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City: Large vehicles need to use specific routes

■ Roads are deteriorating faster because of heavy loads

By Stewart Doreen
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City of Midland officials want to see oilfield truck traffic and other larger-scale vehicles with trailers to stay off city roads. The message that came from the City Council retreat last week is city staff needed to come up with short- and long-term measures that discourage the type of truck traffic that Midlanders see on a daily basis. City staff said better education and enforcement is key to getting truckers from using roads they aren't supposed to be on inside the city. The hope is that less traffic means roads last longer. Deterioration of roads currently hap-

Council zoning

New zoning ordinances could be approved for the first time since the early 1980s.

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pens at much faster rates because of trucks pulling cargo that weighs in the tens of thousands of pounds. "Oilfield traffic needs to stay off city streets," Councilman J. Ross Lacy said. "When you are talking about 80,000-pound loads — (the roads) were not built for that type of traffic." During last week's council retreat, city leaders asked staff to look into an "Odessa"-type ordinance, which is reported to be more restrictive for those vehicles with three or more axels.

Midland's current ordinance says that "no person shall operate a truck, truck-tractor, trailer or pole-trailer which has three or more axles on any street, roadway or highway within the city except upon the following portions of the following streets, which are hereby designated as "truck routes":

- I-20 in its entirety within Midland city limits;
- Loop 20 in its entirety within Midland city limits;
- State Highway 158 in its entirety within Midland city limits;
- State Highway 191 in its entirety within Midland city limits;
- State Highway 349 in its entirety within Midland city limits;
- Business SH 349 from Loop 250 to SH 349; and
- Fairgrounds Road from south Midland city limits to its northern terminus.

Trucks can depart from such routes when it is necessary to load and unload merchandise at locations situated off designated routes, according to the city ordinance, "provided such vehicles shall follow and use the most direct "local truck route."

The following portions of the following streets are designated as "local truck routes":

- Wadley Avenue;
- Business SH 158 (from loop 250 to West Wall Street);
- Business Interstate 20 from west Midland city limits to east city limits;
- West Wall Street from Business 20 to Business SH 349;
- Florida Avenue from Garfield Street to I-20;

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WIN WITH WITTEN



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Jason Witten, who announced his retirement earlier this month from the Dallas Cowboys, shared stories of what it takes to "win with character." His question-and-answer presentation at Mid-Cities Community Church was hosted by Lubbock Christian University. Read about his appearance on Page 1C. Pictured at left, former Cowboys offensive tackle Ryan Young.

US shale drillers to help fill the void left by sanctions against Iran

By James Osbourne
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump announced Tuesday he was pulling the United States from the Iran nuclear deal and reinstating sanctions, curbing supply from the Middle East at a time oil prices at their highest level in three years. Oil prices had been climbing steadily for weeks in anticipation of the announcement, with analysts warning of a more severe price spike

should Trump carry through. West Texas Intermediate was trading for more than \$70 a barrel Monday, before falling off slightly Tuesday. With crude production near 4 million barrels a day — the equivalent of Texas — Iran is the world's sixth largest oil producer, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. But only a fraction of that supply is expected to come offline. Trump has so far failed to win over his counterparts in Asia, some of whom, including China and India, have sig-

naled they plan to continue to import Iranian crude despite U.S. sanctions. "This time, we don't think it will be anywhere near as successful as it was in 2012," Edward Morse, global head of commodities research at Citi, told CNBC, referring to sanctions imposed against Iran by the Obama administration. With crude prices rising and producers within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

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Environmental groups file petition for dunes sagebrush lizard

■ Conservation plan is being revised, Comptroller's Office says

By Mella McEwen
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Displeased with the 2012 decision to not list the dunes sagebrush lizard as endangered and alarmed at the growth of oil and gas operations and frac sand mining in its habitat, two environmental groups are again seeking its listing as an endangered species.

The Center for Biodiversity and the Defenders of Wildlife on Tuesday petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list the lizard under the Endangered Species Act.

The move was immediately criticized by oil and gas associations. "This is yet another attempt by anti-industry groups to shut down the Permian Basin oil and gas industry," Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, told the Reporter-Telegram by email. "The Permian Basin is the most prolific oil-producing region in North America and that makes us a high-value target of the environmentalists."

Todd Staples, president of the Texas Oil & Gas Association, issued a statement saying, "Texas oil and natural gas companies and private landowners have been working together for years to protect the dunes sagebrush lizard. The industry has invested millions of dollars in voluntary conservation efforts that are working to protect the species and its habitat. Listing the species remains unwarranted and would shut down significant oil and natural gas production and activity, which is the intent of the groups filing this latest petition."

"Like previous attempts to list the dunes sagebrush lizard, this filing has nothing to do with the lizard's habitat. These groups routinely use the federal government to raise money to fund an anti-oil and gas agenda, wasting tax dollars and eroding our national energy and economic security," Staples said.

"Science clearly shows the immediate need to list the species to prevent its extinction," Chris Nagano, senior scientist for the center, said during a conference call with media regarding the petition. Ya-Wei (Jake) Li, director of the Center for

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Are employed by MISD to care for students.
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Word of the Day: menagerie

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Council takes first look at updates to zoning ordinance

Changes could make it easier to develop apartments, workforce housing

By Stewart Doreen
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It has been a long time coming, but the Midland City Council is getting its first look at "key updates" to the city's zoning ordinance.

City officials report current ordinances were originally written in the early 1980s, and this has caused issues with development of a growing community.

This updating project goes back to 2014 and has been through drafts, reviews and updates, according to officials involved in the project. Council members seemed eager to finally have a look at the updates and asked why it took "so long" for the updates to be produced.

Chuck Harrington, Development Services director for the city of Midland, said the goal of updating the zoning ordinance is to provide better development for the way Midland is growing.

"We are working with an ordinance originally written in 1982," Harrington said. "You can imagine how development and standards have changed over time."

Highlights include the reducing of the number of zoning districts from 28 to 20, the inclusion

of design elements in the non-residential standards, the requirement of three acres for planned development districts and revising height requirements to reflect current construction practices.

The changes also add multi-family density options (currently, zoning of more than 16 units per acre is not allowed). City officials said this could bring more housing options, which are needed because housing prices are at or near record highs and apartment rents are increasing.

"Sixteen units per acre is pretty low, especially as expensive as our land is," Harrington said.

The timeline moving forward includes giving the City Attorney's Office a chance to go through the most recent updates in the 170-page report and allowing the City Council an opportunity to digest it.

After both have taken place — in maybe as early as 60 days — the updates could be presented for public consumption, and may be placed on the city's website. The ordinance will require a pair of council readings.

"There needs to be further discussion with the development community," Mayor Jerry Morales said.

Man arrested on assault charge

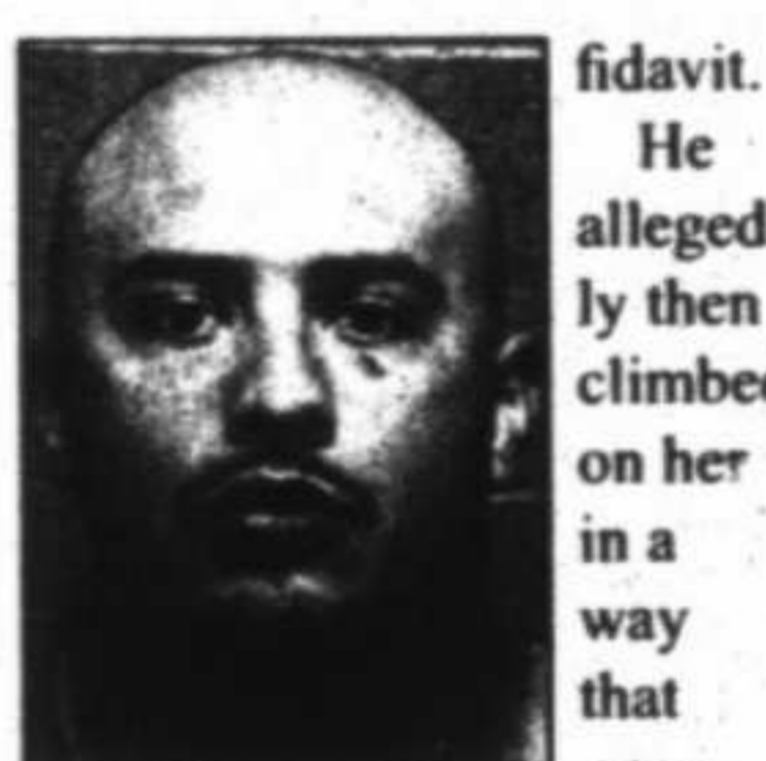
From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Sunday after allegedly assaulting a female, according to court documents.

Marvin Antonio Rodriguez Cuevas, 26, was released Monday on a \$20,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family/house member by impeding breath/circulation.

A Midland police officer was dispatched at about noon Sunday in reference to a disturbance.

Rodriguez Cuevas was in a residence when he grabbed a female and placed her on the floor, according to his arrest af-



Cuevas

fidavit. He allegedly then climbed on her in a way that prevented her

from moving, placed his hands over her throat and started to choke her, impeding her breathing.

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



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Parents gather Tuesday morning outside MISD Administration Building to protest the school district administration's handling of bullying cases in schools.

Protesters call attention to MISD bullying

By Simone Jasper
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Parents disappointed with the Midland ISD administration's handling of bullying gathered Tuesday on a Mission organized by the event, which group members hoped would be a chance to spark change.

Among those protesting in front of MISD Central Office was Maddie Linscombe. While dealing with a bullying case involving her daughter, she hoped for a different approach from the district's administrators.

"I have to be the voice for my child," Linscombe said. "I'm the one who has to see her every day suffer, and I'm just not going to stand for it."

Linscombe joined about 15 parents outside the MISD Central Office on Tuesday. Some protesters held signs and wore T-shirts with messages related to their cause.

"I hope it shows the administration that the mothers of these children are paying attention," MISD parent Machel Morris said before the protest. "We're watching what this new administration is going to do about these important issues."

Morris read about Midland Moms on a Mission and said she felt a connec-

Protesters talk

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tion because of an incident in which her daughter was victimized. Morris said it seems the situation was placated instead of being addressed.

"I hope the administration understands that when moms feel like they have to become a group to protect their children, we're not going to go away," Morris said. "We will see that something is done."

For mother Naomi Robledo, joining the protest was a chance to support friends whose kids experienced bullying. She hoped the event would bring awareness to the issue.

"The children are scared to speak up for themselves, so I'm here to help give them a voice," she said.

Robledo encouraged others to join in efforts to call for change. She said more Midlanders can step in, not only the ones who are MISD parents.

"We need all the support we can get," Robledo said. "Everybody at least knows somebody that's in MISD. If your kids aren't in it, then I'm sure you know somebody whose (children) are."

Midland Moms on a

Statement from MISD

At Midland ISD, the safety of our students is our top priority. We take every bullying allegation seriously and conduct a thorough investigation for each report received to ensure our students are safe and protected at school. To make certain that we properly address and investigate any allegation of a bullying situation, we follow a very thorough process. All bullying reports submitted go to the executive director of Student Services, the campus principal and assistant principal(s). The campus handles the investigation. Each campus is equipped with a variety of tools and a bullying checklist. The campus also conducts interviews with the alleged victim, the alleged aggressor(s), and any potential witnesses, which may include other students, district staff and members of the community.

If an investigation concludes any misbehavior, the district disciplines according to the Student Code of Conduct which is based on Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code. The district also provides counseling and any other resources available, including third party referrals, to the victim and the aggressor, if needed.

Family Educational Rights and Protection Act (FERPA) restricts the district from sharing student information that results from an investigation. Therefore, school districts are not allowed to publicly share details or the outcome of an investigation. Just because certain information is protected by law and not allowed to be publicly disclosed, doesn't mean the district doesn't take action to resolve a bullying situation or inappropriate behavior on a campus.

We understand that our students can not perform academically if they do not feel safe. Our staff strives to provide an enriching academic environment that provides a place of comfort and security for all of our students.

Mission formed this year as a way for mothers to have a space to share their stories. Nearly 1,000 parents have joined.

"We've had a lot of doors closed in our faces, and we've had a lot of exciting things happen," said Dani Shepard, who helped organize the event. "Unfortunately though, the progress is too slow for us."

The Reporter-Telegram was outside the MISD Central Office from about

9:05 a.m. until about 11:15 a.m. and didn't observe the entire group entering the building. Newspaper staff didn't see a district administrator come outside to address protesters as a whole.

District staff had been in contact with the protesters, Lacy Sperry, executive director of communications and public relations, told the Reporter-Telegram Tuesday afternoon.

More Americans expect to work until 70; there are benefits

By Sarah Skidmore See
Associated Press

When it comes to retirement, later may be better.

Americans long viewed 65 as the age to stop working. It was considered full retirement age by Social Security for many. Medicare benefits kick in then and historical practice had established it as the goal.

Now some experts are suggesting people set their sights a bit higher — on 70.

The reason? Working a few more years or drawing your Social Security benefits later can significantly boost income. That's particularly important as fewer workers receive pensions. Americans largely have taken on the responsibility for saving for their retirement — often failing to do so adequately.

"We keep adding years of life and it all got tacked on to the retirement period and it never changed the retirement age," said Steve Vernon, a research scholar at the Stanford Center on Longevity in its financial security division.

As such, Vernon and his colleagues analyzed nearly 300 different retirement income methods and found that the best approach for middle-income retirees to have a reliable source of income through retirement is to wait until age 70 to claim Social Security, which is when benefits peak. They

should also use the required minimum distribution calculation to determine how much to draw from personal savings, such as a 401(k) or IRA.

The RMD is the minimum amount that the IRS says you must draw from retirement accounts each year once you reach age 70 1/2.

This approach, dubbed the "Spend Safely in Retirement Strategy," in effect "pensionizes" common retirement accounts like a 401(k) or IRA. It will not compensate for inadequate savings but it will help squeeze as much income as possible from existing sources.

To make it work, some retirees may have to significantly lower their living expenses.

Vernon said it's a straightforward way for middle-income workers with between \$100,000 and \$1 million in savings to generate a stream of lifetime income. He estimates this group

represents as many as half of all workers age 55 and older. And workers need some help as most will not consult a financial planner and few calculate how much they'll need.

"You can't just tumble into retirement, you have to be thoughtful about it," he said.

Americans typically retire at age 63 and start collecting Social Security between age 62 to 64, according to research from The New School.

But waiting pays off. Stanford researchers estimate that Social Security benefits represent up to two-thirds of a middle-income retiree's retirement income if they start drawing them at age 65. If they wait until 70, it represents up to 85 percent, according to the Stanford research.

While working that long sounds onerous to some, it doesn't have to be at all. Some workers will need to work "just enough" —

either in their existing field or another — to pay for living expenses until age 70 in order to put off claiming Social Security benefits. It works best if a retiree waits until age 70 as that is when benefits peak, but still has advantages for those that retire in their late 60s.

"In essence, 70 is the new 65," Vernon's report says.

Popular personal finance expert Suze Orman recently wrote that people should wait until 70 to retire, not "one month sooner." Other experts say a later retirement is a good idea for some workers, when it makes sense for their situation.

"Anyone who is a little behind in their savings, even just one year of delay can make a big difference," said Dan Keady, chief financial planning strategist at TIAA. "I hate to put a number to it, but the concept of working a little bit longer is an important one."

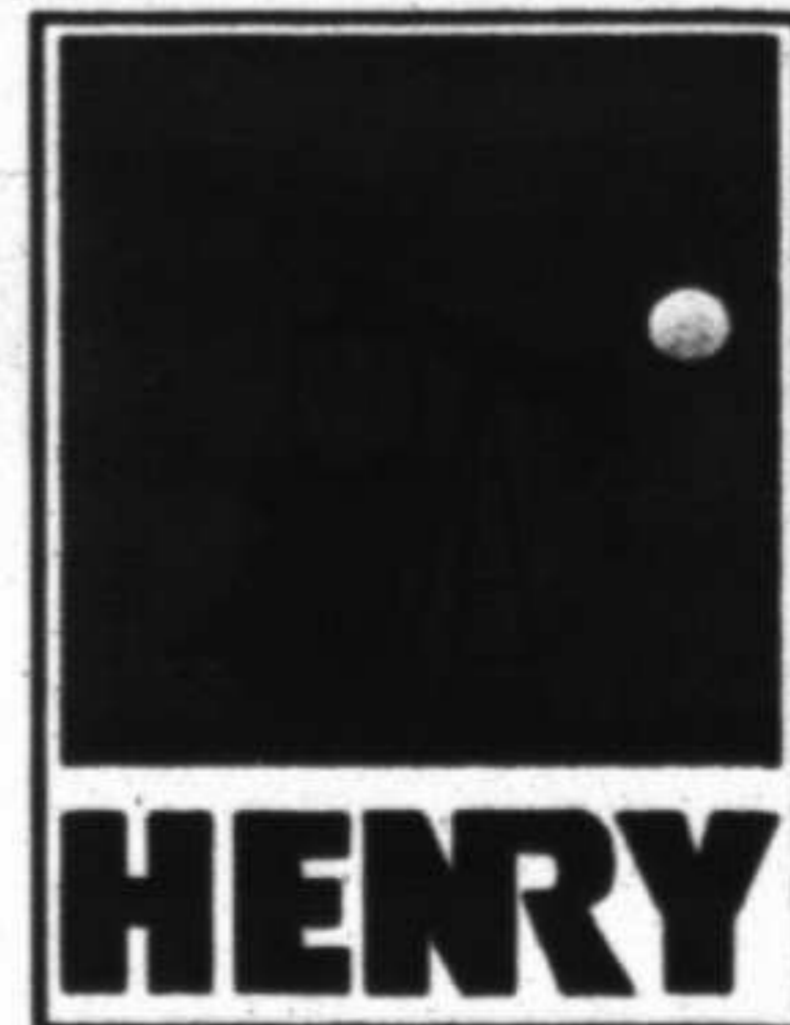
The original idea of retirement was a few years of dignity before you died when you were unable to work, according to Vernon. The concept of retirement as your golden years didn't take hold until the last half of the 20th century.

When America began

introducing private pensions and federal programs, many used 65 as the retirement age. So when Social Security came along in 1935, they looked at common practices and decided 65 seemed reasonable as well.

The problem is, it stuck.

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Jumburrito Menagerie
[muh-NAJ-uh-ree]
noun
1 a : a place where animals are kept and trained especially for exhibition
b : a collection of wild or foreign animals kept especially for exhibition
2 : a varied mixture

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Things to do

- Storytime at the Library 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
- Party on the Patio with live music and food trucks, 5 p.m., Shack in the Back, 11610 W. Highway 80, Odessa.
- Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.
- Karaoke Wednesdays with DJ Savage and host Ayya Nevaeh, 9 p.m., The Recovery Room, 2802 N. County Road West, Odessa. Facebook: @therecoveryroom432.

MISD forum

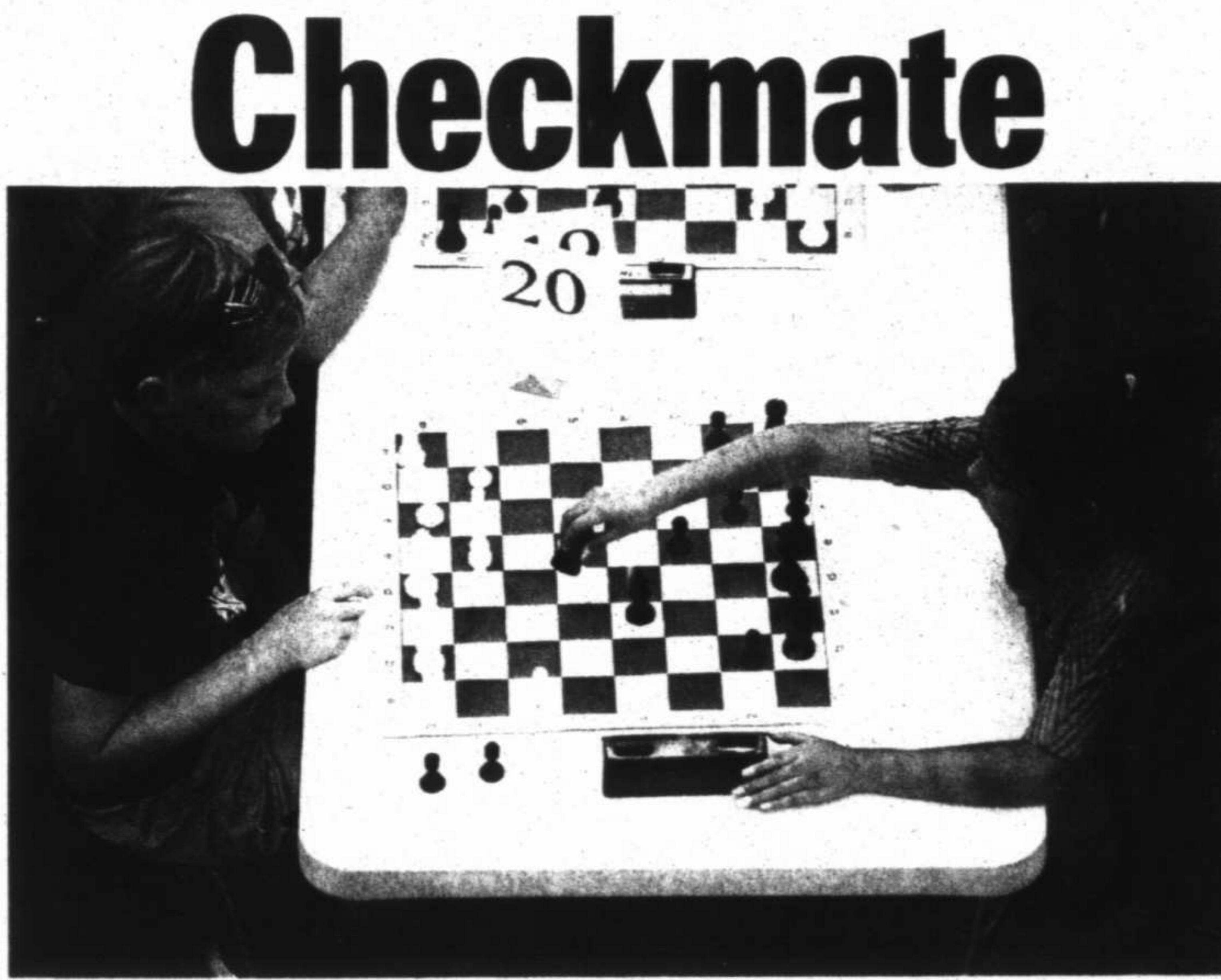
The Midland ISD facility Master Planning Committee will have a public forum from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Yarbrough Elementary School, 6000 Riverfront Drive. The forum will allow anyone to offer an opinion on future educational facility needs.

MCRW to meet

The Midland County Republican Women will meet 11:30 a.m. today at Midland Country Club. The featured speaker is Beau Egert, who helps run a nonprofit, 4B Disaster Response Network, which mobilizes churches and community groups to partner with government efforts to rebuild Houston in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Also, county judge candidates James Beauchamp and Terry Johnson will speak. A buffet lunch is available for \$20 with advance reservation or \$25 at the door. To RSVP, please register online at www.mcrw.us or e-mail your reservation to mcrwmen@mcrw.us.

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, May 9, the 129th day of 2018. There are 236 days left in the year.
Today's highlight
On May 8, 1978, David R. Berkowitz pleaded guilty in a Brooklyn courtroom to murder, attempted murder and assault in connection with the "Son of Sam" shootings that claimed six lives and terrified New Yorkers. (Berkowitz was sentenced to six consecutive life prison terms.)
On this date
In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson, acting on a joint congressional resolution, signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.
In 2012, President Barack Obama declared his unequivocal support for same-sex marriage



West Texas Chess regional competition was April 28 at Trinity School. James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

West Texas Chess regional competition was April 28 at Trinity School. In a historic announcement that came three days after Vice President Joe Biden spoke in favor of such unions on NBC's "Meet the Press." By The Associated Press

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week. Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Odd-numbered

addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays. Any violation may result in a fine up to \$500. The ban on washing outdoor surfaces is still in effect.

Know a member of the military coming home? Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zomezg@cablone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them. Honor those who served There are many

organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are:
- Show of Support (887-2167)
- Honor Our Troops (889-0177), Reel Thank (528-6633)
- Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
- Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
- Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
- Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

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- Pick 3 day: 4-9-0
- Pick 3 evening: 0-1-7
- Pick 3 night: 5-9-9
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- Daily 4 day: 8-7-4-0
- Daily 4 evening: 3-6-0-1
- Daily 4 night: 2-3-0-8
- Cash Five: 21-22-23-25-30
- Triple Chance: 02-06-08-21-29-38-43-45-51-54
- Mega Millions: 08-15-39-64-67
- All or Nothing morning: 01-03-04-06-10-12-13-15-16-17-23-24
- All or Nothing day: 06-07-08-10-11-12-15-16-17-18-20-22
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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures
High: 99
Low: 70
Normal high: 86
Normal low: 57

May 8 records
High: 106, set in 1989
Low: 41, set in 1938 and 1984

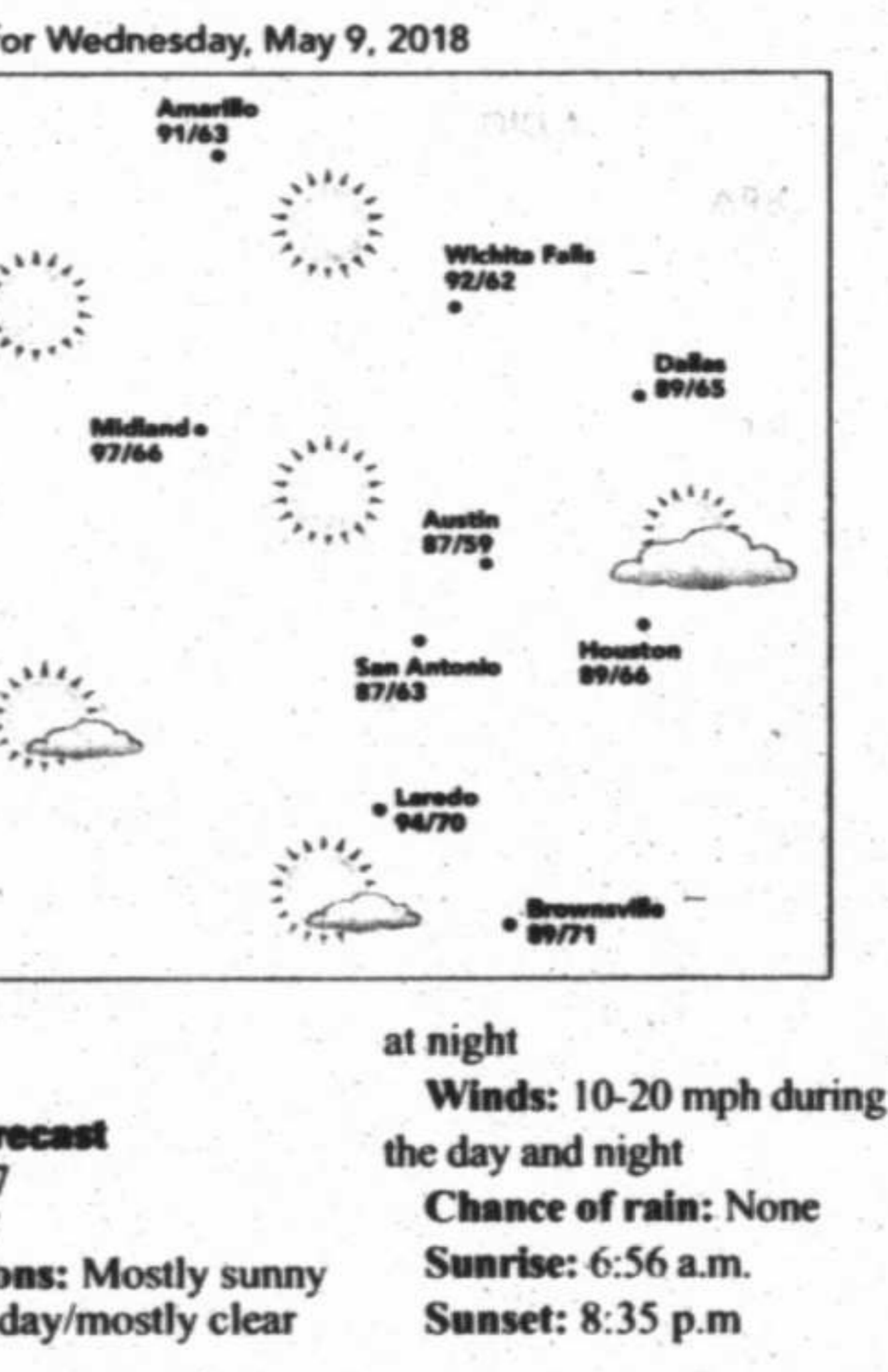
Precipitation
Sunday: 0.00 inches
Monday: 0.00 inches
Month total: 0.16 of an inch
Year total: 0.32 of an inch
Normal total (year to date): 2.78 inches

Forecast for Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Winds
Average wind speed: 17.5 mph
Highest sustained wind speed: 26 mph
Highest gust speed: 33

Today's forecast
High: 97
Low: 67
Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/mostly clear

at night
Winds: 10-20 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 6:56 a.m.
Sunset: 8:35 p.m.



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Ignore a negative situation for now. Be as clear and direct as possible. Avoid playing into someone else's control games. You could be unusually tired of going over the same issue with this person. Avoid pushing so hard to have things go your way. **Tonight:** At a favorite spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Be as clear as possible when dealing with a loved one. You might not be as expressive as you need to be. You have the unique ability to examine a situation and express your thoughts clearly and concisely. Many people around you appreciate your ideas. **Tonight:** Switch gears.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Stay anchored when dealing with a family member. You might not be able to coerce a loved one into making a certain decision. Be more direct in how you deal with a personal matter. Less emphasis on your part could lead to better results. **Tonight:** Happiest close to home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Speak your mind, but try not to express any negativity. Fatigue drags you down much more than you realize. You might not have the right response for someone, but it works for you. Make sure that others understand where you are coming from. **Tonight:** Meet up with a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ Make decisions from an intuitive point of view, as doing so generally works well for you. Use logic when looking at a certain set of facts. You could be more prone to negativity at this time. Try relaxing and getting down to the basic issues. **Tonight:** Pay bills before going out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your ability to relate to others on a one-on-one level emerges. You could feel as if you have no choice but to let go of a problem, especially as the other person involved seems determined not to change his or her mind. Do not keep hitting the same wall; walk around it. **Tonight:** Where the action is.

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Trump tie haunts GOP candidate for New Mexico governor

By Morgan Lee
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — Republicans are pinning their hopes for keeping hold of the governor's office in New Mexico on a mild-mannered congressman who helped Donald Trump win his district along the U.S. border with Mexico. Trump still lost the statewide vote in New Mexico by 8 percentage points.

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce — the sole Republican candidate for governor — is now courting a progressive-leaning electorate that never warmed to Trump and has soured on the GOP term-limited incumbent amid a tepid state economy and rising concerns about crime in the state's largest city.

Democrats control much of New Mexico politics. In Albuquerque, the state's main population center, a Democratic mayor was elected in a landslide in November. The party controls the Legislature and other statewide offices.

A switch to a Democratic governor in November would likely shut Republicans out of redistricting decisions in 2021, and consolidate Democrats' control for a decade to come.

New Mexico is one of 33 governor's offices held by Republicans nationwide, and 26 of those are up for election this year. But in eight of those states, Hillary Clinton won the presidential vote over Trump in 2016.

"By nature of the map itself, it's definitely going to be Republicans on the defense," said Jared Leopold, a spokesman for the Democratic Governors Association. "And that's exacerbated by the political winds."

New Mexico, a largely rural state with the nation's highest concentration of Hispanics, has shifted

between Republican and Democratic governors for three decades even though Democrats dominate voter registration rolls. A ranching ethos and heavy currents of Roman Catholicism have helped Republican candidates win over moderate or fickle Democrats on social issues or as a counterweight to the Legislature.

After Barack Obama won New Mexico by double digits in 2008, the state twice elected Republican Gov. Susana Martinez, a tough-talking former district attorney who walked a moderate path on welfare issues by expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.

Taking on Pearce in November are three Democrats from Hispanic families with multi-generational roots in New Mexico: U.S. Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham; former media executive Jeff Apodaca, the son of a governor; and attorney and state Sen. Joseph Cervantes, scion of a chile-farming family.

Gabriel Sanchez, a political science professor at the University of New Mexico, said Pearce has more to worry about than his eventual Democratic rival.

"Pearce has got to show some independence from both Trump and the outgoing governor," he said.

A member of Congress' hard-line conservative Freedom Caucus, Pearce has cast his congressional votes in agreement with Trump about 85 percent of the time — embracing the federal tax overhaul while publicly opposing the border wall.

In Congress, Pearce, 70, is known as a reserved, "low word-count guy" — a reflection of his struggle to overcome shyness and introversion, as recounted in a self-published 2013 memoir.

At small, private gatherings, his campaign has focused on job creation

in a state with the second-highest unemployment rate in the nation and expanding an economy closely tethered to the volatile oil and natural gas sectors.

Pearce made his fortune as an entrepreneur in the state's oil fields. But his campaign has seized on what came before that — an impoverished early childhood as a son of failed Texas sharecroppers. It has allowed Pearce to talk about poverty in tones of solidarity, while proposing work requirements for able-bodied Medicaid recipients.

"I want to attack poverty, that's my background, that's how I grew up, so I understand the grinding nature of it," he said at a pre-primary forum.

Pearce opposes legalizing recreational marijuana in terms of poverty and addiction, while Democratic candidates call for decriminalization and recreational use to drum up jobs.

Environmental groups and business interests are calling out Pearce's recommendation to shrink the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument as shortsighted — and a symbol of an affinity to the Trump administration and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.

Pearce's last run for statewide office — for the U.S. Senate seat left open by Republican Pete Domenici's retirement in 2008 — ended in a lopsided victory for Democrat Tom Udall.

Pearce returned to Congress in 2010, as Republicans amid tea party fervor.

Beyond Pearce's district, the partisan demographics are daunting. In the vast congressional district spanning northern New Mexico, including the capital city of Santa Fe, there are nearly two registered Democrats for each Republican.

ROUTES

From 1A

- Garden City Highway from Lamesa Road to I-20;
- Midland Drive from Business SH 158 to Loop 250;
- Midkiff Road from south city limits to Loop 250;
- Garfield Street from West Wall Street to south city limits;
- Business SH 349 from I-20 to Loop 250;
- Scharbauer Drive from Business SH 349 to Golf Course Road;
- Golf Course Road from Scharbauer Drive to Business SH 158;
- Farm-to-Market Road 307 from Lamesa Road to east city limits.

Trucks can be driven off the designated routes to a public garage or repair shop when necessary for the maintenance or repair. The ordinance also says any person operating such vehicles upon any street or roadway that is not designated as a truck route shall provide officers possession of a log book or evidence of a destination and point of origin to justify the presence of vehicle on a street or roadway other than a designated truck route.

There are similar rules for trucks transporting hazardous materials, including that the transporting vehicle shall not be parked or stored on the streets, alleys or public thoroughfares or at any other point within the corporate limits of the city with some exceptions, including in one case requiring the approval of the chief of the Midland Fire Department.

The ordinance approved by City Council in 2015 calls for a maximum penalty or fine of \$200.

City staff reports that the current ordinance is enforceable.

"What we are going to do is clarify

for truck drivers that may currently be confused by the local truck route and through truck route system," said Mike Pacelli, city traffic engineer.

Pacelli said elimination of potentially confusing signage and the adding of more helpful signage should help educate truckers on proper routes throughout Midland.

City leaders told the Reporter-Telegram on Tuesday that a second phase will be considered only after the first phase has been implemented and the extent of the ongoing issues can be determined. That second phase will include development of a citywide signage plan to mark truck routes on state highways entering into the city. A formal agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation will be needed. This is the same plan that was recently implemented in Odessa.

Lacy said something needs to be done. He pointed to seeing sand trucks and water haulers traveling on Green Tree Boulevard as a specific example of the problem these oversized vehicles are causing. Green Tree is being rebuilt as part of the road bond program, which was made possible because Midland voters approved a \$100 million bond to improve roads across the city. The city previously reported the bond didn't cover all failing roads in Midland, and heavy truck traffic could mean more damage, and therefore the need for more money to fix those roads.

Interim Police Chief Seth Herman said there also is an obvious safety issue, and that police will want to educate and then enforce those traveling through Midland on the proper routes to take.

Signage changes having to do with heavy truck traffic in Midland.

Phase 1

Remove all existing truck route and local truck route signs. From these signs alone, some truck drivers may not understand the intention behind having two types of truck routes, and having truck route signs on major roadways inside the city may lead some to believe that they are in compliance when they are not.

Addition of four new large and high-profile prominent signs with information about truck routes (two for southbound Big Spring at Loop 250 and two for northbound Rankin Highway at I-20). This corridor is the most problematic for off-route trucks.

As of now, existing Truck Route and Local Truck Route signs have already been removed from Big Spring/Rankin Highway between Loop 250 and I-20. Work continues on removing all other signs inside the loop. Police have also been targeting additional enforcement toward violators that are clearly off any approved route.

Phase 2

(will be considered only after Phase 1 has been implemented and the extent of the ongoing issues can be determined.)

Development of a citywide signage plan to mark truck routes on state highways leading into the city. A formal agreement with TxDOT will be needed, and the city would pay TxDOT for the cost of the signs, and TxDOT would install them. This is the same plan that was recently implemented in Odessa.

Source: City of Midland

Physical oil prices seen catching up with surging futures market

By Rupert Rowling
Bloomberg

The end of some of the weakest physical crude prices in years could be in sight.

While oil futures prices are at their highest since 2014 amid geopolitical risks — including the possibility of renewed U.S. sanctions on Iran — physical prices in some corners of the oil market have been depressed. Russian Urals and Caspian CPC crudes have recently traded at multi-year lows, and West African crude flows to Asia have slumped to the lowest since 2015.

The weakness is on the brink of reversing as refiners ramp up purchases as they complete yearly maintenance that had cut their processing rates, according to at least five traders directly involved in the market.

"The mismatch will correct through physical markets coming up rather than futures coming down," said Richard

Mallinson, an analyst at Energy Aspects Ltd. in London. "Global balances look constructive in the second half of the year, after refinery maintenance is over."

In the meantime, European refiners may be set for a summer windfall with a host of cheap grades to cherry pick from as they ramp up throughput. A flood of U.S. crude exports, lackluster demand for imports in China, a surfeit of Russian shipments and the lingering effects of refinery maintenance season across the globe have combined to curb prices for some grades in the world where barrels of oil are actually bought and sold — even amid a rising trend in futures contracts.

"Brent that is trading now is two months ahead, so it is pricing in July when refiners are back from maintenance," Mallinson said. The current weakness in the market for Russian grades is a reflection of U.S. crude imports coming "at the wrong time, when

refinery maintenance was at its peak."

Russian Urals crude sunk to its lowest price in more than seven years on May 1, trading at a discount of \$3.95 a barrel to its benchmark. Caspian CPC on May 2 sank to \$2.90 a barrel less than the benchmark, the largest discount since June 2012. Loadings of CPC are scheduled to be 1.32 million barrels a day this month, near the highest on record.

Offline refinery capacity in Russia is set to drop to 556,000 barrels a day this month, down from 763,000 in April, which was the highest for the year, according to data from the Russian Energy Ministry. In Europe, planned refinery outages are set to drop to 54,000 barrels a day in July, from 1.16 million this month, Energy Aspects said in a late-April report.

U.S. crude exports climbed to 2.331 million barrels a day — the highest on record — in the week ending

April 20 and remained high the following week, data from the U.S. Department of Energy show. As the U.S. pumps more oil than ever before, WTI's discount to global benchmark Brent has deepened, spurring shipments to Europe this month, according to traders.

The West African crude market has been hit by a drop in Chinese buying, with the nation set to import the lowest amount of Angolan crude in at least seven years. Chinese refineries have reduced purchases this year with a change to a tax rule particularly constraining buying by independent refineries in the world's largest importer of oil.

"The Chinese are not really strong buyers and probably won't be for a month or two," said Torbjorn Kjus, chief oil analyst at DNB Bank ASA in Oslo. "You should see a large upward crude demand moving into July and August on a global scale."

LIZARD

From 1A

Conservation Innovation for Defenders of Wildlife, said that by 2012-13, his organization had already related that the Texas Conservation Plan had major flaws in how it conserved the species — including a lack of transparency and the failure of the foundation charged with overseeing the plan to carry out any mitigation measures.

"Around 2013, we also used satellite imagery to document unauthorized and unreported habitat destruction occurring from certain oil and gas projects," Li said. "What pushed us over the edge in the last few months was the recent expansion of frac sand mining in the lizard's habitat in Texas. Specifically, we at Defenders have used satellite imagery monthly to track the extent of sand mining operations that overlap the habitat and are concerned about the direction those projects are taking."

Jacob Malcom, senior endangered species analyst for Defenders of Wildlife, said habitat destruction, the lack of mechanisms to protect the species and manmade and natural threats — such as other species, climate change and contaminants — imperil the lizard.

"These factors, and the timing, all combined to indicate the species is threatened with extinction or likely to become threatened with extinction," he said.

While the PBPA is still reviewing the petition, Shepperd said, "We strongly believe that the conservation agreements have been successful in protecting the lizard and its habitat."

Nagano spent 27 years in the endangered species program with the Fish and Wildlife Service before retiring. He was critical of the Texas Conservation Plan that was credited with persuading the service to not list the lizard.

"An important point of the Endangered Species Act is that it specifically requires science, and just science, be used in deciding whether or not to protect a species. The dunes sagebrush lizard is restricted to a small set of sand dunes in New Mexico and Texas where it's endangered by oil and gas and frac sand mining. In my 27 years with the Fish and Wildlife Service, I've seen only a few other instances in which such overwhelming political pressure was used to bludgeon the service into acting contrary to science and not listing a species as required by law. The dunes sagebrush lizard was not protected because the service caved into the

brazen political pressure from Susan Combs and the oil and gas industry."

At the time, Combs was Texas' Comptroller of Public Accounts and currently serves as acting assistant secretary for fish, wildlife and parks at the U.S. Department of the Interior. Her successor as comptroller, Glenn Hegar, now oversees the agreement.

"We have never, since Comptroller Hegar took office, maintained the position that the plan was perfect," said Robert Gulley, director of the economic growth and endangered species management division.

As his office got more involved in trying to improve the plan, the more issues arose, he said in a phone interview from his Austin office. He noted that the frac sand companies "were not even contemplated" when the conservation plan was first devised.

Gulley said rather than try to patch up the plan, it was decided to undertake a major revision and that many of the issues raised by the petition are being addressed in the revision. He has submitted what he described as a draft plan designed to stimulate dialogue with the Fish and Wildlife Service, the oil and gas industry, other stakeholders and environmental groups.

"I think the comptroller has made it clear the plan is supposed to be open and transparent on what it will do. We're open to anyone who wants to solve problems."

He said he believes a lot of progress has been made on improving the plan and that could be a short timeline in putting together an improved plan, as little as 30 to 60 days.

"One point I want to share is that it's important to the oil and gas industry and the comptroller that we have a durable plan. This calls for a 30-year commitment, and we want a plan that will survive that without going through what we're going through now," said Gulley.

The ultimate goal, he said, is to balance protecting the species while also ensuring industries can continue to operate and allow the economy to grow. Nagano and Malcom both said the plan would require significant changes, but if those were made, then an endangered listing for the lizard might not be warranted.

"If the Fish and Wildlife Service caves in again to political pressure, the center will take the service to court and compel them to follow the law and list the dunes sagebrush lizard as an endangered species," Nagano said.

DRILLERS

From 1A

pledging to limit supply, shale drillers in Texas and elsewhere in the United States are expected to jump in to fill the void left by Iran.

"Any additional supply will fall on the shoulders of U.S. producers. Something I'm sure they are happy to hear," Dan Eberhart, CEO of Denver-based oil field services firm Canary LLC, said in an email.

Analysts are only projecting between 300,000 and 500,000 barrels of crude will be removed from the market in the months ahead, enough to raise prices but not enough to cause a sustained spike.

"The market's initial reaction is likely to overshoot (although current sentiment has probably priced in at least a portion of the sanctions risk already). The magnitude and duration of the increase, however, will more likely

be determined by the "details," Frank Verrastro and Kevin Book, of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, wrote last week.

But the new sanctions will bring some instability to an oil market that has been remarkably short on geopolitical crisis in recent years.

Still, few in the oil industry are popping champagne, in anticipation of a return to 2014 when crude was selling for more than \$100 a barrel.

Asked about the Iran sanctions at an event in Washington on Tuesday, BP Head of Technology David Epton said it wouldn't impact the company's long term plans.

"The price of oil or natural gas going up or down, that happens," he said. "You cannot afford to change your view of the longer term based on things going up or down in the short term."

Report: Oklahoma wildfire damage estimated at \$26 million

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — A report from Oklahoma State University says wildfires that scorched western and northwestern parts of the state and killed two in April caused an estimated \$26 million in damage to livestock, pastures, fences and buildings.

A news release says the estimate by Derrell Peel of the Cooperative Extension Service will likely change as a more information is gathered.

Calculations are based on preliminary losses of about 1,600 head of cattle and damage to more than 2,100 miles of fencing.

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OPINION

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Why is there need to arm up against government?

So far, there has been non-productive and largely nondiscussion about guns in America

I don't hunt. But, done safely and legally, I have nothing against hunting. I don't target shoot. But, done safely and legally, I have nothing against target shooting.

I feel no need to carry a gun to defend myself. And I have nothing against collecting firearms out of nothing more than an appreciation of them.

The part I don't get about gun culture is the part that says I should have one to defend myself against my government. I feel no such need.

Before giving you a glimpse of what I'm seeing at the National Rifle Association's annual meeting in Dallas — complete with 15 acres of displays of guns and gun-related stuff — please know that I'm very wary of abridging the rights of the law-abiding many because of the wrongs of the law-breaking few.

Join me now as we walk around in the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center which (was) ground zero in our nation's largely so-far-nonproductive and largely nondiscussion about guns in America.

The NRA Store in the convention center is a shooter shopper's delight. I'm not trying to denigrate anyone's hobby here. But I'm always fascinated by merchandise of which I'm ignorant. I also enjoy RV shows.

KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman



And though Texans with handgun licenses no longer have to conceal their weapons, concealed carry gear still seems to be a thing. There's lots of it in the store.

"Your choice for concealed carry," boasted a display of "24-7 Series Original Tactical Pants." So tactical are these pants that their pockets have pockets: "Cargo pockets that have two inner pockets that are great for magazines and other accessories."

For \$25, there's an "NRA cup holder holster." It's just what you think it is: "Keep your gun safe and accessible while driving."

The AR-15-shaped bottle opener cost \$12. Four "NRA Bullet Tire Valve Caps" will set you back \$10.

And there's a predictable collection of T-shirts and bumper stickers: "What part of SEMI don't you understand?" "NRA. Because you can't fist fight tyranny." "A free people must coexist" with "coexist" spelled out in letters made from likenesses of guns and ammo.

Strategically placed throughout the convention center are big (really, really big)

banners featuring the meeting's slogan — "A Show of Strength" — and a challenging, menacing, come-and-take-it oversized visage of NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre.

His welcome message in the program reminds NRA members, "Forces from the extreme left in the political class to anti-Second Amendment extremists in the academic community to the ever more aggressive, deceitful national media have joined together in a massive conspiracy to seize control of the U.S. House and Senate in the next election."

The goal of that cabal, he says, is nothing less than "to pervert our great nation into their European-style socialist utopia."

In the massive exhibit hall, I saw enough weaponry to outfit the combined military forces of a medium-sized nation. A nice lady at one booth tried to sell me a product called "The Coffin," which is coffin-like — as you and I know it — in size only. The device is used to test-fire guns.

Other sightings: "Gun Craft Beer." Salute the Red, White and Brew." Two guys wearing shirts that said "Amosexual." A banner that read "No More Dirty Magazines."

And Bullet Splat Jewelry: "Each handmade piece begins with a mold of a spent bullet and is then re-created in solid silver."

In the convention center, participants can participate in a smorgasbord of seminars. At "Armed Citizen: How to Interact with Law Enforcement," attendees are learning how to "Plan ahead for what to

expect if a law enforcement officer approaches you on a traffic stop, a street approach or if you have to defend yourself."

The "Survival Mindset: Are You Prepared?" seminar featured retired Delta Force Sgt. Maj. Kyle Lamb teaching about "personal danger that can lurk around any given corner. ... As an armed citizen, you must be prepared for what the world throws at you."

Lt. Col. Dave Grossman's seminar is called "Sheepdogs! The Bulletproof Mind for the Armed Citizen."

"Grossman will speak about your role as an Armed American Citizen in the future challenges to our nation. Hear about the potential threats, internal or external, and the response to those threats as intended by our Founding Fathers," says the blurb.

The "internal" reference circles us back to my bewilderment about people who feel they must arm up to potentially face down their own government.

Is this a legitimate concern sparked by something that happened in their own lives?

Or is it an unfortunate, unintended, unsubstantiated byproduct of the attempt to discuss whether there is something — something far short of government confiscation of all guns — that we can do to make us all safer without unduly restricting the rights of all because of the wrongs of a few?

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OPINION EXTRA

Three clichés about Trump have to end

Will President Donald Trump fire Rod Rosenstein? Will Robert Mueller find evidence that Trump has committed crimes? Will Rudy Giuliani and Trump land on a consistent explanation about hush money?

Having read and watched a lot of the Trump-scandal coverage, I don't know the answer to any of these questions. What I can tell you is that I'm getting a little sick of some of the clichés that have become regular features of that coverage.

First: Not every development in Mueller's investigation is a "constitutional crisis."

Democratic Rep. Gerry Connolly of Virginia said "the constitutional crisis is here" when prosecutors raided the office of Trump's lawyer Michael Cohen. Carl Bernstein told CNN viewers "we're in a constitutional crisis" because Trump is considering firing Rosenstein, the deputy attorney general. When Trump replaced Ty Cobb with Emmet Flood on his legal team, it was — guess what? — another harbinger of "constitutional crisis."

The term gets used so often, you'd almost think it means something. It doesn't. It's just a way for people to sound portentous.

Second: Can we cool it with loose talk about the "end" of the Trump presidency? Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham seems to have started this fad when he warned Trump not to fire Mueller, the special prosecutor: "If he tried to do that, that would be the beginning of the end of his presidency."

The other night on CNN, Anderson Cooper had two guests agree that firing Mueller would end this presidency. Adam Davidson wrote an article for the New Yorker saying "we know, with increasing certainty, that we are entering the last phase of the Trump Presidency."

We know no such thing, of course. How exactly is the presidency going to be ended? Nobody who makes this vague pronouncement bothers to explain. If Trump fires Mueller, will the House impeach him and the Senate vote to remove him from office? Will Graham vote for removal? If he's not even willing to say it now, why should we believe he would do it then? All he was really saying was, "This is a very bad idea and I hope Trump doesn't do it." Doesn't have quite the same oomph, though.

A third cliché: "No one cares about Stormy Daniels," as a "Fox & Friends" host recently put it. Sometimes the point is made specifically about people who voted for Trump. USA Today started a recent report about a survey of such voters thus: "Yes, they think President Trump's lying about Stormy Daniels. And no, they really do not care." Its basis for the generalization: 15 of the 25 people in its survey believed Trump was lying.

In a Politico/Morning Consult poll in late March, though, 19 percent of Republicans said "the Stormy Daniels matter" gave them a less favorable view of the president. The same percentage of Republicans (and a plurality of all respondents) said the Federal Election Commission and the Justice Department should investigate whether the payments to her complied with campaign-finance laws. Fifteen percent of people who had voted for Trump agreed. That's a minority of Republicans, of course. Assuming the survey is right, though, it's also millions of people.

Reporters and talking heads may not be able to get to the bottom of all the Trump stories. But they can and should avoid these clichés. Otherwise I'm afraid we're at risk of a constitutional crisis.

— Ramesh Ponnuru, Bloomberg

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Tell the truth about Stormy Daniels

Bill Clinton showed how a president can parlay prideful denials, overconfidence in his ability to talk his way out of anything and personal embarrassment into a legal and constitutional conflagration

Rudy Giuliani's account of Donald Trump's role in the payment to Stormy Daniels has collapsed into near-incoherence.

In his latest interviews, the newly minted Trump lawyer has adopted a posture of impenetrable epistemological modesty — there's nothing he knows about the case, or can possibly learn about it anytime soon. Giuliani retreated to this tack after directly contradicting the president's denial of knowing anything about the hush money, and getting rebuked by Trump for being ill-informed and not yet up to speed.

It shouldn't be this complicated. Getting their story straight would be much easier if they adopted a simple, nay simplistic, legal and political strategy — telling the truth.

Giuliani shocked the political world when he said last week that Trump had reimbursed his fixer Michael Cohen for the payout to the porn star. Rudy declared that this made it a private transaction, and therefore it couldn't be a campaign-finance violation. Case closed.

But the legal reasoning wasn't airtight — if Cohen made the payment to influence the campaign, it didn't matter if Trump paid it back or not — and Trump wasn't ready to endorse Rudy's version of events.

By this past weekend, the former New York City mayor was on "This Week" on ABC News, incapable of saying much of anything at all. Had, George Stephanopoulos asked, Trump met Stormy Daniels? "It depends," Giuliani replied, "on kind of what you mean by met her, right?"

When did Trump first learn Daniels asked for payment? "Don't know and doesn't matter to me." Stephanopoulos pointed out that Giuliani told the website BuzzFeed that Cohen complained to Trump about not getting paid back after the 2016 campaign. So, the president knew about the payment after the campaign?

"Can't say that," Giuliani answered. Hadn't Rudy stated it as fact in an interview? "Well, maybe I did," he conceded. "I can just say it's rumor. I can prove it's rumor, but I can't prove it's fact. Yet. Maybe we will."

RICH LOWRY

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Why did Trump deny knowledge of the payment on Air Force One on April 5? "Well, I don't know."

Rudy sounds like he's been charged with unraveling one of the great mysteries of our time, when it's all resolvable with about two questions: "Mr. President, when did you find out about the payment to Stormy Daniels? When did you pay Cohen back?" This is about a five-minute conversation.

Rudy is not limited by his ability to gather facts, but by the president's willingness to be forthright. Although it would be painful — to the first lady, above all — Trump would be well-served to play it straight. He could make a vague confession about past conduct he's not proud of; say that Cohen paid off Daniels to avoid embarrassment, with added motivation as the election approached (what Giuliani has been trying to say); and amend his campaign's Federal Election Commission filing in an excess of caution.

It's never ideal to admit to a possible violation of the law, even a technical one. But campaign-finance violations are rarely prosecuted, and current Justice Department guidance says that a sitting president can't be indicted. This means that it is most important for Trump to win in the court of public opinion, and having a believable, consistent account is much better than basing a defense on a flat-out denial that no one believes, almost certainly not even Rudy or Trump's other advocates.

Compared to the other allegations against Trump — collusion with the Russians, obstruction of justice — a decade-old affair is not a matter of great public import. But Bill Clinton showed how a president can parlay prideful denials, overconfidence in his ability to talk his way out of anything and personal embarrassment into a legal and constitutional conflagration. And, eventually, he had to tell the truth anyway.

Rudy Giuliani has had a rocky debut in his new role, but the ultimate problem here isn't the counselor, but the client.

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Trump declares US leaving 'horrible' Iran nuclear accord

By Catherine Lucey and Josh Lederman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump withdrew the U.S. from the landmark nuclear accord with Iran on Tuesday, declaring he was making the world safer in restoring harsh sanctions. But he also dealt a profound blow to allies, deepened his isolation on the world stage and revived doubts about American credibility in the most consequential foreign policy action of his presidency.

The leaders of Germany, France and Britain, co-signers of the agreement, expressed regret and said they would try to salvage the accord with Iran. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said he was sending his foreign minister to work with those remaining countries but warned there was only a short time to negotiate with them and his country could soon "start enriching uranium more than before."

The 2015 accord, which lifted major economic sanctions against Iran, was specifically aimed at preventing that result. But Trump said, "The Iran deal is defective at its core."

"If we do nothing, we

know exactly what will happen. In just a short period of time, the world's leading state sponsor of terror will be on the cusp of acquiring the world's most dangerous weapons," Trump said in a televised address from the White House.

He said the United States "will be instituting the highest level of economic sanction."

Trump's decision means Iran's government must now decide whether to follow the U.S. and withdraw or try to salvage what's left of the deal. The leaders of Britain, Germany and France immediately urged the U.S. not to take any actions that could prevent them and Iran from continuing to implement the agreement. The statement from Prime Minister Theresa May, Chancellor Angela Merkel and President Emmanuel Macron also urged Iran to "show restraint" and continue fulfilling its own obligations such as cooperating with inspections.

In Washington, the Trump administration said it would re-impose sanctions on Iran immediately but allow grace periods for businesses to wind down activity.

The Treasury Department said there would be

"certain 90-day and 180-day wind-down periods" but didn't specify which sanctions would fall under which timelines. Treasury said that at the end of those periods, the sanctions will be in "full effect."

National Security Adviser John Bolton said nobody should sign contracts for new business with Iran.

If the deal collapses entirely, Iran would be free to resume prohibited enrichment activities. Meanwhile, businesses and banks doing business with Iran will have to scramble to extricate themselves or run afoul of the U.S.

For nations contemplating striking their own sensitive deals with Trump, such as North Korea, the withdrawal will increase suspicions that they cannot expect lasting U.S. fidelity to international agreements it signs. Yet nations like Israel and Saudi Arabia that loathed the deal are likely to see it as a sign the United States is returning to a more skeptical, less trusting approach to dealing with adversaries.

Former President Barack Obama, whose administration negotiated the deal, called the Trump decision "misguided." He added that "the consistent flouting of agreements that our country is a party to risks

eroding America's credibility and puts us at odds with the world's major powers."

Trump, who repeatedly criticized the accord during his presidential campaign, said Tuesday that documents recently released by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu showed Iran had attempted to develop a nuclear bomb in the previous decade, especially before 2003. Although Trump gave no explicit evidence that Iran violated the deal, he said Iran had clearly lied in the past and could not be trusted.

Iran has denied ever pursuing nuclear arms. Netanyahu welcomed Trump's announcement,

calling it a "historic move."

There was a predictably mixed reaction from Congress. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Kentucky Republican, said the Iran deal "was flawed from the beginning," and he looked forward to working with Trump on next steps. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, a California Democrat, slammed Trump in a statement, saying this "rash decision isolates America, not Iran."

The 2015 agreement had lifted most U.S. and international sanctions against Iran. In return, Iran agreed to restrictions on its nuclear program that would make it impossible to produce a bomb, along

with rigorous inspections.

In a burst of last-minute diplomacy, punctuated by a visit by Britain's top diplomat, the deal's European members gave in to many of Trump's demands, according to officials, diplomats and others briefed on the negotiations. Yet the Europeans realized he was unpersuaded to back off.

Trump spoke with French President Macron and Chinese leader Xi Jinping about his decision Tuesday. The British foreign secretary traveled to Washington this week to make a last-minute pitch to the U.S. to remain in the deal, according to a senior British diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

GOP outsiders in — and out — as primary season kicks off

By Steve Peoples and John Raby
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Republican voters rejected ex-convict Don Blankenship Tuesday in a West Virginia Senate primary in which he sold himself as "Trumpier than Trump" but was vigorously opposed by the president. GOP voters in Indiana, meanwhile, chose wealthy businessman Mike Braun over two sitting congressmen to lead the party's charge against a vulnerable Democratic senator in the fall.

In a possible sign of party unrest, Rep. Robert Pittenger lost the Republican primary for his seat in North Carolina to the Rev. Mark Harris, a Baptist pastor he narrowly beat two years ago. Both men campaigned as evangelical Christians who would outdo the other to support Donald Trump.

These were among a slate of elections, kicking off the primary season, that tested the limits of the anti-establishment fervor that has defined the Trump era.

Hopelessly behind in West Virginia, Blankenship conceded defeat in the state's GOP Senate primary election. That was welcome news for Trump and his allies who had fought aggressively to undermine Blankenship, an ex-convict who they feared would have little chance of defeating Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin this fall.

State Attorney General Patrick Morrisey won the nomination, promoting his record of challenging policies of the administration of former President Barack Obama and deflecting criticism of his roots in New Jersey, where he lost a 2000 congressional race.

There was less drama in Indiana, where Republican voters nominated businessman Braun to take on Democratic Sen. Joe Donnelly in November. Braun, a onetime critic of Trump, has more recently declared that the president should be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The West Virginia Republican Senate contest in particular headlined a slate of primary elections across four states on Tuesday that will help shape the political landscape in this fall's midterm elections. Control of Congress is at stake in addition to state governments across the nation.

In most cases, the Republican candidates on the ballot Tuesday had competed to be seen as the most conservative, the most anti-Washington and the most loyal to the Republican president.

In Indiana, Democrat

Donnelly will face off in November against Braun, a multimillionaire owner of a national auto parts distribution business who was highly critical of Trump throughout the 2016 general election. He has since come around, voicing praise for the "Trump agenda" — if not always the president's inflammatory rhetoric and tweets.

Another Indiana contest was less contentious: Greg Pence won the primary for the congressional seat his younger brother, Vice President Mike Pence, once held. Greg Pence is a Marine veteran and owner of two antique malls who once ran the now-bankrupt chain of Tobacco Road convenience stores. He'll be the favorite to win the seat in November.

In Ohio's high-profile governor's race, Democrats nominated Obama-era consumer watchdog Richard Cordray while Republicans selected state Attorney General Mike DeWine. Both parties were also deciding their nominees for an August special election to replace GOP Rep. Pat Tiberi, who resigned earlier in the year.

And on the local level, a woman who accused Trump of sexually harassing her more than a decade ago claimed the Democratic nomination in a race to represent an area southeast of Toledo in the state House of Representatives. Democrat Rachel Crooks, a 35-year-old university administrator, ran unopposed, but must next win a November general election to become the first Trump accuser to hold elected office.

A bright spot for Republicans in swing-state Ohio: GOP turnout was considerably stronger than Democratic voting in the open governor's race. With nearly two-thirds of the vote counted, 567,000 Republicans cast votes, to 412,000 Democrats.

U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci, with Trump's support, won the Republican primary to challenge Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown in November.

Yet none of Tuesday's other contests was expected to have more impact on the midterm landscape than West Virginia, where Blankenship embraced Trump's tactics — casting himself as a victim of government persecution and seizing on xenophobia, if not racism — to stand out in a crowded Republican field that included Attorney General Morrisey and Congressman Evan Jenkins.

Before his loss was official, Blankenship promised to explore his options in the general election — including whether state

election law might allow him to launch a third-party bid that could undermine Morrisey's candidacy.

The stakes are high for a Republican Party bracing for major losses in this fall's midterm elections.

West Virginia Republican Chairwoman Melody Potter downplayed concerns about Blankenship, pointing to another Republican outsider who ultimately proved the establishment wrong.

"You know, when Trump was running, some of those same people said that, too," Potter said.

No matter Tuesday's winner, Trump's team was keeping pressure on Manchin. A pro-Trump political action committee America First was airing ads promoting Gina Haspel, Trump's nominee to be CIA director, and urging residents to call Manchin to support her confirmation.

Trump and his allies had invested significant resources in an effort to influence another high-profile Senate race recently as well.

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Patients report difficulty finding EpiPens

■ Advocacy group tracks problems with accessing allergy-shot devices

By Anna Edney
Bloomberg

Adults and children with severe allergies are experiencing problems finding EpiPens after issues with manufacturing of the lifesaving devices, according to patients and pharmacists.

More than 400 patients in 45 states

reported difficulty filling prescriptions since May 2 for Mylan's allergy devices and other auto-injectors containing the active ingredient epinephrine, James Baker, chief executive officer of patient-advocacy group Food Allergy Research & Education, said in an interview.

Most patients told the group that they haven't been able to obtain the devices at all, while others said they have had to wait several weeks to get one, Baker said. FARE developed a survey to track problems with accessing allergy-shot devices.

"I don't know what's going on," he said. "I don't think it's fair to tell people that are dependent on this medication nothing."

In September, Pfizer's Meridian Medical Technologies division, which makes the auto-injecting pens for Mylan, was warned by the Food and Drug Administration for failing to investigate hundreds of complaints about defective EpiPens, including cases in which patients were hurt or died due to faulty injectors.

Mylan told the FDA a few months ago it was experiencing intermittent supply

constraints because of manufacturing delays, company spokeswoman Christine Waller said in an emailed statement. Since then, "Mylan and Pfizer have remained in close contact with FDA to provide regular updates on the inventory status."

Steven Danchy, a spokesman for Pfizer, said in a statement that "there has been some impact on manufacturing capacity" due to processes put in place after the FDA's warning letter. Shipments have increased in recent

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By numbers

National School Nurse Day



MISD has 36 nurses to care for its students

Today is National School Nurse Day.

Midland ISD has **36** full-time nurses to care for the district's current enrollment of **25,404** students. The nursing staff is led by ImoJean Douglas, health services supervisor.

Here's a look at MISD nursing care:

■ On average, nearly **1,000** students are served by the nursing staff each school day.

■ Since August, the beginning of the 2017-18 school year, school nurses have evaluated, examined and/or treated more than **164,200** students district-wide.

■ Of those visits, **56,514** involved medications that were administered, and **8,812** involved procedures that were performed — such as tube feedings, blood glucose checks and catheterizations.

■ More than **15,000** students are screened annually for hearing, vision or spinal problems and then are referred for care.

■ **28 percent** of students have serious health care conditions. Many do not have "medical homes," or primary care providers.

■ More than **92 percent** of students who are assessed for health care concerns are able to stay in class because of MISD nursing interventions.

Source: Midland ISD



Courtesy photos

FROM TOP: Melinda Henegar — Bush Elementary; Kandace Holmes — Fasken Elementary; BOTTOM LEFT: Gianna Cerda — Bunche Elementary; BOTTOM RIGHT: Amy Medina — Long Elementary

Study: Teens' sports drink consumption is up

By Mari A. Schaefer
Philly.com

The campaign by public health advocates against sugar-sweetened sodas may have had an unintended consequence: Teens are drinking more sugar-sweetened sports drinks.

Drinks shown in advertisements being consumed by impossibly fit athletes and named for fruits like mango, kiwi, and blackberry are aggressively marketed to teens. The packaging and ads make them look like a healthy alternative to sugary sodas, widely blamed for contributing to obesity, diabetes, tooth decay and other ills.

Now, researchers at Harvard University have found a small but significant increase in the weekly consumption of high-carbohydrate sports drinks among teens. The study, which appeared Monday in the journal *Pediatrics*, analyzed national data from the 2010 National Youth Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey and the 2015 Youth Risk and Behavior Survey. The researchers focused on teens because they're more likely than younger kids to buy their own beverages.

In 2015, more than 57 percent of the more than 22,000 high school students surveyed reported having at least one sports drink in the previous week, up from 56 percent in 2010.

Conversely, between 2007 and 2015, there has been a 7.6 percent drop in the number of youths reporting they drank one soda in the previous week, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System.

The Harvard study also found that 31 percent of teens consumed between one and three sports drinks in the previous week, and about 12 percent reported having four to six such drinks.

Teens who played on one or more sports teams were likely to consume one or more sports drinks each day.

So were teens who watched more than two hours of television, which researchers said was a "worrisome reflection of the association between TV viewing, commercial advertisements, and obesity."

Boys were more likely than girls to guzzle the drinks, while Hispanic and black youths consumed more sports drinks than white children, researchers found.

But experts in nutrition warn that the average child — certainly not one parked in front of a TV — doesn't need a sports drink that is loaded with electrolytes and carbohydrates, flavors and sweeteners.

"The better option is water or unsweetened beverages," said Nyree Dardarian, a licensed dietitian and director of the Center for Integrated Nutrition and Performance at Drexel University. There is no purpose to consuming all the carbohydrates in sports drinks unless you are competing in a high-intensity game, not at a high school soccer or softball practice, she said.

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There are two options for Medicare coverage

When you retire and qualify for Medicare at 65, you'll need to decide how you'd like to receive your health care benefits.

Because you'll be new to Medicare, you may not realize you have two options.

One is to join the government's fee-for-service program that's existed for 53 years. The other is to buy a Medicare Advantage plan from a private insurer.

The choice may seem bewildering at first, so let's go over each option.

With traditional fee-for-service coverage, you may go to any doctor, hospital or other provider that accepts Medicare, which pays the provider a fee for the service. Once you meet your annual deductible, Medicare typically covers 80 percent of the cost for your care.

You have a few choices for covering the other 20 percent:

You may use your retiree health plan from your former employer, if you're retired and have such a policy. Some retiree plans may cost less or provide more benefits than other supplemental coverage.

You may qualify for Medicaid, if you have limited income and savings. Besides helping with your out-of-pocket costs such as deductibles and co-insurance, Medicaid may pay for your monthly Medicare premiums.

If neither of those applies, you may buy a "Medigap" policy from a private insurer to cover what Medicare does not. There are 10 kinds of Medigap plans, with different benefits, so you'll need to decide which is best for you.

If you choose the traditional fee-for-service program, you'll probably also want to buy a prescription drug plan.

Traditional Medicare remains the favorite among people wanting the broadest possible access to doctors, hospitals and other providers. When coupled with a supplemental plan, it also makes your health care costs relatively predictable.

Still, 33 percent of all Medicare beneficiaries — including 33 percent of Texans with Medicare — now prefer to get their health care benefits through a private insurer. The number of people buying

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private Medicare Advantage plans has more than doubled over the last 10 years.

With Medicare Advantage, insurance companies contract with the government to provide care. Every private plan must cover all the benefits that traditional Medicare covers. In some cases, Medicare Advantage plans may offer extra benefits, such as routine hearing or vision care.

Many plans charge a premium on top of the amount you'll pay each month for Medicare's Part B medical insurance, but there's no need to buy a supplemental Medigap policy. Likewise, most Medicare Advantage plans include drug coverage with their other benefits.

The premiums, deductibles and co-payments will vary from one Medicare Advantage plan to another. But all plans, by law, must have annual limits on their overall out-of-pocket costs.

Unlike the traditional fee-for-service program, most Medicare Advantage plans require you to go to doctors and hospitals within their network of providers or pay more for getting care outside the network.

Still, the private health plans have been especially popular among people with low to moderate incomes. They provide relatively affordable supplemental coverage, with lower premiums than those for Medigap policies.

To find out more about your options, you can visit www.medicare.gov and browse through the "Medicare and You" handbook. The website will also give you detailed information about the Medigap and Medicare Advantage policies available in your area.

Bob Moos is Southwest regional public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Fitness company works with special-needs athletes

By Leslie Barker
The Dallas Morning News

When you're born under the special needs umbrella; when you get frustrated because no one can understand what you're trying to say; when you are angry or depressed or antsy and don't quite know what to do with those feelings, you might respond in any number of ways. Maybe you lash out. Or withdraw. Or just stay in bed until your mom practically has to pull you out.

Till one day, you join the ranks of anyone who has ever put on a pair of sneakers and sought solace in sweat. Only you don't think of it that way. You think of it as being in a gym where your very own trainer lets you lift weights and walk on a treadmill, just like everyone else.

"There are so many possible improvements to be had," says Lori Cook, director of clinical research for the Center for Brain Health, "not just engaging in physical exercise, but in the context of group and community building." Having a schedule, a purpose and goals "is huge."

Personal trainer Daniel Stein has seen lives change when his clients discover the joys of exercising. His McKinney-based fitness company, Special Strong, works with the special needs population. Many of the people he trains are on the autism spectrum; others have suffered strokes, been in paralyzing accidents, or have such conditions as cerebral palsy or multiple sclerosis.

"This is what I was born to do," says Stein, a former trainer for the mainstream population who started Special Strong two years ago.

Fitness offerings for people with intellectual and physical limitations can be found at area park and recreation departments as well as other fitness studios and gyms. Special Strong takes this a step further by making special needs clients its sole focus, as does another Dallas-area studio, Beyond Karate.

Whatever the venue, the benefits go beyond fitness. Special needs athletes also gain confidence and learn skills to make their lives

more fulfilling and less stressful. Perhaps above all else, they learn to believe in themselves.

'HE'S HAPPIER.'

Robert Hise is autistic. He is 17, tall, solid and strong. He has behavioral issues, his mother says. He has been known to scream and yell, to hit himself, furniture, the wall.

Since working with Stein for a little more than a year, though, Robert "has had one meltdown in about four or five months," Jennifer Hise says. "We were having them two to four times a month. Daniel is able to redirect him and get him focused on something else."

Twice a week, she takes him to Anytime Fitness in McKinney for his sessions. He's always ready; she never has to encourage him to put on his shoes and workout gear.

"Things are so much happier at home because he's happier," says Hise. "With him happier, the family can enjoy time together."

'MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT'

On a Thursday in April, Robert's session begins by heaving a medicine ball to the floor over and over. Next up are jumping jacks. After each activity, he and Stein fist bump and point one finger up.

"We normally point to the sky and say, 'Glory to God,'" Stein says. "We believe empowering the mind, body and spirit is key to success."

Stein, 28, was diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder at age 4 and labeled "special needs," he says. "I didn't fit in with the crowd and had trouble in school. Then I started playing sports, which really helped me learn to focus. It helped more than medication, and ultimately gave me the impetus to start this company."

He has certifications from the National Academy of Sports Medicine and the National Federation of Personal Trainers and is also a certified inclusive fitness trainer.

While training the mainstream population, he says, several clients had special needs. He felt he'd found his calling.

Stein's staff includes 10 certified trainers, most of whom have bachelors' degrees in kinesiology. All are also required to have spent time, either in a work or volunteer capacity, with special needs individuals. They also complete Special Strong's eight-hour certification, which is designed to teach trainers how to incorporate exercises that engage the brain.

The benefits of exercise go way beyond the physical, says Dianna Purvis Jaffin of the Brain Performance Institute at the Center for Brain Health in Dallas.

"It doesn't matter what your status," says Jaffin, director of strategy and programs for the institute. "You're affecting the whole human system. Exercise affects our hormones, the neural processes, brain health and performance in the brain. It gives you a sense of self-efficacy and self-worth and having control over something."

Exercise is also a powerful tool in coping with depression, she says. "Once you're distracted from what ails you and your limitations, you're free to form new pathways in your brain and new patterns of thinking and behaving."

Depression was an issue for Josh Walters, a Special Strong client who is 28 and has Down syndrome.

"He had lost energy, endurance, stamina," says his mother, Karen. "He'd lost interest in everything. Just to get him out of bed was a chore." He had been an avid hiker, but "we couldn't take him on hikes," she says.

Finding focus and purpose. Now, though, her son has endurance, she says. His depression medications have been reduced by 75 percent. On a recent trip to Tennessee, Josh led the family hiking. He's more focused, she says. Plus he feels part of something bigger.

"He sees everyone else working out, and it's like, 'This is what I do.'"

Obituaries



Jean Thomas

Jean Thomas, 78, passed away on May 6, 2018, in Midland, Texas. She was born October 20, 1939, to Ira A. Dorris, and Elmae Dorris in El Paso, Texas.

Jean enjoyed bowling and was an avid card player with her friends. She also enjoyed gardening, and spending time with her sister.

Survivors include three daughters, Laura Woodard, and husband Ron of Odessa; Marlene Jacobson, and husband John of Sugar Land; Sherrill Rhoades, and husband Eddie of Gardendale; son Gary Mashburn, and wife Liz of Corpus Christi; sister Nancy Greer of Midland; ten grandchildren and ten great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Jean is preceded in death by her husband Lloyd; parents, and sister Alice.

A time of gathering will be held on Friday, May 11, at 11:00 a.m. at American Heritage Funeral Home in Midland.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Crematory.



Rosalie Scott Meeks

Services for Rosalie Scott Meeks of Brownwood, Texas will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at the Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel. The family

will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the funeral home. Rosalie passed away May 6, 2018 at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland. She was 91 years old.

She was born in Coleman December 12, 1926. She married Nathan H. (Tuffy) Meeks on April 19, 1947. She is preceded in death by her husband, son Nathan R. Meeks, grandson Tyler W. Berry and son-in-law Gaylan W. Berry. She will be joined once again with her parents, three sisters and a brother.

She is survived by her daughter Carolyn Meeks Berry of Midland; grandchildren Shelby Berry Thomas and husband Cleve of Midland, Amber Meeks Boswell and husband John of Early; Brandon Meeks of Early and Eric Williams and wife Tammy of Midland; and daughter-in-law C. J. Meeks of Midland. Great grandchildren are Mazie Joy and Jace Tyler Thomas, Hope and Mattyson Boswell and Jonathon, Hayden and Lacy Williams. She also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews.

In her early years, she was a hairdresser and then settled in to being a homemaker in 1959. Her hobbies were sewing and quilting. She loved the Lord and her church, and read the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelations.

Online memorials can be left at www.davis-morrisfuneralhome.com



Ruth "Charline" Ives

Ruth "Charline" Ives passed away peacefully at Midland, Texas Memorial Hospital in the care of hospice on May 7, 2018 in Midland, Texas at the age of 83.

Charline was born in Mancos, Colorado on August 12, 1934 to John and Mabel (Dunning) Wagner. She spent her childhood years in the small mountain town of Mancos. Later in 1956, she married Larry Ives in Carlsbad, New Mexico. They spent the next 62 years devoted to each other. She was a loving mother to 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

Charline worked some years as an X-Ray technician

in several hospitals, but spent most of her time taking care of her family in the home where she was an amazing mother and grandmother. She was a great cook and enjoyed fixing meals for her family. Charline was extremely proud of her grandchildren, always smiling and happy to see them. She will be dearly missed by all her children and grandchildren.

Charline lived many places throughout her life including Carlsbad, Lovington, Pecos, Kermit, Lamesa, and Big Spring, but would ultimately settle in Midland in 1966 after surviving a massive stroke. Despite this, she still lived a full life and enjoyed traveling the world, taking trips to China, Egypt and Ireland. She maintained her childhood love of the outdoors and spent many days fishing in Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas with her children and grandchildren. One of her favorite places to hang out and fish with her family was Lake Amistad in Del Rio, Texas. She especially took pride in the treks to a rustic family cabin in the San Juan Mountains of Colorado. Later in life, Charline still liked to get out and just go for a drive around town.

Charline is preceded in death by her parents, a sister, and a son, Donald Ray Ives.

Charline is survived by her husband, Larry; her daughter in law, Paula Ives and her children, Callie, John, and Sarah; daughter, Kim, her husband Scott Evans, along with their children, Kristen and Ben, Justin and Lori, Chad and Kacey, Jenna and Garrett, and Tyler Evans; and her son, Mike and his wife Cheryl, and their children, Hannah and Emery. She is also survived by one sister, Helen Small.

Private graveside services for the family will be held this Wednesday, May 9, at 11:00 a.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

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Death Notices

Cody Portillo

Cody Portillo funeral services are pending with Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

Mary Perez

Mary Perez 60, passed away May 4, 2018. There are no services scheduled at this time with Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

Survivors include her daughter Stephanie Dorch, one sister and two brothers.

'I saved them because I'm a superhero!': 4-year-old donates bone marrow to brothers

By Lindsey Bever
The Washington Post

It was barely sunrise and Michael DeMasi Jr. was romping through the corridors at a children's hospital in Philadelphia, balancing on a red line that was etched into the floor design and telling his mother to tie a balloon to him so he could "fly."

The 4-year-old boy fancied himself a real-life superhero, wearing a blue T-shirt with photographs of his 4-month-old twin brothers, who were born with a rare immunodeficiency disease.

Michael's little brothers — Santino, "Sonny," and Giovanni, "Gio" — needed a bone-marrow transplant, and when his parents told him that he was a donor match, Michael told them that he wanted to save his brothers and would give them some of his.

"Hey, Michael," his mother, Robin Pownall, called out as she filmed her young son early one Thursday morning in March, running ahead of her through Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP).

"Yessss!" he responded, hanging back to let her catch up. "You ready to go?" his mother asked.

"Yay!" he said, pumping his fists and jumping up and down.

"Where you going?" she asked him.

"To save my baby brothers," he said.

"To save your baby

brothers?" she repeated. "You're the best."

The preschooler knew what was about to happen, his mother said — a long needle would be pushed into the bone near his hip to extract the marrow, then the cells would be transplanted into his brothers.

He did it anyway. And later in the day, when his brothers received the stem-cell infusion, Michael was there to watch, jumping and shouting, "That's my bone marrow! That's my bone marrow!" his mother said.

Nearly two months after the procedure, the twins were discharged last week from the hospital. Their mother posted a video on Facebook, showing Michael wearing a superhero T-shirt, smiling and standing between his little brothers.

"I saved you guys," the preschooler said. "It's time to go home."

Santino and Giovanni were born in October with Chronic Granulomatous Disease (CGD), an immune disease in which the immune system does not work properly, meaning even a common cold could become life-threatening, their mother told The Washington Post. She and her fiancé, Michael DeMasi, were already familiar with the condition. Their oldest son, Dominick, 9, was also born with CGD and they knew it was a possibility that their other children would be born with the disease.

Following his diagnosis

only weeks after his birth, Dominick was put on a transplant list and received stem cells from the umbilical cord of a donor. He is now considered cured, his mother said.

When the twins turned out to have CGD, Michael, who was not born with the condition, was tested and found to be a match. His parents talked to their doctors about the risks, such as pain and soreness and complications from anesthesia, then they sat down with Michael and tried to explain.

Michael knew that his little brothers were sick and he knew that they needed bone marrow. He also knew that he had been tested to determine whether he was a match, his mother said.

When his parents told him he was, he exclaimed, "I'm the match? I'm the match?" Pownall recalled.

His parents asked him whether he wanted to go through with the donation.

"We were straight up — 'It's going to be a big needle going into your back, bud,'" Pownall said she told him.

"We asked him, 'Do you want to do this? If you're scared, you don't have to.'" Pownall said her son asked whether his bone marrow would allow his little brothers to come home.

She said yes.

He said OK.

Pownall said her son told her he wanted to "help save my baby brothers."

But Pownall said the

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Patrons gather for the opening of the Sip of Hope Coffee Bar in Chicago on May 3. The coffee shop's aim is to help educate people on the many issues of mental health. Antonio Perez/Chicago Tribune/TNS

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People often refuse counseling because of stigma attached

Mental health refers to a person's mental and emotional well-being. Receiving treatment — including counseling — for mental health issues typically has negative stigmas attached to it. Many individuals turn away from going to a counselor because they think their problem is not "bad enough," they fear they will be seen as weak or judged for what they say or they may believe their problem will go away on its own.

However, just as an individual with a toothache would see a dentist, an individual with a disruption in their mental or emotional well-being may need to seek counseling for help in solving whatever issue they may be facing.

Counselors help individuals to not only cope with anxiety, depression and other mental health disorders but also with stress management, difficulties in parenting and learning how to develop healthy relationships with others. Counselors also work with couples and families on issues such as communication, conflict resolution and parent-child relationships. Though there are many different methods of counseling, the primary goal is to help the client succeed and gain coping and life skills to better manage their emotional and mental well-being.

A counseling session is approximately 53 to 60 minutes long, and the therapist and client determine the span of time for counseling based on the client's specific need. Counseling is a safe, confidential environment in which you can learn how to manage issues such as stress, depression, anxiety, relationships with others, marital problems and gain tools that you can use for the rest of your life.

It is normal to experience some anxiety about talking with a counselor because it is new to you, but remember, counselors are there for you and they want to help you succeed.

Coffee shop serves conversation about mental health

By Samantha Bomkamp
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — A Logan Square-area coffee bar is rolling out a new form of coffee talk, one where the baristas double as mental health aides.

Sip of Hope, which opened recently to a packed crowd that included Sen. Dick Durbin, other local politicians and a number of mental health providers from around greater Chicago, is run by Hope for the Day, a Chicago charity that aims to raise awareness around suicide prevention and mental illness. All of the cafe's proceeds will go to the charity.

The hope for the new shop is that it will draw in passers-by who simply want a cup of coffee or a pastry but also those who want to have a conversation about a troubling time or even a planned suicide attempt, Hope for the Day founder Jonny Boucher said. When customers come in, the entryway is lined with pamphlets and information cards about mental health services and other outlets for help.

"For the longest time it was a matter treated with silence, then for a while, whispers," Durbin, D-Ill., said of mental illness. "Now, thanks to Sip of Hope ... it's been greeted with honest conversation."

The store's process of greeting customers will be similar to other coffee shops, where workers will ask "how are you doing today?" when a customer walks up to the counter. But afterward, when many customers tend to go back to their phones, there is a chance for them to open up a conversation with an employee, who can help them navigate resources.

Hope for the Day's mantra, "It's OK not to be OK," adorns the walls as well as workers' T-shirts. A simple menu board is matched on a back wall with information about Hope for the Day. And hung near the front window is a list of supporters, which includes restaurants such as Kuma's Corner, that have raised money for the charity. Next to the list hangs a simple statement in bold letters: "We are in this together."

The coffee is from Dark Matter, which first partnered with Hope for the Day in 2013. Boucher said he and Dark Matter founder Jesse Diaz first talked about opening a business like this years ago. Once he committed to opening the shop, Boucher said Sip of Hope's construction and opening happened within the span of only a few months.

Most early visitors to the shop were mental health providers with a desire to support Hope for the Day and see the unique operation in action. Many also had their own stories of mental illness and spoke of the difficulty of finding help.

Marianne Bithos, president of the south suburbs division of the National Association of Mental Illness, said she believed it was important to show up for the opening to see



Mental health awareness events set

Events are planned in conjunction with Mental Health Awareness Month:

■ Midland County System of Care — a group of organizations that serve children and families — is hosting Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

There will be games, art projects and information on available resources for mental health.

■ BIG SPRING — West Texas Centers will celebrate Mental Health Month with activities focusing on recovery.

West Texas Centers serves more than 2,200 people each month through their clinics and 24-hour mental health crisis hotline, according to a press release. Clinics are located in Andrews, Dawson, Gaines, Garza, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum counties.

Mental Health Month raises awareness and encourages dialogue. One in 5 Americans are affected by mental health conditions, according to the National Association of Mental Illness. To request mental health services or to access mental health crisis services, call the 24-hour hotline at 1-800-375-4357.

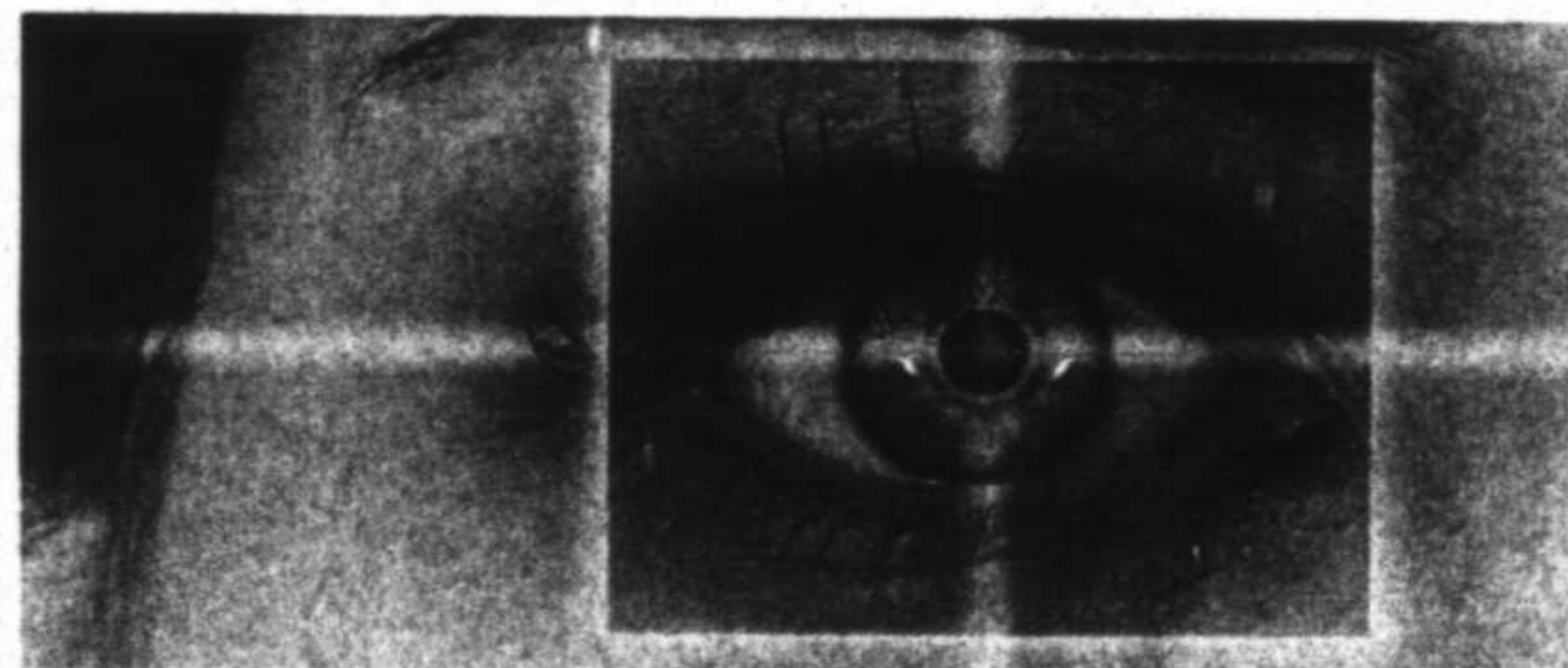
the first-of-its-kind operation in person, and hopes the shop will not only be a positive outlet for those suffering from a mental illness but also help reduce the stigma in talking about mental health.

"You can come here, you can grab a cup of coffee and go, or you can support the organization more than that too," Boucher said. "But at the end of the day, it's really about just having a place where people can come get coffee on a hundred good days in a row and on day 101, if the (expletive) hits the fan, there are resources."

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Staff barista Brad Bacci prepares a hot drink for a customer as people gather for the opening of the Sip of Hope Coffee Bar in Chicago.

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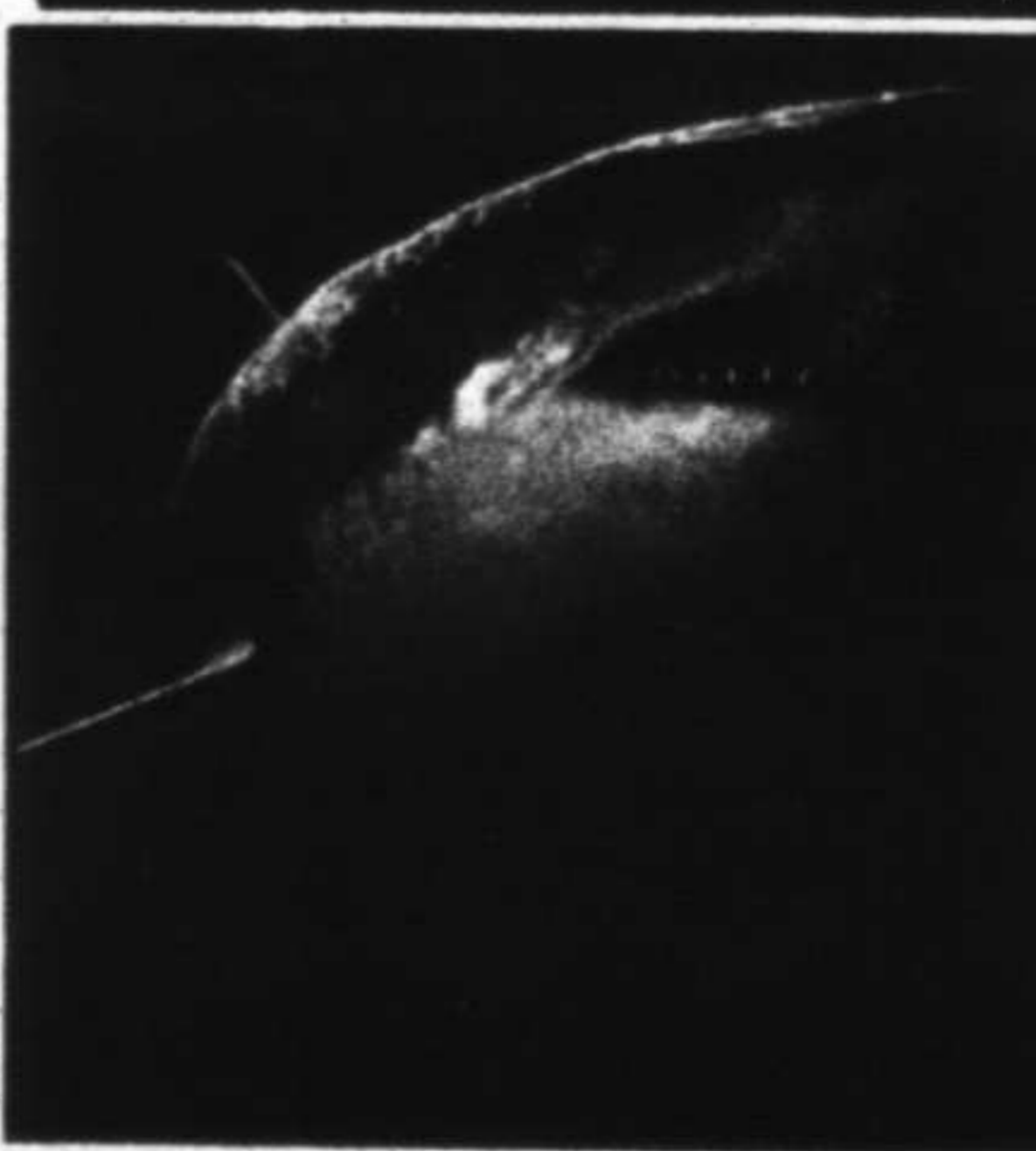
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US panel leaves prostate screening up to men, their doctors

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Whether to get screened for prostate cancer is a question that men aged 55 to 69 should decide themselves in consultation with their doctors, according to finalized guidance issued Tuesday by an influential panel of health care experts.

New evidence suggests that PSA blood tests can slightly reduce the chances of dying from the disease for some men, so those decisions may be a little easier. Though screening can sometimes lead to drastic, needless treatment, the panel says that can sometimes be avoided with close monitoring when cancer is detected.

The government-appointed U.S. Preventive Services Task Force

had earlier opposed routine screening. Its new guidance, echoing other groups' advice and affirming its draft recommendations issued last year, was published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The guidance says it's important to weigh the potential benefits and harms of screening. The test looks for elevated levels of a protein in the blood that may signal cancer but can also be caused by less serious prostate problems.

A key question is whether the patient has a higher-than-average risk for developing prostate cancer, says Dr. Michael Munger, president of the American Academy of Family Physicians. These men include African-Americans and those with a family history of prostate cancer, especially if a

father or brother developed the disease before age 70. These men would be the best candidates for screening.

Other important questions that should be part of the doctor-patient conversation:

- The risks of screening: Elevated PSA levels don't always signal cancer but they require a biopsy to be sure, which carries the risk of infection. If cancer is detected, patients must weigh risks of treatment, which may include radiation and surgery, sometimes resulting in incontinence and impotence.
- Whether to choose treatment if cancer is detected. The panel said there's evidence that "active surveillance," which involves repeated PSA testing and close monitoring, can help men

diagnosed with cancer avoid harsh treatment or at least delay it.

- The risks of not screening, including a small chance of developing prostate cancer that could grow so slowly, patients would likely die of something else.
- Age: The panel says men aged 70 and up should not be screened. For these patients, risks of screening outweigh benefits because even if prostate cancer is found, they're more likely to die from other causes. The guidance doesn't apply to men younger than 55 because they are considered low risk.

"It's an awful lot to think about," said Munger, adding that he has these complicated conversations with patients every day. "It really depends on what their feelings are and what their values are."

DRINK

From 1B

A 20-ounce bottle of orange Gatorade has a hefty 34 grams of sugar, 36 grams of carbs, and 140 calories.

Consume two or more sports drinks each week and over a year it can translate into extra pounds, said Dardarian.

"Don't drink your calories," said Dardarian. A more positive message would be to eat the calories. Water and an orange would provide 100 percent of the recommended dietary allowance for vitamin C for kids ages 4 to 18, plus fiber, she said.

Healthier options for kids include flavoring water by squeezing fresh fruit into it, adding a splash of fruit juice, or drinking flavored seltzers, she said.

The same advice applies for adults. Rehydrating after a yoga class with a fresh-pressed juice adds 200 or more unneeded calories to your diet, she said.

There are occasions where having a sports drink is appropriate, Dardarian said.

A cyclist planning a 100-mile ride or a kid in a day-long soccer tournament might want to use sports drinks to stay hydrated.

"If the child is only playing 20 minutes or rotating into the game, they just need water," Dardarian said.

Overall, Americans have consumed fewer calories from the sugary drinks in recent years.

Since the advent of Philadelphia's tax on sweetened beverages, Philadelphians are 64 percent less likely to gulp down a sports drink, researchers at the Dornsife School of Public Health at Drexel University concluded.

Their study results were published in the April 12 issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Youth program orientation planned

Orientations for 2018 summer junior volunteer program are planned for 1:30-5 p.m. June 4, 5, 7, 12, 13 and 18. Youth need attend only one of the sessions, which will be in the cafeteria area. The program is for 14- through 17-year-olds.

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

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

For more information, contact Kim Modisett at kim.modisett@midland-health.org.

Volkssport club's walk is Saturday

Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club's May walk is Saturday at Racquet Club. Members will meet at the Dollye Neal Chapel at Midland College.

For more information, call Alex Rose at 687-2588.

Alzheimer's education session planned

The Alzheimer's Association and Midland College Health Sciences Continuing Education are hosting an education session on demen-

tia 8 a.m.-noon. Thursday at Midland College Advance Technology Center, 3200 W. Cuthbert Ave.

For more information, contact Janet Cross at 570-9191, ext. 8031, or jcross@alz.org

Midland Health events

Lifestyle Medicine Center education series: "Understanding and Overcoming Food Addictions," 6 p.m. Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, 221-5433; \$5 fee; to register, go to midland-health.org and click on classes & events.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643.
- Overeaters Anonymous; 3 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 553-1031.
- Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570-5935.
- Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

■ Laundry Group, 8 p.m.

daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 104 N. Marshall St.

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

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

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

COM Aquatics

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

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

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

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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.

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decision was not simple — she and her fiancé grappled with the option, wondering whether Michael understood what was being asked of him and whether it was right to ask him at all.

"Part of me was like, 'Well, he's 4. Maybe he doesn't know what's going on.' But he did, and he was all for it," she said.

Still, Pownall said, "We were in no way, shape or form going to push anything." She said that had Michael hesitated or showed reluctance, she and his father would have put the twins on the bone marrow registry. But doctors told them that bone marrow from a matching family member was the best choice. "He was all for it, and we had a good feeling about it. It's amazing — he's so proud. Such a brave little guy."

She added that doctors at the hospital sat down with Michael and made sure he understood and that he was OK with it.

Art Caplan, a professor of bioethics and head of the division of medical ethics at the New York University School of Medicine, said situations in which children are the donors do present ethical questions, namely whether a child can truly understand the risks and grant their permission — a principle known as informed consent.

In addition, Caplan said, there may be risks to the donor — pain or other complications, and in instances in which the transplant is not successful, the donor may have

to do it again or may begin to blame himself if the donation does not help or the recipient experiences a serious problem. He said that before such procedures are performed, he hopes to see an ethics committee review the circumstances to ensure there are no risks for the donor that the parents may not be considering.

But in general, "I'm inclined to allow it to happen," he said, assuming that those involved understand and accept the risks.

It's unclear whether CHOP had an ethics committee review Michael's case. A hospital spokeswoman said she could not comment on Michael's case, and when asked whether CHOP requires an ethics committee to weigh in on situations involving child donors, she said that she could not confirm that either.

On March 8, Michael marched down to the hospital's patient check-in area. His mother had told him that he was going to be "a real-life superhero," and the small boy who loves Captain America as well as Spider-Man, Batman and Superman seemed excited to join their ranks.

The nurse told him that she was going to give him some "giggie juice" and he would go to sleep, his mother recalled.

Then Pownall was taken to a waiting room, where she said she sat anxiously, thinking about her young son. "I thought it was going to be harder on him than it was," she said.

"He's so small," she added. "You don't want your babies to be in pain."

EPIPENS

From 1B

months and were higher than expected in April, he said.

The FDA hadn't added EpiPen to its list of medications in shortage as of Tuesday morning. Companies are required to report shortages to the agency.

"At this time, Mylan is reporting adequate supplies of EpiPen for the U.S. and we will continue to monitor this situation closely," said Lauren Smith Dyer, a spokeswoman for the FDA. The agency will update its shortage website with resources for people looking for EpiPens.

News of the shortfall has been spreading among allergy sufferers and those who fill their prescriptions.

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists added epinephrine auto-injectors including EpiPen and a competing product called Adrenaclick manufactured by Amneal Pharmaceuticals to its comprehensive shortage list on May 3. ASHP

tracks drug shortages and attempts to keep the public informed of them.

Whitney Zatzkin, 39, was in the waiting room at her allergist last month in Virginia when she overheard a nurse call around to at least a dozen pharmacies searching for an EpiPen for another patient. The nurse finally found a local pharmacy with one left on the shelf, Zatzkin, founder of the strategy and communications company Rare Dots, said in an interview.

The encounter led Zatzkin to ask for a refill prescription for her daughter's EpiPen so she could be sure to find one in the next two months before her daughter goes to summer camp.

"A lot of summer camps will only take the yellow-cap EpiPen brand product because they do one type of training," she said.

Each auto-injector has slightly different instructions for use. Kaleo's Auvi-Q auto-injector is still available but many insurers will cover only EpiPen and not

Auvi-Q, FARE's Baker said.

EpiPen supply constraints have been reported in Canada and the U.K. because of manufacturing issues.

"Pfizer anticipates that production rates will increase over the coming months; however, at this time, cannot commit to a specific time for when the supply constraint will be fully resolved," according to Mylan's U.K. website for EpiPen.

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists has confirmed backorders at Mylan and Amneal, Erin Fox, senior director of drug information at University of Utah Health, which provides data to ASHP for the shortage list. Impax Laboratories, the maker of Adrenaclick, merged with Amneal on Monday.

ASHP determines a shortage exists when patients have to go without or use alternatives, while the FDA doesn't often classify a product as being in short supply if there are other similar products available, Fox said.

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Witten preaches importance of community, character

By Oscar LeRoy
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Jason Witten loved to play football but more than anything he wanted to play for his teammates.

The former Dallas Cowboys tight end, who announced his retirement on Thursday after 15 years in the NFL, spoke, along with former offensive lineman Ryan Young, spoke to an attentive audience at the Mid-Cities Community Church on Tuesday about how character has always been important for him and how his teammates looking up to him

meant more than anything else when he played.

Growing up in a home with an abusive father, Witten — who created the SCORE foundation, which has provided positive mentors for children escaping family violence — grew up wanting to do things right and never wanting to disappoint his grandparents. His grandparents helped raise him and his grandfather was his favorite coach growing up.

That's why being a man with integrity was always important to him.

"Not only did I have that character and integrity, but early on

in my career I just decided that I wanted to make my grandparents proud," Witten said. "I would just remind myself that. As I went on and had my own family, I thought about what my kids would see and hear.

"Just a few days since my retirement, the neatest thing for me in the whole process is to hear what my teammates said about me. It was not just to make me feel good but I saw how much of an impact I had and how they looked up to me. As a leader and captain it was so important to me to think about how I wanted to

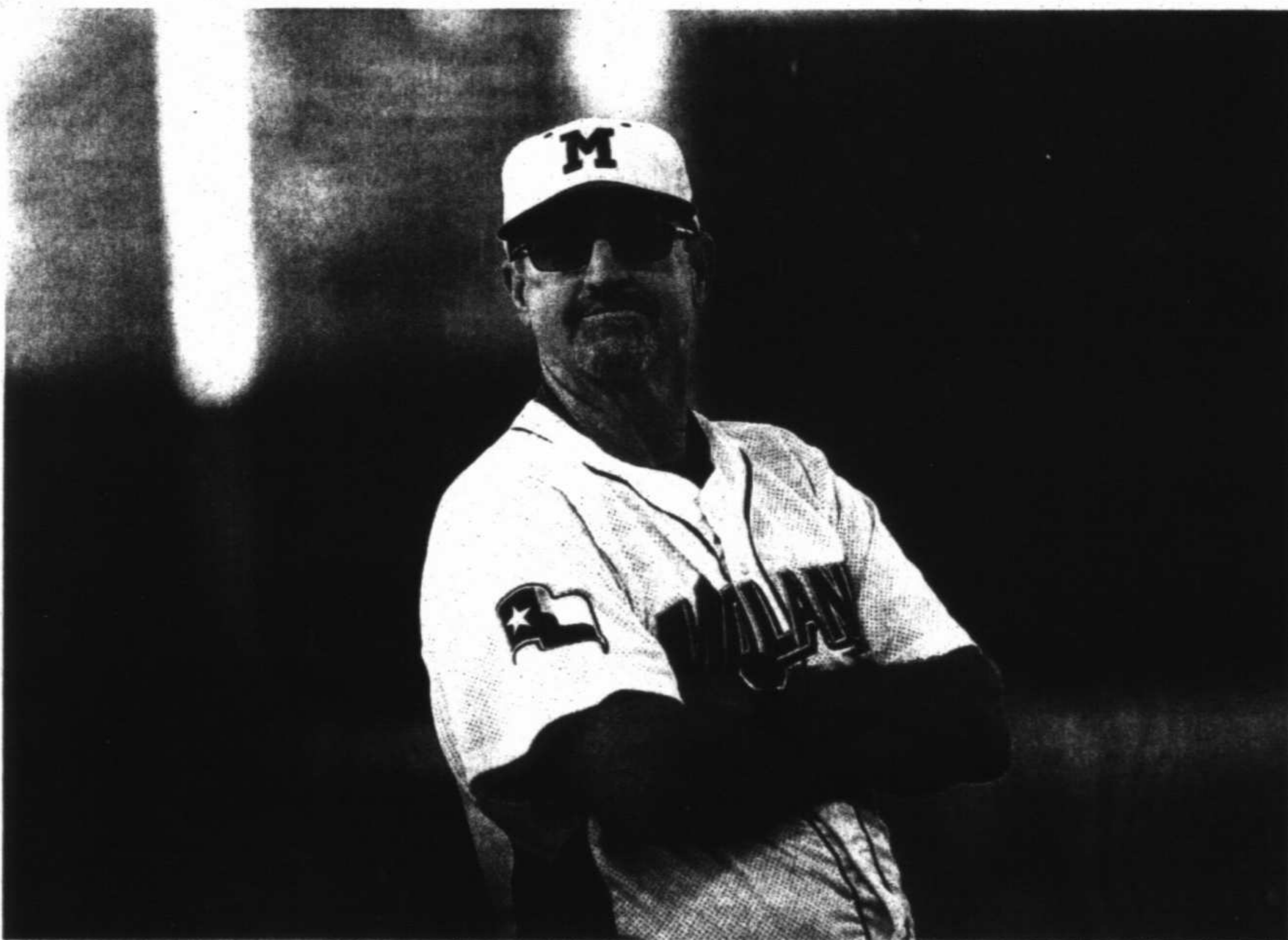
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Former Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten, right, speaks during the "Winning With Character" question and answer presentation Tuesday, at Mid-Cities Community Church. Pictured at left, former Cowboys offensive tackle Ryan Young.

A legend steps down



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High baseball head coach Barry Russell during the game against Lee High in 2016, at Christensen Stadium.

Midland High coach Russell retires after 22 years

By Will Korn
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After 22 seasons with the Midland High baseball program, head coach Barry Russell announced Tuesday that he is retiring from his longtime role as the Bulldogs' skipper.

News of Russell's retirement was first reported by NewsWest9 Sports.

Russell, who was hired as the Bulldogs coach in 1996, leaves behind a monumental legacy in both MHS and West Texas baseball as a whole. His teams made the playoffs in a remarkable 20 straight seasons (1997-2017), which stood as the second-longest playoff baseball streak in Texas.

Under his direction, the Bulldogs advanced to the area round of the playoffs or further in 19 of those 20 seasons, to the regional semifinals five times and to the state tournament in 2001 and 2006. As underdogs, Russell's club captured the 2001 Class 5A state title — the second in the program's history — with a 4-2 win over Austin High.

Prior to his arrival in Midland in 1996, Russell made coaching stops at Clyde High School, La Pryor High School and Victoria Stroman. In 34 years as a coach, he has compiled a record of 736-356-2, good for a .672 winning percentage and has coached over 80 players who went on to the collegiate or professional level of the game.

This year MHS, which endured a

season-long bout with injuries and inconsistency, went 18-16 and missed the playoffs for the first time since Russell's first year with the team.

He is now set to become the Director of Baseball Camps and Clinics at the state-of-the-art baseball facility, D-Bat Permian Basin. The 28,000 square-foot facility includes 13 batting cages, a full arsenal of pitching mounds and practice fields for defensive drills. It will be located near the Midland/Odessa Airport and is scheduled to open in October.

There, Russell will be offering private lessons to all age groups and working with Little League coaches to help keep the game of baseball fun and safe for all

Please see RUSSELL/4C

Sockers FC set for action in prestigious US Open Cup

By Christopher Hadorn
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The longest running United States soccer competition is coming to the Tall City.

The Midland-Odessa Sockers FC, of the National Premier Soccer League, host the Premier Development League's Lakeland (Fla.) Tropics in a



Rincon

Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup first round match at 7:30 p.m. at Grande Communications Stadium.

For the Sockers' amateur players, playing a U.S. Open Cup match is a watershed moment in their young careers, as the tournament is an ongoing tradition that dates back to 1914.

Additionally, today's winner among the Sockers and Lakeland — both amateur clubs — advances to face San Antonio FC in the second round on May 16. San Antonio FC is a professional club in the United

Soccer League and is owned by the San Antonio Spurs.

"A lot of these players came here because of these opportunities, because of games like (today)," Sockers first-year head coach Luis Rincon said. "A lot of these players want to be at the same level (as the pros) and this is the best tournament for amateur players to be scouted and to be exposed."

The possibilities are endless in this U.S. Open Cup for the Sockers, the equivalent of a No. 16 seed in the NCAA basketball tournament.

With three victories, the

Sockers would advance to face a Major League Soccer club in the fourth round, and could potentially advance to the tournament final with seven wins.

Winning the tournament final will be a tall task for an amateur team as the Rochester Rhinos in 1999 were the last non-MLS club to win the U.S. Open Cup.

Despite the long odds, Sockers players are still thrilled about getting a ticket to the dance.

"I feel like anyone who

Please see SOCKERS/4C

Chris Paul scores 41 as Rockets eliminate Jazz

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Chris Paul scored a playoff career-high 41 points with eight 3-pointers to finally reach the conference finals, helping the Houston Rockets eliminate the Utah Jazz 112-102 in Game 5 on Tuesday night.

It will be Houston's second trip to the Western Conference finals in four years and the first ever for Paul. The point guard has been panned for failing to get past the second round in his nine previous trips to the postseason.

Houston will meet the winner of the series between Golden State and New Orleans, which the Warriors lead 3-1.

Paul, a nine-time All-Star in his first season with Houston after an offseason trade from the Los Angeles Clippers, also had 10 assists and seven rebounds. His previous career-best in the playoffs was 35 points, which he accomplished three times.

Star rookie Donovan Mitchell had 22 of his 24 points for Utah in the third quarter before leaving with about seven minutes left with an apparent left leg injury.

Houston returns to the conference finals for the first time since 2015. It's the second straight season the Jazz lost in this round after being swept by Golden State last season.

The top-seeded Rockets led by eight points after a 3-pointer by Paul with about six minutes left. The Jazz scored the next seven points, highlighted by a 3-pointer from Royce O'Neale, before Paul made eight quick points to push Houston's lead to 105-96 with about three minutes left.

Joe Ingles made a basket for Utah before Paul added another basket to make it 107-98. The crowd began chanting "CP3" repeatedly as Paul

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Houston Rockets guard Chris Paul reacts after a 3-pointer by P.J. Tucker during the second half of Game 5 on Tuesday in Houston.

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RECORDS
Midland 19-14
Frisco 7-25

Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Frisco 3 Midland 0	Midland at Corpus Christi 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi 2:05 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Softball
SEC 1st Round: Texas A&M vs. Mississippi State, 11 a.m., SEC
ACC 1st Round: Louisville vs. Syracuse, Noon, FSSW+
SEC 1st Round: Arkansas vs. Kentucky, 1:30 p.m., SEC
ACC 1st Round: Duke vs. Virginia Tech, 2:30 p.m., FSSW+
SEC 1st Round: LSU vs. Ole Miss, 4 p.m., SEC
SEC 1st Round: Alabama vs. Auburn, 6:30 p.m., SEC
IHF World Championships
Switzerland vs. Belarus, 9 a.m., NHL
Finland vs. Denmark, 1 p.m., NHL
Major League Baseball
Cleveland at Milwaukee, Noon, MLB
Detroit at Texas, 1 p.m., FSSW
Houston at Oakland, 2:30 p.m., ATTSW
LA Angels at Colorado, 3 p.m., MLB
Boston at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Arizona at LA Dodgers, 9 p.m., MLB
Men's Soccer
PL: Chelsea FC vs. Huddersfield Town FC, 2 p.m., NBCSN
MLS: Toronto FC vs. Seattle Sounders FC, 6:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
National Basketball Association
East Semifinal, Game 5: Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m., TNT
Tennis
ATP: Madrid, 5 a.m., TENNIS RADIO
Major League Baseball Radio
Detroit at Texas, 1 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/90 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
Houston at Oakland, 2:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

Soccer
Lamar Hunt US Open, Lakeland Tropics at Sockers FC, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB — Placed Toronto RHP Roberto Osuna on administrative leave after being charged with sexual assault.
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Activated 2B Jonathan Schoop from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Enyel De Los Angeles to Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Reinstated OF-IF Brock Holt from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Taiwan Liu to Pawtucket (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Activated RHP Oscar Diaz from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Jose Ramirez to Columbus (IL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned C Juan Gonzalez to Salt Lake (PCL). Reinstated C Martin Maldonado from the bereavement list.
TEXAS RANGERS — Activated 3B Adrian Beltre from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Eleazar Alvarez to Frisco (Texas).
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Placed RF Jason Heyward on the seven-day concussion DL. Reinstated RHP Jen-Ho Tseng. INF David Bote and LHP Rob Zastryzny from Iowa (PCL). Optioned RHP Cory Mazzoni to Iowa.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Reinstated INF DJ LeMahieu from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Pat Valdes from Albuquerque (PCL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Reinstated LHP Rich Hill from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Brock Stewart to Oklahoma City (PCL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Selected the contract of UTI Nick Franklin from Bismarck (SL). Assigned RF Eric Sogard to Colorado Springs (PCL). Transferred C Stephen Vogt to the 60-day DL.
NEW YORK METS — Traded RHP Matt Harvey to Cincinnati for C Devin Mays. Reinstated RHP Corey Oswalt from Las Vegas (PCL). Optioned LHP J.J. Corbin to Las Vegas.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Reinstated INF-OF Josh Osbourne from Indianapolis (IL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Reinstated RHP John Brebbia from Memphis (PCL). Optioned RHP Ryan Sherrill to Memphis.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned LHP DJ Shelton to Sacramento (PCL). Reinstated RHP Derek Lee from Sacramento.
Baseball Leagues
QUAD CITIES BRIDGES — Announced OF Jonathan Latorre was transferred from extended spring training to the team.
ANNOUNCED OF J.J. Matencio was transferred to Busch Creek (Carolina).
American Association
CHICAGO DOGS — Signed OF Joe Benson, Shemar Davenport, and Tony Roseak. RHP Scott Firth, Josh Coonan-Brown and Michael Wagner. LHP Rich Mascher, C Willard Rodriguez and INF Neven Renc.
CLEBURNE RAILROADERS — Signed INF Angelo Gumbert.
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed RF Garrett Copeland and RHP Luis Diaz and Reuben Stevie. Traded RHP Lee Diaz to Jax (FL) to complete an earlier trade.
KANSAS CITY TIGERS — Signed LHP Francisco Ortega.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Reinstated RHP Tyler Womack.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Signed OF Jay Austin.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIAS — Released RHP Casey Upperman.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Associated Press

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7, all necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Washington wins 4-2
Thursday, April 26: Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2
Sunday, April 29: Washington 4, Pittsburgh 1
Tuesday, May 1: Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3
Thursday, May 3: Pittsburgh 3, Washington 1
Saturday, May 5: Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3
Monday, May 7: Washington 2, Pittsburgh 1
1, OT
Tampa Bay wins 4-1
Saturday, April 28: Boston 6, Tampa Bay 2
Monday, April 30: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 2
Wednesday, May 2: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 1
Friday, May 4: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3, OT
Sunday, May 6: Tampa Bay 3, Boston 1
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Winnipeg 3, Nashville 3
Friday, April 27: Winnipeg 4, Nashville 1
Sunday, April 29: Nashville 5, Winnipeg 4, 2OT
Tuesday, May 1: Winnipeg 7, Nashville 4
Thursday, May 3: Winnipeg 4, Nashville 2
Saturday, May 5: Winnipeg 6, Nashville 2
Monday, May 7: Nashville 4, Winnipeg 0
Thursday, May 10: Winnipeg at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Vegas wins 4-2
Thursday, April 26: Vegas 7, San Jose 0
Saturday, April 28: San Jose 4, Vegas 3, 2OT
Monday, April 30: Vegas 4, San Jose 3, OT
Wednesday, May 2: San Jose 4, Vegas 0
Friday, May 4: Vegas 5, San Jose 3
Sunday, May 6: Vegas 3, San Jose 0

FIGHT SCHEDULE

May 11
At 2300 Arena, Philadelphia (SHO), Devin Haney vs. Mason Miranda, 10, lightweight; Glenn Durkin vs. Josh Coker, 10, super bantamweight.
At Doubletree Hotel, Ontario, Calif., Roberto Arreaza vs. Juan Rizo, 10, welterweight.
May 12
At New York (ESPN), Jorge Linares vs. Vasily Lomachenko, 12, for Linares' WBA lightweight title; Carlos Arreola vs. Alexander Berbes, 10, welterweight.
At Turning Stone Resort Casino, Verona, N.Y. (HBO), Saitama Aki vs. Liam Smith, 12 for Aki's WBC junior middleweight title; Ray Vargas vs. Axel Huchangco, 12, for Vargas' WBC super bantamweight title.
May 17
At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino in Indio, Calif. (ESPN), Remco Duro vs. Gilberto Gonzalez, 10, lightweight; Oscar Duarte vs. Ray Perez, 10, lightweight.
May 19
At MGM National Harbor, Ocean Hill, Md. (HBO), Gary Russell Jr. vs. Joseph Diaz Jr., 12, for Russell's WBC bantamweight title.
At Leiria, England, Lee Selby vs. Josh Warrington, 12, for Selby's IBF welterweight title; Dorian Taylor vs. Mason Campbell, 12, welterweight.
At Montreal (HBO), Adrien Stievenart vs. Radoslaw Jack, 12, for Stievenart's WBC light heavyweight title.
May 20
At Tokyo, Ryuchi Taguchi vs. Hideo Hatake.

WITTEN

From 1C

represent them." Witten said he'll miss the competition of not only playing in games but the preparation that comes with each practice. When asked by moderator and Lubbock Christian University president Tim Perrin about today's culture and society, Witten said first folks need to put down the electronic devices and start talking to each other or read a book. "I played football, played basketball, I played baseball, I ran track and nowadays we want to put these kids in a box," Witten said. "I think we have to allow kids to fail, we have to allow them to face adversity and we have to allow them to get out and do different sports. "We've got to allow our kids to experience things. We want to hold their hands and walk them through it all the time. Not only will they be better

athletes, but more importantly, they'll be better in life because of all the experiences." Witten, who said he kept turning down job offers from various television networks before finally making the decision to retire, now hopes he can follow in his good friend Tony Romo's footsteps as a color analyst. Both became very close friends when they first met in 2003, their first year with the Cowboys. Witten said Romo was and has always been a big influence on him and helped him become the man he is today. "He'll always be a brother of mine," he said. "For him to handle the situation in 2015 (losing the starting job to Dak Prescott) shows how much as to what he's all about. I just hope to make the transition as seamlessly as he has to the broadcast booth."



Former Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten speaks during the "Winning With Character" question and answer presentation on Tuesday at Mid-Cities Community Church.

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Advisers aid baseball prospects, might do same in basketball

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

Evan Skoug had a decision to make his senior year of high school in 2014: go pro or go to college? He was rated the No. 1 prospect in Illinois for the Major League Baseball draft that year, and he had signed a letter of intent to play catcher at TCU. Skoug ended up going to TCU, but not before he and his family weighed the pros and cons with and had many conversations with an adviser. "It was good for me to have someone there to help me through the professional process because nobody in my family has played professionally and nobody knows the industry," Skoug said this week. "It was nice to have somebody invested in the sports industry, invested in myself, there to help me make the correct informed decision." NCAA rules governing baseball and ice hockey allow high school players to hire advisers as long as those advisers are paid their normal fees. Also, baseball and hockey players who are drafted are allowed to retain college eligibility as long as they don't sign a contract. Under proposals put forth by the Condoleezza Rice-headed Commission on College Basketball, facets of those baseball-hockey rules would be applied to high school and college basketball players. One recommendation would have the NCAA create a program for certifying agents and make them accessible to players from high school through their college careers. The NCAA already allows players in college to retain advisers. "I think information and data are power, so to speak," Nebraska basketball coach Tim Miles said. "I think

that's really important — to educate the parents, to educate the players to this whole process." Another recommendation would allow high school and college basketball players who declare for the draft and aren't drafted remain eligible for college unless and until they sign a pro contract. That recommendation assumes the NBA changes its rules and allows high school seniors to be drafted instead of requiring a player be 19 years old or one year removed from high school. Miles said he favors that proposal as well, but he sees a potential problem. He currently has two rising seniors who have declared for the June 21 draft without signing an agent, and they have until May 30 to pull out of draft consideration and retain their eligibility. If the recommendation were in place now, and those players stayed in the draft pool but weren't selected, their status for next season might not be known until well into the summer. That, Miles said, could present a roster-management issue. Typically, a coach has a good idea if any of his underclassmen will be drafted, and he can plan for that. But what if the undrafted player decides not to return to school after the draft and chooses to pursue opportunities in the G League or overseas? "I think you need a clear conversation with the student-athlete and his family asking 'What are your intentions?'" Miles said. "Those are things that should be decided earlier than June 21." The baseball agent-adviser rule, as it applies to the power-five conferences, changed in 2016. As part of the autonomy movement, high school players who are drafted are permitted to hire an agent for contract negotiations, but the relationship must be severed if the player decides to enroll in college. Conferences outside the power five are allowed to adopt that rule if they choose. Previously, advisers could not perform agent duties such as negotiating a contract whether for a high school player or a player who's draft-eligible in his third year at a four-year school. Skoug said he knew he needed help sorting out the MLB draft process as he neared his senior season at Libertyville (Illinois) High. His high school coach recommended a friend, Scott Pucino, who heads the baseball division for Octagon sports and entertainment agency. Pucino gave Skoug tips on how to word answers on the multitude of questionnaires sent by major league clubs, explained what life would be like in a rookie league if he chose to turn pro and stressed the importance of finding an experienced and trusted wealth manager. The Skoug family paid a few hundred dollars for Pucino's services — "inconsequential for what we got," said Evan's father, John Skoug. "We had 28 of the 30 major-league teams march through our living room and asking a bunch of questions. We didn't know what to really expect," John said. "You hear stuff from Person X and Person Y, and each of these scouts will tell you, but I'd rather have an independent party telling me what's going on." The most important conversation dealt with setting the minimum amount of money it would take for Evan Skoug to sign. Only he and his family could make that decision, but Pucino had input. "The question for Evan: life-changing money, what was that going to be?" Pucino said. "The thing I tell these players is if you don't make it, at least you have three years of college education done."

ROCKETS

From 1C

dribbled down the court on the next possession. The Jazz were without Ricky Rubio and Dante Exum because of hamstring injuries. Rubio has missed the entire series with his injury, and Exum was injured in the third quarter of Game 5. P.J. Tucker scored a playoff career-best 19 points, and James Harden added 18 points. Mitchell's huge third quarter left the Jazz up by 3 to begin the fourth. Derrick Favors made a layup for Utah to start the final quarter before Paul and P.J. Tucker hit consecutive 3-pointers to put Houston back on top 81-80 with about 10 minutes left. Utah regained the lead

on a basket by O'Neale before Houston used an 11-5 spurt, with the first five points from Gerald Green, to take a 92-87 lead with about seven minutes left. Harden capped the run with a dunk after stealing the ball from Mitchell. Mitchell was injured on that play and grabbed his left leg. He had to be helped to the bench and was quickly taken to the locker room with the help of two people. **Tip-ins**
Jazz: Alec Burks scored 22 points off the bench. ... Rudy Gobert finished with 12 points, nine rebounds and five blocks. ... Mitchell finished 9 of 17 on field goals. ... O'Neale had 17 points.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7, all necessary)
Eastern Conference
Cleveland wins 4-0
Tuesday, May 1: Cleveland 113, Toronto 112, OT
Thursday, May 3: Cleveland 128, Toronto 110
Saturday, May 5: Cleveland 105, Toronto 103
Monday, May 7: Cleveland 128, Toronto 93
Boston 3, Philadelphia 1
Monday, April 30: Boston 117, Philadelphia 101
Thursday, May 3: Boston 108, Philadelphia 100
Saturday, May 5: Boston 101, Philadelphia 96, OT
Monday, May 7: Philadelphia 103, Boston 92
Tuesday, Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 11: Boston at Philadelphia, TBA
Sunday, May 13: Philadelphia at Boston, TBA
Western Conference
Houston wins 4-1
Sunday, April 29: Houston 110, Utah 98
Wednesday, May 2: Utah 116, Houston 108
Friday, May 4: Houston 113, Utah 82
Sunday, May 6: Houston 100, Utah 87
Tuesday, May 8: Houston 112, Utah 102
Golden State 3, New Orleans 1
Saturday, April 28: Golden State 123, New Orleans 101
Tuesday, May 1: Golden State 121, New Orleans 116
Friday, May 4: New Orleans 119, Golden State 100
Sunday, May 6: Golden State 118, New Orleans 92
Tuesday, May 8: New Orleans at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 10: Golden State at New Orleans, TBA
Monday, May 14: New Orleans at Golden State, TBA
Up next
Houston will host the first two games of the conference finals against Golden State or New

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MLB ROUNDUP

Associated Press

American League

TIGERS 7 RANGERS 4 ARLINGTON—Victor Martinez and Jeimer Candelario homered in the first inning and the Detroit Tigers held off the Texas Rangers 7-4 Tuesday night, spoiling Adrian Beltré's three-hit game in his return from an injury.

Jose Iglesias connected on a two-run shot, his first of the season, for a 5-0 lead in the second against left-hander Mike Minor.

Beltré, MLB's active leader in hits, reached 3,078 with three singles after missing 12 games with a left hamstring strain. The 39-year-old hit run-scoring singles in the sixth and eighth to give him 1,652 RBIs, tying Tony Perez for 27th on the career list.

In his 21st season, Beltré became the active hits leader while on the disabled list when Ichiro Suzuki, with 3,089 hits, was removed from Seattle's 40-player roster last week for another role with the Mariners.

Mike Fiers (3-2), winless with an 8.90 ERA in six previous appearances against Texas, took a shutout into the fifth before Jurickson Profar's leadoff homer, his second. The right-hander gave up six hits and two runs with five strikeouts in 5 1/3 innings.

MARINERS 5 BLUE JAYS 0 TORONTO — James Paxton of the Seattle Mariners became the first Canadian to pitch a no-hitter in his home country, shutting down the Blue Jays 5-0 Tuesday night.

Paxton joined Dick Fowler of the 1945 Philadelphia Athletics as the only Canadians to throw a no-hitter.

Coming off a career-high 16 strikeouts in his last start, Paxton (2-1) was electric once again, hitting 100 mph with his fastball while retiring Josh Donaldson on a grounder to end it.

Paxton struck out seven, walked three and benefited from an outstanding play by third baseman Kyle Seager. With two outs in the seventh, Seager made a full-length diving stop on speedy Kevin Pillar's grounder down the line, then slung an off-balance throw that first baseman Ryon Healy snagged on one hop.

The 29-year-old lefty threw 99 pitches in tossing the third no-hitter in the majors this year — with all three coming in different countries.

Oakland's Sean Manaea pitched one against Boston on April 21 in California. Four Los Angeles Dodgers combined to no-hit San Diego in Mexico last Friday.

ROYALS 15 ORIOLES 7 BALTIMORE — Dylan Bundy set a dubious modern-day record, yielding four homers and leaving without getting an out, part of a 10-run first inning that propelled the Kansas City Royals past the hapless Baltimore Orioles 15-7 Tuesday night.

Bundy (1-5) was lifted after allowing five hits and two walks to the only seven batters he faced. That was more than enough damage to send the Orioles to their season-high seventh straight defeat and 19th in 22 games.

Jon Jay started the onslaught with a leadoff single before Jorge Soler, Mike Moustakas and Salvador Perez homered in succession.

Two walks and a home run by Alex Gordon followed, ending Bundy's night after just 28 pitches. It marked the first time in the current era (1906-present) that a pitcher gave up four home runs during an outing.



Brandon Wade/Associated Press

Detroit Tigers relief pitcher Shane Greene (61) and first baseman John Hicks (55) celebrate a 7-4 win over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday in Arlington.

in which he did not retire a batter, according to baseball-reference.com.

After compiling a 1.42 ERA after his first five starts, Bundy has given up 19 earned runs over his last three games to boost his ERA to 5.31.

YANKEES 3 RED SOX 2 NEW YORK — Giancarlo Stanton homered twice, Aaron Judge hit a tiebreaking single off Yankees enemy Joe Kelly and New York edged the rival Boston Red Sox 3-2 on Tuesday night for its 16th victory in 17 games.

In the opener of a three-game showdown between baseball's top two teams, Luis Severino pitched the final three innings for Atlanta, including Aroldys Vizcaino, who earned his fifth save.

Acuña's long home run came off Blake Snell in the third inning. Snell (2-2) gave up one run and four hits while striking out five in 6 1/3 innings. It was his sixth straight start in which he has given up two runs or fewer.

BREWERS 3 INDIANS 2 MILWAUKEE — Reliever Brent Suter homered off Corey Young Award winner Corey Kluber and threw 4 2/3 innings of two-run ball to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 3-2 win on Tuesday night over the Cleveland Indians.

Suter hit the first pitch thrown by Kluber in the third, a sinker, to center for the first homer of his professional career. It was the first home run given up by Kluber to a pitcher in his eight years with the Indians.

Suter (2-2) had an eventful night on the mound too. The left-hander entered with one out in the first for starter Wade Miley, who left following 19 pitches with a strained right oblique.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PHILLIES 4 GIANTS 2 PHILADELPHIA — Aaron Nola struck out a career-high 12 batters in seven stellar innings, Odubel Herrera had two hits to extend his career-best on-base streak to 37 games, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the San Francisco Giants 4-2 on Tuesday night.

Aaron Altherr, Carlos Santana and Jorge Alfaro hit solo home runs for Philadelphia. Nola (5-1) allowed one run and five hits while walking none.

Hector Naris got the last two outs, striking out both batters, for his seventh save in nine chances. Manager Gabe

Kapler elected to leave Tommy Hunter in the ninth rather than go to Neris, who blew a save in Sunday's 5-4 loss at Washington.

Pablo Sandoval homered off reliever Edubray Ramos for the Giants while pinch-hitting in the eighth.

REDS 7 METS 2 CINCINNATI — Catcher Devin Mesoraco made the short walk between clubhouses shortly before the first pitch Tuesday night as New York dealt for help at its needed position, and he watched the Mets lose to the Cincinnati Reds 7-2 with Eugenio Suarez driving in four runs.

The Mets traded former ace Matt Harvey to the Reds — he'll join them in Los Angeles on Thursday for the start of a series against the Dodgers — and had Mesoraco on their bench for the first pitch. He pinch hit in the ninth and took a called third strike as the Mets lost for the seventh time in eight games.

Harvey had a bases-loaded single and an RBI double off left-hander Jason Vargas (0-3). He added another RBI single in the seventh, and Scooter Gennett had a two-run homer off Hansel Robles.

CUBS 4 MARLINS 3 CHICAGO — Kris Bryant slid home safely with the go-ahead run on Victor Caratini's grounder to the right side in the eighth inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Miami Marlins 4-3 on Tuesday night.

Caratini wound up with the winning RBI, a few innings after the Cubs catcher got into a heated situation at home plate with Miami's Derek Dietrich.

Bryant scored a leadoff walk from Kyle Barraclough (0-2) in the eighth, took second on a wild pitch and moved to third on Anthony Rizzo's grounder. With the infield playing in, Caratini hit a grounder to second baseman Martin Castro, who took his time and threw a bit wide and high to the plate, allowing Bryant to easily score.

Bryant scored the tying run in the sixth when he got hit by a pitch from Jose Urena and came home when Caratini grounded into a force.

Caratini was in the middle of a large moment in the Miami fourth, when Dietrich got thrown out by right fielder Ben Zobrist attempting to score from second on Lewis Brinson's single.

Dietrich tried to run over Caratini after the ball easily beat him to the plate. The two exchanged words as the dugouts and bullpens emptied, but there appeared to be no punches or shoves.

Bullard Brook Hill knocks off MCS in bi-district

From staff reports

BULLARD — Bullard Brook Hill rode a game-changing, six-run fourth inning to eliminate Midland Christian with a 10-6 win in Tuesday's TAPPS Division II bi-district softball playoff.

Trailing 3-0, the Lady Mustangs (6-22) scored three runs in the top of the fourth to tie the contest at 3 before the Guard (12-4) took control with six runs in the bottom half and never looked back.

Trailing 9-3, MCS chipped away at Brook Hill's lead with one run in the fifth and two runs in the sixth, but could never close the gap.

For the Lady Mustangs, Shyenn Taylor went 3-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored; Bayley Templeton

was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored; and Zaita Suarez went 1-for-3 with a double, a run scored and a walk.

For Brook Hill, Maddie Anthony was 2-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored; Micah Lovelady went 2-for-3 with two doubles, two RBI and two runs scored; and Kenna Lovelady was 3-for-4 with a triple, two RBI and a run scored.

Brook Hill advanced to face the Tyler Grace Community-Austin St. Dominic Savio winner in the regional round.

BULLARD BROOK HILL 10, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 6. Brook Hill: 10-6, 10-12, 1 Taylor (2-0) and Victor Angeles, Kacey Anderson and Maddie Anthony W - Anderson, L - Deane, 2B - MCS, Zaita Suarez, Brook Hill, Casson Cannon, Micah Lovelady 2, 3B - Brook Hill, Lovelady, TAPPS: MCS 6-22, Brook Hill 12-4 Next MCS season in year

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROUGHRIDERS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 0 At Dr Pepper Ballpark, Frisco

TOP HITTERS: Hunter Cole went 2-for-4 with a pair of solo home runs for Frisco. Teammate Carolo Garay was 3-for-4 with a double and a run scored.

TOP PITCHERS: Wes Benjamin allowed just three hits and two walks with three strikeouts over six shutout innings of work to get the win for the RoughRiders. ... Jorge Ruiz had a quality start for Midland as he allowed two runs, walked one and scattered seven hits over six innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: Frisco got all the runs it needed in the sixth inning when Cole homered to left-center and then Garay doubled and later scored on a sacrifice fly by Correlle Prime. ... Cole hit his second solo homer in the eighth to right-center field.

NOTES: Despite the loss, the RockHounds still took three out of four from the RoughRiders in the series. ... Midland's Seth Brown now has a nine-game hitting streak after going 1-for-4. ... Midland's Eli White has reached base in 14 straight games and is hitting .304 in his last 17 games. ... The RockHounds have today off before returning to action at 7:05 p.m. Thursday to begin a four-game series at Corpus Christi.

TL Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists standings for North Division and South Division.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists today's games and results.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists roughriders and rockhounds.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists individual player statistics.

Bartolo still having fun, gets batters out for Rangers

By Stephen Hawkins Associated Press

ARLINGTON — When Bartolo Colon took the mound for the Texas Rangers in his last start, the big right-hander had pitched against Boston coaches more than twice as much as the current Red Sox players.

No player in the majors is older than Colon, who turns 45 on May 24. And no active pitcher has as many as his 241 career wins or 533 starts, the firsts of both which came for Cleveland in 1997.

Still, the portly pitcher with the nickname of "Big Sexy" is having a blast — and still success — in his mid-40s and with his 11th different major league team. "I feel great. I feel proud," Colon said through a translator.

"He should," said Detroit manager Ron Gardenhire, whose Tigers are in town for Colon's next scheduled start Wednesday. "Pitching this late in your life, it's not easy to do on this level. It takes a special person to even want to put in the work. He's a pretty special baseball player."

While Colon (1-1, 3.29 ERA) is pleasant yet somewhat oblivious to reporters, he loves being around the game. He is constantly chatting with teammates in the clubhouse, in the dugout and on the field. And he often interacts with opponents, and even umpires.

Red Sox first base coach Tom Goodwin was heading back to the Boston dugout in the middle of the sixth inning last Friday night when he noticed Colon coming directly toward him.

"I was just walking and Bart comes up to me and just says 'Hey, my neck hurts.' That, and then he

slapped me on the back and he kept going." Goodwin said with a chuckle recalling the encounter soon after Colon had given up his third leadoff homer in the game.

When Colon was pitching for the New York Mets from 2014-16, Goodwin was coaching there.

"He was a joy. I wish I would have played with him," Goodwin said. "But to have him on the Mets team, I know he helped our young guys out, just kind of relax, and 'Hey, it's not the end of the world.' Have fun, enjoy what you're doing. Nobody does it more than he does."

Nothing seems to bother him. Colon often nonchalantly tosses the ball up in the air while waiting for retired batters to get back to the dugout, or during stoppages of play.

Even when he took a perfect game into the eighth inning April 15 on the road against the defending World Series champion Astros in a duel of former AL Cy Young winners with Justin Verlander pitching for Houston.

Colon is two wins shy of tying Hall of Fame pitcher Juan Marichal for the most by a player born in the Dominican Republic. He needs four wins to match Nicaragua's Dennis Martinez for the most by a native of Latin America.

After retiring the first 21 Houston batters last month, Colon walked Carlos Correa to start the eighth before Josh Reddick lined a double into the right-field corner. Opposing fans in Houston gave Colon a standing ovation, and he clapped his bare hand softly against the outside of his glove looking toward Reddick, his former teammate in Oakland.

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Standings

Table showing American League and National League standings for various teams.

Table showing Texas home games and other specific game results.

Table showing game results for Houston, Tampa Bay, Kansas City, Toronto, and other teams.

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Table showing game results for St. Louis, Milwaukee, Chicago, and other teams.

Table showing game results for Atlanta, Los Angeles, and other teams.

Table showing game results for San Francisco, San Diego, and other teams.

Table showing game results for Oakland, Detroit, and other teams.

Table showing game results for Cincinnati, New York, and other teams.

Table showing game results for Boston, Washington, and other teams.

Table showing game results for Texas, Arizona, and other teams.

Table showing game results for Colorado, San Francisco, and other teams.



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NASCAR CEO and Chairman, Brian France, talks to reporters during a news conference before a NASCAR Sprint Cup auto race practice in 2016 in Homestead, Fla. NASCAR President Brent Dewar has told employees the France family 'remains dedicated to the long term growth of our sport.' The memo was sent to employees on Tuesday one day after a media report said the France family was exploring the sale of its stake in the nation's top auto racing series.

AP source: NASCAR memo: France family 'dedicated' to sport

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — If NASCAR is for sale, the France family isn't saying.

An attempt to calm employees about the future of the struggling, family-owned racing series came Tuesday from NASCAR President Brent Dewar, but his memo said only that there would be no comment on "industry rumors."

It's long whispered that NASCAR could be on the selling block and Chairman Brian France has become dramatically less visible since the end of last season. Most public duties are now handled by Dewar, who addressed employees about a report a day earlier that Goldman Sachs had been retained to explore a potential sale for the France family.

The France family, which owns a majority stake in the nation's top auto racing series, "remains dedicated to the long term growth of our sport," Dewar wrote in the memo obtained by The Associated Press from a person who shared it on condition of anonymity due to the sensitive nature of the topic.

The memo did not specifically address any possible deal by the France family.

"For over 70 years, the France family has worked hard to invest in the sport of NASCAR, including our recent acquisitions of ARCA," Dewar wrote, referring to the recent purchase of the Automobile Racing Series of America, a lower-tier stock car series that sometimes races in conjunction with NASCAR events.

NASCAR has seen ratings and attendance decline in recent seasons and several big-name sponsors have scaled back or pulled out. Lowe's, the only sponsor seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson has had in his 18-year career, is leaving at the end of the season. Home Depot, Target, Subway, Dollar General and scores of other sponsors have already exited racing.

Title sponsor Monster Energy signed just a one-year extension through 2019 and NASCAR has said it is re-evaluating its sponsorship structure.

Team owners seemed surprised by Monday's report from Reuters citing unidentified sources that the family wished to explore a sale. One owner, who spoke to AP only on condition of anonymity, said France firmly told owners in recent months the series was not for sale. Two weeks earlier, at Talladega Superspeedway, a different team owner told AP he believed the family would listen to offers for NASCAR.

Television ratings have continued to

drop over the past decade and the retirements of Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Tony Stewart, Danica Patrick and Carl Edwards may have contributed to fans tuning out. But at-track attendance has also suffered and the three public companies that own tracks where NASCAR races are held have all reported attendance revenue declines.

Despite its woes, NASCAR remains "one of the strongest brand franchises in America," said Larry Chiagouris, a marketing professor at Pace University in New York. "Seeking to get a measure of its value now is a smart idea because we are witnessing the merging of entertainment and advertising assets at a pace not seen in several years. There could be many potential buyers, particularly media conglomerates and, yes, even some of the tech titans that could incorporate NASCAR into larger marketing and media programs and initiatives."

Greg Portell, lead partner at global consulting firm A.T. Kearney, based in Chicago, said it was possible NASCAR's owners are simply getting feedback on its value. He agreed that private firms or big entertainment companies would make the most sense as a buyer, "an AEG or an IMG."

"From an outsider's view looking at NASCAR, their value proposition to marketers for a long time was, we have great visibility, we have great enthusiastic fans and that's why you should spend money," he said. "But in today's world, the value is much more around the potential to really create lifestyle marketing. So those drivers and those athletes are no different than movie entertainers or musicians, rock stars, really, and if you look at the way those businesses have gone, companies are really trying to lock up those talents in 360-degree deals. So you can start seeing how they can monetize a driver's likeness on social media, on product merchandise, not just on the brand that goes on the car."

He added: "It would be interesting to someone who knows how to monetize stars, celebrity. ... It doesn't come along very often that you can buy a business that has scale in a very competitive world. It's not like they're buying pro bowling or the darts league or lacrosse. Even Major League Soccer, you have to build that followership. Here, they already have a followership. They reach millions of consumers. And so the question is how do you shine that up a bit and take advantage of it in a new marketing environment that really hasn't been tested by the current ownership."

Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson improve relationship with age

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Their relationship has been softened by age.

The needle is sharp as ever.

Never mind that Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson have only five victories between them over the last five years. It's a big deal when the two best players of their generation are in the same group at any tournament, much less The Players Championship.

Mickelson, of course, wanted something even better.

"I look at the cover of the newspaper and the pairing is on there and the excitement that's been going on around here, it gets me thinking," Mickelson said Tuesday. "Why don't we just bypass all the ancillary stuff of a tournament and just go head-to-head and just have kind of a high-stakes, winner-take-all match."

Lefty was just getting warmed up.

"Now, I don't know if he

wants a piece of me," he said, pausing for laughter, "but I just think it would be something that would be really fun for us to do, and I think there would be a lot of interest in it if we just went straight to the final round."

Or maybe not.

They have played as a twosome in the final group just twice in their careers, and Woods won both times — in 2005 at Doral to return to No. 1 in the world, and in 2001 at the Masters when he completed his sweep of the majors.

So when Woods was told about Mickelson's jab questioning whether he wanted a piece of him, Woods knew exactly where to go.

"First of all, big picture," Woods said as his smile widened.

When a reporter thought Woods meant their record while playing in the same group — amazingly, the mark is 16-16-4 — Woods cut him off.

"How many times have we won on tour?" he said. They have never been particularly close in the

record book. Woods has a 79-43 lead in PGA Tour victories, 14-5 in the majors.

Matt Kuchar once told a story about how Mickelson would be dishing out his best material in the team room at the Ryder Cup, and if he ever didn't have a comeback, he would simply reveal how many majors he has won to shut up the room — but not without surveying his audience.

"He can only say that if Tiger's not around," Kuchar said. "He has to look over both shoulders and make sure, because then Tiger gives him his number."

They were never particularly close off the course, either.

Both will say that their relationship was overblown in the media, and there might be some truth to that. They lived on opposite ends of the country and had different lifestyles for so much of their careers. They got along fine because both are professionals, but it was never more than that.

RUSSELL

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who play.

Russell, currently serving as the President of the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association, said it was a difficult decision to leave the MHS program and revealing the news to his players Tuesday was emotional. But he added that continuing his life's goal of teaching baseball at D-Bat was too good of an opportunity to pass up.

"It was a good run (at Midland High), but I was given a new opportunity," Russell said. "It's a good opportunity to retire, but not to retire since I can still

do the same things I want to (at D-Bat). This way, I get to stay in baseball and teach lessons and I've always enjoyed lessons. It's bittersweet, but I think it's time Midland High baseball might need a new voice."

Russell, who also plans to watch his grandchildren Kaden and Kameron play Little League in Midland more often, said the Bulldogs' uncharacteristic struggles this year was a part of his decision. But he admitted he likely would have come to the same conclusion regardless of the team's final result.

"I've pretty much had the whole spring to think

about it," Russell said. "(D-Bat) approached me in January and I said I'd think about it, then they approached me again. I don't think this opportunity would have come around again."

"I'm a baseball coach. We don't fade away, we just go home. I'm going home to teach some lessons."

Be sure to read Sunday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram's sport section for an in-depth feature on Russell's retirement and career with the Bulldogs.

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plays soccer at this level would want to be in the U.S. Open Cup," Lee grad and Sockers midfielder Leo Barba said. "Even high school kids and aspiring soccer players, they want to be a part of such a big tournament. It's a huge deal and I'm excited for the cup."

Adding to the challenge, the Sockers have a collection of 29 players — almost all of them first-year guys with the club — that have been together for less than a week's time prior to today's season opener, which marks the start of the club's 10th season of existence.

Furthermore, Rincon takes over for Matt Barnes, who guided Midland-Odesa Sockers FC to the 2016 PDL national semifinals and the 2017 NPSL national finals as head coach.

This new group has some big shoes to fill, but the players feel they have all the tools to succeed with the support they receive from the front office, headed by director of soccer operations Jeff Von Holle.

"That just shows that they are going to provide us all that we need to get there," said midfielder Stefan Faria, a UT-Permian Basin player. "We can get there. Hopefully we can keep it on this same track. They provide us the best opportunity, the best field, the best balls, the best coaching staff, the best players, so that's going to be awesome. Hopefully we can get there as well."

The Lakeland Tropics are coming off a 9-3-2 season in its inaugural season as a club, and will be playing in its first U.S. Open Cup today.

"It's going to be a very tough match, but

I think we are getting ready," Rincon said. "I'm very confident with the guys. We will do well."

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Name	Position	Country	Age/School/Club
Jason Paul Aglio-Ross	F	Canada	18 Wash University
Leo Barba	MF	USA	20 UT-Rio Grande Valley
Elkei Barker	GK	United Kingdom	21 Palm Beach Atlantic
Ross Brown	D	England	22 Weyland Baptist
Dylan Burke	D	Ireland	22 Midwestern State
Jack Chantson	D	United Kingdom	20 Thomas University
Alex Clark	D	England	21 UT-Permian Basin
Peter Dominguez	MF	Columbia	27 Union Magdalena (club)
Stefan Faria	MF	Brazil	22 UT-Permian Basin
Brooks Ferguson	D	USA	19 Midland College
Mateo Fernandez	MF	USA	19 Alderson Broaddus
Carmelo Galindo	MF	Columbia	24 Ohio Valley University
Masamune Galtz	F	Argentina	20 Christian Brothers
Fernando Galvez	D	Spain	25 Queens University
Jose Luis Hircoppe	MF	Columbia	24 Weyland Baptist
Lee Howarth	GK	United Kingdom	21 Thomas University
Manuel Kagalicko	D	Angola/Sweden	22 Weyland Baptist
Xian Lan	F	Spain	21 Christian Brothers
Jovany Macias	F	USA	27 TAMU International
Rodrigo Pineda	M	Panama	24 Central Methodist
Cristian Pozzovivo	F	Italy	22 Lenoir CC
Nathan Rapp	F	Ireland	25 Pfeiffer University
Alan Rayne	D	Mexico	24 Weyland Baptist
Ludwig Rhodin	GK	Sweden	22 Montana State
Andres Felipe Rodriguez	MF	Columbia	26 Tynes FC (club)
Vary Seidke	D	Ukraine	23 Lubbock Christian
Jhonatan Velazquez	MF	Columbia	23 Athletics FC (club)
Edward Whitfield	F	Liberalia	23 Albany University
Jeremiah Yordan	MF	Liberalia	25 Ohio Valley University

Date	Opponent	Time
Today	Lakeland Tropics	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	at FC Broward Coyotes	TBA
May 19	at Fort Worth Vaqueros	TBA
May 24	Lenoir Heat	7:30 p.m.
May 26	Tyler FC	7:30 p.m.
June 2	at Katy 1886	7:30 p.m.
June 9	Fort Worth Vaqueros	7:30 p.m.
June 14	at Tyler FC	TBA
June 16	at Shreveport Redans	TBA
June 23	Dutch Lions FC	7 p.m.
July 4	Houston Rapids FC	7:30 p.m.

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KWTV CW	5	14	5	14	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Blushing Pearls"	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KPEJ FOX	8	5	8	3	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Empire "Fair Terms" (N)	Star "Take It or Leave It" (N)	Star "Take It or Leave It" (N)	Fox 24	TMZ	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart	Shepherd's Heart	Update News	Creation Magazine	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley	The Essentials	The Essentials
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CNBC	46	52	39	72			Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank
CNN	43	50	51	30	56		OutFront	A. Cooper 360	StuckMid	StuckMid	StuckMid	StuckMid	StuckMid	StuckMid	StuckMid	StuckMid	StuckMid
DISC	50	60	31	24	42		Milfit "What Klump?"	Milfit Garage: Fired	Milfit Garage	Milfit Garage	Milfit Garage	Milfit Garage	Milfit Garage	Milfit Garage	Milfit Garage	Milfit Garage	Milfit Garage
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36		Bunk'd "Bunk'd"	Bunk'd "Bunk'd"	Bunk'd "Bunk'd"	Bunk'd "Bunk'd"	Bunk'd "Bunk'd"	Bunk'd "Bunk'd"	Bunk'd "Bunk'd"	Bunk'd "Bunk'd"	Bunk'd "Bunk'd"	Bunk'd "Bunk'd"	Bunk'd "Bunk'd"
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30		MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees (L)	SEC "The Book of Manning"	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31		NFL Live	SEC "The Book of Manning"	Rookie "Rookie"	Rookie "Rookie"	Rookie "Rookie"	Rookie "Rookie"	Rookie "Rookie"	Rookie "Rookie"	Rookie "Rookie"	Rookie "Rookie"	Rookie "Rookie"
FNC	45	48	53	23	55		The Story	Tucker Carlson	Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Fox News @ Night	Tucker Carlson	Tucker Carlson	Tucker Carlson	Tucker Carlson	Tucker Carlson	Tucker Carlson
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54		Iron Chef "Ingenuity"	Iron Chef Gauntlet	Iron Chef (N)	The Inghram Angle	Fox News @ Night	Tucker Carlson	Tucker Carlson	Tucker Carlson	Tucker Carlson	Tucker Carlson	Tucker Carlson
FOOD2	64	70	27	68	54		Iron Chef "Ingenuity"	Iron Chef Gauntlet	Iron Chef (N)	The Inghram Angle	Fox News @ Night	Tucker Carlson	Tucker Carlson	Tucker Carlson	Tucker Carlson	Tucker Carlson	Tucker Carlson
FORMER	53	63	34	42	33		F.*** The Lion King	Famous in Love (N)	F.*** Pass in Boots Antonio Banderas	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club
FSW	37	38	50	45	29		Swing Clinic	Cape Cod: A Journey	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park - Arlington, Texas	NCAA Football Texas Tech Spring Game	NCAA Football Texas Tech Spring Game	NCAA Football Texas Tech Spring Game	NCAA Football Texas Tech Spring Game	NCAA Football Texas Tech Spring Game	NCAA Football Texas Tech Spring Game	NCAA Football Texas Tech Spring Game	NCAA Football Texas Tech Spring Game
FX	31	56	59	64	69		F.*** White House Down "13, Act" Jamie Foxx, Channing Tatum	The Americans (N)	Americans "Harvest"	Americans "Rift"	Americans "Rift"	Americans "Rift"	Americans "Rift"	Americans "Rift"	Americans "Rift"	Americans "Rift"	Americans "Rift"
HALLMARK	54	71	58	34			Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Middle "Middle"	Middle "Middle"	Middle "Middle"	Middle "Middle"	Middle "Middle"	Middle "Middle"	Middle "Middle"	Middle "Middle"	Middle "Middle"
HISTV	63	69	26	48	44		Property Brothers	Property Brothers (N)	H.Hunt "House (N)"	House (N)	House (N)	House (N)	House (N)	House (N)	House (N)	House (N)	House (N)
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43		American Pickers	American Pickers (N)	(303) Amer. Pickers	(303) Amer. Pickers	(303) Amer. Pickers	(303) Amer. Pickers	(303) Amer. Pickers	(303) Amer. Pickers	(303) Amer. Pickers	(303) Amer. Pickers	(303) Amer. Pickers
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48		Women "Backstabbing Beauties"	Little Women "Saber Celebration" (N)	Little Women: LA "Sundae Funday" (N)	My Partner Knows Best (N)	The Last Word (N)	The 11th Hour (N)	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow
MSNBC	47	53	49	73			Hardball (N)	All In (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word (N)	The 11th Hour (N)	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow
NBCSN	38	43					NHL Live (L)	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs "NHL.Was. (L)"	NHL OverTime (L)	NHL Top	American Ninja War.	American Ninja War.	American Ninja War.	American Ninja War.	American Ninja War.	American Ninja War.	American Ninja War.
NICK	55	-	39	34	37		Paradise "Thunder"	F.House "F.House"	Fresh P. "Fresh P."	Friends "Friends"	Friends "Friends"	Friends "Friends"	Friends "Friends"	Friends "Friends"	Friends "Friends"	Friends "Friends"	Friends "Friends"
SPRKE	30	-	55	53	58		Friends	Friends	F.*** The Fifth Element "97, 50-FI" Mills	Jovovich, Bruce Willis	F.*** Van Helsing	F.*** Van Helsing	F.*** Van Helsing	F.*** Van Helsing	F.*** Van Helsing	F.*** Van Helsing	F.*** Van Helsing
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67		(304) F.*** Mad	Mac: Fury Road	The Expanse (N)	Krypton (N)	F.*** Mad Mac: Beyond Thunderdome	F.*** Mad Mac: Beyond Thunderdome	F.*** Mad Mac: Beyond Thunderdome	F.*** Mad Mac: Beyond Thunderdome	F.*** Mad Mac: Beyond Thunderdome	F.*** Mad Mac: Beyond Thunderdome	F.*** Mad Mac: Beyond Thunderdome
TBS	25	33	44	66	41		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	41	75	24	63	66		Casa Carrón (N)	F.*** Jangle Jim	F.*** The Last Tribe	F.*** The Last Tribe	F.*** The Last Tribe	F.*** The Last Tribe	F.*** The Last Tribe	F.*** The Last Tribe	F.*** The Last Tribe	F.*** The Last Tribe	F.*** The Last Tribe
TELE	20	-	10	20			Casa Carrón (N)	Mil Familia Perle (N)	Al Otro Lado del (N)	Sofía de los Andes (N)	Al rojo	Al Otro Lado del	Al Otro Lado del	Al Otro Lado del	Al Otro Lado del	Al Otro Lado del	Al Otro Lado del
TLC	51	61	32	38	52		(304) 600-Is "One You Family Part One" (N)	My 600-Is "One You Family Part Two" 2/2 from May 2 (N)	Skat "Tambora and Emily, Jose" (N)	My 600-Is "One You Family Part Two"	My 600-Is "One You Family Part Two"	My 600-Is "One You Family Part Two"	My 600-Is "One You Family Part Two"	My 600-Is "One You Family Part Two"	My 600-Is "One You Family Part Two"	My 600-Is "One You Family Part Two"	My 600-Is "One You Family Part Two"
TNT	24	34	40	26	50		NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35		MASH "M*A*S*H"	Loves Ray "Loves Ray"	Loves Ray "Loves Ray"	Loves Ray "Loves Ray"	Loves Ray "Loves Ray"	Loves Ray "Loves Ray"	Loves Ray "Loves Ray"	Loves Ray "Loves Ray"	Loves Ray "Loves Ray"	Loves Ray "Loves Ray"	Loves Ray "Loves Ray"
USA	26	55	42	27	49		Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing
WGN	19	85					Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing

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Daughter's declaration of love rocks relationship with mom

DEAR ABBY: My daughter recently informed me that she has met someone and the someone happens to be a woman. My reaction was, of course, shock and anger, although I have kind of suspected over the years that she is a lesbian.

She is 43 and was married for 10 years. She has two children and has been divorced for about 11 years now. She dated a few guys, but either had no luck with them or it didn't last. I don't know how to handle this because I'm against people being gay. I see it as unnatural and think they all have issues. I don't treat gay people any different from anyone else, but I do keep them at a distance. Now I don't know how to proceed with our relationship. Please help. — **SHOCKED AND ANGRY MOM**

DEAR S. AND A.: I'll try. While you may be angry, because you have long suspected that your daughter might be a lesbian you cannot now claim to be shocked. One reason gay people have "issues," as you put it, is because they have to endure opposition and nonacceptance from the family members they love. Your 43-year-old daughter has spent years not being who she really is — possibly to please you — and now has realized she must be her authentic self.

If you want any relationship at all with her, apologize and tell

DEAR ABBY

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her you overreacted. Tell her you love her and explain that you may need time to fully accept this.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 31-year-old mother of two — a 3-year-old and a 2-month-old. My children have the same father. We co-parent, which has its ups and downs (more downs). We have been friends with benefits for five years, longer than we were a true couple.

Recently, I found out he has introduced our kids to another woman he's dating. I feel hurt because I have feelings for him that I can't let go of. How do I keep from falling apart from the loss of the only relationship I know? — **HOPELESSLY IN LOVE**

DEAR HOPELESSLY IN LOVE: Because you must interact with him regularly, it may not be easy. A step in the right direction would be to stop stowing your own emotional life in the deep freeze waiting for him to come back.

Because it may take a dose of reality to regain control of your emotions, ask him to level with you about why your relationship didn't lead to marriage.

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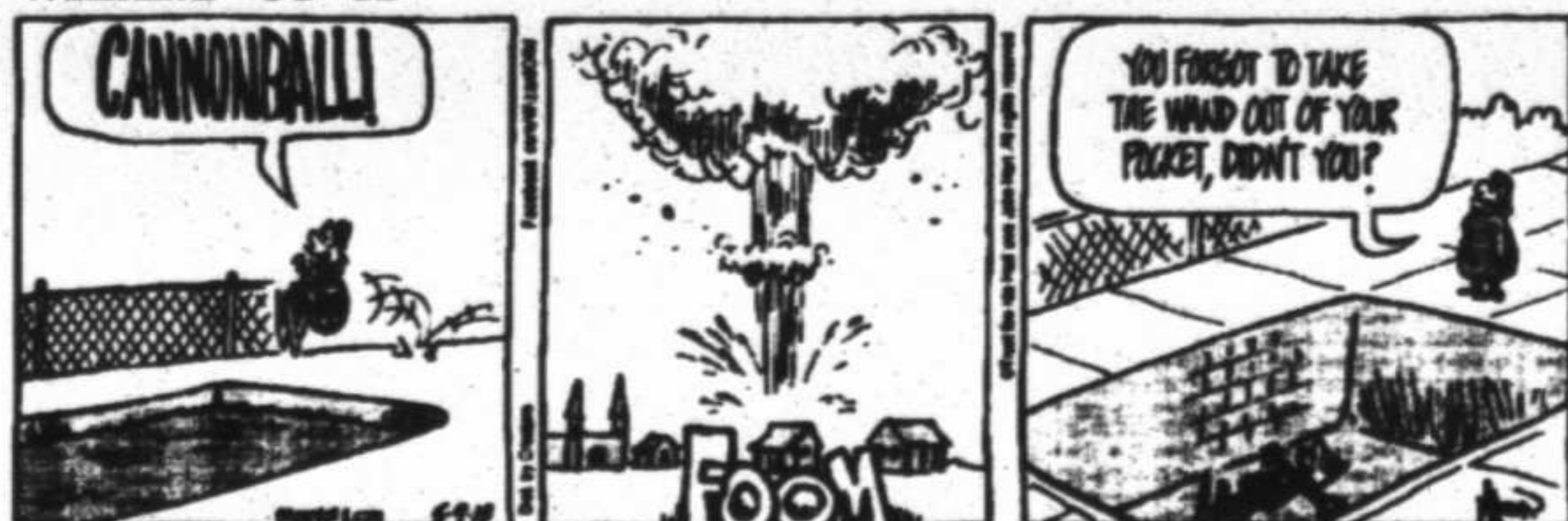
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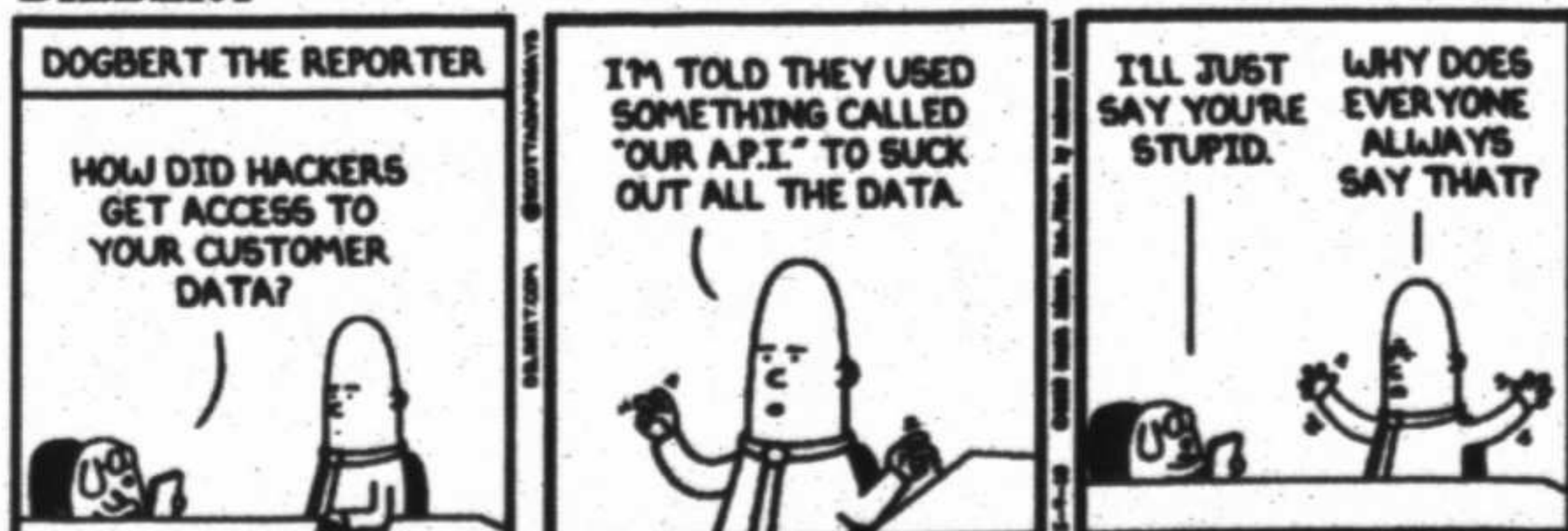
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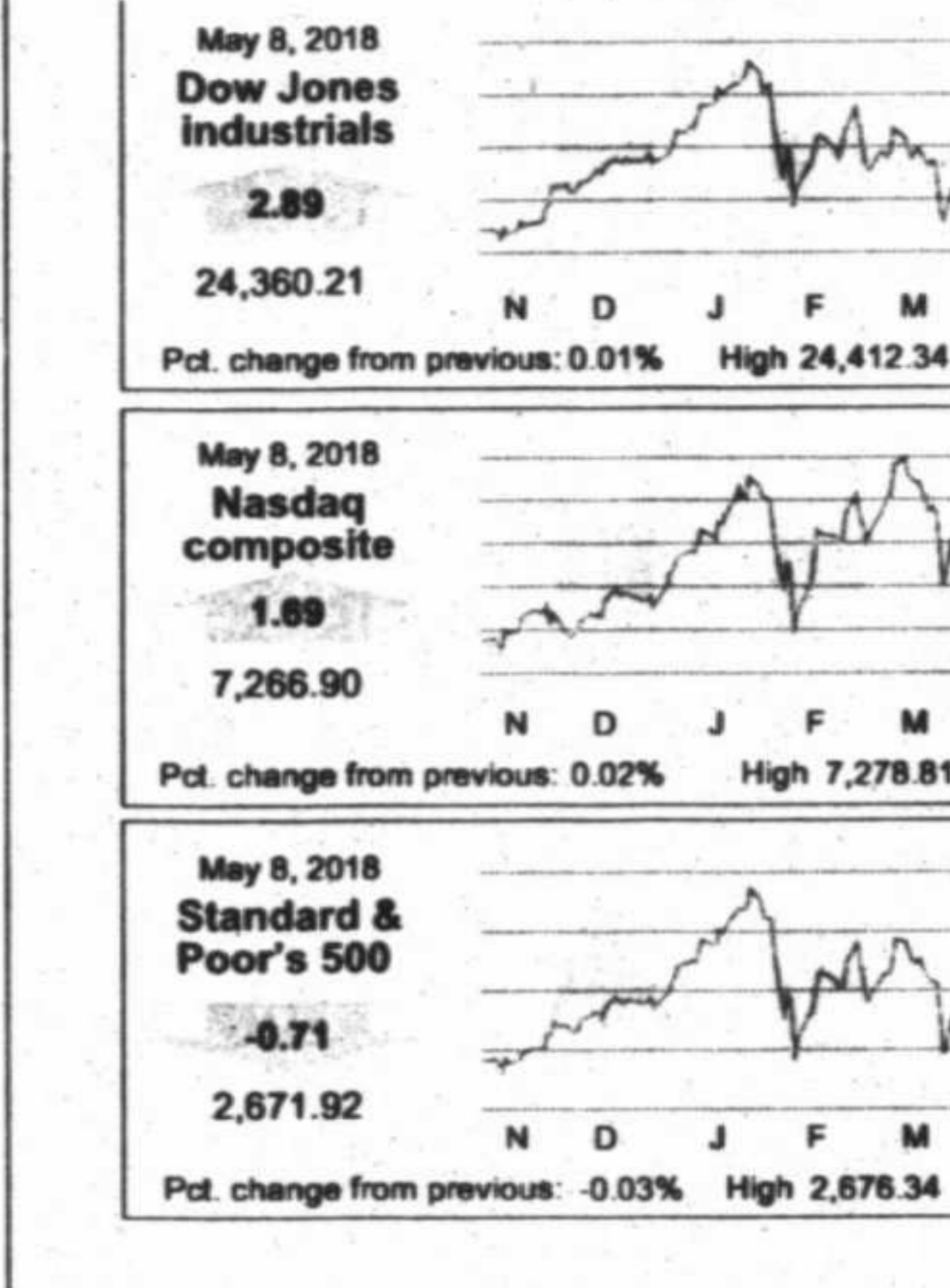
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-Performs related duties as assigned.

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Associate Traffic Engineer

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

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

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

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

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

Demonstrated proficiency in the use of Esri ArcGIS software (ArcGISDesktop, ArcGISOnline, ArcGISPro). Solid understanding of database design/management and programming is desirable.

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

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MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

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

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

Qualifications:
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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 assessments and licenses to outside parties for the use of City-owned rights-of-way and property.

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

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

Benefits:
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OTHER JOBS



Now hiring for a Field Technician.

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

Job Duties:

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

Minimum Qualifications:


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

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

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

Position type and expected hours of work:
This is a full-time position.

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DOT Driver II

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

Essential Functions:

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

Minimum Requirements:

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

Supervisory Responsibilities:
No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.


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

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

Position type and expected hours of work:
This is a full-time position. The ability to work overtime is a requirement to performing this job.

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OTHER JOBS



Midland Independent School District is seeking Full-Time Registered Nurse (RN)/District Wide

Educational/Certification:

- Registered Professional Nurse with academic preparation at the diploma, associate degree, or baccalaureate level
- Current Texas license issued by the Board of Nurse Examiners
- Current certification in CPR and Basic First Aid
- Texas Department of Health certification in vision, hearing, and spinal screening is required.

Experience:
Two years of supervised nurse practice preferably in community health, pt or to entry into school nursing.

Qualifications:
Experience in community health or pediatric nursing is preferred. Courses of study which strengthen growth in nursing, education, special education, health education, and other health-related fields is recommended. Courses of study for child growth and development.

Benefits Include:

- Health Insurance: District pays for 100% for Employee Only - \$0 cost to employee - Additional cost to the employee for family.
- Dental & Vision: We offer low monthly premiums.
- Texas Teacher Retirement System: Pay into a retirement pension.
- Voluntary Annuity: In addition to TRS, retirement plans such as 403(b), 457, or Roth Annuity Plans
- Voluntary Benefits: Disability, Accident, Bridge, Heart & Cancer plans and Flex Plans for Medical & Childcare

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Midland Independent School District is seeking Full-Time Assistant Head Custodian/ Lee High School Custodian/District Wide

Assistant Head Custodian/ Lee High School: Daily Supervision of all assigned Custodial Staff to assure all Custodians follow routine cleaning and maintenance procedures to maintain a high standard of safety, cleanliness, and efficiency of building operations and grounds.

Custodian/District Wide: Follow routine cleaning and maintenance procedures to maintain a high standard of safety, cleanliness, and efficiency of building operations and grounds.

Qualification Requirements:
Pass training courses
Ability to read, write and understand verbal instructions in English
Knowledge of basic techniques of minor repairs and building and ground maintenance
Ability to operate cleaning equipment and lift heavy equipment
Properly handle and use cleaning supplies
Ability to lift and carry 15-44 lbs. without assistance

Benefits Include:

- Health Insurance: District pays for 100% for Employee Only - \$0 cost to employee - Additional cost to the employee for family.
- Dental & Vision: We offer low monthly premiums.
- Texas Teacher Retirement System: Pay into a retirement pension.
- Voluntary Annuity: In addition to TRS, retirement plans such as 403(b), 457, or Roth Annuity Plans
- Voluntary Benefits: Disability, Accident, Bridge, Heart & Cancer plans and Flex Plans for Medical & Childcare

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- 960 E 87th St - Odessa
- 1106 E 42nd St - Odessa
- 2251 Linda Ave - Odessa
- 9001 W University Blvd - Odessa



Midland Planning

Planner

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

Job Duties:

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

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

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

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

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
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OTHER JOBS



Midland County NOW HIRING Public Safety Dispatcher

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

Job Duties:

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

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

Ability to read and understand technical and professional manuals in order to record work activities, keep records or work with computers. Skill in the operation and maintenance of a number of office machines and equipment such as specialized computers and related information systems and two-way radio dispatch equipment. Typing speed of 38 WPM.

Will also be required to take and pass ALL tests.

- Keyboarding
- Data Entry MT
- Data Entry MT (Audio)
- Call Summarization
- Memory Recall-Numeric (Audio)
- Map Reading
- Spelling
- Sentence 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:

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Midland County 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.

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

Job Duties:

- Schedules and monitors the work of subordinate employees.
- Instructs employees in the use, care, and preventive maintenance of equipment and machinery
- Reads schematics, manuals, and other specifications in order to determine and make necessary repairs and maintenance
- Maintains equipment in good working order and keeps records of work performed
- Ensures the cleanliness and maintenance of facilities, equipment, tools and grounds
- Acts as the customer service representative of the Recycle Division at the Citizens Collection Station and on recycle 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 receive work orders or instructions for any project. Interacts frequently with the public, vendors, and government agency representatives.

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

High school diploma or general education degree required and some college preferred. One to three years of experience in Solid Waste and/or supervising and evaluating the work of others preferred. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License and possess or acquire a valid Texas Class 'B' Municipal Solid Waste Operator License within two years of hire date.

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
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SKILLED LABOR

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Systems Administrator

Performs network and system support functions on segments of the computer environment, including planned and emergency maintenance, performance and security analysis, and monitoring, tuning, and implementing new products and procedures. Analyzes emerging technology and makes recommendations for constant improvements to network and infrastructure services and capabilities.

Job Duties:

- Designs and coordinates segments of the IT architecture
- Manages server applications, including but not limited to social media, Active Directory, operating systems, and email
- Produces and maintains IT design, architectural, and specifications documentation, as identified
- Monitors information storage systems, schedules, and tests, including backup and recovery tasks, as identified
- Provides research, development, and planning of the IT infrastructure
- Is responsible for the validating, building, and testing IT solutions, analyzing IT infrastructure technical issues, and supporting the design, planning, building, and testing of new IT solutions, as assigned
- Performs related duties as assigned
- Subject to recall 24/7

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
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The City of MIDLAND
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Effluent Distribution Technician

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

Job Duties:

- Determines which pump units to operate and maintains center pivots in good working order. Repairs and services when necessary.
- Operates gates and lagoon system in order to store water without allowing holding ponds to overflow. Determines where and when 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 gullies caused by operations.
- Maintains and repairs electrical systems on central pivot units.
- Performs related duties as required.

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 TNRC. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
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The City of MIDLAND
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Engineering Tech - Construction Inspector

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

- Must be able to use and communicate by hand-held radio. Basic skill in the use of 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. Employee must be able to effectively communicate with other employees in the work group.
- Must be able to correctly respond to questions from contractors, surveyors, inspectors, or city staff regarding work performed or applicable specifications related to a design or construction project.

Must coordinate effectively with other city departments, contractors, and utility companies when designing or scheduling work. Must possess skill to observe, read, and interpret written technical materials and construction drawings. Ability to use testing and measuring equipment.

Must have obtained a High school diploma or equivalent GED plus 5 years of experience in civil construction trades. College degree or construction certifications preferred. Extensive knowledge of state, federal, and local laws and requirements regarding construction, surveying and safety standards.

Extensive skill in observing, reading and interpreting written technical materials and construction drawings. Extensive knowledge of city codes and ordinances and other state and federal requirements regarding utility construction and safety standards.

Extensive knowledge of engineering standards and construction practices for water, sewer, street and drainage design. Intermediate skill in drafting with computer aided design systems such as AutoCAD. Intermediate skill in developing field notes and survey plats for boundary surveys.

Benefits:

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The City of MIDLAND
NOW HIRING
Fleet Technician

Diagnoses, repairs and maintains city trucks and heavy equipment.

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

- High School graduate or GED
- Knowledge of proper 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 within one year of employment
- Texas Department of Public Safety Inspector Certificate required within one year of employment.

Benefits:

- Health care Plans
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The City of MIDLAND
NOW HIRING
Electronics Tech - Airport

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

- Employee communicates with other employees in the work group and may respond to questions from the general public regarding services or specific projects.
- Ability to read and understand work orders and equipment manuals. Skill in the operation of hand tools and equipment such as electrical measuring meters and devices.
- High school diploma or equivalent plus two to three years of experience as an electrician required. Journeyman's License as an electrician required. Valid Texas Driver's License required.

Benefits:

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The City of MIDLAND
NOW HIRING
Equipment Operator - Landfill

Disposes for refuse through the use of heavy equipment at the Landfill.

Job Duties:

- Disposes of refuse with the use of heavy equipment such as compactors, scrapers, bulldozers and related equipment.
- Maintains access roads to the Landfill.
- Covers refuse at the end of each day.
- Maintains all equipment in good working order and keeps records of service problems. Submits daily maintenance sheets to supervisor.
- Performs preventive maintenance on equipment such as oil changes. Determines when servicing of vehicles is required.
- Monitors vehicles as they enter, unload and leave the Landfill. Gives directions to citizens.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Ability to effectively communicate with employees in order to receive work orders or instructions for any project.
- Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to disposal. Knowledge of the processes used in collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to follow instructions and manuals to equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, lifts, claws and hydraulic systems as well as shovel, brooms and rakes. 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.

Benefits:

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- Paid Holidays
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The City of MIDLAND
NOW HIRING
Code Enforcement Officer

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

Job Duties:

- Visually inspects properties for code violations as initiated by a complaint or routine inspection.
- Enters data into the computer to generate notices of violations to property owners or to record inspections.
- Responds to citizen calls regarding code violations, mail information regarding zoning or city regulations.
- Researches planned districts, nonconforming uses, plats and legal uses of property for the department.
- Manages city contracts for the clearing of lots, to include bidding projects, preparing contracts, awarding contracts and preparing payments to contractors.
- Conducts inspections to ensure proper environmental compliance in response to complaints.
- Provides information to the public and contractors regarding the requirements of zoning and related code and city requirements.
- Conducts field inspections of junked and abandoned vehicles, abandoned structures and other properties for compliance with city codes.
- Performs related duties as required.

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 literature, plans, correspondence and manuals. Ability to write reports and correspondence. Skills in math. Skills to communicate 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
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The City of MIDLAND
NOW HIRING
Electrical/Electronics Tech - WPP

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

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

- Employee communicates with other employees and the public, as necessary.
- Ability to read operator's manuals, blue prints and schematics in order to maintain electrical, SCADA and control equipment throughout the Utilities Department in good working order. Skill in the operation of electrical and mechanical hand and power tools. Employee must perform mathematical calculations in order to determine electrical needs. Skill in writing to record results and track work. Will be on-call.
- High school diploma or equivalent required plus two years of experience. 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 water works license.

Benefits:

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

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The City of MIDLAND
NOW HIRING
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.
- Ability to read, interpret and understand local, state and federal regulations related to water and wastewater maintenance. Knowledge of the processes used in utility maintenance. Ability to follow instructions and manuals for equipment repair and maintenance. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand and electrical power tools. Skill in the use of heavy equipment utilized in maintenance activities such as backhoes, ditch witch, and jet truck. Ability to read operator's manuals and work orders.
- High school diploma or equivalent required. 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:

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Customer Service (Field Work)

Performs field work regarding current or past water service.

Job Duties:

- Turns water on for new customers, disconnects water for customers leaving or re-connects service that had been disconnected. Obtains new or current readings due to new service or broken lines.
- Data meters to establish or re-establish service.
- Finds meters should instances occur when customer fails to set up service.
- Collects past due utility bills so that water can be connected.
- Changes our broken meter stop valves and meter box lids.
- Verifies or re-reads meter information when complaints are filed.
- Performs related duties as required.

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.

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Monitors expenditures during the year.

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Lead Water Purification Plant Operator

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NATURAL RESOURCES
NOW HIRING
Transportation Truck Driver

Responsible for driving Water, Dump, and/or Belly Dump Truck and hauling water/caliche to drill rigs, fracturing crews, etc. Hauls water/caliche from well locations to proper disposal facilities.

Qualifications:

- High school education or equivalent.
- Experience can range from commercial truck driving experience preferred to one year as a water truck driver required.
- Valid Class A CDL with Tanker endorsement.
- Clean driving record.
- Salary competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Comprehensive Benefits package:

- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Prescription Drug
- 401 K
- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
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SKILLED LABOR

MIDLAND
NOW HIRING

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, parasitic 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/injured animal room.
- Assists in euthanasia and the disposal of animals as required.
- Maintains and operates the animal cremation system for mass disposal and private cremations.
- Picks up large quantities of dead animals from veterinarians for disposal by cremation.
- Micro-chips animals that leave animal control custody.
- Unloads dead and live animals from the public, veterinarians and animal control offices.
- Performs preventative maintenance on equipment, building and grounds.
- Provides assistance to visitors.
- Operates a vehicle to pick up dead livestock and supplies and other machinery.
- Performs other 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 animals that may be in the kennel. Employee may have direct contact with other animal control personnel such as the SPCA, various humane societies and animal rescue organizations.

Ability to deal with the public and provide humane care for the animals. Some knowledge in the recognition of animal diseases is needed. Ability to follow both written and oral instructions is also necessary.

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 one year of employment. Must be able to obtain euthanasia certification within six months of employment.

Benefits:

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NOW HIRING

Maintenance Specialist - Parks - Sports Complex

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

Job Duties:

- Performs routine buildings and grounds maintenance.
- Removes trash from containers.
- Inspects grounds and athletic areas and facilities for repairs.
- Operates and maintains equipment used in daily operations. Fills out reports and submits to supervisor.
- Helps set up of special events and sports tournaments.
- Works weekends and evenings as required.
- Performs other related duties as required.

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 troubleshooting air conditioning and plumbing. Ability to operate hand tools and equipment such as mowers, gas powered trimmers, saws and other gardening and maintenance tools.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Valid Texas Driver's License. CDL preferred.

Benefits:

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PIONEER
NATURAL RESOURCES
NOW HIRING
Instrumentation & Electrical Technician

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

Qualifications:

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

Comprehensive Benefits package!

- Medical, Dental, & Vision
- Prescription Drug
- 401 K
- Vacation, Sick Time, & Company Paid Holidays
- Company Paid Life
- Tuition Reimbursement
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PIONEER
NATURAL RESOURCES
NOW HIRING
Local Drivers

Local truck drivers needed. Home nightly. local routes. scheduled shifts Sam-Sun (1477 rotational) never on call, optional overtime.

Qualifications:

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

Comprehensive Benefits package!

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MIDLAND
NOW HIRING

Plant Maintenance Mechanic - Water Purification Plant

Performs skilled & Semi-skilled maintenance duties as they relate to equipment repair and upkeep. Perform manufacturer recommended preventative maintenance to equipment at 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 annual maintenance of plants including but not limited to cleaning and painting of water treatment basins and painting of equipment.
- Performs electrical repairs including wiring of electric motors, switches, and panels.
- Troubleshoots electrical problems including checking and repairing control circuits.
- Serves as a shift relief as needed, assuming 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 welding tools. May work rotating shifts.

High school diploma or equivalent required. One to three years experience in a related field preferred. Must receive and retain a valid "C" Water license within 90 days 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 "B" CDL, or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

Benefits:

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Machinist, Field Service Technician & Shop Hands

Must be mechanically inclined and have the desire to work on team. Desired experience with lathes, drill press, warming oven sander & mill-ing schenck balancing machine as well as pump repair experience.

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MIDLAND
NOW HIRING
Service Center Technician

Performs tire installation and repair and general maintenance on vehicles and machinery.

Job Duties:

- Replaces flat tires. Removes and installs wheels and tires from vehicles and equipment.
- Responds to requests for towing and service calls.
- Performs electrical jump starts on vehicles and equipment.
- Performs diagnostic checks on batteries and alternators. Changes out as necessary.
- Balance tires.
- Performs engine oil and filter changes. Changes transmission oils and filters.
- Cleans and maintains shop facilities, equipment, tools and grounds.
- Orders and issues parts.
- Opens work orders, charges out parts and closes work orders as required.
- Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications:

Ability to effectively communicate with employees, management and vendors in order to diagnose repairs and order materials for repair.

Knowledge of proper tools used in general automotive repairs. Ability to safely use tools, vehicles and equipment such as wrenches, line hammers and breakdown bars, tire and wheel balancers, tire machines, jacks, as impact wrenches, fork lifts and assorted hand tools. Skill in the reading and practical application of manuals, schematics and other similar specifications used by city departments. Ability to read, measure and calculate types and sizes of materials needed and ability to reason amount of time that will be used in the actual repair process. Ability to speak, understand and follow instructions in English.

High school diploma or equivalent plus one year of general service station experience is required. Experience in fueling vehicles, changing oil and oil filters, and changing or repairing auto and large equipment tires 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 Inspection License or ability to obtain within 90 days.

DAYS & HOURS:
Monday - Friday, 2:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Benefits:

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MIDLAND
NOW HIRING
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:

- Gathers and computes chemical analysis of water samples. Interprets and logs results.
- Controls water treatment processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and monitors various water plant equipment and machinery.
- Maintains daily and hourly records of plant operations.
- Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage within the City.
- Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
- Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
- Reports maintenance issues that affect plant operations.
- Assists maintenance personnel as assigned and when needed.
- Performs routine cleaning of work areas.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

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.

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MIDLAND
NOW HIRING
Well Field Technician - Paul Davis

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 disinfection processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and maintains various water production and storage equipment.
- Maintains required records of operations, generates monthly report and maintenance records.
- Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage.
- Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
- Operates SCADA system to monitor and control well field production.
- Performs routine cleaning of assigned area. Maintains grounds at well field compounds.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

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

RELOCATION MANDATORY

Skill in observing, reading and interpreting written materials. Knowledge of pumps, motors 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% 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 "B" CDL, required or have the ability to obtain license within a reasonable amount of time.

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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 disinfection processes to meet regulatory standards.
- Operates and maintains various water production and storage equipment.
- Maintains required records of operations.
- Generates monthly reports and maintenance records.
- Monitors and controls booster pumps and storage.
- Keeps abreast of professional developments in the field.
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- Maintains house and grounds at well field compounds.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

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Utility Plant Operator - WPCP

Assists in the operation of the waste water treatment plant.

Job Duties:

- Collects water samples for testing and analysis in primary treatment area.
- Operates and maintains primary treatment equipment and observes the operation of related plant equipment.
- Reads gauges, records information and reports problems to the Operator, or other supervisors.
- Performs janitorial and grounds keeping duties in assigned areas.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

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 writing to record results. Shift work required.

High school diploma or equivalent required plus ability to obtain C operator's certification from the TNRCC within established time constraints. Valid Texas Driver's License.

DAYS & HOURS:
Rotating Shift, Rotating Days Off

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Equipment Operator - Traffic Operations

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

Job Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

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

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

Benefits:

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

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Haz Mat Drivers

Haz Mat drivers needed to deliver liquid chemical within the Permian Basin.

Experience required with tanker and haz mat endorsement.

Benefits: Uniform, medical, dental, and vision insurance, 401 K, Short/Long term DAD

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TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS



Equipment Operator - Transportation

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

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

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

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

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

Monday - Friday, 7:30 am until 4:00 pm; Overtime work may be required.

- Benefits:**
- Health care Plans
 - Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
 - Paid Holidays
 - Employee Wellness Program
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Maintenance Specialist - Transportation

Operates some motorized equipment, hand tools and assists Equipment Operators in the maintenance and/or construction of streets, alleys and drainage channels. Installs devices that provide for the orderly and predictable movement of all motorized, non-motorized and pedestrian traffic.

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

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

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

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

- Benefits:**
- Health care Plans
 - Paid Vacation/ Sick Leave
 - Paid Holidays
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Sanitation Driver

Drives a single or tandem axle side loading refuse packer truck and collects and disposes of solid waste. Serves as standby driver until a regular route becomes available. Works at recycling center when requested sorting recyclables. May be assigned to a roll-off truck or boom truck instead of side loaders.

- Job Duties:**
- Drives a sanitation vehicle and collects and disposes of solid waste from containers. Collects and disposes of yard waste and large, bulky items when assigned to hand pick up.
 - Travels to and from the landfill in order to dispose of waste materials.
 - Assists in litter pickup and similar programs when required.
 - Maintains and inspects vehicles and performs safety checks daily.
 - Maintains records of work performed for supervisor such as vehicle check list, trip logs and repair reports.
 - Any solid waste management activity required of the solid waste management division in order to adequately perform public service responsibilities.
 - Assists in recycling activities.
 - Assists in solid waste disposal related activities when not driving a regular route.
 - Performs other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:
Ability to effectively communicate with employees and citizens who will inquire regarding disposal procedures. Ability to work with citizens who may have complaints on services provided.

Knowledge of processes used in the collection and disposal of waste materials. Ability to read and write and follow oral and written instructions from supervisor. Skill in the use of various equipment and machinery such as hand tools and heavy equipment utilized in disposal activities such as compactors, lifts, claws and various hydraulic systems as well as shovels, brooms and rakes.

High school diploma or equivalent preferred with six months to one year of experience in a related position. Valid Texas Class B Commercial Driver's License required.

- Benefits:**
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