes its drug from cannabis plants that are specially bred to contain high levels of CBD. It's seeking approval for two rare forms of childhood epilepsy — Dravet and Lennox-Gastaut syndromes.

Common side effects included diarrhea, vomiting, fatigue and sleep problems. FDA reviewers flagged a more serious issue with potential liver injury, but said doctors could manage the risk by monitoring patients' enzyme levels.

Apple Watch may have saved woman's life

By Kaitlyn Alanis
The Wichita Eagle

A Kansas woman whose Apple Watch started beeping when it detected her rapid heartbeat says she won't be taking off the smartwatch; it may have saved her life.

Heather Hendershot, of Scranton, told the Topeka Capital-Journal that her new Apple Watch began beeping while she was watching TV at about 9 p.m. on a Saturday last month.

Her heart was beating at about 120 beats per minute, the newspaper reported, which is above normal for a resting adult. The American Heart Association considers a normal, resting heart rate between 60 and 100 beats per minute.

Hendershot's watch alerted her of a rapid heartbeat every 10 minutes, she told the Topeka Capital-Journal, and her heartbeat reached as high as 160 beats per minute.

"It vibrated, and then it beeped at me and told me that my resting heart rate was too high," she told WIBW. "So, I checked it myself, and it was correct."

She didn't feel any symptoms of high blood pressure, though, so she went to bed assuming it was just a bug, WIBW reported.

But her husband is a "worry wart," Hendershot told the Capital-Journal, so she went to an urgent care clinic the next day. A doctor there sent her to the emergency room, according to KSNF.

"They did some lab work, gave me some IV fluid and then with the lab work they noticed my thyroid was out of whack," she told KSNF.

She was diagnosed with moderate-to-severe hyperthyroidism. The condition occurs when the thyroid gland is overactive and produces too much thyroid hormone, according to the American Thyroid Association.

Symptoms usually include nervousness, irritability, increased sweating, heart racing, hand tremors, anxiety, difficulty sleeping, thinning skin, fine brittle hair and muscle weakness, according to the association.

Hendershot told the Capital-Journal that she had none of those symptoms. But she had the

beeping Apple Watch.

The endocrinologist who treated Hendershot told the newspaper that he was "startled and surprised" to hear she didn't have any other symptoms. "I've been doing this 25 years and it's the first time ever I've heard someone tell me they didn't notice anything and were later diagnosed with severe hyperthyroidism," endocrinologist Alan Wynne told the Capital-Journal.

It was also the first time a smart watch detected his patient's symptoms, according to the newspaper. If left untreated, hyperthyroidism could lead to a life-threatening thyroid storm, according to Healthline.

"The watch kind of saved her life when you find that out," her husband, Cody Hendershot, told KSNF.

Because of that, Hendershot told KSNF she will not be taking off her smart watch.

"If I hadn't been wearing it, I wouldn't have known anything was wrong," she told the Capital-Journal.

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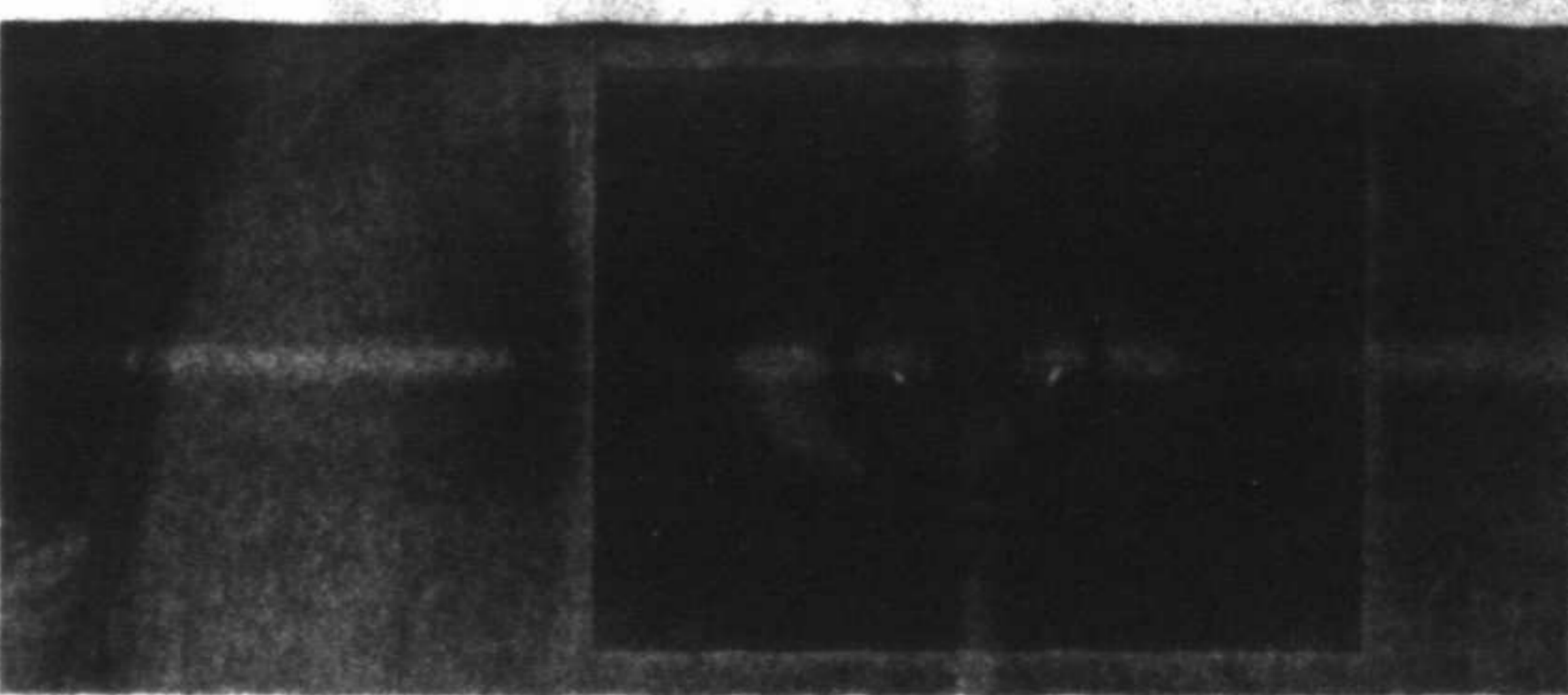
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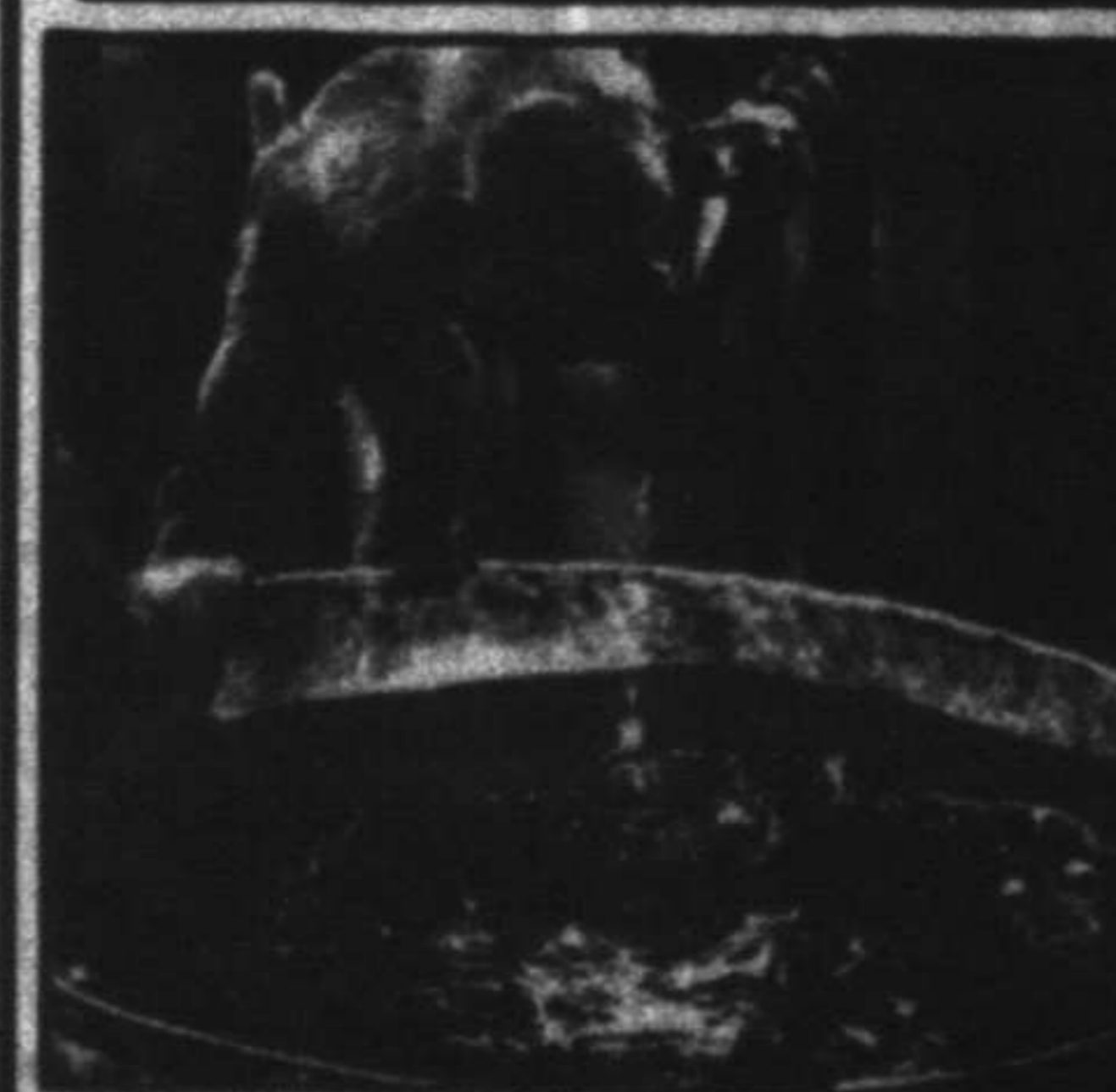
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Report: Pregnancy rate higher in foster care

■ Child welfare policy organization recommends that foster youth receive adequate education, access to health care services

By Sydney Greene
Texas Tribune

After entering Texas' foster care system in 2006, the day after her 14th birthday, Unisha Curry bounced around anywhere from nine to 11 foster homes. In one of her final homes, she had three foster sisters who were teen mothers.

One foster sister gave birth in middle school; the father of her child fled to another country. Two others gave birth in high school.

Two of her foster sisters' children were taken away from them by Child Protective Services, Curry told The Texas Tribune. The third had her child with her in the foster home.

Curry said her foster sisters, especially the ones who had their children taken away, struggled with

the complexities of becoming parents, being in foster care and carrying the weight of sexual and abusive trauma — all before reaching adulthood.

"They were depressed a lot because they didn't have their child with them," Curry said. "They were emotionally wounded from that."

Curry's foster sisters were a part of a larger population of teen parents in Texas' foster care system. Compared to other teen girls in the state, those in Texas' foster care system or who have just left it have a much higher risk to become pregnant or becoming teen parents, according to a report released Sunday by child welfare policy organization Texas Care for Children.

In 2017, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services reported that 332 foster care youth were pregnant, and 218 youth in foster care were parents, the report says. Moreover, according to data from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Texas' teen pregnancy rate was 1.2 percent in 2015 —

already one of the highest in the country — but the rate in the foster care system was almost five times higher at 5.7 percent.

"As you can imagine, teen pregnancy in foster care puts the teen and the baby at a high risk in a number of ways, including a high risk of the baby being removed by CPS and placed in foster care," Kate Murphy, senior child welfare policy associate at Texas Care for Children, said in a statement.

The study lists a variety of factors that put foster care teens at risk of becoming pregnant, including lack of supportive and loving relationships, instability in foster care and stressful or traumatic situations such as child abuse or neglect.

"For foster youth, the state of Texas is the parent in that role," said Molly Clayton, executive director of the Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. "That creates some confusion and complexity around who has the responsibility and the assistance to teach a foster youth about relationships and about sex."

Pentagon seeks app to detect illnesses in service personnel

■ Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency awards contract to develop health care technology

By Aaron Gregg
Washington Post

Imagine your smartphone's camera, microphone and motion sensors were monitoring you for signs of illness. That's the future envisioned by scientists at the Pentagon's secretive weapons development arm, where such a system is being built to keep tabs on deployed U.S. service members.

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency announced Thursday that it has awarded a \$5.1 million contract to the Fairfax, Virginia-based cybersecurity company Kryptowire to develop what DARPA calls the "Warfighter Analytics using Smartphones for Health" program, or WASH for short. The app would be used to spot diseases based on data that it collects from a person's smartphone.

Tom Karygiannis, Kryptowire's vice president of product, said he hopes the technology can one day broaden access to health care by spotting health problems before a person visits a doctor or nurse.

"Ultimately, this could mean better treatment, cost savings and making treatment available to more people," he said.

But the idea has privacy advocates spooked.

"If you're activating a microphone on someone's phone, that is going to raise a lot of alarms," said Jay Stanley, a senior policy analyst with the American Civil Liberties Union. "People don't want to feel like someone is listening in on their private life. That's going to have to be subject to tight controls."

For DARPA, the goal is to help the military deal with some of its biggest health-care problems while conserving resources.

The WASH development program started last year and will continue through 2021, an agency spokesman said.

"The program aims to develop algorithms that use raw data from smartphone sensors to enable continuous and real-time assessment" of warfighters' health status, identifying latent or developing conditions and diseases, DARPA communications chief Jared Adams said in an email.

The app will collect data from smartphone features including cameras, light sensors, pedometers, fingerprint sensors, microphones and other sources, according to a fact sheet published by the agency. With the knowledge and consent of the user, the information would be collected continuously and passively, meaning a soldier's smartphone could be constantly scanning for signs that something is wrong.

Company officials said one goal of the research is to find a way to keep that data secure and private — safe from hackers or inadvertent leaks.

The work evolved out of an earlier project at Kryptowire to replace password sign-ons with passive electronic monitoring.

Kryptowire's primary business is a software tool that searches for vulnerabilities in mobile applications. The company works under contract with the Department of Homeland Security, the Justice Department and private corporations.

That work led to a technology designed to let people sign into their smartphones by identifying all the ways they interact with the device; how people walk, how they hold the phone and how often they use it all became a part of the "profile" that could detect whether the person using a phone is its true owner.

After learning how to build these profiles, product developers at Kryptowire realized they might also be able to detect when some-

thing is wrong.

"For example, if a user is inebriated we found they would interact with the device differently," Karygiannis said. "So if you can do that, the question is, what else can you do?"

Now, with financial backing from DARPA, the company is reaching out to hospitals and medical research institutions to figure out how to use that information to detect illnesses.

Possible targets could include early detection of diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's or conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, company officials said.

Once the company's medical research partners understand what the technology can do, Karygiannis said, "they'll probably come up with other ideas that we haven't."

Executives at Kryptowire said the eventual goal is to move beyond the military to everyday smartphone users, though they acknowledge that the technology would need to make a big leap from the current fitness and other health apps on the market.

Still, there's some precedent for what Kryptowire and DARPA are doing. Companies are pushing commercial smartphone apps that diabetics can use to track their blood sugar levels. Fitness apps such as Fitbit have become so popular that some employers are building rewards programs around them, paying their workers small bonuses for healthy behavior, for example.

Seeing DARPA put money toward such an untested idea suggests that private investors might take an interest in it, too. After all, there is a long history of DARPA-funded technologies eventually entering the civilian world; GPS and the internet (once called ARPAnet, after the agency's predecessor) benefited from early funding from the agency.

Study: Hand dryers may deposit bacteria

By Eli Rosenberg
Washington Post

Hand dryers may leave your hands dirtier than before, according to a new study.

The study, the results of which were published in the journal *Applied and Environmental Microbiology*, found that plates exposed to 30 seconds of a bathroom hand dryer gained at least 18 to 60 colonies of bacteria, while plates exposed to bathroom air for two minutes had fewer than one.

The authors concluded that the "results indicate that many kinds of bacteria, including potential pathogens and spores, can be deposited on hands exposed to bathroom hand dryers, and that spores could be dispersed throughout buildings and deposited on hands by hand dryers."

The study's authors, who found that the nozzle of the dryers had minimal bacterial

levels, said that more evidence was needed to determine if the dryers were bacteria harbors themselves or simply blew large amounts of contaminated air.

It is known among those paying close attention to bathroom cleanliness that bathroom air can contain fecal matter and droplets of urine.

"The more air ya move? The more bacteria stick," lead study author Peter Setlow told *Business Insider*. "And there are a lot of bacteria in bathrooms."

The risk of this bacteria to the general public not entirely clear. Setlow, who is in his 70s, told the publication that he's stopped using hand dryers.

"If I'm a person whose immune system is suppressed, I wanna minimize my exposure to bacteria," he said.

The study noted that hand dryers with HEPA filters could reduce the bacteria fourfold.

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MHS players ready for Region I-6A tournament

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Region I-6A Tennis Tournament is an occasion of firsts for Midland High's qualifiers. Midland High senior and Abilene Christian signee Allison Stewart will be competing at regionals for the first time as a singles player after making the tournament three times as a doubles player from 2015-17. Additionally, Stewart's younger brother Tyler Stewart will be competing in his first regional tournament as a freshman, and the MHS mixed doubles team of Camille Courtney and Cole Carriger are also first-time participants. The three MHS entries can qualify for the UIL Class 6A

State Tennis Tournament with a top two finish at regionals, which takes place today and Thursday at Arlington Tennis Center. Allison Stewart will be seeking a repeat trip to state in College Station, where she teamed with Kate Daugherty to win the 2017 Class 6A girls doubles state championship. Allison Stewart has thrived as a girls singles player this season, compiling a 47-1 record en route to the District 2-6A title. Allison has enjoyed her experience as a singles player, which she says has been enhanced by receiving guidance from mother Carmen Stewart, the MHS tennis coach. "Mentally, you're by yourself on the court so you have to make a lot of decisions alone, which

I enjoy," Allison said. "It's different from playing with Kate, but also I have my mom out there and she can come and give me advice too because it's high school tennis. I'm super excited for regionals." Tyler earned a regional spot by finishing as the District 2-6A runner-up in boys singles. Although it will be Tyler's first regional tournament, he feels his exposure to USTA super champs matches will help him. "It feels big, but at the same time, like the people I'm playing are the guys that are in super champs with me," Tyler Stewart said. "It's kind of like the same thing almost." Carriger and Courtney, both



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram
Midland High's Tyler Stewart competes in a doubles tennis match against Lee in 2017 at Bush Tennis Center.

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Lady Rebels prevail



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram
Lee's Zymra Carrasco pitches against Midland High on Tuesday, at Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

Lee bands together, topples MHS to keep season alive

By Christopher Hadorn
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Facing elimination, the Lee softball team looked like a group that wasn't ready to call it a season Tuesday. The Lady Rebels pounced on Midland High with an early wave of offense and never looked back during an 11-6 victory in District 2-6A play at Martin Field. Lee took a commanding 11-0 lead through 6 1/2 innings, while pounding out 14 hits, five for extra bases, over seven innings. The fifth-place Lady Rebels (13-16-2, 2-7 in District 2-6A) trail fourth-place MHS (18-12-2, 3-6) by one game heading into their District 2-6A finale against sixth-place Amarillo Tascosa at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Gene Smith Field. Midland High, which fell short in its bid to clinch a playoff berth Tuesday, can still punch its postseason ticket with a victory at Wolfforth Frenship at 7 p.m. Friday. From the onset Tuesday, Lee was up for the challenge of facing rival MHS in a game with huge playoff implications. Lady Rebels second baseman Tana Gonzales led off the game by ripping a home run over the left-field fence, a rare occurrence considering Martin Field's cavernous dimensions. "It felt really good," Gonzales said. "I came out and told (Lee coach Mandy Davis), I said, 'I'm just going to get up here swinging because we have nothing to lose,' so when I hit that shot, it just felt really good." Gonzales' blast set the tone for Lee, which padded its lead with four runs in the second inning to take a 5-0 advantage. "I feel like it did boost every one's confidence," Gonzales said of her home run. "Give them a feeling of 'hey, if she can hit it, we can all hit it.'" In the second, Jasmine Gonzales had an RBI single, Alaina Marquez provided a two-run double, and Kirklynd Newsom hammered a run-scoring double to chase MHS starting pitcher Alii Monarrez. "They were very hungry," Lee coach Mandy Davis said. "After the way we lost the first one to them, they were ready to get revenge." The Lady Rebels scored at least one run in five of the first six innings. In the top of the sixth, Lee was on the cusp on a run-rule victory when it scored two runs to take an 11-0 lead, highlighted by an RBI double from Zymra Carrasco. In the circle, Carrasco stymied the Lady Bulldogs' bats by holding them to

only two hits and no walks over the first five innings. Lee picked up its first win against MHS since March 28, 2015. "We all just had the mentality if we did come out here and play all aspects of the game like coach says, play them all correctly, then we could pull out the game," Tana Gonzales said. "We were able to." The Lady Bulldogs broke out of their turt in the sixth inning, as they sent 11 batters to the plate during a six-run frame. MHS junior Rani Guerra spoiled Carrasco's shutout bid with a two-run double deep to center, and Jacinda Lopez added a two-run single later in the sixth for the Lady Bulldogs. "It's too little, too late is what it boils down to," MHS head coach Shawnda Vines said. "Your defense has given up 11 runs, so it's a great big inning, but we needed to be able to follow it up with another one, and we couldn't put that together." The Lady Bulldogs were plagued by defensive miscues with four errors, and a number of mental lapses, which included letting Tana Gonzales steal a base after she fell to the ground halfway between bags in the second.

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Anuszkiewicz, Bulldogs begin spring football

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The Midland High football team has 135 days until its 2018 season opener against Canyon Randall on Aug. 31. While the season is still months away, the Bulldogs will be laying the foundation for their 2018 campaign starting today. "We're not going to be the biggest team and we're not going to be the fastest team," MHS second-year head coach Tim Anuszkiewicz said. "But what we're coaching right now is you can be the team that plays with the best effort and you can be the team that shows the most toughness."

Teams that play with great effort and have toughness have a chance to win every game. If we do that and buy into that, we'll have a chance to win every game." Here are three things to watch as the Bulldogs enter spring ball: **MHS' rushing game has a chance to be great** The three-headed monster of quarterback Suddie Sapient, and running backs Timothy Gates, and DJ Harris are back after accounting for 92 percent of the Bulldogs' rushing output in 2017. MHS averaged 211.8 yards on the ground, and rode the rushing game to a playoff berth after winning three of its last five District 2-6A games. Although center Jonah Ramos is the only returning starter on the offensive line, Anuszkiewicz says the new group of Ben Browder, Spencer Blue, Lucas Torres, Braden Hunt and Seth Reed bring both size and athleticism to the gridiron. Anuszkiewicz also wants to use Harris and Gates on the field together more often. "We've got to find ways to

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Frenship offense has big day in run-rule win over Lee

By Will Korn
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On Tuesday, No. 10-ranked Wolfforth Frenship had one of those memorable afternoons at the ballpark that every baseball team yearns for. Early on, the Tigers capitalized on Lee walks and errors and seemed locked in on every Rebel pitch for the next two hours. Frenship reeled off four runs in the second and then seven more in the fifth to overwhelm the Rebels, 15-5 in five innings in a District 2-6A tilt at Ernie Johnson Field. Despite the loss, playoff-bound Lee (16-11, 7-5 in District 2-6A) remained in a tie for second place with Odessa High (21-7, 7-5), which fell, 6-2, to Odessa Permian Tuesday. Every Frenship hitter recorded at least one hit, helping the Tigers (25-4, 10-2) clinch the District 2-6A title outright. Dakota Champagne led the way going 2-for-2 with two doubles, three RBI, two walks and two runs. Kade Gilbert and Camden Jenkins, the Tigers' eighth- and nine-hole hitters, turned the order over seamlessly and combined to finish 5-for-6 with three RBI and five runs. Tigers starter Colton Brown allowed five earned runs while walking three. But backed by 14 Tiger hits and an error-free defense, he notched the complete game victory. All afternoon long Frenship hitters pined together tough at-bats and, at times, outs were difficult to come by for Rebel pitchers. "We did a good job of competing at the plate one through nine," Frenship coach Chad Reynolds said. "For the most part we've done that all year. When one guy might be struggling, the guy behind him picks him up. (Tuesday) we had a lot of guys going and we were fortunate to hit some balls where (Lee defenders) weren't and got some runs."

Thanks to a sacrifice fly to right field off the bat of Adam Becker, Lee seized a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. But the Tigers promptly answered against Rebels left-handed starter J.J. Melendez in the second. Frenship worked two walks before Gilbert and Jenkins knocked consecutive RBI singles for a 3-1 lead. Jenkins, who then stole second, came around to score a fourth run on a fielding error by Logan Acosta. In the third, a solo home run to left by Riley Robinson made it 5-1 Tigers. Lee battled back in the home third thanks to an impressive collection of doubles. Colby Standaer, Adam Becker, Ty Coleman and Junior Alvarez all ripped two-baggers to the outfield gaps, and along with an RBI groundout by Acosta, the Rebels cut the deficit to 5-4. Brown said he was tested in Lee's explosive rally, but he just continued to place faith in his defense. Following Lee's fourth double off the bat of Alvarez, he hit Chase Pederson with a pitch before ending the inning with a strikeout.



Becker



Rebel pitcher

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Please see BASEBALL/3C

'HOUNDWATCH

Rockhounds logo and schedule for Tuesday's game (Midland 1 vs Tulsa 0) and Thursday's game (San Antonio vs Midland 7 p.m.). Includes internet website and records info.

Schedule table for Today, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with game times and opponents for Midland 1 and Tulsa 0.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Softball: Wisconsin at Minnesota DH, 4 p.m., BTN; Southern Miss at Alabama, 6 p.m., SEC. Major League Baseball: Texas at Tampa Bay, Noon, FSSW; St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 1 p.m., MLB; Chicago White Sox at Oakland, 4 p.m., MLB; Cleveland at Minnesota, 6 p.m., ESPN; Houston at Seattle, 9 p.m., ATTSW.

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Baseball: Midland High at Amarillo Tascosa, 4:30 p.m. HS Tennis: Region 1-6A Tournament, Arlington Tennis Center, Arlington; Region 1-4A Tournament, McLeod Tennis Complex, Lubbock; Region 1-3A Tournament, Rose Park Tennis Center, Abilene; Region 1-2A Tournament, Ratliff Complex, Odessa; Region II-1A Tournament, Bentwood Country Club, San Angelo.

TEXAS TECH

TECH'S SMITH DECIDES TO FORGO REST OF COLLEGE CAREER: Texas Tech freshman guard Zheira Smith will not be returning to school as he announced on Twitter on Tuesday night that he's signed with rapper Jay-Z's agency in preparation for the NBA Draft.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL: American League - Milwaukee (L) defeated the Red Sox (R) 6-2 on Wednesday night at Fenway Park. National Football League - Seattle Seahawks (NFC) defeated the Baltimore Ravens (AFC) 24-17 on Sunday afternoon at CenturyLink Field.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND: Eastern Conference - Tampa Bay 3, New Jersey 1; Toronto 4, Boston 1; San Jose 2, Los Angeles 1. Western Conference - Anaheim 4, Dallas 1; San Jose 3, Los Angeles 1; Tampa Bay 3, Dallas 1.



The Trinity boys doubles team of Dylan Hoffman (left) and Ashwin Guru pose with their medals after reaching the semifinals of the TAPPS 4A State Tennis Tournament in Waco. The Trinity boys placed third as a team.

Local teams lose at TAPPS state tournament

WACO - Both local boys doubles team still alive at their respective TAPPS state tennis tournaments fell in the semifinal round on Tuesday at the Waco Regional Tennis Center. The Midland Christian boys doubles team of Jonathan Cheatham and Joshua Ramos fell to the team from Houston Lutheran South, Alan Ngo and Tiger Cheung, 6-2, 6-0, in the TAPPS 5A tournament and finished third in the state.

NBA PLAYOFF ROUNDOUP

RAPTORS 130 WIZARDS 111: DeMar DeRozan matched his career playoff-high with 37 points, Jonas Valanciunas had 19 points and 14 rebounds and the Toronto Raptors beat the Washington Wizards 130-119 on Tuesday night, taking a 2-0 lead in a playoff series for the first time in franchise history. CELTICS 126 BUCKS 106: Jaylen Brown had a playoff career-high 30 points and the Boston Celtics pulled away into second half to earn a 120-106 win over the Milwaukee Bucks on Tuesday night.

NBA PLAYOFF ROUNDOUP

Associated Press: NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE - FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7, 1-2 necessary). Eastern Conference - Toronto 3, Washington 2; Toronto 114, Washington 106; Toronto 117, Washington 119; Toronto 112, Washington 109; Toronto 114, Washington 109. Western Conference - Golden State 5, San Antonio 3; Golden State 116, San Antonio 82; Golden State 118, San Antonio 99; Golden State 113, San Antonio 82; Golden State 116, San Antonio 99.

HS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ROUNDOUP

BASEBALL: HIS-TASCOSA GAME POSTPONED A DAY: The Midland High baseball game at Amarillo Tascosa was postponed on Tuesday because of high wind gusts in Amarillo. It has been rescheduled for 4:30 p.m. today in Amarillo. MUSTANGS PICK: The Midland Christian baseball team swept El Paso Faith Christian, 11-3 and 4-2 in a non-district doubleheader, Tuesday at Christensen Stadium.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION advertisement for 'HOT DOG RUN' on June 16, 2015. Includes details about chip clinics, adoptions, and hot dog runs. Features a photo of a dog named Dolly.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Savannah Shiller (14) pitches against Lee on Tuesday at Audrey Gill Sports Complex.

SOFTBALL

From 1C

Despite its slide, MHS controls its own destiny, and can clinch its 13th straight playoff berth Friday. "All you can do is just ask them to give everything they've got and to fight with everything they have on Friday and just hope for the best," Vines said. "It's going to be a really tough game on Friday going to Frenship."

Meanwhile, Lee is seeking its first playoff berth since 2015. With a Lee win and MHS loss Friday, both teams would play a one-game playoff to determine the fourth playoff seed. For the Lady Rebels, Carrasco went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI; Newsom was 2-for-3 with a double, a run and a sacrifice; Marquez was 2-for-4 with a double, two RBI, two runs and walk; and Jasmine Gonzales

was 3-for-3 with an RBI. Guerra led MHS with two hits.

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ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 1, DILLERS 0
At ONEOK Field, Tulsa, Okla.
TOP HITTERS: Tyler Marinov was 2-for-4 with the lone RBI for the game, while RockHounds teammate Sean Murphy was 2-for-4 with a run scored. ... Tulsa's Errol Robinson was 2-for-4 with a double.
TOP PITCHERS: Nicholas starter Corey Walker was the highlight of his pitcher's dual as he allowed five hits, did not walk a batter and struck out seven over seven shutout innings. ... Tulsa starter Caleb Ferguson allowed two hits, walked one and struck out nine over five innings.
HIGHLIGHTS: After eight scoreless innings, the RockHounds broke through in the ninth inning when Murphy hit the first of three straight singles. After Seth Brown singled, Marinov followed with an RBI single to score Murphy. ... Things got interesting in the bottom of the ninth when Hounds reliever J.B. Wendelton walked the bases loaded with two outs. But Wendelton earned his third save of the season when he got Robinson to hit into a force out at second base.
NOTES: Midland took two out of three games from the Oilers and finished the road trip with a 3-3 mark. ... Tulsa was 0-for-7 with runners in scoring position. The RockHounds return home on Thursday to begin a four-game series against San Antonio.

Table with 3 columns: Player, W, L, Pct. Lists stats for Tulsa and Midland players.

Table with 3 columns: Player, AB, R, H, RBI. Lists batting stats for Tulsa and Midland players.

BASEBALL

From 1C

"I just had to stay calm because I know I have probably have one of the best defenses around," said Brown, a junior right-hander. The Tigers then blew the game wide open with three runs in the fourth and seven in the fifth - an inning that produced seven hits and saw the first seven Frenship batters reach base. Champagne highlighted the rally with a bases-clearing double to left that ballooned the visitors' lead to 12-5. "I think we're just going up there hunting fastballs, getting the pitches we need and making solid contact to the places where players aren't," Champagne said. "We needed this win." Lee head coach Brian Roper said he was pleased that his team made solid contact with the ball throughout the game. But he added the Rebels, who were out-hit 14-7, need to find some consistency in the final three games of the district season. Lee travels to Frenship at 7 p.m. Friday. "We're just so inconsistent and that falls on me," Roper said. "We'll play

Table with 3 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Lists district standings for various teams.

well for a couple of games and then we'll have one of these. But we're looking for some positives and we squared some balls up, hit some balls well." Becker was 2-for-2 with two RBI and a run for Lee, while Coleman and Alvarez were each 1-for-3 with an RBI. Follow Will on Twitter: @Will_MRT

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

RANGERS 7, REBELS 2
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Matt Moore allowed an unearned run over seven innings in his first start against his former team and the Texas Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Rays 7-2 on Tuesday night. Moore (1-3), who went 30-28 with Tampa Bay before being dealt to San Francisco in 2016, struck out six with five hits and two walks. The Rangers acquired the left-hander from the Giants in December. Daniel Robertson had the lone run off Moore, scoring on shortstop Isiah Kiner-Falefa's throwing error in the third. Adrian Beltré, Ronald Guzman and Shin-Soo Choo had two RBIs each for the Rangers. Kiner-Falefa had four hits, including a double. Beltré hit his second sacrifice fly of the game and Guzman had a two-run double off Yury Chirinos (0-1) as the Rangers went ahead 5-1 in the fifth.

BLUE JAYS 11, ROYALS 3

TORONTO — Yungier Solarte homered and drove in four runs, Randal Grichuk also went deep and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Kansas City Royals 11-3 on Tuesday in the opener of a doubleheader. Solarte's third homer of the season was a two-run shot off Erik Shogland (0-2) into the second deck in the first inning. He has reached base in all 13 games he's played, the longest on-base streak to start a season for Toronto since Jose Bautista's 17-game run in 2016.

BLUE JAYS 5, ROYALS 4

TORONTO — Lefie Mello singled down the right-field line with the bases loaded in the 10th inning, and the Toronto Blue Jays walked off with a 5-4 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday night to sweep a rare doubleheader at Rogers Centre.

Associated Press

TIGERS 4, BALTIMORE 2
DETROIT — Victor Martinez homered for the first time since August, and the Detroit Tigers snapped a five-game losing streak with a 4-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night. Martinez hit a two-run shot in the second, and Jamer Candorero hit a sacbunting triple in the fifth for Detroit. Francisco Lirio (2-1) allowed two runs and five hits in five innings. He struck out seven and walked three.

SIEMENS 6, TWINS 0

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Francisco Linder homered in his native Puerto Rico, Corey Kluber allowed one run in 6 2/3 innings and the Cleveland Indians beat the Minnesota Twins 6-1 on Tuesday night. Michael Bradley and Jose Ramirez each had three hits for Cleveland in the first regular-season game on the island commonsense since 2010. Bradley and Ramirez hit consecutive homers in the sixth, and Yonder Alonso added a solo homer in the eighth for Cleveland.

National League

ROCKIES 2, PIRATES 0
PITTSBURGH — Chad Balle pitched into the eighth inning and combined with three relievers on a five-hit, and the Colorado Rockies beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-0 on a snowy Monday night. Balle allowed two hits in 7 1/3 innings, striking out three and walking two. Bryan Shaw and Jake McGee got the ball to Wade Davis, who pitched a perfect ninth for his NL-leading eighth save.

NATIONALS 5, METS 2

NEW YORK — Gio Gonzalez improved to 11-1 at Citi Field, Tim Lincecum kept Washington in gear all game and the Nationals beat the New York Mets 5-2 Tuesday night. A day after topping the Mets with an eighth-inning rally from a five-run deficit, the Nationals never walked. Bryce Harper put them ahead early

with a sacrifice fly and slumping Ryan Zimmerman hit a late RBI single for insurance. BREWERS 2, REDS 0
MILWAUKEE — Eric Thames hit a two-run homer to back a three-hitter from Jeurys Familia and three relievers, lifting the Milwaukee Brewers over the Cincinnati Reds 2-0 on Tuesday night. Reds starter Sal Romano (0-2) had a two-hit shutout going before Lorenzo Cain walked and Thames sent the first pitch he saw over the wall in right for his team-leading sixth home run. Thames was back in the lineup after leaving Sunday's game with a left groin strain and sitting Monday. Guzman limited Cincinnati to a single and three walks over 5 2/3 innings, striking out seven. Dan Jennings (2-0) finished up the sixth. Jeremy Jeffress rallied three straight in the seventh and Josh Hader pitched the final two innings for his second save, allowing a two-out double in the ninth to Tucker Barnhart.

MLB GLANCE

Large table containing various MLB statistics, standings, and game results across multiple columns.

OC holds off Midland College at District 2 Championship

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — The Odessa College men's golf team held on to its lead over Midland College in the final round of the NJCAA District 2 Championship on Tuesday at The Rawls Course.

Both Odessa College and Midland College shot a 296 in the final round but OC won the tournament with a three-round total of 870, while Midland College finished with an 876 total. Fellow Western Junior College Athletic Conference teams Western Texas College (886) and New Mexico Junior College (888) finished third and fourth, respectively, on the course where the NJCAA National Tournament will be held in mid May.

Individually, OC's Florian Moosner was the medalist champions with



Moosner

a 4-under par 212 total, while teammate Brandon Smith finished in a tie for second with NMJC's Ryan Cox with 215 totals. MC's Michael Salazar finished in fifth at 1-over 217.

MC's Callum Bruce (219) was seventh, while fellow Chaps Chris Ayers (220) finished in a tie for eighth.

MC will next compete in the NJCAA Southwest Junior College Championship in Pottersboro on April 23-24.

NJCAA DISTRICT 2 CHAMPIONSHIP
The Rawls Course, Lubbock
Par: 70; Month: 7, 2014
Tournament

Final results
Team standings — 1. Odessa College 890-296-296, 2. Midland College 876-296-296, 3. Western Texas College 876-296-296, 4. New Mexico JC 888-296-296, 5. McLennan CC 886-296-296, 6. Tyler Junior College 886-296-296, 7. East Texas Baptist University 886-296-296, 8. Ranger College 886-296-296, 9. Jacksonville College 915-296-296

Medalist standings — 1. Florian Moosner, Odessa College, 67-71-74-212; 2. (tie) Brandon Smith, Odessa College, 70-80-71-212; Ryan Cox, New Mexico JC, 69-74-72-215; 4. Michael Woychik, Western Texas College, 72-72-71-214; 5. Michael Salazar, Midland College, 69-74-71-217; 6. Tracy Williams, Odessa College, 75-89-75-216; 7. Callum Bruce, Midland College, 76-70-73-219; 8. (tie) Andrew H. New Mexico JC, 73-69-79-220; Chris Ayers, Midland College, 72-74-74-220

Midland College 2013-2014 stats —
Moosner: 60-70-74-207, Callum Bruce: 70-70-73-214, Chris Ayers: 72-74-74-220, Alex Mesa: 70-79-79-228, Bailey Reed: 73-79-85-237
Midland College individuals — Tommy Porter: 65-77-79-225, Orlando Huguenot: 60-66-60-186



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Midland High's Allison Stewart returns a shot on Feb. 23 during the Tall City Tennis Invitational at the Bush Tennis Center.

Swofford expects 'substantive' findings from Rice commission

By Joedy McCreary
Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner John Swofford says he expects "substantive" recommendations from the committee seeking ways to reform college basketball amid a federal investigation of corruption in the sport.

Speaking Tuesday at a regional Associated Press Sports Editors meeting, Swofford said he doesn't know what the commission led by former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will conclude next week when it is expected to present its report to the Division I Board of Directors and Board of Governors.

Swofford said it is "hard to argue against the need for substantive change."

Southeastern Conference Commissioner Greg Sankey, speaking at a similar meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, on Monday, hopes for an "impactful outcome" when Rice's committee releases its recommendations.

The FBI's corruption probe led to criminal charges against assistant coaches, agents, apparel company employees and others. The Justice Department arrested 10 people, including four assistant coaches from Arizona,

Southern California, Auburn and Oklahoma State, in a case tied to hundreds of thousands of dollars in alleged bribes and kickbacks designed to influence recruits on choosing a school or an agent.

Sankey said the investigation received "an appropriate level of concern and attention" during the season.

"I did not mean and would not imply that I think it's just business as usual," Sankey said. "I've seen some observations that, 'Oh wow, we're just back to business as usual. I don't think that's the case. I don't (get) that sense from our programs and programs nationally.'

N.C. State was one of the latest schools to become swept up in it, with prosecutors last week accusing an Adidas representative, who no longer works for the company, of agreeing to funnel \$40,000 through an unidentified coach to the father of former player Dennis Smith Jr. The scandal also led to Rick Pitino's ouster at Louisville before the season. Swofford said having that two of his schools two ACC schools involved is "the last thing, from my chair, you want to see, and it's the thing that upsets me the most, aggravates me the most."

Football

From 1C

get two running backs in the game and utilize both of those guys at the same time," Amuzkiewicz said.

The Bulldogs look to make strides in passing attack.

MHS, as a team, completed 47.2 percent of its passes last season, so improving efficiency will be a focus of spring ball.

Amuzkiewicz said the Bulldogs often faced eight-man fronts with defenses geared up to stop their run in 2017, so an improved passing game can ease the burden, and allow the offense to be more balanced. The MHS coach is expecting Sepien and junior-to-be Riggs McDonald to push each other at quarterback this spring.

"I would say Suddin comes in with a little bit of an advantage, but it's not like we're dead set," Amuzkiewicz said. "He's got to perform and we expect him to be better. And we expect Riggs to compete with him for playing time."

Receiver, safety and

defensive end are competition spots.

This spring, the MHS coaching staff will be closely evaluating the wide receiver, both strong safety positions, and free safety spots, as the team lacks experience in those areas.

Sean Porter, who played extensively at safety last year, will be limited in spring due to baseball obligations, which will allow younger players to get a look.

Defensive end, which has been a strength for MHS in recent years, is the least experienced position group on the team's front four. Karlo Urias, a converted linebacker, has been moved to defensive end because of his athleticism, as Amuzkiewicz likes front four players that are mobile, quick and versatile.

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Tennis

From 1C

juniors, are surprise qualifiers for the tournament considering they didn't play their first tournament until March 29 when Lee hosted a small schools competition.

Despite their lack of court time together, Courtney and Carriger were able to get quickly, placing

second in mixed doubles at the District 2-6A Tennis Tournament in San Angelo.

"We play well together and that's what doubles is all about," Carriger said. "We may not be the best ones on the court, but since we play well together, we can beat the teams. Because any one can beat any one, we can take those

teams out."

Carmen Stewart said Courtney played well during the spring tournament season with her partner Luke Morrow, who couldn't participate in district due to an illness.

Carmen said Carriger, who thrived in full team tennis as a mixed doubles player with Allison, was a natural fit for Courtney.

"I think the way we play, our style of playing is very similar," Courtney said. "If I can hit a good serve and he puts it away at the net, that's how we win points fast."

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Patrick Reed holds the championship trophy after winning the Masters golf tournament on April 8 in Augusta, Ga.

Majors can have impact on others in different ways

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Major champions today create memories for tomorrow.

Some of them, anyway. Still to be determined is whether the grit Patrick Reed showed at Augusta National — holding off Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth and Rickie Fowler in that order — resonates with a junior who is just getting into golf or motivates one of Reed's peers.

"It's such a nostalgic game," McIlroy said last summer. "People remember when they watched Jack (Nicklaus) win a U.S. Open or Tom Watson chip in at Pebble Beach. Whatever generation it is, that's what they're going to remember and that's their fondest memory."

McIlroy was among five major champions who were asked about their fondest memory of a major (excluding those they won).

Redemption

"I'm in a big redemption person," McIlroy said. "I'm big on someone winning who deserves it."

The one major that stands out is Adam Scott winning the Masters in 2013, mainly because it came nine months after one of the most stunning collapses on the back

nine in a major, even by Australian standards. Scott had a four-shot lead with four holes to play at Royal Lytham & St. Annes when he closed with four straight bogeys, and Ernie Els won his second British Open.

The next year, Scott holed a 20-foot birdie putt on the final hole at Augusta National, and then won with a birdie on the second playoff hole.

"I thought that was a awesome," McIlroy said. "Perhaps he spoke from experience. McIlroy had a four-shot lead going into the final round of the 2011 Masters when he shot 90. He won the very next major, the U.S. Open, by eight shots at Congressional.

There was one another example of redemption: Sergio Garcia, one of McIlroy's best friends, who went nearly 20 years before winning his first major.

"I cried," McIlroy said. "I cried! I was so happy for him."

Big moments

Jordan Spieth was 11, already honing his putter on a closely mown section of his front yard, when Tiger Woods won the Masters in 2005 for the fourth time. Spieth considers that his favorite major championship victory that wasn't his own.

"It goes back to when Tiger holed that chip on

16 and ended up going to a playoff with Chris DiMarco," Spieth said. "That Masters win because of that shot ... when you're a kid, you want to go out right away and try some kind of similar shot that you saw someone hit."

Nothing was remotely similar until he played Augusta National for the first time in the fall of 2013.

"The first thing I was interested in was going behind 16, putting the tee down wherever that pin was and hitting that shot," he said.

Ten years after watching Woods win a fourth green jacket, Spieth won his first. And perhaps it was only fitting that in the final round, Spieth went long on the 16th and wound up in a similar spot from where Woods chipped in.

"I didn't hit the shot anywhere as good as him," said Spieth, who had to make an 8-footer for par to keep a four-shot lead.

"He was against the collar of the rough, too. That was the coolest shot I ever witnessed and probably ever will witness."

Sometimes

Davis Love III has watched a lot of friends win majors, all special occasions. One of them meant so much to him that he stayed behind even after missing the cut in the 2011 British Open at Royal St

George's. "Darren Clarke winning made me the happiest," Love said.

Even on opposite sides of the Atlantic, Love and Clarke were close. Clarke was 42, five years removed from losing his wife to breast cancer. He was no longer among the top 100 in the world and not even eligible for all the majors. And then, finally, he won the claret jug.

Love recalls waiting to see Justin Leonard win at Royal Troon in 1997.

This was different. "I don't think when I watched Justin get the trophy I had tears in my eyes," Love said.

Favorite golfs

Scott used to get up early Monday morning to watch the Masters. His favorite major, however, was the British Open in 1993 at Royal St. George's, mainly because of the winner.

Greg Norman never won the Masters. He won the claret jug twice, the second time when Scott was a few weeks from turning 13.

"It was such a big moment for me," he said. "I was 5 when he won his other Open. So this was huge. I had more Shark clothing than him at that point. I really remember a lot of the '90s majors, how they all passed out. But my favorite was Greg, because it was Greg."

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Marriage loses intimacy after accident disables husband

DEAR ABBY: Six years ago, my husband of 20 years was in a serious accident. He was placed on disability because of it. Because of the accident, he can't perform sexually because his "goods" don't work. I am many years younger than he is and still in my prime. I need and want the cuddling and intimacy I'm not getting and haven't gotten for years.

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

The issue is, she's very picky with the housekeeping and refuses to hire any help because she says nobody can do the job she does. I feel it's affecting our marriage because after she spends a full day once a week cleaning, she ends up exhausted and in a bad mood.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Troy," takes it as a personal offense that I won't share a hotel room with him and his younger son (age 15) when we go out of town to see his older son play college sports. Troy wants me to go to all of the games, but I have said I will only go when it's the 15-year-old's weekend to be at his mom's (Troy's two sons have different mothers).

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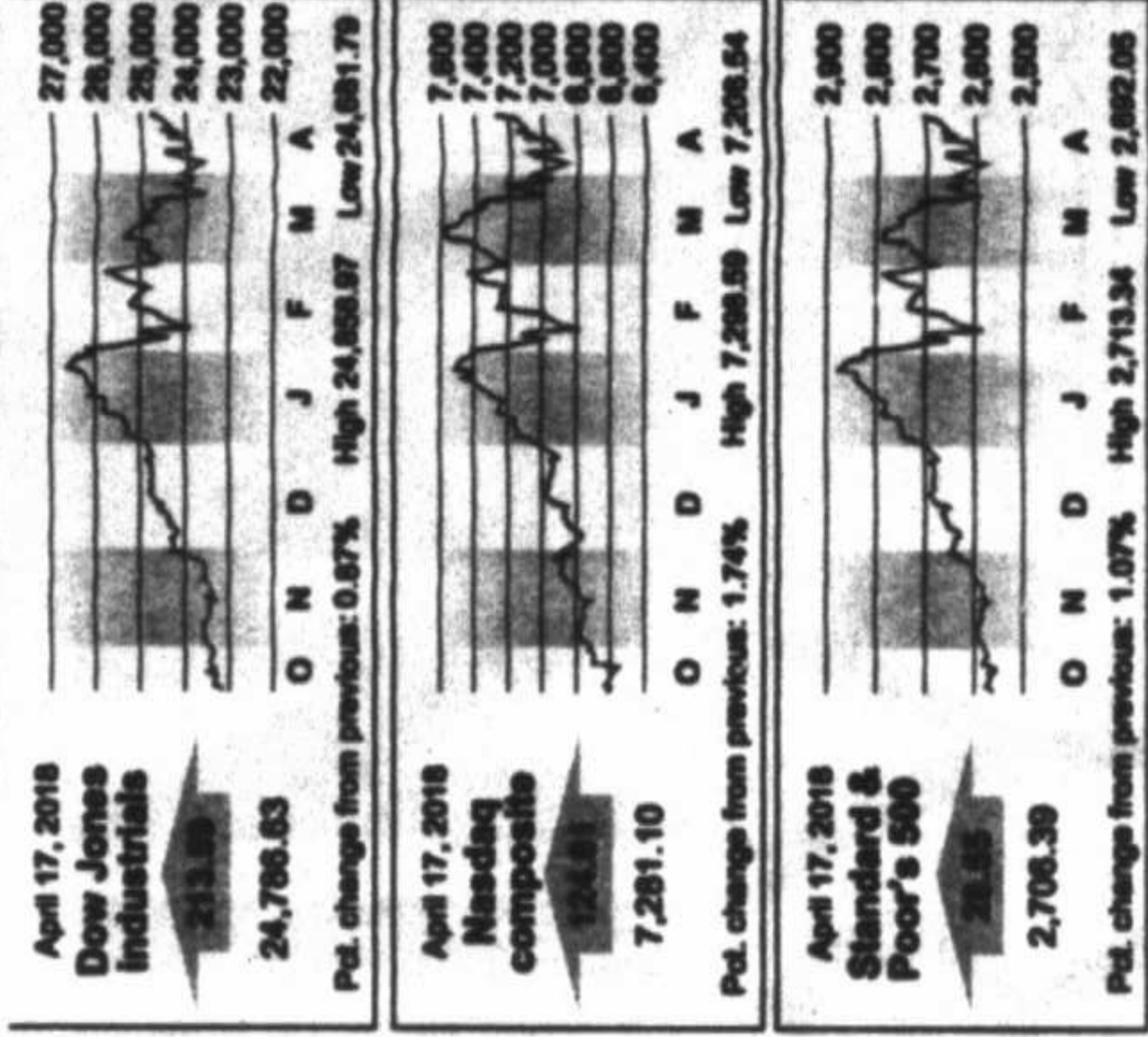


THE MARKET IN REVIEW

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of stock market activity including columns for Name, Bid, Ask, Last, and other market data.

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Summary tables for NYSE Most Active, NYSE Gainers, NYSE Losers, NYSE Averages, and NYSE Volumes.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table of NASDAQ National Market data with columns for Name, Bid, Ask, Last, and other market data.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of Mutual Funds data with columns for Name, Bid, Ask, Last, and other market data.

INDICES

Table of various market indices including Dow Jones, NYSE, and others.

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

Table of Permian Basin Stocks data with columns for Name, Bid, Ask, Last, and other market data.

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Table of American Stock Exchange data with columns for Name, Bid, Ask, Last, and other market data.

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About the job: This is an entry-level position that offers paid vacation, a 401(k) and other benefits. Experience in design is necessary, experience with sports is a plus. Recent college graduates are encouraged to apply. This would be a good job for someone looking to perfect their copy editing/design skills.

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 Administrative Assistant - 558

Perform all routine and specialized secretarial work for the Midland Police Department.

Job Duties:

- Answers phone, take messages, greets visitors and assists citizens with questions or concerns.
- Maintain calendar for assigned personnel.
- Oversee, type and file correspondence.
- Enter data into the computer regarding police actions or projects.
- Process and route mail as needed.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and citizens when acting as a receptionist, answering inquiries, processing information or making referrals to the proper staff person.
- Ability to read and understand manuals and reports in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as computers, copiers and printers. Skill in typing and word processing. Skill and experience in the operation of computerized systems in order to design or complete spreadsheets, forms or word processing assignments, invoices, certificates and programs. Experience in software with personal computers related to spreadsheets, databases and word processing.
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Midland College is seeking an Instructor-Transportation Trainer

Job Summary: The Transportation Trainer will provide instruction and train students in the classroom as well as in driving. The student will be provided with training and experience to obtain a Commercial Driver License.

Required Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Must possess a valid Texas Class "A" Commercial Driver License, good driving record, and be insured on Midland College's insurance policy
- Three years' experience driving "over the road" (OTR) or local
- Experience in pre-trip/post trip inspections, coupling and uncoupling of equipment
- Computer literacy
- Knowledge of rules and regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- Knowledge of Double Clutching techniques and how to teach it as required by TCDPS
- Knowledge of air brake testing procedures and be able to instruct and couple
- Knowledge of Hours of Service Regulations and be able to log and teach log book entries as well as log book recap
- Ability to manage multiple tasks while providing close attention to detail
- Ability to work in cooperation with others and work a flexible schedule based on training needs
- Maintain a high level of record keeping, utilize creativity, and meet frequent deadlines
- Establish goals and maintain a high level of decision making
- Adaptable to a constantly changing environment
- Ability to move or lift/move up to 75 pounds, capable of climbing stairs, balancing, stooping, and repetitive lifting
- Must successfully pass a DOT physical and DOT drug test

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

Qualifications:

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

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 GIS Manager

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

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

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

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

Knowledge of land surveying, municipal governmental operations, regulations and procedures to database.

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

Benefits:

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 NOW HIRING
 Equipment Operator - Landfill

Dispose of refuse through the use of heavy equipment at the Landfill.

Job Duties:

- Dispose of refuse with the use of heavy equipment such as excavators, compactors, shredders and related equipment.
- Maintain accurate records in the Landfill.
- Control release of the pit at the end of each day.
- Maintain all equipment in good working order and have records of service problems. Complete daily maintenance checks to supervisor.
- Perform preventive maintenance on equipment such as oil changes, tire rotation, when carrying out vehicle as required.
- Dispose of refuse as they enter, control and leave the Landfill. Give directions to citizens.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to coordinate work orders or instructions for any project.
- Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to the Landfill. Knowledge of the processes used to analyze and disposal of waste materials. Ability to follow instructions and respond to equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and power tools and heavy machinery utilized in the landfill such as backhoes, compactors, fill, chow and hydraulic systems as well as dump trucks, haulers and rollers. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.
- High school diploma or equivalent, plus one to three years of equipment operation preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required.

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 Planning Division Manager

Manages Planning Division office including professional planners, technicians, and support staff. Reviews plans for conformance by appointed boards and commissions and elected officials.

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

- Employee communication with other employees in the work group. Communication with the general public, developers, outside agencies and other departments within the organization is required.
- Knowledge of planning and zoning process. Skill in observing, reading and interpreting zoning maps. Skill in writing and interpreting budgets. Ability to write and review reports, memos and other correspondence. Ability to supervise and communicate with employees. Basic comprehension of computer use. Valid Texas Driver License.
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent in geography, planning or related field required. Graduate work or advanced degree in planning preferred. Three to five years experience in a related field required, preferably including supervisory experience.

Benefits:

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Perform the installation and repair and general maintenance on vehicles and equipment.

Job Duties:

- Repair flat tires. Remove and install wheels and tire from vehicle and equipment.
- Respond to requests for towing and vehicle work.
- Perform scheduled jump starts on vehicles and equipment.
- Perform diagnostic checks on batteries and alternators. Charge and test as necessary.
- Balance tires.
- Perform engine oil and filter changes. Change transmission oils and filter.
- Change and maintain shop facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
- Change and replace parts.
- Operate with caution, charge and parts and dress work orders as required.
- Perform related duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and visitors in order to diagnose repairs and order materials for repair.
- Knowledge of proper tools used to general automotive repairs. Ability to safely use tools, vehicles and equipment such as hoists, the hoists and jacks, air impact wrenches, ball lifts and correct hand tools. Skill in the reading and practical application of manuals, instructions and other printed instructions issued by city departments. Ability to read, measure and calculate types and sizes of materials needed and ability to measure amount of time that will be used in the repair process. Ability to speak, understand and follow instructions in English.
- High school diploma or equivalent plus one year of general service center experience is required. Experience in towing vehicles, changing all grades of tires, and repair or replacing cables and hose equipment lines is also required. Employee must have dependable transportation and a telephone at their residence. A valid Texas license required, CDL preferred. Must have a State of Texas Insurance License or ability to obtain within 30 days.

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- Connect and disconnect hoses, operating pumps and valves for loading and unloading
- Complete all paperwork accurately and timely, if applicable
- Complete other related tasks as assigned by manager

Minimum Requirements:

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

Supervisory Responsibilities:

No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

Work Environment:

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

Physical Demands:

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

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- All other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:

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

Work Environment:

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Physical Demands:

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

Position type and expected hours of work:

This is a full-time position.

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Right-Of-Way Manager

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

Budgetary Responsibilities:

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

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

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

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

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

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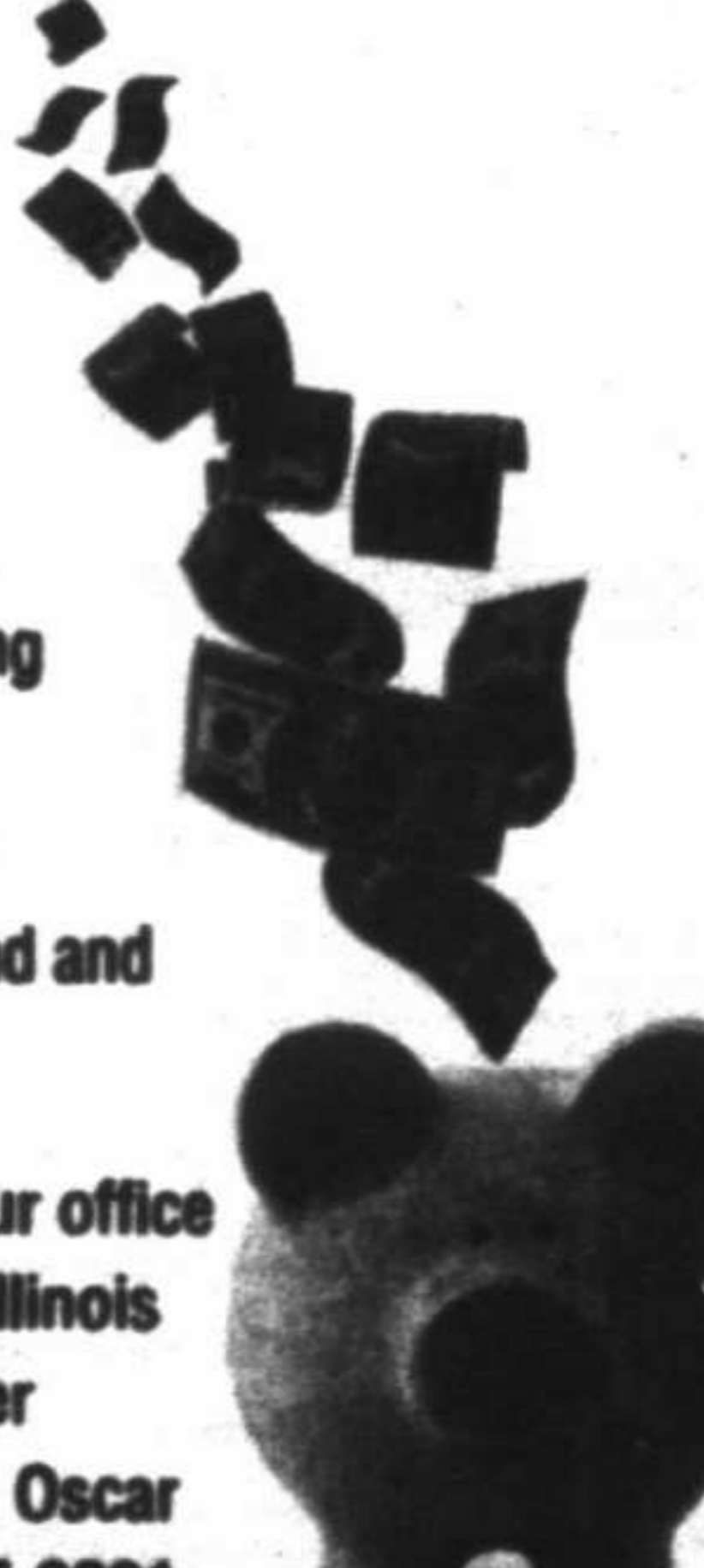
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Job Duties:

- Prepares special studies and reports related to both subdivisions and preservation studies. Assists with comprehensive plan and studies and updates as necessary.
- Prepares detailed reports such as annual population estimates.
- Reviews requests and prepares written reports for zone change and proposed subdivisions and applications and special studies.
- Presents information and recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Reviews subdivisions applications including temporary land uses, special events, public rights of way, etc.
- Responds to public inquiries concerning development of the city in general as well as specific areas.
- Researches, compares and analyzes land use and related data.
- Works with the public and developers in answering questions and providing information.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

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

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

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

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

Qualifications:

Ability to work with dispatch equipment and communicate with citizens and emergency personnel in highly stressful, possibly emergency situations. Employee communicates with other employees in the work group, citizens and other law enforcement agencies in order to discuss requests for services and possible criminal activities. Will also exchange information or request assistance from other agencies and make referrals when necessary.

Ability to read and understand technical and professional manuals in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skilled in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as specialized computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 35 WPM.

Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests.

- Keyboarding
- Data Entry Test
- Data Entry MT (Audio)
- Call Simulation Test
- Literacy Read-Retain (Audio)
- Map Reading
- Spelling
- Business Clarity
- Reading Comprehension

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

DAYS & HOURS:

Rotating Shifts; Rotating Days Off - Valid Texas Driver License.

Benefits:

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

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MIDLAND NOW HIRING

Recycle Supervisor

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

SUBSIDIARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with employees and to resolve work orders or inquiries for any project. Interacts frequently with the public, vendors, and governmental agency representatives.

Ability to read, interpret, and understand local, state, and federal regulations related to disposal of refuse. Knowledge of processes used in the disposal of solid waste. Skilled in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities. Ability to talk others in safe operation of equipment. Ability to work with each and others in cash-handling duties. Ability to properly evaluate activities and make recommendations for improvement. Good public relations skills as well as verbal and written communication skills.

High school diploma or general education degree required and some college preferred. One to three years of experience in Solid Waste either supervisory nature assisting the work of others preferred. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License and possess or acquire a valid Texas Class "W" Municipal Solid Waste Operator License within ten years of hire date.

Benefits:

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

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Shop Hands

Doing Company looking for experienced hands in the shop:

- QC - Safety Technicians - (Please Reheat)
- Asphalters Pay: Please call: 432-684-2910 or 432-687-1408

WAREHOUSE CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSOCIATE

Big Spring Oil Company, 9910 S. FM 7788, Midland, Texas 79706

Warehouse Customer Service Associate Duties Include: Answer phone calls, take customer orders, coordinate deliveries, maintain inventory, ensure items are well labeled, keep all files current, handle computer data/telephone requests. Good pay, Good benefits, Life's dream. Response to pgibson@bigspring.com for an interview

SAPPAFO WILD WINGS

Small flying club from Odessa. Good times on the part to 802-787-8891 or email at greg@midlandtexas.com

RESTAURANT FOOD SERVICES

Cashier & General Help
KD's Bar-B-Q is looking for cashier & general help. Have a good attitude, love working with others and work hard? Then we want you!

Server / Host / Bartender
Are you fun, attractive, charming & have a great personality? Do you love making great money while having fun at your job? If so, we want you!

Full Time Cashier
Health Food Store is taking applications for energetic and friendly full-time cashiers. Pleasant work environment, friendly customers, caring management, generous employee discount and paid vacations.

Full Time Receiving
Health food store is taking applications for a receiving person. Five day work week. 30-40 hrs per week. Positive work environment, caring management and pleasant customers.

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

Digital Media Account Executive
We must be alarmingly enterprising and startlingly original. We must be honest and fearless. And we must sport a revolution. William Randolph Hearst, 1887

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

Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve their business objectives. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses.

As a Digital Media Account Executive, you can expect the following:
• Drive digital product sales
• Be the Digital Media Guru with a solid understanding of Digital Media, Marketing and Advertising.

Requirements:
• Highly knowledgeable with digital media, SEO, SEM, Digital Advertising.
• Confidence in pitching and closing business.
• Strong focus on teamwork and ability to manage relationships across multiple departments

The perks:
• A great work environment it's never boring here!
• Paid in-depth sales and product training.
• Competitive base salary, uncapped commissions for unlimited earning potential, and significant opportunity for advancement within the company

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

Tapers & Painters
Now hiring experienced Tapers and Painters asap. Must come to office to fill out application at 800 W. Ohio Street, Ste 201 A, Midland from 9am-3pm Monday - Friday. 432-852-7888

MIDLAND NOW HIRING Engineering Tech - Construction Inspector

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

Job Duties:
• Inspect forms, materials and workmanship for compliance with plans and specifications. Verify materials and workmanship as required.
• Maintain daily diary and records on projects including emergency telephone numbers for key people.
• Maintain inspection project files for all phases of construction for each project. Provide information to update record drawings.

Qualifications:
• Must be able to read and communicate by hand-held radio. Must be able to use a variety of machines, including personal computers, printers, calculators, scanners and large document copier are preferred.

Must have a valid Texas Driver's License and a good driving record. Employees must be able to effectively communicate with other employees in the work group. Must be able to effectively respond to questions from construction, engineers, inspectors, or city staff regarding work performed or applicable specifications related to a design or construction project.

Must have obtained a High School diploma or equivalent (GED) plus 5 years of experience in civil construction trades. College degree or construction certification preferred. Extensive knowledge of asphalt, concrete, and local laws and requirements regarding construction, mapping and safety standards.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
• Employee Wellness Program
• Tuition Reimbursement
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SALES JOBS

Employment Account Executive

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Join Midland's leading media company and become part of the winning sales team that offers advertisers a robust suite of digital and print products to help them achieve hiring needs. We are seeking digital savvy, highly motivated sales professionals to sell our marketing solutions to local businesses.

The ideal candidate will have experience in the Human Resources area and will maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships with hiring managers. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local and regional businesses.

Responsibilities include:
• Consistently meets/exceeds revenue goals.
• Develops relationships with HR departments throughout West Texas to sell and promote Texas Back to Work.

The Ideal Candidate:
• Experience within Human Resources or Employment Agency is preferred.
• You have an outgoing, resilient personality
• You enjoy the thrill of the hunt by bringing in new business

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

What's in it for you?
• Paid training
• Competitive Base Salary & Commissions
• Medical, Dental and Vision Coverage

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CDL DRIVERS, TECHNICIANS, YARD PERSONNEL AND MORE NEEDED IN MIDLAND

IMPACT! Chemical Technologies is seeking MULTIPLE POSITIONS including: Laboratory Technicians, Blend Plant Personnel, Yard Personnel, CDL Drivers, Service Technicians. Experience a Plus. Excellent pay and benefits. Please send resumes to bhannon@impactchemtech.com or PO Box 10687, Midland, TX 79702.

MIDLAND NOW HIRING Systems Administrator

Perform network and system support functions on segments of the computer environment, including planned and emergency maintenance, performance and security analysis, and monitoring, testing, and implementing new products and programs.

Job Duties:
• Design and coordinate segments of the IT architecture
• Manage server applications, including but not limited to email, Active Directory, operating systems, and email.
• Produce and maintain IT design, architectural, and specifications documentation, as needed.

Qualifications:
• Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science plus two years of experience in a related field is required.
• Four years experience may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree requirement.
• Valid Texas Driver's License

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
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MIDLAND NOW HIRING Fleet Technician

Diagnose, repair and maintain city trucks and heavy equipment. Diagnose equipment and vehicle malfunctions such as engine, steering, suspension control, electrical, and heating and air conditioning. Estimate costs and submit to specifications.

Job Duties:
• Diagnose equipment and vehicle malfunctions such as engine, steering, suspension control, electrical, and heating and air conditioning. Estimate costs and submit to specifications.
• Determine the appropriateness of all-site repairs such as oil and filter changes, tire and muffler for state vehicles.

Qualifications:
• High School graduate or GED
• Knowledge of power tools used in welding and fabrication
• Three years training as a mechanic or in a related field
• Valid Texas Class A CDL Driver's License with one year of employment
• Texas Department of Public Safety Inspector Certificate (preferred) within one year of employment.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
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MULTIPLE POSITIONS

Now Hiring in Midland to Six Heavy Machinery Operators such as, Bulldozers, Backhoes, Grabs, Excavator, Water Truck and Daily Dumpers. Pay is based on experience and hourly. Full time hours plus OT. If interested please email Tully at Tully@midlandnow.com or call 432-852-7888.

PAID LEAD

MIDLAND NOW HIRING Code Enforcement Officer

Perform inspections of private and public properties to ensure compliance with municipal ordinances, zoning and land use regulations which govern the maintenance of property, grounds and structures.

Job Duties:
• Visually inspect properties for code violations as initiated by a complaint or routine inspection.
• Enter data into the computer to generate notice of violations to property owners or to record inspections.
• Respond to citizen calls regarding code violations, mail information regarding zoning or city regulations.
• Research planned districts, nonconforming uses, plots and legal uses of property for the department.

Qualifications:
• Ability to effectively communicate with developers, citizens and other employees in order to provide information regarding city codes and possible violations.
• Ability to read and understand materials including City Ordinances, professional blueprints, correspondence and manuals. Ability to write reports and correspondence. Skills in math. Skills in communication both orally and in writing. Knowledge of office equipment including personal computer.

High school diploma or equivalent and a valid Texas driver's license required. Certification through Texas Department Health as a Certified Code Enforcement Officer, or ability to obtain after one year of training. Certification as Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector, or ability to obtain within one year.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
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MIDLAND NOW HIRING Customer Service (Field Work)

Perform field work regarding current or past water service.

Job Duties:
• Turn water on for new customers, disconnect water for customers leaving or re-connects service that has been disconnected. Obtain new or current readings due to new service or broken lines.
• Sets meters to establish or re-establish service.
• Checks past due utility bills so that water can be connected.

Qualifications:
• Ability to effectively communicate with citizens, other departments and employees in order to provide information on current repairs or the reading of meters.
• Ability to read work orders and maps in order to find street locations. Skill in math in determining amount of water utilized. Skill in the use of variety of hand tools such as shovels, meter wrenches and meter keys.

Valid Texas Driver's License required. Employee must be bondable. Benefits:
• Health care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
• Employee Wellness Program
• Tuition Reimbursement
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MIDLAND NOW HIRING Effluent Distribution Technician

Maintains plants in good working order and prevents holding ponds from overflowing.

Job Duties:
• Operates which pump units to operate and maintains center plants in good working order. Repairs and services when necessary.
• Operates gates and bypass system in order to store water without allowing holding ponds to overflow. Determines when and where to store water.
• Monitors operations in order to apply the proper amount of water.
• Repairs water line leaks and breaks.
• Uses equipment such as loaders and backhoes in order to fill gutters caused by operations.

Qualifications:
• Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.
• Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders in order to maintain or repair meters or parts. Skill in writing to record results.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus six months to one year of experience. C Operator's certification from the THRC. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
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MIDLAND NOW HIRING Electronics Tech - Airport

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

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

Qualifications:
• Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.
• Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Skill in the operation of hand tools and equipment such as electrical measuring tools and test sets.

High school diploma or equivalent plus five to seven years of experience as an electronics technician. Journeyman's License as an electronics specialist. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:
• Health care Plans
• Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
• Paid Holidays
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PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES NOW HIRING Transportation Truck Driver

Responsible for driving Water, Dump, and/or Daily Dump Truck and hauling water/soil to drill rigs, building areas, etc. Must adhere to all local and state laws.

Qualifications:
• High school education or equivalent.
• Experience can range from documented truck driving experience preferred to one year as a utility truck driver required.
• Valid Class A CDL with Tanker endorsement.
• Clean driving record.
• Safety conscious and communicative with supervisors and employees.

Benefits:
• Medical, Dental, & Vision
• Pension/Retiree Plan
• 401 K
• Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
• Employee Paid Life
• Tuition Reimbursement
• Credit Union Center
Apply at www.pioneerresources.com



Electrical/Electronics Tech - WPP

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

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

- Job Duties:
-Troubleshoots and repairs electrical service to any facility within the Utilities Department.
-Troubleshoots and repairs control circuits at any facility within the Utilities Department.
-Troubleshoots and repairs SCADA equipment at any facility within the Utilities Department.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. A valid Apprentice Electrician license from the State of Texas or have successfully completed 12 college hours of electronics coursework would be preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must also obtain a valid state of Texas class 'C' or above motor works license.

- Benefits:
-Health care Plans
-Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
-Paid Holidays
-Employee Wellness Program
-Tuition Reimbursement
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Maintenance Specialist - Animal Services

Maintains the animal shelter and grounds, provides quality care for the animals in our custody and assists the public and other animal control personnel.

- Job Duties:
-Processes animals that are brought to the animal shelter by providing health evaluations, parasite controls, scanning for microchips and placing in the proper holding area.
-Maintains the sanitation and environment of kennel areas, cat facilities, quarantine areas, wildlife facilities and sick/aged animal room.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or animals that may be in the kennel.

- High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas driver's license required. Must be able to obtain Department of State Health Services Basic Certification within six months of employment. Must be able to obtain euthanasia certification within six months of employment.
Benefits:
-Health care Plans
-Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
-Paid Holidays
-Employee Wellness Program
-Tuition Reimbursement
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Utility Plant Operator - Water Purification Plant

The primary function of a Water Plant employee is to perform semi-skilled and skilled operations and maintenance duties in our water facility, including monitoring, operating, maintaining and adjusting equipment. Additionally, an employee performs data collection and reporting functions to ensure compliance with Federal and State water quality requirements & Standards.

- Job Duties:
-Conducts and computes chemical analysis of water samples. Interprets and logs results.
-Controls water treatment processes to meet regulatory standards.
-Operates and maintains various water plant equipment and machinery.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.
SKILL in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. SKILL in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. Must work rotating shifts.

- High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid 'C' Surface Water license from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must possess a valid class 'C' Texas driver's license.
Benefits:
-Health care Plans
-Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
-Paid Holidays
-Employee Wellness Program
-Tuition Reimbursement
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Equipment Operator - Water and Wastewater

Performs manual and unskilled labor of more than ordinary difficulty, which often involves the use of acquired skills and operates several types of light vehicles and equipment. Does related work and training as required.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas CDL Class A driver's license required or must be obtained within 6 months of employment. Must possess or be able to obtain Wastewater Certification Class I and Water Distribution D Certificate within a reasonable length of time.

- Benefits:
-Health care Plans
-Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
-Paid Holidays
-Employee Wellness Program
-Tuition Reimbursement
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Maintenance Specialist - Parks - Sports Complex

Performs all routine maintenance work for the parks division of the sports complex, including special events.

- Job Duties:
-Performs routine buildings and grounds maintenance.
-Removes trash from containers.
-Repairs grounds and athletic areas and facilities for repairs. Fills out reports and submits to supervisor.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.

- High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas Driver's License, CDL preferred.
Benefits:
-Health care Plans
-Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
-Paid Holidays
-Employee Wellness Program
-Tuition Reimbursement
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Well Field Technician - Pool Boils

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Purification and associated potable water storage.

- Job Duties:
-Assists other Utility Department Divisions as required.
-Performs Operations & maintenance duties as required at WPP.
-Controls water distribution processes to meet regulatory standards.

RELOCATION MANDATORY
SKILL in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, valves and lower operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity and electronics. SKILL in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. On call 50% of evenings and weekends.

- High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid 'C' Groundwater license from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Must possess a valid Texas Class 'C' CDL required or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.
Benefits:
-Health care Plans
-Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
-Paid Holidays
-Employee Wellness Program
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Field Service Techs, Shop Techs & Machinist
J&W Services and Equipment Company is seeking Field Service Technicians, Shop Technicians and Machinist. Experience preferred. However, we are willing to train. Hourly pay and overtime with benefits of group health, dental, life insurance and vacation pay. There is an opportunity to earn commissions and be awarded bonuses.



Instrumentation & Electrical Technician

Maintains all electrical equipment used to monitor and control oil well services equipment. Home nights.

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

- Comprehensive Benefits package:
-Medical, Dental, & Vision
-Prescription Drug
-401 K
-Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
-Company Paid Life
-Tuition Reimbursement
-Onsite Fitness Center
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Well Field Technician - Airport Well Field

Has primary responsibility for operation and maintenance of well fields, Water Purification Plant and associated potable water storage.

- Job Duties:
-Assists other Utility Department divisions as required.
-Performs operations and maintenance duties as required at WPP.
-Controls water distribution processes to meet regulatory standards.

SKILL in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, valves and lower operations and maintenance. Knowledge of electricity and electronics. SKILL in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. On call 50% of evenings and weekends.

- High school diploma or equivalent required. Must receive and retain a valid 'C' Groundwater license from the State of Texas within 3 years of employment. Must receive Hazmat Awareness level and SCBA certifications within 1 year of employment. Must remain qualified to wear SCBA. Valid Texas class 'C' CDL required or must be obtained within 1 year of employment.
Benefits:
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-Paid Holidays
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Lab Technician

The employee is responsible for performing, monitoring, and interpreting the results of tests necessary for the operation and regulatory compliance of the water and wastewater operations of the City of Midland. They are also responsible for the interpretation and implementation of regulations promulgated by State and Federal authorities.

Qualifications:
SKILL in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Must have SKILL in setting up and running analytical equipment. Employee generates reports and reports of work performed. Ability to perform chemical analysis. Must have thorough knowledge of chemistry and good knowledge of water and wastewater treatment. Must possess knowledge of computer software and applications. Working in a laboratory setting.

- Job Duties:
-Responsible for the daily operation of laboratories in support of the Utilities Department. Conduct bacteriological, chemical, physical and instrumental analysis of water and wastewater samples submitted to the laboratory.
-Maintains equipment and supplies for the laboratory as well as for the City's facilities. This includes accurately maintaining extensive records testing all chemicals, supplies, and equipment used for daily operations.
-Conducts, analyzes, and interprets results of environmental, water and wastewater samples.
-Prepares reagents for use at the laboratory and performs standardization of reagents to ensure quality.
-Adjusts material work area, supplies, and equipment in an orderly, safe, and clean manner.
-Maintains accurate and extensive analytical data records of data for future use, development and reports on complaints and all other problems delegated by the Director of Utilities.
-Makes monthly reports as required to the Water Regulatory Agencies and Utilities.
-Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
-Keeps abreast of State/Federal regulations and makes recommendations on their impacts to the City.
-Performs related duties as required. Available for on-call obligations and work on weekends as needed.

Qualifications:
Employee has contact with general public, other employees, and other organizations.
SKILL in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Must have SKILL in setting up and running analytical equipment. Employee generates reports and reports of work performed. Ability to perform chemical analysis. Must have thorough knowledge of chemistry and good knowledge of water and wastewater treatment. Must possess knowledge of computer software and applications. Working in a laboratory setting.



Local Drivers

Local trash drivers needed. Home nights, local routes, scheduled shifts 5am-5pm (147 rotational) never on call, optional overtime.

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

- Comprehensive Benefits package:
-Medical, Dental, & Vision
-Prescription Drug
-401 K
-Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
-Company Paid Life
-Tuition Reimbursement
-Onsite Fitness Center
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Utility Plant Operator - WPP

Assists in the operation of the waste water treatment plant.

- Job Duties:
-Conducts water samples for testing and analysis in primary treatment area.
-Operates and maintains primary treatment equipment and observes the operation of related plant equipment.
-Troubleshoots, records information and reports problems to the Operator, or other personnel.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and supervisors on plant condition and in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.
Ability to read operator's manuals, gauges and work orders to collect samples for analysis. SKILL in setting up and running analytical equipment.

- High school diploma or equivalent required plus ability to obtain C operator's certification from the THROC within established time constraints. Valid Texas Driver's License.
DAYS & HOURS:
Rotating 8hr; Rotating Days Off
Benefits:
-Health care Plans
-Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
-Paid Holidays
-Employee Wellness Program
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Field Service Technician/Shop Technician
VAN ZANDT Controls is a dynamic and growing Valve Automation, Flow Measurement & Instrumentation Company located in Odessa, TX. We are currently looking to fill the following positions:
Field Service Technician
- Troubleshoot & Repair different Types of Actuators
- Make Adjustments, setting Valves and Checking for Proper Output
- Maintain a Safe Work Environment at All Times
Shop Technicians:
- Build & Repair different Types of Valves and Actuators
- Be capable of Understanding Technical Documents
- Knowledge of Valve Actuators a Plus
Please call 409-468-4288 or send your resume to: Steve Letch - sletch@vanzandt.com
Applicants must be reliable and have clean driving record



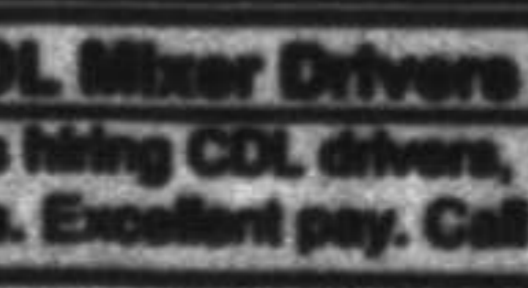
Plant Maintenance Mechanic - Water Purification Plant

Performs skilled & semi-skilled maintenance duties as they relate to equipment repair and upkeep. Performs manufacturer recommended preventative maintenance on equipment of the Water Purification Plant.

- Job Duties:
-Repairs equipment including pumps, chemical feeders, valves and specialized equipment.
-Performs preventative maintenance on plant equipment according to manufacturer's recommendations.
-Performs general maintenance at plants including but not limited to cleaning and painting of water treatment basins and painting of equipment.
-Performs electrical work including wiring of electrical motors, switches, and panels.
-Troubleshoots electrical problems including checking and reporting control circuits.
-Drives as a shift relief as needed, ensuring full authority, duties and responsibilities of position that is being filled.
-Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:
Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.
SKILL in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of plant operations and maintenance. SKILL in performing mathematical calculations. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment. SKILL in the use of hand tools, test equipment, and cutting tools. May work rotating shifts.

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One single combined PDF proposal shall be submitted to the email addresses provided in "00100 - Instruction to Bidders" addressed to Mr. John Sedbrook & Mr. Ryan Kennedy, and clearly denote: "Bid Package #1: Hwy 191 Bore & Utility Work".

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Bid documents are available on the website below:

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Contact John Sedbrook by email at jsedbrook@garney.com to receive login credentials for the above-mentioned website. It is necessary to input contact information on the website once you log in. Alerts will be sent to the e-mail addresses provided as Bid Packages and Project Updates become available.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday April 17th at 2:00 p.m. at the Garney Construction Midland office located at 1830 Andrews Hwy., Ste 104.

Proposal Documents may be downloaded from the above-mentioned website for free. No hard copies will be made available. It is the responsibility of the interested party to download and print all necessary documents. Please contact John Sedbrook by email: jsedbrook@garney.com or phone at 720.407.9160 with any questions.

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., May 2, 2018 to be opened at 2:30 P.M. in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following bid(s):

Bid No. 18002014

For: Gypcam

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Midland Independent School District
Midland, Texas
Notice to Vendors
Request for Charter Bus Services

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal(s) for RFP #18-13 Charter Bus Services through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the proposal documents in the office of Rebecca Hill, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Room 704, Midland, Texas at 2:30 P.M. Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Request for Proposal documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandtexas.com/bidsales. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1985.

Public Notice
Proposal #2018-014

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals to paint the breezeway of several buildings located on the main campus. There will be a Pre-Proposal Meeting 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 26, 2018 in the Maintenance Facility and Warehouse Breakroom. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 2600 N. Garland, Midland, Texas. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 8, 2018 in the Purchasing Office, at which time they will be opened and vendor names read into record. For proposed project information contact Barbara Farnett, Director of Purchasing, (432) 690-4250 or bfarnett@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids submitted.

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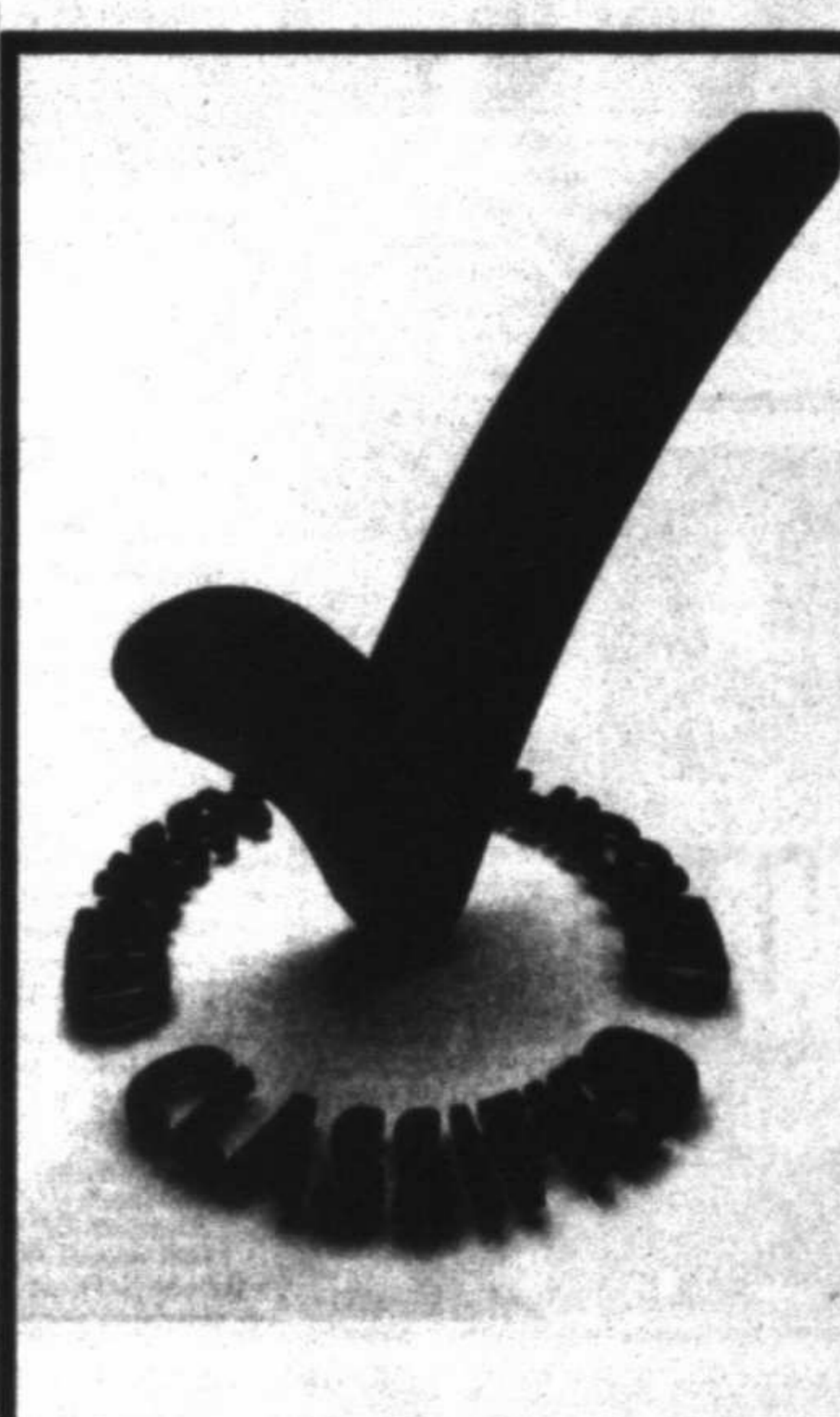
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