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Summit plant's delay shows clean coal's struggles

Clean-coal project's woes show clearly how not to get a job done

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

Clean-coal technology was supposed to generate cheap electricity and save thousands of jobs, and to prove it, the Department of Energy helped finance the Texas Clean Energy Project.

The project sought to prove that a U.S. company can produce electricity from abundant coal and capture 90 percent of the carbon dioxide at a price competitive to natural gas and renewable sources.

That was six years ago, and the project has only proven that political intervention in the private sector distorts the marketplace, wastes taxpayer money and relieves industry of its responsibility to innovate.

Seattle-based Summit Energy Group proposed turning coal into a gas to spin turbines, and then injecting the carbon dioxide exhaust into old West Texas wells to produce oil. In addition to generating electricity and pushing up oil, the project would also make urea and sulfuric acid.

After the project failed to win support from a public-private partnership in 2007, the Department of Energy revived it in 2008 under President George W. Bush's Clean Coal Power Initiative. President Barack Obama's DOE awarded the project $450 million in December 2009 to help develop the $1.7 billion power plant.

The department hands out a lot of taxpayer money to finance projects that introduce new technology. Coal producers demanded that the government do something to save their industry, while many environmentalists denounced the idea of clean coal as an oxymoron. Pumping CO2 underground to sequester it is well-established technology, but generating affordable electricity through coal gasification has been elusive.

While few would disagree that governments should finance academic research, problems arise when governments start

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Scott Sheffield's influence leaves lasting legacy

By Trevor Hawes
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One of the oil industry's top leaders is winding down his career after 35 years, off to pursue new adventures apart from the wild rides so prevalent in the business of crude exploration and production.

Pioneer Natural Resources CEO Scott Sheffield announced Thursday his intent to retire as executive of one of the Permian Basin's most successful and healthiest companies.

"We've got the best rocks in the business — in other words, the best geology here around Midland," Sheffield told the Reporter-Telegram before a private function Thursday. "We have the best culture with the best people, and we have the best balance sheet of any independent today."

Despite the downturn that has seen crude oil prices dip from more than $100 a barrel in mid-2014 to $26 in February, Sheffield has led Pioneer to continued success and investor interest while many of his peers have lost significant value or have shuttered operations altogether.

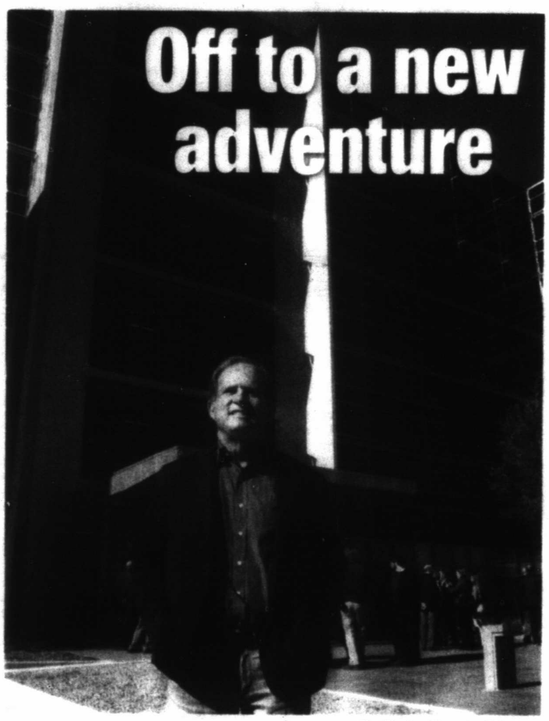
Sheffield attributes much of Pioneer's persistence to Midland's culture, which he first experienced in the 1970s during the summers as a petroleum engineering student at the University of Texas.

"Living here 18 years, from 1979 to 1997, Midland is more of a family town, so I think that probably helped develop the culture at Pioneer because we have a family culture at Pioneer," he said.

Sheffield moved to Odessa in 1975 to work for Amoco and later was called by Joe Parsley of Parker & Parsley to work as a petroleum engineer in 1979. From there, he rose in the ranks, becoming vice president of engineering in 1981, president and director in 1985 and chairman and CEO in 1989.

It was during that time that Sheffield had the foresight to buy big in the Permian Basin, but the sheer success of Pioneer, which was formed after a merger with Mesa Petroleum in 1997, is a combination of good fortune and technological progress.

"I wanted to buy as much Spraberry as I could back in the 1980s and '90s, so we picked up most of our 800,000 acres (back then)," he said. "Now, you can call it luck, the fact that we turned it from a vertical drilling play into a horizontal play, but it was really the technology of our drilling and completion guys and our geologists and geophysicists."



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Scott Sheffield chairman and CEO of Pioneer Natural Resources talks about opening the first building opening at their new headquarters in ClayDesta Plaza on Nov. 19, 2014.

"Living here 18 years, from 1979 to 1997, Midland is more of a family town, so I think that probably helped develop the culture at Pioneer because we have a family culture at Pioneer."

Scott Sheffield, Pioneer Natural Resources CEO

Better drilling and completion techniques helped turn Pioneer from a $32 million company in the 1980s to a $28 billion company today. Pioneer's presence is felt throughout the region.

"We are the largest employer, to my knowledge, in industry in the Midland-Odessa area," Sheffield said, noting that the E&P currently employs about 1,800 people in West Texas. He's humble when he talks about Pioneer's employees.

"They are the backbone of the oil and gas industry," noting that the year-old Permian Basin headquarters at ClayDesta is a testament to how much employees mean to the company and that a second building will be erected as growth continues. The company's impact extends beyond Midland County lines.

"I see us being the largest employer and largest taxpayer in several counties," he said. "I know Midland, Martin County, most likely Upton County, we're the largest taxpayer, and we'll continue to be for a long period of time. The company has the most active rigs. We have 12 rigs running. With oil moving back to $50, we hope to add rigs in the future, and we're looking at an exciting time for a long period of time."

Pioneer's influence in the region doesn't end at new buildings and tax payments, however.

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RYDER WARREN
Midland Independent School District Superintendent

Friday the 13th provided challenges for the school district

■ School finance ruling, gender identity issue bring spotlight to education

We are two weeks away from the end of classes for the 2015-16 school year, and please be very proud of our community's kids and school staff. We've had an outstanding school year, and that is because of the efforts of both of these groups. In the next couple of weeks, I will write my normal "end of the year" article that pays tribute to our graduating seniors, but I do want everyone to know that we are very proud of all of our students and staff members who did just a great job this year.

I've got two very important issues to discuss this week in my article. Personally, I'm not that superstitious, so I usually never equate Friday the 13th with any kind of bad luck, but Friday, May 13th, will go down as a challenging day for the school district. Before I get into the national and statewide issues, I do want to hold up the faculty and staff of Bunche Elementary School and Midland's emergency responders, because it is not every day when we have to deal with a live hand grenade a couple of blocks from any of our schools, but that is exactly what happened last Friday.

Most of our community's media teams reported that a live grenade had been found in the vicinity of Bunche Elementary School. The school's staff immediately got busy shutting down the campus, and our emergency responders from the Midland Police Department did a wonderful job quickly dealing with the threat and neutralizing it. Thank you to all groups that helped out on this.

As the Bunche team was dealing with that issue, every school district in the state was dealing with two items of information that were

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spoonerism
[spoo-*nuh*-riz-*uh* m] noun.
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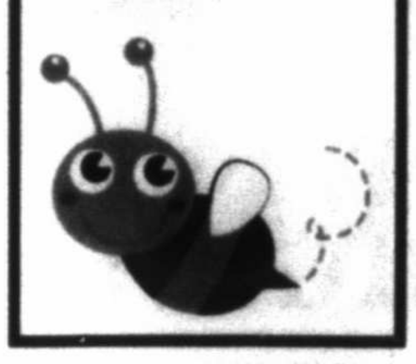

BBB warns flood-damaged cars may be hitting the market

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

In the wake of recent flooding that has swept through Texas, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin is urging new and used car buyers to be cautious of unscrupulous businesses and individuals who may try to sell flood-damaged cars without revealing the vehicles' history.

Flood-damaged cars can be unreliable vehicles. According to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), vehicle rebuilders may be able to hide most of the cosmetic flood damage, but it's difficult to completely repair an engine that has been flooded.

Your BBB recommends the following tips to help consumers determine if a car is flood-damaged:

Thoroughly inspect the vehicle

Be sure to check all gauges on the dashboard to make sure they are accurate, and inspect the trunk, glove compartments, seats and dashboard for signs of mud, rust or water damage. Signs of water damage may include:

■ Water stains, mildew or sand under the carpet, floor mats and dashboard.

■ Discolored, faded or stained upholstery and carpeting. Carpeting that has been replaced may fit too loosely or may not match the interior color.

■ Fogging inside the headlights, taillights and gauges.

Do a smell test

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), a heavy aroma of cleaners or disinfectants is a sign of somebody's attempt to mask a mold or odor issue. Smell for musty odors resulting from mildew, and check for a well-defined line, or watermark, that could cause the odor.

Self-test the features inside the vehicle

Test the lights, windshield wipers, turn signals, cigarette lighter, radio, heater and air conditioner several times to make sure they work. Also, flex some wires under the dash to see if they bend or crack, since wet wires become brittle upon drying and can crack or fail at any time.

Have a mechanic inspect the vehicle

Before buying any used car, always get a pre-purchase inspection by a trusted mechanic. Have the mechanic inspect the car's mechanical and electrical components, systems that contain fluids and for water damage. The extra cost may save you money in the long run. Use BBB to find a trustworthy mechanic and visit a company's Business Review page.

Ask to see the title of the vehicle

Check the date and place of transfer to see if the car came from a flood-damaged state and if the title is stamped "salvage." If the car's history seems suspicious, ask the dealer or individual directly if the car has been damaged by flood water. Also, if you're purchasing a used car from a dealership, be sure to check out the reliability of the dealer by visiting bbb.org.

Report fraud

If you suspect a dealer is knowingly selling a flood-damaged car or a salvaged vehicle as a "good-condition" used car, contact your auto insurance company, local law enforcement agency or report it to your local BBB. Also, report it to BBB Scam Tracker, as this could help alert others to a rip-off.

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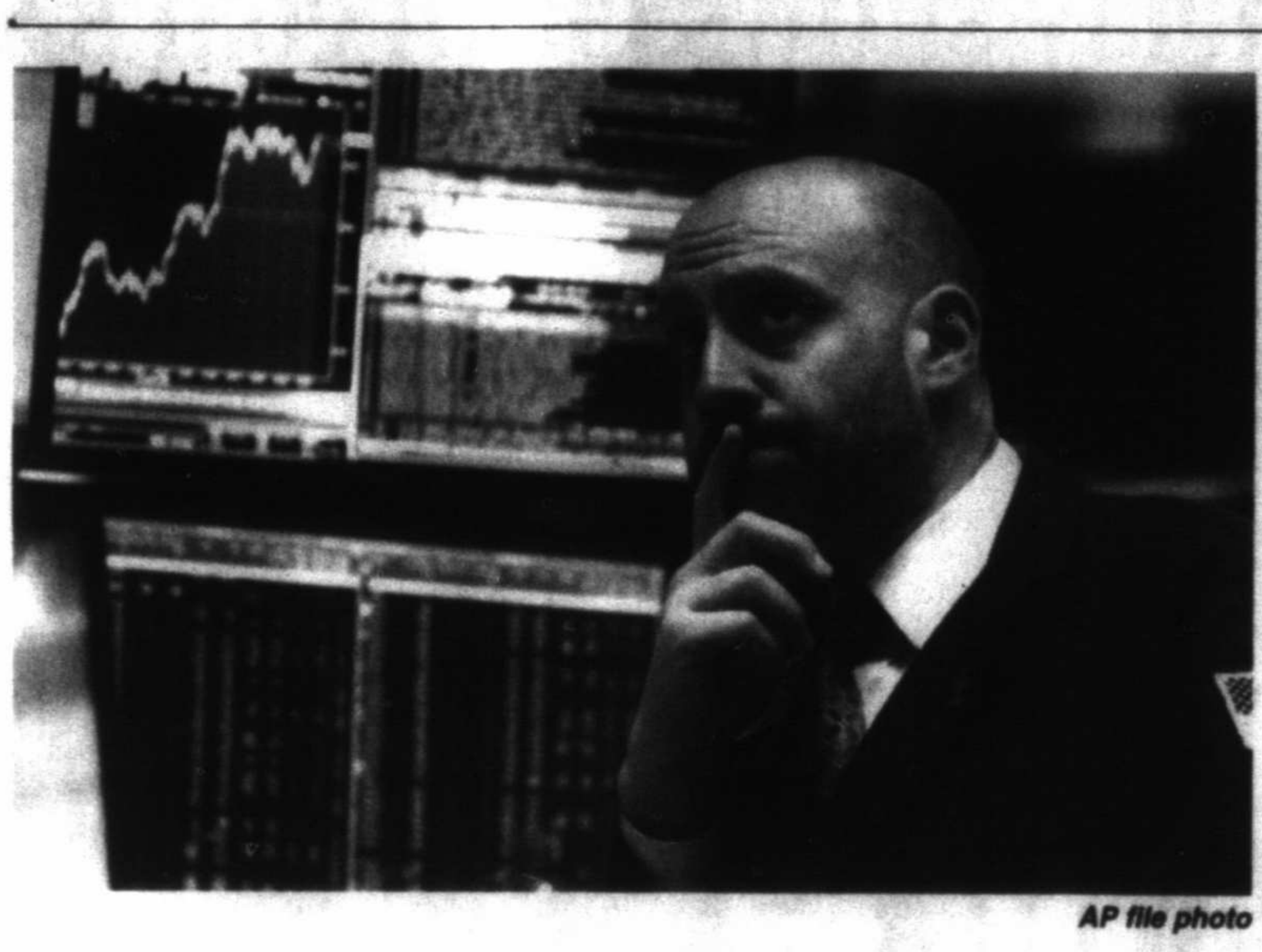

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Specialist Meric Greenbaum works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on May 9. Saturday is the one-year anniversary of the stock market's record high. And no, you didn't miss the party, because no one seems to be in the mood to celebrate.

Unloved bull market: It's been a year since latest record

By Stan Choe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Saturday is the one-year anniversary of the stock market's record high. And no, you didn't miss the party, because no one seems to be in the mood to celebrate.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index reached its latest high of 2,130.82 exactly one year ago. Since then, it's come close to beating it, only to veer lower, sometimes sharply. Last month it came within about 1 percent of the record, but then more jitters about the economy and fears that the Federal Reserve could raise interest rates in June set in.

After a horrendous start to the year, the worst on record for the market, stocks have shown remarkable resilience and have clawed back the ground they lost since 2016 began. As of Friday, the S&P 500 was barely positive for 2016. It would need to gain another 4 percent to match the high it reached a year ago.

More gains may be on the way, strategists along Wall Street say, though the forecasts are largely for only modest gains, and rocky ones at that. But even with the good news for 401(k) accounts, the excitement that pulsed during past peaks is lacking now from the market.

"There is no euphoria," said John Manley, chief equity strategist at Wells Fargo Funds Management. "There isn't even contentment."

A big reason is how fresh the memory still remains of the stock market's crash during the 2008 financial crisis. The S&P 500 lost 55 percent from top to bottom from Oct. 9, 2007 through March 9, 2009, even after including dividends. That steep drop has led to a lasting skepticism about stocks, and the scars are affecting not only individual investors but also financial advisers whose job it is to counsel them, said Linda Duessel, senior equity strategist at Federated Investors.

"This is the most hated rally since it began," she said. "If you're an adviser, you're afraid that if you get too bullish on stocks that you'll lose your client if you get another downdraft."

Such hesitancy is actually an encouraging sign to contrarians, particularly when few economists are predicting an imminent recession. But investors see many reasons to stay on the sidelines, and they're showing it in several ways. Among the signs of and causes for concern that still envelop the market:

■ Defensive stocks are leading the way. The best-performing areas of the market over the last year aren't hot, high-growth stocks. They're the old-line companies that traditionally do best when the market is struggling.

Utilities, telecoms and companies that make everyday items for consumers have had the strongest returns. These companies tend to have the most stable profits, and thus the most stable stock prices.

Part of it is likely a result of demographics. Baby Boomers are nearing or in retirement, and they're looking for more stable investments that also produce income. That's a good description for defensive stocks: Utilities in the S&P 500 have a dividend yield of 3.7 percent, for example, well above the 1.85 percent yield for a 10-year Treasury.

The strong run means dividend-paying defensive stocks are more expensive, relative to their earnings. But they should continue to attract buyers because they still look better than many alternatives, such as low-yielding Treasurys, says Federated's Duessel.

■ Investors are more fearful than greedy. Nearly $18 billion left U.S. stock mutual funds and exchange-traded funds during the first quarter, according to Morningstar. Much of that was because of the scary 5 percent loss for the S&P 500 in January, and it fits with the longstanding hesitancy investors have had about the U.S. stock market.

Over the 12 months through March, investors pulled a net $69 billion from U.S. stock funds. And it's not like investors have been fleeing all types of investments. They put $163 billion into foreign stock funds and $7.5 billion into taxable bond funds over that same time.

■ The global economy is scuffling. Even though central banks around the world have piled on unprecedented amounts of stimulus, growth around the world remains weak.

The U.S. economy appears to be in the best shape, relatively speaking, as job growth continues. But it expanded at just a 0.5 percent annualized rate last quarter, its weakest pace in two years.

Other economies around the world look to be in worse shape, highlighted by Europe and Japan. The International Monetary Fund recently cut its forecast for global growth this year and warned that global financial stability risks have increased.

■ Corporate earnings are sinking. Stock prices generally follow corporate profits over the long term, and the recent trend has been downward.

Most companies have given their report cards for how they fared from January through March, and S&P 500 earnings per share look to be 5.8 percent lower than a year ago, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence. That would be the worst performance since the spring of 2009, when the economy was in the last throes of recession.

It would also be the third straight quarter where earnings have dropped. Much of the weakness has come from the energy sector, where falling oil prices have decimated profits, but other sectors are also seeing weakness. S&P 500 earnings fell 1.1 percent last quarter, even after excluding energy companies.

Forecasts are for this reporting season to mark the bottom. Analysts expect to see more modest declines and even slight growth as the year progresses.

"On the whole, I think it will get better," Wells Fargo's Manley said about his expectations for both corporate earnings and the stock market. But "I'm looking over my shoulder like everyone else until earnings get better."

THE ECONOMIST
By M. Ray Perryman

Texas has fallen behind in several spending areas

This year, the State of Texas will spend more than $140 billion. With about 27.5 million residents, more than 260,000 square miles and a $1.5 trillion economy, substantial resources are required to maintain quality of life and public safety, provide for education and infrastructure and serve as a safety net through social programs.

Detailed databases related to spending and budgets for the State are readily available. For example, the Texas Comptroller's Office maintains a detailed dataset of expenditures by category (at www.TexasTransparency.org), which provides a look at where the money goes down to the penny. Here is a rundown of categories where spending tops $1 billion per year based on actual State outlays during fiscal 2015 (which ended August 31).

Just more than $1 billion was spent in 2015 for repairs and maintenance, including buildings and other real estate, as well as computer software. Another billion went to supplies and materials, including more than $251 million for medical supplies. Debt payments are a notable use of funds, with more than $1 billion going to interest and $7 billion to principal payments. The State invested almost $6 billion in short-term investments and funds, which is largely a function of cash management through the year. Professional services and fees reached almost $3 billion; these are things like medical services, architectural and engineering services, information technology services and legal services.

Infrastructure improvement is one place where Texas spends significant money. Expenditures for highway construction, maintenance, and right of way topped $5 billion last year. However, with rapid population and economic growth, congestion remains a problem in urban areas. Maintenance and safety enhancements are desperately required in many areas, but funding limitations preclude addressing all needs. If the state's roadways are not well maintained and expansion projects are not undertaken to help keep congestion under control, it will cost much more in the future, both in terms of additional outlays and (especially) lost productivity and efficiency. There has been some progress given additional funds allocated during recent legislative sessions, but $5 billion per year simply won't cut it given growing needs and miles of roadways.

Employee benefits approach $8 billion per year, including sizable outlays for retirement programs. Like many states, Texas is facing a substantial unfunded pension problem. Many state employees have "defined benefit" retirement plans, meaning that their benefits are based on some set criteria (such as years of service and salary level) rather than amounts they have contributed. It is crucial to ensure we are setting enough money aside to deal with these obligations in the future.

Salaries and wages for state employees topped $11 billion in 2015. Nearly $6 billion went to permanent, full-time state employees, and more than $4 billion went to higher education salaries including faculty and staff.

A category called "interfund transfers" accounts for $20 billion per year, but

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Trump businesses honored by NY company closely tied to Trump

By Jake Pearson and Jeff Horwitz
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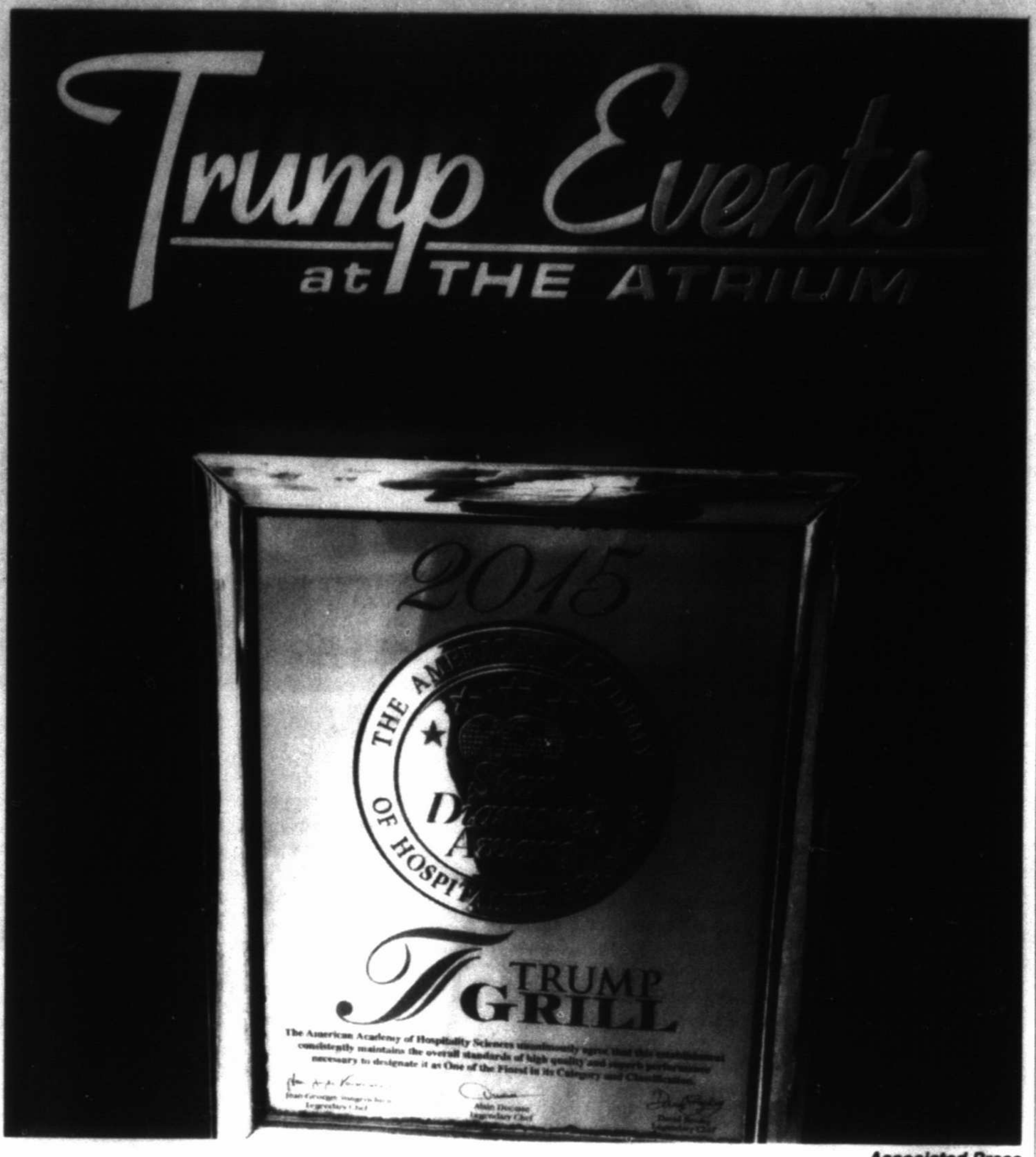

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An award from The American Academy of Hospitality Sciences award for the Trump Grill is affixed to the Trump Tower on May 3 in New York. Scores of Donald Trump golf courses, hotels, casinos and private clubs proudly display "Star Diamond" awards from the American Academy of Hospitality Services, a company that says it uses a staff of discriminating reviewers to inspect resorts and restaurants and give out "the most prestigious award of true excellence in hospitality."

NEW YORK — More than a dozen Donald Trump golf courses, hotels, casinos and private clubs have been honored with "Star Diamond" awards from the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences, a company that doles out shiny plaques representing "the most prestigious award of true excellence in hospitality."

The Trump Grill at Trump Tower has one. So does the Trump Buffet & Grill in the basement. Indeed the entire New York City skyscraper sports one of the plaques, for being "the ultimate residential building worldwide."

But when it comes to Trump, the academy isn't an independent observer.

The organization is run by Joseph Cinque, a longtime Trump acquaintance who goes by the nickname "Joey No Socks" and has a felony conviction for possessing stolen property.

As recently as last May, Trump himself was listed on the group's website as its "ambassador extraordinaire," and he appeared in a 2009 tribute video to Cinque in which he said: "There's nobody like him. He's a special guy."

But Trump told The Associated Press on Friday that he doesn't know Cinque well and was unaware of Cinque's criminal conviction.

"If a guy's going to give you an award, you take it," Trump said. "You don't tend to look up his whole life story."

An AP review shows that about half the roughly 30 American Academy of Hospitality Sciences trustees listed in the company's own press materials appear to be Trump friends and business associates.

At one point, Trump's two adult sons; the chief operating officer of the Trump Organization, Matthew Calamari; and Trump's longtime butler, Anthony Senecal; all served as trustees simultaneously.

Also listed are businessman Howard Lorber, who has called Trump his "hero," and actor Tony Lo Bianco, who said he believes he was introduced to Cinque years ago by Trump.

Trump said the board members connected to the Trump Organization are likely just the recipient of honorifics.

"I don't know that anybody goes," he said. "I've never gone to a board meeting."

While the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences has given awards to hotels and restaurants around the globe, including famed Manhattan restaurants Le Cirque and Jean-Georges, the company has also honored Mexican food, Poland's tourism board and Sepp Blatter, the former president of soccer's scandal-plagued governing body, for "making the world's greatest sport even better."

Still, the ties between Cinque and Trump appear to be close. Cinque served as a judge with Donald Trump Jr. in the 2008 Miss Universe pageant. The academy honored Donald Trump with a lifetime achievement award in 2013.

"My view is that this is primarily a marketing program," said Michael Petrone, who heads up AAA's ratings program, which gives out Five Diamond status to a fraction of the hotels inspectors review annually, including to some Trump properties.

A 1999 lawsuit against Cinque by a former business partner alleges award-winners paid promotional fees to be named in the group's glossy publications, calling the academy "merely the alter ego of Cinque."

A decade after that, Trump friend Stewart Rahr, a billionaire pharmaceutical wholesaler, sued Cinque and his organization, saying that they failed to publish a "man of the year" profile of his philanthropic efforts despite being paid a $25,000 fee. A judge ruled Rahr was owed the $25,000.

One former trustee, William Hetzler, founder of the German-American Hall of Fame, said he cut ties after he wasn't reimbursed for expenses related to a trip to Germany in which he connected Cinque to high-end chefs.

"If someone's not trustworthy I go the other direction," said Hetzler, whose Hall of Fame inducted Trump during a 2012 ceremony in Trump Tower.

Hetzler said Cinque sometimes gives awards for free and sometimes charges for the honor.

Trump told the AP that he's familiar with groups that try to sell awards as a marketing gimmick. But he said he has never paid Cinque's organization for its distinctions.

"Whoever received a reward qualified," said the woman who answered the phone at Cinque's company who refused to give her name. "Why don't you go after Hillary Clinton?"

A lawyer for the company, Stuart Perry, said Cinque wouldn't comment, but called the company "a pretty open book."

"The basic overall of the academy per se is dealing with five- and six-star properties," Perry said.

Perry is also a "trustee adviser" to the academy, as is a lawyer who represented Cinque in his failed attempts to appeal a 2008 drunken driving conviction in New Jersey.

According to a 1995 profile in New York Magazine, Cinque pleaded guilty to a felony after police broke down the door of his Manhattan apartment and found a trove of valuable stolen art, including prints by Marc Chagall. Court records show he pleaded guilty to possession of stolen property in 1989.

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it's mainly a pass-through account for various retirement funds (such as the Teacher Retirement System) and sales tax allocations.

More than $25 billion in 2015 went to public education through the foundation program and grants to elementary and secondary schools, with another billion for junior colleges. Even so, Texas remains near the bottom in terms of per-student spending. An analysis by the U.S. Census Bureau ranked Texas near the bottom of all states, with spending well below the U.S. average. The National Education Association placed Texas at number 40 based on spending in K-12 public schools and average daily attendance. Although methods, measures and rankings vary, Texas clearly ranks near the bottom of spending in public schools. Quality of education is directly related to individual success in the job market, and workforce preparedness drives the potential for economic growth. Investing in education is essential, and changing demographics increase the need for adequate resources.

The largest spending category is public assistance payments, with $43 billion. Medical services and specialties accounts for $25 billion, with billions more in various other medical categories. Other types of assistance are relatively small, such as grants for community service programs (just over $2 billion) or foster care ($657 million). Much of this amount (and others) come to the state through federal programs.

Spending by the State has been growing over time, but not enough to keep pace with population and economic expansion. An analysis by the Kaiser Family Foundation ranked Texas 47 among all states in terms of per-capita State spending, illustrating the low level of outlays compared to most areas.

Although runaway spending is clearly to be avoided, we have fallen critically behind in several areas. Keeping tax burdens low is laudable, but spending more now could avoid bigger problems down the road. In fact, if Texas doesn't catch up on unfunded pensions, restructure programs in crisis such as foster care and child protective services, improve education at all levels and make a dent in infrastructure shortcomings, we will almost certainly face higher taxes in the future to deal with spiraling problems, not to mention a much less robust economy.

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Obama is off to Asia to boost trade, cooperation

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama departed Saturday on a weeklong, 16,000-mile trip to Asia, part of his effort to pay more attention to the region and boost economic and security cooperation.

He'll spend three days in Vietnam, with stops in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, for meetings with leaders, a speech on U.S.-Vietnam relations, visits to cultural treasures and sessions with civic leaders and entrepreneurs. From Vietnam, he heads to Japan for a summit of the Group of Seven industrialized nations and a historic visit to Hiroshima.

Along the way, Obama will make a big push for the 12-nation trans-Pacific trade agreement, which includes the U.S., Vietnam and Japan. The deal is stalled in Congress, but Obama hopes it will one day increase trade in the region and make it easier for U.S. workers and companies to compete in Asia. The deal faces strong opposition from the leading 2016 presidential candidates and other critics, who say it doesn't do enough to protect U.S. workers from unfair competition.

A sticking point during Obama's stay in Vietnam will be human rights. Five Republican senators sent the president a letter Friday labeling Vietnam "one of the most repressive regimes in the world" and urging Obama to press Vietnamese leaders to do more to respect freedom of religion and expression and other human rights. The letter was signed by Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida, John Boozman of Arkansas, John Cornyn, James Lankford of Oklahoma and Bill Cassidy of Louisiana.

Before Obama left, Vietnam granted early release from prison to a Catholic priest who is one of its most prominent dissidents. The move is widely viewed as a goodwill gesture before the president arrives in Hanoi late tonight for an official visit.

The Catholic archdiocese of the central city of Hue reported on its webpage that it welcomed the return Friday of the Rev. Nguyen Van Ly from prison. Ly, 70, has served several long terms in prison or under house arrest for promoting political and religious freedoms in the communist nation.

Obama's final year in office is heavy with foreign travel as he conducts what amounts to a long, global farewell tour. He's already made a historic trip to Cuba and visited Saudi Arabia, Germany and Britain. He's due to make a daytrip to Canada next month, attend a NATO summit in Poland in July and expected to become the first president to visit Laos in the fall. He's also expected to attend a fall summit of the Group of 20 industrial and emerging-market nations in China and an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Peru in November.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

This date in West Texas

On May 22, 1987, an F-4 tornado devastated the West Texas town of Saragosa, killing 30 and destroying an estimated 80 percent of the town.

Things to do

Today

■ West Texas @ 50 Jazz Party 1 p.m. Sunday at MCM Elegante, 5200 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $50. wtjs.org.

■ Family Nite roller skating, Sundays from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 A Andrews Highway. kcsnuttyroller.com.

Tuesday

■ Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series: "Growing Up with Heroes ... The Navajo Code Talkers of WWII: A Daughter's Journey" with Zonnie Gorman. 7 p.m. at Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. Free but ticketed. Call 432-683-4403 for reservations. Petroleummuseum.org.

Meetings this week

■ **City Council**
10 am. Tuesday
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.

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

■ **Hospital District**
11:45 a.m. Thursday
Administation boardroom
Note: Some meetings times, dates and locations are subject to change.

Support groups today

■ Overeaters Anonymous, 3-4 p.m., B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

Election centers

The following are election centers for the Tuesday primary run-off elections. Polls are open from 7 a.m to 7 p.m. A photo ID is required for voting in person

■ Annex Courtroom, 2110 N. "A" St.

■ Centennial Library, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida

■ Golf Course Road Church of Christ, 3500 W. Golf Course

■ Greenwood Baptist Church, 10908 FM 307

■ MLK Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut

■ Odessa Country Club, No. 1 Fairway

Source: Midland County Elections Office

Airport numbers

Enplanements
(people boarding an airplane)

April 2016	36,313
April 2015	41,389
Percent difference	-12.3
April 2014	43,594
April 2013	40,871
April 2012	38,091
April 2011	37,117
April 2010	34,387
April 2009	34,733

Year to date: 268,996 (10.2 percent decrease from 2014-15)

Total passengers

April 2016	71,379
April 2015	82,809
Percent difference	-13.8

Year to date: 536,717 (10.2 percent decrease from 2014-15)

Fuel sales
(in gallons)

April 2016	418,838
April 2015	647,374
Percent difference	-35.3

Year to date: 3,826,811 (4.7 percent decrease from 2014-15)

Parking revenues

April 2016	$268,856
April 2015	$280,475
Percent difference	-4.1

Year to date: $1,965,706 (9.4 percent decrease from 2014-15)

Community calendar

■ The 11th annual Permian Basin Ride of Silence, a bike ride to honor and remember bicyclists killed in the Permian Basin since 1985 and to educate bicyclists and motorists of their responsibilities when sharing the road, was rescheduled for Wednesday. Riders will head out 7 p.m. from the CEED buidling, Farm-to-Market 1788 and State Highway 191. The procession will stay on the 191 service road.

The route is a total of 12 miles.

For more information, contact John Floyd at 681-7648 or jfloyd@midlandtexas.gov.

■ The city of Midland will kick off the swimming pool season with a preview over Memorial Day weekend. Summertime operations begin June 4. Both Doug Russell and Washington aquatic centers will be noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and May 30 and 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. May 29.

Pool admission is $3 a person; children under 2 are free. Punch passes with discounted rates are available at the Parks office and the MLK center.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 5-4-4
Pick 3 day: 5-7-2
Pick 3 evening: 0-0-1
Pick 3 night: 9-4-2
Daily 4 morning: 4-1-0-2
Daily 4 day: 8-9-9-6
Daily 4 evening: 3-3-8-1
Daily 4 night: 4-8-8-9
Cash Five: 10-14-15-21-25
Lotto Texas: 10-15-37-43-46-50
Powerball: 5-7-9-23-32 PB: 26
Power Play: 4
Texas Triple Chance: 1-11-14-15-16-35-39-41-42-45
All or Nothing morning: 3-5-8-12-13-14-15-17-18-19-21-24
All or Nothing day: 2-4-5-6-9-13-14-17-19-20-21-22
All or Nothing evening: 2-4-8-11-14-15-16-18-19-21-22-24
All or Nothing night: 6-7-8-11-13-14-16-18-19-20-21-23

SHEFFIELD

From 1A

Scott Sheffield, chairman and CEO of Pioneer Natural Resources, lends his support to the MISD bond issue Oct. 11, 2012, at a Chamber of Commerce press conference. *Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

"We've put in a lot of capital, and we still give back to the Midland community significantly," Sheffield said. "We're going out to a Habitat house (Friday) that our employees are building. We've done a lot of things with the Early College High School program and a lot with almost every charitable organization in the city, and we'll continue to do that — give back."

Among its philanthropic efforts was helping fund the multi-million dollar remodeling project at the Petroleum Museum that modernized the experience that tells the story of the petroleum industry.

"He is truly a remarkable man, having built Pioneer to the company it is today," said Petroleum Museum Executive Director Kathy Shannon. "The community will certainly miss him, but I know he has instilled a strong culture of community involvement throughout Pioneer, which I am confident will continue. He and his wife, Kimberley, along with Pioneer, were significant donors to our capital project. His early commitment underscored the importance of our project and helped us launch our capital campaign. The museum is grateful to have the support of both Scott and Kimberley and of Pioneer."

Sheffield's philanthropy extends beyond capital projects.

"Without Pioneer, there would be no Busting for Badges, which is the largest law enforcement fundraiser we have," said Sgt. Jimmy Young, who works in community relations for the Midland Police Department and is Busting for Badges' treasurer. "It benefits Midland Police Department, Midland County Sheriff's office, Odessa Police Department and Ector County Sheriff's Department.

"Pioneer has gone all in, giving us 20 employees to help organize it; they're the title sponsor. MPD and the other agencies are truly grateful for their support. I've spoken to representatives from the company who greatly support local law enforcement, and that support comes from the top."

Sheffield's business acumen has trickled down over the years, and his mentorship has guided others to start their own prosperous companies, such CrownQuest Operating CEO Tim Dunn.

"Scott gave me a huge opportunity," Dunn said via email. "He hired me as a senior executive when I was only 32. "He did for many others what Joe Parsley did for him: gave them a chance. The oil patch is strewn with leaders Scott identified and mentored. The Permian Basin would have a different face without Scott Sheffield's influence."

Perhaps Sheffield's most important mentee will be his successor, President and Chief Operating Officer Timothy Dove.

"I hired him 22 years ago, and he's been a great employee; he's been well-trained," Sheffield said. "He started off running business development, then (was) chief financial officer, then president. When I appointed him president and chief operating officer in 2004, I knew he was probably going to be my successor at that point in time. We're only in difference in age about four to five years, so I also wanted to make sure he had a chance to run this company."

While Dove readies to take the chief executive reins in 2017, Sheffield readies to spend more time with his wife, five children and 10 grandchildren and will reside in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Highly respected and highly influential is how Sheffield is regarded as a business leader and community member.

When Sheffield looks at his legacy as an oilman in West Texas, he recalls an article from seven decades ago.

In his own words: "... taking the world's most un-economic oil field — which (the Permian) was labeled by Time magazine in the early 1950s — and turning it into the second-largest oil field in the world."

Oil Editor Mella McEwen contributed to this report.

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WARREN

From 1A

released to us May 13. The first was the Texas Supreme Court ruling on the Texas public education finance system. Out of the state's 1,000 school districts, over 600 — with Midland ISD being one of those — sued the state of Texas for what we called an inadequate and unfair system that is being used to fund our schools.

On page 99 of the court's 100 page ruling, our Supreme Court stated, "... the school funding system is undeniably imperfect, with immense room for improvement. But it satisfies minimum constitutional requirements." In its ruling, the court went on to state that Texas's 5 million public school students deserve a "revamped system fit for the 21st century." But this court declined to force our state legislature to do so.

To hopefully continue good, meaningful conversations about this in our community, let me give everyone a couple of my main takeaways from this ruling which are:

1. The justices who make up the current version of our Supreme Court made the decision not to "second-guess" or "micromanage" the state legislature in relation to the Texas School finance system.

The justices have decreed this is one of the most important responsibilities of our state leaders — to adequately, equitably and efficiently fund Texas's public schools — and the Supreme Court should not play a part. However, the justices also explained court action in six other school finance cases dating back to 1989. The true fear of Texas public school leaders, parents and other stakeholders is that our state legislators have never made substantive change to the finance system unless the Supreme Court has mandated the change.

2. The academic expectations we have for children in this state do not match the expectations we have from our government.

The statement in the ruling — that our system meets "minimum constitutional requirements" — is an absolute slap in the face to students and parents of Texas. Over the last five years, teachers, students, and parents/caregivers have been forced to comply with the most rigorous academic standards in the history of Texas public schools. The implementation of the new exam — the STAAR — has caused issues for all public schools and their children, and now we are told that a funding system that has not truly been updated in 25 years is sufficient to meet these academic standards.

Only time will tell if our legislative leaders see this ruling as a "pass" to not address school finance in Texas or if they will see it as a true challenge from the court and take dynamic measures to right the system. Though the Supreme Court justices deemed our system constitutional, they also documented every aspect that is wrong with the system. And as the justices surmised in the ruling — our kids deserve better.

The second issue we dealt with on Friday the 13th, was the joint letter from the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education that laid out the federal government's stance on children's gender identities. Both at the MISD Central Office and at various campuses, we have received many phone calls and messages from parents and other stakeholders regarding what this means to us.

In the very legalistic world of public schools, all district leaders know a guidance letter from both the Department of Justice and the Department of Education is a very important document. This kind of correspondence is rare from these agencies, so we understand the gravity behind the issues outlined in the guidance letter.

Having said that, school district leaders also know guidance letters from the federal government do not constitute law, and it is very important to understand that as we move forward. There are two very important issues that we need to consider in my comments about this which are: 1.) the privacy of our children who are dealing with any kind of personal issues is of paramount importance for the district. The "spotlight" the president and some of our state leaders have put on these children is both unfair, and in many cases, unwanted; but also 2.) it is important that Midland ISD stakeholders know the district's stance on issues such as these.

The comments I will make below about this issue are meant to explain the district's position and to alleviate any fears that might be in our community, and the comments are written to hopefully remove that spotlight from children who are dealing with personal issues.

As to the processes and procedures of MISD, the following has been true for many years:

■ Every school year, MISD staff deal with children who have needs above and beyond what we call the "regular" issues kids face.

■ The district does its very best to understand these needs and to address them in compassionate manners that provide support to the students and their families. We do this by sitting down with these families, talking through the issue and/or challenge and coming up with plans to address the situations. This is called individualized service for our students.

■ If the issue is privacy, then we make alternative plans for students to assure that they can have the most privacy we can devise on our campuses to support them — no matter what their issue is. We feel this is in the best interest of all of our students.

■ The most important challenge in our school district is not academics, it is safety. Every day, our staff must assure we have 38 campuses that are safe for our children and adults in those buildings, and this safety applies to their physical and mental states.

■ One very important concept that goes into our safety measures is a simple concept — control. We must be in control of our buildings at all times. It is easy to argue with the federal government's stance regarding restroom and/or locker room access for all children, because most of us feel this goes against everything we were brought up to believe; however, one very important aspect for the schools is simple control of the facilities.

■ We cannot have a school environment in which children who identify themselves as transgender feel uncomfortable, to the point of anxiety, about where they belong. And we cannot have children who have no gender identity issues feeling uncomfortable about their assigned facilities in the school. Both of these issues could lead to a loss of control on our campuses, and we cannot allow that.

So, MISD will maintain the processes and procedures we have always followed in dealing with student differences. We will have single sex bathrooms, locker rooms, showers, etc., until a true legal, binding decision tells us to do otherwise, and we will work diligently to recognize and accommodate any students who need different plans to support their needs. Every child matters in Midland, and the most important thing we do every day is to keep them safe, and we will continue to make this a priority.

As usual, please know how much we appreciate the support our kids receive from our community. As I stated above, we have had a wonderful school year, and we could not have done that without the support. If anyone has questions and/or comments regarding the issues in this article, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience — ryder.warren@midlandisd.net. If you would like more information about these two issues, we have placed copies of the federal guidance letter and the ruling of the Texas Supreme Court on our website at http://www.midlandisd.net/Domain/23. Thank you again for your support.

Midlander charged with intoxication manslaughter

■ Motorcyclist is sixth person to die on roads in Midland County this year

From staff reports

A 23-year-old Midland man was being held at Midland County jail Saturday in connection with a fatal motorcycle wreck that occurred Friday night, according to a press release from the city's spokeswoman.

Joseph Lian Bik Thawng was arrested on an intoxication manslaughter charge following the wreck that killed Midlander Louie White, 32, according to the release. Bond had not been set as of Saturday evening.

Midland police and fire departments responded to the wreck in the 400 block of North Midland Drive at about 9:40 p.m. Friday.

The investigation revealed that White was on a Harley Davidson traveling northbound on Midland Drive when Lian Bik Thawng, who was driving southbound in a Dodge Charger, turned in front of the motorcycle.

White, who died at the scene, was not wearing a helmet at the time of the wreck, according to the release.

Lian Bik Thawng, who was found to be intoxicated, was not injured, and neither were his three passengers, according to the release.

White was the sixth person to die on roads in Midland County this year, according to Reporter-Telegram records. The most recent fatality was April 10, when a 44-year-old Midland man ran a red light and his vehicle was hit by a bucket truck, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

The number of fatal wrecks this year is down compared to the three previous years. By this point in 2013, there were 21 deaths on roads in Midland County, in 2014 there were 17 and in 2015 there were 10, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

TOMLINSON

From 1A

financing individual companies. The likelihood of failure increases when lobbyists involve politicians, and that's certainly the case for clean coal. The coal trade associations spent millions lobbying politicians to fund the Clean Coal Power Initiative while denying that carbon dioxide contributed to climate change.

Politics were certainly important to Summit, where the chairman and senior vice president for strategy was former Reagan-era Secretary of Energy Don Hodel. Leading Summit's team in Texas is former Dallas Mayor Laura Miller, who gained national fame fighting the construction of new conventional coal plants.

The Department of Energy was the largest investor in the Texas Clean Energy Project, which was originally scheduled to break ground in December 2010 but was delayed over budget concerns. Summit tried to close the deal again in December 2012, but Chinese oil company Sinopec joined the project and requested a new engineering study.

While Summit was spending $116 million in taxpayer money, the estimated cost of the project ballooned from $1.9 billion to $3.9 billion. In February, the Department of Energy's inspector general concluded the project was unlikely to succeed.

"Due to Summit's inability to obtain the required commercial debt and equity project financing and the adverse effect of changing energy markets on the demand for coal-based power plants, we are concerned about the viability of the project," the DOE inspector general said in a special report. Department officials agreed and suspended an $11 million payment due to Summit on Feb. 1 unless the company finds private financing.

Miller said in an email that without DOE's $11 million, Summit can't raise any more money.

"We have to go out and raise all the debt and equity for the project, and we cannot do that until we have all our construction contracts signed (showing the cost of the project and the schedule to build it), our permits in hand, and our revenues for all our products (power, urea, CO2, and sulfuric acid) calculated," Miller wrote. "But when your lead development partner abruptly exits, it doesn't help your momentum."

Solar-powered plane on its latest leg: Oklahoma to Ohio

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — A solar-powered airplane that landed in Oklahoma last week is headed to Ohio on the latest leg of its around-the-world journey.

The Swiss-made Solar Impulse 2 took off from Tulsa International Airport before 5 a.m. Saturday with a destination of Dayton International Airport in Ohio. The flight was expected to take about 18 hours.

The aircraft took off from Phoenix Goodyear Airport in Arizona at about 3 a.m. on May 13 and landed in Tulsa about 20 hours later.

It departed from northern California in the early hours of May 2 and landed at the airport southwest of Phoenix 16 hours later. Last month, it flew from Hawaii to California.

The globe-circling voyage began in March 2015 from Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, and made stops in Oman, Myanmar, China and Japan.

The plane was expected to make at least one more stop in the United States before crossing the Atlantic Ocean to Europe or northern Africa, according to the website documenting the journey.

The Solar Impulse 2's wings, which stretch wider than those of a Boeing 747, are equipped with 17,000 solar cells that power propellers and charge batteries. The plane runs on stored energy at night.

Ideal flight speed is about 28 mph, although that can double during the day when the sun's rays are strongest.

The plane had a five-day trip from Japan to Hawaii and three-day trip from Hawaii to California's Silicon Valley.

The crew was forced to stay in Oahu, Hawaii, for nine months after the plane's battery system sustained heat damage on its trip from Japan.

Project officials say the layovers give the two Swiss pilots — Bertrand Piccard and Andre Borschberg — a chance to swap places and engage with local communities along the way so they can explain the project, which is estimated to cost more than $100 million.

The solar project began in 2002 to highlight the importance of renewable energy and the spirit of innovation.

PHOTOS, TOP: Solar Impulse 2 lands at Moffett Field in Mountain View, Calif., on April 23, completing the leg of its journey from Hawaii in its attempt to circumnavigate the globe. A solar-powered airplane that landed in Oklahoma last week is headed to Ohio on the latest leg of its around-the-world journey. The Swiss-made Solar Impulse 2 took off from Tulsa International Airport about 5 a.m. on Saturday with a destination of Dayton, Ohio. The flight is expected to take about 18 hours. **RIGHT:** In this photo provided by Solar Impulse, pilot Bertrand Piccard, right, and alternate pilot Andre Boschberg, both from Switzerland, celebrate in front of the "Solar Impulse 2," after they landed at at Tulsa International Airport on May 12 in Tulsa, Oka.

TRINITY SCHOOL OF MIDLAND CLASS OF 2016

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Mary Bajomo
Rhea Cholia
Morgan Cox
Taylor Dewoody
Anthony Dragun*
Luke Fanous
Maddy Foreman
Abby Glenn
Abbey Gonzales
Peyton Harrington
Morgan Kuehler
Clayton Lawrence**
May Lee
Chandler Noll
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Preston Ramsey
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University of Alabama
Angelo State University
University of Arkansas
Auburn University
Baylor University
University of California Berkeley
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University of California at San Diego
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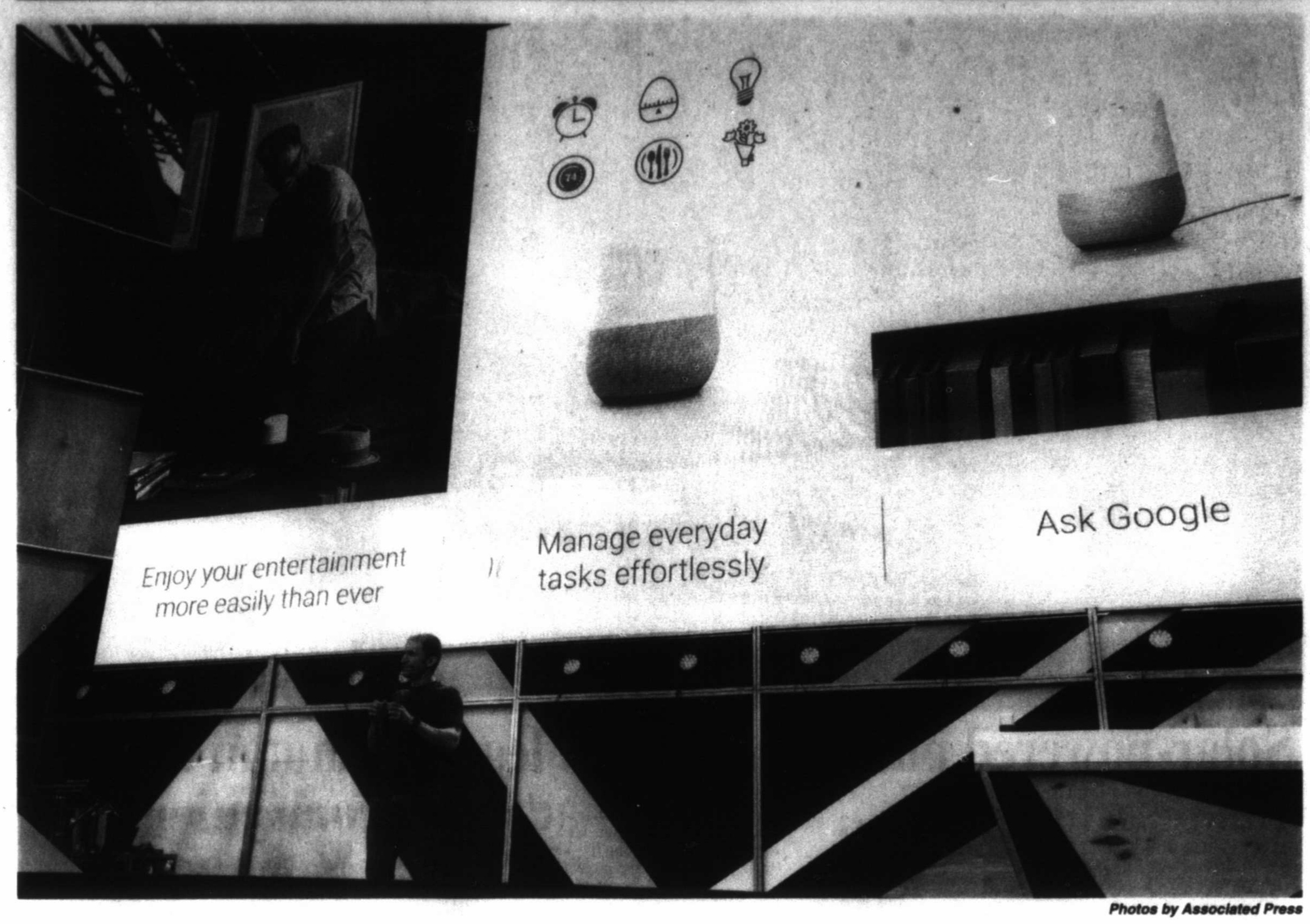

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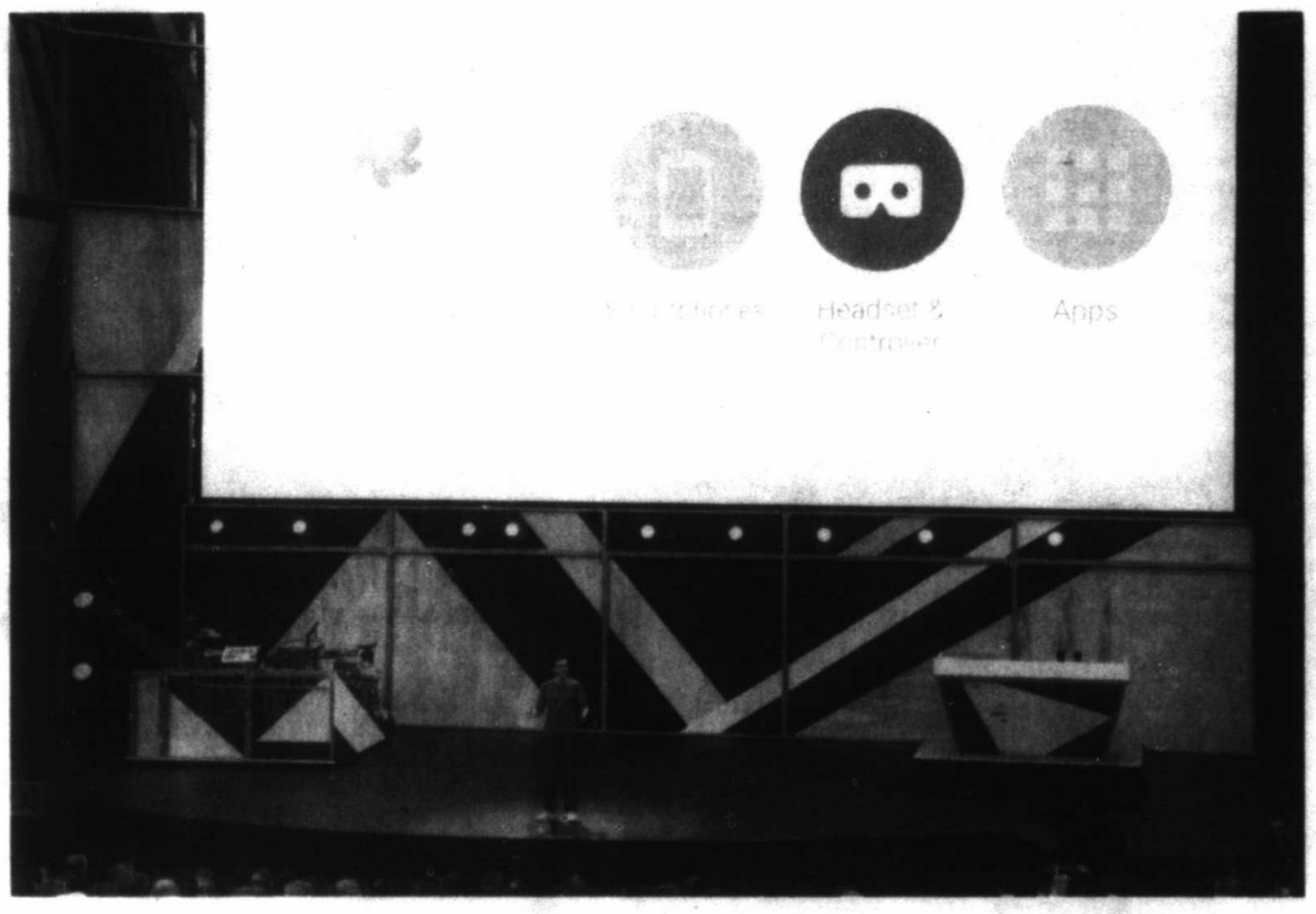
ABOVE: Google vice president Mario Queiroz talks about the uses of the new Google Home device during the keynote address of the Google I/O conference Wednesday in Mountain View, Calif. **BELOW:** Clay Bavor, Google vice president of virtual reality, talks about Daydream and virtual reality during the keynote address.

Google echoes Amazon's Echo, opens new virtual-reality door

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press



MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — Google wants to play an even bigger role in managing people's daily lives, while also nudging them into an alternate reality, as the Internet company responds to competitive threats posed by Facebook, Amazon and Apple.

As part of an onslaught of upcoming products, Google will implant a more personable form of artificial intelligence into an Internet-connected device called Home, which echoes the Echo, Amazon.com's trendy smart-home speaker.

Meanwhile, Google will also delve deeper into the still-nascent realm of virtual reality with a system called Daydream that's meant to challenge Facebook-owned Oculus's early lead in fabricating artificial worlds.

In an attempt to outshine Apple, Google is also adding features to its Android operating system, including the ability to run apps without actually installing them on a device.

That feature, called Instant Apps, might have been the biggest breakthrough that Google announced Wednesday at its annual developers conference held in an amphitheater located a few blocks from its Mountain View, California, headquarters.

It's the first time that Google has held the conference in its hometown since the inaugural event in 2006. Google CEO Sundar Pichai told a crowd of more than 7,000 people that he wanted to move the conference from San Francisco back to Mountain View to underscore a "pivotal moment in terms of where the company is going."

Instant Apps is Google's answer to the pain of installing phone apps you know you'll use just once or twice; for shopping or booking a parking spot, for example. With this approach, the app runs on Google's servers instead of your phone. Only the parts you need are sent to your phone on an as-needed basis.

There will also be a new chat service called Allo that's designed to counter Facebook's Messenger app and WhatsApp. Allo will draw upon a vast database that Google has built through its dominant Internet search engine to predict how you might want to respond to a text and automatically fetch links to video clips and other information that seem relevant to an ongoing conversation.

Although the upcoming products will offer some unique features, they mostly painted a picture of a company scrambling to catch up with its rivals.

"The technology looks good in principle, but there's a significant risk that Google is coming into some of these markets too late to make a difference," said Jackdaw Research analyst Jan Dawson.

Google Home, for instance, will mostly do the same things already performed by the Echo, a cylinder-like speaker that Amazon released last year. The Echo responds to voice commands to play music, read books, answer questions and manage calendars. It also turns off the lights, hails Uber rides and keeps adding new tasks as programmers build more apps for it.

Not surprisingly, Google touted its Home speaker as a more intelligent and versatile device, mostly because it can tap into the same stockpile of information that makes Google's Internet search place so popular. Google also has redesigned its virtual assistant to be more conversational and intuitive. It will be the voice and brains inside Google Home.

Although it is meant to be more personal than the automated voice that Google currently uses to respond to spoken requests on smartphones and computers, the company is simply calling it "Assistant." That contrasts with the human names given to other virtual assistants from Amazon (Alexa), Apple (Siri) and Microsoft (Cortana).

Google didn't reveal a price for the Home device, though it presumably will be competitive with the Echo, which sells for $180. Even if Home proves to be superior to the Echo, Gartner analyst Brian Blau thinks Google will be hard-pressed to surpass Amazon in the category. Amazon's leadership in e-commerce means it Echo "can always be on the front-page of Amazon's site and that is going to make it difficult for any rival to catch up," Blau said.

Daydream is a new virtual reality ecosystem that will be made available to all comers, duplicating a strategy that worked well for Google after it fell behind Apple following the iPhone's debut nearly a decade ago.

To get the ball rolling, Google will sell a virtual-reality headset with a wireless motion controller expected to carry the Nexus brand that the company original created as a showcase for its Android operating system for smartphones. Google didn't announce the price for the VR headset at Wednesday's conference, nor did it specify when it will hit the market. A similar headset, the Gear VR, made by Samsung and powered by Facebook's Oculus subsidiary, costs $100.

Consumers will need a new smartphone to power the headset. It is going to be tethered to the "N" version of Android that Google plans to release later this year and requires more processing power and sensors unavailable in any phone already out.

The new headset marks a major upgrade from Google's initial foray into VR in 2014, a cheap model made out of cardboard that sells for as little as $15 and is even given away in sales promotions by some companies.

"You could say Google has been the paper-based leader in VR, but otherwise you could say Google is well behind Facebook in VR," Blau said.

Google's new VR headset won't be as sophisticated as the recently released Rift from Oculus, which costs $600 and must be tethered to computers that can cost another $1,000 or so. Oculus spent several years perfecting the Rift, which features technology that looks so revolutionary that Facebook paid $2 billion to buy the startup in 2014.

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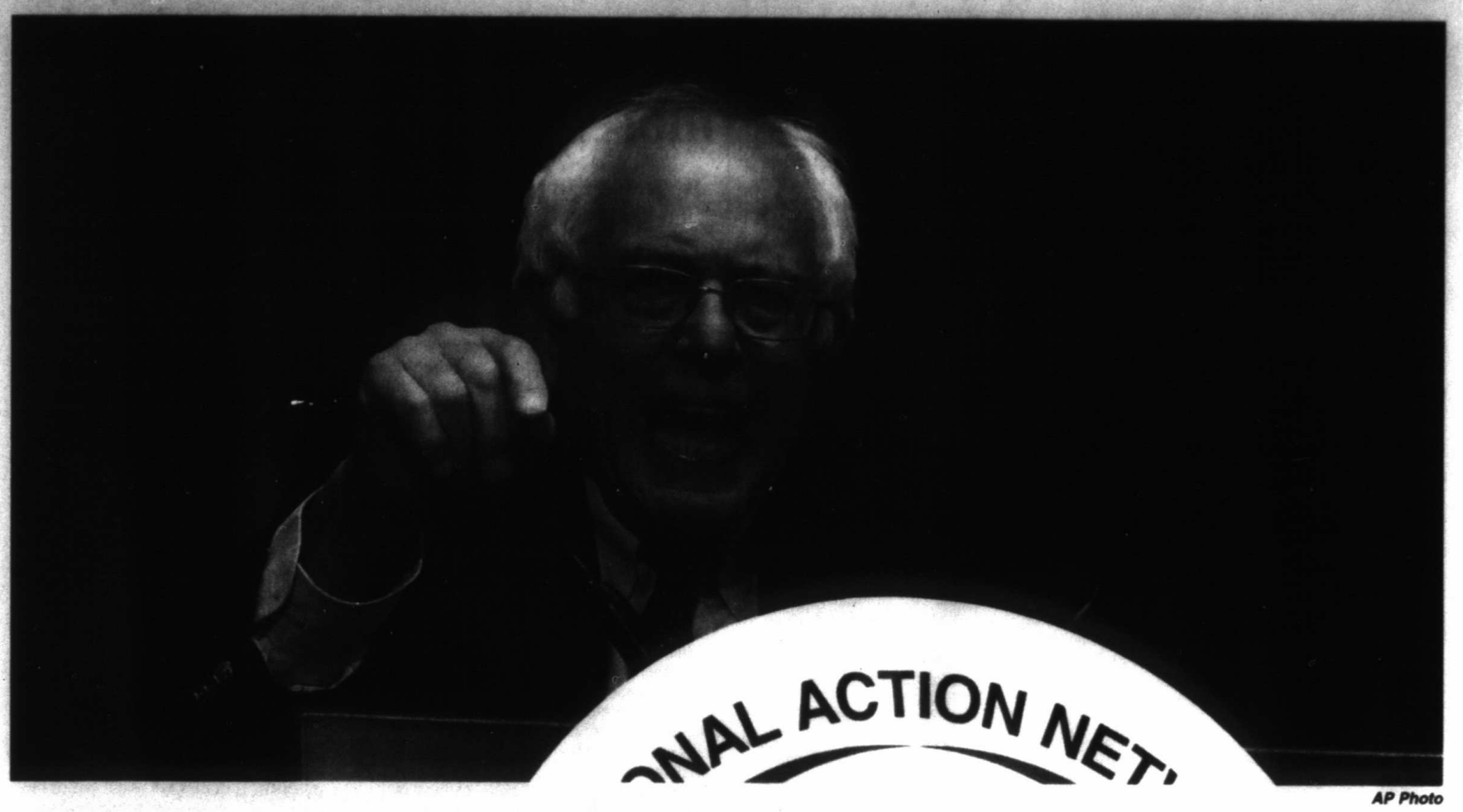

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Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt. speaks to the 25th annual National Action Network convention in New York.

Sanders delegates brace for Philadelphia convention fight

By Nicholas Riccardi and Catherine Lucey
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DENVER — Gabriel McArthur is heading to the Democratic National Convention in July to serve as a delegate for Bernie Sanders. Screaming and shouting are a distinct possibility from the Sanders camp at the event, he says.

McArthur and other Sanders supporters are approaching the gathering with the enthusiasm that has powered the effort from the start — holding garage sales, delivering pizza and raising money online to pay for their travel to Philadelphia.

But their nerves are raw now over the Democratic Party's perceived slights against the insurgent candidate and they are clinging to a bygone hope that Sanders can wrest the nomination from Hillary Clinton despite her overpowering lead in delegates.

As these super-fans chant "Bernie or bust," Democratic officials are growing increasingly worried about dissent, especially after a recent state convention in Nevada turned raucous. Some of the Sanders backers who are going to the convention as delegates for him — and there are more than 1,400 — give party officials little reason for comfort.

"I don't think we're going to see a lot of violence, but we are going to see some screaming and shouting if the DNC doesn't humanize itself," McArthur, a 24-year-old administrative assistant in suburban Denver, said of the Democratic National Committee. "A little civil disobedience is OK. It's part of being an American."

Sanders delegates, in more than a half dozen interviews, say that while violence is not their goal for Philadelphia, party unity isn't their priority, either. They don't believe he has been treated fairly by the party establishment.

"Anything can happen," said Jesica Marie Butler, 25, a Sanders delegate from Hawarden, Iowa, who volunteers for the campaign and is raising money on gofundme.com for her trip to Philadelphia. "This is a movement. This is a political revolution. It's getting people involved in the process. We're going to stick to it."

Clinton only needs 90 more delegates to lock up the presidential nomination, a number she's likely to reach June 7, the final major day of primary voting. She now leads Sanders by nearly 300 delegates won in primaries and caucuses, an advantage that grows when including superdelegates, or party officials who can back any candidate. Most of them, by far, say they will support Clinton.

Still, Sanders has shown no interest in letting up, despite concerns of many Clinton supporters that he is undermining her as Republicans coalesce around Donald Trump. Many Sanders delegates don't want him to give up, either.

JoAnn Fujioka, a Sanders delegate from Denver, said she didn't approve of the chaos in Nevada, where Sanders supporters shouted down speakers and, according to party officials, hurled chairs in protest. The state party chairwoman later received death threats and thousands of angry phone calls. Fujioka says Sanders supporters are determined, but idealistic and optimistic.

"We should do whatever we can to get him nominated," she said. "We are in it to win it — as Bernie is."

Without acknowledging the reality that the nomination is essentially out of reach, the Sanders campaign has signaled it will agitate for changes in the party's platform and procedures, which could also disrupt the convention. Supporters want Sanders' priorities, like a $15 minimum wage and stricter banking regulations, included in the platform, an agenda that is not binding on the nominee. They also want changes in how elections are run, criticizing superdelegates and restrictions on primary voting.

Ingrid Olson, 38, a Sanders delegate from Council Bluffs, Iowa, said: "I think open primaries should be available everywhere. I also believe in restorative rights for felons. I don't agree with superdelegates unless superdelegates are going to follow the will of the people."

The acrimony has reached such a pitch that several Sanders delegates say they don't know if they can ever back Clinton.

"I don't see any scenario where I would support her at the convention," said David Johnson, 50, a delegate from West Branch, Iowa. But in the general election? "It's a hard call for me. Nobody wants to see that insane Trump guy win."

He said it's a "ridiculous argument" to say Sanders delegates should stand down to avoid weakening Clinton in the fall.

"This is a competition," he said. "Bernie Sanders isn't running to prop up Hillary Clinton. He's running to win."

Some Sanders delegates don't want to go too far. "No matter who the nominee is, we have to unite," said Euell Santistevan Jr., 20, of suburban Denver.

But Cleo Dioletis, from Denver, said the Nevada blow-up showed how far the party establishment would go to silence Sanders' supporters. "I am very concerned that credentials could be pulled for unjust causes," he said.

Ashley Wolthuis, a realtor in Ogden, Utah, said worries have increased sharply among her fellow Sanders delegates after Nevada. And she said Sanders supporters feel shortchanged by the few slots the Democratic National Committee gave them on the standing committees that will govern how the convention operates.

Wolthuis said she was appalled at the chaos in Nevada. But, as a former Libertarian Party member who became a Democrat because of Sanders' focus on overhauling money in politics, she's not worried about a Sanders-led push causing Democrats heartburn.

"Hillary didn't inspire me to join the Democratic Party, Bernie did, so it's hard for me to not imagine following Bernie wherever he goes," Wolthuis said.

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Fifth, it reminds us you cannot run the presidency by auto-pilot or simply by consulting with aides. What if a judge who might be better comes along — how would Trump even know? What if new information comes out about one of the judges, or his views change? Trump would still have his little list, but it would be of minimal use.

Sixth, it is a useless exercise. Those who have drunk the Trump Kool-Aid were already willing to trust a man who has proved to be habitually untrustworthy. Those who have figured out he is unfit to be president won't be impressed with this stunt. And the vast majority of voters who have no idea who any of the judges are don't care.

Sanders campaign down to less than $6 million

By Julie Bykowicz and Chad Day
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bernie Sanders began this month with less than $6 million in available campaign cash, new finance reports show.

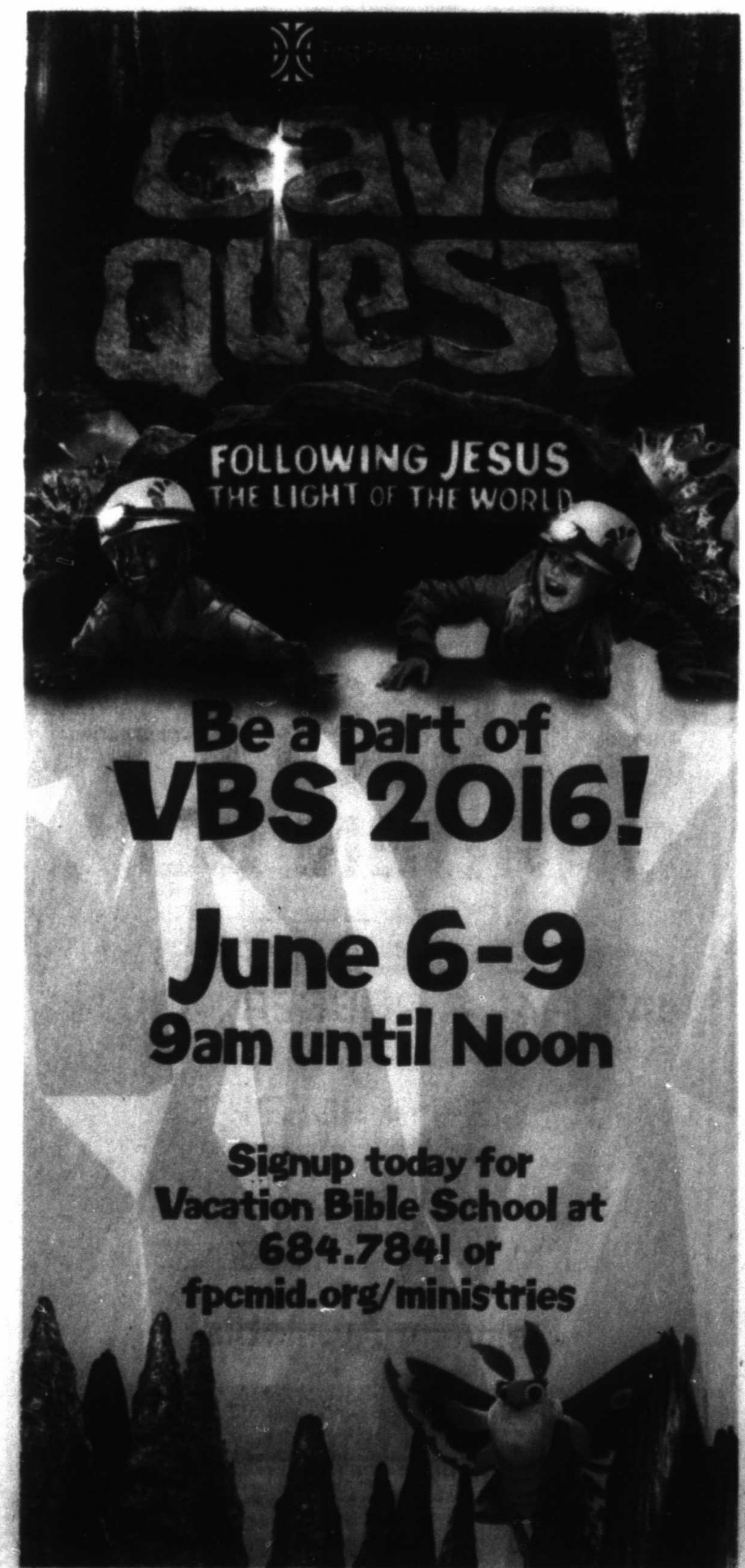
The Vermont senator is making his last stand in the Democratic presidential contest, as Hillary Clinton closes in on clinching the necessary number of pledged delegates and superdelegates to secure her party's nomination.

Clinton began May with about $30 million.

The new report, covering the month of April, shows Sanders continued to spend heavily, lodging almost $39 million in expenses.

Clinton, meanwhile, spent about $24 million in April, her report shows. The two candidates brought in about the same amount, with Clinton at $25 million and Sanders at $27 million.

Sanders has significantly thinned his campaign operation in recent weeks, reducing his staff from about 1,000 to fewer than 400 employees.



5 health issues presidential candidates aren't talking about, but should be

By Julie Rovner
Kaiser Health News

For months, Republican candidates have pledged to repeal it, while Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton wants to build on it and her opponent, Bernie Sanders, wants to replace it with a government-funded "Medicare for All" program.

But much of the policy discussion stops there. Yet the nation in the next few years faces many important decisions about health care — most of which have little to do with the controversial federal health law. Here are five issues candidates should be discussing, but largely are not:

1. Out-of-pocket spending: Millions more people — roughly 20 million, at last count — now have health insurance, thanks to the new coverage options created by the ACA. But most people are also paying more of their own medical bills than ever before. And they are noticing. A recent Gallup survey found health costs to be the top financial problem faced by adults in the United States, outpacing low wages and housing costs.

Employers, who still provide coverage to the majority of those with insurance, are also battling rising costs. They have been passing at least part of that along by raising workers' share of costs — including premiums, deductibles and the portions of medical bills they must pay — far faster than wages have been rising.

Meanwhile, even in the most generous plans offered to those who buy their own coverage through the ACA's marketplaces, the portion of health care costs borne by consumers has left many unable to afford care.

2. Drugs — more than prices: Rising drug prices at the pharmacy counter have also proved problematic for patients. And both Republican and Democratic candidates have discussed proposals to address the cost of prescription drugs.

But there is more involved in this issue than the prices paid by patients.

Drugmakers point out their industry is a risky one, and the big rewards on breakthrough drugs offset the losses for those that never make it to the pharmacy. But at what point does the cost to society for a drug, like new treatments for hepatitis C that tal'y more than $80,000 for a course of treatment, become prohibitive?

3. Long-term care: Every day, another 10,000 baby boomers turn 65 and qualify for Medicare. An estimated 70 percent of people who reach that threshold will need some sort of long-term care.

It's not cheap. The annual cost of these services can range from approximately $46,000 for a home health aide to $80,000 or more for a bed in a nursing home.

Yet Medicare, the health program for the elderly and some disabled, does not pay for most long-term care services. Medicare has both nursing home and home care benefits, but they are temporary and limited to those with specific medical needs. Most people who need long-term care don't need special medical interventions, just help with "activities of daily living."

4. Medicare: Medicare, which provides health insurance to an estimated 55 million people — 46 million older than age 65 and another 9 million with disabilities, is also in a financial bind.

Medicare accounts for 14 percent of all federal spending, and that is expected to grow rapidly as those boomers reach their highest health-spending years. The program already accounts for 1 of every 5 dollars spent on health care in the U.S.

Interestingly, Medicare spending has slowed dramatically in recent years. That has prompted a lively debate among health policy experts: How much is the slowdown due to the deep recession that caused spending to fall in all sectors of the economy, and how much to other factors that could continue even with stronger economic growth?

The Obama administration contends that changing the way Medicare pays health care providers, as begun in the ACA, has helped put the program on more sustainable footing.

Many Republicans, however, led by House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., want to effectively privatize Medicare — which would transfer the risk for cost increases from the government to private insurers.

5. Dental care: In 2007, a Maryland 12-year-old named Deamonte Driver died from a tooth infection that spread to his brain. That cast a harsh spotlight on the difficulty low-income Americans — even those with insurance through the Medicaid program — have getting dental care.

Yet, research has shown repeatedly that care for the mouth and teeth is inextricably linked to the rest of the body. Oral problems have been linked to conditions as diverse as heart disease, diabetes and Alzheimer's disease.

Lack of dental care is particularly significant for children. Dental problems are common in youngsters, and in addition to discomfort, lead to school absences and poorer academic performance.

Findings like that are one reason the federal health law made pediatric dental care an "essential benefit" for most insurance plans. But for complicated reasons, including the fact that dental insurance has traditionally been sold separately from other health coverage, many children insured under the law are not getting dental coverage. Coverage for adults remains spotty as well. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in every 3 adults has untreated tooth decay. More than 100 million Americans do not have dental insurance, the government reports. And more than a third (38 percent) of adults aged 18-64 reported no dental visits in 2014.

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Fourth, whoever came up with the list forgot to check Twitter. It turns out: "One of the judges on the list, Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Willett, is also a prolific tweeter. Many of his tweets about Trump over the past year can be described as mocking at best, while others are clearly denunciatory. Trump University, a sore spot for the Trump campaign, appears to be a common target." Oops, another staff failure. That now becomes fodder for Democrats to taunt Trump rather than evidence of his solid judgment about judges.

Fifth, it reminds us you cannot run the presidency by auto-pilot or simply by consulting with aides. What if a judge who might be better comes along — how would Trump even know? What if new information comes out about one of the judges, or his views change? Trump would still have his little list, but it would be of minimal use.

Sixth, it is a useless exercise. Those who have drunk the Trump Kool-Aid were already willing to trust a man who has proved to be habitually untrustworthy. Those who have figured out he is unfit to be president won't be impressed with this stunt. And the vast majority of voters who have no idea who any of the judges are don't care.

Sanders campaign down to less than $6 million

By Julie Bykowicz and Chad Day
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bernie Sanders began this month with less than $6 million in available campaign cash, new finance reports show.

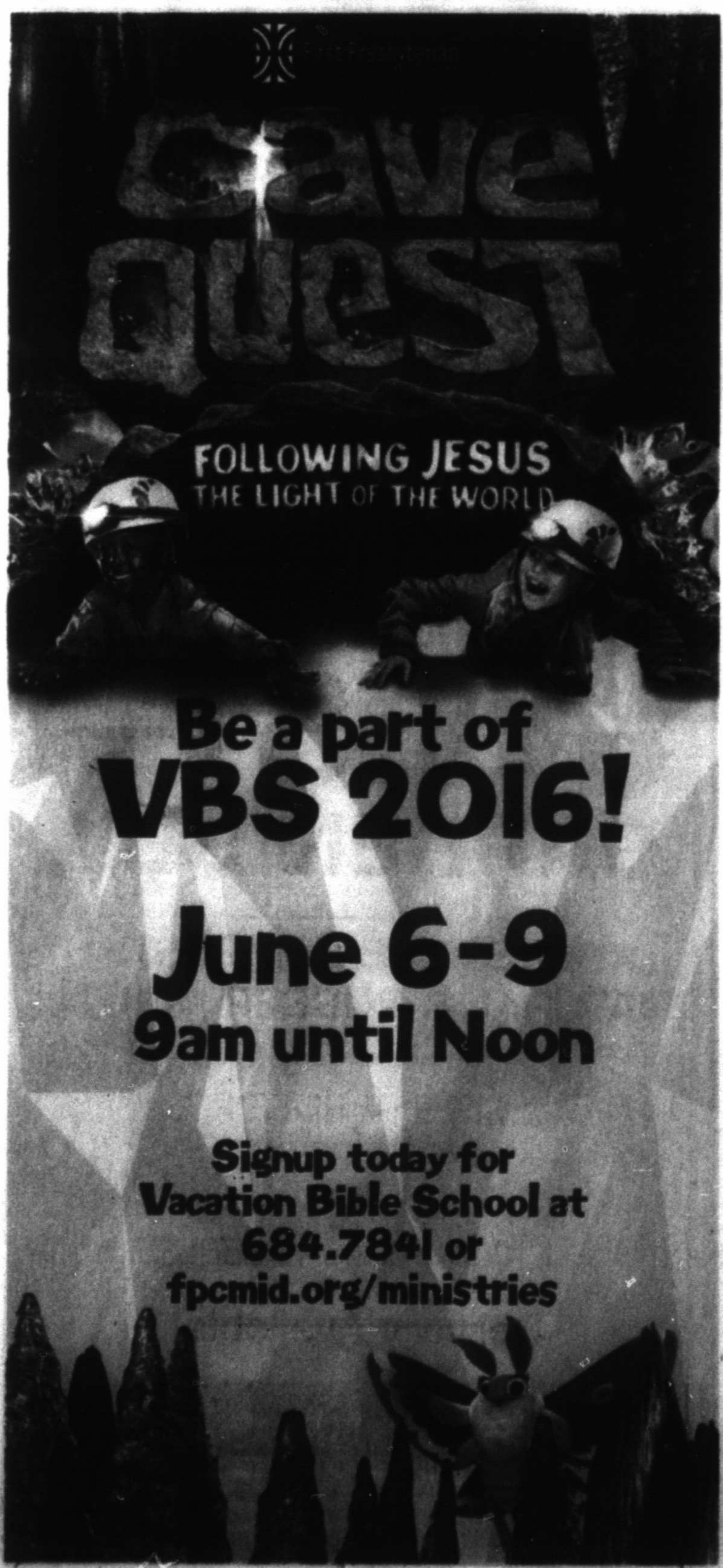
The Vermont senator is making his last stand in the Democratic presidential contest, as Hillary Clinton closes in on clinching the necessary number of pledged delegates and superdelegates to secure her party's nomination.

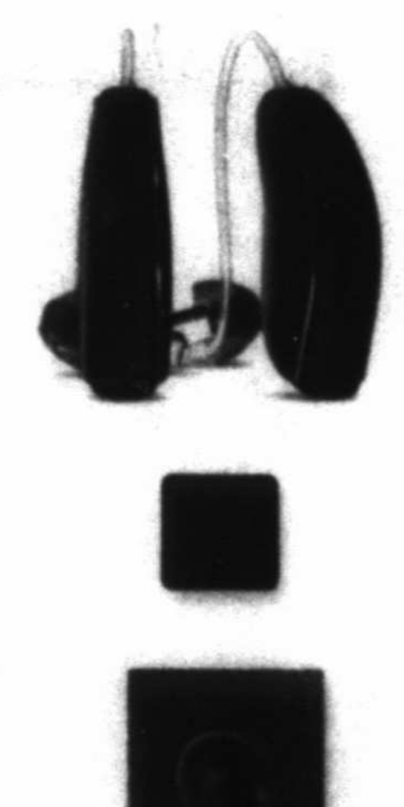
Clinton began May with about $30 million.

The new report, covering the month of April, shows Sanders continued to spend heavily, lodging almost $39 million in expenses.

Clinton, meanwhile, spent about $24 million in April, her report shows. The two candidates brought in about the same amount, with Clinton at $25 million and Sanders at $27 million.

Sanders has significantly thinned his campaign operation in recent weeks, reducing his staff from about 1,000 to fewer than 400 employees.





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5 health issues presidential candidates aren't talking about, but should be

By Julie Rovner
Kaiser Health News

For months, Republican candidates have pledged to repeal it, while Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton wants to build on it and her opponent, Bernie Sanders, wants to replace it with a government-funded "Medicare for All" program.

But much of the policy discussion stops there. Yet the nation in the next few years faces many important decisions about health care — most of which have little to do with the controversial federal health law. Here are five issues candidates should be discussing, but largely are not:

1. Out-of-pocket spending: Millions more people — roughly 20 million, at last count — now have health insurance, thanks to the new coverage options created by the ACA. But most people are also paying more of their own medical bills than ever before. And they are noticing. A recent Gallup survey found health costs to be the top financial problem faced by adults in the United States, outpacing low wages and housing costs.

Employers, who still provide coverage to the majority of those with insurance, are also battling rising costs. They have been passing at least part of that along by raising workers' share of costs — including premiums, deductibles and the portions of medical bills they must pay — far faster than wages have been rising.

Meanwhile, even in the most generous plans offered to those who buy their own coverage through the ACA's marketplaces, the portion of health care costs borne by consumers has left many unable to afford care.

2. Drugs — more than prices: Rising drug prices at the pharmacy counter have also proved problematic for patients. And both Republican and Democratic candidates have discussed proposals to address the cost of prescription drugs.

But there is more involved in this issue than the prices paid by patients.

Drugmakers point out their industry is a risky one, and the big rewards on breakthrough drugs offset the losses for those that never make it to the pharmacy. But at what point does the cost to society for a drug, like new treatments for hepatitis C that tally more than $80,000 for a course of treatment, become prohibitive?

3. Long-term care: Every day, another 10,000 baby boomers turn 65 and qualify for Medicare. An estimated 70 percent of people who reach that threshold will need some sort of long-term care.

It's not cheap. The annual cost of these services can range from approximately $46,000 for a home health aide to $80,000 or more for a bed in a nursing home.

Yet Medicare, the health program for the elderly and some disabled, does not pay for most long-term care services. Medicare has both nursing home and home care benefits, but they are temporary and limited to those with specific medical needs. Most people who need long-term care don't need special medical interventions, just help with "activities of daily living."

4. Medicare: Medicare, which provides health insurance to an estimated 55 million people — 46 million older than age 65 and another 9 million with disabilities, is also in a financial bind.

Medicare accounts for 14 percent of all federal spending, and that is expected to grow rapidly as those boomers reach their highest health-spending years. The program already accounts for 1 of every 5 dollars spent on health care in the U.S.

Interestingly, Medicare spending has slowed dramatically in recent years. That has prompted a lively debate among health policy experts: How much is the slowdown due to the deep recession that caused spending to fall in all sectors of the economy, and how much to other factors that could continue even with stronger economic growth?

The Obama administration contends that changing the way Medicare pays health care providers, as begun in the ACA, has helped put the program on more sustainable footing.

Many Republicans, however, led by House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., want to effectively privatize Medicare — which would transfer the risk for cost increases from the government to private insurers.

5. Dental care: In 2007, a Maryland 12-year-old named Deamonte Driver died from a tooth infection that spread to his brain. That cast a harsh spotlight on the difficulty low-income Americans — even those with insurance through the Medicaid program — have getting dental care.

Yet, research has shown repeatedly that care for the mouth and teeth is inextricably linked to the rest of the body. Oral problems have been linked to conditions as diverse as heart disease, diabetes and Alzheimer's disease.

Lack of dental care is particularly significant for children. Dental problems are common in youngsters, and in addition to discomfort, lead to school absences and poorer academic performance.

Findings like that are one reason the federal health law made pediatric dental care an "essential benefit" for most insurance plans. But for complicated reasons, including the fact that dental insurance has traditionally been sold separately from other health coverage, many children insured under the law are not getting dental coverage. Coverage for adults remains spotty as well. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in every 3 adults has untreated tooth decay. More than 100 million Americans do not have dental insurance, the government reports. And more than a third (38 percent) of adults aged 18-64 reported no dental visits in 2014.

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Most Americans are stuck in no man's land

■ The saner choice is Clinton, despite all voters hate about her

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CHARLESTON, S.C. —

On rare occasions, Americans coalesce around a common cause, usually following some calamity — a terrorist attack, a natural disaster or, say, during a presidential election.

Take today. Or rather, take the past several months during which Americans have begun to face the likely probability that they'll elect a president they don't much like. Polls suggest as much, as do my own conversations with strangers, family and friends, from which I've deduced the following: When it comes to whom they'll select for their next president, most Americans are stranded in a political no man's land.

Think of the movie "Cast Away" or the ABC series "Lost," in which a plane crashes, leaving survivors to fend for themselves, and you'll get the idea. Let's just say, the jungle looms large, and no one is emerging as the leader who can clear a path.

Metaphor off now: There's no one to vote for.

"What are we going to do?" people keep asking me.

Obviously, the Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump bases are as un-confounded as ever. Hillary Clinton has her usual camp, including half of women voters. But a vaster number of people who identify as independent or moderate — or recently have become so thanks to the past year's cannibalizing circus — are dissatisfied with both presumptive nominees.

The adage that our presidential election is a nose-pinching exercise — or a choice between lesser evils — doesn't approach the rising level of ennui flooding the American street.

I would characterize this larger constituency as also including people who, though they may lean left or right, suffer a greater repulsion to the political moment than to a single candidate, though there's plenty of revulsion to go around. To the extent that the remaining candidates are central to the current environment of anger, paranoia and, in some cases, violence, all are equally unappealing.

And, seriously, could we stop yelling?

There is only one candidate for whom this middle bloc of voters could reasonably stomach voting. Given that Trump is such an unpleasant character and, by virtue of his own statements, unqualified to lead the most powerful nation on earth; and given that Sanders wants to create a nation that most Americans wouldn't recognize; be it resolved that the saner choice is Clinton (notwithstanding everything you hate about her).

Hence the malaise that passeth all understanding.

If only by default, Clinton holds the higher ground. That even many Democrats find her unappealing — and others wouldn't like her if she reversed climate change, saved every beast and bog from extinction or ruin, and cured cancer with a single pill — is understood. As lightning rods go, she has no peer. Cavemen could have invented electricity had Clinton been nearby.

Add to her well-known list of public concerns — a lack of transparency, perceived deceptions, those emails, Benghazi and the current FBI investigation — a potentially more damning development: Her pivot to the left.

This was made necessary, of course, by Sanders' anthem of class warfare, but as Clinton pirouetted stage left, she added another layer of doubt to the disenfranchised middle, gave progressives another reason to question her loyalty to their goals, and made it more difficult for Trump-repelled conservatives to consider her as acceptable alternative.

One might wish that South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham's quip about a contest between her and Trump were correct. More or less, he said that corrupt beats crazy every time. But even Graham has surrendered, locking arms in the Trump parade. "Party before Clinton" has prevailed as well among most of the stop-Trump crowd, a fleeting movement among a handful of Republican "formers."

For Clinton to prevail over Trump, she'll need to win over Sanders' supporters, a dimming prospect at the moment, as well as the vast middle where mortals roam in wounded unity. But support among the latter depends on the answer to a tricky question: Is she really as liberal as she's promising to be, or is she faking? Trump-leaning voters face the same challenge: Is he really as awful as he seems, or has he just been bluffing?

Given the high stakes, a contest between a scheming fake and a dangerous bluffer inspires little confidence and possibly little interest in voting. To the plea — what are we going to do? — the correct answer is, of course, *vote*. The high ground may be more molehill than mountain, but it still beats the gutter.

OUR VIEW

'Common Agenda' will serve as education reform blueprint

We have had time to think about the Educate Midland public meetings and the information provided about how this community performs in the classroom.

There are two things we are watching closely with the Educate Midland group. First, is the hiring of an executive director. This person will help direct Educate Midland as it starts its mission of improving education in Midland.

The second is the development of a common agenda, or priorities for Educate Midland. This agenda is expected to be the result of meetings with leadership team members, teachers and focus groups. We don't know what that common agenda will entail. But we have some suggestions.

■ **Expand pre-K.** Our focus would start with the youngest and work our way up. Our expectation is that education reform will create a school environment that our children need to be a part of, and this community should make sure more pre-kindergarten students are getting a head start.

■ **Lower teacher-to-student ratio in elementary schools.** A worthy goal is to never have to ask the Texas Education Agency for a classroom waiver. Our community should demand reform that includes a 22-to-1 student-to-teacher ratio in kindergarten through the fourth grade. Exceeding that ratio should be considered unacceptable.

■ **Expand Early College High School or at least the principles of these schools**. One of the biggest successes we have seen in our school district is Early College High School @ Midland College.

The Texas Education Agency describes early college high schools as "innovative high schools that allow students least likely to attend college an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and 60 college credit hours." By all accounts it has worked in Midland. This community should expand ECHS facilities and/or follow the lead of the schools in the Rio Grande Valley, which told the Reporter-Telegram of their successes spreading early college principles to other campuses. A more modern education system no longer requires the traditional high school experience for all students. Early College High School works. A worthy goal is making sure more kids have the opportunity to experience it.

For the most part, we would focus on the younger students, improving the district's foundation. That is where real reform must take place. A student's path in junior high and high school shouldn't be predestined because he or she was overlooked in elementary school. Those with learning disabilities should be recognized earlier not later. The emphasis should be making sure early progression (if you want, read into this the ability to pass a standardized test) happens early. We should focus on getting our students to the point where they outperform the state average early in their schooling. This will lead to better results later on.

We could probably offer many more opinions on what priorities should be. We believe our community is ready to make investments in programs such as the summer school experience at Greater Ideal. We believe anyone wanting to repeat what hasn't worked in the past should think twice or face being left out. We believe there will be an inherent cost, but that in the end the gains made by one of the lowest-performing school districts in the state will be worth the investment.

Editor's Note: We would like to hear from Educate Midland officials and other members of the community about goals they would like to see part of a common agenda. Contact sdoreen@mrt.com if interested.

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Political center of gravity shifts to left

■ The Trump-Sanders two-step has squeezed Clinton and left conservatives wondering what happened to the right

RICH LOWRY
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The upshot of the Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump phenomena is that both parties are moving to the left.

Sanders' and Trump's styles and affects are very different — the rumpled, oddball lecturer in Socialism 101 vs. the boastful, power-tie-wearing business mogul — but they have worked in tandem to ensure that the center of gravity in this fall's presidential election will be further to the left than it has been in decades.

By seizing the initiative in their race from the beginning to what looks like an increasingly bitter end, Bernie Sanders has made Hillary Clinton, the cautious inheritor of a family political legacy built on centrism, into the mouthpiece of a watered-down version of his left-wing populism.

No matter how much Bernie Sanders hates the banks, Hillary Clinton despises them just as much (past paydays notwithstanding).

In effect, Sanders and Trump have executed a squeeze play on madam secretary. Sanders pushed her to the left on trade and Social Security in the primary, when she disavowed the Trans-Pacific Partnership that she helped negotiate and embraced increasing Social Security benefits. She probably won't be snapping back to the center on those issues in a general election because it would open her up to Sanders-like attacks from Donald Trump.

Such is the shift in the tectonic plates of our politics that the presumptive Republican nominee for president, endorsed by voices on the right ranging from Sean Hannity to Mitch McConnell, is making a far-fetched but not entirely irrational pitch for the support of fans of a Vermont socialist.

It's unlikely that anyone currently "Feeling the Bern" is going to shift to wanting to "Make America Great Again." Trump's un-PC pronouncements alone are presumably enough to repel Sanders supporters. Yet there is enough overlap in Trump and Sanders — the protectionism and noninterventionism, the belief that the political and economic system is rigged — that Trump might as well give it a try.

If the grass-roots movement that Sanders has built will pressure Democrats all the way to the Philadelphia convention and beyond, Trump has arguably done more to pull the country's politics portside. He has, for now, managed to do what the Democrats and the media have been attempting for most of the Obama era: to kill off the tea party as a national force.

By dividing it, eclipsing it and making its animating concerns of limited government and constitutionalism into afterthoughts, Trump has neutered a heretofore potent vehicle against Big Government. With or without Sanders, the Democrats were going to drift in a more progressive direction. It was far from inevitable, though, that the Republican Party would de-emphasize its opposition to growth in the size of government. That is entirely the doing of Trump.

The irony is that an era of Republican politics characterized by insistence on doctrinal purity and anger at Beltway dealmaking is ending with Trump at the helm of the GOP. It's a little like the agitation of the French Revolution, all aimed at achieving more liberte, egalite, fraternite, concluding in the rule of Napoleon Bonaparte.

However ideologically indistinct Trump was during the primaries, he has gotten fuzzier since becoming the presumptive nominee. The lazy line on Donald Trump is that he's a far-right populist. Not at all. He's a centrist populist.

The key to moving the GOP to the center wasn't high-minded scolding about its tone and unreasonableness, as Jon Huntsman, John Kasich and Jeb Bush all attempted, but an extremely combative tone and a few signature unreasonable positions. Once Trump established his reputation as a bomb-thrower, it didn't matter that he was to the left of everyone else in the field or promised to spend most of his time as president cutting deals.

Between Sanders moving Clinton further from the center and Trump moving the GOP toward it, the socialist and the mogul have forced American politics to take a collective step to the left.

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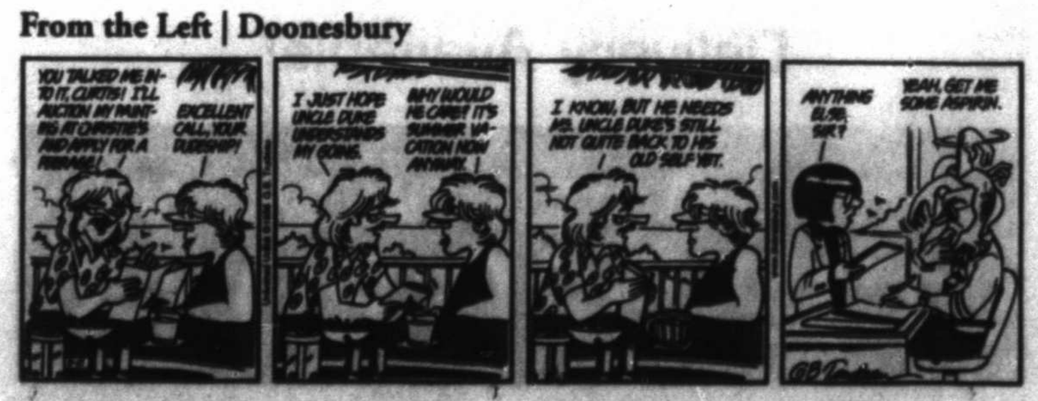

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Patrick is wrong: Bathroom bills bad for business

By Mitchell Schnurman
The Dallas Morning News

Being lucky isn't the same as being good. And not appreciating the difference is risky.

Consider Texas' recent experience with a so-called bathroom law. In November, Houston voters soundly defeated a non-discrimination ordinance after opponents hyped the danger of transgender men in women's bathrooms.

It was one of the first high-profile debates on bathroom threats, and Houston didn't suffer much fallout after the vote. At least nothing on par with North Carolina about five months later.

To Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a strong supporter of bathroom laws, that means the business backlash is overrated. He vows to pursue a bill in the Legislature next year and doesn't worry about companies recoiling.

"No, this is all fear-mongering," Patrick told KERA-FM recently. "Part of that is you're going to lose business. That's what they said in Houston. Guess what? We had the Final Four, we have the Super Bowl coming and we have more business moving to Houston than most major cities in the United States. It is just nonsense."

Indeed, Houston hosted the Final Four on the first weekend in April. But before the month ended, the NCAA had adopted a new policy for big events. For future host cities, ranging from championship sports to leadership conferences, the NCAA will now consider their "promotion of inclusiveness" in race, religion, sexual orientation and gender identity.

The emphasis on gender identity and inclusiveness is one of several examples of how the LGBT landscape has changed rapidly since the Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage last year.

Here's another: 947 companies, including The Dallas Morning News, have signed a "pledge" to make Texas a welcoming place for lesbians, bisexuals, gays and transgender people. It's an unprecedented show of support on a hot-button social issue, especially from businesses in this red state.

The Texas Competes campaign started last year with about 100 supporters While most are small firms, several dozen are global leaders, including American Airlines, Texas Instruments, Dell and Southwest.

Many companies already have policies and benefits for transgender employees. And those values are important in recruiting workers, especially millennials.

To some, the Houston campaign offered a new game plan and lawmakers around the country introduced about 200 anti-LGBT bills this spring. But it also galvanized the LGBT community and supporters in business.

Houston was not the validation that Patrick portrays, said Deena Fidas, director of the workforce equality program at the Human Rights Campaign, a national group that promotes LGBT civil rights.

"What Houston showed is there's not a national appetite for bills like these," Fidas said. "Something that slipped through last fall is not going unnoticed right now."

At the time, so-called religious freedom bills got most of the attention. A year ago, such a law led to boycott threats in Indiana and was quickly amended. In Austin, business leaders helped hold off similar legislation.

Houston's proposed ordinance, known as HERO, was a public referendum, not a law passed by the Legislature. And the outcome didn't result in new restrictions; voters defeated an ordinance that would have extended protections to LGBT people and others, and that's a subtle difference.

Supporters of HERO had warned that it would be important to business and tourism. In recent months, a half-dozen customers called with concerns, said Mike Waterman, president of the convention and visitors bureau. But none canceled their plans.

"That said, we will never know how many potential customers did not reach out to us for perspective and simply took Houston off of their list of possible host cities," Waterman said in an email.

In North Carolina, the response was unambiguous. In March, lawmakers overturned an anti-discrimination ordinance in Charlotte and adopted bathroom restrictions for public buildings statewide. PayPal and Deutsche Bank promptly yanked plans for new jobs and facilities. Bruce Springsteen, Cirque de Soleil and others canceled performances. The NBA warned about moving the all-star game. Film companies said they'd shoot elsewhere.

North Carolina has lost an estimated $87 million so far, according to media reports. Recently, in a letter to North Carolina's governor, a local commission said the law was having a "disastrous impact" on Greensboro and its public venues.

Five states and 20 cities have banned non-essential travel to North Carolina and nearly 200 CEOs have signed a public letter urging repeal of HB 2.

Yet, Patrick said there's another side to consider: "If I were a CEO of a company, I'd want to move to North Carolina or Texas," he told KERA. "If I had children, I'd want to move to those states."

The mayor of Rockwall recently proposed a bathroom rule, prompting many protests. And the general manager of the Hilton warned that it would harm tourism and restaurants. The proposal died that night.

Yet, Patrick doesn't seem concerned about boycotts.

"If an entertainer doesn't want to come? Fine, someone else will book that date," Patrick said. "If a business doesn't want to move there? There will be another business that will be happy to take their place."

On Tuesday, a company that was waffling on moving to North Carolina decided to go ahead. Braeburn Pharmaceuticals said it will build a $20 million facility, as planned.

But there won't be much of a honeymoon. The company said it opposes the law and will fight to overturn it.

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Texas Retired Teachers Association

Texas public pension funds running contrary to allegations

James Quintero in March painted a bleak picture of the Texas public pension fund. In his article titled "Texas Has a $60B-plus Public Pension Problem," Quintero asserts that a February report published by the Pension Review Board is an indictment against Texas public pensions, saying Texans "could be forced to absorb massive future tax increases."

Quintero's assertions not only are false and misleading, but also a gross mischaracterization of public pension funds. His most recent opinion piece is among many self-written articles seeking to destroy more than 2 million dedicated policemen, firefighters, teachers, state and local employees' retirement plans.

The crux of Quintero's argument is that defined benefits (DB) plans, which promise a modest lifetime monthly income for plan participants, are "fundamentally flawed" and make the promise "without knowing whether the money will be there or not."

The Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) is the sole source of retirement income for teachers, principals, superintendents, school bus drivers, administrative personnel and cafeteria workers. Quintero directly addresses TRS in his article, claiming that its investment return assumptions are "overly optimistic."

Quintero states "predictability, sustainability, and actuarial soundness are nowhere to be found" when it comes to DB plans. TRS is actually the exact opposite of this definition.

Since 1937, TRS has been the sole source of retirement income for Texas public education retirees. The average monthly annuity for a retired educator is $1995.

One out of every 20 Texans is a participant in TRS.

In 2014, TRS' investments saw an $18 billion profit and paid out $8.5 billion in retiree annuities. The return percentage on investments for the past 25 years at TRS is 8.6 percent. TRS is on a path to actuarial soundness, which was established through legislation in 2013 as a result of Senate Bill 1458.

The state of Texas has never taken pension funding "holiday," and has never abandoned its commitment to sustaining the fund over the long term like other states have.

TRS is supported by contributions from the state (taxpayer dollars), active employees and most significantly, investment income. In fact, investment income accounts for more than 64 percent of the value of this $130 billion fund, over three-fifths of the pension fund's revenue. The state contribution accounted for about $2.4 billion of the fund's value in 2014 (approximately 18 percent), while active members paid in about $2.3 billion (18 percent).

Quintero leads his readers to believe that public pension funds like TRS are outdated and a losing proposition, but he couldn't be further from the truth.

While many private organizations are moving towards defined contribution (DC) plans, also known as 401Ks, to save their owners money, defined benefit (DB) plans are blossoming.

Defined contribution plans are much more expensive to manage than defined benefit plans. DC plans waste tax dollars on a more inefficient system. Additionally, DC plans for retirees who do not receive Social Security is tantamount to abandoning them entirely, as DC funds eventually run out after the person retires.

Ninety-five percent of our public school employees do not participate in the federal Social Security program. Texas and all its educators would each have to send almost $2 billion per year to Washington, D.C. if they were covered by Social Security. As a result of two federal provisions (Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision), our public education retirees rarely receive Social Security benefits, including spousal or survivor.

The TRS DB plan is a great bargain for the taxpayers of Texas and provides a modest but reliable retirement for our public educators. Abandoning the DB plan for public retirees in Texas will create far more problems than it will solve.

GUEST VIEW

As oil and gas downturn lingers, new regulations ensure a greener future

Houston Chronicle

Bernie Sanders wants to ban hydraulic fracturing, but the free market may have beat him to it — at least in North Texas. The number of active rigs fell to zero last month in Barnett Shale fields. Only a few years ago that number would have been somewhere near 200. Low gas prices and cheaper shale plays in Pennsylvania and Ohio have done more to shut down Texas fracturing than environmentalists could ever hope.

It may sound like a green dream to the folks who tried to boot fracturing from Denton, but it is a nightmare for Texans who work in the oil and gas industry. As Chronicle reporter Lydia DePillis wrote recently, the Houston region is forecast to lose 40,000 jobs through 2017 in a lingering oil bust that looks to rival that of the 1980s.

But the thing about dreams is that you eventually wake up. Analysts say this natural gas slump won't last forever, especially as low prices attract new industries to the energy source. Cruise operator Carnival Corp. and other maritime companies have begun to sign contracts for ships that run on liquefied natural gas. European shipping companies are also experimenting with trucking fleets that run on natural gas.

In the United States, natural gas has eclipsed coal as our baseline energy source and the Energy Information Agency projects that its slice of that power pie will keep growing. As the saying goes: Everything is bigger in Texas. Natural gas provides nearly half of the power on the state energy grid. A new report commissioned by the Texas Clean Energy Coalition predicts that natural gas and renewables will combine for about 85 percent of our state's energy by 2035, while coal will be cut to 8 percent.

That transition isn't just being driven by new construction. Companies across the nation are actually retrofitting old coal plants to burn cheaper, cleaner natural gas.

Rather than cheering this change, however, all too many environmental groups still want to burn the fracturing-built bridge to a clean energy future.

As the collaborative journalism outlet Climate Desk titled an article earlier this month: "Environmentalists Hate Fracking. Are They Right?"

In a word: No.

Energy-related carbon emissions in the United States are at their lowest point in a decade, largely because of the decline of coal and an increase in natural gas. Our nation also outperforms European countries on reducing overall harmful air pollution, according to the World Health Organization.

Hydraulic fracturing brings plenty of its own unique problems, from water contamination to methane leaks, which are carcinogenic and contribute to global warming. However, unlike pollution from coal, those issues can be addressed easily and cost-effectively — and the Obama administration is doing just that.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PetSmart, microchip reunite dog, owner

Thank you to our neighbor, and to PetSmart in Midland, for reuniting us with Maddie, our adventurous mini long-haired Dachshund. Our neighbor rescued Maddie somewhere between Maxwell and Apperson Way, and took her to PetSmart, where the techs traced her through our veterinarian and eventually to us via microchip.

As I write this, Maddie is resting comfortably in her bed, and most likely planning her next maneuver.

Many, many thanks to our dear neighbor, and to the techs at PetSmart, who have that special connection.

Mary Dowdle

Charity walks, runs need safe course route

My husband and I live near downtown. Twice within recent months, we've left our house to run errands, turned a corner and found ourselves in the midst of runners and walkers participating in a charity event. While we saw officers blocking other intersections, obviously every intersection wasn't covered. It's a scary experience — especially since we know the worst that can happen.

Twenty years ago, we lost our 7-year-old daughter in a similar situation. I'm writing this letter on May 15, what would have been her 28th birthday. We never got to see her graduate from high school or college. We can only wonder what she would be like today — whether she'd be married, what career she'd be pursuing. It's a pain we live with every day of our lives.

Shortly after her death, these walks were moved to safer locations, such as Midland College or the area around the Scharbauer Sports Complex, but as time passes memories fade. So in her honor, I'm taking this opportunity to ask event planners to please keep our loss in mind when planning your event. Hold your walks and runs someplace other than city streets if at all possible. And if it's not possible, make sure every intersection is protected.

If you're participating in one of these events, make sure you ask questions: what path will you be taking, what safety precautions are in place to protect you, are intersections blocked? Please, let's work together to prevent another family from having to go through what we've been through.

Kay Crites

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Analysis: Texas judge tweets while Trump auditions for GOP

AP File Photo

Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Willett speaks in Austin.

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

You already knew about Donald Trump's reverence for Twitter, but it's still surprising that a Texas judge known mainly for his funny tweets would land on the Republican presidential candidate's list of possible Supreme Court nominees.

It's like seeing a pair of Chuck Taylors sticking out from under the judicial robes.

Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Willett's name unexpectedly appeared this week on Trump's list of 11 people he would consider appointing to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Willett is more than just another pretty tweet. Those tweets get the headlines, but Trump hopes Willett's credentials as a conservative jurist — like those of others on the list — will attract reluctant Republicans to his side.

Trump's list has two audiences, but only one real target. People who don't know these judges — especially (but not exclusively) those who are always in the market for stories about kooky Trump stunts — focused on Willett's tweets.

That circus audience includes some of the news media, which played stories about Willett's 140-character gags alongside news of the list itself. Check out some of the headlines:

Huffington Post: One Of Donald Trump's Supreme Court Picks Has Spent A Year Trolling Him On Twitter

Daily Mail: Trump unveils potential Supreme Court picks including conservative firebrand judge with hilarious Twitter feed

Time: Meet the Judge on Donald Trump's Supreme Court List Who Is Great at Twitter

Houston Chronicle: Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Willett's Twitter account is prolific, full of Trump burns

Washington Post: Why this judge has such a lively Twitter feed

You get the idea.

The other audience, and the real target of his ploy, is made up of the kind of circus-hating conservative insiders who know all about judges like Willett. Trump is trying to convince conservatives — especially those who are very wary of his judgment and his "barking carnival act" — that his picks for the Supreme Court would be better than, say, Hillary Clinton's.

That worry over a potential Democratic president's appointments separates some undecided conservatives from those who have joined the "#NeverTrump" tribe.

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Many of those people know Willett is not on the list because of his social media prowess.

"I think that the addition of Justice Willett is brilliant," Gov. Greg Abbott told reporters this week. "I support him. I think he would be an outstanding jurist on the United States Supreme Court. I also think it is a tremendously good idea for all presidential candidates to release a list."

Willett's on the list because conservatives like him. That's why his name floats up when the conversation turns to possible successors to the state's besieged attorney general. He was an assistant Texas attorney general: a former Abbott employee, a former Ted Cruz colleague. He's got a résumé that might convince an irresolute conservative that Trump's got game, at least when it comes to judges.

Willett worked for George W. Bush, in the governor's office and in the presidential campaign and the White House. He was a fellow at the conservative Texas Public Policy Foundation, where he wrote a white paper urging a merger of the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. Former Gov. Rick Perry appointed Willett to the court in 2005.

Forlorn conservatives should follow this gameplan

By Jennifer Rubin
The Washington Post

Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks at the National Rifle Association convention, Friday in Louisville, Ky.

For Republicans officials and candidates, these are harrowing times. Throw your lot in with Donald Trump or stand up to the bully billionaire? Stand firm on social issues or recognize the ship has sailed? They are sailing in uncharted waters where any decision can seal their fate for years to come. What's a conservative to do? Here is a guide for the perplexed Republicans, especially for those harboring presidential ambitions:

1. If you have not endorsed Trump, don't. Most of the frenzy about will you or won't you endorse has passed. You don't need to make grand pronouncements when no one is really interested. If pressed, "I respect the voters' decision" is not a bad non-answer.

2. If you are in office, do something productive — quickly. Republicans are working on legislation to combat opioid abuse and on the defense authorization bill, along with bills to help manufacturers and address the Puerto Rico debt crisis. Frankly, Republicans may be in the minority in one or both houses next year so now is the time to get something accomplished.

3. If you are not in the House or Senate, don't run. If you have a chance to run, even for re-election, in 2018, don't. Whoever is president, expect huge conflict, much hollering and little to show for it. Rather than be labeled as part of the "intransigent" opposition, better to get some state or private sector experience. You can criticize and offer suggestions from afar.

4. If you are a governor, run and speak out against dysfunction in Washington — whoever wins. Establishing a reputation as an effective, sober-minded governor who gets things done — Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, for example — will be an advantage.

5. Oppose bad ideas, wherever they come from. And there will be a slew of them whether the next president is Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump. The temptation and safest course often will be to say "no." Instead, the model should be, " No, but..." Have reasonable alternatives, offer amendments and find small victories. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., is leaving the Senate, and other GOP standouts may well lose, so there will be plenty of opportunities for the survivors to offer smart conservative reforms and to show leadership on national security.

6. You don't have to weigh in on everything. The benefit of not being in power or not being up for election is you can pick and choose fights. On issues such as immigration and gay marriage, there is no politically "safe" move, so don't put those issues at the top of your list, and if you must address them, be selective (e.g., weigh in on reforms to the legal immigration system).

7. Campaign for whoever asks. If you are a popular governor or senator with presidential ambitions, help as many Republicans and conservative causes as you can, whether it is raising money or going out on the stump. You'll keep your campaign skills polished and show you are a team player. (Mitt Romney was superb at this following his 2008 loss, making him the favorite for the nomination in 2012.)

8. Be a happy warrior and a good colleague. The "establishment is evil" gambit has run its course. Even when disagreeing with colleagues, be cordial and don't blame Republicans for bad Democratic proposals. And don't make mountains out of small-process issues.

9. Travel and learn foreign policy. It's going to be a knotty area for decades to come. Use the time after an election, even after defeat, to consult with experts and become comfortable with the international cast of characters.

10. You can be a maverick — to a degree. Trump surely proved you don't have to check all the boxes to do well in presidential politics. The GOP proved a lot of its old ideas (cutting top marginal tax rates, railing against gay marriage) don't work. That gives Republicans room to be innovative and daring. One need not drop all principles to see openings to break free of unhelpful straitjackets that are bad policy and/or bad politics. Don't deny climate change, just oppose left-wing, ineffective bureaucratic responses. Don't cut programs for the poor, but instead reform them.

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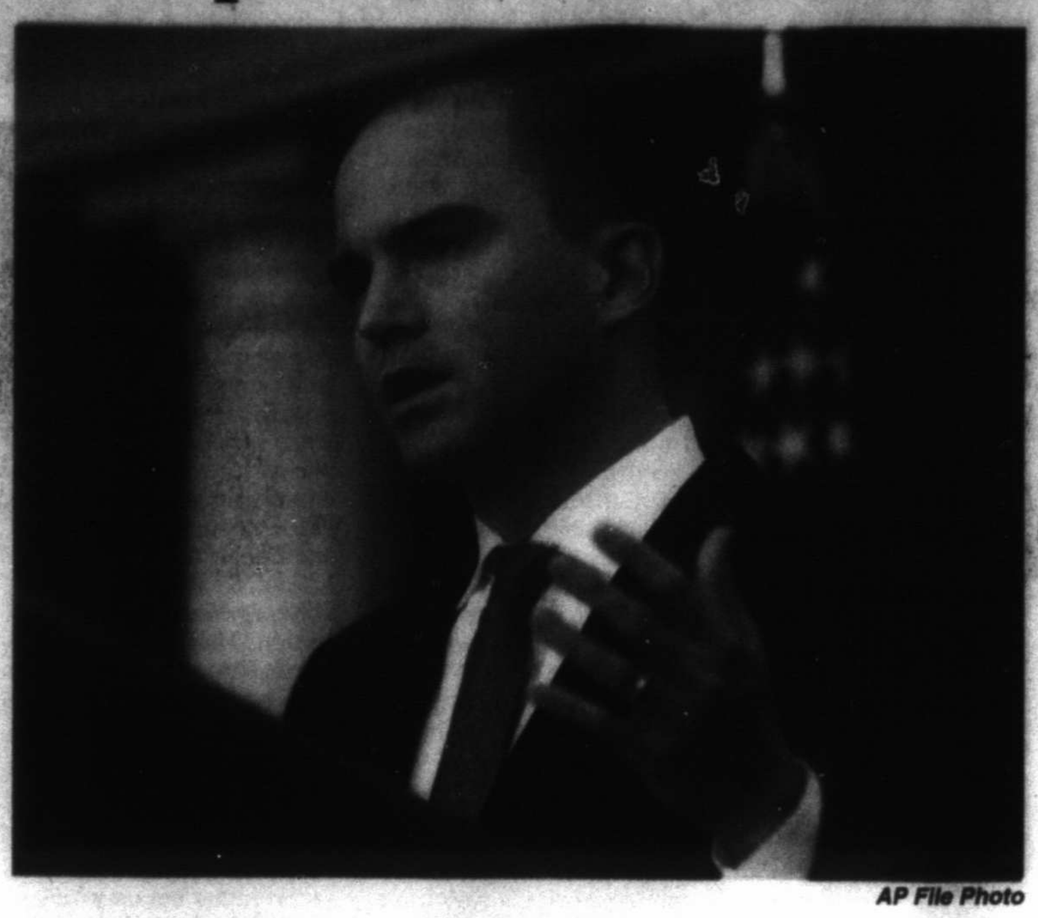
Group that helped sell Iran nuke deal also funded media

By Bradley Klapper
Associated Press



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Deputy National Security Adviser For Strategic Communications Ben Rhodes speaks in the Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House in Washington. An advocacy group recently identified by the White House as part of its "echo chamber" gave National Public Radio $100,000 to help it report on the Iran nuclear program and related issues. It also funded reporters at The Nation and fellow liberal media outlet Mother Jones, and partnered with the Center for Public Integrity. The group's quiet, behind-the-scenes effort to help the Obama administration sell the Iran nuclear deal received attention this month after a candid profile of Ben Rhodes, one of the president's closest aides.

WASHINGTON — A group the White House recently identified as a key surrogate in selling the Iran nuclear deal gave National Public Radio $100,000 last year to help it report on the pact and related issues, according to the group's annual report. It also funded reporters and partnerships with other news outlets.

The Ploughshares Fund's mission is to "build a safe, secure world by developing and investing in initiatives to reduce and ultimately eliminate the world's nuclear stockpiles," one that dovetails with President Barack Obama's arms control efforts. But its behind-the-scenes role advocating for the Iran agreement got more attention this month after a candid profile of Ben Rhodes, one of the president's top foreign policy aides.

In The New York Times Magazine article, Rhodes explained how the administration worked with nongovernmental organizations, proliferation experts and even friendly reporters to build support for the seven-nation accord that curtailed Iran's nuclear activity and softened international financial penalties on Tehran.

"We created an echo chamber," said Rhodes, a deputy national security adviser, adding that "outside groups like Ploughshares" helped carry out the administration's message effectively.

The magazine piece revived Republican criticism of the Iran agreement as they suggested it was evidence of a White House spin machine misleading the American people. The administration accused opponents of trying to relitigate the deal after failing to defeat it in congressional votes last year.

Outside groups of all stripes are increasingly giving money to news organizations for special projects or general news coverage. Most news organizations, including The Associated Press, have strict rules governing whom they can accept money from and how to protect journalistic independence.

Ploughshares' backing is more unusual, given its prominent role in the rancorous, partisan debate over the Iran deal.

The Ploughshares grant to NPR supported "national security reporting that emphasizes the themes of U.S. nuclear weapons policy and budgets, Iran's nuclear program, international nuclear security topics and U.S. policy toward nuclear security," according to Ploughshares' 2015 annual report, recently published online.

"It is common practice for foundations to fund media coverage of under-reported stories," Ploughshares spokeswoman Jennifer Abrahamson said. Funding "does not influence the editorial content of their coverage in any way, nor would we want it to."

Ploughshares has funded NPR's coverage of national security since 2005, the radio network said. Ploughshares reports show at least $700,000 in funding over that time. All grant descriptions since 2010 specifically mention Iran.

"It's a valued partnership, without any conditions from Ploughshares on our specific reporting, beyond the broad issues of national and nuclear security, nuclear policy, and nonproliferation," NPR said in an emailed statement. "As with all support received, we have a rigorous editorial firewall process in place to ensure our coverage is independent and is not influenced by funders or special interests."

Republican lawmakers nonetheless, especially as Congress supplies NPR with a small portion of its funding. Just last week, the GOP-controlled House Oversight Committee tried to summon Rhodes to a hearing entitled "White House Narratives on the Iran Nuclear Deal," but he refused.

Ploughshares' links to media are "tremendously troubling," said Rep. Mike Pompeo of Kansas, an Iran-deal critic.

Pompeo told the AP he repeatedly asked NPR to be interviewed last year as a counterweight to a Democratic supporter of the agreement, Rep. Adam Schiff of California, who he said regularly appeared on the station. But NPR refused to put Pompeo on the air, he said. The station said it had no record of Pompeo's requests, and listed several prominent Republicans who were featured speaking about the deal or economic sanctions on Iran.

Another who appeared on NPR is Joseph Cirincione, Ploughshares' president. He spoke about the negotiations on air at least twice last year. The station identified Ploughshares as an NPR funder one of those times; the other time, it didn't.

Ploughshares boasts of helping to secure the deal. While success was "driven by the fearless leadership of the Obama administration and supporters in Congress," board chairwoman Mary Lloyd Estrin wrote in the annual report, "less known is the absolutely critical role that civil society played in tipping the scales towards this extraordinary policy victory."

The 33-page document lists the groups that Ploughshares funded last year to advance its nonproliferation agenda.

The Arms Control Association got $282,500; the Brookings Institution, $225,000; and the Atlantic Council, $182,500. They received money for Iran-related analysis, briefings and media outreach, and non-Iran nuclear work.

Other groups, less directly defined by their independent nuclear expertise, also secured grants.

J-Street, the liberal Jewish political action group, received $576,500 to advocate for the deal. More than $281,000 went to the National Iranian American Council.

Princeton University got $70,000 to support former Iranian ambassador and nuclear spokesman Seyed Hossein Mousavian's "analysis, publications and policymaker engagement on the range of elements involved with the negotiated settlement of Iran's nuclear program."

Ploughshares has set its sights on other media organizations, too.

In a "Cultural Strategy Report" on its website, the group outlined a broader objective of "ensuring regular and accurate coverage of nuclear issues in reputable and strategic media outlets" such as The Guardian, Salon, the Huffington Post or Pro Publica.

Previous efforts failed to generate enough coverage, it noted. These included "funding of reporters at The Nation and Mother Jones and a partnership with The Center for Public Integrity to create a national security desk." It suggested using "web videos, podcasts, photo-based stories" and other "attention-grabbing formats" for "creatively reframing the issue."

The Center for Public Integrity's CEO, Peter Bale, confirmed the grant.

"None of the funding received by Ploughshares was for coverage of the Iran deal," said Bale, whose company received $70,000. "In general, we avoided that subject because the topic did not lend itself to the type of investigative reporting the Center does."

Caitlin Graf, a spokeswoman at The Nation, said her outlet had no partnership with Ploughshares. She referred queries to The Nation Institute, a nonprofit associated with the magazine that seeks to strengthen the independent press and advance social justice. Taya Kitman, the institute's director, said Ploughshares' one-year grant supported reporting on U.S.-Iran policy, but strict editorial control was maintained.

Mother Jones' media department didn't respond to several messages seeking comment.

The AP has taken grants from nonpolitical groups and journalism foundations such as the Knight Foundation. As with all grants, "AP retains complete editorial control of the final news product, which must fully meet AP standards for independence and integrity," Standards Editor Thomas Kent said.

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Major gaming convention, has more female than male speakers

Katie Mettler
The Washington Post

The Insider slate this year is a testament that change doesn't have to be slow. If people with influence want to make it happen, they can.

Jessica Price's first rape threat appeared 10 years ago, when she posted on social media that she was playing Halo — and she liked it.

Her benign observation was met with vitriol, not because she was wrong, but because she was a woman.

"It has actually gotten worse since then," said Price, 35, a writer, editor, designer and producer of video and tabletop games and a current Paizo Pathfinder RPG Project Manager (RPG stands for role-playing game.)

It's no secret that women in the gaming industry — and women in some other male-dominated fields — face an onslaught of hateful rhetoric, violent threats and insulting, sexist critiques on social media sites like Twitter, Reddit and 4chan for simply doing their jobs. The Gamergate controversy brought international attention to the issue in 2014, when an Internet mob of organized commenters attacked several high profile women in the gaming world, posting their home addresses and personal information online and threatening them with sexual assault, physical violence and even death.

When those women tried to defend themselves, it only got worse.

Since then, various industry pockets have spoken out against online harassment and highlighted the rampant sexism women face. Gamergate victims have established initiatives and networks. In March, during a speech recognizing Women's History Month, President Barack Obama touched on the harassment female gamers face, pushing for gender equity across all fields.

And just recently, Gen Con, one of the oldest and largest gaming conventions, announced that its lineup of 2016 Industry Insider featured speakers is majority women — for the first time in its nearly 50 year history.

Thirteen of the 25 speakers are women — a sizable jump in female representation from years past. In 2011, there was only one female featured speaker; in 2014, four of the 25 speakers were women, and last year, women made up about 30 percent of the slate, according to several gaming blogs.

It's an especially favorable move after a panel at last year's convention, titled, "Writing Women Friendly Comics," caused an outcry when the panel lineup initially contained no women. Gen Con quickly added some female voices to the discussion, but a controversial moderator caused some women to walk out and even leave crying, Price said.

When the list of 2016 panelists was posted on the Gen Con website, and Price discovered her speaker application was accepted, she was ecstatic.

"Wow, holy crap, we really can do this," she said she thought. "We can change things. It doesn't have to be glacial change. It can be immediate."

Gen Con, which draws more than 60,000 gamers, will be held in Indianapolis in early August.

To be joining a majority female panel takes away what Price called the "tokenism" of her invitation. "When it's half women, the pressure to be a woman in games is off," Price said. "You can just be a person who works in games." But with progress comes pushback.

On Twitter and in blog comments, critics of this year's lineup have claimed the orchestrated diversity was "reverse discrimination." The women were tagged as interlopers. Others wrote on social media that they recognized only one or two names in the slate, evidence, they claimed, that those with more merit must not have applied. One man tweeted #MakeGenConGreatAgain and called the panelists "talentless hacks" and "worthless morons."

Monica Valentinelli, one of the selected speakers, wrote on her blog that she had seen critics, people she dubbed "Trolls Who Shall Remain Nameless TM," falsely say the list is comprised of "indie gaming" folks. She added: "Subtext, here, is that 'indie' is meant as a slight as it is inconsequential to the opiners. Much like small press or self-published to some, in fiction."

Another selected speaker, Anna Kreider, wrote on her popular feminist blog "Go Make Me a Sandwich" that based on an informal survey of some of the top gaming conventions in the country, Gen Con is one of the first to achieve gender parity across its honored guests. She echoed the observation others online had made that the lineup varied in age, experience and expertise, which will likely lead to more diverse conversation and debate. Some commenters disagreed.

Elsewhere online, one blogger predicted attendance at Gen Con would plummet because of the speaker lineup, signaling the beginning of the end of the decades old convention.

But others in the industry offered their full support, even male applicants who weren't selected to be featured speakers this year.

Price said she, and her female colleagues, have just had to learn how to tune out the gender-based critiques.

"You expect it, and you kind of have to brush it off," she said. Online, Price is quick to block those who threaten her, and she said women of the industry look out for each other, too.

"It's easier to read stuff about other people than it is to read about yourself," she said. Price, along with other female gamers, have praised Gen Con for diversifying its lineup, including having LGBT representation and Michael Pondsmith, a black man, as the Guest of Honor. They all offered the same critique: the lineup is still overwhelmingly white.

"It's definitely improving," Price said. "But it's still kind of an uphill battle."

I hate my iPhone, and I'm not alone

By Brooke Sample, Shira Ovide
Bloomberg

I have an iConfession: I hate my iPhone.

It wasn't always so. I loved it once and now I hate it the way I can only hate an old flame. I remember the first soft touch of a virtual keyboard in 2009. I pine for my innocent infatuation with the wonder of iTunes.

Today? I'm mad at the way my apps shut down while in use, at the texts that don't send, at an iTunes that doesn't sync. I'm cranky about poky performance, with videos that sometimes take forever to download, if they do at all. (My husband, who also uses an iPhone, doesn't have this problem, and we use the same network at home, of course.) My overall experience is just … slow.

What happened to the iPhone I loved?

In search of answers, I first went to an Apple store in New Jersey. A staffer there said they "don't hear complaints" about iPhones, loaded up a YouTube video, pronounced it fine, gave me a new SIM card and passed the buck to the guys at AT&T.

The next stop was more interesting. At the AT&T store, I told two service guys about my search for a lost love and one of them said: "Oh, man, this is awesome! I hate my iPhone!" They both said they hear more complaints about iPhones than any other device. A nice young gentleman named Greg said he finds his 6S "much buggier" than previous versions of the iPhone (apps shutting down, etc.).

But I didn't learn much about why I'd become so disillusioned in my relationship. So I turned to Shira Ovide, who covers technology for Bloomberg View's site Bloomberg Gadfly. I wanted to know: Is it me, Apple, or is it you?

Shira: There has been a debate in the tech industry over whether Apple's software is getting worse. I suspect this is more about nostalgia than reality, like the way the "Saturday Night Live" cast always seems inferior to the one you grew up with. Android phones can be even more prone to glitches. The problem for Apple is keeping up with rising expectations. Phones are essential to our lives now, and it's fair to expect them to work perfectly.

Brooke: Maybe I'm just so accustomed to quantum leaps in iPhone development that disappointment is inevitable. Remember your first iPhone? I sure do. Dumping that old BlackBerry was hardly the messy divorce I feared.

Shira: Absolutely. Apple wanted to change the world with the iPhone, and it did. Now its improvements are more incremental than revolutionary: Uh, the new iPhone is thinner! You can buy a pink one! Apple says it has more tricks up its sleeves for the iPhone, but it may be impossible to fulfill our dreams of technology magic. To twist a quip from tech investor Peter Thiel: We wanted flying cars, and instead we got poop emoji.

Brooke: Let's talk about Apple Music. I barely remember downloading it, but there it was under Subscriptions … and I was paying $14.99 a month (that's under the family plan, which requires iCloud Family Sharing, and we'll get to that) for something I haven't used since. I couldn't tell if I should kick myself or scream at Apple.

Shira: You are not alone, Brooke. Apple thrust this new app at us last year to play catch-up to Web music services such as Spotify and Pandora. Apple gave nearly anyone with an iPhone three free months to try out Apple Music — with a catch: If you neglected to turn off the subscription when your free trial ended, Apple charged the credit card it has on file.

Apple recently said 13 million people are paying for Apple Music. That is an impressive number considering that Spotify — which has been around for 10 years — has about 30 million paying subscribers. But Apple hasn't said how many of the people paying for Apple Music are like you — "subscribers" who don't even know they're subscribers.

Brooke: But what the heck happened to the old easy-to-use iTunes I loved? I've stored thousands of songs on my iMac using my iTunes library, but when I try to sync to my phone, it … won't, because on my phone I can only listen to what I've bought and has been stored on the iCloud. So much for my uber-organized album collection. That's when Apple Music showed up, but I have no idea how it relates to iTunes: Does Apple Music replace iTunes? Are they different? (Are they supposed to be?) It's all very, very confusing. Now I just listen to Pandora — I'd rather put up with songs I don't like (using the free ad version) rather than continue to be frustrated by not having access to my music. And honestly, I'm not even doing that much anymore. I actually listen to "Hamilton" via CD in my car!

Shira: Wow, a CD. Yes, iTunes is a disaster, and Apple is trying to make the line between it and Apple Music a bit less confusing. I'm not sure they can clean up the music mess. The significant revolutions in technology now are in software; think of how amazing it felt the first time you could summon an Uber car at the touch of an app. Apple's changed the world by inventing great hardware. Its fumbling in software is a Silicon Valley punchline.

Brooke: OK, OK — all of this is infuriating, but let's be honest: I do love having a camera in my phone. And I'm fairly pleased with the quality of photos the 6 Plus takes. But I am really annoyed with how my phone stores them: in albums, in "collections" (which I can't name or organize on my own, as far as I can tell), under "iCloud Photo Sharing" — why is this so hard?!

Which brings us back to iCloud, possibly the most confounding aspect of being an iPhone owner. I often wonder if most consumers talk about knowing what "the cloud" is when we don't really have the slightest clue, let alone how or why to use it, this nebulous thing we're supposed to know how to operate and are secretly embarrassed that we don't. This seems like a real failure to communicate on Apple's part, no?

Shira: No one knows what the "cloud" means. This is the tech industry's fault for using the term to mean anything at all, and nothing. Ideally, every e-mail, song, document and photo on our phones should be saved in Apple's computers — in the "cloud" — and within our reach at any time on any computer or phone we use. Google and Amazon are closer than Apple is at achieving this cloud Platonic ideal, but every company could do better. We shouldn't have to ever think about whether something is saved, synced, clouded or whatever.

Brooke: Shira, we talked about how the beauty and simplicity of the first iPhones sucked us in, and now we can't get out, because we've already spent SO MUCH TIME buying apps and customizing them to our satisfaction. Can we not give up the one thing Apple does consistently well: moving all of our information to new, shinier versions of our iPhones despite the fact that I hear "buggy" more often now when people describe their shiny new toy?

Shira: The issue, I think, is that our expectations of technology and of Apple have changed. We want constant delight, perfection and one world-changing idea after another. There's a line attributed to Steve Jobs (with echoes of Henry Ford): "Customers don't know what they want until you show it to them." I think we have a nagging feeling that Apple isn't giving us what we want. Maybe it's an impossible standard for Apple to meet, but we all have become as demanding as Jobs.

Why your phone may never get Android's latest features

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Better graphics and the ability to run two apps side by side are coming to Google's latest version of Android, dubbed N.

But chances are good that this free software update announced Wednesday won't arrive on your Android phone for some time — if ever. (If you're an iPhone user, rest easy; none of this affects you.)

So far, just 7.5 percent of active Android users have last year's version of Android, called Marshmallow. About a quarter are still on versions from 2012 or earlier.

For that, people can thank smartphone makers or their wireless carrier — and maybe both. Last week, two federal agencies asked them to explain why they're so slow to update Android, as delays mean consumers aren't getting the latest security improvements.

They also deprive most Android users of the latest technologies. Marshmallow, for instance, introduced fingerprint sign-ons and other features, but so few people have it that some app makers haven't bothered to incorporate them. Citibank and Capital One, for instance, now let iPhone users sign into their apps with a touch of their finger; neither bank has brought that to Android yet.

There isn't an easy fix, either, although there are a few ways you can circumvent the bottleneck.

Apple says 84 percent of iPhone users have the latest version of its basic operating software, iOS 9. Apple bypasses wireless carriers and sends updates directly to users. It also designs and manufactures all iPhones and releases just a handful of models at a time.

Google, by contrast, deals with a variety of chip makers and phone manufacturers , each of which adapts Android to its liking. Many carriers also want to preload their own apps, something Apple forbids on the iPhone.

All this tweaking and testing takes resources these companies would rather devote to the most recent phones. Android models that are just two years old often won't make the cut. Apple, by contrast, still supports the 2011 iPhone 4S.

Google has sped things up where it can. An app called Google Play Services now lurks in the background and handles automatic updates for core features such as location, maps and payments. In the past, Google would have had to wait for the phone to get the latest Android update.

A new feature announced Wednesday, the ability to run Android apps over the Internet without installing them first, will also bypass Android and reach users directly.

Some phone makers are also bypassing wireless companies this way. HTC now delivers its camera app, lock-screen manager and other features as separate apps. But many core functions remain at the mercy of phone makers and wireless carriers. Google introduced a new system Wednesday for getting updates to users automatically, but each update needs to clear the usual hurdles first. And the phone must have the upcoming Android N version — so back to square one.

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Quiet fall, President Sutherland and Jimmy Kimmel's old foil

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Something seemed missing this week when the major broadcast networks gathered advertisers to preview their new fall programming.

That's it! That's what was in short supply: new fall programming.

The tradition of networks rolling out new shows in September is as old as television itself, timed to coincide with automakers' new car models. September has always been a fully stocked candy shop for TV fanatics. This year illustrated just how much that has changed.

Only three of the 12 new series NBC ordered for the next year will begin in the fall. Fox premieres four of 11, ABC five of nine. Traditionalist CBS begins four of eight new shows in September, two more in October when their Thursday night NFL games end.

With dozens of networks, it has become difficult to attract attention to new shows, and many simply get lost when there's so much to choose from. That's also why two of Fox's September series are remakes of "Lethal Weapon" and "The Exorcist," — because they are familiar concepts easier to market.

Networks feel the pressure to have something fresh on every night; viewers can usually catch something they miss whenever they want, and reruns are an antiquated notion. You can't make 52 new "Empire" episodes each year.

"This has become a 52-week world in terms of how you prepared your schedule and how you introduce new programming," said Mark Pedowitz, the CW network president.

President Sutherland

Kiefer Sutherland was being polite when his friend and neighbor, David Guggenheim, asked him to check out a script he'd written. Sutherland figured he'd give it a cursory read and polite disavowal of interest.

"I found myself on page 25 and ... I realized I was potentially holding the next decade of my life in my hands," the actor said.

That script, "Designated Survivor," wins the distinction of the week's most promising new series, based on highlights of the pilot. The former "24" star plays a low-level Cabinet member who, by tradition, is the one official kept away from the Capitol during the president's State of the Union speech in case something happens. When the Capitol is blown up, Sutherland becomes president.

The series will air on ABC.

Downing Digital

Years of hearing digital companies entice advertisers with the suggestion that television is fading had TV executives fighting back this week. The schedule announcements can reveal where networks are going creatively, but they are essentially giant sales presentations.

Linda Yaccarino, NBC Universal's sales chief, set the tone by telling advertisers that the average American spends seven times as many hours watching TV as they do on Facebook, and 15 times more than they do on YouTube.

"In our world, a view is at least 30 seconds — not three," said Donna Speciale, top Turner Networks sales executive, suggesting consumers have more time to see sales messages on television than on a website.

The sales executives had to be a little careful, because many are coupling their television commercial time with ad placement on sites where their shows are streamed. But Speciale, in an interview, noted that many marketers went digital without knowing if the ads were effective.

"They went so far, and now, they're taking a step back and saying, 'How is our money working?'" she said.

At CBS' presentation, company Chairman Leslie Moonves welcomed advertisers with open arms.

"Business is returning to network television," Moonves said. "We like that."

Barking Time

ABC late-night host Jimmy Kimmel took aim at his new boss, entertainment president Channing Dungey, in his routine at the network's schedule announcement.

Dungey, Kimmel said, "is the first African-American network (entertainment) president ever to pick up a show about a talking dog."

She might get the last laugh. Based on highlights, the midseason series "Downward Dog" is funnier than new comedies starring Kevin James, Ted Danson and Matt LeBlanc.

Play It Again

Whether a lack of imagination or extreme caution is the culprit, there's a distinct familiarity in what networks are doing.

Six of the new series planned by ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox are remakes of movies or old television shows: "Emerald City" and "Taken" on NBC, "MacGyver" and "Training Day" on CBS, "Lethal Weapon" and "The Exorcist" on Fox.

"All your favorite VHS tapes are now becoming shows," Kimmel quipped.

They're not all tired — Clayne Crawford and Damon Wayans Sr. appear to have a winning chemistry on "Lethal Weapon" — but the track record of successful remakes is limited. That explains CBS hiring the same executive producer who successfully brought back "Hawaii Five-0" for "MacGyver."

The networks are also becoming boutique homes for particular creative voices. Dick Wolf is starting a fourth "Chicago" series on NBC, and he still has "Law & Order: SVU" running." Shonda Rhimes might not always have a night to herself on ABC but will have five shows on the network. Greg Berlanti has five shows on the CW. The success of "Empire" led Fox to order a new music series from Lee Daniels.

And set your watch: Time travel is the creative hook for three new series next year.

Hamilton

Since it's the town's hottest ticket, it's no surprise that three networks wrapped themselves in "Hamilton" at their schedule presentations.

Jimmy Fallon donned a period costume for a spoof song over at NBC, and James Corden did the same for CBS. "We just want your Hamiltons," Corden serenaded the advertisers.

ESPN invited actors Daveed Diggs and Leslie Odom Jr. from the show to sing a new composition.

"It's great to have the REAL cast members of 'Hamilton,'" sniffed ESPN executive Ed Erhardt.

Kimmel Time

It was Kimmel's 14th time delivering ar acerbic routine about the TV industry, always a highlight of ABC's presentation. Seth Meyers and Billy Eichner were sharp for NBC and Turner.

Meyers compared the schedule announcements to a brother bringing a new girlfriend home for Thanksgiving.

"She seems great, but you don't want to get too attached because she's not going to be here next year," he said.

Eichner of "Billy on the Street" noted that "I struggled for 10 years making videos on YouTube to finally get a TV show that people watch on YouTube."

Kimmel's sharpest line was directed at NBC for hiring Arnold Schwarzenegger as the new "Celebrity Apprentice" host. "Should the guy who knocked up his maid be put in charge of an apprenticeship program?" he asked.

Kimmel remains champion if only for his consistent ability to get under the skin of CBS' Moonves with jokes about CBS' older-skewing audience. "CBS objects to the term 'live' because so much of their audience isn't," he said.

Moonves responded from the stage of Carnegie Hall: "He'd be really funny if we hadn't beaten ABC in demos the last nine years."

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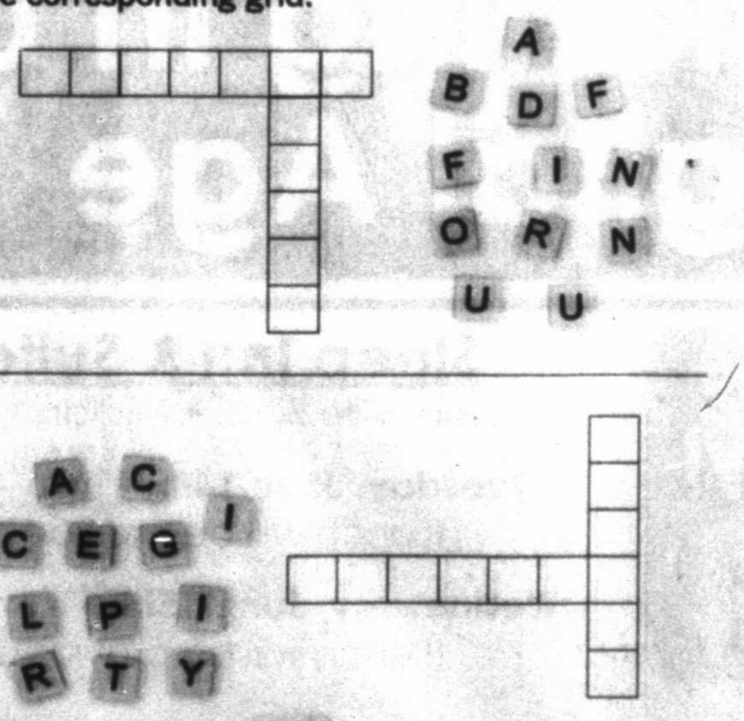

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Is America finally ready for smart guns?

By Sarah Breitenbach
Stateline.org

"We make aspirin bottles that 4-year-olds can't use; Why are we making guns 4-year-olds can use?"

Stephen Teret, founder of the Center for Gun Policy and Research at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

WASHINGTON — Jonathan Mossberg has already made a smart gun — a shotgun that can only be discharged by someone wearing a ring that communicates with a chip inside the weapon, unlocking it.

The gunmaker's smart guns, there are about 25 of them, are nearly 20 years old. They have been tested repeatedly and kept in the homes of his friends and family for self-defense. But Mossberg's Florida-based company, iGun Technology Corp., has never scaled the high-tech components to a handgun. And cultural and political barriers have stood in the way of selling the guns commercially.

Gun safety advocates have pushed for commercially available smart, personalized guns that could only be fired by a specific person through radio frequency chips, fingerprint scans or other technology, for more than three decades. They argue that the technology could make guns safer by reducing accidental shootings and suicides, and by rendering stolen guns inoperable by crooks — if they were widely available and became more commonplace.

Now, there are signs that a commercial market for smart guns maybe has arrived. The federal government is quietly encouraging gunmakers to submit smart weapons for military-grade testing. New Jersey lawmakers are seeking to revise a law that has kept manufacturers and retailers from selling the guns for over a decade. And federal appeals court judges in the West are deciding whether states can require gunmakers to manufacture weapons with specific safety features.

"We're getting so close," said Stephen Teret, a longtime gun safety advocate and founder of the Center for Gun Policy and Research at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. "I can almost taste it now."

Last month, the White House announced that it will work with state and local law enforcement agencies to draft baseline specifications for smart guns that could guide manufacturers in producing the weapons for police work. The Obama administration also plans to award grant money to law enforcement agencies to purchase smart guns once they're available.

The federal government has tried since the mid-1990s to spur development of smart guns, though many of the projects it funded were abandoned because it was difficult to work the technology into handguns without compromising their function, according to an April report from the departments of Justice, Homeland Security and Defense.

The report notes that Mossberg's shotgun was "possibly the first ever production-ready firearm equipped with user-authorization technology."

Mossberg said he's ready to put his technology into a handgun, but lacks the money needed to develop it. He estimates he will need $5 million to build 25 to 30 handguns for testing. Another $15 million could launch him into full production.

The iGun's chip technology only works within centimeters and makes it impossible for anyone other than the person wearing the ring to fire it. It is more reliable than fingerprint identification, which has been tested by other gun manufactures, Mossberg said.

"You don't need to think. You don't need to whisper into it, 'Rumpelstiltskin' or 'Open Sesame,'" Mossberg said. "You don't want to swipe your finger on it and say, 'Please try again.' There is no try again."

The biggest hurdles to bringing smart guns to market are political and cultural, Teret, the smart-gun advocate, said. Gun rights advocates worry their emergence will lead to government mandates dictating what kind of guns could be bought and sold, and politicians have been reluctant to counter the powerful firearms groups.

But Teret said that with federal interest in the technology, the guns could soon be available — and especially attractive to families who want to keep guns for self-defense, but have small children at home and want to ensure they will be safe from accidents.

"We make aspirin bottles that 4-year-olds can't use," Teret said. "Why are we making guns 4-year-olds can use?"

Between 2010 and 2014, 527 children under 18 were unintentionally killed by a firearm, according to the latest data compiled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2014, 33,599 people were killed by guns. Most of those deaths were suicides.

But smart guns won't be a quick lifesaver because traditional guns are so prevalent, said James Pasco Jr., executive director for the Fraternal Order of Police.

Although it is impossible to know how many guns exist, the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago reports that in 2014, 31 percent of U.S. households reported having a firearm.

"It would be centuries at the rate we're going before it had any material effect on crime or even on accidental shootings," Pasco said.

Pasco's group doesn't oppose a move to smart guns, but argues that law enforcement agencies shouldn't be forced to adopt them.

Mossberg, the gunmaker, said he doesn't want his products to be mandated either, which is exactly what many say a 2002 New Jersey law does.

"I'm first an American, second a businessman," Mossberg said. "And that's just wrong. Nobody should be told what to buy."

Under the law, three years following the retail sale of a smart gun anywhere in the U.S., all guns sold in New Jersey would have to be smart guns. Lawmakers in California tried to pass a similar law in 2014, but it failed.

But Teret, who worked on the New Jersey law, admits that the mandate may have discouraged gunmakers and dealers from bringing smart guns to market across the country because they did not want to trigger the New Jersey directive. So now, he and other supporters are trying to revise the law to allow stores to carry traditional guns as long as they carry at least one smart gun model.

Opponents of revising the law, such as the National Shooting Sports Foundation and other gun groups, say it will still be expensive for retailers to comply and won't change criminal behavior.

Gun ownership groups aren't trying to block the technology, but gun owners should not be limited to a specific kind of gun, said Scott Bach, director of the New Jersey Association of Rifle and Pistol Clubs.

"If you want this technology to develop, take the mandate out," Bach, also a National Rifle Association board member, told a New Jersey Senate committee last fall. "Take government hands off the process and let the technology develop naturally. Let's see if there's a market."

Federal officials say they are trying to spur innovation and create a market for smart guns, not mandate them. And the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco soon may decide whether states can mandate their sale.

The court is considering a challenge to a 2003 California statute that requires that gunmakers produce firearms that indicate when there is a bullet in the chamber and won't discharge when a gun's magazine is detached.

Some local law enforcement leaders, like the San Francisco police chief, say they will welcome the opportunity to test smart guns. But it's unclear whether police officers will embrace the technology.

Pasco, for instance, questions whether smart guns will be practical for police officers who may need to fire with the hand not wearing the radio frequency device or potentially use a colleague's gun in an emergency.

"What do you do if your partner is down and your partner's gun is available, but yours isn't? You pick the gun up and you can't shoot it," Pasco said.

Mossberg acknowledged his guns likely won't take off with police departments. He and Teret say they think the guns will have success with people who work by themselves and carry guns in public, such as air marshals, security guards and some school teachers — and who don't want their guns to get in the wrong hands.

"I would hate to see some crazy guy take the air marshal's gun when you're 35,000 feet in the air and have the gun be able to work for him," Teret said.

Parents who want to keep guns at home might also be eager to buy smart guns. A survey conducted last year by Teret and his colleagues found that 59 percent of Americans would be willing to buy a childproof smart gun, if they were going to purchase a new handgun.

What doesn't appear to be in dispute is that smart guns likely could save some lives. "It's just like airbags in cars," Teret said. "We knew they would save lives, but we couldn't tell how many until they got into the cars."

E-cigarette tax may be new fix as tobacco money goes up in smoke

By Anna Edney
Bloomberg

To the average user, everything about e-cigarettes and vaping devices — the look, the smell, the taste, the satisfaction — feels as good or better than the traditional match-lit version. But to cash-craving states, there's one important thing missing: taxes.

U.S. cigarette smoking rates are falling, and the number of Americans who vape is on the rise. While the long-term public health effects aren't certain, the impact on state budgets is clearer. After peaking at $17.1 billion in 2011, state cigarette tax receipts fell to $16.3 billion in 2014, according to a report from the Orzechowski & Walker market research firm posted by the Federation of Tax Administrators. Four states have already approved levies on e-cigarettes and related products, and the West Virginia legislature is considering its own tax.

"It does provide revenue when the state needs that increase," said Chris Stadelman, a spokesman for West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, D, who proposed the measure to fill a $270 million budget gap. "There's also a health aspect, especially for young people, to discourage use."

That may be just a whiff of what's to come. Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota and North Carolina, along with cities including Washington and Chicago, have approved taxes on vaping products and e-cigarettes. At least 23 states have considered such measures, according to the Tax Foundation, a policy research organization in Washington, and its March analysis didn't include Utah, where lawmakers considered and dropped a bill, or West Virginia.

"Will there be more legislation? Most likely, yes," said Karmen Hanson, a health policy analyst at the National Conference of State Legislatures. "I would anticipate if a state has already tried it, they'll come back and try again."

The e-cigarette and vapor market is expected to more than triple between 2015 and 2019 to $15.9 billion, according to Bloomberg Intelligence. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has warned the habit is becoming more popular among middle and high school students.

In many states, taxes make up a large portion of what cigarette smokers pay when they buy a pack at the corner store. At Green Gourmet, a New York City deli, a pack of Altria Group Inc.'s Marlboro cigarettes costs $14.25. That also covers a federal tobacco tax of $1.01 and state and local levies of about $4.35, according to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, an advocacy group. An e-cigarette at the same store, Imperial Brands PLC's disposable Blu brand, costs $11.91 — with no tobacco tax. Both prices include state sales tax.

U.S. government health officials haven't said vapor products are less risky than traditional cigarettes, nor that they can be sold as smoking-cessation devices. Some e-cigarette and vape product makers point to key distinctions that they say make their offerings safer than, or at least different from, cigarettes.

"Having the veterans and health advocates come together could do incredible things for tobacco prevention," she said in a telephone interview.

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Ex-Railroad commissioner leads religious oil outfit

By Asher Price
Austin American-Statesman

When Republican primary voters rejected his re-election bid in 2010, Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Victor Carrillo blamed his defeat on a "built-in bias" over his Hispanic surname.

Today, Carrillo sees a different force at work. "It was a God-directed thing," he said. "I'm here for a purpose."

"Here" is the Dallas-based Zion Oil and Gas, which focuses its exploration efforts on Israel in hopes of finding more than profit.

Zion's ultimate purpose is to hasten the second coming of Jesus Christ. Citing Genesis and Deuteronomy and biblical promises of treasure buried deep, Carrillo and other Zion officials said discovering oil in Israel would be another sign of the imminent return of the Christian Messiah.

Carrillo, 51, who earned a master's degree in geology before putting himself through law school, said his job as Zion's chief executive officer is to "bring the geology that informs the theology."

"We make our plans for how and where to drill, but ultimately, the outcome, that's in God's hands," Carrillo said.

Despite the weight of biblical imperative, Carrillo and Zion also face the unavoidable reality that, while smaller oil fields have been found, no especially rich deposits have been discovered in the Promised Land.

"Let me tell you something that we Israelis have against Moses," the late Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir reportedly joked. "He took us 40 years through the desert in order to bring us to the one spot in the Middle East that has no oil."

That hasn't stopped the faithful from trying.

Calling on a passage that promises "blessings of the deep" and on a hopscotch of geographic clues dotting the Bible, Zion is the latest in a series of companies and individuals that have enticed investors with the promise of biblically oriented oil profits.

Historically, most such pitches have hit dead ends.

A little over a decade ago, for example, Harold "Hayseed" Stephens, who followed a brief professional football career with running a church near Dallas, told an evangelical radio show that experts had determined that billions of barrels of oil were lurking beneath Israel's rocky soil.

"You cannot find such good odds in Vegas, Atlantic City or anywhere else in the world, even if you are nothing but a gambler," he told them, according to an article in Mother Jones magazine.

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FROM FICTION TO REALITY

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Helen Estes, 101, reacts as she first sits on Richard, a 20-year-old camel, as Richard Oleson, with Polo Park Estates, helps her cross another item off her bucket list. The Texas Camel Corps brought a camel for her to ride outside Polo Park Estates on Thursday.

Midlander crosses camel ride off bucket list

■ Retirement community staff helps resident fulfill dream

By Trent Johnson
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Helen Estes, 101, grew up on a Midland County farm where she often rode a horse to school with her older sister. In junior high school, the little girl was enamored with the adventures in the "Arabian Nights" collection of stories, which had characters riding through the sand atop giant camels, who made loud plops while navigating the deserts.

Estes finally enjoyed a slice of the fictional world she vividly remembers.

"I could see the camels, and I could see the lights," Estes said Friday. "I wished I could ride one of those through the sand. [Polo Park Estates staff] took up on that, and that's how I happened to be able to ride. When they wrote those stories, the pictures, they had stayed with me. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to ride the camel."

Estes, who lives at Polo Park Estates retirement community, is no stranger to crossing experiences off her bucket list. She rode on a motorcycle when she was 97, and she also experienced Mardi Gras with the help of Polo Park's staff.

"We were all a little scared and nervous," said Jennifer Newman, community management team member. "Once she was on the camel (courtesy of a trainer in Waco), and the camel was so calm, we relaxed a little bit. She's very adventurous. She's always wanting to go above and beyond, and keep going. She's an awesome lady."

The retirement home has a bucket list sign-up sheet, which allows the residents to submit a request. If it's a realistic opportunity, members of the Polo Park

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Oklahoma senator weighs options after abortion ban veto

By Ken Miller
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma Republican state senator who authored the bill that would effectively outlaw abortion in the state said Saturday that he hasn't decided whether he'll try to override the governor's veto.

"I have not made a decision," Sen. Nathan Dahm, of Broken Arrow, told The Associated Press. "That's what we're pursuing, what we'd like to see accomplished."

He said he'll decide during the coming week whether to pursue an attempt — the same week that the Legislature faces a deadline to adjourn while grappling with a $1.3 billion budget hole that could lead to cuts to public schools, health care and the state's overcrowded prison system. They've yet to be presented with a proposed state budget.

Republican Gov. Mary Fallin vetoed the bill Friday, saying that while she opposes abortion, it was vague and would not withstand a legal challenge.

The measure would have made it a felony punishable by up to three years in prison for anyone who performs an abortion, including doctors. State law already makes it a felony for anyone who's not a doctor to perform an abortion, and Dahm's bill would have removed the exemption for physicians.

Michael McNutt, a spokesman for Fallin, said the governor has not been notified of a veto override attempt. "It's a legislative decision. Obviously she would like it to be supported, but it's up to the Legislature at this point," McNutt said.

The Senate voted 33-12 for the bill on Thursday, one vote more than needed to override in the Senate and send it to the House.

Dahm noted that it could be difficult for those who voted for the legislation to vote

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In matters of love, money, this hoodoo shop offers answers

By Molly Hennessy-Fiske
Los Angeles Times

HOUSTON — The two African-American women arrived separately at Stanley Drug Co., both searching for guidance.

Behind them stretched a mural of Jude, patron saint of hopeless causes, along with prices and terms for seeing the Tarot card reader.

One, a Catholic wearing a gold cross, came because she suspected that a neighbor and gambling buddy had put a spell on her to steal her luck.

The other noted that even the Bible mentions people who can see the future. And so both awaited the card reader: $35 a reading, by appointment.

Hoodoo, or folk magic, has been at work in the American South for generations. It was preserved by compounding pharmacies in African-American neighborhoods like Houston's Fifth Ward, where Stanley Drug opened in 1938.

Once one of the city's three thriving black downtowns, the "Bloody Fifth" was plagued by violence and carved up by urban renewal to make way for interstate highways. Now, Stanley Drug is one of the few survivors among the ward's overgrown lots and abandoned storefronts.

From the outside, Stanley Drug looks like a warehouse. Inside, herbal remedies perfume the air and counters boast all manner of ingredients — Chinese "business powder," devil's club root, coffin nails, African mojo wishing beans, and coyote skin, teeth and penises.

The pharmacy shut down long ago, but the name remains on one of the few hoodoo shops nationwide.

"Hoodoo and root work is a very Southern thing. You can be Baptist and do this," said Stanley Drug owner Stephanie May, whose family once owned a plantation.

It is easy to dismiss Stanley Drug's wares as a ruse. But is the superstition at work here all that different from avoiding stepping on sidewalk cracks, walking under ladders or crossing paths with black cats?

Many customers are devout Christians, including preachers in search of more love from their congregations — and donations.

Unlike voodoo, which is considered a religion, hoodoo incorporates reading of Scriptures and using spices and charms found at Mexican yerberias and Caribbean botanicas.

Practitioners strike matches at their door to entice the devil out with sulfur. They boil bayberry to cleanse their homes at New Year's.

For protection against evil they keep a bowl of lemons near the door and hang bottles and television tubes in trees.

"There's a lot of this, hoodoo, all over the country. People just don't see it," May said.

Many customers are African-American and Latino, and their desires are a barometer of the community's well-being. Often they look for control in an uncertain world — over court cases, job searches and relationships.

Women seek relief from abusive and unfaithful men, though not always. One recent visitor sought protection from being cursed by the wife of the man she'd been cheating with.

Increasingly, as plummeting oil prices have prompted layoffs across Texas, Stanley Drug's clients have bought lucky

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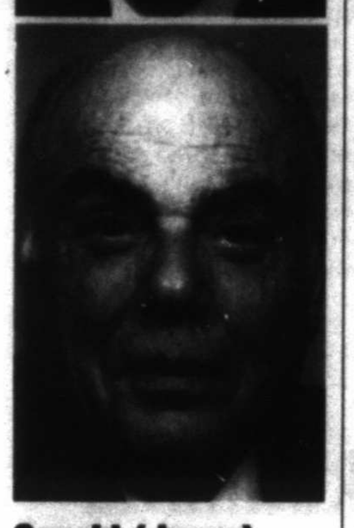


Gerald (Jerry) Elliott Cole Jr.

Gerald (Jerry) Elliott Cole, Jr., 90, of Midland, passed away on Friday, May 20, 2016, surrounded by family during this time. Memorial services will be held on Wednesday May 25, 2016 at 11:00AM at First United Methodist Church in Midland with Dr. Timothy Walker and Rev. Macky Pitts officiating.

He was born September 20, 1925 to Gerald and Corinne Cole in Collin County, Texas. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas, TX. and joined the Navy where he served aboard the U.S.S. John W. Thomason. After discharge he returned to Dallas and attended SMU for four years.

After college, he moved to Midland and was employed by US Geophysical Company where he met and married Loyce Midkiff, August 19, 1950. Invited to become a professional Boy Scouter, he went to Schiff School in Western New Jersey. He began his scouting career in Coleman, TX. returning back to Midland in 1952. He started his career with Humble Oil and Refining Company. He took a temporary assignment offer in 1970 for the Trans Alaska Pipeline. Moving his family in 1972, the position became permanent for 16 years where he retired from Exxon/Alyeska Pipeline Service Co... He then was active in consulting for special projects regarding the pipeline.

Jerry was very active and devoted in Scouting and was a scout master for troop 152 for twenty years. During this time, he was one of thirty-five in the United States unit leaders to the World Jamboree in Marathon, Greece in 1963. Humble being supportive of the Scouts allowed him a six week paid leave in order to accomplish this. While awards and/or recognition was never the goal of the time and effort, he was appreciative of kind words from fellow citizens; he became a member of the "Wood Badge" after writing a book on the aspects of Scouting and Leadership. The Optimis Club naming him Friend of the Boy "1962-63" and then the Buffalo Trail Council awarded him the "Silver Beaver" the highest award for distinguished scouting service.

One of the most challenging aspects of his career was his involvement with the 800 mile Trans Alaska Pipeline. He volunteered for an eight month assignment that stretched into 16 years managing the Surveying and Photogrammetry for the entire line and later the Quality Assurance.

Jerry loved his time in Alaska where he took up skiing and added to his love for fishing. 23 years of fishing in Alaska resulted in an annual salmon dinner for the Fellowship Sunday School Class.

Loving reading and writing, he authored books on Scouting and Trans Alaska Pipeline. At the time of his death he was in the process of finishing his WWII stories and had plans for publishing his Sunday school lessons.

Jerry had a love for his family. He was a devoted husband, father, and a very special grandad. He had deep faith in the Lord, an uncanny wit, and an ingrain ability for always doing what was right.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Loyce Cole; son, Doug Cole (Renee); daughter, Elizabeth Lane (Chris); daughter, Sally Owen (Chuck); 4 grandchildren, Brittany Harris, Alexis Harris, Samantha Weiner and Stanley Weiner; and one great grandchild.

Honorary pallbearers will be Richard Midkiff, Dicky Hill, Ed Glasscock, Jeff Olchesky, T.O. Midkiff and Boy Scout Troop 152.

The family suggests memorials go to: First United Methodist Church, 300 North Main Street, Midland, TX. 79701-4744, Methodist Mission Home/Providence Place, 6487 Whitby Road, San Antonio, TX. 78240-2131 or charity of their choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800

Paul F. Hanssen

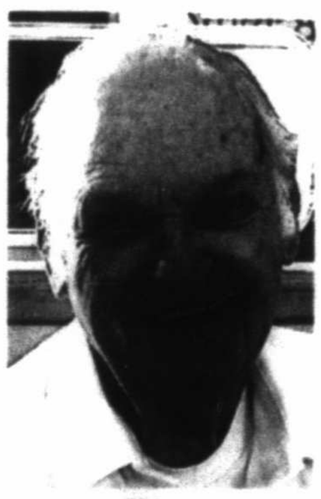
Paul F. Hanssen, 83, of Bedford, Texas, passed away April 24, 2016. Paul was born in Minnesota on June 22, 1932.

He is survived by his wife, Lesa Hanssen; two daughters, Paula Hanssen of St. Louis, Missouri and Heidi Muensterer and her husband Heribert of Southlake, Texas; and by five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He is also survived by his sister, Elizabeth Nelson of Minnesota.

Paul worked many years for the FAA at the Midland-Odessa Airport. He retired early to follow his passion for painting in watercolor and acrylic. He was well known in the arts community in Midland. Some of his artwork is still exhibited in the Annie Riggs Memorial Museum in Fort Stockton.

A memorial service will be held sometime this summer in Minnesota.



Robert W. (Bob) Hicks

Robert Wayne (Bob) Hicks, 86, died peacefully on the afternoon of May 14, 2016. Bob was born on December 13, 1929 in Stamford, Texas, to Sallie Emma Dobbins Hicks and Henry Morris Hicks. He graduated from Stamford High School in 1947.

Upon graduation, Bob worked on the construction of the Skelly Oil Company plant in Velma, Oklahoma. His exemplary work ethic, integrity, and congeniality were noticed and he was hired by Skelly after completion of the plant.

Bob met Ima Jo Dare in the nearby town of Duncan, Oklahoma on a blind date. Recognizing this gentleman's kind and caring nature, Jo and Bob were together from then on. They were married on December 10, 1949 in Stamford, Texas and have been together for the past 66 years.

During their married life, Bob and Jo lived in Longview, Texas; Duncan, Oklahoma; El Dorado, Kansas; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Hobbs, New Mexico; Mayhill, New Mexico and Midland where they have lived since 2008.

Bob's entire career was spent in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico with the same "company," Skelly/Getty/Texaco/Chevron. After his retirement as Field Audit Supervisor in 1991, Bob and Jo traveled the country and Canada in their RV with various friends and family.

After checking that off of their list, they built their log dream home in the Sacramento Mountains near Mayhill, New Mexico. They enjoyed visits from family and their Irongate mountain community until moving to Midland.

Bob possessed a great sense of humor and mischievous wit. His children and grandchildren love sharing his phrases that they refer to as "Papawisms." One of his favorite poems was "The Cremation of Sam McGee." And he wore a smile you could see a mile, and he said:

"Please close that door.
It's fine in here,
but I greatly fear you'll let in
the cold and storm-
Since I left Plumtree, down in
Tennessee,
it's the first time I've been
warm."

In Bob's later years, the poem became increasingly humorous and meaningful since he was cold most of the time.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Charles Marion Hicks, and daughter-in-law, Cherie Buswell Hicks.

He is survived by his wife, Jo, of 66 years; children, Richard (Dick) Hicks and wife Carol of Avon, Colorado, and Nancy Hicks Spear and husband Nelson Spear of Midland.

He is also survived by grandchildren, K.C. Hicks and wife Nicole of Columbia, Missouri, Cody Hicks of Denver, Colorado, Miranda Hicks of Avon, Colorado, and Daniel Spear of Nashville, Tennessee; as well as by their "adopted family" Shane, Lurene, Walker, and Quinn Spear of Midland.

The family would like to thank the people who cared for Bob at Crestview, Brookdale, and Legacy Ranch, and especially the wonderful nurses and caregivers from Home Nursing and Home Hospice.

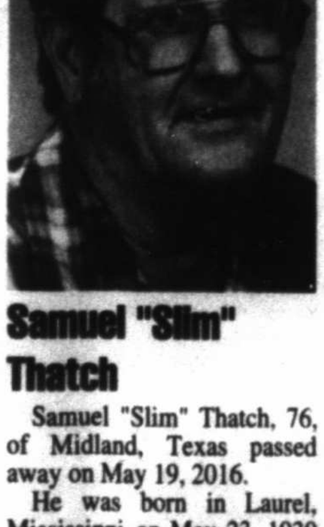
The family is requesting that stories and memories of Bob be sent to: Bob Hicks Memories (subject line) at *nancy@spearbrothersgroup.com.*

The family is planning an intimate celebration of Bob's life later this summer.

"His Master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness!'"

Matthew 25:21

Well done, indeed, Bob!



Samuel "Slim" Thatch

Samuel "Slim" Thatch, 76, of Midland, Texas passed away on May 19, 2016.

He was born in Laurel, Mississippi on May 23, 1939 to Newton and Gordinell Thatch. He attended Heidelberg High School. Slim married Linda Kay Bush on December 17, 1960. They were married for 55 years. Slim was active in the oilfield from age 17 until he retired at age 62, where he was known as "Chief."

Slim is preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Roy Thatch; and his sister, Sybil McDonald.

Slim is survived by his wife, Linda; son, Donald "Yogi" Thatch and wife Sarah; daughter, Pam and husband Randy Poston; grandchildren, Randy Poston, Jr. and wife Dani, William Poston and wife Kelly, and James Dennis and wife Connie; and by nine great-grandchildren, Colt, Hayden, Victor Ray, Kasyn, Riley, Kalyn, Presley, Gentry, and Donald.

There will be a visitation on Monday, May 23, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. A service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Robert Frazier officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702.

The family of Samuel Thatch wishes to thank Hospice and nurse Cindy Roach, "Sunshine," for being such a loving, caring nurse.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com* .

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Stephen Schnerier Ash

Stephen S. Ash, distinguished attorney, has announced his retirement and is using his frequent flyer miles to take an out of this world, first class trip. He is going where the miles don't expire and he can continue his many-world travels wining and dining in only the best five star restaurants in the Heavens. As a Ferrari owner and Ferrari Club member for 40 years, he plans to fly and drive the journey.

Steve attended Texas A & M University on a swimming scholarship, after being a Texas State champion at Midland High School. He graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 1972. He served in the Vietnam-era United States Army as a Captain and in the Pennsylvania Unites States Army Reserves.

He began his legal career as an assistant district attorney in El Paso, Texas. He was a Special US Attorney with the Department of the Treasury where he received the Gaitlin Award.

Stephen was the son of Jim and Kate Ash of Midland, Texas and Phoenix, Arizona.

He is survived by his sister, Dr. Kathy Ash Hayden, of Tempe, Arizona, and by two nieces, Jennifer Hayden, Esq. of Denver, Colorado and Stephanie Hayden-Hammond of Golden, Colorado.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, the ACLU, or KBAQ 89.5.

Arrangements by Whitney & Murphy Funeral Home.

Death Notices

Betty Jons

Betty Jons, 85, of Midland, Texas passed away Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Betty was born March 7, 1931 to John and Helen Hall in St. Louis, Missouri.

She is survived by her two daughters, Kay Bancroft and Lori Dawson.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Oil outfit

From 1B

The company Stephens oversaw, however, has not had a significant discovery.

'The Vision and the Calling'

Zion, which has focused exclusively on drilling in Israel, also has worked to inspire the biblically minded to invest — raising money through stock offerings to pay salaries, office leases and drilling costs.

Its founder, John Brown, calls himself a Christian Zionist, or one who believes that establishing the state of Israel was a prerequisite for the return of Christ.

Once a manufacturing executive in Michigan and a self-described alcoholic, Brown had a religious awakening in the early 1980s and moved to Texas, determined to start an oil company, after hearing a sermon suggesting that the Bible revealed a massive oil field lies beneath Israel. After losing so much of his savings that he resorted to cleaning toilets at his Baptist church, he founded Zion in 2000.

"This is a faith company, created by faith, created by God," Brown, who remains chairman of the board, said in a promotional video for Zion.

Keeping with the Jewish tradition of not destroying and discarding the name of God, Zion's emails often spell it as "G-d" — in case those emails are ever printed out.

In missives posted on Zion's website with titles like "The Vision and the Calling," Brown said he wants to "render assistance" to Israel and ready the land for the return of the Messiah "by providing the oil and gas necessary to help the people of Israel maintain their political and economic independence."

"Zion's management team sees the state of Israel not only as a refuge of Jews but also as the fulfillment of prophecy," an announcer intones in one of the company's promotional videos.

The company went public in 2007, raising more than $12 million in its initial public offering. Since then, Zion has burned through at least $100 million in unsuccessful efforts to discover oil; it's now trading at less than $2 a share, down at least 75 percent from its five-year high.

After attending law school at nights while working as an Amoco production geologist, Carrillo won elections to the Abilene City Council and as Taylor County judge before then-Gov. Rick Perry appointed him in 2003 to the Railroad Commission, the state agency that regulates the oil and gas industry.

Handpicked by Brown, Carrillo joined Zion as president and chief operating officer in 2011.

He became Zion's chief executive in June, embarking on what might be his toughest assignment yet, shepherding nearly 30 employees toward greater glory in a land better known for its dates and olives.

"Can we guarantee success? Absolutely not. All oil and gas projects are risky," Carrillo said. "But there's a good likelihood everything will come together on a biblical basis.

Crude — or olive oil?

Zion was initially inspired to drill in northwest Israel, near the territory of the ancient tribe of Asher, because of a blessing reportedly bestowed by Moses: "Most blessed of sons be Asher; let him be the favorite of his brothers, and let him dip his foot in oil."

Some Bible experts suspect the phrase has more to do with olive oil than crude.

In any case, Zion has recently reworked its drilling strategy, deciding that it had confused some biblical language in identifying potentially oil-rich areas. It will soon begin drilling to the east, south of the Sea of Galilee.

"We all believe that in Genesis, God imparted blessings on the people of Israel and on the land," Carrillo said. "Those blessings include petroleum and natural gas. My role is to help the company find where do we punch the specific holes in the ground to find, in the biblical language, the 'treasures of the deep.'"

The company has taken heart from the discovery, announced in 2010 by Houston-based Noble Energy, of a massive natural gas field off of Israel's shores.

Carrillo joined Zion as an unpaid board member in 2010, when he was still regulating the oil and gas industry as chairman of the Railroad Commission

Ian Steusloff, general counsel of the Texas Ethics Commission, said nothing in Texas law specifically bars a state officer from serving on the board of an entity he or she regulates.

But Craig McDonald, director of Texans for Public Justice, a group that tracks money in politics, said such an arrangement would "rise to a conflict of interest in the minds of many."

Carrillo said he was advised by his chief of staff that nothing precluded him from taking an unpaid board position of a company he regulated. Carrillo was given a paid position soon after leaving office and last year earned about $450,000 in salary and benefits from Zion, according to Securities and Exchange Commission filings; his former chief of staff is now a board member at the company.

As part of his goal to merge geology and theology, Carrillo hired Lee Russell, a geologist who applied for a job at Zion after his wife heard the company mentioned on the broadcast ministry American Family Radio.

"What drives me is what the geology tells me," said Russell, who previously worked for Shell and Arco and said Zion engages in conventional methods of exploration, including fieldwork, geological mapping and seismic data reviews.

"Nobody just sits paging through the Bible looking for hints as to where we ought to go," Russell said. But, he added, "It's been pretty interesting that what geology tells me is not in conflict with what John's biblical vision is."

Asked about coming up dry thus far — the company has drilled at least four exploratory wells, according to 2015 filings with the SEC; none has produced oil or gas in commercial quantities — Carrillo uses the logic of the seasoned oilman: "It's just like any area of the world. Until that first successful oil well is penetrated, there's nothing out there."

Last December, the man who defeated Carrillo in the 2010 primary, David Porter, announced he would not seek re-election to the Railroad Commission. Carrillo said he was briefly tempted to return to politics.

"Of course I love serving the people of Texas and advancing a pro-growth, pro-energy type of philosophy," Carrillo said. "But my main motivation would have been to see if I had the capacity to be elected statewide again. I've progressed faithwise since then, and that's not the proper motivation to seek statewide office."

Zion, he said, "has allowed me to serve my faith and background in one job."

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STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ODESSA

West Texas father accused of spanking son for missed goal

A 31-year-old Odessa man faces a felony charge after allegedly spanking and leaving several welts on his 8-year-old son for missing a goal in a soccer match.

The Odessa American reported that Carlos Jesus Vasquez of Odessa was charged with injury to a child after the boy's grandmother told police Wednesday that the boy's great-grandmother found several dark red welts on the boy's buttocks.

A probable cause affidavit stated the marks "were consistent with being hit with a belt."

The boy told investigators his father hit him 10 to 20 times.

WACO

3 more bikers file suit over Waco shooting involving police

Three bikers arrested after a shooting involving police outside a Waco restaurant have filed lawsuits against local officials, alleging civil rights violations.

The Waco Tribune-Herald reported that Bradley Terwilliger, Benjamin Matcek and Jimmy Dan Smith filed suit Friday in a Travis County federal court seeking unspecified damages.

The suits name McLennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna, Waco Police Chief Brent Stroman, Waco police officer Manuel Chavez and an unidentified Texas Department of Public Safety agent as defendants.

Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland Police Department need help solving a theft. Deputies were called to 4704 E. County Road 137 on May 9 regarding a vehicle theft. A barbecue trailer owned by High Tech Inspection was taken from the side of their office. The trailer is very identifiable, with the company name on both sides and front of the trailer. It is a 20-foot gooseneck dual axle BAT Custom Trailer and has an electric jack system along with a Honda generator, satellite dish, a gas drill and wood pit. The sides open up to make awnings. There are ladders on the rear of the trailer that go up to a top deck. The trailer is valued at more that $64,000.

If you are the first person to call with information leading to the arrest of those involved, it will be worth a $1,000 cash reward. You will remain anonymous and no caller ID is EVER used.

How to submit a secure tip

- **Hotline:** 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP
- **Online:** www.midlandcrimestoppers.com
- **Text:** Text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- **Mobile app on iPhone or Android phones:** Download free app TIP SUBMIT
- **Facebook:** Click 'Submit A Tip' on left side of our Facebook page

Man arrested for allegedly impersonating a public servant

From staff reports

A Fort Worth man was arrested Thursday after allegedly trying to overtake a vehicle by flashing red and blue lights on his truck.

Hugo Gonzalez Avelar, 34, was arrested on a third-degree felony charge of impersonating a public servant.

He was out on bond on Friday, according to court documents.

Midland police witnessed a man driving a black pickup on the 800 block of South Midkiff Road with the tires over the center line, appearing to try to overtake a vehicle directly in front of him, according to the arrest affidavit.

The pickup had two light bars on the front of the grill, and the lights alternated red and blue similar to a police car, according to the affidavit.

Avelar

Police pulled over the driver — later identified as Avelar — who said he worked at an oil site and drove the truck while at work, but was unable to explain the purpose of the lights, according to the affidavit. Avelar allegedly hit the switch that activated the lights. The emergency lights are activated by forcefully pressing a button below the steering wheel, according to the affidavit.

Avelar's passenger was arrested for a warrant from another county, according to the affidavit.

If found guilty of the third-degree felony charge, Avelar could face up to 10 years in prison.

Crime Stoppers fugitive

MICKAEL PEHOUA

DOB: 3-22-1996
Height and weight: 5 feet, 7 inches; 165 pounds
Charge: Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon

Pehoua

- Wanted as of 05-20-2016
- Warrant #F116179
- $500 Reward to the first person who calls Midland Crime Stoppers this week with information that leads to this fugitive's arrest.
- Call 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP, online at midlandcrimestoppers.com or text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- As always you will remain anonymous
- NEVER attempt to apprehend this subject yourself.

Subject may be armed or dangerous.

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed May 9-13 by district Judges George D. Gilles, Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

William Ricardo Abalos, 36, delivery of marijuana, nine months state jail.

Christopher R. Anderson, 26, burglary of a habitction, five years TDCJ.

Larry Donnel Barber, 43, two counts of retaliation, four years TDCJ.

Troy V. Burnett Jr., 36, theft by repetition, nine months state jail; theft by repetition, nine months state jail; theft by repetition, nine months state jail.

Isaiah Cano, 19, tampering with/fabricating physical evidence, four years deferred adjudication, fine, restitution, 300 hours community service, TAIP.

Brayan Gregorio Castro, 20, possession of a controlled substance, four years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, 200 hours community service.

Brandon John Kalalu Cook, 31, theft of property more than $2,500 but less than $30,000, eight months state jail, restitution.

Charlie Wayne Gamel, 57, driving while intoxicated third or more times, three years TDCJ, restitution, driver's license suspended for 180 days.

Deandre Treshaun Gill, 19, tampering with physical evidence, adjudicate and revoke, two years TDCJ.

Rasheeta Quativia Green, 24, forgery, 12 months state jail; robbery, deferred adjudication 10 years, fine, 300 hours community service.

Gregory Golden, 54, theft by repetition, six months state jail.

Rodolfo David Guadalcazar, 18, evading arrest/detention with a motor vehicle, deferred adjudication three years, fine, 300 hours community service, TAIP.

Megalena Gutierrez, 24, evading arrest/detention with a motor vehicle, continue supervision, 10 days jail, AA meetings; assault on a public servant, continue supervision, 10 days jail, AA meetings.

Fabian Hernandez, 25, evading arrest/detention with previous conviction, six months state jail; possession of a controlled substance, adjudicate and revoke, six months state jail.

Martina Liana Leal, 24, engaging in organized criminal activity, extend supervision one year, 10 days jail.

Lazaro Salgado Loya, 40, failure to register as sex offender life/annually, four years deferred adjudication, fine, 300 hours community service.

Lorenzo Manuel-Marco Lucatero, 19, possession of a controlled substance, two years deferred adjudication, TAIP.

John Martin Martinez, 44, theft of property more than $15,000 but less than $20,000, 15 months state jail; failure to appear, three years TDCJ.

Anthony Steve Meridyth, 32, tampering with physical evidence, 10 years TDCJ suspended six years probation, fine, restitution, 300 hours community service, TAIP.

Michelle Lawless Moore, 50, possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone, 10 years TDCJ suspended four years probation, 75 days jail, fine, restitution, 240 hours community service.

Naomi Yvette Olgin, 25, theft of property more than $20,000 but less than $100,000, 10 years TDCJ suspended 10 years probation, restitution, 300 hours community service.

Lamarcus Artemas Owens, 33, burglary of a habitation, extend supervision two years, SAFTF.

Wayne Eugene Owens, 30, two counts sexual assault of a child, 10 years TDCJ.

Leonardo Perez-Calderon, 32, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication five years, fine, restitution, 300 hours community service.

Rosario M. Portillo, 41, evading arrest/detention with previous conviction, 10 months state jail.

Brenda Christina Ramirez, 31, forgery of a financial instrument, nine months state jail, restitution; burglary of a habitation, three years TDCJ; burglary of a habitation, three years TDCJ; forgery of a financial instrument, nine months state jail, restitution.

Mayra Michelle Rey, 23, burglary of a habitation, 23, extend supervision one year, 75 days jail, SAFTF.

John Thomas Riggins IV, 29, assault family violence with previous convictions, adjudicate, 10 years TDCJ suspended three years probation, fine, 150 hours community service.

Edgar Ricardo Rivera-Alviderez, 23, theft of property less than $200,000, deferred adjudication three years, fine, 150 hours community service.

Don Elbert Scott, 53, forgery, six months state jail.

Ladislao Vejar Soto Jr., 26, injury to a child, two years TDCJ.

Angel Trevino Torres, 31, evading arrest/detention with a motor vehicle, deferred adjudication four years, fine, 150 hours community service.

Manuel Valenzuela, 34, assault on a public servant, two years and three months TDCJ.

Jose Eduardo Villela, 20, evading arrest in a motor vehicle, two years deferred adjudication, fine, 150 hours community service, driver's license suspended for 150 days.

Keisha Denise Watkins, 30, tampering with physical evidence, five years TDCJ.

Dixie Dawn Yearicks, 39, two counts theft of service more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, adjudicate and revoke, six months state jail.

Samuel Zubia, 33, possession of a controlled substance, seven months state jail.

[TDCJ = Texas Department of Criminal Justice; TAIP = treatment alternative to incarceration program; CRTC = court residential treatment center; ISP = intensive supervision parole]

Source: Midland County District Attorney's Office

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Richard E. Biggerstaff Jr., 42, of Midland was charged May 12 with stalking.

Francisco Diaz, 30, was charged May 12 with driving while intoxicated with child under 15 years of age.

Segundo C. Diaz, 67, of Midland was charged May 12 with forgery of a government financial instrument.

Xavier D. Grogan, 19, of Midland was charged May 12 with failure to appear, bail jumping.

Ramiro Salazar III, 18, of Midland was charged May 13 with racing on highway causing bodily injury.

Heriberto Torres-Guel, 22, was charged May 13 with tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.

Abraham Valenzuela, 23, of Midland was charged May 13 with possession of a controlled substance under 200 grams.

Triston K. Vincent, 19, of Midland was charged May 13 with two counts of theft of a firearm, prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility, and sexual assault of a child.

Jesus G. Garza, 47, was charged May 14 with driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Dana D. Jordan, 28, of Midland was charged May 14 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram and tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.

Christina R. Masdon, 33, of Midland was charged May 14 with driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age.

Jason Menefee, 37, was charged May 14 with manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Jesse Orona, 21, of Odessa was charged May 14 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Jesus A. Silva-Chavira, 22, of Midland was charged May 14 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Nathan D. Southerland, 21, of Midland was charged May 14 with unlicensed carry of a weapon.

Earemo Tamez, 26, of Midland was charged May 14 with two counts of manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance under 200 grams and possession of marijuana under 5 pounds.

Jolee D. Williams Sr., 54, of Midland was charged May 14 with evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.

Esquivel M. Cruz, 34, of Midland was charged May 15 with driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Alan J. Norris, 48, of Midland was charged May 15 with driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Jenny L. Plaza, 31, was charged May 15 with driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age.

Jorge O. Rivero, 31, of Pecos was charged May 15 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Dustin K. Suiter, 29, of Odessa was charged May 15 with evading arrest/detention with vehicle.

Justin L. Thornton, 21, was charged May 15 with abandonment/endangerment of a child, criminal negligence.

Jason T. Womack, 30, of Midland was charged May 15 with assault of a family/house member impeding breath.

Miguel A. Cruz Esquivel, 34, of Midland was charged May 17 with driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Kaylie S. Stroud, 20, of Midland was charged May 17 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

John H. White, 24, of Midland was charged May 17 with tampering with/fabricating physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Rachel R. Allen, 18, of Odessa was charged May 18 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Shane P. Gracco, 43, of Midland was charged May 18 with possession of a controlled substance under 200 grams and tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.

Johnny R. Marmolejo Jr., 29, of Midland was charged May 18 with possession of a controlled substance under 200 grams and possession of marijuana under 5 pounds.

William P. Snipes Jr., 49, of Midland was charged May 18 with two counts of theft under $1,500.

Anthony L. Adams, 32, of Odessa was charged May 19 with theft under $20,000.

Billy J. Applin, 54, of Midland was charged May 19 with theft of property under $1,500 and possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Aaron J. Chambers, 21, of Midland was charged May 19 with possession of a controlled substance under 200 grams.

Miranda A. Fabela, 18, of Midland was charged May 19 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Josue Gonzalez, 21, of Midland was charged May 19 with manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance under 28 grams.

Hugo Gonzalez-Avelar, 34, of Fort Worth was charged May 19 with impersonating/exercising the function of a public servant.

Jose A. Hernandez Jr., 28, of Midland was charged May 19 with unauthorized use of vehicle and two counts of possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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But last week we received a frantic email from a church wanting to know who could help with formula. A man approached the church office late one afternoon with the same old story. We told the church employee to tell the man to call us and we would be sure the baby got formula. She told us that she passed our helpline number along to him and he assured her that he would call right away. Of course he never did. We are quite convinced that it is the same man or group of men who "worked" the churches back then.

Please be on the alert and do not fall prey to this predator. Midland is swarming with these panhandlers right now. They are on all of the major intersections in Midland holding their little cardboard signs. They stand outside of major retailers with signs like "my husband left me and the kids." They prey on your sympathy.

The truth is that in Midland there is abundant help available for anyone with a legitimate need. Homeless men and women have places like the Salvation Army. Homeless women, with or without children, have the Genesis Center, as well as other places. Helping Hands, First Presbyterian benevolence, First Baptist benevolence and St. Vincent de Paul and many local churches offer assistance for those needing help with housing. Entire families can receive help from Family Promise. By calling 2-1-1 one can get an extensive list of places where one can go to get a food box and free hot meals are offered at the Salvation Army, Midland Soup Kitchen and Breaking Bread ministries.

Help is available. Rather than giving money to a person on the street who asks for a handout, please prayerfully consider using those funds to support the agencies that are trained to assist those who have legitimate needs.

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Nutrition Reporter™

by Jack Challem

Low Vitamin D Levels Raise Riskof Death from Multiple Causes

If you want to increase your risk of death in any given year, having a vitamin D deficiency will certainly boost your chances. Conversely, maintaining normal levels of the vitamin will lower your risk of death.

Ben Schöttker, PhD, of the German Cancer Research Center, Heidelberg, along with a multi-nation team of collaborators, analyzed data from eight published studies of vitamin D and mortality. Those studies, which were conducted in the United States and Europe, included a total of 16,018 men and women ages 50-79 years. In those studies, a total of 2,624 people died from cardiovascular diseases, and 2,227 died from cancer.

They found that vitamin D levels varied by season, country, and sex—men had higher blood levels of the vitamin compared with women.

Overall, people with the lowest levels of vitamin D were 57 percent more likely to die from any cause, including cardiovascular disease over four to 16 years of follow up. People with a history of cancer were 70 percent more likely to die if they had low levels of the vitamin, compared with people who had relatively high levels.

Reference: Schöttker B, Jorde R, Peasey A, et al. Vitamin D and mortality: meta-analysis of individual participant data from a large consortium of cohort studies from Europe and the United States. BMJ. 2014; doi:10.1136/bmj.g3658.

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Helen Estes, 101, gets to cross another item off her bucket list, ride a camel, Thursday as Texas Camel Corps brought a camel for her to ride outside Polo Park Estates.

CAMEL RIDE

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team will try to bring the dream to life.

"We're trying to do it for other people," said Lee Stanley, community management team member. "We told them that we can't send them to Hawaii for a week, but if we can get a camel, we can do pretty good."

Estes, who taught in Midland schools, cherishes the opportunity to do activities she couldn't do earlier in West Texas. When she was a child, she never learned to ride a bicycle because of the lack of paved roads, so she hopped on a motorcycle at 97. The same principle applies to her camel ride on Thursday. When asked about her next adventure, she mentioned sailing around Niagara Falls, though she admits it's far-fetched.

"I saw Niagara Falls a few years ago, but I missed the opportunity to sail around it," Estes said. "That's out of the question. When I was there a few years ago, I thought it would be wonderful to go behind it, but not a lot of people get to experience the falls, and that was great."

Estes said her family is very supportive of her ventures, saying they would likely have the same attitude of her late husband: "If you want to do it, go ahead and do it."

Looking back on all of her experiences, Estes encourages others to try and take all of the sporadic opportunities life offers. With her track record, it wouldn't be inconceivable for Estes to figure out a way to eventually accomplish her next goal by sailing behind Niagara Falls.

"I think if people, within reason, don't do some of the things that they wished they could do, they're missing something," Estes said. "Now, I never got an opportunity to experience a lot, but anytime I thought there was something that I would like to do, I would have been sorry had I not done it."

Town's former police chief convicted of stalking, battery

Associated Press

ROSWELL, N.M. — A small southeastern New Mexico town's former police chief has been convicted of stalking and battery charges in a case that a prosecutor said involved abuse of authority to pursue women.

A Magistrate Court jury late Thursday convicted former Dexter Police Chief Mario R. Contreras of petty misdemeanor battery and misdemeanor stalking. The jury acquitted him of another stalking count, and two other battery counts were dismissed previously.

Magistrate Judge E.J. Fouratt then sentenced Contreras to 20 days in jail, a 11-2-year probation term and ordered Contreras to perform 40 hours of community service and make a $500 donation to a shelter for domestic violence and sexual assault victims.

Defense attorney S. Doug Jones Witt said Contreras will appeal. He remains free on bond.

Contreras, 45, was put on leave when New Mexico State Police began an investigation after women complained that he stalked them, made crude gestures and touched them inappropriately. The town later fired Contreras.

The Roswell Daily Record reported that jurors heard testimony that Contreras tickled one woman's foot during a Town Council meeting, caressed the hand of a convenience store worker's hand and made sexual advances toward another worker.

District Attorney Andrea Reeb said she'll ask state officials to revoke Contreras' certification as a law enforcement officer.

The prosecutor said Contreras used his position as a police officer to intimidate and harass women and that conduct should not be tolerated.

"He's a police officer running around Dexter abusing his power with his badge," Reeb told jurors.

Contreras testified that he didn't recall doing anything wrong, and Jones Witt said his client may have flirted with women but that the allegations didn't amount to criminal conduct.

"Let's just assume that he's a flirt," Jones Witt said in closing arguments. "Touching someone's leg is not equal to battery. What episode of the 'Twilight Zone' have I officially tuned in to?"

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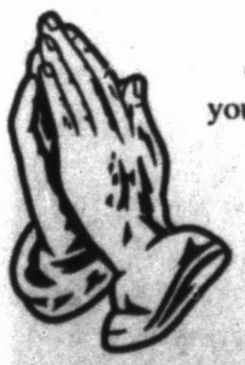

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Police: Boy, 7, fatally struck by vehicle in Hidalgo County

Associated Press

WESLACO — Police say an investigation continues into the death of a 7-year-old boy who died after being struck by a vehicle in Hidalgo County.

The Brownsville Herald reported that Weslaco police responded to a report of a crash around 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Sgt. Bernie Garza said authorities believe the unidentified child was riding his bicycle in the parking lot of an apartment complex when he rode in front of an SUV driven by a 37-year-old woman.

Garza said the child was taken to a hospital in Harlingen where he later died of his injuries.

Memo: El Paso candidate sent nude photos using work email

Associated Press

EL PASO — A woman running for the job of El Paso's county tax assessor-collector was once punished and reprimanded for sending pornographic emails from her county work account, documents obtained by a newspaper show.

A 2001 disciplinary action memo showed that Siria Rocha was suspended for a day without pay and reprimanded for emails with nude photos of muscular men, "'off-color jokes' and cartoons to pictures of nudity and sexual activity."

The county released documents Friday, the result of an open records request, from Rocha's county personnel file from when she worked for the El Paso County Attorney's Office, The El Paso Times reported.

Rocha's runoff opponent in Tuesday's Democratic primary, incumbent Ruben P. Gonzalez, gave the documents to the newspaper.

Rocha told the newspaper that the emails were old and that she "took full responsibility from these careless mistakes made in my 20s."

The documents list more than 200 emails sent and received in summer 2001 not related to county business.

The emails were forwarded to other county employees, were inappropriate, violated policy and could bring sexual harassment complaints, the memo said.

The emails had the signature line "Siria Rocha. Hospital Collections Analyst. El Paso County Hospital District Legal Unit."

"This is absolutely unacceptable and inexcusable," states the memo, which is signed by El Paso's county attorney.

It also said Rocha was suspended for one day without pay.

A separate Jan. 28, 1998, disciplinary memo stated that Rocha was given a warning for having a poor working relationship with co-workers, soliciting campaign contributions during work hours and asking a county investigator "to find out everything he could about the owner of a particular license plate."

"I sent some emails in an attempt at harmless humor to be shared among friends and requested what I thought was public information regarding a license plate," Rocha said in a statement Friday.

Immigration cases deluge New Mexico federal courts

Associated Press

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Criminal felony immigration cases in New Mexico's federal courts have ballooned in the last five years, according to a recent research study on U.S. courts.

Judges in federal court in Las Cruces, which receives the majority of the New Mexico federal district immigration cases, have been dealing with a huge backlog of cases involving deported immigrants who re-enter.

The Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University, a nonpartisan research organization that focuses on federal government spending and staffing, found an 80 percent jump in such cases in New Mexico.

According to a compilation of U.S. court statistics, New Mexico courts handled 3,749 cases in 2015.

Compare that to 2,078 cases in 2011.

In Las Cruces, U.S. Judge Robert Brack thought the appointment of Judge Kenneth Gonzales in 2013 would alleviate his caseload.

But Brack handled 1,800 cases last year. Gonzales handled 1,600 — most of which were immigration-related.

Judge William "Chip" Johnson, of Albuquerque, was recruited to visit and handle several hundred. Johnson said a federal judge elsewhere would usually preside over 75 cases a year.

Judges, prosecutors and other experts said the increase is partly due to a rise in border apprehensions, according to the Albuquerque Journal.

Another is the U.S. Attorney's ability to prosecute nearly all re-entries as felonies as part of a "fast-track" program.

Also, New Mexico judges typically give out shorter or "time served" sentences if a border-crosser has no criminal record or drug charges.

Other border districts such as in Texas and Arizona tend to charge immigrants in the country illegally with misdemeanors. In those cases, they can get jail sentences of four to six months.

"I think we should have a uniform policy across the border," Johnson said. "Each district has done it differently in the 14½ years that I have been a federal district judge."

Felony prosecutions do deter people from coming back illegally, U.S. Attorney for New Mexico Damon Martinez said.

"If the person comes back after receiving that felony, that ratchets up the potential for jail time or incarceration," Martinez said. "And each time they come back, the consequences get worse. That is the deterrent effect of having that felony in place."

San Antonio food bank, federal parks join to provide produce

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Food Bank and the National Park Service are joining forces for a project that will provide up to about 500,000 pounds of fresh produce annually to feed the hungry.

The partnership will use historic water rights and farmland at Mission San Juan in San Antonio Missions National Historical Park.

Longtime mission priest Jim Galvin told the San Antonio Express-News that he never imagined the food bank would partner with the national parks "to benefit so many people."

"This mission is making a statement to say, 'We are here as an asset that can be used to benefit our community,'" food bank president and CEO Eric Cooper said.

"It's leveraging its resource to set food on the table for those in need."

Under the agreement, the food bank will maintain a five-acre demonstration farm to grow corn and other historic crops, using labor-intensive irrigation canals.

It also will use 45 acres to grow whatever fruits and vegetable it chooses, with the help of pumps and modern techniques.

Park superintendent Mardi Arce said the project caps a 35-year dream of restoring agricultural use of the farmland to benefit visitors.

In the 1700s, the fields were maintained by indigenous mission inhabitants and irrigated with acequias, carefully engineered irrigation ditches that were hand-dug to carry water from the San Antonio River to the farmland.

Spanish law required the excess water channeled back to the river.

The food bank, the largest hunger relief operation in South Texas that networks with 530 nonprofits and with programs in 16 counties, seemed to be an ideal partner, Arce said.

The food bank is seeking volunteers to help prep the land and help with planting and harvesting.

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candles and mojo bags to take to the casinos.

"We have a lot of people coming in looking for financial stability," said Esther Sanchez, whose co-worker Crissy Schutz recently returned to Stanley Drug after losing her oil field job.

"The tone has got more serious," said May, who has worked a variety of jobs, including as an oil and gas accountant. "We went from selling a lot of 'get a man' candles to 'I need a job.' We sell a lot of 'steady work' candles."

Some people fear May because they believe she has unlimited power to do evil, despite her wide smile, halo of gray hair and folksy ways (she runs a holistic farm on the side).

She said enemies have left evil handiwork in the parking lot: feces, occult candles, dead animals.

May keeps a pistol-grip shotgun in the corner of her office. The shop has no public restroom because, she said, "You can do the worst evil against someone in their bathroom." She practices what she preaches, but only the good spells.

"Doing evil rarely pays," she said.

Last year, a Mexican woman arrived with a child in tow, looking for a candle to protect her from an abusive, drug-addicted husband who worked for the notoriously violent Zetas cartel. This was no time for candles.

May and her employees told the woman to disappear. She took their advice, and months later called to say she was safe.

"It's a really stressful job because you hear everybody's problems. It's like being a psychiatrist," May said.

Employees won't stay after hours, having seen one too many shadows lurking. Recently, four customers insisted they saw a man resembling the former owner, May's late uncle, Wayne Ford, stroll past his framed portrait and into the back room.

May described Ford as a flamboyant gay man who discovered the shop while working as a tour guide. He bought the place and ran it for 15 years, holding court outside, puffing on Virginia Slims cigarettes and sipping Diet Coke, at times in a caftan.

"They called him Dr. Ford," May recalled of his loyal customers. "People with real serious problems would go straight to him."

Ford typed dozens of recipes into a manual that employees memorized, including instructions for making "evil-removing bath salts," "seven African powers spray" and "law-stay-away" candles. Sanchez, who studied at Ford's knee, told a customer how to make his charmed candles work.

For love, he had to read Psalm 23 ("The Lord is my shepherd ...") and the Song of Solomon nine times a day. For the second "stay away" spell, he had to recite Psalms 100 and 59 ("Deliver me from my enemies, O God ...").

He needed two candles: one for love, one for "stay away."

"You can't mix things to draw and repel," she explained. "You're contradicting."

The man sighed, then paid $16 for two candles. Scores more were burning in the windowless black altar room, warm and fragrant as a hothouse.

The parking lot was packed with customers. One woman took a cab and kept it idling while she rubbed the belly of a lucky Buddha on the front desk and placed her order.

She took her place in line beside a cancer patient with a silky scarf wrapped around her head and a construction worker in a reflective shirt.

Also waiting: a Baptist in a pressed white T-shirt and red shorts who drove from out of state to spend $80 on a lucky candle and other items to help sell his vintage white 1970s convertible with tan ostrich interior.

In the back, oils used to dress candles lined the walls: narcissus, black tulip, myrrh and more.

"If you need big money," May said, flipping through a well-worn Rolodex of typed recipes, "it's violet and bayberry."

Sanchez was busy pouring oils onto a candle designed to "release money to me." The recipe: a third "control," a third "money-drawing" and a third King Solomon oil.

"What's in control?" May asked.

"Orange blossom," Sanchez replied as the sweet smell filled the air. "She's trying to win the bingo."

A rattlesnake skin lay coiled in a zip-lock bag tacked to the wall.

"Snakes can be for good or evil," May explained, and the skins can be filled with nutmeg and other lucky items, then sealed with bayberry wax to make mojo bags, the charms blues singers lament losing or having used against them.

"There's actually spells to put snakes in the body," May said as she passed a hunk of brown beeswax used, she explained matter-of-factly, to make small figurines.

Stanley Drug can't always give customers what they want. Those who come searching for human skulls or mercury for their mojo bags won't find it here, although staff will tell you an old Mercury dime works just as well.

May recalled a woman who burned candle after candle, spending good money after bad trying to prevent her house from being foreclosed.

"I said you need to just step back, a door is going to open," May said.

The house was eventually sold at auction — to the woman's brother, who returned it to her.

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for an override.

"Sometimes people, even if they voted for the bill, are hesitant to vote to override the governor's veto because of their concern about the governor being petty and vindictive and vetoing some of their legislation," Dahm said.

Republican Senate President Pro Tem Brian Bingman, who voted for the bill, said Friday that he supported it because it's an anti-abortion measure, but was noncommittal whether he would vote for a veto override.

"We're working with the governor on the budget, so there's got to be some strategy involved there," Bingman said. "I want to support the governor as much as I can. At the same time, I want to support our members, so I'll have to think on that."

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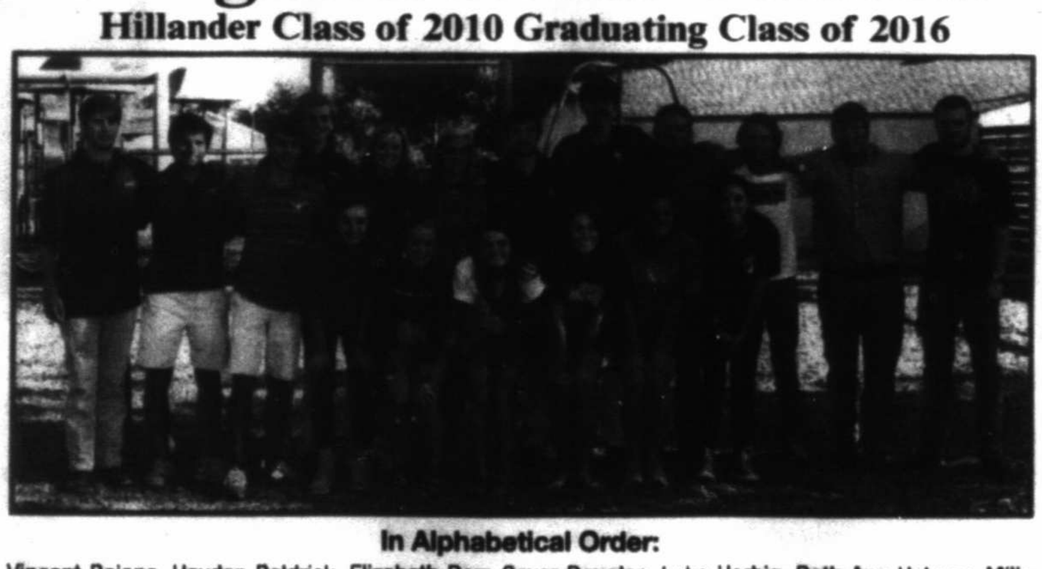

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FRIDAY: Sunny — High: 89 Low: 63

Local forecast

There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms today through Monday night, with hail and high winds expected today, according to the National Weather Service.

The record high for May 21 is 105 set in 1953. The record low is 49 set in 1967. On May 21 of last year, the high was 57 and the low was 51.

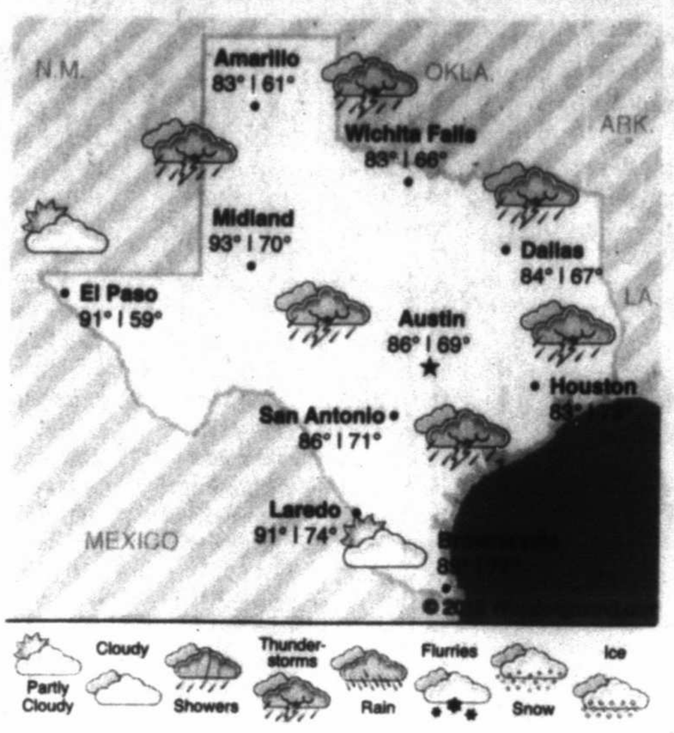
Weather brief

Global warming is starving West Coast waters of oxygen

Just west of Los Angeles, decimated populations of spiny rockfish rummage for prey among bush-like corals. Cold currents from deep valleys wash nutrients between the Channel Islands, fertilizing plants that are eaten by fish. The fish are eaten by dolphins and pelicans and served with fries to diners watching ocean sunsets from Venice Beach.

Rockfish populations that crashed off the southern Californian coast in the 1990s have been protected by fishing rules and marine parks. But climate change is making a natural threat to the fish even worse.

As atmospheric pollution warms the planet and its seas, oxygen levels are declining in the oceans, making it harder for the bottom-dwelling fish to breathe.



Precipitation

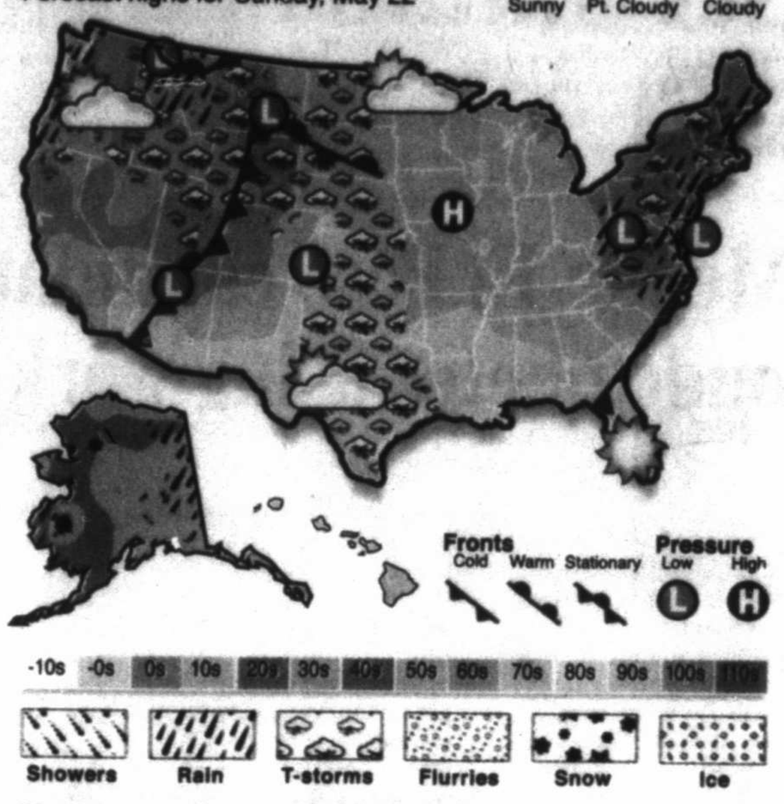
Friday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.26 in.
Year total	2.53 in.
Normal total (year to date)	3.53 in.

Saturday's temperatures

High	93
Low	68
Normal high	89
Normal low	61
Sunrise	6:47 a.m.
Sunset	8:44 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, May 22



Showers And Storms Over The Northeast

Florida reefs are dissolving much sooner than expected

Associated Press

It wasn't supposed to happen this fast.

Some of the reefs around the Florida Keys are dissolving. They may have crossed a tipping point due to increasing ocean acidification, raising the alarm that climate change impacts in the ocean are continuing to happen at a much quicker pace than scientists previously suspected.

Rising carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere are making seas more acidic. That makes it harder for coral to build up their skeletons.

Scientists expected that the rising tide of acidic waters would cross a tipping point and start dissolving reefs by mid-century. But some of Florida's reefs appear to be getting a head start, according to research published in Global Biogeochemical Cycles on Monday.

Scientists sampled seven sites across the 300-mile stretch of reefs stretching from Miami south to Key West. The findings show that the northern stretches of the reefs and their limestone bases are already dissolving.

"Those reefs are starting to waste away," Chris Landon, a researcher at the University of Miami who helped lead research, said. "Each year there will be a little less limestone than the year before."

Many of the other reefs in the study are dissolving in fall and winter when ocean waters tend to be more acidic due to natural processes like seagrass dying off. Only the two southernmost reefs that he sampled are still building up mass year-round.

The loss of these reefs is a very real concern for people living in the region. According to the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, the reefs there provide an estimated $2 billion in income and 70,400 jobs. They are home to a variety of fish and provide protection against storm surge to the millions of residents in southeast Florida.

"This is a really important study for understanding when net dissolution will start occurring on a coral reef," Emily Shaw, a reef researcher at California State, Northridge, said. She noted that the localized analysis provided a clearer view than more typical global analyses of ocean acidification.

Derek Manzello, a scientist at the Atlantic Oceanographic and Atmospheric Marine Laboratory, said the results were in line with his findings from a 2012 study. He said the main driver of the decline, however, was more likely "that much of the live coral has been lost in the Florida Keys since the early 1980s owing to disease and bleaching." That weakened the reef's limestone base enough so that they could dissolve more readily.

Bleaching poses another stress to reefs, not just in Florida, but around the globe. This year was the longest global coral bleaching event on record, including a vast swath of the Great Barrier Reef. Recent research showed that bleaching in the Great Barrier Reef was 175 times more likely because of climate change. Some of the most pristine reefs on the planet were also decimated by this winter's bleaching event.

Scientists have started looking at what coral beat the heat in hopes of creating super corals that can survive in our warming oceans. But Langdon's research shows that their efforts could be for naught because ocean acidification could eat away at the building blocks those corals will need to flourish (or at least survive).

PHOTO: This two-picture combo provided by the University of Miami, top, and Chris Langdon, shows the Carysfort Reef in Florida in 1976 and 2016. Increasingly acidic seawater from global warming is now dissolving a tiny part of the limestone framework for delicate coral reef in the upper Florida Keys, much earlier than scientists expected, a new study found. ***Chris Langdon and the University of Miami via AP***

Stunning cloud maps tell the story of life on Earth

Associated Press

Clouds might seem like a nuisance if you're headed on a Sunday afternoon picnic. But put aside your personal biases for a second and consider this: clouds can also tell the story of life on earth.

That story has become a lot clearer thanks to new maps created by scientists that document a global year in the clouds in more intimate detail than ever before. The maps — a cloud atlas if you will — provide a fine-grained view of how clouds move around in our atmosphere and represent an important link between climate and ecological research. They're also pretty easy on the eyes.

It turns out, England is indeed cloudy for most of the year while most of the Bay Area's clouds show up in February. Adam Wilson, a researcher at the University of Buffalo who helped create the cloud atlas, joked that you could use the maps to settle bets between friends on who lives in the cloudiest place.

But beyond bets and bragging rights, Wilson said the maps also provide a tool for tracking life around the planet. It turns out that the different biomes of the world from deserts to mountains to cloud forests all have their own special patterns of clouds, patterns that can be instrumental to studying the patterns of life itself.

"I wasn't expecting the signal of the biomes would stand out so stark globally," Wilson said. "The Mediterranean, southwest Africa, Australia, they all pop out as a totally different. That's not scientifically amazing but seeing it for the first time in a map was just striking."

There have been other efforts to get fine-grained cloud data in the past, but they've been marred by being limited to the tropics or getting false positives of clouds in snowy areas. Wilson and colleagues at Yale created a new analysis of satellite data captured at a 1-kilometer resolution by NASA everyday for the past 15 years to shine a light on the cloudy skies.

The new data analysis helps bridge a big divide between the climate and ecology communities. Ecologists track plants and animals across the planet at a very fine scale, sometimes looking at a few square feet of soil, but climate science often provides data at a much larger spatial scale. With the new dataset, ecologists' understanding of the climate factors that affect life has vastly expanded.

And because it's satellite data, the majority of the globe is covered including places that might be lacking on-the-ground measurements like rainforests and deserts in developing countries. Those areas are also home to a number of threatened and endangered species that will face growing pressure from climate change.

"Having the best possible environmental data will lead to best species model distribution approach," he said, noting that that modeling could in turn help inform management decisions.

Species distribution modeling incorporates a whole host of environmental data from climate to the type of soil on the ground to get a better view of where individual plants and animals live. Wilson and his colleagues recently authored a study that plugged the new cloud data into a model for two species and found it helped improved their range estimates.

"One thing that's been a disconnect between the climate community and the ecological community is this gap in spatial resolution," he said. "Using remote sensing like we've done that's capable of directly observing cloud cover is how we can get down to fine spatial resolution."

Climate change is expected to put more stress on plants and animals. That means decisions on how to manage them, what areas to conserve and whether and where to relocate threatened species will take on ever greater importance. The new data could help answer some of those pressing questions.

Because the data is publicly available, users beyond the ecological realm can also play around with it. Wilson told Vox there could be a whole host of applications in the solar industry, which perhaps not surprisingly has a lot invested in the sunny side equation.

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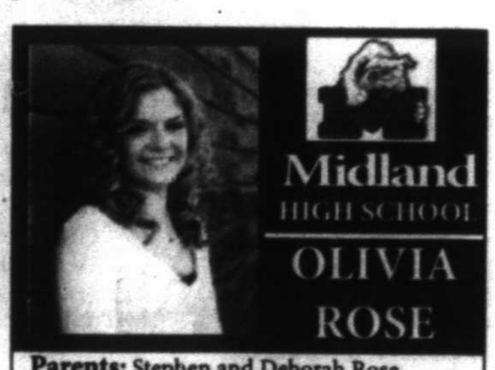

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Lee battles back to win series vs. Weatherford

Blessie

Payton

By Will Korn
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ABILENE — With its back against the wall after a 5-2 loss against Weatherford on Friday, the Lee baseball team turned to two of its senior starters to try to keep the Rebels' season alive on Saturday.

In what were probably the most important starts in each of their careers, right-hander Blake Blessie and southpaw Chapman Payton did just that at Hardin-Simmons University's Hunter Field.

Blessie fired an eight-hit, six-inning shutout to help Lee to a 3-0 victory in Game 2 of a Class 6A regional quarterfinal series against the Kangaroos. Then in the winner-take-all third game, Payton allowed one run on six hits in seven innings, as Lee's 8-1 win sent the Rebels to the regional semifinals.

Weatherford ended its season with a 24-11 mark.

Lee (26-8) will next take on Coppell — the No. 1-ranked team in the nation according to Baseball America — in the semifinal. It could either be a one-game playoff or a best-of-three series and the time and location have not yet been determined.

Blessie said his team never felt rattled after Friday's Game 1 loss. He and his teammates knew they weren't out of the series.

"We still had confidence in what we were going to do today," said Blessie, who struck out three and walked one. "So I just went out there and I said, 'I'm just going to throw strikes and let my defense work' and they did exactly that. All the credit to the defense, making no errors and every single play."

The Rebels scored one run in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings of Game 2.

Adam Becker's RBI single to center got Lee on the board in the fourth. A towering solo home run by John Wuthrich that cleared the left field scoreboard made it 2-0 in the fifth.

In the top of the sixth, Blessie singled to center to make it 3-0 Lee.

Wuthrich, who finished the series 4-for-10 with the home run, two doubles and two RBI, said he had plenty of faith in his team's offense on Saturday.

"We've played a lot of baseball together since we were little kids," Wuthrich said. "We've done it before, (make a comeback) when it was Little League, select, we've done it before and we knew we could do it (again)."

To start Game 3, Payton immediately found himself in trouble with a bases-loaded, two-out jam in the top of the first. But a timely ground ball ended the Kangaroos' threat.

All afternoon, Payton kept the ball down in the zone and was the beneficiary of two double play ground balls. The Lee defense struggled mightily — committing five errors — but as he has done for most of the season,

Please see LEE/4C

Nyquist denied Crown

Associated Press

Kent Desormeaux riding Exaggerator is congratulated by Corey Lanerie atop Cherry Wine after the 141st Preakness Stakes horse race at Pimlico Race Course on Saturday in Baltimore. Exaggerator won the race.

Exaggerator beats Nyquist in Preakness

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Exaggerator has finally beaten Nyquist, and it came in the Preakness on Saturday to end any chance of another Triple Crown.

Seizing the lead at the top of the stretch, Exaggerator splashed past the tiring Kentucky Derby winner and went on for a 3 1/2-length victory over Cherry Wine on a rain-drenched Pimlico Race Course.

Exaggerator's elusive victory over his nemesis came after four tough losses, including a runner-up finish to Nyquist in the Derby. Nyquist finished third.

"I had a dream trip today," jockey Kent Desormeaux said. "It was an amazing race, and Exaggerator is an amazing horse."

The day began on a somber note. Two horses died and a jockey was injured in the first four races, one of the horses bred and owned by the owners of the ill-fated Barbaro.

Sent off as the 3-5 favorite in the 11-horse field, Nyquist dueled with Uncle Lino for the lead through the first mile of the 1 3/16th-mile second leg of the Triple Crown.

And then it was all Exaggerator — no kidding.

The 3-year-old son of two-time Horse of the Year Curlin trailed by 13 lengths at one point but kept gaining ground along the rail. Desormeaux saw an opening around the final turn, angled outside and Exaggerator took over.

In winning his third Preakness, Desormeaux was grateful for a perfect trip that ended Nyquist's perfect record.

"To me it looked like Nyquist was trying to establish an outward position, maybe in the four path," Desormeaux said. "He was jockeying for position all the way down the back side. And Exaggerator just kind of slid up the fence to the far turn where I actually got to slow him down and say, 'Whenever I'm ready.'"

Stradivari was fourth, followed by Lani, Laoban, Uncle Lino, Fellowship, Awesome Speed, Collected and Abiding

Please see PREAKNESS/6C

Koepka overcomes Spieth for lead at Nelson

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

IRVING — Brooks Koepka knew all those spectators lined several deep along the fairways and around the greens were there to cheer for one his playing partners.

Many of them were lugging around some of the 8,000 Jordan Spieth bobbleheads given away Saturday at the Byron Nelson or using hand-held fans with his picture. They also got to watch the third-round leader play.

Koepka overcame two early bogeys and the huge shadow of playing alongside Spieth in his home event, shooting a 5-under 65 and matching the Nelson's best 54-hole score at 16-under 194. He had a two-stroke lead over Spieth going into Sunday's final round when they will be paired together again.

"Doesn't really bother me. I mean he's got a lot of support which is cool to see," said Koepka, describing himself as a chilled athlete. "He has grown up here. ... He should."

Spieth played his first PGA Tour event at the Nelson as a 16-year-old amateur six years ago. He is now the world's No. 2-ranked player and his image is everywhere at TPC Four Seasons, including those treasured bobbleheads and on signage for AT&T, which sponsors him and this tournament.

Playing in the final threesome with Spieth and second-round leader Ben Crane, Koepka hit his first drive way left on the way to an opening bogey. There were birdies at Nos. 3 and 5, but Koepka followed with another bogey at No. 6 when he hit his first two shots into the rough.

But Koepka was bogey-free the rest of the day and took the lead with a 20-foot birdie at the difficult 405-yard 14th hole. Spieth drained a 23-foot putt there to salvage a bogey after hitting his drive into the water and having to punch a shot back into the fairway.

"Powerful. Fearless and powerful," Spieth said when asked to describe Koepka's game.

Matt Kuchar (65), Bud Cauley (68) and Sergio Garcia (68) were tied for third at 13 under.

Crane, who turned 40 in March, shot 72 and dropped to 10 under and in a tie

Please see NELSON/5C

Dutchover loses in Golden Gloves final

From staff reports

SALT LAKE CITY — Midland High senior Michael Dutchover lost a 5-0 unanimous decision to Maliek Montgomery in the championship bout of the 132-pound weight division at the Golden Gloves National Tournament of Champions on Saturday night.

Dutchover

Dutchover had reached the championship bout after winning three fights between Wednesday and Friday.

However, Dutchover faced a tough foe in Montgomery, of Knoxville, Tennessee, rated No. 1 in USA Boxing's Elite Male rankings.

Trainer Frank Lujan said Dutchover faced a challenge because Montgomery had more big fight experience at this level. Lujan believed experience was the deciding factor in the outcome.

"We came out pretty good in the first round," Lujan said. "We hurt him in the

Please see DUTCHOVER/2C

Astros continue struggling on offense in 2-1 loss to Rangers

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A.J. Hinch isn't ready to rework his lineup despite his team's recent offensive struggles.

The Houston Astros managed just one run for the third straight day in a 2-1 loss to the Texas Rangers on Saturday night.

"We swung the bats well in Boston; we swung the bats well in Chicago except against (Chris) Sale, and so I don't want the recent memory of a couple 2-1 losses at home to create too much of a lineup construction change," the Astros manager said.

Elvis Andrus hit his first home run of the season and Cesar Ramos pitched six solid innings to lead the Rangers to the victory.

The homer by Andrus, which landed in the left-field seats, came with two outs and a full count to put Texas up 1-0 in the second inning. Rougned Odor made it 2-0 with an RBI single in the third.

Ramos (1-2) yielded two hits and one run while fanning four in six innings for his first win this year in his third start and fifth appearance. Sam Dyson pitched a perfect ninth for his fourth save and second in two games.

The top four batters in Houston's lineup went 1 for 14 with five strikeouts on Saturday night. Houston's leadoff hitter Jose Altuve went 0 for 4 to end a 12-game hitting streak.

"They are keeping us off the barrel a little bit, and the ones we are hitting aren't finding the holes," Houston outfielder Colby Rasmus said.

Marwin Gonzalez's solo homer in the third was Houston's only run.

Houston starter Mike Fiers (3-2) allowed six hits and two runs in seven innings in the loss, which snapped his three-game winning streak.

"You get a starting pitcher that goes out there and gives you that kind of outing, more times than not you are going

Please see RANGERS/3C

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SATURDAY'S SCORE
Midland 3, Corpus Christi 1

TODAY'S GAME
Corpus Christi at Midland, 2 p.m.

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RECORDS
Midland 20-20
Corpus Christi 25-15

Saturday	Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Midland 3, Corpus Christi 1	Corpus Christi at Midland, 2 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	Midland at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.	Midland at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV
COLLEGE BASEBALL
SWAC Championship, 10:30 a.m., ESPNU
UC Santa Barbara at UC Irvine, 7 p.m., ESPNU
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Texas matches will also air on LHN
Regionals Action: Teams TBA, 11 a.m., ESPN
Regionals Action: Teams TBA, 1:30 p.m., ESPN
Regionals Action: Teams TBA, 3:30 p.m., ESPN2
Regionals Action: Teams TBA, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Regionals Action: Teams TBA, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Regionals Action: Teams TBA, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2
CYCLING
Tour of California, Stage 8: Sacramento, 3 p.m., NBC
GOLF
EPGA: Dubai Duty Free Irish Open, Final Round, 7:30 a.m., GOLF
PGA: AT&T Byron Nelson Classic, Final Round, Noon, GOLF
PGA: AT&T Byron Nelson Classic, Final Round, 2 p.m., CBS, MyTV 16
LPGA: Kingsmill Championship, Final Round, 2 p.m., GOLF
2016 Regions Tradition, Final Round, 4 p.m., GOLF
Web.com: BMW Charity Pro-Am, Final Round, 6 p.m., GOLF
MLB
Cleveland at Boston, 12:30 p.m., MLB
Texas at Houston, 1 p.m., FSSW, ROOT
Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
MEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE
Quarterfinal: North Carolina vs. Notre Dame, 11 a.m., ESPN2
Quarterfinal: Towson vs. Loyola-MD, 1:30 p.m., ESPNU
Men's Soccer
Friendly: Puerto Rico vs. USA, 11 a.m., FS1, UniMás, UDN
Friendly: England vs. Turkey, 11 a.m., FS2, FXDEP
Copa del Rey Final: FC Barcelona vs. Sevilla FC, 2:20 p.m., ESPN2, ESPNDEP
MLS: Portland Timbers vs. Vancouver Whitecvaps FC, 3:30 p.m., ESPN
NASL: New York Cosmos vs. Tampa Bay Rowdies, 5 p.m., OWSPN
MLS: LA Galaxy vs. San Jose Earthquakes, 6 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
Liga MX Semifinal, Leg 2: Pachuca vs. Club León, 8 p.m., NBCU
MOTORSPORTS
NHRA: Kansas Nationals, 1 p.m., FS1
IndyCar: Indianapolis 500, Qualifying Day 2, 3 p.m., ABC
NBA
Western Conference Final, Gm 3: Golden State at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., TNT
NHL
Eastern Conference Final, Game 5: Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., NBCSN
RUGBY
Super League: Wakefield vs. Catalans, 6:30 a.m., FSP
Super League: St. Helen's vs. Huddersfeld, 9 a.m., FSP
Super League: Hull FC vs. Hull KR, 11:30 a.m., FSP
TENNIS
French Open, Noon, NBC
French Open, 1 p.m., NBC, TENNIS
French Open, 4 a.m., TENNIS
TRACK AND FIELD
IAAF Diamond League Series, 11 a.m., beIN
WATER POLO
US Olympic Trials, 2 p.m., NBCSN
WNBA
Chicago at Atlanta, 2 p.m., NBAtv
ON RADIO
MLB
Texas at Houston, 1 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)
TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Corpus Christi at Midland, 2 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

Soccer

Sockers FC at Albuquerque Sol, 4 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Activated RHP Joe Kelly from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Noe Ramirez to Pawtucket (IL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Activated 3B Mike Moustakas off the 15-day DL. Optioned 3B Cheslor Cuthbert to Omaha (PCL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent LHP Phil Coke outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Activated OF Matt Szczur of the 15-day DL.
American Association
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed RHP Keith Picht.
Can-Am League
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released OF Calvin Graves.
Frontier League
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed C Bryan De Rosa.
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Released INF Kevin Czarnecki.
FOOTBALL
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed OL Michael Couture and WR Alex Vitt.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Re-signed Fs Joel Vermin and Taivner Richard to one-year contracts.

MLS GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	5	3	3	18	15	11
New York City FC	4	4	5	17	18	24
Montreal	4	4	4	16	19	18
New York	5	7	1	16	21	20
Toronto FC	4	4	4	16	14	12
D.C. United	3	5	4	13	13	14
New England	2	4	7	13	17	24
Orlando City	3	3	5	14	19	17
Columbus	2	4	5	11	12	15
Chicago	2	5	4	10	9	13
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Colorado	7	2	3	24	15	9
FC Dallas	8	4	2	26	23	21
Vancouver	6	5	2	20	20	20
Los Angeles	5	1	4	19	24	12
San Jose	5	3	3	18	15	14
Real Salt Lake	5	3	2	17	14	14
Sporting KC	5	6	2	17	13	14
Seattle	4	5	1	13	10	12
Portland	3	6	3	12	17	22
Houston	3	6	2	11	18	19

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Scores and schedule

Saturday's Scores
New York 7, New York City 0
Chicago 1, Houston 0
Columbus 0, Toronto 0
Orlando 2, Montreal 1
FC Dallas 4, New England 2
Real Salt Lake at Sporting KC, late
Colorado at Seattle, late
Today's Games
Vancouver at Portland, 3:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.

WNBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	2	1	.667	—
New York	2	1	.667	—
Atlanta	1	1	.500	½
Chicago	1	1	.500	½
Connecticut	1	2	.333	1
Washington	1	3	.250	1½
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Los Angeles	3	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	2	0	1.000	½
Dallas	2	1	.667	1
Seattle	1	1	.500	1½
San Antonio	0	2	.000	2½
Phoenix	0	3	.000	3

Scores and schedule

Saturday's Scores
Los Angeles 79, New York 72
Washington 84, Connecticut 76
San Antonio at Dallas, late
Today's Games
Chicago at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 6 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

SOUTHWEST
West Virginia 8, Texas Tech 7
Texas 7, Baylor 6
TCU 9, Kansas State 3
Oklahoma State 6, Kansas 1
Ole Miss 3, Texas A&M 2

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Wednesday
At Beijing, Amnat Ruenroeng vs. John Riel Casimero, 12, for Ruenroeng's IBF flyweight title; Xiong Zhao Zhong vs. Jose Antonio Jimenez, 12, IBF strawweight eliminator; Zong Ju Cai vs. Samson Tor Buamas, 10, strawweights.
Friday
At Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel, Niagara Falls, N.Y. (CBSSN), Jarrell Miller vs. Razvan Cojanu, 10, heavyweights; Harmonito Dela Torre vs. Guillermo Sanchez, 10, lightweights.
Saturday
At Glasgow, Scotland, Michele Di Rocco vs. Ricky Burns, 12, for the vacant WBA World junior welterweight title; Tyrone Nurse vs. Willie Limond, 12, for Nurse's British junior welterweight title.
At The Dancehall, San Antonio (FS1), Felix Diaz vs. Miguel Vazquez, 10, super lightweights; Miguel Flores vs. Ruben Tamayo, 10, featherweights.
At Gila River Arena, Glendale, Ariz. (CBSSN), David Avanesyan vs. Shane Mosley, 12, for Avanesyan's interim WBA World welterweight title.

End of spring brings football anticipation

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Now that spring sports season is winding down, I'm starting to get high school football fever.

The excitement is slowly building as spring football games finish this week, 7-on-7 tournaments continue throughout the summer, and there's the anticipated release of the Dave Campbell Texas Football annual in June.

Last Thursday, we got our first glimpse of the 2016 Midland High football team in game simulated conditions when it participated in its spring game at Grande Communications Stadium.

Much has been made about the Bulldogs number of returning starters from its 2015 squad, especially on the offensive side.

Despite the experience, MHS head coach Craig Yenzer decided this offseason that having seasoned players was not going to be enough and installed the up-tempo, air raid offense that is currently being used by Philip Montgomery at the University of Tulsa.

It's a bold move because the installation of a new offense at any level, pro and college included, can take time for a group of players to reach a comfort level with. There might be some initial growing pains.

Although it was a glorified exhibition, the initial observation from Thursday's spring game is that the Bulldogs have the pieces to thrive in this new offense.

Jackson Anuszkiewicz looked poised and decisive making decisions at quarterback, and he has the wheels and elusiveness to improvise when the play breaks down.

Yenzer said the offense will get his skill position players in space, and MHS has more than its share of explosive rushers and receivers — Ricky Hubert, McLane Mannix, Courtney McMaryion, Juleion Bowers, Jalen Childress — that can score from anywhere on the field if given some daylight to work with.

Only time will tell if the offense change will pay dividends this year, but I applaud Yenzer for taking a chance and shooting for a higher mark of play after two straight exits in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

■ There will be a high level of intrigue surrounding Lee's spring game on Friday because it will be the first time that new head coach Clint Hartman roams the sidelines at Grande Communications Stadium.

In 2014, I was fortunate enough to cover one of Hartman's games when he coached San Antonio East Central to a 34-24 win over Del Rio. That evening, Hartman's Hornets came across as a fundamentally sound and a physical football team up front. I'm eager to get my first look at Hartman's Rebels on Friday, a team with a lot to prove after managing only five wins over the previous two seasons.

■ The Rebels baseball team deserves a lot of credit for not letting a 1-0 series deficit faze them as Lee bounced back to sweep a Saturday doubleheader against Weatherford and advance to the Class 6A regional semifinals.

Despite having no players with playoff experience, the Rebels haven't been overwhelmed by the big stage of postseason play, winning three straight playoff series. Lee's ballplayers have grown up fast in a year's span.

Earlier this season, I was impressed by the manner in which the Rebels batters grinded through their at-bats. They were both selective at the plate and were proficient at peppering the baseball with the barrel of the bat.

Lee has reached the "Sweet Sixteen" in Class 6A, an impressive feat in this baseball-rich state.

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Hoppel wins 800 at Meet of Champions

From staff reports

Hoppel

WACO — Midland High senior Bryce Hoppel showed Saturday he is the best 800-meter runner in the state regardless of high school classification.

Hoppel won the boys 800 meters at the Meet of Champions track competition with a personal record time of 1 minute, 49.58 seconds at Baylor's Clyde Hart Stadium. The non-sanctioned meet invited state champions from all UIL, TAPPS, TCAF, SPC and Texas Home School classifications.

Hoppel outran his time of 1:49.67 set when he won gold in the 800 meters at the UIL Class 6A State Track and Field Championships in Austin on May 14.

The University of Kansas signee is the only high school runner in Texas to eclipse the 1:50 barrier in the 800 meters this season.

Midland High junior Cade Michael finished eighth (6:35.71) in the boys 2,000 meter steeplechase at the same meet on Saturday.

Raptors end Cavaliers' streak with Game 3 win

By Ian Harrison
Associated Press

Canadian Press via AP

Toronto Raptors center-forward Bismack Biyombo, center right, stops Cleveland Cavaliers guard Kyrie Irving during the first half of Game 3 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals in Toronto on Saturday.

TORONTO — DeMar DeRozan scored 32 points, Bismack Biyombo set a Toronto playoff record with 26 rebounds and the Raptors beat Cleveland 99-84 on Saturday night, handing the Cavaliers their first loss this postseason.

Kyle Lowry scored 20 points, Cory Joseph added 14, and Patrick Patterson and DeMarre Carroll each had 10 for the Raptors. They rebounded in Game 3 after losing the first two games in Cleveland by a combined 50 points.

In Toronto, where "We The North" is a rallying cry, a sell-out crowd dressed in red and white T-shirts helped their team improve to 7-2 at home in these playoffs. Game 4 is Monday night at Air Canada Centre.

LeBron James scored 24 points, and J.R. Smith had 22 for the Cavaliers. They won their first 10 playoff games and were trying to match the Los Angeles Lakers' record of 11 straight victories to begin a postseason. The Lakers did it in 1989 and again in 2001.

Kyrie Irving scored 13 points, and Channing Frye had 11 for Cleveland. The Cavaliers were held below 100 points for the first time in these playoffs.

It was a rough night for Cavaliers forward Kevin Love, who scored three points and made just one of nine field goal attempts.

James had five assists, moving past Jason Kidd and into third place on the NBA's career playoff list.

With his team ahead by eight, Biyombo scored six straight points in the final quarter to put the Raptors up 91-77 at 3:38.

DeRozan scored 12 points in the first but saw a buzzer-beating 3 waved off after video review. Lowry scored eight points despite picking up his second four at 5:40 as Toronto led 30-24 after one. It was the first time in nine quarters this series that the Raptors had outscored the Cavaliers.

Carroll, Joseph and Patterson each made 3-pointers during a 16-2 Toronto run midway through the second as the Raptors overcame Lowry's third foul to take a 54-37 lead.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Monday
Oklahoma City 108, Golden State 102, Oklahoma City leads series 1-0
Tuesday
Cleveland 115, Toronto 84, Cleveland leads series 1-0
Wednesday
Golden State 118, Oklahoma City 91, series tied 1-1
Thursday
Cleveland 108, Toronto 89, Cleveland leads series 2-0
Saturday
Toronto 99, Cleveland 84, Cleveland leads series 2-1
Today
Golden State at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 23
Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 24
Golden State at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 25
x-Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 26
x-Oklahoma City at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 27
x-Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 28
x-Golden State at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 29
x-Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 30
x-Oklahoma City at Golden State, 8 p.m.

DUTCHOVER

From 1C

first round. We kind of banged with him. He just out-hustled us."

"It was a good fight," Lujan added. "The crowd was into it. We just came up short. We just got out-hustled. Don't get me wrong, Michael fought him to the end. It was more of a learning experience for him. I told him, 'you're still a champion.' He now has more experience in the finals. He will learn from it. He will be all right."

Lujan felt Dutchover landed good body shots on Montgomery and thought he was able to land hurtful blows in the second round.

Lujan said Montgomery and Dutchover had mutual respect for each other after their three-round bout.

"I thank everybody that is supporting him," Lujan said of Dutchover's local supporters. "We are still going to be active. He's a little bit upset right now."

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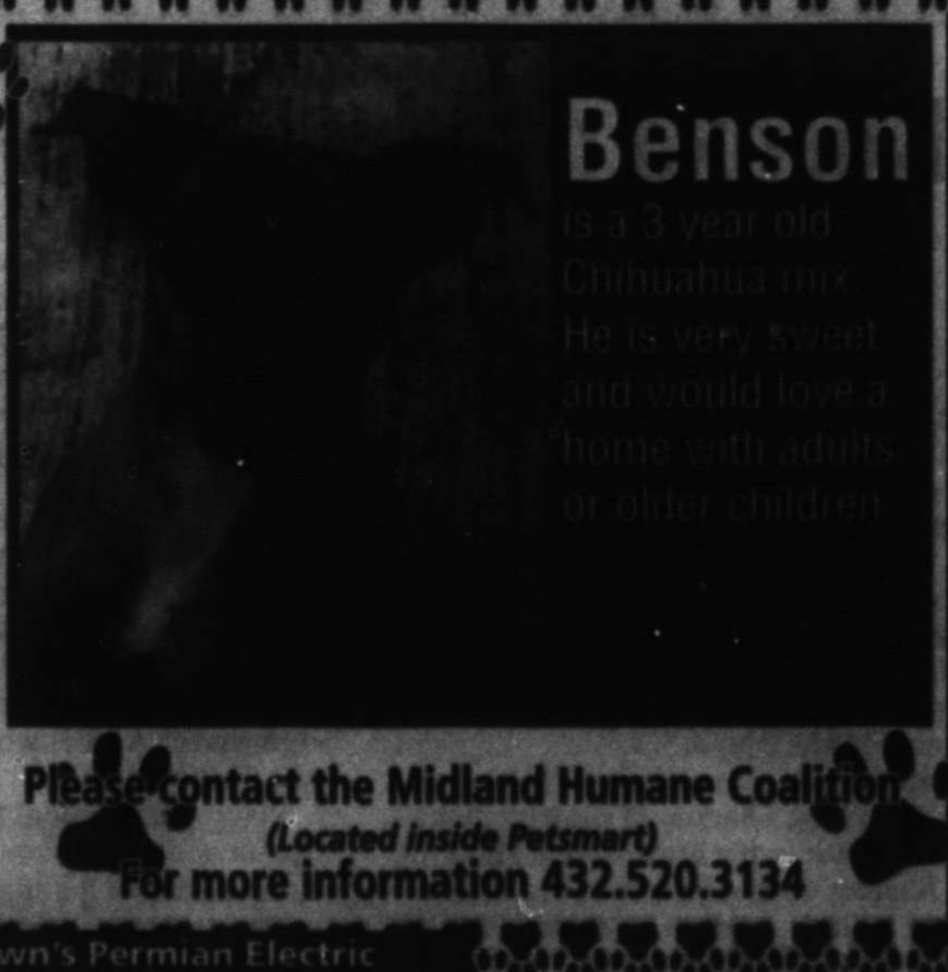

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ROYALS 2
WHITE SOX 1

CHICAGO — Lorenzo Cain hit a solo home run and five Kansas City pitchers combined to allow seven hits in the Royals' victory over slumping Chicago.

Danny Duffy and Peter Moylan combined for six scoreless innings. Joakim Soria (2-1) worked out of a seventh-inning jam and Wade Davis pitched a hitless ninth for his 11th save in Kansas City's second straight win over the AL Central leaders.

Chicago has lost eight of 10.

Cain's leadoff shot to center in the sixth off Miguel Gonzalez (0-1) made it 2-0 after Eric Hosmer's first-inning sacrifice fly.

RED SOX 9
INDIANS 1

BOSTON — Joe Kelly pitched no-hit ball for 6 2/3 innings, Mookie Betts had a grand slam and a solo homer, and Boston beat Cleveland.

Jackie Bradley Jr. extended his majors' best hitting streak to 26 games with an infield single. Dom DiMaggio owns the Red Sox record with a 34-game string in 1949.

Kelly (2-0) came off the 15-day disabled list earlier in the day after being out with a right shoulder impingement since April 20. He shut down the Indians until Juan Uribe broke up the no-hit bid with a double to the right-center gap with two outs in the seventh. Manager John Farrell immediately pulled Kelly at 104 pitches.

YANKEES 5
ATHLETICS 1

OAKLAND, Calif. — Starlin Castro broke out of a slump with three hits, Carlos Beltran singled twice to keep up his recent tear and New York won its season-high fourth straight game.

Masahiro Tanaka pitched seven innings to win Joe Girardi's 1,500th game as a manager. Tanaka (2-0) allowed one run on five hits and had four strikeouts for his first victory since April 12.

Beltran had an RBI single in the fourth to stay hot. He is batting .391 (9 for 23) with eight RBIs over the past six games.

All the runs came off rookie starter Sean Manaea (1-2).

TIGERS 5
RAYS 4

DETROIT — Michael Fulmer struck out 11 over seven sparkling innings and Cameron Maybin, James McCann and J.D. Martinez all homered to lift the Detroit Tigers to a 5-4 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday.

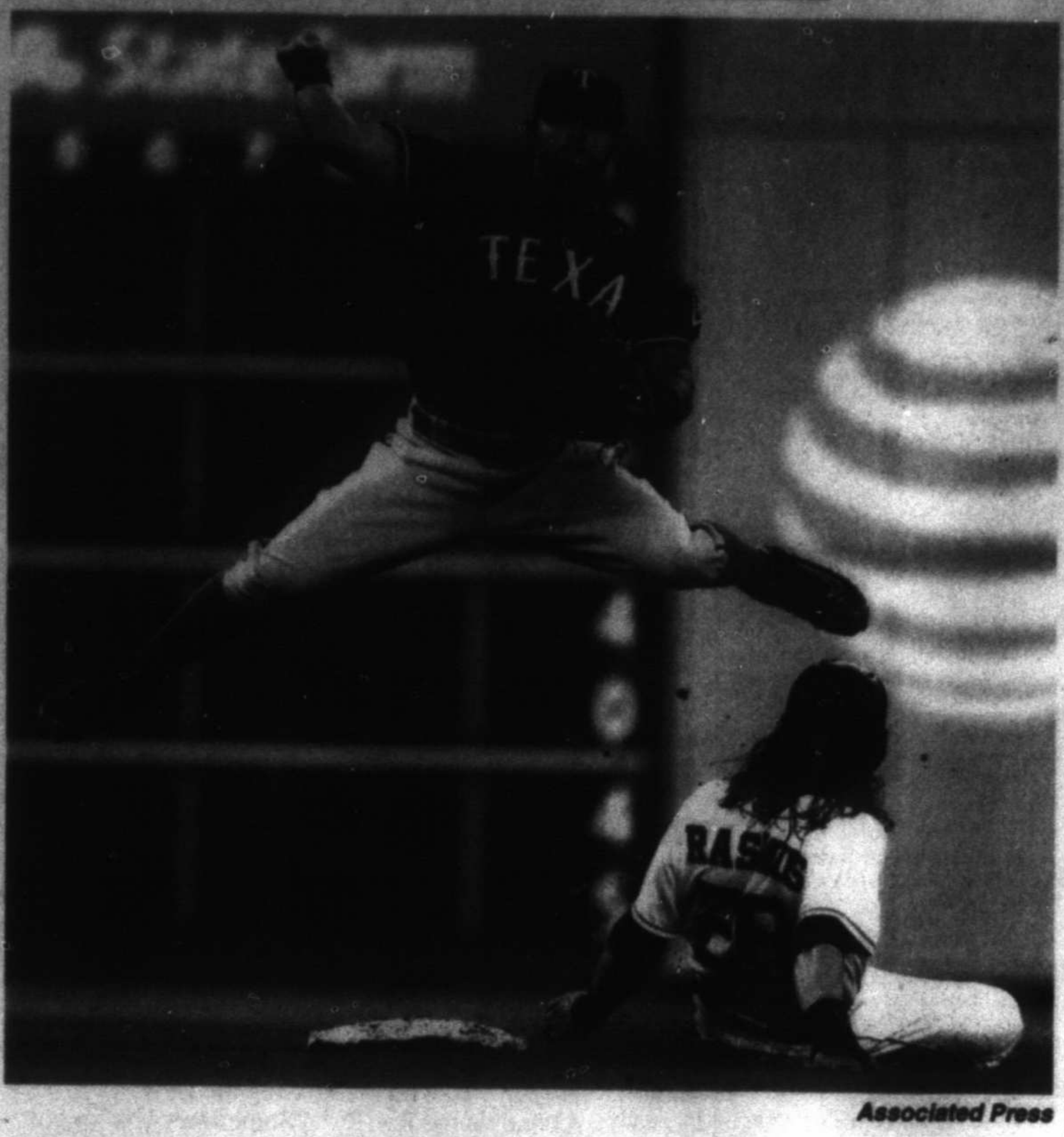
Making only his fifth major league start, Fulmer (3-1) allowed a run on four hits and a walk.

Drew Smyly (2-5) allowed a tiebreaking two-run homer by McCann in the seventh, and Martinez hit a two-run shot of his own off reliever Steven Geltz later that inning.

TWINS 5
BLUE JAYS 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Eduardo Nunez homered to cap a five-run rally in the eighth inning as Minnesota suddenly broke loose.

The Twins had been shut out on just one hit — a double by Nunez — by J.A. Happ and trailed 2-0 going into the eighth. They came back to win for only the fourth time in 21 games.



Associated Press

Texas Rangers second baseman Rougned Odor throws to first to complete double play over the Houston Astros' Colby Rasmus in the fifth inning Saturday in Houston.

National League

BRAVES 2
PHILLIES 0

PHILADELPHIA — Williams Perez took a two-hitter into the seventh, helping Atlanta beat Philadelphia for just its second series win this season.

On a cold, rainy afternoon, Perez (2-1) celebrated his 25th birthday with another dominant performance against the Phillies. He gave up two hits, walked one and struck out in 6 1/3 innings.

Three relievers finished off the two-hitter. Arodys Vizcaino earned his fifth save in six tries.

GIANTS 5
CUBS 3

SAN FRANCISCO — Matt Cain pitched six strong innings and helped himself with his bat, Buster Posey added a two-run homer and the San Francisco Giants beat the Chicago Cubs 5-3 on Saturday night.

Cain (1-5) got his first victory since July 22, 2015, against San Diego, snapping a streak of 15 consecutive winless starts.

Cain also had a two-run double in the second inning.

The Giants won for the ninth time in 10 games and the Cubs fell to 2-3 on their nine-game road trip.

Jon Lester (4-3) allowed five runs on six hits and three walks in his worst outing of the season.

Dexter Fowler homered leading off the ninth against closer Santiago Casilla, who got the next three outs for his 11th save. Kris Bryant hit his ninth homer for the Cubs.

MARLINS 3
NATIONALS 2

MIAMI — Jose Fernandez pitched six innings and then led the dugout celebration as Miami made him a winner again at Marlins Park by beating Washington.

Fernandez (6-2) allowed one run, struck out nine and improved to 21-1 in 31 starts at home.

When Justin Bour put Miami ahead to stay with a two-run homer in the sixth, Fernandez leaped onto the dugout ledge, pounded the railing and hopped happily as he screamed.

METS 5
BREWERS 4

NEW YORK — David Wright singled home the winning run on a 3-0 pitch with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning, and New York rallied past Milwaukee.

Curtis Granderson hit his latest leadoff homer for the Mets, and Yoenis Cespedes tied the score in the sixth with a two-run shot that chased rookie starter Zach Davies.

That got Jacob deGrom off the hook after the right-hander left trailing 4-1. The 2014 NL Rookie of the Year, winless in four starts since winning his first three, struck out seven and walked three while throwing 100 pitches in five innings.

CARDINALS 6
DIAMONDBACKS 2

ST. LOUIS — Jedd Gyorko, Matt Adams and Yadier Molina homered and Mike Leake pitched seven scoreless innings for St. Louis.

ROCKIES 5
PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH — Christian Adames' first career homer capped a four-run ninth inning as Colorado rallied to beat closer Mark Melancon and Pittsburgh, ending an eight-game losing streak against the Pirates.

Adames' two-run shot to straightaway center field came after Tony Wolters singled off Melancon (0-1) to snap a 1-1 tie and another run scored on first baseman John Jaso's error. Melancon came on to start the ninth and was charged with three unearned runs in 2/3 of an inning.

Interleague

MARINERS 4
REDS 0

CINCINNATI — Franklin Gutierrez hit a three-run homer that landed high in the upper deck, and Felix Hernandez allowed only four singles in six innings, leading Seattle over Cincinnati Reds on a day when they honored their shared star.

The Reds gave away Ken Griffey Jr. bobbleheads depicting him in both uniforms, and they played a message from him on the videoboard. Junior became a star in Seattle and was later traded to his hometown team. The Reds had him in mind when they designed Great American Ball Park with a short distance in right field.

Gutierrez sent his decisive homer 473 feet the other way in the fourth inning off John Lamb (0-2). Leonys Martin also had a solo shot off the left-hander.

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 3, HOOKS 1
At Security Bank Ballpark

HITTERS OF THE GAME: RockHounds leadoff batter Brett Vertigan was 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles, a RBI and a run scored. ... Hooks right fielder Derek Fisher reached base safely in three of four plate appearances, collecting two hits and a walk.

PITCHERS OF THE GAME: In seven innings, Midland starting pitcher Raul Alcantara allowed one run (no earned runs), six hits and a walk to improve his record to 4-2. Alcantara lowered his season ERA to 3.50. ... Corpus Christi starting pitcher David Paulino took a tough luck loss after holding the RockHounds to two runs on seven hits and one walk. Paulino struck out eight batters.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Hooks scored in the top of the first inning when J.D. Davis drove home Alex Bregman with an infield single. ... Midland responded with two runs in the bottom of the first to take a 2-1 lead that would hold for the rest of the game. Vertigan and Franklin Barreto led off the frame with singles. Vertigan scored on a RBI ground out by Yairo Munoz and Barreto aggressively scored from third base on a non-catch third strike where Corpus Christi catcher Alfredo Gonzalez was forced to throw to first baseman Conrad Gregor to finish the out following a strikeout by Paulino. ... Midland tacked on an insurance run when Vertigan doubled home Andy Paz in the bottom of the seventh.

NOTES: The RockHounds snapped a seven-game losing streak and won their first game out of six so far in their current homestand. ... Midland outfielder Jaycob Brugman was promoted to Triple-A Nashville of the Pacific Coast League. Brugman hit .263 with five home runs, 21 RBI and 27 runs scored in 160 at-bats with Midland this season. To replace Brugman, the Oakland Athletics summoned infielder John Nogowski from high Single-A Stockton of the California League to Midland. Nogowski was batting .281 with two home runs, 12 RBI and 15 runs over 89 at-bats with Stockton.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Corpus Christi — LHP Brian Holmes (3-1, 3.69 ERA); Midland — RHP Joey Wagman (0-0, 6.75).

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	22	19	.537	—
Northwest Arkansas	20	21	.488	2
Tulsa	18	23	.439	4
Arkansas	17	24	.415	5

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Frisco	27	13	.675	—
Corpus Christi	25	15	.625	2
Midland	20	20	.500	7
San Antonio	13	27	.325	14

Saturday's Scores
Northwest Arkansas 4, Tulsa 0
Midland 3, Corpus Christi 1
Frisco 6, San Antonio 5
Springfield at Arkansas, late

Today's Games
Corpus Christi at Midland, 2:00 p.m.
Tulsa at Northwest Arkansas, 2:05 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 2:10 p.m.
San Antonio at Frisco, 4:05 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 3, HOOKS 1

Corpus	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Hernandez cf	4	0	0	0	Vertigan cf	4	1	3	1
Bregman 3b	4	1	1	0	Barreto ss	4	1	1	0
Fisher rf	3	0	2	0	Munoz 3b	4	0	0	1
Davis dh	4	0	1	1	Chapman dh	3	0	0	0
Tanielu 2b	4	0	0	0	Rosa 1b	4	0	0	0
Gregor 1b	3	0	0	0	Marincov rf	3	0	2	0
Gonzalez c	4	0	1	0	Oh lf	4	0	1	0
Garcia lf	4	0	2	0	Kirkland 2b	3	0	0	0
Moon ss	2	0	1	0	Paz c	3	1	2	0
Totals	32	1	8	1	Totals	32	3	9	2

Corpus Christi 100 000 000—1
Midland 200 000 100—3

E—Barreto 8. DP—Midland 2. LOB—Corpus Christi 7, Midland 7. 2B—Gonzalez (1), Vertigan 2 (9). SB—Barreto (13). CS—Marincov (1). S—Moon.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Corpus Christi						
Paulino L, 1-2	6.0	7	2	2	1	8
Heredia	2.0	2	1	1	1	4
Midland						
Alcantara W, 4-2	7.0	6	1	0	1	1
Bracewell	1.0	2	0	0	0	0
Sanchez S, 3	1.0	0	0	0	1	1

WP—Heredia 2.
T—2:26. A—6,844.

Blues beat Sharks 6-3 to even series at 2 games apiece

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Troy Brouwer and Kyle Brodziak each scored twice, Jake Allen stopped 31 shots in his first start of the postseason and the St. Louis Blues bounced back from consecutive shutout losses to beat the San Jose Sharks 6-3 on Saturday to even the Western Conference final at two games apiece.

Coach Ken Hitchcock hoped the change in goalie would spark his dormant offense and the move paid off as the Blues controlled the play from the start of Game 4.

Brouwer and Jori Lehtera scored in the first period and the Blues rolled after getting dominated the previous two games when they were outscored 7-0. Alex Pietrangelo added an empty-netter to seal it.

Now it will be up to San Jose to reverse the momentum in Game 5 on Monday night in St. Louis.

Martin Jones, who became the first Sharks goalie ever with consecutive playoff shutouts, was pulled midway through the second period after allowing four goals on 19 shots. James Reimer allowed one goal on seven shots in his first action of the playoffs.

Joe Pavelski set a San Jose franchise record with his 10th goal of the postseason. Chris Tierney and Melker Karlsson also scored in the third for the Sharks, but it wasn't enough as San Jose went 0 for 5 on the power play and allowed a short-handed goal.

There was some cause for concern for St. Louis. Captain David Backes did not play in the final two periods and the Blues did not disclose what injury he had.

St. Louis took control early in the second period after it seemed like San Jose had gained momentum from killing a two-man advantage and then drawing a penalty from the Blues.

But the power play that looked so lethal for most of the playoffs was not clicking this game. The Sharks struggled to set up in the offensive zone and gave up a pair of two-on-one chances the other way. The second of those came after an errant pass from Joe Thornton and St. Louis capitalized when Brodziak took a pass from Jaden Schwartz and beat Jones to make it 3-0.

Brodziak struck again a few minutes later off a pass from Dmitrij Jaskin and the Blues cruised to the win that has them the closest they have been to the Stanley Cup final since losing a seven-game conference final to Calgary in 1986.

The Sharks played with a series lead in the conference final for the first time ever but now find themselves tied after four games, just as they were in their first trip in 2004 when they lost to Calgary in six.

Along with giving Allen the start, Hitchcock put the struggling Robby Fabbri and Vladimir Tarasenko on the same line with Lehtera and put defenseman Joel Edmundson back in the lineup after benching him in Game 3.

The changes paid dividends as the Blues got off to a fast start. They hemmed the Sharks in their own zone with a strong forecheck and took a 2-0 lead after one.

Brouwer opened the scoring after Brent Burns was sent off for tripping, beating Jones with a one-timer off a feed from Fabbri to end St. Louis' scoreless drought after 156:59.

The Blues added to the lead following a turnover by Paul Martin in his own zone. Jones robbed Fabbri with a spectacular stick save but Lehtera was right there to knock in the rebound for his second goal of the series.

RANGERS

From 1C

to come out ahead and feel really good about it," Hinch said. "I still feel really good about what Fiers did, but unfortunately, it was in a loss."

Matt Bush took over in the seventh inning and struck out the first two batters before walking Evan Gattis. Colby Rasmus gave Houston its first hit since the fourth inning with a single after that, but Bush retired Tyler White to end the threat.

Bryan Holaday doubled with one out in the third inning and scored on a single by Odor to make it 2-0. Odor tripped coming out of the batter's box before regaining his footing, but was thrown out trying to stretch his hit into a double.

Gonzalez cut the deficit to 2-1 when he sent one over the wall in left-center with no outs in the third inning for Houston's first hit.

George Springer singled to start the fourth inning to extend his hitting streak to 10 games, but Ramos didn't allow another hit before he was replaced for the seventh inning.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	25	15	.625	—
Boston	26	17	.605	½
Tampa Bay	20	20	.500	5
New York	20	22	.476	6
Toronto	21	24	.467	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	25	18	.581	—
Cleveland	22	18	.550	1½
Kansas City	22	20	.524	2½
Detroit	20	22	.476	4½
Minnesota	11	31	.262	13½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	25	17	.595	—
Texas	24	19	.558	1½
Los Angeles	19	23	.452	6
Oakland	19	25	.432	7
Houston	17	27	.386	9

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	26	17	.605	—
New York	24	18	.571	1½
Philadelphia	24	19	.558	2
Miami	22	20	.524	3½
Atlanta	12	30	.286	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	29	11	.725	—
Pittsburgh	23	19	.548	7
St. Louis	23	20	.535	7½
Milwaukee	18	25	.419	12½
Cincinnati	15	28	.349	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	26	19	.578	—
Colorado	21	21	.500	3½
Los Angeles	21	22	.488	4
Arizona	20	25	.444	6
San Diego	18	25	.419	7

Scores & schedules

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Saturday's Scores
Toronto 3, Minnesota 5
Kansas City 2, Chicago 1
New York 5, Oakland 1
Detroit 5, Tampa Bay 4
Boston 9, Cleveland 1
Texas 2, Houston 1
Seattle 4, Cincinnati 0
Baltimore at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games
Tampa Bay (Archer 3-4) at Detroit (Zimmermann 6-2), 12:08 p.m.
Seattle (Miley 4-2) at Cincinnati (Simon 1-4), 12:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Salazar 4-2) at Boston (Porcello 6-2), 12:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Ventura 4-2) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 1-4), 1:10 p.m.
Texas (Hamels 4-0) at Houston (Keuchel 2-5), 1:10 p.m.
Toronto (Stroman 4-1) at Minnesota (Hughes 1-6), 1:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Jimenez 2-4) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 3-3), 2:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 1-5) at Oakland (Hahn 1-1), 3:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Saturday's Scores
Atlanta 2, Philadelphia 0
St. Louis 6, Arizona 2
Colorado 5, Pittsburgh 1
New York 5, Milwaukee 4
Miami 3, Washington 2
San Francisco 5, Chicago 3
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, late

Today's Games
Milwaukee (Anderson 2-5) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 4-2), 12:10 p.m.
Seattle (Miley 4-2) at Cincinnati (Simon 1-4), 12:10 p.m.
Washington (Scherzer 4-3) at Miami (Conley 3-2), 12:10 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia (Eickhoff 1-6), 12:35 p.m.
Colorado (Bettis 4-2) at Pittsburgh (Nicasio 4-3), 12:35 p.m.
Arizona (Greinke 4-3) at St. Louis (Garcia 3-3), 1:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 3-3) at San Diego (Rea 3-2), 3:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 2-3) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 5-2), 7:05 p.m.

Texas box score

RANGERS 2, ASTROS 1

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Odor 2b	4	0	1	1	Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0
Desmond cf	4	0	0	0	Springer rf	4	0	1	0
Fielder dh	4	0	1	0	Correa ss	4	0	0	0
Beltre 3b	4	0	1	0	Gattis dh	2	0	0	0
Mreland 1b	3	0	0	0	Col.Ram lf	2	0	1	0
Andrus ss	4	1	1	1	White 1b	3	0	0	0
Mazara rf	3	0	0	0	Ma.Gnzl 3b	3	1	1	1
Rua lf	3	0	0	0	J.Castro c	3	0	0	0
Holaday c	3	1	2	0	Marisnick cf	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	6	2	Totals	28	1	3	1

Texas 011 000 000—2
Houston 001 000 000—1

DP—Texas 1. LOB—Texas 4, Houston 2. 2B—Holaday 2 (5). HR—Andrus (1), Ma.Gonzalez (4). CS—Springer (6).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Ramos W,1-2	6	2	1	1	1	4
Bush	1	1	0	0	1	2
Diekman	1	0	0	0	0	2
Dyson S,4-5	1	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Fiers L,3-2	7	6	2	2	0	6
Giles	1	0	0	0	0	2
Gregerson	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Fiers (Moreland).
T—2:41. A—35,040 (42,060).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TWINS 5, BLUE JAYS 3
Toronto 002 000 001 —3 6 0
Minnesota 000 000 05x —5 4 0
Happ, Floyd (8) and R.Martin; Dean, Kintzler (7), Abad (8), Jepsen (9) and K.Suzuki. W—Abad 1-0. L—Happ 5-2. Sv—Jepsen (3). HRs—Toronto, Saunders (8), Bautista (9). Minnesota, Nunez (3).

ROYALS 2, WHITE SOX 1
Kansas City 100 001 000 —2 8 1
Chicago 000 000 100 —1 7 0
D.Duffy, Moylan (5), Flynn (7), Soria (7), W.Davis (9) and S.Perez; Mi.Gonzalez, Albers (7), Da.Jennings (7), Jones (9) and Navarro. W—Soria 2-1. L—Mi.Gonzalez 0-1. Sv—W.Davis (11). HRs—Kansas City, Cain (6).

YANKEES 5, ATHLETICS 1
New York 000 400 100 —5 8 0
Oakland 000 010 000 —1 6 1
Tanaka, Goody (8) and Au.Romine; Manaea, Axford (7), Rzepczynski (8), Doolittle (9) and McBride. W—Tanaka 2-0. L—Manaea 1-2.

TIGERS 5, RAYS 4
Tampa Bay 000 001 030 —4 6 0
Detroit 001 000 40x —5 8 0
Smyly, Geltz (7), Cedeno (8) and Casali; Fulmer, Wilson (8), F.Rodriguez (9) and McCann. W—Fulmer 3-1. L—Smyly 2-5. Sv—F.Rodriguez (12). HRs—Tampa Bay, Longoria (8). Detroit, McCann (1), Maybin (1), Martinez (9).

RED SOX 9, INDIANS 1
Cleveland 000 000 001 —1 2 0
Boston 003 100 50x —9 13 2
Bauer, Manship (6), Crockett (7), Chamberlain (7), Otero (7) and Gimenez; Kelly, Tazawa (7), Hembree (9) and Hanigan, Vazquez. W—Kelly 2-0. L—Bauer 3-2. HRs—Cleveland, Santana (8). Boston, Betts 2 (9).

RANGERS 2, ASTROS 1
Texas 011 000 000 —2 6 0
Houston 001 000 000 —1 3 0
C.Ramos, Bush (7), Diekman (8), S.Dyson (9) and Holaday; Fiers, Giles (8), Gregerson (9) and J.Castro. W—C.Ramos 1-2. L—Fiers 3-2. Sv—S.Dyson (4). HRs—Texas, Andrus (1). Houston, Gonzalez (4).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Braves 2, Phillies 0
Atlanta 000 200 000 —2 6 0
Philadelphia 000 000 000 —0 2 0
W.Perez, Krol (7), Griffi (7), Vizcaino (9) and Flowers; Morgan, Bailey (7), Murray (7), D.Hernandez (9) and Ruiz. W—W.Perez 2-1. L—Morgan 1-2. Sv—Vizcaino (5).

CARDINALS 6, DIAMONDBACKS 2
Arizona 000 000 002 —2 8 1
St. Louis 020 001 30x —6 10 1
Ray, Barrett (6), Chafin (7), Curtis (8) and Castillo; Leake, Oh (8), Rosenthal (9) and Molina. W—Leake 3-3. L—Ray 2-3. HRs—Arizona, Weeks (1). St. Louis, Adams (4), Molina (1), Gyorko (5).

ROCKIES 5, PIRATES 1
Colorado 100 000 004 —5 6 1
Pittsburgh 000 100 000 —1 8 3
Chatwood, Germen (7), Estevez (7), McGee (9) and Wolters; Niese, Watson (8), Melancon (9), Hughes (9) and Cervelli. W—Estevez 1-1. L—Melancon 0-1. HRs—Colorado, Adames (1).

METS 5, BREWERS 4
Milwaukee 020 200 000 —4 7 0
New York 100 102 001 —5 9 0
Davies, Boyer (6), Torres (7), Thornburg (8), Blazek (9) and Lucroy; deGrom, Robles (6), Reed (8), Familia (9) and Plawecki. W—Familia 1-0. L—Blazek 1-1. HRs—Milwaukee, Flores (1). New York, Cespedes (14), Granderson (8).

MARLINS 3, NATIONALS 2
Washington 000 100 001 —2 8 1
Miami 000 012 00x —3 10 0
J.Ross, Solis (6), Petit (7) and Lobaton; Fernandez, Barraclough (7), Phelps (8), A.Ramos (9) and Realmuto. W—Fernandez 6-2. L—J.Ross 3-4. Sv—A.Ramos (13). HRs—Miami, Bour (8).

GIANTS 5, CUBS 3
Chicago 001 000 011 —3 10 0
San Francisco 023 000 00x —5 9 0
Lester, Cahill (3), Richard (6), Grimm (7), Wood (8) and D.Ross, Federowicz; M.Cain, Strickland (7), Osich (7), Gearrin (8), Lopez (8), Casilla (9) and Brown. W—M.Cain 1-5. L—Lester 4-3. Sv—Casilla (11). HRs—Chicago, Fowler (4), Bryant (8). San Francisco, Posey (4).

INTERLEAGUE
MARINERS 4, REDS 0
Seattle 010 300 000 —4 6 0
Cincinnati 000 000 000 —0 4 1
F.Hernandez, Nuno (7), Montgomery (8), Peralta (9) and Iannetta; Jo.Lamb, Delabar (7), J.Diaz (8), Ohlendorf (9) and Barnhart. W—F.Hernandez 4-3. L—Jo.Lamb 0-2. HRs—Seattle, Gutierrez (2), Martin (8).

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Friday, May 13
Tampa Bay 3, Pittsburgh 1
Sunday
St. Louis 2, San Jose 1, St. Louis leads series 1-0
Monday
Pittsburgh 3, Tampa Bay 2, OT, series tied 1-1
Tuesday
San Jose 4, St. Louis 0, series tied 1-1
Wednesday
Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 2, Pittsburgh leads series 2-1
Thursday
St. Louis at San Jose, late
Friday
Tampa Bay 4, Pittsburgh 3, series tied 2-2
Saturday
St. Louis 6, San Jose 3, series tied 2-2
Today
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 23
x-San Jose at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 24
x-Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 25
x-St. Louis at San Jose, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 26
x-Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 27
x-San Jose at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Brownwood capitalizes on errors, beats Big Spring

From staff reports

SAN ANGELO — The Brownwood softball team defeated Big Spring, 6-2 in Game 2 to sweep a best-of-three Class 4A regional semifinal series on Saturday at Angelo State University.

Brownwood (23-8-1) advanced to play Snyder in the regional championship series, while the Lady Steers' season ends at 24-8-1.

Big Spring was beset by five errors in Saturday's contest. Mariah Sarmiento went 2-for-2 with a RBI and a walk for the Lady Steers.

On Friday, Brownwood defeated Big Spring, 4-1 to take a 1-0 lead in the series.

Game 2
BROWNWOOD 6, BIG SPRING 2

Brownwood	012	000	1	—	6	11	1
Big Spring	000	110	0	—	2	6	5

Chyenne Ellett and Tori Burkett. Mariah Sarmiento and Mia Oliva. W — Ellett. L — Sarmiento. 2B — Brownwood: Victoria Sanchez, Kristen Fuentes.

Records: Brownwood 23-8-1; Big Spring 24-8-1.

HS SOFTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

HS SOFTBALL
UIL Region I playoffs
***denotes if necessary**
Class 6A
Bi-district

Fort Worth Paschal (25-5, W4) vs. Abilene High (15-10-2, F3), Graham HS
Game 1: Abilene High 2, Paschal 1; Game 2: Paschal 12, Abilene 2; Game 3: Paschal 8, Abilene 4. Paschal wins series 2-1
El Paso Montwood (15-7-1, R1) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (16-17, T2), Lee HS
Game 1: Frenship 13, Montwood 9; Game 2: Montwood 6, Frenship 4; Game 3: Frenship 7, Montwood 6. Frenship wins series 2-1
Midland High (23-8-1, W3) 25, North Crowley 0, 5 innings
Lubbock Monterey (12-17, R2) vs. El Paso Eastwood (19-8, T1)
Game 1: Eastwood 4, Monterey 2; Game 2: Eastwood 12, Monterey 7. Eastwood wins series 2-0
Mansfield (22-5, W8) 5, North Richland Hills Richland 3
Denton Guyer (24-4-1, R5) vs. Plano (T6), Prosper HS
Game 1: Plano 11, Guyer 4; Game 2: Plano 8, Guyer 6. Plano wins series 2-0
Hurst L.D. Bell (18-8-1, W7) at Duncanville (14-9-2, F8)
Game 1: Bell 3, Duncanville 2; Game 2: Duncanville 2, Bell 0; Game 3: Bell 3, Duncanville 2. L.D. Bell wins series 2-1.
Keller Timber Creek (T5, 21-8) 10, Flower Mound (R6) 2
Lubbock Coronado (23-7, W2) vs. El Paso El Dorado (17-13, F1), Andrews HS
Game 1: Coronado 12, El Dorado 0; Game 2: Coronado 6, El Dorado 0. Coronado wins seris 2-0
Odessa High (R3, 22-7-1) vs. Weatherford (14-12, T4), Abilene Christian University
Game 1: Odessa High 7, Weatherford 1; Game 2: Odessa High 11, Weatherford 4
El Paso Franklin (19-9-1, W1) vs. Amarillo High (F2), Ratliff Complex, Odessa
Game 1: Franklin 12, Amarillo High 0; Game 2: Amarillo 7, Franklin 6; Game 3: Amarillo 16, Franklin 5. Amarillo wins series 2-1.
Arlington Martin (18-12-2, R4) vs. Odessa Permian (23-8, T3), Hawley
Game 1: Permian 10, Martin 3; Game 2: Permian 8, Martin 4. Permian wins series 2-0.
Plano West (24-3, W6) vs. Trophy Club Byron Nelson (17-10-1, F5), Flower Mound Marcus HS
Game 1: Plano West 2, Byron Nelson 1; Game 2: Plano West 5, Byron Nelson 0. Plano West wins series 2-0.
Southlake Carroll (20-10, R7) vs. South Grand Prairie (12-13-3, T8)
Game 1: Carroll 11, South Grand Prairie 10; Game 2: Carroll 7, South Grand Prairie 5. Carroll wins series 2-0.
Keller (22-5, W5) vs. Plano East (17-11, F6)
Game 1: Keller 8, Plano East 0; Game 2: Keller 9, Plano East 0. Keller wins series 2-0.
Midlothian (14-11, R8) vs. Colleyville Heritage (12-8-1, T7)
Game 1: Midlothian 11, Heritage 2; Game 2: Midlothian 10, Heritage 6, 9 innings. Midlothian wins series 2-0.

Area

Fort Worth Paschal (25-5, W4) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (16-17, T2), Midwestern State, Wichita Falls
Game 1: Frenship 5, Paschal 2; Game 2: Frenship 9, Paschal 1. Frenship wins series 2-0.
Midland High (23-8-1, W3) vs. El Paso Eastwood (19-8, T1), Sul Ross State, Alpine
Game 1: MHS 2, Eastwood 1; Game 2: MHS 5, Eastwood 3. MHS wins series 2-0.
Mansfield (W8, 23-5) vs. Plano (T6, 21-7), Colleyville Heritage HS
Game 1: Mansfield 1, Plano 0; Game 2: Mansfield 7, Plano 5. Mansfield wins series 2-0.
Hurst Bell (20-9-1, W7) vs. Keller Timber Creek (21-8, T5)
Game 1: Timber Creek 6, Bell 4; Game 2: Timber Creek 5, Bell 1. Timber Creek wins series 2-0.
Lubbock Coronado (25-7, W2) vs. Odessa High (24-7-1, R3), Seminole HS
Game 1: Odessa High 4, Coronado 3; Game 2: Coronado 11, Odessa High 10; Game 3: Coronado 13, Odessa High 3. Coronado wins series 2-1.
Amarillo High (14-13-1, F2) vs. Odessa Permian (25-8, T3), Lubbock Cooper HS
Game 1: Permian 7, Amarillo High 5; Game 2: Permian 5, Amarillo High 3. Permian wins series 2-0.
Plano West (26-3, W6) 5, Southlake Carroll 0
Keller (24-5, W5) 10, Midlothian 1

Regional quarterfinals

Wolfforth Frenship (20-18, T2) vs. Midland High (25-8-1, W3), Seminole
Game 1: Midland High 9, Frenship 1; Game 2: Frenship 11, Midland High 1; Game 3: Frenship 9, Midland High 7. Frenship wins series 2-1
Mansfield (25-5, W8) vs. Keller Timber Creek (25-9, T5)
Game 1: Mansfield 2, Timber Creek 1; Game 2: Timber Creek 4, Mansfield 1; Game 3: Timber Creek 5, Mansfield 2. Timber Creek wins series 2-1
Lubbock Coronado (29-9, W2) vs. Odessa Permian (27-8, T3), Big Spring
Game 1: Permian 5, Coronado 4; Game 2: Coronado 7, Permian 0; Game 3: Coronado 8, Permian 7. Coronado wins series 2-1
Plano West (27-3, W6) vs. Keller (27-6, W5), Prosper
Game 1: Keller 4, Plano West 2; Game 2: Plano West 4, Keller 3; Game 3: Keller 3, Plano West 2. Keller wins series 2-1

Regional semifinals

Wolfforth Frenship (20-18, T2) vs. Keller Timber Creek (25-9, T5), Midwestern State, Wichita Falls
Game 1: Timber Creek 6, Frenship 1; Game 2: Timber Creek 7, Frenship 4. Timber Creek wins series 2-0.
Lubbock Coronado (29-9, W2) vs. Keller (27-6, W5), Wells Field, Abilene Christian University
Game 1: Keller 10, Coronado 0; Game 2: Coronado 5, Keller 3; Game 3: Keller 16, Coronado 2. Keller wins series 2-1.

Class 4A
Bi-district

Andrews (W4) 27, San Elizario 1
Bushland (R1) vs. Sweetwater (14-9-3, T2)
Game 1: Bushland 2, Sweetwater 1; Game 2: Sweetwater 8, Bushland 0; Game 3: Bushland 11, Sweetwater 2. Bushland wins series 2-1.
Monahans (22-9-2, F4) 10, Clint 0
Big Spring (R2) vs. Borger (16-7, T1), Lubbock Coronado HS
Game 1: Big Spring 4, Borger 3; Game 2: Big Spring 14, Borger 3. Big Spring wins series 2-0.
Decatur (W6) 15, Midlothian Heritage 0
Vernon (R5) vs. Abilene Wylie (11-9-1, T6)
Game 1: Wylie 1, Vernon 0, 8 innings; Game 2: Wylie 10, Vernon 7. Wylie wins series 2-0.
Godley (19-6, W7) vs. River Oaks Castleberry (10-14, F8), Fort Worth Chisholm Trail HS
Game 1: Godley 6, Castleberry 0; Game 2: Godley 15, Castleberry 0. Godley wins series 2-0.
Brownwood (16-7-1, R6) 13, Iowa Park 1
Snyder (23-10, W2) 10, Dalhart 0
Fabens (15-12, R3) vs. Seminole (15-13, T4), Fabens HS
Game 1: Seminole 10, Fabens 2; Game 2: Seminole 16, Fabens 7. Seminole wins series 2-0.
Pampa (W1) 8, Levelland 3
Fort Stockton (23-9, R4) 12, Clint Mountain View 2
Stephenville (23-9, W6) 19, Wichita Falls Hirsch 0
Alvarado (23-8, R7) 2, Bridgeport 1
Mineral Wells (15-9, F6) 5, Burkburnett 3
Springtown (11-14, R8) vs. Kennedale (13-16-1, T7), Haslet Eaton HS
Game 1: Kennedale 11, Springtown 0; Game 2: Kennedale 6, Springtown 3. Kennedale wins series 2-0.

Area

Andrews (23-11-1, W4) vs. Bushland (22-11, R1), Lubbock Estacado HS
Game 1: Andrews 6, Bushland 5; Game 2: Andrews 5, Bushland 3. Andrews wins series 2-0.
Monahans (22-9-2, F4) vs. Big Spring (20-5-1, R2), Greenwood HS
Game 1: Monahans 5, Big Spring 2; Game 2: Big Spring 11, Monahans 1; Game 3: Big Spring 4, Monahans 3. Big Spring wins series 2-1.
Decatur (9-8-1, W8) vs. Abilene Wylie (13-9-1, T6), Graham HS
Game 1: Wylie 5, Decatur 3; Game 2: Wylie 7, Decatur 6, 8 innings. Wylie wins series 2-0.
Godley (21-6, W7) vs. Brownwood (17-7-1, R6), Graford HS
Game 1: Brownwood 1, Godley 0; Game 2: Brownwood 8, Godley 6. Brownwood wins series 2-0.
Snyder (23-10, W2) vs. Seminole (17-13, T4), Lubbock HS
Game 1: Snyder 13, Seminole 10; Game 2: Snyder 13, Seminole 8. Snyder wins series 2-0.
Pampa (21-8, W1) vs. Fort Stockton (23-9, R4), Lubbock Monterey HS
Game 1: Fort Stockton 13, Pampa 8; Game 2: Pampa 15, Fort Stockton 10; Game 3: Pampa 16, Fort Stockton 8. Pampa wins series 2-1.
Stephenville (23-9, W6) vs. Alvarado (25-8, R7), Glen Rose HS
Game 1: Stephenville 6, Alvarado 2; Game 2: Stephenville 3, Alvarado 1. Stephenville wins series 2-0.
Mineral Wells (15-9, F6) vs. Kennedale (15-16-1, T7), Haslet Eaton HS
Game 1: Kennedale 13, Mineral Wells 3; Game 2: Kennedale 10, Mineral Wells 8. Kennedale wins series 2-0.

Regional quarterfinals

Andrews (25-11-1, W4) vs. Big Spring (24-6-1, R2), Freddie Ezell Softball Complex
Game 1: Big Spring 6, Andrews 4, 8 innings; Game 2: Big Spring 14, Andrews 11. Big Spring wins series 2-0
Abilene Wylie (15-9-1, T6) vs. Brownwood (21-8-1, R6), Abilene Christian University
Game 1: Wylie 7, Brownwood 6; Game 2: Brownwood 8, Wylie 2; Game 3: Brownwood 5, Wylie 4. Brownwood wins series 2-1
Snyder (27-10, W2) vs. Pampa (23-8, W1), Lubbock Coronado HS
Game 1: Snyder 11, Pampa 1; Game 2: Snyder 5, Pampa 4. Snyder wins series 2-0
Stephenville (25-9, W6) vs. Kennedale (19-6-1, T7), Brock
Game 1: Kennedale 4, Stephenville 3; Game 2: Kennedale 7, Stephenville 0. Kennedale wins series 2-0

Regional semifinals

Big Spring (24-6-1, R2) vs. Brownwood (21-8-1, R6), Angelo State, San Angelo
Game 1: Brownwood 4, Big Spring 1; Game 2: Brownwood 6, Big Spring 2. Brownwood wins series 2-0.
Snyder (27-10, W2) vs. Kennedale (19-16-1, T7), Henrietta HS
Game 1: Kennedale 8, Snyder 4; Game 2: Snyder 4, Kennedale 2. Game 3: Snyder 9, Kennedale 4. Snyder wins series 2-1.

Class 3A
Bi-district

Alpine (13-3, W4) 13, Lubbock Roosevelt (F3) 1
Sanford-Fritch (10-12-1, R1) vs. Littlefield (3-5, T2), Hereford HS
Game 1: Sanford-Fritch 26, Littlefield 12; Game 2: Littlefield 22, Sanford-Fritch 8; Game 3: Littlefield 17, Sanford-Fritch 4. Littlefield wins series 2-1.
Brownfield (W3) vs. Kermit (4-9-1, F4), Hobbs, N.M.
Game 1: Kermit 7, Brownfield 6; Game 2: Kermit 14, Brownfield 1. Kermit wins series 2-0.
Muleshoe (7-15, R2) vs. Childress (7-13, T1), Hermleigh HS
Game 1: Muleshoe 15, Childress 4; Game 2: Muleshoe 15, Childress 2. Muleshoe wins series 2-0.
Clyde (12-4-2, W8) 16, Brady 2
Coahoma (R5) 4, Ballinger 2
Bangs (22-4, W7) 7, Dublin 2
Merkel (13-7, R6) vs. Reagan County (T5), San Angelo Central HS
Game 1: Reagan County 7, Merkel 4; Game 2: Merkel 11, Reagan County 3; Game 3: Reagan County 13, Merkel 5. Reagan County wins series 2-1.
Shallowater (25-5-1, W2) bye
Denver City (R3) vs. Crane (16-10, T4)
Game 1: Crane 4, Denver City 3; Game 2: Denver City 10, Crane 7; Game 3: Denver City 8, Crane 7. Denver City wins series 2-1.
River Road (24-3, W1) vs. Dimmitt (F2), Amarillo Tascosa HS
Game 1: River Road 27, Dimmitt 3; Game 2: River Road 21, Dimmitt 5. River Road wins series 2-0.
Presidio (R4) 13, Slaton 1
Wall (19-6, W6) 14, Sonora 5
Early (18-10, R7) vs. Cisco (14-7, T8), Abilene Christian University
Game 1: Early 12, Cisco 5; Game 2: Early 6, Cisco 0. Early wins series 2-0.
Colorado City (17-3, W5) 11, San Angelo Grape Creek 2
Breckenridge (15-11-1, R8) vs. Comanche (13-9, T7)
Game 1: Breckenridge 13, Comanche 2; Game 2: Breckenridge 13, Comanche 3. Breckenridge wins series 2-0.

Area

Alpine (14-3, W4) vs. Littlefield (T2), Odessa College
Game 1: Alpine 27, Littlefield 1; Game 2: Alpine 15, Littlefield 2. Alpine wins series 2-0.
Kermit (6-9-1, F4) vs. Muleshoe (9-15, R2), Lamesa HS
Game 1: Kermit 15, Muleshoe 3; Game 2: Muleshoe 5, Kermit 4; Game 3: Kermit 20, Muleshoe 6. Kermit wins series 2-1.
Clyde (13-4-2, W8) vs. Coahoma (9-8, R5), Hermleigh HS
Game 1: Clyde 10, Coahoma 9; Game 2: Clyde 15, Coahoma 0. Clyde wins series 2-0.
Bangs (23-4, W7) 2, Big Lake Reagan County (T5) 1
Shallowater (25-5-1, W2) vs. Denver City (18-8-1, R3), Lubbock Christian University
Game 1: Shallowater 18, Denver City 0; Game 2: Shallowater 11, Denver City 1. Shallowater wins series 2-0.
Amarillo River Road (26-3, W1) vs. Presidio (R4), Big Spring HS
Game 1: River Road 9, Presidio 3; Game 2: Presidio 11, River Road 10; Game 3: River Road 10, Presidio 5. River Road wins series 2-1.
Wall (20-6, W6) vs. Early (20-10, R7), Tuscola Jim Ned HS
Game 1: Early 16, Wall 7; Game 2: Early 7, Wall 1. Early wins series 2-0.
Colorado City (18-3, W5) vs. Breckenridge (17-11-1, R8), Abilene Cooper
Game 1: Colorado City 5, Breckenridge 3; Game 2: Colorado City 8, Breckenridge 3. Colorado City wins series 2-0.

Regional quarterfinals

Alpine (16-3, W4) vs. Kermit (10-10-1, F4), Crane
Game 1: Kermit 7, Alpine 6; Game 2: Alpine 16, Kermit 15; Game 3: Kermit 21, Alpine 6. Kermit wins series 2-1
Clyde (16-4-2, W8) 2, Bangs (24-4, W7) 1
Shallowater (29-5-1, W2) vs. Amarillo River Road (28-4, W1), Plainview
Game 1: Shallowater 12, River Road 2; Game 2: Shallowater 12, River Road 2. Shallowater wins series 2-0
Early (22-10, R7) vs. Colorado City (20-3, W5), Abilene Christian University
Game 1: Colorado City 11, Early 1; Game 2: Colorado City 11, Early 1. Colorado City wins series 2-0

Regional semifinals

Kermit (12-7-1, F4) vs. Clyde (18-4-2, W8), Fossan HS
Game 1: Clyde 14, Kermit 3; Game 2: Clyde 8, Kermit 0. Clyde wins series 2-0.
Shallowater (29-5-1, W2) vs. Colorado City (22-3, W5), Seminole HS
Game 1: Colorado City 4, Shallowater 1; Game 2: Colorado City 4, Shallowater 2. Colorado City wins series 2-0.

Class 2A
Area

Van Horn (W4) vs. Lockney (18-4, T2), Andrews HS
Game 1: Lockney 10, Van Horn 2; Game 2: Lockney 12, Van Horn 1. Lockney wins series 2-0.
Forsan (17-8-1, W3) vs. Abernathy (11-3, R2)
Game 1: Forsan 19, Abernathy 17; Game 2: Forsan 21, Abernathy 3. Forsan win series 2-0.
Windthorst (28-2, W8) vs. Ozona (15-7-1, R5), Snyder HS
Game 1: Windthorst 8, Ozona 4; Game 2: Windthorst 20, Ozona 4. Windthorst wins series 2-0.
Hawley (21-7-1, W7) vs. Eldorado (12-4-1, T5), Winters HS
Game 1: Hawley 7, Eldorado 1; Game 2: Hawley 17, Eldorado 4. Hawley wins series 2-0.
Ralls (19-4, W2) vs. Sundown (17-5, R3), Lubbock Coronado HS
Game 1: Ralls 10, Sundown 5; Game 2: Ralls 11, Sundown 8. Ralls wins series 2-0.
Stinnett West Texas (21-5, W1) vs. Ira (12-6, T3), Plainview HS
Game 1: Ira 12, West Texas 6; Game 2: West Texas 4, Ira 2; Game 3: Ira 13, West Texas 3. Ira wins series 2-1.
Mason (9-9, F5) vs. Archer City (23-5-1, T8)
Game 1: Archer City 15, Mason 2, Clyde Eula; Game 2: Archer City 4, Mason 2. Archer City wins series 2-0.
Junction (16-12, W5) vs. Petrolia (17-8-1, R8), Hawley HS
Game 1: Petrolia 10, Junction 9; Game 2: Petrolia 8, Junction 5. Petrolia wins series 2-0.

Regional quarterfinals

Lockney (20-4, T2) vs. Forsan (19-8-1, W3), Lubbock Cooper HS
Game 1: Lockney 12, Forsan 8; Game 2: Lockney 4, Forsan 3. Lockney wins series 2-0.
Windthorst (30-2, W8) vs. Hawley (23-7-1, W7)
Game 1: Windthorst 8, Hawley 1; Game 2: Windthorst 8, Hawley 7. Windthorst wins series 2-0
Ralls (21-4, W2) 10, Ira (14-7, T3) 6
Archer City (27-5-1, T8) vs. Petrolia (19-8-1, R8), Midwestern State, Wichita Falls
Game 1: Archer City 10, Petrolia 1; Game 2: Archer City 5, Petrolia 1. Archer City wins series 2-0

Regional semifinals

Windthorst (33-2, W8) 17, Lockney 0
Ralls (22-4, W2) vs. Archer City (27-5-1, T8), Abilene Cooper HS
Game 1: Archer City 5, Ralls 0; Game 2: Archer City 8, Ralls 1. Archer City wins series 2-0.

HSBASEBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SNYDER 7
GREENWOOD 1

LUBBOCK — Snyder beat Greenwood, 7-1 in Game 2 to sweep a best-of-three Class 4A regional quarterfinal series on Saturday at Moegle Field.

Tied 1-1, the Tigers (20-7) erupted for six runs in the top of the seventh inning to oust the Rangers (18-15) from the playoffs.

Greenwood could only manage three hits against Snyder pitcher Aaron Escobedo. Josh Urias, Kason Buffaloe and Nick Medrano accounted for the Rangers' only hits. Urias scored GHS' only run in the bottom of the first inning.

Snyder advanced to the regional semifinal round and will face Abilene Wylie.

Game 2
SNYDER 7, GREENWOOD 1

Snyder	031	000	6	—	7	8	2
Greenwood	100	000	0	—	1	3	2

Aaron Escobedo and Lance Davis. Dawson Merryman, Hitt Medrano (7) and Vance Martinez. W — Escobedo. L — Merryman.

Records: Greenwood 19-15; Snyder 20-7

ANDREWS 7
SWEETWATER 1, Game 2
SWEETWATER 7
ANDREWS 4, Game 3

ANDREWS — Sweetwater defeated Andrews, 7-4 in a deciding Game 3 to win a Class 4A regional quarterfinal series on Saturday at Andrews High School.

Earlier in the day, Andrews stayed alive in the series with a 7-1 victory over Sweetwater in Game 2.

Sweetwater (20-12) advances to play Godley in the regional semifinals, while Andrews' season ends at 18-16-1.

Andrews collected 11 hits in its Game 2 victory. Lance Wasson and Ryan Stephens doubled for Andrews, while Gustavo Rodriguez tripled.

In Game 3, Sweetwater scored three runs in the first inning and four runs in the second to take an early 7-0 lead that proved to be the difference.

Game 2
ANDREWS 7, SWEETWATER 1

Sweetwater	000	001	0	—	1	7	1
Andrews	104	002	x	—	7	11	0

Javier Olguin, J'Corey Amos (3), John Gill (8) and Scott Warner. Chris Garcia and Ryan Stephens. W — Garcia. L — Olguin. 2B — Andrews: Lance Wasson, Stephens. 3B — Andrews: Gustavo Rodriguez.

Game 3
SWEETWATER 7, ANDREWS 4

Sweetwater	340	000	0	—	7	8	1
Andrews	000	004	0	—	4	5	1

Jordan McGee, Scott Warner (6) and Warner, Kiante McCoy, Willy Cuevas, Jacoby Hernandez (2), Hayden Wells (5) and Ryan Stephens. W — McGee. L — Cuevas. Sv. — Warner. 2B — Andrews: Sam Robertson. HR — Sweetwater: Javier Olguin.

Records — Sweetwater 20-12; Andrews 18-16-1.

LEE

From 1C

Payton was able to minimize Weatherford's damage in the 8-1 win.

"It was pretty much the same situation as last time (game 3 against Arlington Martin in the bi-district round)," said Payton, who made his second Game 3 start this postseason on Saturday. "I knew what I had to do. They (Weatherford) had runners on, but I kept the ball down, my curveball was working against the lefties and my guys made plays."

Thanks to aggressive base running, Lee scored two runs in both the second and fourth innings to stake Payton to an early advantage.

Evan Mata singled home Wuthrich and then came around to score himself on a stolen base and two consecutive errors. In the fourth, Tailan Boza scored Mata with a single to center to make it 3-1. Boza later crossed the plate on a sacrifice fly to right by Blessie for a 4-1 Rebels' lead.

Mata said the Rebels' aggressive approach on the base paths was key to jump starting the rally.

"Sometimes you've got to risk certain things and it paid off this time," said Mata, who went 2-for-3, with an RBI, a walk, two runs and a pair of stolen bases in Game 3.

Lee later broke the game open with a four-run sixth, highlighted by RBI doubles from Garrett Chalker and Wuthrich.

After the series-clinching win, Lee head coach Brian Roper said he was proud of the way his players came together and kept their playoff run alive with some inspired baseball on Saturday.

"I'm just proud of our group," Roper said. "(Saturday) was just a typical day for them. They're tough kids, a tough group. Sometimes things don't look real pretty, but they know who they are and they know how to minimize things. We got a little more emotional (Saturday) than I'd like. But I'm really proud of them."

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Game 2
LEE 3, WEATHERFORD 0

Lee	000	111	0	—	3	8	0
Weatherford	000	000	0	—	0	8	1

Blake Blessie, Bo Blessie (7) and Hunter Coleman. Spencer Hynes and Joey Monaco. W — Blessie (4-3). L — Hynes. 2B - Lee: Adam Becker; Weatherford: Parker Bateman. HR — Lee: John Wuthrich.

Game 3
LEE 8, WEATHERFORD 1

Weatherford	000	100	0	—	1	6	3
Lee	020	204	X	—	8	12	5

Garrett Mendoza, Mason Hilton (5), Preston Edison (6) and Joey Monaco. Chapman Payton and Hunter Coleman. W — Payton (5-0). L - Mendoza. 2B — Lee: Garrett Chalker, John Wuthrich.

Records: Lee 26-8; Weatherford 24-11

Next: Lee vs. Coppell, TBD, in regional semifinal; Weatherford has concluded its season

HS BASEBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

HS BASEBALL
UIL Region I playoffs
***denotes if necessary**
Class 6A
Area

Weatherford (23-9, W4) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (21-11, T2)
Game 1: Weatherford 6, Frenship 4; Game 2: Weatherford 6, Frenship 3. Weatherford wins series 2-0
Lee (24-7, W3) vs. El Paso Montwood (22-13, T1)
Game 1: Lee 3, Montwood 2; Game 2: Lee wins by forfeit. Lee wins series 2-0
Midlothian (26-4-1, W8) vs. Flower Mound (25-8, T6)
Game 1: Flower Mound 7, Midlothian 2; Game 2: Flower Mound 4, Midlothian 2. Flower Mound wins series 2-0
Coppell (31-1, W7) vs. McKinney Boyd (22-10, R6)
Game 1: Boyd 3, Coppell 2; Game 2: Coppell 10, Boyd 2; Game 3: Coppell 6, Boyd 1. Coppell wins series 2-1
Amarillo High (26-12, W2) vs. Midland High (24-12, R3)
Game 1: Amarillo High 15, Midland High 8; Game 2: Midland High 9, Amarillo High 3; Game 3: Amarillo High 6, Midland High 4. Amarillo High wins series 2-1
El Paso Americas (30-7, W1) vs. Fort Worth Paschal (28-6, R4)
Game 1: Paschal 6, Americas 4; Game 2: Paschal 4, Americas 2. Paschal wins series 2-0
Lewisville Hebron (25-6, W6) vs. Southlake Carroll (22-6-1, R7)
Game 1: Hebron 4, Carroll 1; Game 2: Hebron 2, Carroll 1. Hebron wins series 2-0
Keller (21-8-2, W5) vs. Colleyville Heritage (21-12, T7)
Game 1: Keller 2, Heritage 1; Game 2: Keller 7, Heritage 0. Keller wins series 2-0

Regional quarterfinal

Lee (24-7, W3) vs. Weatherford (23-9, W4)
Game 1: Weatherford 5, Lee 2; Game 2: Lee 3, Weatherford 0; Game 3: Lee 8, Weatherford 1. Lee wins series 2-1.
Coppell (32-1, W7) 1, Flower Mound (25-8, T6) 0
Amarillo High (26-12, W2) vs. Fort Worth Paschal (28-6, R4)
Game 1: Paschal 2, Amarillo 0; Game 2: Amarillo 1, Paschal 0. Game 3: Amarillo 10, Paschal 1. Amarillo wins series 2-1.
Hebron (25-6, W6) vs. Keller (23-8-2, W5)
Game 1: Keller 6, Hebron 1; Game 2: Keller 4, Hebron 1. Keller wins series 2-0

Class 4A
Area

Andrews (12-12, W4) vs. Pampa (19-4, R1)
Game 1: Andrews 8, Pampa 4; Game 2: Andrews 8, Pampa 1. Andrews wins series 2-0
Fort Stockton (11-13, F4) vs. Sweetwater (18-7, R2)
Game 1: Sweetwater 4, Fort Stockton 1; Game 2: Fort Stockton 8, Sweetwater 3; Game 3: Sweetwater 8, Fort Stockton 1. Sweetwater wins series 2-1
Decatur (21-7-1, W8) vs. Stephenville (13-12-1, T6)
Game 1: Decatur 4, Stephenville 3; Game 2: Stephenville 2, Decatur 1; Game 3: Decatur 2, Stephenville 1. Decatur wins series 2-1
Godley (22-2, W7) vs. Mineral Wells (12-7, R6)
Game 1: Godley 7, Mineral Wells 4; Game 2: Godley 2, Mineral Wells 0. Godley wins series 2-0.
Snyder (19-8, W2) vs. Monahans (15-10, T4)
Game 1: Snyder 2, Monahans 0; Game 2: Snyder 5, Monahans 2. Snyder wins series 2-0
Greenwood (18-13, R4) vs. Bushland (17-12, W1)
Game 1: Greenwood 1, Bushland 0; Game 2: Greenwood 8, Bushland 4. Greenwood wins series 2-0
Abilene Wylie (18-2, W6) vs. Venus (11-7, R7)
Game 1: Wylie 6, Venus 0; Game 2: Wylie 5, Venus 0
Graham (14-11, F6) vs. Midlothian Heritage (15-16, T7)
Game 1: Graham 4, Heritage 2; Game 2: Heritage 8, Graham 7; Game 3: Heritage 8, Graham 3. Heritage wins series 2-1

Regional quarterfinal

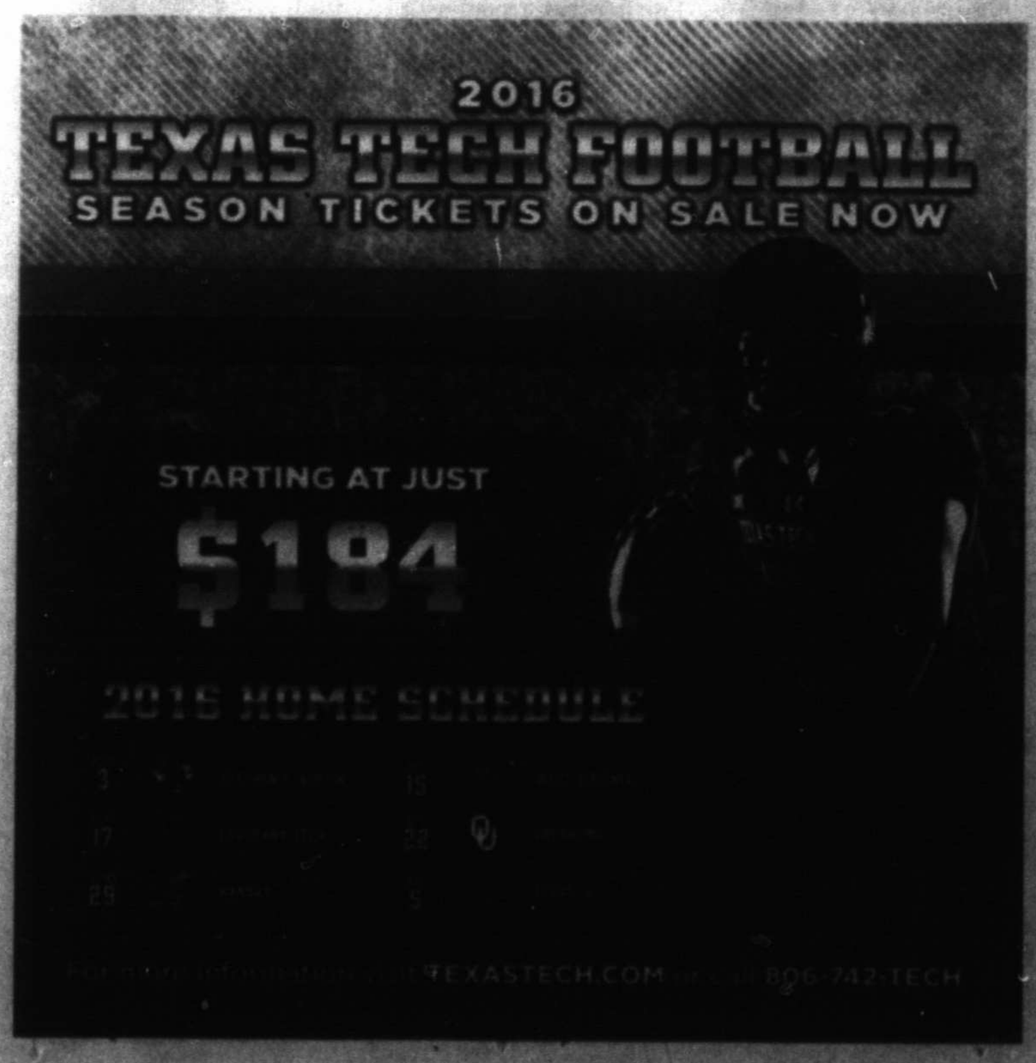
Andrews (12-12, W4) vs. Sweetwater (18-7, R2)
Game 1: Sweetwater 6, Andrews 1; Game 2: Andrews 7, Sweetwater 1; Game 3: Sweetwater 7, Andrews 4. Sweetwater wins series 2-1.
Decatur (21-7-1, W8) vs. Godley (24-2, W7)
Game 1: Godley 2, Decatur 1, Game 2: Godley 10, Decatur 5. Godley wins series 2-0
Snyder (21-9, W2) vs. Greenwood (18-13, R4)
Game 1: Snyder 7, Greenwood 3; Game 2: Snyder 7, Greenwood 1. Snyder wins series 2-0.
Abilene Wylie (20-2, W6) vs. Midlothian Heritage (15-16, T7)
Game 1: Wylie 12, Heritage 1; Game 2: Wylie 5, Heritage 1. Wylie wins series 2-0.

Class 2A
Area

Floydada (5-12, F3) vs. West Texas (14-5, R1)
Game 1: West Texas 13, Floydada 3; Game 2: West Texas 12, Floydada 4. West Texas wins series 2-0
Lockney (22-0, W3) vs. Kress (R2)
Game 1: Lockney 6, Kress 1; Game 2: Lockney 6, Kress 2. Lockney wins series 2-0
Albany (14-1, W8) 12, McCamey (13-6, R5) 2
Miles (20-7, W7) 12, Borden County (R6) 0
Clarendon (18-5, W2) vs. New Deal (R3)
Game 1: Clarendon 7, New Deal 2; Game 2: Clarendon 8, New Deal 7. Clarendon wins series 2-0
Gruver (13-0, W1) vs. Abernathy (T3)
Game 1: Gruver 9, Abernathy 6; Game 2: Abernathy 3, Gruver 2; Game 3: Abernathy 6, Gruver 5. Abernathy wins series 2-0
Hawley (16-6, T8) 9, Forsan (10-4, W6) 5
Van Horn (W5) vs. Stamford (R8)
Game 1: Stamford 15, Van Horn 0; Game 2: Stamford 10, Van Horn 0. Stamford wins series 2-0

Regional quarterfinal

West Texas (14-5, R1) vs. Lockney (24-1, W3)
Game 1: West Texas 6, Lockney 5; Game 2: Lockney 7, West Texas 6. Game 3: Lockney 4, West Texas 2. Lockney wins series 2-1
Albany (14-1, W8) vs. Miles (20-7, W7)
Game 1: Albany 8, Miles 2; Game 2: Albany 7, Miles 6. Albany wins series 2-0.
Clarendon (18-5, W2) vs. Abernathy (T3)
Game 1: Clarendon 17, Abernathy 6; Game 2: Abernathy 4, Clarendon 2; Game 3: Clarendon 8, Abernathy 2. Clarendon wins series 2-1.
Hawley (16-6, T8) vs. Stamford (R8)
Game 1: Stamford 5, Hawley 4; Game 2: Stamford 6, Hawley 1. Stamford wins series 2-0



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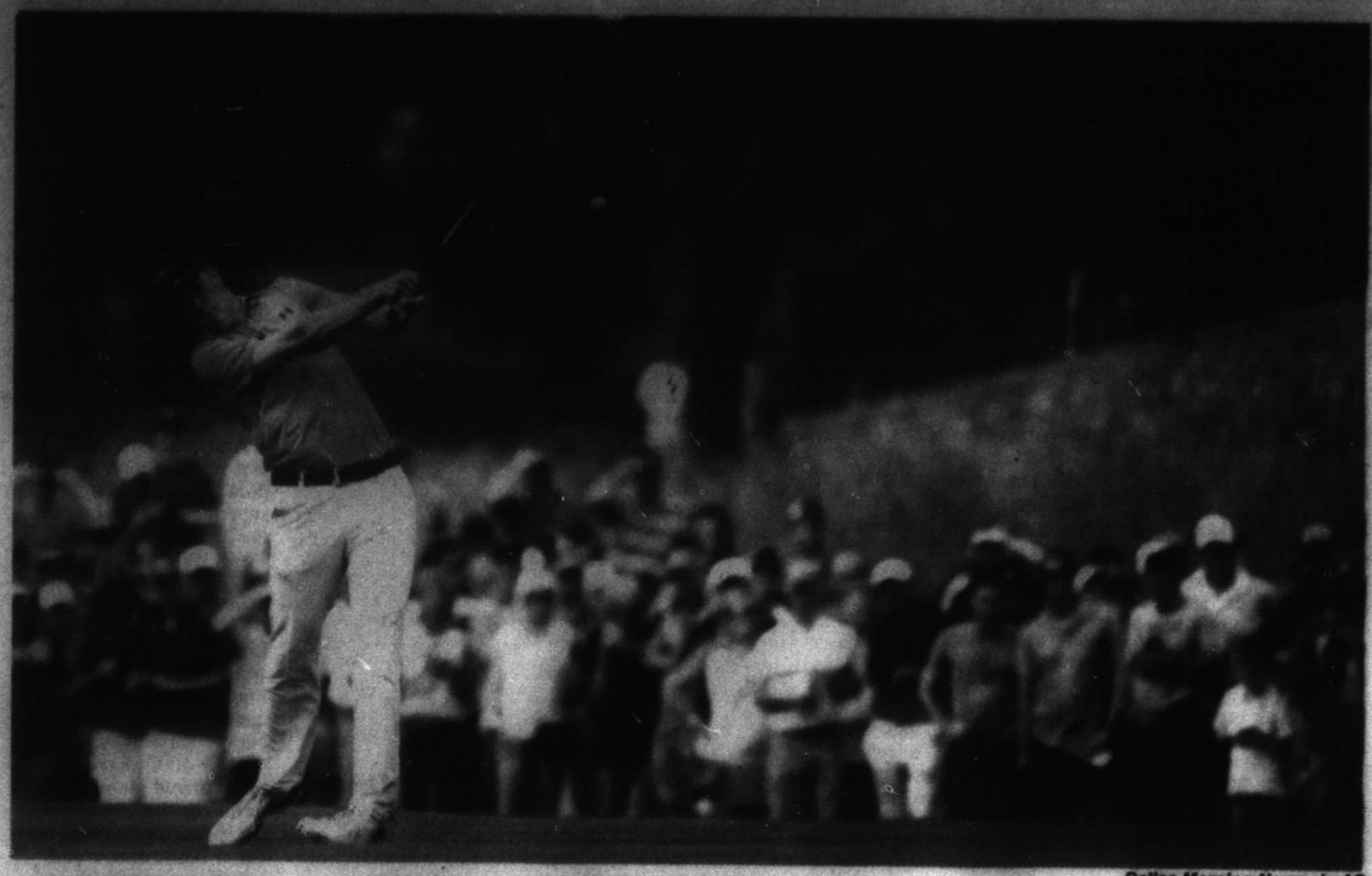

Dallas Morning News via AP

Jordan Spieth hits from the fairway on the 16th hole during the third round of the Byron Nelson golf tournament Saturday in Irving.

NELSON

From 1C

for 11th.

Even though Koepka played well enough to take a two-stroke lead, he felt like he hit the ball terrible and that his round "wasn't anything to brag about at all" with the exception of the round-low 22 putts.

"It wasn't good today. It was kind of embarrassing," Koepka said. "We both kind of hung in there, battled it out and we made some good, good key 10-footers."

A stressful round is what Spieth called it.

"I just don't have confidence over the ball right now," he said. "It's very frustrating and actually pretty incredible to still be in this tournament."

Garcia was 15 under and with the outright lead after his fourth birdie of the round, and second in a row, when he made a 25-footer at No. 8. But the 36-year-old Spaniard, the 2004 Nelson champion, then three-putted from nearly 60 feet at the 9th hole before missing the fairway with his drive for another bogey at No. 10.

That second bogey came about the same time Spieth, in the final group right behind him, made a 9-foot birdie at the 416-yard No. 9 to get to 14 under for the lead.

But Spieth had the bogey at 14 and his only other birdie after that was from about 20 foot at the par-3 17th to get back within a stroke of the lead — "Probably the loudest roar I think I ever heard on a golf course," Koepka said. Spieth gave the stroke right back with a wayward tee shot and bogey at No. 18.

This is Spieth's sixth Nelson, his fourth as a professional. The Dallas native's best finish was a tie for 16th as a 16-year-old in his 2010 debut.

At 26, Koepka is four years older than Spieth with one win (Phoenix in 2015) in his 54 previous PGA Tour starts.

BYRON NELSON SCORES

Saturday
At TPC Four Seasons Resort
Irving, Texas
Purse: $7.3 million
Yardage: 7,166; Par: 70
Third Round

Brooks Koepka	65-64-65—194
Jordan Spieth	64-65-67—196
Matt Kuchar	65-67-65—197
Bud Cauley	64-65-68—197
Sergio Garcia	63-66-68—197
Kyle Reifers	68-65-65—198
Gary Woodland	71-64-64—199
Tim Wilkinson	67-69-63—199
Steve Marino	69-64-66—199
Bryce Molder	66-65-68—199
Sean O'Hair	66-69-65—200
Ben Crane	65-63-72—200
Charles Howell III	65-70-66—201
Robert Garrigus	65-70-66—201
Chad Campbell	66-69-66—201
Spencer Levin	68-66-67—201
Johnson Wagner	63-70-68—201
Jason Dufner	66-67-68—201
Adam Hadwin	66-66-69—201
Freddie Jacobson	64-68-69—201
Tom Hoge	64-68-69—201
Danny Lee	63-69-69—201
Will MacKenzie	66-70-66—202
Sung Kang	67-67-68—202
Ricky Barnes	69-67-66—202
Colt Knost	70-63-69—202
Chez Reavie	67-66-69—202
Hudson Swafford	66-66-70—202
Dustin Johnson	64-68-70—202
Justin Hicks	70-65-68—203
Abraham Ancer	68-67-68—203
Jon Curran	66-69-68—203
Tony Finau	68-67-68—203
Michael Thompson	70-65-68—203
Bronson Burgoon	68-68-67—203
Patrick Rodgers	67-65-71—203
James Hahn	65-73-65—203
Wes Roach	64-66-73—203
Ted Purdy	69-67-68—204
Hiroshi Iwata	67-67-70—204
Mark Wilson	69-68-67—204
Jeff Overton	66-71-67—204
John Senden	67-70-67—204
Jonas Blixt	71-66-67—204
D.A. Points	71-62-71—204
Charl Schwartzel	68-67-70—205
Whee Kim	68-67-70—205
Stuart Appleby	70-66-69—205
John Merrick	70-66-69—205
Jhonattan Vegas	68-67-70—205
Tyrone Van Aswegen	70-67-68—205
Martin Flores	65-68-72—205
Charley Hoffman	67-66-72—205
Luke Guthrie	70-68-67—205
Andres Gonzales	71-67-67—205
Michael Kim	69-66-71—206
Tim Herron	70-66-70—206
Will Wilcox	69-68-69—206
Kyle Stanley	72-66-68—206
Rod Pampling	70-68-68—206
Rhein Gibson	67-68-72—207
Tom Gillis	69-67-71—207
Billy Hurley III	69-65-73—207
Harris English	68-68-71—207
Brett Stegmaier	68-66-73—207
Scott Stallings	67-66-74—207
J.J. Henry	68-70-69—207
Anirban Lahiri	72-65-71—208
Scott Pinckney	68-70-70—208
Zach Johnson	68-70-70—208
Jimmy Walker	70-68-70—208
Boo Weekley	76-62-70—208
Henrik Norlander	69-69-70—208
Kelly Kraft	69-69-70—208
Made Cut Did Not Finish	
Andrew Landry	69-68-72—209
Conrad Shindler	69-69-71—209
Derek Fathauer	70-68-72—210
Cameron Percy	66-72-72—210
Greg Owen	67-69-75—211
Lance Lopez	68-68-75—211
Marc Turnesa	69-69-74—212
Andrew Loupe	70-66-77—213
Steven Bowditch	68-70-75—213

PRO GOLF SCORES

Champions Tour

Saturday
At Greystone Golf & Country Club
Birmingham, Ala.
Purse: $2.2 million
Yardage: 7,299; Par: 72
Third Round

Bernhard Langer	66-69-69—204
Scott McCarron	70-66-72—208
Kenny Perry	64-70-74—208
Gary Hallberg	72-69-68—209
John Daly	70-70-69—209
Colin Montgomerie	70-69-70—209
Mark Calcavecchia	72-66-71—209
John Huston	71-72-67—210
Joey Sindelar	73-67-70—210
Kirk Triplett	72-67-71—210
Larry Mize	70-69-71—210
Olin Browne	71-67-72—210
Billy Andrade	67-68-75—210
Gene Sauers	66-70-74—210
Jeff Hart	71-70-70—211
Doug Garwood	69-71-71—211
Marco Dawson	72-68-71—211
Tommy Armour III	72-68-72—212
Steve Lowery	70-69-73—212
Todd Hamilton	78-66-69—213
Brandt Jobe	72-71-70—213
David Frost	71-72-70—213
Steve Pate	73-70-70—213
Carlos Franco	71-71-71—213
Peter Senior	70-72-71—213
Jeff Maggert	68-73-72—213
Fred Funk	69-72-72—213
Jerry Smith	71-70-72—213
Mark O'Meara	70-70-73—213
Duffy Waldorf	68-72-73—213
Willie Wood	71-67-75—213
Kevin Sutherland	68-68-77—213
Larry Nelson	71-73-70—214
Jerry Pate	73-71-70—214
Tom Lehman	72-71-71—214
Jeff Sluman	68-75-71—214
Rocco Mediate	70-71-73—214
Scott Hoch	69-71-74—214
Esteban Toledo	68-71-75—214
Guy Boros	72-72-71—215
Jim Carter	74-70-71—215
Tom Pernice Jr.	69-71-75—215
Joe Daley	70-77-69—216
Mike Grob	72-72-72—216
Paul Goydos	72-71-73—216
Tom Byrum	73-71-72—216
Scott Verplank	72-71-73—216
Brad Bryant	71-70-75—216
Jesper Parnevik	70-70-76—216
Wes Short Jr.	70-73-74—217
Sandy Lyle	72-69-76—217
Jim Thorpe	74-71-73—218
Stephen Ames	72-71-75—218
Glen Day	70-71-77—218
Tom Kite	75-75-69—219
Mark Brooks	75-72-72—219
Jay Haas	72-73-74—219
Rod Spittle	72-72-75—219
Craig Parry	68-74-77—219
Mike Goodes	76-72-72—220
Michael Allen	73-74-73—220
Bob Tway	77-69-74—220
Jay Don Blake	73-70-77—220
Ian Woosnam	71-71-78—220
Scott Dunlap	68-71-81—220
Greg Kraft	76-71-74—221
Brad Faxon	71-75-75—221
Dan Forsman	76-70-75—221
Grant Waite	72-77-73—222
Scott Simpson	72-77-73—222
Lee Janzen	72-72-78—222
Roger Chapman	77-76-70—223
Leonard Thompson	75-75-73—223
Brian Henninger	72-73-78—223
Gil Morgan	72-73-78—223
Wayne Levi	77-73-74—224
Tom Jenkins	74-75-75—224

Irish Open

Saturday
At The K Club (Palmer Course)
Straffan, Ireland
Purse: $4.51 million
Yardage: 7,350; Par: 72
Partial Third Round

Russell Knox, Scotland	75-66-70—211
Gregory Bourdy, France	72-73-68—213
Roman Wattel, France	75-70-68—213
Rafa Cabrera Bello, Spain	72-71-70—213
Bradley Dredge, Wales	71-70-72—213
Jorge Campillo, Spain	72-69-72—213
Gary Boyd, Englandance	72-73-69—214
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	74-70-70—214
Lee Westwood, England	72-72-70—214
Richard Bland, England	70-74-70—214
Sebastien Gros, France	71-70-73—214

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Tragedy on the track: More sad memories for Barbaro's owners

Associated Press

The owners of Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro got a grim reminder of their beloved horse's tragic run at the Preakness 10 years ago when their filly Pramedya broke down Saturday at Pimlico Race Course.

Barbaro shattered bones in his right hind leg in the 2006 Preakness. The horse made it through surgery but was euthanized in January 2007 after developing laminitis, a painful hoof condition.

Pramedya, owned by Roy and Gretchen Jackson's Lael Stables, was injured during the fourth race and was one of two horses to die on the Preakness undercard.

Homeboykris won the first race, then collapsed and died after having his picture taken in the winner's circle. Track officials said they believe cardiovascular collapse caused the 9-year-old gelding's death.

Euthanizing horses at tracks around the country is not uncommon. The fatality rate was 1.62 deaths per 1,000 starts across all surfaces, ages and distances, according to 2015 statistics released by the Jockey Club.

But with the fatalities at Pimlico on Saturday, one of horse racing's biggest days of the year, and Pramedya's connections to Barbaro, the deaths recalled memories of high-profile tragedies on the track.

Some notable horse racing deaths over the years:

RUFFIAN: After capturing the nation's attention with dominant wins in her first 10 races, Ruffian shattered her right front ankle in a 1975 match race with Kentucky Derby winner Foolish Pleasure at Belmont Park. She continued running on the injured leg and even made it through surgery, but she thrashed upon awakening and shattered her leg cast. That caused her to be euthanized.

GO FOR WAND: She was dueling with Bayakoa down the stretch of the Distaff in the 1990 Breeders' Cup when she broke the bone in her right front ankle, a fatal injury.

EIGHT BELLES: After finishing second to Big Brown in the 2008 Kentucky Derby, Eight Belles collapsed with two broken front ankles. She was euthanized by injection. Trainer Larry Jones said Eight Belles "ran the race of her life" and added that "there was no way to save her" and that "she couldn't stand."

UNION CITY: This 3-year-old broke down in the 1993 Preakness and was euthanized, one of two horses to die in a Triple Crown race that year.

PRAIRIE BAYOU: After winning the 1993 Preakness and finishing second in that year's Kentucky Derby, Prairie Bayou broke his left front leg while running down the backstretch of the Belmont Stakes.

Innovation a hallmark at Indy 500

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — With the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 set for May 29, The Associated Press looks at cars that have changed the race over the years. The list is completely subjective:

AP file photo

In this May 25, 1963, file photo, Andy Granatelli, car building and owner, leans over to congratulate Bobby Unser after the Albuquerque, N.M., driver qualified one of the V-8 Novi-powered racers for the Indianapolis 500 auto race in Indianapolis.

Marmon Wasp

It all started with this car. Most people know Ray Harroun as the first winner of the Indianapolis 500. What they don't know is that the engineer designed the winning car, too. The yellow-and-black car had a smooth cockpit, a pointed tail and a six-cylinder engine. Instead of using a riding mechanic, which most drivers did to keep track of traffic behind them, Harroun introduced the rear-view mirror. The result: Harroun finished the first race in 6 hours, 42 minutes, 8 seconds, more than 100 seconds ahead of runner-up finisher Ralph Mulford, a win that changed racing and solidified Indy's reputation for innovation.

Novi Special

Was it the greatest race car never to win at Indy? Perhaps. Ed and Bud Winfield, makers of racing carburetors, first brought the Novi engine to the track in 1935. Then came the turbo-charged, 3.0-liter engine, which debuted at the 1941 race. In 1961, after two decades of trying to win at Indy, Novi's assets were sold to Andy Granatelli, who only added to the engine-manufacturer's reputation for creativity. The chase for victory lane officially ended in 1966 when the Novi-powered cars failed to qualify for the 33-car starting grid. They also did not finish the races in 1964 or 1965.

The Offy

Fred Offenhauser designed an engine that won three 500 titles before World War II and didn't lose a thing when it returned to the speedway following the hiatus from 1942-45. In fact, Offenhauser-powered cars got even more popular after the war. They dominated the post-war lineup, claiming all 33 starting positions in 1954, 1955, 1959 and 1960, and won an additional 24 races at Indianapolis following WWII. And perhaps most incredibly, the engine won 18 consecutive races at the Brickyard, taking every race title from 1947-64 — a record that may never be challenged.

Going backward

In 1959, Duane Carter turned Indy upside down. Or perhaps inside out. The man who drove the "Smokey's Reverse Torque Special" made the most of his car owner's strange ploy. Smokey Yunick decided to challenge racing norms by turning around the popular Offy engine and running it, yes, backward. Carter didn't do badly. He qualified 12th for the race and finished seventh, the top finisher of anyone running their engine clockwise. The gamble actually was a precursor to perhaps the most innovative decade in race history, the 1960s.

Kimberly Cooper-Climax

Australia's Jack Brabham wound up changing IndyCar racing. The Indy 500 rookie came to the track in 1961 with a car that followed the European trend of placing the engine in the rear of the car. Brabham qualified 13th and finished ninth. In 1962, more drivers were using the rear engine. By 1965, 27 of the 33 starters had converted and Scotland's Jim Clark became the first Indianapolis 500 winner with a rear-powered engine. Nobody since then has run with anything else.

Mister 500

Andy Granatelli never met an innovation he didn't like. He brought super-charged engines to the speedway in the early 1960s. When they didn't win, he kept changing the plan. In 1969, he introduced a four-wheel drive Lotus engine. He finally won his first 500 when Mario Andretti drove a conventional engine in his backup car. But the late "Mister 500" might be best remembered for bringing turbine-powered engines to the speedway in 1967 and 1968. Those cars, which had 80 percent fewer parts than traditional engines, became fan favorites and were leading both races before mechanical failures knocked them out of the race.

Mercedes Mash

Roger Penske may have changed the way IndyCar teams conduct business. In 1994, Penske's team couldn't be touched. He came to Indianapolis with a roughly 1,000 horsepower engine built by Mercedes for only one race, the 500. The pushrod 500I Ilmor V8 dominated the month. Al Unser Jr. won the pole and his second Indy crown. Two-time 500 winner Emerson Fittipaldi led the most laps (145) on race day before crashing on lap 185. A crash in practice forced Paul Tracy to start from the back of the field and he was further sabotaged with a mechanical failure after completing just 92 laps.

PREAKNESS

From 1C

Star.

Exaggerator, the 5-2 second choice, returned $7.20, $3.20 and $2.40. Cherry Wine returned $9.80 and $4.20, and Nyquist paid $2.20 to show. Winning time for the race was 1:58.31.

Nyquist broke well under Mario Gutierrez, and he and 34-1 long shot Uncle Lino went back and forth in the lead. The duel was costly. When asked for his usual winning burst, the son of Uncle Mo just didn't have it for the first time in his career.

"Hats off to Exaggerator and Team Desormeaux. What a great run," Nyquist's trainer Doug O'Neill said. "I didn't think we could get beat, to be honest with you."

Trained by Kent's younger brother, Keith, Exaggerator showed his talent in the slop once again. He won the Santa Anita Derby over a sloppy track, and did the same on a foggy, rainy day. It was the first Preakness winner for the trainer who began his career in Maryland, and third for the Hall of Fame rider.

Last year, American Pharoah became the first Triple Crown winner in 37 years, and there were many who thought Nyquist would make it two in a row and become the 13th horse to sweep the Derby, Preakness and Belmont.

The Desormeaux brothers have different personalities, and seem to enjoy ribbing each other. There were no family hugs, and no special celebrations.

"I looked at him and he looked at me, and I got a fist pump," Kent said. "That's all we did."

A drenched crowd of estimated at what would be a record 134,000 saw Exaggerator end his losing streak in a big way.

"It wasn't like we felt we could grind him down," Keith said. "We always felt we had an exceptional talent."

And now, it's on the Belmont Stakes for Exaggerator.

"We can't wait to run in that race," Keith said.

PREAKNESS WINNERS

2016 — Exaggerator
2015 — American Pharoah
2014 — California Chrome
2013 — Oxbow
2012 — I'll Have Another
2011 — Shackleford
2010 — Lookin at Lucky
2009 — Rachel Alexandra
2008 — Big Brown
2007 — Curlin
2006 — Bernardini
2005 — Afleet Alex
2004 — Smarty Jones
2003 — Funny Cide
2002 — War Emblem
2001 — Point Given
2000 — Red Bullet
1999 — Charismatic
1998 — Real Quiet
1997 — Silver Charm
1996 — Louis Quatorze
1995 — Timber Country
1994 — Tabasco Cat
1993 — Prairie Bayou
1992 — Pine Bluff
1991 — Hansel
1990 — Summer Squall
1989 — Sunday Silence
1988 — Risen Star
1987 — Alysheba
1986 — Snow Chief
1985 — Tank's Prospect
1984 — Gate Dancer
1983 — Deputed Testamony
1982 — Aloma's Ruler
1981 — Pleasant Colony
1980 — Codex
1979 — Spectacular Bid
1978 — Affirmed
1977 — Seattle Slew
1976 — Elocutionist
1975 — Master Derby
1974 — Little Current
1973 — Secretariat
1972 — Bee Bee Bee
1971 — Canonero II
1970 — Personality
1969 — Majestic Prince
1968 — Forward Pass
1967 — Damascus
1966 — Kauai King
1965 — Tom Rolfe
1964 — Northern Dancer
1963 — Candy Spots
1962 — Greek Money
1961 — Carry Back
1960 — Bally Ache
1959 — Royal Orbit
1958 — Tim Tam
1957 — Bold Ruler
1956 — Fabius
1955 — Nashua
1954 — Hasty Road
1953 — Native Dancer
1952 — Blue Man
1951 — Bold
1950 — Hill Prince
1949 — Capot
1948 — Citation
1947 — Faultless
1946 — Assault
1945 — Polynesian
1944 — Pensive
1943 — Count Fleet
1942 — Alsab
1941 — Whirlaway
1940 — Bimelech
1939 — Challedon
1938 — Dauber
1937 — War Admiral
1936 — Bold Venture
1935 — Omaha
1934 — High Quest
1933 — Head Play
1932 — Burgoo King
1931 — Mate
1930 — Gallant Fox
1929 — Dr. Freeland
1928 — Victorian
1927 — Bostonian
1926 — Display
1925 — Coventry
1924 — Nellie Morse
1923 — Vigil
1922 — Pillory
1921 — Broomspun
1920 — Man o'War
1919 — Sir Barton
1918 — War Cloud and Jack Hare, Jr.
1917 — Kalitan
1916 — Damrosch
1915 — Rhine Maiden
1914 — Holiday
1913 — Buskin
1912 — Colonel Holloway
1911 — Watervale
1910 — Lay Master
1909 — Effendi
1908 — Royal Tourist
1907 — Don Enrique
1906 — Whimsical
1905 — Cairngorm
1904 — Bryn Mawr
1903 — Flocarlita

Hinchcliffe takes top seed in Indy qualifying

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — James Hinchcliffe never fretted about posting the best four-lap average in qualifying at Indianapolis on Saturday.

All he wanted was a chance to win the pole Sunday.

The Canadian driver who nearly died last year from a life-threatening leg injury sustained during practice for the 500, survived two challenges in the final 25 minutes and barely held onto the top seed with a speed of 230.946 mph. Ryan Hunter-Reay was second at 230.805 on the next-to-last run in the session. Team Penske's Will Power came in third at 230.736.

"Our first run, that was the hardest qualifying attempt I'd ever done at the speedway here," Hinchcliffe said. "When you kind of take a step back and let yourself think about it a little bit, it does feel good."

To complete his comeback with a pole-winning run for the May 29 centennial race, Hinchcliffe must do it all over Sunday.

The nine fastest drivers from Saturday will compete in a late afternoon pole shootout, and if it resembles anything like the first day of qualifications, fans could be in for a real treat.

The lead changed twice in the final 40 minutes, nearly changed two more times in the last 25 minutes and included Russia's Mikhail Aleshin bumping his way into the shootout on the final run of the day. Hinchcliffe and Aleshin are teammates with Schmidt Peterson Motorsports.

Not enough?

Hunter-Reay made the top nine with a daring run that knocked out teammate Marco Andretti, the son of Andretti Autosport's team owner, Michael, just moments after Andretti had bumped out Hunter-Reay.

"That was hectic," the 2014 Indy winner said after finishing second. "I have some bad memories at this place being right as the gun goes off. I had to keep reminding myself, 'It's only for the top nine. Everything's good.'"

It also was a challenging day.

Another Andretti driver, Townsend Bell, led most of the afternoon and his 230.452 and held up until three-time 500 champion Helio Castroneves, of Brazil, went 230.500. Then, after American Graham Rahal made his second attempt, Hinchcliffe drove onto the track and moved past Castroneves.

The biggest problem might have been the weather.

Crafton beats Busch, wins 2nd straight Trucks Series race

By Steve Reed
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Now that he has won back-to-back Trucks Series races for the first time in his career, Matt Crafton is hoping for more.

Crafton beat Kyle Busch by a convincing margin at Charlotte Motor Speedway on Saturday, setting him up for a huge season.

"It feels very good," Crafton said. "Sometime brought that to my attention last week that we hadn't won two in a row. It feels very, very sweet to say we have done it back-to-back. Now maybe we can go for three."

After winning last week at Dover, the 39-year-old Crafton was strong again leading 47 of 134 laps while adding to his series points lead.

Crafton said his car was "unbelievable" from the first lap and only needed tire adjustments throughout the race.

He has experienced plenty of success on 1.5-mile race tracks, winning five of his last 11 races on the longer courses.

Busch finished second, while Johnny Sauter was third. Tyler Reddick finished fourth and Matt Tifft finished in fifth place after starting 18th.

Beating Busch in a Trucks Series race at CMS is no easy task.

Busch had won the last four Trucks Series races he'd entered here, but the veteran couldn't overcome a costly penalty for an uncontrolled tire on lap 70 that forced him to the back of the field. As Busch pitted, a loose tire rolled out of his pit box, causing the penalty.

Busch, who led 27 laps, said he thought he could have overcome the penalty had it not been for something breaking on the right front of his car.

"The truck was OK early on," Busch said. "Once we got back in traffic after the penalty it was just super, super tight."

WHO'S HOT: Over the past three races, Crafton has two firsts and a second, putting him in great position heading into the middle of the season.

WHO'S NOT: Andy Seuss qualified last and was also the first car off the track, completing just 20 laps before a crash.

COSTLY GAMBLE: Daniel Suarez tried to stay on the track near the end of the race to catch Crafton when he pitted with 11 laps to go, but ran out of gas with a few laps to go and finished 23rd.

Sauter employed the same strategy and managed to make it to the finish line, but simply couldn't go fast enough to hold off Crafton in the final laps while trying to go slow to conserve gas mileage.

FIRST TOP FIVE: Tifft was pleased with his first career top-five finish in the Trucks Series. "We have had really fast trucks but this was the first time we were able to finish out a race," Tifft said.

Things are looking up for Tifft, who was recently named to NASCAR's "Next" class. "It's a big deal and will create more of a brand and get our name out there more," Tifft said.

GRADUATION TIME: Pole sitter William Byron, a Charlotte-area high school student who is scheduled to graduate next week, led the first 25 laps but then tailed off after a pit stop and never seriously challenged again. He finished 10th.

UP NEXT: Texas Motor Speedway, June 2. Matt Crafton is the defending race winner.

NASCAR CAMPING WORLD TRUCK RESULTS

Saturday
At Charlotte Motor Speedway
Concord, N.C.
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (17) Matt Crafton, Toyota, 134.
2. (5) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 134.
3. (4) Johnny Sauter, Chevrolet, 134.
4. (6) Tyler Reddick, Ford, 134.
5. (9) Matt Tifft, Toyota, 134.
6. (2) Spencer Gallagher, Chevrolet, 134.
7. (20) Timothy Peters, Toyota, 134.
8. (15) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 134.
9. (8) Daniel Hemric, Ford, 134.
10. (1) William Byron, Toyota, 134.
11. (14) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, 134.
12. (21) John H. Nemechek, Chevrolet, 134.
13. (16) Cole Custer, Chevrolet, 134.
14. (3) Ben Kennedy, Chevrolet, 134.
15. (18) Cameron Hayley, Toyota, 134.
16. (11) John Wes Townley, Chevrolet, 134.
17. (12) Ben Rhodes, Toyota, 134.
18. (13) Parker Kligerman, Ford, 133.
19. (23) Tyler Young, Chevrolet, 133.
20. (10) Rico Abreu, Toyota, 133.
21. (24) Austin Self, Toyota, 133.
22. (22) Ryan Truex, Toyota, 133.
23. (7) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 132.
24. (25) Jordan Anderson, Chevrolet, 132.
25. (28) Tommy Joe Martins, Chevrolet, 132.
26. (19) Brandon Brown, Chevrolet, 132.
27. (26) Bobby Pierce, Chevrolet, 130.
28. (31) Jennifer Jo Cobb, Chevrolet, 126.
29. (29) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 111.
30. (27) Travis Kvapil, Chevrolet, 106.
31. (30) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, Suspension, 82.
32. (32) Andy Seuss, Chevrolet, Accident, 20.

Turning 29, Novak Djokovic still chasing elusive French Open

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

PARIS — Novak Djokovic will be celebrating his 29th birthday when the French Open starts on Sunday. If nothing else, it underlines just how frustrating it has become for the top-ranked Serb to win the only major to elude him.

Djokovic, who has lost the past two finals here and three altogether, is playing his 12th tournament and would set a record for most appearances at Roland Garros before winning the title in the Open era. Four players — Stan Wawrinka last year, Roger Federer in 2009, Andre Agassi in 1999 and Andres Gomez in 1990 — all won on their 11th appearance. Goran Ivanisevic holds the Open era Grand Slam record of needing 14 attempts before winning Wimbledon in 2001.

Although Djokovic insists he is not "obsessed" with winning the elusive title, he may never get a better chance, because nine-time champion Rafael Nadal is still finding his best form on clay, Wawrinka has been erratic and the 17-time Grand Slam champion Federer is skipping the tournament to protect his troublesome back. Second-second Andy Murray could pose a serious threat, having beaten Djokovic in the Italian Open final last weekend.

Associated Press

Novak Djokovic jokes with a violin before a training session of the French Open at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris on Saturday. The French Open starts today.

"Of course I anticipate myself, as everybody else (does), to try to get my hands on this title this year," Djokovic said. "Even if my career was done tomorrow, I made some achievements that I must be proud of. So that's how I approach things. I don't try to approach them from a point of view of being obsessed with this tournament or with any other tournament, for that matter."

Federer has always been a huge fan's favorite, wherever he plays, and the hard-to-please Parisian fans have warmly taken Nadal to their hearts since he won for the first time here as a scraggly-haired teenager in 2005.

Perhaps seeking that extra bit of energy to take him all the way, Djokovic clearly wants to get the French fans on his side.

This was evident on Saturday when, before starting his practice, he goofed around wearing a beret as he played the traditional French game called "petanque" — albeit with yellow tennis balls instead of those heavy metallic ones — and jokingly played around with a violin.

Or perhaps Djokovic is just trying to reduce the pressure and expectations. It's not hard to see why because, since the start of 2015, he's 119-9 overall, winning four majors and 16 titles — including a tour-leading five this year.

He has won 11 majors and could yet equal Nadal's haul of 14 by the end of the year.

When Djokovic lost the 2014 French Open final to Nadal, the Spaniard was still the player to beat on clay.

That's now changed. Despite Nadal winning the Monte Carlo Masters for a ninth time in April and following up with a ninth success at Barcelona to equal Guillermo Vilas' record of 49 career clay-court titles, he is in Djokovic's shadow, even on clay.

Djokovic has beaten him seven consecutive times since that 2014 final — crushing him in three sets in the quarterfinals here last year and beating him twice more on clay, most recently in the quarterfinals of the Italian Open.

Enticingly, they could meet in the semifinals this year, which would be their 50th meeting and on Nadal's 30th birthday — not that Nadal needs any extra motivation.

Djokovic leads him 26-23 in head-to-heads and this is his equal-best winning streak against Nadal, having previously beaten him seven consecutive times — all of them in finals: six in 2011 and then the 2012 Australian Open.

Nadal's first-round opponent will be big-serving Sam Groth, an Australian ranked 95th.

Djokovic faces 100th-ranked Lu Yen-hsun while Murray opens against veteran Radek Stepanek, and Wawrinka has a tricky first match against hard-hitting Czech Lukas Rosol.

FRENCH OPEN GLANCE

PARIS — A glance at the French Open, the year's second Grand Slam tennis tournament:

Site: Roland Garros.

Surface: Red clay.

Schedule: Play begins Sunday on all courts at 11 a.m. local time (0900 GMT, 4 a.m.). The 15-day tournament closes with the women's singles final June 4, and men's singles final June 5.

Top Players On Court Sunday: No. 5 Kei Nishikori vs. Simone Bolelli, No. 6 Milos Raonic vs. Janko Tipsarevic, No. 15 John Isner vs. John Millman, No. 17 Nick Kyrgios vs. Marco Cecchinato; No. 4 Garbine Muguruza vs. Anna Karolina Schmiedlova, No. 6 Simona Halep vs. Nao Hibino, No. 10 Petra Kvitova vs. Danka Kovinic, No. 11 Lucie Safarova vs. Vitalia Diatchenko

Sunday's Forecast: Rain. High of 63 degrees (17 C).

2015 Men's Singles Champion: Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland.

2015 Women's Singles Champion: Serena Williams of the United States.

Last Year: Wawrinka used his terrific one-handed backhand to upset Novak Djokovic 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, thanks in large part to a 60-30 edge in winners, for his second Grand Slam title and first in Paris. It was Djokovic's third loss in the past four finals at Roland Garros, the only major tournament he hasn't won. Williams collected her third French Open trophy by beating Lucie Safarova 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-2 to get halfway to a calendar-year Grand Slam. The two weeks were a struggle for Williams, who was dealing with an illness and four times rallied to win after dropping the opening set of a match.

Key Statistic I: 21 — Consecutive Grand Slam matches won by Djokovic, including titles at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in 2015, and the Australian Open in 2016.

Key Statistic II: 70-2 — Rafael Nadal's career record at Roland Garros, where he has won a record nine championships. The only losses came against Djokovic in the quarterfinals last year, and against Robin Soderling in the fourth round in 2009.

Key Statistic III: 21 — Grand Slam singles trophies earned by Williams, one shy of Steffi Graf's professional-era record.

Prize Money: Total is about 32 million euros (about $36 million), an increase of 4 million euros (about $4.5 million) from 2015, with 2 million euros (about $2.25 million) each for the men's and women's singles champions.

Nadal back in Paris, no title to defend, no Federer to face

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

PARIS — Through the years, Rafael Nadal grew accustomed to a couple of givens at the French Open: He would arrive as the defending champion, and Roger Federer would be somewhere in the draw, often awaiting a showdown in the final.

This time around, neither is the case.

Federer withdrew a few days before Sunday's start of the clay-court Grand Slam tournament, ending his record run of 65 consecutive major appearances.

"For the fans, for the tournament, for the world (of) tennis, in general, is ... very negative news, no?" Nadal said.

Nadal won the title at Roland Garros every year from 2005-08 and from 2010-14 — a record nine in all, beating Federer in four of those finals — but returns to town trying to earn back the trophy after relinquishing it in 2015.

He is seeded fourth.

"It's a tournament that I know I can play well," said Nadal, who lost in the quarterfinals to Novak Djokovic a year ago. "If I am playing well, I know I can do good things."

Nadal, who owns 14 major championships in all, could face No. 1 Djokovic in about two weeks in the semifinals — on what would be the Spaniard's 30th birthday.

Asked about that milestone, Nadal waxed philosophical.

"You know, time never stops. Nobody stops the time," he said. "That's not a good thing, but at the same time, I am happy with my life. I enjoyed all these years on the tour, and I hope to keep enjoying the next couple of years."

After dealing with health problems and a crisis of confidence last season, Nadal has been playing better on his favorite red clay of late.

He is 19-4 on the surface this season, including titles at Monte Carlo and Barcelona. Not bad, but not up to his old standards. In his past two tournaments, Nadal lost in the Madrid semifinals to Andy Murray, and the Rome quarterfinals to Djokovic.

Other things to know about the French Open, which begins today:

SERENA'S 'DROUGHT': Much was made of Serena Williams' title in Rome last weekend being her first trophy in nine months. She does not consider that gap a big deal. "I guess when you win all the time, if you go a couple of tournaments and don't win them, it's like you're in a drought," Williams said. She is the defending champion and seeded No. 1 at Roland Garros, and another title would be her 22nd at a Grand Slam tournament, equaling Steffi Graf for the most in the Open era, which started in 1968.

SECURITY STEPPED UP: From patdowns at entrance gates to a 25 percent rise in the number of security agents, there is an obvious increase in protective measures at the tournament, about six months after terrorist attacks around the French capital. "I notice more security pretty much everywhere," No. 2-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska said.

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For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

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What: Instruction for players 5 and up
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For more info: Call Mike Munguia 432-230-6477 or email mmungia@midlandchristianschool.org

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com

Tall City Classic Basketball Tournament
Date: June 17-19
For whom: Boys and girls between the third grade and 12th grade
Website: southwesthoops.com
For more info: Contact Earl at 432-349-8052 or Cory at 806-201-2777.

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 694-6176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesday
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Tex Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

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What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Age: Preschool and grade school
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Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Joe Lanier for clinics and lessons at jlanier@midlandchristianschool.org

Don Eddy Basketball Camp
Featuring: The shooting game and the one on one game
Where: Trinity School gyms
For: Kids age 6 through 12th grade
When: June 13-17, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Cost: $225
For more info: Contact Coach Young at 432-528-5202 or go to www.ddbb.com to register.

Lady Dawgs Camp of Champs
For: Incoming 2nd through 6th grade girls
When: June 13-15, incoming 2nd-5th graders, 8:30-10 a.m.; incoming 6th-8th graders, 10 a.m.-noon; incoming 9th graders, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Where: Midland High School gym
Instructors: Midland High girls basketball coach Wes Torres, MHS assistant coaches, area coaches and players, former MHS Lady Dawgs
Cost: $40 for incoming 3rd-5th graders; $50 for incoming 6th-8th graders; $60 for incoming 9th graders
Deadline: Register by May 30
Fore more info: Email wesley.torres@midlandisd.net

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

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YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

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Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-254-9214

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
Ages: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
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When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-6444

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When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages
Where: 404 E. 81st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7091, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Washburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0986

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 stale and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Midland United Girls Softball Registration
What: Online registration is now open and registration will only be available online
Fees: T-ball ($75), 8U-18U ($100), late fee $25
For ages: A girl must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015 to play T-ball. The same date will used to place child in each division. A parent may have opportunity to bump their child up one division.
To register: go to Midlandfastpitch.com or registration will alse be available at Midland Park Mall on March 7 and March 14 from 1-5 p.m.

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COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
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For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
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Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

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COM Masters Swimming
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COM Diving Instruction
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Ages: 4 and up
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Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

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For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and or call, 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
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Where: Midland College Tennis Center
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Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com
Note: Will be holding its annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 11 a.m.

Midland Women's Tennis Association
Social women's doubles tennis, all levels
When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 954-707-0622 or email jmalcolmtexas@gamil.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
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For ages: 7-18 (eligible to compete from level to level), 5 and 6-year-olds welcome and will only compete in 2-3 meets max
When: Will get together Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning May 23 through Aug. 1 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Where: Midland Memorial Stadium, 2001 W. Cuthbert
For more info: Call Tekeva Strambler at 432-413-6903 or email tekeisa@gmail.com

Midland Crusaders Track Club Summer Track and Field
For ages: Boys and girls 7-18 years old.
When: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning May 16 through August 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Where: Lee High School track, 3500 Neely Avenue
For more info: Call Tony Goyang at 432-694-2424 or 432-349-1125

Walking

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For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
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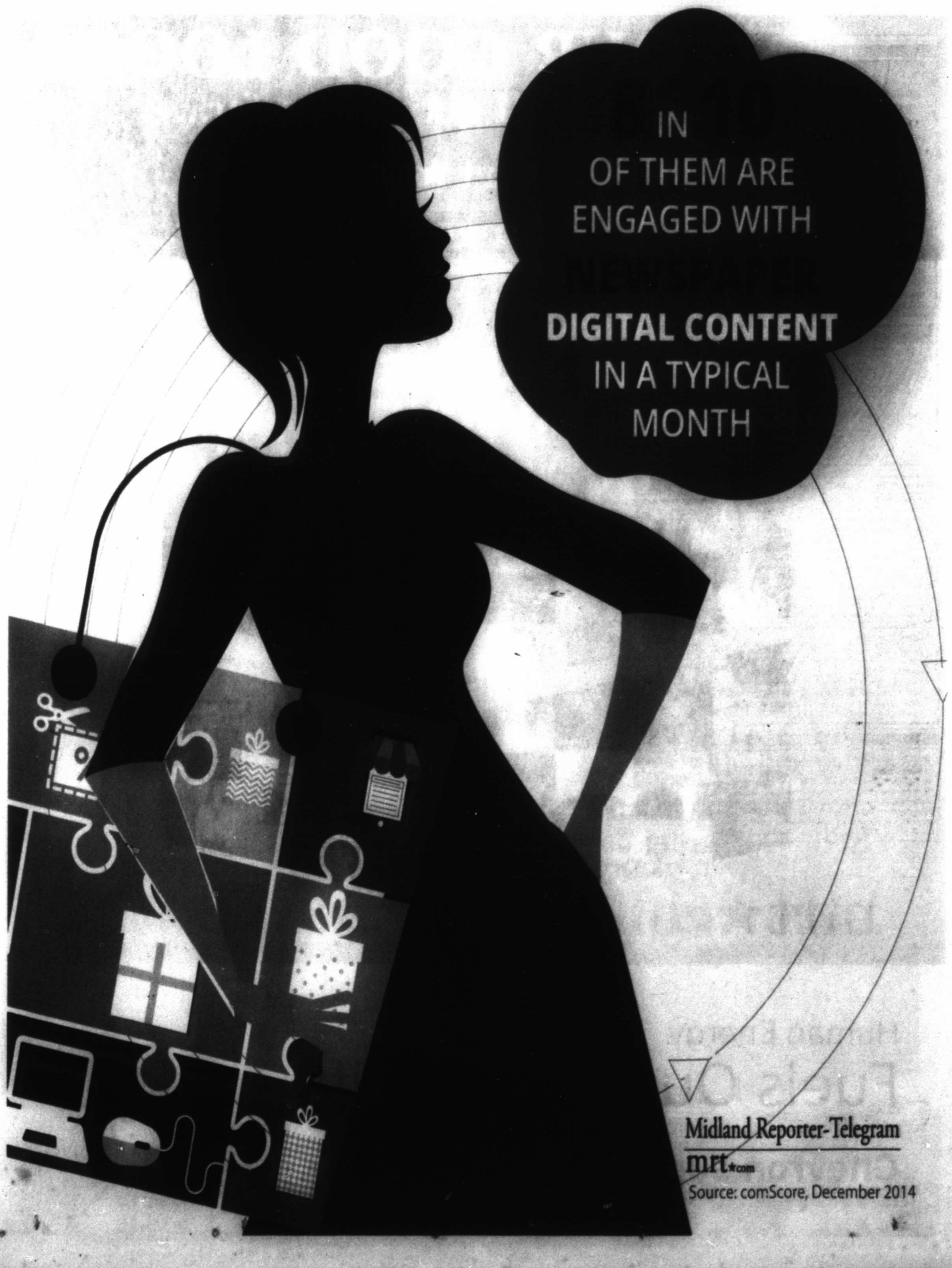

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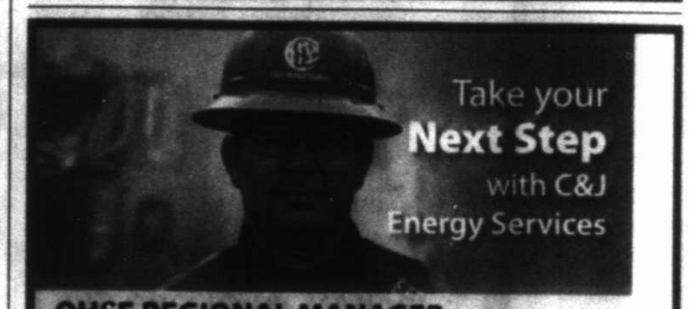

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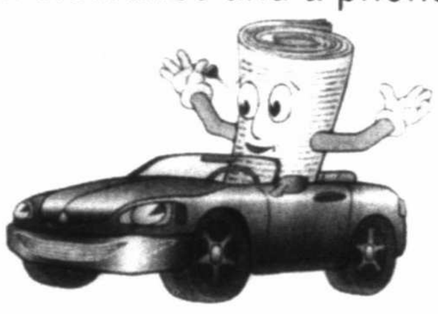

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Your Personal Brand

Marketing yourself in today's competitive job market requires more than a polished resume and fancy outfit. It takes the ability to represent yourself as a must-have commodity and true difference-maker.

How can you achieve this goal? It's all about your personal brand. Everyone has one, but it takes some people longer than others to realize what truly comprises their signature skill set, achievements and potential. Let's take a look at the key components of a strong personal brand.

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COHESIVE DOCUMENTATION

Just like a commercial brand, you want your "packaging" to be cohesive and consistent. This includes your resume, cover letter and additional documents. If you are a graphic designer, your documentation formatting should be sleek and reflective of your design style.

For professionals in more traditional sectors, such as banking, business or teaching, you can scale back on the fancy design elements, but your documentation should carry consistent formatting and appearance. Doing so helps hiring managers easily organize and read through your application materials. It also shows them you understand the importance of portraying a professional brand.

A SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Yes, social media is for fun. That doesn't mean it is off limits to hiring managers and recruiters. Many in the hiring field will check a candidate's social media profiles before calling them in for an interview.

That's why it's paramount to your career success to keep a clean image on all social media platforms. This includes Facebook and Twitter, even though they are less professional-focused than LinkedIn. Refrain from posting photos that put you in a compromising light. Remember, the future of your career might depend on it.

A ROCK-SOLID HEADSHOT

Speaking of social media, you have mere seconds to make a solid first impression with your profile photos. Instead of uploading a photo of you in a wedding dress or at a concert, opt for more professional options.

Invest in a headshot that presents you as serious about your career. Coordinate with a local photographer for his services and ask him to optimize the size of the photo for social media. You'll be turning heads in no time.

Changing Corporate Culture

Many professionals' objective is to reach upper management or the board room. Making it to the top usually means better pay, more power and the ability to influence major change in your company.

These roles also come with a lot of responsibility for keeping the business afloat and ensuring maximum profitability.

But one hiring trend is becoming more and more prominent as the workforce becomes younger and more diverse: culture building. This is not just a strong buzzword to include on your resume. It also is a philosophy to which leaders must ascribe.

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WHAT IS CULTURE BUILDING?

Building a corporate culture means fostering a positive environment, one that encourages collaboration and a united focus. Employees who work in an employee-focused workplace are happier and more productive because they feel like valued members of the team.

If you're looking to position yourself for a promotion into upper-level management, or you're seeking a chance to market your skills for outside C-level positions, here are some steps you can take in your current leadership role to impact the culture of your company:

• **Celebrate success.** Work hard to let your employees know that they are appreciated, especially when goals are met and customers are happy. Partner with your human resources department to make sure incentives are in place for strong performance. Reward your best employees and encourage all workers to strive for excellence.

• **Promote from within.** Nothing shows your employees that you respect their work like promoting them to positions of more responsibility and better pay. This internal focus on career advancement will motivate your employees to perform at their highest potential.

• **Communicate regularly.** As a management professionals, it's hard not to get wrapped up in the minutia of meetings, planning and numbers analysis. Don't forget that building relationships throughout various departments is key to cultivating a positive workplace culture.

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TO KIMBERLY TEED JONES, Respondent, AND TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty (20) days after you were served with this petition and citation, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of ANTHRONE MARKJA JONES, Petitioner, was filed against KIMBERLY TEED JONES, Respondent, on April 14, 2016 in the 318th District Court of Midland County, Texas and is numbered FM-60459 and entitled "In the Matter of the Marriage of Anthrone Markaja Jones and Kimberly Teed Jones and in the Interest of Kiera Renae Jones, a Child."

"The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage, custody, child support, possession and for providing for the division of property which will be binding on you."

"Issued and given under my hand and Seal of the Court at Midland, Texas, this the 18th day of May, 2016.

Ross Bush
Clerk of the District Court of
Midland County, Texas

By: Sarah Zarate, Deputy

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that XTO Energy Inc., Operator 945936, has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. The following amended P-17 application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases in (New Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4301 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (47418) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4302. lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (47420) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4303 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (47430) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4304 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (47419) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4311 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (47417) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4313 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3208 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3207 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3205 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3206 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3215 lease, Sprzberry (Trend Area) field: (New Lease ID) Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3217 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field: in Midland County. This application is for common separation and common storage. Production will be measured by W-10. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to Ericka Davis, P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days after the date the application is filed.

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Monday, May 30th, 2016

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JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF MIDLAND §

BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED the 26th day of April, 2016, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Midland County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 26th day of April, 2016, seized, levied upon, and will on the 7th day of June, 2016, being the 1st Tuesday in June, 2016, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Midland, at 10:00 AM on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

All of the following properties being located in Midland County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V.__/P.__) or document number of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

PROP #	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #
1	TX13045	Midland Central Appraisal District v Tony Vergara, In the 238th District Court	8.00 Acres, more or less, being the North 1/2 of Section 1, Block 42, T-4-S, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2905, Page 753), 17608 S. FM Rd. 1787, Account #R9030
2	TX13620	Midland Central Appraisal District v Robert Draper, In the 441st District Court	The West 10 Feet of Lot 4, all of Lot 5, and the East 5 Feet of Lot 6, Block 2, W.C. Barber Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 611, Page 739 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 208 West Estes Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701, Account #R10037
3	TX13689	Midland Central Appraisal District v Aline Rae Puckett, In the 441st District Court	Lot 6 and the East 5 Feet of Lot 7, Block 22, Parklea Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 551, Page 545 of the Deed Records, Probate Cause No. P17105 and Probate Cause No. P11,270, Midland County, Texas), 2600 Delano Avenue, Midland, Texas, Account #R36607
4	TX13804	Midland Central Appraisal District v Meryl Douglas Hanna, In the 238th District Court	Lot 22, Block 50, Permian Estates Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2039, Page 777 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 4008 Tanner Drive, Midland, Texas 79703-6146, Account #R38097
5	TX13837	Midland Central Appraisal District v Robert H. Bryant, In the 238th District Court	Lot 2, Block 1A, Permian Estates Replat, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1367, Page 396 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 3408 Thomas Avenue, Midland, Texas 79703-6241, Account #R36952
6	TX13993	Midland Central Appraisal District v John H. Crow, In the 441st District Court	The East part of Lot 17 and all of Lot 18, SAVE AND EXCEPT the East 22 Feet of Lot 18, Block 2, Providence Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2011-18201 of the Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 3309 Providence Drive, Midland, Texas 79707-4813, Account #R39810
7	TX14015	Midland Central Appraisal District v Donald W. White, In the 238th District Court	Lot 2, Block 26, Northgate Addition, Section Nine, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2444, Page 4 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 3906 Conroe Court, Midland, Texas 79707-3120, Account #R33925
8	TX14024	Midland Central Appraisal District v Mary Lou Alcocer, In the 385th District Court	Lot 19, Block 2, Progress Park Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1664, Page 398 of the Deed Records, and District Court Cause #M47547, Midland County, Texas), 117 East Cowden Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701-3518, Account #R39766
9	TX1401	Midland Central Appraisal District v David Hand, In the 441st District Court	Lot 7, Block 82, Permian Estates Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 348, Page 315), 3713 Anetta Drive, Account #R38811
10	TX14044	Midland Central Appraisal District v Junior Dean Fitts, In the 238th District Court	Lot 13, Block 64, Park Avenue Heights Addition, Section Two, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2920, Page 519 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 815 Bunche Street, Midland, Texas 79701-6302, Account #R36130
11	TX14048	Midland Central Appraisal District v Wiley Brodnex, In the 385th District Court	Lot 13, Block 1, Westwood Village Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 379, Page 396 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1207 East Nobles Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701-2806, Account #R53759
12	TX14048	Midland Central Appraisal District v Wiley Brodnex, In the 385th District Court	Lot 2, Block 8, Eastover Third Extension to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 287, Page 385 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1708 East Texas Avenue, Midland, Texas, Account #R17389
13	TX14056	Midland Central Appraisal District v James Garibay, In the 142nd District Court	Lot 12, Block 3, Colonial Hills Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2013-9867 of the Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 1911 Hudson Avenue, Midland, Texas 79705-7002, Account #R14246
14	TX14066	Midland Central Appraisal District v Donnie Lee Brackens, Sr., In the 142nd District Court	Lots 1 thru 3, Block 10, Greenwood Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 888, Page 578), 400 S. Fairgrounds Road, Account #R23394
15	TX14066	Midland Central Appraisal District v Donnie Lee Brackens, Sr., In the 142nd District Court	The South 75 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of Block 117, Southern Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1779, Page 187), 111 E. New York Avenue, Account #R45406
16	TX14094	Midland Central Appraisal District v Bessie Fay Jackson, In the 441st District Court	Lot 5, Block 34, Greenwood Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2760, Page 21), 608 S. Lincoln Street, Account #R23671
17	TX14104	Midland Central Appraisal District v Joe Farrington, In the 142nd District Court	Lot 3 and a portion of Lots 4 and 7, Block 4, a subdivision of Block 4, Belmont Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2972, Page 833 through 836 of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 1204 South Main Street, Midland, Texas 79701-7340, Account #R11068
18	TX14104	Midland Central Appraisal District v Joe Farrington, In the 142nd District Court	A Manufactured Home Only, Label #RAD1292803, Label #TXFLY12A37939EG11 located in Midland County, Texas, Account #M204782
19	TX14111	Midland Central Appraisal District v Zulema Armendariz, In the 238th District Court	0.929 Acres, more or less, out of the Northwest Quarter of Section 39, Block 38, T-1-S, Midland County, Texas (Document #2011-5787 SAVE and EXCEPT that property more particularly described in Document #2013-8795 of the Official Public Records,), East County Road 83, Midland County, Texas, being described in the tax records under the following two tax accounts, #R2909 and #R2908
20	TX14112	Midland Central Appraisal District v Randal Free, In the 385th District Court	Lot 4, Block 2, D&S Industrial Subdivision, AKA 03.16 Acre, more or less, Block 41, T-2-S, Section 23, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2608, Page 74 of the Deed Records and District Court Cause #M52884, Midland County, Texas), 13416 West County Road 132, Midland County, Texas, Account #R16033
21	TX14121	Midland Central Appraisal District v Rhonda Miller, In the 441st District Court	0.950 Acres, more or less, out of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Block 38, T-2-S, Midland County, Texas (Document #2012-19521 of the Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 1801 East County Road 149, Midland County, Texas, Account #R6345
22	TX14200	Midland Central Appraisal District v Heriberto Ramirez, In the 142nd District Court	A Manufactured Home Only located in Midland County, Texas, 3109 East County Road 153, Midland County, Texas, Account #M204770
23	TX14235	Midland Central Appraisal District v Kevin C. Parks, In the 142nd District Court	A Manufactured Home Only, Label #TEX0465746, Serial #OC05935304, located in Midland County, Texas, 7100 Airline Drive, #111, Midland County, Texas, Account #M26459
24	TX14237	Midland Central Appraisal District v James T. Scott, In the 142nd District Court	A Manufactured Home Only, Label #NTA1034128/29, Serial #OSETX05719A/B, located in Midland County, Texas, 2700 West County Road 115, Midland County, Texas, Account #M204804
25	TX14260	Midland Central Appraisal District v Marja DeJesus Gonzalez Leyva In the 238th District Court	1.230 Acres, more or less, out of Section 33, Lot 2, Block 38, T-1-S, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1925, Page 649, Deed Records, SAVE AND EXCEPT that property described in Document #2009-11907, Midland County, Texas), 4101 E. County Road 79, Midland, Texas 79705-4051, Account #R2550
26	TX14260	Midland Central Appraisal District v Maria DeJesus Gonzalez Leyva, In the 238th District Court	An Oak Creek Southern Star Manufactured Home, Label #PFS0623936/PFS0623937, Serial #OC0500013652A/OC0500136528, located at 4101 E. County Road 79, Midland County, Texas, Account #M204842
27	TX14276	Midland Central Appraisal District v Steven Jared Hensley, In the 238th District Court	0.01041700C ROYALTY INTEREST, HUNTER "B", PIONEER NATURAL RES, N ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 12, Block 39, T-2-S, Texas Railroad Commission No. 08-31227, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, Account #R64724/N204594
28	TX14276	Midland Central Appraisal District v Steven Jared Hensley, In the 238th District Court	0.003822000 ROYALTY INTEREST, WARD, PIONEER NATURAL RES, T2S,BLK 39 SEC 2 NE/4 A-662, RRC-08-31228 ACRES:0.000, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, Account #R64725/N204596
29	TX14276	Midland Central Appraisal District v Steven Jared Hensley, In the 238th District Court	0.001797000 ROYALTY INTEREST, BONNIE, PIONEER NATURAL RES, located in Section 11, Block 39, T-2-S, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, Account #R64726/N203052
30	TX14295	Midland Central Appraisal District v Clara M. Patino, In the 441st District Court	A Manufactured Home Only, located in Midland County, Texas, 3401 South County Road 1223 1/2, Midland County, Texas, Account #M25558
31	TX14308	Midland Central Appraisal District v Terri Gibson Duewall, In the 238th District Court	Lot 21, Cluster 10, Block 1, Meadowpark Addition, Section One, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Document #2014-13141, Official Public Records, Midland County, Texas), 4723 Spring Meadow Lane, Unit #1, Midland, Texas 79705-2943, Account #R30498
32	TX14356	Midland Central Appraisal District v Silvino M. Payan, In the 238th District Court	5.00 Acres, more or less, out of the Northeast quarter of Section 29, Block 39, T-2-S, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2731, Page 17, Deed Records, Midland County, Texas), 3401 West County Road 140, Midland County, Texas, Account #R5942
33	TX14383	Midland Central Appraisal District v Gregory Niehenke, In the 238th District Court	A Manufactured Home Only, located in Midland County, Texas, 1604 North County Road 1110, Midland County, Texas, Account #M110165

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested; and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

DATED the 26th day of April, 2016, at Midland, Texas

GARY PAINTER
Sheriff, Midland County, Texas

By:_____
KEN COLSTON, SERGEANT INVESTIGATOR

You may contact Maria Lucatero in Midland at (432) 699-4991.

Legal & Public Notices

MIDLAND SELF STORAGE

Sale is May 31, 2016 at 10 a.m. at 3600 N. Big Spring. Goods will be sold as a live bid for cash. Property includes contents of spaces for the following tenants:

Tyler Farrington- Furniture; Delmus Rogers- Kid's bikes and miscellaneous household items; Samuel Wilson- Bed and miscellaneous household items; Sabrina Nanez- Desk and Furniture; Jennifer Galan- Furniture and miscellaneous household items; Luis Saenz- Furniture and miscellaneous household items; Lashonte Keets- Furniture; Marilisa Reyes- Tires and miscellaneous household items; Earthly Hutchinson- Clothes and miscellaneous household items.

Public Notice
Proposal #2016-020

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for an annual Electrical Distribution Preventative Maintenance Program. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 3600 N Garfield, Midland, Texas. **Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 8, 2016** in the Purchasing Office, at which time they will be opened and vendor names read into record. For proposal packet information contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

Notice Of Application
For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 500 W. Illinois, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is nonproductive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Grayburg/San Andres/Glorieta formation in the LHS Ranch SWD #4001. The proposed injection well is located approximately 24 miles southeast from Midland and will be assigned to the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field for identification purposes, in Midland County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4037'-6361'

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for provision of **SERVERS FOR ORGANIZATION PROJECTS** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Monday May 16, 2016.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by 12:00 (Noon) on **Thursday June 16, 2016.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1187-051616"**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until June 30, 2017

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover
Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT Notice is hereby given that SM Energy Company (RRC P-5 # 788997) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for an exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases: RRC Lease #15781 - all wells, Wilma (SA) C 3234WB (RRC Lease No. 18652), Wilma (SA) A 3236WB (RRC Lease No. 18692); CVX Allocation #3331H (RRC Lease No. 18684); CVX (SA) B 3333WB (RRC Lease No. 19101); CVX (SA) A 3332WB (RRC Lease No. 19105); CVX (SA) C 3301LS (RRC Lease #815014), CVX (SA) D 3302LS (RRC Lease #815017), and Wilma (SA) D 3201LS (RRC Lease #815011), all in the Spraberry (Trend Area) in Midland and Upton Counties, Texas. This application is for off lease storage, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received and date/time stamped by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission - Conference, Room, 4405 North Lamar Blvd., Mail Code 2020, Building 1, Austin, Texas 78756 until 2:00 p.m. Central Time Tuesday, June 28, 2016 for Project No. 14-006-BSH: Roof Repairs and Replacements, Big Spring State Hospital, Big Spring, Texas and Solicitation Number 53700-6-0000152798. A PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at **1:00 p.m. Central Time on Monday, June 06, 2016 at Building 502, second floor, conference room # 2, Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 North Highway 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720 / (432) 230-1608.** Prospective Bidders must check-in at Building 504 Admissions to register prior to proceeding to the Pre-Bid Conference at Building 502. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is *STRONGLY ENCOURAGED*. Plans and specifications will be available *Tuesday, May 24, 2016.* Requests for Plans and Specifications shall be made through the Point of Contact below (Carol Marshall / carol.marshall@hhsc.state.tx.us / (512) 206-4745). A $50.00 refundable deposit is required. No cost electronic files are also available. Work consists of but is not necessarily limited to ***replacement of roof system and repairs of façade panels on building 538 (approx. 21,000 SF), partial replacement and repairs of roof system on building 534, and partial repairs only to building 540. An ADDITIVE ALTERNATE is included and if awarded will replace the roof system and sub-structure on buildings 532/533 link (covered walkway) with associated asbestos and lead based paint abatement and utilities (gas, telephone, cable TV, LAN fiber optic, fire alarm, etc.) removal and replacement.***
Bids will be received in accordance with State Procedures.
QUESTIONS/POINT OF CONTACT:
HHSC Procurement and Contracting Services
Carol Marshall, Procurement Project Manager,
Tel: (512) 406-2476 Carol.marshall2@hhsc.state.tx.us

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DODGE 2003 Caravan. 140K miles. Everything works. Good tires. $2,900. Call 432-770-6370

4WD & SUV

HONDA CR-V, 2002. EX on Gasoline. Black Ext with Charcoal Interior with 92000 miles, $3400, AWD, no accidents, no damages, all electrical part works. Call or Text me at 646-580-7759.

JEEP WRANGLER Sahara, 1999. $3400. It is very clean inside and out automatic with 113,000 miles, 4.0L Straight Six RARE Black Sahara. Call me at 813-563-3873.

MERCEDES 1999 430 ML, $2,700 OBO. New tires. 432-349-0209

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Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for provision of **AVAMAR AND DATA DOMAIN BACKUP CAPACITY** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

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All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 (Noon) on Thursday June 16, 2016.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1186-051616"**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

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All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
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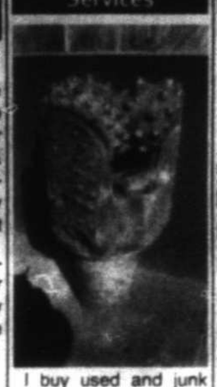

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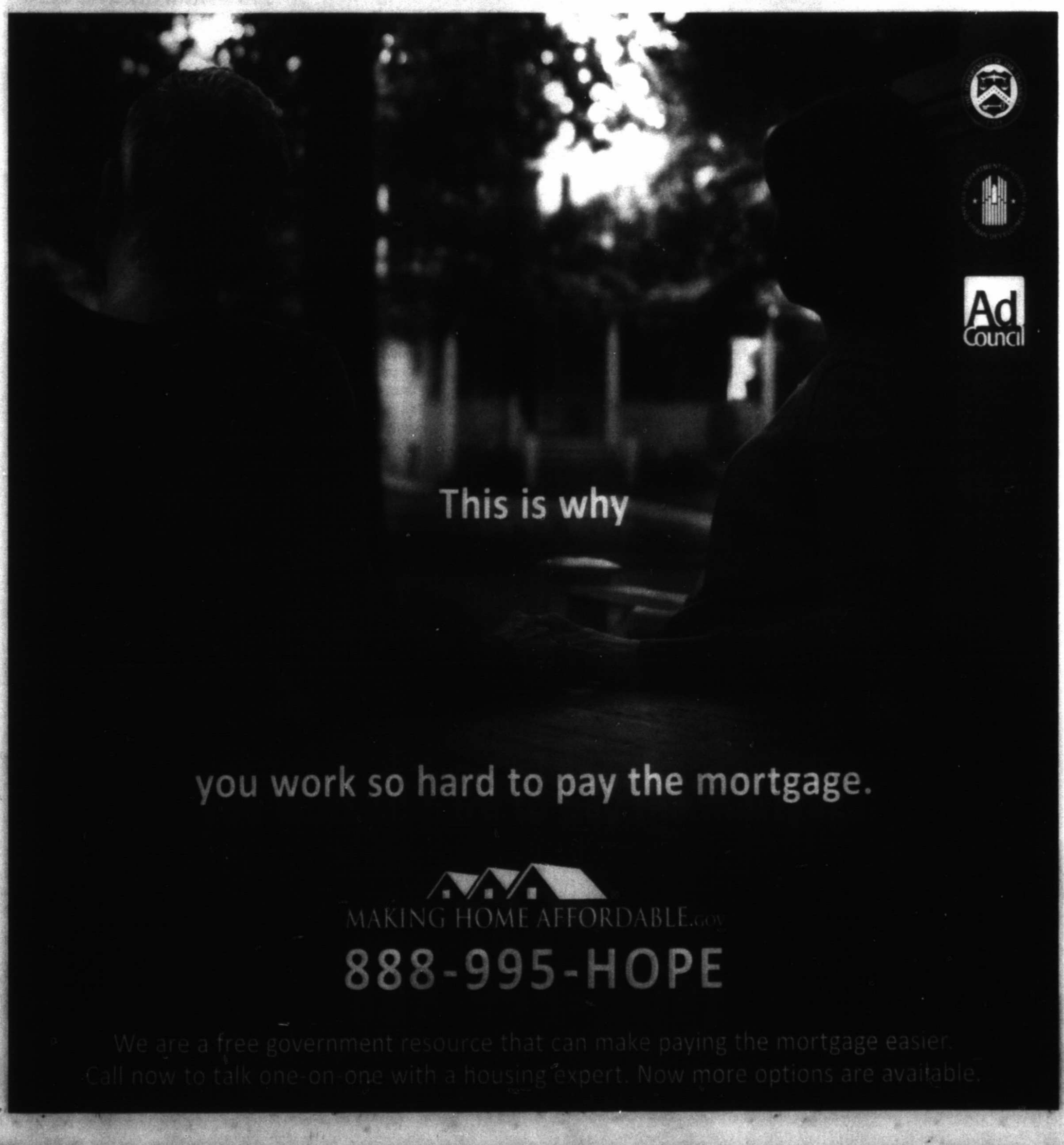

HOMEWISE

Real Estate Tips and Advice

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The decision to purchase a second home comes with major financial considerations. Be sure you're financially fit and educated about the financial ramifications of your purchase.

Buying a Second Home

By ANNA CHANG-YEN | Green Shoot Media

If vacation has been so much fun that you don't want it to end, a second home might be for you. Think carefully about all the issues surrounding owning a second home, however, because there can be major financial implications.

INVESTMENT PROPERTY VS. VACATION HOME

The most important decision is whether your home will primarily be an investment or a true second home. How you use the home throughout the year will determine how it is classified by the IRS. A true second home is one that only you and your immediate family use. It's tempting to help cover your expenses by renting out the home while you're not using it, but in the eyes of the IRS, you may have just become a real estate investor.

TAX IMPLICATIONS

You can't write off the mortgage interest on an investment property in the same way you do your primary residence, and you must report the rent you receive as income. In certain situations, you may be able to offset the rental income with deductions for interest, taxes, depreciation and home maintenance.

The catch is that the IRS is very interested in the number of days you use the home for personal use each year. If you use the home frequently, you can deduct only the expenses that are proportional with the amount of time you rented out the home. Also, if you rent the unit below market value to friends or family members, the IRS might consider that to be personal use.

As you can see, your tax situation can get complicated in a hurry. Consult a tax adviser before you buy, so you can be sure you understand how the new home will affect your bottom line at tax time.

FINANCING

Financing a second home also can get complicated. If you have an FHA loan on your primary residence and took advantage of the low down payment option, prepare to cough up more cash for a second home than you may be expecting. Because private mortgage insurance won't cover a second home or investment property, you'll need to put down at least 20 percent.

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OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Add up all of the costs before putting in an offer. Don't forget utilities, home maintenance costs and overhead that can add up, such as furnishings and decor. Also think about how much it will cost to travel back and forth to the home.

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Open House Sunday 4:00-5:00

You will love the spacious and open floor plan in this 2006 construction located in Crestgate. Within 2,522 square feet (per MCAD), there are four bedrooms, three full baths, one living area, two dining areas and a three car garage. Schools for children living here are Santa Rita Elementary, Abell Jr. High and Lee High. Arched doorways, stacked ceilings, beautiful tile flooring, skylights and den with stone fireplace and built-in cabinetry are just a few of the many amenities. Kitchen features wrap-around bar seating, corner pantry, large dining area and matching stained cabinetry as in the den.

Your new sequestered master suite is complete with a corner tub, dual sinks and dressing areas, lots of cabinets for storage and a large walk-in closet. In-law plan provides yet another sequestered bedroom! Laundry room has more storage solutions, sink and work space. Backyard features a covered porch, nice yard with automatic sprinkler and corner storage building. Listed at $349,000. MLS#50001640

2313 Terrace Avenue

Here's your "ranch" located on a corner in Fannin Terrace. Constructed in 1959 with 2,072 square feet (per MCAD), you will enjoy four bedrooms, two full baths, one living area, two dining areas, enclosed sun porch, updates including wood and tile flooring and a winding circular drive out front for bonus parking! Schools for this area include Fannin Elementary, San Jacinto Jr. High and Midland High. Centrally located, you have quick access to shopping and dining.

Kitchen has modern granite countertops, a tile backsplash, tile flooring and an abundance of cabinets to create a great work space. Serve meals at the breakfast area, formal dining room or at the countertop bar. The kitchen is open to the den where a corner gas log fireplace and built-ins provide great entertaining areas. Enclosed sun porch is perfect for larger parties! Listed at $235,000. MLS#50001505

Open House Sunday 1:00-2:00

Open House Sunday 2:30-3:30

1108 Ainslee

Located in "Old Midland," this home was constructed in 1955 with 2,116 square feet (per MCAD) and has three bedrooms, two full baths, one half bath, two living areas, one dining area and a two-car garage. Children living here may attend Fannin Elementary, San Jacinto Jr. High and Midland High.

There are numerous updates to this home including wood flooring, shutters, kitchen updates and more! The kitchen has gorgeous countertops and walls of white cabinets for storing away dishes and small appliances. A window looks out to the back yard and an exterior door is here as well. You will love the large living area for your family and friends to enjoy as well as a spacious family room! A separate dining room is perfect for special occasions. Bedrooms have wood flooring, ceiling fans and updated paint.

Enjoy summer days on the back covered porch! Kids have ample places to play in this yard! Cinderblock and wooden fence surrounds the yard for security. Listed at $185,000. MLS# 50001195

2105 Evans Lane

This relatively new construction (2013) located in the Freeland Addition may be the one for you! Red brick and stone create a lovely exterior to this three bedroom, two full bath, one half bath, two living areas, one dining area and two car garage home. Schools for this area include Santa Rita Elementary, Goddard Jr. High and Midland High.

Doors open to crown molding, tall ceilings, carpet, wood and tile flooring and beautifully stained wooden cabinets throughout the home. Great room has wood burning fireplace in the corner and is open to the kitchen. Dine at the wrap around granite countertop or at the breakfast area. You will love the modern vibe of the kitchen with the stainless appliances, corner pantry and walls of cabinets for storage.

Your sequestered master suite features a bath with dual sinks, separate tub and shower. Additional bedrooms share a Jack and Jill bathroom and have spacious closets.

Other amenities include: covered patio, automatic sprinkler, storage shed and water softener. Listed at: $316,000 MLS# 50001095

Open House Sunday 3:00-4:00

Open House Sunday 4:30-5:30

6607 E. Co. Rd. 110

Looking for a quiet place outside the hustle and bustle of Midland? A very short drive will take you to this 2014 construction in Oak Ridge Estates. Located on 1.59 acres, the home has 2,598 square feet (per plan) with four bedrooms, two full baths, one living area, one dining area and a three-car garage. Schools for this area are in the Greenwood School District.

Inside, you will see tall ceilings, arched doorways, crown molding, beautiful tile flooring and more! Great room has wood burning fireplace and wall of windows for natural light. Kitchen has granite countertops with wrap around bar and seating, stainless appliances, under counter lighting, skylight and large corner pantry. A spacious breakfast area is located right by the kitchen. Sequestered master suite has tray ceiling, dual sinks and dressing areas and decorative tile shower.

Entertain on the covered back porch! The back yard is full of possibilities as there is room for a huge garden or pool and outdoor kitchen. It's all up to you! Listed at $439,500. MLS#10355.01095

For more information, visit the open house or contact Holly Cohen Co-Owner/Broker, Real Estate One at (432) 638-3090 or visit her website at www.homesbyholly.com

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Open House 1:00-2:00
2223 Western - $225,000

Beautiful spacious town home in a quiet convenient area. Well maintained and move-in ready. Light bright living area, formal dining, butler's pantry/wet bar, great kitchen with 2 pantries, 2 spacious master bedroom suites, half bath, gorgeous patio and 2 car garage. A Must See!!

Open House 2:00-3:00
4905 Hillsboro Ct. - $339,500

Gorgeous 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath , 2 Living area home complete with formal dining, eat-in kitchen in immaculate move-in condition. Great kitchen, 3 ovens, gas range, frig stays, granite, pantry in kitchen and utility room, gas logs, shutters on a quiet cul-de-sac with spectacular landscaping Hurry!

5312 Scottsboro Lane - $437,000

Spectacular Remodel! This spacious 4 Bedroom home (sequestered master plus In-law plan) has a dramatic open formal living/dining area with walls of windows showing the entertaining family patio and great yard complete with a new fence. A gourmet kitchen, newer appliances, large island, granite, pantry, wine fridge, and gorgeous display cabinets open to the spacious den. New tile, carpet, hardwoods, and paint. Don't miss the shutters, 3 car garage and closet in the utility room, plus water well for yard.

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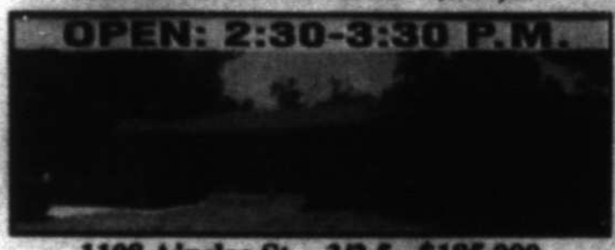
2223 Western Dr. - 2/2.5 - $225,000

OPEN: 1:00-2:00 P.M.
2313 Terrace - 4/2 - $235,000

OPEN: 2:00-3:00 P.M.
4905 Hillsboro Ct. - 4/3 - $339,500

OPEN: 2:00-3:30 P.M.
#11 Hialeah Dr. - 4/4.5 - $950,000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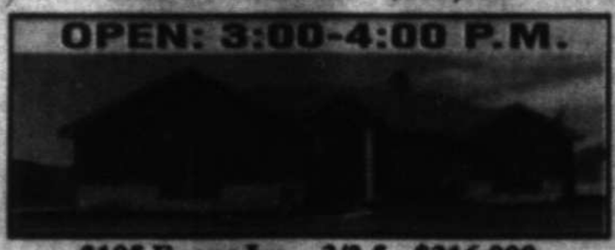
1108 Ainslee St. - 3/2.5 - $185,000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2105 Evans Ln. - 3/2.5 - $316,000

OPEN: 4:00-5:00 P.M.
4910 Crista Ln. - 4/3 - $349,000

OPEN: 4:30-5:30 P.M.
6607 E. Co. Rd. 110 - 4/2 - $439,500

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New and Reduced Listings

10805 S. Co. Rd. 1213.-Great country property! New appliances, granite, wood shutters and more. $525,000
5503 Las Palmas-Immaculate one owner 4 bdrm/3 bath home. Open kitchen w/abundant cabinetry [illegible]
2000 W. Hoya Dr.-This 3/2 home has been well taken care of inside and out. Owners have updated, upgraded to the max! $252,500
2313 Terrace-Move in ready! GRANITE in the kitchen and updated master bath. This house is extremely well maintained [illegible]
1108 Ainslee St.-Quiet tree lined street in established neighborhood. 3/2.5 with nice size backyard w/covered patio [illegible]
5107 Ria Dr.-Updated cute 3/2 w/2 spacious family rooms, open large kitchen and large backyard [illegible]
2101 Westwind Dr.-Lovely, pristine 2 bedroom/2 bath patio home ready for new owner! [illegible]
4700 Boulder Dr.-Move in ready! New paint throughout/new fence in private back yard w/shade tree $77,000

Two Bedrooms

2223 Western Dr.-Beautiful spacious 2/2.5 town home in quiet convenient area. Well maintained and move-in ready. [illegible]
2101 Westwind Dr.-Lovely, pristine 2 bedroom/2 bath patio home ready for new owner! [illegible]
4502 LaSalle Circle-B-Extras! Extras! 2 bdrms/2 bth, new construction, Duplex [illegible]
723 Melton Alley-Lovely low maint. 2/2 townhome in this beautifully maintained area! [illegible]
3603 Cunningham-Want a like new home @ a ridiculously low price? This is your baby! A true top to bottom renovation! [illegible]
3815 Apache-Super redo! Move in ready! 2bdrm. Range, microwave, frig, stackable washer/dryer remain U/C [illegible]
4700 Boulder Dr.-Move in ready! New paint throughout/new fence in private back yard w/shade tree $77,000

Three Bedrooms

[illegible]

Four Bedrooms

[illegible]

Five or More Bedrooms

[illegible]

New Construction

[illegible]

Town Houses and Patio Homes

[illegible]

For Lease

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Lots, Land and Acreage

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Commercial Investment Property

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Out of Town Properties

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18 La Campana Dr.
4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths,
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5113 Storey Ave.
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2 car garage,
priced @ $159,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Carrasco Homes

1505 S. Mineola Street
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage priced @ $245,000

Ashingdon Homes

4405 Casa Verde Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $425,000

CRYSTAL HOMES
Custom Homes & Fine Cabinetry

7117 E. County Rd. 91
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2+ car garage, priced @ $410,700

Olgin Homes

1209 South County Rd. 1118
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $489,900

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~Walt Disney

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL		
909 Canyon Dr.	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	U/C
3013 Roosevelt Dr.	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Carport	$119,000
4808 Shadylane Dr.	3 Bdrm/1.5 Ba/1 Car Garage	$149,000
5113 Storey Ave.	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$159,000
4615 Bowie Dr.	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
3403 Thomas Ave.	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Detached 2 Car Garage	$164,900
904 Shea Lane	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$190,000
1705 N. Fort Worth	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
4105 Godfrey St.	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$268,900
2430 E. 17th Street	Odessa/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$284,000
1609 Castleford Rd	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$319,900
4808 Widener Strip	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$374,900
3708 Cassady Court	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$410,000
4600 Island Dr.	5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Half Ba/3 Car Garage	$699,500
NEW CONSTRUCTION		
1505 S. Mineola St.	Carrasco Homes/ 4 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$245,000
3414 S. Co. Rd. 1080	Michael Davis Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage/Greenwood	U/C
7117 E. Co. Rd 91	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2+ Car Garage	SOLD
4306 San Pedro Dr.	Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$424,900
10503 E. Co. Rd. 105	Michael Davis Homes/5 Bdrm/ 3 Ba/ 2 Car Garage/Greenwood	$427,000
5315 Brown Heart Ln.	Diaz Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$439,900
5300 Brown Heart Ln.	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$469,900
5306 George Yard Ct.	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$478,500
1209 S. Co. Rd. 1118	Olgin Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$489,900
12 Lafayette Place	Rama Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$548,500
18 La Campana	Rama Homes/4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$775,000
4101 Timberglen Circle	4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$949,900
SUBURBAN/ACREAGE		
15356 N. Hollyhock Ave.	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2.205 Acres	$86,000
16800 N. Sunflower Ave.	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2Ba	$168,000
14941 Sunflower Ave.	Gardendale/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/7.2 Acres	$169,900
4608 N. Co. Rd. 1138	3 Bdrm/1.5 Ba/1 Car Garage	$175,000
5307 N. Co. Rd. 1120	Greenwood, Mobile home/4 Bdrm/2 Ba	$189,900
4301 W. Co. Rd. 184	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
4201 S. Co. Rd. 1185	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$305,000
10518 E. Co. Rd. 109	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
10507 E. Co. Rd. 105	Greenwood/5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$374,900
SUBURBAN HOME SITES		
Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY		
1400 Webb Lane	Big Spring/4 Acres	$550,000
302 S. Marienfeld	11,840 Sq. Ft./0.482 Acres	$750,000
Beal Parkway	3.98 Acres	$1,475,000
3008 Elkins Rd.	3.25 Acres/Office/Warehouse	$1,099,900
OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES		
38C Lee Trevino Ct.	Alto, NM/1.6 Acre Lot	$160,000
1401 HWY 176	Big Spring/20 Acres	$399,900
FM 1212	Tarzan/338.08 Approx Acres	$675,000
123 Lincoln Hills	Alto, NM/3 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$850,000
120 Topside	Ruidoso, NM/4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/ 3 Car Garage	$1,325,000
RENTAL PROPERTIES		
5315 Brown Heart Lane	Diaz Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$3,200
320 Rockylane Dr.	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$1,850
1604 W. Texas Ave	2 Bdrm/1 Ba	$1,500
4700 Boulder Ave.	2 Bdrm/2 Ba	$1,200

Contact Lillian Reynolds @ 432-210-9682

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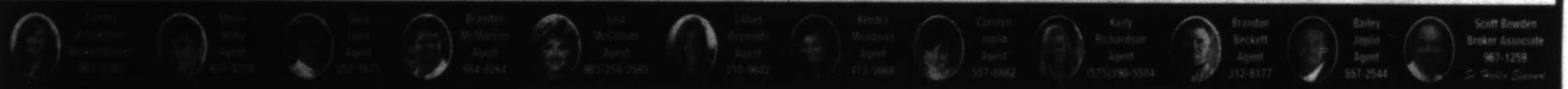

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12810 FM 307 - $549,000
Perfect Greenwood property with 2 homes on 5 acres. Brick home is 4 bedroom, 3 bath with a extra flex room. Home has new flooring, 10 inch walls fully insulated for efficient heating & cooling, ceiling fans in every room and sequestered master suite. Open floor plan with inviting living area that has a Pellet Burning Stove and looks out onto back covered patio. Second home is a 2 bedroom, 2 bath.
Shown by Emmanuel Cardenas, 432-894-6836

OPEN TODAY 1:00-3:00
808 SINCLAIR
$255,000
Charming, nicely updated home in quiet neighborhood, large lot! Flood insurance will be needed. Seller will pass on the survey and Elevation 1 certificate. Refrigerator and soft water unit negotiable with full offer!
Shown by Susan Cepero, 432-599-5215

1123 CHERRY LANE
$120,000
Charming 3 bedroom/1 bath home with spacious bedrooms. Good starter home! Lots of updates, AC installed 08/14, windows, ceiling fans, laminated wood floors, parking in the front, corner lot, big back yard, plus a nice guest house in the back - 1 bed, 1 bath perfect for family visits or rent for extra income.
Call Minerva Rodriguez, 432-631-5679

1213 E. 43RD ST., ODESSA
$160,000
Very nice, newly updated home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with new appliances & washer/dryer. Seller to offer $1000 towards buyers closing costs to cover completion of painting & hardware for hanging doors. Paint, doors, and hardware have been purchased. Quiet neighborhood. Close to schools, shopping and Sherwood Park!
Call Susan Cepero, 432-599-5215

1210 E. GOLF COURSE RD.
$194,000
Absolutely awesome, updated, like new meticulously maintained! 2 houses on 1 lot! Hardwood floors! House in back is 2 story, cute, cute! It has 1 bedroom, 1 living, kitchen, bath, with tall baseboards and crown moulding! Perfect for mother in law! Upstairs is workshop or storage! Covered carport plus another parking pad! Backyard is perfectly maintained with concrete patios, walkway to the house in back & cars can enter from back!
Call Ruth Young, 432-352-0996

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Mortgage Matters: Understanding Shared Equity Mortgages

One lesser known option in the mortgage playing field is the shared equity mortgage. Also known as a partnership mortgage, a shared equity mortgage can be a good way to purchase a home with little or no money down. In such an arrangement, the borrower/homebuyer has an absentee partner who, as the investor, provides all or some of the down payment.

Equity sharing is not as popular in a slowly appreciating real estate market as in a rapidly appreciating one when equity investors are easy to find. A type of equity sharing called tenants-in-common partnerships is becoming increasingly popular, especially in high-priced markets.

First-time buyers are usually most interested in a TIC arrangement because it gives them a way to buy property collectively with an unrelated partner. However, loan underwriting standards are more complicated with these types of deals because lenders have more than one party's financial situation to assess. It is a good idea to hire an attorney to help draft a shared equity agreement.

However, it's important to note that shared equity and shared appreciation mortgages are not the same thing. With a shared appreciation mortgage, or SAM, a borrower receives a below-market interest rate in return for the lender receiving a share, usually 30 to 50 percent, in the future appreciation of the property upon its sale.

Introduced in the early 1980s, when interest rates were high enough to make qualifying for a mortgage a real challenge, the SAM has never really caught on.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Is it time for you to move?

Our needs change as we go through various stages of our lives. This is true in many aspects, including where you live. Whether your lifestyle has evolved or your family has expanded or left the nest, here's how to determine if it's time to find a new place or make modifications to your current home.

Determine what you're looking for

Everyone has different requirements and priorities for housing. The couple expecting their first child might have substantially different needs than the family with three teenage boys, as will the person whose aging parent needs in-home care.

Make a list of what you need and want in a home and a list of what you like and dislike about your current home. Then compare the two lists.

If renovating is an option, get a contractor or an architect to look at your house, explain your options and provide you with an estimate. Keep in mind there are things you can't renovate, like neighborhood, lot size, quality of schools and other environmental factors.

A REALTOR® can also help you evaluate your renovation options. They will know what improvements and additions can do for the value of a home and what prospective buyers are looking for – and willing to pay for – in your area.

What to do when it's time to pack up

Moving presents different factors to consider. There are expenditures and time investments associated with moving and getting your home ready to sell, so preparing to move can be challenging. Luckily, a REALTOR® can handle the responsibility of listing, marketing and showing your own home.

Working with a REALTOR® can help your home sell more quickly, and fewer days on market saves you from incurring additional monthly expenses for utilities and the mortgage payment. Your REALTOR® can also help you by guiding you through the transaction and negotiating on your behalf.

And since you're moving out, that means you're looking for a new place to move into. To get started on the homebuying process, get pre-approved for a loan by a lender so you'll have an idea of your price range. Next, you should share with your REALTOR® the information from your lists about what you're looking for so she can search for properties that meet those needs.

Make a smart choice

We're faced with making decisions at every turn, but housing is one of the most important decisions you can make. Spending time to think about what your needs are and getting the right help on your side is what will make your decision a smart one.

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4506 Storey Ave., Midland, TX — Call Sonya Luna 432-934-8358
2000 W. Brunson Ave. Midland, TX — Call Warren Ivey 432-238-7832
503 Brooks Dr. Midland, TX — Charming well maintained updated home with Two Living areas. Updates include carpet, thermopane windows, light fixtures and ceiling fans. Huge backyard with a 12'x16' metal storage building. Won't last long. Call Melonna Campbell 432-634-0722
1508 Missouri Ave., Midland, TX — Call Tonia Kemper 432-212-8606
UNDER CONTRACT — 4300 Harlowe Dr., Midland, TX — Three bedroom with two bathrooms. Hardwood floors, sunken living room, large eat in kitchen. There is so much potential on this house. Just needs you to personalize it. Call Warren Ivey 432-238-7832

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Tina Powell, REALTOR®, 432-599-1459
Genie McMahan, REALTOR®, 432-664-0813
Rosalee Burrola, REALTOR®, 432-208-9040
Emily English, REALTOR®, 325-692-3247
Tonia Kemper, REALTOR®, 432-212-8606
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R. Scott Kesner, Texas & New Mexico Broker, 915-588-2188

Homes for Sale

SUNDAY FEATURED HOMES
FEATURED HOME — 95 EMERALD FOREST DR.-ODESSA - $399,000
FEATURED HOME — 5507 RIDGEMONT - $365,000
FEATURED HOME — 5808 SUNDANCE PL. - $365,000
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OPEN TODAY 1:00-2:00 — 104 N Bentwood Dr. Super cute home! Large 3 bedroom/2 bath, open living area to breakfast area and kitchen! Beautiful flooring, fresh paint, updated baths w/new wainscoting. Lots of upgrades!
OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30 — 3234 Shandon Ave. This 4 bedroom/2.5 bath home is completely updated! All furnishings, décor, washer, dryer & refrigerator can pass with the property! Priced well below assessed value!
OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30 — 2826 Shandon Ave. Seriously cool updated 4 bedroom/2.5 bath in Old Midland! Rare two-story home with 2 living areas, formal dining, updated kitchen! Great property to make your own! Shown by Chris Beckett
OPEN TODAY 3:00-4:00 — 4302 Crowley Blvd. Super value in this fabulous custom 4 bedroom/2.5 bath home in Los Patios 3! 2 living areas! Large corner lot with space outside for entertaining! High ceilings, wood shutters!
OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30 — 415 Nolan Ryan Dr. Gorgeous floor in this beautiful 4 bedroom/2 bath/ 2 car garage home on a curvy street in Legends Park! Super large lot! Huge open living, brick fireplace and much more!
OPEN TODAY 3:00-4:00 — 7811 Trenton Dr. Gorgeous 4 bedroom/3 bath/3 car garage in beautiful hill country! 2 acres! Kitchen with island! Great windows, spacious and open! A must see!
OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30 — 5459 Juniper Court. Fabulous entertaining 3 bedroom/2.5 bath/4 car garage in Green Tree! Granite in kitchen w/ island! Workshop/gameroom! Built-in wine storage! Enormous parking area!
OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30 — 4315 Country Club Dr. Almost total Redo! Huge 3 bedroom/2 bath/2 car garage home! Granite slab in kitchen, carpeting, Pergo look flooring, paint, faucets! Open living to dining! Move in & enjoy!
OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30 — 1407 Pacific Ave. Practically new house! 3 large bedrooms/2 baths, open kitchen concept w/breakfast bar & breakfast room! Corner fireplace in den, oversized master, large lot! All brick!
OPEN TODAY 4:00-5:30 — 4916 Tattenham Corner. Generational Family 3.43 acre compound! An Exquisite 5 bedroom/5.5 bath, Artists personal home with Spectacular Southwest style & custom finishes! 9 garages, shop, swimming pool! Shown by Chris Beckett & Norma Pine
OPEN TODAY 1:00-2:30 — 1709 Pueblo. Absolutely incredible! 4 bed/2.5 bath better than new, built in 2012 on .877 of an acre! Soaring ceilings; Travertine tile. Hand finished stained cabinets, exotic granite in kitchen. Huge walk-in closets!

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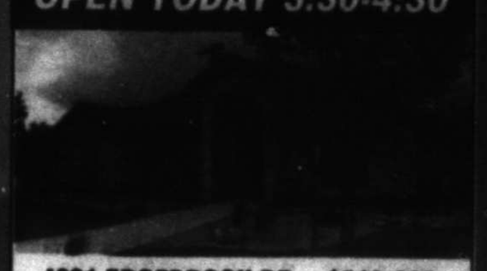
OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30

3318 CAMARIE AVE. - $200,000
SHOWN BY REECE BIVENS 432-230-8647

OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30

2002 FREEPORT LANE - $170,000
SHOWN BY TINA ATKINS 432-661-0062

OPEN TODAY 3:30-4:30



4001 EDGEBROOK DR. - $519,000
SHOWN BY MARK PHILLIBER 432-222-5071

OPEN TODAY 3:30-4:30

5008 WIDENER STRIP - $500,000
SHOWN BY KATE CHRISTIAN 432-653-0315

ACTIVE LISTINGS

531 SIR BARTON
$1,600,000

5201 ALYSHEBA LANE
$1,300,000

2700 CALLAWAY
$859,000

1920 PAGEWOOD
$700,000

4100 BAYBROOK DR.
$625,000

3102 SEABOARD AVE.
$625,000

1904 SCR 1121, GREENWOOD
$525,000

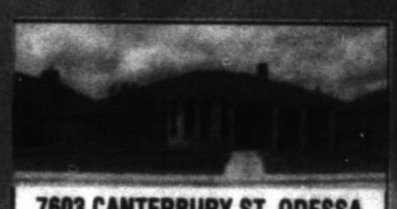
5803 STERLING PLACE
$525,000

1200 W. CUTHBERT AVE.
$485,000

4481 HACKBERRY CT.
$485,000

1901 FRINGEWOOD DR.
$475,000

2011 COLEMAN CT.
$400,000

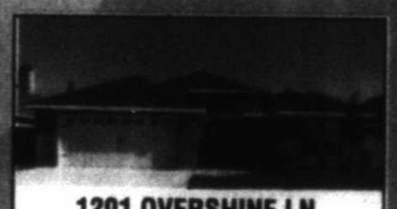


7603 CANTERBURY ST. ODESSA
$325,000

1208 PORTERFIELD
$309,500

6118 CANDLESTICK
$300,000

2804 CIMMARON AVE.
$300,000



1201 OVERSHINE LN.
$295,000

2410 TERRACE AVE.
$275,000

1611 W. ILLINOIS AVE.
$275,000

3905 CRESTGATE AVE.
$270,000

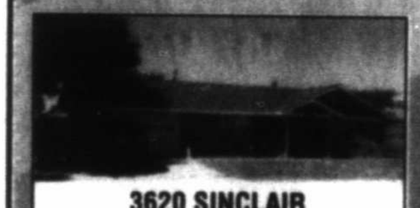
2604 ADONIA ST.
$250,000

2906 AURORA
$230,000

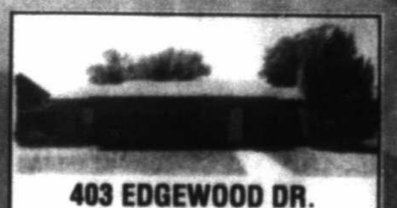
1210 PORTERFIELD
$225,500

4507 NCR 1284
$225,000

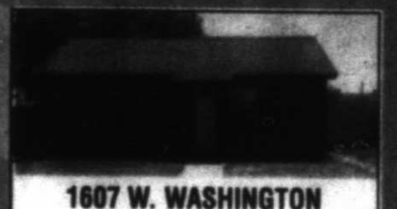
809 CALUMET ST.
$194,900



3620 SINCLAIR
$175,000

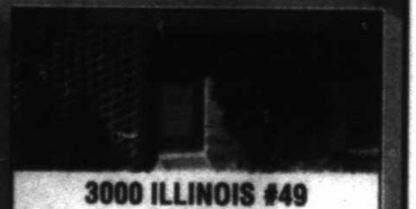


403 EDGEWOOD DR.
$175,000



1607 W. WASHINGTON
$70,000

3116 B KANSAS AVE.
$65,000



3000 ILLINOIS #49
$54,950

UNDER CONTRACT LISTINGS

SALE PENDING
6324 PRAIRIE RIDGE - $635,000

SALE PENDING
5906 FRIAR TUCK CT. - $500,000

SALE PENDING
5604 SABINE DR. - $375,000

SALE PENDING
5602 SABINE - $375,000

SALE PENDING
4610 YEARWOOD - $375,000

SALE PENDING
5105 MATHIS ST. - $324,900

SALE PENDING
3106 SOUTHRIDGE CT. - $290,000

SALE PENDING
1604 N. "N" ST. - $290,000

SALE PENDING
3013 MOSS AVE. - $289,900

SALE PENDING
4011 NAVASOTA - $285,500

SALE PENDING
1911 HUNTINGTON ST. - $255,000

SALE PENDING
902 PRICETON AVE. - $250,000

SALE PENDING
4602 NEELY AVE. - $215,000

SALE PENDING
2703 ADONIA ST. - $199,500

SALE PENDING
1221 S. MARY ST., CRANE - $120,000

SOLD LISTINGS

★★★★SOLD★★★★
6012 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD. - $1,700,000

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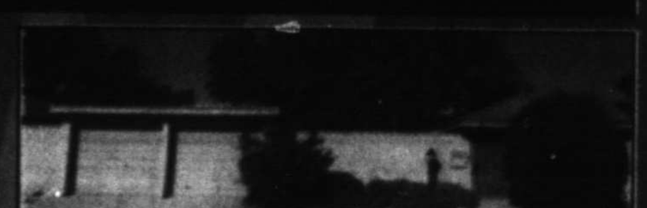
5515 NEWCASTLE DR. - $345,000



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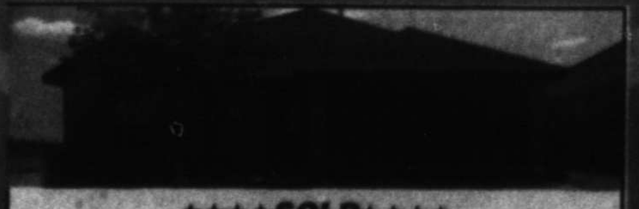
1400 W. PINE - $220,000



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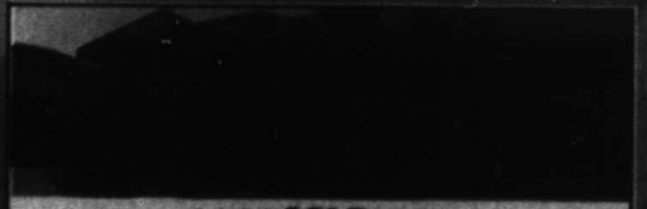
1200 MILLTOWN ROAD - $217,500



★★★★SOLD★★★★
917 NOLAN RYAN - $210,000

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3605 MISSION CT. - $150,000

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Sunday Featured Homes!

6004 Llano Court - $334,900
Open Sunday 1:30-2:30pm

3 Bed 2 Bath w/ open dining, kitchen & living room in lovely Heritage Oaks. Cozy den can be used as formal dining. Gorgeous stone fire in living room. Large welcoming kitchen with exquisite granite counters with large breakfast bar area and tons of beautiful cabinets. Sequestered master suite has beautiful bathroom, large tub and separate shower with huge walk in closet. Large utility room and oversized 2 car garage w/ workspace!

3507 Seaboard - $275,000
Open Sunday 1:00-2:00pm

4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining, 2 Car Garage completely updated in 2011. Gorgeous granite counters in kitchen with new cabinets, stainless steel appliances & gas range. Gorgeous rustic den with stained concrete floors and floating wooden shelves. Formal living and dining, recent energy efficient windows, circle drive, huge backyard, great curb appeal!

4100 Edgebrook - $400,000
Open Sunday 2:30-3:30pm

3 bed, 2.5 bath, 3 car 3,209 sq ft stunning Mockingbird Heights home with rich detail, tons of windows, spacious gourmet kitchen, with lots of cabinets, formal dining & living areas, and huge breakfast area. Tons of storage and built ins! Spacious master suite with his/hers dressing area, closets and sinks plus 2 HUGE walk ins! Separate shower and jetted tub!. This is an entertainers delight with lovely tiled and partially covered enclosed courtyard. Gorgeous low maintenance landscaping!

5409 Secretariat - $1,450,000
Open Sunday 1:30-2:30pm

Dream home in Solomon Estates, 4 bed, 4.5 bath, 3 car plus 3 car huge workshop. Grand entry, massive circle drive, beautifully landscaped w/outdoor kitchen, formal dining with beautiful lighting, huge kitchen with lots of cabinetry, living features tall ceilings with giant beams, sequestered master suite with great windows and master bath has huge closet, tub and giant shower. Each bedroom has own bathroom. Also media/game room!

1105 Porterfield - $219,000
Open Sunday 1:00-2:00pm

3 Bed 2 Bath 2 Car garage, huge open living room and kitchen with new tile and breakfast bar. Formal dining great for hosting family gatherings. Great sequestered master with stained concrete flooring. Beautiful landscaping, fenced yard, covered patio with swing. Lovely custom Mark Payne 2012 build!

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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 1:00-2:00
1006 Stanolind - $235,000
Listed by Kate Christian

OPEN 1:00-2:00
3204 Durant - $295,000
Listed by Stacy Gonzalez

OPEN 1:00-2:00
3507 Seaboard - $275,000
Listed by Tracy Farrow,
Hosted by Brittany Boyd

OPEN 1:00-2:00
1105 Porterfield - $219,000
Listed by Tracy Farrow

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4705 Teakwood Trace - $439,900
Listed by Darla Davis

OPEN 1:00-2:00
3600 Oakridge Dr. - $275,000
Listed by Jo Keller

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4510 Fannin - $209,000
Listed and Shown by Ashley St. John

OPEN 1:00-2:00
3609 W. Storey - $179,900
Listed by Ashley St. John,
Shown by Amanda Gunter

OPEN 1:00-2:00
1502 Neely - $280,000
Hosted by Josie Alvarez

OPEN 1:30-2:30
1601 W. Michigan Ave. - $249,900
Listed by Angie McKay

OPEN 1:30-2:30
5409 Secretariat
Listed and Hosted by Tracy Farrow

OPEN 1:30-2:30
2002 Freeport Lane - $170,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage,
Shown by Tina Atkins

OPEN 1:30-2:30
3318 Camarie Ave. - $200,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage,
Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 1:30-2:30
6005 Llano Ct. - $339,000
Listed by Stephanie Rogers

OPEN 1:30-2:30
812 Coronado, Odessa
$165,000
Listed by Jerrilyn Garrison

OPEN 1:30-2:30
6004 Llano Ct.
Listed by Tracy Farrow
Shown by Tyler Barrandey

OPEN 2:00-3:00
3318 Storey Ave. - $170,000
Listed by Jerrilyn Garrison,
Shown by Jessica Carreon

OPEN 2:00-3:00
2513 Maxwell - $265,000
Listed by Madison Shaw

OPEN 2:30-3:30
2809 Savoy - $410,000
Hosted by Josie Alvarez

OPEN 2:30-3:30
5116 Canadian Ave. - $195,000
Listed by Ashley St. John,
Shown by Brittany Boyd

OPEN 2:30-3:30
4304 Boulder Ave. - $250,000
Listed and Shown by Ashley St. John

OPEN 2:30-3:30
4100 Edgebrook - $400,000
Listed by Tracy Farrow

OPEN 2:30-3:30
3011 Baltic - $220,000
Listed by Stacy Gonzalez

OPEN 2:00-4:00
1305 Cerrillos - $299,000
Listed by Lana Flores

OPEN 3:00-4:00
5304 Green Tree Blvd. - $325,000
Listed by Stephanie Rogers

OPEN 3:30-4:30
5807 Llano Ct. - $315,000
Listed and Shown by Pam Dodd

OPEN 3:30-4:30
5008 Widener Strip - $500,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage,
Shown by Kate Christian

OPEN 3:30-4:30
4001 Edgebrook Dr. - $519,000
Listed by DeLaura Gammage,
Shown by Mark Phillibar

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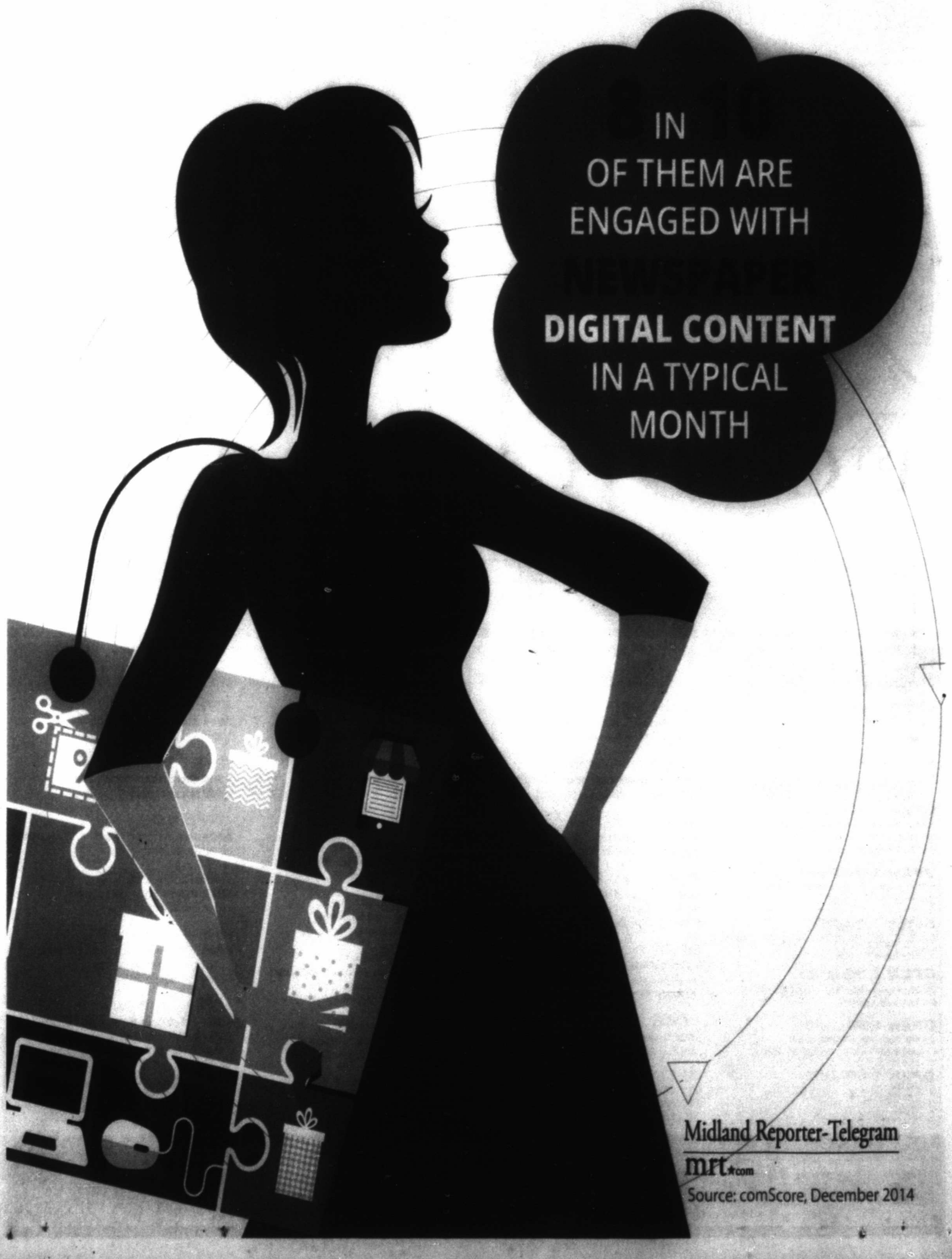

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FEATURED HOME

3300 WINDSOR AVE.

Custom one owner, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 3 LA's, 2 DA's, bonus/sunroom, storage building plus hobby shop & a 2-car carport. **MLS #107614 $222,900**

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FEATURED HOME

3200 W. WADLEY

Low maintenance, pristinely maintained. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 LA's, 2 DA's, atrium and a 2-car garage. **MLS #107277 $252,900**

FEATURED LISTINGS

8 Warwick, Odessa, Tx.	3 Bed, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, heated & cooled 7-car garage	MLS #108465	UNDER CONTRACT	$550,000
1306 WCR 130	**2 Homes**, Barn, Shop & Wood Shop on **12.43 Acres**	MLS #50001502	OFFER WELCOME	$449,900
801 ECR 130	4 Bed, 2 Bath on 5.75 acres Barns, Pens, Stalls	MLS #106761		$374,900
7209 ECR 96	Gorgeous new construction 4 Bed, 2 bath by Kaa Builders, LLC	MLS #108727	UNDER CONTRACT	$369,900
5313 Scottsboro Lane	4 Bed, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, 2 LA & 2 DA's	MLS #108193	UNDER CONTRACT	$364,900
12102 ECR 115	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 Acre/Greenwood School	MLS #50001729		$264,800
3200 W. Wadley Ave.	3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, 2LA's, 2DA's & atrium	MLS #107277		$252,900
3007 N. Pecos St.	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 DA's and 1 LA w/FP	MLS #40204738	UNDER CONTRACT	$249,900
1432 Custer Ave., Odessa, Tx	Open floor plan, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 4 Car Garage	MLS #99514	UNDER CONTRACT	$232,500
5221 Canadian Ave.	4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 LA	MLS #108873		$227,000
3300 Windsor Dr.	One Owner, 4 bedroom 3 bath home, 3LA	MLS #107614		$222,900
3308 Roosevelt Dr.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 LA	MLS #50001711	UNDER CONTRACT	$146,900
5252 Lake Co. Rd. 256	3 Bed, 2 Bath, On Lake Colorado City	MLS #106038	NEW OWNER CARRY	$90,400
102 Waverly Dr.	Nicely update 2 bedroom, 1 bath home	MLS #107630	UNDER CONTRACT	$89,900
6213 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.	.97 acres RESIDENTIAL LOT	MLS #102676		$140,000
6714 FM 715	-22 Acres	MLS #108863		$365,000
0000 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx.	3.888 acres with Caliche put on property, non-restricted	MLS #108092		$32,000

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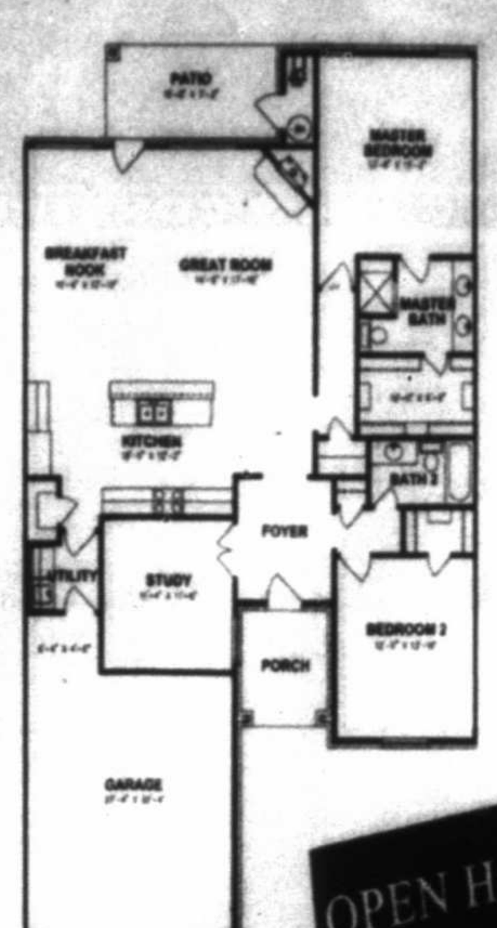


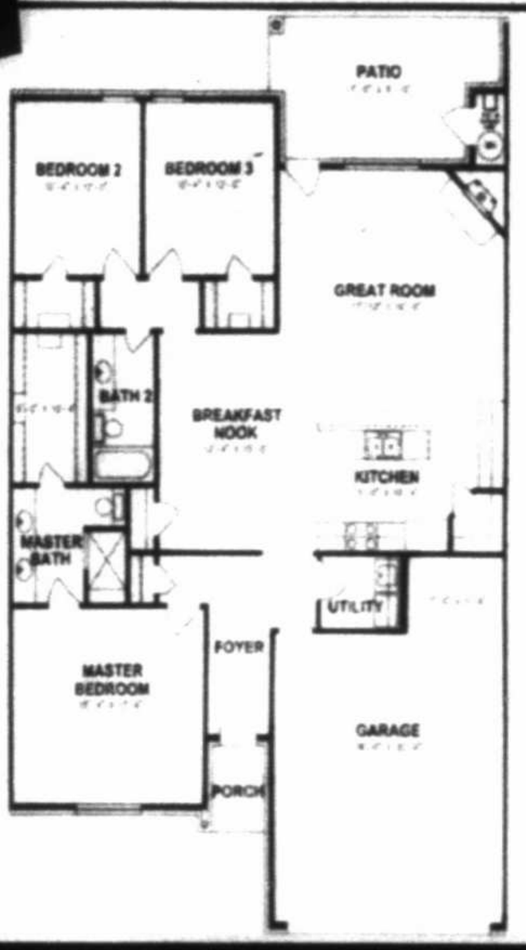
1204 Porterfield
$251,500

This Townhome at Stonebridge features 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and a quiet study. The open living & kitchen include custom built shaker style cabinets, granite countertops and stained concrete floors.

OPEN HOUSE! Sunday 1-3 PM

1206 Porterfield
$236,500

Open living room and kitchen in this 3 bed, 2 bath home located at the Townhomes in Stonebridge. Beautiful lighting, custom stained cabinets, stained concrete floors and granite countertops throughout.



Mark Payne Homes Available Homes

1208 Porterfield- 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, Study, 2 Car Garage	$309,500
1210 Porterfield- 2 Bath, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	$225,500
4015 Navasota- 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	$316,500
6001 Wichita- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, 3 Car Garage	$418,500
6107 Wichita- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, 2 Car Garage	$401,500
6109 Wichita- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, 2 Car Garage	$372,500
5912 Frio Drive- 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	$325,500
4001 Heritage Oaks- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 4 Car	UC

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OPEN 2:30-3:30

4801 Knights Place
3BR, 2.5 BA, 2 LA, 2 DA, 2 car garage.
Shown by Deborah Pierce 889-2469

FEATURED HOME

2100 SCR 1130
Greenwood 3 BR, 3 BA, 1+Acres fenced, stalls, open floor plan.
For more information call Skeet Doss 352-4826

FEATURED HOME

5707 Los Patios
4BR, 3 BA, Low Maintenance, plantation shutters, jacuzzi tub, high ceilings.
For more information call Deborah Pierce 889-2469

FEATURED HOME

3213 Patrick
3BR, 2.5BA Gorgeous like new home, granite counters open floor plan, tons of windows, 3 car garage.
For more information call Skeet Doss 352-4826

FEATURED LISTINGS

4005 Cardinal-Gorgeous estate on nearly 4 acres 4 bedrooms, 5 full baths, 2 half, Pool, playscape, outdoor kitchen, RV storage, man cave apartment, Energy efficient, wood & metal shop ... $1,999,900
7 Weeping Willow-5 Bedrooms, 4.5 baths amazing estate with guest quarters huge shop ... REDUCED $1,295,000
4217 Tanforan-4 bedrooms,4.5 baths, in Mockingbird Heights, gorgeous pool, stamped concrete paving ... REDUCED $944,000
6312 Homestead Drive-4 Bedrooms, 4.5 Baths, 3 Living Areas, 2 Dining Areas, 4 Car Garage, Golf Course Lot ... $895,000
2313 Homeland Dr. - 5 BR, 5.5BA, 3 Living Areas, 2 Dining Areas, 5 Car Garage, Robert Graham Co ... $828,225
17 Oak Lawn Park-Absolutely wonderful condo newly remodeled with detached guest suite ... $699,000
4200 ECR 63-New Quiroz on 2 acres 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 living, 2 dining ... REDUCED $679,900
5610 ECR 60-5 bedrooms, 4 baths Pool with hot tub, 2.86 acres, bricked in trailer used as guest quarters ... REDUCED $579,900
FM 1213-115 AC residential or commercial, 2 Blogs, Multiple wells ... $499,900
906 Citation-3 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, Saddle club town homes Gameroom, workroom ... REDUCED $480,000
5613 Heartland - 4 bedroom, 3.5 baths, 2 living, 2 dining, Grassland Estates ... $429,000
6409 Sequoia Green Tree-Sparkling pool, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, party patio, absolutely stunning ... $424,900
221 Carol Lane-Fabulous Country home,4 BR 2 BA 3 LA 2 Dining 2 car garage updated! to die for workshop ... $390,000
5707 Los Patios-4 bedrooms, 3 baths 2 dining area, Low Maint. Like new home ... $354,000
3213 Patrick-3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths stunning like new home, open floorplan, high ceilings, plantation shutters ... $359,000
7508 Gravenstein-Odessa, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 1 Dining Area, 2 Living Areas, 2 Car Garage ... $349,900
4000 Trinity Court -Incredible low Maint. 3 Bedrooms 2.5 Baths, cabinets galore, Hardwood Floors ... REDUCED $349,000
1400 Daventry-Saddle Club South 4 bedrooms 3.5 Baths 2 Living Areas 3 Car Garage ... $339,000
4801 Knights Place - Beautiful home in Polo Park Estates. 3BR, 2.5 BA, 2 LA, 2 DA, 2 car garage ... $324,900
2601 McClintic-4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 dining areas, flexible floorplan, wood floors built ins ... $298,000
5600 ECR 57-4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2.21 acres in greenwood Pet motel on property ... REDUCED $289,000
1811 S County Rd. 1085-3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, 1 Living Area, 1 Dining Area, 2 Car Garage, In Greenwood ... $280,900
4300 Valley-4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 living, 2 dining, Huge corner lot, new carpet and paint ... REDUCED $279,900
6905 Cattleman Drive-3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 1 Living Area, 1 Dining Area, 2 Car Garage, Open Floorplan ... REDUCED $260,000
12700 ECR 91-3 bedroom, 2 baths, mobile home on 8.53 acres in greenwood ... $259,000
2618 Noel-3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 living areas, Low Maint, court yard ... $254,900
1810 Pueblo-3 bedrooms 2 Baths .34 Acres storage shed and pomegranate bushes ... $247,000
3512 Hyde Park -3 BR 2 BA High Ceilings Great Pool ... $240,000
2 Linda Ct-3 bedroom, 2 bath home conveniently located. great for entertaining ... $235,000
3913 Anetta-4 bedrooms, 2 baths, newer construction, granite counters storage and metal building ... $219,900
4902 Anetta Drive-3 Bedroom, 3 Baths, 1 Living Area, Outdoor Kitchen Immaculate ... $219,000
3506 Canemont-3 BR, 2 BA, 1 LA, 1 Dining, 2 Car Garage Fairmont Park corner lot ... $199,000
10916 E. Brown St. (Gardendale)- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 4.48 Acres, 6 Horse Stalls ... $185,000
5114 Sunnyside-3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living, and 2 dining, New A/C game room ... REDUCED $179,900
9713 WCR 59-4 BR 2 BA Doublewide, workshop, greenhouse, storage ... $179,900
3306 S County Road 1206 -4BR 2BA 2 LA 4 Car Carport 1.05 AC ... $178,000
803 Storey-3 bed 2 bath 2 living areas 2 story home in old Midland ... $175,000
3231 Whittle Way-3 Bedrooms 2.5 Baths Charming Town Home ... $170,000
704 S Baird-3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 2 Living Areas, 2 Dining Areas, 2 Story Home ... $165,000
3800 Ohio-3 bed, 2 ba, low maint. large corner lot, fireplace, skylights ... REDUCED $164,900
6900 ECR 97-3BR 2 BA doublewide with 2 car garage and workshop with electricity ... $160,000
4709 W Bowie Drive-3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, 1 Living Area, 1 Dining Area, 1 Car Garage, Move in Ready ... $148,000
17107 N. Gonzales-1.5 acres 3 bedrooms, 2 baths double wide ... $144,000
3213 Illinois-3 bedrooms, 2 bath, great layout has so much potential, utility rm w/sink ... $124,900
2900 Roosevelt -5 Bedroom, 2 Baths, Investors Dream ... $119,900
706 Calhoun-3 Bedrooms 1 Bath ... $115,000
2601 W County Road 114-2 BR 1 BA 2Acres w/ Water well & septic ... $70,000
601 W Scharbauer #30-Wonderful 1 Bedroom Condo with large rooms & private patio ... $67,900
1810 Pueblo-3 BR 2 Baths in 349 Ranch Estates ... $1975 Monthly/$1975 Deposit
108 S. Bentwood-3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2 living areas, 1 dining area ... $1400 Monthly/$1400 Deposit

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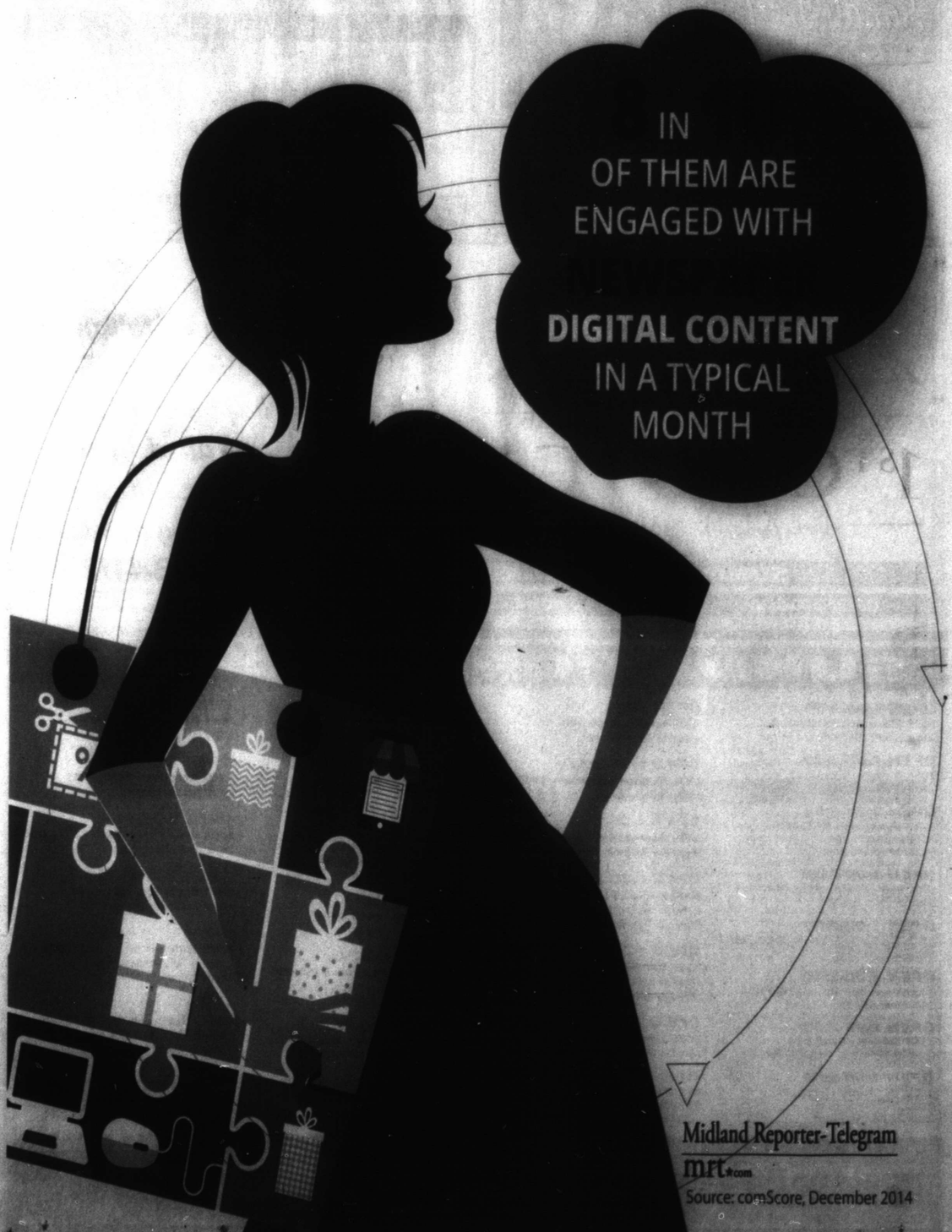

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FEATURED HOME

3300 WINDSOR AVE.
Custom one owner, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 3 LA's, 2 DA's, bonus/sunroom, storage building plus hobby shop & a 2-car carport. **MLS #107614 $222,000**

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3200 W. WADLEY
Low maintenance, pristinely maintained. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 LA's, 2 DA's, atrium and a 2-car garage. **MLS #107277 $252,900**

FEATURED LISTINGS

8 Warwick, Odessa, Tx.	3 Bed, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, heated & cooled 7-car garage	MLS #108495	UNDER CONTRACT	$550,000
1306 WCR 130	2 Houses, Barn, Shop & Wood Shop on 12.49 Acres	MLS #50001502	OFFER WELCOME	$449,900
801 ECR 130	4 Bed, 2 Bath on 5.75 acres Barns, Pens, Stalls	MLS #106761		$374,900
7209 ECR 90	Gorgeous new construction 4 Bed, 2 bath by Kim Builders, LLC	MLS #108727	UNDER CONTRACT	$369,900
5313 Scotsboro Lane	4 Bed, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, 2 LA & 2 DA's	MLS #108193	UNDER CONTRACT	$364,900
12102 ECR 115	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 Acre/Greenwood School	MLS #50001729		$254,900
3200 W. Wadley Ave.	3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, 2LA's, 2DA's & atrium	MLS #107277		$252,900
3007 N. Pecos St.	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 DA's and 1 LA w/FP	MLS #50004738	UNDER CONTRACT	$249,900
1432 Custer Ave., Odessa, Tx	Open floor plan, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 4 Car Garage	MLS #99514	UNDER CONTRACT	$232,500
5221 Canadian Ave.	4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 LA	MLS #108873		$227,000
3300 Windsor Dr.	One Owner, 4 bedroom 3 bath home, 3LA	MLS #107614		$222,900
3308 Roosevelt Dr.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 LA	MLS #50001711	UNDER CONTRACT	$146,900
5252 Lake Co. Rd. 256	3 Bed, 2 Bath, On Lake Colorado City	MLS #106036	NEW OWNER CARRY	$99,400
102 Waverly Dr.	Nicely update 2 bedroom, 1 bath home	MLS #107630	UNDER CONTRACT	$89,900
6213 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.	.97 acres RESIDENTIAL LOT	MLS #102876		$140,000
6714 FM 715	~22 Acres	MLS #108863		$365,000
0000 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx.	3.888 acres with Caliche put on property, non-restricted	MLS #108092		$32,000

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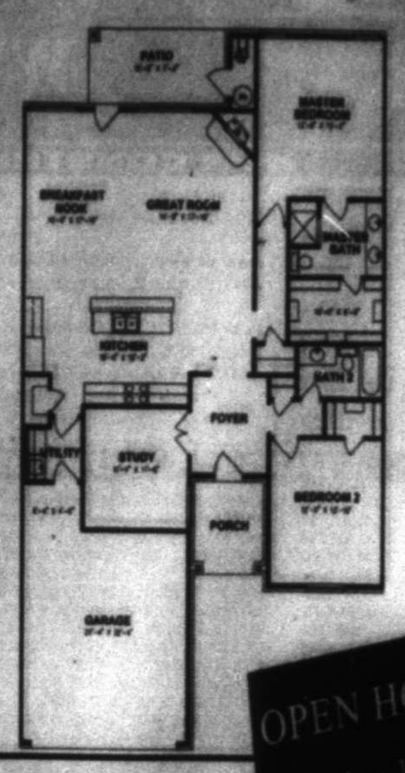

1204 Porterfield
$251,500

This Townhome at Stonebridge features 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and a quiet study. The open living & kitchen include custom built shaker style cabinets, granite countertops and stained concrete floors.

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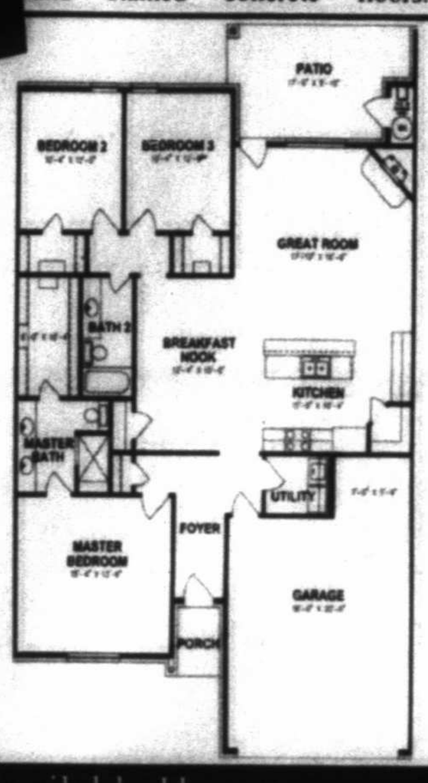
1206 Porterfield
$236,500

Open living room and kitchen in this 3 bed, 2 bath home located at the Townhomes in Stonebridge. Beautiful lighting, custom stained cabinets, stained concrete floors and granite countertops throughout.



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1208 Porterfield- 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, Study, 2 Car Garage	$309,500
1210 Porterfield- 2 Bath, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	$225,500
4015 Navasota- 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	$316,500
6001 Wichita- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, 3 Car Garage	$418,500
6107 Wichita- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, 2 Car Garage	$401,500
6109 Wichita- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, 2 Car Garage	$372,500
5912 Frio Drive- 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	$325,500
4001 Heritage Oaks- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 4 Car	UC

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FEATURED HOME

3213 Patrick
3BR, 2.5BA Gorgeous like new home, granite counters open floor plan, tons of windows, 3 car garage.
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FEATURED LISTINGS

4605 Cardinal-Gorgeous estate on nearly 4 acres 4 bedrooms, 5 full baths, 2 half, Pool, playscape, outdoor kitchen, RV storage, man cave apartment, Energy efficient, wood & metal shop	$1,900,000
7 Weeping Willow-5 Bedrooms, 4.5 baths amazing estate with guest quarters huge shop	REDUCED $1,295,000
4217 Tanforan-4 bedrooms,4.5 baths, in Mockingbird Heights, gorgeous pool, stamped concrete paving	REDUCED $944,000
6x12 Homestead Drive-4 Bedrooms, 4.5 Baths, 3 Living Areas, 2 Dining Areas, 4 Car Garage, Golf Course Lot	$895,000
2313 Homeland Dr. - 5 BR, 5.5BA, 3 Living Areas, 2 Dining Areas, 5 Car Garage, Robert Graham Co	$829,225
17 Oak Lawn Park-Absolutely wonderful condo newly remodeled with detached guest suite	$699,000
4200 ECR 63-New Quiroz on 2 acres 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 living, 2 dining	REDUCED $679,000
5610 ECR 69-5 bedrooms, 4 baths Pool with hot tub, 2.86 acres, bricked in trailer used as guest quarters	REDUCED $579,000
FM 1213-115 AC residential or commercial, 2 Blogs, Multiple wells	$499,000
900 Citation-3 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, Saddle club town homes Gameroom, workroom	REDUCED $499,000
5013 Heartland - 4 bedroom, 3.5 baths, 2 living, 2 dining, Grassland Estates	$429,000
6409 Sequoia Green Tree-Sparkling pool, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, party patio, absolutely stunning	$424,000
221 Carol Lane-Fabulous Country home,4 BR 2 BA 3 LA 2 Dining 2 car garage updated! to die for workshop	$390,000
5707 Los Patios-4 bedrooms, 3 baths 2 dining area, Low Maint. Like new home	$364,000
3213 Patrick-3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths stunning like new home, open floorplan, high ceilings, plantation shutters	$309,000
7000 Greenstown-Odessa, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 1 Dining Area, 2 Living Areas, 2 Car Garage	$349,900
4000 Trinity Court -Incredible low Maint. 3 Bedrooms 2.5 Baths, cabinets galore, Hardwood Floors	REDUCED $349,000
1400 Dawdry-Saddle Club South 4 bedrooms 3.5 Baths 2 Living Areas 3 Car Garage	$339,000
4001 Knights Place - Beautiful home in Polo Park Estates, 3BR, 2.5 BA, 2 LA, 2 DA, 2 car garage	$324,000
2001 McClintic-4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 dining areas, flexible floorplan, wood floors built ins	$299,000
5000 ECR 67-4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2.21 acres in greenwood Pet motel on property	REDUCED $299,000
1011 0-County Rd. 1095-3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, 1 Living Area, 1 Dining Area, 2 Car Garage, In Greenwood	$299,000
4000 Valley-4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 living, 2 dining, Huge corner lot, new carpet and paint	REDUCED $279,000
9005 Cattleman Drive-3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 1 Living Area, 1 Dining Area, 2 Car Garage, Open Floorplan	REDUCED $269,000
12706-ECR 81-3 bedroom, 2 baths, mobile home on 6.53 acres in greenwood	$259,000
2610 Noel-3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 living areas, Low Maint, court yard	$254,000
1010 Pueblo-3 bedrooms 2 Baths .34 Acres storage shed and pomegranate bushes	$247,000
3912 Hyde Park -3 BR 2 BA High Ceilings Great Pool	$240,000
2 Linda Ct-3 bedroom, 2 bath home conveniently located. great for entertaining	$235,000
3913 Anetta-4 bedrooms, 2 baths, newer construction, granite counters storage and metal building	$219,900
4002 Anetta Drive-3 Bedroom, 3 Baths, 1 Living Area, Outdoor Kitchen Immaculate	$219,000
3500 Cameron-3 BR, 2 BA, 1 LA, 1 Dining, 2 Car Garage Fairmont Park corner lot	$199,000
10010 E. Brown St. (Gardendale)- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 4.48 Acres, 6 Horse Stalls	$195,000
5114 Sunnyside-3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living, and 2 dining, New A/C game room	REDUCED $179,900
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2001 W County Road 114-2 BR 1 BA 2Acres w/ Water well & septic	$70,000
601 W Scharbauer #36-Wonderful 1 Bedroom Condo with large rooms & private patio	$67,000
1010 Pueblo-3 [illegible] Baths in 349 Ranch Estates	$1075 Monthly/$1075 Deposit
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PERMIAN BASIN COVENANT HOMES		
1100 E. CO. RD. 1118...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106626	$325,000
PORRAGA HOMES, LLC		
300 S. DALLAS ST...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106637	$149,500
TROY HUNT		
600 CALUMET ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108155	$194,900
SEA BUILDERS, LLC		
7209 E. CO. RD. 96...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #108727	SALE PENDING
BOB FRIDAY HOMES		
7305 E. CO. RD. 96, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #107720	SALE PENDING
GOMEZ CONSTRUCTION		
1203 E. NOBLES...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #105412	$199,900
RR CUSTOM HOMES, LLC		
7303 E. CO. RD. 93...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #108052	$471,075
1210 S. CO. RD. 1117...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #108352	$410,400
MARK PAYNE		
1200 PORTERFIELD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001681	$309,500
4011 NAVASOTA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001420	SALE PENDING
1210 PORTERFIELD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001683	$225,500
MIDLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.		
1200 ELM AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #109125	$199,000
WBC CUSTOM HOMES		
13106 E. CO. RD. 116, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #107905	SALE PENDING
GE HOMES, INC.		
7308 E. CO. RD. 91...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #107925	SALE PENDING
7314 E. CO. RD. 91...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #107924	SALE PENDING
7401 E. CO. RD. 93...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #105080	SALE PENDING
1202 A NOBLES...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #50001369	$172,290
1202 B NOBLES...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #50001370	$172,290
MASTER BUILDERS CONSTRUCTION		
2604 ADONIA ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001510	$290,000
2703 ADONIA ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107979	SALE PENDING
WESCON SERVICES LLC		
1203 HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #108305	$149,000

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6012 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108853	SOLD
531 SIR BARTON...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107327	$1,600,000
5409 SECRETARIAT ST...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #104142	$1,450,000
5201 ALYSHEBA LANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50002015	$1,300,000
6400 LOS CONCHOS LN...Lisa Jansa 618-3389	MLS #50001082	$1,175,000
2700 CALLAWAY...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001239	$859,000
5701 DEVLIN PL...Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #50001410	SALE PENDING
6400 E. CO. RD. 109...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50001470	$885,000
4941 RUSTIC TRAIL...Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #50001853	SALE PENDING
1920 [illegible]AGEWOOD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001700	$700,000
1010 W. CUTHBERT...Amy Barnett 352-6714		SALE PENDING
3900 FAIRWOOD CT...Virginia Elizondo	MLS #108718	$649,000
6324 PRAIRIE RIDGE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #109066	SALE PENDING
4100 BAYBROOK DRIVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001799	$625,000
3102 SEABOARD AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001400	$625,000
4001 FAIRWOOD...Danny Norwood 413-2764	MLS #107438	$574,000
3900 ROADRUNNER TRAIL...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #50001083	$550,000
5003 STERLING PLACE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50002038	$525,000
4001 EDGEBROOK DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001288	$519,000
2102 DEEANNA LANE...Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #50001168	$509,500
5000 WIDENER STRIP...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS # R50001848A	$500,000
7303 E. CO. RD. 93...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #108052	$471,075
2014 EVANS...Lisa Jansa 618-3389	MLS #109105	$449,900
3511 MEADOWRIDGE LN...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254	MLS #107900	$445,000
4705 TEAKWOOD TRACE...Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #40204631	$439,900
6001 PRAIRIE RIDGE...Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #108670	$435,000
1210 S. CO. RD. 1117...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #108352	$410,400
4004 TEAKWOOD TR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #108254	$409,900
7308 E. CO. RD. 91...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #107925	SALE PENDING
7314 E. CO. RD. 91...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #107924	SALE PENDING
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2110 EVANS...Samantha Smith 978-3588	MLS #50001980	$399,900
3600 NORTHFIELD...Donna Omar	MLS #50001375	SALE PENDING
4200 EDGEBROOK...Skye Farris 294-3336	MLS #108002	SALE PENDING
5001 STONELEIGH DR...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #108585	SALE PENDING
4001 HILLTOP DR...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #108278	$379,500
5002 SABINE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108875	SALE PENDING
5004 SABINE DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108356	SALE PENDING
4010 YEARWOOD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108570	SALE PENDING
5000 GRASSLAND BLVD...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #50001379	$363,000
5504 KINGSTON DR...Denise Brasher 889-5022	MLS #50001738	SALE PENDING
5313 SCOTTSBORO LANE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #108193	SALE PENDING
2205 STRATFORD CT...Denise Brasher 889-5022	MLS #50001782	$363,000
7401 E. CO. RD. 93...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106080	SALE PENDING
6011 LLANO...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #108762	SALE PENDING
3305 WOODHAVEN DR...Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #108697	$354,000
3109 PATRICK PLACE...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS#50001844	$349,900
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5020 GRASSLAND BLVD...Sue Lytle 661-5338	MLS #50001717	$339,000
6005 LLANO CT...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #50001926	$339,000
5511 SAN CLEMENTE DR...Reannah Glover 553-5352	MLS #50001530	SALE PENDING
5304 GREEN TREE BLVD...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #108233	$325,000
4002 MELVILLE...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254	MLS #108242	$316,900
5007 LLANO CT...Pam Dodd 413-0780	MLS #50001010	$315,000
3111 STANOLIND CT...Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #50001703	$315,000
5017 PEDERNALES DR...Reannah Glover 553-5352	MLS #50001964	$305,000
6118 CANDLESTICK...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #104691	$300,000
1305 CERRILLOS...Lana Flores 385-5843	MLS #50001805	$299,000
5000 MILE HIGH LANE...Reannah Glover 553-5352	ML #108338	SALE PENDING
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3204 DURANT...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #108501	$295,000
2008 W. DENGAR AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #109007	$295,000
5010 SHERWOOD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #108970	$294,900
1502 NEELY...Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #50001779	$280,000
3600 OAKRIDGE DR...Jo Keller	MLS #50001956	$275,000
2410 TERRACE AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001417	$275,000
4004 LANCASHIRE...Tina Atkins 661-0062	MLS #108872	$275,000
7 METZ CT...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #50001748	SALE PENDING
1011 W. ILLINOIS AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108584	$275,000
1601 N. B ST...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #50001614	$275,000
5604 SAN SABA COURT...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #50001518	SALE PENDING
1500 W. MISSOURI...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #108546	SALE PENDING
3905 CRESTGATE AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108432	$270,000
3507 SEABOARD AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #108822	$269,500
2913 MAXWELL...Madison Shaw 528-4640	MLS #50001322	$265,000
6003 RANCHLAND DR...Lisa Russell		$263,900
2910 MAXWELL DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #108274	SALE PENDING
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6910 RANCHLAND DR...Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #50001218	SALE PENDING
718 LEGENDS BLVD...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #50001446	SALE PENDING
6221 CANADIAN AVE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #108873	$227,000
3300 WINDSOR DR...Sandy J. Hanson	MLS #107614	$222,900
3011 BALTIC AVE...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #108913	$220,000
3110 BOARDWALK...Jo Keller 269-8319	MLS #109131	SALE PENDING
3225 DENGAR AVE...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #108321	$215,000
2402 CAMARIE...Pam Dodd 413-0780	MLS #107069	$199,000
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3303 MICHIGAN...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #50001886	$160,000
3806 AVONDALE...Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #50001402	$125,000
6203 SEQUOIA DR...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276	MLS #50001398	SALE PENDING

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

727 SOLOMON LANE...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #107467	$799,000
1924 CRESCENT PLACE...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #50001261	$539,000
4601 ANDREWS HWY...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #108126	SALE PENDING
1200 W. CUTHBERT AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001818	$485,000
4481 HACKBERRY CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108382	$485,000
1901 FRINGEWOOD DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108804	$475,000
4100 EDGEBROOK...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #107075	$400,000
5013 PIMLICO...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #108856	$389,000
5502 LOS PATIOS...Pam Dodd 413-0780	MLS #109152	$350,000
1505 WINFIELD...Pam Dodd 413-0780	MLS #50001277	SALE PENDING
6004 LLANO COURT...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50001431	$329,900
4903 FOXBORO CT...Denise Brasher 889-5022	MLS #108604	$324,999
5105 MATHIS ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001045	SALE PENDING
2500 MAXWELL DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001005	SOLD
2815 CIMMARON AVE...Samantha Smith 978-3588	MLS #50001130	SALE PENDING
5909 LLANO COURT...Danny Norwood 413-2764	MLS #108526	SALE PENDING
2904 CIMMARON AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001587	$300,000
1604 N. N STREET...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001271	SALE PENDING
3108 SOUTHRIDGE CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001468	SALE PENDING
3013 MOSS AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108982	SALE PENDING
4405 LANHAM...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #50001549	$282,400
1101 OVERSHINE LANE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #108041	$279,900
1013 NEELY...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #50001268	$279,000
6304 DRIFTWOOD...Leah Watkins	MLS #108780	SALE PENDING
3501 CLAREMONT DR...Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #50001061	$264,900
2012 TERRACE...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #109081	SALE PENDING
2506 W. DENGAR...Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #50001619	$255,000
1911 HUNTINGTON ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001395	SALE PENDING
3200 W. WADLEY AVE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #107277	$252,900
1601 W. MICHIGAN...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #109037	$249,000
902 PRINCETON AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001157	SALE PENDING
4304 BOULDER...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254	MLS #108306	$249,000
4102 DYER CIRCLE...Lana Flores 385-5843	MLS #40204633	$244,000
3304 CLAREMONT...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #108683	$235,000
2812 DURANT...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #108537	$234,500
1000 STANOLIND AVE...Kate Christian 853-0315	MLS #50001497	$235,000
2906 AURORA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108980	$230,000
5914 WAGNER...Reannah Glover 553-5352	MLS #108484	SALE PENDING
2505 NEELY...Danny Norwood 413-2764		SOLD
1220 PRAIRIE LN...Denise Brasher 889-5022	MLS #50001511	$229,900
4007 PINE MEADOW DR...Paul Culver 934-1021	MLS #104876	SALE PENDING
2411 SHANDON...Danny Norwood 413-2764	MLS #108965	SOLD
4700 ELMA...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #50001332	$225,000
10709 E. CO. RD. 104...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #50001707	$222,500
3002 WYDEWOOD DR...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50001943	$219,900
1408 PINE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108272	SOLD
1105 PORTERFIELD RD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50001531	$219,000
1200 MILLTOWN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001247	SOLD
2409 FANNIN...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #50001068	SALE PENDING
4203 SAINT ANDREWS...Elisia Flatt 557-7159	MLS #50001810	SALE PENDING
2820 METZ...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #50001557	$215,000
4602 NEELY AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001030	SALE PENDING
3203 W. SHANDON...Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #50001315	$215,000
2500 PRINCETON...Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #50001320	SALE PENDING
4702 PRESTON DR...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50001708	$210,000
817 NOLAN RYAN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107676	SOLD
4302 FERNCLIFF...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #50001466	SALE PENDING
3906 JORDAN...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #50001740	$209,000
3215 RANCHLAND DR...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #108596	$209,000
321 THORNRIDGE...Debbie Hatfield	MLS #50001487	$205,000
3310 CAMARIE AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001767	$200,000
3215 BAUMANN...Amanda Gunter 413-7330	MLS #50001672	$199,900
1010 NEELY...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #108443	SALE PENDING
1203 NOBLES AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #105412	$199,900
2703 ADONIA ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107979	SALE PENDING
2215 HUNTINGTON ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108225	SOLD
3500 SEABOARD AVE...Sue Lytle	MLS #107782	$197,900
2909 SUNBURST...Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #108789	SALE PENDING
5116 CANADIAN AVE...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #50001742	$195,000
4222 GREENBRIAR...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50001997	$190,000
706 W. SPRUCE AVE...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #50001361	SALE PENDING
5005 RAINBOW RD...Amanda Gunter 413-7330	MLS #50001365	SALE PENDING
3510 CAMARIE AVE...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #108161	SALE PENDING
3609 W. STOREY...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #50001270	$179,900
113 SOUTH TYLER...Pam Messer 432-349-3075	MLS #106445	$179,500
1215 E. NOBLES...Pam Dodd	MLS #107957	SOLD
3903 TANNER...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #50001628	$177,400
4724 PRINCETON...Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #50001488	SALE PENDING
3620 SINCLAIR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001680	$175,000
2007 N. D STREET...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #108744	SOLD
403 EDGEWOOD DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001331	$175,000
211 CARVER...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #108355	$175,000
3100 TRAVIS AVE...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #107806	$174,900
3614 MONCLAVE...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #108466	SALE PENDING
3330 FANNIN...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #50001208	SALE PENDING
1202 A NOBLES...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #50001369	$172,290
1202 B NOBLES...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #50001370	$172,290
3318 STOREY AVE...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276	MLS #50001776	$170,000
2107 N. D ST...Reannah Glover	MLS #500015170	SALE PENDING
3307 CIMMARON...Amanda Gunter	MLS #108886	SALE PENDING
3713 LOUISIANA...Debbie Hatfield	MLS #50001316	SALE PENDING
1300 CHUKAR LANE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106547	$165,000
706 BECKLEY DR...Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #50001802	$164,000
3006 W. OHIO...Lavonne Johnson 770-3683	MLS #50001730	$160,000
313 ROCKY LANE...Lavonne Johnson	MLS #104500	SALE PENDING
1010 W. MICHIGAN...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #108307	SALE PENDING
702 S. MARSHALL...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #107322	SOLD
113 S. TYLER...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #106445	$157,000
302 LINCOLN...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #50001233	$157,000
4614 SHADYLANE...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #107161	SALE PENDING
300 S. DALLAS ST...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106637	$149,500
1201 HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #108304	SOLD
1203 HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #108305	$149,000
402 S. TILDEN...Josie Alvarez 618-5013		$148,000
3300 ROOSEVELT DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50001711	SALE PENDING
600 HOWARD DR...Skye Farris 294-3336	MLS #108741	SOLD
2000 KESSLER...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #108725	$129,900
4617 CHEROKEE DR...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #50002001	$123,000

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

4500 LANHAM...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #50001017	$105,000
1101 WAVERLY...Danny Norwood 413-2764	MLS #107934	SOLD
102 WAVERLY DR...Sandy J. Hanson	MLS #107630	SALE PENDING
4700 BOULDER #1301...Ashley St. John	MLS #107963	$85,500
913 HOLLY...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #109606	$85,000
4700 BOULDER #104...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #109043	$75,000
1607 W. WASHINGTON...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001651	$70,000
3207 DELAKO...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #105904	$69,900
3000 W. ILLINOIS #15...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #108354	SALE PENDING

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

4409 E. CO. RD. 93...Danny Norwood 413-2764	MLS #108427	$999,000
6400 E. CO. RD. 109...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #50001470	$885,000
6000 E. CO. RD. 109, OAK RIDGE SUBDIVISION...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #107880	$795,000
2101 S. CO. RD. 1087...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #50001959	$595,000
6704 E. CO. RD. 107...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106602	SOLD
4303 N. CO. RD. 1204...Lisa Jansa 618-3389	MLS #104991	$575,000
12107 W. CO. RD. 52...Lisa Russell 741-5964	MLS #108236	$484,900
1300 W. CO. RD. 130...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50001502	$449,900
2025 S. CO. RD. 1060, GREENWOOD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #107205	SALE PENDING
12900 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #50001345	SALE PENDING
1207 N. CO. RD. 1084...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #40204775	SOLD
601 E. CO. RD. 130...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #106761	$374,900
10904 E. CO. RD. 109...Reannah Glover 553-5352	MLS #108499	$369,000
2200 S. CO. RD. 1105, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633		$365,000
12110 E. CO. RD. 102...Lana Flores 385-5843	MLS #50001291	$365,000
2201 S. CO. RD. 1085...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #109038	SALE PENDING
1100 S. CO. RD. 1118...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106626	$325,000
10900 E. CO. RD. 108...Lisa Russell 741-5964	MLS #108961	8.51 Acres/$299,900
2703 S. CO. RD. 1060, GREENWOOD...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #50001037	SALE PENDING
10111 W. CO. RD. 150...Angie McKay	MLS #50001364	$281,000
12102 E. CO. RD. 115...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #50001729	$264,000
12001 W. CO. RD. 54...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #50001389	$259,000
1300 E. CO. RD. 120...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #108197	$235,000
4401 FM 307...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #50001879	$225,000
1500 E. CO. RD. 145...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #108279	SALE PENDING
2107 S. CO. RD. 1080, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #107947	SOLD
5106 E. CO. RD. 58, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #40204687	$200,000
1201 E. CO. RD. 120...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #108266	SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

410 E. 98TH ST., ODESSA...Reannah Glover 553-5352	MLS #108720	SOLD
8 WARWICK, ODESSA...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #108465	SALE PENDING
624 OAK POINT DR., MAY, TX...Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #50001949	$579,000
7903 CANTERBURY ST., ODESSA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		$325,000
2108 WESTSIDE DR., STANTON...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #105659	$299,000
1432 CUSTER AVE., ODESSA...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #99514	$239,900
2907 HWY. 350 E, BIG SPRING, TX...Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #108038	$220,000
10810 E. AUBURN AVE., GARDENDALE...Reannah Glover 553-5352	MLS #106910	SALE PENDING
4801 APPLEWOOD DR., ODESSA...Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #98351	$215,000
313 E. 90TH ST...Reannah Glover 553-5352	MLS #50001529	SALE PENDING
200 N. GOLD, GARDEN CITY, TX...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #50001229	$187,000
312 CORONADO...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276	MLS #100010	$170,000
612 VASSER RD., ODESSA...Reannah Glover 553-5352	MLS #99260	$165,000
3221 BLOSSOM LN, ODESSA, TX...Denise Brasher 889-5022	MLS #108148	SOLD
1103 CARPENTER, STANTON...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #105750	SALE PENDING
4620 BONHAM, ODESSA...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #108938	$153,000
1221 S. MARY ST., CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #102029	SALE PENDING
404 S. ODESSA ST...Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #107041	$105,000
5252 LAKE CO. RD. 256...Sandy J. Hanson	MLS #106038	$99,400
4650 SE CO. RD. 2000, ANDREWS...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276	MLS #50001219	SALE PENDING

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

807 E. 2ND ST., ODESSA...Sue Lytle	MLS #107382	
3114 SUNBURST...Wendy Waddell 638-9955	MLS #102751	$1,900,000
10204 FM 307...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #106620	$1,520,000
3400 W. 7TH ST., BIG SPRING...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #106813	$1,399,000
600 N. WEATHERFORD ST...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #109042	$950,000
807 E. 2ND ST., ODESSA...Sue Lytle		$870,000
5308 WALL ST...Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #99121	$799,000
PANDALE RESORT w/PECOS RIVER FRONTAGE...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #109135	15+ Acres/$695,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 4, MARTIN CO...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102474	7.817 Ac/$337,500
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 3, MARTIN CO...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102474	11.252 Ac/$337,500
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 1, MARTIN CO...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102472	9.479 Ac/$284,370
1108 W. HWY. 80, STANTON...Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #108426	0.743 Acre/$250,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 2, MARTIN CO...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102473	9.290 Ac/$209,150
13409 WCR, ODESSA...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS#50001862	$150,000
401 MIDLAND DR...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #103887	$90,000

LAND AND LOTS

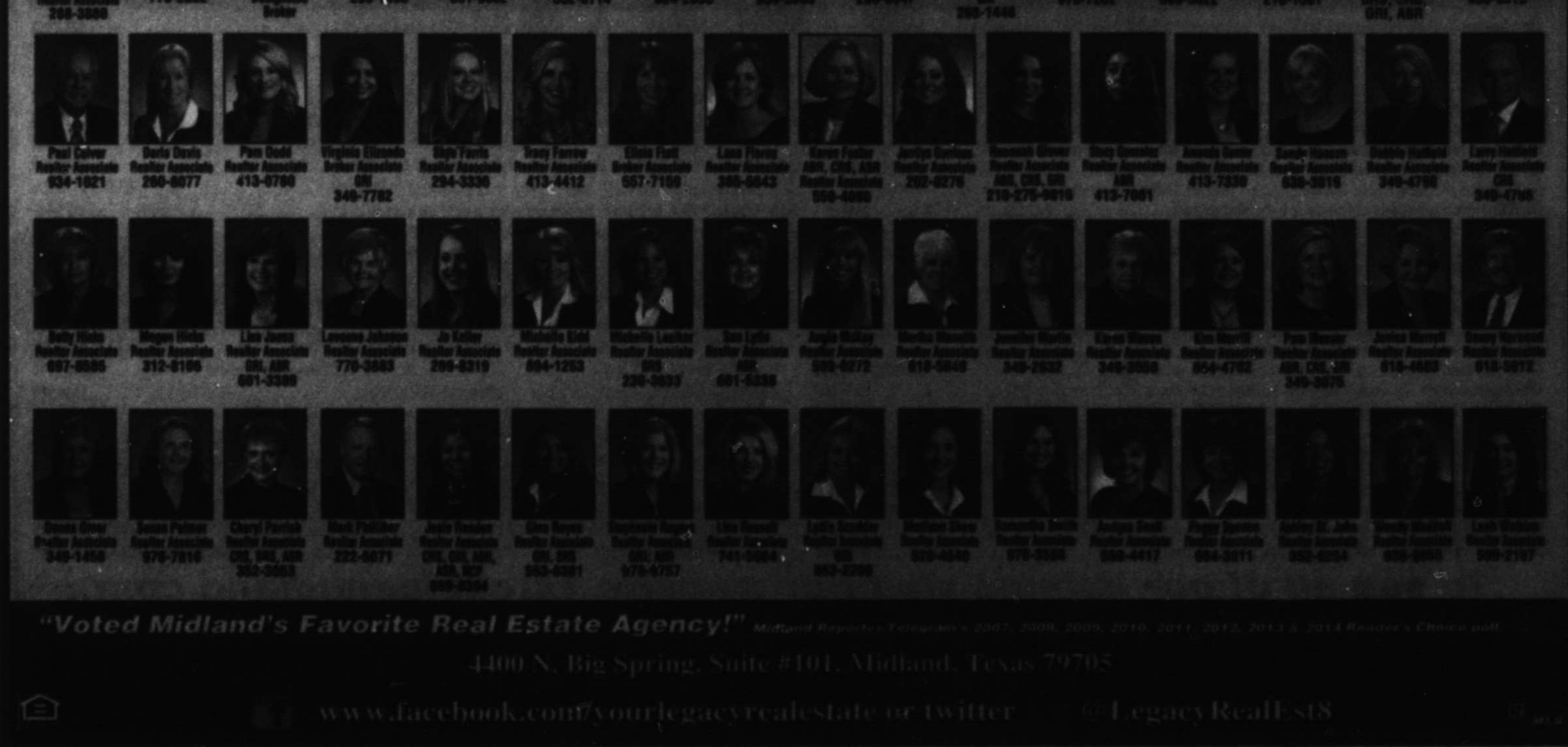
S. HWY 137, STANTON...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #107799	116 Acres/$580,000
FM 715...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96888	22 Acres/$444,000
3201 CYNTHIA DR...Josie Rendon	MLS #108772	11.44 Acres/$343,200
S. HWY. 137, STANTON...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102471	11.25 Acres/$253,170
1108 W. HWY. 80, STANTON...Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #108426	0.743 Acre/$250,000
S. CO. RD. B 3501, STANTON...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #107801	50 Acres/$250,000
S. HWY. 137, STANTON...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102472	9.47 Acres/$213,300
S. HWY. 137, STANTON...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102473	9.29 Acres/$209,100
S. HWY. 137, STANTON...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102474	7.8 Acres/$175,882
6601 CO. RD. 41...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #103562	$125,000
7200 E. CO. RD. 111...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #103299	$122,000
S. HWY. 137, STANTON...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #107910	SOLD
CO. RD. 54...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #100052	$105,000
S. CO. RD. 1133, GREENWOOD...Lana Flores		2 Acres/$80,000
7209 E. CO. RD. 112...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #103298	$82,500
2401 N. CO. RD. 1270...Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #50001009	$75,000
GREENWOOD-CHAMPION RUN ADDN. 1.5 ACRES...Tracy Farrow	MLS# 106537	$60,000
GREENWOOD-CHAMPION RUN ADDN. 1.5 ACRES...Tracy Farrow	MLS3 106538	$60,000
GREENWOOD-CHAMPION RUN ADDN. 1.5 ACRES...Tracy Farrow	MLS# 106544	$60,000
0000 W. CO. RD. 39 1.393 Acres...Kim Merrill 432-664-4702	MLS #106349	$45,000
QUAIL RIDGE SUBDIVISION...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		64 Lots Available/Starting At $43,500
0000 E. FM 1212, Stanton, Tx...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #108092	3.998 Acres/$32,000
907 S. DALLAS...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #108112	SALE PENDING
909 S. DALLAS...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #108113	SALE PENDING
911 S. DALLAS...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #108114	SALE PENDING
813 N. MAIN...Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #107210	$20,000

TOWNHOMES-PATIO HOMES

1408 W. PINE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108272	$229,000
2002 FREEPORT LANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #50001883	$170,000
3605 MISSION CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108871	SALE PENDING
3116 B KANSAS AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108677	$85,000
3000 ILLINOIS #49...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #108227	$54,000

FOR LEASE

2401 DARTMOUTH...Barnett	MLS #102010	$3,750/MONTH
4007 ST. ANDREWS...Mero Elizondo 349-6490	MLS #50001747	$2400/MONTH
4402 WILSHIRE...Ashley St. John	MLS #109006	$1,850/MONTH
707 GODFREY ST...Mero Elizondo 349-6490	MLS #50001202	$1,700/MONTH
4321 A. STOREY...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #106206	$1,400/MONTH
600 LIDDON #47...Mero Elizondo 349-6490	MLS #50001325	$1,350/MONTH



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PEACE, LOVE AND COFFEE IN MIDLAND

Rich Lopez/Reporter-Telegram

Megan and Travis Voskamp stand in their backyard roastery where Leapknot Coffee Roasters was born. The Midland couple will so expand their business away from the Permian Basin when they move to Idaho this summer.

Midland couple spreads love of coffee with business

By Rich Lopez
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Diehard fans know that coffee is far more than just a hot beverage. Whether it's the morning threshold to productivity or a cozy companion to a book, coffee can be a trusted friend. For Travis and Megan Voskamp, though, coffee began as a similar comfort and social outlet and has grown into a philosophy and their business.

Whether you've ordered a cup of coffee at Lori's Café or shopped the shelves at Hight Foods and Midland Meat Co., you've come across Leapknot Coffee Roasters. The locally roasted brand has been making an impression here since 2013. The couple have built not only a customer base among individuals and businesses but also a fan base.

"We've always loved coffee. Megs and I hung out often in coffee shops during college," Travis said. "I love how it connects you to people."

That was something the Voskamps — particularly Travis — wanted to do.

As a teacher at Midland Classical Academy, Travis Voskamp felt that he was made to be a people person and to help cheer them on.

"I love being part of people's lives. I love befriending people and learning their stories and seeing them live life in a hopeful way. I love cheering for people," he said.

He found that with teaching, until a friend changed his life.

"A buddy of mine introduced us to fresh-roasted coffee, and so I started researching it," he said. "I loved the old-school tradition of it and thought we could make it a great way — at least better than this instamatic coffee culture now."

His wife was equally swayed, and so the idea of beginning their own business arose five years ago while on a road trip.

"I remember going on a trip with our four kids, and (we) started asking ourselves 'What are we doing? Is this what we're about?'" Megan said. "He had been teaching forever, but we started talking about random ideas, and the one that seemed most feasible was something to do with coffee."

A coffee shop, however, wasn't feasible.

We started on the methodical side because we like that, she said. And so they began roasting coffee, a practice they perfected after two years.

Before going all in, reality set in.

"We'd gotten to where we were led to do something new but it was scary to step away from a a paycheck," he said.

That fear and that optimism led to the brand name: Leapknot.

"All that was in our minds. Either we do this leap of faith or not," Travis said. "And we loved our coffee; (it) is the universal key that connects all kinds of people. Life has its uncertainties, and that's how we came up with Leapknot. And then there's this knot of our relationships and how we're connected to each other."

Some self-realization also helped push the Voskamps forward.

"Once we decided, we realized that we were OK with failing or people not getting our vision," Megan said.

After graduating from Lee High School in 1997, Travis went on to Texas A&M, where he met Megan. They married in 2002 and built their life and family in Midland.

They've nailed their processes down with laser precision, roasting beans in the early part of the week and having them to customers as early as 24 hours later. They will deliver the coffee or the customer can pick it up at the Voskamps' house. The couple also work with Stonegate Fellowship, Midland Bible Church and area businesses and ship their coffee to out-of-town customers.

Please see **LEAPKNOT**/4E

Leapknot products

- Coffees are $14 and sold in a variety of grind options or whole bean.
- Swummy Blend medium roast (flagship blend)
- Porch Blend light roast
- Bivy Blend dark roast
- Mexico-Chiapas light roast made with fair trade organic beans
- Sumatra dark roast made with fair trade organic beans
- Roaster's Choice
- Decaf Mexico made with fair trade organic beans ($15)
- Subscriptions are also available and customers can choose the frequency of when they receive their next bag.
- Artisan Kit includes a kettle, brewer, filters, Leapknot mug, 12-ounce bag of Roaster's Choice for $165.
- Boat Rocker Kit includes an electric kettle, pourover, filters, Leapknot mug and 12-ounce bag of Roaster's Choice for $99.
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BY JULIE DONNELLY

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DOC DODSON BIRTHDAY PARTY

Carole Warren and Doc.

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Doc Dodson and Mills Hullender.

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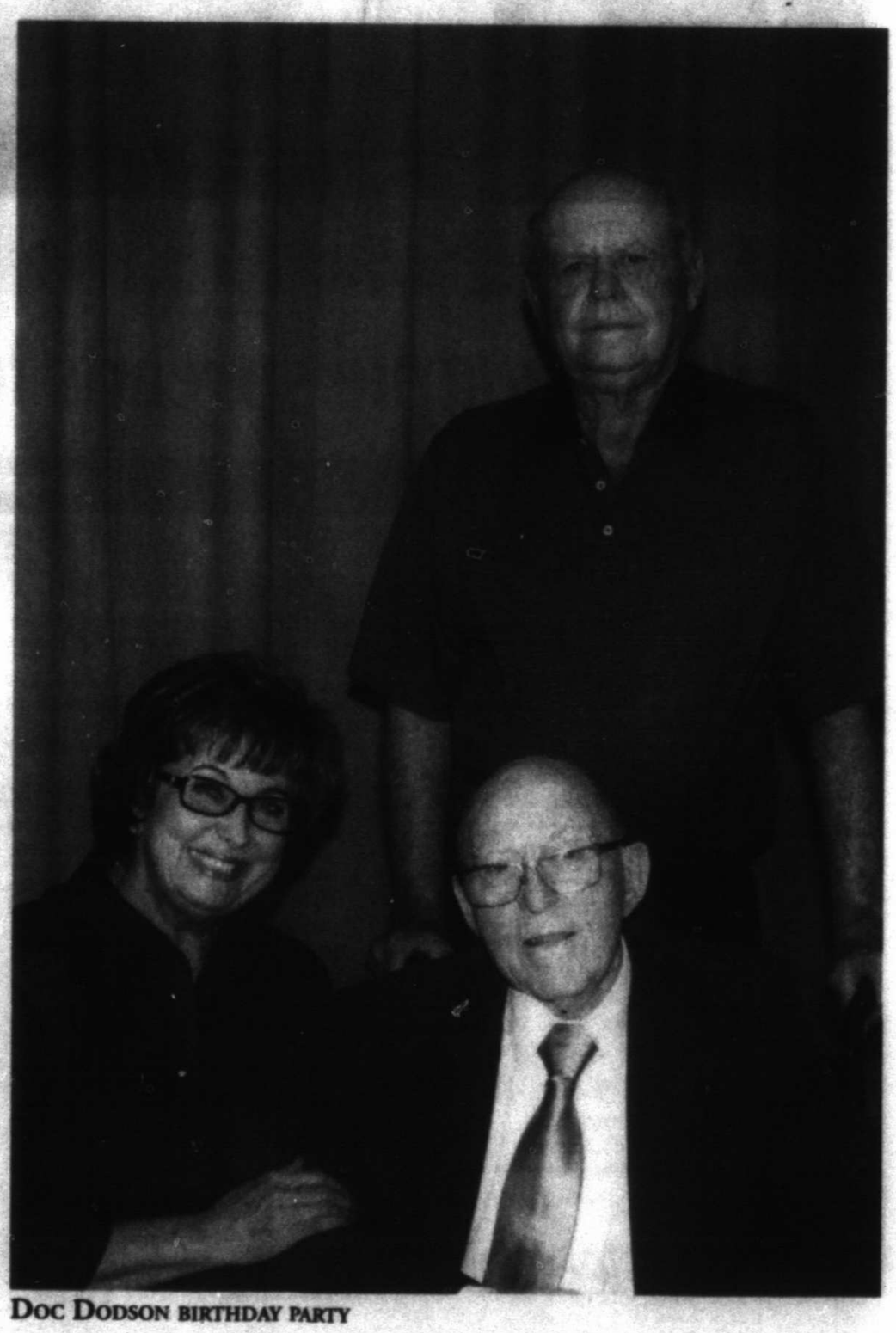
Jamie Brown, back; Gayle and Doc Dodson, front row from left, and Kelly Hullender.



DOC DODSON BIRTHDAY PARTY

Nickie and Les Oppermann, from left, and Doc Dodson.

DOC DODSON'S 80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

James "Doc" Dodson recently celebrated his 80th birthday surrounded by about 400 friends and family. The party was April 24 at First United Methodist Church. Dodson's birthday was April 22.

Dodson's wife, Gayle, and their two daughters, Kelly Hullender and Jamie Brown, hosted the event, which was attended by guests from Amarillo, Austin, Big Lake, Bryan, San Angelo and Iraan. During the party, Dodson could be heard calling everyone by name, telling stories about individuals in the crowd and recalling some of his own stories.

Tables decorated by Nickie Oppermann, Shavon Hankins and Kay Bodecker were adorned with Dodson memorabilia. Son-in-law Todd Hullender and grandchildren, Mills and Sam, served the cake, which was from Tony's Bakery. The owners are longtime friends of Dodson.

Dodson is known to most Midlanders because of his 31-year tenure as a teacher and athletic trainer at Midland High School. He retired in 1990. The day after his retirement, he took a job with Dr. Don Floyd at Southwest Orthopedics, where he is currently in his 26th year.

Party-goers included MHS football coaches Craig Yenzer and Rodney Sims, Tom Brahaney, Janice Henry, Brenda and Todd Kent of Bryan and Jeffrey Brown, Dodson's 5-year old grandson from Arizona. Past student trainers spotted at the birthday were Bill Bain, Jim Nall, Jimmy Jeffcoat and Douglas Scharbauer.

BUSH CHILDHOOD HOME ANNIVERSARY

The George W. Bush Childhood Home honored its founding members on April 28 during the organization's 10th anniversary fundraiser at the Horseshoe Education Building.

Mayor Jerry Morales thanked the founding members for their fundraising efforts that made the home possible. He said the home has boosted revenue for restaurants, hotels and other businesses because of visitors who come to see the home. Morales also reminisced about the time he catered for the 43rd president.

Executive Director Paul St. Hilaire expressed appreciation for the founding members' vision, dedication and commitment to restoring and preserving the Bush Childhood Home. He said they "exemplified a dedication to fulfilling their vision and leaving a lasting memory of the remarkable Bush family."

He then thanked longtime volunteers Sue Adams, Ann Bailey, Leann Brenner, Loyce Cole, Leaf Faller, Donna Ferguson, Lois Hagins, Martha Kallus and Gayle Dodson for their dedication to the home.

A slideshow of George W. Bush growing up, including pictures of him inside and outside his childhood home, preceded introduction of the founding members: Clayton Alexander, Mike Bradford, Joseph Campbell, J. Camden Chancellor, Linda Cowden, Jose Cuevas Jr., R.C. "Skeet" Doss, Susie Evans, Becky Ferguson, Charles Gaines Jr., Jack Harper, Tommy Hudson, Joanne Langston, Cadell Liedtke, Kerry Marker, Jane McCoy, Darrell McDonald, Ronald Mullins, Jan O'Neill, Bill Scott, Patty Smith, Charles Spence, Kay Sutton, Sandra Thomas, Jana Tucker, Leslie Wood, Lucy Woodside and Dr. Charles Younger.

Music for the event was provided by Josh Tatum.

To have an event included in "Out and About," contact Julie Donnelly at mrtjulie@outlook.com.

PEACE POSTER WINNER

ST. ANN'S SCHOOL FIFTH-GRADER DYLLON MAES WON SECOND PLACE AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL IN THE 27TH ANNUAL LION'S CLUB INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST. HIS ARTWORK WAS PRESENTED AT THE LION'S CLUB DISTRICT CONVENTION ON APRIL 23 IN SAN ANGELO. DYLLON IS THE SON OF GREG AND CYNTHIA MAES.

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BUSH CHILDHOOD HOME

Ben Friedman, from left, Shirley Butts, Clark Butts, Eleanor Harper, Steve Harper, Phyllis Short and Jon Short.

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BUSH CHILDHOOD HOME

Paul St. Hilaire, left, and Mayor Jerry Morales.

BUSH CHILDHOOD HOME

Jana Tucker, from left, George Tucker, Susie Evans, Don Evans, Ferrell Davis, Ted Fergeson and Nancy Woodman.

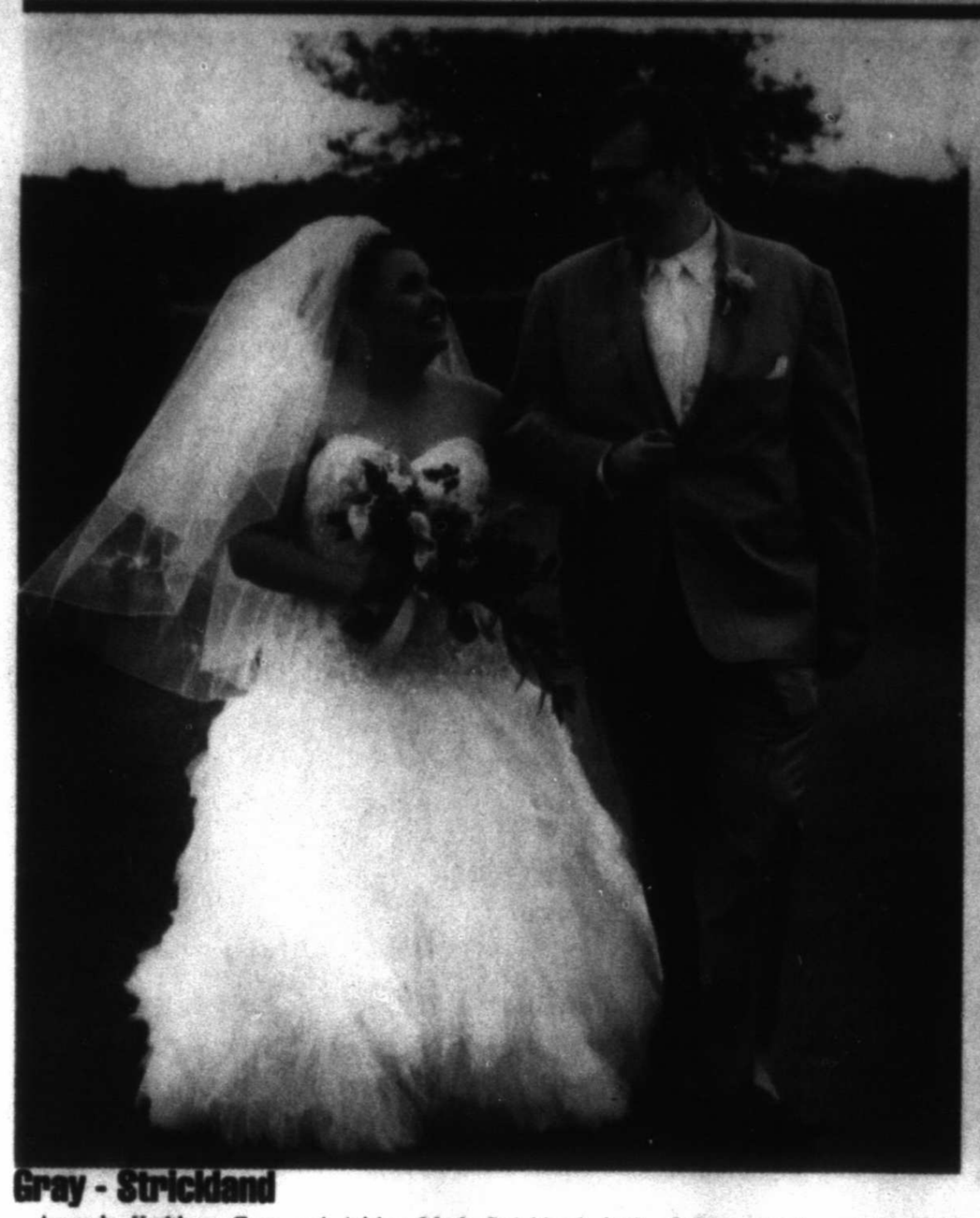
BUSH CHILDHOOD HOME

Garrett Black, from left, Rachel Campbell, Amber Wallace and Matt Wallace.

BUSH CHILDHOOD HOME

Melissa Rogers, left, and Anne Mitchell.

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Gray - Strickland

Amanda Kathleen Gray and Adrian Mark Strickland, both of San Antonio, were united in marriage in an outdoor ceremony in New Braunfels at the Gardens of Cranesbury View on Saturday, April 9, 2016. Reverend Jan Reed of St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Midland performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. John and Dr. Lou Ann Gray. She is the granddaughter of Lida Jane Gillespie of Montgomery, Texas. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hendricks of Midland and Mr. Ray Strickland of Loreno Valley, California. He is also the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rodriguez of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The English garden setting included intricate designs of hedges and beautiful floral displays of roses. A classical gazebo with its ornate scrolled metal dome top and white sculptured columns created a storybook setting for the altar. The bride's entrance through the green grassy aisle was highlighted with a scrolled "S" design of lavender petals and hanging floral arrangements along each pew of white wooden chairs.

Jesse Speicher of Canyon and Lige Smith of Midland served as ushers while selections were played by the Monte Vista Strings of San Antonio. Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore an elegant ivory chapel length, strapless gown with a drop waist design created with a beaded lace bodice with a sweetheart neckline and ruffled tulle skirt. She wore a double ivory veil with tiny pearl borders held in place with her Lady Diana crystal tiara. The bride carried a wild flower bouquet with peach and blush pink roses, lavender tulips and white Astilbie, accented with grey berries and cascading greenery. For her heirloom keepsake, the bride's ring was custom designed to include the mounting and diamonds from the groom's maternal grandmother's wedding ring. She also carried her mother's linen wedding handkerchief that had been the bride's christening bonnet. A blue rose was sewn onto the bride's garter and she borrowed a new penny in her shoe from her father.

Sarah Glenn, of Midland, served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids included Annie Crass, of Tyler, Texas, and Trudy Watkins, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The bride's attendants wore peach chiffon full length dresses. The flower girl was Sadie Billingsley, the granddaughter of her godparents, Cary and Becky Billingsley, of Midland.

Alex Wolf, of Houston, served as Best Man. Groomsmen included Taryn Strickland, brother of the groom, of Midland, and Keith Bell, of Rowlett, Texas. The groom and groomsmen were wearing light gray tuxes with lilac vests. The ring bearers were Cade Neidhart, of Celina, Texas and Levi Gillespie, of Magnolia, Texas, both second cousins of the bride. Levi carried a sign that said, "Here she comes!" as Cade provided ring security carrying an ivory satin pillow.

A Cinderella horse-drawn carriage ride awaited the couple after the ceremony as a surprise from the bride's parents to further celebrate their fairytale wedding. A cocktail reception was held in the Mansion's outdoor patio with overhead twinkle lights accompanied by more string selections. Guests enjoyed hand passed hors d'oeuvres and signature cocktail drinks consisting of the "Damsel in Distress" and the "Knight in Shining Armor." Dinner by Page Barteau catering and dancing was held later in the reception hall after the introduction of the newlyweds and their first dance to the tune "Fly Me To the Moon" by Frank Sinatra. Illuminating Celebrations provided lavender uplighting and a lighted wall of ivy with a custom gobo for the newlyweds as well as their DJ services for the evening of dancing. The bride's wedding cake had a Cinderella castle topper and accents of golden ribbon. The groom's chocolate red velvet cake was garnished with a dragon and chocolate covered strawberries. After champagne toasting and tossing the bridal bouquet off of the Juliet balcony, the couple had a spectacular sparkler send off.

The previous evening, a lovely rehearsal dinner was hosted by Nancy and Michael Hendricks at the Gruene Door Restaurant. In February, the couple was honored with a shower in the home of Russell and Susan Hall. Other host couples included Cary and Becky Billingsley, Jim and Barbara Cox, Bill and Cathie Graham, Robert and Sherrie Green, Gary and Carol Hall, Rick and Susan Moore, Larry and Debbie Quinney, Jerry and Raquelle Trimble, and Calvin and Jenny Wilke.

The bride and groom are both currently employed in San Antonio, she at Texas Biomedical Research Institute and he at the Southwest Research Institute.

After a honeymoon trip to Orlando, Florida visiting Walt Disney World and Universal Studios, the couple returned to live happily ever after in their newly purchased home in San Antonio, Texas.

Williamson - Pearson

Miss Claire Calverley Williamson and Mr. David Ballard Pearson were united in marriage on Saturday, July 11, 2015, at 6:30 in the evening on the Live Oak Lawn at Horseshoe Bay Resort in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Melinda Mills Williamson and Mr. Norman Mott Williamson of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. John A. Mills and the late John A. Mills of Midland and the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chapman Williamson of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bland Ballard Pearson of Fort Worth. He is the grandson of Mrs. Dell Ward, the late Mr. Robert Harrison Pearson, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ralph George Fleming, Jr., all of Fort Worth.

Reverend Mary Beth Anton performed the double ring ceremony. Terra Vista Strings of Austin provided the music. Following the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the patio and a reception in the Granite Ballroom at The Tower at Horseshoe Bay with music provided by Professor D of Dallas.

On the eve of the wedding, the parents of the groom hosted a rehearsal dinner at Quail Point overlooking Lake LBJ. A welcome party for the wedding guests followed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mills.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a gown designed by Oscar de la Renta. The A line gown was fashioned with a tulle illusion neckline, silk gazar, embroidered floral bouquet lace and rose Chantilly lace. Her chapel length veil was scattered with alencon lace and extended beyond her train.

Serving as Maid of Honor was Dr. Robin Mary Staudinger of Chicago. Matron of Honor was Rachel Behrend Seidel of Houston. Bridesmaids included Catherine Ives Cartie and Jayne Ann Deaton of Fort Worth, Alexandra Ashcroft Crawley and Jennifer Sullivan Graham of Austin, Margaret Matthews Frederick of Canadian, Kelly Hunsucker Leonard of Houston, Auburn Clemons Pope of Dallas, and Annabelle Bailey Gardaphe and Kelly Ford Reese of Midland. The flower girls were Caroline Grace Tirey and Margaret Elizabeth Tirey of Lubbock.

Honor attendants included Lauren Michelle Bradford, Brittany Lynn Brannon, and Cameron Salehi Kelly, all of Midland, Samantha Sullivan Hansen of New Orleans, Caitlin Cunniff Maddox of Dallas, Bria Bethine Wall of Houston, and Kelly Elise Castle, sister of the groom, of Perrin.

Brian Robert Brooks of Denver served as Best Man. Groomsmen were D. Tyler Baucom, Adam Joseph Binger, Keller William Harbuck, and Nicholas Andrew Holbeck, all of Fort Worth, Brad Thomas Bellah of Throckmorton, Kristopher James Hasselbach and Brett Stephen Schellenberg of Midland, and Ryan Jeffrey Hood of Frisco. The ring bearer was Philip Dean Pope, Jr. of Dallas.

Ushers were A. Micah Mills of Austin, Dillon Craig Mills of Houston, and John Morgan Mills of Midland, cousins of the bride, and George Luckett Williamson of Denver, brother of the bride.

The ring bearer's pillow and the guest book were designed by Jan Cook of Midland with lace from the bride's mother's veil, the bride's maternal grandmother's wedding dress, and the groom's maternal grandmother's wedding dress.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of Midland High School and a 2008 graduate of the University of Texas where she received a degree in Communications Studies and Business Foundations and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma social sorority.

The groom is a 2005 graduate of North Crowley High School and a 2009 graduate of Texas Tech University where he received a degree in Agricultural Economics and was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

To submit wedding, engagement or anniversary announcements, email weddings@mrt.com or call 682-6222.

Hinson - Higgins

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hinson of Midland, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Hutton Inness, to Taylor Joseph Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Higgins of Houston, Texas.

Hutton attended Midland High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies from the University of Texas at Austin. She currently serves as Director of Strategic Alliances for the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. Taylor attended James Taylor High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in Plan II from the University of Texas at Austin. He worked as a Reservoir Engineer for BP and is planning to pursue an MBA at MIT's Sloan School of Management this fall.

The couple plan to marry in July 2016 at St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Kennebunkport, Maine.

LEAPKNOT

From 1E

"Serving their coffee has been a pleasure and it does very well. John Scharbauer of Midland Meat Co. referred me to them," Chef Chip Hight of Hight Foods said. "They make a perfect everyday, all day cup."

Leapknot currently is a two-person operation, but that could change soon — in a big way.

The Voskamps and Leapknot will relocate to Idaho this summer. They hoped to expand the business in Midland, but they have an opportunity they couldn't pass up. Megan's father has a piece of land with a house and a two-story barn that can serve as the Leapknot roastery — a far cry from their backyard structure where they currently roast.

The plan is to now spread their joy and love of coffee with others while also providing a mentoring environment where high school and college students could spend a summer working with the Voskamps, learning the business and even enjoying the outdoors.

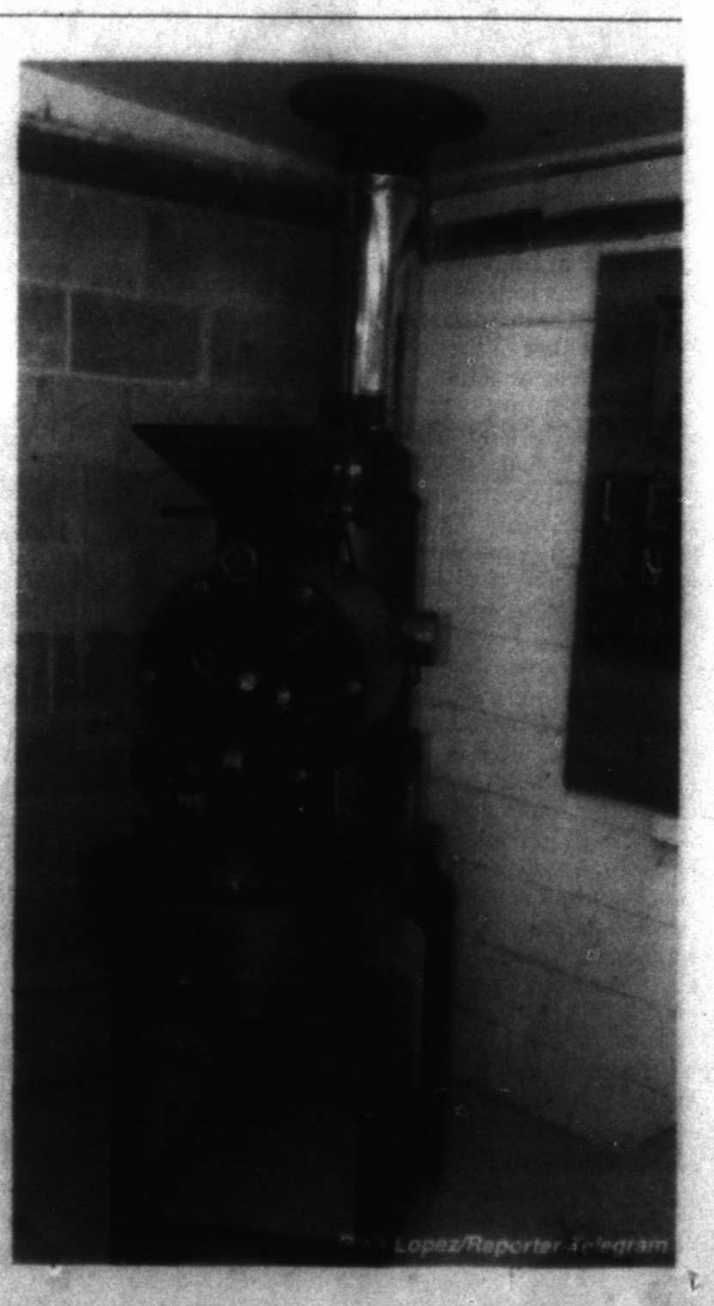
"We really believe that this was going to matter just beyond just our family," Megan said. "This is a bigger story than just us roasting coffee. We want to create a structure people can come into and have their lives changed. And it's beautiful country out here."

"It's a lot of the same emotions as leaving the school. We're surrounded by great people and friends, so making the decision to leave the neighborhood has been tough."

Travis Voskamp

She said the family has become really invested in the community and love having people drop in for a cup and some chatting. So leaving will be hard.

"It's a lot of the same emotions as leaving the school," Travis said. "We're surrounded by great people and friends, so making the decision to leave the neighborhood has been tough. But I'm a firm believer that friendships transcend geography, and we really believe something great is going to happen when we go up there."



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Even vegetables can suffer from stress in the garden

JEFF FLOYD
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

If you've tried growing cauliflower in West Texas, you may have found the results frustrating. Like most plants in the Brassica family, cauliflower prefers temperatures that are consistently cool (think mid-60s). Rarely does the daily temperature in our West Texas gardens remain stable enough for an inexperienced gardener to successfully grow cauliflower.

Temperatures that dip too far below or rise too far above the 60s may cause cauliflower to divert resources to production of its flowers rather than a balanced development of both leaves and heads. This stress-related development, known as bolting (premature flower production) or buttoning (premature head production) is pretty common for cauliflower.

Bolting occurs when the cauliflower has been exposed to warm soil temperatures or ambient temperatures that are unseasonably high. Many vegetables such as onions (pictured) and garlic are genetically geared to produce flowers under unseasonably warm conditions. In a sense, they are fooled into a reproductive cycle that ensures the next generation.

Buttoning can be caused by an endless number of influences such as salty water, poor soil conditions, weed competition, overwatering, underwatering and poor nutrient management. Plants that have remained in their container too long after purchasing can be a factor. Almost any form of stress may cause cauliflower to form untimely button-sized heads. Buttoning may be prevented by avoiding stress but once it begins, it can't be reversed.

You may have success growing cauliflower in West Texas by paying strict attention to avoiding anything that creates stress for the young plants. Next spring, put your cauliflower transplants in the garden a couple of weeks before the average last frost. That's around the end of March in Midland. Plant in rich soil that has been well-prepared with plant-based organic matter. Provide only enough water to keep the soil about as wet as a wrung-out sponge. Space transplants about a foot and a half apart and in a location where they'll get at least six hours of sunlight.

If the leaves don't curl up over the heads as they grow to a little larger than a golf ball, then you should pull them up and secure them there to protect the heads from excess sun exposure. This will ensure that the heads are full and white when you harvest them. Harvest cauliflower by cutting at the base of the head when it is about 6 to 8 inches across. They'll last about a week or two when stored in a refrigerator or cool location.

For more information on gardening contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at 432-686-4700.

You can also register for any of our educational programs such as the upcoming aquaponics class. We are hosting classes on May 24 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and May 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. These are the same classes being held on different days to accommodate diverse schedules. There is a $10 participation fee payable at the door. Both will be at the West Texas Food Bank, 411 S. Pagewood. Registration is required.

Wait until fall season to plant garlic

BARBARA PORSCH
Permian Basin Master Gardener

Gilroy, California, has been known as the "Garlic Capital of the World" since 1979. Will Rogers once described Gilroy as "the only town in America where you can marinate a steak by hanging it on the clothes line." Affectionately called "the stinking rose," garlic was selected by the International Herb Association as the Herb of the Year in 2004.

Besides culinary uses, garlic has a reputation as a powerful medicinal.

During World War I, sphagnum moss was soaked with garlic juice and applied to soldier's wounds.

Garlic has been used to treat or even cure whooping cough, colds, sore throats, rheumatism and small pox, even restoration of hair growth.

And we all know that it wards off vampires.

Garlic is a vigorous member of the lily family and is hardy throughout Texas.

For planting, wait until the fall and find a a sunny, well-drained location. You will then harvest in late summer as the stalks begin to yellow and brown. Bonus tip: You can even plant the garlic purchased at the grocers, but you may find better varieties from a reputable nursery.

Cooked or roasted garlic has a mellow flavor unlike raw garlic. If you are afraid of "garlic breath" just go out to the herb garden and munch on a few leaves of basil or parsley. The high chlorophyll content of these herbs will neutralize the garlic. Of course if everybody eats garlic, nobody will notice.

For more information about growing and using garlic, contact the AgriLife Midland office at 432-686-4700.

Potato salad has a South Indian twist

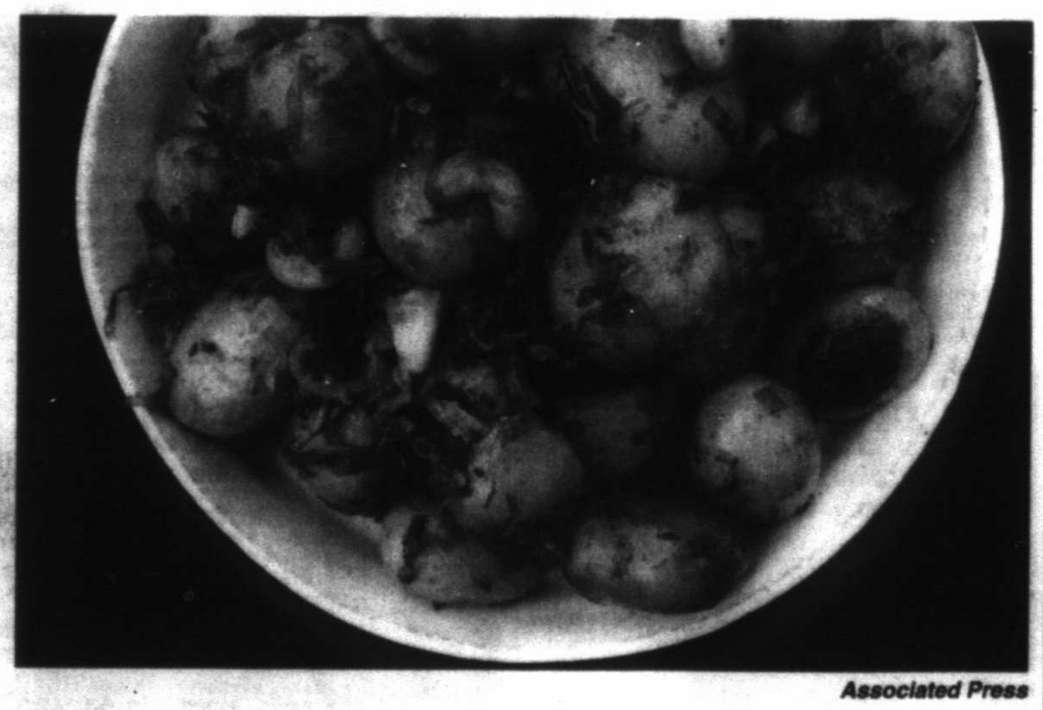
By Meera Sodha
Associated Press

Picnicking has long been a tradition for my family generations ago on the shores of the Arabian Sea, then on the banks of the Nile. When they moved to England, they picnicked at seaside at Cleethorpes — still in their saris, stoic in the face of the cold weather, wearing three sweaters each.

Although the landscape and weather changed when they moved here, the food remained the same. The key was always simple food that could travel well and was, most importantly, big on flavor.

It's no surprise, then, that potatoes were always on the menu. They take flavor so well, are inexpensive and can be eaten either hot or cold. Over time these South Indian picnic potatoes, which found their way into my kitchen after a trip to the state of Kerala, India many years ago, have become a family picnic staple.

They are a distant, more tropical cousin of the classic potato salad but embellished with coastal Indian ingredients: crispy shallots, a few spices, crunchy golden cashews and a little coconut milk.



Associated Press

This May 15 photo shows South Indian potatoes in London. They are a distant, more tropical cousin of the classic potato salad but embellished with coastal Indian ingredients: crispy shallots, a few spices, crunchy golden cashews and a little coconut milk.

South Indian picnic potatoes with coconut and cashews

Coconut, shallots and curry leaves are the leading ingredients of South Indian food and together they make a great team. If you can't find any curry leaves, just leave them out.

Start to finish: 25 minutes
Servings: 4-6

- 2 pounds baby new potatoes, washed
- 2 tablespoons coconut oil
- 1 teaspoon black mustard seeds (substitute yellow or brown mustard seeds if you can't find black)
- 1 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 10 fresh curry leaves
- 5 large shallots, diced
- 1-inch knob of ginger, peeled and grated
- 3 garlic cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 green chilies, finely sliced
- 1 large handful of cashews
- 3/4 teaspoon salt (or to taste)
- 1/2 cup coconut milk

Place the potatoes in a pan of water and bring to a boil. Simmer for around 10 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Drain and leave to one side to cool. When cool enough to handle, halve the biggest potatoes.

In a large frying pan, heat the oil over a medium heat and when hot add the mustard seeds, cumin seeds and curry leaves. When the seeds start to wriggle and the curry leaves crisp, add the shallots and cook until they turn golden, then add the garlic, ginger, chilies and cashews.

Cook the mixture for another 2 minutes then add the potatoes and salt. Turn up the heat to high and fry the potatoes for a few minutes until they brown slightly then add the coconut milk and keep stirring until the coconut milk evaporates to a form a sticky glaze.

Can be eaten hot or cold.

Nutrition information per serving: 410 calories; 170 calories from fat; 19g fat (12 g saturated; 0g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 462 mg sodium; 53g carbohydrate; 7g fiber; 6g sugar; 9g protein.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Defrost meat in the microwave oven

Dear Heloise: I know you are not supposed to put meat on the counter to thaw. So what is the best method for defrosting frozen meats in the microwave? — Lydia W. in Seattle

You are correct, and this pertains more to meat, fish and fowl than veggies or bread.

For the microwave defrost method, here are the steps: Place the food on a microwave-safe plate or in a container (remove all wrapping and packaging) and select the "Defrost" button. This uses a low power setting to defrost, not cook. Expect to take somewhere from a few to five-plus minutes per pound, depending on your microwave and the size and weight of the food.

Rotate the food (several times) while defrosting if your microwave does not have this feature.

If defrosting ground meat, scrape off the thawed outer portion as it defrosts. If you don't, the outer meat will start to cook. — Heloise

P.S.: The cool-water-and-sink method is good, too. Fill the sink with tap water, place the package in and, when the water is cold, drain and replace with more warm — not hot — water.

Parchment paper

Dear Heloise: I just recently have joined the bandwagon of using parchment paper when I bake. When I use it, I use four plain magnets the size of a dime and anchor down the corners on my metal cookie sheets. Problem solved. Also helps when removing the cookie sheet from the oven, as the sheet doesn't slip off. — Mo in New Hampshire

Mo, yes, this will hold the paper down, but remove the magnets BEFORE baking, just to be safe. They will be burning-hot when you take the cookie sheet out of the oven. Also, place the cookie dough on each corner of the parchment paper first. The weight will help keep the paper from curling up. — Heloise

Lemon juice

Dear Heloise: I have a son who is a chef. One day he made potato salad for us. He had a method to cook the cubed potatoes, then cooled them off immediately by pouring cold water over them. But what I found interesting was he squeezed fresh lemon juice on the potato salad. I have never tasted such flavorful potato salad in my life! — J.J., via email

No clumps

Dear Heloise: When baking something that calls for baking soda, baking powder or spices that may have a tendency to clump, I stir them into the sugar before adding the flour. The sugar's grittiness breaks down the lumps and distributes these ingredients much better than the flour's silkiness can. — Ann C., Washington, D.C.

Cookie cutter

Dear Heloise: I like to keep some refrigerated cookie dough in the refrigerator for a quick dessert or when unexpected guests with children come over. My quick-and-easy hint is to use a wire cheese cutter to cut the cookie dough into even slices. — Mary W. in South Carolina

SEND A GREAT HINT TO: Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000 or by email to Heloise@Heloise.com

TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Storyteller

Traffic on the Bankhead is increasing

The Bankhead Highway is the first all-weather transcontinental highway in the United States. Named for U.S. Rep. John Hollis Bankhead of Alabama, a leader in the national road-building project, the highway stretches from Washington, D.C., to San Diego, California. Bankhead was responsible for the Federal Aid Road Act of 1916, which created the Bankhead Highway along southern states.

In 2009, the Texas Legislature designated the Bankhead a Texas Historic Highway because some lawmakers felt the highway was in danger of being forgotten. The highway covers 850 miles in Texas, all the way from Texarkana to El Paso. The State Historical Commission began a series of projects to promote the cultural and economic benefits of the highway to cities along its route.

To get things rolling to celebrate the Bankhead's 2016 centennial, Dennis Boots of Denton commanded a convoy of vintage military vehicles along the entire route, from D.C. to San Diego. It was a project of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association and took three years to plan. A total of 45 vehicles made the trip along with half a dozen support vehicles. They stopped in several Texas cities to cheering crowds, flag-waving students and appreciative veterans.

Sisters On The Fly, a group of fun-loving women who travel around the country pulling tiny trailers, crossed Texas on the Bankhead in April.

That same month, members of the Antique American Indepeadent Auto Association took a four-day Bankhead drive from Texarkana to Odessa. Fifty antique vehicles left Texarkana and half of them made it all the way. Dale Truitt of Commerce organized the trip.

"These drivers come from Louisiana, Oklahoma and all over Texas," he says. "The trip has been an action-packed riot. We've had high school bands, flag corps, refreshments, kids jumping up and down and all kinds of welcoming ceremonies in cities along the way. It's like the Fourth of July every day. Some of these cars people have never heard of. We've got cars from the teens through the 50s. I drive a 1955 Studebaker."

All the vehicles are in pristine condition. They're beautiful. Kelly Sullivan of Texarkana was in a 1940 Oldsmobile coupe with 53,000 actual miles.

"I'll never forget this experience," she says. "When I talk about my fondest memories, this is going to be one of them. The receptions we have had in small towns have been phenomenal."

Perhaps the most unusual car making the journey was a1932 Graham.

"Drives like a brand new car," said the owner.

The oldest and largest vehicle was a 1915 Packard, a seven-passenger touring car.

"Before the Bankhead, we were driving on dirt and dust," said Dale. "After the highway was established, we were seeing roads made of brick and concrete. The Bankhead Highway was a tremendous boon to cities along the highway."

Contact Tumbleweed at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.

Spend your summer with library activities

JOHN TRISCHITTI III
Director of Midland County Public Libraries

Summer is fast approaching, and the Midland County Public Libraries are gearing up for a full slate of summer activities and programs for community members of all ages.

Always one of the most popular programs we run annually, the youth services Summer Reading Program is back and primed for another blockbuster year. This year's theme of "On your Mark, Get Set, READ" should keep students engaged this summer through myriad programming.

On June 11, the Centennial branch will host the Summer Reading Kickoff, as well as the opening of this summer's exhibit, "Very Eric Carle." Starting at noon, there will be a number of activities offered while parents can get their children signed up for summer reading. Of course, this will also be patrons' first chance to experience children's author Eric Carle's work in an engaging and interactive way.

The Midland County Public Libraries are excited to host this unique experience. MCPL is the only public library in the country and the only Texas destination through 2020 on this exhibit's tour. Patrons will enter the colorful and distinctive landscapes imagined by Carle, and the studio where he created his hand-painted papers and collages. A flexible, comfortable space to read his books, watch a video, listen to his stories and look at his beautiful art will connect the imaginative picture books with the processes of how they were made.

There are several other events happenings this summer including Wii video-game tournaments, the Koya-Con anime convention June 24-26, robotics demonstrations, magic and juggling performances and our storytime events. Storytime will run from June 1 through July 28, and we have a new evening storytime.

A new feature we are rolling out on our catalog is the ability for patrons to write a review of a title for other patrons to see. This is a unique way to communicate with other patrons who have similar interests, whether something is worth checking out or if you think it is not worth the time. These reviews are also invaluable to the staff when doing routine collection development. To submit a review, simply click on the title when you are in the catalog, and on the left is a "reviews" tab. Simply click it and share your thoughts.

For a full schedule of summer offerings, call 432-688-4324 our website at www.co.midland.tx.us/lib. You can also follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/MidlandCountyPLTX.

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More information

Here is The Midland County Public Libraries' schedule for summer:

Storytime (June 1-July 28)
- Wednesdays at Centennial
- Ages 2 and younger, 9:30 a.m.
- Ages 2-6, 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Thursdays at Downtown
- Ages 2 and younger, 9:30 a.m.
- Ages 2-6, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays at Centennial (beginning June 16)
- All ages, 6:30 p.m.

DEAR ABBY
Universal Press Syndicate

Housemate draws the line at sharing her meatloaf

DEAR ABBY: I share a large house with two other women. The homeowner, "Mary," works from a home office during the day. "Sue" is her baby sister. She has two small children and doesn't work. She lives here rent-free thanks to Mary's generosity. I pay rent. We keep all our food separate and eat our meals separately. We each have our assigned shelves in the refrigerator and cupboards.

Today I mentioned to Sue that I was making meatloaf tonight, and before I could say I'll save you a slice, she invited herself to help me eat it. I was so flabbergasted I couldn't think of a response. She also told both of her kids and a girlfriend of hers who came over to visit that "we" were all having meatloaf for dinner. I didn't realize it until the last minute.

I don't mind sharing once in a while, but I live on a fixed income. I had planned for the meatloaf to last the rest of the week for my dinners and sandwiches for lunch. I finally told her, just as the meatloaf was done, that I had made it for myself and not to share with everyone.

Now I feel like a heel, but I'm realizing that whenever I make a large amount of food, Sue seems to think it's to share. Why am I feeling bad about this when it was she who put me on the spot? How can I avoid this in the future? This isn't the first time it has happened. — PUZZLED IN THE WEST

DEAR PUZZLED: You may feel guilty because you are not used to standing up for yourself, but if you don't speak up, this person will not respect your boundaries. Sue should not assume she's entitled to any of your food regardless of the amount you prepare. To prevent this from happening again, schedule a house meeting — without the children — and say it loud and clear.

DEAR ABBY: My family is colorful, to say the least. Many coworkers, neighbors, friends and in-laws have asked me why I haven't written a book about my life because of the stories I have told them over the years about my family. I have always wanted to, and feel there are enough stories to not only fill one book but several. Some of them are so funny, scary, sad and outrageous that I see a miniseries or a movie being possible.

My dilemma is how my brothers and sisters will react to my putting it all on paper and the world seeing it in print. I kept telling myself, "Just wait till Mom (many stories start with her) passes away, so she won't be hurt." Well, now she's gone.

What do you think? Should I write it all down or not? If the answer is yes, how do I tell my brothers and sisters? Or should I not tell them at all? — FAMILY SECRETS

DEAR FAMILY SECRETS: If you would like to write the stories down, that's your privilege. However, if there is anything in them that could be hurtful or embarrassing to your relatives, I recommend you change all the names and locations, and publish it under a pen name. Some of the greatest writers of the past have done that with great success.

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SUNDAY MORNING — MAY 22, 2016

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Paid	Church	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	TBA	First Baptist Church		CBS Sunday Morning (N)			Face the Nation		Mission	First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	F Troop	F Troop	BackKotter	BackKotter	Gilligan	Gilligan	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	BradyB.	BradyB.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Paid	W.Minist	Insight	FaithAve	Fox News Sunday		OCFC	Outdoors	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Light of Southwest		Walking	Mission	In Touch Ministries		Zion	Enarson	Chur.Way	R/Manusc	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Mercury	Secrets	Lighths.	B&N Min.	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist Church		W.America	New Day
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Sesame	D.Tiger	C.George	Cat	Sid	Rogers	Odd Sqd	Odd Sqd	Arthur	Cyberch.	Wild K.	WordGirl
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Programa pagado		Rosa Guadalupe		Al punto		Netas divinas		Fútbol Central	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	First Baptist Church		Paid	Paid
PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	575		165		★★ Judgment Day Ice-T.			Billy's Hollywood Screen Ki...			(:05) ★★ Houseguest ('95, Com) Sinbad.				★★ Phoenix	
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:45) ★★★ Fantastic Four			★★ Barbershop Ice Cube.			1stLook	Heart of a Dog		(:45) Trouble With the Curve		
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:45) The Haunt...		(:15) ★ Dark Rising Landy Cannon.				Fight	★★ Autumn in New York			(:15) C. Lanzmann	
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(5:10) The Painte...		(:15) Veep	(:45) ★★★★ The Pianist ('02, Dra) Adrien Brody.					LastWeek	(:45) Kingsman: The Secret...		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) ★★ K-19: The Widowmaker Harrison Ford.					(:05) Taken 3 ('14, Act) Liam Neeson.				(:55) Once	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:05) Matchstick...		(:05) ★ The Ladies Man			(:35) ★★ The Heartbreak Kid Ben Stiller.				(:35) The Hobbit: The Battle ...		
PLEX			96			(5:35) Red Riding ...		Balto III: Wings...		(:20) The Pirates Who Don't ...			(:50) ★★★ Dirty Rotten Scoundrels				Movie
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:15) Paddington		60 Minutes Sports		Boxing Site: Khodynka Ice Palace -- Moscow, Russia							
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	DaftPunk	(:50) ★★★ Hidalgo ('04, Dra) Viggo Mortensen.					(:10) ★★★ Camp X-Ray Kristen Stewart.				(:10) ★★ The Gift	
CABLE																	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	CSI "Grand Prix"		Criminal Minds		C.Minds "The Fight"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		60 Days In	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	Movie	Movie	Fear the Walking Dead "Pilot"			Fear the Dead		Fear Dead "The Dog"		(:35) Fear the Dead		FearDead
BET	58	-		40		D. Grier	Creflo	P. Popoff	Miracles	Bobby Jones Gospel		LiftVoice	(:40) Payne	(:20) House of Payne		Fresh P.	FreshP.
BRAVO	65	76		41		Beverly Hills		#RichKids of B.H.		#RichKids of B.H.		Thicker Than Water		Southern Charm		Below Deck	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		Inside Politics		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Alaska	Alaska	Alaska	Alaska	Alaska	Alaska	Epic Log Homes	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Miles	Sofia 1st	M.Mouse	The Lion	Friends	Austin	★★★ Despicable Me			Underc.	Underc.	(:35) Girl M.
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter				NCAA Softball	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	BASS Fishing		BASS Fishing		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	E:60		NCAA Lacrosse	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		MediaBuzz		HQ	Housecall
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Best. Ever. "Pizza"		Giada	Southern	Pioneer	Big Bite	TiaMowry	Giada	Pioneer	Dinner	Kitchen	Brunch
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	★★★ Hope Floats ('98, Rom) Sandra Bullock.					★★ Grease 2 ('82, Mus) Michelle Pfeiffer.					(:15) ★★★ Grease	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Outdoors	Europa League (N)		Sports	Paid	Paid	NCAA Baseball Kansas State at TCU Site: Williams-Reilly Field					
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Ellen	Anger M.	Anger M.	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Tulips in Spring Fiona Gubelmann.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	Flipping	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Modern Marvels		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	The Godfather Legacy				Valentine Massacre	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	Little Women: NY		Little Women: NY		Little Women: NY	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Lockup	Business	PoliticsNation		Up		EPL Soccer (L)				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	43				Salt. Fish	Silver	Fishing	Sweet	Salt. Fish	Bass 2	Mecum Auto Auctions (N)				Motorsport Hour (N)	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	PAW	PAW	Dino	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja	H.Danger	H.Danger	GShakers
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "Bar Fight"	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		★★ The Dead 2: India Joseph Millson.				★★★ Isle of the Dead Boris Karloff.				Dead 7	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. 2/2	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ Road Trip Breckin Meyer.				Role Models	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) Mr. & Mrs....		★★★ Angels in the Outfield				★★★★ Strangers on a Train				The Spanish Main	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Angel	Enfoque	Movie
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Law & Order		Law & Order		LawOrder "Magnet"		Law & Order		★★ Bad Boys II Martin Lawrence.			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) Chris	(:50) G. Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	(:35) G.Girls	(:10) G.Girls	(:50) G.Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid	T.Point	Paid	J.Osteen	Motive "Pilot Error"		Law&O: SVU "Gone"		Law&O: SVU "Recall"		SVU "Infiltrated"	
WGN	19	85		-		Lord	Creflo	Key David	Paid	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		★★★ Ice Age	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — MAY 22, 2016

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	IndyCar Auto Racing Indianapolis 500 (L)				News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Wrld.Adv	Wrld.Adv	Wrld.Adv	Wrld.Adv	PGA Golf Byron Nelson Site: TPC Four Seasons at Las Colinas (L)						RawTrav.	Flipside
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	Gilligan	Gilligan	HappyD.	Laverne	Lucy	Lucy	The Love Boat		The Love Boat	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	★★★ The Aviator ('04, Bio) Cate Blanchett, Leonardo DiCaprio.						★★ Extract ('09, Com) Jason Bateman.				Paid	Paid
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	S. Baras	Mani Erfan	Z. Levitt	Restore	Light of Southwest		Light of Southwest		Joshua	Hebrew	House	About Us
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	ITF Tennis French Open Site: Stade Roland Garros -- Paris, France (L)						Cycling Tour of California (L)				Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	SciGirls	Mind	Sit Fit	W.L.Yoga	Sewing	Beads	Genius		Genius		News.	TBA
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol La liguilla (L)				Republica deportiva		Como dice el dicho		Rosa Guadalupe		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Paid	Bucket List	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	The Entertainer		Missing	Insider	The Good Wife	
PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	575		165		(11:00) ★★ Phoenix	★★ Mindhunters ('04, Act) Eion Bailey.					★★ Split Decisions			(:40) ★★ Waterworld		
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	(:45) Bill Maher		(:45) ★★★ Fantastic Four Ioan Gruffudd.				★★ A Knight's Tale Heath Ledger.				Movie
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(:55) Paper Towns Nat Wolff.			(:50) Confirmation Wendell Pierce.				(:45) ★★ Get Hard ('15, Com) Will Ferrell.				LastWeek
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(10:45) Kingsman: ...		Game of Thrones		(:05) Silicon	(:35) Mistress America			(:05) ★★★★ Juno Ellen Page.			Movie
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:25) Into the Storm			(:55) ★★ Final Destination 3			Banshee		(:35) Exodus: Gods and Kings		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(10:35) The Hobbi...		(:05) ★★★ Enemy at the Gates Jude Law.				(:20) The Nutty Professor II: The Klumps			(:10) Point of No ...		
PLEX			96			(11:45) Labor Pains		(:20) ★★ The Love Letter			(:50) ★★ Catch and Release				(:45) Dirty Rotten Scoundrels		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(8) Boxing	The Drew Kevin Durant.			★★★ The DUFF ('15, Com) Mae Whitman.				★★ Last Vegas ('13, Com) Robert De Niro.			
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(11:10) ★★ The Gift	(:05) ★★ Snowpiercer Chris Evans.					(:15) Stolen Nicolas Cage.			(:50) ★★★ W. Elizabeth Banks.		
CABLE																	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	60 Days In		60 Days In		60 Days "11th Hour"		60 Days In "Exodus"		Beyond Scared Stra.		Scared Straight (N)	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	FearDead	(:40) Fear the Dead		Preacher	(:55) Fear the Dead		(:55) Fear the Dead		(:55) Fear the Dead		(:55) Fear the Dead	
BET	58	-		40		(:20) Fresh Prince		★★ Just Wright ('10, Com) Common, Paula Patton, Queen Latifah.						★★ Jumping the Broom Paula Patton.			
BRAVO	65	76		41		Below "Game Time"		Below Deck		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Epic Houseboats		Epic Beach Homes		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Backsta.	Backstage	Backsta.	Friends	Bunk'd	Liv/Mad	Austin	Underc.	Jessie	Girl M.	Friends	Friends
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(11:00) NCAA Softball		BaseLoad	NCAA Softball Division I Tournament (L)				MLS Soccer Vancouver Whitecaps at Portland Timbers (L)				
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(11:00) NCAA Lacrosse		NCAA	NCAA Lacrosse Division I Tournament (L)				E:60		30Shorts	SportsCenter	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		To Be Announced		America's News HQ		MediaBuzz		Fox News	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Kitchen "Americana"		Kids Baking		Kids Baking		Kids Baking		Food Network Star		Spring Baking	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(11:15) ★★★ Grease John Travolta.				★★★ The Blind Side ('09, Spt) Tim McGraw, Sandra Bullock.						(:15) The Hunge...	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Insider	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Houston Astros (L)						Rangers	Knockout	Game365	Polaris
FX	31	56	59	64	69	2½Men	About Last Night ('14, Com) Michael Ealy.				Ride Along ('14, Act/Com) Ice Cube.				★★★ Thor: The Dark World		
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	How to Fall in Love Brooke D'Orsay.				Date with Love ('16, Rom) Andrew Walker.				Unleashing Mr. Darcy Ryan Paevey.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	House	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	(11:00) Val. Massacre		The Definitive Guide to the Mob				America's Greatest Prison Breaks				American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	A Teacher's Obsession Mia Rose Frampton.				Killer Crush ('15, Thril) Daveigh Chase.				The Assault ('14, Dra) Makenzie Vega.			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		CaughtCam "Fury"	
NBCSN	38	43				IndyCar Auto Racing		Rallycross Global				Water Polo Olympic Trials (L)					
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	GShakers	School	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	LoudHou.	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	H.Danger	Game Shakers	
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "Bug Bite"		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(11:00) Dead 7		★★★★ Warm Bodies Nicholas Hoult.				★★★ Big ('88, Com) Elizabeth Perkins, Tom Hanks.					Movie
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(11:00) Role Models		★★ Hot Tub Time Machine John Cusack.				★★★ The Hangover ('09, Com) Ed Helms.				Talladega Night...	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(11:00) The Spanis...		★★★★ Close Encounters of the Third Kind					★★★★ Forbidden Planet			(:15) Village of ...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		(11:30) La Laguna Azul			El Escuadron Del Crimen ('10, Act) Chris Brown.					Noticiero	Videos	Kung Fu Panda 2	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Say Yes to the Prom		Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Sister Wives	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(10:00) Bad Boys II		★★★ The Book of Eli				(:15) ★★ Enemy of the State ('98, Act) Gene Hackman, Will Smith.					
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law&O: SVU "Burned"		SVU "Persona"		Law&O: SVU "Smut"		Law&O: SVU "Lead"		SVU "Witness"		SVU "Liberties"	
WGN	19	85				(11:00) Ice Age		★★★ Ice Age ('02, Ani) Ray Romano.				Blue Bloods		BlueB. "In the Box"		Blue Bloods	

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — MAY 22, 2016

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos (SF) (N)		The 2016 Billboard Music Awards The music industry honors its best and brightest from the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas. (L)						Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Dr. Carrasco	(:05) American Ninja Warrior	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		60 Minutes		Undercover Boss "Wienerschnitzel" (N)		Undercover Boss (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) CBS 7 Wire	(:05) Elementary	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	A. Griffith	A. Griffith Show	Columbo "Troubled Waters" Cruise's murdered vocalist.				The Odd Couple	Honey-mooners	Cheers	B.New-hart	MaryTy-lerM.	Taxi
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Border-town (N)	The Simpsons	TheSim-psons (N)	Bob's Burger (N)	Family Guy (N)	Bob's Burger (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	Met Your Mother	Jack Van Impe	Texans 360
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mission: M25	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Audra Grace	Update News	What's the Cost	Somebody Cares
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline: On Assignment (N)		Little Big Shots "The Karate Kid"		Carmich-ael Show	Crowded (N)	Dateline NBC		NewsWe-st 9 at 10	Country Reporter	Havas	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Trekker "Tough Trains: Cuba's Sugar Trains"		Call the Midwife (N)		Masterpiece Mystery! "Wallander: The Troubled Man" (N)			Masterpiece Classic "Mr. Selfridge" (N)		Vicious	Call the Midwife	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		Nuestra Belleza Latina "La Gran Final"				Sal y pimienta		Durmiendo mi jefe	Noticiero Univision	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Rizzoli & Isles		Castle		Scandal		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Office	NameG.	Fam.Feud
PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	575		165		(4:40) Waterworld		★★ The Paper ('94, Com) Michael Keaton.				★★ The Watcher			(:40) ★★ The Devil's Rejects		
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:45) ★★★ All the Way Dennis Hopper.				Game of Thrones (N)		Silicon (N)	Veep (N)	LastWeek	Thrones "The Door"		Veep
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Bill Maher		Game of Thrones		★★★ Magic Mike XXL Channing Tatum.				★★ Focus Will Smith.			Movie
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(5:45) ★★★★ Milk ('08, Bio) Sean Penn.				★★★★ The Pianist ('02, Dra) Adrien Brody.					Kingsman: The Secret Servi...		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:35) Exodus: Go...		(:05) Taken 3 ('14, Act) Liam Neeson.				★★★ Unbroken ('14, Bio) Jack O'Connell.				(:20) Kill the Mes...	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:10) Point of No ...		Banshee		(:05) Gone Girl ('14, Myst) Rosamund Pike, Ben Affleck.					(:35) Independence Day		
PLEX			96			Movie	(:40) ★★ Multiplicity Michael Keaton.				(:40) ★★★★ MirrorMask Jason Barry.				(:25) Sabrina the Teenage...		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Penny Dreadful		Dice	Lies	Lies (N)	Lies	Penny Dreadful (N)		Penny Dreadful		Lies	Dreadful
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:50) ★★★ W.		★★★ Camp X-Ray Kristen Stewart.				★★★ Hidalgo ('04, Dra) Viggo Mortensen.					Movie
CABLE																	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Beyond Scared Stra.		Beyond Scared Stra.		Beyond Scared Stra.		Beyond Scared Stra.		(:05) Scared Straight		(:05) Scared Straight	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	Fear Dead "Captive"		Fear the Dead		FearDead "Shiva" (N)		Preacher "Pilot" (P) (N)			Talking Dead (N)		FearDead
BET	58	-		40		(4:00) Jumping the...		Baggage Claim (2013, Comedy) Taye Diggs, Paula Patton.						(:55) Payne	Payne	P. Popoff	Ministries
BRAVO	65	76		41		Shahs of Sunset		Shahs of Sunset (N)		Thicker/ Water (N)		Shahs of Sunset		Watch (N)	Shahs of Sunset		Wives
CNBC	46	52		39	72	American Greed		Secrets of Mexico's		Colorado Pot Rush		Marijuana Country		Secrets of Mexico's		Cocaine Cowboys II	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Anthony Bourdain		Anthony "Montana"		A. Bourdain (N)		United Shades (N)		United Shades		Anthony Bourdain	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Naked "All or Nothing"		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		(:05) Naked		(:05) Naked	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	StuckMid	Underc.	Friends	Liv/Mad	StuckMid	Bunk'd	Girl M.	Underc.	Friends	Austin	Jessie
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at San Francisco Giants Site: AT&T Park (L)						SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Softball Division I Tournament (L)				BaseLoad	NCAA Softball Division I Tournament (L)				World of X Games		30Shorts
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		Secrets of Religion		Secrets of Religion		Secrets of Religion		To Be Announced		Fox News	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Food Star (N)		Food Star (N)		Cuthroat (N)		Cooks vs. Cons		Food Network Star	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:15) ★★★★ The Hunger Games: Catching Fire					(:45) ★★ The Spectacular Now Miles Teller.					J.Osteen	Jeremiah
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	West Customs (N)		MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Houston Astros Site: Minute Maid Park						OUReport	School (N)	WPT Poker	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) Thor: The ...		★★ 300: Rise of an Empire				★★ 300: Rise of an Empire				Thor: The Dark...	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Love by Chance Brenda Strong.				G. Witch "Risk" (N)		G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	House	H.Hunt	Bargain	Bargain	Life	Life	IslndLif	IslndLif	H.Hunt	House	Life	Life
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Marriage of Lies ('15, Dra) April Bowby.				To Be Announced				Marriage of Lies ('15, Dra) April Bowby.			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Caught on Camera		Why Planes Crash		Why Planes Crash		Lockup "Riverbend"		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs Tampa Bay vs Pittsburgh (L)						NHL Overtime (L)		AVP Volleyball	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Kingdom	Kingdom	School	Nicky	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Res. "Bare Rescue"		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue (N)		Life or Debt (N)		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ The Bourne Identity				★★★ The Bourne Supremacy Matt Damon.					★★★ The Fifth Element		
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(5:00) Talladega N...		BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	★★ Hot Tub Time Machine John Cusack.			
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:15) Village of ...		To the Last Man			Of Stars and Men		(:45) For All Mankind			(:15) Desert Nights	
TELE	20	-	10	20		(5:00) Kung Fu P...		La Voz Kids				Ya era hora		Titulares	Videos	Mentiras perfectas	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Sister Wives		Sister Wives (N)		Catch Catfisher (N)		Single Dad Seek (N)		(:05) Catch Catfisher		(:05) Single Dad Seek	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	NBA Tip-Off (L)		NBA Basketball Playoffs Golden State vs Oklahoma (L)					Inside the NBA (L)		The Dunk King (N)		LawOrder
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law&O: SVU "Crush"		SVU "Starved"		SVU "Blinded"		Motive (N)		SVU "Merchandise"		Law&O: SVU "Gone"	
WGN	19	85				BlueB. "Bad Company"		Blue Bloods		★★★ National Treasure ('04, Adv) Nicolas Cage.					★★ The Devil's Advocate		

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CALENDAR

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SUNDAY

Galactic Golf returns to the museum. The indoor exhibition combines a fun exploration of space amid a miniature golf course. Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Admission is free on Sundays. museumsw.org.

West Texas @ 50 Jazz Party 1 p.m. at MCM Elegante, 5200 E. University Blvd., Odessa. $50. wtjs.org.

MONDAY

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the colledge. Contact 432-553-0632 for more information.

TUESDAY

Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series: "Growing Up with Heroes... The Navajo Code Talkers of WWII: A Daughter's Journey" with Zonnie Gorman. 7 p.m. at Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. Free but ticketed. Call 432-683-4403 for reservations. Petroleummuseum.org.

Aquaponics Seminar by Permian Basin Master Gardeners. Peter Woods of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will talk about the basics of aquaponic gardening and how to make it work. 6:30 p.m. and 9 a.m. Tuesday amd Wednesday at West Texas Food Bank, 411 S. Pagewood Ave., Odessa. $10. Westtexasgardening.org.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands weekly. 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

Palette Club Painting session from 9 a.m.-noon weekly. 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio at 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.: KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM

Crossing the Line: West Texas Line Dancing weekly meetup. 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Classes are free but there is a $1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097. bbberesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWestTexas.

WEDNESDAY

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

THURSDAY

Watercolor classes taught by local artist Sara Drescher Braswell, 10 a.m. - noon at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To sign up, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," 7:30 p.m. at The Globe Theatre of the Great Southwest, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa.

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 432-697-0281 or 432-631-6125.

FRIDAY

Drive Big Bend is a series of driving tours through Big Bend and includes drive-in movies, car shows, poker run and more. All-access pass $110. Drivebigbend.com.

"Good Morning Howard" is this 2015 McLaren Award Winner. In the comedy, a 3 a.m. call by Howard to his former co-worker turns into an out of control situation. At Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

ON DISPLAY

"Texas Artists Today" by Midland Arts Association on display May 14 through June 12. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

The Works of Rachel Long and Michael Pena. First Friday reception at 6 p.m. The show is on view Fridays throughout May at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Summer 2016 show features works by Western artist Wayne Balze. Haley Library and History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 432-682-5785. haleylibrary.com.

Galactic Golf returns to Midland. The indoor exhibition combines a fun exploration of space amid a miniature golf course. Currently at Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.museumsw.org.

"Dust and Depression" will feature historic photographic works of the country after the Stock Market Crash of 1929. The exhibition includes works by John Collier Jr., Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange and more. Runs through June 6. Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces Spring Art Show features new art by local artists and art groups. On display through June 16. MSS, 3500 N. A. St. midlandsharedspaces.org.

Artizen Outlet, 436 Andrews Highway. Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 432-770-3494. artizenoutlet.com.

ArtQuest Studios 700 Andrews Highway. 432-664-3197. artquesttx.com.

Ballroom Marfa, 108 E. San Antonio St. Marfa. ballroommarfa.org.

Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays -Saturdays. Closed Sunday and Monday. 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

George Bush Childhood Home. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 432-685-1112

Midland Army Airfield Museum. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. 9600 Wright Drive. Admission currently free. highskywing.org.

Midland Arts Association presents works by Wallace Craig, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays, in the Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave., during May. midlandartsassociation.org.

Midland County Historical Museum, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Permanent exhibits include early Midland artifacts, pioneer relics and fossil remains. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 432-682-5447.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-335-6640. odessa.edu.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 432-683-4403. petroleummuseum.org.

Scarborough-Linebery House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 432-685-7368. midlandtexas.gov.

SPACE VISITOR

Captain Mark Kelly appeared at the Museum of the Southwest on May 14 for their Relativity Lecture Series. The event was part of their International Astronomy Day events as well as their grand reopening of the Turner Mansion to the general public.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

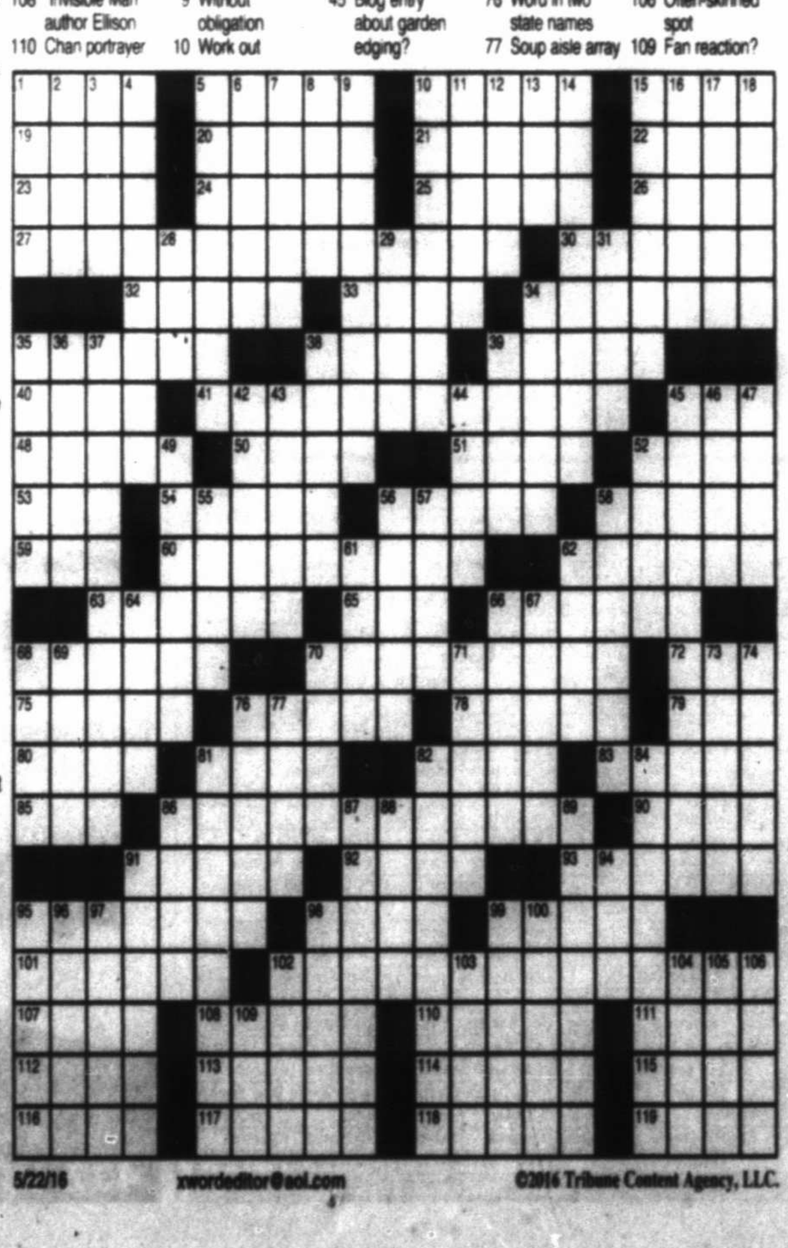
"HOLDING OUT" By GAIL GRABOWSKI

ACROSS

1 Hyde Park carriage
5 One with ropeelike tresses
10 Enjoys King and Queen
15 Water carrier
19 Seat of Allen County, Kansas
20 Bell: Emily Brontë pen name
21 Run the show
22 Morales of "Jencho"
23 Mongolian for "waterless place"
24 Half a Yale cheer
25 Order to attack
26 Reason to ban a book
27 Exertion while getting up?
30 Crystallized mist
32 Shows some spunk
33 Leather piercers
34 Asparant
35 Take under one's wing
38 Tel
39 Had a row?
40 Many August births
41 Angry reaction to insolent trick-or-treaters?
45 Short deli order?
48 Russian retreat
50 Pressure source
51 Completed with one stroke
52 Really come down
53 Member of college music's Whiffenpoofs
54 Long Island airport town
56 Shock source
58 __ pants
59 Bug-loving org.
60 Pickup shtick that needs refinement?
62 Attacked without warning
63 Somewhat soft, as a sound
65 Refs call
66 Capital east of the Black Hills
68 Spa treatment
70 Place for perjurers?
72 MD associates
75 Three-time Olympics host country
76 They may be emotional
78 Express disdain (at)
79 Cioppino cooker
80 Curious to a fault
81 Steinbeck surname
82 Some light beers
83 Cyberjotting
85 Ambulance VIP
86 Ship's secure containers?
90 Salinger title teen
91 Collectors' items?
92 Go on
93 Too violent perhaps
95 Split the tab
98 Fourth down play
99 Bit of ugly politics
101 Extremely
102 Wing for rugby's Wallabies?
107 Retina feature
108 "Invisible Man" author Ellison
110 Chan portrayer
111 Supply-and-demand so
112 Rock band famous for face paint
113 Often-bricked surface
114 King creation
115 Northern terminus of I-79
116 Some Neruda poems
117 Old will?
118 Noisy fliers
119 Peace Nobelist Cassin

DOWN

1 Fairy tale trio
2 Underlying cause
3 Goya's "Duchess of __"
4 It often includes sides
5 Second coming
6 How writers usually work
7 Plods (through)
8 Scrabble piece
9 Without obligation
10 Work out
11 Qatari bigwigs
12 Part of IRA
Abbr.
13 Wood finish?
14 Like parts of the Great Plains
15 Count (on)
16 D.C. location, familiarly
17 Chocolate substitute
18 Hint
28 Court figs.
29 Texter's "Just sayin'"
31 Site for techies
34 Nilla product
35 Pilgrim John
36 They can make good impressions
37 Gregarious play group?
38 Hebrew opener
39 First word of "The Raven"
42 Distinctive mark
43 "Gone With the Wind" actress
44 Assuage
45 Blog entry about garden edging?
46 Winter Games vehicle
47 Walked (on)
49 United route
52 Two of a kind
55 It covers a lot of ground
56 Maori carvings
57 Like many an internet troll
Abbr.
58 Wine order
61 Interstellar dist.
62 Navigation hazard
64 Slick
66 Cincy-based consumer products giant
67 Like Oscar Wilde
68 "Whatever floats your boat"
69 Energy source
70 "This Gun for Hire" actor
71 Astronaut's garb
73 Innocent words
74 Mount to mount
76 Word in two state names
77 Soup aisle array
81 Department of Labor training program
82 "Hang in there"
84 Not-too-potent potable
86 Gets in the pool, maybe
87 Seasonal pharmacy offering
88 Frantic monologue
89 Potter's pedal
91 Arm-twisting
94 Took off
95 Tropical lizard
96 Like jellybeans
97 Like urban population
98 One learning the ropes
100 Toil (away)
101 Bores for ore
102 Wasatch Mountains resort
103 Burn remedy
104 Spread measurement
105 Mint product
106 Often-skinned spot
109 Fan reaction?



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BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Esther's surprise

Both vulnerable, South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 10 6 2
♡ A 7 5 2
◊ J 8
♣ Q 8 3

WEST
♠ Q J
♡ 4 3
◊ 10 9 7 5 2
♣ A J 6 5

EAST
♠ A 9 5 3
♡ 9
◊ Q 4 3
♣ K 10 7 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 8 7 4
♡ K Q J 10 8 6
◊ A K 6
♣ 9

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◊	Pass	2♡	Pass
3◊	Pass	4♡	All pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

Once again, Fred had agreed to partner Esther in a club duplicate. "Stop and think before playing a card," was Fred's sound advice before the game, and Esther was doing her best to comply. Esther was East in today's deal.

Fred's queen of spades lead was covered by the king in dummy and won by Esther with the ace. Fred had taught her how important accurate carding was on defense, and Esther carefully returned the three of spades to give Fred the correct count.

Fred needed to find an entry to Esther's hand so she could give him a spade ruff. He reasoned that Esther was unlikely to have a diamond entry after South's game try bid in diamonds. Known to hold three spades and some diamond length, South was probably short in clubs. Fred brilliantly led a low club away from his ace at trick three, hoping Esther would win with the king and give him his spade ruff.

Esther, of course, couldn't read Fred's mind. She never expected him to underlead an ace, so when declarer played low from dummy, Esther made the correct play of inserting her 10, hoping that Fred held the jack. Esther was flabbergasted when the 10 held the trick. "Why did Fred underlead his ace-jack," thought Esther. "He can't want a spade play — the 10 in dummy is high. He must want me to lead a diamond." This thinking before playing was putting unaccustomed stress on Esther. "Wait a minute! If Fred has a diamond trick, it will never go away. He wouldn't have made that risky play in clubs if he wanted a diamond from me." She held her breath and led a spade. She tried to keep the joy out of her face when Fred ruffed this for the setting trick, but she couldn't do it.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, May 22, 2016:

This year you are able to come to terms with others' changeability and their willingness to take risks.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might feel as if you are a baseball player, as so much is being thrown at you. You could witness someone starting to unravel.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ One-on-one relating is highlighted. You'll be able to resolve an issue that has been building. You understand what has happened and can get past the problem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You'll notice a difference in a partner who has been difficult as of late. You will enjoy yourself, whether he or she joins you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You are full of energy and will want to develop a better health and/or exercise routine. Be sure to schedule a checkup in the near future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You generally have more fun just being by yourself, but if you are with a partner, laughter seems inevitable. Use caution with spending.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You are coming from a secure mental position, so be imaginative in your choices and try to take a solid risk. If you never take risks, you'll never get anywhere.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ If your sixth sense points to a new beginning, do not hesitate. Come fall, you will be entering a very lucky period.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ How you deal with a personal matter could change from how you initially thought you would handle it. In fact, you seem to be able to manifest a lot more flexibility than usual.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You probably feel better than you have in a long time. Being centered might be instrumental to your well-being and that of an important relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might want to play it cool during the next 24 hours. Your vision of what could happen seems to be changing, as the situation keeps taking twists and turns.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ It might be difficult to change your plans at this point, but you will want to accept an invitation that takes you away from the here and now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You have a unique capacity to bring others together. You often speak of a special friend who is at a distance and of whom you see very little.

BORN TODAY

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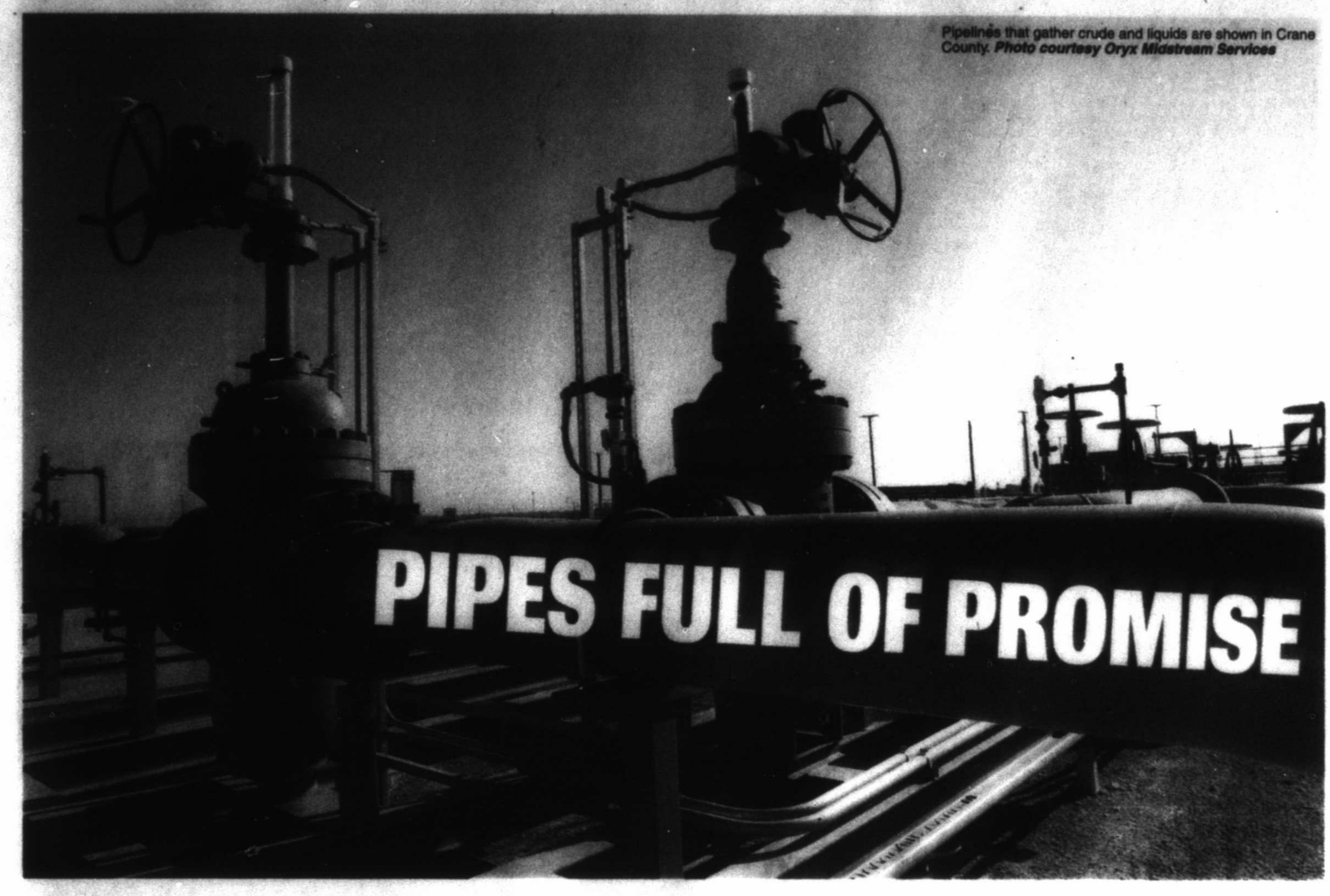

Pipelines that gather crude and liquids are shown in Crane County. *Photo courtesy Oryx Midstream Services*

Delaware Basin magnet for midstream investment

■ Despite downturn, portion of the region still holds promise

By Mella McEwen
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Long known as primarily an "oily" basin, the Permian still has its fair share of natural gas and holds the promise of even more, especially in the Delaware Basin portion of the region.

In recent years the Delaware has been a magnet not only for oil and gas producers but midstream companies racing to install and expand infrastructure from pipelines to processing facilities.

"The Delaware Basin is a key growth engine for gas and natural gas liquids," said Rick Rainey, spokesman for Enterprise Products Partners, which is significantly expanding its capacity in the region.

"One of the reasons is the Delaware is made of stacked pays that offers years of drilling opportunities and superior economics," he said.

Although the rig count has fallen significantly in the last 18 months or so, "The Permian Basin in particular is seeing the count hold steady," Rainey said.

"What we look at, and our forecasts tell us, is the Permian Basin will be one of the few areas, if not the only one, to have production increases," he said.

Brett Wiggs, chief executive officer of Midland-based Oryx Midstream Services, said that, while the Delaware "has some of the best economics in the U.S. for oil development, results are continuing to improve as operators gain experience. Additionally, the Delaware Basin is earlier in its life cycle development than Midland Basin."

Bob Milam, president and chief executive officer of Midland-based EagleClaw Midstream Services, said the Permian and the Delaware's stacked pay zones, offer a very long productive life.

"Even through the downturn, we continue to see wells with profitable rates of return. Recent well results in the central part of Reeves County have been outstanding and underscore the fact that producers in our area can still drill economic wells in this prolific basin," Milam told the Reporter-Telegram by email.

Wiggs said many Delaware Basin areas are profitable at current price levels, but development pace is conservative and focused on holding acreage and minimal growth.

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Approach Resources: Low cost, infrastructure key to developing Wolfcamp

By Mella McEwen
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From north to south, West Texans are living atop what could be considered the largest oil discovery ever made in the U.S. and one of the largest in the world: The Wolfcamp shale.

Encompassing 8 million acres from Crockett and Sutton counties in the southern Midland Basin to Borden County in the northern Midland Basin, the Midland Basin Wolfcamp shale holds an estimated 46 billion barrels of oil equivalent. About 2,900 Wolfcamp shale wells have been drilled since 2010, with an estimated 67,000 locations remaining — equal to about 50 years of drilling inventory.

Key to developing this resource is low cost, and key to low cost is established infrastructure, according to J. Ross Craft, founder, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Approach Resources.

"Early investment on infrastructure build-out ensures strong support from the communities we operate, reduces drilling, completing and operating cost significantly and generates significant value and better rate of return for the investors," Craft said during a recent visit to Midland to address the Environmental Regulatory Seminar.

Significant capital and water are needed to develop what Craft calls "this vast resource."

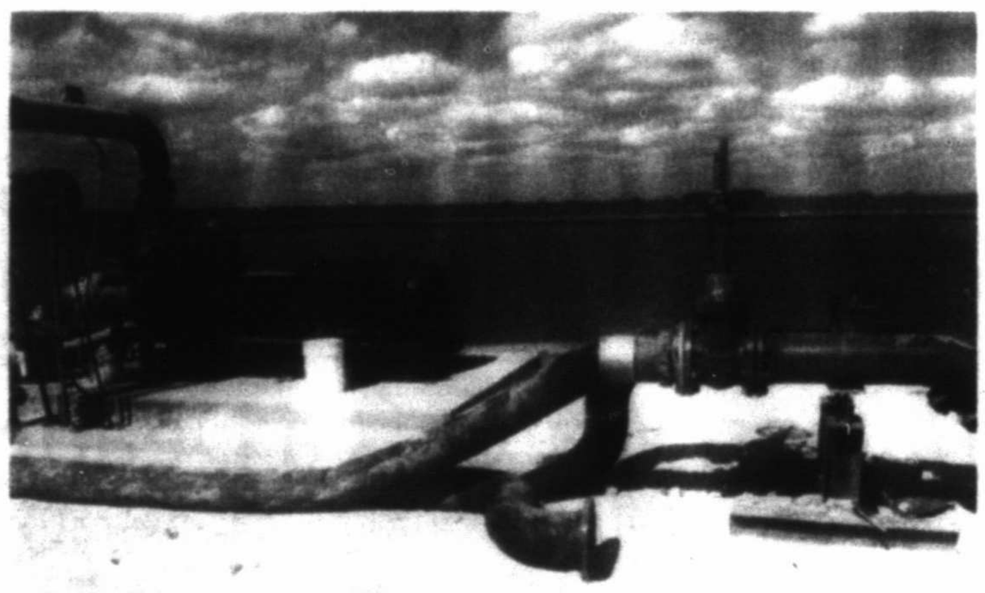
He described for his audience his Fort Worth-based company's investment in pipelines and centralized facilities, which he put at about $100 million.

"It's not cheap to install, but it's cheap when you look at the total cost," he said.

Craft told those in attendance that one of the most important challenges to the Wolfcamp Shale is the limited availability of water for hydraulic fracturing.

There is simply not enough water to meet demand, he told the crowd, noting that an estimated 13.5 billion barrels of water — or 200 million to 270 million barrels a year for the next 50 years — is required to develop the Wolfcamp. The typical 7,500-foot Wolfcamp lateral uses more than 200,000 barrels of water. That means alternative sources of water will be needed, he said.

"Water recycling is not only necessary in solving the water shortage issue" but can save investors $54 billion to $67 billion in sourcing, transporting and disposing of frac and produced water, he said.



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Approach began fully recycling its produced and frac water last April, and the company recycles up to 100 percent of its flowback and produced water. Estimates are the company has treated more than 2.2 million barrels of water at a cost savings or value created of $7 million in the first six months of operation.

"Our water is brought in by pipe, never trucked," Craft said. That not only reduces transportation costs but is more environmentally friendly as it reduces wear and tear on roads and air emissions from vehicles.

Approach follows that same philosophy with its production, utilizing oil pipelines that Craft said have reduced the price differential by $5 a barrel and created $115 billion in value for investors.

Building centralized compression facilities and gas-lift systems not only requires fewer pipelines but increases compression efficiency, saves fuel costs and has created an estimated $15 billion of value during the first 30 months of bringing new wells online.

Tulsa firm expands Permian Basin presence

■ Downturn offers opportunity to add to workforce, buy warehouse

By Mella McEwen
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Companies throughout the oilfield service industry could be feeling the pain of stubbornly low commodity prices and activity declines, but many are preparing for the recovery.

"We're positioning ourselves to be ready to service clients as activity increases," said Russell Claybrook, chief executive officer of Advanced Industrial Devices.

His Tulsa-based company, which has a presence in the Permian Basin, took advantage of the opportunities provided by the downturn to acquire its own motor and parts warehouse in Odessa.

"We had used a diversified warehouse that was used by multiple companies, but we didn't own it," he told the Reporter-Telegram in a telephone interview. "For us this was a good time to acquire strong talent and negotiate a good price for a building."

The company has hired Gabriel Cochran as Permian Region sales manager and Scott Parker to manage the warehouse.

Claybrook said the move fits with its new organizational strategy amid the downturn.

As the downturn took hold, "we reorganized and that reorganization gives us the opportunity to put people in the field closer to our customers," he said. "This is part of that reorganization and strategy to be closer to our customers."

The company manufactures drive packages for pumping units, horizontal pumps, jet pumps, progressive cavity pumps and electric submersible pumps, and distributes motors for those packages as well, Claybrook said.

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Wind turbines and an oil pumpjack are shown in action Oct. 27 north of Stanton.

China's largest wind company blows into Texas

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

China-based Goldwind, the world's largest wind turbine manufacturer, is buying into Texas for the first time with its largest wind farm in the U.S.

Rapidly growing Goldwind just surpassed Denmark's Vestas Wind Systems as the world's top wind turbine supplier, according to a new report Wednesday from Navigant Research. Other giants like Germany's Siemens and General Electric ranked just behind.

Goldwind is growing specifically in Texas, as well. The Chinese company said this week it bought the developing Rattlesnake Wind Project that's 125 miles northwest of Austin from United Kingdom-based Renewable Energy Systems for an undisclosed sum. The McCulloch County wind farm in Texas will consist of 64 of Goldwind's 2.5-megawatt wind turbines. A planned second phase will eventually double its size.

Texas for years has led the nation by far in wind power. After $7 billion in power lines through much of the Texas Panhandle came online in 2014 to connect wind farms to the state's more populous regions, the wind industry in Texas has continued to surge. A recent extension in December of the federal production tax credit for wind projects is only expected to add more. Wind power is so bountiful in Texas that the state's grid has routinely begun to see negative power prices during periods of strong wind overnight when there is little demand for power.

"This investment in the Rattlesnake Wind Project highlights our long-term commitment to the U.S. wind market and represents our first step of a five-year growth strategy to capitalize on the extension of the production tax credit," said David Halligan, Goldwind Americas CEO, in a prepared statement.

Other Chinese wind turbine companies are growing as well.

"Most wind turbine suppliers rode a record wave of wind capacity installation globally," said Jesse Broehl, senior research analyst with Navigant Research. "This is especially true for the Chinese suppliers that represented 48 percent of 2015 capacity additions (worldwide)."

As for the Rattlesnake project, Goldwind's planned wind farm is not to be confused by the existing Rattlesnake Wind Energy Center built last year and owned with SunEdison's TerraForm Power. Apparently, wind farms are so prevalent in Texas they're already producing duplicate names.

The Texas power grid has increasingly relied on wind power and cheap and bountiful natural gas-fueled power in recent years, decreasing the state's dependency on coal-fired power plants. The state also is expected to see a surge in solar power that has already begun.

A new report last week funded by the Texas Clean Energy Coalition contended that 60 percent of the state's coal plant fleet could be retired by 2022 because of poor — or nonexistent — profit margins and increasing environmental regulations.

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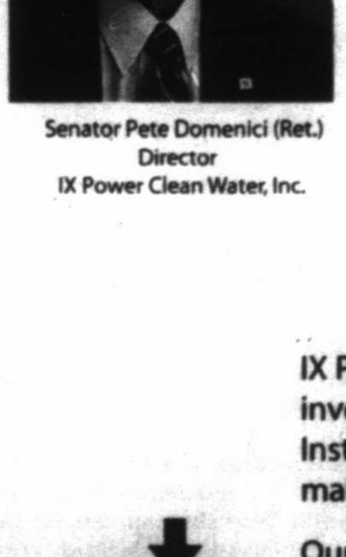

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MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$43.90	Sunoco*	$44.75
Flint Hills Resources*	$44.75	Nymex futures	$47.54*
Phillips 66	$44.81		
Plains*	$44.75		
Shell Trading	$44.80		

Net price without transportation charge
Note: Posted prices as of May 18

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price May 18	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	$1.995	$2.001	$3.010
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	$1.830	$1.800	$2.795
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	$1.755	$1.778	$2.688
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	$1.813	$1.790	$2.722
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	$1.800	$1.775	$2.660
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	$1.778	$1.828	$2.715
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	$1.918	$1.878	$2.916

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Economic Evaluation and Investment Decision Methods
Instructor: John Stermole
May 23-26, Mon, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thu, 8 a.m. - Noon
$2,595; Out of State, $2,620

PetroSkills - Completions and Workovers- CAW
May 23-27, Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
For more information go to: http://petroskills.com/search?setSearch=true&Location=336

I.A.D.C. Well Control Drilling/Workover (WellSharp)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
June 6-10, Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$1,350, Out of State, $1,375

Petroleum Geology for Non-Geologists
Instructor: Paul H. Pausé
June 6-9, Mon-Thu, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$1,835; Out of State, $1,860 - lunch included

PETRA Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
June 8-9, Wed-Thu, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program - Module 3 of 6 Modules
Title: Oil and Gas Lease Interpretation, Negotiation, and Interest Calculations
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: June 6; End Date: July 2 - Registration Deadline: Noon, June 6th
Returning Registrants: $612.50 (includes new $13.50 Distance Learning Fee) Out of State, $637.50 (includes $25 out of state fee and $13.50 Distance Learning fee); New Registrants: $662.50 ((includes $50 manual. AAPL Land Reference Guide and a $13.50 Distance Learning Fee); Out of State, $687.50 (includes $25 out of state fee, a $50 manual AAPL Land Reference Guide, and a $13.50 Distance Learning fee). If you plan to register for additional modules, the $50 materials fee is a one-time charge.

On-Line Division Orders Certificate Program: Module 3 of 6 Modules
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$612.50 (includes a $13.50 Distance Learning Fee); Out of State, $637.50 (includes a $13.50 Distance Learning Fee). The required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

Introduction to Log Interpretation and Quality
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
June 13-15, Mon-Wed, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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PHDWIN
Instructor: Celia Payne
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Instructor: Albert Garza
June 29-30, Wed-Thu, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

OKLAHOMA

Texas-based Newfield Exploration announces Oklahoma layoffs

TULSA — Texas-based Newfield Exploration Co. has announced plans to lay off about 50 employees in Tulsa and to move about 150 more Tulsa employees to its headquarters in The Woodlands.

Newfield spokeswoman Cindy Hassler told reporters Tuesday that the moves are due to low oil and natural gas prices and that fewer than 10 employees will remain in the Tulsa office. She said the employees being laid off are primarily in accounting, marketing and record-keeping and will be given undisclosed severance packages.

Newfield has about 200 employees in Tulsa.

Newfield announced May 5 that it's buying 42,000 acres in the Andarko Basin STACK play from Chesapeake Energy Corp. for $470 million.

The company plans to keep open field offices in Okarche, Lindsay and McAlester.

IOWA

Iowa regulators take time on Texas firm's pipeline plan

DES MOINES — Iowa utilities regulators have declined to act quickly on a request to allow a Texas company to begin construction on an oil pipeline across Iowa.

Dakota Access had asked the Iowa Utilities Board to start May 17 on the 1,150-mile pipeline that will carry a half-million barrels of oil a day from northwest North Dakota across South Dakota, Iowa and into south-central Illinois.

Construction has begun in the other states and the Dallas-based company says it must start in Iowa now or risk running into winter and another farm planting season.

The board decided to take time to consider comments from opponents, which indicate they want no construction in Iowa until all required federal permits are approved.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hasn't issued permits for river crossings.

OKLAHOMA

Oil and gas company founded by Aubrey McClendon to close

OKLAHOMA CITY — American Energy Partners, the Oklahoma City-based oil and natural gas company founded by the late energy tycoon Aubrey McClendon, is shutting down.

The company's leadership team released a statement Wednesday saying it had decided to wind down operations but the five independent companies it had launched wouldn't be affected.

McClendon co-founded Chesapeake Energy and served as its CEO before stepping down in 2013 and founding American Energy Partners. He died in a fiery car crash in March, a day after being indicted on a bid-rigging charge. Police at the time declined to say whether they thought McClendon meant to crash.

The statement says the decision to close was made in consultation with McClendon's family.

The company couldn't immediately be reached by The Associated Press for further comment.

Range Resources buys Memorial Resource in $3.3 billion stock deal

Range Resources Corp., a Fort Worth natural-gas producer, agreed to buy Memorial Resource Development Corp. of Houston in a $3.3 billion all-stock deal.

Memorial Resource shareholders will get 0.375 shares of Range for each share held, implying a value of $15.75 a share, or a 17 percent premium to the closing price on May 13, the companies said Monday. The transaction is valued at $4.4 billion when $1.1 billion of debt is included.

The combination — one of few U.S. energy mergers during the market rout — will give Range access to gas and oil properties in north Louisiana, adding to its operations in Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Texas. Both companies have seen their shares drop during the commodities slump, which dragged down U.S. gas prices to a 17-year low in March amid a supply glut.

The transaction adds "to our cash flow, bolsters our credit profile and enhances the overall portfolio," Jeff Ventura, Range's chief executive officer, said in a statement.

The boards of both companies have unanimously approved the terms, according to the statement.

Ethanol blending shrinking margins for refiners

Federally mandated ethanol blending is adding extra pressure to the faltering profits of U.S. refiners.

The worst crude oil downturn in a generation, which at first helped refiners' profits, has now passed through to the fuel prices. Now, gasoline is cheaper than the ethanol that refiners have no choice but to use.

Ethanol averaged 30 cents above gasoline in Chicago during the first quarter, costing HollyFrontier Corp. $36 million. Chicago ethanol now runs at about a 2-cent premium to gasoline, while Los Angeles prices are 24 cents higher, David Hackett, president of energy consultancy Stillwater Associates said. Ethanol futures on the Chicago Board of Trade averaged 21.5 cents above gasoline contracts on the New York Mercantile Exchange in the quarter, compared with an average 48-cent discount in the same period during the previous five years.

The Renewable Fuel Standard program, introduced in 2005 under the Energy Policy Act by the Bush administration, mandates the use of about 18.11 billion gallons of renewable fuels this year, 80 percent of which is ethanol. For the first time, EPA this year mandated consumption targets that would exceed 10 percent of projected gasoline demand. EPA's proposed biofuel targets for 2017 are currently under review at the White House's Office of Management and Budget, according to a government filing.

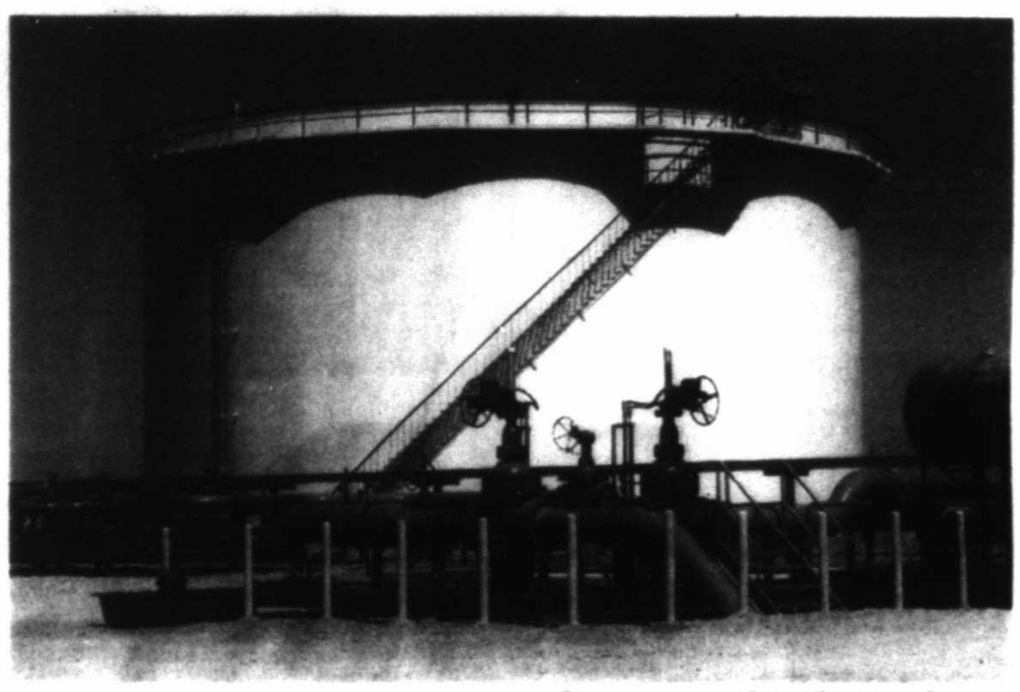
TULSA

From 1F

The Odessa warehouse will offer drive packages, motors, parts and service for an area that is a three-hour radius from Midland-Odessa.

"The biggest message we want to get out there is our business model will service our customers and get products to them as quickly as possible," Claybrook said.

As the company positions itself for a recovery, Claybrook said that "the market is optimistic there is going to be some price steadiness for the rest of the year and recovery in 2017."



Photos courtesy Oryx Midstream Services

Pipelines that gather crude and liquids are shown in Crane County.

DELAWARE

From 1F

"As producers get comfortable that prices are in a sustainable recovery, growth in the core areas of Delaware Basin will accelerate rapidly," he said.

"There's no question that the Delaware will be a first mover when prices rebound and the smart midstream providers are putting infrastructure in place to make sure they're ready," Milam said.

Wiggs said regional transport capacity to Midland and other takeaway points from the Permian has grown to meet current needs and near-term growth. Oil-gathering infrastructure, from tank battery to regional transport starting points, is still in development, and is growing to meet producer needs as areas are developed, he said.

Oryx's operating subsidiary, Oryx Southern Delaware Oil Gathering and Transport LLC, has launched an additional binding open season to secure volume commitments and/or acreage dedications to support the extension of the Oryx Trans Permian pipeline system, a crude oil gathering and transportation system to serve the liquids-rich southern Delaware Basin. The binding open season is scheduled to conclude June 17.

The proposed extension is currently supported by two producers that operate about 50,000 acres in Reeves and Ward counties. It will consist of approximately 120 miles of new pipeline and will connect to Oryx's existing gathering, transportation and storage system. Construction will begin this month, and the system is scheduled for completion early in the fourth quarter. With

the extension, the system will include more than 350 miles of oil pipeline, supported by more than 230,000 dedicated acres.

Oryx has an active connection into Magellan's Longhorn Pipeline near Crane and a future connection into Enterprise's Midland Terminal scheduled for completion in August. The company, which has three storage terminals near Pecos, Crane and Midland, is adding more terminals in Reeves, Ward and Crane counties.

An EagleClaw subsidiary, EagleClaw Midstream Ventures LLC, recently commissioned its Toyah 1 Natural Gas Processing Plant in Reeves County, offering the capacity to process 60 million cubic feet of natural gas per day. It is designed to serve producers who are producing from stacked zones, including the Upper and Middle Wolfcamp, Bone Spring and Avalon shale formations.

Eagle Claw has also purchased a second cryogenic processing plant, the Toyah II plant, with capacity to process 200 million cubic feet of natural gas per day. The plant will be installed alongside the Toyah I plant as demand increases.

For its part, Enterprise Products Partners LP has just launched operations at its new South Eddy cryogenic natural gas processing facility in Eddy County, New Mexico. This facility has a processing capacity of 200 million cubic feet of natural gas per day and can extract up to 25,000 barrels per day of natural gas liquids.

Just as Reeves County is home to EagleClaw's new facilities, it will also house a joint venture formed by Enterprise Products Partners and Occidental Petroleum.

The two companies have formed Delaware Basin Gas Processing LLC, a joint venture equally owned by both companies, to develop a 150 million cubic feet per day cryogenic natural gas processing plant at Waha. The new facility is expected to begin operations in the third quarter of this year.

"Before we build, we enter into long-term contracts," Rainey said. "We won't build without assurances the infrastructure will be used. We rely on commitments from producers."

He said the company is looking at other potential opportunities in the Delaware and elsewhere.

Shale debt defaults set to reach scale of crash

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The U.S. oil industry is facing a financial crisis on the scale of the telecom crash of 2001, with domestic drillers expected to default on more than one-third of the junk-rated debt they ran up in the last oil boom.

Fitch Ratings says the portion of U.S. explorers that have failed to pay off their riskiest corporate debt has already reached a record 27 percent, and that default rate could rise to as much as 35 percent this year as more companies file for bankruptcy or skip interest payments.

It means the independent creditors who took a chance on the fledgling shale industry at the center of the nation's biggest oil and gas boom in four decades could lose $40 billion of the $110 billion that drillers borrowed when oil prices were still hovering around $100 a barrel.

"It's a significant chunk of the market," said Eric Rosenthal, senior director of U.S. leveraged finance at credit ratings agency Fitch Ratings. "And the defaults are still coming. It's a matter of when rather than whether they'll default."

A handful of midsized U.S. oil companies including Linn Energy, andRidge Energy, Breitburn Energy and Penn Virginia have filed for bankruptcy in recent weeks, with the number of North American oil industry bankruptcies topping 70, according to Dallas law firm Haynes & Boone.

Last year, U.S. drillers defaulted on $13.6 billion of the high-yield debt that

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Abraxas to end efforts to sell Permian properties

Houston Chronicle

SAN ANTONIO — Abraxas Petroleum Corp.n has ended efforts to sell its assets in Ward and Reeves counties.

After extensive geologic work and examining recent third-party well success offsetting Abraxas' acreage, the company decided that the best way to maximize the value of these assets was to commence a development program. Abraxas plans to test the Bone Spring and Wolfcamp A across this acreage by commencing a two well drilling program this year. Abraxas plans to spud the first well in the third quarter.

Abraxas holds about 8,092 gross and 5,227 net acres across this play. The acreage is 100 percent operated and 100 percent held by production. Abraxas is also currently attempting to acquire additional interests by acquiring the non-operated interests of the company's working interest partners in the assets. The company recently sold an overriding royalty interest that varies from 1 percent to 5 percent across 3,184 net acres in Martin County for approximately $2.8 million. The assets sold produced about 29 boepd net to Abraxas in March.

Abraxas also plans to exploit the potential of its acreage in the Austin Chalk, drilling one horizontal well using similar drilling and completion techniques to those that led to the unlocking of the significant Austin Chalk resource in the Karnes trough. Gross drilling and completion costs for a 5,000 foot horizontal Austin chalk well are estimated at $5 million. Abraxas' budget for 2016 allocates $5 million to the Jourdanton Prospect to test the Austin Chalk. Abraxas also continues to work on a joint venture on this prospect, which could lead to an expansion of 2016 planned activity with lower capital exposure.

With the additional Permian and Austin Chalk activity, Abraxas' capital budget for 2016 has been preliminarily increased to $40 million for 2016, with $10 million earmarked for the Permian and $5 million for the Austin Chalk. Estimated production volumes associated with the $40 million budget are forecasted to be 6,200 boepd at the midpoint of guidance.

Bob Watson, president and chief executive officer, commented, "Abraxas is excited to embark on what hopefully becomes the company's next successful development play by testing the Bone Spring and Wolfcamp across the company's 5,270 net acres in Ward and Reeves counties. These assets sit in the transition zone between the deeper Delaware Basin and the Central Basin Platform, where recent well results have been very encouraging. We plan to spud our first well here in the third quarter of 2016 and continue to look for opportunities to expand our position."

PHOTO: A San Antonio-based Abraxas Petroleum Corp. oil well is shown in McKenzie County, N.D. The company has ended efforts to sell its assets in Ward and Reeves counties. *Courtesy photo*

FMC Technologies agrees to merge with Technip

By Robert Grattan
Houston Chronicle

FMC Technologies Inc. and Technip SA said Thursday that they plan an all-stock merger that will combine the two into a new $13 billion business during a crippling oil bust.

The merger will create TechnipFMC, a company that would have had $20 billion in revenue in 2015. It will combine Houston-based FMC Technologies' expertise in manufacturing underwater equipment with Paris-based Tenchnip's broad construction expertise.

It is the latest major deal to reshape an oil services industry seeking to survive the bust by merging to cut costs and offer more essential services to customers. Previously, the industry leader Schlumberger bought Houston's Cameron International Corp.. The Houston companies Halliburton and Baker Hughes, the second and third largest energy services companies respectively, also attempted a merger, which was scuttled after running into strong opposition from antitrust regulators.

"We have complementary skills, technologies and capabilities which our customers can access," said Thierry Pilenko, Technip Chairman and CEO.

The major companies in the sector have cut thousands of jobs as they seek to keep costs in line with falling revenues. Houston's FMC had cut 2,000 workers in early 2015 and continued to trim payrolls as conditions worsened.

FMC and Technip estimated the merger would bring them as much as $400 million in annual cost savings by the end of the decade and said the new

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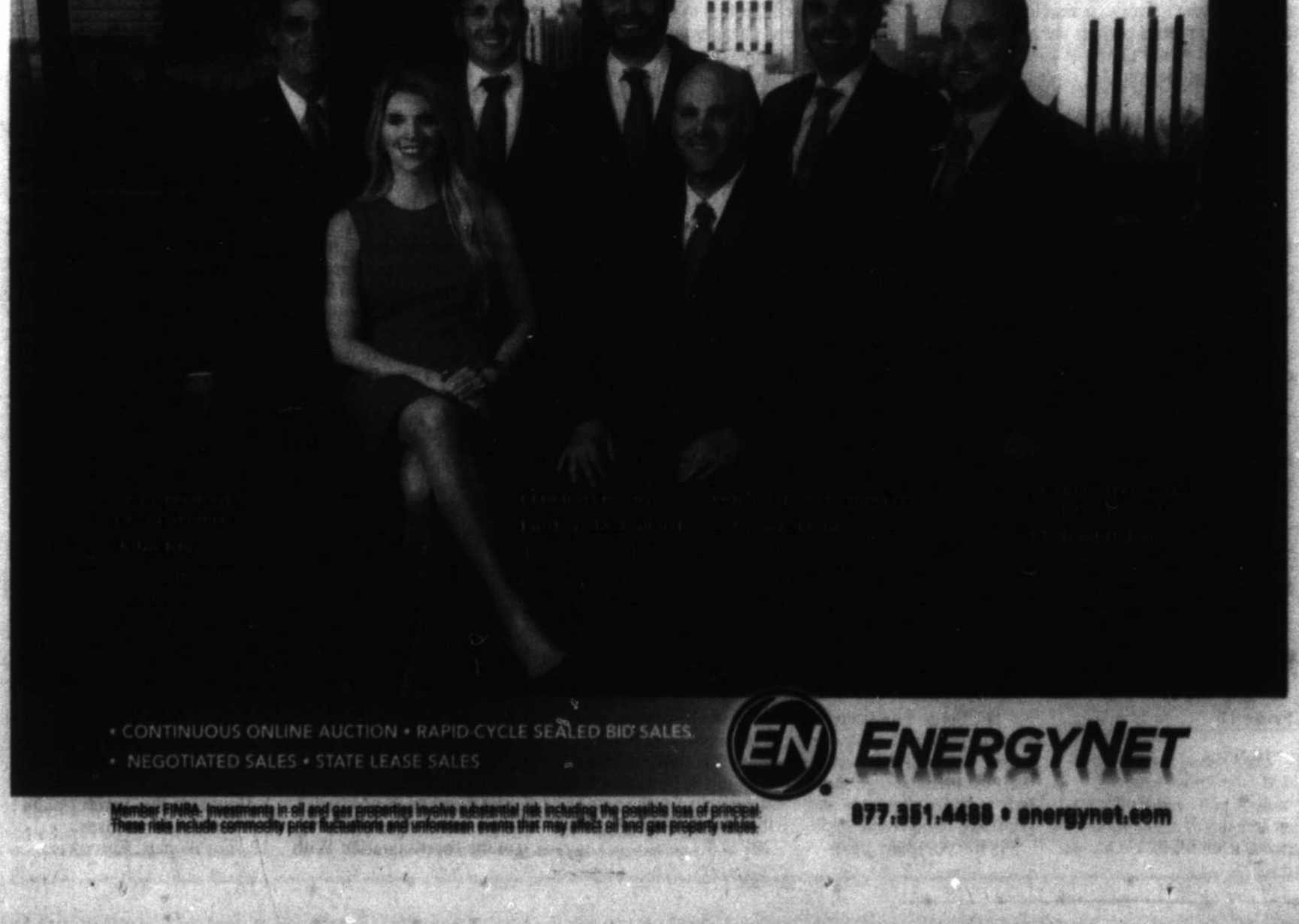

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Oil company asks judge to toss criminal charges over spill

By Matt Volz
Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — An oil company should not have been criminally charged for an accidental oil spill in Montana that its employees took immediate steps to fix when it was discovered in 2011, attorneys for the company said in their request to dismiss the charges.

Federal prosecutors allege FX Drilling Co. and field supervisor Quay Geza Torok failed to clean up the spill after they discovered the leak at an oil field on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. The mixture of oil and production fluid spread nearly a mile over the next month to a waterway that flows into Cut Bank Creek, according to the indictment.

A grand jury indicted FX Drilling and Torok with negligent discharge of oil into waters of the United States and failure to immediately notify federal authorities. The company and Torok pleaded not guilty last month, and on Wednesday filed motions to dismiss the charges against them.

Failing to remove oil is a violation of the federal Clean Water Act that is subject to civil penalties, but it is not a criminal offense, attorneys for Torok and the subsidiary of Salt Lake City-based FX Energy Inc. said in the court documents. In filing criminal charges, the U.S. government is expanding the reach of the Clean Water Act, they said.

The new court documents are the company's first opportunity to give its version of what happened after the leak was discovered in an underground flow line connecting two oil wells in June 2011. Torok immediately turned off two wells and he and two other workers fixed the cracked line the next day, attorneys for FX Drilling and Torok wrote.

The oil and production fluid that had already leaked appeared to stop in the tall grass down a grassy slope, the attorneys said in the filing. The amount of the leak is disputed by the two sides: The U.S. government estimates up to 840 gallons spilled, while FX Drilling says it was only up to 630 gallons.

The next month, oil was found in a drainage that leads to Cut Bank Creek. The company had 24 hours to contact federal officials once the spill reached the water, but failed to do so, federal prosecutors allege.

Torok attorney Kevin Evans previously disputed whether the spill actually reached the waterway, but said in a separate motion to dismiss that the failure to notify charge against his client should be dismissed because he had reported the spill to the company.

FX Drilling installed booms and absorbent pads, built an earthen dam and took other steps to prevent the further spread of oil. In all, the company spent $330,000 and the cleanup was concluded that September to everyone's satisfaction, the company said in the court documents.

Bringing criminal charges for the accident is unjust and unconstitutional, the company said. FX Drilling's attorneys used the example of the Environmental Protection Agency's accidental spill of over 3 million gallons of toxic material into Colorado's Animas River, saying no criminal charges were filed there.

That illustrates "the disparity in treatment between the standard to which the EPA holds itself and to which it seeks to hold private entities and individuals," the court filing said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Melissa Hornbein did not have an immediate comment on the company's recent court filings.

DEFAULTS

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creditors had gladly provided years earlier while low interest rates made it harder to profit on normal investments.

Last week, Louisiana-based Stone Energy said it was trying to restructure its finances, and that effort may include filing for bankruptcy. The company, which drills in the Gulf of Mexico, also skipped a $29 million interest payment due last week, entering a 30-day grace period.

Many of the companies headed for bankruptcy when crude prices tumbled below $40 a barrel aren't going to be saved by $50 oil, Rosenthal said. Several of them need crude prices to rise above $65 a barrel to break even on expensive shale wells that can cost $8 million apiece.

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company would have one of the strongest balance sheets in the industry.

The two service companies had previously cooperated on a subsea joint-venture called Forsys Subsea. Together, they had sought to lower the cost of offshore production infrastructure by as much as one-third, according to a note to clients by Houston investment bank Tudor Pickering Holt & Co. The success of the merger will depend on the broader combination's ability to meet or exceed that cost-saving benchmark, analyst told clients in a Thursday morning note.

"(The) Long-term strategic rationale behind deal is clear, but execution will matter more," Tudor Pickering analysts wrote.

Technip Chairman and CEO Pilenko will move to executive chairman of TechnipFMC's board. Doug Pferdehirt, FMC Technologies' president and COO, will serve as CEO of TechnipFMC.

India imports record amounts of crude

Bloomberg

India sustained crude oil imports at a record and purchased more diesel than it has in the previous three years combined.

The South Asian nation imported 17.96 million metric tons of crude last month, according to data released Wednesday by the oil ministry's Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell. That's roughly equivalent to 4.39 million barrels a day, little changed from a record in March. A surge in diesel buying to a five-year high pushed net exports of the fuel to the lowest since May 2015. Total product imports at 3 million tons were the highest ever.

India is becoming the center of global oil demand growth as an expanding economy translates into more goods being transported and increasing consumer spending. Water shortages and disputes between government-owned refiners and their private rivals has further boosted the need for overseas supplies.

"The water shortages have led to run cuts at some refineries, while growing demand continues to result in Indian state-owned refiners importing products in the spot market," said Virendra Chauhan, an oil market analyst at Energy Aspects Ltd.

Bharat Petroleum Corp., Indian Oil Corp. and Hindustan Petroleum Corp. are turning to fuel imports because of an ongoing dispute over freight costs and taxes with private refiners, Reliance Industries Ltd. and Essar Oil Ltd. Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. last month shut a crude distillation unit with an annual capacity of 3 million metric tons at its facility in southern India because of water shortages.

A strong monsoon season — which runs from June to September — should ease diesel imports as water levels improve, Chauhan said.

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The Exxon Valdez is anchored about six nautical miles off the Bhavnagar coast near Alang ship-breaking yard in western Indian state of Gujarat, India. The country sustained crude oil imports at a record and purchased more diesel than it has in the previous three years combined.

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The country imported 508,000 tons of diesel in April while exporting 2.1 million tons. That left the country's net exports — a measurement which strips out inbound shipments — at the lowest in 11 months. Gasoline exports slipped to 1.37 million tons, the lowest since September.

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The sun sets behind a pump jack on Highway 191 in Martin County, April 20. James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

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Crockett County

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6648HA PANGEA WEST D AW, 941 FNL 1400 FWL, SEC 66 BLK BB, GC&SF/ W SCHNEEMANN SUR., A-4381 7800', 26 NW OZONA API# 42-105-42317

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 211HC BAKER B, 6502 FSL 760 FWL, RUNNELS CSL SUR., A-2832 7800', 13 N OZONA API# 42-105-42319

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 210HC BAKER B, 6502 FSL 730 FWL, RUNNELS CSL SUR., A-2832 7800', 13 N OZONA API# 42-105-42318

Reagan County

AMERICAN ENERGY-PERM BASIN LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 17HA BLOXOM RE 1 193, 615 FSL 1778 FWL, SEC 184 BLK 1, T&P/MM WALLACE SUR., A-907 7700', 10 NW BARNHART API# 42-383-39563

AMERICAN ENERGY-PERM BASIN LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 12HA BLOXOM B RE 1 193, 631 FSL 1790 FWL, SEC 184 BLK 1, T&P/MM WALLACE SUR., A-907 7600', 10 NW BARNHART API# 42-383-39555

RP OPER., LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1BH TOM GLAVINE 31-32, 2440 FNL 330 FEL, SEC 31 BLK A, L&SV SUR., A-275 8500', 26 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39560

Sutton County

MEXTEX OPERATING COMPANY, FT TERRETT RNCH (STRWN) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 324 SCHWIENING, 767 FWL 4841 FNL, SEC 532, A BILO SUR., A-21 3999', 30 SE SONORA API# 42-435-39385

Upton County

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., PEGASUS (CONS) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 3 NEAL 40-38B, 467 FWL 2200 FNL, SEC 38 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/ OH SCHAWE SUR., A-1281 11487', 23 SE RANKIN API# 42-461-38050

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4202H ELWOOD 16 AND 21, 375 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 39 T5S, T&P SUR., A-427 9600', 27 N RANKIN API# 42-461-40262

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4201H HIRSCH E, 850 FSL 360 FWL, SEC 20 BLK 39 T5S, T&P/JG HALL SUR., A-1406 9600', 9 SW MIDKIFF API# 42-461-40269

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, PEGASUS (CONS) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 1 ELAINE 2, 467 FNL 1805 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/T WINDHAM SUR., A-1515 12017', 13 W MIDKIFF API# 42-461-39109

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, PEGASUS (CONS) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 1 ELAINE 12, 467 FWL 2309 FSL, SEC 12 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/T WINDHAM SUR., A-1517 11886', 11 W MIDKIFF API# 42-461-38956

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D MORGAN 24, 2662 FNL 2425 FEL, SEC 24 BLK B, CCSD&RGNG/ SR PRESTON SUR., A-1486 6000', 14 N RANKIN API# 42-461-40270

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Andrews County

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., EMBAR (PERMIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 102 EMBAR B, 1333 FNL 1031 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 44 T2N, T&P SUR., A-63 8800', 17 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47323

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS DRILL (INJ) Well# 1416Z MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 611 FNL 624 FEL, SEC 9 BLK A35, PSL/HD DENNIS SUR., A-377 5300', 9 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47315

Ector County

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., ANDECTOR (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1704H EMBAR, 130 FSL 240 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 44 T1N, T&P/JT MEEKS SUR., A-611 7000', 23 NW GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43399

Glasscock County

DRACO ENERGY, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 POWELL 32, 660 FWL 2100 FNL, SEC 32 BLK 35 T3S, T&P/ WW BRUNSON SUR., A-938 8250', 10 W GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-31308

Howard County

OXY USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1WA CREIGHTON FINDLEY 0508, 2378 FSL 699 FEL, SEC 5 BLK 33 T1S, T&P SUR., A-360 12500', 5 SW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38701

Loving County

APACHE CORPORATION, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# P115H MAGPIE UNIT, 220 FNEL 503 FSEL, SEC 4 BLK 2, W&NW/JJ VICTOR SUR., A-1305 13000', 13 NW TOYAH API# 42-301-32807

APACHE CORPORATION, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 111H MAGPIE UNIT, 215 FNEL 1120 FSEL, SEC 4 BLK 2, W&NW/JJ VICTOR SUR., A-1305 13000', 13 NW TOYAH API# 42-301-32806

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 601H RAZORBACK UNIT 33-77, 350 FNWL 415 FNEL, SEC 77 BLK 33, H&TC SUR., A-6 10800', 2 S MENTONE API# 42-301-32840

MATADOR PROD. CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 201H DICK JAY 92-TTT-B01 WF, 330 FNEL 400 FNWL, SEC 92 BLK 1, W&NW/ WMJ SMITH SUR., A-437 11000', 2 N MENTONE API# 42-301-32841

MATADOR PROD. CO., TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 121H JOHNSON 44-02S-B53 WF, 145 FSL 766 FWL, SEC 44 BLK 53 T2, T&P/WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1083 11000', 4 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32842

SHELL WESTERN E&P, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H ALLEN 55-2-44 LOV UNIT E, 577 FSL 460 FEL, SEC 44 BLK 55 T2, T&P/Y BELL SUR., A-974 12000', 11 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32838

Midland County

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 10HB MIDLAND AV FEE, 260 FSL 2155 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 38 T4S, T&P SUR., A-171 11000', 18 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40757

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 9HA MIDLAND AV FEE, 260 FSL 2180 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 38 T4S, T&P SUR., A-171 11000', 18 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40756

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 12HB MIDLAND AV FEE, 260 FSL 2105 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 38 T4S, T&P SUR., A-171 11000', 18 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40758

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 11HA MIDLAND AV FEE, 260 FSL 2130 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 38 T4S, T&P SUR., A-171 11000', 18 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40759

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 708LS ST W, 1736 FEL 281 FSL, SEC 7 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-50 10000', 10 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40742

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 709LS ST W, 1706 FEL 281 FSL, SEC 7 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-50 10000', 10 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40743

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2503LS WEST ST NW B, 1612 FWL 215 FSL, SEC 36 BLK 41 T1S, T&P/TB TRIPP SUR., A-1149 10300', 5 W MIDLAND API# 42-329-40761

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2502LS WEST ST NW A, 1582 FWL 215 FSL, SEC 36 BLK 41 T1S, T&P/TB TRIPP SUR., A-1149 10300', 5 W MIDLAND API# 42-329-40762

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 SV NO MO, 660 FNL 1144 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 40 T3S, T&P SUR., A-291 11175', 16 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-33352

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD, W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 3901 FEE AW, 467 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 40 T1N, T&P SUR., A-48 12000', 11 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40760

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, PEGASUS (CONS) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 1 ELAINE 36, 1975 FWL 467 FNL, SEC 36 BLK 40 T4S, T&P/ T WINDHAM SUR., A-1429 11994', 23 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-38583

Reeves County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H JUNIPER STATE UNIT 2-3, 330 FSWL 530 FSEL, SEC 3 BLK 2, H&GN SUR., A-363 13000', 14 SE ORLA API# 42-389-35134

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H CRAVEN UNIT 3-8, 467 FSEL 6882 FSWL, SEC 8 BLK 3, H&GN/K CAMP SUR., A-5466 13000', 14 NW PECOS API# 42-389-35117

ARRIS OPER. CO. LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H KEYHOLE 43, 215 FEL 990 FSL, SEC 43 BLK 4, H&GN SUR., A-402 10800', 4 NW PECOS API# 42-389-35133

MANTI TARKA PERMIAN OP, LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4HA MAN O WAR 5-8, 438 FSL 320 FWL, SEC 5 BLK BLK C9, PSL/ JH PATTERSON SUR., A-1464 12000', 5 SW LINDSAY API# 42-389-35132

OXY USA WTP LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 15H GAZELLE 23, 200 FSL 893 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 50 T7S, T&P/LS MURY SUR., A-2352 12000', 17 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35138

OXY USA WTP LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 14H GAZELLE 23, 200 FSL 2171 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 50 T7S, T&P/LS MURY SUR., A-2352 12000', 16 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35137

OXY USA WTP LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 16H GAZELLE 23, 200 FSL 853 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 50 T7S, T&P/LS MURY SUR., A-2352 12000', 17 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35139

OXY USA WTP LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 12H GAZELLE 23, 200 FSL 2091 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 50 T7S, LS MURY SUR., A-2352 12000', 16 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35135

OXY USA WTP LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 13H GAZELLE 23, 200 FSL 2131 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 50 T7S, T&P/LS MURY SUR., A-2352 12000', 16 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35136

PATRIOT RES., INC., ROJO CABALLOS (DEL) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1SW WBR 47, 1320 FSL 1320 FEL, SEC 47 BLK 50 T7S, T&P SUR., A-2773 7500', 20 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35129

PATRIOT RES., INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H AARDVARK STATE 6, 600 FSL 532 FEL, SEC 25 BLK C1, PSL/LW HOLT SUR., A-1325 13000', 22 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35131

PATRIOT RES., INC., ROJO CABALLOS (DEL) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1SW HYENA 15, 660 FNL 1320 FEL, SEC 15 BLK C1, PSL/WF SMITH SUR., A-1269 7500', 21 SE PECOS API# 42-389-35128

Ward County

EAGLE ROCK MID-CON OPER. LLC, ESTES BLK 34 (SA) (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 116 LOUIS RICHTER, 1900 FNWL 1980 FNEL, SEC 27 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-193 4502', 9 SW MONAHANS API# 42-475-35359

JAGGED PEAK ENERGY LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H STATE EILAND UNIT 7-33, 230 FNL 985 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 33, H&TC SUR., A-148 15000', 11 SE PYOTE API# 42-475-37065

Winkler County

FOUNDERS O&G OPER., LLC, KEYSTONE (CONS) (O) DRILL Well# C 1 GRANT CAMPBELL, 330 FSL 330 FWL, SEC 18 BLK B3, PSL/S CAMPBELL SUR., A-1356 6000', 2 N KERMIT API# 42-495-33698

MECO IV, LLC, EMPEROR (HOLT) (O) DRILL Well# 45 SM HALLEY B, 1124 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 4 BLK B11, PSL/SM HALLEY SUR., A-1507 5100', 6 SE KERMIT API# 42-495-33699

MECO IV, LLC, EMPEROR (SIMPSON) (G) DRILL Well# 44 SM HALLEY B, 1320 FSL 1320 FEL, SEC 4 BLK B11, PSL/SM HALLEY SUR., A-1507 11800', 6 SE KERMIT API# 42-495-33700

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Scurry County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., COGDELL (AREA) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 6068 COGDELL CANYON REEF UNIT, 1999 FWL 1999 FSL, SEC 652 BLK 97, H&TC/ C COPPINGER SUR., A-2273 7200', 14 N SNYDER API# 42-415-03927

Yoakum County

BOYD & MCWILLIAMS OPER., LLC, TOKIO (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL Well# 1 TURRENTINE, 1320 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 41 BLK K, PSL/ JT MCAFEE SUR., A-1579 10000', 13 SE PLAINS API# 42-501-36661

HADAWAY CONSULT & ENGINEER LLC, BRAHANEY (DEVONIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 1P YADA YADA 420, 330 FNL 1485 FWL, SEC 420 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ M NICKS SUR., A-647 13000', 7 NW PLAINS API# 42-501-36663

HADAWAY CONSULT & ENGINEER LLC, BRAHANEY (DEVONIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 1P DEL BOCA VISTA 372, 330 FSL 2255 FWL, SEC 372 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-462 13000', 2 NE PLAINS API# 42-501-36662

New Mexico

Eddy County

Larry Marker DBA Marker Oil
Burnham Grayburg San Andres #5
Square Lake; Sec 2 T17S R30E; 677/S & 2000/W; 4 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 3200 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-015-43583

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Burnett 25 J SWD #1
Sec 25 T17S R31E; 1350/S & 1650/E; 7 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 9700 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43682

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Longview Fed 6 #1
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 1 T23S R28E; 830/N & 110/E; 4 mi NW Loving; Rot 11712 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43681

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Owl Draw 27 22 B2NC Fed #1
Hay Hollow; Sec 27 T26S R27E; 170/S & 2310/W; 12 mi SE Black River; Rot 17455 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43685

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Owl Draw 27 W2NC Fed #2
Hay Hollow; Sec 27 T26S R27E; 330/N & 2310/W; 12 mi SE Black River; Rot 14548 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43684

Lea County

BC Operating Inc.
Gay Ninties Federal Com #3
Gem; Sec 36 T19S R32E; 1910/S & 2256/E; 5 mi NE Halfway; Rot 17046 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43139

BC Operating Inc.
Gay Ninties Federal Com #4
Gem; Sec 36 T19S R32E; 2010/S & 2256/E; 5 mi NE Halfway; Rot 17324 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43140

BC Operating Inc.
Chile Parlor 17 Federal #2
East Red Tank; Sec 8 T22S R33E; 240/S & 360/E; 13 mi SE Halfway; Rot 16864 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43137

BC Operating Inc.
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COG Operating LLC
Queso State #6
Triste Draw; Sec 36 T23S R32E; 400/S & 1390/E; 12 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 13945 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43141

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Red Hills West Unit #14
West Red Hills; Sec 9 T26S R32E; 200/S & 690/W; 17 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 16515 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43136

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Crane County

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Co.-Midland
W.N. Waddell et al #2016
Sand Hills (Wichita-Albany); 3304 fnl, 18410 fwl, Sec 12, Blk B-21, Abst. 1244, PSL, 19 nw Crane; TD 6147; Comp 4/15/2016; producing from 5607-5632; pump 55 BO, 279 MCF, 215 BW, 31.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-103-36185

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Co.-Midland
W.N. Waddell et al #2042
Sand Hills (Wichita-Albany); 7292 fnl, 26664 fwl, Sec 20, Blk B-21, Abst. 1256, PSL, 19 nw Crane; TD 6103; Comp 4/12/2016; producing from 5680 -5700; pump 88 BO, 611 MCF, 196 BW, 37.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-103-36332

Glasscock County

Cinnabar Operating LLC
Quahadi "B" #0313
Garden City South (Wolfcamp); 467 fsl, 5780 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 34, T-2-S, Abst. 196, T&P RR, 13.3 sw Big Spring; TD 10570; Comp 5/4/2016; producing from 7627-10172, fracture stimulated; flow 143 BO, 110 MCF, 290 BW on 30/64 inch choke, FTP 75 psi, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-36798

Cinnabar Operating LLC
Andrew #0515
Jailhouse (Fusselman); 4853 fnl, 3561 fwl, Sec 5, Blk 34, T-3-S, Abst. 219, T&P RR, 9 nw Big Spring; TD 10700; Comp 4/28/2016; producing from 10600-10603; flow 477 BO, 407 MCF, 55 BW on 20/64 inch choke, FTP 395 psi; API #42-173-37333

Howard County

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
Talbot "D: #4AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 600 fnl, 1639 fel, Soc 45, Blk 32, T-2-N, Abst. 285, T&P RR, 8 n Big Spring; TD 7557 TVD, 15783 MD; Comp 4/18/2016; producing from 8020 -15725, fracture stimulated; pump 810 BO, 602 MCF, 1072 BW on 14/64 inch choke, 200 psi, 40.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-38584

Midland County

XTO Energy Inc.
Nobles #3121SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1143 fwl, 289 fnl, Sec 30, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 818, T&P RR, 10.6 nw Midland; TD 9261 TVD, 19737 MD; Comp 4/19/2016; producing from 9593 -19596; fracture stimulated; pump 988 BO, 640 MCF, 1186 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-40335

XTO Energy Inc.
Nobles #3228SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 339 fel, 359 fnl, 29, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 255, T&P RR, 9.4 nw Midland; TD 9235 TVD, 19156 MD; Comp 4/15/2016; producing from 9660 -19015, fracture stimulated; pump 491 BO, 422 MCF, 1481 BW, 42.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-40540

Ward County

Saga Petroleum LLC of Colorado
Shipley Queen Sand Unit #321
Shipley (Queen Sand); 515 fsl, 2604 fel, Sec 24, Blk 5, Abst. 479, H&TC RR, 3 n Grandfalls; TD 3050; Comp 4/14/2016; producing from 2874 -2998, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 58 BO, 1 MCF, 497 BW, 38.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-37075

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King County

Hunt Oil Company

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UTPB Installs Field Turf Football & Soccer Field

Ryan Haage
Communication and Special Projects

What currently sits as a dirt and rock rectangle in the northeast corner of campus will be transformed into UT Permian Basin's first artificial playing surface as the university is installing a regulation-sized Field Turf synthetic football and soccer field.

Set to be completed by the first of August, the new field was set into motion when Field Turf was chosen to construct the facility. UTPB is installing Field Turf's newest state-of-the-art product, Revolution 360, which offers a superior performance rating for grass fibers and is in use by the NFL's New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks. Where most synthetic fields use rubber pellets, the Falcons field will use a base called Coolplay. Made of cork pellets, Coolpay will keep the surface up to 35 degrees cooler. Aside from being low maintenance and environmentally friendly, Field Turf helps reduce the frequency of concussions and other types of injuries.

> **"The new field will be a benefit to all of our teams. I'm excited to be able to provide a field that will make participation in our programs safer."**
> **—Steve Aicinena**
> *UTPB Athletics Director*

"The new field will be a benefit to all of our teams," UTPB Athletics Director Steve Aicinena said. "I'm excited to be able to provide a field that will make participation in our programs safer."

The new field will get plenty of use when students return to campus this fall as UTPB's new football team will open its training camp in early August. The facility will also serve as the practice and competition field for UTPB's men's and women's soccer team, offer conditioning space for all 16 of UT Permian Basin's athletic programs, and serve as practice space for UTPB's new marching band. A track around the field is currently in the plans once an additional $1 million in funding can be raised.

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Volleyball Camps

Middle School Clinics (grades 5-8)

Clinic #1: June 6 9:00am-Noon
Pre-registration: $40 Day-of Registration: $50

Clinic #2: July 26 9:00-5:00pm
Pre-registration: $90 Day-of Registration: $100
(Campers bring sack lunch)

Clinic #3: August 9 9:00-5:00 pm
Pre-registration: $90 Day-of Registration: $100
(Campers bring sack lunch)

High School Camps (grades 9-12)

Camp #1: June 7 1:00-5:00pm
Pre-registration: $50 Day-of Registration: $60

Camp #2: July 15 1:00-4:00pm
July 16 9:00-5:00pm
Pre-registration: $130 Day-of Registration: $140
(Campers bring sack lunch on Day 2)

Camp #3: July 29 1:00-4:00pm
July 30 9:00-5:00pm
Pre-registration: $130 Day-of Registration: $140

Middle School Clinics are for students entering grades 5-8. The focus of these clinics are passing, serving, and basic team play. Spiking, blocking, and emergency defensive skills will be covered to a limited degree.

High School Camps are designed for students entering grades 9-12. These camps are mentally, as well as physically, challenging. Advanced skills are emphasized (quick sets, blocking, team play, etc.). Considerable time is dedicated to the athlete's specialty position.

Why Attend the UTPB Volleyball Camp?

- Individual attention is given to all campers
- Small sided and full scrimmages are included
- Campers meet players from other schools
- College coaches run camp
- All players receive a T-Shirt
- Lots of Reps/Contacts each day

Head Coach, Tim Loesch

Tim Loesch enters his second year as head volleyball coach at UTPB. Loesch comes to UTPB having most recently spent three seasons as head indoor & sand coach at Division I Stetson in DeLand, Florida. In 2013, Loesch led the Hatters to the program's first winning season and appearance in the Atlantic Sun. tournament since 1995. Loesch arrived at Stetson from Division II Limestone College, where he served seven seasons as the head coach.

Assistant Coach and Camp Director, Melissa Lusk

Melissa Lusk enters her third season as the assistant volleyball coach at UTPB. Lusk was a four-year player for UTPB from 2010-2014. She was a three-time Heartland Conference first-team selection during her time at UTPB.

For more information about camp, send an email to lusk_m@utpb.edu or call (432) 552-2982

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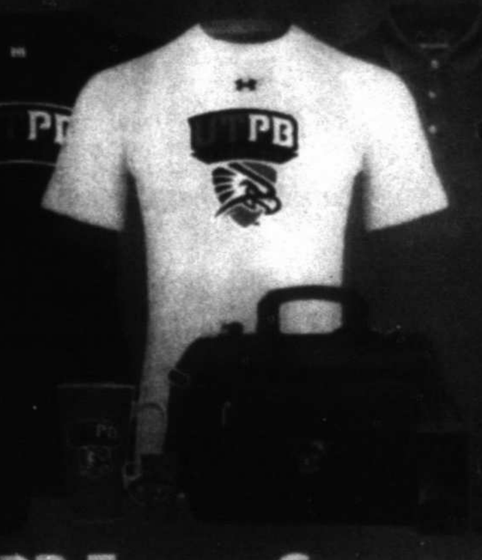

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Burnett Ranch CO2 Flood
PA1 #Y28AR
Anne Tandy (Strawn); 2769 fsel, 11363 fwl, Sec 1, Blk X, Abst. 641, R.M. Thomson, 17 se Guthrie; TD 5660; Comp 4/14/2016; producing from 5312 -5323, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 4 BO, 8 MCF, 2709 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-269-32944

New Mexico

Eddy County

Apache Corp.
NFE Federal #37
Cedar Lake; Sec 7 T17S R31E; 702/N & 1000/E. BHL: 701.5/N & 333.2/E; EL 3745 GL, TD 10,670, PBTD 10,570; Spud 4-25-15, Comp 12-17-15; production is through perfs: 5337-10,639. IP: 1-11-16 Pump 24 hrs 865 BO, 2103 BW, 611 MCF, Csg; 13 3/8 @ 416 w/470 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3500 w/1450 sx, 7 & 5 1/2 @ 4340-10650 w/500 s, 2 7/8 @ 4601; API #30-015-40901

Apache Corp.
Cedar Lake Federal #860
Cedar Lake; Sec 8 T17S R31E; 1775/S & 25/E. BHL: 1774/S & 333/W; EL 3837 GL, TD 10304, PBTD 10304; Spud 9-1-15, Comp 1-28-16; production is through treated perfs: 5871-10271. Treat: Acdz 2970 bbls, 3,035,020# sd. IP: 2-6-16 Pump 24 hrs 414 BO, 1845 BW, 435 MCF, GOR 1050, Gty 37. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 435 w/440 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3508 w/1500 sx, 7 @ 5220 w/660 sx, 5 1/2 @ 10280, 2 7/8 @ 5333; API #30-015-43249

Apache Corp.
Cedar Lake Federal #861
Cedar Lake; Sec 8 T17S R31E; 1795/S & 25/E. BHL: 1796/S & 334/W; EL 3837 GL, TD 9849 MD, 5127 TVD, PBTD 9849; Spud 9-16-15, Comp 1-28-16; production is through treated perfs: 5285-9819. Treat: 2915 bbls acid, 3,063,840# sd. IP: 2-2-16 Pump 24 hrs 164 BO, 2352 BW, 83 MCF, GOR 384, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 428 w/440 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3517 w/1500 sx, 7 @ 4685 w/660 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4685-9831, 2 7/8 @ 4859; API #30-015-43250

Apache Corp.
NFE Federal #26
Cedar Lake; Sec 8 T17S R31E; 2128/N & 220/W. BHL: 2139/N & 332/E; EL 3727 GL, TD 9871, PBTD 9860; Spud 2-23-13, Comp 5-18-15; production is through perfs: 6754-9860. IP: 5-20-15 Pump 24 hrs 546 BO, 1652 BW, 703 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 427 w/550 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3505 w/2280 sx, 7 @ 4885 w/680 sx, 4 1/2 @ 9860 w. 2 7/8 @ 5032; API #30-015-40462

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Longview Federal 12 #2
Calebra Bluff; Sec 12 T23S R28E; 780/N & 1855/E. BHL: 330/N & 1711/E; EL 3023 GL, TD 14015 MD, 6331 TVD, PBTD 13910 MD, 8335 TVD; Spud 11-24-15, Comp 1-13-15; production is through treated perfs: 9014-13900. Treat: 15% HCL, slickwater linear gel, cross link, 20/40 white, 2040 SLC/prop=7,238,980#/ LTR=87,953. IP: 2-11-16 Flow 24 hrs 579 BO, 1356 BW, 758 MCF, 32/64" Ch, CP 550, GOR 1309, Gty 44.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 255 w/250 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4006 w/1100 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13998 w/1880 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7192; API #30-015-42236

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw Unit #290
Paduca; Sec 36 T24S R31E; 200/N & 890/E. BHL: 383/S & 698/E; EL 3514 GL, TD 15,191 MD, 10,509 TVD, PBTD 15,094; Spud 10-18-15, Comp 2-19-16; production is through treated perfs: 10726-15066. Treat: Frac w/8316 gals 15% HCL, 6,746,000# 30/50 white. IP: 2-25-16 Flow 24 hrs 620 BO, 1167 BW, 1127 MCF, TP 1702, CP 1755, GOR 1817.742. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 820 w/855 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4360 w/1335 sx, 7 @ 9803 w/530 sx, 4 1/2 @ 15191 w/540 sx, 2 3/8 @ 9899; API #30-015-43265

COG Operating LLC
Horned Owl Federal #4
Wildcat; Sec 24 T26S R26E; 390/S & 590/E. BHL: 330/S & 424/E; EL 3394 GL, TD 12678 MD, 7463 TVD, PBTD 12620 MD, 7464 TVD; Spud 7-29-15, Comp 3-8-16; production is through treated perfs: 7987-12400, 12570-12580. Treat: 85680 gals 7 1/2% acid, 6287975# sd, 5537070 gals fluid. IP: 3-15-16 Flow 24 hrs 813 BO, 2210 BW, 2332 MCF. TP 600. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 353 w/400 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2040 w/750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12570 w/2475 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7732; API #30-015-42486

Lea County

Nemo Fund I LLC
William 12-4H State #1
East Crossroads; Sec 12 T10S R36E; 150/N & 660/E. BHL: 323/S & 692/E; EL 3988 GR, TD 9490, PBTD 9444; Spud 8-31-15, Comp 11-30-15; production is through treated perfs: 5325-5525, 5625-5825, 5925-6050, 6225-6425, 6525-6725, 6825-7025, 7125-7325, 7425-7625, 7725-7925, 8025-8225, 8325-8525, 8625-8826. Treat: 69,200 gals 15% HCL + 237,380# 100 mesh + 1,013,708 30/50 white + 179,920# 30/50 Resin. IP: 12-20-15 Pump 24 hrs 231 BO, 812 BW, 358 MCF, GOR 1550.1, Gty 23.6. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 2318 w/1135 sx, 7 @ 4272, 5 1/2 @ 9490 w/1930 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4236; API #30-025-42726

COG Operating LLC
Lusk Deep Unit A #26-Y
Lusk; Sec 19 T19S R32E; 330/S & 1810/W. BHL: 341/N & 1966/W; EL 3543 GL, TD 13549 MD, 9241 TVD, PBTD 13470 MD, 9242 TVD; Spud 10-22-15, comp 2-26-16; production is through treated perfs: 9409-13380, 13445-13455. Treat: Acdz w/23,130 gals 7.5% acid, Frac w/6,292,726# sd & 5,207,594 fluid. IP: 3-6-16 Pump 24 hrs 422 BO, 935 BW, 345 MCF. Csg: 20 @ 815 w/1400 sx, 13 3/8 @ 2524 w/1900 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4425 w/1400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13540 w/3050 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8803; API #30-025-42858

Read & Stevens Inc.
North Lea 3 Federal Com #1
South Quail Ridge; Sec 3 T20S R34E; 200/N & 350/E. BHL: 330/S & 350/E; EL 3678.6 GL, TD 15550; Spud 12-18-14, Comp 2-19-15; production is through perfs: 11107-15409. IP: 2-27-15 Flow 24 hrs 952 BO, 572 BW, 241 mCF, 32/64" Ch, CP 260. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 1766 w/1111 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5607 w/2488 sx, 7 1/2 @ 9899 W/1192 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15550 w/1002 sx; API #30-025-42080

Read & Stevens Inc.
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South Quail Ridge; Sec 3 T20S R34E; 200/N & 2290/W. BHL: 330/S & 2290/W; EL 3668 GL, TD 15450 MD, 10923 TVD; Spud 1-24-15, Comp 7-24-15; production is through perfs: 1132-15136. Treat: 33288 gals 15% HCL acid, 82,509# 100 MOS, 433,580# 40/70 MDS, 1,872,650 20/40 MOS. IP: 7-28-15 Flow 24 hrs 51 BO, 67 BW, 983 MCF, 40/64" Ch, CP 575, GOR 19275, Gty 44.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1707 w/980 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2927 w/1740 sx, 7 @ 10037 w/700 sx, 5 1/2 @ 10037-15450 w/1385 sx; API #30-025-42228

EOG Resources Inc.
Dragon 36 State #703
Wildcat; Sec 36 T24S R33E; 656/S & 1686/W. BHL: 262/N & 2062/W; EL 3483 GL, TD 17328 MD, 12474 TVD, PBTD 17227; Spud 7-26-15, Comp 11-24-15; production is through perfs: 12814-17227. IP: 12-10-15 Flow 24 hrs 1198 BO, 1576 BW, 2258 MCF, Open Ch, CP 652. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 1277 w/770 sx, 7 5/8 @ 10598 w/1120 sx, 5 1/2 @ 17328 w/705 sx; API #30-025-42658

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